



Lynx Link

October 2020

October

Calendar-at-a-Glance

2-14 Toiletry Drive

13—Coffee, Toffee, Tea Fundraiser begins

10/15-16 No School

20 PTA Mtg 6:30-8:00 pm— via Meet look for link in email/text

30 Halloween@L&C



YOUR RESPONSE MATTERS!

Filling out the 2020 Census is easy, fast, safe and important.

It takes just **10 minutes** to answer **9 simple questions** that will shape

our community for the next **10 years**.

Your information is secure & protected by law.

Visit: census.mt.gov or 2020census.gov

Complete YOUR response by Oct. 5th



Lost & Found!

Our Lost and Found boxes are purged monthly. Items will be displayed for collection outside on the playground before and after school, weather permitting.

PLEASE LABEL CLOTHING & LUNCHBOXES -

Items with legible first and last names are delivered to students.

Unclaimed items will be donated to local charities or become part of the FRC inventory.



L&C's PTA fall fundraiser starts October 13th!

Every Lewis and Clark family (both hybrid and MOA!) is encouraged to take part. The money raised directly supports items such as Chromebooks, teacher grants for field trips, student agendas, the Outdoor Discovery Center and more!

New this year: ONLINE ORDERING ABILITY!

Look for a fundraising packet to come home with your child in the coming weeks.

This is a homegrown fundraiser featuring Montana made products. Please reach out to your family, friends and neighbors. Coffee, Toffee, Tea and more items make amazing gifts and will be delivered in time for holidays!

From the Principal's Office

Hello Lewis & Clark families,

It is hard to believe fall is here already. As much as I love the summer sunshine, autumn is my favorite time of year. I enjoy hiking to the M to see the beautiful fall leaves around Missoula, going to Benson's Farm to pick the best pumpkin for Halloween and get some of their delicious sweet corn, and pulling out some of my favorite soup recipes to snuggle in a blanket and read a good book. I hope you are enjoying some wonderful fall activities too! I would love to hear from your kiddos about activities they enjoy this time a year, a book they look forward to reading, or a special activity you do in the fall. Please have them find me at recess, before or after school, or possibly in the classroom. Enjoy this special time of year!



Your principal~ Alanna

Halloween at L&C

As in years past, we ask Halloween clothing **NOT** represent characters of violence or destruction. **NO PROPS of GUNS, KNIVES, BLOOD, OR SWORDS AT SCHOOL PLEASE!** We appreciate your cooperation and positive creativity to make the days before Halloween fun and safe for all at Lewis & Clark.



The seasons are changing...

When coming to school, please remind your child(ren) to dress for the cold, wet weather. Students will be going outside to play each day they are at school, unless it is below zero or a complete downpour. Students should wear a warm coat, mittens, a hat, and rain/snow boots. If you need help making sure your child(ren) have warm gear, please contact the Family Resource Center for assistance at: 728-2400x4355 or frclewis@mcpsmt.org

MOR4Kids Kickball Fundraiser to benefit MCPS FRCs

WHAT: **MOR4Kids Kick Ball fundraiser.** Get a 6-POD (Friends or adult family members that you hang out with during COVID) and Join Missoula Organization of Realtors for fresh air, have a little fun, and raise money for MOR4Kids, which supports MCPS Family Resource Centers each year.

When: Wed., Oct. 14, 10 AM – 3 PM

Where: Ogren Field at Sliver Park. They have been operating in a COVID Planning compliant space all summer!

HOW: Form a team or donate an item for auction. Contact Carly Kelley from MOR4Kids at 406-207-1176 or carly.kelley@bhhsmt.com

Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson



WELCOME BACK!!!

Lewis and Clark is an authorized IB World School offering the Primary Years Program.

What is IB??

IB stands for International Baccalaureate.

IB schools focus on inquiry, reflection, student agency, and action!

How can you help support your IB learner?

Click on the [link](#) to learn more and contact your child's classroom teacher or our IB Coordinator, Kari Henderson, if you have questions. khenderson@mcpsmt.org



Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

Welcome back to school! This year I'll be working to help support grade levels for three weeks at a time; this will include academic support and also social/emotional curriculum. I started in first grade and will rotate through by grade level.

I'm also still available to support students individually. My role is to help students navigate through thoughts, feelings, or behaviors that are getting in the way of their learning and feeling successful at school. Please reach out to me if your student needs support.

lemyers@mcpsmt.org or 728-2400 x4379

Helping Students Manage Back to School Stress During a Pandemic

- Routines are important so kids know what to expect, especially as our school schedule changes. Consider making a visual schedule so kids can see what's happening each day.
- Kids benefit from having time to talk about what's going on and how they are feeling. If possible, dedicate a few minutes each day to putting everything aside and taking time to connect and listen.
- Stress is tricky business. Kids might be feeling the effects of stress more than ever right now. Teach your kids about what stress is, how it feels in their bodies, and give them tools to cope. Breathing strategies are a great place to start!
- If you worry that your child is having trouble adjusting, please reach out to your child's teacher or school counselor for support.

