



# Paxson Panther Press

Every Child, Every Day—Student Achievement for All

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## June Events:

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| Field Day<br>Gr 3-5 @ 9:00<br>Gr K-2 @ 1:15 | June 3  |
| Garden Day                                  | June 4  |
| Last day of<br>Preschool                    | June 7  |
| Last Day of<br>School @ 11:05<br>and 11:35  | June 10 |

## Mark Your Calendar:

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| First Day of<br>School for K-5<br>Kindergarten—<br>half-days, 8:22-<br>11:05 am | Aug 29 |
| 1st FULL day of<br>Kindergarten   | Sept 2 |

**Meet our new administrative team— Mr. Halloran, and Mrs. Phillips.**

**Peter Halloran** will join the Paxson Team as principal. He officially takes on



his job as the leader of the school on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Peter comes to us from Butte, Montana where he currently serves as the interim principal and Spanish teacher. Mr. Halloran's administrative experience is varied from working in a correctional institute to working with high school students. A teacher, a coach, and a strong advocate for all children, Mr. Halloran is looking forward to working with all of you.

**Kersten Phillips** will

serve as our new secretary. You may have already met Kersten as she has been training alongside our current secretary, Jo Garner. Kersten comes to us with a great deal of secretarial experience. Kersten is friendly, outgoing, and eager to do a great job!



## From Principal Chumrau—Thank you and so long!

It is with mixed emotion that I say so long to one of the greatest places in the world! I am excited to live, work, and learn in a new country and yet, Paxson School has been my second home for the past eight years and it is hard to leave. Each day, the students, teachers, and families, fill my heart with joy. I am proud of this community; this is a community that fights for kids each and every day. This is a community determined to provide high quality education to all students, regardless of their abilities or unique experiences. I am grateful to have been a part of it. Thank you, friends, for your support along the way. I wish you all the best.

Love,

Kelly

**Where in the world is Senegal?**



Kelly will be the principal of the International School of Dakar, located in the city of Dakar in Senegal, Africa. She and her husband will be living in Africa for 3 years. We asked her these questions:

## What are you most looking forward to?

K: I am looking forward to the music, the drumming in particular, the year-round sunny, warm weather, and the diversity of population.

## What will you miss about living in Missoula?

K: I will miss my dear friends and family immensely.

We wish Kelly all the luck in her new position and with her adventure overseas. Bon voyage!



**PCA = PTA**—We are changing back to PTA Parent-Teacher Association as it is a more easily recognized acronym.

### **BTW—**

These PTA members do **AMAZING** work for our school each day, each event, each year. Raising money, offering *Co-Motion Dance* and *Missoula Writing Collaborative* programs, providing teachers with special classroom needs, holding regular social events for parents and students, appreciating staff and teachers, making our playground safer and enriched, volunteering themselves, and continually committing acts of kindness up and down our hallways. Please thank them for their contributions.

**Rhett Hoff**,  
President and Treasurer  
**Miriam Richmond**,  
Vice President  
**Carin Hansen**,  
Secretary  
**Jordan Labbe**  
**Kristin Gregoire**  
**Andre-Leeds Knight**  
**Leah Stone**  
**Ragna Thorne-Thompson**

### **The PTA thanks you. —**

**From the PTA: Your contributions made a difference.**

- **Big things from this year:** With the help of Paxson families and local businesses, we exceeded our fundraising goals and were able to give more money to our amazing teachers for field trips. We were also able to give money for Specials —new books for Mrs. Peterson in the library and Spanish language materials for Ms. Mosis, PE equipment for Mr. Moffatt, and music instruments for Mrs. Callan. We continued our commitment to funding dance and poetry teachers-in-residence programs and started a grant program so our teachers can dream big! All these things will continue for the 2016-17 school year.
- **Things we're excited about to kick-off next year:** Welcoming our new principal, teachers, and secretary, the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social, and having "room parents" to help improve communications about what's going on in our school.

### STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank You to the PTA, and especially, Kristin Gregoire for the green smoothies and the wonderful posters full of appreciations posted for all teachers.

Also, the staff gives a special thanks to Miriam Richmond for the 2 new microwaves in the staff lounge.

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

**WOW, did we ever have a great Sock Hop this year. Per usual!!**

Special thanks to our incredible Sock Hop Chairwoman, Jordan Labbe and her hard working committee: Ragna Thorne-Thompson, Misty Van Nice, Elizabeth Williams, Rhett Pruitt-Hoff, and Carin Hansen.

And also thanks so very, very much to the 40 parents, friends, teachers, and Paxson alumni who helped out at the stations.

We really know how to get together and make a wonderful event for all of the Paxson Community. Pat yourselves on the back!!



