

# Frenchtown School District

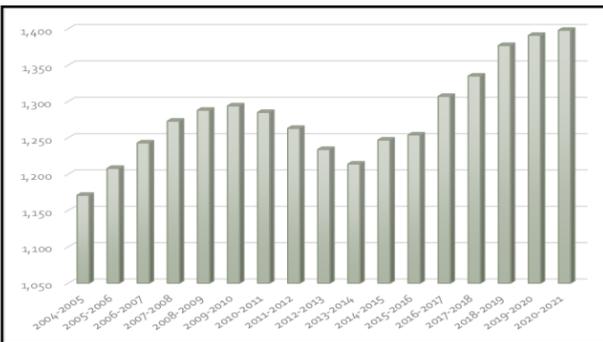


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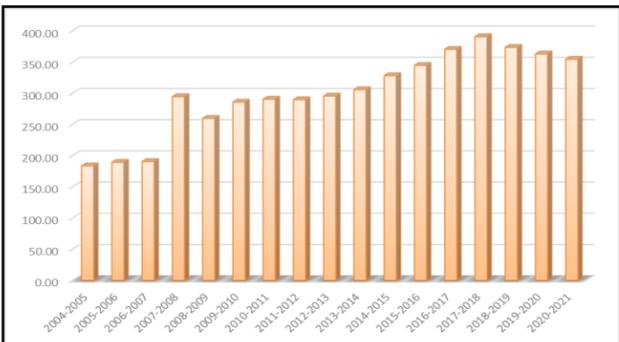
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### SCHOOL BOARD CUTS SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES WHEN SETTING THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET

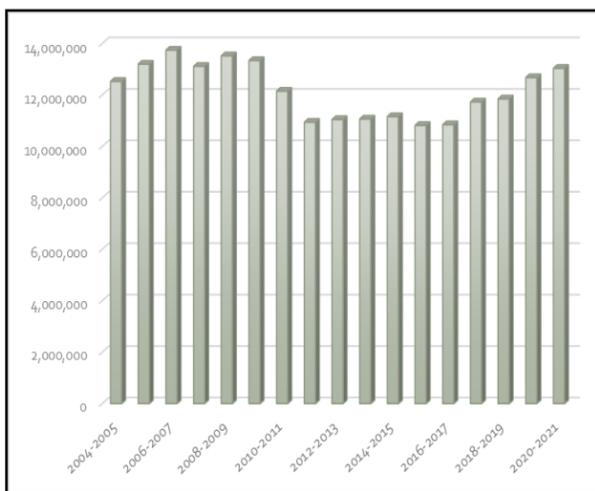
Every year in August, School Boards across the state set budgets for the pending fiscal year. The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. When School Boards set their respective budgets for the upcoming fiscal year, they determine the budget of each district during the school year. When the school board sets the budget for the school district, it establishes how much local taxpayers will pay to support the school district in which they reside. For the fourth year in a row the Frenchtown School Board has lowered the mill amount. In 2019-2020 the mill amount was 363.03 mills and the board of trustees lowered the mills by 8.34 down to 354.69 for the 2020-2021 school year. Please see the mill chart history below:



The taxable value of the Frenchtown School District also plays a role in the number of mills a school district can ask for as well. The taxable value of Frenchtown hit a low a few years ago and is currently trending up over the last four years. The higher the taxable value the more taxes are able to be spread out over a broad spectrum thus easing the tax burden. Please see the Frenchtown School District's taxable value history below:



There are a few contributing factors that lead to the setting of mills and ANB is one of those contributing factors. ANB stands for "Annual Number Belonging" (student enrollment). ANB is calculated over the course of two child counts dates during the school year. Please see the Frenchtown ANB History below:



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**We are Frenchtown!!**

It should be noted that the Frenchtown Board of Trustees voted to not run a mill levy at the March 2020 school board meeting to ask for additional operating funds for the 2020-2021 school year; hence, there was no operations levy request on the ballot in the May school election. The Frenchtown School District has not received any additional school operation levies for **fourteen** years.

**ENROLLMENT**

Comparison of enrollment over the last several years.

September	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	<u>2019</u>	2020
<b>K-6</b>	641	670	695	701	711	<u>K-3 - 383</u>	359
<b>7-8</b>	188	197	191	201	231	<u>4-5 - 192</u>	200
<b>9-12</b>	369	389	396	413	383	<u>6-8 - 369</u>	342
<b>Total</b>	1,195	1,256	1,282	1,315	1,325	<u>9-12 - 421</u>	457
					<b>Total</b>	<b>1,365</b>	<b>1,358</b>

This is a snap shot of the FTSD enrollment numbers over the last several years. Starting in 2019 the categories to reflect what we are currently doing with four different grade level separations. These numbers are not our ANB, but just what we are starting the school year with and the numbers do include our remote learner populations.

**SERVICE TO STATE ORGANIZATIONS**

The Frenchtown School District administrators are involved as officers and members of their respective professional organizations.

- Kipp Lewis, President of the Montana Class A High School Athletic Directors Association
- Jake Haynes, President Elect of the Montana Association of Secondary School Principals
- Jodi Hall, Member of MAESP
- Aaron Griffin, Region 7 Director of Montana Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals Association - Frenchtown Little League Board Member
- Riley Devins, Freedom Gardens Board Member
- Jennifer Demmons, UM Faculty Affiliate for the School Psychology Graduate Program and a member of MCASE and MASSP.

They are to be commended and recognized for their service to the state and to the community. At the same time, it would be interesting to see how many members of our whole staff are contributing to statewide affiliations and local civic organizations. The country resides and rests on the backs of volunteers everywhere.

**OCTOBER 15-16 - NO SCHOOL**

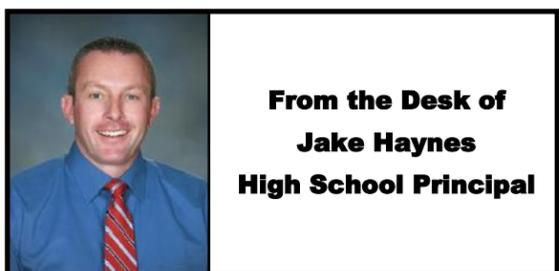
October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> are the two days set aside at the state level for teachers to participate in the professional development activities of their professional organizations. These days are commonly referred to as MEA days (Montana Education Association). If by chance you see our teachers not attending these meetings it is because they have already attended professional development activities and earlier workshops to further enhance their abilities to reach students.

**EARLY OUT - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS and REMOTE LEARNING PREPARATIONS**

The Frenchtown School District is currently using an early out model for every Thursday. The purpose of these half days is to allow staff additional time to prep for classes as they prepare for lessons and issues that go with remote learning. It would be great if technology reached every student in every household; however, this is not the case. Afternoons on Thursdays are utilized by the staff to prepare lessons and to lesson plan for students in class, onsite, as well as students in class, offsite.

**FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS**

We have the Free and Reduced Lunch applications available in the district office, on our website, as well as at the individual buildings. If you would like to complete the application process at any time during the school year, please call any of the offices and we will mail the application out to you. If you think your family might qualify, please complete the application and return it to school. Meals that are covered by free or reduced applications are paid at a higher rate by the government than what we charge for lunch and breakfast. This helps to cover the added cost of providing lunch and breakfast to all of our students. We are required by state and federal law to keep confidential the names of all students who meet these qualifications, not even the classroom teacher knows if a child has qualified. Only the administrators in charge of reviewing the applications, the secretary and the lunch supervisor who enters the information into the system have knowledge of who has applied and who has qualified.



**From the Desk of  
Jake Haynes  
High School Principal**

**HS Enrollment**

- Enrollment
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade- 128
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade- 114
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade- 116
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade- 99
- HS Total- 457

\*This is the largest enrollment in the history of FHS.

**Early Outs**

Please remember all high school students are dismissed each Thursday at 12:33.

