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# WELCOME BACK!

BY KATELYN NUTT

This year we welcomed a new teacher to our middle school. Kaylee Clemmons, a former Ennis graduate, has returned to pass on her knowledge to a new generation of students!

Ms. Clemmons attended the University of Montana- Western in Dillon and majored in English and Secondary Education. If she could spend a day with any person dead or alive, she would pick Sylvia Plath, who was an American poet, novelist, and writer of short stories. In fact, Ms Clemmons admires Plath so much that she even has a tattoo based on her book, *The Bell Jar*! A couple of her favorite things about teaching at Ennis so far are being able to influence the lives of her students and getting to hang out with Ms. Newman, which was a childhood dream of hers.

Her goal in life changes from day to day, but a few things she would like to do are: become a college professor, work for Disney again, and become a Supreme Court Justice! Overall, she just wants to have a positive impact on the lives of others while having a passion and love for what she does.

In ten years, Ms. Clemmons wants to either be working on or finishing her PhD, be a published author, have met Brad Pitt, and have two Papillons named Ron and Helen. Her inspiration is her incredible, smart, and kind mother, who changes the lives of people every day and goes above and beyond to make a difference. Welcome back to the Ennis family, Ms. Clemmons!



# Music Fun

By Dakota MacKenzie

Ennis Schools welcomed a new Kindergarten through third grade music teacher this year! Katie McCollom is new to our school; she is still learning the names and personalities of the students, and is enjoying doing so. When asked what brought her to Montana, she responded: "My husband and I have always had the dream to live in a small town in Montana. Our dream finally came true when my husband was called over to Big Sky for a job. When we moved here to Ennis, we knew it was the right place, felt so at peace, and were (able) to find a house quickly. We got information that this school is a good place, and I decided to work here as well. Our kids have enjoyed every second since I took the position, and the staff has also been very kind and wonderful. "

This is her first time being a music teacher, but McCollom has been a classroom teacher for many years, so she wanted to try something new! The relationships that she has developed with the students have been very neat, especially connecting with her daughters more because they have been closeby. She grew up in a small town in Northern New York and was close with her parents and four sisters. She attended college in New York and received her Master's Degree in Literacy.

Mrs. McCollom and her husband have been married for 12 years and have lived in New York, Texas, South Korea, and now Montana. They have always wanted to raise their daughters Lily(5th grade),Josephine(3rd grade), and Sophie(kindergarten), in a town like this.

The music curriculum Mrs. McCollom is following is full of songs, instrument playing, movement, activities, note identification, and much more. She incorporates music from CDs and YouTube videos, which can also make the students learn and love the music. She is constantly watching her students see if they are participating and getting the information they need to do their best. McCollom wants them to

love music and also have some formal assessments. This is what some of her students have had to say about her class so far:

**Kindergarten:** *Anaiera:* "Music class is pretty cool; we get to play with the instruments. I like when we play "Old Mcdonald Had a Farm," with the Chicken dance." *Sophie:* "I love my music teacher and the songs we sing..the duck, the hen, and the lamb."

**First Grade:** *Bruce:* "A fun part of music is playing instruments, and the decorations in the room are neat." *Jack:* "I like everything in music class, especially the music videos we watch."

**Second Grade:** *Amaravei:* " Mrs. McCollom is the best music teacher ever! I like the instruments too." *Ava:* "I like that we can sing in music class and have fun with her!"

**Third Grade:** *Josephine:* "I love music class and my teacher; she makes me so happy and makes it fun."

Welcome to our school and community, Mrs. McCollom!



*Mrs. McCollom with her third grade students.*

# The Garden Diaries: Getting to Know Our New GROWW Program Director

By Lilly Connor

As we head into September, the school garden is flourishing. Our new GROWW program director, Carolyn Baker, spent this summer working in the hot, hot sun to maintain and improve our garden. She has planned lots of activities to involve and teach students about the garden throughout the school year.

In an interview with Mrs. Baker, I asked her where her inspiration for gardening came from. Her response to that question was that she wanted good, fresh, organic food for herself and her family. She enjoys gardening, and in her words, it's, "relaxing, meditating and is a safe space to just relax and let go; it's magical in the way that you are creating this thing that can go from seed to plant, from an itty bitty tiny thing that you could hold in your fingers and see it go to this thriving beautiful plant."

