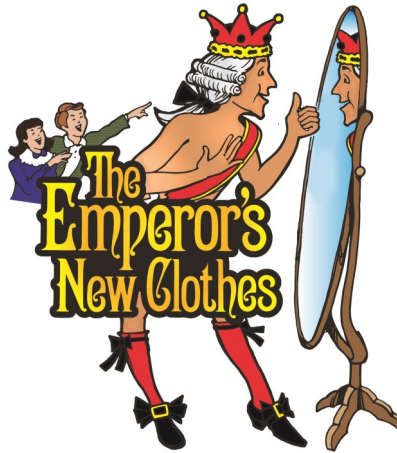




Lynx Link

January 2020

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- 14 Café Dolce Fundraiser after 5 pm
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- 27-31 Super Bowl Food Drive
- 30 Family Cultural Night 6:00-7:30



The Missoula Children's Theater is coming to L&C! February 3-8

Registration will be January 27-28th.

Look for an email for online registration. Registration will be done by lottery again this year. The cast will be made up of 1st through 5th graders; there are spots for 60 students. The cost will be about \$40 per child, with scholarships available thanks to the generosity of the Washington Foundation and the PTA. Specific details will be included in the registration email. Performances at L&C on Feb. 8th at 2:30 & 5 pm.

Questions: Contact Kylie Barnes at Barnes.fam@hotmail.com

The Giving Tree Was A Tremendous Success!

Twenty-three L&C families benefited from your generosity. These families are incredibly grateful to have many needs and wishes fulfilled. So very many of you took part in this outpouring of generosity and support. Be sure to look for the thank you notes from families who received gifts. This truly could not have been done without each of you who contributed!

The following deserve a special thank you for their contributions toward this great effort: classroom communities of Natalie Griffin, Kim O'Connor and Sharon Jones; Kristen Johnson and family, Barrett-Catton family, Schweyen family, Anderson family, Kathryn Grady, Kristen Johnson, Becky Cox and the City of Missoula employees. A special thank you to Lori Lochridge for braving the crowds for last minute gifts and Dessa Dale for wrapping.



From the Principal's Office:

Happy New Year!

Welcome back! I hope your break was wonderful for you and your family.

January is a month of new beginnings and renewal. Now is the time to establish good study habits and routines. Students thrive when they have enough sleep, a predictable routine and healthy eating habits. Designate a time for the whole family to sit and read. This alone can help provide positive growth for students in school.

The weather in January can be unpredictable so make sure you send layers for your child. We recommend adding names to their clothing so we can return any lost clothing!

Take care,

Amy Shattuck

Principal

avshattuck@mcps.k12.mt.us

(406)728-2400 ext. 4350



EAST

(Enrichment and Academic Support Team)

Returns Feb. 11th!

The spring session of EAST will run **Feb. 11th-27th** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, directly after

school. Students may sign up for one class.

Look for class descriptions and registration information soon.

Instructors, assistants and "day of" volunteers needed!

Please contact Lisa Hayhurst to inquire about this fun volunteer opportunity. Call 546-6002 or frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us



Thank you for donating to the toiletry drive. So many items came in! For example 225 toothbrushes were donated and 234 bars of soap! Thank you so much you for donating to Lewis and Clark families in need. The 5th graders in Lynx Service Club had so much fun organizing this drive!



Kylie Barnes

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 2019-2020 School Year

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Teacher Liaison—Jordan Garland jgarland@mcps.k12.mt.us

Family Cultural Night Thursday, January 30th

6:00-7:30

Join us for an evening discovering new cultures and traditions, hosted by L&C families from around the world.

If you are interested in helping or sharing about your culture, contact Tracey or Lisa at 327-6949 or frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us



**Resolved to be more
involved in 2020?**

**Join the PTA
meeting on Tuesday,
Jan. 21st 6:30-8 pm**

L&C Library



CAFFÈ DOLCE

**A Good Meal Supports
Lewis and Clark!**

January 14th - Caffé Dolce

Please join us for a fundraiser at Caffé Dolce on Brooks to support our kids and teachers through the Lewis and Clark PTA.

Caffé Dolce will donate 10% of their sales after 5pm. Plan to eat dinner out and support our PTA.
Reservations strongly recommended.



NOTED by Ms. Morrison, L&C Music Teacher

The second Peace Choir Season starts January 7, 2020 (Tuesday right after winter break) and will meet Tuesdays 8-8:25 AM through March 10, 2020. Any **new** 1st-5th grade and returning singers are welcome! For questions or more information contact Ms. Morrison at domorrison@mcps.k12.mt.us or 728-2400 x4377

KPAX Feature on the Peace Choir: <https://www.kpax.com/community/arts-education/arts-and-education-lewis-and-clark-elementary-school-peace-choir>



Lost and Lost

Forever...

