



Lynx Link

October 2019

October

Calendar-at-a-Glance

3 Picture Day

3-21 —Coffee, Toffee,
Tea Fundraiser

15 Kindergarten Parent
Connection

15 PTA Mtg 6:30-8:00 pm

17-18 No School—MEA
Convention

25—Indian Ed
Halloween Round
Dance at Franklin

28-11/1 Lost and Found
Displayed

31 Halloween Parties—
last hour of the day

Kindergarten Parent Connect

Connect with other
Kindergarten parents
on **Tuesday, Oct.
15th 1:45-2:45** in
room 152. Join Katie
Leary from The
Lifelong Learning
Center for light
refreshments and
conversation about
life with a
Kindergartner!

Please call the FRC at
372-6949 to RSVP.



Halloween at Lewis and Clark

Our Halloween parties happen the last hour of the day. All children will change into their costumes during afternoon recess (although they may wear the base of their costume under their clothing). We encourage the fun of dressing up, BUT we ask school costumes not represent characters of violence and destruction. **NO GUNS, NO KNIVES, NO BLOOD, NO SWORDS, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Depending on your child's costume, it may be best for a child to have a home and a school costume. Or save some elements for trick-or-treating only. We appreciate your cooperation and positive creativity to make Halloween fun and safe for all on **Thursday, Oct. 31st!**



Our biggest fundraiser of the year begins soon! With your help, we can make it the best yet!

Every Lewis and Clark family is encouraged to take part. The money raised directly supports our children's education and enrichment!

Coffee, Toffee, and Tea and More make great gifts!

This is a homegrown fundraiser featuring Montana made products. Please reach out to your family, friends and neighbors. Ask them to support our school by purchasing an item.



Sale begins October 3rd.
Please turn in order forms by
October 21st (with money).
Orders will be ready for pick up
and delivered to classes
November 11th .

From the Principal's Office:

Hello Lewis and Clark Families!

What a fantastic start to our year. Thank you to everyone for your positivity and support. I wanted to remind you of the goals I have for this year.

- Build positive and collaborative relationships with our school's stakeholders. These include parents, students, teachers, staff, and community supporters.
- Identify our school's strengths and challenges to ensure and facilitate a climate of continued growth.
- Using our priority standards as the focus and high-quality professional development, provide instructional leadership for our teachers to utilize best practice and research-based instruction for the classroom.
- Leading our staff through the year 5 Self-Study Process for International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme to update our commitment and engagement to inquiry-based learning.

As a building, we will be creating academic and culture/climate goals that I will share with you in the next newsletter! Be on the lookout. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any ideas, concerns and positive feedback. Communication is the key!

Take Care,

Amy Shattuck

Principal

avshattuck@mcps.k12.mt.us or (406)728-2400 ext. 4350

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminder!

Please drop off and pick up students on
Agnes Avenue by the playground.

Benton Avenue is for bus drop offs only!

**Stopping to drop or pick up children in
staff parking lots and crosswalks is
not safe and therefore not allowed.**



Please follow the guidelines
for the sake of everyone's
safety. Thank you!

Parents...

Please remember
to communicate after
school plans to your child
BEFORE school.



This prevents unnecessary
interruptions for Ms. Bridget at
the front office and
teachers during the school day.

Thanks for your help in making
sure your child is informed!

Lewis and Clark Student Council 2019-20 is up and running!



The purpose of Student Council is to let students participate in a democratic forum to make the school a better place. Each will bring issues from the classroom to the Student Council discussion where all ideas will be treated equally. Each representative will bring back to the classroom the results of the meeting and will ask for class votes on major issues. Each student representative was elected by his or her class.

Representatives from fifth grade: 5F-Owen Dale, Ashton Huse, and Elin Nuttall; 5G- Oliver Darlington and Paisley Johnson; 5J -Mykal Dunn and Aaron Roche.

From fourth grade: 4J-Josh Hyland and Weston Schick; 4O-Kincaid Fiscus and Josh Shepherd ; 4W-Joslyn Calahan and Nixin Wright.

Student Council represents YOU, the student! Please have a voice in making the school a better place. Meetings are at **lunchtime every other Thursday** in Mrs. Ferrell's class from 12:00-12:30, and everyone interested is welcome to attend.

Counselor's Corner: A Note from Ms. Myers

Helping Kids Deal with School

SEPARATION ANXIETY



Transitioning into a new school year can bring about big changes- new teacher, new after school care or programs- and big changes can sometimes lead to tears, fears, and resistance. This chart provides some quick tips to developing a routine around transition, with the hope of easing worries for all involved. If your child is struggling with transitions this year, you can also reach out to me for support and problem solving.

Thanks! Linsey Myers

lemyers@mcps.k12.mt.us or
728-2400 x4379



PEACE CHOIR



All students 1st through 5th grade are invited to sing in the Peace Choir!!

8-8:25 Tuesdays in the Music room.

