



# Lynx Link

## May

### All Month—Bike, Walk or Scooter to School!

**3-7** PTA Staff Appreciation

**12-26** Bring books to donate to **Bookin' Into Summer** book swap on June 7/8th

**14** Kindergarten Round Up 2021/2022 class (No school for current kinders)

**18** PTA Meeting 6:30-8 pm

**14& 21** Outdoor Discovery Core cleanup 2-4 pm

**28 and 31**—No School—Memorial Day Weekend

## June

**7/8 Bookin' Into Summer** Book Swap & end of school celebration

**7-9** Lost & found displayed on playground after school

**9** Last Day of School! Students dismissed at 11:05 am

## Read-a-Thon Thanks!

Another gigantic thank you for the generous support from our amazing Lewis and Clark community for our read-a-thon fundraiser this year.

**Our students read for a total of 75,841 minutes and raised \$17,540! WOW!**

Julia Milkus from Mrs. O'Connor's class was the top reader with 1,274 minutes!

Congratulations to all students and thank you for the

combined efforts of all teachers to assist with reading in the classroom!



## BOOKIN' INTO SUMMER!

Let's get ready to read during the summer! Students bring used books from home to swap for "new to you" books.

**Step 1: May 12-26**—Bring in and drop off some of your gently used books. Look for the book drop boxes at the front office and in hallways near doors

**Step 2: June 7-8** Students pick books to read over the summer

**\*Look for more book swap details on Pg. 3**



## May in Motion Month!

Join Lewis & Clark's celebration of **National Bike Month** and **May in Motion** by encouraging your student(s) to ride their bike (or walk or scooter!) to school throughout the month of May. Let's get moving and care for the environment, too!

**We will celebrate movement in May with small treats for all kids and classes on Thursday, May 27th.**

If your student needs a **FREE** helmet, please call the Family Resource Center at 327-6949.



## From the Principal's Office:

Dear Lynx Families,

May has arrived and we are almost to the end of the school year! We are in full celebration mode, as there is SO MUCH to celebrate. We finished our Read-A-Thon with dynamic results!! Thank you families and friends, and a HUGE congratulations to the kids for all the hundreds of hours of reading they did! We finished with Smarter Balanced testing last week and students were great in working through this annual task! This week we are celebrating our teachers and staff with Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week! Thank you to our incredible PTA and the parents who are helping to make this a special week! Our 5th graders are working on their culminating exhibition and will be presenting in a few weeks. This month we are all celebrating May in Motion by riding, skateboarding, and walking to school or around the community. Among many other celebrations over the next 6 weeks of school, I hope you have a wonderful May and a successful conclusion to the school year.

Thank you for your continued support of Lewis & Clark!

Your Principal, Alanna Vaneps



**SAFETY REMINDER:** With May in Motion Month here and the increase in biking, scooting and skateboarding to school, please remember to pick up your scooters and skateboards, and walk your bike as you enter the playground. We want you to enjoy the fun this month while also keeping everyone safe before and after school!

## Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson

### Action in the PYP

Action = Taking what you have learned and applying your knowledge in a positive way to your life and/or the world around you.

There are many forms of action a Lewis and Clark IB student may choose to take, including:

Participation: contributing as an individual or group.

Advocacy: action to support social / environmental / political change.

Social Justice: relates to rights, equality, social well-being, and justice.

Social Entrepreneurship: innovative, resourceful, and sustainable social change.

Lifestyle Choices: includes consumption and impact of choices.

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**Thank You!**

The FRC says **THANK YOU...**

Mrs. Jones for socks! The Garrett family for mittens! The Macaluso and Norton families for snow gear!

Maile Macaluso for organizing the Outdoor Discovery Core clean ups!

Jen Mefford with Little Bear Photography for the generous picture scholarships!

Thank you to **MOR4Kids** for the continued and generous support of the Family Resource Center (FRC). MOR4Kids was created in 2011 after members of the Missoula Organization of REALTORS (MOR) recognized a growing need in Missoula's school system to help feed, clothe and support homeless and at-risk students in MCPS. Lewis & Clark's FRC is one of the 29 local schools that MOR4Kids supports. Since 2011, MOR4Kids has given **almost half a million dollars** to these schools and students. Thank you MOR4Kids and MOR!

## Lost & Found

The final after school playground display for the year will be:  
**June 7th to June 9th.**

Remember to write your student's name on all items so we can return them. Looking for a specific item? Call or email the FRC: 327-6949 or [frclewis@mcpsmt.org](mailto:frclewis@mcpsmt.org)



## BOOKIN' INTO SUMMER- Book Swap Details

**May 12th-26th:** Students bring in books to add to the swap collection. Please choose carefully which books are brought in for swap. If it is a book you'd be glad to give a friend, it's probably fit to donate!