Items Displayed

Jan. 27th -31st

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

Items not claimed by the end of the school day Friday, February 1st. will become part of the FRC inventory or be donated to Bethel Community Church for their free clothes closet, open to all every Tuesday from 10:00-2:00.

Dear Lewis and Clark Community,



The **Fourth Grade teachers** and students are very grateful for your contributions to our annual 4th Holiday bake sale! We raised \$1012.25 for our spring field trip to Helena! We thank you for your generous contributions of baked goods and additional funds!

Thanks again,

Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Wyatt and Mrs. Jones, and all of our amazing students!

Mrs. Jencso's class would like to thank the PTA for purchasing a "*Hook Book*" series in every reading level for our classroom. Getting hooked on a series helps us become better more engaged readers!

The money for Mrs. Jencso's class was raised by the annual PTA fundraisers: Coffee Toffee Tea & The Beach Hop. Thanks PTA and donors!

The **FRC** wishes to express its appreciation to the following families:
Emily Johnson and family, the Cherubin family, Paula Leslie and family, the Peebles family, Heather Miller, Loni Koerner and family, the Huse family, the Theulé Change Family and the Macaluso Family

Many children are warmer and drier because of your generous donations of clothes and boots!

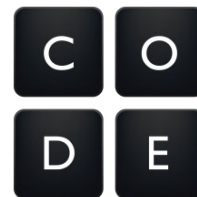
Thank you to **Mia Hanak** for her work on the grant that was awarded to the L&C PTA/Lynx Service Club. We so appreciate your work!

2019 Hour of Code

Many thanks to everyone who made these sessions a success! 90 students in grades 2-5 attended!

Special thanks go to Jeremy Brown and Kathryn Grady for coordinating and leading! Thank you also to Mrs. Shattuck, Mr.

Nordtome, and parent volunteers Tracy Dahl, Briana De La Chance, Jeff Lamson, Lisa McKinney, and Coille Putman. Thank you to the PTA and FRC for providing healthy and much-appreciated snacks!!



Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson



What is the PYP Action Cycle?

The Action Cycle is an important part of a student's experience in an IB World School. Students are encouraged and expected to reflect on their learning, to think about a choice based on their understandings, and to take action to support their choice.

If you have noticed your child taking action as a result of his or her participation in an IB unit of inquiry, please share what you have seen or heard with us. Remember that action can be demonstrated in many ways and can include anything from a conversation about a concept, a change in behavior, to working with adults and peers to set up a fundraiser to help a cause.

To print out a Student Action Sheet you can click on the International Baccalaureate section under the "About Us" tab on the Lewis and Clark website and choose the Action Cycle tab, or take one from the IB bulletin board at the front office. Thank you for taking the time to share with us! We will display your student action sheet with our Program of Inquiry at the front entry!!!



*IB information is on our school website under the "About Us" tab.

Feel free to contact your child's teacher or Kari Henderson, IB Coordinator, for more information. 728-2400 ext. 4396

Morning Movement: Get moving on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings January 8th—March 13.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Wednesdays

Thru March 11th

8:00-8:25 AM in the GYM



YOGA/MINDFULNESS

Thursdays

Thru March 12th

8:00-8:25 AM in Room 152

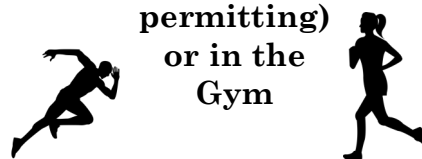


RUNNING CLUB

Fridays

Thru March 6th

8:00-8:25 AM on the
PLAYGROUND (weather
permitting)
or in the
Gym



Family Resource Center Needs:

**Healthy Snacks and
Granola Bars**

Family Resource Specialists

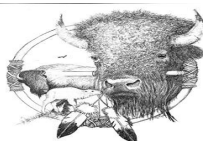
Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst

frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us

Hours: M,W,F 8:30-3:15 /

Join the Indian Education Department **Sunday Fundays**

When: Sundays, January 12th and 26th
February 2nd and 23rd



1:00—3:00 pm

Where: CS Porter Middle
School

Lewis & Clark PTA Awarded \$2400 Grant from UM Class

L&C parent Mia Hanak submitted a successful grant application on behalf of the PTA, earlier this fall to the University of Montana's Learning by Giving program to help finance and expand the recycling program at Lewis & Clark. The PTA has tried for years to find sponsors for the recycling and this grant will fund the pick up for 2 years.

Hanak, PTA president Lorie Lochridge, Lynx Service Club (LSC) parent lead Kylie Barnes and LSC members Jack Pew and Cora Barnes helped lead the UM students on a site visit to Lewis & Clark while explaining how the LSC collects recycling each week. Jack and Cora were invited to the awards ceremony at UM's Davidson's Honors College presentation and received the donation of \$2400 on behalf of the PTA.

