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**FROM THE DEN: THE DIAMONDBACK BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**




*"A well-rounded education for students to confidently navigate their world"*

## THE WEEK AHEAD: SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY* |
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| **9/28**<br><br>Community of Practice Session 1 for Lit Grant<br><br>HS FB @ Power from 4:15 - 6:15 pm, bus departs at 3:55 pm<br><br>9/28 Game in Fairfield - JV/C D/B / Power TBD Fairfield TBD<br><br>Practice - Varsity from Dutton/Brady 3:55 pm, in Power 4:15 - 6:15 pm<br><br>HS/JH XC @ Power from 3:45 - 5:45 pm<br><br>JH FB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>JH VB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>**Breakfast:** Bagel PB or cream cheese Fruit<br>**Lunch:** Sweet and sour chicken w/rice | **9/29**<br><br>New Region II Principal's Meeting date<br><br>HS FB @ Power from 4:15 - 6:15 pm, bus departs at 3:55 pm<br><br>HS VB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>HS/JH XC @ Power from 3:45 - 5:45 pm<br><br>JH FB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>JH VB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>**Breakfast:** Biscuit w/gravy Fruit<br>**Lunch:** Chicken quesadillas w/beans | **9/30**<br><br>Titan Administrative Budget Meeting 2:00-3:00 pm<br><br>HS FB @ Power from 4:15 - 6:15 pm, bus departs at 3:55 pm<br><br>HS VB @ Power from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>HS/JH XC @ Power from 3:45 - 5:45 pm<br><br>JH FB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>JH VB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>**Breakfast:** Banana bread Fruit<br>**Lunch:** Chef salad w/rolls* | **10/1**<br><br>MT Reads Monthly Check-in<br><br>GTCC Fall Leadership Conference in Great Falls 9:00 - 2:00 pm<br><br>School Trustee Training at 4:00-6:00 pm in the school auditorium<br><br>HS FB @ Power from 4:15 - 6:15 pm, bus departs at 3:55 pm<br><br>10/1/26 Thursday Sunburst (C) Dutton JH B / V 5:00/+20<br><br>HS/JH XC @ Power from 3:45 - 5:45 pm<br><br>JH FB @ Dutton/Brady from 4:00 - 6:00 pm, bus departs at 3:40 pm<br><br>***Please check out website for an updated breakfast and lunch menu on Monday** | **10/2**<br><br>*No School<br><br>Daycare CPR & First Aid Class<br><br>XC @ Great Falls Invitational, Anaconda Hills GC, 9:00 AM<br><br>10/2 Fri. Noxon Noxon V 7:00<br><br>10/2/26 Friday Big Sandy (NC) Big Sandy JH/JH/JV/V 4:00/5:00/+15/+20 |

* Note: Our hybrid four-day schedule will change on Fridays throughout the school year. We will notify you of any changes on when we operate school and when we will be closed on Fridays.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We're excited to be using our assessment data to help provide better instruction for student achievement and success. Our transition into October is focused on targeted instructional improvements, where our teams start implementing the learning goals set for each student PK-12. The Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework establishes a balance between appropriate academic and behavioral supports so students feel successful in the classroom.

In addition, the Montana High Intensity Tutoring program is a five-year grant providing high-quality instruction for students in grades 1-3. Students have started receiving extra targeted reading instruction in the afternoon to help them reach grade-level proficiency standards in their reading skills.

If you have any programming questions, please contact our front office at (406) 476-3424.

## ASSESSMENT & LEARNING SUPPORT

**Optional Assessment for College Placement:** Accuplacer testing will be available throughout the school year for students enrolled in dual-credit English, Math, and writing classes. Please contact jlocke@dbps.us to schedule an Accuplacer test for your student.

**M-Hit Intervention Tutoring Available for Grades 1-3:**
Progress monitoring and intervention tutoring have begun for students who require extra academic assistance in grades 1-3. More information was sent out on this program last week.

Please reach out to jlocke@dbps.us for more information.

**Level All Access for Post-Graduation Planning:**

Jobs for Montana (JMG) class this year will have access to a unique and free resource this school year! Level All is **100% free for all Montana schools, educators, and students statewide**, providing every learner with personalized guidance, practical skill-building, and accessible resources for life after high school. **For more information, please check out the video at** https://www.levelall.com/montana-opi

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Benchmark One testing is complete! This data is used to celebrate the students' achievements and is analyzed to target areas of improvement at each tier. This specific targeted instruction is implemented to improve student learning outcomes for students below, at, and above benchmark level.

The instructional coaches are working with each teacher through weekly meetings to improve classroom practices and instruction. The instructional coaches assist in aligning instructional practices across grade levels and curriculum areas through cohesive goals.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or their learning, please feel free to contact me at jmischel@dbps.us.

