

Hornet Newsletter

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From the Desk of the Principal

We started off the school year at a dead sprint, and it hasn't slowed down since. We had an amazing two days of Capturing Kids' Hearts Training. Teachers and students are working hard creating social contracts for each classroom, and as I pop in and out of classrooms throughout the school, this process seems to be going well. We continue to build on the positive momentum of the last few years inside the classrooms and school-wide. The maintenance crew worked very hard over the summer to get everything ready for students to return and we appreciate all of the hard work. We have a busy fall sports and activities season ahead of us. Homecoming week begins on September 21st so be sure to come support our teams and show your Hornet Pride. Be on the lookout for social media posts about the many events that week. We are always looking for people to volunteer in many capacities around the school. If you are interested in subbing, taking tickets, substitute bus driving, etc. please reach out, and we will happily put you to work. As always, feel free to stop in and say hello or send me an email with any questions you may have.

Go Hornets!

Lacey Arthun

Principal





Elementary News

First Grade:

On August 25th, the American Legion brought backpacks for the whole first grade classroom. Thank you so much!!





High School News

The Hornet Hive Report: Hornets Start Season Strong Under Friday Night Lights

White Sulphur Springs—The Hornets opened their season on August 28th against the Sunburst Refiners with a solid, disciplined team effort under the lights.

Quarterback Beau Shroyer set the tone early, finishing 12-for-17 completions for 273 passing yards and six touchdowns. Coach Shroyer noted his composure, “He made smart decisions. That’s what we need from our leader under center.” Coach also highlighted an important development on the offensive line. With starting center Wyatt Middleton sidelined due to a preseason injury, Jason Kerr stepped into the role on short notice. “Jason did a tremendous job for us,” Coach said. “That’s not an easy position to fill, especially at the last minute, but he handled it well and kept our offense steady.”

In the receiving game, Noah Aulava and Chance Pierce led the way. Aulava posted 131 yards and three receiving touchdowns, while Pierce added 95 yards and three receiving touchdowns. “Both of those boys showed up ready,” Coach Shroyer said. “They ran clean routes and made the most of their opportunities.”

The Hornets also found steady production on the ground. Aulava added 88 rushing yards and four more touchdowns, bringing his total to seven on the night. Issac Reid—a rising young talent—added 79, and Shroyer contributed 68. “Our run game helped us stay balanced,” Coach explained. “That’s important as the season goes on.”

Defensively, Coach emphasized effort and physicality. Aulava led with 18 tackles, while Shroyer added 16 tackles, two big hits, and a fumble recovery. Brooks Voldseth and Eli Massey chipped in with 10 and 9 tackles, helping anchor the defensive front. “We had guys flying to the ball,” Coach said. “That’s the kind of defense we want to build.”

Despite the strong showing, Coach kept the focus on growth. “It’s a good start, but it’s just that—a start. We’ve got plenty to clean up, and we’ll get back to work. I’m proud of the effort, and I’m proud of how this team represents our town.”

With week one in the books, Coach Shroyer and his coaching staff turn their attention to a non-conference road matchup against North Star on Friday, September 4th at 3:00 p.m. The game will be available on NFHS. A big thanks to all the community members that supported these hard-working student athletes. It means a lot to them.



September Events and Dates to Remember

September 7	No School
September 10	Jostens(Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores)
September 11	Friday School
September 16	Conservation Day(7th & 8th)
September 21-25	Homecoming Week
September 21	Career Fair (11th &12th)
September 22	Quarter 1 Midterm



NEW STAFF



Hello! My name is Brian Koch, and I am serving as the new school counselor two days a week at White Sulphur Springs School this year. I am new to town, having grown up in Ohio and lived in Bozeman for the past eleven years. Last May, I graduated from Montana State University with a masters in School and Clinical Counseling. In my free time I love to ski, trail run, and cook. Before working as a counselor, I worked as a contractor in Gallatin Valley remodeling homes. I am excited to get to know you and your community, and to support your students throughout the year. Please feel free to reach out by calling the school or via email any time if you have questions or would like to talk.

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Hi! My name is Mrs. Alicia Gilman and I will be the kindergarten teacher! I am originally from sunny Florida and have been living in this great state for twelve years now. My husband, Craig and I have two boys and welcomed twin girls in July of 2022. As a child I always knew I wanted to teach children, which is why I studied Early Childhood Education and received my Bachelor's degree at Florida International University. I took a brief break from teaching in the classroom but now I am excited to be back. I look forward to all the learning and new adventures my Kindergarteners and I will have together this year!

Fun Fact: I was born on Father's Day in 1989.

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Hi! My name is Cayla Parks, and I am the new Secretary. I was born in Minnesota and moved to Wilsall, Montana in 2010 where I then graduated from Shields Valley. My husband, Will and I have a daughter and three hound dogs. I am currently working on my Math teaching degree through Western Governors University. I have had a passion for being in the school system since I was a sophomore in high school. For four years, I was a paraprofessional. In my spare time you can find me out hunting with our hounds or without them. You can also find me spending time with our daughter.

