



Lynx Link

October 2018

October

Calendar-at-a-Glance

4-22 —Coffee, Toffee,
Tea Fundraiser

16 Picture Day

16 PTA Mtg 6:30-8:00 pm

18-19 No School—MEA
Convention

26 Kindergarten Parent
Connection after AM
drop off

27-31 Lost and Found
Displayed

31 Halloween Parties—
last hour of the day

Halloween at Lewis and Clark

Our Halloween parties happen the last hour of the day. All children will change into their costumes during afternoon recess (although they may wear the base of their costume under their clothing). We encourage the fun of dressing up, BUT we ask school costumes not represent characters of violence and destruction. **NO GUNS, NO KNIVES, NO BLOOD, NO SWORDS, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Depending on your child's costume, it may be best for a child to have a home and a school costume. Or save some elements for trick-or-treating only. We appreciate your cooperation and positive creativity to make Halloween fun and safe for all on **Wednesday, Oct. 31st!**



Our biggest fundraiser of the year begins soon! With your help, we can make it the best yet!

Every Lewis and Clark family is encouraged to take part. The money raised directly supports our children's education and enrichment!

Coffee, Toffee, and Tea and More make great gifts!

This is a homegrown fundraiser featuring Montana made products. Please reach out to your family, friends and neighbors. Ask them to support our school by purchasing an item.



Sale begins October 4th.
Please turn in order forms by
October 22nd (with money).
Orders will be ready for pick up
and delivered to classes
November 12th .



Join the other 113 families who have already become members of the PTA for the 2018-2019 school year! Attending meetings is optional. There are many ways to be involved.

CONGRATULATIONS
to Angie Walker who won the Family Fun Basket at the Ice Cream Social, including a family membership to SepctrUM.

From the Principal's Office:



Dear Parents,

Happy Fall. We had a marvelous turn out for our Open House/Ice Cream Social. Students were so excited to show their classrooms to parents and family members. The night was beautiful and I enjoyed reconnecting with so many families. Thank you for your support of our school and the many activities held throughout the year. We have a strong Parent Teacher Association and invite you to join and take an active role in working alongside the staff to partner with a vibrant team focused on the success of every child at Lewis and Clark.

The remodeling and construction work is concentrated in three main areas of the school grounds. The North core, the South end, and the Northwest side of the building. Crews are trying to get concrete footings poured before the cold weather comes. I realize pathways around the building are a bit more challenging. Safety is of the utmost importance to us. Should you notice something unsafe, please don't hesitate to phone me and share your concern. We want to be sure students are safe at all times.

Throughout all classrooms we are beginning to implement our new Language Arts Curriculum. Classrooms are incorporating a structure for their 90 minute ELA block called the Daily 5. Teachers and students have been setting up the daily routines and building community as they instill literacy habits that allow for independence. Teachers are also doing diagnostic assessments and students are building their independent reading stamina. As classrooms increase the thoughtful, sustained independent work in the Daily 5 structure, teachers will be rolling out the board adopted Pearson ReadyGen Reading materials to support an integrated, well-balanced approach to reading and writing instruction. Students are currently finishing up the first of three, STAR Reading and Math screening assessments. Reports will help guide teacher decisions about instruction, support and the scaffolding each student will need to be successful in reading and math instruction.

As we move into fall weather with colder temperatures, please send students with warm clothing. **It is very helpful, if you label all outerwear with your child's name.** Many articles of clothing end up in the Lost and Found. Our goal is to return your child's clothing to you. We do display lost and found items at the end of the month. Unclaimed items (a substantial amount) are bagged and donated to various groups in the community. We do not have the capacity nor room to store lost and found items throughout the year.

October and the beautiful fall colors of Montana are on display in our Outdoor Discovery Core. I invite you to walk with your child/children and notice nature's wonders in our school yard habitat.

Susan Anderson



PTA Meeting & Membership

The next Lewis and Clark Elementary School PTA meeting is **Tuesday, October 16th** in the teacher's lounge 6:30-8:00 pm. Childcare is available with prior notice.

Please contact Alissa Schumacher—raschumacher08@gmail.com to request childcare.

Why Join the PTA...?

- To support our students
- To support our teachers
- To get to know other families
- To learn more about what's happening at our school
- To be involved and engaged
- To get a copy of the L&C Student Directory

Become a member today!

Membership forms on the bulletin board across from the front desk or in the PTA mailbox. Join us!

Save the Date!

November 13—
Café Dolce Fundraiser

November 16th —
Family Night

November 16th—
Giving Tree begins

November 29th—
Internet Safety
Presentation for Parents
5:45-7:45 at CM Russell
Elementary School

Newsflash: The Hop
theme in March is
BEACH!

Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

Welcome Back to School!

There are many supports that a school counselor implements within the school setting.

Individual Counseling: available to all students! Individual counseling is a brief, short-term support for students facing personal, social, or academic challenges.

Small Group Counseling: gives students an opportunity to work on personal, social, or academic skills in a small, safe environment with other children.

Classroom Lessons: delivered to all students on a consistent basis on topics including personal, social, academic, and career.

