



Paxson Panther Press

Every Child, Every Day—Student Achievement for All

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April Events:

Running Club	Mar 29-May 5
PCA Meeting	Apr 14 7 pm
Kindergarten Registration	Until Apr 15
Family Movie Night	Apr 20
Garage Sale	Apr 23

Mark Your Calendar:

Staff Appreciation	May 2-6
Sock Hop	May 13
Garden Fun Day	May 21
Kindergarten Round Up	May 26



Pictured on left; Max Williamson, Liam Vetter, Asa Stuart, Oscar Ammons Strohl, Mila McKay and Thalia Lambros. Story on p. 2

From Principal Chumrau—Greetings Paxson Community!

Please tell your friends about Kindergarten Registration. As of this week, we have 22 kindergartners registered. We need to get our neighborhood kindergartners registered for school as soon as possible. Registration can happen online through the MCPS website or in person. Kindergarten Round up is May 26th!

Over the past several weeks we have been working on promoting KINDNESS in and around our school. The theme is “filling buckets” with kind words or actions. The PCA has gifted books to each classroom about kindness. In addition we are offering 8 training sessions to playground aides on conflict resolution, cooperation on the playground, and kindness. Our very own STRETCH Club is committed to encouraging acts of kindness by reading a story called “Have You Filled a Bucket Today?” to all Paxson students. Acts of kindness fill others’ buckets, drop by drop, helping children feel good about themselves, and in turn, being happier and more cooperative. STRETCH Club leaders will soon be visiting your child’s classroom to encourage kindness and start filling buckets! Our hope is that we can all discuss different ways in which to fill someone’s bucket.

In our final trimester, we would like to hear your feedback with regards to our Spanish Exposure Program and Spanish Immersion Program. Be watching for a Google survey headed to you soon via Blackboard Messaging.

Special Olympics are right around the corner. Our young athletes will begin practicing after spring break. Look for them after school and cheer them on! The actual Olympic events take place on and after May 18th. We hope many of you will join us at the University of Montana to watch our athletes compete.

Last Thursday the A&E Architects presented to parents and neighbors about the expansion of our school. We are excited about the upcoming changes. Keep in mind that a large portion of our playground will be unavailable this summer.



SPRING INTO ACTION with the Paxson Running Club for ALL students. K-5th graders can practice running on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:45-8:20 AM beginning March 29 and culminating with the YMCA Riverbank Run. Students must eat breakfast first. Learn the Running Club Chant on p. 4.



PCA NEWS—

⇒ **Join the PCA—** Next meeting is April 14th at 7 pm. PCA is looking for new Board Members. Contact Rhett Hoff rhett.hoff@gmail.com) for more information.



FREE!

Family Movie Night
Featuring -
“Beethoven”

Wednesday, April 20
6:00 pm

Fun for the whole family!

⇒ Stretch Club Revamps and Re-ups Recycling—

The Stretch Club is charged up about recycling at Paxson. Every Tuesday, members of the Stretch Club will come by to pick up the recyclables in your classroom recycle bin. Republic Services takes all of these::

1. Cardboard and cereal-type boxes
2. Mixed plastic, #'s 1-7
3. Aluminum soda cans
4. Tin soup cans
5. Paper— Even finished papers that come home!





All-In-One Recycling

All recycling must be clean, please no glass.
Only items listed below – No sorting necessary.



Cardboard & Boxboard <small>Flatten all cardboard. No waxed cardboard. No soiled pizza boxes.</small>	Mixed Plastic <small>Jugs, tubs and bottles only. Numbers 1 - 7. No caps or lids. No plastic bags. No Styrofoam like products.</small>
	
Metal <small>Food & beverage cans only - labels OK.</small>	Paper <small>Newsprint, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paperback books and computer paper. Shredded paper must be contained in paper bag with top securely folded.</small>
	

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Please remember to recycle at home and school and encourage others to recycle too. Thank you! —The Stretch Club.

LIBRARY NEWS—

The library is a happy buzz with the whole school reading. We have had some special moments this month related to our love of literature. The Fifth graders participated in the Mason's Annual 5th Grade Bikes for Books program. Our two lucky winners were Avery Miller and Josie Brown. Congratulations!!



This year was the first year for Paxson to participate in Battle of the Books a program started in Alaska. “The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote academic excellence.” Students read 15 books, discussed them, and then quizzed each other on the contents. They spent many hours practicing answering questions to recall what they read. We had three fifth grade teams (Oscar Ammons Strohl and Asa Stuart, Thalia Lambros and Mila McKay, Liam Vetter and Max Williamson) compete for the Paxson championship. Liam and Max won the first battle and then Thalia joined their team after she won the next school battle. Our Raging Readers team took second place at Target Range after tying with Russell and then going into a tie breaker. We are proud of Liam, Max and Thalia.



Kudos to our school counselor, Gene Oliver, also known at Paxson as “The Garden Guy.” Gene works tirelessly supporting our beautiful outdoor classroom. From the beginning, Gene has been involved in every aspect of the garden—from construction and landscape design to paver installation. He continues to spearhead garden work days and maintain the irrigation system. Whew! Thank you, Mr. Oliver, for all you do!