**October MEA**

\*No School October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>



**L to R:** Ms. Pepper, Ms. Shelkey, Mr. Mason, Ms. Matter and Mr. McCarty

**New Educators at Frenchtown High School**

**Ms. Pepper- High School Science**

Hi Everyone! My name is Hannah Pepper, I am originally from Michigan but love that I get to call Montana home now. After high school I left the midwest and moved to Denver where I got my BS in Biology and Chemistry. After my undergraduate I moved to SW Colorado where I worked on a guest ranch for a handful of years, working long summer hours and skiing all winter. After I had played in the mountains for a few years I decided to go back to school and get my Masters in Secondary Science Education. Last year I was teaching middle school science in Dillon, I am so excited to be teaching in Frenchtown this year and look forward to this new adventure. When I am not at school you can find me skiing, hiking, backpacking, rafting or playing with my dog Frida.

**Ms. Shelkey- Family Consumer Science and French**

Hello! My name is Kari Shelkey, and I am the new Foods, Textiles, and French teacher here at Frenchtown High School! Born and raised in Bo-

zeman, I earned my BA in English with minors in French Teaching and Media Arts from the University of Montana in Missoula before teaching one year of English and French in Plains. I've spent quality time immersed in the French language through independent travels, a summer study abroad program in Chambéry, France, a year-long exchange as an *assistante de langue* in Dreux, France, and French Camp on Georgetown Lake with local francophones each summer. I enjoy cooking and hands-on design projects and am thrilled to teach FCS electives that build technical and critical thinking skills in our era of consumerism. I'm also looking forward to my second season coaching Speech and Debate! Go Broncos!

**Mr. Mason- High School Math and Science**

Hello, my name is Seth Mason. I was born and raised in Hamilton, Montana where I graduated from high school in 2012. After high school, I went to school at the University of Montana Western. During that time, I earned a degree in Secondary Education and Mathematics. I have spent the past 3 years teaching Math and Science in Ronan, Montana. My wife works as an R.N. at Community in Missoula and we were ecstatic to have the opportunity to move to Frenchtown to cut down on her commute. I will be helping coach Football and Girls Basketball this year. In my spare time, I enjoy golfing, running and any sort of outdoor activity. I am extremely excited to be a part of the Bronc Family and the Frenchtown community! Go Broncos!

**Ms. Matter- Media Arts**

Hello Frenchtown! My name is Casey Matter and I am the new Media Arts teacher. I grew up in Warsaw, Poland attending an international school that my parents (also educators) worked at. After living in Poland for 12 years, I moved to Missoula to attend the University of Montana where I graduated with a B.F.A in Media-Arts. I spent some time traveling around Europe and SE Asia. Even though I have been to over 40 countries, Montana is still my favorite place in the world.

I started my education career working at after-school programs teaching students film and animation. After enrolling in my teaching certification program, I moved to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to do my student-teaching at an international school. Most recently, I was working as the Communications and Marketing Coordinator at the Vientiane International School in Laos where I also coached middle school girls basketball. I enjoy the great outdoors and staying active!

Looking forward to this adventure with you all!

**Mr. McCarty 9th/10th History**

Hi there, everyone! My name is Allen McCarty, and I am so excited to be teaching back in Western

Montana. I was born and raised in the Bitterroot Valley and graduated from Hamilton High School in 2009. After graduation I redshirted for a year at Montana State University where I played Strong Safety for the Bobcat football team. After a few career changes and bouncing around, I eventually ended up back in the Western side of the divide. I received a Bachelor of Arts in History and a Bachelor of Arts in Central & Southwestern Asian Studies with a Minor in Arabic from the University of Montana in 2015. I worked as a teaching assistant in an intensive Arabic program (StarTalk: MASI) at the University of Montana for two summers during my undergraduate studies and absolutely loved it. So, immediately after graduation I knew I wanted to get into education. I went back to school in Missoula to get my Masters degree in Curriculum & Instruction with my Social Studies teaching endorsement. From there I found myself teaching in Reed Point, a small Class C school in Central Montana. I taught all 7th grade through 12th grade social studies classes as well as coached varsity High School football and Middle School track & field. When the opportunity arose to join the Frenchtown family, I had to jump on it. I am confident that it will be a great fit for me! I am passionate about history and the humanities and wish to excite every student I come across to work hard and pursue their dreams. I firmly believe that if you enjoy and are passionate about your job, you will never work a day in your life. I'm excited to be part of the Bronc family!

**Academic Letters for Students!**



We want to celebrate academic excellence at Frenchtown High School! Students will be awarded an academic letter if they meet the following requirements:

- Maintain a semester GPA of 3.7 or greater for 3 consecutive semesters
  - Maintain good standing with regards to attendance and behavior.
- Once the academic letter has been awarded, students will receive a pin each time they maintain a

semester GPA of 3.7 or greater for 2 consecutive semesters (A student could receive an academic letter after Once the academic letter has been awarded, students will receive a pin each time they maintain a semester GPA of 3.7 or greater for 2 consecutive semesters (A student could receive an academic letter after 1<sup>st</sup> semester of their sophomore year and potentially earn a pin after the first semester of their junior and senior year). 1<sup>st</sup> semester of their junior and senior year).

**New Stadium Storage Shed**

Mr. Kuroski's carpentry class designed and began building a new storage shed for outdoor activities! Despite their best efforts they were unable to finish the building last spring when the school was closed. Thank you to Mr. Lewis and other staff members who finished the building over the summer.



**Student Council 2020-2021**

Student Body Officers:



President: Grace Bintz

Vice President: Khasidy Hodge

Secretary: Mason Rusek

Treasurer: Abby Sherwood

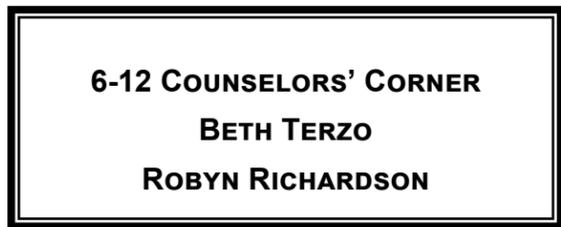


**Sick Children** - During the 2020-2021 school year FTSD is asking parents and students to monitor themselves closely and on a daily basis. If a child is not feeling well/has a fever please keep them home for the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community at Frenchtown Schools. We appreciate your cooperation!



### Graduation

**Graduation is currently scheduled for Sunday May 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**



### **9-12 COUNSELING NEWS**

The start of the year has been busy with scheduling, new student registration, and post-secondary planning. In the next few months we will be making contact with all seniors to discuss post-secondary planning. Regardless of where students are in the process of planning, we hope to offer information and assistance to help them meet their goals. In quarter three, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be working through Montana Career Information systems occupational and career discovery activities. We have information on the Counseling Department Website for free ACT/SAT test prep sites, scholarship applications and websites that allow easy college comparison options.

We encourage all students to continually check and re-check requirements for graduation, college admission, and scholarships.

#### **Letters of Recommendation**

College Applications have already begun! If the college to which you are applying requires a Letter of Recommendation, please give the teacher/counselor you are asking at least a 2 week notice and a current resume or brag sheet.

#### **Transcript Requests**

Official Transcripts can now be requested through Parchment.com. Students create an account on Parchment and make requests for transcripts to be sent to colleges or scholarship agencies. Mrs. Terzo has registration sheets for all current seniors. Unofficial transcripts can be viewed through the IC portal under reports.

#### **College Applications**

Many colleges and universities are utilizing the Common Application or Send Edu for their application process. This is convenient for students and recommenders because everything can be done online. Counselors will receive a request to provide information or a recommendation through email. Your student should check with their Counselor to ensure they received the request. Your student also needs to provide their Counselor with a current resume 2 weeks prior so that we can write a comprehensive letter of recommendation.

#### **College Application Week**

September 28<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. This is an event sponsored by OPI and Gear-Up to focus attention on college planning and increase college applications in Montana. On September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> students may leave class to come to the counseling center to apply. All of the state's 2 and 4 - year colleges will waive the application fee during this week. A special emphasis will be placed on assisting students who will be the first in their families to attend college and those who may not otherwise seriously consider applying to college. During this week we will be setting aside time during the school day for students to work on future planning! Whether students are going to go to college, join the military or join the workforce, this week is a great time to start taking steps toward the future.

#### **FAFSA Completion Night, Wednesday, OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00- 7:00 in the High School library.**

An informational letter will be mailed home to all senior families regarding what is needed to complete the FAFSA on this night. Please join us.