Please enter through the doors closest to the cafeteria by the playground

SEASON 1: September 24 - November 26, 2019

SEASON 2: January 7 - March 10, 2020

Ms. Morrison (Music Teacher), Ms. Vanek (2nd Grade teacher), Mr. Cosca (Teacher Candidate) and Ms. McAllister (community volunteer) will direct Peace Choir this year.



T-shirt orders are now being collected. Please turn in your order ASAP.

If you missed the sign-up at the Ice Cream Social and want to participate, contact Ms. Morrison at domorrison@mcps.k12.mt.us or 728-2400 x4377

Inquiry Corner with Kari Henderson

International Baccalaureate Information

Lewis and Clark Elementary is an IB (International Baccalaureate) World School offering the PYP (Primary Years Program). We are embarking on our fourth year as a fully authorized IB World School and have been developing as an IB school since the fall of 2012.

What does it mean to be an IB World School?

*An IB World School is part of a worldwide community of schools, educators, and students with a shared vision and mission to empower young people with the skills, values, and knowledge to create a better and more peaceful world.

If you would like more information about the IB you can:

go to the "About Us" tab on the Lewis and Clark homepage and select International Baccalaureate from the menu

go to ibo.org

take a look at our POI (Program of Inquiry) bulletin board at the front office

visit with your child's teacher

email Kari Henderson, our IB Coordinator, at khenderson@mcpsmt.org



*information from ibo.org

Lost & Found!

Our Lost and Found boxes are purged monthly. Items are displayed for collection on tables outside the gym during the last week of every month.

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.



Lost and Found for October will be displayed from 10/28 - 11/1.

Shop for Food and Support Our School

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! They also take requests for donation of goods or for special projects.

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. They also have a committee that reviews online forms for special donation requests once a month for special events.



Morning Movement: Get moving with Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Winter, and Mrs. Hayhurst
Wednesday—Friday Mornings: September 25th to November 22nd
All morning movement participants enter thru new cafeteria door.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT

Wednesdays

Thru November 20th

8:00-8:25 AM in the GYM



YOGA/MINDFULNESS

Thursdays

Thru November 21st

8:00-8:25 AM in Gym B



RUNNING CLUB

Fridays

Thru November 22nd

8:00-8:25 AM on the PLAYGROUND



Indian Education Department Spooky Scary Halloween Round Dance

Friday, Oct. 25, 6:00-8:00pm Franklin Elementary School



Lewis and Clark Open House and Ice Cream Social 2019

This year started with a great evening of community with our annual ice cream social. Students were able to give tours of their classrooms and highlight their favorite activities of the day with their families. A big THANK YOU once again this year to Big Dipper for the delicious ice cream! Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers for setting up, scooping, and cleaning up. Several organizations also came to show some of the opportunities available in our community. Thank you to all of those who came. A huge thank you to Mrs. Shattuck and custodian Tom for all of their help to prepare for this event. We are excited about another great year here at Lewis and Clark!



Alissa Schumacher—PTA Co-President

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2019-2020 PTA Meeting Schedule

Meetings 6:30-8 pm unless otherwise noted. All are welcome! Childcare provided with advance notice.

Oct. 15– 6:30-8 (Library—*funding proposals reviewed*)

Nov. 19—11:50-12:30 (RM 152)

Dec. 17—6:30-8 (Library)

Jan. 21—6:30-8 (Library)

Feb. 18 – 11:50-12:30 (RM 152)

March 24 – 6:30-8 (Library—*funding proposals reviewed*)

April 21—6:30-8 (Library)

May 19th—6:30-8 (Library)

June 9th—6:30-8 (Library)

PTA Meeting & Membership

The next Lewis and Clark Elementary School PTA meeting is **Tuesday, October 15th** in the library 6:30-8:00 pm. Childcare is available with prior notice. Please contact lewisandclark.pta.missoula@gmail.com to request childcare.

Why Join the PTA...?

- To support our students
- To get to know other families
- To learn more about what's happening at our school
- To be involved and engaged
- To get a copy of the L&C Student Directory

Become a member today! Membership forms available in the PTA mailbox at front office.

Come join us!



Try the BOX TOPS App !

Thank you to all who bring their Box Tops! It really does help the school and adds up quickly! Please consider installing the Box Top app on your smartphone. It can double our box tops. After you install the app and enter the school info, it is a simple process. Just select the offers that are listed on the app. When you shop, be sure to read the entire offer. After you check out, scan your receipt and BAM! Box Tops are sent to the school.

The great thing is you can still clip those box tops and drop them off in the box at the school's front office. Essentially, we get double Box Tops!

It's an easy way to increase our collection.

Thanks for your contributions toward this effort!



Free Clothes!

Bethel Community Church offers a free clothes closet EVERY Tuesday, 10 am-1 pm. Clothes for the whole family— whatever you need—FREE!

