



Lynx Link

December Calendar-at-a-Glance

- 3-4 Hour of Code (Pg 8)
- 10-11 Hour of Code (Pg 8)
- 14—Native American Winter Gathering at CS Porter
- 14 Giving Tree Gifts Due
- 18 Holiday Music Programs & 4th Grade Bake Sale
- 18 PTA Meeting—6:30-8 pm
- 18-21 Lost and Found Display
- 21 Holiday Sing-Along
- 24—1/6 Winter Break

Celebrate the Holidays with the Lewis & Clark Music Program!

Home for the Holidays

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

- 9:00AM:** Band & Orchestra
1st/2nd: Dungan; Henderson/Vanek; Sharkey
5th: Ferrell; Garland; Johnson
- 10:15AM:** Kindergarten: Cooper; Kemmis
1st/2nd: Greil; Langella
4th: Cox; Jones; Wyatt
- 1:00PM:** Kindergarten: Paoli; Winter
1st/2nd: Jensco/Bond; Meurer; Hougard
3rd: Griffin; Mosbacher; O'Connor



For parents unable to attend the performance, dress rehearsal takes place on Mon., Dec. 17th. You're welcome to come and watch. See class times for dress rehearsal on page 5.

NO DECEMBER BOOK FAIR



Unfortunately, with the construction and sharing of the library space I will be unable to host a book fair this year. It will return next year in the newly remodeled library. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at jsnordtome@mcps.k12.mt.us or 728-2400 ext. 4381.
Scott Nordtome

The Lewis & Clark Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is a wonderful opportunity for our L&C school community to donate or receive assistance during the upcoming holiday season.

Stop by our Giving Tree across from the front office, beautifully crafted by **Katie Little**. Choose an ornament or two to help a L&C family in need. If you would prefer not to shop but want to contribute, know that monetary donations are also appreciated.



Feel free to stop in to the Family Resource Center (SE corner of the gym) or call 728-2400 x4355, frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us with questions.

Please remember wrapped gifts are due to the FRC (with its ornament taped to the top) by Friday, Dec. 14th.

Many thanks for your generosity and all the volunteers who have helped with this effort!

From the Principal's Office

Dear Parents,

December is upon us and with this month comes many holiday events. Schedules get really busy and hectic. It is important to keep in mind regular bedtimes for students during the month of December. Late nights and less sleep will affect students stamina in class, if too many late night activities are on the schedule.

The first week in December will be an exciting time for several classes. Mrs. Dungan, Mrs. Sharkey, Mrs. Hendrson/Mrs. Vanek, and Mrs. Greil will move into their new classrooms in the North wing. Final punch lists are currently being completed as Phase One of our remodel comes to completion. With the start of Phase Two, we will temporarily relocate Mr. Aune's classroom and Ms. Hougard's classroom from the NorthEast section of the building to the South wing. All the moves are scheduled to take place December 6th and 7th. We will try to be as efficient with the moves as possible, but know it can be a bit unsettling to students. Teachers will work hard to get moves completed and schedules back to normal as soon as possible with the goal being the least amount of disruption to learning. After these moves take place, Mrs. Langella's classroom will be moved to a temporary space in the library, so work on our new cafeteria space and administration area can begin. Myself and Mrs. Myers, our counselor, will also be relocating to temporary spaces, for the next few months.

I realize disruptions to our normal traffic patterns around and through the school cause some confusion and a bit of disequilibrium with the construction in our midst. I do see students and teachers being resilient and so accommodating. I continue to be thankful for everyone's patience and understanding as the construction continues. We are doing everything we can to ensure the project stays on a timeline with completion before the opening of the 2019-20 school year.

As I conclude this month, I want to let you all know I will be retiring at the end of the 2018-19 school year. I am so grateful I was lucky enough to grow up in the very community I have been so fortunate to be directly involved with during most of my tenure with Missoula County Public Schools. I will be forever grateful for the wonderful teachers I experienced during my childhood years at Lewis and Clark. They surely influenced me to pursue a path in education. The staff and parents in the Lewis and Clark community are knowledgeable and committed to high performing schools for active, compassionate and life-long learners. The acquaintances and friendships developed throughout this community, I will treasure. With the completion of the remodel of Lewis and Clark Elementary in the summer of 2019, this is the right time for the school community to transition to a new leader, who will take Lewis and Clark into the future.

I will continue to give my all to Lewis and Clark students, teachers and parents in my remaining time at Lewis and Clark. This community is so very dear to my heart and I take pride in working alongside parents and teachers ensuring we offer a high quality educational experience to all of our students.

