

Russell Bears start school daily at 8:25. The playground is supervised starting at 8:15.

Students should arrive after 8:15 and remain outside until the a.m bell rings.



BEAR NEWS

RUSSELL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 2017

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

Hey Russell Bears, go to the Russell web page for calendars, menus, teachers' notes, and more!

www.mcpsmt.org/russell



Important Dates in February

February 7— Russell Bears Parent Group (PTO) meeting, 6:00 Library

February 10—Snowball!!! 6:00 pm in the gymnasium All Families are invited. FREE!

February 20—No School, Holiday

February 22—Coffee and Cocoa in 1st grade with Mrs. Stemple, 10:00

February 23—Coffee and Cocoa in 1st grade with Mrs. Bender, 10:00

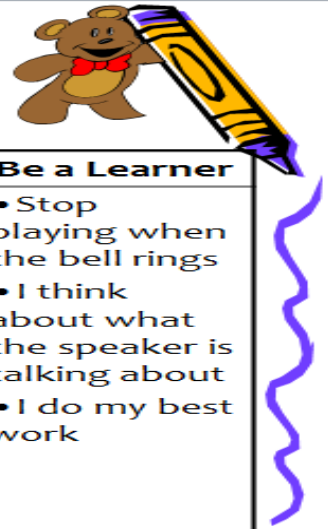
February 24—Coffee and Cocoa in 1st grade with Ms. Cutler, 10:30

***Please note the printed District Calendar sent home with each student shows no school on Feb 13th. There is school on Feb 13th. NO SCHOOL FEB 20th!

100th Day of School

Families pat yourselves on the back! Thank you for getting your students to school every day. It has been cold, it has been snowy and icy, but you have gotten your students here and we LOVE having them here! We have so much to learn! We have made it past the 100th day of school and we are moving, quickly, towards Summer! Russell teachers support the MBI (Montana Behavior Initiative) program, which creates a school-wide system of teaching, encouraging, and recognizing positive behaviors in students. Russell Bears are slowing down and taking the time to re-teach and learn our Russell Bear expectations of: Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Be a Learner. We ask families to help us in this effort.

Russell Bear Be's I CAN... Be Present



Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Safe	Be a Learner
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use a silent or whisper voice• Respect other classrooms• Treat everyone with respect• Follow the directions of all school staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage my own belongings• Keep hands off walls and displays• Keep my hands and feet to myself• Ask adults to help solve problems when needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep to the right• Walk facing forward• Keep my body calm• Hands to myself• Walking feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stop playing when the bell rings• I think about what the speaker is talking about• I do my best work

Early Outs and No School

Every Thursday during the school year is an early out. Grades K-3 dismiss at 2:00 and grades 4,5 dismiss at 2:30. **No School: Monday, February 20th, Presidents Day**



Cooking Classes

Wanting to learn new recipes, stretch your food budget and receive a brand new free crock pot? Coming in February The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) will be partnering with Russell School to provide family friendly FREE cooking classes. Participants will learn: planning and preparing meals, healthy eating and cooking for le\$\$\$. Participants will get to sample recipes they make, and take home food that they prepare in class. To register or learn more, please contact the Russell FRC at 728-2400x4846 or frcrussell@mcps.k12.mt.us



Popcorn!!

- Popcorn is being sold at Russell School every Friday starting February 10th
- Popcorn is 25 cents a bag, students can buy up to 2 bags
- Please send exact change to school on Thursday or Friday, homeroom teachers will collect change
- Thank you for supporting the Extended Resource program at Russell School

Russell Snowball

The Russell Bears Parent Group (PTO) will be sponsoring The Russell Snowball on Friday, February 10th. We invite all families to join in for some **free fun** from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Russell Gym. We do ask that an adult remain with students for the duration of the event. There will be music, some goodies, and friends. See you there!

Who: Everyone!

What: Free family night

Where: Russell Gym

When: Friday, February 10th at 6:00pm



1st Grade Animals in Winter

We invite our First Grade families to: *Animals in Winter*, integrating writing, reading, science and music. Parents are invited to join us as we showcase what we have been learning about Animals in Winter.