**Bike to Big Dipper on May 25th was so much fun!! Thanks to the 120 cyclists who came out for free ice cream cones and a little exercise.**

# The Sandal Project

**Last chance to help enrich  
a child's summer.**

- ♦ Help a Child
- ♦ Buy a Camp
- ♦ Make a donation for any amount that will go towards co-payment of a camp
- ♦ Sign out a flip-flop from the Lobby with summertime activities posted on them
- ♦ Return to Melanie in the FRC by June 6

**It's not too late!**

**Kyori Davis**, pictured below, age 7 in Jane Doherty and Wendy Loft-house's 2nd grade class, contributed \$90.33 (CASH!) to the Sandal Project. She earned the money from selling Oreo cookies and \$1 glasses of lemonade at a one-day lemonade stand.

Way to go Kyori! You set the bar pretty high!



## Farewell from Jo—



Dear Paxson Friends,

When I became the secretary at Paxson School in the fall of 2005, Claudia LaRance and I were talking about our careers and future possibilities. I told her that I may still try a high school secretarial position before I "hang it up". She said, "Let's face it Jo, you are going to retire from Paxson." She was so-o-o right.

I feel blessed to be retiring from Paxson. Our parents, staff and students have been wonderful to work with. The caring and loving atmosphere makes it a joy to come to work each day. It is all about the students and our amazing parents and staff who fulfill this need each and every day.

I will miss all of you tremendously. I will be available to substitute for our new secretary Kersten Phillips. She was able to spend three days training with me and I am very impressed.

I am also impressed with our new principal Mr. Peter Halloran. I will feel better about leaving knowing that Paxson School will be in good hands.

Thank you for eleven great years at Paxson!

Love,

Jo (aka Mrs. Garner)



## KUDOS—

Thank you to all the amazing staff at Paxson School for the wonderful work you do day in and out. Special thanks to my dear friend Jo Garner who is retiring this year after her 35 years in education. It has been a pleasure to work alongside such a strong and patient woman. I've learned a lot from Jo over the years and I will always appreciate her love and dedication to our many Paxson families. She's doled out a lot of band aids, nursed many bruises, put out numerous fires, and all with a can-do attitude. I love you, Jo! All the best in your new adventure!

Kelly



**Eva Munoz-Green, future Kindergartner and sibling of a Paxson first grader,**



cheers on the athletes at the 2016 Special Olympic ceremonies on May

18th. The games will be hosted in Missoula one more year.

## Re-scheduled Garden Fun Day—

The Paxson Garden/Outdoor Learning Center work day is re-

scheduled for **June 4 at 9:00 am**



Tasks: Dig up, transplant, re-establish driplines, take out raised bed at West end of garden, and move rock and brick pavers.

**In addition , I will be working in the garden from 4 – 5:30 pm W-F, June 2-5th.**

Thank you to Heather Nichols for her hard work gardening! And to these businesses; Lowe's, Anderson's Masonry and EKO Compost for the garden donations of compost, rocks and plants.

Hey Kids! Let's respect the front gardens. Please be safe and stay out of the flower beds.

## Esquina de Español



### La Familia

Padre/papa: Father/dad  
 Madre/mama: Mother/mom  
 Abuelo/Abuela: Grandpa/Grandma  
 Tío/Tía: Uncle/Aunt  
 Primo/Prima: Cousin (boy/girl)  
 Hijo/Hija: Son/Daughter  
 Hermano/Hermana: Brother/Sister  
 Sobrino/Sobrina: Nephew/Niece  
 Nieto/Nieta: Grandson/Grand daughter

## Sentimientos



Happy: Alegre/  
 feliz/content(a)

Sad: Triste

Sick: Enfermo(a)

Scared: Asustado(a)

Mad/angry: Enojado(a)

Excited: Emocionado(a)

Worried: Preocupado(a)

Tired: Cansado(a)

Frustrated: Frustrado(a)

Bored: Aburrido(a)

Sorry/regretful: Arrepentido(a)

Confused: Confundido(a)

## Animales de la granja

El Caballo: horse

El Burro: donkey

La Oveja: sheep

La Rana: frog

La Vaca: cow

La Lagartija: lizard



El Puerco: pig

El Ratón: mouse

El Pájaro: bird

El Gallo: rooster

La Gallina: hen

El Conejo: rabbit

El Pollito: baby chicken

Los Peces: fish

La Mariposa: butterfly

El Pato: duck

La Cabra: goat

La Tortuga: turtle

El Perro: dog



El Ganso: goose

El Gato: cat

El Pavo: turkey

La Abeja: bee

La Hormiga: ant

**Lost AND Found** Please recover any of your lost items in the lost and found before **June 6**. All items will be repurposed by June 9.