

Hello All,

Happy December! The year is flying by at North Star Schools. I've got one event from last month and one event coming up this month to let you know about.

On November 1, 2017, North Star hosted a performance by Jason DeShaw. His presentation, entitled "Serenity in the Storm," focuses on mental health with a story told through country music. Mr. DeShaw's hometown is Plentywood, Montana, and he attended college at Carroll College in Helena. We were happy to host him and had students from Big Sandy and CJI Schools attend the performance. Our hope is that Mr. DeShaw's performance gives our students resources to consider if they are battling mental illness, depression, and addiction. For any more information on the performance you can visit Mr. DeShaw's website at <a href="http://www.thecountryway.com/">http://www.thecountryway.com/</a>, and for help with suicide there is the national suicide prevention lifeline at 1 (800) 273-8255 or you can text the crisis text line at 741741 for help at any time. You can contact the school for more information as well.

On December 13, we will be hosting another presentation by Brian Cassidy of the Havre Police Department and Jameison Ross, the Hill County Sheriff. They will be doing an Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Presentation, hoping to teach students about the dangers of our digital lives, with special attention paid to cyberbullying and online sexual predators. This presentation was given at our Fall Open House in the JH/HS for parents, and was presented to our students in a previous school year also. If you as parents or community members missed the previous presentation and would like to attend this one you are welcome to do so, and please contact the office for more information.

Best wishes from our family to all of you and yours during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

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Bart K. Hawkins, Superintendent North Star School District 99M bhawkins@nsschools.org



	North Star Events and Activities					
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					<b>1</b> *JHBB Tourney	2*JHBB Tourney *S&D in Shelby
3	4	5	6	7*CJI Preseason BB Tourney *Mid-Quarter	No School 8*CJI Preseason BB Tourney	9*S&D in Cut Bank/Malta
10	11	12*Speech & Drama Judges Clinic 6-7p-Rud	13	14 *Elementary Concert/CTSO Silent Auction- 6:30p	No School 15*BB vs Turner -Gildford 4/5:30p	16*S&D-CJI/ North Star in Chester *BB v. Box Elder 12p
17	18	19*JH/HS Con- cert /CTSO Silent Auction-7p	20	<b>21</b> *BB vs. HLP in Gildford 3/4:30/6/7:30p	No School <b>22</b> *Early Out- 1:30p *BB in Ft. Benton 3p	23
24*Christmas	25*Christmas Day	26 Christmas Breal	27 k—Back to Schoo	28 ol on Jan. 3rd	29	30

Student Spotlight First Grade-Branch Jackson

> Future Plans: To be the President. Best Memory: When I went with my family up the mountains to see a cave.

Favorites Class: P.E. Food/Drink: Macaroni & Cheese/Lemon Water Sport/Activity/Hobby: Basketball Color: Gold

### 8th Grade-Katie Berg

Future Plans: Going to High School
Best Memory: Convention for Origami Owl
Favorites
Class: FCS
Food/Drink: German Chocolate Cake/Hot Chocolate
Sport/Activity/Hobby: Volleyball, Basketball, Track & Origami Owl
Color: Teal/Purple

### Sophomore-Chad Donaldson

Future Plans: Move to Las Vegas Best Memory: Chicago for College Football Game <u>Favorites</u> Class: Any class that Simo teaches Food/Drink: Subway/Mountain Dew Sport/Activity/Hobby: Ballin' with friends at Carpenter Park Color: Red Sports Team: Atlanta Falcons & New York Knicks



The first graders have been working hard for the past three weeks learning about the solar system. When we finished learning about the planets and the sun, each student was assigned a planet, or the sun, to create a diorama project with. The students had their own ideas for their project and put them together well. They did an amazing job and had so much fun doing it. We are extremely proud of them! ~Ms. Jenkins



Pumpkin Carving has been a tradition in the 1st Grade for as long as I can remember! This





year's class brought their family in on

October 25th to help. After estimating circumference, weight, and number of seeds, they got down to business with carving tools in hand. The creations were a team effort and everyone had a great time! We were rewarded with lots of smiles as well as a delicious meal that Lori and Chris prepared. The following day, the 1st Graders counted their seeds and graphed the results. It was a perfect opportunity to develop their understanding of hundreds, tens and ones!

