

# Frenchtown School District



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*“It is what we know already that often prevents us from learning.”*  
Claude Bernard

Isn't that the truth?! Much of what we have learned and done in the past has been changed, questioned, and navigated as we continue with what we have done in the past while grappling with adaptations and challenges. This not only applies to the school district, but to daily lives and businesses alike.

**THANK-YOU DEBBIE LESTER**

Mrs. Lester started serving on the Frenchtown Board of Trustees in 2012 and served as the Board Chair from 2015-2021. She took a brief hiatus from serving, but was selected to fill in for a vacated seat starting in September with the term ending in May of 2022. Her calm yet direct demeanor is effective and appreciated by those who are involved in the school district. She most recently was involved in the transportation committee and the insurance committee. However, she had high interest in the curriculum committee and remained engaged as a community member in reviewing curriculum materials and documents. Her children graduated from Frenchtown and now has two generations going through FTSD! Her willingness to serve and time commitment will certainly be missed. Thanks to Debbie Lester once again!

**THANK-YOU GORDON SCHMILL**

Mr. Schmill starting serving on the FTSD board the spring of 2019. He was actively engaged and involved by being on several committees: Insurance, Safety, Negotiations, and Facilities. Mr. Schmill is a proud graduate of FTSD and has two kids who are going through the Frenchtown School System. One is graduating this spring and one will be entering his sophomore year next fall. He brought a wealth of knowledge from a safety standpoint based on his background in law enforcement. Thanks to Gordon and his service to the students, staff, and community of Frenchtown!

**WELCOME ABOARD**

The two trustees elected to the Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Were Rainier Batt and Amanda Hansen. Mr. Batt is a business owner as a refrigeration technician. Mrs. Hansen is a tax accountant for a firm in Tarkio. Both Amanda and Rainier are graduates of Frenchtown High School. Both enjoy the outdoors as well as supporting their children in the variety of organizations in which they participate.

**LUNCH PRICES**

For the past two years, breakfast and lunches have been offered to students on a free basis through the USDA Summer Foods Grant. We already know this opportunity will not be available next fall for students. Please be on the lookout for breakfast

and lunch costs starting in the fall of 2022. If breakfast and lunch costs are of concern, then please consider filling out the Free and Reduced Lunch Form. This form is located on the FTSD website: click on the tab “OUR DISTRICT” then “Food Services” and “Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Each office has copies of the forms as well.

**OPERATIONAL MILL LEVY**

The Frenchtown School District ran an operational mill levy in May of 2022 for the first time since 2008. The Missoula County Elections Office provided the following information. The operational levy failed: 570 FOR and 1221 AGAINST. 4,391 ballots were sent out for the Frenchtown Trustee Race and Levy. 2002 ballots were received. 1870 ballots were accepted, 24 ballots were rejected due to signature issues or received too late and 108 ballots were returned as undeliverable. The turnout for the election was 37.1%.

**DISCRETIONARY NONRESIDENT STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY - APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!**

FTSD #40 is currently accepting applications for out of district student's attendance during the 2022-2023 school year. However, there are specific rules about the acceptance of

nonresident students. The first one is that an application must be filled out (which includes a request for student records). Next, there is also an Office of Public Instruction form (called the FP-14) to be filled out. Lastly, except as otherwise provided by law, admission to the District as a nonresident student would be a privilege. The Board, recognizing that an educational requirement of its resident students includes the need for an orderly educational process and environment established the criteria for the discretionary admission of nonresident students:

Admission is limited by the space available for individual students at each grade level. The building principals recommended these numbers, which would best utilize current staff. The number of out of district students FTSD will accept at each grade level for 2022-2023:

- **K-3 Grades** – availability is limited. Third grade is currently open for out of district students. Students wanting to apply in the other grades as an out of district student will be placed on a waiting list. Determinations will be made in August.
- **Intermediate (Grades 4-5)** 4<sup>th</sup> grade is open and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is closed for now. All students wanting to apply as an out of district student will be placed on a waiting list. Determinations will be made in August.
- **Middle School** – all students wanting to apply as an out of district student will be placed on a waiting list. Determinations will be made in August.
- **Frenchtown High School** – all students wanting to apply as an out of district student will be placed on a waiting list. Determinations will be made in August.

If you have any questions or want an application for discretionary nonresident student attendance at FTSD, please contact one of the following building principals or the district superintendent.

District Superintendent - Les Meyer at 626-2600

High School Principal – Jake Haynes at 626-2670

Middle School Principal – Aaron Griffin at 626-2650

Intermediate School Principal – Riley Devins at 626-2622

Elementary School Principal – Jodi Hall at 626-2620

Admitting nonresident students has been a win-win situation financially for both the school district and the district taxpayers. The admission of the students created additional revenue for the district through increased ANB, while not increasing its

expenses.

### 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The 2022-2023 School year starts Wednesday, August 24, 2022 and the last day of school would be on Thursday, June 1, 2023. The Christmas Break begins on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 with students returning to school on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Thanksgiving and Spring Breaks are both 5 days (including the weekend). The 2023 Frenchtown High School graduation is set for Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 1:00 pm.

**See the 2022-2023 School Calendar included in this Newsletter.**

### FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

For first grade through the eighth grade, the first day of school will be on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 and will be a normal day of school. However, at the high school it will be an orientation day where only Freshman and students new to the district will be required to come to the first day of the 2022-2023 school year on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The schedule would be for an 8 period day (both A day and B day classes) as the Freshman and new students would go through their entire schedule for the day. The day will include meetings that both parents and students can attend. Look for more information and an orientation schedule in the August 2022 school newsletter.

### CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR

Saying hello and welcome is always fun and exciting; however, saying good bye can be hard. We have to say good-bye to several employees this spring who have been vital to the day to day operations of the school district. From teachers to bus drivers and to paraprofessionals who have earned their right to retire we want to say thank you and best of luck on the next endeavor/adventure!

The building principals and secretaries will complete their year on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. The district office staff and the superintendent work throughout the entire summer. Our custodial and maintenance staff spends the summer refurbishing the buildings and grounds in preparation for the next school year. With that said, the summer is increasingly shorter and shorter. We have summer school, Title services, sport camps, and community events. All of this is great which makes the schools of Frenchtown true community centers. It does create challenges however, when cleaning, fixing, and maintenance needs to occur. There will be times when certain parts of the buildings and grounds will need to be closed in order for our people to get what needs done...done.

### THE K-12 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF FOR 2022-2023

Jodi Hall - Elementary Principal

Riley Devins - Intermediate Principal/Director of Academic Services

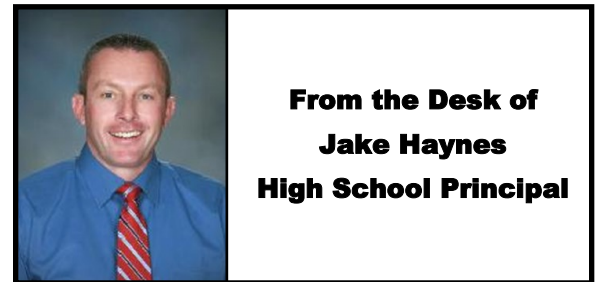
Aaron Griffin – Middle School Principal

Jake Haynes – FHS Principal

Jennifer Demmons – Special Services Coordinator

Les Meyer – Superintendent

We hope each of you have a nice summer where you are able to relax, get some projects, done, and be able to spend some quality time with family and friends. If not, then July 4<sup>th</sup> will be here before we even realize it. Once July 4<sup>th</sup> hits, then August seems to arrive two weeks earlier than it should! Then all of a sudden school hits and we are rolling once again!



New Rankings have been released!

Frenchtown High School Ranks.....

#5 in Montana High Schools

#1 in Missoula, MT Metro Area High Schools

**Thank-You Parents, Guardians and Friends of the Frenchtown School Community!**



The Class of 2022 has seven students with a perfect 4.0. Your Valedictorians are: Cassidy Bagnell, Delaney Jarrett, Chloe Long, Liv Peters, Sean Rody, Kiana Sivak and Sadie Smith.

Cooper Faust is the 2022 Salutatorian. We are very proud of their hard work and dedication!



Cassidy Bagnell

Delaney Jarrett



Chloe Long

Liv Peters



Sean Rody

Kiana Sivak



Sadie Smith

Cooper Foust



**ACADEMIC LETTERING:** Students will be awarded an academic letter if they meet the following requirements:

- Maintain a cumulative 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 cumulative 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).

