

March 2018



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Medieval Times

Hello Everyone,

What a winter! So far, we are at 3 snow days and 2 late starts, as well as a water day for the JH/HS. I guess when it snows it blizzards. Below is some important information about the rest of the year.

The North Star Trustees chose to make up our 3 days in the following way:

Friday, April 20, 2018 - Full day of school.

Friday, April 27, 2018 - Full day of school.

Friday, May 11, 2018 - 1:30 out schedule.

The board chose this as it was the favorite from the survey, and was also my recommendation. I also believed it to be the most authentic way to regain the instruction lost to the snow days, as opposed to adding time to the day. Thanks to everyone who voted. Between staff and parents we had 106 votes, which is awesome. Thanks for the constructive and thoughtful comments as well. If it becomes necessary to make up any more time, we will add Friday, May 4 as well, but I really hope we can avoid that.

The JH/HS will not need to make up the day when we closed school for the water outage in Rudyard. Due to the way that school hours are calculated, the JH/HS has more hours (no recesses!) than the elementary, so we are OK with that one day.

I hope everyone has a great March, and that the snow melts in an orderly manner! (It really doesn't look like its only 1 ½ weeks until track season) Thanks again to everyone for your patience and support as we've navigated this fun winter.

Sincerely,

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



North Star Events and Activities



MARCH

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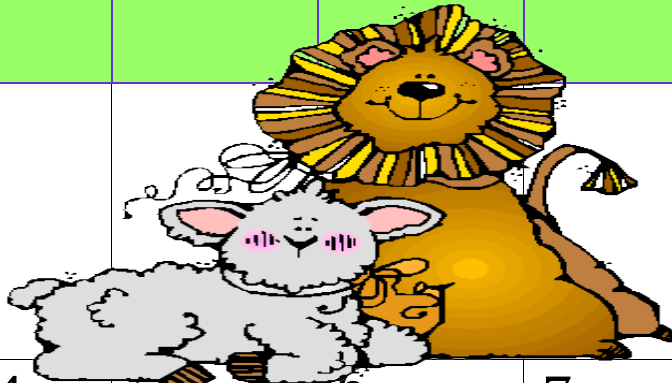
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5 *CRT Testing

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*Girls State C BB
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9 *Ski Day at
Showdown
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NO SCHOOL

11 *State BPA-
Billings
 *SPRING
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*Daylight Saving
Time starts

12 *State BPA-
Billings
*District Science
Fair –MSU-
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NO SCHOOL

13 *State BPA-
Billings
* First Day of
Track Practice
*Regular Board
Meeting-6p Rud

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School in Session

18 *Montana
State Science
Fair –Missoula
*State FCCLA-
Billings

19 *Montana
State Science Fair
-Missoula
*State FCCLA –
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NO SCHOOL

20 *Montana
State Science Fair
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*State FCCLA –
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*ACT Plus
Writing - Jrs 8am

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22 *Heritage
Trip
*Miss Montana
@ elementary –
9a-HS/JH-10:15a

23 *Heritage
Trip
*End of 3rd QTR
School in Session

24 *Heritage
Trip

25 *Heritage
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26 *Heritage
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27 *Heritage
Trip
*Parent-Teacher
Conferences 4:30
-7:30p

28 *Heritage
Trip

29 *Heritage
Trip
*First Grade
Grandparents'
Day

30 *Heritage
Trip
*No School-
Easter Break

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K-12



Student Spotlight

Fifth Grade-Faith Keith

Future Plans: I want to be the President!

Best Memory: Living with my Dad

Favorites

Class: Spelling

Food/Drink: Pizza/Pepsi

Sport/Activity/Hobby: YouTube, playing games, and sports

Color: Blue

Sports Team: Dallas Cowboys



Eighth Grader-Rhett Wolery

Future Plans: Become a Farmer

Best Memory: Cutting Wheat with my Grandpa

Favorites

Class: Shop

Food/Drink: Bacon Chesseburger/Milk

Sport/Activity/Hobby: Basketball, Football, Track & Field and Farming

Color: Blue

Sports Team: MSU-Bobcats



Sophomore-Olivia King

Future Plans: College

Best Memory: Too many to choose from

Favorites

Class: Art

Food/Drink: Pizza/Arizona Tea

Sport/Activity/Hobby: Volleyball and Chillin'

