

SMS Newsletter

November 2020



November Core Value: Responsibility

At Sacajawea, we are a compassionate community that honors grit and celebrates growth in order to face the future with a level head and a critical eye.

A Note from the Principal

We are quickly approaching the conclusion of Trimester 1 and what an interesting trimester it has been! Thank you for your recognition of these unusual times and the resulting changes we have implemented to provide the best possible support for your children's learning and safety. It has required a high level of flexibility from all of us, but we fully appreciate your support of your kids during this time.

On November 23 we anticipate returning to full-time classes with all of our students. We look forward to being able to work in-person with all of the in-school students each day. We will also continue to observe safe practices to the highest degree possible--having the students wash hands frequently, ensuring students and staff wear masks throughout the day, and maintaining a high level of cleaning and disinfecting of the facilities.

The beginning of Trimester 2 on the 23rd is also when students will begin their new elective classes other than year-long music or world language courses (eighth-grade). The standards-based report cards for Trimester 1 will be produced and available on-line during the week of December 7.

In the coming days, please have conversations with your students on their learning--what skills and concepts they are mastering--as well as checking on anything that may still need to be done prior to the end of the term. Demonstration of their learning through the completion of their assignments is necessary for us to provide an accurate report of their progress and growth.

Thank you again for your partnership on behalf of your students.

Gordon

Move To/From Bozeman On-Line School

If you are still considering moving your student from one learning model to the other--from in-person to remote (Bozeman On-Line School) or vice versa--please notify the school by Friday, November 13, to ensure any necessary adjustments can be made prior to the transition date.

Can the Griz

2020 marks the 21st year of the Can the Griz Food Drive. This food drive is a friendly, off-field competition between Montana State University and the University of Montana to see which school can collect the most donations for their local food bank. **The competition begins Friday,**

November 6th and ends Friday, November 20th at 7:30pm. The winner of the competition will be announced that evening. Can the Griz proceeds go to the [Gallatin Valley Food Bank](#) and benefits [Bounty of the Bridgers](#) campus food pantry. **The Bobcats have successfully canned the Griz 17 of 20 years!**



SMS has a friendly competition with CJMS. To participate, please bring in nonperishable food donations to the collection bins. You will find one in each grade level commons and in the Main Office Entry.

Picture Retakes

On Monday, November 16th, from 8:00am-11:00am, picture retakes will occur for all track A, B, and C students.



World Music Informance

World Music students will be performing a Zoom Informance for their final project! They have been having tons of fun in class learning to play different rhythms and instruments from Africa and Latin America. These informances will take place on two different days with respect to the blended learning model.

Track A students

Monday, November 16th

- 8th Grade 1:15pm. Follow this Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99586644698>
- 7th Grade 2pm. Follow this Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97383811043>

Track B students

Friday, November 20th

- 8th Grade 1:15pm. Follow this Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93807141268>
- 7th Grade 2pm. Follow this Link: <https://zoom.us/j/92848710851>

We hope you can join us!

We need your help!

Dear Bozeman School District Parents/Community,

We need your help! During this COVID situation we have approximately half of the available substitute teachers and paraprofessionals than we have in a normal year. We are working hard to keep our schools open during this pandemic but may reach a point where COVID cases affecting our staff increase to the point we cannot provide enough substitutes. If you can help us out on any day(s) you have available here are the qualifications and process.

You do not need to be a Montana Certified teacher to substitute in our District unless you are in a classroom for 35 consecutive days or more. We hire only certified substitutes for those long term situations. What we need right now are day to day substitutes rather than long term.

We are looking for caring adults committed to working with our students to further their education. The lesson plans and organization are created by our full time permanent teaching staff. In some cases, you will be asked to supervise a classroom while the teacher is instructing remotely. Other areas we need help include lunchroom, crosswalk and playground supervision. We need substitute teachers and paraprofessionals at all levels Pre-Kindergarten through high school.

If you are interested and able please fill out an online application as a Guest (Substitute) Teacher. Once you have completed the application please email sarah.purvis@bsd7.org Sarah is our *District Substitute Coordinator*. She will process your application and contact you for an orientation. This process applies to both substitute teaching and paraprofessional positions.

We appreciate the consistent support of our Bozeman parents and community! If you are able to assist us in this challenging time, please fill out an application.

If you have any questions about serving as a substitute, please feel free to contact *Sarah Purvis*: sarah.purvis@bsd7.org or call 406.522.6006

Thrive

Between video games and social media, it seems our kids are constantly connected to peers. Developmental Psychologist, *Gordon Neufeld*, in his book *Hold On to Your Kids*, states that what kids most crave is parent attachment.