**Congratulations** to the following students who will be receiving a letter/pin:

Aaseng, Scarlett  
 Evans, Carah  
 Godin, Alexis  
 Goodin, Seth  
 Hesse, Conner  
 Johson, Sarah  
 Lloyd, Kara  
 Long, Corbin  
 Martin, Analiese  
 O'Brien, Cassidy  
 Olson, Eliana  
 Quinn, Eli  
 Romine, Samuel  
 Sailer, Evan  
 Sheppard, Peter  
 Smith, Sadie  
 Smart, Samuel  
 Stark, Ty  
 Stewart, Adeline  
 Visscher, Julia  
 Washburn, Arturo  
 Arreola-Sharp, Carmen  
 Boudreaux Beau  
 Cordova Celina

Cranney Sage  
 Crepeau Ellie  
 Cummins Olivia  
 Dana Aila  
 Dana Jasmine  
 Deuter Savannah  
 Guptill Trinity  
 Harris, Bella  
 Hartman Makenna  
 Hendrickson Keaten  
 Jarrett Bailey  
 Kleinsmith Matthew  
 Klimpel Kellen  
 Leishman Adam  
 Lewis Addyson  
 Lindseth Cassandra  
 Lucier, Joshua  
 Lynn Sybil  
 Martin Caden

Michaud Connor
Nielson Hallie
Phillippi Benjamin
Rausch Noah
Stagg Willow
Tofanelli Noah
White Carter
Zachariasen Arianna
Adams, Michael
Arnold, Ella
Ashby, Juna
Bagnell, Cassidy
Beatty, Toni
Botkin, Kayla
Datsopoulos, Evangelia
Ellington, Evan
Faulhaber, Abigale
Foust, Cooper
Garrard, Elena

Habeck, Carlie
Jarrett, Delaney
Kromney, Lyssah
Lloyd, Emma
Long, Chloe
Peters, Liv
McMillan, Emma
McPhillips, Ava
Niekamp, Catherine
Rankin, Mikelann
Rehbein, Emily
Rody, Sean
Russell, AnnaElise
Sailer, Elijah
Sherwood, Shelby
Sivak, Kiana
Smith, Demi
Smith, Sadie
Waldron, Jaxson
Yocum, Madelyn



On April 26 - April 28, 2022, the students in Frenchtown's Jobs for Montana's Graduates (JMG) program traveled to Helena, MT to participate in the 2022 IGNITE Montana Conference. The IGNITE Conference consisted of three interactive days with professional development activities/workshops that focus on skills competition, professional networking, leadership development, and team building skills. During the conference, students participated in a series of competitive events with other high school students from around the state that included: Decision Making, Critical Thinking, Meme Development, Public Speaking, Employer Engagement, Poster Design, Employment Preparation, Career Exploration, Individual Civic Activities, and a Talent Show. The last day, the students attended an awards banquet luncheon where they were recognized and celebrated their success. It was a great couple of days and the students of Frenchtown High School represented their school in a professional and dignified manner and connections and impressions were made that they will be able to carry with them for a long time. Thank you for your support throughout the year!

The following students were recognized for their hard work and achievement in the following categories/events

- Decision Making (11th Grade)  
**Aila Dana - 2nd Place**
- Decision Making (12th Grade)  
**Michael Larson - 2nd Place**

Individual Civic Activity (Community Service Award)  
**Kelsey Compton - 1st Place**

- Poster Design (9th 12th Grade)  
**Trinity Iampen - 3rd Place**  
**Lendynn Newman - 3rd Place**  
**Aila Dana - 2nd Place**  
**Dylan Beich - 2nd Place**  
**Kelsey Compton - 1st Place**  
**Kaitlynn Mann - 1st Place**

Critical Thinking (Grades 10-12)  
**Jack Larson - 3rd Place**  
**Eli McGhee - 3rd Place**  
**Caitlyn Wilcox - 2nd Place**

Meme (Grades 9-12)  
**Dreven Anderson - 3rd Place**  
**Thatcher Pier - 3rd Place**  
**Chloe Helvick - 2nd Place**  
**Emily Kaminski - 1st Place**

Employment Engagement (Grades 9-10)  
**Caitlyn Wilcox - 3rd Place**  
**Spencer Hjelle - 2nd Place**

Chairman Recognition Award (Outstanding Student in the Classroom)  
**Gracie Martello**

The following sophomores, due to their sustained academic excellence, will be inducted into National Honor Society for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Carah Evans
- Alexis Godin
- Kody Gurr
- Sarah Johnson
- Analiase Martin
- Cassidy O'Brien
- Eliana Olson
- Eli Quinn
- Sadie Smith
- Adeline Stewart
- Julia Visscher
- Caitlyn Wilcox



To the Frenchtown Community - From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the outpouring of love and generosity celebrating the 1st Annual Bette Paskey Memorial Softball Tournament. While certainly bittersweet, the weekend was uplifting and full of beautiful stories to remember her by. We were truly touched to see so many turn out to celebrate her and her endless contributions to this wonderful town we are fortunate to live and have grown up in. Thank you again for your kind actions and words - we could not ask for better neighbors and supporters.

The Paskey Family

## 6-12 COUNSELORS' CORNER

BETH TERZO

ROBYN RICHARDSON

### 2022-2023 SCHEDULES

High School student class schedules for next year will be distributed to students May 23rd. Students will be able to make changes to their schedule May 23rd-26th. Students may change their schedules **ONLY** if they are missing a required class, need to add a class based on career or college choices, or if a student would like to add/change an honors class.

Schedule changing appointments for **students new to the district** can be made with the counselors by calling the High School Office at 626-2670. Appointments will be scheduled for the week before school begins.

### TESTING

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

The Class of 2024 will take the ACT for free in the spring of 2023. The Class of 2025 will take the Pre-ACT for free in spring of 2024.

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

Student will be able to take the PSAT on Wednesday, October 12th for around \$20.00

### FRESHMAN/NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

The first day of class at the high school next year, August 24<sup>th</sup>, will be for new students and freshmen only. We will orient our new students to Frenchtown High School and make the day fun while hopefully relieving any anxiety. Student mentors will help inform new students about FHS expectations and tips for success. Students will go through their schedules, meet teachers and practice their locker combinations. We are really excited about the start of the new school year and building relationships with our new students. A letter will be sent home detailing this important day.

### SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS:

Following graduation, Ms. Richardson will be sending senior transcripts for those who have requested them. Transcripts are sent directly to the colleges. If you have not requested your final transcript, please do so no later than June 9th. Requests must include the student name, university name, and email or address of the school. Transcript re-

quests made after this date must be requested via email to [robynrichardson@ftbroncs.org](mailto:robynrichardson@ftbroncs.org). Transcript requests sent after June 9th will not be processed until after August 15th.

### GRADUATION BOOK:

The Class of 2022 graduation book is available on the school district website ([ftsd.org](http://ftsd.org)).

### POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

It is important to plan for the future! Reach Higher MT offers many resources to assist you with this process. Visit <https://www.reachhighermontana.org/> to see what they have to offer.

The portal is an online gateway to the Montana University System. From career planning to financial aid, the site has everything students and their parents need to chart their course for life after high school.

Calendars, planning guides and other tools help students and their families plan smart and stay organized. Students can calculate how much they'll need to earn to live the lifestyle they want. Parents can calculate tuition and fees and find strategies to minimize debt. Families can explore their student's post-high school options, including two-year programs, apprenticeships, certificate programs and military service.

### DRIVER'S EDUCATION FALL 2022

Eligible students have been placed in the fall class and will be notified with receipt of their schedule. Students not making it into the fall semester class will remain on the list for spring placement. The spring class will be scheduled the second week of January. Students may add or remove their name from the list at any time prior to the start of classes.

Remember to make the most of your summer. Visit college campuses, volunteer, job shadow, search for scholarships, and write a few practice essays!

Have a terrific summer. We look forward to a wonderful 2022-2023 school year.



Frenchtown School District received two checks from the Missoula Electric Cooperative to fund projects for both the Frenchtown Adventure Club (\$2,500) and the Bronc

Stampede/Science Palooza (\$2,100). Thanks you so much Missoula Electric Cooperative for supporting FTSD!



## Special Olympics 2022

After a two year break due to covid, the Special Olympics area games were finally held in May. The event was somewhat smaller this year with no swimming events, but Frenchtown sent a team of nine athletes to compete in the track and field events at Big Sky High School. The weather was perfect on May 4th and all of our competitors took the podium in at least one event. "I liked seeing kids from other schools and having my parents there" said Freshman athlete Rebekah Hood. In addition to our nine athletes, the Broncos team was accompanied by three exceptionalities students who went along to assist and support our competitors. Senior, Kaylyn Kolar commented, "It was great to see our team compete with other schools and to be a part of the fun." This year, instead of Blue Red and White ribbons, athletes were awarded Gold Silver and Bronze medals on the podium. If you happen to see one of our Special Olympians be sure to congratulate them on their victory.