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 2020-2021 School Year

Co-president- Kamra Kolendich lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com

Co-president- Jeff Lamson lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com

Vice-President—**OPEN POSITION; can YOU help?! Contact any officer!**

Treasurer—Emily Mackenroth lewisandclarkptatreasurer@gmail.com

Secretary—Keri McHugh lewisandclarksecretary@gmail.com

Teacher Liaison—Jordan Garland, 5th Gr teacher jgarland@mcpsmt.org

Teacher Liaison—Sharon Jones, 4th Gr teacher sgjones@mcpsmt.org

2020-21 PTA Meeting Schedule



Meetings 6:30-8 pm unless otherwise noted. All are welcome! Meet-

ings will be held virtually until further notice. Look for link to meetings in emails/texts.

Oct. 20

Nov. 17

Dec. 8

Jan. 19

Feb. 16

April 20

May 18

June 8

**NEW, UPDATED PTA website
coming SOON!**

Why Join the PTA?

What do PTA members help sponsor?

What are you a part of with the PTA?

- Support ALL L&C students
- Funds raised reimburse L&C teachers up to \$250 for classroom expenses or projects
- Connect with other families & teachers
- Learn about what's happening at our school
- Be involved and engaged
- Receive a copy of the L&C Student Directory

Become a member today!

Be your kid's biggest fan.

Be PTA.



PEACE CHOIR

Ms. Morrison and Ms. Kees are excited to announce PEACE Choir is starting again! The PEACE choir is an opportunity for all students, K-5, interested in singing to join a Lewis & Clark tradition.

- All new and previous participants please join on **Tuesday afternoons** from 3:00-3:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting
at <https://zoom.us/j/94870386890?pwd=QzkvYStRMjlmcTJlb2tkZHZ2VnVPZz09>

Meeting ID: 948 7038 6890
Passcode: 07i048

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Morrison or Ms. Kees at

- domorrison@mcpsmt.org
- klkees@mcpsmt.org

SUPPORT L&C WITH YOUR SHOPPING There are many ways to help our schools 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 on the top of the receipt and give it back to the cashier and they will donate 1% of your receipt amount to your 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: the old clip style of Box Tops for schools are being phased out. L&C is still collecting these, but also 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. After you check out, scan your receipt within 14 days and BAM! Box Tops are sent to the school!



2020-2021 Indian Education Department Events

Halloween Trunk or Treat Wednesday, Oct. 28th 5-7 pm Big Sky High School

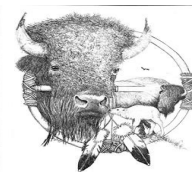
Winter Gathering Friday, Dec. 11 6-8 pm Meadow Hill Middle School

Family Fun Time Thursdays Jan 7, 14, 21, 28th and Feb. 4, 11th 6– 8 pm CSPorter Middle School

Native Youth Powwow Sat., March 27 Grand Entry 12 & 6 pm Sentinel High School

Title VI Public Hearing TBA MCPS Admin Building Rm. 14

Graduating Senior Dinner Thursday, May 3 6-8 pm Double Tree by Hilton Hotel



The FRC (Family Resource Center) at Lewis & Clark is here to help all families, especially those experiencing housing or food insecurity or homelessness.



As of September 9, 2020 **all MCPS meals will be provided free of charge to all students.** These meals are also available to all youth in Missoula under 18 years old.

Meals will be free through December 31, 2020.



- Meals provided in schools will still include a hot option.
- Students will still need to provide their lunch number when ordering lunch during the school day. This is only to help us with our tracking, this will NOT charge the student's account.
- Grab and go meals will include breakfast along with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or a deli sandwich option.
- Grab and go meals are available at every school, even if you don't attend there
- **Grab & Go meal pick up at L&C 9-10 AM M-F at cafeteria doors off of playground**
- Any youth under 18 - even home-schooled and private school students, and MOA students can get free meals
- **Anyone can pick up meals on behalf of a student**

Please DO fill out the FREE & REDUCED meal paperwork, if you qualify. This helps with additional funding. Thank you!

NEED EXTRA FOOD FOR THE WEEK-ENDS? Please contact the FRC about the Empower Pack Program at 327-6949 or frclewis@mcpsmt.org

Parks and Rec Childcare

Reduced rates! Missoula Parks and Recreation is offering full-day, half-day, and afterschool day camps for children ages 4 and up at **significantly** reduced rates. The program begins September 28 and extends to Christmas break. Learn more at www.missoulaparks.org or phone 721-PARK (7275),

Words with Wings Classes

All Classes FREE! Options for Gr 3-12. Find out more and register at www.missoulawritingcollaborative.submittable.com

FRC TOILETRY HARVEST

October 2-14, help supply toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, laundry detergent, etc to L&C families in need. Look for collection bins on playground before & after school Oct. 2-14th. Thank you!



Thank you to the following donors to the FRC:

Kolendich & Butz families— clothing

Ms. Kees – backpacks and clothing

Quinn G. –shoes, Costco– backpacks

MOR4Kids– financial contributions

Missoula YMCA– water bottles

Tracey Cravy & Lisa Hayhurst

Family Resource Center - 327-6949

frclewis@mcpsmt.org

M,W, F 8:30-3:15 Tues, TH—8:30-2:15