

Lynx Link

Giving Thanks for the Giving Tree Donors

Nineteen L&C families benefited from your generosity. This truly could not have been done without each of you who contributed! The FRC would like to thank everyone who helped and for making the first virtual Giving Tree such a success! The following deserve a special thank you for their contributions toward this great effort: Andrew Wyatt and Sharon Jones for last minute shopping, the Barrett-Catton family, Sherry Winter, Christy Meurer and Niki Vanek, the McCracken family, the Delridge family, Knowles family, Heather Miller, Melanie Brock, Wing/Iler family and the Arant family. Words of thanks from the families...



Thank you so much. Our Christmas is so blessed thanks to so many. Thank you. -Family #1

Thanks so much for these gifts. Times are so hard and every little bit helps. Bless you & Merry Christmas from our family to yours.- **Family #2**

My family wants to say thank you for the help this Christmas. My kids also want to say thanks. We appreciate all the help! - **Family #3**

Thank you so much.— Family #4

From the bottom of our hearts we are very much grateful for the gifts and I hope you all can be gifted, as well. Thank you! - Family #5

To the wonderful, giving people who gave my kids and me wonderful Christmas presents and made our Christmas Merry, God bless you and your families! - **Family #6**

Thank you so much for all your generosity. We appreciate everything. .—Family #8

Thank you and Merry Christmas to everyone who has helped us to have Christmas this year. It's a wonderful blessing.— **Family #9**

Thanks you for the gifts. It helps this time of year. - Family #10

I'm very grateful this holiday season. Thank you so much! Our family wishes you all a very Merry Christmas! Thank you, Danke, Gracias! - Family #11

I would like to share my gratitude and appreciation. Your generosity has given us hope and joy through these hard times. You will never really know how much this means to us. **Family #14**

Thank you so much for the thoughtful and kind gifts picked out for our family, they helped get us through 2020 more than I even expected they would. We are so grateful in every way. -Family #15

Thank you so much for making our Christmas a bit better. 2020 has been hard, but knowing you kind hearted people are out there makes my heart smile. **Family #16**

Thank you, this means everything to me and my daughter. Merry Christmas.—Family #17

Thank you so much! You made our Christmas! Great holidays to you. Thanks again. -Family #18

Thank you so much for blessing my family this Christmas. We are so grateful. - Family #19

January 2021

4 School Resumes

18 MLK Day

19 PTA Meeting 6:30-8 pm; look for Zoom link via email

25-29 - Lost & Found Displayed for Final Collection

25-2/5 Super Bowl Food Drive

Peace Choir is singing in the New Year! We will continue our Tuesday 3pm Zoom's through March 9, ending at spring break.

Singers are welcome anytime and regular attendance is not a requirement. We hope to sing with you on Zoom!!

Join Peace Choir Zoom Meeting Tuesdays 3:00-3:30pm

https://zoom.us/j/94870386890?pwd=QzkvYStRMjlmcTJI b2tkZHZ2VnVPZz09

Meeting ID: 948 7038 6890

Passcode: 07i048



IB Attitude of the Month—Creativity

From the Principal's Office:

Lewis & Clark Families,

Happy New Year! I would like to extend best wishes to all for a happy and healthy new year. I have spent the last couple of weeks reflecting on this past year, and I am honored to work with such amazing families, students, and staff. I have said this many times, and with each passing month, I am reminded of the compassion, the support, the strength, the perseverance, the dedication and resiliency each of you offer during such a challenging time. A new year brings hope, inspiration, and opportunity. My wish for you is to find enjoyment, peace, and happiness in the new year.

I am looking forward to seeing all of our wonderful students, teachers and staff back at school after a long, well deserved break. I hope you had the chance to connect with friends and family, and enjoy some rest and relaxation.

Happy New Year!

Your Principal, Alanna



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.

PTA Officers 2020-2021 School Year

Co-presidents- Kamra Kolendich & Jeff Lamson lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com

Vice-President—OPEN POSITION; can YOU help?! Contact any officer!

Treasurer—Emily Mackenroth lewisandclarkptatreasurer@gmail.com

Secretary—Keri McHugh lewisandclarksecretary@gmail.com

Teacher Liaison—Jordan Garland, 5th Gr teacher jgarland@mcpsmt.org

Teacher Liaison—Sharon Jones,
4th Gr teacher sgjones@mcpsmt.org

Hello Lewis and Clark Parents!

