MONTANA

GEAR UP



GEAR UP: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES. BUILDING FUTURES.

FOR SUPERIOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 7–12

GEAR UP PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES, RESOURCES, AND EXPERIENCES TO HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED IN SCHOOL, EXPLORE THEIR INTERESTS, AND PREPARE FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS.

WHAT GEAR UP PROVIDES:

📚 ACADEMIC SUPPORT

TUTORING AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES TO HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED AND STAY ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION.

🔬 STEM & CAREER EXPLORATION

STEM CLUBS, COMPETITIONS, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, AND CAREER EXPERIENCES THAT CONNECT LEARNING TO THE REAL WORLD.

🎓 COLLEGE VISITS

EXPLORE COLLEGE CAMPUSES, PROGRAMS, AND WHAT LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL CAN LOOK LIKE.

🏫 EARLY COLLEGE & DUAL ENROLLMENT

OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL.

☀️ SUMMER CAMPS & ENRICHMENT

ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES THAT ENCOURAGE EXPLORATION, SKILL-BUILDING, AND NEW INTERESTS.

📖 SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY

ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO RECOVER CREDITS AND STAY ON TRACK FOR GRADUATION.

🎒 STUDENT SUCCESS RESOURCES

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP REMOVE BARRIERS AND SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS.

OUR COMMITMENT:

GEAR UP IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING EVERY SUPERIOR STUDENT HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE, DISCOVER THEIR POTENTIAL, AND PREPARE FOR THEIR FUTURE.

SUPPORT • EXPLORE • PREPARE • SUCCEED

SUPERIOR JH/HS GEAR UP | GRADES 7–12 | SUPERIOR, MONTANA

SUPERINTENDANT Scoop:

With Mr. Labbe

OFF AND ROLLING INTO A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

WE ARE OFFICIALLY OFF AND ROLLING INTO ANOTHER EXCITING SCHOOL YEAR AT SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS! OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM AND FACULTY HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY TO SECURE RESOURCES THAT EXPAND ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES ACROSS ALL GRADE LEVELS. TO THAT END, WE ARE THRILLED TO ENTER YEAR THREE OF THE $1.2 MILLION MONTANA READS LITERACY GRANT, A FIVE-YEAR INITIATIVE FOCUSED ON BOOSTING READING PROFICIENCY AND PROVIDING ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR OUR TEACHERS. CONCURRENTLY, WE ARE IN THE SECOND YEAR OF OUR RENEWED SEVEN-YEAR MONTANA GEAR UP GRANT, ROUGHLY $90,000 ANNUALLY, WHICH DELIVERS VITAL COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS TOOLS, ALONGSIDE COMPREHENSIVE MENTORING RESOURCES, FOR OUR 7TH THROUGH 12TH-GRADE STUDENTS. COUPLED WITH OUR DUAL-ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIP WITH FLATHEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OUR STUDENTS ENJOY MORE PATHWAYS THAN EVER TO EARN COLLEGE CREDITS AND CAREER CERTIFICATIONS PRIOR TO GRADUATION.

ADDITIONALLY, OUR DISTRICT CONTINUES TO BENEFIT FROM SCHOOLWIDE TITLE I FUNDING, WHICH PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF AT SUPERIOR SCHOOLS. BY ALLOWING US TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL RESOURCES ACROSS THE ENTIRE SCHOOL RATHER THAN TARGETING SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS, TITLE I FUNDING HELPS FUND ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF, TARGETED ACADEMIC INTERVENTIONS, SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING MATERIALS, AND ONGOING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO ENSURE EVERY STUDENT RECEIVES THE INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT THEY NEED TO SUCCEED.

UPGRADING OUR FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

ALONGSIDE OUR ACADEMIC WORK, WE ARE MAKING SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAINTAIN A SAFE, COMFORTABLE, AND MODERN CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT. LOOKING AHEAD, WE AIM TO PROCEED WITH MAJOR FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS IN THE SUMMER OF 2027. PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE REPLACING THE HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM ROOF, MODERNIZING THE ELEMENTARY HVAC SYSTEM, FINISHING THE HVAC IN THE OLD WINGS OF THE HS BUILDING, INSTALLING NEW EXTERIOR WINDOWS AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND RENOVATING ELEMENTARY RESTROOMS.