**Only books meeting the criteria below will be included in the swap:**

- \* Books appropriate for grades KG-5th
- \* Books should be in gently used condition (cover on, no rips, tears, bent edges or writing/coloring on the pages)
- \* Books should fit into one of the following categories: picture, early chapter books, regular chapter books, 5th grade/YA books.  
**Please do NOT** send board books, coloring books, activity or sticker books, religious books, magazines or adult titles.

**On June 7th (and 8th, if necessary) all L&C students will get a chance to pick out at least one book to take home as their own.**

Please note the selection and number of books available will be based on the books donated.

*Questions? Contact the FRC@327-6949 or [frclewis@mcpsmt.org](mailto:frclewis@mcpsmt.org)*

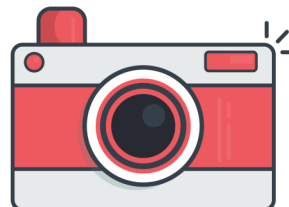
## Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

### Family Selfie Challenge

Encourage teamwork and collaboration with a family selfie challenge! It's a scavenger hunt and a family outing in one! (idea borrowed from The Big Life Journal- check out their website for more kid and family fun!)

Bring your camera and take pics of you with the following items: (add your own items to the list!)

- Clouds that look like an animal
- Something shaped like a heart
- Something with stripes
- Spring flowers
- Something that makes a sound
- Something that made you laugh
- A star
- Something shiny



### The Parenting Place has two parenting classes starting Tuesday May 18th.

The classes meet for 12 weeks and use the evidence based curriculum of The Nurturing Program. In this class you learn about child

development, how to teach your children empathy, learn alternatives to spanking and time-outs, and most importantly, strengthen your relationship with your children and your partner. All caregivers of children are welcome.

*\*Call Ivy (406) 239-8553 or Heather (509) 869-5651 for more information.*

### Give These Kids a Lift!

BEACH Transportation is looking for new school bus drivers and bus attendants.

Find out more at 406.549.6121

- Free Training
- Flexible hours to work around your schedule
- Part-time morning and afternoon hours
- No nights or weekends required
- Days off coincide with school holidays



### Kindergarten Round Up



Incoming 2021-2022 kindergarten kiddos and families, please reserve **Friday, May 14th for Kindergarten Round Up/Orientation.**

**\*\*Detailed information was emailed on 4/29. Please reserve your 30 min spot by signing up by May 10th at:**  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f4caba72da7f58-lewis1>



## PTA NEWS and UPDATES!

During our April PTA meeting the PTA was excited to be able to fund all teacher requests for the semester totaling **\$2645**. These requests were given to teachers to be used for various classroom materials and learning experiences! Funds went toward book sets, classroom libraries, virtual museum tours, classroom planting experiments, Balinese music study, reading chairs, and more!



A huge thank you goes out to Recycling Works of Missoula for their generous donation of \$1000 to our PTA. We were grateful to get this surprise money and are still discussing what our PTA will do with the donation. Some discussion in the works may be for the purchase of new "friendship" benches for our playground and new benches to enjoy the Outdoor Discovery Corp.



## Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) Spring Cleanup

Join us **FRIDAY MAY 14th and 21st** after school (2:00-4:00) for spring cleanup of the ODC. Bring your mask and gardening supplies.



## MAY PTA MEETING

Please consider being apart of our PTA and join us for our next meeting to hear what we our planning for the next school year and what we do with funds raised from our fundraisers!

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm via zoom with the possibility of an outside face-to-face meeting! More info coming soon!**



Thanks again! The Lewis and Clark PTA

## New Lewis and Clark PTA Officer Needed

Our PTA is fun and effective! We contribute energy and funding that enriches the lives of our children and helps create a safe and positive learning environment. We couldn't succeed without your help. We will be electing a new officer at our May general membership meeting on **Tuesday, May 18th.**

### Open position: PTA Secretary

If you are interested in this positions, please contact Kamra Kolendich at [lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com](mailto:lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com) . We will also need volunteers to lead various PTA efforts next year. Stay tuned for more details!

**MOA Families: become a PTA officer so your families' voices are heard!**

Thank You to our amazing PTA and all parents who contributed time, food and energy to make Staff Appreciation a special week of fun and cheer!



## PROTECT THOSE NOGGINS

Studies have shown helmets can reduce the risk of head injury by 85% Surveys show:

- only 27 percent of adults and 44 percent of children riding bicycles in Missoula wear helmets
- only 34 percent of skiers and snowboarders wear helmets.