**FHS Senior Aryanna Green**

### Stop by and see the High School Inclusion Mural outside of room 122

When I started in the exceptionalities program my junior year I had no idea I would become so invested in this community. I went from only coming into the classroom for my designated class period, to every time that I could. I wanted to leave a lasting memory on this

school and bring attention to something I really care about. When I started the mural in September of 2020 I never knew how much time, effort, and perfectionism it would require, but in the end it was all worth it. I really care about the special education department and all the kids involved. "Inclusion Starts Here" is a really important phrase because it means bringing general education students into the special education classroom while still keeping confidentiality, professionalism, and privacy. Just by drawing and painting this mural I got so many questions on what it meant, or what it was for. I got to explain the importance of my work to my fellow students and why I cared so much about it. I will miss this community but I know I am passing it on to good hands.



The Vocational Skills class has been working extra hard to fill our first printing order from an area

business. Bitterroot Flower Shop ordered over 250 shirts, aprons and hats to be used as uniforms for their employees. "I'm really proud of our production team for their effort. They came in on their own time to help with the project," said Lisa Fall, the paraeducator in charge of vocational class activities.

This was our biggest job so far and took almost a month to complete. The process involved converting the three color logo to work on our printing systems.

Then we cut each color separately on our vinyl cutter and finally did a separate pressing for each color on each garment. According to Bitterroot Flower Shop Office Manager Judi Willett, "When we were in need of a new work uniform, the first thing I thought was maybe the students in Frenchtown could help us out. Having a friendship with Lisa Fall and knowing the great projects she does with her students, I asked if it was a task they would be up for and they immediately got to work. The shirts they have completed are great. We are super excited to be working with the students at Frenchtown High School and are looking sharp here at Bitterroot Flower Shop! Go Broncs!"





## Frenchtown Community Coalition

Working to create a healthy, engaged, and unified community for the youth of Frenchtown

The Frenchtown community Coalition is excited to announce its first annual Frenchtown Youth Summit on **August 3-5, 2022**, at Frenchtown High School. All students ages 13+ are welcome to attend. Breakfast and lunch are provided! Registration is **FREE!** Please go to: [FrenchtownCommunityCoalition.com/youth-summit](http://FrenchtownCommunityCoalition.com/youth-summit) to find the registration forms and more information. If your student is from Frenchtown Middle School or Frenchtown High School, they do not need an advisor in attendance; however, **parents are required to drop-off and pick-up their own students.** The agenda for the Summit is available to view on the above website. If parents are interested in attending, they are more than welcome, we only ask that they also fill out a registration form. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Reagan Mecham at: [ReaganMecham@ftbroncs.org](mailto:ReaganMecham@ftbroncs.org).

# FRENCHTOWN YOUTH SUMMIT

**AUGUST 3-5, 2022**

 **Frenchtown High School, Frenchtown, MT**

**Learn new ways to prevent substance use in your community! Join youth from around Montana to learn about the latest underage substance use trends and prevention strategies!**

### Featured Speaker:



**Michael DeLeon,**  
Steered Straight

Michael DeLeon is the CEO and founder of Steered Straight, Inc. His purpose is to reach youth and young adults through motivational speaking, life-sharing seminars, and interactive curriculum in order to impact the minds of youth to steer their lives in positive ways and encourage them to make positive life choices. Michael will present three seminars, in person, at the Frenchtown Youth Summit.

**No registration fee! Donations welcome.  
Breakfast and lunch provided.**

Registration forms can be found at:  
[FrenchtownCommunityCoalition.com/youth-summit](http://FrenchtownCommunityCoalition.com/youth-summit)

Please submit questions and registration forms to:  
[ReaganMecham@ftbroncs.org](mailto:ReaganMecham@ftbroncs.org)



If you have questions or would like to join the Frenchtown Community Coalition, please contact [FTCC@ftbroncs.org](mailto:FTCC@ftbroncs.org) or call 406-626-2772







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

**Students Schedules for 2022-2023**

- All student schedules will be posted in late June for the 2022-2023 school year in Infinite Campus
- All electives will still be done on a quarter basis and students will not get a choice of electives
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade band and choir will be during advisory from 12:45 to 1:30 pm on an A/B rotation.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade music will be from 2:45-3:30 pm. To meet Montana Accreditation Standards all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have to be in a music class. Students can be in band and choir both if they choose. Students not in band will have to take a general music/choir class.

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be closed to Out-of-District Students at this time for the 2022-2023 school year. All MS grades will have a waiting list for Out-Of-District students at this time for the 2022-2023 school year.

Enrollment trends in the MS will continue to drop the next two year as smaller classes enter from the Intermediate School. By looking at the K-4 current student enrollment numbers, it could be quite a few years before Frenchtown Middle School hits 360 to 370 again. However, the enrollment surge will hit Frenchtown High School with the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade entering HS in 2022-2023 school year will put it over 520 to 540 students.

**Middle School Honor Society**

- ◆ FMS had its first ever Middle School Honor Society Induction Ceremony on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.
- ◆ It is estimated that we had over 250 people in attendance.
- ◆ Special Thanks to Mrs. Julie Lucier and Mr. Les Meyer for help organizing and speaking at this event.

**Start of MS Sports in August**

- **MS Football:** Monday, August 23, 2022 at 3:30 pm in the MS Commons
- **MS Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball:** Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 3:30 pm
- Middle School Parent Fall Sports:** Monday, August 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the MS gym
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade can participate in the following sports:** MS Cross Country, MS soccer, MS Wrestling (boy's/girl's), MS track
- The MS will not use DRAGONFLY in 2022-2023 – We will go back to handing all paper work in (current physical after May 1, parent permission to participate, concussion forms) to the MS Office.

**Congratulations**

To the following 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for a perfect 4.0 for the last three years at Frenchtown Middle School.

Left to Right:

- Konnor Klimpel – Son of Joe and Mandi Klimpel
- Aleah Knight – Daughter of David and Sarah Knight
- Ellyn Lewis – Daughter of Kipp and Robyn Lewis





**Getting Ready For Middle School**

Ms. Luth came over to the South Campus to talk with all the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students about the up and coming 2022-2023 school year and all the ins and outs of the schedule. This was a great opportunity to give the kids a look into Middle School life. Thank you Ms. Luth for spending some time helping our 5<sup>th</sup> graders navigate this transition.



**Teacher Appreciation Week**

Teacher appreciation week was very special. Thank you so much to the PTA for all the amazing things that they setup for the Frenchtown Intermediate Teachers. Listed below are the events that took place May 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>:

- Monday** – Energize Your Teacher- Afternoon Cold Brew and Snacks
- Tuesday** – Feed Your Teacher– Breakfast
- Wednesday** – Love Your Teacher - Flower Sale/ Appreciation Notes for Teacher
- Thursday** – Cinco de Mayo - Pizza at Old Bull with a Raffle Give Away
- Friday** – Pamper your teacher (PTA Sponsored Massages)



**Dalton Brings Home Gold At The Special Olympics**

With a high energy and excitement, Dalton walked through the Elementary hall getting ready to compete in the 2022 Special Olympics. He knew from the start that it was going to be a great day, but by the end you knew that it was much more than that. His day was filled with action

and excitement on the Special Olympics stage placing in both the 25 meter run and the Softball throw. Dalton placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 25 meter run and again in the softball throw. When asked about the day, Dalton shared, “ It was great, man! I had a great time and I had fun showing everybody else my medals. I was cool with that as well.” Great Job Dalton!



**Sessions #5 and #6 Five Week Climbing Classes Finished**

Rock climbing sessions #5 and #6 were a great success and FTSD is looking forward to sessions #5 and #6 that will start late in April and go through May. After sessions #5 and #6 are finished, over 90 students will have went through a five week rock climbing course in FTSD. Special thanks to Joe DiFulgeni, Haven Devereux and Caitlyn McIver



**Rise Big Sky Challenge**

The Frenchtown Intermediate and Elementary GT group participated in the RISE Big Sky Challenge. The challenge was to identify natural hazards in our community and come up with a plan to prepare for or respond to those hazards. Our group's project was to help families prepare emergency kits to carry in their cars so that if they are stranded in severe weather or have to evacuate in an emergency, they will be prepared. The students had a table at the Science Palooza where people could put together their emergency kits with a first aid kit, emergency blanket, flashlight, bottled water, and a snack. They were able to provide emergency kits to over 100 people. They presented their project at the challenge summit on April 28th in Missoula and took 2nd place, beating several high school teams. Besides receiving implementation funds for the kits, they won an \$800 prize! Students participating in the challenge are: Elliette Kruschke, Huxley Free, Josie Sallee, Brayden Moran, Jackson Tucker, Henley Harris, Brady Nygard, Braden Sullivan, and Clay Lewis.

Not Pictured: Huxley Free and Brayden Sullivan



**Letters Across the Country (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

Mrs. Peters' class was excited to hear back from their pen pals in Massachusetts today this month. Her class is looking forward to writing back to them again and setting up a having a zoom call with them before the ends of the school year.



