A Newsletter of the Lewis & Clark Elementary Family Resource Center (FRC) and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)



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Calendar at a Glance

FALL Dates

8/28 First Day of
School
9/2 No School—
Labor Day
9/17 <u>Tentative</u> Open
House/Ice Cream
Social for new year

THANK YOU to the countless families and individuals who have donated items to the FRC this year or donated your time to help make our events happen. Your generosity benefits our whole school community. We are so grateful! May your summer be both healthy, restful and adventurous!

Lisa Hayhurst and Tracey Cravy

Family Resource Specialists



As we wrap up this very unusual spring and school year, we say

WOW!

for all your flexibility, resilience and perseverance these past 3 months!

And we say



to all who have given their time, energy, heart and creativity to our Lewis and Clark community.

We wouldn't have the same impact without you!

From the Principal's Office:

Hello Lewis and Clark Families!

Happy Summer! We never in a million years would have predicted what our final trimester would have looked like. WOW, we made it! But we certainly missed you! THANK YOU to all parents, staff and students in pulling this off. I was so impressed with the perseverance and creativity from students and teachers that I witnessed through this entire *Remote Learning* time.

I hope you have some fun plans for the summer and enjoy how lucky we are to live in the community we call home. As you may know, the start of school may look a little different than most years. Please know we are trying to plan for a few different scenarios depending on where we are as a community. Check your emails regularly throughout the summer. I will try to communicate any information that you will need.

Take care and have a wonderful summer.

Amy Shattuck

Principal

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THANK YOU FROM OUR SPECIALISTS



A huge shout-out and thank you to Jane McAllister for her continued service to the Peace Choir through it's 2019-2020 season.

-Mrs. Morrison

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and patience as we worked through online learning. Have a great and safe summer.

-Mr. Nordtome

My heart is full of gratitude to the parents for inspiring me to do my best e-lessons and for motivating our students to continue their education through e-learning. Students of L&C, thank you for your patience and resilience as we all were learning together yet distant. I am so excited to see you point to the "Ready to Rock & Roll" check-in for PE again. With much love, Ms. Kees



Winter Kinders Say THANK YOU!

We want to say thank you to all the special people in our lives that made this kindergarten year great. An especially big thank you to all the volunteers that took time out of their busy schedules to come spend time with us to help us learn



and grow. Another special thanks to our parents who became our teachers unexpectedly for the last part of the year. What a whirlwind! You are amazing, thank you!



Wow! What a fabulous 2/3 of a school year we had together and I am so disappointed we didn't get more.

What an amazing group of caring, thoughtful, creative, hardworking kids and the same goes for their parents! Thank you all for your support this year and for making this online learning journey easier thanks to your grace, patience, and effort! I can't wait until I can hug these sweet kids again. Much love, **Mrs. Kemmis**

Dear Cooper's Kindergarten families and students,

Thank you so much for a great year, and I can't wait to see you next fall in the hallways as you take on the first grade challenge! This spring has been a wild ride, and I can't think of anyone I would have rather shared it with.

Have a great summer, and see you next fall, Ms. Cooper and Sunshine Danger

To ALL families, a BIG thank you and my heartfelt appreciation for your efforts this year - especially during these last 3 months!!! Your guidance and patience during this difficult time helped your children and teachers do what they needed to do!!! **Ms. Paoli**

Thank you for all of your support and all your hard work this year!! You are AMAZING and we appreciate you!! ©



Much Love, Mrs. Aldrich's 1st Grade Class

Thank you so much to our wonderful families who have loved and supported us this year. Our Lewis and Clark community is the best!:) - Mrs. Bond's class

Mrs. Griffin's class has had the best year ever thanks to YOU! We have been so lucky to have your love and support. Thank you for making a difference in our lives!

I am so grateful to have gone through this strange time with such a strong community. The strength and support within the Lewis and Clark community is beyond special. I am so thankful that I get to teach here! **Mrs. Meuer**





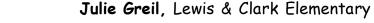
Every year at this time, I always struggle to put into words how much I appreciate each and everyone of you! It is that worry of not remembering this or that, or leaving someone or some event out. And that is in a normal year...This year, more accurately, **trimester** is like none of my previous 26 years (Spring trimesters).

I have always known how amazing, funny, resilient and supportive you all are, but this trimester you all gained "Super Powers" in those categories. You rose to the challenge and I thank you more than you can ever know. Your willingness to step up and just dig in and your patience with me (i.e. she forgot to share a link again) was above and beyond! A simple thank you just doesn't quite cut it!

