



Lynx Link

May

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6 Ukraine Fundraiser—
Lynx Service Club (pg 3)

16-27 Bring books to
donate to **Bookin' Into
Summer** book swap on
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16 Kindergarten Round
Up 2022/2023 class (No
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17 PTA Meeting 6:30-8
pm

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Show - 12:45-2:00

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30—No School—Memorial
Day Weekend

June

3 Field Day

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Book Swap during school

7 Bookin Into Summer
Family Event 5:45-7 pm

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display

10 Last Day of School!
Students dismissed at
11:05 am

So much FUN and Spirit at the Lynx Spirit Fun Run on April 21st! Almost \$35,000 Profit Raised!!

Families! We had so much FUN at the Lynx Spirit Fun Run!

The students ran, walked, danced, jumped, skipped, walked-backwards, grape-vined, sidestepped and sang for **17,000 minutes** last week in their LYNX SPIRIT RUN TSHIRTS!

Teachers and specialists ran and danced **930 minutes**. The specialists ran for HOURS! We all saw Lewis Clark's leader, Mrs. Vaneps, ON THE ROOF, confidently showing her school SPIRIT in a tutu and wig, cheering our school for this great accomplishment!

We saw MOVEMENT, LAUGHTER, SMILES, ENDURANCE, CONFIDENCE, FUN, RESPECT, CURIOSITY, RESPONSIBILITY, PRACTICE, HUMILITY, AND STUDENTS PRACTICING SAFETY! **We profited just under \$35,000! Thank you for your generous support of our wonderful school!**

(See more Jogathon thanks and details on page 5.)



May 2nd-5th is STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

The PTA is hosting a few events for our wonderful staff and **we need your help!**

Click on the Sign Up genius below to help deliver coffee, set up the staff lounge, bring in a breakfast, taco bar or dessert item during this week of teacher and staff recognition!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45aca92fa2f9c70-lewis1>

Please encourage your student to write a hand-written thank you note to their teacher(s). It will mean the world to them to read something from their hearts!



From the Principal's Office:

Lewis & Clark Families,

In the blink of an eye, we find ourselves in May! It has been an incredible year of learning, growing, and supporting each other. We often think of the final weeks of the school year as a time to wind down. I challenge you, however, to view this time to get a jump start on all that the future has in store for us.

In the coming weeks, students will have the opportunity to participate in the first phase of our Zero Waste Project as we begin recycling and composting in the lunchroom, enjoy heart healthy activities in our annual Field Day and get some summer reading books at our Bookin' Into Summer event. We also have our 4th and 5th graders putting on the Talent Show, Service Club's Mission Possible Project, and Service Club helping to enhance our recycling program and raising funds for kids and families in Ukraine. I am so proud of all the wonderful activities our students, teachers & families embrace at Lewis & Clark, especially as we bring a year to a close.

We look forward to these special events and sharing them with all of you. Please be sure to stop in or join one of these activities. Have a wonderful month and enjoy the sunshine! -Alanna



**Lewis and Clark Forever Famous
4th/5th Grade Talent Show!**
Thursday, May 20th—12:45-2:00—L&C Gym
Over 25 bedazzling acts! Fourth and fifth grade parents are welcome to attend!



COMING – JUNE 7th!

BOOKIN' INTO SUMMER
Book Swap and End of School Celebration
5:45-7:00—L&C playground



- * Join us for this fun, free family event and stock up on books for summer reading!
- * Bring a picnic dinner, listen to music by our own Mr. Cosca's band and enjoy a sweet cookie treat from **Mary's Mountain Cookies!**

Step 1: May 16-27 Bring gently used books to school. Collection bins at front office and FRC

Step 2: June 6th/7th Students will pick "new to them" books during the school day

Step 3: June 7th—5:45-7:00— Bring your family for an evening of connecting, music, cookies and selecting more books for summer reading! *More Book Swap details on **Pg. 3**



Lynx Service Club—Ukraine Fundraiser!

It was postponed but it's BACK!