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Andy Begger has put in 32 years in education. He started in Circle Montana as a sixth grade teacher for 4 years. He was asked if he would be interested in going into school counseling. He then spent the next 6 years as a school counselor in Circle Montana, Beach North Dakota and Absarokee Montana. While in Absarokee he was approached to see if he had any interest in becoming a principal. After he completed his degree in Education Leadership he took a job in Harlowton Montana. He spent 22 years in Harlowton as a school administrator. 3 as a principal and 19 as a school superintendent. Andy retired from public school after the 2020-2021 school year in Absarokee.

Since he retired he took a job with Reach Higher Montana helping kids with career pathways. He currently is starting year 6 with Reach Higher Montana. Andy will also be helping as a Career Counselor/ Academic Counselor in White Sulphur Springs this school year. He will be in White Sulphur Springs the first and third Tuesday of each month. He can also be reached by cell phone at 406-220-4487 if you have any questions.

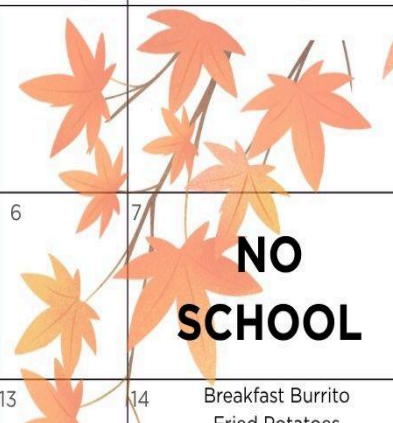
Andy's wife of 31 years, Gwen is a retired school teacher. Gwen and Andy have two children, Maria who is a Speech Pathologist based out of Laurel Montana, and Joe who is currently a lineman apprentice for Northwestern Energy based in Lewistown Montana.



Breakfast/Lunch for September

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Biscuit & Gravy Hash browns Fruit, Juice & Milk Baked Potato Bar Salad Veggies, Fruit & Milk	2 Cereal Grilled PB&J Fruit & Milk Taco Refried Beans Chips, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	3 Breakfast Sandwich Hashbrown Patty Fruit & Milk Pizza Bread Wings Salad, Fruit & Milk	4 NO SCHOOL	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL	8 French Toast Scramble Eggs Bacon, Fruit & Eggs Chicken Patty Sandwich French Fries Veggies, Fruit & Milk	9 Hash brown Casserole Links Go-Gurt, Fruit, & Milk Dirty Rice w/ Sausage Veggie Fruit, Cornbread, & Milk	10 Cereal Poptart Fruit, Juice, & Milk Italian Dunkers Salad, Fruit, & Milk	11 FRIDAY SCHOOL Cheesy Eggs, Sausage Toast, Fruit, Applesauce & Milk Tatertot Casserole Mixed Veggies Salad, Roll, & Milk	12
13	14 Breakfast Burrito Fried Potatoes Muffins, Fruit, & Milk Hot Hamburger Sandwich Mashed Potatoes Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	15 Chocolate Chip Pancakes Bacon, Fruit, & Milk Fish Sticks Mac & Cheese Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	16 Cereal, Toast, Yogurt Milk Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap Chips, Fruit, & Milk	17 Chicken & Biscuits Fried Apples Granola, Juice, & Milk French Dips French Fries Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	18 	19
20	21 Sausage Scramble Hashbrown Toast, Fruit, & Milk Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Veggies, Fruit, Muffin & Milk	22 Cereal Turnovers Yogurt, & Milk Pizza Salad, Fruit, & Milk	23 Waffles w/ Berries & Cream Sausage Juice & Milk Chicken Bowl Biscuits, Salad, Fruit, & Milk	24 Breakfast Wrap Fruit, Go-Gurt, Milk Beef-a-Roni (Family Style) Veggie, Fruit, Roll, & Milk	25	26
27	28 Breakfast Sandwich Hash brown Patty Fruit, Milk Lasagna Garlic Toast Salad, Fruit, & Milk	29 Cheesy Eggs Ham Slices Toast Fruit & Milk Hamburgers, Chips Veggies, Fruit, & Milk	30 Cinnamon Rolls Yogurt Fruit, Juice, & Milk Chicken Alfredo Breadsticks Broccoli, Salad, Fruit, & Milk			

Activity Calendar



All schedules are subject to change

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 *For Volleyball Times: starts with JH, JV, than V*	31	1	2	3	4 VB @ Home vs Hobson/Moore 4, 5, +20 FB @ North Star V-3:00	5 VB @ Gardiner Tourney FB @ Highwood JH-10
6	7	8	9	10	11 VB @ Home vs Melstone 4, 5:30+20	12 VB @ Harlo 3, 4, 5:30, 7 FB @ Gardiner JH-10:00 V-1:00
13	14 FB @ Reedpoint JV- 5:00	15	16	17 VB @ Lavina 3, 4 , 5:30, 7	18 FB @ Home vs West Yellowstone JH-5:00 V-7:00	19 VB @ Grass Range 3:30, 4:30, 5, 6:30
20	21 FB @ Grass Range JV- 4:00	22	23	24 VB @ Winifred 4, 5, 6:30	25 VB @ Home vs Shields Valley 1, 2, 3, 4:30 FB @ Home vs Shields Valley JH-5:00 V-7	26
27	28 FB @ Wilsall vs Shields Valley JV-5:00	29	30	1	2	3