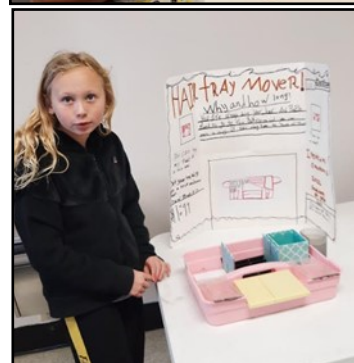
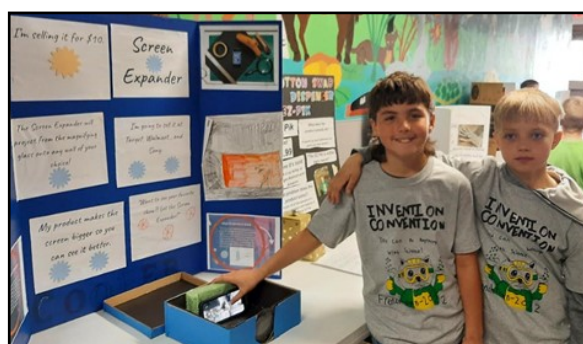
**Spring Concerts**

The spring concerts were amazing as ever. We are so blessed to have such a strong kid focused music and arts department at FTSD. It was great to see all the parents and community that came out to support our kids. Special thanks to Mrs. Petroff, Mrs. Blass and Mrs. Dungan for all their hard work with our kids.



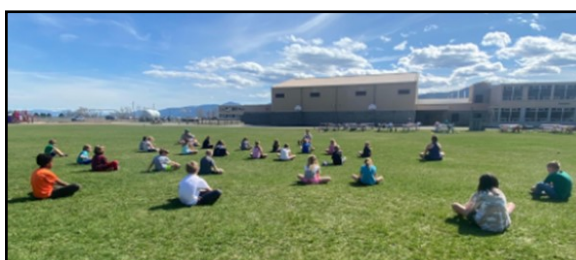
**Invention Convention**

The Invention Convention was a big hit in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Students stretched their limits and came up with fun ideas that turned into inventions. This was a great way for kids to take on a hands on project and turn it into something useful in society.



**Run Club Grades 2-5**

Run Club has been a load of fun for the past 6 weeks. Kids grades 2-5 have spent time training and running not only at the school but around the community. The adventure club has allowed for students to participate in after school programs and teachers to be compensated for their time. Great job everyone for giving students new opportunities.



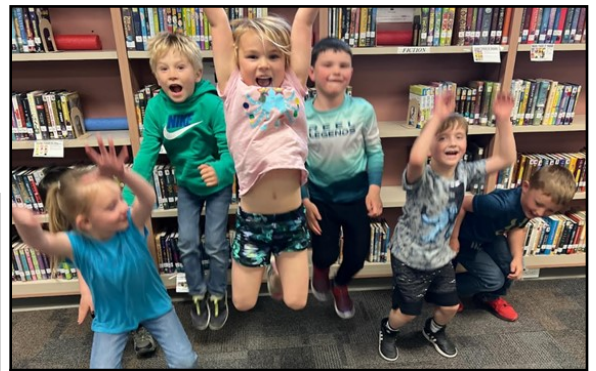
**Golf Is In Full Swing**

Special thanks to Tim Bakker for coming in and working on golf skills with the K-5 students. It was a lot of fun to watch students throughout the week learn the ins and outs of golf from a golf pro. We are so lucky in Frenchtown to have such skilled people that can give back to our kids and the community.



**Council Grove 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip**

Our students had the opportunity to attend Council Grove on a Fieldtrip with the Naturalist. This was a great opportunity to learn about native plants, erosion and different impacts on our ecosystem.



**Kindergarten Writing Club**

Kindergarten students worked with Whitney Peters after school on books that they create and illustrate with the help of High School Students. This was a fun and interactive after school program that was run through the Adventure Club



**Frenchtown Elementary Newsletter 2022**

Hello Everyone, Happy Spring!. We are moving into another exciting time of the school year, helping students wrap up and move to the next phase of their school journey. We have had a great year filled with numerous growing moments. Students have filled their brain with knowledge, friendships have been built, places where seen, and parents have supported. Thank you for volunteering, supporting with homework, and helping us all grow into a better version of ourselves within our school community. As summer approaches, I hope you look forward to time with your kiddos, family and friends. Encourage your kiddos to keep their mind moving towards things they enjoy, challenge their abilities, and be willing to try and try again. Please let us know how we can best support you as we wrap up the 21-22 school year. Thank you for trusting us with your kiddos, we are blessed to do what we do. Take GREAT care.

Jodi Hall  
 PK-3 Elementary Principal  
 406-626-2620  
[jodihall@ftbroncs.org](mailto:jodihall@ftbroncs.org)

Kindergarten/Early Kindergarten Round- Up was hosted on Wednesday, May 11 from 6:00-7:30. Families were welcomed by our team of kindergarten teachers and special service support. We offered an opportunity to learn about expectations and what kindergarten readiness looks like from academics, physical, and social/emotional development. (Kindergarten- 48 students, EK- 5 students, TK- 4 students) **If you have a 4-5 year old student (on or before Sept 10) and are interested in Early Kindergarten or Kindergarten please call the Elementary Office or go to [ftsd.org](http://ftsd.org) to receive a registration packet for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have any questions about any of our programs, please contact us. It can be a little confusing to determine the difference between the PK, EK, TK and K programs. We are happy to visit with you and support you the best way possible. Office: 406-626-2620**



- Supporting each other from class coverage, shared lessons, a listening ear, and laughter
- Doing what we need to do to be in school from day one
- SMILING even on days when things are tough
- Supporting families
- Helping students grow socially, emotionally, mentally, physically, and academically
- Building confidence

**Monday** – Energize Your Teacher – Afternoon Cold Brew and Snacks

**Tuesday** – Feed Your Teacher – Breakfast

**Wednesday** – Love Your Teacher - Flower Sale/ Appreciation Notes for Teachers (3500 flowers)

**Thursday** – Cinco de Mayo - Pizza and Beer at Old Bull Brewing Starting at 3:30pm – Raffle Giveaways

**Friday** – Pamper your Teacher (PTA Sponsored Massages)

Gift Certificate to Broncs Grocery



Thank you to the Frenchtown PTA for organizing and supporting our teachers and school. The treats were tasty, the gifts were great, and the thought was greatly appreciated.

**Early Kindergarten (students who will be 4 on or before Sept 10)**

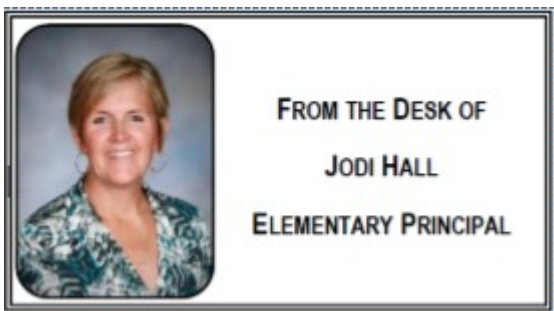
Early kindergarten has had an exciting wrap-up to their school year; as their teacher I feel so privileged to be around all 36 students each day. Seeing their growth in physical development, cognitively, academically, emotionally, and socially makes my heart smile. I am looking forward to seeing them blossom next year as kindergarten students.

We made it through a thorough study of the alphabet--our last letter being I,i. Students got to celebrate learning the long and short /i/ sound with some ice cream! Recently, students have been studying insects: butterflies, ladybugs and bees. Each week has been devoted to a specific insect; students have been learning facts about them, their lifecycle and how they contribute to plants, animals and humans. These young learners have created their own insect model through loose parts and wrote sentences describing their insect practicing basic sentence structure rules and

**Teacher Appreciation**

We are so blessed to have such an amazing staff here at the elementary school. We have so many things to be thankful for, here are just a few of the many:

- Creating a fun, engaging, loving, and safe learning environment for all students



sounding out their words—a kindergarten skill!!! Students have been extending their speaking skills by sharing opinions, describing aloud what they did during centers and sharing their creations in detail. There is a lot to learn from these young students.

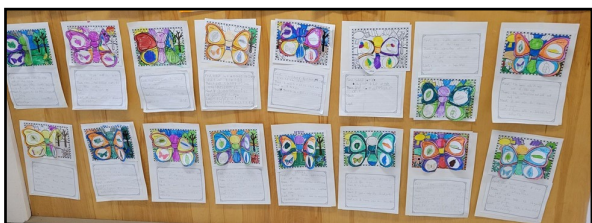
As we are approaching summer, students will be reflecting on their school year through a self-made memory book and illustrating their favorite memories, a class memory game revisiting themes and activities previously in the school year, and depicting attributes of how they looked in the beginning of the school year until now (what is the same, and how they have grown). We will be hosting an Early Kindergarten celebration ceremony before the school year ends, honoring all of their accomplishments and milestones. It has been the most wonderful school year experience as a teacher and class family. I will miss being their teacher, but cannot wait to grow more with new students in the fall.

