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December Calendar-at-a-Glance

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Now that the remodeled library is up and running I will return to having the annual book fair during the Holiday Program. It will be open to the public December 16th from 3:30-7:00 PM and December 17th from 8-3:30. The book fair is provided by a partnership with Fact & Fiction in downtown Missoula. I hope to see you there.

Mr. Nordtome

Celebrate the Holidays with the Lewis & Clark Music Program!

A Cowboy Holiday!

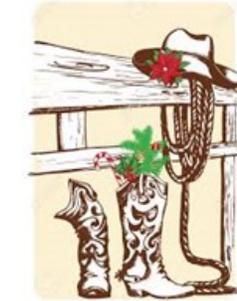
Tuesday, December 17, 2019

9:00AM: Band & Orchestra

1st/2nd: Greil; Langella

5th: Ferrell; Garland; Kerney

10:15AM: Kindergarten: Winter; Kemmis



1st/2nd: Griffin; Henderson/Vanek; Sharkey

4th: O'Connor; Jones; Wyatt

1:00PM: Kindergarten: Paoli; Cooper

1st/2nd: Aldrich; Bond; Meurer; 3rd: Hougard; Jensco; Mosbacher

For parents unable to attend the performance, dress rehearsal takes place on Mon., Dec. 17th. You're welcome to come and watch. See class times for dress rehearsal on page 2.

The Lewis & Clark Giving Tree



The Giving Tree is a wonderful opportunity for our L&C school community to donate or receive assistance during the upcoming holiday season.

Stop by our Giving Tree across from the front office, beautifully crafted by **Tami Pettigrew & Kim Anderson**. Choose an ornament or two to help a L&C family in need. If you would prefer not to shop but want to contribute, know that monetary donations are also appreciated.

Please remember wrapped gifts are due to the FRC (Rm. 126) (with its ornament taped to the top) by Friday, Dec. 13th.

From the Principal's Office

Hello Lewis and Clark Families!

I cannot believe it is December! Wow. December is a very busy month for families. It is a wonderful time of year, but also stressful! The best thing for our students is consistency and sticking to a schedule. A solid routine helps students feel safe and sets them up for success. Don't forget to make afterschool plans *before* school.

We are currently looking for added supervision during the lunch and recess time. If you love to work with kids and play outside, this is the opportunity for you. If you are interested in this or know someone who might be, please get a hold of me.

Winter break is a long one! Friday, December 20th will be our last day and returning on January 6th.

Take care and have a wonderful holiday season!

Amy Shattuck

Principal



PEACE CHOIR



Congratulations Peace Choir on a wonderful first season! What a joy to perform with you all on November 19th.

Special thanks to Jake Besmer, Rose Bemser's father, and Smokejumper for organizing a presentation on fire for our event. That was a highlight. We say a sad farewell to Matt Cosca who has accompanied the Peace Choir with guitar and percussion these last three years. He is welcome back any time!

The second Peace Choir Season starts the first Tuesday of the new year, January 7.

We will meet Tuesday mornings 8-8:25 through March 10, 2020. We invite all returning singers to join us again and any **new** 1st-5th grade singers are welcome! For questions or more information contact Ms. Morrison

domorrison@mcps.k12.mt.us or 728-2400 x4377

If parents are unable to attend the holiday program on Dec. 17th, they are welcome to come to the dress rehearsal.

Monday, Dec. 16th, 2019

Dress Rehearsal

8:50 - 9:40am—1st/2nd:

Greil; Langella

5th: Ferrell; Garland; Kerney

10 -10:55am — K: Kemmis;

Winter

1st/2nd: Griffin; Henderson/
Vanek

4th: Jones; Wyatt; O'Connor

12:45-1:40—K: Paoli; Cooper

1st/2nd: Meurer;

Aldrich; Bond

3rd: Hougard;

Mosbacher; Jencso

The PTA Page

The Parent-Teacher Association of Lewis & Clark Elementary School strives to build an enriching school culture and a welcoming environment for all children, parents, and staff.

Thanks so much for supporting the sale of Coffee, Toffee, Tea, and More. We had over \$14,600 in **profit for** Lewis & Clark's PTA (our biggest year ever!!). Mrs. O'Connor's class was the top seller in the upper grades and Mrs. Griel's class in the lower grades won, each getting a pizza party for their efforts.

The money raised is used by our PTA to support many worthwhile programs including part of the salary of the FRC, teacher grants, Outdoor Discovery Core, EAST, staff appreciation, and much more.

Please thank and patronize our MT businesses who generously support our fundraiser: Florence Coffee, Montana Tea and Spice, The Sweets Barn, and Bequet Confectioners. Without their support this successful fundraiser would not be possible. A huge thank you goes out to all the people that helped tally the orders, count the money, and sort and deliver all the products. Thanks also to the teachers and parents who encouraged and helped to sell these wonderful products.



THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!

Sonja Wolsky, CTT Fundraiser Chair

PTA Meeting & Membership

There is NO PTA meeting in December. Please plan to join us for the next PTA meeting in the new year.