Over the course of this upcoming year in the garden Baker hopes to break down the garden which

consists of "putting the garden to sleep", composting, and seed saving. She also hopes this fall to plant the winter crops in the green house. Baker hopes that by doing this there will be something growing in the green house all year round.

Welcome to our school, Ms. Baker!



*School garden*

# New Kids 2021-2022

By Jodie Bittick

Ennis Schools has a lot of new students this year, and they all have different opinions on how the year is going so far. I wasn't able to interview all the new kids in this article, and I apologize if you weren't included.

First, we have Cole Kramer. Cole was not nervous to start the school year. The most positive thing that has happened so far is participating in sports, where he plans on participating in football, basketball, and track. Cole said something unique about our school is that all grades K-12 are in the same place, and he said everyone has been super welcoming.

*Cole Kramer*



Another new freshman is Allison Paulson. She was a little nervous to start school here, but everything has been very positive so far. Things she's enjoying this school year have been the fun classes and her friends, specifically Mackenzie Boyko, who has been super welcoming.

*Allison Paulson*



A new sophomore this year is Levi Whitehurst. He wasn't nervous to start school here. Levi said something good that has happened is "everything". Something unique about our school from his past school is not being allowed to have coffee in class. He said everyone has been super welcoming, and he is looking forward to participating in Speech, Drama, and Debate. Another sophomore interviewed was Camden Virden, who did not have a lot to say, but he is enjoying participating in football.

*Levi Whitehurst*



Last but not least, we have Sophia Paulson (Allison Paulson's older sister), who is a junior. Like her sister, she was also a little nervous about starting school here. Something positive that has happened to Sophia has been making friends. Sophia was surprised about the young staff in the school. She said the junior class has been super welcoming, and she is not participating in any sports or clubs yet.

*Sophia Paulson*



We hope all of our new students have a fantastic year!

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BY KATELYN NUTT

## Cassidy Carruthers

Cassidy hopes to attend Montana State University to major in architecture. Her favorite memory from high school so far is her time spent in Culinary II. Cassidy's advice for freshmen is "please, for the love of God, keep it on the down low". Her favorite pastime is scrolling through Pinterest, fantasizing about overtaking Jeff Bezos and acquiring his fortune. Her ideal life partner is Shaquille O'Neal. Despite the baldness, she appreciates his fabulous height. Cassidy hopes that in ten years she'll be living on the coast of Italy with her unbelievably attractive mafia boss husband, swimming in cash.



"If you were a transformer, you would be Optimus Fine." -Cassidy

## Lilly Connor

Lilly plans to earn a business degree at the University of Montana in Missoula. She is a skilled photographer and self proclaimed camera genius! Her favorite high school memory is her time spent in her Culinary I class. She enjoys baking and makes AMAZING fudge. Lilly hates the color yellow and thinks that it does not deserve a space on the color wheel. She wants the freshmen to know that it's important to take every opportunity and chance while you still have time. High school flies by and before you know it, you're out of here! Her life goal is to open up an extremely successful photo studio/cafe.



"Farkle. It's like a bedazzled fart.

-Mr. Burgess"

-Lilly

## Cassie Hilton

Cassie wants to attend the University of Montana-Western to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Right now, Cassie's life goal is to graduate high school. Her favorite high school memory is the state softball tournament last year. Cassie's best piece of advice for the freshman students is "don't be so stressed all the time and don't take things too seriously." If Cassie could get any tattoo right now at this very moment it would be an infinity symbol with her grandpa's name on it. She enjoys spending her time sampling all of the delicacies that Crumbl Cookies has to offer. In ten years Cassie hopes to be living life to the fullest in a big and impressive city far away from Ennis.