You are the BEST and I have been so blessed to teach your incredible kiddos this year! I miss them all so much!!!! Zoom just doesn't quite cut it! Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all in the coming months!

Love always, Betsy Sharkey—1st and 2nd Grade Multiage Teacher

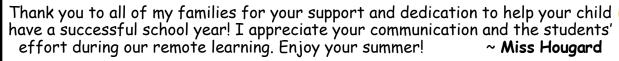
Mrs. Greil would like to thank her incredible parents, families, and students for their support and incredible hard work throughout the year and especially through this process of remote learning. I couldn't ask for a better class! Students, you have been wonderful and so hard working! Enjoy your summer. Know that I miss you, and look forward to seeing you in the fall.





We appreciate you! Thank you for a great year and for everything you accomplished with your child in our online learning environment!!

Mrs. Vanek & Mrs. Henderson





Thanks for the commitment, hard work, and flexible thinking that my awesome students and families demonstrated during this year!! I will miss each and every one of my wonderful 3rd grade students and wish everyone a happy and safe summer! - Mrs. Jensco

Thank you to all the students and families for all your hard work this last trimester. I would much rather have had all the days with you, but I am proud of how well you managed a tricky situation. I can't wait until we're together again!

Mrs. O'Connor

Thank you to all of the families who supported online learning during this often challenging time. Thank you to my 4th grade students for making this school year so special! I miss you all!

Mr. Wyatt

Thank you to my beautiful students and their amazing families! Thank you for working so hard through the difficulties of the Corona virus, but more importantly know my heart is filled with gratitude for the dedicated work and close friendships we had before we left for Spring break. I will never forget this year and who each of you are on the inside! I can't wait to see you in person again!

Mrs. Jones

5F Students, Parents, and Guardians,

Thank you for all the support extended this year. Our class rose to the occasion, staying strong and productive in spite of unfamiliar demands of online learning. It has been my privilege and pleasure to have been learning with each of you this memorable school year.

Sincerely, Mrs. Ferrell

Thank you so much for entrusting me with your child this year. My memories of this year will always be a mix of great pride, perseverance, and love. It has been a sacred honor to have been a part of this year's precious school family. **Love, Mrs. Kerney**



Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

Thank you for supporting the School Counseling program at L&C! Summer Resource Reminders

Our community offers many options for families in need of support. Please consider accessing these resources if you need assistance.

Partnership Health Center

Main Line: (406) 258-4789 Behavioral Health (406) 258-4497

Missoula Urban Indian Health Center

Health Center: (406) 829-9515 Crisis Hotline: (888)820-0083

Dan Fox Family Care Program Main Line: (406)412-6757

Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline: call this number if you

or a loved one are in crisis (800) 273-8255

National Crisis Text Line: Text "MT" to 741741





The PTA wishes to thank each and **every family** at Lewis and Clark. Your participation in

family events from the Ice Cream Social; Coffee, Toffee, Tea; EAST; Staff Appreciation and others events makes our school and community a safe place to learn and grow.

A very special thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and money this year and especially to outgoing PTA officers Alissa Schumacher and Lorie Lochridge. Both Alissa and Lorie have volunteered for the L&C PTA in different offices and roles for years. Their dedication and passion for kids and staff have been REMARKABLE!

Staff Appreciation Thank you!

Thank you to the many parents who helped make and deliver yard signs & gifts to cheer us for staff appreciation! We loved it!

-Angela Allred

-Kylie Barnes

-Jen Anderson

-Macrae Peeples

-Katie Little

-Mandy Snook

-Lindsay Guttermuth

-Kamra Kolendich

-Carragh Smith

-Kate DelHomme

-Holly Schleicher

-Angie Tranel

-Racheal Beatty

-Dessa Dale

-Melanie Brock

-Kasey Wright

-Danielle Wright

-Loni Koerner

-Hilary Ogg

-Kim Anderson

-Sarah Krageland

-Lisa McKinney

-Pollv

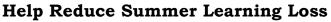
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-Sonja

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It only takes 2-3 hours of work per week to prevent learning loss over the summer. Get 10-15 minutes of reading in each day with the goal of finishing 4-5 books over the summer. Aim for 10

minutes of math practice. Challenge kids to calculate distances traveled or practice fractions while cooking!



Thank you to L&C parent and **Families First Learning** Lab Child Enrichment Director, **Katie Little** for making and donating summer art kits available to our L&C Empower pack families.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

PTA

There are project lead and officer positions open for next year's PTA. Join us! Find out more! Contact lewisandclark.pta.vp@ gmail.com