Thank you so much for your participation in membership for our...YOUR PTA!! If you still would like to be a member please go to our website at lcpta.org and click on membership for details.

Coming in January: Lewis and Clark logo MASKS for kids and adults. Might as well have some school spirit while wearing masks this next semester!!

Details to come!

Happy New Year!

The Lewis and Clark PTA





Resolved to be more involved in 2021?

Join the PTA meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19 6:30-8 pm

Zoom mtg link sent via email Did you know L&C collects **BoxTop\$**? You can download the BoxTops app and **SCAN** your receipt—easy peasy!

You can also earn money for Lewis & Clark at **The Good Food Store**. Simply tell the cashier you would like to donate to L&C and a percentage of your purchase is given to the PTA. Or write L&C PTA on the top of **Missoula Fresh Market** receipt and hand it back to the cashier.



Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

The 3 Be's

Lewis and Clark has 3 universal behavior expectations:

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.

For the rest of the school year, we'll be focusing on one of the expectations at a time, starting with Be Safe.

You can reinforce these ideas at home, too!

Here's a few examples of safety at school:

Behavior: hands/feet to self, use your words to solve conflict, use

strategies to keep calm

Classroom: walk in the building, watch where you're walking, avoid

crowds at the cubbies & sink, green zone body

Playground: walk carefully on ice, no snowball

fights, slide down hills on your pockets

COVID: wash hands, wear mask properly,

sanitize hands after using high-touch items/surfaces



Boys and Girls Snow boots: sizes 7 & 8 (Big!)

Girls Coats—12/14, 14/16

Snow pants: sizes 10/12, 14/16

<u>Used items very welcome!</u>



Thank you Jess Johnson and Heather Miller for the donations of girls' clothes. Cheers to Sharon Jones for warm snow boots. Many thanks to the Macaluso family for the warm winter coats donation! Thank you Wolsky Family for hats, glovesand school supplies.

Your donations are very much appreciated!

Family Resource Specialists

Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst

728-2400 x4355

frclewis@mcpsmt.org



Missing something specific? Call the FRC at 327-6949 and we'll take a look for you!

Classrooms also keep lost and found collections.

Please remember the power of a Sharpie & write names in all clothing items, including outerwear and water bottles! Items with legible names will be returned to your child!

Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson

Lewis and Clark Elementary is an IB (International Baccalaureate)
World School offering the PYP (Primary Years Program). We are
embarking on our fifth year as a fully authorized IB World School
and have been developing as an IB school since the fall of 2012.

*An IB World School is part of a worldwide community of schools, educators, and students with a shared vision and mission to empower young people with the skills, values, and knowledge to

create a better and more peaceful world.

If you would like more information about the IB you can:

- Click on the IB tab on the Lewis and Clark homepage
- go to ibo.org
- visit with your child's teacher
- email Kari Henderson, our IB Coordinator, at khenderson@mcpsmt.org



Super Bowl Food Drive to Benefit the Missoula Food Bank (We're hoping to keep this tradition alive this year!)

January 25 to February 5th

Cast your vote for your favorite Super Bowl team by donating nonperishable food items.

Super Bowl 2021 is Sunday, February 7th





Have a Missoula Public Library card? If so, you can find FREE movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, and independent films that inspire and entertain. Find out more at

https://missoula.kanopy.com

Need a library card? They're FREE, too! Get them here: https://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/home/services/library-cards/

Every year, beginning September 1, all kids in the fourth grade have access to their own Every Kid Outdoors pass at www.everykidoutdoors.gov. This pass provides free access to national parks across the country.

The Every Kid Outdoors pass is good for the 4th grade school year, until August 31. Information on obtaining the pass is available by visiting www.everykidoutdoors.gov.



^{*}information from ibo.org

Thursday Game Night



MCPS Indian Education Department invites students and families to join us Thursday nights in January and February 2021 for a family game night.

BINGO & KAHOOT TRIVIA

January 7 and 21 & February 4, 2021 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Live Zoom Room - https://meet.google.com/qtd-ahrb-zbp January 4, see https://www.facebook.com/groups/ MCPSIndianEducationDept for link.

SOUP AND STORIES WITH ELDERS & BINGO

Restoring Our Relationships Wellness Series Sponsored by All Nations Health Center

January 14 and 28 & February 11, 2021 - 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. See Events Page at: <u>facebook.com/allnationsmissoula</u>





Forward Thinking, High Achieving.

Sponsored by MCPS Indian Education Department & All Nations Health Center