"Left is left, right is right." -Cassie

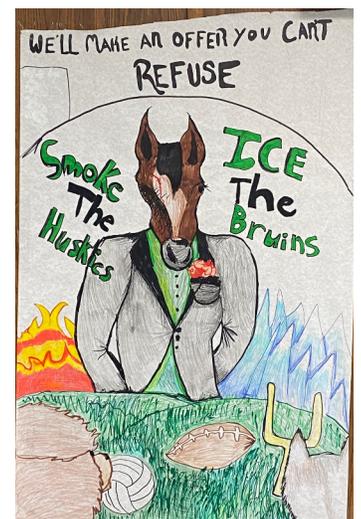
# A Hollywood Homecoming

By Kaylee Helling

Homecoming Week took place September 20-24th. On the first day of school, this year's seniors chose "Movies" for the theme of the festivities. Dress-up Days consisted of "Ancient Civilizations" on Monday, "Frat vs. Sorority" on Tuesday, "Country vs. Country Club" on Wednesday, "Decades" on Thursday, and "Green and White" day on Friday. Each class chose a different movie to base their float and poster decorations on, with the freshmen selecting *The Godfather*, the sophomores selecting *Rocky* the juniors going with *Jurassic Park*, and the seniors choosing *Star Wars*.

Competitions took place all week long, including a poster contest, dress-up day contest, street decorating competition, bonfire item contest, and float decoration. The senior class won overall, and the sophomores got second place, followed by the juniors, and last but not least, the freshmen. The seniors won for the dress-up days and their poster. The juniors and sophomores tied for first on their floats. The sophomores won every game at the pep rally, which was held on Thursday. There were games for each class to compete in and they cheered on the sports teams. The school bonfire took place on Wednesday evening. Students and their families attended and wished the teams luck. On Friday, Shae Lovett and Brand Ostler were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

Please see our sports pages for coverage of the Homecoming games.



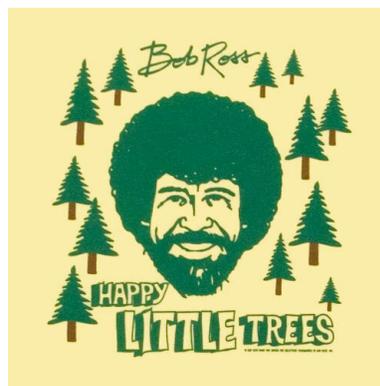
# Happy Trees

By Cassidy Carruthers

On Tuesday, Sept. 25, junior high science teacher Anthony Gossack took the sixth and seventh graders to plant trees in the Lions Club and Comely Way Parks. I asked him some questions about how this nature-loving expedition went.

Mr. Gossack decided to take these middle schoolers planting because four trees died in Lions Club, and two died in Comely Way Park due to the late frost. In total they planted six trees, which then took them two and a half hours. He says they didn't quite finish before they had to return to the school.

Every year the fifth graders plant trees for Arbor Day in the spring. For the last two springs the students have not been able to participate because of COVID. The sixth and seventh graders that missed that chance to plant were given a second opportunity to help out.



# Kicking Off the Season

By Justin Kloote

The 2021 Mustang football season is underway. For their first game, they played Fort Benton. it was a tough battle for both teams, but it ended with Fort Benton winning 50-24. Sophomore Chaz Veland said that their offense was sloppy, "but the defense was impeccable". He also mentioned that the team needs to improve on doing their jobs on both offense and defense.

Coach Speck said their offense moved the ball well, and they were scoring quickly. He mentioned that they had good snapshots but needed to work on staying in their zone. He said that he was very anxious about the first game and how their team would come together, and he thinks they will continue to get better on their discipline and in their positions.

For the Mustangs second game of the season they traveled to Park City to face off against the Panthers. After 4 quarters of fighting, Park City came out on top with a score of 44-20. Junior Nicky Johnson said they had good ball movement on offense. He also mentioned that they need to work on their discipline.

The next game the Mustangs played was against Joliet. After four quarters, Joliet came out on top with a score of 36-6. Sophomore Caden Keller said that their defensive and offensive lines performed well, but he said the team needed more endurance.

On September 17, they played the Forsyth Dogies. After a long game for both teams, the Ennis Mustangs came out on top with an impressive score of 56-18. Junior Andrew Beardsley said that their offense scored fast, and their defense played well. Beardsley also mentioned that their team needed to work on their intensity. He said that the Mustangs have gotten through the hardest teams and should have a good shot at the playoffs.

