



BEAR NEWS

RUSSELL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 2017

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



Important Dates in November

November 1—PTO, Parent Group meeting, Library 7pm
November 1—American Heart Association, National Eating Healthy Day
November 1—Picture Retake Day
November 3—Family Bingo, 6:00 Russell Gym FREE
November 6—Russell Benefit night at Noodles and Company 3680 Brooks Street
November 9—EARLY RELEASE DAY—School dismissed K-3 at 11:05 and 4,5 at 11:35
November 10—NO SCHOOL –Conferences
November 13—Salute To Veterans
November 22-24—No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

—Lost and Found—please check for missing items

Walkathon

Russell Bears, you raised **\$7027** with your walkathon efforts!

Russell Bears would like to express **gratitude** to members of our PTO for getting us organized:

Scott, Mykell, Lindsay and Tasha

Another huge thank you to:

Missoula Police Department members: Officer Smith, Officer Lloyd and Sgt. Denton

Sentinel High School Cheerleaders

YMCA * u-swirl * Montana Party Time

Missoula Free Cycle * Title Services * The Tempel Family * Culligan water

Angel Hughes at Townsquare Media * Jerry Wessel's Tire Center

Rhonda at Missoula Broadcasting Co.

Mustard Seed * Treasure Chest * Dave Bell * Tasha Reiff at Desperado

Run Wild Missoula



Family Bingo

The PTO will be sponsoring FREE Family Bingo on Friday, November 3rd at 6:00 in the Russell gym. Kids and Adults welcome! Invite a friend for some FREE fun. Bingo and prizes!

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 (www.mcpsmt.org) ->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.

November Early Outs and No School

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	November 9	November 10
			Early out:	NO SCHOOL
			K-3 11:05	
			4,5 11:35	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24
		NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL



Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please check the Lost and Found during conferences. All unclaimed items will be donated.



To help us return items to their owner, please label all winter clothing and coats.

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 copy of your receipt. Thank you for supporting our student activities!



It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Winter...

Students will go outside for recess each day, unless the temperature is 0 degrees or colder. Please send students to school prepared for the Montana winter. Appropriate winter clothing is: snow boots, hats, gloves/mittens, warm coat and snow pants. For easy identification, please label items with student name.

The Russell Family Resource Center can assist students with acquiring these winter clothing items.

Please contact: 728-2400 ext 4846 or email:

frcrussell@mcps.k12.mt.us



Parking Lot Safety and After School Arrangements

Our school bus lanes are busy, but when they are clear the buses can come and go quickly and safely. When picking up students please do not park in the bus lanes. The bus lanes are along the sidewalk behind the annex buildings.

Please help us to make sure all students get to their afterschool arrangements by planning ahead.

- ♦ Making sure to clearly communicate to students how they are getting home each day.
- ♦ A prearranged meeting spot helps both the student and the teacher to safely get the student in to the proper hands at the end of the day.
- ♦ Please, no phone calls after 2:00 in regards to after school arrangements!

Bikes

When locking up student bikes, student should make sure to use a good bike lock and spin the combination, so the lock is not easily removed from the bike. We want our bikes to be safe while they are at Russell School.

A Salute to Veterans

Calling all veterans, service families, and parents! Russell 1st grades will be presenting "A Salute to Veterans" concert on Monday, November 13th at 2pm in the Russell gym. We would love everyone to come help us salute those who have sacrificed so much for us all! Please spread the word and bring all the service men and women in your life!

PTO



Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 1st 7:00 pm Russell Library.

The Russell Bears Parent Group (PTO) will meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the library. The Parent group coordinates extracurricular activities for students. They are also involved with communicating concerns about policies or procedures.

Join our group on Facebook: Russell Bears Parent Group.

We welcome all adults connected with Russell School. Can't make our meetings? You can still be involved and volunteer. Please email our group at: ptorussell@yahoo.com...we will make sure you are included in our email list.

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. I am 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 <mailto:frcrussell@mcps.k12.mt.us>

Russell Bears House System

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

#RussellBearsRock

We were busy in October filling the shout out board with so many ways that we are good friends.

The month of November character focus:
Communication

Why: Our houses will help Russell Bears grow as good citizens. Houses support core values and serve as a way to build a community of respect.

