

2026-2027 FROID REDHAWK REPORTER

OCTOBER 2026

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS

The Froid School Board will have their regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00. Agendas will be posted at the post office, bank, Kaitlyn's, and Agland.

FML CO-OP MEETS

The Froid/Medicine Lake Co-op Board will meet Wednesday, October 21st in Lake at 6:30.

MEA CONVENTION

School will dismiss at 1:00 on Wednesday, October 14. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday or Friday. School will resume on Monday, the 19th.

RED RIBBON WEEK

Froid School will celebrate the 2026 National Red Ribbon Week October 26-29. The theme is: **"Make a Difference. Be a Hero. Stay Drug Free.™"**, created by Ava Tackett, a student at Griswold Middle School in Griswold, Connecticut, with guidance from Health Teacher Kristen Butremovic. The theme highlights that choosing to live drug-free is an act of leadership and courage—and that everyday decisions can positively influence peers, families, and communities. Parents and students can take the pledge to live a drug-Free lifestyle at <https://www.redribbon.org/pledge>

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

National School Lunch Week is October 12-16. We all know that school lunch helps kids stay healthy and happy. This week is devoted to the recognition of everyone who contributes to the successful operation of our school food lunch program. At Froid School, we thank Alyssa Nordlund and Julie Bailey for preparing our breakfasts and lunches for students and staff every day. Therefore, we dedicate this week in gratitude to our cooks for the job they do!

FROID PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Froid Library's Pie Social will be held Tuesday, October 27 from 3:00-6:00. Froid Library hours are 12-6 Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

CRISIS HOTLINE TEXT #

There is a number available through the Montana Dept. of Public Health and Human Services for anyone having questions or facing something that they have a hard time talking to anyone about. It is actually a text that you can send and someone will respond and talk to you and give you the support that is needed. The number to text is 741-741 and the message is Text MT. This is a free 24/7 text line for people in crisis. This would be a good number for all students to have in their phone.

NOTES FROM SUPT. OLSON

The year is off to a fast start, already past midterms with many new programs and projects started. The bus barn construction just started. We decided to change the location from just south of the gym to northeast of the gym on the old track. This is much more level ground which will save the district money on the foundation and give buses more room to pull into the barn. It also allows us to use the south side of the gym for parking.

We are also getting started on the showers in the locker rooms and plans to fix-up the playground. We hope to get this project done between the last home volleyball game and the first home basketball game. The playground project may start as early as April. Both of these projects are being done in collaboration with the Froid Community Foundation.

The school has already implemented a few cool instructional changes as well. We have just started a program, Jobs for Montana Graduates (JMG), which is geared towards preparing students for life after graduation. We had a motivational speaker come in with a really great message for our students. And we went to a Cultural Fair in Poplar where our students learned about Native culture while throwing spears with atlatls, shooting bows, playing games, and dancing.

School years always tend to go by faster than you expect. We hope the rest of the school year will be as successful as these first few weeks!

MAST State testing begins

Froid School is preparing for the *Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year (MAST) assessment* through the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Students in Grades 3-8 will take Math and English Language Arts (ELA) assessments in 3 administration windows, with the first one beginning this month.

What is the purpose of the MAST assessment?

The Montana OPI in partnership with New Meridian has developed an improved assessment system that will accurately reflect the needs of our students, teachers, and administrators while providing useful flexibility in terms of test administration. The MAST Assessment implements "through year" assessments across the state that satisfy federal testing requirements and better aligns assessment with instruction.

It is important to remember that statewide assessments provide only one measure of student learning, but when combined with grades, classroom activities, unit quizzes and tests, and district-level assessments, statewide assessments can complete the picture of a child's abilities and help him/her down a path toward academic success in reaching Montana's Content Standards.

Here are some things you can do to help:

- Encourage your child to do their very best on everything they do in school, including the MAST assessment.
- Make sure he or she gets plenty of sleep the night before each test and has a healthy breakfast.
- Support your child by explaining the purpose of the tests and helping with homework and test reviews.

We will continue providing your child's score reports for the MAST state testing through a secure website called the Kite Parent Portal. This portal will allow you access to our child's score reports from all assessments administered throughout the year through the Kite Student Portal. To get started, go to the Froid School website and follow the instructions and active links after clicking the **Menu** list and choosing **MAST testing information**.

Or, you can go to the Portal at <https://parentportal-testlet.kiteaai.org>. Enter your email address registered with the school into the Email Address field. You will then be emailed an access code that is valid for 24 hours.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have about MAST. Questions can be directed to Mrs. Heather Mason or Mr. Lance Olson at 406-766-2342.

ACTIVITIES

The 2026 Fall sports season is going in full force right now. The RedHawks just celebrated homecoming week with numerous activities, a parade, the crowning of King and Queen and three home sporting events.

The RedHawk football team has been plagued with injuries this year, but they keep fighting and building each week. They got their first win of the season in spectacular fashion, under the lights in Medicine Lake over homecoming week. Yes you heard that correctly, we had a night football game thanks to some generous donations of portable lights for the field. The RedHawk football team has a couple of away games and then they will be back in Medicine Lake for 2 straight home games. The junior high football team has been playing a lot of pickup games to fill in some of the empty spots they had in their schedule this year. They have had to play partial 8 man and 6 man games. They are doing a very commendable job through all of the circumstances.

