



Paxson Family Engagement News

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February Events:

PTA meeting	Feb 5
Spelling Bee	Feb 6
No school -PD	Feb 11
President's Day	Feb 18
Family Fun Night	Feb 26

Mark Your Calendar:

P-T Conferences	Mar 6-7
Half day	Mar 7
No school	Mar 8
March PTA	Mar 14
Spring Break	Mar 25-29
No school	
Bulb sale	TBA
All School Garage Sale	In Apr
Paxson Sock Hop	May 17

Around the World Cultural Night

121 Students & family members in attendance
7 Countries represented



I would like to thank the students and their families for making this event so authentic and interesting to explore.

- Agnes, **Sam**, and **June Thomson** made info coloring books on Hungary (and Germany the year before!)

- **Li Yenchen**, along with his mother, Pei, sang and led the group in Chinese martial arts moves! (and grandma and grandpa came too!)

- Barbara, Dustin, **Tyler and Lucas Smith** sporting their dirndl and lederhosen costumes, served up a crockpot of food and danced away to traditional Austrian music.

- **Omar and Nora Haddouch** dressed up, presented, and served Moroccan sweet tea with the whole family.

- **Lewis Yellowrobe**, Native Am. Specialist, entertained all with a display of Native American artifacts.

- Leonardo, with Annie, **Eva and Isabella Munoz**, dressed as an authentic Argentinian musician playing his guitar, and serving "tortas fritas" with a caramel sauce.

- **Laura, Aleks and Andrei Vasilenko** made name tags and baked cookies from Belarus.



Important Influenza Information

We have had a slow start of "flu" season here in Montana. The Centers for Disease Control are still warning of a potentially significant flu season this winter. Handwashing and staying home when ill with influenza type symptoms are important preventative measures. Please visit the [Student Health Webpage](#) to learn more about flu prevention and symptoms. If you are interested in getting a flu vaccine, it's not too late. Visit the [Missoula City County Health Department](#), your doctor or a pharmacy in the community to get your flu shot.

Check out this new online resource for parents called **ParentingMontana**, a state-funded resource that covers parenting best practices for each age level. Learn more about this website and the resources it provides, such as; an informative and easy to use website on topics from bullying, to building confidence. It also provides for 35 prevention counselors situated around the state as resources. You'll find age-appropriate info on parenting challenges, social/emotional skills, goal setting, healthy choices, and more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8esBzNHf8LU>

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/aboutus/news/2019/parentingmontana>

Bethel Community Church

1601 South 6th Street West
(Just one block West of Russell)

Free and reduced clothes at the
Bethel Community Clothes Closet
on

**Tuesday Feb. 19th,
10am to 6pm.**

Also in 2019:

- April 23, June 18, August 20,
Oct 22, Dec 17, CLOSED on Dec 24.

February 10 and 24, 2019

Missoula County Public Schools
Indian Education Department

SUNDAY FUNDAYS



Where: C.S. Porter Middle
School, 2510 Central, Missoula,
MT

Time: 1—3 p.m.

Who: Youth (10 and under must
be accompanied by an adult).

- ⇒ Native American Traditional
Games, Singing, Drumming,
Dancing
- ⇒ Basketball, Kickball, Volley-
ball, Floor Hockey
- ⇒ Sewing, Beading, & Crafts
(Adults must provide own
materials)
- ⇒ Blackfeet and Salish Lan-
guage Classes

PTA UPCOMING EVENTS

**PTA meeting
Thurs. Feb 7 at
7 pm**

Family Fun Night
February 26th

Parent Teacher Conferences
March 6 and 7th

Want to contribute a dish or food item
for the teachers? Sign up on sign up ge-
nius.

Lost and Found pick up will be just be-
fore spring break on March 22nd.

Start cleaning out and save your items
for the **all-school garage sale** in April.

Sock Hop is May 7th. Mark your calen-
dar We are looking for helpers, organiz-
ers and task-masters!

Teacher Appreciation Week
May 6-10th Show your appreciation to
all teachers! They work really hard.

HELP WANTED

Are you available to help with any of the
following? Volunteers are needed to:

- **Judge the Spelling Bee, Feb. 6**
- **Help at Family Fun Night, Feb. 26**
- **Set up and clean up teachers' dinner (March 6) for Parent teacher conferences**
- **Set up and clean up teachers' lunch (March 7) for Parent Teacher Conferences**

Kindness Week Celebration

THANK YOU to Andrea Leeds-Knight, with the help of Haley Kern, who coordinated the week-long Kindness Week event at Paxson. We are still collecting kindness coins that were given to students when they were caught doing something kind or being nice to another student. Students then catch others in an act of kindness and pass the coin along yet again. When the coin is passed 5 times it gets returned and a celebration ensues. The PTA will be making a \$100 donation to the Food Bank when the last 7 coins are returned. Now that's a whole lot of kindness!

Collectively, we brought in 663 pounds of food items!!!

Still TBD is the winner of the extra recess time for the Food Bank Food Collection Challenge. It is a toss up between 1st and 3rd grades! **Good Luck to the winners!**

PTA FLOWER BULB SALE

Look for order forms
coming in March !



All proceeds go towards enhancing our playground and other school-related projects.