Color: Light Blue

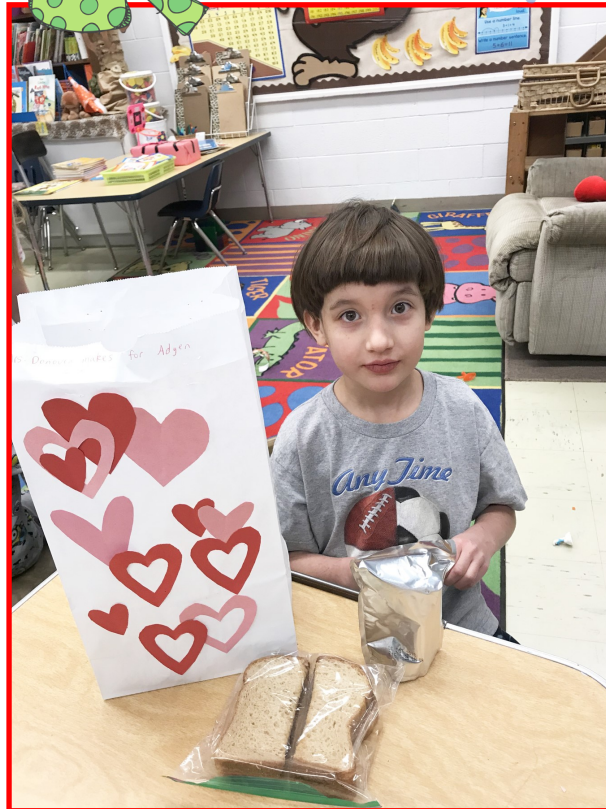
Sports Team: Utah Jazz



Elementary Corner



The 1st graders had fun making their heart envelopes. They couldn't wait to read their



Adyen had a great time at the 1st grade Valentine Lunch Exchange. The juice and applesauce he found in his lunch were his favorites!

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The high school and junior high students read to the elementary for "I Love to Read" Month. Rainee enjoyed the book just as much as Saige did!



"I Love to Read" Month brought in several guest readers. Mr. Hawkins shared his love of reading with the elementary as well!



North Star was represented very well at the County Spelling Bee in

Havre on February 22. Four students from the Elementary traveled to Havre to compete against the best spellers from Hill County-- Brodie Jackson and Ecko Fraser, from fifth grade, and Michael Berg and Emily Conner from sixth grade. Brodie, Ecko, and Emily all placed in the top twenty in the county, and Emily ended up taking third place overall!

The first place participant from the County Bee has the opportunity to move on to the State Bee. As fate would have it, neither the first or second

place participants were able to go to State, so that means Emily Conner as the third place winner at the County Bee will be representing North Star Schools and Hill County at the State Spelling Bee to be held on Saturday, March 17 in

Billings! Congratulations Emily!



SCIENCE FAIR

The 2018 Science Fair is now in the books, and what a great Fair we've had. Even with the craziness of fighting snow storms and icy roads and cancelled school days, the students worked very hard to put forth some awesome

projects. The High School judges were very considerate of the fact that until only about 20 minutes before the Fair started we didn't even have electricity. We were prepared to go ahead anyway, but thankfully the power kicked in and we didn't have to try to work in the dark! I hope you were able to take the time to go see the projects, they were quite AMAZING!

Students earning blue ribbons at this fair will be eligible to go to the District Fair, March 12, in Havre at the SUB on the MSU-Northern Campus. Any blue and purple ribbons earned at the District Fair will head to Missoula the following weekend for the State Science Fair held at the UM campus.

Here are the 7th Grade results:

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Colton Spicher - Comparing Methods of Water Desalination
Laynie Sattoriva - Testing Colorblindness in Horses
Rainee Watson and Porter Ditmar - Got Bones?
Garrett Spicher - What Goes In Must Come Out
Ryan Seidlitz and Joey Wendland - Trash to Gas
Dylon Melby - Blocking WiFi

RED RIBBON WINNERS

Gavin Spicher - Are You Bananas?
Ereka Harvey - Protein Power
Brooklyn Hansen - Squeaky or Fluffy: Decisions, Decisions!
Travis Otto - The Price of Corrosion
Ty Hansen - It's Hammer Time
Tristan Sterner - Concussion No More
Katelyn Domire - White Teeth

8th Grade Results:

BLUE RIBBON WINNERS

Jade Wendland and Autumn Henke - Do They See What We See?
Choral Wicks and Katie Berg - Do You Know the 4 P's of Your Soil?
Rhett Wolery and Jasper Wendland - Left, Right, or Both. Which Side do You Use the Most?
Laramie Peterson - Are Your Muscles Fatigued?
Ian Kapperud - Don't Rust Away
Abby Machinist and Makaila Horinek - Testing Organic and Commercial Sunscreen

