



SMS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

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.

Principal's Corner

Happy Spring! Although winter is reluctant to pass along, we are looking forward to the last trimester and the culminated learning of our students. A number of events are scheduled in the coming weeks that should be of interest to you.

We will be holding our spring conferences on Thursday, April 11. Teams will be sharing information with you shortly about the specifics of scheduling times to meet with your students and their teachers. These conferences provide the opportunity for our students to reflect on their progress through the course of the year, identify their successes, focus on challenges, and determine manageable habits that will lead to continued growth. We appreciate your participation in their learning and hope you will be able to join us.

At 6:00 on April 11th, we will also hold another informational session on the new grading system. With two trimesters worth of reporting, we recognize that many folks are still developing their understanding and the best means to use the information provided. Please join us in the cafeteria for information and responses to your questions.

All of our students will be demonstrating their learning through the **Smarter Balanced Assessments from April 24-30**. The SBAC tests are a standards-based assessment of literacy and math skills taken by our students in all three grade levels. The information gathered will indicate the learning of each student as well as the effectiveness of our school. To ensure our students are fully prepared to demonstrate their learning, **please avoid scheduling appointments on those days, have your students get lots of sleep, and send them off with a good breakfast.**

I look forward to seeing you at conferences.

Gordon Grissom

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PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

May 9th, 6-7 P.M.

Heather Demorest, a **Tobacco Prevention Specialist** with the Gallatin City-County Health Department, will give a presentation on e-cigarette use among youths. Topics discussed will include: the appeal of vaping, the effects of nicotine on a developing brain, ingredients commonly found in these products, methods to address vaping with your kids, and more. There will be an open-ended Q&A session at the end where parents can bring up any concerns or share personal stories.

Main Office: 522-6400
Attendance: 522-6410

Core Value for April FALCON FOUR

Dates To Remember

APRIL

2 SMS Bands, SMS Gym,
7:30-9:00pm

11-12 PIR Days-No School

11 Spring Conferences
1:00-7:00pm

17-18 Talent Show Try Outs

19 Trimester 3 Mid-Term

24-30 Smarter Balanced
Testing

30 Talent Show Rehearsal,
Willson Auditorium,
4:00-8:00pm

MAY

1 Talent Show, Willson
Auditorium, 7:00-9:00pm

6 7th/8th Grade Choir Concert
SMS Gym, 7:30-9:00pm

7 Dinner & Jazz, SMS Café,
6:00-7:30pm

14 6th Grade
Band/Choir/Orchestra,
SMS Gym 7:30-9:00pm

16 7th and 8th Grade Band
Concert, SMS Gym, 7:30-
9:00pm

20 Select Choir Concert, SMS
Café, 7:30-8:15pm

21 BHS Jump-Up Day

23 5th Grade Shadow Day

24 PIR Day No School

27 Memorial Day Holiday
No School

28 5th Grade Ice Cream Social,
3:45-5:00pm

30 8th Grade Celebration,
7:00-8:00pm

JUNE

6 LAST DAY OF CLASSES

<div>Developmental Reading Material</div> <p>A centerpiece of our school—figuratively and literally—is the <i>Sacajawea Library</i>. Darcy Lohmiller and Brenda Wilson do an amazing job of selecting high quality texts at a wide variety of levels that support and further develop the reading habits of our students. One section of novels includes texts that deal with challenging adolescent issues. This shelf is clearly identified and each book has a star on the binding. As with all reading material, we encourage parents to speak with their students about their reading choices and continue to have them develop the habit of reading each day.</p>	
<div>Traffic Reminders</div> <p>When dropping off students before school or picking them up at the end of the day, <u>please help reduce traffic congestion by pulling forward along the curb and allowing other cars to fill in behind.</u> Also, please be mindful of our students’ safety and watchful of our amazing crossing guards, Eric and Lisa, who weather--literally--the traffic challenges each day. <u>They have been asked to not direct traffic but to focus solely on ensuring our kids cross the streets safely.</u></p>	
<div>THRIVE</div> <div>2019 Bozeman Summer Activities Guide</div> <p>Wondering how to keep your Middle Schooler busy this summer? Hoping to find a camp or two to keep them active and engaged? The Montana Parent 2019 Summer Camp Activities Guide may have some ideas!</p> <p>From learning Spanish with the Bozeman Rec Department to rock climbing camps at Spire, the Montana Parent Guide has it all. Hundreds of camps and clinics are listed for kids of all ages!</p> <p>Grab the latest Montana Parent magazine or check out the digital link below:</p> <p>https://indd.adobe.com/view/42264dbc-aff6-4790-bc06-322b998c20c4</p> <p>For these and other parenting tips, contact your SMS Thrive Parent Liaison, Ashley Mares Jones at 522-6473 or email her ashley.maresjones@bsd7.org</p>	
<div>Traffic Education Program Summer Sessions</div> <p><u>Summer A Session</u> Class Dates: May 21 - June 26 Online Application Period: April 1 - 7</p> <p><u>Summer B Session</u> Class Dates: July 8 - Aug. 9 Online Application Period: April 29 - May 5</p> <p>More detailed information regarding these sessions and our program can be found on our website at:</p> <p>https://www.bsd7.org/teaching_and_learning/traffic_education</p>	<div>6th Grade Parents Immunizations for 7th Grade Entry</div> <p>All 6th grade students are required to have a <i>tetanus booster (TdaP)</i> prior to the start of 7th grade. This tetanus booster must have been given within the past five years. Most 6th graders have not yet had the TdaP booster. <u>Now is the time</u> to review your child’s immunization status and take steps for your child to receive this required vaccination.</p> <p>It is important that the parent/guardian provide documentation of any immunizations to the SMS Counseling Office for your student’s records.</p>

Healthy Tip

Turn off the TV

Limit TV watching and computer use. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends no more than 1 to 2 hours of total screen time, including TV, videos, computers, and video games, each day. Use the free time for more physical activities. (HealthyChildren.org)

Hoops for Hope

3 on 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, April 13th • 8am-5pm Ridge Athletic Clubs
\$25/participant**

All proceeds go to Cancer Support Community

Age groups:

9 and under, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18 and 18+.

There will be boys and girls divisions in all age groups except 18+, which will remain co-ed.

Guests are welcome to watch free of charge.

For more information or to register, visit ridgeathletic.com or stop by the service desk.



Please save your Box Tops!

The SMS Library has a great volunteer who clips and ships them off. We get two reimbursements per school year. We use Box Tops \$\$ to fill teacher and student requests

**Thank You!
SMS Library**

After School Clubs

Clubs Currently in Session: A variety of clubs are in session and open to students to participate. Clubs occur from 3:30-4:30 on the days listed below, are free, and are open to students on a drop-in basis. Encourage your students to participate in clubs of interest.

Monday

Coding Club – Pat Bauerle – Rm F19
Computer – Gordon Chamberlain – Rm C8
Outdoor Club – Chris Ottey – Rm F22
Falcon It Right (Service Club)– Deb Tew – Rm F14

Tuesday

Robotics – Gordon Chamberlain – Rm C8
Archery – Justin Mollgaard - F20
Art Club – Tim Rooney – C-5
Yearbook – Jessica Amende, Elise Meldahl - Rm F18

Thursday

Robotics– Gordon Chamberlain – Rm C8
Knitting – George Scott – Rm D12
Archery – Justin Mollgaard - F20
Role Playing – Nick Warren – D14

*Kindness Campaign – Kace Doornbos – **7th Grade Lunch**