



Lynx Link

April

Calendar-at-a-Glance

4 Thirty Thursday—
Obstacle Course
(rescheduled from March)
9 Class Picture Day
12 5th Gr Gamelan
Celebration - 9:15 am
16 PTA Meeting 6:30-8:00p
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Development
25 Big Sky Fit Kids
25 Thirty Thursday—
Tie Dye
23-26 Lost & Found Display
27 YMCA Riverbank Run

New English Language Arts (ELA) Curriculum Info

Lewis & Clark teachers have been working to implement the various components of the new ELA Board adopted curriculum. For more information on the curriculum please see the message from principal Susan Anderson on pg. 7 of this newsletter.

To get your child/ren talking about what they are learning in class try asking some of the following:

What is your favorite Daily 5 choice?

Explain a Word Work activity you do.

Do you meet in a small group with your teacher?

What titles are in your book box?

Tell me what you like about the Daily 5.

Kindergarten

**Sign up for Kindergarten
for 2019-2020 has begun!**
**Registration runs
through April 12th.**

Pass the word— Please let your neighbors and friends with kindergarten-aged students know we have begun registration for Lewis & Clark attendance area kindergarten students. This is an exciting time for us at L&C as we plan for welcoming these new students into our school.

Upcoming May Events

**Bike to School Day- May 9th 8-8:25
am**



**4th & 5th Grade Talent
Show—Coming in May...**
Date to Be Announced!

Informational meeting for 4th/5th graders on 4/6
Friday at 12:25 in Mrs. Jones' class (room 211)

**Kindergarten Round Up-
May 17th— No School for
current kindergarteners!**



From the Principal's Office



Forward Thinking, High Achieving.

April 1, 2019

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Across Missoula County Public Schools teachers are preparing to administer the Smarter Balanced assessment in English Language Arts and Math **to all students in grades 3 through 8**. The assessment is a computerized adaptive test that measures our students' knowledge and skills of Montana Common Core Standards.

In order to promote a successful testing experience, we appreciate the support you can give to your child in the following ways:

- Make sure your child attends school and arrives on time every day during the testing window.
- A good breakfast, whether at home or school, is always helpful to activate a child's mind.
- A good night's sleep and plenty of rest will help a child's alertness and focus.
- Promoting and reinforcing an "I can!" attitude will help students to show their best effort during the testing.

Testing at Lewis and Clark will take place during the test window of April 9 - May 24 Individual classroom schedules and test times will be sent by your child's teacher in April.

District-wide test results will be reported at the end of July. Individual student reports will be mailed home to families in the Fall.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Also, you can find information on the Montana Office of Public Instruction website at <http://www.opi.mt.gov/>.

Susan Anderson





A HUGE BEACH HOP THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the leads who helped put on the Sock Hop this year. This is a hard-working group of ladies who are committed to creating a fun, family event for our school. Thank you all so much! I also want to thank all of the parent volunteers who came before, during and after to help set up, run, and clean up. These events take huge amounts of time and effort. I appreciate everyone's hard work.

We raised Over \$9700 for Lewis & Clark!!! -Lindsay Guttermuth, Sock Hop Chair

Thank you Beach Hop team leaders: Jessica Allred, Katie Brasington, Jess Coulter, Tory Dailey, Amy Farrington, Kelli Hess, Loni Koerner, Keri McHugh, Tiffany McQuirk, Macrae Peeples, Erin Swiader, and Sherry Winter

Thank you to everyone else who helped or donated items for our silent auction & raffle:

All Lewis & Clark Teachers for the auction baskets

A Carousel for Missoula

Albertson's (Brooks St. & Russell St. locations)

AMC Theaters

Backcountry Hunters and Anglers/Land Tawney

Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream

Bernice's Bakery

Big Dipper Ice Cream

Bitterroot Flower Shop

Black Coffee Roasting Company

Boy Scout Troop 4911

Bridge Pizza

BRIO Fitness

Carragh Smith

Chris Winter

Clyde Coffee

Costco

Currents/Splash Montana

Everyone who brought in cakes!