RED RIBBON WINNERS

Kaden Frickel and Collin Welch - Plantation Station
Mya Valdillez - What's Cookin'?
Makayla Lockridge - Let it Rise

Top Individual 7th: Garrett Spicher, **2nd place:** Colton Spicher, **3rd place:** Dylon Melby

Top Team 7th: Rainee Watson and Porter Ditmar, **2nd place:** Ryan Seidlitz and Joey Wendland

Top Individual 8th: Laramie Peterson, **2nd place:** Ian Kapperud

Top Team 8th: Abbigayl Machinist and Makaila Horinek, **2nd place:** Choral Wicks and Katie Berg, **3rd place:** Rhett Wolery and Jasper Wendland

A BIG Thank You to my Judges:

Hayden Massar, Brody Wendland, Saige Scheresky-O'Neil, Peyton King, Daniel Nerat, Bailey Spicher, Dylan Miller, Hali Kapperud, Dane Miller, Paj Peterson, Devon Miller, and Caden Rettig. Without your help, this Fair would not be as great as it is every year!

FCCLA PRESENTS TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS



North Star FCCLA was fortunate to receive a traffic safety grant from the Department of Transportation and Ford Safe Driving Skills in November. Since that time, we have worked to prepare programs to address the traffic safety needs of our school and the community. Chapter members have worked hard to make an impact

and we have been successful on many levels.

We started by naming January as Traffic Safety Month at North Star Schools. At the Middle School and High School, members put a red magnetic clip on each locker and used those to attach a postcard with a traffic safety message. Each Monday, for 5 weeks the message was changed to address a new topic. A variety of these messages was also shared at the elementary school for grades 4-6. Messages included types of distracted and impaired driving, drowsy driving, seatbelt use and Montana driving statistics.

Chapter members Grace Farinas and Peytan King planned the Elementary program and were helped to facilitate their program by Katelyn Hansen, Hali Kapperud, Bailey Spicher, Dylan Miller and Paij Peterson. Students in grades 4-6 were able to experience impaired driving with the use of drunk and drug goggles as they attempted to play corn hole and catch items



Students creating stop lights and discussing pedestrian safety.

tossed at them. They also worked on distracted driving as they tried to text a message while running through an

obstacle course. Those students finished their program by creating bumper stickers with a safe driving message and were given the opportunity to sign a commitment to always buckle up. The students in grades 1-3 worked on not being a distraction to the driver and personal safety habits. They participated in a role playing scenario about safety when riding the school bus. It was fun for them to identify students who were doing things correctly and those that needed reminders to sit in their seats and visit quietly with their seat partner. These students created stop lights and talked about being safe as a pedestrian when crossing the street when walking or on a bike.

At the end of the afternoon, these students also signed the commitment to always buckle up. All elementary students took home a coloring book and crayons with traffic safety reminders in them.

Elementary students find out just how difficult it is to text and do other tasks—such as drive, at the same time.



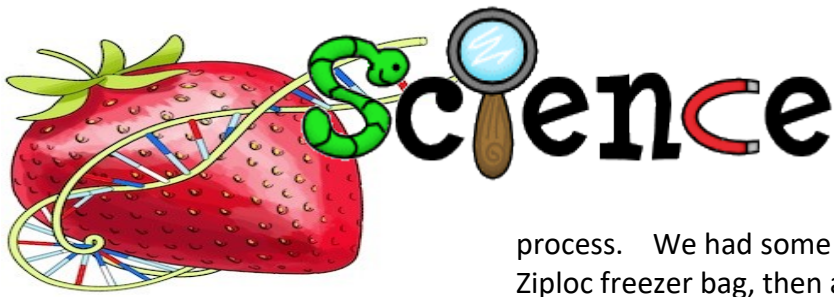
FCCLA DRIVER SAFETY CONTINUED... Students at the middle and high school attended a Traffic Safety resource fair the end of January. Students listened to opening remarks and then rotated through six stations to learn more about traffic safety issues affecting teen drivers. At each station, two FCCLA members relayed more information about the traffic safety issue they represented and then conducted an activity that illustrated the problem they represented. Students experienced drunk driving by using drunk goggles and riding a small scooter around an obstacle course. The drug goggles were used while playing corn hole and further challenged when they had to catch their bean bags to play. Drowsy driving statistics were covered in a true/false games that challenged students to determine if the facts presented were true. Distracted driving while texting is a big issue so students were timed as they texted a message and then texted the same message while running an obstacle course, playing "Operation" and throwing rings on a moving target. All were meant to illustrate that it takes your eyes to see, your hands to text and your brain to think about what you are doing which are the same visual, manual and cognitive skills as driving it is an alarming distraction. All students were again offered the opportunity to sign the commitment poster promising to buckle up every time they are in a vehicle and were given a vinyl window cling to put into their cars as a reminder.

