

Sunnyside Intermediate School News

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"Providing a learning community that prepares children for a lifetime of success."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEP 26	School Picture Day
OCT 2	Custodial/Maintenance/Tech Day
OCT 14	Columbus Day/School IN Session
OCT 8	Trustee Meeting/ HMS/ 6:30 pm
OCT 14-18	HPS FOOD SERVICE WEEK
OCT 16	Food Service Employee Day
OCT 16-18	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB CLOSED
OCT 17-18	NO SCHOOL / MEA
OCT 21-25	SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK
OCT 23	Bus Drivers' Employee Day
OCT	Red Ribbon Week TBA
OCT 31	HALLOWEEN - Parties at school will be after 2:15 PM
NOV 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences
NOV 5-7	Scholastic Book Fair at Sunnyside
NOV 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences
NOV 12	Trustee Meeting/HMS/6:30 PM
NOV 28-29	NO SCHOOL/THANKSGIVING
NOV 26	End 1st trimester
DEC 11&12	5th Grade Music Concert (more information to come)
DEC 12	5th Grade TRADE FAIR (more information to come)

SCHOOL PICTURE



School picture day is scheduled for **Thursday**

September 26 at 8:20 am

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH/BREAKFAST WEEK

In observance of School Lunch/Breakfast Week, October 14-18, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize all the employees of Havre Public Schools' food service, **especially Connie Dobrenz, Lori Herron, and Brenda Majeres** who provide a valuable service to Sunnyside Intermediate School each day. They are greatly appreciated!



NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY WEEK

is October 21-25. We are very grateful for the valuable service the transportation department provides to our students. There are many staff involved in making this operation run smoothly. Please join us in thanking the transportation staff for transporting our students safely during their daily trips and on various field trips.



THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE HI-LINE WILL BE CLOSED OCTOBER 16, 17, & 18

Parents/Guardians, Please note that if this is your child's regular after school plan, our transportation department will not bus him/her elsewhere on **October 16th**. Please make arrangements to pick your child up or provide him/her with written instructions for walking to another location (home, grandmother's, etc.). Thank you for your attention to this important matter. There is no school on October 18th and 19th.

P.T.O. NEWS

We need your help! The new school year is upon us and there are many projects that we would like to implement at the schools, however, we need more parent involvement in PTO.

PTO is established to help fund areas of need in each of our elementary schools as well as to develop and provide special activities that enhance all student's learning and love of school. Bookfairs provide funding directly to the libraries and additional funding supports classroom materials, student snacks, reading program incentives, field trips, classroom equipment and many other expenses that are not supported by the school's operating budget.

There are only three parents who are actively managing the Havre Elementary PTO. This organization cannot survive, let alone thrive, without more parent involvement.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 17th, at 6 PM, in the Sunnyside multipurpose room. We would love to see you there.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact one of our current officers:

President: Christina Marsh (845-2749)

Vice Pres. Angie Olsen

Treasurer: Tammy Derbyshire

Enjoy, Havre Festival Days

September 20-22



HALLOWEEN DRESS & PARTY STANDARDS

- All classes will get dressed up after lunch.
- When you assist your child with a costume choice, please use good judgment. We do not allow toy or fake weapons of any sort. Keep in mind we do not want other students to be frightened or offended.
- Students are allowed to wear costumes after lunch. **If you check your child out at the office to go home for lunch, he/she may dress at home.** Students who eat lunch at school may bring their costumes in a sack and are responsible to change at school after lunch. Lunch time for students is as follows:
 - 11:15 a.m.-11:55 - All 5th grade classes
 - 12:00-12:40 p.m. - All 4th grade classes
- Students **do not bring** make-up, face paint or colored hair spray to use or share at school. If these items are part of your child's costume, they must be applied at home or by a parent/guardian at school after the lunch hour.

We want this day to be safe, appropriate, and enjoyable while continuing to protect academic time for our students. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 395-8553.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION - This is a yearly notification to make you aware that Havre Public School buildings, excluding Havre Middle School and the new addition to Highland Park School, contain asbestos. This asbestos is contained and/or is encapsulated and monitored on a regular basis. If you have questions, please call Jim Donovan, Director of Transportation/Buildings and Grounds, at 395-8556.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES:

Parents please remember October 1st 2019 if you did not fill out the free/reduce application online, and your child or children were free or reduced last year, they are now full pay. You are now responsible for all charges on their meal account. This application needs to be filled out every year. Applications are available on line through infinite campus. If you have questions please call the Robins Bldg. at 395-8550 and ask for Shanna or Lynn for further assistance.

