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Medieval Times



Happy November Everybody!

I hope that this letter finds you enjoying Montana's fall season in all its warm and cold, dry and snowy, windy and beautiful glory. Montana may have many personalities in the fall, but that's what makes it enjoyable to me.

I want to point everyone to some resources that I believe are amongst the most important regarding keeping children safe. On Tuesday, October 24, North Star hosted its fall open house and a presentation by Brian Cassidy of the Havre Police Department and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. This is the second time we have hosted this presentation, and, each time I see it, it grows in importance in our lives.

Ourselves and our children live a larger and larger digital life every day. Often, we put ourselves and our children at great risk online and never even realize it. Pictures, social media posts, and all sorts of other online activities give predators the information they need to contact kids online and in real life without us even knowing it. Please, look at the information on the Task Forces' website at <http://mticac.org/>. We have a duty to protect our children and educate them about the dangers of our online lives. Please help them and yourselves by being informed.

For a little more help, here are a few easy ways to help reduce the risk to your children online, and guide them to developing a positive and safe digital life:

Keep all technology out of the bedroom! Home computers and laptops should be in a centrally located area.

Phones, tablets, iPods, and other technology should be put away somewhere other than the bedroom at night.

Know what your children are doing on social media. If they are going to be in those networks, require them to give you access to it.

Never use the "friends of friends" setting when setting access to you or your children's social media profiles. This allows virtually anyone to gain access to your pictures and information, which they can use to develop a relationship with your children.

Talk to your kids about their online life! This is the most important part of helping them develop safe habits. Even if you have largely ignored it before and it feels awkward, now is the time to start. The more you discuss it, the less awkward it will feel.

I hope this gives you some resources to start helping your kids develop healthy online habits. We work on those at school as well, but you are the primary source for those in your students' personal lives. If you have questions about this, please contact the office for more information.

Sincerely,



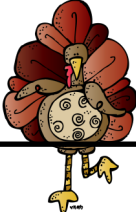
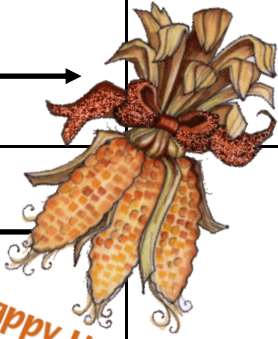
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North Star Events and Activities

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 *Jason DeShaw Event, 1:30-2:30p	2 *Divisional VB tourney in Chinook *Elem. Parent- Teacher Conf. 4:30-7:30p	3 *Divisional VB tourney in Chinook *JH BB vs. Box Elder in Gild- ford 4:00/5:15 *NO SCHOOL	4 *Divisional VB tourney in Chinook *FB Qtr/Finals *JH BB- Rudyard 9:00a
5 *Daylight Saving Time Ends. 	6	7	8	9 *State VB @ MSU-Bozeman *Public & Per- manent pres. at Havre Middle School 6p	10 *State VB @ MSU-Bozeman *JHBB@Chinook 4p. NO SCHOOL	11 *State VB @ MSU-Bozeman *FB Semi-Finals *S & D-Conrad *Veterans Day 
12	13	14 *District FCCLA Meeting- Havre	15	16 *BB Practice begins	17 *JHBB v. HLP-Gild. 4p. NO SCHOOL	18 *JHBB @ Turner-11:30a *S & D- Browning *State 6 Man FB
19	20 *JHBB v. FB- Rud 4p.	21	22 *Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	23 Happy Thanksgiving! 	24	25 
26	27 *JHBB Tour- ney-Gild *Honor Music TBA	28	29	30	Happy Harvest!	

K-12



Student Spotlight

Kindergarten-Benevolance Hadford



Future Plans: I don't know.

Best Memory: Playing at recess and in the classroom.

