



Lynx Link

March 2022

Calendar-at-a-Glance

- 1 KG Registration begins
- 6 & 7—Zero Waste Schools - Film Screening and Panel Discussion—See pg. 6
- 15 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 Half Day School Dismissed at 11:05 am
- 18 No School—Parent Teacher Conferences
- 21-25—Spring Break
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2022-2023

Kindergarten Registration is Underway!

Who: Students who will turn 5 years old on or before 9/10/22.

Things you will need to gather in preparation for registration: Child's Birth Certificate, Completed Immunization Record, Two Forms of Proof of Address (utility bill, phone bill, lease agreement)

Kindergarten Registration is a lengthy process involving quite a bit of paperwork. We know people are busy, and it is hard to spare time to fill out the paperwork here at school. In order to save you time, the forms will be available online. You are welcome to bring in your completed forms with your other documents or fill them out here at the school.

Please visit www.mcpsmt.org for updated registration dates and details. Please Note: Kindergarten Registration is NOT complete until all of the paperwork and documents are turned in and reviewed by your school secretary!

THANKS for Helping TACKLE HUNGER!

Lynx Service Club (LSC) has been busy this past month! The LSC students worked SO hard organizing the food drive, promoting the drive, counting items after school and eventually loading all the items into the Food Bank truck. Thank-you 4th grade service club!

Also special thanks to the LSC parents and Ms. Vaneps for helping us after school!

There were 699 items in the Bengals cart and 959 items in the Rams! We collected 1,867 pounds of food our new school record!!! Thank you to ALL of you who donated! We sadly weren't able to save Ms. Vaneps and she got a pie in the face (see pg 2).

Together all three schools collected 5,027 pounds of food. Wow! Congrats to Chief Charlo for winning by 95 pounds!

LSC is already looking forward to next year!
Written by Elise, Kendal, and Annika





PIE FACE FUN!

Since Chief Charlo was the winner of the food drive competition, Principal Alanna Vaneps and Secretary Angie Tranel traveled to Chief Charlo to get their “just desserts” - although Chief Charlo Principal Erica Zins and Secretary Ann Bates ended up with some pie on their faces, too.

The competition proved to be a big win for all—including the students, their schools and families, and community!

COVID-19 vaccine incentive campaign collecting entries for prizes

The Missoula Education Foundation, in partnership with the Missoula City County Health Department and Missoula County Public Schools, recently launched a new campaign to encourage eligible youth in our community to get vaccinated for COVID-19.

The new incentive campaign offers the chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. For this round, students must be 5-15 years old and attending a participating school in Missoula County to be eligible for the 2022 campaign, which will close to entries on March 31.

The MEF website has more information as well as a consent form that acts as an entry form for the drawing. Families who choose to participate can fill out the form and drop it off at their child’s school or mail it directly to MEF. Please help spread the word!



WildWalk! Parade 2022

Please join us Saturday, April 23rd, 2022 at 11am at the corner of Higgins Ave and Front St. We will be gathering on the East side of the building in the parking lot and funneling around to the front of FIB onto Higgins Ave for the parade. WildFest kickoff around 11:30am at BN Plaza and the XX's.



50th Annual Riverbank Run— help L&C WIN the Challenge!

Attention Lewis & Clark students and families! The 50th Annual YMCA Riverbank Run is coming up **April 30th!** Help Lewis & Clark win the Grade School Challenge by training for and running in the Riverbank Run! The school with the most runners gets a trophy and other fun prizes! All Grade School Challenge participants get a t-shirt and prizes as well!



Look for Riverbank Run information to come home after spring break. **Registration is only \$10 for grade school students and race scholarships are available (contact the FRC or front desk for info).** Race shirts and prizes will be delivered to school a week before the big day--April 30th. Kids participate in a real chip-timed race! See you at the start line!



The PTA is excited to announce a brand new fundraising event for Lewis and Clark next month. It will be our first **FUN RUN!** From **April 11 through the 21st our students will be virtually fundraising and on Thursday, April 21st we will have our school-wide FUN RUN!** 35 minutes or 35 laps on a designated route around our school. Keep your eyes out for more information to follow! Funds raised will help to purchase a new reader board for the outside of the school, as well as funding for classrooms, field trips, supplies, books, technology and more!

Zero Waste Schools: Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Monday, March 7, 5:30-6:45pm

Virtual - [sign up here](#)

Join [Families for a Livable Climate](#) and [Home ReSource](#) for a discussion of the film, [Microplastic Madness](#), and Zero Waste efforts and opportunities in Missoula schools and beyond. For Missoula teachers and staff wanting to know more about the what, why, and how of becoming a Zero Waste school, this is the film to watch and the panel to attend! Alongside learning fascinating information on the history and the irrevocably problematic nature of plastic, you will see what "going zero waste" one step at a time might entail for your school, and our panel event will localize the conversation. The film invites its viewers (and their young people!) to take on the role of "citizen scientist," taking action to create change in the face of huge challenges. Join us for the **free online film screening on March 6 at 7pm, panel discussion on March 7 from 5:30-6:45pm, or both!**



Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

March is International Women's History Month

Research has shown that girls as young as 5 begin to internalize gender stereotypes, believing that girls should be "pretty" and that "smart" is a word that describes boys. Empower young girls by using different adjectives to describe them.

