



CJI Newsletter

February 2026

HOW
ARE
YOU?

How was your day?

Ways to find out what happened at school:

- "If you were the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?"
- Rate your day on a scale of 1 to 10. Why did you give it that score?"
- When did you feel brave today?
- Who helped you when you needed it?
- What made your heart feel happy today?
- Who are you thankful for at school?

Winter Sports Schedule Links

[High School Wrestling](#)

[High School Basketball](#)



Board Action

- The board voted to approve Calendar C.
 - 26-27 School Calendar
- Expect a few minor changes to the calendar. We will update and send the calendar out as changes happen. Thank you for being flexible when changes occur!

CJI SportsYou

CJI Now has a SportsYou page to help keep everyone up-to-date on school happenings.



CODE: LWUT-ANXF



After School Activities

Beyond the Bell 4:00pm-5:00pm.
Beyond the Bell Paperwork

Upcoming February Events

4th - Lockdown Drill 8:45 am
5th - 3rd Quarter Mid-Term
2nd - Valentine Parties (4K-6th)
2nd - 00th Day
2nd - 4-6 AR Ski Trip
17th - School Board Meeting 7 PM
23rd - Elementary Basketball Practice Begins

Community Data Survey

The link and QR Code will take you to the community data survey. This survey is for people without kids in school. The parent survey will go out via Infinite Campus.

[Community Survey](#)



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Staff Spotlight

Xerxes Budomo

I grew up in Mangatarem, Pangasinan in the Philippines. The name "Mangatarem" is derived from the Ilocano words "Manga ken Tirem," which mean "mango and oyster." That's one of the reasons mango has always been my favorite fruit.

My favorite way to relax is binge-watching movies and TV series that I enjoy, especially on weekends or on nights before non-work days. Fun fact about me: I love to sing, but songs don't seem to love me back. One of my favorite school events is attending concerts, where I get to watch my son perform on stage—it's always a proud and memorable moment for me.

Staff Spotlight

Gloria Behem

I grew up in Terre Haute, Indiana where, those in the age group to remember music clubs, sent their request to Columbia Records. It is probably no surprise that my favorite hobby is reading, but I do like to walk/hike and when able to travel. I taught in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia in my first teaching job. My favorite school event is watching students gain knowledge through our wonderful staff.

Family Activity Ideas

- Make homemade Valentines
- Celebrate Black History Month by researching influential Black Leaders
- Make a heart-shaped pizza
- Build a blanket fort
- Create an obstacle course using pillows, hula hoops, chairs, and other household items to burn off some energy.
- Have a family movie night.
- Make heart-shaped sun catchers with tissue paper and contact paper.



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Counselor's Update

- The Hawk Card Assembly was held on January 20th. Great job to our students who earned Hawk Cards for the second quarter!
- Upcoming Scholarship Deadlines
 - Montana Grain Growers- Feb 1st.
 - Many institutional scholarships are due during February or early March. Make sure to check the college you plan on attending!
- REACH Camp will be held at Logan Health on March 25th. Registration is due on February 13th. See Mrs. Dailey if you are interested in attending.
- Hill County Electric and Triangle Communications will be holding a trades exploration day on March 2nd. See Mrs. Dailey if you are interested in attending.

Updates From Mr. Haggerty

- The 2nd semester is off and running.
- Students registered for college classes and MTDA Classes.
- 31 High honor roll students, 14 honor roll students.
- Football team GPA of 3.45 with 5 academic all-state students. Volleyball team GPA of 3.78 with 6 academic all-state students.
- Working on class catalog for JH/HS.
- Mid-year benchmark testing completed-some concerns at the state level about MAST scores.
- The deadline to file to run for the school board is February 9th.
- We have an opening at Sage Creek Colony for a teaching position for the 26-27 school year.

Updates From Mrs. Grammar

- The Christmas concerts all went well. Thank you to all of the teachers who made the concerts such a huge success.
- Snowball was held on New Year's Eve. We have received positive feedback on the event. We added a few extra activities to make the night more enjoyable for the kids and concluded it with a fireworks display courtesy of Chester Mart. Thank you!
- We had a successful PLC day about AI on January 5th. We got to spend some time as a whole staff, then split up to gather information best to help elementary, middle/high school teachers.
- I attended my MASSP meeting on January 6th and the SAM Principals Conference in Bozeman, January 25-27.
- We held a lockdown drill on January 14th.
- February 12th is the 100th day and the 4-6 AR Ski Trip.





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♥ February Math Game: "Heart Number Match"

Skills: Addition, subtraction, multiplication, or place value

Supplies: Paper, pencil, or index cards

How to Play:

Draw or cut out 10-20 hearts.

On each heart, write a math problem (ex: $24 + 16$, 7×4 , $100 - 37$).

On another set of hearts, write the answers.

Mix them up.

Students match each problem heart to its correct answer.

Challenge Version:

Time yourself and try to beat your score.

Create your own problems for a family member.

♥ February ELA Game: "Love Letter Word Builder"

Skills: Vocabulary, spelling, sentence writing, creativity

Supplies: Paper, pencil, word list

How to Play:

Write Valentine/February words on slips (love, heart, kind, friend, smile, brave, share, happy).

Pick 3-5 words.

Use all the words to write:

A sentence (younger students), or

A short "love letter" to school, learning, or family (older students).

Bonus Round:

Underline nouns.

Circle verbs.

Add describing words (adjectives).

February Reading Goal Ideas

- Read 2 or 3 books that celebrate Black History Month.
- The Page-a-Day Ladder: Since it's 2026 (not a leap year), try a "28-page minimum" daily goal. By the end of the month, you'll have finished nearly 800 pages. (Set an age appropriate goal.)
- Read-Aloud Chapter Book: Choose one classic or new release to read aloud as a family for 15 minutes before bed each night.
- Audiobook Commute: If you have a busy schedule, set a goal to finish one audiobook during your commutes or while doing household chores.