**Transitional Kindergarten**  
**(students who are 5 on or before Sept 10. This program is for parents who would like their student to have a bit more time to grow socially/emotionally and learn the basic early literacy and math skills to prepare for kindergarten the next year)**

The TK Class had a very busy month of May! We focused on the author Eric Carle and read many of his most famous (and not-so-famous) books. We talked about similarities and differences in his stories, and were amazed at how he illustrates his books. After many read alouds and fun activities, we decided our favorite book by Eric Carle was Brown Bear, Brown Bear. We created the animals from the story with our handprints and "read" the story with our pictures as a whole class to work on our speaking skills. We have had such a fun time learning, playing and growing together in our classroom this school year and are SO ready to take on kindergarten next year!



**Kindergarten (students who will be 5 on or before Sept 10)**  
**Grout**



In the month of May, Mrs. Grout's class learned about the life cycle of a butterfly. We got little caterpillars and

watched them go into their chrysalis, then watched them emerge as butterflies, and set them loose while journaling the entire process. We also learned about space and all the planets in our solar system with the help of the NASA website. We learned about ocean animals as well. May was an action packed month as we got to do an outdoors camp (which had to be moved indoors because of rain) where we learned all about bear safety with the forest service. We also took a field trip to the Missoula Public Library and we put on a carnival. We can't believe that we have come to the end of Kindergarten so quickly. But it has been so much fun seeing these kiddos grow and learn so much over the last 9 months.

In Ms. Geaudry's classroom in May, we finished up reading groups and math. We did lifecycle observations with our pet caterpillars which became butterflies that we released. We made Mother's Day gifts and planted sunflowers seed. We got to participate in two field trips, one being at the New Missoula Public Library. We also made some fun ocean crafts, talked



about fun things to do in the summer and ended the month with our classroom tea party! May was a bittersweet time for Mrs. Spoharski. Wrapping up the school year was an exciting time but boy am I going to miss my students! It was incredible to watch these kiddos grow over the last 9 months! May was spent focusing on things the students love! We went to the greenhouse with our 4th grade buddies and planted basil and marigolds. We explored space and the different planets that make up our solar system. We learned about different artists and materials that they use. We have a lot of animal lovers in our class and spent time learning about ocean animals and farm animals! We participated in two fields during the month of May. The Frenchtown forest service came to the school and taught us how to be safe outdoors. We also got to visit the new public library!!

For the beginning of May, Mrs. Musso's class learned about dinosaurs by making our own ones out of pasta, reading many books about them, and even digging for our own fossils. During this time we also made pinatas for Cinco De Mayo. We then learned about the ocean, the animals found in the ocean, and took on a STEM challenge by trying to figure out how to clean up an oil spill in

water. Next was kids' choice week where students chose to learn about the human body, animals, trains, and building. During May we also went on two field trips. The first was on school campus, and we learned about camping, fire, hiking, and bear safety. The second trip took us to the Missoula Library where we played and learned about science. Mrs. Musso's class is now looking forward to Summer!

**Juden**  
This year has come and gone in a flash! May is always a month filled with mixed emotions, excitement for the year to come to a close and sadness as we all realize that our time is coming to a close. This month we focused on forces, senses, and what the students want to learn. We kicked off the month by making gifts for our wonderful mothers! We learned about forces through hands-on centers in our room. We built ramps that we raced cars off of, painted some suns using marbles and paint and noticed how the paint caused friction and slowed down the marbles, and tested different things in the room to see if they were magnetic. We wrapped up our month by taking time to let the students learn what THEY want to learn. I had asked the students a while ago "If you could learn about anything, what would you want to learn about?" So within the last two weeks we learned about: baking, building, airplanes, rocks (from a real geologist!), sports, animals, science, and art. I look forward to these weeks every single year! They thrive during this time. While my heart absolutely hurts to leave this school I couldn't have asked for a better group of kiddos to leave on. My time in room 115 has been full of my favorite memories so far! I am so thankful for Frenchtown Elementary and the families and kiddos I have met here.

**Junyk**  
This year was a blast! In May we wrapped up our animal and insect changing and growing unit. We focused on ducks, frogs and butterfly life cycles. Students explored their science brains by watching live caterpillars metamorphose in our class. The US forest service visited our school to teach us how to stay, stay and proct bears during outdoor summer activities. Students also attended their first ever field trip to the Missoula Public Library. Students have expanded their knowledge to help them better understand our world. It has been amazing to see students transform into brilliant unique learners. This group of students will make waves!

**1st grade**  
In first grade, May has been all about bugs, bugs, bugs! We have had fun watching the caterpillars in our classroom go through the process of metamorphosis. We can't wait to see them soon emerge as painted lady butterflies! We also have the opportunity for the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium to come into our school and teach us a lesson on "bug biomimicry". Students will have the opportunity to observe different bugs and complete engineering / design challenges inspired by the different bugs! May in first grade means bugs!!! We are learning all about insects in the classroom with a visit from the Missoula Butterfly House & Insectarium program. The students will learn about bug biomimicry and then try their hand at inventing things using the wonders found in the

the insect world.

We are watching the life cycle of butterflies in our classroom. It is so fun to watch the caterpillars make their chrysalides and then emerge as butterflies! It will be hard to say goodbye as we set them free in a couple weeks.

We cheered on our special Olympic athletes, had a visit from Smokey the Bear, and learned about writing from a local author, Mrs. Cross.

We had an amazing spring concert thanks to our two wonderful music teachers, Mrs. Petroff and Mrs. Blass. First graders are the cutest!



**2nd grade**

Second grade is gearing up for the end of an amazing school year! We are finishing up our MAP (Measured Annual Progress) testing in reading and mathematics this week and next. Students have been working very hard at trying to achieve the goals that we have set with them. We are very proud of all of our students!

Over the next few weeks, we will have 3 more field trips; This Friday, all of 2nd grade will be headed to Frenchtown Pond. Students will have the opportunity to work in different stations ranging from an art station to a STEM station to a workout station.

The following week, we will be headed to the King Ranch and the Frenchtown Fire Station. For our final field trip of the year, all of the second graders will be headed to the Nine Mile Ranger Station.

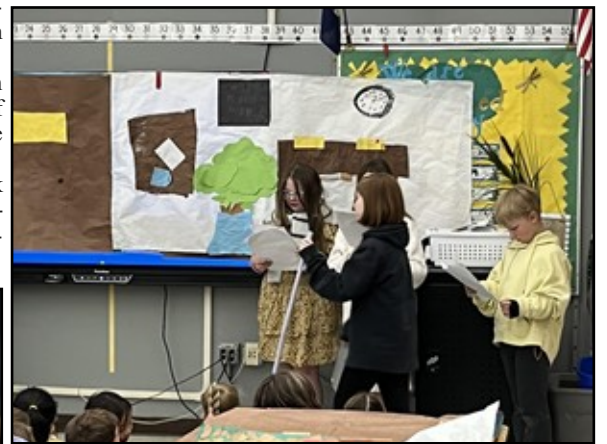
With the year rapidly coming to an end, we want to thank all of our amazing 2nd grade families for a fantastic 2021-2022 school year. Have an outstanding and fun-filled summer!



**3rd Grade**

As the school year comes to a close, the 3rd grade team has many positives and joys to celebrate and reflect on. The students truly gave everything they had during this very important year of their schooling. The team feels confident the students are prepared for the hop, skip, and jump over to the Intermediate Building for 4th grade next year.

This year will finish with two field trips: a trip to Ninemile & the Frenchtown Cemetery to conclude our 4th quarter



study of Frenchtown History. The second trip will be the annual bicycle ride from the school to Frenchtown Pond (mostly downhill), then back to the school (mostly uphill)! From the hard work displayed by students during the Iditarod reading race and other academic activities, to the amazing performances during the Holiday and spring concerts, these kiddos have shown growth far beyond what is able to be measured. We are proud of them and we look forward to seeing the amazing things they will accomplish in the future! Have a great summer from the 3rd grade team!