Reasons to contact the School Counselor:

Healthy decision making

Self-esteem

Managing stress

Peer relations

Home stressors

Family changes (new sibling, divorce, death in the family)

I'm excited to work with your students this year! Please feel free to contact me anytime you have concerns or want to know more about the counseling program at Lewis and Clark.

Linsey Myers, lemyers@mcpsmt.org or 728-2400 x4379





PEACE CHOIR



Ms. Morrison (Music Teacher), Ms. Dungan (1st/2nd Grade teacher) and Mr. Cosca (Para Educator) will continue the Peace Choir this year with a new format. We will meet **8-8:25 on Tuesdays** but instead of a continuous year, there will be **two nine-week seasons:**

PEACE CHOIR SEASON 1: September 25, 2018 (Tuesday after Ice Cream Social) through November 13, 2018

PEACE CHOIR SEASON 2: January 22, 2019 (Tuesday right after MLK Holiday) through March 19, 2019

All students 1st through 5th grade are invited to sing!!

Sign up at the Ice Cream Social Tuesday September 18. You can also order a Peace Choir t-shirt at that time. If you missed that opportunity, contact Ms. Morrison at domorrison@mcps.k12.mt.us or 728-2400 x4377



Lost & Found!

Our Lost and Found boxes are purged monthly. Items are displayed for collection on tables near the front entry during the last week of every month.

PLEASE LABEL - Items with legible first and last names are delivered to students.

Unclaimed items will be donated to local charities or become part of the FRC inventory.

Lost and Found for October and November will be October 31 - November 9 (Parent Teacher Conferences).



Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson

International Baccalaureate Information



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

What does it mean to be an IB World School?

*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. This is the International Baccalaureate (IB).

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

- go to the "About Us" tab on the Lewis and Clark homepage and select International Baccalaureate from the menu
- go to ibo.org
- take a look at our POI (Program of Inquiry) bulletin board at the front office
- visit with your child's teacher
- email Kari Henderson, our IB Coordinator, at khenderson@mcpsmt.org

*information from ibo.org

Help Earn Books for Lewis & Clark's School Library

We are in year two of three as a participant in Children's Choice voting. These are books sent by publishers in hopes of being one of the top 10 books chosen by students. The top 10 list is announced in March. Being part of the voting group means that we get a portion of the books to add to our library. First through fifth grade participate and the **more votes cast by our school means the more books we get for the library.** Last year we received 268 books worth just over \$3,000. Please ask which books your students are reading and encourage them to participate. This is a great way to get a large quantity of the newest books for the library. Thank you for your support!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6nP4D99tA2es2Bj3PAyX_7Q4z8knlkd_BqGNAZ8kYS6afw/viewform

Mr. Nordtome

Shop for Food and Support Our School

There are many ways to help our schools by donating and volunteering, but you can also help just by shopping at your favorite grocery store! Here's how to give back to Lewis and Clark:

Missoula Fresh Market gives 1% to schools from its patron's receipts. When checking out, write the name of your school on the top of the receipt and give it back to the cashier and they will donate 1% of your receipt amount to your school. The more you spend, the more our school benefits! They also take requests for donation of goods or for special projects. **Good Food Store provides 3%** back to schools AND it's easier than ever! When checking out, just tell the Good Food Store cashier you want to donate to



Lewis & Clark or give them our school "prefix" code of 334. They will send 3% of your purchase to L&C. They also have a committee that reviews online forms for special donation requests once a month for special events.

Thank you to Dessa Dale for heading up the scrip programs and information!

Morning Movement: Get moving with Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Winter on Wed & Thurs Mornings: September 26th to November 15th.

RUNNING CLUB

Wednesdays

Thru November 14th

8:00-8:25 AM on the PLAYGROUND
(Until it gets too cold/wet)



CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Thursdays

Thru November 15th

8:00-8:25 AM in the GYM



Indian Education Department Spooky Scary Halloween Round Dance

Friday, Oct. 26, 4-7 pm Meadow Hill Middle School (Old gym)



Lewis and Clark Open House and Ice Cream Social 2018



Many people stopped by the school for the Open House and some delicious ice cream this past month. Thank you so much to our teachers and staff for opening their rooms and inviting us in for a glimpse into the education of our children. Thank you to all of the volunteers for helping set-up, scoop, and clean. We couldn't have served all of those smiling faces without you. Thank you to the organizations from our community for sharing opportunities with us. A thank you goes out to Big Dipper for the deal that they give us on the ice cream. Also, thank you to SpectrUM Science Museum for donating free admission tickets to all of our students and a free family membership for our giveaway basket. Lastly, a big thank you to Angie Tranel for her organization and service.

Thank you to all of you who have joined PTA. If you haven't yet and would like to, we would love to have you. There will be many more opportunities to help out throughout the year. A lot of people doing small things allow our school to do some pretty big things, so thank you for your willingness to help. If you would like more information about the PTA, contact Alissa Schumacher at:

raschumacher08@gmail.com

Lewis and Clark Elementary
School 2018/2019 PTA officers:

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: *Open Position*

PTA Help Needed!

