



Lynx Link

April

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Lost & Found

Items will be displayed
April 25-29th.

Please label your child's things with a Sharpie. This allows us to return lost items to their rightful owner!



Lynx Spirit Fun Run Fundraiser Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars! Save the dates!

4/4: Registration begins! **more info to follow!*

4/11: Kickoff! Fundraising for our school-wide Lynx Spirit Fun Run begins!

4/21: Our FIRST ALL-SCHOOL LYNX SPIRIT FUN RUN!

- The Fun Run program is an under- two week experience where students and families will learn important character lessons and are invited to help raise funds for our school. At the end of the program, all students will participate in the big Fun Run event where they will complete 30 - 35 laps of running or walking on Thursday, April 21st.
- Through [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com) you can register your student(s) for the program and use the online sharing tools to ask friends and families for donations to help our school! Donations can be gathered for every lap or minute your student completes on the Fun Run Day. Our goal is to have as many students registered as possible by our kickoff day, but registration and giving will be open through the Fun Run!
- Our program also comes with a world-class character theme. This year's theme is [SPORTS CITY WORLDWIDE](#), it's a fitness theme all about inspiring students to be active and activate their character. Students will travel the world learning how to live and play with more character from REAL kid-athletes!

Stay tuned for more information via email and coming home with your student in the upcoming week from the L&C PTA!

From the Principal: Mrs. Vaneps

Lewis and Clark Families,

April showers bring May flowers, and it won't be long before the last few days of school are upon us. It is also the time of year when we begin thinking about spring field trips, community events, and other outdoor activities. I am really excited we will be able to participate in some fun all-school events this spring again! Stay tuned for more information about our upcoming heart-healthy spring fundraiser, field day, and a family evening gathering --- all outside so we can continue to stay healthy too!



April also is a time for our state Smarter Balanced Assessment for grades 3 - 5, and all students K-5 will also have district assessments for STAR and iReady Math. Although this can be time consuming, this data is very important in how we make instructional decisions to support student academic needs or enhancements. Please be sure to have your child well rested and a good breakfast (or they can eat breakfast at school as well - it is free for all students this year) to support their energy and stamina for testing. We will be sure to give students breaks, celebrate their progress, and incorporate engaging learning opportunities throughout testing.

Thank you and have a wonderful April! - Alanna

Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

Bullying Prevention

This spring, students in grades K-4 are participating in four Second-Step Bullying Prevention lessons during their counselor lesson times in the classroom. Oftentimes, conflicts are mislabeled as bullying, which can create a problem because bullying is a serious and unsafe issue. We want our students to understand the difference between bullying and conflict; this will allow us to have a targeted approach to bullying and can empower students to try to solve conflicts on their own.

Students are learning the 3 R's of bullying:

Recognize: What is bullying? (*bullying behavior is when someone keeps being mean to someone else, on purpose, and the person it's happening to doesn't know how to make it stop. The behavior is unfair and one-sided.*)

Report: Bullying is a big problem and must be shared with a trusted adult. Kids are learning about how to assertively report bullying behavior.

Refuse: refusing bullying behavior means knowing when it's safe to stand up for yourself or others. Bystanders, kids who see bullying behavior, have a lot of power to help.

A big part of creating a safe school is practicing inclusivity and kindness. We have a responsibility, in a community, to look out for one another. Talk to your kids about what they're learning and what ideas they have about helping to create a safe Lewis and Clark community.



Kindergarten Registration is Underway!

Who: Students who will turn 5 years old on or before 9/10/22.

Things you will need to gather in preparation for registration: Child's Birth Certificate, Completed Immunization Record, Two Forms of Proof of Address (utility bill, phone bill, lease agreement)

Kindergarten Registration is a lengthy process that involves quite a bit of paperwork. We know people are busy, and it is hard to spare time to fill out the paperwork here at school. In order to save you time, the forms will be available online. You are welcome to bring in your completed forms with your other documents or fill them out here at the school.

Please visit www.mcpsmt.org for updated registration dates and details. Please Note: Kindergarten Registration is NOT complete until all of the paperwork and documents are turned in and reviewed by your school secretary!

Stay tuned for Kindergarten Round Up details in May!



SUN + BOOKS= READING FUN!

Have your kiddos been enjoying the beautiful sunny days lately? Why not take a book outside, too? Springtime brings a change from winter routines, and that can include your child's at-home reading if things are feeling stuck in a rut. Your child could build a special reading space in the yard, or you could head to a park with them to play and read. Sometimes a change of setting can bring new motivation and excitement, and it can help your child expand their idea of reading for enjoyment. Helping them learn that people read in all different places for all different reasons will help them see themselves as a well-rounded reader. So don't be afraid to take the books outdoors!



