



Lynx Link

Calendar at a Glance

June

1-8 Last Lost & Found
on Display

2 Field Day

5/6 In school "Bookin'
Into Summer" Book
Swap

6 Bookin' Into Summer
Family Event 5:45-
7:00pm on the play-
ground



THANK
YOU to the
many
families
and
individuals
who have donated items
to the FRC this year.
Your generosity benefits
our whole school
community. We are so
grateful! May your
summer be healthy,
restful and adventurous!

Thank you to all who
donated books to the
Bookin' Into Summer
Book Swap! Keep
reading ALL summer!

Lisa Hayhurst and
Tracey Cravy

Family Resource
Specialists



COMING – JUNE 6th!

BOOKIN' INTO SUMMER
End of School Celebration
5:45-7:00pm- L&C
playground

Let's kick off summer fun and reading!
Come early...bring a picnic dinner!
Get summer reading resources!
Choose from leftover book swap books!
Enjoy a FREE Mary's Mountain Cookie treat!
Take a last look through Lost and Found!
"Story Hour with King Fuzz" - Music and
storytelling with our own Matt Cosca!

*In the spirit of **Zero Waste**, please bring your
own **water bottle**!*

Lewis and Clark wins 2023 Riverbank Run Grade School Challenge, AGAIN!

For a second year in a row, Lewis and Clark won BOTH
categories of competition between
Missoula Elementary Schools.

A total of **797** grade school students participated.

Here are our winning numbers:

Overall # of participants with 168 - **LEWIS & CLARK!**
Overall % of participation at 38.3% -
LEWIS & CLARK!

The YMCA will present trophies and
bring popsicles to celebrate at the
end of Field Day on June 2nd.
Way to run Lynx!



From the Principal's Office:

The end of the year brings many good-byes, with most of us returning in the fall for another year of learning and smiling faces. Some of our good-byes are more final, as our 5th graders move to middle school and some of our teachers embrace new adventures. **Don't forget to share your full heart of gratitude, summer fun wishes, and aspirations of new adventures to come to our 5th graders, Mrs. Pignataro, Ms. Chance and Ms. Miner!**



Wherever your summer plans bring you, I hope your days are filled with family, friends, fun, and some relaxation! I look forward to hearing about your summer adventures when we come back together again in the fall. Best wishes to All ~ Principal Vaneps

Change for Mozambique!

The Lewis and Clark School Community raised **\$1,248.53** ! Wow!! Thank you so much for your donations, every penny added up! This organization is a part of the Mozambican Nature Association and it supports activities such as training students about their local ecosystems and helping them to establish eco clubs in their communities. Thank you again Lewis and Clark what an impact you made!



Lynx Service Club



TIRED OF YOUR KIDDO'S ITEMS MISSING?

Try these terrific stickers for kids' items! AMAZING for Summer Camps, day care and to reduce our Lost and Found!

Go to MabelsLabels.com
Click on Support A Fundraiser
Search for Lewis & Clark PTA
Payment collected at time of order.

Labels mailed to your home.
20% of proceeds to support L&C PTA.
Labels stay on through laundry & dishwashing.
Help us reduce the IMMENSE amount of Lost & Found every month! Works on lunch boxes, water bottles, gloves, sweatshirts, coats, hats, etc!

Thank you to L&C parent volunteer, Jenny Thies for setting up the L&C account with Mabel's Labels!



The FRC
says
"Thanks"
to the following

donors & volunteers:

Bike, Walk, Bus Helpers:

Mandy Snook, Amanda Braun, Angie Walker, Shayna Killam, Kristen Johnson, Ilana McCloud, Kyle Bocinsky

Dairy Queen on Higgins—Dilly Bar Token Donation!

Barnes Family—Clothes
Morales Family—Books

Hello LC Families!

As we reflect to the end of the school year we are grateful for all of the support and help of our Lewis and Clark families! Our PTA could not run without you, and we would therefore not be able to support our teachers and students like we do!