~ Mrs. Donoven















More Pumpkin Carving Memories with the First Grade









# Red Ribbon Week

North Star Elementary observed Red Ribbon Week October 30 – November 2. Red Ribbon Week is a nationwide campaign to teach kids about drug and alcohol prevention. Mrs. Spinler gave counseling lessons on the Importance of staying away from drugs and alcohol. Our students also participated in dress up days along the following themes:

Our Future's Too Bright for Drugs, Drugs are Frightful, Give Drugs the Boot, and "Red"y to Be



Drug Free! Red Ribbon Week 2017 was fun and successful in educating our kids about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.







### SANITA'S WORKSHOP

### Where every Clemenitary Studenit will have a chance to be an CLF For a day!

The Christmas Gift Exchange has been a great tradition at North Star Elementary for many years, but as a Staff at the Elementary, we decided it was time to reimagine our tradition. We'd like to introduce our new idea- something we're calling Santa's Workshop!

On Tuesday, December 19, Santa's Workshop will be set up at school. Every student will have a chance to be an Elf for a day, and select gift items, choose a book, and make a craft for the person they drew in the gift exchange. So, rather than going out and purchasing gifts, students will take care of everything at school. Every child will receive a gift that includes a book, small gift item(s), and a craft– selected specifically for them!

Our hope is that books appropriate for all grade levels and gift items can be donated by our parents and community members, free will. You could also volunteer your time and help "work" at Santa's Workshop as a "Helper Elf." There is no obligation to donate anything, or to volunteer time, but we hope that you will consider doing so, as this is meant to take the place of our traditional gift exchange.

#### What can you donate?

- Books, new or gently used. We are looking for every grade level.
- Small gift items. Could be anything from pencils, to small stuffed animals, legos, games, etc. Either gender, or unisex gifts are OK.
- Wrapping supplies, especially gift bags or small boxes.
- Time. We will need volunteers on December 19 to be "Helper Elves" and help at the craft station, gift table, book table, and wrapping station.

Donations can be returned to Katie in the Office or contact Katie to volunteer!

Thank you for being a wonderful and supportive North Star Parent!





DeadLine For submitting donations is Thursday, December H.

# WANTED

North Star High School is looking to upgrade their Christmas trees.

If you are looking to do the same please consider donating

your old one to the school. It would be appreciated.

Please Contact Mrs. Campbell

Thank You

The North Star High Student Council



### North Star Freshman Science Class Making Toothpaste for Elephants!



Not really, Iol. Actually, the Physical Science class was conducting a lab to examine the differences between hydrogen peroxide and water. The chemical formula of water is H2O, while that of hydrogen peroxide is H2O2. Is there a difference in the physical and chemical properties of the two substances just because there is a single oxygen atom difference in their formulae? The students first poured water

and hydrogen peroxide into separate containers and studied their physical properties. They found that both substances were clear liquids, so it was very difficult to differentiate between the two. Then they added food coloring and watched how it interacted with the liquid. It seemed that the food coloring blended into the water more easily than in the hydrogen peroxide. The second test involved dropping a piece of raw hamburger into each of the liquid and ob-



serving what happened. As you probably already know, the hamburger did



nothing in the water, and bubbled furiously in the hydrogen peroxide. The students correctly surmised that the hydrogen peroxide was decomposing as a result of contact with the proteins in the burger in much the same way that it bubbles when poured into a cut in the skin. The gas released was oxygen.

Finally, the students combined activated yeast, food coloring, dish soap and hydrogen peroxide together in a plastic bottle to produce the brilliant foam called "Elephant toothpaste". All in all, they had a great time, and learned that there was more to a chemical formula than just numbers!

### **CODE Card Winners Announced**

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gratulations to Paij Peterson, Jade Wendland, Autumn Henke, Lily Pedersen, Janae West and Rainee Watson whose CODE card designs were chosen and will be printed! They received a coupon for either \$5 at concessions or a free bag of popcorn at each home game.

Congratulations to Ereka Harvey, Garrett Spicher, Aubrey Welch, Jon Sonju, Katelyn Hansen, Peytan King, Jasper Wendland and Tanicha Hudson whose CODE cards were chosen as runner-up designs. They received a coupon for a free bag of popcorn at concessions.



Congratulations to Paij Peterson, Lily Pedersen, and Peytan King for earning 1st team All-Conference in volleyball! Congrats to Jewel Wicks for earning 2nd team All-Conference!