Fact and Fiction

First Security Bank

Florence Coffee Company

Good Food Store

Great Harvest

Hawthorne Farms

Historic Museum at Fort Missoula

Imagination Station

Insectarium

Jeanne Bloom

Katie O'Keefes

Lookout Pass

Loose Caboose

Main Street Pilates

MCT Theater

Mismo Gymnastics

Missoula Federal Credit Union

Missoula Textiles

Missoula Works

Missoulia Newspaper

Montana Natural History Center

Montgomery Distillery

Muse Comics

Ninja Mike's Cornershop

onX

Paradise Falls

Plonk

Roots Acro Sports Center

Runner's Edge

Scotty's Table

Secret Seconds Thrift Store

Sentinel High School Key Clubbers

Silverwood Theme Park

SpectrUM Discovery Area

Staci Nugent

Sushi Hana

The Book Exchange

The Dram Shop

The Flying Squirrel

The Green Light

The Montana Club

Tiara Knowles

UM Golf Course

University of Montana Campus Rec.

VTO

Wal-Mart

Wheat Montana

YMCA



5th Grade Parents, Family and Friends

You are invited to a special event in celebration of our

Balinese Gamelan Angklung Music Unit

9:15am Friday April 12, 2019

Lewis and Clark Gym

5th grade students need a plain black shirt and dark pants/ jeans for the performance

This performance is sponsored in part by a grant from the Montana Arts Council.



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Lost & Found

The next table display and clean out of lost items: **April 23rd to 26th.**

In the meantime, please check both L&F bins if you are missing something. Often classrooms have their own L&F box as well.

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



River Bank Run Saturday, April 27th

Time for L&C Lynx to lead the charge in the 47th year of the YMCA Riverbank Run! Let's win the trophy for the highest school registration Paxson has won the last 16+ years...the challenge is ON!

Kids (and their families) can register for the run at the YMCA (Scholarship help available!) OR call the FRC at 327-6949.

Hurry! Registration fees go up April 13th. ***\$15 registration fee through April 13th.***



Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson, IB Coordinator



Do you have a student action to share?

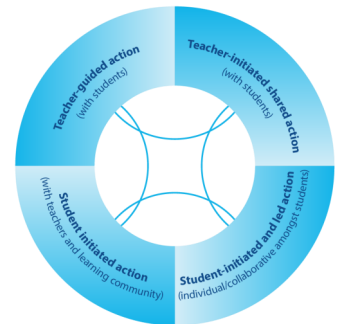
The Action Cycle is an important part of a student's experience in an IB World School. Students are encouraged to reflect on their learning, to think about a choice based on their understandings, and to take action to support their choice.

If you have noticed your child taking action as a result of his or her participation in an IB unit of inquiry or in any area of his or her life, please share what you have seen or heard with us. Action can be demonstrated in many ways and can include anything from a conversation about a concept to change in behavior.

If you would like an action sheet, please request one from your child's teacher, our IB coordinator, or take one from the IB bulletin board near the front office!

Thank you for taking the time to share with us!

Feel free to contact your child's teacher or Kari Henderson, our IB Coordinator, for more information. khenderson@mcpsmt.org



Thirty Thursday Be Buck Award!

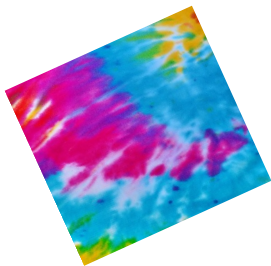
April 25th—Tie Dye—Session run from 2:00-2:25

Limited to 10 kids—sign up early at the Be Buck Store!

Students must have all 30 Be Bucks before signing up.

All materials will be provided.

Parents are responsible to pick up their children.



Congratulations to *Mrs. Garland* and *Mrs. Griffin* who welcomed new babies in March!

Callan Dean Garland was born
3/6/19— 9lbs 11oz and
21 in long



Olivia Ann Griffin was born
3/14/19—5lbs 10oz and
19 in long



Family Resource Specialists

Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst

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Family Resource Center Hours:

M,W,F 8:30-3:15 / T,TH 8:30-1:30

Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

Smart Planning for Smarter Balanced

- Attendance (including being on time for school) is really important, especially on testing days! Students will be more confident and relaxed if they are testing with their own teacher and with their own class.
- Preparedness starts the day before the test: be sure to get a good night's rest.
- Make sure your child eats a balanced breakfast and lunch on testing days.
- Help your child come up with some positive mantras they can repeat during testing: "You got this!" "You can do it!" "You rock!" Positive thoughts go a long way in helping us remain calm and feeling good.
- Just breathe! Remind your child that it's only a test and that you know they will do their best.



Big Sky Fit Kids!

Thursday, April 25th—1:15-2:00

To celebrate and promote fitness in Montana, Lewis and Clark School is participating once again in the Big Sky Fit Kids Fitness Day. Classes will have a staggered start from school and head to the Playfair Park Track to walk the track for 30 minutes. The event begins at 1:15.



Talk to your child's teacher about walking along with us!

