



Lynx Link

January 2022

Giving Thanks for the Giving Tree Supporters

*Twenty-Two L&C families benefited from your generosity. This truly could not have been done without each of you who contributed! The FRC would like to thank everyone who gave time, gifts or money to make the Giving Tree such a success! Special thank you to Jenny Thies, Nichole Bird, Amanda Braun, Tracy Dahl, Reilly Sullivan and Samantha Zauher for sorting and organizing gifts. And cheers to Raluca Vandergrift for last minute elf shopping! **Words of thanks from the families...***



Thank you so much for helping get presents for my family. Have a wonderful Christmas. Bless you. **Family #1**

Thank you so much for the help! **Family #2**

Thank you to everyone who made this happen. Much love and Merry Xmas. **Family #3**

Thank you so much. You have helped our family during these holidays. God Bless. **Family #4**

Thank you! You are such a blessing. Thank you and much love! **Family #5**

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. Thank you for everything you all have done and helped us with. **Family #6**

Thank you for all the generous donations! The world is a better place because of selfless people like yourselves! May your Christmas be merry and your New Year be happy! God Bless! **Family #7**
Thank you for the gifts we received They're greatly appreciated and will help make our holiday brighter.

Family #8

Thank you for all the holiday love. We are very grateful. **Family #9**

Thank you for the gifts. **Family #10**

I cannot express our appreciation for this generosity. This is an amazing gift to our family. **Family #11**

Thank you so much for your kindness and caring. My family greatly appreciate you and wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year! **Family #12**

Thank for everything you have done. We appreciate you and wish you the best. **Family #13**

Thank you so much! This helps so much! I appreciate it and know my Boo would too! **Family #14**

Thank you so much! We appreciate what you have done for our family. We wish you the best.

Family #15

Thank you so very much for your generosity. With your help it will make this holiday very special for our family. **Family #16**

Our family cannot express in words how grateful we are to be able to have a worry free Christmas! Because of your help, Santa can visit our home! **Family #18**

To all the blessed souls who have so generously given to make Christmas special, we want to say THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts and Merry Christmas. **Family #19**

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. Being able to remove the financial weight of Christmas gifts this year has been an enormous emotional lift. We are grateful and look forward to easier years. **Family #20**

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and for the time that you took to help our family. **Family #21**

Thank you so much for caring for our family! Your care is so appreciated! This Christmas will be memorable because of your kindness. **Family #22**

January 2022

3 School Resumes

17 MLK Day— no school

18 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm

24-28 - Lost & Found
Displayed for Final Collection

Coming in February!

Super Bowl
Food Drive - February 7-11

Cheers to the PTA!

Thank you PTA for supporting my students with \$300.00 worth of new books! They love the new genre selections! Thank you again for your amazing hard work, and continual support of all of our students and staff!



Love, Mrs. Jones—4th Gr. Teacher

From the Principal's Office:

Happy New Year Lewis & Clark Families!

It is SO nice to have our classrooms filled with children again! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and that your children are as excited to be back, as we are excited to have them! So far 2022 has been filled with energy and a passion for learning. I can see it on your kids' faces, hear it in their conversations, and watch their excitement to see friends and be engaged in learning!

As we enter 2022, we often create resolutions as this is a natural time to “reboot.” At Lewis & Clark, we are taking this time to reemphasize our mission to foster global awareness and inspire stewardship within our communities, and to provide a foundation for each student to become a lifelong learner. We are revisiting our 3 Be's...Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe as we demonstrate kindness toward others, while meeting the individual needs of our students. Each day, we strive to deliver the best instruction, based on what our kids need to be successful and grow as individuals.

2022 also brings with it the cold and snowy weather! With that, I would like to remind all families of our playground expectations and safety during the winter months. In order for students to play in the snow, they must have snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves to stay warm. Teachers will remind students and give them time to get their winter gear on. We are also reminding students about not throwing snow, making snowballs, or pushing each other on the hill. These are important safety reminders to keep kids from getting hurt. We would appreciate if you can discuss these reminders with your child(ren) as well. Finally, it is best if winter clothing is labeled so we can return to students right away, but in the event they misplace any belongings, please check out “lost and found”.