For their next game they faced off against the Absarokee Huskies. Both teams put up a good fight, but Ennis came out on top with a score of 61-16. Junior Noah Wilson, MVP of the game, said that their defense was playing really well and did a good job shutting down the Huskies' passing. He also mentioned that their offense was very good at opening holes for the running backs.

The Mustangs have 3 more games left of the regular season. We hope to see them in the playoffs.



# Serving Up Victories

By Kaylee Helling

This year's Lady Mustangs are off to a great start. Their first game was against the Sheridan Panthers at home. It started off kind of slow because the Sheridan Panthers were behind, and it took awhile for them to start scoring. In the end, JV and V soundly defeated their opponents in 3 sets each. A few days later, both teams played in West Yellowstone and defeated the Wolverines. Again, both teams won in 3.

In the varsity game against Lone Peak, the Big Horns put up a strong fight, but the Lady Mustangs came out on top. For their Homecoming game, the volleyball team played Gardiner, and we took the win in 4 sets. It wasn't a very intense game to end the homecoming week, but it was still good game to get the victory.

Most of The Lady Mustangs have been playing volleyball since kindergarten in Coach Klein's camps. They put in the work and effort to keep up their good reputation on the court and at practice. So far they're on a winning streak and have won every game.

Sophomores Addy Oliver and Noni Dilschneider said that everyone on the team is getting along great and working together well, and that everyone is getting progressively better. They also mentioned that with Senior Ellawynn Morrison getting injured and being out for several weeks, it's been different without her on the court, and no one has been able to fill her spot on the court to be as good as her. As the season continues into October, they will have several more games, including Senior Night against Harrison on October 19th. Tune in next month for more news about the Lady Mustangs volleyball season.



# Moving Mustangs

By Lilly Connor

Off to the races we go! The high school cross country (XC) team kicked off their season in Bozeman. Everyone achieved a new personal record (PR) and had a wonderful time in the 70°F weather.

This year the XC team is the biggest it's ever been. In past years the team has been dominated by mostly boys. Now they have a total of six girls and five boys on the high school team, the junior high also has a larger team this year with nine runners .

In an interview with Coach Diehl, I asked her about her expectations for this season. Her former expectation was that everyone would stay healthy and the season could go on without any hitches. However the team has experienced some illness, and her current expectation is for everyone to improve in their own way and hopefully enjoy the season. This is now her third year as assistant coach with head coach Mrs. Legg, and she has enjoyed each season as much as the last.

Recently there have been a couple people out from the team, but the few that were able to practice and compete went to Missoula on Saturday the 18th of September

for the Mountain West XC meet. This was one of the biggest meets that they have competed in this year. It was a fun meet with a lot of competitors and a wonderful experience overall.

Later this month on October 23rd the XC team will travel back to Missoula for the this year's state meet. All runners have qualified, and if all goes well, all will be in attendance.

Wish our runners luck as they enter the homestretch of their season!



# WILDFIRE SEASON

BY RUBY BLAZER

This has been an especially smokey season for the northwestern states. Fires have been burning all across Montana for months now, and the fact that the mountains disappeared for a hot minute (get it?) proves it.

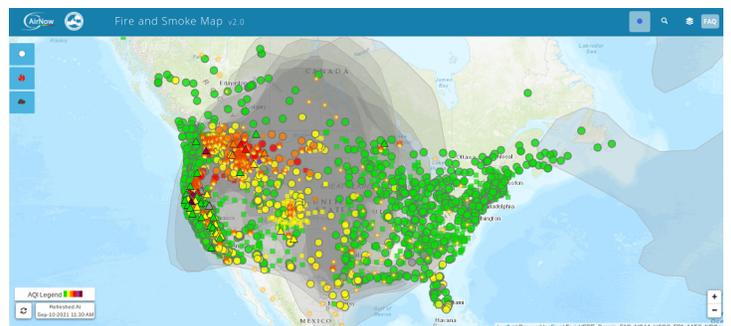
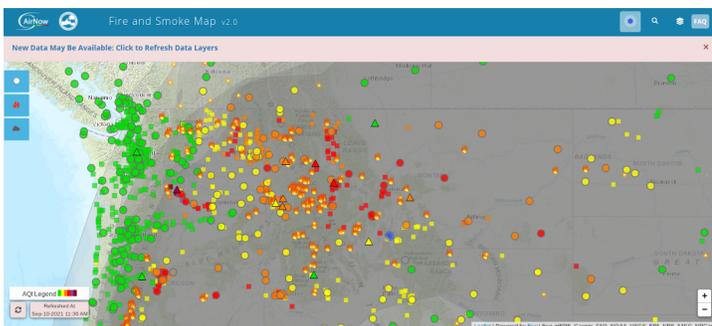
Dale Olson, Ranger for the Madison District of the Forest Service, says the main cause of the fires and smoke we are getting this year was a mix of the lightning from the thunderstorms and the dry, hot weather. He also says the season was especially long this year, starting in early July as opposed to the usual mid-August. Additionally, it seems to be ending late since the fires got large so quickly.

