MINER NEWS

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NOVEMBER 2026

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

- Erik Ingman - Board Chair
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School Board Educational Plans

1. Differentiate instruction to meet the needs of our wide range of student ability levels and learning needs.
2. Recognize and reward excellence in student achievements.
3. Adopt curriculum material rotatio which aligns schools K-12.
4. Attract and retain quality personnel.
5. Implement on-going strategies to improve school climate, student leadership and responsible decision-making.
6. Create a multi-hazard emergency plan with crisis reponse team.
7. Compile a community resource list and volunteer program.
8. Keep technology resources up to date in all curricular and administrative areas.
9. Re-evaluate structure of school-wide fundraising efforts.
10. Adhere to long range maintenance, renovation, and replacement schedule for facilities, grounds, bus, and food service.
11. Incorporate drug awareness education into the curriculum.
12. Provide academic challenges for students through expanded enrichment opportunities, advanced courses, scheduling flexibility, and increased course offerings.

Centerville Parents and Families,

The first quarter went incredibly fast for staff and students. We are in the process of having parent/ teacher conferences for the first quarter. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teachers and communicate any concerns they may have. We hope that all parents can make it in, but understand that sometimes these days don't work. We still encourage parents to come in and talk with all teachers your child may have throughout the day and week. We know how important it is for parents and teachers to be on the same page in terms of education and what is expected.

Miner head logo watermark

November also brings us important times for families and schools. Our Fall sports seasons are winding down and winter sports will begin. The temperatures start to fall so recesses and bus rides are colder and students need to be prepared. Make sure you send your kids to school with appropriate clothing and footwear. Our building is warm but it is not fun sitting in a class after you were outside and got really wet. If you or your child need anything as it pertains to winter, please let me know and we will make sure they have everything they need to stay warm.

We also want to take time during November to express how thankful we are for all we have. Centerville schools and the surrounding communities are incredible places. From Stockett to Sand Coulee everyone is positive and friendly. It is a great place to be. I hope everyone has a great start to our winter season and that we are able to show how thankful we are for everything in our lives.

Jeff Elliot
Superintendent

Banner of leaves



Principal's Post

Dear Centerville Families,

As we welcome autumn and enter the season of gratitude, it is hard to believe that our first quarter is already behind us! School is off to a wonderful start, and on behalf of the entire staff and administration, I want to express how thankful we are for the opportunity to partner with your family this school year. We remain deeply committed to supporting the growth, well-being, and academic success of every child who walks through our doors.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving—a time dedicated to community and appreciation—I want to highlight the vital role that parent-teacher partnerships play in our school community. When families and educators work together and share in the responsibility of student learning, we lay the foundation for a rich, memorable educational journey.

To build this partnership, strong and consistent communication between home and school is one of our primary goals this year. Here are a few key ways we can collaborate:

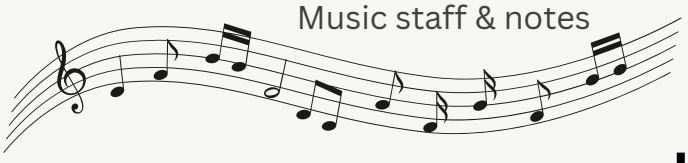
- **Open, Two-Way Communication:** We encourage regular check-ins with your child's classroom teacher. Sharing both successes and concerns early ensures that we can proactively support your child through any academic or social challenges that may arise.
- **Shared Expectations:** By aligning our understanding of homework routines, behavioral expectations, and individual learning styles, we send a unified message to our students that both home and school are actively invested in their success.
- **Classroom Visits:** We welcome family involvement and value your presence in our learning community. If you would like to visit your child's classroom, please coordinate with the teacher in advance. For the safety and security of all students, please remember to check in at the front office upon entering the building.

Centerville School is a remarkable school, made truly special by the warmth, dedication, and support of our vibrant community. Together, we are building an environment where every student can thrive, discover their passions, and achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support, dedication, and trust. I wish you and your loved ones a joyful, relaxing, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Michael Taylor - Principal

Music staff & notes



Music Notes

Upcoming Events:

District Honor Choir - Nov 30-Dec 1st in Cut Bank. Congrats to Liz Hensley & Magnum Judd for qualifying!!

