



# Paxson Panther Press

Every Child, Every Day—Student Achievement for All

May

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## May Events:

Staff Appreciation Week	May 2-6
PCA Meeting	May 5 7 pm
Sock Hop	May 13
Special Olympics	May 17-20
Garden Fun Day	May 21
Kindergarten Spring Music Program	May 24
Kindergarten Round Up	May 26

## Mark Your Calendar:

Field Day	June 3
Last day of Preschool	June 7
Last Day of School @ 11:05 and 11:35	June 10

**From Principal Chumrau—**  
Greetings Paxson Community!

Kindergarten Round Up is May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am when we welcome all Kindergartners and orient their parents.

Over the past several weeks we have been working on promoting KINDNESS in and around our school. I challenge you to commit one random act of kindness daily. We can do

The actual Special Olympic events take place May 17th-20th. We hope many of you will join us at the University of Montana to watch our athletes compete.

It's **Mental Health Awareness Month** and this week is **Children's Mental Health Awareness Week**. On Thursday, May 7th, wear green to support growth, health, healing and hope. Keep smiling—it promotes mental health!

Stay tuned for the announcement of our new principal and our new secretary.



Stretch Club Members, Rose Wiltse and Jane Squires promoting kindness at our school by reading to young students.

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For Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday, May 18th join Paxson students and families on the "walking bus" leaving Paxson to the U of M campus at 5:30 pm.

## Special Olympics Montana State Summer Games

**May 17-20 --- Missoula**

Centered in Missoula and the surrounding area, special events and competition – including bocce, aquatics, kayaking, cycling, track and field, equestrian and golf venues, the 2016 State Summer Games unfold in a swell of intensity and joy!

Join the fun and cheer for Montana's most inspiring athletes! The Games are free and open to the public.

### BE A VOLUNTEER, BE A FAN

To register to be a volunteer, visit [somt.org/volunteer](http://somt.org/volunteer), or call the volunteer hotline 406-523-4343.



**PCA NEWS—**

⇒ Join the PCA— Next meeting is May 5 at 7 pm.  
Contact Rhett Hoff [rhett.hoff@gmail.com](mailto:rhett.hoff@gmail.com) for more info.

**Sock Hop— May 13— 6pm**

**Booths**  
**Games**  
**Dancing**  
**Music**  
**Auction**  
**Fun**



If you can help out for a 2-hour time slot, contact Jordan Labbe at [jordanlabbe.paxson@gmail.com](mailto:jordanlabbe.paxson@gmail.com)



The April 23 Garage Sale raised over \$1100 and we could not have done it without our donors and numerous student volunteers.

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Isa Labbe  
Kate Hansen,  
Camerin Gregoire  
Shohei Mori  
Roan Hofbauer-  
Lucie Parsons

Han-

⇒ **Stretch Club —**



"We have  
sooooo  
much to

**Thank you to these  
businesses:**

**Biga Pizza**  
**Orange Street Food Farm**  
**Bagels on Broadway**

**Thank you to the following  
Volunteers:**

**Movie Night Audio/Visual:**

Ted Geilen -A/V  
Nancy Peterson -A/V

**Movie Night Concessions:**

Ronnie Flannery  
Linda Gazzola,  
Dave Dittloff,  
Valentijn Hoff  
Rhett Hoff  
Melanie Matelich

**Garage Sale helpers:**

Carin Hansen  
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Carin Hansen  
Kristin Gregoire,  
Andrea Leeds-Knight,  
Logan Parsons  
Kelly Smith  
Satoru Mori  
Zack Taylor  
Ethan Smith

**-The PCA**

**Kindergarten Spring  
Music Program**

Tuesday, May 24



in Paxson's Music Room

12:15 K Li (green)  
1:00 K Sonsalla (Kasper)  
1:45 K LaRance  
2:30 K Muhs (yellow)

**Kudos to Andrea Leeds-Knight** for buying some books on Kindness for each class. The books are being read to students to try to promote acts of kindness at each grade level. Both Andrea and **Leah Stone** have a personal goal to make Paxson the kindest school ever. Thank you Andrea and Leah for spreading kindness at our school!

**Kudos always to the PCA** whose members work tirelessly supporting Paxson in so many ways!!!

These are some of their suggestions to start us on a journey of kind acts—

- Cheer on a friend
- Invite someone new to play
- Help someone up
- Smile at 5 people
- Hold the door open
- Say thank you to your bus driver, teacher or aide
- Give a compliment
- Write a nice note
- Continue to fill others' buckets
- Grab a sandal

I pledge to myself,  
On this very day,  
To try to be kind,  
In every way.  
To every person,  
Big or small,  
I will help them,  
If they fall.  
When I love myself,  
And others too,  
That is the best,  
That I can do.

## The Sandal Project

### Help Enrich a Child's Summer.

- ♦ Grab a flip-flop from the Lobby with summertime activities posted on them
- ♦ Sign out the flip flop
- ♦ Return to Melanie by June 1

Thanks for helping to make a difference!

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

Currently in need of:

- ♦ Gas Cards for \$20 each
- ♦ GYM shoes -Newer shoes for gym class for boys and girls sizes 3-4-5
- ♦ Playground balls—soft, rubber bouncy balls for kickball, basket balls, soccer balls, etc.

🌊 Garage Sale 🌊  
Thank You! We RAISED  
\$1100.





**LIBRARY NEWS—**

Mrs. Peterson held the annual EGG-stravaganza in April. This year we had over 170 EGG-stravaganza projects turned in. Students created dioramas by decorating plastic eggs to go with a favorite book. What a success and what fun to see the creativity students bring to share one of their favorite books. The projects were EGGstraordinary! April celebrates National Library Month and we couldn't be happier with our wonderful, innovative and tireless Librarian, Mrs. Peterson.

**3rd Grade Dual Language Immersion —**

The 3rd grade DLI students sold handmade beaded bracelets which we purchased from a women's cooperative in Tanzania, Africa to raise money for rain forest preservation in the Peruvian Amazon. The \$150 we raised supported the women's cooperative and also purchased 15,000 square yards of endangered rain forest habitat in Northern Peru.

We will share our fundraising success when we

present our upcoming rain forest play, El Gran Capoquero.



**HELP  
WANTED**

**SOCK HOP  
VOLUNTEERS:**  
6-8 on Friday, May 13th

**Auction and Raffle items** needed for the Sock Hop on May 13. Contact Jordan Labbe at:

[jordan-labbe.paxson@gmail.com](mailto:jordan-labbe.paxson@gmail.com)

**Cupcakes** needed for the cake walk. Deliver on May 13 to the front office.

**Lost AND Found** Please recover any lost items in the lost and found before June 3. All items will be repurposed after June 6.

**Garden Fun Day  
Saturday, May 21**

**9:00 am**

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

Please bring— your muscles, shovels, gloves, and a wheelbarrow, if ya got 'em!

**Staff Appreciation Week**

On Wednesday we are providing food and treats for teachers and staff.

Thank you to Kristin Gregoire and Nancy Peterson for orchestrating the "appreciations" for all the teachers.

**We**  **our teachers!**

Last weeks for Paxson Running Club! See you at the Riverbank Run.

**RUNNING CLUB  
CHANT**

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