Tuesday, October 22rd
Extended Hours 10:00-6:00

You are also welcome to donate clothes/bedding for the clothes closet. Bethel Community Church is located at **1601 South 6th Street West— one block west of Russell.**



Questions? Call 721-2780



Family Resource Center

October Wish List

Belts— Boys/Girls size 4-6 Girls Shoes—size 3 & 3.5

Snow Boots—Boys/Girls sizes 5 and up

Healthy Snacks—low sugar, high protein

Halloween Costumes or props (school appropriate please!)— Clean out your collection and add to ours!



The FRC Corner

**BOOK and
GAME
CHECKOUT!**

The FRC also has books, family games and DVD's available for Check Out. Parenting books are on the cart outside the FRC. Board games and DVD's are inside the FRC. Stop in today! Room 126—past the gym.

Family Resource Specialists:
Tracey Cravy and Lisa Hayhurst
728-2400 x4355

frclewis@mcps.k12.mt.us
FRC Hours: M, T, W, F 8:30-3:00
TH—8:30-2:00

Friendly Reminders...

Hey Parents! Please help remind kids to bring their gym shoes or leave a pair here at school! This ensures your child can safely participate in PE.



The lunchroom policy has changed. Students may charge FULL lunches, whether they have money on their account or not. In order to purchase milk and juice ala carte, a student must have money on their account.

If you have questions about this policy or other lunch account concerns, please contact Jessica Moraca at 542-4035 X4352 or jmoraca@mcps.k12.mt.us



“Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much.”

-Helen Keller

Interested in Volunteering at Lewis and Clark? Whether you are helping in the classroom or on a field trip, all volunteers in Missoula County Public Schools **MUST** complete an application and, depending on their desired volunteer activities, pass a background check prior to working in a school or classroom. Background checks are valid for 2 years.

Volunteers will be classified as Supervised or Unsupervised.

- **Unsupervised volunteers** are cleared for student contact with or without the presence/supervision of an MCPS employee (i.e. teacher, administrator).
- **Supervised volunteers** are cleared only for student contact in the presence/supervision of an MCPS employee or approved program supervisor.

Please use the links below to fill out a volunteer application, confidentiality agreement and background check form to serve as an unsupervised volunteer:

Application: <http://www.mcpsvolunteers.com>

Background Check: https://mcpsvolunteer.quickleasepro.com/apply/applicant/start?ref=qap_session_6e5e721e80a1af9b519097f3c5f65ae40a7331f73ee032098b454e0c9a187ab9
(If you need financial assistance with the \$6 background fee, please contact the FRC at 728-2400 x4355)

Our school community is richer because of all the different ways volunteers help.



The Lifelong Learning Center is partnering with Families First to provide training in MCPS Elementary and Middle Schools. Call Families First at 721-7690 to register for the free classes and free onsite childcare or at www.childrensmuseummissoula.org

Kindness, Compassion, Self Esteem—Wednesday, October 2nd—6:00-8:00 PM at Paxson Elementary. Children who have a healthy self-esteem and who feel accepted and appreciated, tend to approach life with optimism and confidence. This class will answer questions such as: What is self-esteem? How do children "get" it? How do parents "give" it? Participants will leave class with strategies to engage with their children in a manner that fosters self-esteem, kindness, and compassion.

Helping Kids Manage Their Emotions— Thursday, October 24 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Franklin Elementary—Children are not born knowing how to express or deal with their emotions. Sometimes, observable behaviors can tell us more about how they may feel. In this class, you will learn how to identify the emotions behind your child's behavior, and to help them manage their emotions by connecting and developing new skills.



2019 EAST FALL after school programming

FREE and open to all L&C students

EAST Classes meet once a week from Oct. 8-31st

Registration is OPEN now! **Register here:**

<https://forms.gle/F4xJmXwvScrezkZM7>

***Registration CLOSES Tuesday, Oct. 1st at 4 pm**

Class descriptions can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aI0uUanV4HM1sgrUdbYozP-nJz1dp7ftiL45-8bhrbw/edit?usp=sharing>

Classes meet directly after school for one hour. A snack is provided.

K-3rd grade classes run on Tuesday & Wednesdays 3:05-4:05 & Thursdays from 2:05-3:05.

4-5th grade classes run on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3:35-4:35 & Thursdays from 2:35-3:35.

The Lewis and Clark Enrichment and Academic Support Team (EAST) invites you to join the after-school enrichment class program! With the generosity of our volunteer instructors, assistants and the PTA, these interest-based, fun-filled and informative classes are offered FREE to all Lewis & Clark students.

Registration is by lottery rather than first come, first served. Thus you do NOT need to be at your computer when registration opens, but you MUST register before it closes on **Tuesday, Oct. 1st at 4 pm!**

We will try our best to grant your first choice, but due to limited class sizes, submitting a registration form does NOT guarantee admission or class preference. You will be notified of class placement by Oct. 4th; earlier when/if possible. Many times there are more students interested than spaces in a class. Please check your calendar to make sure your child will be able to attend all classes before registering so we can make the most of this opportunity. Thank you for understanding!

*****IF** your student's schedule allows them only a certain class, please put that same class as the choice for 1st, 2nd & 3rd preference.