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FROM THE DEN: THE DIAMONDBACK BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2026



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

M-HIT
Montana High-Impact Tutoring Literacy Program

THE WEEK AHEAD: SCHOOL & COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY*
10/16 Regular Board Meeting of the Trustees (school auditorium) Monday, November 16 · 6:30 – 7:30 pm State Student Council @ Butte November 15 – 17, 2026 **Breakfast:** Cold cereal and fruit **Lunch:** Ham and cheese sandwich	**10/17** Local Literacy Plan Session 2: Secondary Tuesday, November 17 · 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Local Literacy Plan Session 2: Elementary Tuesday, November 17 · 1:00 – 4:00 pm HS Boys BB Parent Meeting @ Power - 5:30 pm Tuesday, November 17 **Breakfast:** Fried egg and toast **Lunch:** Taco	**10/18** **Breakfast:** Cinnamon rolls **Lunch:** Pizza	**10/19** **Breakfast:** Breakfast sandwich **Lunch:** Chicken noodle soup and PB sandwich	**10/20** *No School

* 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.

ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULARS*

HOME GAMES

JH BB vs Valier @ Power, BG/AG/AB, 4:15/ 5:30/ 6:45 pm, Tuesday, November 17

AWAY GAMES

JH BB @ Heart Butte, AG/AB, 5:00/6:30 pm, Friday, November 20

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We hope everyone enjoyed Parent/Teacher Conferences and was able to meet with teachers about the incredible work happening in our classrooms. Please reach out if you have any questions about the data shared at conferences.

Please be sure to send students to school with appropriate winter gear. With it getting colder, we want to make sure students are comfortable at recess. All students should have a coat, hat, gloves, boots, and snow pants.

Our team is incredibly excited to be awarded an additional $131,250 in literacy grant funding for this school year. This funding will provide additional training opportunities for staff, more literacy supplies for our classrooms, and literacy kits for students and families. This grant is part of our overall district learning focus on the science of reading and career readiness. We are offering more flexible options and pathways than ever before, providing a well-rounded education that helps students confidently navigate their world.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Veterans Day Program. We appreciate the incredible work Ms. Brown and her students put into this special event. We're incredibly excited for our Christmas Concert in December.

Have a great week!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

National Honor Society is working on school and community projects. NHS hosted a Big D, Little D event on Monday, November 9th, where they created cards for veterans. These cards were handed out at the Veterans Day celebration. In addition, NHS partnered with Student Council for a November Community Service project; stay tuned for more details.

Also, with the weather getting colder, please make sure your child is prepared with gloves, a hat, and a coat for those chilly recesses.

The instructional coaches are hard at work setting individualized goals with the staff, driving the growth of instruction and curriculum development. The data-informed discussion and reflection processes increase support for the teachers and improve their teaching practices. With each teacher focusing on an area of improvement, they are demonstrating the practice of becoming lifelong learners to the students.

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

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

PARENT & STUDENT SUPPORT HUB

Need Help With?	Resource / Contact Action
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.

COUNSELORS CORNER

A huge shout-out to Eli Castaneda and Mr. Habel for demonstrating responsibility in a skit for our students! Our students loved every minute and are hoping for an encore. We're continuing to practice responsibility, and this month we're adding a new focus: gratitude. As we begin, we'll keep a quote in mind: "The more grateful I am, the more beautiful the world becomes." Over the coming weeks, I'll be sending paper leaves home with students so families can write what they're grateful for. Keep an eye out for our community, family, and school-wide gratitude tree, which we'll build throughout November and display at the office. As always, feel free to reach out at jtoner@dbps.us, or leave a note in my Dropbox.

LIBRARIAN'S SQUARE BOOK OF THE WEEK!

Andy from the Montana Dinosaur Center was here to speak to students in grades kindergarten through 5th about Montana-specific dinosaurs. Students were so excited to have a paleontologist! He presented an engaging, hands-on session for our Kindergarten through 5th-grade students, diving deep into the fascinating world of paleontology. Andy had the attention of the students engaged by discussing specific local discoveries right here in Montana alongside iconic dinosaur species from around the world. Bringing in real dinosaur bones allowed the children to see and touch history firsthand while learning about where these specimens were located, the rigorous science behind unearthing them, and the systematic ways paleontologists classify and curate items in research collections. The students had fantastic questions about prehistoric life, and Andy did a wonderful job answering them with patience, enthusiasm, and age-appropriate detail. They thoroughly enjoyed this immersive scientific visit.

LITTLE DIAMONDBACKS DAYCARE

The Little Diamondbacks Daycare is bustling with energy as children dive into snow gear, bike rides, and creative art projects. Students are hard at work crafting holiday and seasonal artwork, while making the most of the winter weather by playing outside in the snow whenever possible. On days when outdoor play isn't an option, they stay active with games of basketball down in the gym. We deeply appreciate the wonderful care and dedication their teachers provide every single day.

ADVERTISE AT DUTTON/BRADY PSD!

Whether it's during games or special events, you can be sure your business will be seen at Dutton/Brady PSD!

Banners are **$300.00** for the entire school year. Funds go directly to our PK-5 elementary classrooms for supplies, field trips, or special projects.

WANT SCHOOL SWAG?

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!

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!

Thank you to Ms. Brown for an incredible Veterans Day concert. We appreciate the excellent work Ms. Brown is doing with our students and their support in honoring our veterans in the community. Great job!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Yoga

Adult Ed Chair Yoga classes will begin Friday, September 11, 2026. As we have in the past, the class will meet in the Dutton Senior Center from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. This class is suitable for all levels and abilities as we work toward greater mobility, strength, stamina, and peace of mind. And it's fun!

If you have your own blocks, strap, and stretch band, please bring them. I have a limited

supply of each to share with students who need them. For more information, please call Wendy at 406-788-6465. Hope to see you there! Namaste. Wendy Whitehorn

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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!

POPPY POSTER WINNERS!

Students made incredible posters for our Veterans Day Program. The winners are below:

Class III

1st place: Kreedence Wakkinen

2nd place: Bromley Heagy

Class IV

1st place: Rhemi Gemar

2nd place: Emma Feldmann

3rd place: Cody Roberts

Class V

1st place: Kilee Greyn

2nd place: Savanna Salas

Kreedence Wakkinen took 2nd place in the State of Montana

Kilee Greyn took 1st place in the State, and her poster went on to Nationals.

Congratulations to our winners!

DUTTON
Winter Craft Fair

A Candy Cane Cowboy Christmas

FRIDAY
NOV. 27TH, 2026
3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

SATURDAY
NOV. 28TH, 2026
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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GREAT GIFT IDEAS
Unique • Handmade
Local Art • And More!

MEXICAN MEAL
FRI. EVENING

COFFEES & ROLLS
SAT. MORNING

SOUPS & ROLLS
SAT. FOR LUNCH

MOVIES PLAYING
in Supervised Kids Area

SANTA
WILL BE HERE SATURDAY!

Huge assortment of
Raffle Baskets Available to Win!
Proceeds go to the Julia Timmerman Memorial Fund

Shop ♥ Eat ♥ Enjoy
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

Please contact Jeremy Locke at jlocke@dbps.us with any information or events you would like added to the school's monthly newsletter.

Have a great week!