With your help throughout the year, we were able to give almost \$ 24,000 in grants to our teachers for their classrooms, student projects and field trips. We were able to donate to our community by giving to the Missoula YMCA capital campaign fund, Animeals, and to the new ROW reading program. We were able to fund half of our Family Resource Center staff, the MCT play and many special meals and treats for our staff.

We are getting ready to purchase a reader board for our school with money we have raised for the last 3 years. THANK YOU for your support of the PTA whether it's been in fundraising, donations, or help with some of our activities and fundraisers. We'd love to see new faces, and there are always opportunities to volunteer with the PTA!

One more note of thanks: Cheers to the incredibly generous parents who helped out with staff appreciation at the beginning of May! A big shout out to **Jenny Martinez**, a parent who provided an amazing full lunch and breakfast to the staff, as well as **Jenny Theis** who helped with coordinating the week of staff appreciation. Thank you also to **Kylie Barnes** for spearheading our door-decorating for staff appreciation! Thank you for helping us make OUR staff feel special!

Have a wonderful summer! See you in the fall at our all school, open house and ice cream social as well as our Jogathon!

All the best, Kamra Kolendich - Lewis and Clark PTA president



THANK YOU to the parents and students who decorated our Lewis and Clark doors! The decorations were amazing and each one brought so much joy to the staff and school! It took a whole team of people to get every door done.

Special THANKS to Caitlin Buhl, Emma Wright, Joy Morris, Kallen Frey, Hollin Buck, Leslie Beckman, Cynthia Ross, Melanie Callahan, Erin Shaw, Deidre Howell, Aspen Harris, Sam Schmidt, Moriah Hein, Terra Stansberry, Morgan Slemberger, Rachel Beaty, Katie Little, Jennie Roy, Mary French, Holly Silk x 2, Kara McCracken, Ilanna McCloud, Ariella Alexander, Heidi Houch, Hillary Ogg x 3, Josephine Sticka, Joy Stoops, Jenny Martinez, Jenn Prinzing, Sasha Vermel, Kari Cardinel, Kamra Kolendich, Kate Berry, Megan Slivka, Anamarie Shober, Kirby Beierle, Maria Iles, Amy VanCleave, Jill Taber, Annioe Watson, Sharon Jones, and Wilena Old Person.

**We will be doing this again next year so if you missed your chance this year and would like to decorate a door next year let Kylie Barnes (kbarnes@mcpsmt.org) know!

Welcome Back Lead Needed!

Aug. 28th– Help welcome back staff to school with a PTA sponsored breakfast.

Organize a signup genius and distribute to families to bring in breakfast items.

Interested? Email:

lew-
isandclark.pta.missoula@
gmail.com



Don't let the summer slide happen to your child!

"Summer slide" is the term we use for learning loss that happens over the summer when children don't continue to practice the skills they learned during the school year. Just like any skill, children need to practice reading (and math) to keep their skills strong. Otherwise they might begin the next school year *behind where they left off*. Here are some ways to make reading a fun part of every day this summer:



Summer Reading Bingo: Your child will bring home several options for this activity after our Book Swap on June 6th and 7th.

These pages are **loaded** with fun ways to read over the summer. If your child completes a Bingo and returns their page to school in the fall, they will get lunch with Ms. Vaneps or climbing wall time with Mr. Wyatt!

1. **Check out our community resources.** Missoula Public Library and Barnes and Noble offer fun reading activities and rewards for children in the summer. Join the Missoula Food Bank Kids Eat Free Bus and Families First for their **summer reading program, Reading & Eating** on Tuesdays at Futura Mobile Park (past the airport) and Thursdays at Travois Mobile Park. Kids can get **FREE meals and FREE books to take home**. No sign in or registration required!
2. **Build in summertime incentives!** For example, if your child reads for 30 minutes every day for a week, let them earn a fun summer treat, such as going to Bonner Park, having an outdoor picnic dinner, going on a hike or bike ride together, or building an outdoor fort. The list is endless and there are so many ways to celebrate that make memories and don't cost a lot of money.
3. Check in with your child's teacher for resources and games to play over the summer. Most teachers are ready to set your child up for success. You can also email me at ckmeurer@mcpsmt.org if you need more ideas.