-Christy Meurer, L&C Intervention Specialist

The FRC says, "Thanks to the many who responded to our call for clothes!"

Rosco Family—Girl's rain jacket, Cori Burns—Lost and Found Delivery; Leggings and unders, Thies Family—Girls Winter coats, Jess Johnson—Girls clothes, Jessica Farseth—Boys clothes, Good Family—Clothes, Connie Brueckner—Clothes, shoes, outerwear, Laine Family —Girls clothes, Strong Family—Clothes, Esp Family—Laundry supplies, unders & socks, Kolendich Family— Clothes THANK YOU ALL!

Family Resource Specialists

Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst
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Family Resource Center Hours:
M-F 8:15-3:15

The 3 B's!

At Lewis and Clark, our behavior expectations are
Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe.



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We teach and reinforce these behaviors in a number of ways:

Classroom teaching around what the 3 Be's look like, sound like, and feel like in all areas of school.

Be Bucks are used to recognize students for following the 3 Be's. Be Bucks will be entered into monthly drawings, with 2 students per grade level chosen to earn a prize. Students may also forgo the drawing and donate his/her Be Bucks to AniMeals or the Food Bank. Every 5 Be Bucks donated equals one dollar!

Monthly Be Awards are teachers' opportunity to recognize 2-3 students in the classroom who are really demonstrating the 3 Be's.

Three times a year we have **Be Buck Boot Camp**: one week dedicated to focusing on a classroom behavior that needs a little practice. We pair this week with fun dress up days.

Our next dress up week of the year is April 4-8:

Monday, April 4th —Favorite Sports Team!

Tuesday, April 5th—Crazy Hair!

Wednesday April 6th —Tie Dye!

Thursday, April 7th—Lynx Wear or Green/ Grey/White Day

Friday, April 8th—Fancy Friday!

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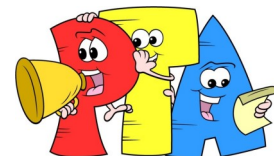
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The next Lewis and Clark PTA meeting is **Tuesday, April 26th at 6:30pm.**
Spending proposals will be reviewed and voted on at this meeting. Come see how the funds raised will be used!

Look at Page 5 to see the NEW LYNX mats in the gym, purchased with funds raised by the PTA!



Lynx Service Club Fundraiser for Ukraine



LSC (Lynx Service Club) is working on our final project this school year. Each year LSC works on a school, local and global project in addition to recycling for the school. This year, we organized the toiletry drive for our school families, the food drive for the Missoula Food Bank and our FINAL project our global project we will be working to raise money for an organization in Poland that is providing for Ukrainian orphans.

For ONLY \$1.00 on April 15th you can pay to wear a hat or bring a stuffy to school for the day!

All the proceeds will go to our fundraiser! So mark your calendar!!!

L&C Lynx Gym Improvements: Wall Mats and Climbing Wall are In!

The wall is completed and we are currently doing a climbing unit with all grade levels. I would like to thank the PTA for their generous funding, Ms. Vaneps, Mr. BC, Mr. Yount, Brian French and Steve Shepro for their support on the construction of the wall. I would also like to thank the Trailhead for helping with the climbing holds.

-Mr. Wyatt, PE Specialist



WildWalk! Parade 2022

Please join us **Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 at 11am** at the corner of Higgins Ave and Front St. We will be gathering on the East side of the building in the parking lot and funneling around to the front of FIB onto Higgins Ave for the parade. **WildFest kickoff around 11:30am at BN Plaza and the XX's.**



50th Annual Riverbank Run— Help L&C WIN the Challenge!

*Attention Lewis & Clark students and families! The 50th Annual YMCA Riverbank Run is coming up **April 30th!** Help Lewis & Clark win the Grade School Challenge by training for and running in the Riverbank Run! The school with the most runners gets a trophy and other fun prizes!*



All Grade School Challenge participants get a t-shirt and prizes as well!

Registration is only \$10 for grade school students and race scholarships are available (contact the FRC at 327-6949 or front desk for info).

Packets were sent home with students this week—Due back by April 5th. Race shirts and prizes will be delivered to school a week before the big day--April 30th. Kids participate in a real chip-timed race!

See you at the start line!

Due to the Beartracks Bridge construction downtown, all races will start and end at the YMCA. Courses run at Playfair Park and around our Lewis and Clark Neighborhood!

Race Start Times: All races start and end behind the YMCA at 3000 S. Russell St.

- **9:00 a.m.** 10K start time
- **10:30 a.m.** 5K start time
- **11:30 a.m.** 1 Mile Trifecta start time
- **11:45 a.m.** 1 Mile Fun Run start time