The RedHawk volleyball team has been gaining confidence each week. During homecoming week they played 2 games and played well during both games. Coming up for the volleyball team, they continue their conference schedule and play in a midseason tournament in Lambert on October 3. They are going to be a legitimate contender at post season tournaments this year. The junior high volleyball team has been improving each week as well. They will conclude their season at the end of the year tournament in Bainville on October 3.

The RedHawk cross country team is running their way to success as well. They ran a very tough course in Brockton and Frazer. The kids continue to set personal bests each week in preparation for the state cross country meet on October 24th. Our cross country team has pre-qualified 2 runners for the state meet, Bruce Murray and Colby Parenteau. Jacob Kalal has been running in the Junior high division where he has 2 - 1st place finishes and a top 3 finish.

The RedHawks will be in a co-op with Culbertson for Speech and Drama. The Speech and Drama season will start on October 1st.

The junior high kids will finish their fall seasons on October 3rd and move right into junior high basketball starting on October 5th.

Important upcoming dates:

October 3 - End of year JH tournament in Bainville.

October 5 - JH Basketball practice starts

October 6 - Volleyball @ Lake vs Mondak

October 8 - Volleyball @ Froid vs Savage

October 10 - Football home vs Bainville

October 16 - Football home vs Jordan (Senior Day)

October 20 - Volleyball @ Froid vs Brockton (Senior Night)

October 29 & 30 - District Volleyball in Culbertson

Trent Noel

Froid Public Schools Athletic Director

FROID COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE

The Round Tuit Homemakers are asking for your help in making the 2026 Fund Drive a success as it has been in the past years. This drive benefits many of our area organizations, as well as the statewide charitable organizations that the Froid community supports each year. The success of this annual fund drive depends entirely on the cooperation of you, the Froid community residents. Letters are being sent to all area residents in hopes that you will join us in supporting this annual drive. The percentage of letters returned and the total fund drive contributions made have been positive and reflect the generosity of our residents. Please be watching your mail for our letter.

BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA

The Froid BPA Chapter is in full swing with getting fundraising done.

This year we will be putting together the community calendars again. Students will be coming around with the slips of birthdays and anniversaries that are already on the calendar along with a paper to do any updates. Calendar total will be \$15 and this will include birthdays and anniversaries. We will be working to get them done and handed out by December.

We will also be doing another fundraiser during the month of October called Charleston Wrap. We will be starting October 26th and ending November 9th. We will be hanging up information around town with how to order.

Events to look forward to will be: Regionals in Lambert in January 2027, State BPA in Billings during the month of March, and Nationals in Aurora, Colorado in the month of May. Just a reminder, students must be dressed in Business Professional attire for all of these events.

Alicia Noel, BPA Advisor

End of the 1st Quarter—October 22, 2026

***DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 1st
DON'T FORGET TO SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!!!***

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FROID/LAKE REDHAWKS

2026 JH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>confirmed</u>
		Monday, October 5	Practice Begins			
1		Tuesday, October 13	Fairview	Froid	4:30	
2		Tuesday, October 20	Circle	Circle	TBA	
3		Saturday, October 24	Savage	Savage	9:00	
4		Friday, October 30	Brockton	Med Lake	4:30	
5		Tuesday, November 3	Mondak	Westby	4:30	
6		Friday, November 6	Brockton	Brockton	4:30	
7		Saturday, November 7	Savage	Froid	10:00	
8		Friday, November 13	R&L	Med Lake	4:30	
9		Saturday, November 14	Culbertson	Culbertson	9:00	
10		Friday, November 20	Bainville	Bainville	4:30	
11		Saturday, November 21	Mondak	Froid	10:00	
12		Tuesday, November 24	Culbertson	Med Lake	4:30	
PO		Thursday, December 3	North Tourney	Westby	TBA	
PO		Saturday, December 5	Final 4	Fairview	TBA	

FROID/LAKE - CULBERTSON

2026 - 2027 SPEECH & DRAMA SCHEDULE

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	
		Thursday, October 1			
1		Saturday, October 31	Sidney	Leave Culb @ 6:45AM	
2		Saturday, November 7	Roundup	Leave Culb @ 11:00 AM	Overnight Trip
3		Saturday, November 14	Culbertson		
4		Saturday, November 21	Glasgow	Leave Culb @ 5:30AM	
5		Saturday, December 5	Forsyth	Leave Culb @ 3:30AM	
6		Saturday, December 12	Miles City	Leave Culb @ 4:30AM	
7		Saturday, December 19	Frazer	Leave Culb @ 6:00AM	
8		Saturday, January 9	Glendive	Leave Culb @ 5:30AM	
9		Saturday, January 16	Huntley Project	Leave Culb @ 11:00 AM	Overnight Trip
10		Saturday, January 23	Wolf Point (Divisionals)	Leave Culb @ 6:30AM	
11		Thursday, January 28	Choteau (State)	Leave Culb @ 7:00AM	Overnight Trip
12		Friday, January 29	Choteau (State)		Overnight Trip
13		Saturday, January 30	Choteau (State)		Overnight Trip

It is officially fall everyone! This is going to be a busy month around here for everyone.