Paij was also selected All-State!

Good work ladies!





Congratulations to Dylan Miller who was named All-Conference in Class C 6 Man Football. Good Job, Dylan.



### North Star Students are

### **Academic Heisman Finalists**

Congratulations to Peytan King and Devon Miller for making the Finalist list

for the Wendy's Academic Heisman Scholarship Program. The program makes scholarships available to student who excel in the classroom, on the field and in the community.



### **GYM SHOES NEEDED**

Gym shoes needed, small sizes such as childs 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. They need not be new, just clean.





Please make "The Angel Tree" a part of your Christmas tradition. The Angel Tree attempts to bring sunshine into the lives of all children at Christmas time.

Each year our community has come together so that all families can have a wonderful Christmas holiday. This angel tree project tries to help all fami-

lies in need and it is run by the Preschool teacher, Susan Van Dessel. Everything is kept completely confidential.

If your family **HAS** a need of any kind, please email <u>play2learnacademy1@gmail.com</u> to receive the forms or call 390-2763 to leave a private message. We need one form for each child in the family. Please return the information via this same email or mail them to:

Play 2 Learn Academy PO Box 144 Joplin, MT 59531

If your family has an interest in participating by **giving**, please go to McNair Furniture in Rudyard on or after November 28th to remove an angel off the tree. The angel will give you information about the needs of someone very special and what to buy him/her for Christmas. After buying a gift and wrapping it, you can then take the gift back to McNair Furniture and leave it in the angel tree designated room by December 18th.

Please return the forms by November 22nd or as soon as possible. If you have any questions concerning this project, feel free to call Susan VanDessel at 390-2763.



### 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 microscholarships 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, extracurricular 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



### MedStart Camp – An Exploration of

### Healthcare Careers

Your journey starts here. Education Center (NC MT AHEC), at the Montana

Hospital Association, offers a number of opportunities for students to explore health science and careers in the healthcare. One program available for *current sophomores and juniors* is called MedStart.

MedStart is a 5 day long summer camp that is held throughout the state including, Missoula, Great Falls, Butte, Billings, and Miles City. Scholarships are available for students who come from low-income families, rural areas, are minorities, or will be the first person in their family to attend college. Applications will be available in January of 2018 and may be found at the following site: <a href="https://www.http://healthinfo.montana.edu/ahec-program-office/index.html">www.http://healthinfo.montana.edu/ahec-program-office/index.html</a> In addition to an excellent learning experience, students will also receive 1 college credit after completing the MedStart program.

For additional information, you may contact Shani Rich, Director, at 406-457-8018 or see Mrs. Spinler for assistance.

## MONTANA VS STATE BOBCATS FOOD DRIVE

### & NonPerishable Goods

Food items will be donated to Havre Food Bank or Soup Kitchen, and nonfood items to Havre's Helping Haven or Salvation Army.

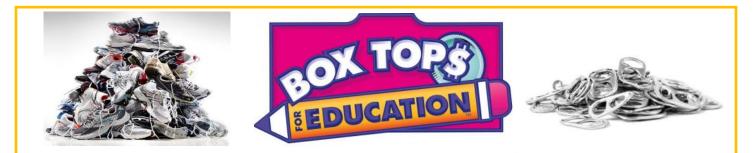
Collection boxes located in Elementary Foyer. Load up your favorite team's box!

### What Can You Donate?

- Canned and nonperishable food items
- Toilet paper & paper towels
- Wash clothes and towels
- Soap: hand, dish, or laundry
- Toiletries of all kinds, including diapers
- New socks and underwear (any size)

### Food Drive runs now through December 22.

North Star Elementary thanks you for your heartfelt generosity!



### 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!





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.

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### **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 usrname and password.

Access Infinite Campus from your computer too. Go to the school website at <u>www.northstar.k12.mt.us</u> 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 <u>kbangs@nsschools.org</u> or Carol at <u>ctempel@nsschools.org</u>.

### 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 <u>www.northstar.k12.mt.us</u> or from either school office.

### 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, please 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 just 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!

Community Christmas Cantata

Come listen to the beautiful music at the Community Christmas Cantata being held at the Evangelical Church in Rudyard, Sunday Dec. 17th at 3 p.m.