Favorites

Class: Art

Food/Drink: Mac-n-Cheese/Smoothies

Sport/Activity/Hobby: I like to play cats

Color: Pink and Purple

Sports Team: Chicago Bears Football

7th Grade-Gavin Spicher



Future Plans: Farming and Ranching

Best Memory: First Junior High Football Game

Favorites

Class: Science

Food/Drink: Pizza/Mountain Dew

Sport/Activity/Hobby: Football, Hunting & Basketball

Color: Blue

Senior-Hali Kapperud



Future Plans: Attend MSU majoring in Cell Biology & Neuroscience

Best Memory: National FCCLA in San Diego

Favorites

Class: Calculus

Food/Drink: Pretzels & Chocolate/Strawberry Lemonade

Sport/Activity/Hobby: Basketball & FCCLA

Color: Blue

Sports Team: MSU-Bobcats



Elementary Corner

By Mrs. Twila Dyrland

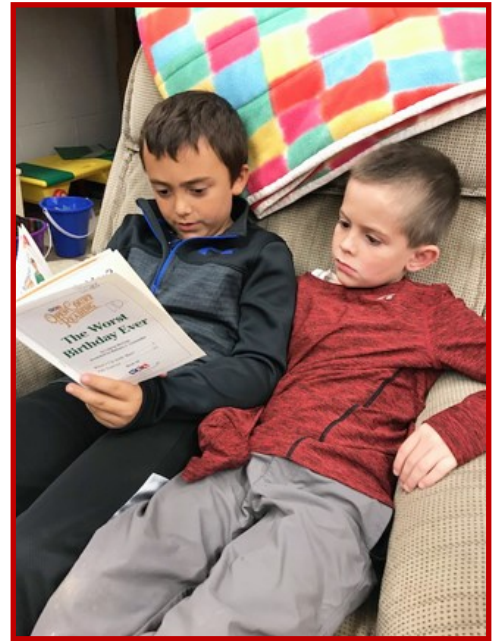
2nd Grade News



The second grade class has been extremely busy since the first day of school. We have been really concentrating and strengthening our skills in phonics and reading each day. We got to read our practice stories to the kindergartners and first graders. Because we know the importance of practicing, the first graders read their stories to us also.

Place value in math is what we start the year off learning. We got to use playing cards to help us develop that skill.

Our focus this year as a school has been KINDNESS. Our class got involved by making KINDNESS rocks by painting them and writing an inspirational saying on them. Then we secretly put our rocks out in the communities to help brighten up someone's day. If you find one keep it or pass it on!



The upcoming weeks will give us a chance to dress up for Red Ribbon Week and Halloween. Special thanks to Tim and Peggy Kimmet who gave each student a pumpkin of their own.





**THANK
YOU!**

The North Star Football Players and Parents would like to extend a big thank you to Lisa at Sysco for organizing food donations from her distributors for our tailgate barbeque on October

13. Distributor Kameron provided hamburger patties for the North Star & Valier Football Programs while Core supplied the hamburger buns and cheese. It was a really nice way to end our final home game of 2017. Thank you so much!



Playground Equipment, Fundraisers, and Charity Update

It's here! It's F-I-N-A-L-L-Y here!

The playground equipment that our kids and community members earned through submitting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels has finally arrived. Two "Spring Lily" jumpers were ordered and will be installed in the playground area soon. Additionally, a larger piece of equipment called a "Hemisphere Climber" is being ordered with funds raised at the Liberty Medical Center Summer Fair donation. This item was ordered as a replacement of the "Magic Carpet" bars. We continue to raise funds for new playground equipment and as time goes on, we will share with everyone updates on our progress.

One way you can contribute to playground fundraising efforts is through the shoe drive. Donation boxes for shoes are located at both schools, the Hi-Way Bar, and K-Lines. Any style, size, or type of shoe or boot will be accepted. We request that the shoes are in decent condition and are clean.

We continue to collect Box Tops for Education. With the recent submission deadline of October 31, Katie submitted all the Box Tops we had collected over the summer up to now, and we are expecting a check for \$151.20. Great work to everyone who has been diligently clipping Box Tops and submitting them to school! Please keep up the good work! As a reminder, the Campbell's Soup Labels program has ended, so we are no longer accepting soup labels—only Box Tops.

Speaking of collected items, our students also continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ronald McDonald House serves families of children who must be hospitalized by providing them free or low-cost housing while their child is receiving services. In Montana, there are two Ronald McDonald House locations- one in Missoula and one in Billings. This October, we sent twelve pounds of pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House charities in support of their efforts to help families in Montana. The generosity of our students and community members is outstanding!



Former Student, Brett Renaker Commissioned

Brett Renaker, a 2006 graduate of North Star High School, was commissioned as a Navy Ensign on Friday, Sept. 29, in a ceremony in Port Hueneme, California. In attendance were his parents, Steve and Pam, his brother, Kyle, and his wife and son, Candice and Mike Renaker. Also in attendance were members of his wife's family from San Diego, California.

Brett enlisted in the Navy shortly after graduation in 2006 and started his career as a construction mechanic for the branch of the Navy known as the SeaBees. The name, "SeaBee," comes from the initials for the Construction Battalion, or CB. For the next 10 years, he served in such diverse places as Italy, Cuba, Iraq (where he also spent some time assisting Seal Team 5 in a secret training operation), South Korea, San Diego, and more currently in Port Hueneme, California. He continued to move up in the enlisted rank, eventually ending up as an E6, or 1st Class Petty Officer.