Double lunches or extra milks require a release form to be signed by the parent. If your child brings a sack lunch and needs a milk the charge is \$0.50. Regardless if they are free, reduce or paid lunches, extra milk costs \$0.50 or extra meal costs full price.

Parenting Plans/Custody Agreements

If your child(ren) live in separate households from each parent, it is very important that we have on file a copy of the most current parenting plan/custody agreement. We want to provide the safest environment for your child(ren). Please feel free to call or drop by the office anytime and see if we have the most current agreement. Our number is 395-8553. Thank you.

HHS Key Club Pop Tabs & Ronald McDonald House

Good Day Elementary and Middle School Staff. I am letting you know that the Havre High Key Club will be gathering pop tabs again this year and rewarding the classroom at each school with the most pounds collected, with an ice cream social, hosted by the Havre High Key Club.

Please weigh your tabs and mark your classroom name (teacher's name) on the bags. We will also weigh them and keep track for the ice cream social competition. Please leave the tabs in the main offices of your buildings, contact myself, Heather Haney, at the High School and I will have the kids pick them up. Our goal this year is to surpass the nearly 300 pounds collected last year. The Key Club youth love doing the ice cream social, I hope it is as much fun for the young kids as it is for the older ones. **This year we will contribute the money collected from the Tabs to the Ronald McDonald House that Havre youth have been using in Seattle the last few years unless someone has a specific request.** Our Club would like to do something specific this year again related to childhood cancer, so if you have a specific Havre need, please contact us at the High School.

The Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for the families of children undergoing treatment for cancer or other serious illnesses at hospitals around the country. To be with their children, whole families spend their days and nights in hotels or hospital lounges. The Ronald McDonald House provides a place where whole families can stay in a home-like atmosphere, finding support as they share with other families who are also undergoing the trauma of childhood illness.

The Pop Tab Program is a great way for community organizations, schools, businesses, and families to support the Ronald McDonald House home-away-from-home for seriously ill children and their families. To date, over 400 million pop tabs have been collected generating over \$300,000. The tab of an aluminum can is pure aluminum unlike the rest of the can. The tabs are small and convenient to collect. 1,267 pop tabs make 1 pound, and 1 pound can be sold for approximately .40 cents.

The Key Club of Havre High School is presently collecting tabs for the Ronald McDonald house. In the 2018-19 school year, with the help of participating schools, the Key Club collected nearly 300 pounds of tabs! This accomplishment won state recognition at the Key Club State Convention in Billings last March as our club took first place in the entire state for pop tab pounds collected. The Havre High Key Club would like to surpass the accomplishment from last year and are asking schools, businesses and families to help by collecting tabs off of aluminum cans. When your collection pot is full, bring it to the Havre High School Office and leave it for Key Club or call Heather Haney at the High School, and a Key Clubber will be sent to pick up the tabs you have collected... then start collecting more. Thank you for supporting the Ronald McDonald House Project through your local Key Club. *Thanks,*

Heather Haney, Advisor

Parent-teacher conferences have been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 5, and Thursday, November 7.** Individual conference schedules will be sent home with students. Please be watching for them. Mrs. Edmonds and Ms. Greshock (special education teachers), Mrs. Gillen (librarian), Mr. Tusick (physical education teacher) will be available during both evenings of the conferences. Mrs. Alisch (music) will be available during one of the evening TBA.

☉ **Talk with your child:** Find out his or her favorite subjects and activities, and ask if there are any concerns he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher.

☉ **Review assignments:** Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.

☉ **Be on time:** The conference schedule is tight and teachers need all parents to be on time. If something comes up, notify the teacher as soon as possible. Try to reschedule, even if it has to be a telephone conference.

☉ **Remember that conferences are brief:** A typical parent-teacher conference lasts about 15 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.

☉ **Keep an open mind:** Some parents get upset when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember that these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.

☉ **Make plans:** Find out what you can do to follow through at home. Decide together what you, your child, and the teacher need to do to help your child succeed.

Red Ribbon Week Activities

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