



# Lynx Link

## March 2021

### Calendar-at-a-Glance

11 Regular school day

12 No School—  
Conferences

15-19 —Spring Break

22—School Resumes

23 PTA Meeting  
6:30-8:00pm via Zoom

29 PTA Online Auction  
Fundraiser starts

30/31—School Pictures



## Super Bowl Food Drive Success!

Thanks to the generosity of our L & C community, we collected 945 lbs of food for the Missoula Food Bank.

Just as on the field, the Buccaneers came out on top with 504.4 lbs over the Chiefs 440.5 lbs.

Way to give, Lewis and Clark!

## 2021-2022

### Kindergarten Registration is Underway!

**Who:** Students who will turn 5 years old on or before 9/10/21.

**Things you will need to gather in preparation for registration:** Child's Birth Certificate, Completed Immunization Record, Two Forms of Proof of Address (utility bill, phone bill, lease agreement)

Kindergarten Registration is a lengthy process that involves quite a bit of paperwork. We know people are busy, and it is hard to spare time to fill out the paperwork here at school. In order to save you time, the forms will be available online. You are welcome to bring in your completed forms with your other documents or fill them out here at the school.

Please visit [www.mcpsmt.org](http://www.mcpsmt.org) for updated registration dates and details. Please Note: Kindergarten Registration is NOT complete until all of the paperwork and documents are turned in and reviewed by your school secretary!

### Save the Date:

Kindergarten Round Up  
will be May 14th!



**Help the PTA!**  
Donate items for  
the online auction  
by March 12th.  
See pg. 4 for more  
details or contact  
[jess.c.coulter@gmail.com](mailto:jess.c.coulter@gmail.com)

## From the Principal's Office:

Lewis & Clark Families,

March is here and spring is on the way! It's the time of year when we can experience sun, rain, sleet and snow all in the same day living in Montana. And, when we are lucky, we also get to see a rainbow!

March also is a busy month at school. We have parent teacher conferences, no school on March 12th, spring break, St. Patrick's Day, and an upcoming silent auction hosted by the PTA. Stay tuned for more information regarding this fundraiser and the great items to bid on.

As spring break approaches, I hope the weather is nice to get out for a spring hike, do some sky gazing and watch the stars, head to the park for a picnic, or head up the mountain for some incredible spring skiing. Have a wonderful week with your kiddo(s), and we will look forward to hearing about your adventures when you return.

Take care,

Alanna

Principal

Lewis & Clark Elementary

No MATTER  
how long the  
winter,  
SPRING  
is sure to  
FOLLOW.

### I Love Reading-Earn Prizes

The yellow reading logs count toward two different reading contests. For 10 hours of reading students will earn a pass to Silverwood Park in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

Students can also win tickets and prizes from the Missoula Paddleheads baseball team. Prizes start at 2 hours, and students move up a level for each additional 2 hours up to 10 hours. At 10 hours students have earned all available prizes. Student reading logs are due back to Mr. Nordtome by **Monday, March 26**. They may be turned in early if students reach 10 hours.

**No late reading logs will be accepted**, and prizes will be delivered in early June. Have fun and keep reading.

Mr. Nordtome



**Peace  
Choir**



Last Peace Choir for  
the year...  
Tuesday March 9, 2021  
at 3pm

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://zoom.us/  
j/94870386890?  
pwd=QzkvYStRMjlmcT  
Jlb2tkZHZ2VnVPZz09](https://zoom.us/j/94870386890?pwd=QzkvYStRMjlmcTJlb2tkZHZ2VnVPZz09)

## Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

### WHEN YOUR CHILD SAYS "I'M BAD AT THIS!"

#### INSTEAD OF:

#### TRY:

Don't say that!



Tell me what makes you feel that way.

I'm bad at this, too. It's just not our thing.



Just because it's hard doesn't mean you can't be good at it. Let's look at this together.

I don't want to ever hear this again.



Is that really what you're thinking or are you just tired right now?

Don't worry. You'll learn this in no time!



Sometimes we need to give our brains time to learn.

[biglifejournal.com](http://biglifejournal.com)

These tips come from the Big Life Journal. Visit their website ([www.biglifejournal.com](http://www.biglifejournal.com)) for resources or more ideas on this tricky topic!

As always, please reach out to me if you have questions or need support around this, or any concern about your child. [lemyers@mcpst.org](mailto:lemyers@mcpst.org) or 728-2400 x 4379



**Missoula Education Foundation**

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**Nominations for the Elementary School Educator of the Year 2020-2021 are open. You have until March 12 at 11:59pm to submit your nominations!**

Nominations can be submitted here:  
<https://forms.gle/PjrzF81mHdet2fNt7>

### Lost & Found

**Items will be on the playground after school March 2nd, 3rd and 4th.** Please take a look for any missing items! If you are missing something specific, please call the FRC and we will look for it! 327-6949

**Please put your child's name in ALL items with a Sharpie. This allows us to return lost items to their rightful owner!**



## Ways to Help & Support Lewis & Clark

**Calling all parents of our 5th Graders!** Help is needed on the 5th grade yearbook and end of year events. Submit pics of your kid/s time at L&C through the years: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/kn6WeYKXyKpMVMkt5>

Contact Lindsay Guttermuth if you can help! [LGuttermuth@gmail.com](mailto:LGuttermuth@gmail.com)



We are sad to say that, due to COVID-19, we will not get to host our annual Sock Hop. Instead, we will be hosting a Silent Auction online, and **we need your help!**

The PTA raises funds to support class field trips, classroom materials, enrichment opportunities for all students, a portion of the Family Resource Center position, and maintenance of the Outdoor Discovery Core. In these strange times, the Missoula community continues to show up for our students, and many businesses have stepped up to provide goods and services for our auction. This year, in addition to the items the PTA has worked hard to acquire, we are reaching out the Lewis & Clark community.