ALTERNATIVES TO CALLING GIRLS "pretty" or "beautiful"

Brave Respectful Resilient

Curious Determined

Funny Artistic

Unique Athletic

Kind Generous Kind

Loyal Insightful

Confident Capable

Imaginative Spirited Honest

Lynx Literacy Tips

Making connections between new information and what they already know is a powerful tool for children as they learn to read. Any time that you can help your child make connections, you're helping them learn! For example, if your child is trying to read the word "claw" and they know the word "saw", help them see that the "aw" says the same sound in each word. Or if they're trying to read "sound" and they know "out", help them to recognize that the ou says the same sound in both words. It's really important that children can do this with sounds **first**, before they try it with letters. Practicing rhyming, reading rhyming books, and playing with language is a **very** important part of learning to read—all the way through third grade! Hearing the connections between words and seeing the connections within words will help them learn and remember new words as they read!

**Christy Meuer—
L&C Intervention Specialist**

I Love Reading-Earn Prizes

The pink reading logs pink reading logs that came home with students in February count toward two different reading contests. For 10 hours of reading students will earn a pass to **Silverwood Park** in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Students can also win tickets and prizes from the **Missoula Paddleheads** baseball team. Prizes start at 2 hours, and students move up a level for each additional 2 hours up to 10 hours. At 10 hours students have earned all available prizes.

Student reading logs are due back to Mr. Nordtome **by Friday, March 11**. They may be turned in early if students reach 10 hours. **No late reading logs will be accepted**, and prizes will be delivered in early June. Have fun and keep reading!

Mr. Nordtome—jsnordtome@mcpsmt.org



Our Missoula Children's Theatre Workshop Week was a great experience and opportunity for all L & C students to get a taste of the theatre world.

Thank you to the many families and businesses who contributed financially to this effort: Brandy Gillespie, Hillary Ogg, Matt Roberge, Traci Good, Deirdre Gallagher, Cassandra Cranston, Kasey Boeve, Heather Soteris, Mary's Mountain Cookies, Brittnie Keilman, Holly Schleicher, Amy Baty, Leanna Ross, Elizabeth Addington, Doug Wing and Madison Iler, Angie Walker, Joy Giffin, D. and K. Williams, Kelly Markovich, Rocky Mountain Speech Therapy/ Cythia Ross, Toni Matlock, Lab Industries LLC, David and Malie Macaluso, James Johnson, Kyle Burke, Jessica Kehoe, Caroline Lurgio, Sarah Kragelund, Patrick Bridegam, Kathryn Grady, Tracy Boehm, Evgeniya Strakhova, Kiyomi Oatez Looney, Paige Williams, Kristin Fox, Meaghan Lee-Moriarity, Kate Besleme, Jeanne Bloom, Joe Slemberger, Josh Sticka

**Your generous donations
totaled \$3,250!**

A special thank you to the Barnes and Vermel families for hosting the MCT Tour Directors.

Thank you to Mrs. Morrison for sharing her classroom for workshop week!

**MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE**

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The next Lewis and Clark PTA meeting
is **Tuesday, March 15th at 6:30pm.**

The PTA would love some parents to help with our upcoming **Jogathon** in April!! This is a new fundraising event for our school and we need your helping hands for planning and set-up and operating for the **FUN RUN** event on **April 21st**. Please reach out to the PTA if you can help!
lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com.



Going, Going... Not Quite Gone

The PTA still has delicious whole bean CTT coffee (\$10), a few bags of caramels (\$10) and some awesome tea (\$5) left for sale! Let us know if you want some of these

items: lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com.

Please send payment via check to the front desk (made out to LC PTA with CTT in memo) or via our paypal:

<http://paypal.me/lynxpta>.

Please indicate "CTT", if using Paypal.

Noted March 2022



BALINESE
GAMELAN

March is GAMELAN MONTH in the Music room. Students at L&C have been playing gamelan for 16 years! A gamelan is a percussion orchestra from Southeast Asia consisting of gongs, metalophones, drums and bamboo flute. The Lewis and Clark gamelan is unique to Bali, Indonesia and is called "Angklung". All students at Lewis and Clark will spend the next month playing a gamelan and learning about arts and culture in Bali, Indonesia.

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Lost & Found

Items for March will be displayed
March 28-April 1st!

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Family Resource Center March Wish List

Warm Winter Mittens/Gloves,
all sizes

Boys' size 5-8 joggers/athletic pants

Girls' size 5-8 Leggings;

Size 6 underwear

[Family Resource Specialists](#)

Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst

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Family Resource Center Hours:

M/F 8:30-3:15 W 8:15-3

T/TH 8:15-3:15

Thank You!

Mrs. Jones—Snowpants

Kim Anderson—Graphic Design for our Lynx
Positive Postcard

Lewis and Clark PTA—Positive Postcard
Postage

Franzon Family—Warm Coat

Jenkins and Gallegos Family—Snow boots and
Fleece Pullover

Brant Family—Snow pants, Snow Boots and
Backpack

Bicknell Family—Shirts and socks

Missoula Organization of Realtors—
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