#### **Suicide Prevention**

In these uncertain times it's important for staff, students and parents to have conversations about mental health. Students in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade will receive Signs of Suicide training with the counselors in health class this October and November.

The Suicide Prevention Lifeline website provides information on risk factors and knowing the signs. We encourage all parents to have a conversation with their children. Please check out their website at <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/how-we-can-all-prevent-suicide/>.

#### **Testing Information**

**ACT:** This year Frenchtown will again be able to offer the ACT for seniors this fall due to COVID. The ACT is a standardized test that most colleges/universities require prior to admissions. Seniors who sign up will test on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

All juniors will test on March 23<sup>rd</sup> during the school day free of charge. Stay tuned for further details.

Anyone wishing to take the ACT during a Saturday test date should visit [act.org](http://act.org) to check dates, prices and to register.

**PSAT:** (for freshmen/sophomores/juniors) Test date Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>. Students should have already registered for this test. Only students who take the PSAT in their junior can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship based on their PSAT test scores and how they compare nationwide. Juniors who receive free/reduced lunch qualify for fee waivers. Freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to take the PSAT for practice.

If you would like to take the SAT during a Saturday test date, please visit [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org).

**Scholarships**

Please check the Class of 2021 Google Classroom for the scholarship page link.

All scholarships currently available are on our Scholarship Google drive and it is updated regularly when new scholarships are received.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G9d-hZ4Jf6e0Epfxxm8le393sn69tWJqkhnluv7ojI8/edit?usp=sharing>.

**Virtual College Fair**

Seniors may attend the western region Montana Virtual College Fair from September 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>. The fair features between 65-95 colleges, universities, technical schools, military branches and other agencies from both in-state and out-of-state. Please sign up online with the cards Ms. Terzo passed out in Government class. Students will receive a lot of college knowledge!

**NHS Tutoring**

The National Honor Society tutoring program has been suspended this fall due to COVID. If additional academic support is needed in a subject, please reach out to the subject teacher and to the counselors.

**Stay Informed**

Looking for a way to stay informed? Parents and students can receive up to date information and reminders by joining the counselor Google Classrooms. Students can join via their ftbroncs email which will also give parents access. If you cannot access your Counseling Google Classroom, please see us in the counseling center.



**New to the High School Life Skills Program!**

This year the Life Skills program is offering a Vocational Production class at the high school. Voc Pro students operate a fan gear shop that produces heat transfer logos on t-shirts and sweatshirts. Students are involved in every phase of the process including: ordering material and shirts, taking orders, filling orders, inventory, making deposits and managing the activities account. Proceeds are used to restock and resupply within the program. Designs can be seen at the FHS Bronc Store or by contacting Lisa Fall or Bill Boudreaux.



Also new to the Life Skills Department this year is the Exceptionalities class. Exceptionalities is a reverse inclusion program in which FHS upper classmen come in to the Life Skills room to work as peer mentors with Life Skills students. Exceptionalities students assist with everything from academics to social skills.

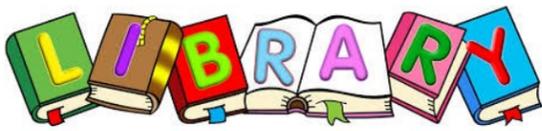
Applications and interviews to join the Exceptionalities class were conducted last spring and resulted in the acceptance of four students: Ellie Hill, Aryanna Green, Brinley O'Brien and Alissa Sperry into the program. They began to work with Life Skills students this fall. An Exceptionalities curriculum accompanies the 1:1 activities and includes a variety of information such as confidentiality and procedures for working with people with disabilities. "I enjoy not only working with the kids in class but also in the hallway and seeing their faces light up when I say Hi" says Junior, Aryanna Green.



Vocational Skills students practice working with tools and get to see the inner workings of surplus electronic equipment. "Its gonna explode" shouted Junior Otis Nagy as he clips the wires on an old Fax machine



Although the Corona virus is keeping us from taking our regular trips out into the community, the Vocational skills and Life skills students are having lots of fun so far right in the school house. As part of our recent discussion on hygiene, students got to practice shaving their school pictures with shaving cream and a spoon.



**The Frenchtown School/Community Library is here for you during this COVID-19 period!**

During this time, the Library will be offering curbside service only.

**Finding a Book:** You can use the card catalog to put books on hold (check out the library webpage) or you can call to see if we have a particular book on the shelf.

**Questions about a Book:** Please feel free to call us during regular school hours or during our Public Library hours at 626-2730.

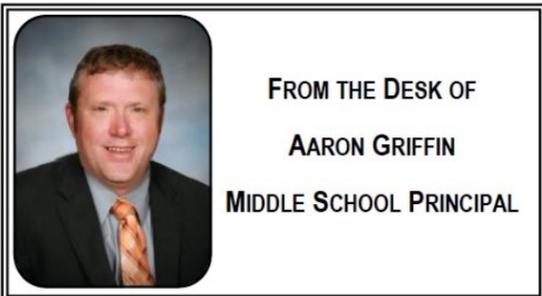
**Public Library Hours: (curbside only)**

Tuesday 5:00pm -7:00pm

Saturday 10:00am -3:00pm

Visit us at: [ftsd.org](http://ftsd.org) (under the library menu)

Or call us at: 626-2730.



FROM THE DESK OF  
**AARON GRIFFIN**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



It has been a great start to Frenchtown Middle School! Parents and guardians please feel free to contact me at Frenchtown Middle School with any of your concerns!! Please be aware we are going into the 5<sup>th</sup> week of school and this is when traditionally some student's grades drop and behaviors can change toward school. I am asking you to use your Infinite Campus portal to track and monitor your student's grades on an as needed basis.

I will continue to send Thursday emails home each week. Emails will contain information regarding weekly events, amount of spectators that can attend events, and general information that is important for families to receive on a weekly basis.

**Special Thanks:** Frenchtown Middle School is

honored to have outstanding educators! I encourage FMS parents to reach out to staff members more than ever to thank them as we develop a new system of educational delivery to FMS students online, in-person, and packet based learning. I also want to extend my thanks to students, parents, and teachers at Frenchtown Middle School. We are off to a tremendous and safe start!

**Gaitors:** Some students are struggling to wear gaitors as facemasks. It appears to me that most of the neck/face gaitors are too big for students and they fall off easily. Please be mindful of this as you purchase new gaitors/facemasks. If this continues to be an issue, I may ask some students to wear facemasks. With that said, overall, the students are doing an amazing job of wearing facemasks and practicing social distancing!

Aaron Griffin  
Middle School Principal  
Frenchtown Schools

**Enrollment as of September 9, 2020**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 116

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 121

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 99

**Total: 336**

**Middle School Students Enrolled in Extra-Curricular Sports (Fall 2020-2021)**

Football: 43

Volleyball: 38

Cross Country: 23

Soccer: 27

**Total: 131**

**Update on MS Sports....**

Hellgate and Frenchtown are the only two teams playing Fall Sports in the Copper League.

At this time no Copper League Tournaments will be held.

All Bitterroot Schools are participating in sports at this time. We also have football games with Polson/Ronan.

Using [www.dragonflymax.com](http://www.dragonflymax.com) to register student athletes for participation in sports.

It is great to see students back in the Orange/Black of Frenchtown Middle School competing in fall activities.

**MS Boys Basketball**

Information regarding Middle School Boys Basketball and try-outs will be posted at the beginning of October. Try-Outs will most likely start on the week of Monday, October 12 or week of Monday, October 19, 2020.

At this time there will be no Copper League tournaments. We are looking at home/away games with the following schools Hellgate Middle School, Polson, Florence,

Stevensville, Corvallis, and Hamilton. Coaches will be Tony Davis and Jim Tolman. It is a \$30.00 one-time only activity fee. Game schedules will be out in early October for the 2020-2021 season.

**Student Eligibility:** No Middle School student participating in middle school sports can be failing two or more classes. Eligibility runs on a weekly basis at Frenchtown Middle School. Expect more academic rigor as we start the third week of school next week for students.

**Sports Attendance:** This will change on a weekly basis - I will keep coaches, players, and families updated on a weekly basis. If you have any questions, please call the Middle School Office.