Joys of the season to you and your family,
Susan Anderson



The PTA Page

The Parent-Teacher Association of Lewis & Clark Elementary School strives to build an enriching school culture and a welcoming environment for all children, parents, and staff.

Thanks so much for supporting the sale of Coffee, Toffee, Tea, and More. We had over \$29,000 in sales, which will bring in a **profit of almost \$15,000** for Lewis & Clark's PTA.



Mrs. Jones' class was the top sales class, selling \$3154! For their efforts they earned a pizza party. The second place class was also awarded a pizza party by Mrs. Anderson. That class was Ms. Garlands and their total sales were \$3121. The **top seller in the entire school was Scarlett Tamblyn for the second year in a row** in Ms. Garland's class, who sold \$1112.00 worth of products. The school overall did awesome, with **55%, of students selling at least one item**. Mrs. Jones' class also had the top participation award, with **76% of students in her class selling!**

The money raised is used by our PTA to support many worthwhile programs including part of the salary of the FRC, teacher grants, Outdoor Discovery Core, EAST, staff appreciation, and much more.

Please thank and patronize our MT businesses who generously support our fundraiser: Florence Coffee, Montana Tea and Spice, The Sweets Barn, Bequet Confectioners. Without their support this successful fundraiser would not be possible. A huge thank you goes out to all the people that helped tally the orders, count the money, and sort and deliver all the products. Thanks also to the teachers and parents who encouraged and helped to sell these wonderful products. Many hands really do make light work! **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!**

Sonja Wolsky, CTT Fundraiser Chair

PTA Meeting & Membership

Join us for the next PTA meeting.

Tues., Dec. 18th

6:30-8:00 pm

in the music room (Rm. 205)

Childcare provided free; please notify Alissa at raschumacher08@gmail.com

ahead of meeting for childcare.



Lewis and Clark Elementary School

PTA officers

2018-2019



President:

Alissa Schumacher – raschumacher08@gmail.com

Co-Vice Presidents:

Lori Lockridge- lblades_27@yahoo.com AND

Melanie Brock – brock.melanie@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Loni Koerner – lonikoerner@gmail.com

Secretary: Keri McHugh – keri.mchugh@gmail.com

Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson



The IB Learner Profile

IB learners at Lewis and Clark School strive to be: inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, courageous, balanced, and reflective.

As we learn and grow as an IB World School, each member of the community is becoming more familiar with the learner profile.

Students use these attributes to reflect on their learning and to help them develop into responsible members of local, national, and global communities.

You can learn more about the IB on their website at ibo.org or on our school website under the "about us" tab.

*Check in with your IB learner to see if he or she can articulate the meaning of each learner profile attribute!



Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

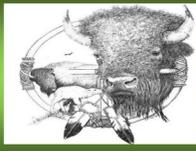
YOUR WORDS MATTER

	INSTEAD OF...	TRY
	Be quiet.	Can you use a softer voice?
	What a mess!	It looks like you had fun! How can we clean up?
	Do you need help?	I'm here to help if you need me.
	I explained how to do this yesterday.	Maybe I can show you another way.
	Do I need to separate you?	Could you use a break?
	Stop crying.	It's okay to cry.
	Do you have any questions?	What questions do you have?
	You're OK.	How are you feeling?
	It's not that hard.	You can do hard things.
	We don't talk like that.	Please use kind words. WE ARE TEACHERS

Giving kids feedback is imperative to their social, emotional, and behavioral development. The way we deliver that feedback makes a big difference. This chart, from "We Are Teachers", gives some examples of how to shift our language in a way that empowers and validates how kids are feeling about themselves and their learning.



Missoula County Public Schools
Indian Education Department



2018 WINTER GATHERING SOCIAL MINI-POWWOW

Sponsored by Missoula County Public Schools, the Missoula Indian Center and the Montana Food Bank Network

Friday, December 14, 2018

5:00-9:00 PM, C.S. Porter Middle School

Community POTLUCK Feed—5:00--6:00 pm

- Main Dish; Turkey, Potatoes, Gravy, Stuffing, and Bread
- Please Bring a Dish to Share with the Community

GRAND ENTRY 6:00pm dancing until 9:00pm

Intertribal, Owl, Rabbit and Round Dancing

Exhibition of Female and Male Categories

ALL DANCERS AND DRUM GROUPS WELCOME!

MCPS Indian Ed. Dept. Raffle, Door Prizes, Family FUN

Contact: Cody Munson; (406)728-2400 x 1064, cmunson@mcps.k12.mt.us

Holiday Bake Sale

The 4th grade classes will once again be staffing tables filled with holiday goodies during the music programs, **Tuesday, Dec. 18th.**

L&C students will **NOT** be able to purchase items; they are for purchase by grown ups. All money raised supports the 4th grade end of year field trips!