TO FUND THESE CRITICAL PROJECTS RESPONSIBLY WITHOUT PLACING AN ADDITIONAL TAX BURDEN ON LOCAL HOMEOWNERS, WE HAVE APPLIED FOR AN INTERCAP LOAN THROUGH THE MONTANA BOARD OF INVESTMENTS. THESE PLANNED FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS REMAIN PENDING THE FORMAL APPROVAL AND SECURING OF THIS BOARD OF INVESTMENTS LOAN. THE INTERCAP PROGRAM PROVIDES LOW-INTEREST, VARIABLE-RATE FINANCING DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR MONTANA PUBLIC ENTITIES TO MEET PRESSING CAPITAL NEEDS EFFICIENTLY. BY PLEDGING OUR EXISTING BUILDING RESERVE AND PERMISSIVE MAJOR MAINTENANCE SUBFUNDS TO SERVICE THE LOAN ACROSS A STRUCTURED MULTI-YEAR SCHEDULE, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THESE ESSENTIAL FACILITY UPGRADES UPFRONT WITHOUT ASKING OUR TAXPAYERS FOR A NEW VOTED GENERAL TAX LEVY.

BEYOND THESE LARGE-SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS, IMMEDIATE CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS ARE ALREADY VISIBLE. FOLLOWING THE RECONDITIONING OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL GYM FLOOR, WE PARTNERED WITH LOWE'S, WHO GENEROUSLY SPONSORED THE TROPHY CASE PROJECT, AND CONTRACTOR BAR MD CUSTOMS TO CONSTRUCT A BRAND-NEW TROPHY CASE AT SUPERIOR HIGH SCHOOL. THIS IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY PROMINENTLY HONORS OUR STUDENTS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ATHLETICS, ACADEMICS, AND THE ARTS.

OUR FOCUS ON MODERN LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS EXTENDS TO INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY AS WELL. WE RECENTLY DEPLOYED NEW ACER CHROMEBOOKS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12 TO SUPPORT CONTINUOUS CLASSROOM CONNECTIVITY. FURTHERMORE, WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP WITH ROCKET ALUMNI SOLUTIONS TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE DIGITAL ARCHIVE FOR SUPERIOR SCHOOLS. THIS INTERACTIVE PLATFORM WILL DIGITIZE AND PRESERVE HISTORICAL YEARBOOKS, SENIOR CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS, EXTRACURRICULAR HIGHLIGHTS, AND ACADEMIC MILESTONES, CREATING A DYNAMIC RESOURCE FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND ALUMNI.

COMPLEMENTING OUR TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH A NEW AFTER-SCHOOL ROBOTICS CLUB FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4–6. THIS HANDS-ON PROGRAM GIVES MIDDLE-GRADE STUDENTS AN EARLY START IN STEM, ENCOURAGING TEAMWORK, PROBLEM-SOLVING, AND CREATIVE THINKING THROUGH CODING AND BUILDING CHALLENGES.

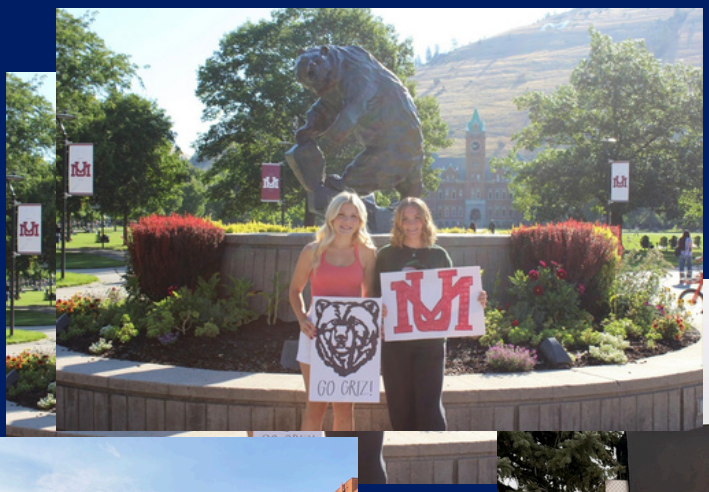
SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF

SUPPORTING ALL OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS IS OUR STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO HOLISTIC STUDENT AND STAFF SUPPORT. ALL STUDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH DAILY THROUGH THE USDA COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION. ADDITIONALLY, OUR DISTRICT STAFF DAYCARE PROGRAM REMAINS FULLY OPERATIONAL, OFFERING DEDICATED EARLY EDUCATION AND CHILDCARE WHILE AIDING IN THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF OUR EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATORS. THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS PARTNERSHIP. THE FUTURE OF SUPERIOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS BRIGHT, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR OF "EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SUPERIOR EDUCATION!"

Mr. Labbe
Superior School Superintendent

Class of 2026

Where are they NOW?







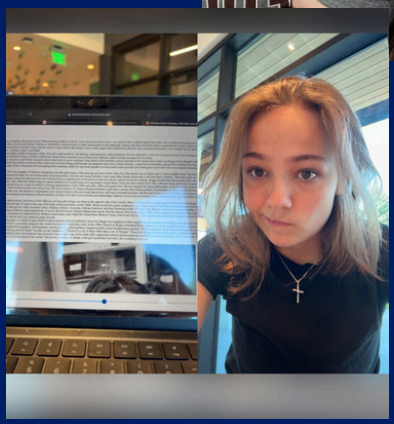














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Maggie-@UM, Missoula
Riley-@Wyotech
Gage- @ Montana Tech, Butte
Hope-@Montana Western, Dillon
Koltynn-@MSU, Bozeman
Danica-@UM, Missoula
Hannah-@Army National Guard, Virginia
Perri-@MSU, Bozeman

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Game day



















Let The Games

BEGIN!







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LADYCATS VOLLEYBALL













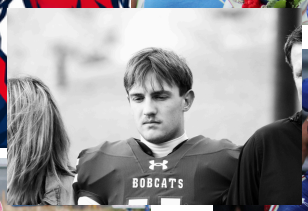


Ladycats Ahoy!



















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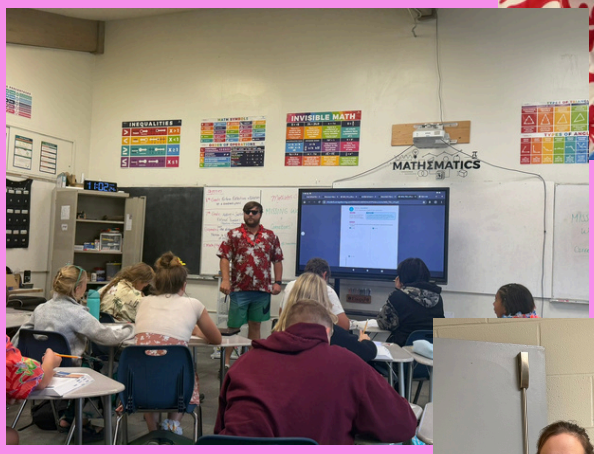
HAWAIIAN DAY FUN