Wishing you the best as we begin a new year!
Principal Vaneps



IB Attitude of the Month—Creativity

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.

PTA Officers 2021-2022 School Year

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Teacher Liaison—Sharon Jones,
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**Resolved to be more involved
in this new year?**

**Join the PTA meeting on
Tuesday, Jan. 18th—6:30**



The PTA still has Coffee Toffee Tea items available for purchase, but at a new discounted price! **Coffee** (\$12) both ground and whole beans, **Bequet sea salt and variety caramels** (\$12), **Tea** (\$5) and **Florence Coffee gift cards** (\$5) available for purchase.

We also have **Lewis and Clark Lynx youth size masks** available for sale (\$6).

Please email lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com to inquire! We can take payment with check, cash or PayPal. Venmo is not available.

We are excited to hear that Mr. Wyatt and a team of volunteers will start working on the new climbing wall addition in the gym this month. This was funded by the PTA in November and allow for all kids to have the opportunity to rock climb!

Coming in April: Our first Jogathon fundraiser! Details to come!



SUPPORT Lewis & Clark By Buying Your Groceries!

There are many ways to help our school by donating and volunteering, but you can also help just by shopping at your favorite grocery store!

Here's how to give back to Lewis and Clark:

Missoula Fresh Market gives 1% to schools from its patron's receipts. When checking out, write the name of your school or ask the cashier to do it for you on the top of the receipt. They will donate 1% of your receipt amount to our school. The more you spend, the more our school benefits!

Good Food Store provides 3% back to schools AND it's easier than ever! When checking out, just tell the Good Food Store cashier you want to donate to Lewis & Clark or give them our school "prefix" code of 334. They will send 3% of your purchase to L&C.

TRY THE BOX TOP APP: please consider installing the Box Top app on your smartphone. After you install the app and enter the school info, it is a simple process. Scan your receipt within 14 days and Box Top money is sent to the school!



LYNX LITERACY TIPS

Welcome to a new year! This is the time during the school year when the pace really tends to pick up. Routines are established, relationships are secure, and kids can settle into many weeks of sustained learning at school without the schedule changes that are so common in the fall. This school year has brought enormous growth to so many of our kiddos! We are excited to continue building momentum and helping our students close the gaps in their learning between now and the end of the school year.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Ensure that your child comes to school on time every day as long as they are not sick! Absences and tardies have a big impact on your child's academic growth.
- Practice skills at home! Have younger children read good-fit books to you every afternoon, and help them practice their power words. You can support established readers by helping them make time every afternoon or evening to curl up with a good book.



We couldn't be more grateful to be on your child's education team with you. Let's make 2022 a fantastic year!

-Provided by Christy Meurer, L&C Intervention Specialist

THE THREE B's In ACTION

*L&C Lynx focused on appropriate behavior on the bus in December. The focus for this January is **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE actions in the classroom.** Ask your student what ways they choose to show these universal expectations to their peers and staff while in class!*



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Care Net of Missoula

Clothing Room

Children's Clothes

Winter Apparel

NO
Charge
Clothing Room

Open
Mon - Thur
10:00 - 4:00

1515 Fairview Ave., Suite 250
Missoula, MT 59801
406-549-0406

A child in winter gear is sitting on a sled on a snowy slope.

Free Kids' Winter Clothes Available at City Life Community Center!