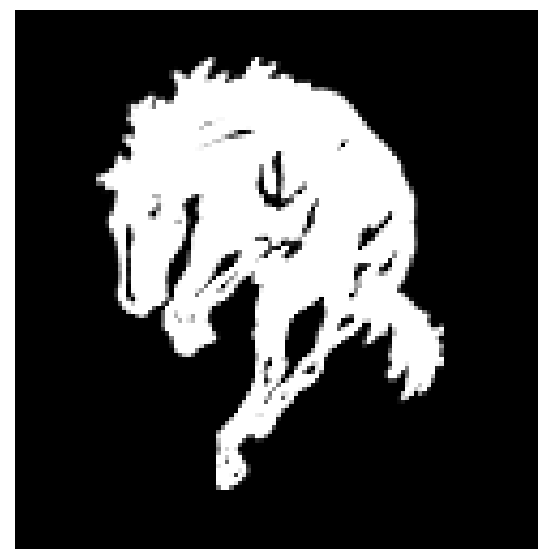
**Miss America K-2 Counseling Happenings:**

Social Emotional Learning wrapped up for the 2021-2022 school year. Students in the K-2 learned about the flight, fight and freeze responses in our brain when our amygdala has a perceived reaction to fear or anxiety. Students practiced these responses and were able to draw conclusions

Students practiced these responses and were able to draw conclusions about how their brains work in various situations. Students were able to practice these responses in a number of relevant scenarios bringing about a greater understanding of their brains reactions to strong emotions. This is important as we do have students who have faced trauma and chaos, or who may experience them in their lifetime, and understanding these responses can lead to a better grasp on why we use the coping strategies that we do. Students also rounded out the school year learning and practicing a number of grounding techniques specifically focusing on color, texture, and temperature. While it is going to take some practice, these kids are loaded with coping strategies. A kindergartner encouraged their classmates to use the texture strategy learned in class to cope with the anxiety of the spring concerts - which our students sailed through. Providing students with relevant strategies they can put into place immediately is a lifelong coping strategy to deal with events that evoke strong emotions. Great job kids! As always, it remains an honor to have this role in the school and we are looking forward to more social emotional learning next fall.

Additionally, the counseling department would like to thank Mr. Dennis. Mr. Dennis came to us as a mental health intern from the University of Montana and was able to bridge the gap between the loss of our CSCT therapist as well as serving a number of youth and adults in our community. Thank you, Mr. Dennis, for helping us meet the mental health needs of our community. Miss Maizie and Miss Cohen, our counseling interns, have solidified their niche in our district by meeting with a number of students and families over the course of this past year. We have been incredibly blessed to continue this relationship with the University of Montana Counseling Department. Miss Maizie will be continuing her career next year in Oregon as a K-6 School Counselor for the Sisters School District. Miss Cohen has taken a 6-8 School Counseling position in Battleground, WA. Both of these interns have raised the bar for those who come after them. They have served Frenchtown South Campus very, very well. Thank you for your time, energy, care and regard for our students and staff. Best of luck to you both in your endeavors!

Tim Bakker spent a few days with students in the Health Enhancement class working on a lifelong sport. They have wonderful form all ready. Thank you Tim for your time, it sounds like the students had a great learning experience.





#### **Frenchtown PTA News**

- **Frenchtown Teachers, Parents and Small Businesses are THE BEST!!**

Thank you, parents, for your help with Teacher Appreciation Week and helping the awesome teachers of Frenchtown feel some extra love! Also thank you to all the small businesses that donated items for our raffle event this year. Special thank you to **Alberton's** for donating a portion of the flowers for this year's Flower Sale event and **Starbucks** for their donation of coffee for our Energize your Teacher's day! The PTA is grateful for the many businesses and parents who go out of their way to help show our Teachers and Staff how much we appreciate them!

#### **Thank you Frenchtown Small Business Owners!**

Triple L Beef	Ruff Pawz	Larry's Six Mile	Kindi Jo Lantz
Old Bull Brewing	Farm to Table Massage	Beauty Bar	Leg Up Fitness
Kristen Clark, Livin' Montana, eXp Realty		Cheff Boarding House	Clover Creative
Serene Nail Spa	Poshify Your Life	Broncs Grocery	Amber Steffenson
Mia Nicole Design Co		Lauren Atkin, EXIT Realty	Clark Fork Coffee Co
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation		Montana Silver Smiths	TrailWest Bank
Benny's Frenchtown Club		Christine Hansen	Alcan Bar

- **Next PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, Sep 13th, 2022, at 4:30 pm at Old Bull Brewing in Frenchtown. We have four meetings and four events every other month throughout the school year. Please come and join us and support our kids and the local business community.

- **This will wrap up another great school year here at Frenchtown for your PTA!**

Look for a new fall fundraiser coming at the beginning of next school year! And for many opportunities to get involved next year! We will be looking for 2 volunteers during the open house when school starts back. As usual the PTA will have a supplies table for any of those extras that are needed and have a sign-up sheet available for anyone who would like to be on the contact list for volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Have a great summer Frenchtown!

- **AmazonSmile Program**

The PTA is seeing a great return from our teachers, families and friends who have registered for our AmazonSmile program. If you have not, please take a moment to sign up for our schools to get credit for your everyday shopping via 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 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.
4. Search for 5587 Frenchtown PTSA

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to

<http://smile.amazon.com/about>

# Frenchtown School/Community Library

## Summer Hours/Events (June 7 – Aug 18)



### Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Wednesday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

### Storytime/Arts & Crafts:

Wednesday: 10:30am



### Free Lunch & Snack:

Tues, Wed, Thurs: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

### Be A Biologist

Tuesday, June 14 (wildlife & fish biology)

Tuesday, July 12 (paleo & plant biology)

1:00pm – 4:00pm

(hosted by spectrUM of the University of Montana)



\*The Food Bank will be providing free breakfast and lunch to kids 18 years and younger during the summer.

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### **Be A Biologist!**

Kids can be a biologist this summer during this free STEM program.

Explore Wildlife Biology and Fisheries Biology! Help migrating animals and test water for healthy habitats.

**Tuesday, June 14**  
**1:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Frenchtown High School  
Community Library**  
17620 Frontage Road  
Frenchtown, MT 59834

Visit [www.scienceinthesummer.com](http://www.scienceinthesummer.com) for more information.

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*Anyone can drive a car. It takes someone special to drive a school bus.*

**Thank you, Bus Drivers!**



***“The bus driver is one of those unsung heroes. I think we take that group for granted, because they get our kids there safely time in and time out.” Randy Harrison***

Every year, bus drivers get our kids to school and home again, to sporting events and field trips and we may not even bat an eye as to what that entails. This year, this group of AMAZING individuals has truly gone above and beyond to ensure our kids have safely gotten everywhere they need to be.

Not everyone who served our school district this year was present for this picture, but not a single one of them should go without acknowledging their hard work and sacrifice. If you see one of these smiling faces in your daily interactions, please thank them for all they do. If you know someone who has served as a school bus driver, let them know how truly awesome they are.



**Frenchtown**  
**Bronc Stampede**  
*Donation form*  
 (Due: 6-2-22)

## Frenchtown Bronc Stampede

- Thursday, June 2, 2022 10:00am
- Frenchtown Intermediate School

U The **Frenchtown Bronc Stampede** is a school event that involves individuals running, walking, wheelchairing, scampering, skipping, galloping, limping and/or a combination of **all** the mentioned of **all** ages, preferably in the same direction at the same time.

U The focus is on wellness for students, and this year we are raising funds to develop a **Cross-Country Ski program!**

U Please try and raise **\$25.00** (strictly voluntary) and if you can raise **\$100.00 or more, you will receive a free Frenchtown Bronc sweatshirt!**

*(Fill out and return this form to the Elementary or Intermediate office  
 ONLY if you are making a donation.)*

Stamper's Name	Email & Phone #	Teacher	Total donated:

**I raised \$100.00!** My sweatshirt size is: Youth: S M L    Adult: S M L XL

Please make checks to: **Frenchtown School District**  
 This donation is tax-deductible ID #: **81-6000679**

**For more information please contact:**

1. Jami Romney FitzGerald
2. JamiRomneyFitzGerald@ftbroncs.org or jrfitzmt@gmail.com
3. 406/360-5558

## Requirements for all students entering school. Including TK and Early Kindergarten

**FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**  
**Required Immunization Information**

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**Required Documentation:**

In accordance with State Immunization Law, Frenchtown Public Schools require all children to be **fully immunized** prior to entering school. On or before the first day of school, parents must present to school officials:

- **Signed (or stamped and dated) documentation** from a health care provider indicating that the child has been immunized **OR**
- **A State of Montana Certificate of Immunization** (blue form) which has been signed by a physician, health officer or designee, and indicates the month, date and year that the child has received the required immunizations.

Parents may choose to file an affidavit of exemption from Montana's immunization law because their religious teachings oppose immunization. An affidavit of exemption form can be obtained in any of the school offices. A new affidavit for your child must be signed, sworn to, and notarized yearly.

**Please note:** If your child has medical or religious exemption, for their safety and to reduce spread of illness, they will be excluded for school directed by local health officers if they have been exposed to the diseases specified by state immunization school requirements.

**Immunization Requirements:**

Children should be immunized against the following diseases. **FOR SCHOOL ENTRY, the minimum requirements are:**

VACCINE	TOTAL NUMBER	ADDITIONAL DOSE REQUIREMENTS
Hib (haemophilus influenzae - type B)	For Perschool Entry	At least one dose
Polio	For School Entry: 3 doses, and	For kindergarten entry, at least one dose must be given <u>after the 4th birthday</u>
DTP/DT/DTaP/Td - diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	For School Entry: 4 doses, and	For kindergarten entry, at least one dose must be given <u>after the 4th birthday</u>
MMR - measles, mumps, rubella	For School Entry: 1 dose on or after the first birthday + 2nd dose prior to entry into kindergarten	A pupil entering any grade from 1 to 12 who has not already received the 2 required doses at kindergarten age must receive the second dose.
Tdap/Td Booster	1 dose	All students enterin grade 7 will be required to have a tetanus booster within five years of entering grade 7. All 8-12 grades must meet this requirement.