### **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:**

### 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

#### March:

1-3rd-Boys Class C State Basketball-Butte 9th-Ski Day-Showdown 11-13th– State BPA-Billings 13th-Track Practice begins 18-20th-State Science Fair-Missoula 18-20th-State FCCLA-Billings 23rd-End of 3rd Quarter 27th-HS/JH Parent/Teacher Conf. -7:30p 28th-First Grade Grandparents Day 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

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE, NOT A CREATURE WAS STRIRRING, NOT EVEN A ...





"All you hafta do NOW is write your Christmas cards, Mommy. I licked all the envelopes for you."



# Announcing School Surplus Sale



The following surplus/obsolete equipment list is attached. If you would like to bid on any of the following items, please fill out attached sheet and return to North Star Administration Office by 10:00 AM Thurs. December 14, 2017

#### DUE by 10:00 AM Thursday December 14, 2017.

	plus/Obsolete Equipment		
Item	Amount wanting to bid	1	
ELEMENTARY BUILDING			
Minuteman Shop Vac-Dual Motor only one working			
Black & Decker Electric Edger			
Poulan Pro Trimmer (won't start)			
Heim Werner Floor Jack-only lifts halfway			
3-Mop Buckets with ringers			
Pro Team Back Pack Vacuum		-	
Lockers - 1 2 count			
3 VCR's			
Emerson 19" TV/DVD/VCR Combo TV			
Phillips TV 27"			
Phillips TV 36"			
Toshiba DVD/VCR Combo			
Duracraft Table Top Drill Press			
Kenmore Dryer			
14 Paper Towel Dispensers			
12 Soap Dispensers			
1 Portable Projects Screen			
5 Eternal Instant Water Heaters-3 working, 2 for parts		1	
2 Wall Mount Drinking Fountains			
1 Eagle Floor Scrubber			
1 Hoover Residential Steam Vac			
3 Wooden Shelving Units - 6' x 4' 12" deep			
6' x 10' 9" Deep			
8' x 5' 9" Deep			
7 Wooden Computer Desks			
Elementary Science Items			
Glass Tubes			
Metal Rods			
4 drawer file cabinet			
2-drawer file cabinet			
2 drawer file cabinet			
2 - Metal Cabinets - Condition poor-bent			
HIGH SCHOOL			
Science Items			
Old Scale (oz.)			
Sound Level Meter			
Air Core Solenoid Kit			
Cloud Master Kit			
Old Bicycle Pump			
Van De Graf Machine			
Old Ruler Thingy			
Burner Stand			
Biological Bingo			
Quiz Jig Saw Puzzle			
3 Steam Generators			
Bunsen Burners (13)			
Kitchen/Cafeteria Items			
1 Kneading Bowl			
5 Ice Trays			
2 Metal Pitchers			
58 - 14 oz. Bowls			
50 - Assorted Salt and Pepper shakers			
22-Tri-Fold napkin dispensers and tri-fold napkins			

20 Dinner Plates		[
4 - Assorted Saucers		
2-Platters		
1 Gravy Cup	 	
19 Lunch Trays	 -	
62 Assorted Cereal Bowls	 	
13 Small cups		
2 Large Carafes with lids	 	
3 small carafes	 	
1 Pitcher		
2 spoons	 	
1 sugar container	 	
2 small heavy duty spoons	 	
3 long heavy duty spoons	 	
Counseling Items	 	
Several VHS Tapes 35 Total	 	
4 CD's	 	
2 Cassettes	 	
21 Books	 	
3 Games - Game Pack up your Troubles Game No More Bullies	 	
and the second se	 	
Game Oh the places you will go Assorted Saxon 5/6 Math Books	 	
Science Series	 	
Misc Items	 	
16 - Hand Towel Dispensers	 	
15-Hand Soap Dispensers	 	
Stove - works	 	
1 Janitor Cart apron caddy	 	
1 Ringer Bucket		
1 Symbol	 	
1 Hako Minuteman Vacuum (no hose)		
2 sinks		
3 Sanitary Napkin Holders		
1- 3 drawer file cabinet		
5-Admanced Mathematical Concepts Books		
7-Saxon Advanced Mathematical Books		

Name:

Phone:

Please return this bid sheet to the North Star Administration Office:

North Star School District Attn: Kathy Preeshl PO Box 129 105 3rd Ave NE Rudyard, MT 59540

DUE BY 10:00 AM Thursday, December 14, 2017