Friday, May 6th you can pay **\$1.00** to wear a hat or bring a stuffy!
All proceeds will go to an organization in Poland helping Ukrainian orphans.

First thing in the morning you will bring your \$1.00 to your classroom and you will get a Ukrainian flag sticker made by the amazing Ms. Swanson to wear for the day!

Thank you to the **Lewis and Clark Service Club** for their work all year long. This is their final project of the year!

P.S. Make sure your stuffy can fit in your backpack.

Kindergarten Round Up



Incoming 2022-2023 kindergarten kiddos and families, please reserve **Monday, May 16th** for **Kindergarten Round Up/Orientation.**

****We have 3 sessions to choose from. Please reserve your 30 minute spot** at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444ada823a4f58-kindergarten>

BOOKIN' INTO SUMMER

Book Swap Details



May 16th-27th: Students bring in books to add to the swap collection. Please choose carefully which books are brought in for swap. If it is a book you'd be glad to give a friend, it's probably fit to donate!

Only books meeting the criteria below will be included in the swap:

- * Books appropriate for grades KG-5th
- * Books should be in gently used condition (cover on, no rips, tears, bent edges or writing/coloring on the pages)
- * Books should fit into one of the following categories: picture, early chapter books, regular chapter books, 5th grade/YA books. **Please do NOT** send board books, coloring books, activity or sticker books, religious books, magazines or adult titles.

On June 6th/7th all L&C students will get a chance to pick out at least one book to take home as their own.

Please note the selection and number of books available will be based on the books donated. **Questions? Contact the FRC@327-6949 or frclewis@mcpsmt.org**

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



SPRING INTO READING



Spring is upon us! With it comes lots of exciting events, sports, schedule changes, and special projects. It's a time of year when these fun changes make it even more important to stay consistent with the foundations in our children's learning. Children's learning thrives on consistency and predictability. When things get busy, making sure they arrive at school on time and have a regular reading routine every afternoon are

important factors as they continue their learning. We know children often lose learning over the summer, so we want to keep a strong reading plan in place through the entire school year (and into the summer—but more on that next month!). That way we can make the most of the time we have in school and set our kiddos up for success!

- **Christy Meurer, Reading Interventionist**

Lost & Found

The final display for the year will be:

June 6th to June 10th.

Remember to write your student's name on all items so we can return them. Looking for a specific item? Call or email the FRC: 327-6949 or frclewis@mcpsmt.org



Family Resource Specialists

Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst

728-2400 x4355

frclewis@mcpsmt.org

Family Resource Center Hours:

M,W,F 8:15-3:15 / T,TH 8:15-3:15

PTA NEWS and UPDATES!

****Thank you to these fantastic parents who volunteered during the week of the Lynx Fun Run and/or during the Run:**

Kyle Bocinsky, Staci Nugent, Keri McHugh, Jeff Lamson, Jenny Theis, Doug Wing, Angie Walker, Julie Keis, Amy Van Cleave, Lisa Hayhurst, Renee Flynn, Brandy Gillespie, Leanna Ross, Holly Scleicher, Zsuzsa Weinhandl, Ilana McCloud, Erin and Ryan Geigas, Libby Addington, Madison Ilear, Ariella Alexander, Clay Looney, Cori Burns, Benjamin Powell, Kathleen Hanson, Hollin Buck, Steve Shepro and Melissa Roberg!

A special thank you to Ms. Vaneps and Andrew Wyatt, P.E. teacher for all of their help with making this fundraiser successful! A HUGE thank you to Kamra Kolendich, PTA president!

A GIANT THANK YOU goes out to these amazing LOCAL businesses of sponsors and supporters who purchased Lewis and Clark Lynx Spirit shirts for every student and staff member to wear for our Lynx Spirit Fun Run Fundraiser on April 21st!

Please consider being patrons of these generous businesses!