Christmas Concerts - December 16
PK-4 @ 6pm & JH/HS @ 7pm

JH/HS Expected Attire:

Black pants and White shirt
Floor length black dresses/skirts are allowed

Centerville Senior Citizen's Menu
November 2026

Mon 11/2	Scalloped Potatoes, Ham, Salad, Dessert
Thurs 11/5	Leftovers from Leanne Pond
Mon 11/9	Chili day with all the fixings
Thurs 11/12	Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Dessert
Mon 11/16	Shipwreck, Salad, Dessert
Thurs 11/19	Kielbasa, Rice, Whole Wheat Bread, Trimmings, Dessert
Mon 11/23	Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Dessert
Thurs 11/26	Thanksgiving - no lunch
Mon 11/30	Shepherd Pie, Salad, Dessert

Menu is subject to change



"Happy Thanksgiving", Fall leaves

Counselor's Corner

Ms. Kim Ghekiere

Important Dates:

November 10th - ASVAB Testing

All juniors will participate in ASVAB testing on Tuesday, November 10th. The ASVAB is designed to help students identify their strengths, interests, and potential career pathways.

Spring 2027- ACT

Planning for the ACT is currently underway. Testing is anticipated to take place in or around April 2027. I will be meeting with the Juniors this month to discuss ways of studying and preparing for ACT.

Elementary Corner: This month, our elementary students will explore gratitude, kindness, and the importance of showing appreciation for others. Students will be encouraged to recognize acts of kindness and discover how small gestures can make a big difference.

Jr High/High School Corner: With the first quarter behind us, November is a great opportunity for students to reflect on their academic progress and establish goals for the remainder of the semester. Students are encouraged to check grades regularly, communicate with their teachers, stay organized, and seek support when they need it. Being able to develop these habits now can help them finish the semester strong.

Mental Health Minute: 3 Good Things

Practicing gratitude does not have to be complicated. Taking a few moments to recognize positive experiences can help shift your attention toward the good things happening in our everyday lives. Try the "3 Good Things" Challenge! Each evening, take a moment to identify three things that went well during your day. These can be big accomplishments or small moments, such as laughing with a friend, enjoying your favorite meal, or getting an 'A' on that test! For an extra challenge, think about why each good thing happened.

Sun



Stack of books
Apple on top

Speech bubble, profile, outline of runner, eye

Plant in soil

Paper airplane

Sun

heart & star



Speech bubble, profile, outline of runner, eye

Centerville FFA Chapter Takes Root with Exciting Start to the Year

Our new Centerville FFA Chapter is off to an exciting start, with 25 students jumping into agricultural education, leadership development, and career-building opportunities.

The chapter recently attended the Greenhand Seminar in Conrad, where students participated in five different events designed to introduce them to FFA, strengthen their leadership skills, and build connections with other FFA members from across the Glacier district. This event provided a great opportunity for Centerville students to learn more about the organization and get involved in the many opportunities FFA has to offer.

The chapter is also building its leadership team, having elected 10 officers to help guide the club throughout the year. These student leaders will play an important role in organizing activities, encouraging member participation, and helping establish a strong foundation for the new chapter.

Adding to the excitement, the chapter's official FFA jackets have arrived! The blue corduroy jackets are a proud symbol of FFA membership and represent the values of premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Members are excited to wear their jackets and represent Centerville as they begin their FFA journey.

The chapter's next big adventure will be the Montana FFA Ag Expo in Bozeman, November 12–14. Members are already practicing and preparing for a variety of competitions, where they will have the opportunity to showcase their knowledge, develop new skills, and put their hard work to the test.

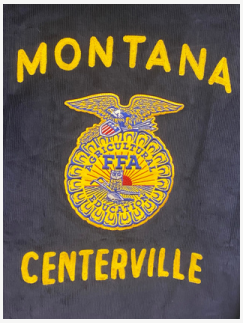
With 25 enthusiastic students, a newly elected officer team, and plenty of opportunities ahead, the Centerville FFA Chapter is building momentum and laying the groundwork for a successful year.

FFA provides students with opportunities to explore agriculture, develop leadership abilities, and prepare for future careers while building friendships and serving their communities. The Centerville FFA Chapter looks forward to a year filled with learning, competition, teamwork, and growth.

The future is bright for Centerville FFA, and this is just the beginning!