1st Grade, Mrs. Stemple: Wednesday, February 22nd at 10:00

1st Grade, Mrs. Bender: Thursday, February 23rd at 10:00

1st Grade, Mrs. Cutler: Friday, February 24 at 10:30

You can tailor volunteering to play to your strengths. Within our parent group or school community there are many ways to contribute, some of which are sure to complement your availability, strengths, interests, or professional skills. The Russell PTO meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 in the library.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7 at 6:00pm

Can't make our meetings? Help us make sure that you are on our email list: ptorussell@yahoo.com and like us on Facebook: Russell Bears Parent Group

Upcoming event: Russell Snowball, Friday February 10th at 6:00 in the Gym. FREE, FREE, FREE!!

Families in Transition

Did you know that a family or student living in a **temporary housing situation** might be eligible for education support services under the McKinney-Vento Act?

A child may qualify as homeless if s/he is:

- Living in an emergency shelter, domestic violence shelter, or transitional housing;
- Living in a motel/hotel or campground;
- Living in a car, park, public place or other structure not meant for housing;
- Doubled up with relatives or friends due to a loss of housing and economic hardship;
- Living in kinship care (not a legal guardian);
- Unaccompanied youth (if their living situation meets the above criteria);
- Living in substandard housing (living without electricity, cooking facilities, running water).

How can I access McKinney-Vento services?

If you feel your child or family meets one or more of the qualifications to receive services provided by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and your child is currently or will be enrolled in an MCPS school, please contact the Russell Elementary School FRC (Family Resource Coordinator) for more information or for assistance with determining eligibility. The Russell FRC can be reached at: 728-2400 ext. 4846. The FRC is located at the end of the primary hallway nearest to the Kindergarten classrooms.

Head Lice

Since head lice is not uncommon in school age children, the district wants to remind parents of resources and the school procedures which are located on the district website <http://www.mcpsmt.org/>

By clicking on: —student services —health services—head lice

You may also contact the family resource centers or the school nurse for written information or resources.

Remember that:

- People usually don't have symptoms of having head lice for several weeks after becoming infested. A common symptom is itching which is also common with dandruff and dry skin.
- People get head lice from other infested people mostly when they have head to head contact as head lice do not fly, swim or jump.
- It's easier to treat head lice when found "early" so checking hair for head lice at home is important for any symptoms or even periodically.

Russell Bears House System

"Working to create a CommUNITY of respect everywhere" Did you know that Russell Bears have Compassion, Courage, Gratitude, Integrity, Resilience and Tenacity?

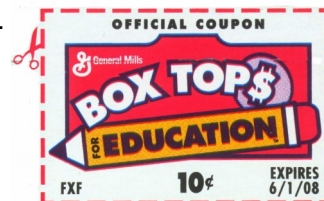
Russell Bears how have you shown Respect?

Compassion Courage Gratitude Integrity Resilience Tenacity

Library News and Box Tops Due February 28th

Save your Box Tops. Look for these Box Tops on hundreds of products. They come in all shapes and sizes and each one is worth 10¢ for our school. Students may bring them to the library.

All Box Tops are due on **February 28th**.



Battle of the Books!

The district Battle of the Books competition has been set for Thursday, March 9th at Paxson Elementary. The 3rd/4th competition will be at 4:00 PM and the 5th/6th competition is at 7:00 PM.

Spectrum Internet Assist

High-speed Internet at an affordable price

*Spectrum is proud to be the fastest-growing Internet, TV and Voice company. We believe that everyone should have access to reliable, high-speed Internet. Through the **Spectrum Internet Assist** program, qualified households* can receive:

- High-speed 30 Mbps Internet with no data caps
- Internet modem included
- No contracts required
- Add in-home Wi-Fi for \$5 more per month

*****Contact 1-844-525-1574 to see if you qualify

Missoula Fresh Market

Want to help Russell School raise money by doing something most of us already do? Missoula fresh market donates 1% of all transactions when you notate "Russell" on the top of your receipt when paying.

Simply write Russell on the top of your receipt and hand it back to the cashier. You can ask for a second or duplicate receipt to take with you. It's that easy!



Free District Blackboard App

The official Missoula County Public Schools app gives you a personalized window into what is happening at the district and schools. Get the news and information that you care about and get involved. Download the NEW and FREE Blackboard App.

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