FIND JOY in READING: Help Reduce Summer Learning Loss



It only takes **20 minutes a day** to prevent learning loss over the summer.

- Get **10-15 minutes of reading** in each day with the **goal of finishing 4-6 books** over the summer.
- Aim for 10 minutes of math practice each day (count items, count by 2s or 5s, for older kids: practice multiplication or division facts)
- Challenge kids to **calculate distances traveled** or practice **fractions while cooking!**
- **Read aloud to kids** (of any age) for 10 minutes a day
- Check out the **Missoula Public Library's Summer Learning Program, "All Together Now"**. Read for prizes and fun activities all summer long! <https://www.missoulapubliclibrary.org/home/programs-events/summer-learning-program/>

Summer Resource Reminders

Our community offers many options for families in need of support. Please consider accessing these resources if you need assistance.

Partnership Health Center Main Line:
(406) 258-4789 Behavioral Health (406)258-4497

Missoula Urban Indian Health Center
Health Center: (406) 829-9515; Crisis Hotline:
(888)820-0083

Dan Fox Family Care Program Main Line:
(406)412-6757

Montana Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
Call this number if you or a loved one are in crisis
(800) 273-8255

Will you be
fishing, boating,
swimming,
camping at a lake
or playing by the
river this



summer? Don't forget to keep
your child safe with a life vest.
Missoula YMCA and Missoula
Public Library offer short term
life vest rentals.

Missoula YMCA: (406) 721-9622
<https://www.ymcamissoula.org/life-jacket-loaner-program>
Missoula Public Library:
Call (406) 721-2665

KIDS EAT FREE ALL SUMMER LONG! 2023

MFB&CC Open Meal Sites

Not serving these sites
June 19th or July 4th

EmPower Place
June 12 – August 29
Breakfast: M-F 10-11:00
Lunch: M/T/Th 11:00-6
& W/F 11:00-1:00

Kids Eat Free Bus
June 12-August 29
Lunch: M-F
Linda Vista Apts: 10:55-11:20
University Village Apts: 11:35-12:00
Travois Mobile Park: 12:15-12:40
Futura Mobile Park: 12:55-1:20

Missoula Public Library
June 12 – August 29, not July 3rd
Lunch: M-F 11:30-1

Council Groves Apartments
June 12-August 25, not July 3rd
Breakfast M-F 9:00-10:00
Lunch: M-F 11:00-1:00

River of Life Church
June 12-August 25 M-F
Not serving July 3rd-7th

Creekside Apartments
11:00 -11:30
1405 E Broadway St, Missoula

East Missoula Lions Park
11:45-12:15
766 Michigan Ave, Missoula

West Riverside Community Park
12:30-1:00
1305 Haaglund Dr, Milltown

**Missoula County
Public Schools**
June 12-August 11 M-F
Not serving July 4th
Breakfast: 8:30-10:30
Lunch: 11:00-1:00

- Franklin
- Russell
- Lowell



missoula food bank
& community center

Call 406.549.0543 for more info or
text FOOD or COMIDA to 304304
www.missoulafoodbank.org

Summer Food
Service
provides **FREE**
breakfast
and lunch to
ALL kids ages
18 & under.
NO paperwork
and kids do
NOT need to
be enrolled in
MCPS to re-
ceive free
meals. The
program will
run from June
12-August 29.
Breakfast
served
8:30-10:30.
Lunch served
11:00-1:00.
See distribution
locations.



Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

Social Emotional Learning in the Summer

Social-emotional learning doesn't stop when the school year does; in fact, summer presents many opportunities for kids to continue to strengthen their SEL skills!

Social-emotional learning encompasses skills including self-awareness, social-awareness, self-management, relationships, and responsible decision making.

Here are just a few ideas of how your family can practice SEL this summer.

