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At the Peak

A newsletter for Ophir Middle School and Lone Peak High School



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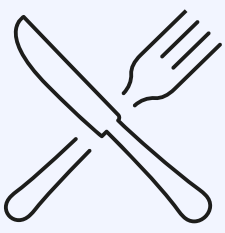
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Important Announcements

From the Office

NHS Food Drive:
November 1st - 13th
See Page 6 for more info

M-Bar-T Grade Check for LPHS to receive discounted Resort Ski Passes:
Next Tuesday, November 3rd!!

Parent - Teacher Conferences:
Wednesdays, November 11th & 18th



Save the Date



Parent-Teacher Conference Sign Ups



If you have any questions or concerns you would like to discuss with any of the teachers, please sign-up for an appointment spot on the linked spreadsheet. (Instructions are on page 1.)

- Appointment slots on Page 2 are for Wednesday, November 11th
- Appointment slots on Page 3 are for Wednesday, November 18th.
- Please schedule separate blocks for each student (even if with the same teacher.)
- Black boxes are taken time slots.

If you do not have any current questions right now, please enjoy your evenings. If anything comes up at a future date, *please do not hesitate* to reach out to any of the teachers or Dr. Mitchem. We are all here to support your students and have the goal of helping them reach their greatest potential.

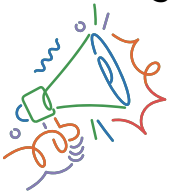
OMS students began MAST testing Monday. In an effort to minimize the loss of instruction time, MAST testing will be completed during Study Skills on Mondays for the next three weeks. (8A will test on Tuesday mornings, still during Study Skills.)

MAST

Montana Aligned to Standards Through-Year



Make a Difference Where It Matters Most! Join a vibrant community dedicated to empowering the next generation! Working in our schools offers the unique opportunity to inspire young minds, foster lifelong learning, and support students as they grow into confident, capable leaders. Whether in the classroom or behind the scenes, every team member plays a vital role in shaping a safe, inclusive, and encouraging environment. Bring your passion, skills, and energy to a career where your daily work leaves a lasting mark. Check out our employment opportunities here: BSSD#72



NOW HIRING

BIG SKY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BIG SKY MONTANA



October Newscast



All Online Class Midterms & Final Exams must be taken in the office with Mrs. Romine! See her ASAP if you have not received an email to schedule your time!



FALL SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

	Mon., Jan. 11	Tues., Jan 12	Wed., Jan. 13	Thurs., Jan 14
8:25-10:15a	Block A	Block C	Block E	Block G
10:15-10:40a	Break			
10:40a-12:30p	Block B	Block D	Block F	Make-Up

Parents: Blocks represent periods - A-F coincide with Monday's Schedule, while G Block is Tuesday's first period.



Mrs. Martinez Senior Newsletter

TO DO:

- Work on Common App - Invite Mrs. Martinez
- Draft your 1-page Resume - Due Nov. 18th
- Make sure to let those that are doing recommendations for you know if the due dates change!
- Keep Crushing!!



Senior Meeting:
Nov. 18th at 1 p.m.

Thank you for your great job keeping the senior lounge tidy!!



Lone Peak High School will be again participating in Big Sky Resort's M-Bar-T Program.

All 9th - 12th Graders who have achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher for the semester on the November 4th grade check of the 2026-27 school year will be eligible to participate. The school will be submitting a list of eligible students to the resort and will send the application to those eligible students after the November 3rd grade check.



SENIOR IB CAS



This week, our senior IB students (Boone, Lucas, Dudley and Riley) participated in a CAS project exploring the Rocky Mountain Front (RMF) near Choteau and Agusta, Montana. The students have been studying the RMF under the tutelage of Dr Graetz, professor of geology at the University of Montana and were accompanied on the trip by Mr. Kelly, LPHS Design Tech teacher. CAS (Creativity, Activity and Service) is a mandatory program for our students in grade 11 and 12. The CAS project for these students is researching, presenting and publishing on the areas that make up the (RMF). As part of their research the students spent two days exploring the different wildlife migration patterns, geological features and history of the federally designated wilderness areas along the RMF. Thanks to Dr. Graetz, Mr Kelly and all the professionals who met with our students during their field outing.



Pine Butte Ranch with Historian Gene Sentz





Aging an elk with Kerry Bouchard



Mrs. Martinez's Counseling Update





❤️🤍💙Honoring All Who Served!❤️🤍💙

We warmly invite all local veterans, service members, and community members to join us as we honor and celebrate our service members dedication and sacrifice.