**Welcome to DragonFly**

**Parents and Students**

Frenchtown Athletics is moving to DragonFly for all online paperwork and schedules. Please contact the MS office with questions after reading the following instructions.

1. Download the DragonFly Max app from the App Store or Google Play. Or visit [dragonflymax.com](http://dragonflymax.com) and click 'Log In/Sign up' to get started. Parents please use a computer/lap top to initially register students in Dragonfly - it will really simplify the initial registration.
2. Tap 'Get Started' and 'Sign Up for Free' then follow the prompts to create your Parent account with your own email address. Note: Please do not create an account with your child's name or contact information - you will get the chance to add your child.
3. Verify your account with the verification ID sent to your email address.
4. Tap 'Connect to your school' to select 'Parent' as your role and search for your child's school (Frenchtown 6-8).
5. After selecting your child's school, tap 'Join' to request access. An administrator at your school will approve your request.
6. Tap 'Set up your children' and follow the prompts to add your kid(s) and fill out their participation forms.
7. Activity Fees can be paid on RevTrack or check to Frenchtown Middle School for \$30.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.
8. Parents can complete the front page of

the MHS physical and scan in the back page. **HOWEVER, the MS Office will need a hard copy of the physical form before student participation.**

**Early Release (Thursday):** Just a reminder that early release will occur for the first quarter each Thursday. Release time for Frenchtown Middle School will be 12:30 pm. No students can stay after school! Early Release will be looked at by the Frenchtown Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Middle School Band Schedule**

**Monday**—Percussion

**Tuesday**—Brass

**Wednesday**—Clarinet and Saxophone

**Friday**—Flute

Band has started please remind students to bring instruments on appropriate days. For 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders band will be during electives. For 6<sup>th</sup> graders band will be during advisory last period of the day. If you have any questions, please contact [johnnelson@ftbroncs.org](mailto:johnnelson@ftbroncs.org)

**Online Students:** Please notify the school if you have any questions - students are asked to attend class live with teachers as much as possible (they will be marked absent each period not in attendance). I do expect technology and internet issues for the next couple of weeks. We are diligently trying to improve lessons on a daily basis. A new camera/audio system will hopefully be in place in the next two weeks for teachers, I am hopeful this will improve our ability to live stream lessons more effectively for online students.

**Packet Students:** Packet return and drop off—please return and pickup packets each Friday at Frenchtown Middle School. We will not be dropping off packets by the bus this school year. Packets can be picked-up after 10:00 am each Friday.

**Lunches:** Can be ordered daily by 9:30 am and picked-up daily at the Middle School Office for students online/packet based learning. Students are required to pay for lunch this year/or cost is based on free-reduced family eligibility.

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**Parent-Teacher Conferences**

**Wednesday-Thursday, November 4-5, 2020**

Great decision to move back to November! We will start working on how we will be delivering Parent/Teacher Conferences at the end of Sept/beginning of Oct. Probably a hybrid of on-sight/off-sight conferences.

**Meet the new Alta-Care Therapist**

My name is **Davis Logan**, I am the new therapist at the middle school. When not working, I enjoy skiing, both downhill and cross county, I play frisbee golf and pickleball regularly and play computer games. I am often wandering the woods with little Blue Heeler Roo.



**Pictures of Middle School Portables**

Portables are in use! Thanks to Sean Mecham and his crew! We are using these buildings as classrooms and offices at Frenchtown Middle School.



**From the Desk of  
Riley Devins  
Intermediate Principal**

**Outside Classroom Options**

With many changes to the school environment one major positive has been the opportunity and accessibility of outdoor classrooms. Teachers are able to take learning to then next level with flexible instructional areas. It has been really nice to learn in different areas of the South Campus.



**Smoke Changes How Recess Looks**

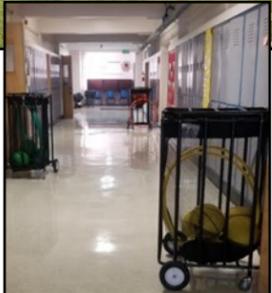
With students stuck inside for recess during high smoke days, they have been very flexible and are enjoying some movie theater options to break up the day. As smoke season progresses, students will vote on movies that they would like to watch during recess as a class on smoky days.



**Finding A New Normal at Frenchtown Intermediate School**

With a couple weeks of school under our belts, the school day is starting to look somewhat normal, but still different from past years. Our lunchroom now spans across multiple rooms and really is working effectively to keep kids spread-out while eating. Attached are a few pictures of lunch in action.

On campus and online learning is rolling. Kids online have times that they stream right into the class for instruction throughout the day. Live streaming has allowed for students to ask questions during live instruction. All homework is posted on Google Classroom to support both online and on campus learners. Pictures in action below.



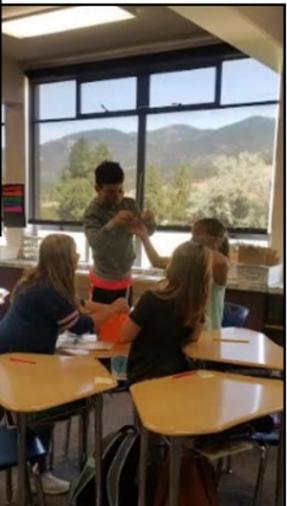
**Keeping Things Clean**

Thank you to our staff for keeping things clean in the lunchroom. Our lunchroom and recess staff are now experts in the area of cleaning and it's amazing how much they are doing to support students across the district!



**Science projects are fun at home and in person!**

Students took tower building to the next level in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and it was fun for all learners in person and online. Attached are a couple pictures of students projects from across Frenchtown!



**The next level of food prep!**

The Kitchen staff is working diligently to provide nutritious meals to students in the Intermediate School and they are making sure that safety is their priority when supporting our students. Thank you kitchen staff for all the work you are putting into feeding kids!



**Recess!**

Recess in zones has really helped to keep kids in their homeroom classes and has allowed for students to enjoy the outside in small groups. Our kids and teachers have done a great job at following all the rules that allow us to be open. Ball carts have been provided to each class. Individual carts allow for recess balls to not be shared.



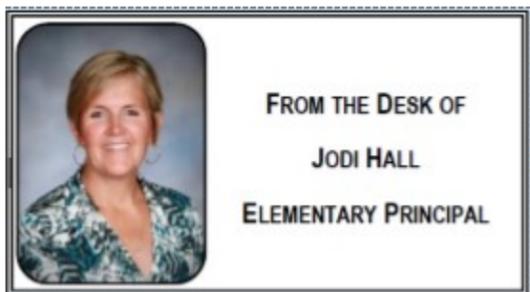
**Clean hands are a priority at Frenchtown Intermediate School**

Hand washing stations have been setup around campus to support in cleaning hands during transitions. It's another step for students, but they are doing a great job at making sure to keep others and themselves clean and ready to learn.

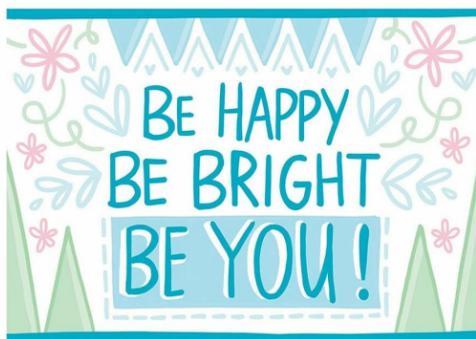


**PTA Fundraiser 9/18/2020- 10/21/2020**

The PTA fundraiser will be kicking off September 18, 2020 and will run through October 21, 2020. With the fundraiser we are asking that students do not travel door to door and that they sell to people they know via phone, email or online using the digital sales information provided by the fundraising company.



Hello Everyone,  
Our theme this year is **CELEBRATE!!**. We have so much to celebrate despite the big changes we have seen everywhere. It is up to us to keep our eyes up and look at what is going well around us. From the first day good things have been happening: kids with big smiles, routines coming together, playground is colorfully divided, parent pick up loops are running smooth, lunchroom is quieter and more food is being consumed, kids are connecting, everybody is working hard. As we progress through each day, if you have a positive to share, please reach out to your child's teacher and let them know what you have noticed. Thank you for supporting our wonderful school. Please let us know if you need anything or have any questions.