MT state, mountains, wheat, FFA logo



FFA jacket with logo

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Thanksgiving Day spread



2026 MENU CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 BREAKFAST: Honey Bun, Sausage, & Fruit LUNCH: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Roll, Fruit, & Milk	3 BREAKFAST: Overnight Oats & Fruit LUNCH: Beef Stew, Roll, Fruit, & Milk	4 BREAKFAST: French Toast, Sausage, & Fruit LUNCH: Chicken & Waffle Sandwich, Broccoli, Fruit, & Milk	5 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Sandwich & Fruit LUNCH: Taco in a Bag, Frito Salad, Fruit, & Milk	6	7
8	9 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Banana Split LUNCH: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit, & Milk	10 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza & Fruit LUNCH: BBQ Meatball Sub, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	11 BREAKFAST: Apple Turnover, Cheese Stick, & Fruit LUNCH: Chicken Noddle Soup, Muffin, Fruit, & Milk	12 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Sandwich & Fruit LUNCH: Beef Enchilada, Fiesta Rice, Corn, Fruit, & Milk	13	14
15	16 BREAKFAST: Pancakes, Sausage, & Fruit LUNCH: Chicken & Rice Bake, Broccoli, Fruit, & Milk	17 BREAKFAST: Cini Mini, Cheese Stick & Fruit LUNCH: Pulled Pork on a Bun, Coleslaw, Fruit, & Milk	18 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Dog & Fruit LUNCH: Quesadilla, Corn, Fruit, & Milk	19 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Sandwich & Fruit LUNCH: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Gr Beans, Stuffing, Roll, Pie, Fruit, & Milk	20	21
22	23 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bar & Fruit LUNCH: Corn Dog, Broccoli, Fruit, & Milk	24 BREAKFAST: Strawberry Bagel Bar, Sausage & Fruit LUNCH: Fishwich, Tater Tots, Fruit, & Milk	25 NO SCHOOL	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 BREAKFAST: Muffin, Hard Boiled Egg & Fruit LUNCH: Turkey Club on a Croissant, Cauliflower, Fruit, & Milk	This institution is an equal opportunity provider Menu is subject to change				

Turkey



“Happy Thanksgiving” fall leeves



fall flowers, leaves, acrons

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"Give Thanks" banner, fall leaves

2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Missoula Children's Theatre	3 Missoula Children's Theatre	4 Missoula Children's Theatre	5 VB Divisional Tournament in Belt Missoula Children's Theatre	6 VB Divisional Tournament in Belt MCT Performaces 4:00 & 6:30pm	7 VB Divisional Tournament in Belt
8	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15	16 Q2 Mid Term Developmental Screening 8:30-11:30am	17 Board mtg 6PM	18	19 HS BASKETBALL 1ST DAY OF PRACTICE	20	21
22	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 	27	28
29	30 District Honor Choir in Cut Bank	Events are subject to change				

"Thank you Veteran", U.S. flag

fall flowers, leaves, acrons



Goose, pilgram hat



Cornucopia



Man using Rapunzel's hair to climb a tower

It's out of the tower and on the run as a zany cast of friends and foes help Rapunzel's harrowing escape from the towering imprisonment of Madame Gothel! Join us **Friday, November 6th** as the Missoula Children's Theatre and more than 50 local students present an original musical adaptation of RAPUNZEL at Centerville gymnasium. Performances will be at 4:00 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

This production is part of the Missoula Children's Theatre's unique international touring project and is presented locally by the Centerville Enrichment Program, 3Rivers Communication, Washington Foundation and Centerville PTA. Tickets are $8/adult, $5/student and are available at the door.

For more information, call Katie Chartier, (406)736-5167 ext.241 .

SOAR NEWS

Our afterschool program director, Mrs. Brooke Kindred, would like to thank the **Great Falls Area Community Foundation** for their contribution to our Miner Club after school program. Mrs. Kindred applied for their grant and was awarded $500 to go towards the program.

Thanks to a very generous donation recently from the congregants at **Stockett Community Bible Church**, our program is even closer to its goal!

We are currently seeking more funding opportunities to continue this program. Even though we do not have funding for the entire school year yet, we are looking at part time opportunities to begin soon. Stay tuned for more after school program information coming soon!

4 people holding an oversized check below trophies





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Pickaxe

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We know Montana weather can be unpredictable. Please try to send your students to school prepared for whatever Mother Nature may throw at us.



Sun, wind, snowflake

Do you have a question about lunch accounts, want to inform us of an afternoon pick up, or need to submit a doctor's note?

You can communicate with the office by emailing Amanda & Rhonda:
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