While in both San Diego and Port Hueneme, Brett spearheaded some extracurricular activities geared towards helping to beautify the communities as well as helping Military Veterans. He lead a crew to fix up the old VFW building in San Diego, and renovated an old hotel in neighboring Ventura, California so that homeless veterans could have a place to live while receiving training in jobs to reenter the workforce. This is only part of the accomplishments he achieved.

In the summer of 2016, Brett put a package together to submit for promotion to the rank of Ensign, and in March was told that he had been selected. Of the number of packages submitted, only 5 were selected. He will assume the responsibilities as a LDO, or Limited Duty Officer, known in the Navy as a "Mustang."

Brett, Candice, their son, Mike and their dog, Artie will be heading to Gulfport, Mississippi, Brett's new duty station. They will remain there for at least 4 years. It looks like we'll be headed to Mississippi soon!





raise.me

Raise.me Micro-scholarships

Through a new program called RaiseMe, students can guarantee scholarships from 250+ colleges as early as 9th grade, making it easier to plan financially for school. Raise.me is entirely free for students who are in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 and attend high school in the United States. Some ways individuals may earn micro-scholarships are if they get an “A” in a high school class, maintain a high GPA, have perfect attendance, participate in an extracurricular activity, score well on the SAT or ACT, attend a college fair, visit a college campus, and many more.

North Star High School is among the first in the country to take advantage of this opportunity, which was launched with the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. colleges. Presently, three Montana colleges participate in the RaiseMe scholarship program. The Montana colleges are Carroll College, Rocky Mountain College and the University of Montana – Missoula.

A couple of ways to support students in using this unique tool are to: 1) Ensure that the student creates an account at www.raise.me. 2) Encourage the student to regularly add good grades, community service, extra-curricular activities, and other achievements to his or her RaiseMe Portfolio to earn micro-scholarships from colleges.

The good news is that students in upper level grades may add activities and honors from previous years; starting with 9th grade. We hope using RaiseMe will make our students’ paths to college both more fun and affordable. Parents and guardians may visit www.raise.me/parents for more information. If you have additional questions after reviewing the site, please contact Mrs. Spinler at 355-4481 or send an email to support@raise.me.



During the week of November 6-10, schools across the state will be celebrating Montana College Application Week (CAW). Sites across Montana will host events to assist students with the college application process. We are thrilled that North Star High School will once again participate in the CAW effort, with the goal of ensuring that all members of our senior class apply to at least one college or university this fall. To us, college means any education program beyond high school including certificate programs, two-year degree programs, and four-year degree programs.

North Star HS events will occur after school on November 6-8th. The primary goal is to provide an opportunity for all Montana seniors to complete and file college applications. Therefore, North Star seniors will have the chance to complete and get assistance with admission forms, scholarship applications, and filing the FAFSA.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Rose Spinler at 355-4481. You can also find more information about the initiative online at <http://mus.edu/gearup/caw.asp>.

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Would like to invite you to their
OPEN HOUSE Preview

Sunday October 29, 2017
12pm - 4pm

We have created a thrift store for the hiline.
Which will be
Open the 1st and 2nd Saturday
Of each month

We hope to continue helping our community
And it's community center.





Parents....please supply the office with a small bottle of pain relief for your child. The school does not supply pain medication (Advil/Tylenol/Aleve/etc.) for any student. The office would like to help your child out when they are in need of pain relief for the occasional headache or body ache. Thank you.

Mobile Device or Computer Connection

Access Infinite Campus from your smart phone or mobile device by downloading the Infinite Campus Mobile Portal application from the App Store. In settings, enter the District ID of CRQNXT and select go. Then enter your Infinite Campus username and password.



Access Infinite Campus from your computer too. Go to the school website at www.northstar.k12.mt.us and click on the Infinite Campus Portal on the right side of the page.

What can you find out on Infinite Campus? Grades, assignments, meal balances, attendance information, student schedules and more! Check it out!

If you need your username or password, contact Katie at kbangs@nsschools.org or Carol at ctempel@nsschools.org.

Credit Cards, Checks, Cash for School Meals

Want to use your credit card to make a meal payment from your mobile device? Connect to a browser (Safari, Chrome, etc) first and then log into the parent portal and click on Payments and follow the instructions. To find out what the meal balance is, click on the Food Service tab. Cash and checks are also accepted at either school office. Breakfast is \$1.65 and lunch is \$2.65 or \$4.30 per day. Reduced price meals are \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Free or reduced price meal applications are accepted throughout the school year and are available on the school web-site at www.northstar.k12.mt.us or from either school office.