The Pie Social date has been set for October 27th from 3pm-6pm! Sheri Harvey and I will be reaching out to those on our list and see if they would make a pie. If you want to make a pie to donate or even go buy a pie to donate, please call the library and let me know. Our little community is so awesome about coming together to help our businesses grow.

This month's book club book is called "The Orphans Tale" by Pam Jenoff. "Sixteen-year-old Noa has been cast out in disgrace after becoming pregnant by a Nazi soldier and being forced to give up her baby. She lives above a small rail station, which she cleans in order to earn her keep... When Noa discovers a boxcar containing dozens of Jewish infants bound for a concentration camp, she is reminded of the child that was taken from her. And in a moment that will change the course of her life, she snatches one of the babies and flees into the snowy night.

Noa finds refuge with a German circus, but she must learn the flying trapeze act so she can blend in undetected, spurning the resentment of the lead aerialist, Astrid. At first rivals, Noa and Astrid soon forge a powerful bond. But as the facade that protects them proves increasingly tenuous, Noa and Astrid must decide whether their friendship is enough to save one another—or if the secrets that burn between them will destroy everything."-summed up from Amazon. They will meet on the 28th of October at 11 A.M to discuss if they liked this book or not.

There is also going to be a little fun thing for kids in October. On the 29th we will be doing canvas bag painting. There will also be snacks and witches brew again. Trick or Book will also be during that time so don't forget to have the kids grab a free book! I have PLENTY to hand out! For those who want to donate a spooky snack please call me at the library. Anything is appreciated for sure!

Students grade 8-12, don't forget that the Nyquist Essay deadline is Friday the 30th of October. This year's prompt is " Choose a culture outside the U.S and explore what your town in Montana could learn from it. This could be about education, traditions, community life... Something that would strengthen your submission would be including (footnoted) research from credible sources or an interview with someone who has lived in or visited that culture." Remember to use your local library as a resource as well!

The entryway has a new shelf for our discarded books. Come see and maybe find a book that needs a new home!

Thank you so much for your support! I will always appreciate it!

Cheyenne Heller - TownLibrarian

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Monthly Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Speech/Drama Practice Begins	2 JH/JV/VB at Lambert 1:00	3 JH VB Tournament JH/HS FB at Savage 4:30, 7:00 CC meet at Glasgow 10:00
4	5 JH Basketball Practice Begins	6 JV/VB MonDak at Lake 4:30	7	8	9 SCHOOL IN SESSION	10 JH/V FB Bainville at Lake 10:30, 1:00 CC at Sidney 10:00
11	12 School Board Meeting 7:00	13 JV/VB at Culbertson 5:30 JH BB Fairview at Froid 4:30	14 1:00 Dismissal	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL	17 V FB Jordan at Lake 1:00 CC at Culbertson 10:00 AM
18	19 FFA Event at Plentywood Lutheran Church Supper 4:00-7:00	20 JV/VB Brocton at Froid 4:30 JH BB at Circle	21 Co-op Meeting at Lake 6:30 Flu Shots 1:30-3:30 at the Comm. Center	22 JV/VB at Bainville 5:00 End of 1st Quarter	23	24 V VB at Terry 1:00 JH BB at Savage 9:00 State CC in Billings
25	26 FFA CONVENTION RED RIBBON WEEK	27 Town Library Pie Social 3:00-6:00 Parent Teacher Conference 4:00-7:00	28	29 VB District Tournament at Culbertson	30 JH BB Brocton at Lake 4:30	31 HALLOWEEN S & D Meet

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Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Chicken Parmesan Sandwiches Chips, Veggies Fruit	2
5 Shepherd's Pie Buns Veggies Fruit	6 Taco in a Bag Taco Bar Lettuce Mix Fruit	7 Hamburger Gravy over Noodles Veggies Dessert	8 Garlic Butter Cod Rice Pilaf Veggies Fruit	9 Chicken Strips Fries Veggies Fruit
12 Spaghetti Bake Garlic Bread Veggies Fruit	13 Potato Soup Ham Sandwich Veggies Applesauce	14 Barbecue Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Veggies Fruit Dessert	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL
19 TaterTot Holdish Buns Veggies Fruit	20 Chicken Noodle Soup Bosco Sticks Veggies Fruit	21 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Buns Veggies, Fruit Dessert	22 Chicken Legs Fries Veggies Fruit	23
26 Chicken Alfredo Garlic Bread Veggies Fruit	27 Broccoli Cheese Soup Pretzel Veggies Fruit	28 Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Veggies Fruit	29 Mummy dogs (Corndogs) Skin Flakes (Chips) Maggot eggs (Baked Beans) Dried up files (Raisins) Dessert	30

Breakfast Served Daily
All Lunches served with salad bar