Tuesday, Jan. 21st

6:30-8:00 pm

in the library

Childcare provided free; please notify the PTA co-presidents at lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com ahead of meeting for childcare.



PTA Officers 2019-2020 School Year

Co-president - Lorie Lochridge
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Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson



POI??? What's that?

The POI is our "Program of Inquiry" which includes each unit of inquiry our Lewis and Clark students will participate in from Kindergarten through Grade 5. The teachers are always updating and refining the POI. If you are interested in checking out the process, come on down to the "Learning Street" and take a look. Please feel free to grab a sticky note and give us some feedback! We would love to hear from you—family members & students!

Questions?

Please contact your child's teacher or our IB Coordinator, Kari Henderson
khenderson@mcpsmt.org.



Morning Movement:

Returns in January 7th! Let's Move in the New year!



Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

RAISE A BODY POSITIVE KID

@ElementNutrition.Kids

INSTEAD OF THIS:

- Commenting on appearance
- Negative comments on your own body
- Exercising for appearance
- Focusing on weight
- Commenting on someone else's body, shape, size



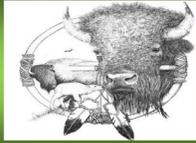
TRY THIS:

- + Commenting on talents
- + Positive comments about your qualities/abilities
- + Exercise for enjoyment
- + Focus on health/wellness
- + Comment on some else's talents, kindness, personality

Can you remember the first time you had a negative thought about your body? Believe it or not, kids as young as toddler age are starting to make comments about their own self image. Positive self-talk is a practice, just like anything else. It isn't always easy and it takes time, but it is worth it for your own mental health and for your kids personal development. Body positivity isn't just for girls. Boys are also easily influenced by negative self-talk. Today I encourage you to say a few positive things about yourself and the people around you. Let your kids hear all the great things you (and they!) can do.



Missoula County Public Schools
Indian Education Department



2019 WINTER GATHERING SOCIAL POWWOW

Friday, December 13, 2019

5:00-9:00 PM, Russell School, 3216 S. Russell St., Missoula

Community POTLUCK Feed—5:00--6:00 pm
—Main Dish; Turkey, Potatoes, Gravy, Salad and Bread — Please Bring a Dish to Share with the Community

GRAND ENTRY 6:00 pm dancing until 9:00pm

Cake walk, Raffle, Family Fun

ALL DANCERS AND DRUM GROUPS WELCOME!

MCPS Indian Ed. Dept. Raffle, Door Prizes, Family FUN

Contact; Mellissa Hammett; (406)728-2400 x 1028

Holiday Bake Sale

The 4th grade classes will once again be selling baked goodies outside the gym during the holiday programs

**Tuesday, Dec. 17th—
8:00-2:15**

All money raised supports the 4th grade end of year field trips!

Many thanks!



Hey Parents! Please help remind kids to bring their gym shoes or leave a pair here at school!

Also, please put an empty plastic bag in your kids' backpacks and ask them to put wet clothes (mittens/hats, etc) in the bag to protect the library books they also may have in their bags. Thanks!

L&C Holiday Sing Along

Friday, December 20th

12:45-1:15 – Grades K-2

1:20-1:50 – Grades 3-5

Families are welcome to join students for the sing along!



Family Resource Specialists

*Tracey Cravy and
Lisa Hayhurst*

728-2400 x4355

frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us

Family Resource Center Hours:

*M, T, W, F 8:30-3:00
TH 8:30-2:00*

THANK YOU FROM THE FRC !

The Family Resource Center (FRC) wishes to express appreciation for the clothing, and supply donations from Kim Kees, Traci Good and family, the Lochridge family, the Kolendich family and the Lamson family. Anonymous donors—please accept the gratitude of the FRC, as well! **Many children are warm because of you!**

Thank you to Polly Becker, Dessa Dale, Christy Meurer, Tracy Boehm Barrett, Meghan Lamson, Alena Furlong, Joan Garrett, Laura Thompson, Tracey Cravy, Hillary Ogg, Leanna Ross and Kim Anderson for donating items for the Missoula Organization of Realtors (MOR) silent auction basket. And thank you to MOR for the generous donation to the FRC to be used to meet student and family needs.

Thank you to the incredible volunteers who gave their time to cut & create Giving Tree ornaments: Kim Anderson, Britny Wisoff, Tami Pettigrew, Amber Yohe, Kara Branson & Mandy Snook.

Thank you Tracy Boehm-Barrett for helping sort Lost and Found.

Thank you to Tory Dailey and her helpers for Vision Screen Help! Thank you to Mia Hanak for her grant writing skills!



Thank you to Sonja Wolsky for her YEARS of leadership and organization of the Coffee, Toffee, Tea fundraiser. Thousands of dollars to benefit L&C have been raised!