Have a great day!  
Jodi Hall  
PK-3 Elementary Principal

**NEW Administrative Assistants:**

My name is Mandi Kreis. I moved to the Frenchtown area in 2007, my husband Billy and I built our house in the beautiful Ninemile valley. We have three kids, twins in 1st grade and a daughter in the 5th grade. I love spending time on the Clark Fork River, rafting and swimming! Gardening and decorating warms my heart, and when the snow comes, I enjoy cozying up by my wood stove. Being a secretary at Frenchtown Elementary has been a fun new learning experience, can't wait to see what the 20-21 school year brings!



My name is Stefni Gurr. I work as a secretary at the Elementary school. I have been married for 25 years to my husband Shawn and I have six wonderful kids that make my life better everyday. I love to come to work each day! I work with so many inspiring people!

**First Day of School Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

First day of school was a memorable day, 328 students entered the building with their parents saying goodbye at the school door. Students were welcomed to the school by every adult in the building, ALL staff were willing to help the first couple of days to support kiddos finding their new classrooms and remember where to find certain places. It has been a long time since March 16, kids were excited to be back even with social dis-

tancing and masks.

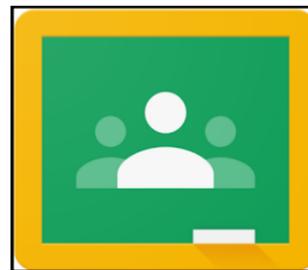
**New Kindergarteners Tuesday, September 1, 2020**

Starting August 24-28 new students, parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles had the opportunity to meet their new kindergarten teacher. Students were given a private tour of the classroom, parents asked questions, and teachers had an opportunity to complete baseline screening. Eighty-five kindergarteners were welcomed with an outside meet and greet with the teachers and were dismissed into the building one classroom at a time, parents said good-bye at the classroom door. Teachers are doing a wonderful job establishing routines to support this new learning journey



**Remote Learners:**

Frenchtown Elementary currently has 37 remote learners, which introductions started on Tuesday,



September 1st:  
Kindergarten- 8 students  
1st Grade- 7 students  
2nd Grade- 12 students  
3rd Grade- 10 students

This offers a new challenge to teaching everyday in the classroom and managing students online. Teachers are working through Google Classroom posting assignments, weekly videos supporting lessons, and if needed, packets.

**Counselor Corner:**

We are fortunate to have school counseling interns on our campus for this school year. Interns are learning and implementing academic, career, and social emotional planning with our students. They are supervised by Mrs. America, our K-3 school counselor. Let's meet them!

**Ms. Robin Chernoff, or Miss C** joins us from the University of Montana School Counseling Program. She is with us on Tuesdays and Fridays. She has lots of experience in working with kids of all ages. Miss C is honored to join the Frenchtown community this year working as an intern for Mrs. America. Before beginning a master's degree in School Counseling at UM, Miss C taught lower and upper elementary at a rural public charter Montessori school. She has worked in a Missoula Montessori preschool, taught after school gardening classes, tutored children in reading, and spent summers teaching in farm and wilderness settings in the Rocky Mountains. Miss C values ecology, community, art, social justice, and sustainability.

**Mrs. Paige Fallis, or Ms. Paige,** represents Montana State University Billings and their school counseling program. Ms. Paige is with us on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Here is what she would like to learn about her:

Hello!

My name is **Paige Fallis** and I live in Frenchtown, MT with my husband and our three hound dogs. I'm originally from Townsend, MT and found my affinity for children there through teaching years of swimming lessons at our local pool. I graduated from undergrad in 2016 with a dual bachelor's in Communication and Psychology, and began working as a Recruiter and HR Generalist at Community Medical Center shortly after. I quickly realized something in my professional life was missing, and I decided to go back to school June of 2019 for my Masters of Education in School Counseling. I'm already loving my time with Mrs. America at Frenchtown Elementary and am so grateful to be learning so much here! When I'm not at the school, I'm working as a Family Development and Outreach Coordinator for Partnership for Children; which is a therapeutic foster care agency in Missoula. I love hiking, camping, spending time with family, and learning to cook and bake new things! I hope everyone has a wonderful school year, thank you for letting me be a part of it!

**New Procedures:**

Bus Routine and West Side Parent Pick Up Loop: Buses are picking up on the South Side of the Elementary Building. Staff helped with establishing the routine.



**Kindergarten Loop for Pick-Up:** West Parent Pick Up Loop for kindergarten and any siblings

**1st-5th Parent Pick-Up Loop:** Double Lane for drop off and pick up. Took a bit of adjusting from the first time through, we were backed up across the bridge. With a few adjustments and adding the Kindergarten pick up loop the flow of traffic has proceeded to keep moving.



**Lunch Routine-** Entering and Exiting have changed, students are sitting in four different locations, and students are social distanced while they eat. Arrows, cones and spots are on the floor to help with flow of students.



**Classroom Layouts:** Teachers have worked hard to create a safe, socially distanced space, where students can feel safe and still learn.



Students are working collaboratively, independently, and with



the teacher as a whole group. Teachers are also taking advantage of the beautiful days outside.



**Recess Colored Playground Areas** with ball carts and matching playground equipment: Every classroom has their own colored section that rotates every week.





**WE DON'T GROW WHEN THINGS ARE EASY, WE GROW WHEN WE FACE CHALLENGES.**



**Learning, Learning EVERYWHERE!**





**Frenchtown Developmental Screening  
By Appointment  
Frenchtown Elementary School  
Age Birth through 5 years**

**Please note this is not a preschool readiness test, but a screening for potential developmental delays.**

For Children birth through age five residing in the Frenchtown School District Free Developmental Screening is offered in the areas of Vision, Hearing, Speech/Language, Motor and Cognitive Skills. Screening is comprehensive and by appointment.

The Frenchtown School District partners with Western Child Development Center (CDC) and Vibrant Hearing to provide audio logical screening and general developmental screening for infants/toddlers. Children scoring low on the screening may then be referred for a comprehensive disability evaluation.

To schedule a Free Screening Appointment for your child age 3 through 5, parents are encouraged to call Kirsten Gyapay, School Psychologist, at 406-626-2632. If you have an infant or toddler, Mrs. Gyapay can provide information and assistance on how to schedule screenings for birth through age two.



# Missoula County Flu Shot Clinic

Missoula City-County Health Dept. and the Care Van have teamed up to offer FREE flu clinics across Missoula County.

**September 24, 2020; 3pm-6pm**  
**Frenchtown Rural**  
**Fire Station 1**  
16875 Marion Street  
Frenchtown, MT

**September 25, 2020; 3pm-6pm**  
**Bonner School District**  
**Parking Lot**  
9045 Hwy 200  
Bonner, MT

**October 1, 2020; 3pm-6pm**  
**Clinton Market**  
20500 Old Hwy 10  
Clinton, MT

**October 2, 2020; 3pm-6pm**  
**Seeley-Swan High School**  
456 Airport Rd  
Seeley Lake, MT

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR  
YOUR FLU SHOT  
CALL (406) 258-4966 TO SIGN UP**

Insurance not required, but if you have insurance please bring your card with you.

All out-of-pocket costs covered by:



Frenchtown PTSA News

**PTSA Fall Meeting**

- Our next PTSA is Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 pm at Old Bull Brewing. Please come and join us and support our kids and the local business community.

**AmazonSmile Program**

- The PTSA has registered Frenchtown Elementary and Intermediate schools for an Amazon Smile account to continue the support of our kids through your day to day purchases from Amazon. Please follow the instructions below to register so we can start seeing the benefits of shopping online:
  1. Sign in to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
  2. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change your Charity**. Or, from your mobile browser, select **Change your Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page.
  3. Select a new charitable organization to support.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.