When a child does not get the nourishing love of a parent, they seek it from peers. The rise of bullying and violence, Dr. Neufeld states, is a result of peer-focused kids.

What is a parent to do? Be there. Listen to your child. Show empathy. Go for a walk together. Cuddle them on the couch. **Your middle schooler needs you now more than ever!**

For these and other parenting tips, contact your SMS Thrive Parent Liaison, *Ashley Mares Jones*, at ashley.maresjones@bsd7.org or by phone at 922-4230.



Library Reminders

ALL SMS students are welcome to check out material from the library. Remote students can place HOLDS and pick up materials at the front office or email their requests and we'll have them ready for pick up at the front office.

Contact: *Mrs Wilson*, brenda.wilson@bsd7org

Box Tops For Education

Did you know Sacajawea Middle School is part of the Box Tops for Education program?

It has changed to a mostly digital program. Traditional clip out Box Tops are being phased out but you can still send them to school (make sure it doesn't say scan) to be turned in to the library.

The new process is so much easier!

1. Get the free new and improved **Box Tops mobile app** on your phone
2. Buy your groceries and ask for the receipt
3. Get into your car and take pictures of your receipt (within 14 days) with the app.
4. It will find any qualifying products and give 10 cents for each one to the school.

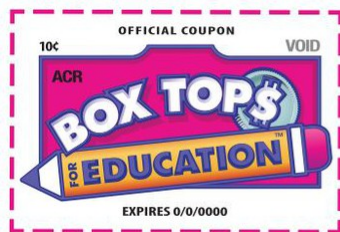
The money adds up and is used to enhance the book selection at our library.

It's costs you nothing but 30 seconds of your time and you can help ALL the students at your child's school. Encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.

On the Box Tops for Education website, you can find coupons and special deals.

Thank you so much for giving back to others!

Your PAC Team & SMS Library



SEE THIS...
CLIP IT



SEE THIS...
SCAN
YOUR RECEIPT

Yearbook Club Needs Your Help!

ATTN: SMS PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Please help your SMS yearbook club capture as many school activities as possible.

If you are willing, send your sms student activity photos (football, volleyball, robotics etc) to smsyearbook@bsd7.org

Thank you for your continued support!

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

BEFORE YOUR CHILD HEADS OUT THE DOOR FOR SCHOOL
CONDUCT A HOME HEALTH SCREENING

STAY HOME

if he or she is experiencing one or more of the following:

- Fever or chills – temperature greater than 100.4°
- Cough
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- New loss of taste and/or smell
- New runny nose or congestion
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat
- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19

NOTIFY SMS – 522-6400

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE OR IS IDENTIFIED AS A
CLOSE CONTACT OF SOMEONE WITH COVID-19



BSD 7 Food & Nutrition Services



AT THIS TIME
ANY STUDENT
CAN HAVE A FREE
MEAL

***YOU MUST TAKE THE FOLLOWING FOR
YOUR MEAL TO BE FREE:***

FOR FREE BREAKFAST:
ENTREE
FRUIT
MILK (OPTIONAL)

FOR FREE LUNCH:
ENTREE
VEGGIE/FRUIT
MILK (OPTIONAL)

***ALL OTHER ITEMS WILL BE
CHARGED TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS***

Free meals also available for curbside pickup at all schools (excluding GHS) M-F 9:30-10:30 on remote learning days.

REMOTE MEAL PICK UP

MENUS: [BSD7.NUTRISLICE.COM](https://bsd7.nutrislice.com)
QUESTIONS?
CALL: 406-522-6381
EMAIL: BRITTANY.SELVIG@BSD7.ORG



- FREE GRAB-N-GO MEALS AVAILABLE FOR CURBSIDE PICKUP DAILY, FROM 9:30-10:30 AM AT ALL SCHOOLS (EXCLUDING GHS - GO TO MEADOWLARK)
- NO PREORDER NECESSARY
- GRAB-N-GO BREAKFAST ALSO AVAILABLE AT:
 - BHS
 - CHIEF JOSEPH & SACAJAWEA
 - IRVING, WHITTIER, HYALITE
- STUDENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT
- FREE TO ANYONE 18 & UNDER

Upcoming Dates

November

- 16 Picture Retakes 8:00am-11:00am All Students
- 16 World Music Performances
- 20 World Music Performances
- 20 **End of Trimester 1**
- 23 Students **return to 5 day in person learning**, start of Trimester 2
- 25 - 27 **Thanksgiving Break** - No School



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