The messages about traffic safety were shared with the community at three basketball games with a PSA that was read, an insert in the basketball program and an invitation to sign the commitment poster to always buckle up. In the end, we had over 500 signatures on our poster. We support the Montana Department and their Vision Zero campaign.

We were happy to be a part of this effort.



Students go through the drunk goggles obstacle course. Just one of many stations during our high school/junior high school Traffic Safety resource fair.

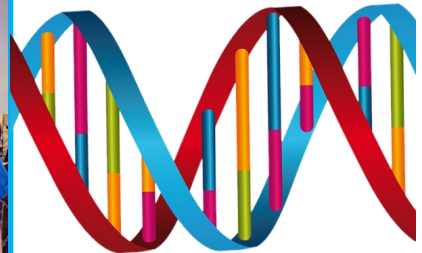


The Biology class got down to the basics this week as we were studying DNA and its structure. As part of the program, we actually separated the DNA from the cells of Strawberries! It's a fairly simple

process. We had some frozen strawberries that we pulverized in a Ziploc freezer bag, then added an emulsifying solution. The solution, which consisted of simple dishwashing detergent and table salt mixed with water, would break down the cell membranes of the strawberries. This would allow the DNA to be released. After filtering the solution through some screen sieves, the students added very cold 95% ethyl alcohol. The alcohol was kept in the freezer until it was needed to make sure it was ice cold! This is important because it prevents the DNA from being broken up by enzymes in the strawberry juice and helps it to precipitate out more quickly. Lastly, the globs of DNA were put on a slide and teased apart with toothpicks. Although we couldn't see the actual structure, we could make out the strands. Pretty cool!



Topanga taking the DNA OUT OF THE TEST Tube to look at it through the microscope.



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32nd Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp

Spend a week in rustic cabins at Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula, learning about our natural resources & their management, and make lasting friendships. Experience activity packed days with hands-on instruction, rafting, swimming & more!

Must be age 14-18 or have completed 8th grade to attend.

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Enjoy an overnight camping trip.
Discover exciting careers in the outdoors.
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This optional program is available for RETURN CAMPERS only.



<http://mnryc.org>

Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp
c/o Christina Oppgaard
32 Campus Drive MS 0606
Missoula, MT 59812-0606

Questions? Please call (406) 243-2773
or send an email to director@mnryc.org.

Application and \$150 deposit is due June 15th (deadline).
The balance is due by start of camp.

Core Program: \$300 (until May 31); \$325 (June 1 - 15)
Conservation Leadership School: \$350

Program costs are all inclusive.
Please inquire about education and travel scholarships.

**Thank you
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2018 MedStart Summer Program Available for Current

Sophomore and Junior Students

WHAT: MedStart Summer Camp is a 5-day summer camp program sponsored by the Montana AHEC (Area Health Education Center) system. The program is designed to encourage sophomore and junior high school students to pursue their interest in a variety of healthcare careers. Montana AHEC focuses on accepting students from low-income families, rural areas, under-represented minorities, or those who will be first in their family to attend college. The aim of MedStart is to provide students a chance to further explore healthcare careers, learn about college life, and realize it is possible to pursue higher education.

WHY: Montana, and the nation as a whole, is facing a healthcare workforce shortage. To develop the next generation of healthcare professionals, the Montana AHEC system has organized the MedStart summer program as one way to foster student's interest in pursuing careers in healthcare. The goal is to provide students with the support and resources needed to enter and succeed in the healthcare industry. This "grow your own" approach can be seen as one way to fill the healthcare pipeline and ultimately address the healthcare workforce shortage. Montana AHEC is a federally funded organization with five AHEC centers across the state. Organizations hosting and supporting the AHEC's include Montana Hospital Association, Montana Health Network, Montana State University, University of Montana and RiverStone Health.

WHO: Students must be current sophomores or juniors from a Montana high school to apply. Homeschooled or GED students are eligible as well. Students may be no older than 18. Students may apply for a second year of MedStart, but may not attend the same campus two years in a row. No scholarships will be awarded the second year of MedStart.

Applications must be postmarked by March 9, 2018 to be considered.

Cost to attend MedStart is \$500/student. MedStart tuition fees cover room & board, transportation to events, all included activities, scrubs, and student materials. MedStart is not offered for high school credit. Multiple scholarships are available based on need, and/or merit. Please see Mrs. Spinler for additional information and an application.