The FRC says:

Thank you to
the
Van Cleave,
Badgley, Friedman, and Kemmis
families for their clothes
donations!



THANK YOU so much to everyone for their fantastic support of the Beach Hop. It was a fun-filled night with lots of smiles to go with a terrific theme. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated.

A huge thank you to Lindsay Guttermuth for heading the entire event!

Our next PTA meeting will be Tuesday,
April 16th, from 6:30-8 in
Mrs. Morrison's Room (205).



Curriculum Corner: A Note from Mrs. Anderson

Happy Spring Lewis and Clark Parents,

This year the teachers at Lewis and Clark have been implementing the various components of our new ELA Board adopted curriculum. You may hear bits and pieces of the ELA adoption coming home as all grade levels use similar terminology within their ELA learning block. Pearson ReadyGEN Literacy Program for K-5 is the Tier 1 Core English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum implemented across all classrooms and grade levels. ReadyGEN is an integrated, balanced approach to reading and writing instruction. Students read authentic literature and informational text. Instruction focuses on reading, writing, speaking, and listening. Units each contain essential understandings and are focused on building content knowledge.

The framework and structure of the ELA block in each classroom is the Daily 5. This structure has been introduced and is practiced in each K-5 classroom throughout the school. While the Daily 5 is a flexible framework, certain elements are essential to its integrity and success. These recognizable elements will be familiar across all classrooms at Lewis and Clark. This framework builds trust and respect with the belief that all students are capable and worthy and will develop skills as independent learners. Student choice is woven throughout the structure. Students choose between 5 tasks each day. The ELA block allows for one to three “rounds” each day. Students choose from Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Work on Writing, or Word Work. As students work on each session of choice, the teacher confers and meets with small groups of students focusing on phonological skills, guided reading and fluency, using ReadyGEN Decodable Readers and Sleuth text selections, and vocabulary development. The length of each round is based on student stamina. The structure allows for brain and body breaks as the teacher provides opportunities for brief movement when needed for reset and focus attention on learning.

Integral to the ELA curriculum materials is the Independent Reading Level Assessment (IRLA). This tool works with every student at every reading level. As the teacher works with each individual student the IRLA delivers specific and actionable data that tells where a student is and the sequence and skills/reading behaviors the student needs to learn next to accelerate his/her reading growth. Teachers have been using the IRLA with each student to identify a baseline reading level, match a reader with appropriate leveled texts, identify the foundational skills that are most crucial for each student to learn next, design individual or small group instruction around a Power Goal. They will use the IRLA tool to monitor progress to the standards to ensure all students are on track to make sufficient reading growth or intervene early if needed.

Please take some time to visit with your child/children about their experience with the ReadyGen, Daily 5, and IRLA components of our balanced ELA program at Lewis and Clark. Questions you may want to ask include; Which Daily 5 choice do you enjoy? Which books do you choose for Read to Self? Describe a word work activity you do during Daily 5. Do you know your power goal?

Further information can be found on the Teaching and Learning page on the MCPS website at <https://www.mcpsmt.org/Page/11769>

Susan Anderson, Principal

PTA Meeting

Join us! Childcare is provided; please contact Alissa, if you need childcare.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16th
6:30-8:00 PM
In Mrs. Morrison's Rm (205)

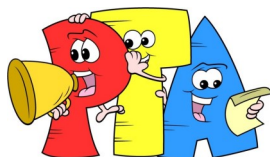
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Free Clothes!



Bethel Community Church offers a free clothes closet **every Tuesday, 10 am-1 pm**. Clothes for the whole family— whatever you need—**FREE!**

Tuesday, April 23rd, the Clothes Closet will be open 10 am to 6 pm

You are also welcome to donate clothes/bedding for the clothes closet. Bethel Community Church is located at **1601 South 6th Street West**. Questions? Call 721-2780

REMINDER: Peace Choir and Morning Movement are done for the year!
See you in the fall.



New Lewis and Clark PTA Officers 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 new officers at our May general membership meeting. **Open positions include**

PTA Treasurer

PTA Co-President

If you are interested in these positions, feel free to e-mail current president Alissa or come to the next meeting on **Tuesday, April 16th**. We will also need volunteers to lead various PTA efforts next year. Stay tuned for more details!

At what time should your child go to bed?

Age	Wake-up time						
	6:00 AM	6:15 AM	6:30 AM	6:45 AM	7:00 AM	7:15 AM	7:30 AM
	Sleeping time						
5	6:45 PM	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM
6	7:00 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM
7	7:15 PM	7:15 PM	7:30 PM	8:00 PM	8:15 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM
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