Affordable helmets are available from St. Patrick Hospital Trauma Services at the Broadway Building . Call (406) 329-2823 or email [marie.jenson@providence.org](mailto:marie.jenson@providence.org) to make an appointment.



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**Prices: Bike: \$9**

**Multi Sport:** (skateboarding, in-line skating, rollerblading, ice skating, kayaking): **\$11**

**Ski: \$21 or Equestrian: \$24**

## Summer Art Camp! **FREE!**



**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED  
FOR 2021 MCPS SUMMER ART CAMPS:**

**JUNE 14-17 and JUNE 21-24**  
**Students entering Grades 1-5**

*Missoula County Public School's Summer Art Camp is a fun and engaging atmosphere for creating art beyond the regular school year. Art Camp is a great way to make new friends from through out Missoula . Sign up for one of the following weeks (Monday—Thursday).*

**Week One: June 14-17\* Week Two: June 21-24\***

**Location: Russell Elementary**

**\*Registration Limited; call now or complete/send attached registration form. Be prepared to choose morning (8:30-11:30) or afternoon session (12:30-3:30) in either week one or week two.**

For more information visit the MCPS Website or contact the Arts Education Office at 542-4030.  
[www.mcpsmt.org](http://www.mcpsmt.org)

## Coming early to school for breakfast?

If your child needs  
breakfast at school,



Please remind them they need to  
**GO INTO THE CAFETERIA and GET  
BREAKFAST FIRST**, before playing or  
joining their class on the line.

## Family Resource Center- May Wish List

**Snow Boots—Girls 13 (toddler) and  
size 1 (youth)**

**Girls Leggings—sizes 6-14**

**Used items very welcome!**

**Your time and donations are very  
much appreciated!**

## Family Resource Specialists

**Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst**

**728-2400 x4355**

**[frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us](mailto:frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us)**

**Family Resource Center Hours:**

**M,W,F 8:30-3:15 / T,TH 8:30-3:00**

## 5th Grade Students:

You are invited to check out the **6th Grade Music Options—A Guide to Choosing Instruments** at <https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/16871>

### Summer Strings! **FREE!**

Registrations are now being accepted For  
2021 MCPS Summer Strings Program

**JUNE 14-18 and JUNE 21-25—  
Students entering Grades 6-8**



Missoula County Public School's Summer String Program is a fun and engaging atmosphere for beginning or continuing your string instrument instruction. It is a great beginners' kick-start experience! Come meet the middle school orchestra directors and make new friends from throughout the Missoula area.

Program runs two weeks; Monday-Thursday afternoons (12:30-3:30) and Friday all day! (9:00-3:30)\*

**Week One:** June 14-18    **Week Two:** June 21-25

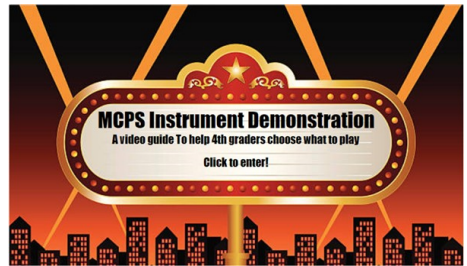
\*Registration Limited; call now! **Remember, it's FREE!**

For more information visit the MCPS Website or contact the Arts Education Office at 542-4030.

**Location:** Meadow Hill Middle School

## 4th Grade Students:

You are invited to check out the **VIRTUAL MCPS Instrument Demonstration**



Click Here:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QZ9kru\\_uni9vbM\\_mWW5O8udNcWhc0sgCi8WAiam4lSA/pre-sent?slide=id.g781ec167ad\\_0\\_23](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1QZ9kru_uni9vbM_mWW5O8udNcWhc0sgCi8WAiam4lSA/pre-sent?slide=id.g781ec167ad_0_23)

- Learn about the different instruments available in 5th grade band & orchestra
- Meet our beginning band and orchestra teachers
- Questions? Visit the MCPS website and "Fine Arts Program" under "Academics" or call Liddi Elrod at 542-4030



## Warm Spring Weather Brings out Ticks

There are many species of ticks capable of transmitting a variety of bacterial, viral, and parasitic illnesses to humans and other mammals.

### PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Use insect repellent (at least 20 % DEET) and wear protective clothing to prevent ticks from making you their next meal. Early recognition and treatment of tick-borne infections significantly decreases the risk of serious complications
- Inspect yourself, other family members and pets after being outdoors
- Shower off after being outdoors to wash off ticks and more easily spot ticks

Information taken from <http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/ticks>