**Remember FTSD**

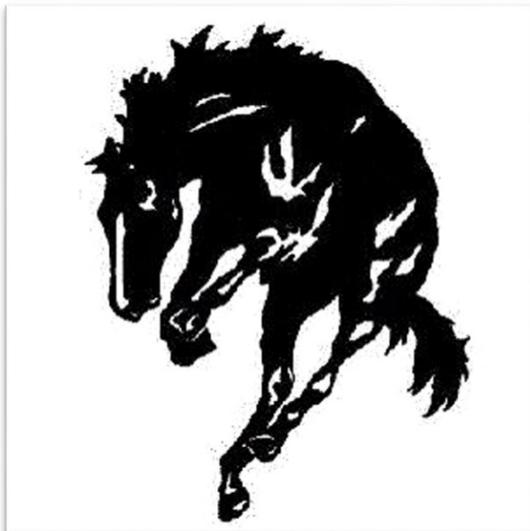
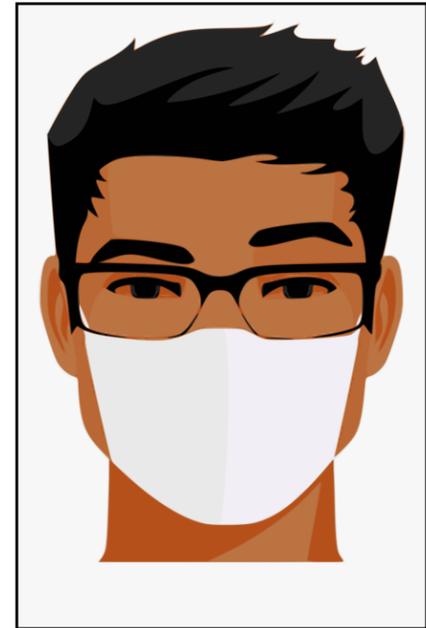
- Mask Up Frenchtown – As a reminder to support the directive from our school board and superintendent masks will be required for students and staff ages 5 and over in all indoor public areas.

**PTSA Fundraiser**

- The PTSA Fall Fundraiser runs from Sept 18<sup>th</sup> to October 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a major fundraiser for the Elementary and Intermediate schools and these funds go to support education opportunities and equipment for our students. Please support that kids in their efforts and have those packets back to the school for counting by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**School Supplies**

- As a reminder your PTSA has school supplies available for those in need. Please contact your student's teacher to reach out to PTSA for delivery of the needed materials.



**RESOLUTION #092220-1 FOR DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC PROPERTY  
OF  
FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**

Whereas, Frenchtown School District #40, Missoula County, presently owns a pole vault pit that has become unsuitable or obsolete for school purposes.

Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Frenchtown School District #40 intends to dispose and/or sell said property in full compliance with the laws of the State of Montana, §20-6-604.

The Trustees of the Frenchtown School District #40 further resolve that notices of the resolution shall be published in our newsletter, which will go out to the public on September 22, 2020.

This resolution shall become effective 14 days after publication of the notice identified above (Effective date is October 10, 2020), unless appealed any time prior to that date to the District Court by a taxpayer in compliance with and as provided in §20-6-604, MCA.

Resolution adopted this 22<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020 by the Frenchtown School District #40 Board of Trustees to be effective on the October 10, 2020.

  
Board Chair

  
District Clerk

**FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**  
 PO Box 117  
 17620 FRENCHTOWN FRONTAGE RD.  
 FRENCHTOWN, MT 59834

**2020-2021**  
**SCHOOL CALENDAR 180 DAYS**

Administration Office: 406-626-2600 Fax 406-626-2605  
 Elementary Office: 406-626-2620 Fax 406-626-2625  
 Intermediate Office: 406-626-2622 Fax 406-626-2623  
 Middle School Office: 406-626-2650 Fax 406-626-2654  
 High School Office: 406-626-2670 Fax 406-626-2676  
 Transportation Office: 406-626-2610 Fax 406-626-2693

All classes start: 8:20am  
 Classes end: 3:20pm - K-5  
 3:27pm - JH/HS

Early Release	Early Out
K-5 12:30 JH/HS 12:37	K-5 12:30 JH/HS 12:37
Nov 4, 5, 24 Dec 22 March 3, 4, 31 June 3	Sept 3,10,17, 24 March 18 Oct 1,8,22,29 Apr 23 Jan 15 May 13 Feb 12

	P.I. Days	P.I.R. Days
1st Quarter	45	4
2nd Quarter	44	1
3rd Quarter	47	1
4th Quarter	44	1

- No Classes ○
- Early Out Day □
- 1st Student Day ▷
- First/Last Day Kindergarten ▣
- Beginning of Quarter [
- Early Release —
- Parent Teacher Conferences ☀
- P.I.R. Days ◇
- Last Student Day ◁
- End of Quarter ]

**JULY 2020**

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**AUGUST**  
 PIR Days 24,25  
 First Student Day 26

**SEPTEMBER**  
 No School Labor Day 7  
 First Day of Kindergarten 1  
 Early Out 3,10, 17,24

**OCTOBER**  
 MEA No School (PIR) 15,16  
 End of 1st Qtr 30  
 Early Out 1,8,22,29

**NOVEMBER**  
 Beginning of 2nd Qtr. 2  
 Parent Teacher Conferences 4,5  
 PIR Day 6  
 Early Release 4,5,24  
 No School Thanksgiving 25-27

**DECEMBER**  
 Early Release 22  
 No School Winter Break 23-31

**JANUARY**  
 No School Winter Break 1-3  
 Early Out 15  
 No School MLK Day 18  
 End of 2nd Qtr. 15  
 Beginning of 3rd Qtr 19

**FEBRUARY**  
 Early Out 12  
 No School Presidents Day 15

**MARCH**  
 Parent Teacher Conf's 3,4  
 EARLY RELEASE 3, 4, 31  
 PIR day 5  
 Early Out 18  
 End of 3rd Qtr. 26  
 Beginning of 4th Qtr. 29

**APRIL**  
 No School Spring Break 1-5  
 Early Out 23

**MAY**  
 Early Out 13  
 Last Day of Kindergarten 28  
 No School Memorial Day 31

**JUNE**  
 Early Release 3  
 Last Student Day 3  
 End of 4th Qtr. 3  
 PIR Day 4

Approved by  
 Board of Trustees  
 12/17/19  
 Revised 2/20/20 Revised 8/18/20

## FRENCHTOWN BRONCS CROSS COUNTRY 2020-2021

Date	Day	Level	Opponent/Location	Time	Bus
9/29	Tuesday	JV/V	@ Whitefish-Whitefish Lake	3:00	11:00 am
10/3	Saturday	JV/V	@ Polson (Silver Fox G.C.)	12:00	9:30 am
10/17	Saturday	JV/V	Fall Classic @ Whitefish Whitefish Lake G.C	2:00	8:00 am
10/24	Saturday	Varsity	State @ Kalispell	TBA	Depart 10/23 12:00 pm

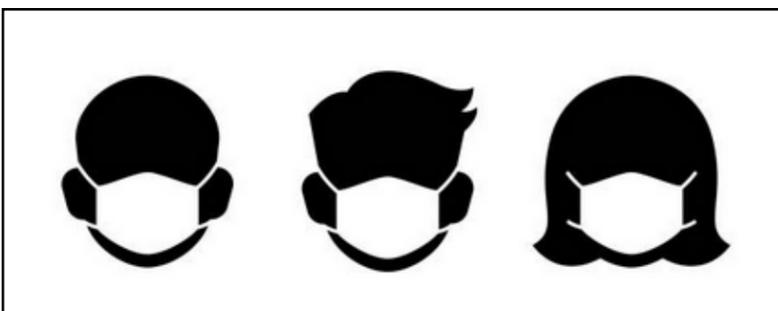
Jess Gyapay 406 459 6620  
Jess.Gyapay@ftbroncs.org



8/20/20

## FRENCHTOWN BRONCS FOOTBALL 2020-2021

Date	Day	Level	Opponent/Location	Time	Bus
9/28	Monday	JV	@ Hamilton	4:30	2:30 pm
10/2	Friday	Varsity	Polson	7:00	Homecoming
10/5	Monday	JV	@ Polson	5:00	2:30 pm
10/5	Monday	Frosh	Libby	4:30	
10/9	Friday	Varsity	@ Ronan	7:00	4:00 pm
10/12	Monday	JV	Ronan	5:00	
10/16	Friday	Varsity	@ Columbia Falls	7:00	1:30 pm
10/19	Monday	JV	Columbia Falls	5:00	
10/23	Friday	Varsity	Libby	7:00	Senior Night
10/31	Saturday		1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Playoffs	TBA	
11/7	Saturday		Quarter Finals	TBA	
11/14	Saturday		Semi-Finals	TBA	
11/21	Saturday		State Finals	TBA	