📅 **Date**: November 11
⏰ **Time**: 10:30 AM
📍 **Location**: Bough-Dolan Athletic Complex

Special Invitation to Veterans: We would be honored by your presence so our community can personally thank you for your service! ❤️🤍💙

Let's show our gratitude to our military veterans. See you there! 🙌



OMS HALLOWEEN DANCE PICTURES







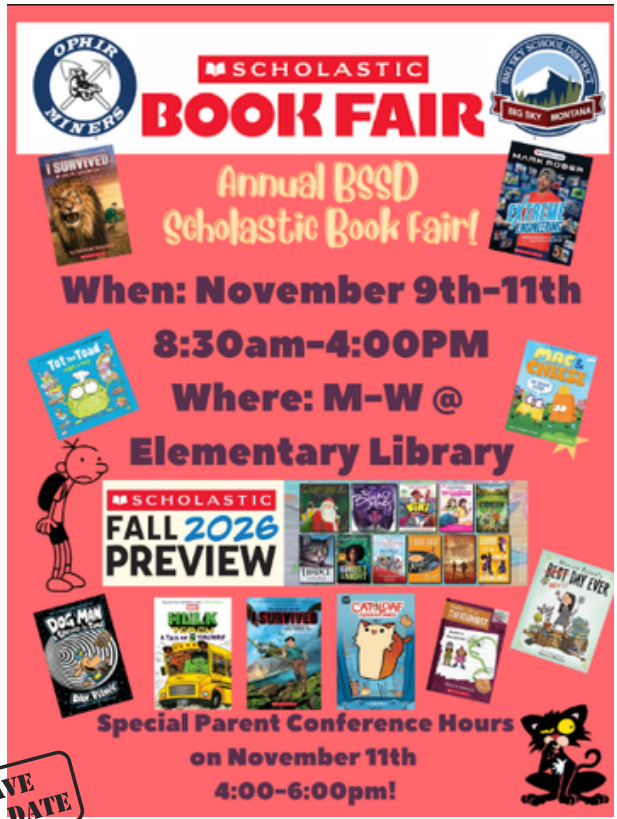






Skye Swenson was a former students at BSSD who loved colorful socks, cats, and being outdoors with her family. The LPHS NHS is delighted to get to sponsor this fundraiser in her honor for Eagle Mount. Final sock designs will be available at the Christmas Stroll through March 23rd!





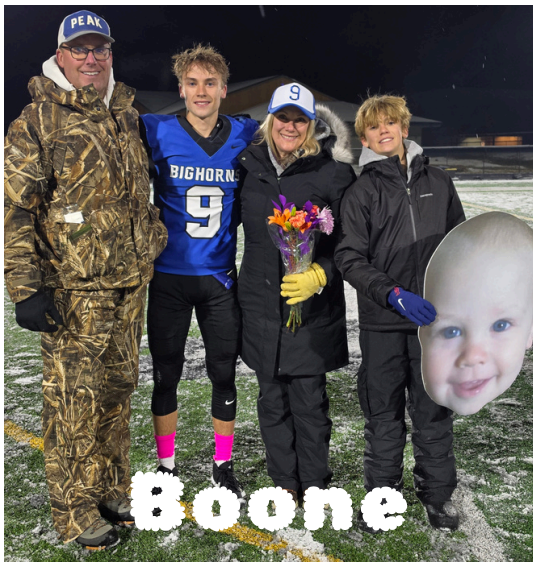
LPHS Interact Club



OMS Boys Basketball Pictures
Wednesday, November 4th

A special thank you to the senior football players for your time, sweat, blood and leadership. We will miss you!











UPCOMING HOME EVENTS:

See Website for full Schedules

BSSD Activities Outlook

OMS BOYS BASKETBALL:

Thurs., Nov. 5 vs West Yellowstone - 5/6 @ 4 / 7/8 @ 5

LPHS Basketball start: Thursday, November 19th

Before athletes are allowed to practice:

Final forms completed, Current physical on file, Sports fee paid: OMS Fee: $125, LPHS Fee: $175

Booster Club Website:
LPHSsports.org
Become a member today!

Staff Spotlight

Ms. Hamblin

High School English

Hello! I am excited to begin my 16th year at BSSD. Over the years I have taught 8-12th grade Language Arts and over the past four years I have been lucky enough to assistant coach for the LPHS girls soccer team.
I was raised in Idaho but have called Big Sky home for over 30 years. If I am not at school grading papers and talking to students about how wonderful books are, you will probably find me in enjoying the outdoors with my family and friends.





Hi! I'm Mrs. Schwindt, but to the students I'm Miss Emily! This is my fourth year as a special education para-educator at Big Sky School District, and I'm passionate about creating an inclusive environment where every student feels valued, supported, and celebrated for who they are. I attended Colorado State University in Fort Collins and have lived in several places, from North Carolina to Wyoming, before settling in the Gallatin area about 12 years ago. This year, I also had the pleasure of coaching OMS Volleyball! GO MINERS! Outside of school, I love spending time with my 3 kids and husband, enjoying cozy days with a good book, crafting, baking, snowboarding, hiking, and fishing.

Mrs. Schwindt

Middle School Para