**Do you have a business that is willing to donate a good or service? Access to a vacation rental or other "event" experience? We would love to hear from you!**

**Funds raised will help fund the PTA budget and the goal of a new outdoor, digital display board for L&C!**

Our online auction will take place the week of March 29th. Additional information will be sent letting you know how to bid on these amazing items. If you have additional items to donate to the auction, please contact Jess Coulter at [jess.c.coulter@gmail.com](mailto:jess.c.coulter@gmail.com) by **Friday March 12th.**

### **The PTA still has Lewis and Clark Lynx masks for sale-\$5 each!**

Most of our sizes are now kids sizes but there are some adult sizes still available. They can be ordered through our website at [lcpta.org](http://lcpta.org) or contact Kamra Kolendich or Jeff Lamson at [lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com](mailto:lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com).

### **Stay tuned for our all-school READ-A-THON coming in April!**

This, as well as our March Silent Auction will replace the annual Sock Hop fundraiser. Our READ-A-THON is COVID friendly, meant to promote reading and all kids will participate in school with the hopes that families (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends) can participate and donate for our own child(ren) from the comfort of our homes. More details and information to come!!



Support our L&C teachers by funding their classroom requests on **[donorschoose.org](https://donorschoose.org)**. Support projects from Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Kemmis and Mrs. Garland online now!



# IB Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson



## What are the Approaches to Learning?

Lewis and Clark students gain and apply a set of **skills** that are critical for lifelong learning both within the classroom and in life outside the school. These skills are embedded in the units of inquiry your child participates in throughout the year. The IB calls these skills ***approaches to learning***.  
[ibo.org](http://ibo.org)



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### Thinking:

Critical thinking  
Creative thinking  
Information transfer



### Research:

Information literacy  
Media literacy  
Ethical use of  
media/information



### Communication:

Exchanging information  
Literacy  
ICT-Information and  
Communications  
Technology



### Social:

Interpersonal relationships,  
social and emotional  
intelligence

# ATL

## Approaches to Learning



### Self- Management:

Organization  
States of mind

## Family Resource Center March Wish List

Warm Winter Mittens/Gloves, all  
sizes

Boys' size 4/5 Winter Coats

Girls size 7-8 Leggings

### Family Resource Specialists

*Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst*

327-6949

*frclewis@mcpsmt.org*

### Family Resource Center Hours:

*M/W/F 8:30-3:15*

*T/TH 8:30—2:00*

## Thank You!

The PTA wants to thank the generous, anonymous donor who provided almost \$3,000 for technology accessories to support our new Chromebooks for our school!

Thank you to Connie Brueckner and Toni Matlock for donating masks for school use.

The FRC thanks the Howell family and Kim Kees for clothing donations.

The FRC thanks the MCPS Ag department. They partnered with Western Montana Growers Association and provided all elementary schools with 3 boxes of hamburger patties. Using the donated meat and money from the Missoula Organization of Realtors (MOR), 10 L&C families received burgers, buns, cheese, ketchup & carrots for a family burger night! YUM!



In the L&C cafeteria, **they have to charge separately for kiddos who JUST want to get milk.** This means students must have money in their lunch account in order to get **just milk** from now on.

**ALL BREAKFAST and LUNCH meals remain FREE** for the remainder of the school year. Milk is also free when a student orders a school meal.

## PTA Officers 2020-2021 School Year

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**Co-presidents**- Kamra Kolendich & Jeff Lamson [lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com](mailto:lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com)

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The next Lewis and Clark PTA meeting is **Tuesday, March 23rd, 6:30-8:00** via Zoom. Link to follow in an email. Join from the comfort of your home and see what we are planning for the spring!

## What should my child read next?

After attending parent teacher conferences, parents might be wondering how to find books at their child/ren's current IRLA (Independent Reading Level Assessment). Here are some tips/resources to help:

- Ask your child's teacher or Mr. Nordtome, our L&C librarian, for examples and ideas of books at their reading level
- Check out <https://library.cedarmill.org/kids/booklists/leveled/> for ideas. You can find other leveled books on this website by searching their website by "tag" and typing in the color and level with no spaces (e.g. 1greenreadinglevel or whitereadinglevel)
- Find book series by IRLA color here: <https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/6125>



## In Montana, parents want what's best for their kids.

ParentingMontana.org has information and tools for parents of children at every age.  
Visit: **ParentingMontana.org**



## If you are struggling:

**Crisis Text Line:** Free for people in crisis.  
Text MT to 741-741

**Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline:**  
Call this number if you or a loved one are in crisis –(800) 273-8255

