

LINCOLN-MCKINLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL TIDBITS

SCHOOL BEGINS at 8:20 AM

JANUARY 2019

SCHOOL DISMISSES at 2:45 PM

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"Pony Pride"

Mission Statement: *"Lincoln-McKinley School will respectfully prepare every student academically, socially, and emotionally to be the citizens of tomorrow."*

You are invited to join Lincoln-McKinley students and staff for their **"Hot Diggity Dog for Math" Title Family Game Night**, to be held at Lincoln-McKinley Primary School.



This fun-filled event is **Thursday, January 17, from 5:30-6:30 PM.** We will serve free hot dogs and chili in the cafeteria and then move to the gym to play math games with the students. Come One, Come All for a free evening of family fun!



✿ For our **January behavior incentive**, Lincoln-McKinley students and staff are working on **"bucket filling"**. Each one of us has an invisible bucket. It is constantly emptied or filled, depending on what others say or do to us. When our bucket is full, we feel great. When it is empty, we don't feel as well.



✿ We face a choice every moment of every day: We can fill one another's buckets, or we can dip from them. It's an important choice which profoundly influences our relationships, productivity, health, and happiness. We are working on becoming **"bucket fillers"** at Lincoln-McKinley.

ADDED SAFETY MEASURES COMING SOON: Havre Public Schools will be implementing a Raptor security program in all of our buildings. This is a screening tool that will scan a visitor's photo ID, and alert personnel if the individual is a sex offender or has a history of violence. The system will offer an additional layer of security for the schools; it is not to discourage people from volunteering and being an active part of their children's education. Raptor allows teachers to track students in emergency situations and to notify parents about what is going on in schools during that time. Please be aware we will be asking for an ID in the upcoming months. There will be additional information being sent out, as well as an article in the January 9th Havre Daily Newspaper and radio spots. Thank you for your cooperation. Holly Bitz

THIRD GRADE FISHING HAS BEEN CANCELLED The Fish Wildlife and Parks fish crew went out to Kremlin this week and checked the ice for us. There are only six to seven inches of ice, which is not enough for classes to safely fish. We need another four to six inches of ice before we should take students ice fishing. Therefore, we are cancelling next week's fishing trips. We are sorry for any inconvenience and sadness this may cause. If weather and conditions improve, there is a possibility for us to fish in early February. If this occurs, we will let you know. We hope this means there will be great spring fishing!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Hot Diggity Dog" Math Fun Night/5:30-6:30 PM	JAN. 17
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY/NO SCHOOL	JAN. 21
HEPTO Meeting/Lincoln-McKinley/ 7:00 PM	FEB. 5
TRUSTEE MEETING/HMS/6:30 PM	FEB. 12
NO SCHOOL/Designated Teacher In-Service Day	FEB. 18

NO SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

**MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY-
JANUARY 21, 2019**

**DESIGNATED TEACHER
CONFERENCE DAY-
FEBRUARY 18, 2019**

ABSENCE: If your child will be missing school for any reason, you need to contact the school at 395-8554 by 8:30 AM. For your convenience, Lincoln-McKinley has a 24 hour phone service set up to take voice mail messages. Please include the date and reason for your child's absence. In addition to using this service to report your child's absence, it can be used to leave a message for a teacher, or if you have any questions. We encourage you to make use of this valuable tool.

Lincoln-McKinley Library News:

Beginning the week of January 22nd, the Lincoln McKinley library students will be participating in the Montana Treasure State Award for the best picture book voted on by the students of Montana in grades K-3. Students will be read each of the five nominated titles during their weekly class and will vote for the one they find most appealing. The book receiving the most votes is declared the winner. Over 14,000 children cast ballots last year. This year's nominees are: *Prince Ribbit*, *The Marvelous Thing that Came from a Spring*, *What do you do with a Problem?*, *Duck on a Tractor*, and *Hattie & Hudson*.—Mrs. Bekker, Librarian

Emails to HPS: When you email someone, with blueponyk12.com, the email often gets hung up in our spam filter due to security to protect your confidential information. We receive many spam emails every day. If you email someone and they don't get back to you right away, please follow up with a phone call. Your message is important to us.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK... Ms. Stokes is our school counselor. We celebrate the week of **February 4**. Lincoln-McKinley staff appreciates her work with our students on the development of social and emotional growth. Thank you for all you do!

FIELD TRIPS/ACTIVITIES (from pg. 11 in *Parent-Student Handbook*)

Parents are encouraged to chaperone field trips but **may not bring additional children who are not enrolled in the class; or pets of any kind**. Thank you for your cooperation.

P.T.O. NEWS: ♦We collect Box Tops for Education and ask if you please send them to school. Each school will receive a traveling trophy which will go to the class each month who brings the most Box Tops.

♦If you would like to know more about P.T.O., there is a Facebook page named Havre Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, or please call any of the officers listed below. New members are always welcome. The officers are: President - Christina Marsh—845-2749, Vice President - Angie Olsen, Treasurer - Tammy DerbyShire and Secretary-Holly Bitz—395-8554.

♦The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 5, at 7:00 PM** in the Lincoln-McKinley Primary School.

LINCOLN-MCKINLEY BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Be prepared

**Respect
yourself and others**

**Interact
appropriately**

**Move
In a safe manner**