**Say yes!
Be a PTA
VOLUNTEER**

PTA Secretary— no prior PTA experience needed! Just a willingness to listen and take notes at monthly meetings. Be in the know and help others to get and stay connected with L&C happenings!

Diversity & Inclusion! Help with one bulletin board, make one meal for the Powwow, bring new ideas for us to take on, come contribute to the PTA's goals inclusion and diversity.

2018-2019 PTA Meeting Schedule

Meetings 6:30-8 pm unless otherwise noted. All are welcome! Childcare provided with advance notice.

Oct. 16— *funding proposals reviewed*

Nov. 27— *daytime (11:20 AM) meeting*

Dec. 18

Jan. 22

Feb. 19 — *daytime (11:20 AM) meeting*

March 19— *funding proposals reviewed*

April 16

May 21

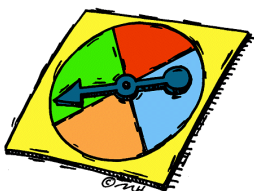
The FRC Corner

Thanks so very much to the Lennox , Kees and McLellan family for their donations of clothes.

BOOK and GAME CHECKOUT!

The FRC also has books and family games available for Check Out. Parenting books are on the cart outside the gym.

Board games and books for younger kiddos are inside the FRC. Stop in today! You can find us in the SE corner of the gym!



Try the BOX TOPS App !

Thank you to all who bring their Box Tops! It really does help the school and adds up quickly! Please consider installing the Box Top app on your smartphone. It can double our box tops. After you install the app and enter the school info, it is a simple process. Just select the offers that are listed on the app. When you shop, be sure to read the entire offer. After you check out, scan your receipt and BAM! Box Tops are sent to the school. The great thing is you can still clip those box tops and drop them off in the box at the school's front office. Essentially, we get double Box Tops! It's an easy way to increase our collection. Thanks for your contributions toward this effort!



Free Clothes!

Bethel Community Church offers a free clothes closet **EVERY Tuesday, 10 am-1 pm**. Clothes for the whole family— whatever you need—**FREE!**

Tuesday, October 23rd
Extended Hours 10:00-6:00

You are also welcome to donate clothes/bedding for the clothes closet. Bethel Community Church is located at **1601 South 6th Street West— one block west of Russell.**



Questions? Call 721-2780



Family Resource Center October Wish List

Girls Socks - shoe size 2-7; **Girls Leggings** - sizes 5-14

Snow Boots—Boys/Girls sizes 5 and up

Boys Athletic Pants—sizes 5-10

Halloween Costumes or props (school appropriate please!)— Clean out your collection and add to ours!

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group

Support groups will take place on the third Wednesday of the month from 1-2:30 p.m. The fall dates are:

Wed, Oct. 17

Wed, Nov. 21

at Southgate Mall Community
Room 2901 Brooks St. |
Missoula, MT 59801

Enroll online at:

[https://
grandparentsraisinggrandchil-
drenmt.eventbrite.com](https://grandparentsraisinggrandchildrenmt.eventbrite.com)

or call 728-7682

Parent Support Opportunities

Parenting is hard work; you are not alone!

Connect with other Kindergarten parents on **Friday, Oct. 26 8:30-9:45 am** in Gym B (inside the gym). After morning drop off, join Katie Leary from The Lifelong Learning Ctr for coffee and conversation about life with a Kindergartner!

Join us as we gather to learn about **Internet Safety** & keeping kids safe when they are online. Led by Missoula City Police Detective Katie Peterson

Thurs., Nov. 29th 5:45-7:45 pm at CM
Russell Elementary

RSVP for either or both events:
Tracey or Lisa at 728-2400 x4355



**“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.”**

-Helen Keller

Interested in Volunteering at Lewis and Clark? Whether you are helping in the classroom or on a field trip, all volunteers in Missoula County Public Schools **MUST complete an application and, depending on their desired volunteer activities, pass a background check prior to working in a school or classroom. Background checks are valid for 2 years.**

Volunteers will be classified as Supervised or Unsupervised.

- **Unsupervised volunteers** are cleared for student contact with or without the presence/supervision of an MCPS employee (i.e. teacher, administrator).
- **Supervised volunteers** are cleared only for student contact in the presence/supervision of an MCPS employee or approved program supervisor.

Please use the links below to fill out a volunteer application, confidentiality agreement and background check form to serve as an unsupervised volunteer:

Application: <http://www.mcpsvolunteers.com>

Background Check: https://mcpsvolunteer.quickleasepro.com/apply/applicant/start?_ref=qap_session_daaaf9b9b93b960cab2601d80631a14a5bd752b246df1b0014fa6cf295038164 (if you need financial assistance with the \$6 background fee, please contact the FRC at 728-2400 x4355)

**Our school community is richer because of all the different ways
volunteers help. Thank you!**

Teacher Follies Thank You!

Last spring, our L&C community delighted in the talents of our incredible teachers and staff. The free donation collected at the door totaled almost \$600!! The donations were divided equally and given to the Missoula Food Bank and Jack Berry's family medical expenses. Thank you **STAFF for a memorable night and thank you **DONORS** for your generosity!**



Family Resource Specialists: Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst

728-2400 x4355

frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us

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

