



# Paxson Family Engagement News

Every Child, Every Day—Student Achievement for All

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## October Events:

Two Weeks of Kindness	Oct 9-18
PTA meeting 7:00 pm	Oct 12
Harvest Party	Oct 13
Picture Day	Oct 18
Parent Class: <i>Helping with Homework</i>	Oct 25
NO SCHOOL	Oct 19-20

## Mark Your Calendar:

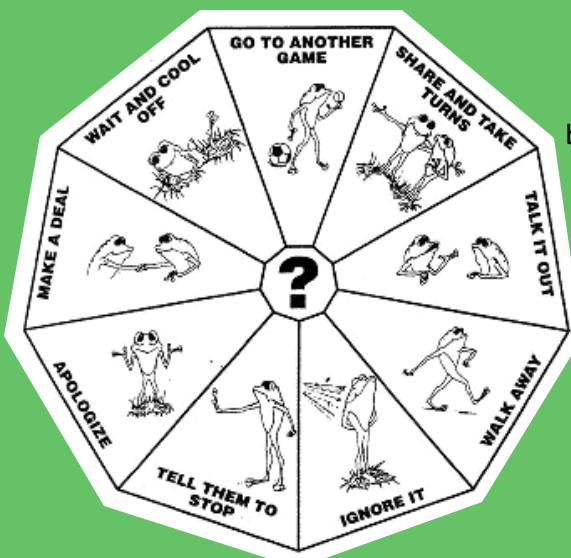
Local Products Fundraiser	Nov
Mitten Project	Dec
Movie Night	Nov 14
Parent Class: <i>Handling Peer Pressure</i>	Nov 29

## Behavior strategies—Universals at Home

Being safe, respectful and responsible are necessary at school but also important in the home environment as children spend only a third of their day at school. Try this matrix below (or some variation of it) to help with your daily routine.

Home Matrix						
	Getting Up	Getting to School	Clean Up Time	Meal Time	Homework Time	Bed Time
Safe	Use Calm Body	Look both ways when crossing the street	Put Things Where They Live (Belong)	Make healthy choices	Use Calm Body	Clean up, brush teeth & have Calm Body
Respect	Follow parent directions (first time given)	Be Kind to others on the bus (e.g., Gentle & Nice Words)	Put Things Where They Live (Belong)  Follow parent directions	Use Nice Words (e.g., Please, Thank You)  Take what you want, but eat what you take	Ask for help  Do your Best Work (Doesn't Have to be Perfect Work)  Let Others Do their Job	Go to bed the first time asked
Responsible	Do your Job (e.g., Clean Up, Brush, Dress, Eat)  Have clothes and school things ready	Bring All School Supplies (Homework, Bag, etc.)	Put Things Where They Live (Belong)  Pick Up after yourself	Help with setting the table and cleaning up	Have a homework 'office' spot  Put finished work in backpack for tomorrow	Go to Bed at the Right Time

Some other behavior strategies employed at Paxson are: *Kelso's Choice* and *Zones of Regulation*. Ask your student what they can tell you about these options to resolve conflicts.



Need help with your morning or bedtime routine or just want to learn more? If so, stop by the FRC. Melanie has some handouts & websites to share.

## Two Weeks of Kindness and Ben's Bells Launch



Kindness is Contagious—Spread the word. We are kicking off *Two Weeks of Kindness* on Oct 9th. This year students will be painting small, flat rocks symbolizing what it means to be kind. Each child will need to bring in two rocks to be painted.

Our giving project this year will be filling the firefighter's buckets. If you would like to donate for this project, please bring new stuffed animals that will be given to children by firefighters responding to emergency calls. Buckets will be placed at each stairwell for donated stuffed animals.

Throughout the two weeks, kids will practice filling each others' buckets, showing gratitude, and solving kindness dilemmas.

The Ben's Bells Kindness Program also launches this month at Paxson. This program will help continue to teach us how to practice kindness throughout the year.



## Be kind...it's contagious!

The mission of *Ben's Bells* is to *inspire, educate, and motivate* people to realize the impact of intentional kindness, and to empower individuals to act according to that awareness, thereby strengthening ourselves, our relationships and our communities.

## The **PTA**

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**Win prizes for selling PTA  
Bulbs for  
Kindness.**

Take orders for  
Flower bulbs  
now. Return

forms to your teacher by Oct  
16th. Delivery by Oct 27th.

**PRIZES to sellers of 2+  
items!**



**Paxson Tee Shirts** You may  
purchase Paxson Tee Shirts in  
blue or gray by stopping by  
the FRC with a check made  
out to Paxson PTA for either  
\$10/youth or \$15/adult T-  
shirts. Tee shirts will be on  
sale all Fall.

### Local Products Fundraiser

Paxson's largest of the year,  
starts in November. Look for  
the forms to come home soon!



Follow us on Facebook  
or check us out on  
Paxson's webpage @  
[www.mcpsmt.org](http://www.mcpsmt.org)

## Family Fall Harvest Party



**Friday, Oct. 13**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Games & Booths**

**Family Fun**

**Live Auction**

**Homemade season-  
al goods for sale**

### Volunteer Requirements for all Paxson Volunteers:

Visit [Melanie](#) in the FRC for assistance.

According to MCPS policy, every  
Paxson volunteer MUST fill out a  
MCPS volunteer application for all  
supervised and unsupervised activ-  
ities with students. In order to  
volunteer at school or go  
on field trips, volunteers must fol-  
low these steps by clicking on this  
link: [Click here](#) for forms.

1. Register to volunteer
2. Complete the background check. The background check will require a \$6 processing fee.
3. Complete a confidentiality agreement and return to the office or classroom teacher.
4. Please respond to all of your students' teachers if you are able to chaperone.

Thank you from the Paxson Staff!

## The **FRC**

Please consider donating your  
lightly used shoes and clothing for  
the FRC clothing closet. Some  
needed items:

- ◆ Twin bed and box spring
- ◆ Adult XL stretchy leggings or sweat pants
- ◆ Boys small new underwear (K)
- ◆ 3-4 alarm clocks
- ◆ Gas & laundry gift cards
- ◆ Gym/PE shoes - boys & girls



*"Helping With Homework—Help  
Your Child Learn how to be Orga-  
nized and Responsible"*

**Oct. 25, 2017**

**6:15 pm**

It's free & child care is provided.  
Advanced registration required.  
Call 721-7690.

### Family Yoga at Paxson

Mondays, Nov 6 -27

For K-3 gr \$19 4:15-5:00p

For 4-5 gr \$24 5:15-6:15p

Visit [www.missoulaclass.com](http://www.missoulaclass.com)

**Contact Melanie Matelich  
for more information**



- ⇒ We are looking for any type of homemade baked goods or other homemade products for the Harvest Party auction. If you would like to contribute to our live auction, please drop off goods at the front office on Friday afternoon or contact Renee Somerset-Mucha.
- ⇒ Volunteers needed to help set up, clean up, or work during the Harvest Party.
- ⇒ Spraying rocks at 9 am, Oct 14 at Paxson.