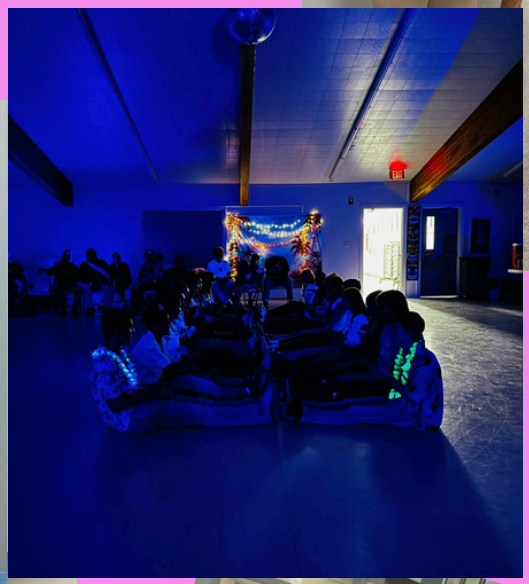


















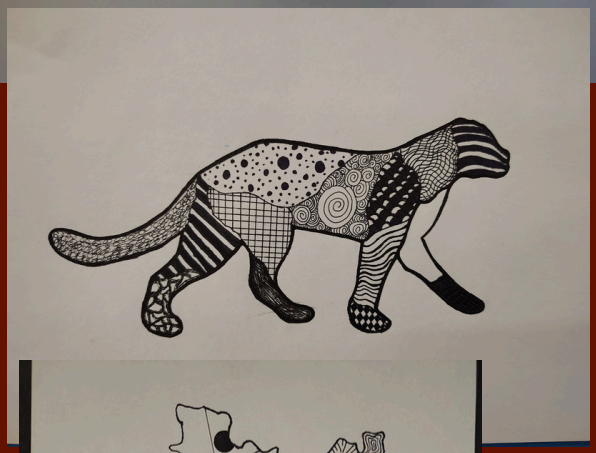


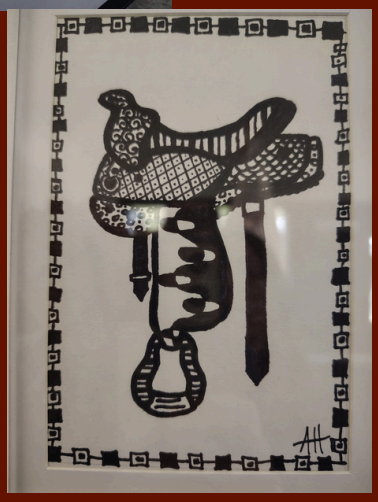


Mrs. Forsythes Art Class







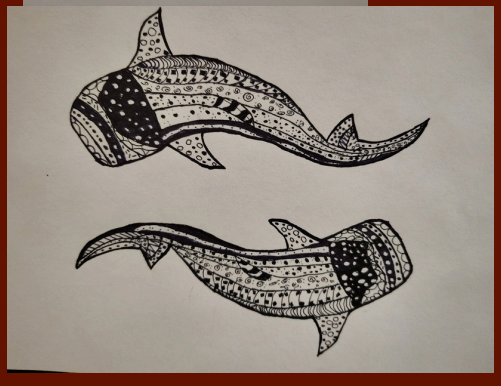






Students recently explored Zentangles, an art form that combines structured patterns and repetitive lines to create intricate designs. As part of the activity, students designed and created their own Zentangle-inspired sketchbook covers. The completed artwork is now on display in the hallway, showcasing the creativity and unique designs of each student.

















Some of Mrs. Firestone's students recently enjoyed a special hands-on learning experience with Animal Wonders. Students had the opportunity to interact with and learn about a variety of animals, making for an engaging day of exploration and discovery. The experience provided students with a memorable opportunity to learn beyond the classroom through direct interaction with the animals and Animal Wonders educators.





Welcome to October!

We made it through a very busy, very fun Homecoming week, and somehow we are already heading into October! It has been a great start to the year, and it is hard to believe that the end of first quarter is already October 14. This is a great time for students and families to check grades, attendance, and missing work and make sure we finish the quarter strong.

This year also marks our third year of the MT Reads grant, and we continue to make literacy a priority across our school. One of the simplest and most important things we can do is encourage our students to READ—at school, at home, and just for fun. Reading matters, no matter how old our kids get!

As the year continues, be watching for some fun Adventure Awaits reading promotions and opportunities for students and families to get involved. We hope to make reading something we talk about, celebrate, and do together.

And, as always, being at school matters. Every day of instruction is important, and regular attendance helps students stay caught up, connected, and successful.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. We are looking forward to a great October and the rest of the school year!

