



# Lynx Link

## Calendar at a Glance

### June

1-9 Last Lost & Found  
on Display

3 Field Day

6/7 In school "Bookin' Into  
Summer" Book Swap

7 Bookin' Into Summer  
Family Event 5:45-7:00pm  
on the playground

8 KG Celebration Lunch  
12:-12:30

June 9 Last day!  
Dismissal time at 2:30



## COMING – JUNE 7th!

**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!

Listen to L&C's own

Matt Cosca and his band, *Canguelo*!

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

## BE PART OF THE SUMMER FAMILY READING CHALLENGE!

Grab a copy of Charlotte's Web and read it as a  
family this summer! Join the L&C PTA and other  
Missoula families Sept. 21 to watch the movie at  
the baseball field FREE! (details on pg. 3)



THANK  
YOU to the  
countless  
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

## Lewis and Clark wins 2022 Riverbank Run Grade School Challenge!

With our strong showing of runners,  
Lewis and Clark won BOTH categories of  
competition between Missoula  
Elementary School.

A total of 676 grade school students  
participated.

Here are our winning numbers:

Overall # of participants with 133 - **LEWIS & CLARK!**

Overall % of participation at 26.8% - **LEWIS & CLARK!**

The YMCA will present trophies and bring popsicles to  
celebrate at the end of Field Day on June 3rd.

**Way to run Lynx!**



## 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!

## Lunch on the Lawn

Please join the **Kinder Class of 2022** for a picnic lunch to celebrate our wonderful year together!

Date: **Wednesday, June 8th**

Time: **12:00-12:30 p.m.**

Place: The front lawn of Lewis and Clark Elementary



## Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson



# 5TH GRADE PYP EXHIBITION



Congratulations Grade Five on completing your PYP experience with the Exhibition!

Fifth-Graders will present their PYP Exhibition on June 2nd in the morning on the front lawn! We wish you good luck and continued success as you leave Lewis and Clark! Remember your ability to positively impact your community and the people around you. We will miss you!

I would like to thank the incredible parents and grandparents who have volunteered their time and talent in our classroom this year! Thank you to Grandma Trixie! She is a superstar hero in our room! Every single day, Grandma Trixie has lightened up our room with her energy, patience, and commitment to students' love of learning. There really are no words to express our gratitude! Thank you to Amy Esp for all of her help in our math time! You shine Amy! Angela Bridegam, Danielle Wright, Eran Pehan, Holly Silk, Jayme Peterson, Kamra Kolendich, Kristin Johnson, Kristin Simpson, Libby Addington, Maria Isle, Rye Palen, and so many more, how can we possibly thank you enough? I thank you for snacks, show and shares, field trip assistance and for helping your children grow and learn and take big risks. Every year I say this, but how can I possibly say goodbye to you and your children? Thank you! **Sharon Jones**



## Hello LC Families!

The PTA is wrapping up a very successful 2021-2022 year and want to thank the parents and families for this!

A BIG thank you to all of the parents who helped out with **Teacher Appreciation** at the beginning of May. The staff and teachers were thrilled with all of the delicious food, goodies, flowers and decorations. A special thank you, shout out to Jessie Thomas, Amelia Tallman, and Robin Kendall for their help!

Thank you to the parents and families who helped clean up our **Outdoor Discovery Core** on Sunday, May 22nd! It is looking beautiful and we are excited about the addition of new benches being placed. Our playground will also be getting new benches installed over the summer!

We have had such a successful year that we are looking towards having one fundraiser only for the 2022-2023 school year. This will be an all-school Jogathon, based on the success of this single fundraiser. We are not sure if it will look the same as this spring, but our PTA is planning on holding it this coming fall, (hopefully early October) during decent weather! Stay tuned!

**We also have an elementary school, community opportunity in September!** Lewis and Clark is pairing up with Franklin, Rattlesnake and Paxson Elementary schools to rent out **Osprey stadium** for a family movie night on **September 21, 2022!** **We are encouraging your families to read the book Charlotte's Web over the summer.**

We will watch this movie as a community in the fall. Details coming in September!

Enjoy the last couple of weeks of school and we look forward to hosting more fun events and supporting our school together in the fall!

**-The Lewis and Clark PTA**



**The FRC says *Thanks* to the following donors & volunteers:**

Cori Burns—Lost & Found Delivery; Judy Cohen—Boys' pants;

Sticka Family—Boys' clothes; Furlong Family—Boys' clothes and outerwear; Cameron Cole—Snowpants; Jenny Thies—Mabel's Labels Promotion

**Bike, Walk, Bus Volunteers:** Jess Walter, Mandy Snook, Angie Walker, Amanda Braun, Connie Brueckner, Ryan Swentik, Evie Taylor



**Welcome Back Lead Needed!**

**Aug. 26th—** 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](mailto: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:

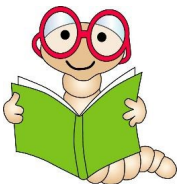


**Summer Reading Bingo:** Your child will bring home several options for this activity after our Book Swap on June 6th and 7th.