## FRENCHTOWN BRONCS GOLF 2020-2021

Date	Day	Level	Opponent/Location	Time	Bus
10/1 -10/2	Thur-Fri.	Varsity	State @ Butte	TBA	(depart 9/30)



## FRENCHTOWN BRONCS SOCCER 2020-2021

Date	Day	Level	Opponent/Location	Time	Bus
9/29	Tuesday	Varsity	Hamilton	B – 3:00/ G – 5:00	
10/1	Thursday	Varsity	Stevi	G – 3:00/ B – 5:00	
10/5	Monday	JV	@ East Helena	G – 5:00	1:30 pm
10/6	Tuesday	Varsity	Corvallis	G – 3:00/ B – 5:00	Senior Night
10/10	Saturday	Varsity	@ Loyola Sacred Heart	G – 12:00/ B – 2:00	
10/17			1 <sup>st</sup> Round Playoffs	TBA	
10/24			Semi finals	TBA	
10/31			Championship	TBA	



## FRENCHTOWN BRONCS VOLLEYBALL 2020-2021

Date	Day	Level	Opponent/Location	Time	Bus
9/28	Monday	F/JV/V	Ronan	4:15/5:45/7:15	
10/1	Thursday	F	@ Hellgate	4:30	3:15 pm
10/6	Tuesday	F	Hellgate	5:00	
10/9	Friday	F/JV	@ East Helena	5:00/6:30	2:00 pm
10/10	Saturday	F/JV/V	@ Dillon	1:00/2:30/4:00	8:30 am
10/13	Tuesday	F/JV/V	Corvallis	4:15/5:45/7:15	
10/15	Thursday	F/JV/V	Butte Central	4:15/5:45/7:15	
10/19	Monday	F/JV/V	Stevi	4:15/5:45/7:15	
10/22	Thursday	F/JV/V	Hamilton	4:15/5:45/7:15	Senior Night
10/27	Tuesday	F/JV/V	@ Ronan	4:15/5:45/7:15	2:30 pm
10/29	Thursday	F/JV/V	@ Butte Central	4:15/5:45/7:15	1:00 pm
11/2	Monday		Southwestern A play-in game	TBA	
11/5-7	Thur-Sat	V	Divisional @ Ronan	TBA	
11/12-14	Thur-Sat	V	State @ Bozeman	TBA	



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## Smurfit-Stone Mill Site



October 2020

### Upcoming Events

#### Community Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2020, 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81686472403?pwd=ZFZzSm55SHRqVHl5d0EzckNXK1YzUT09>

Meeting ID: 816 8647 2403

Passcode: 531159

This month's agenda will include regular site updates plus an update on the open cut permit process for the gravel pit at Smurfit Stone from Katie Garcia Forba, Montana Department of Environmental Quality. The 3,200-acre Smurfit-Stone site is a former pulp mill located 11 miles northwest of Missoula, Montana. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the site to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites because site activities and waste disposal practices may have caused a release of hazardous substances into the environment. EPA and its federal, state, and local partners are conducting a thorough environmental investigation at the site, per the Superfund process. EPA also consults with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the Kalispel Tribe throughout the Superfund process.

Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings are held monthly, and citizens are encouraged to participate. If you wish to learn more and/or be added to an email list for CAG agendas and minutes, please contact one of the following members: Jeri Delys, 880-4080, [jeri@centric.net](mailto:jeri@centric.net); Jennifer Harrington, 243-5561, [Jennifer.Harrington@umconnect.umt.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Harrington@umconnect.umt.edu), or Bruce Sims, 626-5326, [simswatershed@gmail.com](mailto:simswatershed@gmail.com). The Community Advisory Group Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/FrenchtownCAG/](http://www.facebook.com/FrenchtownCAG/)

For more information regarding the Smurfit-Stone Mill Site, feel free to contact Jennifer Chergo, EPA Public Affairs Specialist, 303-312-6601, [chergo.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:chergo.jennifer@epa.gov), or visit the EPA Smurfit Stone website at [www.epa.gov/superfund/smurfit-stone](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/smurfit-stone).

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**WE ARE EXCITED TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR NEW OFFICE SPACE COMING MID OCTOBER!**

**Same day  
emergency appointments**

**Invisalign (Clear braces)**

**Whitening**

**Tongue tie release**

**Sleep Appliances**

**Crowns/Bridges**

**Tooth colored fillings**

**Kids**

**Extractions**

**Dentures**

**Implant Crowns**



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Filling out the 2020 Census is easy, fast, safe and important.

**10** Minutes for Years

It takes just 10 minutes to answer 9 simple questions that will shape your community for the next 10 years.

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**NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

**FOR THE '20 - '21 SCHOOL YEAR**

**PRE-K AGES 2-6**

**OPEN 7:30am - 5:30pm**

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE!**

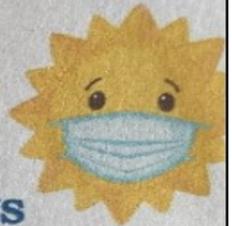
Transportation is provided for students attending Frenchtown Elementary to Meadows Montessori School for after school care (Bus stops where Indreland meets Gopher Dr!)

**BEST BEGINNINGS SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ACCEPTED!**

**PLEASE CONTACT US FOR QUESTIONS AND REQUEST A VISIT!**



**MEADOWS  
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**Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Middle School Shared Common Area**

- I. **Call to Order:** The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees David Weber, Bryce Simpson, Gordon Schmill, Shiloh Lucier and John Hogland were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Aaron Griffin, Riley Devins, Jodi Hall, Jake Haynes, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Kipp Lewis, Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons, Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
  - II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting opened with the pledge at 7:00 p.m.
  - III. **Board Recognition –** Vice Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald welcomed back FTSD administrators and thanked them for their hard work over the summer preparing for this challenging school year. Also acknowledged was Board Chair Debbie Lester and how thoughts are with her during this difficult time of loss.
  - IV. **Public Comment Period – none.**
  - V. **Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board – none.**
  - VI. **Approval of Minutes**  
David Weber made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous
  - VII. **Administrative Reports**  
Highlights of the administrative reports included Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham discussing the outstanding work of the custodial and maintenance staff throughout the summer. Also acknowledged was temporary summer staff Ryne Nelson, Blake Cohlhepp, Josh Criner, Zak Palmer and Bob Wikum for their excellent work on numerous projects. Mr. Mecham discussed the progress on the modular buildings, which are ready for inspection. Also discussed was the exterior improvements at both campuses and grounds improvements. Through this challenging time with COVID-19 issues, Mr. Mecham has been collaborating with other school districts to share resources and ideas to better service the buildings and prepare for a safe school year. Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan discussed the catastrophic mail server failure and emergency transition to google mail. Questions were asked about the cause of the failure and the ability to recover mail on the old server. Superintendent Meyer discussed progress on the upcoming changes to the District website, daily challenges of preparing for this school year, a recent meeting and luncheon with classified employees and progress with negotiating a memorandum of agreement with the Frenchtown Education Association and Frenchtown Classified Association. Also discussed was the importance of our transportation staff as the first and last contact with our students each school day. David Weber made a motion to approve the administrative reports as presented. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
  - VIII. **Business**
    - A. **Old Business – none.**
- Move item IX. Policy Review up on the agenda
- IX. **Policy Review**
    - A. **Suspension of BP1310 and adoption of BP1907**
      - 1) **Review/Action: Suspend BP1310**  
Superintendent Les Meyer asked the Board to suspend policy 1310 requiring multiple policy readings to be able to adopt policy 1907 in first reading. Bryce Simpson made a motion to suspend

policy 1310. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

2) Review/Action: Adopt BP1907 in First Reading

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed COVID-19 Emergency Measures Policy 1907, School Declaration of Emergency which authorizes the Board of Trustees to declare a state of emergency. John Hogland made a motion to adopt BP1907 in first reading. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding this declaration of emergency. Unanimous.

