# Hornet Newsletter

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## From the Desk of the Principal

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, it is a great time to reflect and be thankful for all of the good things happening in our school. Our attendance rates have been improving over the past couple of years as have our teacher retention rates. Both of these contribute immensely to improved student success in the classroom. We have worked extremely hard to improve school culture and collaboration amongst curricular areas and throughout the school building.

During our Quarter 1 K-12 assembly, we recognized our students who go above and beyond in modeling citizenship for others. Macen McDanel, Rilynn Mathews, Eleanor Frazer, Lilah Knapp, and Ashlei McDanel were voted to receive a certificate and root beer float for Outstanding Citizenship in Quarter 1. Ms. Hurley was also recognized for her many contributions to the school over the years with a Wall of Fame certificate. Our Quarter 1 assembly concluded with a K-12 group activity for all of our students to have the chance to connect.

November is filled with many activities for students to connect with one another and for the community and parents to connect with the school. We have the Book Fair in Mrs. Heggen's library as well as Parent Teacher Conferences the first week of the month. This year we will be hosting Breakfast with Veterans on Veterans Day in the school cafeteria beginning at 8:00am. Our community/family engagement activity for November will be on the 18th where students and adults can come in and read in the gym, and then stay to watch the 2nd Annual Apples vs. Donuts basketball game to be followed by the winter sports parent meeting. Mr. Hauser's Close-Up group will be having a labor auction as well as a bake sale to raise money for the upcoming trip to Washington D.C. Some of the staff have volunteered to continue their work with Capturing Kids Hearts by participating in the Process Champions meeting on Friday, November 20th where they will reflect on how the process has been going throughout the fall. Ms. Ruth has organized our K-12 mentorship activity for November where students will sit down together to enjoy a family style Thanksgiving dinner on the last day of school before the break.

As you can see, there are many many good things happening at our school, and I am grateful for everyone's hard work and dedication to creating these opportunities for our students. *Mrs. Arthun*



# From the Library

Book Fair is the first week of November. Books make great stocking stuffers and presents! Open to the public on Thurs, Nov 5 from 4:30p-6:30p.
Community Book Club will be Nov. 24 @ 2pm. We will gather to discuss "The Crossover" by Kwame Alexander at the Meagher County Library. We hope you can attend!
Happy Fall All!

# Elementary News

**Mrs. Gilman's Kindergarten:** Our Kindergarteners wrapped up an amazing Pumpkin Project this October! We learned about pumpkin growth and anatomy, got hands-on cutting into a pumpkin, and explored all the delicious foods you can make with them. Our little chefs even helped cook up homemade beef pumpkin soup and pumpkin pie! They had a great time learning how to make a pumpkin pie from scratch with the students in Mrs. Hanson's culinary arts class. A huge thank you to Holly at Wild Oats Baking for giving us a wonderful kitchen tour and letting us sample their delicious pumpkin desserts. October learning has never tasted so good!



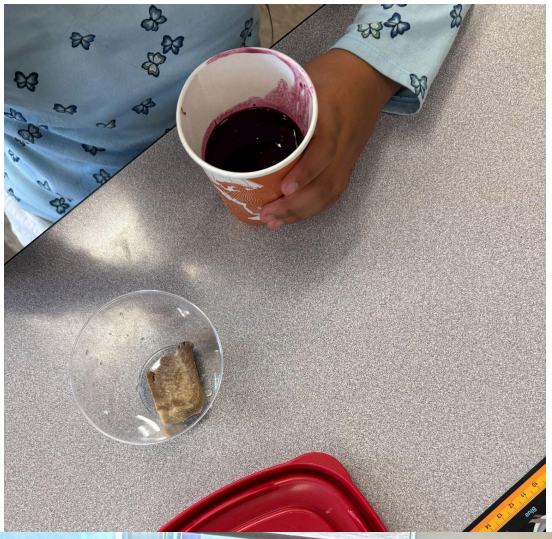








**Ms. Stidham Second Grade:** This month the second grade had an IEFA presentation on then and now for their social studies unit. They are completing the Pumpkin Jack book/activity with the high school AG class to see if we can recreate the pumpkin lifecycle.









**Mrs. Richardson Fourth grade:** Completed their Middle Ages Reading Unit by making stained glass windows. Students learned about the split of the Roman Empire, how lords, serfs, knights, and craftsmen lived, as well as architecture and design of houses and cathedrals during this time.



# High School News

**Mr. Jones 8th Grade Science Class:** Mr. Jones' middle schoolers did a science lab of phases of the moon with the 1st Grade. The 8th graders filled out the lab and helped the 1st graders represent the phases of the moon by using Oreos.




# Counselor's Corner

Welcome to the first counselor's corner of the year. First off I want to thank all of you for your efforts and understanding. Because I am full time employed by Reach Higher Montana, I am only physically here two days a month, but I can always be reached by text at (406) 220-4487.
Please do not hesitate to contact me.