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](mailto: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—"Ocean's of Possibilities"**:  
<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! 2022

### MFB&CC Open Meal Sites

Not serving these sites  
June 20th or July 4th

**EmPower Place**  
June 13 – August 30  
Breakfast: M-F 10-11:30  
Lunch: M/T/Th 11:30-6  
& W/F 11:30-1

**Kids Eat Free Bus**  
June 13-August 30  
Lunch: M-F  
Linda Vista Apts: 10:35-11:00  
Sission University Apts: 11:20-11:45  
Travois Mobile Park: 12-12:25  
Futura Mobile Park: 12:40-1:05

**Missoula Public Library**  
June 13 – August 30  
Lunch: M-F 11:30-1

**Council Groves Apartments**  
June 13-August 26, not July 4th  
Breakfast: M-F 9-11  
Lunch: M-F 12:00-2:00

**River of Life Church**  
June 13-August 26 M-F  
Not serving July 4th or 5th

**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 13-August 12  
Not serving July 4th  
Breakfast: 8:30-10:30  
Lunch: 11am-1pm

• Chief Charlo • Franklin  
• Lowell • Russell



**EMPower place**

missoula food bank  
& community center

Call 406.549.0543 for more info or  
text FOOD or COMIDA to 304304  
[www.missoulafoodbank.org](http://www.missoulafoodbank.org)

Summer Food Service provides FREE breakfast and lunch to ALL kids ages 18 and under. NO paperwork and kids do NOT need to be enrolled in MCPS to receive free meals. The program will run from June 13-August 12. Breakfast served 8:30-10:30. Lunch served 11:00-1:00. See distribution locations to the left.



## Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

### 5 Ways to Encourage Your Child to Try New Things

Summer can be an opportunity for us to stretch our brains and try new things! Consider creating a family bucket list of new adventures (ie: learn to ride a bike, try learning a new language, practice a new form of art). Trying new things can also be scary or overwhelming. Here are a few tips to support and encourage your children to expand!:

1. Be supportive of effort and progress: success isn't necessarily dependent on outcomes
  2. Make an "I can" list: have your child add to the list anytime he or she faces a new challenge
  3. Practice growth mindset: remind your child that all the abilities we have now were new at one point. Have him or her think about things that used to feel challenging. We can grow with practice and perseverance!
  4. Conduct dress rehearsals: practice things that might feel challenging for your child. For example, if he or she is nervous to meet their new teacher, practice what he or she might say.
- Make a bravery ladder: help your child plan the steps he or she can take when trying something that feels extra tricky. Accomplishing baby steps builds confidence.



Lynx Service Club had a successful fundraiser for Ukraine.



**LSC raised \$517! THANK YOU for your donations.**

Did you know the sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine? Check out the amazing bouquet of sunflowers near the art room that Ms. Swanson made with the 1st graders! It was the perfect backdrop for our picture. LSC wrapped up their year of service by celebrating with some pizza and popsicles thanks to the PTA! If you will be in 4th grade next year you can be part of service club!

Watch for information next fall.

## Registration open for Summer Strings and Back to School Band Camp

The **2022 MCPS Summer Strings and Back to School Band Camp** programs are for students entering **grades 5-8**, and offer a fun and engaging atmosphere for beginning or continuing string

or band instrument instruction. Students work with MCPS orchestra instructors or band directors and make new friends from throughout the Missoula area.

Now is the time to put Summer Strings or Back to School Band Camp on your calendar.

### SUMMER STRINGS



When: June 13-17 & 20-24 (times vary according to instrument)

Where: C.S. Porter Middle School, 2510 W. Central

Cost: \$75 fee (does not include instrument)

### BACK TO SCHOOL BAND CAMP

When: August 10-12 & 15-19 (times vary according to instrument)

Where: C.S. Porter Middle School, 2510 W. Central

Cost: \$75 (does not include instrument)



More information, including instrument rental information and registration forms, is available on the Fine Arts webpage at: <https://www.mcpsmt.org/domain/959>



## Sharon Jones wins Educator of the Year!

Mrs. Jones was surprised by the honor the same afternoon the 4th grade classes wrapped up their wax museum projects. The Missoula Education Foundation presented the award along with a \$1000 check from Stockman's Bank for Mrs. Jones to spend on her classroom. Mrs. Jones was selected by the student board of the Missoula Education Foundation for this award! Way to go, Mrs. Jones! We love you!

Tell us how the year went! Take the 3 min survey

We'd like to know from families how the communication and events from the FRC went this year.

<https://forms.gle/fy1za3XD3tpnFD8CA>