Many thanks!



PEACE CHOIR



Congratulations Peace Choir for a wonderful first season! We ended in song at the Patriotic / World Citizen Sing Along on Monday November 12.

The second Peace Choir Season starts January 22, 2019 (Tuesday right after MLK Holiday) and will meet Tuesday mornings 8-8:25 through March 19, 2019. We invite all returning singers to join us again and any **new** 1st-5th grade singers are welcome! For questions or more information contact Ms. Morrison domorrison@mcps.k12.mt.us or 728-2400 x4377

If parents are unable to attend the Holiday Program, they are welcome to come to the dress rehearsal.

Monday, December 18th, 2018
Dress Rehearsal

8:40 – 9:40am: 1st/2nd: Dungan; Henderson/Vanek; Sharkey
5th: Ferrell; Garland; Johnson

9:50-10:50 K: Cooper; Kemmis
1st/2nd: Greil; Langella
4th: Cox; Jones;

1:00-2pm: K: Paoli; Winter
1st/2nd: Jencso; Meurer;
Hougard

3rd: Griffin; Mosbacher; O'Connor



The Missoula Children's Theater is coming to Lewis & Clark January 14th-19th

Registration for **"The Frog Prince"** will be January 8th and 9th and done by lottery. The cost will be about \$40.00 per child. Scholarships will be available for those who need it thanks to the generosity of the Washington Foundation and the PTA.

A school wide email will be sent as we get closer to the event with information about the sign up and to ask for volunteer help.

If you have any questions, contact Kylie Barnes at Barnes.fam@hotmail.com

Hey Parents! Please help remind kids to bring their gym shoes or leave a pair here at school!

Also, please put an empty plastic bag in your kids' backpacks and ask them to put wet clothes (mittens/hats, etc) in the bag to protect the library books they also may have in their bags. Thanks!



Lewis and Clark **Lynx Wear** ordering is now open, but it looks a little different this year. Orders can be placed online at:

<https://www.companycasuals.com/LewisandClarkLynx/start.jsp>

Ordering will close at 5pm, Wednesday, December 5th to ensure delivery before the holiday break.

No late orders will be possible.

Please be aware that payment must be made with the order online; however, a Paypal account is not necessary. To order you can check out as a guest without a Paypal account. You can just hit the lower button that says Pay with Credit or Debit Card and proceed that way.

If you have any questions, please contact Alissa Schumacher at RASchumacher08@gmail.com or 307-388-2220.

LSC: Lewis & Clark Service Club in Action!

Dear Lewis and Clark families,

We collected so many items during the toiletry drive! During Service Club we counted a few of the toiletry drive items and the Lewis and Clark community donated 242 tooth brushes, 124 tubes of toothpaste and 290 rolls of toilet paper!

Thank you for contributing to our drive! We are able to give 23 families bags full of toiletries!



On behalf of LSC,
Elin and Adelheyd



THANK YOU FROM THE FRC !

The Family Resource Center (FRC) wishes to express appreciation for the clothing, shoe/boot and supply donations from the Guzik, VanCleave, Dahl, Fiscus, Brasington/Little and Wing families. Anonymous donors—please accept the gratitude of the FRC, as well! **Many children are warm (and enjoying recess and winter) because of you!**

Thank you to the Becker, Pereira, Duman, Newman, Dale, Kolendich, Dailey and Furlong families for donating items for the Missoula Organization of Realtors (MOR) silent auction basket. And thank you to MOR for the generous donation to the FRC to be used to meet student and family needs.

Thank you to the incredible volunteers who gave their time to cut and fill out The Giving Tree ornaments: Holly Schleicher, Angie Walker, Traci Good, Alena Furlong, Jill Taber, Britny Wisoff and Linsay Guttermuth

Thank you FRC volunteers who helped sort Lost and Found and our storage closet: Hilary Rivers, Jessica Stevenson and Angie Walker!

Thank you to Tory Dailey and her helpers for Vision Screen Help!

Thank you to those who made 4th/5th Grade EAST Chess Club a big hit: Jesse Driscoll, Hilary Rivers, Elliot Hayhurst, Lorie Lochridge, Jeremy Brown, Kim Anderson, Nimfa McHenry and Sharon Zhang



FREE HOUR OF CODE



Does your child like to play on the computer? You probably have a coder in your family! Sign your child up for the Hour of Code to introduce them to the world of coding - more than 100 million students around the world have already tried an Hour of Code, and this year, during Computer Science Education Week, Lewis & Clark will be joining the movement again.