Back to item VIII. Business

B. New Business

1) Review/Action: Declaration of Emergency

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended that the Board declare a state of emergency in the event that the District is required to reduce in person hours of instructions due to complications from the COVID-19 crisis. David Weber made a motion to declare a state of emergency until June 30, 2021. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the length of time for the declaration and the ability to change the end date. Unanimous.

2) Review/Action: The Opening of Frenchtown Schools

Superintendent Les Meyer presented the District's plan to reopen Frenchtown Schools, with the addition of one early out day per week to start the school year. Superintendent Meyer discussed the plan in detail, presented documents that will be provided to staff and the community and discussed the purpose and need for the early out days. The early out time will allow for pupil instruction related duties for staff as well as additional time dedicated to remote instruction and instructional support. Questions were asked about the early out days and what would be the best option for both staff and students. The administrators discussed the pros and cons of each day considered. The time involved in developing this reopening plan was discussed, including teacher preparation and transportation scheduling. A question was asked regarding the District's plan for moving from one phase to another. Superintendent Meyer discussed the frequency of meetings with county health officials, their involvement in the decision making, as well monitoring of various websites to be as best prepared as possible. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the reopening of Frenchtown Schools with Thursday as early out days. David Weber seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion - Trustee John Hogland asked to be reassured that the District did not become complacent in decisions regarding the potential for changes in circumstances. Principal Jodi Hall discussed the work done to prepare this plan and the readiness of all administrators for changing times. Principal Aaron Griffin discussed the ability of each school to respond to changing conditions immediately as necessary. Addition discussion was held regarding transportation changes and changes in traffic patterns. Board Vice Chair asked Trustee Hogland if he had confidence in the opening of the school. Jami Romney FitzGerald, David Weber, Bryce Simpson, Gordon Schmill and Shiloh Lucier voted in favor of the motion. John Hogland opposed. The motion carried 5-1. Trustee John Hogland clarified his opposition and indicated he is in favor of reopening school however would like a more comprehensive District plan for transitioning between phases.

3) Review/Action: Hiring

Recommended for hire was Kristen Hanson – Paraprofessional. Informational – per the negotiations with the Frenchtown Classified Association, Tamara Blanchard and Veronica Phippen applied for and will receive a \$1,500 stipend for additional data work for the District. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the hire as presented. David Weber seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

4) Information/Discussion: Resignations

The resignation of paraprofessional Montana Holmes was discussed.

5) Review/Action: Bus Route Changes

Superintendent Les Meyer presented the change in bus route 11 to bus route 11A due to reduced miles for the route. David Weber made a motion to approve the bus route change. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

6) Review/Action: Approve Discretionary Non-Resident Students – none.

7) Review/Action: Set Lunch Prices – Set Breakfast Prices

Business Manager Shauna Anderson presented recommended breakfast and lunch prices for the 2020-2021 school year. The District is required to utilize a USDA paid lunch tool which determines lunch prices required. It has been many years since the District has raised lunch prices. The USDA tool and increases in costs require recommending an increase of ten cents for student lunch and five cents for student breakfast. Also discussed was the required cost of adult meal prices, which is determined by USDA foods. Prices recommended for the 2020-2021 school year are as follows:

K-5 Breakfast: \$1.35	K-5 Lunch: \$2.50
MS Breakfast: \$1.35	MS Lunch: \$2.55
HS Breakfast: \$1.60	HS Lunch: \$2.80
Adult Breakfast: \$1.90	Adult Lunch: \$3.85

Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the recommended lunch prices as recommended. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – recommending considering smaller increases each year in the future. Unanimous.

8) Review/Action: Obsolete/Surplus Equipment – none.

9) Review/Action: Purchases

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the purchases necessary to prepare the school district for reopening during the COVID-19 restrictions and recommendations. A list of all purchases made with CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Funds was presented to the Board. Recommended for approval was the purchase from STS Education of 50 Hover Cam document/web cameras for teaching staff at the cost of \$17,750. Questions were asked regarding the cameras and their use in the classroom. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous. Additional discussion was held regarding potential expenditures forthcoming utilizing CARES funds.

10) Review/Action: Set Date for Fall Retreat

Vice Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald discussed the fall retreat and potential dates. Recommended was adding the fall retreat to the regularly scheduled board meeting in September. David Weber made a motion to set September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the fall retreat. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

X. **Policy Review – moved up on the agenda**

XI. **Approval of Warrants/Approval of Financial Report**

David Weber made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. John Hogland seconded the motion. Public discussion - none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

XII. **Committee Reports**

- A. Policy (Debbie Lester, Shiloh Lucier, John Hogland)
- B. Insurance (David Weber, Debbie Lester, & Jami Romney FitzGerald)
- C. Negotiations/Labor Relations (Debbie Lester, Jami Romney FitzGerald & Bryce Simpson)
- D. Transportation (David Weber & Bryce Simpson)
- E. Safety (Gordon Schmill & Bryce Simpson)
- F. School Improvement/Goals Committee (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Bryce Simpson & John Hogland)
- G. Ad Hoc Committees – IT (Jami Romney FitzGerald & John Hogland), Facilities- (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Gordon Schmill, & Bryce Simpson), Curriculum/Professional Development (Jami Romney FitzGerald & John Hogland), Academic Achievement – (Debbie Lester, Shiloh Lucier & John Hogland), Wellness (Jami Romney FitzGerald & Shiloh Lucier).

XIII. Correspondence – none.

XIV. Board Recognition - Send recommendations to Superintendent Meyer prior to the next regular board meeting.

ADJOURNED 8:46 p.m.

Approved: September 15, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Debbie Lester  
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson  
District Clerk

**Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**September 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Superintendent's Office**

**Call to Order:** The Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m. by Chair Debbie Lester. Trustees Jami Romney FitzGerald, David Weber, Gordon Schmill, John Hogland via Google Meeting, Bryce Simpson in person and Shiloh Lucier via phone. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principal Aaron Griffin and Deputy Clerk Stacie Mether.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting opened with the pledge of 9:00 a.m.

**Public Comment:** Debbie Lester thanked everyone for their kind thoughts on the loss of her husband.

**Business:**

A. New Business

1. Review/Action Hiring

- a. Paraprofessional Brady Coffman  
Gordon Schmill moved to the hire. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public Comment None. Unanimous
- b. Food Service – none at this time
- c. Assistant Middle School Soccer, Jessie Mancilla – rehire
- d. Assistant Middle School Football, Allen McCarty
- e. Substitute Paraprofessionals – Cody Warner, Christa Oglesby

Gordon Schmill moved to the hire as listed. Dave Weber seconded the motion. Public Comment None. Unanimous

2. Information/Discussion: Resignations

- a. Fulltime Paraprofessional – Cody Warner
- b. Fulltime Paraprofessional – John Thaggard

ADJOURNED 9:05 a.m.

Approved: September 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Debbie Lester  
Board Chair

/s/ Stacie Mether  
Deputy Clerk



# FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>2020</b>  <b>OCTOBER</b>  	27	28	29	30	1 Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	2 Macaroni & Cheese Biscuits Cooked Carrots	3
	4	5 Chicken Sandwich Tossed Salad Fruit Cocktail	6 Waffles Sausage Hashbrowns Mandarin Oranges	7 Wiener Wraps Tater Tots Applesauce	8 Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	9 Fajita Corn Grapes	10
	11	12 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Applesauce Pickles	13 Cheeseburgers Potato Medley Peaches	14 Burritos Tossed Salad Pineapple Pudding	15 No School MEA	16 No School MEA	17
	18	19 Pulled Pork Sand Baked Beans French Fries Baked Apples	20 Chicken Strips Veggies & Dip Peaches Roll	21 Spaghetti Tossed Salad Pineapple Roll	22 Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	23 Chicken Rice Bowl Stir Fry Veg. Mandarin Oranges Fortune Cookie	24
	25	26 Taco Salad Fresh Melons Oatmeal Cookie	27 Beef Stk Finger Mashed Potatoes Cooked Carrots Roll	28 Bronc McMuffin Hashbrowns Applesauce	29 Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	30 Pizza Tossed Salad Pineapple	31
	1	2	Milk or Water Served with all Meals!!!				