1515 Fairview Avenue—
Across from Les Schwab Tires

Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

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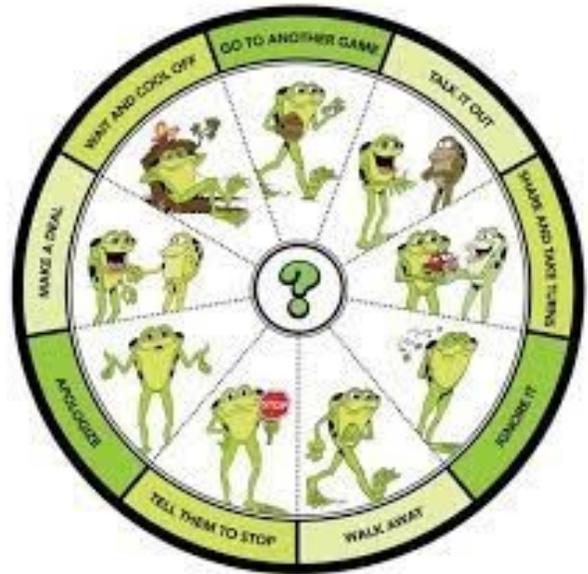
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Problem Solver!

Conflict is a normal part of human relationships. Kids in elementary have a big job; they are learning to navigate school, friends, and big feelings. At Lewis and Clark, we are working hard to empower kids to be problem solvers; we believe that kids are strong enough and smart enough to solve kid-sized problems on their own.

One way we teach kids this is with a program called Kelso's Choices. Kelso's Choices gives kids the skills to recognize if a problem is big (scary, dangerous, against the rules—requires adult help) or small (kid-sized) and the tools to try to solve it!

Take a look at the choice wheel and try to incorporate it into your family's language. The more we practice these skills, the better we become at using them.



Family Resource Center January Wish List

Boys and Girls Snow boots: sizes 10-12 (Little), sizes 7 & 8 (Big!)

Girls Leggings—Sizes 5-8

Girls Coats or Sweatshirts—12/14, 14/16 Gently Used items very welcome!



Thank you Kemmis Family—Girls' warm clothes and shoes; Brueckner Family—Target Gift Cards, warm outerwear; Garrett Family—Snow Pants & FRC snacks; Vandergrift Family—warm clothes; Aldrich Family—Coat; Tabitha Westphal—Shoes; Gay Rushmer—Artificial Tree; Brant Family—Shoes
Your donations are very much appreciated!

Family Resource Specialists Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst

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M//F 8:15-3:15 W 8:15-4 TH 8:15-3:15

Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson



IB Program Evaluation and Review

Our IB visit, mentioned in the November newsletter, has been rescheduled from January to May 11-13. This will allow time for the review of our IB program to take place prior to the visit. If you are interested in being part of our evaluation visit or have input about IB, please contact Kari Henderson, our IB Coordinator, khenderson@mcpsmt.org or your child's classroom teacher.

LOST AND FOUND

***Missing items will be displayed January 24-28
in the hallway outside the gym.***

Please remember the power of a Sharpie!

Write names in all clothing items, including
outerwear and water bottles!

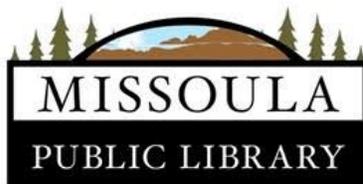
Items with legible names will be returned to your child!

Super Bowl Food Drive to Benefit the FRC and Missoula Food Bank

Save the Date!
February 7th-11th

Cast your vote for your favorite Super Bowl team by donating non-perishable food items. Start stocking up now to give in February!

**Super Bowl
2022 is
Sunday,
February
13th!**



Have a Missoula Public Library card? If so, you can find FREE movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, and independent films that inspire and entertain. Find out more at:

<https://missoula.kanopy.com>

Need a library card? They're FREE, too! Get them here: <https://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/home/services/library-cards/>

Every year, beginning September 1, all kids in the **FOURTH GRADE** have access to their own Every Kid Outdoors pass at www.everykidoutdoors.gov. This pass provides free access to national parks across the country.

The Every Kid Outdoors pass is good for the 4th grade school year, until August 31. Information on obtaining the pass is available by visiting www.everykidoutdoors.gov.