Plaque Honors Longtime Teacher and Peace Maker: Jane McAllister



Jane taught kindergarten, fourth grade, fifth, and physical education at Lewis and Clark for years. Jane accompanied 5th graders on Heritage tours to Washington, DC. She also accompanied many L&C MCT plays as the pianist. She is a fitness enthusiast and worked to get kids active by organizing morning movement, training runs for the Riverbank Run. She helped kids log their miles so they could “run” collectively to NYC and “run” the length of the Continental Divide. She procured a grant to buy fitness monitors for students. In the fall of 2004, Mrs. McAllister as a 4th grade teacher, she joined Mrs. O’Keefe and Mrs. Dungan’s multiage classes in imagining their visions of peace through writing. The three classes worked to create a song titled “Peace

Within, Peace Without” and raised several thousand dollars to help rebuild a school which had been destroyed in the Indian Ocean tsunami. This was the beginning of the work that she and Mrs. Dungan’s classes would embrace each year. Together their classes imagined and created the Lewis and Clark Peace Path, and helped raise money to build a school for girls in Pakistan through Pennies for Peace. Imagining peace through the arts and making those visions come alive through actions, both big and small, would eventually grow into the Peace Choir. She was one of the founders of the Peace Choir and still accompanies their rehearsals and performances. Mrs. McAllister retired in 2018. A plaque in her honor hangs on a rock on the Peace Path.

The words come from a song performed by the Peace Choir:

Jane McAllister: “Be Who are. Give What you have. Do what you can.”

FREE HOUR OF CODE

Lewis and Clark will host the Hour of Code in December!



Hour of Code is an opportunity for every child to learn how the technology around us works with fun, easy-to-follow games that introduce students to the world of coding using familiar characters from Angry Birds, Star Wars, Frozen, Minecraft, Moana, and more.

Lewis and Clark will again join the worldwide Hour of Code movement, hosting free after-school workshops for students in grades 2-5. Sessions will be divided into groups for students who have never coded before, and students who have had some exposure to coding - either past Hour of Code workshops, EAST coding clubs, coding camps, coding at home, etc.

Spaces will fill up so please register early for one of the one-hour sessions.

Please sign your students up to join one of these sessions:



Monday, December 2nd, 3:00-4:00 -- **2nd and 3rd graders** who have **not** coded before or who have had limited coding exposure.

Tuesday, December 3rd, 3:30-4:30 -- **4th and 5th graders** who have **not** coded before or who have had limited coding exposure.

Monday, December 9th, 3:00-4:00 -- **2nd and 3rd graders** who have had prior exposure to coding.

Tuesday, December 10th, 3:30-4:30 -- **4th and 5th graders** who have had prior exposure to coding.

All sessions will be held in the Lewis and Clark computer lab after school. After-school snacks will be provided by the Lewis & Clark PTA. Lewis and Clark parents Jeremy Brown and Kathryn Grady are organizing the sessions and will be confirming your students' enrollment on a rolling basis.

If you have any questions, please let us know. More information about the Hour of Code movement can be found at www.code.org.

If your child cannot attend one of these events, please feel free to just visit this link and start on Course C, Angry Birds: <https://code.org/student/elementary> or <https://www.madewithcode.com/>

Many thanks to L&C Parents and volunteers, **Kathryn Grady & Jeremy Brown** for making this opportunity available to Lewis & Clark kids again this year!

Free Clothes!

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

**Special Extended Hours:
December 17th, 10:00 am to 6:00pm**

You are also welcome to donate clothes/bedding for the clothes closet. Bethel Community Church is located at 1601 South 6th Street West— one block west of Russell.

Questions? Call 721-2780



Family Resource Center December Wish List

Boys and Girls Snow boots: sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 (Big!)

Girls Leggings—sizes 5-14

Girls Long Sleeve Shirts—sizes 6-14

Snow pants: sizes 10/12, 14/16

Granola Bars and Healthy Snacks

Used items very welcome!



EAST is coming in February!

Planning is happening NOW!

Do you have a great idea for a class or want to assist? Don't wait! Contact Lisa in the FRC now at 327-6949.

Look for registration information in January!

Missoula Figure Skating Club's Holiday Show

Come and see the MFSC's Holiday Ice Extravaganza at Glacier Ice Rink. Sunday December 15th from 3-5 pm. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids and \$20 for a family. For more information go to www.missoulafsc.org.

Lost and Found!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILDREN'S ITEMS WITH FIRST AND LAST NAMES.

If they make it to the Lost and Found, they can be returned or claimed easily.

Lost and Found will be displayed during the holiday programs. Please take an extra few minutes to look for misplaced items while you are here for the show.

All items will be on display **December 16th-20th** outside the gym.

Unclaimed, unnamed items will be purged on **December 20th**

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



ART CORNER– submitted by Sherry Winter, KG teacher

Did You Know?

Kindergarten classes here at Lewis and Clark begin many of their mornings with Creative Movement? This is where the kindergarten teachers team up with each other and teach the curriculum with movement. This is a great example of Arts



Integration- using the art of dance to teach curriculum kindergarten students learn throughout the year. For example, students may be exploring the levels that dancers move, while showing an emotion during a Unit of Inquiry on self regulation skills. Arts Integration is a powerful teaching strategy that strengthens student learning. If you have a kindergartener try asking them what they did/learned in Creative Movement this week!