Kudos to teachers Mrs. Kasper and Mrs. Adams who are both filling long-term substitute positions in two of our Kindergarten classes. These two teachers have seamlessly stepped into these positions, which, mid-year, is no easy task. We are grateful for their ability to adapt well to their bustling classrooms and forge new trusting relationships with their students.



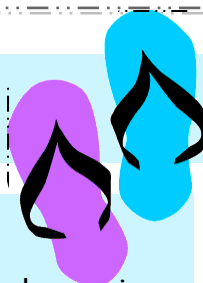
Single Parenting Strategies

At Washington Middle School
4/13 at 6 pm

Helping Kids Manage their Emotions

at Lewis and Clark Elementary
4/21 at 6 pm

The Sandal Project



Help Enrich a Child's Summer

Last year, Savannah Chevallier (1J) kicked off her summer by earning money to buy summer activity passes for a few children at Paxson. I thought it a worthy cause, and so, I am joining Savannah in her efforts. Perhaps you would like to help us offer passes for fun and productive summer activities. If so, grab a sandal, (or their cheaper counterpart, a flip-flop) from the Lobby with summertime activities posted on them, purchase the passes listed on the flip flop of your choice and return the passes for a student at Paxson. I will then deliver to the student. Students can raise money or simply buy a gift pass to various dance, music, swimming, arts, or sports camps held in Missoula. Look for the sandals hanging in the lobby in May and help us make a difference!

—Melanie, FRC

FRC Clothes Closet—We accept gently used items throughout the year.

Currently in need of:

- ♦ GYM shoes -Newer shoes for gym class boys and girls sizes: 3-4-5
- ♦ Girls and boys *new* underwear—S - L sizes
- ♦ Girls large leggings/sweats/easy-fit pants
- ♦ Playground balls—soft, rubber bouncy balls for kickball, basket balls, soccer balls, etc.

Lost and Found—Collect your lost items while at Parent –Teacher Conferenes or by April 1. After Spring- break items will be repurposed. Please **ONLY** take items belonging to you from the Lost and Found.

“Show the Love” Campaign is almost half way to \$1000. We love any size donation— big or small.



🌿 *Garage Sale* 🌿
April 23rd Only!
In the Paxson Gym
Accepting all items!

Please donate to (and shop at) our annual Garage Sale. We will accept:

- Clean Clothes/Shoes
- Furniture/household
- Art work
- Toys
- Outdoor Gear
- Miscellaneous

Drop off 4-6 on Friday, 4/22.
Sale is Saturday from 8-12pm
Questions? Stop by the FRC

Garden Fun Day

Let's get our garden ready for the big transition!



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Join us for our Garden Fun Day on Saturday, May 21st starting at 9 am. Please bring— your muscles, shovels, gloves, and a wheelbarrow, if ya got 'em!



Esquina de Español

Sentamientos

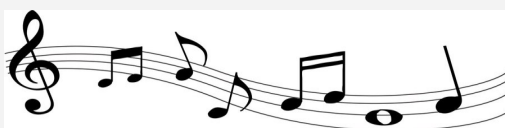
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"a" ending is for females)

Orgulloso/a	proud
Cansado/a	tired
Feliz, Contento/a	happy
Hambriento/a	hungry
Asustado/a	scared
Rechazado/a	rejected
Apenado/a	embarrassed
Enfermo/a	sick
Sorprendido/a	surprised
Preocupado/a	worried
Aburrido/a	boring/
bored	
Fastidiado	fed up
Triste	sad
Celoso/a	jealous
Nervioso/a	nervous
Enojado/a	angry
Emocionado/a	excited
Arrepentido/a	sorry
Confundido/a	confused
Frustrado/a	frustrated

RUNNING CLUB CHANT

**Icky a Picky Wicky
Icky La Bumba
Awful a Waffle Daffle
Ooh Ahh Ooh Ahh
Paxson Running Club**

Spring Music Programs 2016



Thursday, April 21

Grade 5 Spring Music Program
1:30 pm in the gym

Tuesday, April 26

Grades 1, 2 and 3 Spring Music Program
2:00 pm in the gym

Tuesday, May 24

12:15 K Adams/Line (green)
1:00 K Kasper/Sonsalla
1:45 pm K LaRance
2:30 pm K Muhs (yellow)
In the Music Room



Special Olympics

Don't forget to buy your raffle ticket for a new Chevy truck! Proceeds help to pay for our entry fee to the May Special Olympics of Montana. Purchase your tickets at the Paxson Front Office.

Come and support us at the University of Montana as our Kindergarten/1st grade team showcases their dynamic obstacle course. Our 2nd - 5th grade teams will wow you with their amazing Bocce skills. Please join us on our "walking bus" from Paxson to the Adams Center for Opening Ceremonies.



Noon Duty Aides

Seeking a noon duty aide for the playground from 10:45-1:15 daily.

Contact Kelly Chumrau.

klchumrau@mcps.k12.mt.us

Sock Hop volunteers needed to run a booth or just help out on May 13. Contact Jordan Labbe at jordan-labbe.paxson@gmail.com

PEP Can volunteers still needed on the playground during recess once a week or once a month. Contact Sandy Ammons.

Garage Sale Helpers/Donations wanted

On April 23 we are hosting a school-wide garage sale. Help out at the event or bring in items to be sold on Friday, 4/22 between 4 and 6 pm. Contact Melanie Matelich in the FRC at x4590.