62% of people living in Montana live in areas at elevated risk of wildfires. That's over 600,000 people! According to KTVQ, since January 1st there have been more than 2,160 wildfires in Montana with over 827,000 acres and 50 residences burned. The closest fire this year to Ennis was the Goose fire 32 miles southeast of town. It burned 7522 acres in total and is now completely contained.

While Montana fires are mostly contained at this point, it isn't the only state contributing to the smoke. California has had some very bad fires this year and about 2 million acres have been burned. The Dixie fire has grown to be the second largest in California history, destroying just short of 1 million acres and five counties as of September 27th.

Below are maps of the Air Quality Index (AQI), fires, and smoke in the US from September 10, 2021. The western states were all very much burning which is indicated by the red/orange circles. Luckily, we are now more in the yellow-green area, which indicates healthier air and less fires. The rain has helped it cool down quite a bit lately, killing a lot of the fires and the smoke.

Hopefully the moisture this winter from the snow will help the heat next summer.



AQI maps both from Fire.airnow.gov



# HORRORscopes

## Halloween Themed Horoscopes

By Katelyn Nutt and Cassidy Carruthers



### ARIES

Expect to see a shadowy figure looming at the foot of your bed at about midnight on Halloween....

### GEMINI

You know that movie *It*? Maybe you should stay away from sewers for awhile.

### LEO

Do us all a favor and stay away from sharp objects for a few days...just a suggestion.

### LIBRA

Have you had an argument with a witch lately? Maybe you should apologize before you wake up tomorrow as a toad.

### SAGITTARIUS

Did you know *The Conjuring* is inspired by a true story? Maybe refrain from haunted houses this year.

### AQUARIUS

Whatever happened to that one spirit you talked to on your Ouija board last week? You should check in on him.

### TAURUS

Don't be alarmed, but you may or may not be abducted by a group of extremely aggressive aliens in the near future.

### CANCER

Vampires aren't as nice as they seem in *Twilight*. Do NOT try to date one this year.

### VIRGO

Even though the idea of eternal life sounds cool, it's not really all it's cracked up to be. Just ask Queen Elizabeth.

### SCORPIO

Hey, when are you going to confront that weird ghost girl that's been following you around lately? She's been trying to get your attention.

### CAPRICORN

How many times do we have to tell you?! DO NOT INTERACT WITH WEREWOLVES! (unless their name is Jacob Black and they live in Forks, Washington.)

### PISCES

Be aware of those you surround yourself with. One of them could be a small group of villainous garden gnomes in a large coat. You never know!

# Controversial Conundrums

By Cassidy Carruthers and Ruby Blazer

We asked the entire student body for their unpopular opinions.  
A small portion responded with the following:

"Friends" is better than "The Office."

The blue M&M is kinda fine

The books are ALWAYS better than the movies

Harry Styles isn't that attractive.

Cheesecake is disgusting

Silver jewelry is better than gold.

Ruby smells super bad, and she's really weird, but I guess that's a popular opinion.

(Thank you, Josey)

Harry Styles is delicious

Horoscopes are fake. Your astrology sign doesn't define you

# 8 QUESTIONS YOU CAN'T AVOID ABOUT MOVIES

BY OLIVIA SORENSEN

Everyone has opinions about movies. I recently interviewed some EHS students about theirs.