- Play games: games help us practice teamwork, communication, and kindness.
- Write sidewalk messages: write positive messages and positive self-talk statements.
- Spend time outside: walking in the garden or neighborhood is a chance to practice mindfulness, breathing, and coping skills.
- Read-alouds: books are full of opportunities to talk about problem solving, emotions (what zone are the characters in), and social skills.

Story telling/writing/drawing: give your kids an SEL topic and let the creativity flow! Stories could be about kindness, courage, or perseverance. Take turns sharing.

Have a beautiful, rested, connected summer! Be sure to reach out before break if you'd like more ideas about incorporating SEL into your summer.

Linsey Myers 728-24004379 or lemyers@mcpsmt.org



Still looking for Camp possibilities...

Check out MCPS Summer Music & Art Camps -

June 12-16 Summer Art Camp - Students entering grades 1-4 (9:00-11:30am) or (12:30-3:00pm)

June 19-23 Summer Art Camp - Students entering grades 1-4 (9:00-11:30am) Students entering grades 5-8 (12:30-3:00)

June 12-16 Intermediate Band & Orchestra camp (not for beginners) Students entering grades 6-8: 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

August 15-23 - Beginning Band & Orchestra Adventure!- Students entering 5th grade or new to the instrument join us!

**MCPS instrument rental for beginner camp begins on Monday, August 14.

Link to all info and registration forms here:

<https://www.mcpsmt.org/domain/959>

You are welcome to call or email the Fine Arts office with questions or to register your child. 406-542-4030 or laelrod@mcpsmt.org



Shout out to the Mountain Mastery Team and Mr. BC!

Many fifth graders attended after school rock climbing with Mr. BC this year. Students on the team learn to climb, belay, and some even mentor up and coming 4th grade climbers. The following students earned a spot on the Wall of Honor, which is a recognition to their dedication to the team. Congratulations, fifth graders, and thanks for your mentorship, Mr. BC!

Wella Hein
Ella Lilubrn
Mattie Lilburn
Harlow
McCloud
Gabe Melton
Amilia Moriarity
Lucie Moriarity
Hannah Steele
Evie Swentik
Julien Threlkel
Cole Walker
Kendal Kolendich
Tucker McCracken



Plan now for Fall Children's Choir

Missoula FORTE Choirs provide an affordable, performance-based educational experience. Our welcoming classes explore age-appropriate vocal music and choral singing, with planned performances at least once per session.



Led by founding conductor, Renie Hall Gibson and assistant conductor, Lexi Vine, this program inspires children to value musicianship and friendship.

REHEARSALS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 in the Sentinel High School Choir Room
Prelude Choir (grades 1 & 2) meets 5:00 - 5:50 pm
Bel Canto Choir (grades 3, 4, & 5) meets 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Now pre-registering singers—No auditions necessary!

Sibling discounts and need-based scholarships available.

[Pre-register for Forte Choirs](https://www.MissoulaChorus.org)

www.MissoulaChorus.org
Forte@MissoulaChorus.org

We wouldn't have been successful without you!
We appreciate the time you took out of your day to help us flourish. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Love, Miss Mosbacher's 3rd Graders



The following people were brave enough to come on class fieldtrips, volunteered in the classroom regularly, and deserve recognition!

Sheryl Noethe, Grandma TT, Grandma Trixie, Ms. Chris, my wonderful mom Ms. Becky, Michelle Cavuoto, Annie Florin, Patrick Kirkley, Shane Dowaliby, James and Lorie Johnson, and Mishka Wisoff.

Thank you to all of my families for your support and dedication to help your child have a successful school year! Thank you for joining us on field trips, helping with class parties, and working with the students. I'd like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Grandma Trixie!! Your knowledge, positivity, love of teaching, and care for working with these students is admirable and so appreciated!
~ Miss Hougard



Mrs. Griffin's 1st Grade would like to thank all of our wonderful parents and families for their incredible support this year. We are so thankful for you!