## COUNSELORS CORNER

We are heading into our second week of Character Strong, and what a joy it has been! Our students have been singing along and playing games all centered around Respect. The energy in the room has been incredible. We are now beginning to lead into perspective-taking, helping students understand how to see the world through someone else's eyes. It's been a fun journey so far, and we can't wait to see what happens next! As always, you can reach me at jtoner@dbps.us, (406)476-3424, or leave a note in my drop box by the counseling office.

**Our quote to guide our lessons will be from Bill Bradley:**
"Respect your fellow human being, treat them

## PARENT & STUDENT SUPPORT HUB

| Need Help With? | Resource / Contact Action |
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| **Infinite Campus** | Request grades, logins, or demographic updates via the Registrar at the Infinite Campus Portal. |
| **Enrollment or Registration** | Please contact Melissa Gemar at mgemar@dbps.us for questions about enrollment or registration. |
| **School Meals & Menu** | Access menus, track balance thresholds, and complete free/reduced applications on the District website or phone application, under dining. |
| **Wellness Check-ins** | Connect directly with our mental health and student welfare liaison for any concerns at jtoner@dbps.us. |

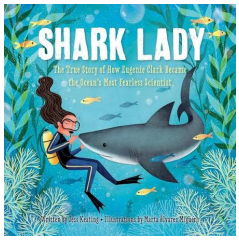
fairly, disagree with them honestly, enjoy their friendship, explore your thoughts about one another candidly, work together for a common goal and help one another achieve it."

**LIBRARIAN'S SQUARE BOOK OF THE WEEK!**

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Hopefully you have seen & read the library book that your child(ren) has brought home. It has been fun reading and sharing the new library books with students. In the 2nd and 3rd grade library class, we are learning about the solar system & outer space. Students remember learning about this topic in kindergarten, as it was part of their ELA curriculum. They are quite knowledgeable about this topic. You may even see them bring home a book about a planet or space!

**Book of the Week:** Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist




By: Zoologist Jess Keating

**DUTTON/BRADY PSD IS HIRING!**

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Our mission is to provide *"A well-rounded education for students to confidently navigate their world."* At Dutton/Brady Public School District, our vision is *mastery today…success tomorrow.* We're looking for an individual who wants to join our team! An opportunity to fill a **Facilities/Maintenance** position gives applicants an outstanding work/life balance and supportive staff environment.

**The district pays a portion each month for health insurance. The district offers affordable daycare.**

**This is a full-time position.**

**Pay and Benefits:**
Hourly rate DOE.
All weekends, nights, and major holidays are off!
The facility pays for all state-required training and certifications

**LITTLE DIAMONDBACKS DAYCARE**

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The hallways are loud when the kiddos travel down to go play in the gym. Our little friends are working on walking in a line, and our trusty daycare ladies do a wonderful job of making sure they all stay in a line. With the nice weather slowly falling away, they are taking every opportunity to play outside. They also go on long walks throughout town. You may have seen them. Spaghetti for lunch is a fan favorite, and Ms. Monny (Molly) has all the books in the daycare memorized from all the reading. Thanks for supporting our Little Diamondbacks!

**WANT SCHOOL SWAG?**

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You can now purchase Diamondback and Titan gear at the front office! We have apparel, hats, coffee mugs, and pens. Please stop by and see our inventory. We will be adding some additional Titan swag in the next few weeks. See Melissa Gemar at the front office for details.

**2025-26 SCHOOL YEARBOOKS FOR SALE!**

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The 2025-26 Yearbook is available for purchase at the front office. Last year's yearbook theme was our favorite music playlist. Yearbooks can be purchased at the front office for **$45.00**.

**CLASSROOM OF THE WEEK SHOUTOUT!**

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Thank you to Mr. Toner's shop class for building our shed and helping put the new bathroom partitions in the boys' high school bathroom. It looks great!

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# LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

**THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

The American Legion Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday at 4:00 pm at the Dutton Legion Hall. We serve our veterans, children, and youth. We collect gifts for the Christmas gift shop at Fort Harrison. We sponsor the Red Cross blood drawing during the year. Our members are involved in all the community projects. We also provide items for baby showers at Fort Harrison for our lady veterans. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Betty Burtness.

**DUTTON CIVIC CLUB**

Begin the 2026-27 school year by checking out the Dutton Civic Club! The first fall meeting will be Monday, September 14 at 6:45 PM at the Dutton Senior Center. We support Dutton/Brady School by offering a scholarship to a promising senior graduate each spring. We support the town pool and your children by cooking and serving breakfast (donating all proceeds) on Fun Day. We support the county via an annual donation to the Teton County Food Pantry. And so much more! Thank you to everyone who has supported the Civic Club by becoming a member, attending our fundraising events, or bringing ideas to us. We appreciate your help! New members and new ideas are always welcome!

**COMMUNITY QUILTING IS BACK!**

Each Tuesday, at 10:00 am, at Bethany Lutheran Church, everyone is welcome. No experience needed for this great fellowship opportunity!




***Please contact Jeremy Locke at jlocke@dbps.us for any information or events you want added to the school's weekly newsletter.***

**Have a great week!**