When asked about their favorite movies, some of their answers were: *10 Things I Hate About You*, *If I Stay*, and *The Lorax*. My favorite answer was *How to Train Your Dragon*. Additionally, I asked if there were any genres of movies that people dislike and most said horror, Netflix originals, and romantic movies. However, many others said that they love horror movies, and that's the only type of movie that they watch and enjoy. When it comes to comedy vs. action, they prefer comedy.

A heated debate amongst students is what the best movie-watching snacks are. Many students said "popcorn" and "candy" but my favorite answer was "stir-fry."

When I asked about the last time students

went to the movie theater, a lot of them said, "at after-prom." Many teenagers don't really go to the movie theaters anymore; they only go if it's a date or a new release that can't be streamed on Hulu, Netflix, Disney+, Amazon Prime and more. I personally think that movie theaters are awkward places for dates, especially when your hands touch the popcorn and all the people around you are also on a date. It's just not the move.

The last movie many students watched was *Five Feet Apart*. The most popular funny movie was, *Grown Ups*, which I agree with; it's a great movie. Many students reported that the worst movie they've watched was *The Kissing Booth* (1, 2, and 3.)

Overall the love for movies is alive and well in EHS students. Even though they all have different opinions on them, they all think that it's a great way to pass time

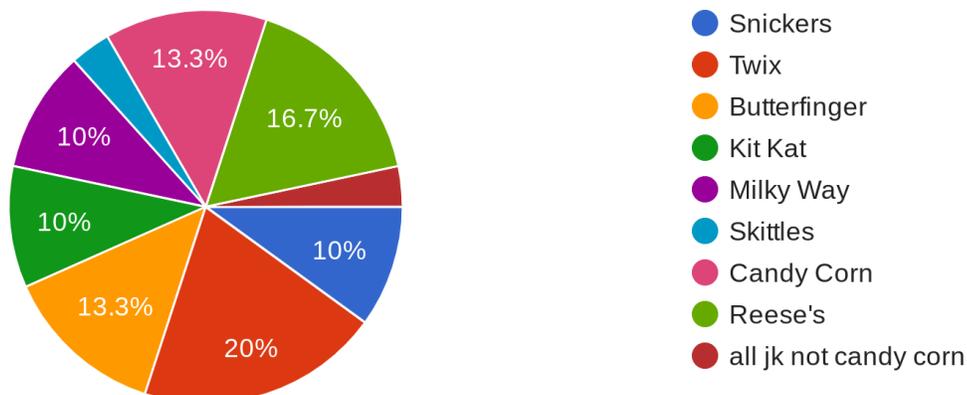
## Festive Faves

By Justin Kloote

I surveyed EHS students on their favorite Halloween candy. Results are listed in the chart below. My personal opinion is that Twix really is the best Halloween candy.

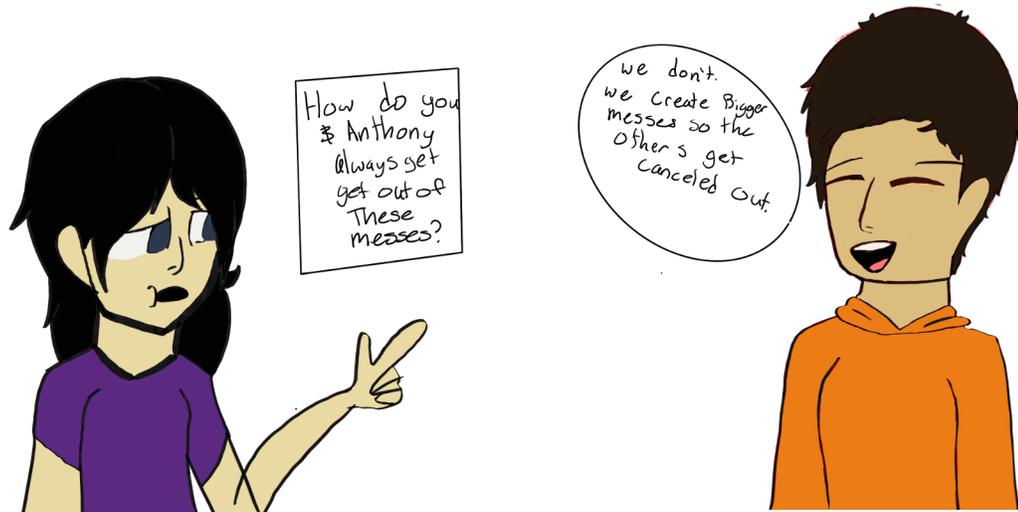
What's your favorite Halloween candy?