This is the first year the Philanthropy & Social Entrepreneurship class chose the environment as a focus for grant recipients. Other Missoula non-profit's who were awarded grants included Council Grove Apartments Bee & Butterfly Garden, Garden City Harvest and Clark Fork School.

Pictured at right: Mia Hanak, UM student Luke Palmer, Jack Pew, Amy Shattuck and Cora Barnes accepting the grant.



Super Bowl Food Drive to Benefit the Missoula Food Bank *January 27th – January 31st*



Cast your vote for your favorite Super Bowl team
by donating non-perishable food items.



Organized by the Lynx Service Club (LSC)
Look for more details as the Super Bowl
approaches!

Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

Growth Mindset is the belief that intelligence and skills are developed and changing over time. Fixed Mindset is the belief that we are born with a certain amount of intelligence and skills and that can't change. Part of developing GROWTH mindset is how we (teacher and parents) react to children as they work through challenging situations (academic or social). Giving kids specific feedback is a key piece of growing their growth mindset.

Instead of saying "GOOD JOB" or "YOU ARE SO SMART" try saying:

You didn't give up, even when it was tricky.

You worked well with your classmates, nice teamwork!

You have really improved on _____!

It was brave of you to _____!

I can tell you tried your best because _____.

You remembered to (specific skill) _____! Great job remembering that!

I admire that way you _____.

I noticed how you _____ when you got stuck. Nice problem solving!

Linsey Myers
School Counselor
lemyers@mcpsmt.org

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! My name is Jon Burham. I am excited to be the new .2 School Counselor at Lewis and Clark. I will be here on Mondays. I am a born and raised Missoulian and enjoy as many outdoor activities as possible. Mostly, I enjoy skiing and floating rivers in the spring, summer and fall.



This year has brought about some changes that I am excited to see unfold.

In years past, my position facilitated challenge groups for gifted learners. These groups served as an avenue for like-minded students to work together on challenges, while expanding their skills, flexibility, and teamwork. While I will continue these groups, I will be expanding them to include social-emotional learning support. These changes will allow me to better serve the social-emotional needs of gifted learners, while encouraging them to challenge themselves. I will also be co-facilitating groups with the other Counselor, Linsey Myers.

If you feel your student would benefit from one of these groups, let me know. Please contact me via email at jburham@mcps.k12.mt.us. Thanks!



Did you know L&C collects **BoxTop\$**? There is a collection box at the front office. 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. Write L&C PTA on the top of **Missoula Fresh Market** receipt and hand to cashier.

At the end of September, the fifth-grade classes conducted an experiment for three days in the lunch room to collect data on how much waste we students create during a lunch period.

In total, we produced

- 34.5 lbs of paper waste,
- 36 lbs of plastic waste
- 73 lbs of liquid waste,
- 175 lbs of food waste, and 1
- 1.5 lbs of unrecyclable material.

That's a total of a whopping **330lbs of waste** that is being thrown directly into our city dump, and **that's only from 3 days!!**

There are a few things we would like everyone to consider for the future when heading into the lunchroom;

- Try to choose foods that you will actually eat. Pick a fruit that you enjoy instead of a pile of olives that you may only eat 3 of.
- Think about using containers that you can wash and reuse, instead of throwing away your plastic bags every day.
- Take your time to eat. We're growing kids that NEED nourishment to fuel our bodies to help us perform our best in all of our activities, in and out of school.
- And lastly, remember to thank the lunch staff. They work very hard to make sure we're leaving the lunchroom full and ready to take on the rest of the day.

We hope we can all do our part to reduce waste here at L&C and continue to help our environment!



MCPS Lifelong Learning Center Workshops

Register online through The Lifelong Learning Center: missoulaclass.com

For specific questions about classes, call 406.721.7690.

Upcoming MCPS Family Education Workshops (all 6-8 pm, Free Childcare Provided):

January 28th: Bullying, Peer Pressure, & the Internet—Chief Charlo Elem

February 12th: Kids- Managing Emotions—Lowell Elem

March 30th: Bullying, Peer Pressure, & the Internet—Lewis and Clark

April 7th: Elementary to Middle School Transitions—Russell Elem

April 9th: Kindness, Compassion, and Self- Esteem—Franklin Elem

Winter Cleaning?

The Be Buck Store can take your donations!

The Be Buck Store is part of our school-wide positive expectation system. Students can cash in their Be Bucks for prizes, ranging from 5-30. You can bring in donations to help support the store! Examples of items to donate include: notebooks, pencils or other school/art supplies; gently used toys or stuffed animals; trinkets or keychains.

You can bring donations to Linsey Myers in the School Counseling Office.

Thanks you for supporting the Be Buck Store!