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# FARMERS' Market

**5PM - 7:30PM**

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## Smurfit-Stone Mill Site



June 2022

### Upcoming Events

#### Community Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82032898120?pwd=cSt4Uk51SmQ5YVVKcXlTWGJSTElnUT09>

Meeting ID: 820 3289 8120

Passcode: 779462

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 Kalispell 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 Dana Barnicoat, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, 406.560.6261, [Barnicoat.dana@epa.gov](mailto:Barnicoat.dana@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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Middle School Principal

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Intermediate Principal

JODI HALL  
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District Clerk

STACIE METHER  
406-626-2703  
Fax 406-626-2605  
Deputy Clerk

### JOB VACANCY POSTING

1. 6-12 Music Teacher
2. High School PE Teacher
3. Technology Coordinator
4. K-5 Teachers
5. High School Media Arts Teacher
6. Special Ed Teachers – K-12
7. Industrial Ed Teacher
8. HOSA Advisor
9. Math Counts Advisor
10. Middle School Volleyball Coach – 1 Position
11. Middle School Girls Basketball Coach– 1 Position
12. Middle School Wrestling Coaches – 2
13. Bus Drivers
14. School Kitchen Workers
15. Paraprofessionals
16. Fulltime Custodian
17. Assistant High School Football Coaches 2022-2023
18. Baseball Assistant Coach
19. Baseball ½ Time Assistant Coach
20. High School Girls Wrestling Coach
21. Assistant High School Girls Wrestling Coach
22. **Substitutes:**
  - *Bus Drivers*
  - *Certified Teachers*
  - *Custodians*
  - *Kitchen Workers*
  - *Paraprofessionals*

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 Jaxson Netto  
 Seger Triplett  
 Travis Felde- 3<sup>rd</sup> Flag Sparring  
 Elliette Kruschke- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sparring  
 Ava Felde- 3<sup>rd</sup> Flag Sparring  
 Callan Bruno- 1<sup>st</sup> Flag Sparring  
 Ezza Thane- 2<sup>nd</sup> Flag Sparring  
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 Bear Tester- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sparring  
 Lincoln Skinner- 1<sup>st</sup> Sparring, 1<sup>st</sup> Flag Sparring, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kata

Gavin Anderson- 1<sup>st</sup> Sparring  
 Bridger Sherwood- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sparring  
 Jackson Miner  
 Tyler Stenerson- 1<sup>st</sup> Sparring, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kata  
 Gus Parker- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sparring  
 Kendall Cordier  
 Sybil Lynn- 1<sup>st</sup> Sparring, 1<sup>st</sup> Kata  
 Katelen Levanway- 1<sup>st</sup> Sparring, 1<sup>st</sup> Kata  
 Erin Parker- 1<sup>st</sup> Sparring, 1<sup>st</sup> Kata  
 Kristie Miner- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sparring, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kata  
 Sara Saylor- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sparring  
 Kekoa Perbera- 1<sup>st</sup> Sparring, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kata

Brodie Henderson- 1<sup>st</sup> Sparring  
 Caleb Anciaux  
 Quentin Thane  
 Rowan Phillips- 2<sup>nd</sup> Flag Sparring  
 Maci Olson  
 Logan Eidum- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sparring, 1<sup>st</sup> Kata  
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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**



Administration Office: 406-626-2600  
 Elementary Office: 406-626-2620  
 Intermediate Office: 406-626-2622  
 Middle School Office: 406-626-2650  
 High School Office: 406-626-2670  
 Transportation Office: 406-626-2610

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



	P.I. Days
1st Quarter	43
2nd Quarter	42
3rd Quarter	46
4th Quarter	44

- No Classes
- Early Out Day
- 1st Student Day
- First/Last Day Kindergarten
- Beginning/End of Quarter
- Early Release
- Parent Teacher Conf. Early Out
- P.I.R. Days
- Last Student Day

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**AUGUST**  
 PIR Days No School 22,23  
 First Student Day 24  
 First Day of Kindergarten 30

**NOVEMBER**  
 Parent Teacher Conf. Early Out 2,3  
 PIR Day No School 4  
 No School Thanksgiving 23-25

**FEBRUARY**  
 PIR Day No School 17  
 No School Presidents Day 20

**MAY**  
 No School Memorial Day 29

**SEPTEMBER**  
 No School Labor Day 5  
 PIR Day, No School 23

**DECEMBER**  
 Early Release 21  
 No School Winter Break 22-31

**MARCH**  
 Parent Teacher Conf., Early Out 1,2  
 PIR day 3  
 End of 3rd Qtr. 24  
 Beginning of 4th Qtr. 27

**June**  
 Early Release 1  
 Last Student Day 1  
 Last Day of Kindergarten 1  
 End of 4th Qtr. 1  
 PIR Day 2

**OCTOBER**  
 MEA NO SCHOOL 20,21  
 PIR day, No School 24  
 End of 1st Qtr. 28  
 Beginning of 2nd Quarter 31

**JANUARY**  
 No School 2  
 End of 2nd Qtr. 12  
 PIR No School 13  
 No School MLK Day 16  
 Beginning of 3rd Qtr. 17

**APRIL**  
 No School Spring Break 6-10  
 PIR Day 28

Approved by  
 Board of Trustees  
 1/25/22

**RESOLUTION #5172022-1 FOR DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC PROPERTY  
OF  
FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**

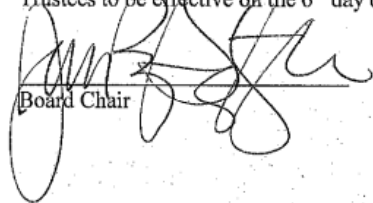
Whereas, Frenchtown School District #40, Missoula County, presently owns a 1977 Jeep 4X4 unsuitable for school purposes.

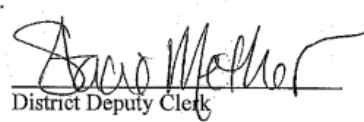
Be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Frenchtown School District #40 intends to dispose and/or sell said property in full compliance with the laws of the State of Montana, §20-6-604.

The Trustees of the Frenchtown School District #40 further resolve that notice of the resolution shall be published on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022 in the school newsletter.

This resolution shall become effective 14 days after publication of the notice identified above. Effective date is June 6, 2022, 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022 by the Frenchtown School District #40 Board of Trustees to be effective on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

  
Board Chair

  
District Deputy Clerk



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**Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**April 11, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. – Special School Board Meeting**  
**Administrative Conference Room**

- I. **Call to Order:** The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald (electronically) at 7:01 a.m. Vice Chair Gordon Schmill and Trustee Bryce Simpson were in attendance. Trustee Jami Wright attended electronically. Also in attendance was Superintendent Les Meyer, Principal Jake Haynes (electronically), Assistant Principal/Activities Coordinator Kipp Lewis and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.

The meeting opened with the pledge.

- II. **Review/Action: Purchasing of scoreboards and shot clock system**  
Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the need for a shot clock system due to MHSA requirements. Activities Coordinator Kipp Lewis discussed the existing scoreboards and the quote received by Red Rock Sporting Goods for new scoreboards, shot clocks for \$49,335.00. AD Lewis contacted Daktronics, and was told the existing scoreboards are not compatible with a shot clock system. Options considered were stand-alone systems, which would not be linked to the existing scoreboard so they would need operators. It would be best to order the new equipment soon because demand is high and it takes time to receive and install. The Stadium Committee has indicated that they will support the District with a donation. AD Lewis is also meeting with the Booster Club tonight. Questions were asked about the number of scoreboards needed. The recommended purchase is for boards in both the MS and HS gym. If the District only installs shot clock systems in the HS gym, we would no longer be able to host tournaments. The District benefits from concessions revenue in these tournaments supporting post season meals, as well as saving travel costs. Board members asked about the costs, and if there were competitive bids. In discussion with Daktronics representatives, the Red Rock pricing is the best price available. Red Rock installs and backs their products. Other items considered were whether these boards can be moved, life expectancy of approximately 15-20 years and other upcoming needs of the District. Potential sponsorships/advertising were discussed as well as the possibility of finding used scoreboards that would suit the District needs and selling the old boards to offset the cost. Trustee Simpson would like to see a breakdown of the funding sources for this, as well as confirmation of donations. Bryce Simpson made a motion to table the purchase pending further financial information. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding funding sources. Concerns were addressed about only having one option presented and the cost to the District when there are other pressing concerns such as transportation and staffing needs. AD Lewis discussed the timing of the purchase and how the MHSA rule allows for a year to put the shot clocks in service. Bryce Simpson voted in favor of the motion. Jami Romney FitzGerald, Jami Wright and Gordon Schmill opposed. The motion failed 1-3. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the purchase of the scoreboards as presented with the board receiving the breakdown of funding sources as soon as possible. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding soliciting advertising funds if donations are not received. Unanimous.