This December, Lewis & Clark parent and volunteer Kathryn Grady will run after-school Hour of Code sessions for students in grades 2-5. During the Hour of Code, students will be introduced to key coding concepts while helping favorite characters solve challenges.

Kids who have already done an Hour of Code will be able to try the **brand-new dance party Hour of Code**, which lets kids code dance moves for characters using **music from Ariana Grande, Imagine Dragons, Lady Gaga, Sia**, and others, or work with Frozen, Star Wars, Moana, Minecraft, and other projects of their choosing.

Kids are doing the Hour of Code for the first time will be able to work with the always-popular Angry Birds, which is a really popular introduction to the world of coding for girls and boys.

Spaces will fill up so please register early for one of the one-hour sessions below.

Hour of Code for Grades 2 and 3

Monday, December 3rd or Tuesday, December 4th

Click here to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/9rmlGhF6XHIU3U5z1>



Hour of Code for Grades 4 and 5

Monday, December 10th or Tuesday, December 11th

Click here to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/P2n0HjBMX7bXVzQa2>

If your child cannot attend one of these events, please feel free to just visit this link and start on Course C, Angry Birds: <https://code.org/student/elementary>

Here's another great resource to introduce your kids to code: <https://www.madewithcode.com/>

For questions or to volunteer, call Kathryn Grady at (323) 201-1357 or email her at kaymgrady@gmail.com. Volunteering is easy and fun! No coding experience is necessary and it's an easy way to hang out with your child while making a difference!

Many thanks to Kathryn for making this opportunity available to Lewis & Clark kids again this year!

GIRLS CODE TOO!!

NUMBERS IN NOVEMBER!

Caffe Dolce— Families filled the restaurant, filled their tummies and filled the PTA funds with \$258 for Lewis and Clark! Thank you!

Box Top— Our numbers for Box Tops are down compared to previous years. Please clip some & turn into the box at the front desk!



Family Resource Center December Wish List

Boys and Girls Snow boots: sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 (Big!)

Girls Leggings—sizes 5-14

Girls Long Sleeve Shirts—sizes 6-14

Snowpants: sizes 10/12, 14/16

Granola Bars and Healthy Snacks

Used items very welcome!
Thank you for your generous donation



EAST is coming in February!

Planning is happening NOW!

Do you have a great idea for a class or want to assist?
Don't wait! Contact Lisa in the FRC now at 327-6949.

Look for registration information in January!

Morning Movement: Returns January 23rd!



Lost and Found!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILDREN'S ITEMS WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES.

If they make it to the Lost and Found, they can be returned or claimed easily.

Lost and Found will be displayed during the holiday programs. Please take an extra few minutes to look for misplaced items while you are here for the show.

The next display will be **December 18th-21st**. Unclaimed, unnamed items will be purged on **December 21st**

In the meantime, please check both L&F bins if you are missing something. Often classrooms have their own L&F box as well.

Remember to write your student's name on all items they bring to school. They will be returned to your child when the bins are cleaned!



Winter Weather - School Delays and Cancellations

Lewis and Clark families:

We are fast approaching the winter season and the heart of Missoula winter weather. I want to make sure you know where to find information regarding any weather related delays or cancellations to our normal school schedule.



When school is delayed or cancelled due to weather, it is our District's goal to notify families, students and the public by 6:30 a.m. This decision is based on input from local law enforcement, our transportation partner Beach Transportation, and our own staff research of current road conditions.

We post notifications about delays or cancellations on our district website homepage at www.mcpsmt.org. This information will also be posted on each school's website homepage. We also post the information on our district Mobile App, as well as the MCPS Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

For those families that opt to receive emails, phone calls and text messages from the school, you will also receive a notice directly via phone, email and text.

Finally, you will see the information reported by local media on the radio and television as well as their own websites. When looking at reports on local media, be sure you look for notices related to Missoula County Public Schools or School District #1. Sometimes other schools in the area are affected and our 17 schools remain on normal schedules. If in doubt, check one of our MCPS websites or social media accounts.

Thank you,
Susan Anderson, Principal

L&C Holiday Sing Along

Friday, December 21st

12:45-1:15—Grades K-2

1:20-1:50—Grades 3-5

Families are
welcome to join
students for the
sing along!



Family Resource Specialists

*Tracey Cravy and
Lisa Hayhurst*

728-2400 x4355

frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us

Family Resource Center Hours:

M,W,F 8:30-3:15 / T,TH 8:30-1:30