First and foremost, Seniors and Senior Parents, it is so important to make sure you have applied for schools. I believe most of you have. Once this is finished, the second thing that has to be done before Dec 1, 2026 is to make sure you have completed the FAFSA. Remember, Students must start the FAFSA and invite their parents into their FAFSA and have them complete their part. To get priority money, it has to be completed by December 1.

Seniors it is so important that you do a couple of other things while preparing for your next step. 1.) Use your own personal email address. 2.) Keep your FSA ID in a place you will know where to find it. It will be about as important as your Social Security Number. 3.) Start a paper file for all your applications, Scholarship, FAFSA, Letters of Recommendation, Community Service hours and Resume (List of awards, achievements, clubs and offices held.) I know that we try to live in a paperless world anymore,



but these items should be an exception. 4.) Set some time aside every week to look for and complete scholarship applications. You are about to become very busy and the rest of the year will go by very quickly, you have to make time to look for scholarships. I will point you in the right direction.

Scholarships are starting to get posted on websites. Here are a few trusted websites.
Reachhighermontana.org
Levelall.com
mtcf.org
encourageme.org
bigfuture.collegeboard.org
appily.com
fastweb.com

Scholarship Thursday is a tool Reach Higher Montana offers. They post scholarships and scholarship tips every Thursday to the Reach Higher Montana, Facebook, and Instagram pages. You can follow these updates simply by going to Reachhighermontana.org and going to staying informed link and signing up. This is very helpful and you can cancel at any time. Please keep this in mind when searching for scholarships. December through March is a very busy time to apply for scholarships.

I will also post scholarship information on my bulletin board by my office. If anyone has any local scholarships they would like for me to post, I can do this as well.

Last but not least, as we navigate through the end of the year, it is important to start thinking about classes you want to take for the second semester. Underclassmen, you can also take some dual credit classes. Let's get on your correct pathway.
Be sure to contact me with any questions,
Mr. Begger
(406) 220-4487



**November Events and Dates to Remember**

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| November 5 | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| November 2-5 | Book Fair |
| November 18 | Bounce in to Reading @ 5:30 PM |
| November 18 | Apple VS Donuts @ 6 PM |
| November 19 | High School Basketball Starts |
| **November 25-27** | **NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break** |

# BREAKFAST/LUNCH FOR NOVEMBER

## November 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 | 2 Chicken Patty Sandwich, Chips, Broccoli Salad, Mixed Fruit and Milk<br>Parfait, Muffin, Juice and Milk | 3 Breakfast for Lunch<br>French Toast, Sausage, Fruit Salad and Milk | 4 TaterTot Casserole, Mixed Veggies, Roll, Fried Apples and Milk<br>Cheesy Eggs, Hasbrowns, Toast, Berries and Milk | 5 Tacos, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice, Peaches, Milk<br>**Parent Teacher Conference- 4:30 to 7:30**<br>Cereal, Grilled PB&J, Bananas and Milk | 6<br>**NO SCHOOL**<br>**ELEM/JH BB vs MELSTONE** | 7<br>**ELEM/JH BB @ HARLOW** |
| 8 | 9 Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Mixed Veggies, Apples and Milk<br>Breakfast Pizza, Yogurt, Grapes and Milk | 10 Pizza, Salad, Fruit Cocktail and Milk<br>Hot Cereal, Bacon, Toast, Peaches and Milk | 11 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll, Peaches and Milk<br>**Breakfast with a Veteran:** Pancakes | 12 Ham & Cheese Wrap, Fresh Veggies, Macaroni Salad, Oranges and Milk<br>Sausage Scramble, Hashbrown, Toast, Fruit Salad, Milk | 13<br>**NO SCHOOL** | 14<br>**ELEM/JH vs Roundup** |
| 15 | 16 Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Cowboy Crepes and Milk<br>Breakfast Wrap, Hashbrown Patty, Applesauce and Milk | 17 Cheese Burger, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit Salad and Milk<br>**MCAC-Guitarist 2pm**<br>Waffles with Berries & Cream, Eggs, Bacon and Milk | 18 Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Salad<br>**Bounce into Reading @5:30 PM**<br>**Apples vs Donuts @6 PM**<br>Cereal, Yogurt, Apples | 19 Chinese Noodles, StirFry Veggies, Egg Roll, Fortune Cookie and Milk<br>**BB-HS BEGINS**<br>Biscuit & Gravy, Eggs, Mixed Fruit and Milk | 20<br>**NO SCHOOL** | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Pulled Pork, Noodles, Salad, Roll, Grapes and Milk<br>Breakfast Sandwich, Yogurt/Granola, Peaches and Milk | 24 Thanksgiving Dinner<br>Continental Breakfast | 25<br>**NO SCHOOL** | 26 Happy Thanksgiving | 27<br>**NO SCHOOL** | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Green Beans, Fruit Salad and Milk<br>Breakfast Casserole, Toast, Berries and Milk | | | | | |