30 responses



# Comics

By Gray Leavitt



"Messes"

Feat. Dakota Mackenzie and Andre West



"The Typo"

Feat. Ruby Blazer, Kaylee Helling, and Justin Kloote

# UPCOMING EVENTS

- ▶ **Oct. 1**
  - ▶ HS Football vs Sheridan @ 7:00
  - ▶ HS Volleyball vs Twin Bridges (V) @ 2:30
  - ▶ JH Football vs Sheridan @ 4:00
- ▶ **Oct. 2**
  - ▶ HS Volleyball @ Manhattan Christian Tourney (V)
  - ▶ HS/JH Cross Country @ Three Forks
- ▶ **Oct. 4**
  - ▶ HS Volleyball @ Lima @ 6:00 (V)
  - ▶ JH Volleyball vs Harrison @ 3:30 (6/7/8 - Elem Gym)
  - ▶ JV Football @ Townsend @ 4:00 PM
- ▶ **Oct. 5**
  - ▶ HS Volleyball vs Three Forks (C/JV/V) @ 4:00
  - ▶ JH Volleyball vs W. Yellowstone @ 3:30 (6/7/8- Elem Gym)
- ▶ **Oct. 6**
  - ▶ ASVAB Test (Juniors)
- ▶ **Oct. 7**
  - ▶ HS Cross Country @ Helena
  - ▶ HS Volleyball vs WSS (JV/V) @ 4:00
  - ▶ JH Volleyball @ Three Forks @ 4:00 (7/8)
- ▶ **Oct. 8**
  - ▶ HS Football @ Lone Peak @ 7:00 PM
  - ▶ HS Volleyball @ Manhattan (C/JV/V) @ 4:00
  - ▶ JH Volleyball @ Manhattan Christian @ 4:00 (6th -2 games)
  - ▶ JH Volleyball @ Manhattan Christian @ 4:00 (7/8)
  - ▶ JH Football @ Lone Peak - 4pm
- ▶ **Oct. 9**
  - ▶ HS/JH Cross Country @ W. Yellowstone
- ▶ **Oct. 11**
  - ▶ C-Squad VB @ Butte - 4 p.m./Bus 2 p.m
  - JV Football @ Sheridan @ 4:00
- ▶ **Oct. 12**
  - ▶ HS Volleyball vs Shields Valley (JV/V) @ 4:00
- ▶ **Oct. 13**
  - ▶ Sports and Activity Pictures Day
- ▶ **Oct. 14**
  - ▶ JH Volleyball @ Harrison @ 4:00 (6th --2 games)
- ▶ **Oct. 15**
  - ▶ JH Volleyball @ W. Yellowstone @ 4:00 (6/7/8)
- ▶ **Oct. 16**
  - ▶ JH Football @ W. Yellowstone @ 10:00 AM
- ▶ **Oct. 19**
  - ▶ HS Volleyball vs Harrison (V) Senior Night @ 5:30C
- ▶ **Oct. 20**
  - ▶ World Strides (Oct. 20th - 27th)
- ▶ **Oct. 21**
  - ▶ No School (MEA meetings)
- ▶ **Oct. 22**
  - ▶ No School (MEA meetings)
  - ▶ HS Football vs Twin Bridges @ 7:00 Senior Night
  - ▶ JH Football vs Twin Bridges @ 4:00 PM
- ▶ **Oct. 23**
  - ▶ HS Cross Country State @ Missoula
- ▶ **Oct. 25**
  - ▶ Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 25th - 29th)
- ▶ **Oct. 28**
  - ▶ HS Volleyball Districts @ Butte or MC
- ▶ **Oct. 29**
  - ▶ HS Volleyball Districts @ Butte or MC
  - ▶ End of 1st Quarter
- ▶ **Oct. 30**
  - ▶ HS Football 1st Round of playoffs