



BEAR NEWS

RUSSELL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 2018

Russell Family Resource Center | 728-2400 ext. 4846 | frcrussell@mcps.k12.mt.us

Go to the Russell web page for the ABC calendar, construction updates, menus, teachers' notes, and more!
www.mcpsmt.org/russell



Important Dates in April and upcoming in May

April 11—"Preparing for Middle School" 7:00 in the library

April 16-27—3rd -5th grade Smarter Balanced Testing (have students here and on time!)

April 19—Families First workshop: "Prepping for Middle School" Lewis and Clark school 6:15-8:15pm

April 20—Bingo night, FREE! 6:00 in the gym

April 23—No School, Professional Development

Upcoming May Dates:

May 4—5th grade musical - "The Adventures of Lewis and Clark", 2:00 in the gym

May 11—Kindergarten Roundup

May 15—4th grade program - "Greatest Hits of 4th grade, 2:00 in the gym

May 23—2nd grade program—"There's a Party in the Jungle", 2:00 in the gym



Parent Connection...the next steps

Parents of 5th graders. We heard your voices at the Parent Connection lunches, and we know that moving to Middle School is a BIG step. During the month of April parents of 5th graders will have two opportunities to prepare for this transition.

A PTO sponsored event:

April 11th at 7:00 in the Russell Library

A night with a Middle School Principal

—A conversation about Middle school transition

No preregistration needed.

Families First offering:

"Prepping for Middle School"

To sign up:

www.missoulaclass.com

Or 721-7690

Prepping for Middle School

Middle school can be a tough time for pre-teens. They face many new issues beyond attending a new school including: puberty, tougher academics, more personal responsibilities, switching classes, boy-girl dances, and multiple teachers. Pre-teens may try the boundaries, test the waters, and sometimes test your patience. This fun, light-hearted class provides tips and practical advice for preparing pre-teens for middle school.

P-FF12 Lewis & Clark EL School
Sessions-1 Day-Th, 4/19-4/19
6:15 PM-8:15 PM Families, First

Connect 5 Messages

Thank you for letting us know that Connect 5 phone calls are helpful to you! Russell School utilizes this system to share information and reminders. When you receive these calls, please listen to the message. You can end the call at any time, and at the end of each call is an option to opt out. Many parents hang up before listening to the message and then call the school wondering what the call was about. This floods Ms. Kelly, our Secretary with additional phone calls, and can be very overwhelming.



Help Wanted

Wanted: Volunteer(s) to assist Mrs. Caron our librarian with a “book level” project.

Wanted: Volunteer to assist photographer with taking class photos. Needed for a few hours on Wednesday, April 4th approximately 8:30-10:30. If you can help please contact the FRC at 728-2400 x4846.

April Early Outs and No School

Every Thursday is an early out. K-3 2:00 and 4, 5 at 2:30

Monday, April 23rd—No SCHOOL

PTO

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00pm Russell Library.

This will be a special event: Preparing for Middle School

Join our group on Facebook: Russell Bears Parent Group or drop us an email: ptorussell@yahoo.com

April ABC Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	To find this same schedule online: www.mcpsmt.org —> About us —> Our Schools
2 A	3 B	4 C	5 A	6 B	
9 C	10 A	11 B	12 C	13 A	
16 B	17 C	18 A	19 B	20 C	
NO SCHOOL	24 A	25 B	26 C	27 A	
30 B					



Missoula Fresh Market



Missoula Fresh Market will donate a portion of sales to Russell School.

When paying, let the cashier know that you would like to donate to the school. You will write “Russell” at the top of your receipt, and give it back to the cashier. The cashier can provide a duplicate copy of your receipt. Thank you for supporting our student activities!

We Love our Volunteers

Russell School loves to have our families and volunteers involved!

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.

Please visit the Missoula County Public Schools website for more information as well as all of the links for volunteer registration.

www.mcpsmt.org>Departments>Volunteer Resources <https://www.mcpsmt.org/>

Family Resource Center (FRC)

The Families in Transition Program, FIT, is a district-wide program that seeks to assist all students' families with the experiences, challenges, and changes that happen in life. The Russell School Family Resource Coordinator is here to help and advocate for your family.

This program is unique in the way we work with each family. As we all know, every home is different, and therefore, you are the expert of your family.

The FRC can help with:

McKinney Vento Services
Housing and employment—Internet available
Clothing, food and toiletries—supplies and resources
Information, referrals and paperwork assistance
Connections to community supports and programs

The role of the FRC Coordinator is to assist you with the needs, questions, concerns, and ideas that you have for your family. This program is for all of our Russell Bears! The Russell FRC can be reached at 728-2400 x 4846, in person or email frcrussell@mcps.k12.mt.us

Russell Bears House System

In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND!

#RussellBearsRock

April focus: Determination

April 2nd—house meeting (1:00-1:45)

April 27th—house celebration (2:30-2:50)

Russell Bears wear your house shirts!! Families we would love to have you attend.

**The Russell Bears House System supports
The Montana Behavior Initiative (MBI) program.**