Source: Montana AHEC e-mail from Shani M. Rich North Central MT Area Health Education Center Director



Science and Math Exploration for Middle School Girls

The 25th Annual Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics (EYH) Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 21, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Montana State University in Bozeman.**

The focus of this workshop is to encourage young women in grades 6 – 8 to explore a variety of math and science related professions through fun and creative hands-on workshops. **Conference registration will open March 13, 2018 and** cost is just \$30.00 which includes lunch and supplies. Space is limited to 240 participants and is determined on a first-come basis. Register early!

Registration forms will be sent to the schools the beginning of March. Students may also learn more about the conference at <http://eu.montana.edu/ContinuingEd/youth/>. And registration forms will be available online after March 13.

For further information or questions contact EYH Program Manager Nicole Soll at (406) 994-6633 or nicole.soll1@montana.edu



Knight in Need

North Star School is continuing the "Knight in Need" program. It is similar to "My Student in Need" that you may have heard about or read about in 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. Thank you to numerous community members who have contributed to this program.

Trustee Candidates may file for Election

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND OATH OF CANDIDACY FOR TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Forms for the upcoming Trustee Election to be held on Tuesday May8, 2018 are available.

Forms may be picked up from Kathy Preeshl (election administrator) at the High School Business Office located at North Star High School, 105, 3rd Ave NE, Rudyard, MT 59540

NO CANDIDATE MAY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS HE OR SHE MEETS THIS DEADLINE.
(13-10-201, 20-3-305 MCA). (No earlier than 145 days or not later than 40 days before election).

Candidate must be registered to vote at the time the Oath is filed.

Trustee Position open for a 3 year term

Any candidate that has already filed for election, but wishes to withdraw their name, may do so by sending a statement of withdrawal to the election administrator, no later than 5:00 PM the day before ballot certification. (20-3-305(3)(a)MCA),
(Thursday April 5, 2018 by 5:00 PM)

Candidate forms must be picked up and returned by 4:00 PM on Thursday March 29, 2018.

It's that time
again...Don't forget to

Order Your
YEARBOOK



It is once again time to order Yearbooks. Get your 2017-2018 book full of memories for \$45.00.

To order please contact Kathy Preeshl or Margie Chinadle at North Star Schools at 355-4481. The Deadline to order your Annual is March 22nd, so don't waste a minute! Order your Yearbook, today! Payment due when order is made.



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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.



MedStart Camp – An Exploration of Healthcare Careers

The Northern Central Montana Area Health 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: [www.http://healthinfo.montana.edu/ahec-program-office/index.html](http://healthinfo.montana.edu/ahec-program-office/index.html) 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.



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.



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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

Upcoming Events:

March:

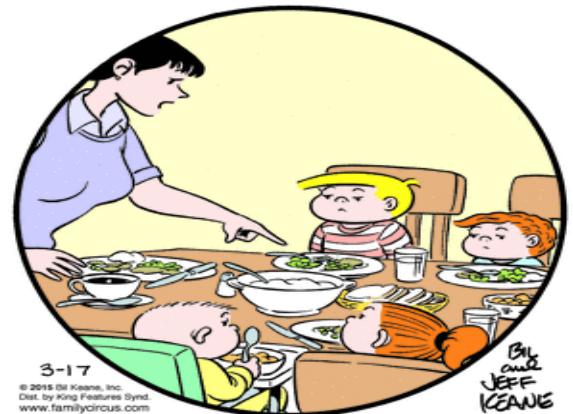
1-3rd-Boys Class C State Basketball-Butte
9th-Ski Day-Showdown
11-13th- State BPA-Billings
13th-Track Practice begins
18-20th-State Science Fair-Missoula
18-20th-State FCCLA-Billings
22nd-Miss Montana Visit Elem-9a/HS-10:15a
23rd-End of 3rd Quarter
27th-HS/JH Parent/Teacher Conf. -7:30p
28th-First Grade Grandparents Day

April:

2nd-No School - Easter Break
9-11th-State SkillsUSA, Havre
20-21st-District Music Festival , Havre
26th-Mid-Quarter

May:

4-5th- State Music Festival-Helena
9th-District Track & Field Meet in Havre
9th- Montana Shakes! at Elem.
15th--JH/HS Concert in Rudyard -7p
17th-Divisional Track & Field Meet in Great Falls
19th-Graduation Rudyard, 2p
22nd-Elementary Concert Gildford, 6:30p
24th- Last Day of School, Early Out 1:30p
25th-State AA-C Track & Field Meet in Great Falls



Saint Patrick Driving the snakes out of Ireland