Sponsors:

BEATTY'S EYES

IMPORT MARKET

MARY'S MOUNTAIN COOKIES

MISSOULA VALLEY CONCRETE PUMPING

MONTANA LAND COMPANY

PARADISE FALLS

THUNDER HAMMER FLYFISHING

TOYOTA OF MISSOULA

Supporters:

Alpine Physical Therapy

Blackfoot Communications

Garden City Property Management

MayFly Montessori

The FRC & PTA say THANK YOU to the following... Rife Family—Boys Clothes; Cavuoto Family—Boys Clothes; Bell Family—Boys Clothes Weissman Family—Girls Clothes; Davis Family—Girls Clothes.

Sky Borden—FRC Closet Organizing

Cori Burns—Lost and Found Delivery
Class Picture Volunteers—

Kirby Beierle, Kamra Kolendich, Catie Kohler, Renee Flynn

Office Bulletin Boards—

Kirby Beierle



Thank You!

Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) Spring Cleanup

Join us **SUNDAY, MAY 22nd from 1-4 pm** for spring cleanup of the ODC. Please bring your gloves, rakes, shovels and compostable bags, if you have them. We would love to have as many people as possible (kids included) to help clean and beautify our ODC! Come for an hour or 3!



Thank you all so much for your participation in our first Jog-a-thon/Lynx Spirit FUN RUN event. It was by far the most successful fundraiser L&C has seen.

The Jog-a-thon raised about \$35,000 for Lewis and Clark, enabling the PTA to honor all spring funding requests for teachers classrooms and programming, totaling **\$5627.90**.

We are also in the process of finding a suitable electronic reader board for the school, which will be paid for by the monies raised from Jog-a-thon.



Mrs. Sharkey's 1st grade class created scientific models of their favorite wild animals that they considered resilient and adaptable to survive. The students and their animals marched in the **Wild Walk Parade** on April 22nd!

This is the **25th year** Mrs. Sharkey's students have created animals and participated in this Missoula community parade—**Wow!**

Special Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped the kids create!



May is Bike Month!

Join Lewis & Clark's celebration of **National Bike Month** by encouraging your kids to ride their bikes, scooter or walk to school. Or better yet, join them!

Thursday, May 26th – Bike to School
8:00-8:25 AM (on playground before school)

Kids who walk or roll to school will receive
a charm and a treat.



Warm Spring Weather Brings out Ticks



There are many species of ticks capable of transmitting a variety of bacterial, viral, and parasitic illnesses to humans and other mammals.

PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Use insect repellent (at least 20 % DEET) and wear protective clothing to prevent ticks from making you their next meal. Early recognition and treatment of tick-borne infections significantly decreases the risk of serious complications
- Inspect yourself, other family members and pets after being outdoors
- Shower off after being outdoors to wash off ticks and more easily spot ticks

Information taken from <http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/cdepi/diseases/ticks>

Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson



What is the 5th Grade Exhibition?

In the final year of the PYP, students carry out an extended, in-depth, collaborative project known as the PYP exhibition.

Fifth grade students work collaboratively to conduct an in-depth inquiry into real life issues, problems, or interests. Students collectively synthesize all of the essential elements of the PYP in ways that can be shared with the whole school community.

The exhibition provides teachers with a powerful and authentic process to assess student understanding.

The exhibition represents a unique and significant opportunity for students to exhibit the attributes of the IB learner profile developed throughout their engagement with the PYP.

It also provides schools and students with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the transition of learners to the next phase of their education.

Lewis and Clark fifth graders participate in the exhibition each spring. This year, our amazing fifth graders will be exploring the transdisciplinary theme, "How we express ourselves" with a focus on the central idea of, "Personal identity and experience embodies human expression." The exhibition will take place on June 2nd, in the morning, on the front lawn. More information to follow.



Information provided by ibo.org

Native American Student Services End of Year Gathering

Details of time and place coming soon!

Contact Duran at Native American Student Services with questions:

406-728-2400, X1064
or dcaferro@mcpsmt.org



4th/5th Grade Students!

Check out the MCPS Fine Arts website to learn about Summer Camp Band and Orchestra opportunities:

<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