



SMS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

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 autumn 2018! With the changing colors of the leaves and the dropping of temperatures, it is clear that fall has arrived. We are hitting our stride at the school with both students and staff gaining comfort with schedules, expectations and learning goals. The staff is learning about each student--their interests, their strengths and their challenges--that will set the foundation for successful learning for the coming year.

Two significant events are happening this month that will further set the stage for growth of our students. The first are the PIR days scheduled for October 18-19 providing time for our staff to attend the state MEA/MFT conference or standards-based learning workshops here in Bozeman. Both opportunities will further develop our teachers' planning strategies and instructional skills.

On the evenings of October 23 and 25, we will be holding student-led conferences. Previously scheduled in December, the conferences have been moved to earlier in the year to focus more on the development of goals and, more importantly, the habits necessary to achieve their goals. The conferences will include a review of the students' learning thus far, a reflection on their strengths and challenges, and a plan to continue to grow. Further information will be coming from the school with details, but plan to join your students and us on the conference evenings.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our work with your kids.

Gordon Grissom

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Attendance: 522-6410

Core Value for October CURIOSITY

Dates To Remember

OCTOBER

- 5 End of 6-wk grading period; Trimester 1 mid-term
- 16 PAC Speaker Series, 6:00-7:00pm, Cafeteria

18-19 PIR Days; No School

23&25 Student-Led Conferences

- 30 SMS 7th gr Band/Choir/Orch, 7:30pm, Gym

NOVEMBER

- 1 School Photo Re-takes
- 8 SMS 8th gr Band/Choir/Orch, 7:30pm, Gym
- 9 Veterans Day Assembly, 8:30-9:30am, Gym
- 9 Hearing Screenings, 6th gr
- 12 PAC Speaker Series, 12:00-1:00pm, Rm E10
- 20 End of Trimester 1
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Break**
- 26 PIR Day, No School K-12**
- 29 SMS Jazz Band Concert, 6:00pm Café

DECEMBER

- 6 SMS 6th gr Band/Choir/Orch, 7:30pm, Gym
- 10 SMS Select Choir, 6:00pm, Café
- 24-Jan 4 Winter Break, No School**

PARENT SPEAKER SERIES

Tuesday, October 16th, 6:00-7: 00 PM

**“TECHNOLOGY AND TEENS:
THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND
WHAT WE SHOULD DO ABOUT IT.”**

We are so excited about our October speaker! ***Scott Herron*** will talk about technology and how we, as parents, can help our children navigate the ever-changing and expanding world of technology.

After School Clubs

Sacajawea staff have a variety of interests beyond the classroom and jump at the opportunity to share those passions with your students. Clubs are offered after school from 3:30-4:30 and include:

<u>Monday</u>	Computer/Robotics – Gordon Chamberlain – Rm C8 Outdoor Club – Chris Ottey – Rm F21 Falcon It Right – Deb Tew – Rm F14 (might change)
<u>Tuesday</u>	Computer – Gordon Chamberlain – Rm C8 Art – Tim Rooney – C5 Arabic – Sayed Abdelaziz – Rm A12
<u>Thursday</u>	Robotics– Gordon Chamberlain – Rm C8 Knitting – George Scott – Rm D12

AMERICAN MATHEMATICS CONTEST 8

MSU's Science Math Resource Center (SMRC) will host the 2018 American Mathematics Contest 8 (AMC 8) for all middle school students interested in mathematics on Tuesday, November 13th from 4:15-5:20pm.

SMRC will award top scorers the following:

- First Place - \$100
- Second Place - \$75
- Third Place - \$50

In addition: a 'Youth Prize' of \$25 will go to the top student in 6th grade or below.

Details and online registration can be found at <http://www.montana.edu/ehhd/smrc/index.html>.
Registration is open until all spots are filled.



Hearing Screenings for 6th Graders

Our Speech Therapist, *Theresa Pfaff*, will be conducting hearing screenings on Friday, November 9th during the student's Science class. Please contact her at [522-6431](tel:522-6431) if you have questions.

Registration is now open for the **4th Annual Santa Run for Education 5k Run**. This year the run is the kick-off event for the 37th Annual Christmas Stroll in Downtown Bozeman – RUN... THEN STROLL!! With both the start and finish of the race at the Willson Gym, participants can warm up before and after the race while enjoying the race's famous hot chocolate bar from Town and Country, coffee from Café M and soups and cookies handcrafted by Starky's Authentic Americana.

In the Christmas spirit of giving, the three schools throughout the Gallatin Valley with the most runners registered (percentage of their populations) will earn \$1000 for their school's Parent Advisory Councils. We could not do this without the generous support of our main sponsors: Stockman Bank, The Rib & Chop House, Langlas & Associates and Ressler Motors.

This annual event is organized by the Bozeman Schools Foundation and is one of their major program funding events for the year. The Santa Run helps the Foundation fund Spark Classroom Grants, Worthy Student Scholarships, Links to Literacy and many other worthwhile initiatives that support our public schools, teachers and students.

Race sign ups at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Bozeman/SantaRunforEducation5K>

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Talking often builds an open, trusting relationship with your child. Children are more likely to avoid drinking when they have a strong, trusting relationship with their parents. Get into the habit of chatting with your child every day. It will make it easier to have serious conversations about things like alcohol, and will make your child more comfortable coming to you for advice.

Resource: <https://www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking/parent-resources/what-you-can-do-prevent-your-child-drinking>