North Star School Season Passes

Activity Season Passes for the 2017-18 school year are now on sale.

**Prices: Family \$250.00, Adult \$125.00, Student \$25.00 K-12,
Senior Citizen 65 and older admitted free
Preschool age children free**

All students in grades 5-12 will be required to purchase an activity pass if they are participating in football, volleyball, basketball, track. Participants will not be able to play in any games until this fee is paid. Students whose families purchase a family pass will not be required to purchase a student pass.

This covers all North Star Athletic REGULAR season competitions, EXCLUDES but not limited to the following: Volleyball Showcases Tournament, All Tournament Games- High School and Jr. High, High School Football Playoff Games. Family Season Passes DO NOT INCLUDE COLLEGE AGE CHILDREN.

Anyone caught abusing this policy will lose Season Pass admittance and money will be non-refundable.





Knight in Need

North Star School has a "Knight in Need" program this year. It is similar to "My Student in Need" that you may have heard about or read about in the local papers. If your student has a need for school supplies, school clothing/shoes, or other materials for school, please send the information via email to Carol Tempel at ctempel@nsschools.org or call her at 355-4481 or text to 390-2701. Please provide, size, color, item and any other information. School staff members may also identify a need and provide the information to Mrs. Tempel. All information is strictly confidential. If the need is approved, students will receive the item discreetly and in a confidential manner. A huge thank you to an anonymous community member for helping to provide school supplies for our student body.



The North Star Speech & Drama Team needs YOU!

We are looking for adults willing to help us during our meet being held on

December 16th at CJI High School.

Rounds are being held at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., with Finals at 2:00 p.m.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. We need judges for all time slots, if you are available and want to watch some amazingly talented youths, come to Chester and help us out.

If you are interested in helping at the North Star/CJI meet in December, please contact Coach Linda Lett @ Elementary (376-3183), HS (355-4481). Email: llett@nsschools.org. There will be a clinic for Judges on Tuesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Art Room or if you need a refresher a copy of the judges handbook can be sent to you. You can pick up a paper copy of the judges handbook and sign up for a slot at the High School office. Thank you!



North Star Foundation Logo Design Competition

Want to express your creative side? The North Star Foundation invites students and the community to design a logo and letterhead for them. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded! Pertinent information to include is the following: The North Star Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with a mission of "Serving to improve, enhance and support the educational opportunities of students in the North Star School communities of Kremlin, Gildford, Hingham and Rudyard". Their address is: PO Box 14, Rudyard, MT 59540.

Entries will be accepted until November 30th, 2017. For more information, contact Katie Sattoriva, Sharon Spicher, Margie Chinadle or Carol Tempel.



North Star Booster Club

Dues

\$25.00 per family
\$50.00 business membership
Funds support school activities K-12



Send checks to either school in care of North Star Booster Club. Thank you for your support.

Upcoming Events:

November:

2-4th-Div. VB Tourney in Chinook
 4th-FB Quarterfinals
 5th-Daylight Savings Time
 9-11th-State Volleyball Tourney in Bozeman
 14th-District FCCLA Meeting-Havre
 16th-HS BB practice begins
 27-28th--Honor Band & Choir

December:

7th-Mid-Quarter
 12th-NS/CJI Speech & Drama Judges Clinic HS 6:30p
 14th-Elem. Winter Concert 6:30p/CTSO auction
 16th-North Star/CJI Speech & Drama Meet-Chester
 19th-HS/JH Winter Concert-7p/CTSO Auction
 22nd- Early Out 1:30p for Holiday Break
 23-Jan. 2nd-Holiday Break

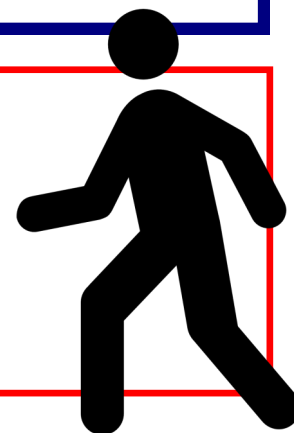
January:

3rd- School in Session again
 15th-Regional BPA in Great Falls
 19th-End of 2nd Qtr/1st Semester
 20th-Speech & Drama Divisionals-Choteau
 26-27th-State S&D Meet-Huntley Project

February:

6th-Pre-Festival Recital, HS Mus.Rm-7p
 14-17th-District BB in Havre
 20th-School Science Fair-Pit
 21-24th-Divisional BB in Great Falls
 22nd-Mid Quarter

Community members are
 welcome to walk in the gym
 in Rudyard. Available times
 include:
8:05 to 9:05 AM
11:15 to noon
12:45 to 2:45 PM



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