- III. **Adjournment – 7:39 a.m.**

Approved: May 17, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald  
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson  
District Clerk



**Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**April 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Middle School Shared Common Area**

- I. **Call to Order:** The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Board Vice Chair Gordon Schmill. Trustees Bryce Simpson, Noah Peters, Jami Wright and Debbie Lester were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Jodi Hall, Riley Devins, Aaron Griffin and Jake Haynes, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Kipp Lewis, Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting opened with the pledge at 7:00 p.m.
- III. **Board Recognition – none.**
- IV. **Public Comment Period – none.**
- V. **Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board**
  - A. **Student Council:** Student Council Representatives Kaden Hanson and Evan Ellington talked about upcoming activities with Spring Fling week, with the intent of togetherness and maintaining excitement for the remainder of the year. Events for the week include Man Puff Volleyball, a kickball tournament, FHS softball games, as well as dress up day themes such as office vs. construction, country vs. country club and anything but a backpack day. The Bette Paskey Memorial softball tournament will also have a Bette Paskey theme day. Speech and Debate members will perform, and student council members will be making posters to advertise the weekly events. Board members asked questions about the events and thanked the student council representatives.
  - B. **Frenchtown Community Coalition – none.**
  - C. **PTSA - none.**
- VI. **Staff Presentation – none.**
- VII. **Approval of Minutes**

Jami Wright made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports**

Highlights of the administrative reports were 1) Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham distributed a maintenance report to board members. Questions were asked about possible resurfacing projects on both campuses. 2) Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan discussed ongoing projects for the IT department, including updating the Vo-Ed and Business center in the HS. Questions were asked about the interns, and whether or not IT services may need to be outsourced. New onboarding software will save time for school year start up tasks. 3) Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons discussed National Para Appreciation Day on April 6<sup>th</sup>, and the week of appreciation, gifts and treats for the paras in hopes they know how much they are appreciated. Also acknowledged were playground aides and bus drivers, all of whom are essential to the staff. Principal Jodi Hall discussed the creative teaching and test preparation techniques at the elementary. Questions were asked about the recent Science Palooza event and early kindergarten registration and a recent correspondence from OPI regarding EK. Superintendent Meyer discussed the legislature’s concern for EK funding and the District response and documentation send to OPI. Principal Hall explained the EK program lesson focus on early literacy and kindergarten readiness. Principal Riley Devins discussed Smarter Balanced testing for grades 3 – 8. Science Palooza was a great event and very successful, with thanks to all of the contributors listed in the packet. Curriculum development was discussed, with committee work on foreign language, HPE, coding and business classes. Principal Aaron Griffin talked about Little League opening ceremonies and the need for open green space in the area. A new development in O’Keefe Ranch will have park space which should alleviate the District usage. Also

discussed what the first National Honor Society induction at the Middle School, participation levels in MS sports and transportation challenges. Principal Jake Haynes talked about the science department and recent grants received to study the Clark Fork and raise trout in the classroom for eventual release. Community service projects for Clark Fork clean up at Erskine fishing access is coming up with 60 students participating and taking pride in their community. AD Kipp Lewis discussed spring sports and the Bette Paskey Memorial softball tournament coming up with Ms. Paskey's daughter Joey throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at the event. 4) Superintendent Les Meyer talked about the spring board walk about and facility priorities with the elementary painting and parking lot resurfacing. Also discussed were position vacancies, graduation and upcoming FCA negotiations. Superintendent Meyer discussed concerns over the CI-121 ballot initiative and its impact on the school district. Middle School activity fees were discussed and the increasing costs for officials. Superintendent Meyer recapped the year for the district and the many positive accomplishments during this challenging time.

## IX. Business

### A. Old Business

#### 1) Information/Discussion: School Election/Mill Levy Information

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed upcoming election and mill levy information. An FAQ document was distributed at Science Palooza and will be available at the Little League opening ceremonies. Mill levy information will also be included in the newsletter and is available on the district website.

#### 2) Information/Discussion: Current Budget Projections for 2022-2023

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed impacts to the general fund budget such as staff salary cost increases, insurance increases and inflation, utility costs and fuel increases that are challenging to the District general fund. An increase to the general fund is anticipated due to enrollment increases but costs to the district have increased dramatically. Food services will also be impacted as it is likely the current USDA free lunch program will not be continued.

### B. New Business

#### 1) Review/Action: Adoption of Health Curriculum documents

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed curriculum committee recommendations to adopt the health curriculum as presented in the board packet. This is the third year Frenchtown has developed and adopted curriculum independently. Principal Riley Devins discussed the selection process and vendors considered. The curriculum proposed meets the state standards for health instruction. Debbie Lester made a motion to adopt the health curriculum as proposed and recommended by the curriculum committee. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion: Community member Nate Tollefson spoke about concerns with board policy and curriculum with some books and movies that may not be appropriate for the curriculum. Mr. Tollefson would like the policy reviewed and expressed concern over books and movies used in English courses with offensive language and content. He expressed concern over a movie that was shown to students without parental permission. The concern with the subject matter was discussed and although students can opt out they were then given different work and isolated from the class. Concerns were with content that is not allowed in spoken word yet can be read and watched, and would like curriculum to be void of vulgar, immoral or inappropriate content. High School teacher Kari Mazzola read a prepared statement by the English department regarding the need for students to be able to recognize facts and make judgements which also improves reading skills. Ms. Mazzola discussed the importance of including diverse text that represents the students' generation, with engaging contemporary literature. This improves student interest, test scores and reading skill. This literature is often supported by a movie version. It is possible to provide parents with a list of texts and movies that will be covered in the English curriculum. Librarian Ann Gentry, speaking as a parent, read a letter composed by her son regarding books available in school for a reason, and although sometimes uncomfortable require empathy and consideration. Community member Chris Kaneff thought this was an opportunity for the board to assemble a panel for review, possibly including community members for input and offered to volunteer. Principal Riley Devins discussed the health

and business curriculum being reviewed and indicated English is up for review next year. A wide range of books are reviewed each year and teacher teams are utilized to review texts. The curriculum proposed and textbooks to purchase are not regarding the issues being discussed. Board discussion – regarding clarifying the curriculum up for vote and the document under review is health and not English. Superintendent Meyer acknowledged public comment and discussed policy for curriculum documents. Unanimous.

2) Review/Action: Approval of the purchases: Textbooks and High School Flooring

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the purchase of Health and Wellness materials from McGraw Hill for \$27,309.39 and Asi Se Dice 2016 Spanish Curriculum from McGraw Hill for \$22,690.13. Noah Peters made a motion to approve the purchases for Health and Wellness and Spanish as recommended. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Public discussion – Principal Riley Devins listed other books and costs for other subjects that the curriculum committee has reviewed. Also discussed were curriculum committee meeting frequency and upcoming meetings to develop additional curriculum documents that will be presented at the May meeting. Unanimous.

Superintendent Meyer discussed the high school commons flooring. Recommended for approval is a bid of \$41,500 from Western Interstate Construction to remove the aged carpeting and planter from the high school commons and polish the concrete floor. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the bid by Western Interstate Construction. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the funding for the project, which will be utilizing ESSER funds for improved sanitation and easier cleaning of the area. Superintendent Meyer discussed contacting East Helena High School regarding their polished concrete floor. Unanimous.

3) Review/Action: Hiring Tenured Teachers for 2022-2023

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the accomplishments of FTSD, including remaining open and at full capacity and continuing activities throughout that challenges of the pandemic. Superintendent Meyer presented a list of tenured teachers recommended hire for the 2022-2023 school year. Noah Peters made a motion to approve hiring tenured staff as listed. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

4) Review/Action: Hiring Non-Tenured Teachers for 2022-2023

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the hiring of non-tenured teachers as listed in the board packet. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the hires as listed. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

5) Review/Action: Hiring Administration for 2022-2023

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the hiring of south campus administration and the Special Services Coordinator: Jodi Hall, Riley Devins and Jennifer Demmons. Superintendent Meyer recommended tabling the hiring of north campus administration due to potential reorganization of duties. Jami Wright made a motion to hire south campus administration and special services coordinator, and table north campus administration due to possible restructuring. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous. Superintendent Meyer discussed possible changes to north campus administration and indicated that more discussions will be held regarding this matter.

6) Review/Action: Hiring Staff

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following for hire: Sue Davis, Sub Para 2022-2023; Dan Lucier, High School Head Football Coach; Michaela Delaney, HS/MS Spanish; Don Medina, Part-Time Custodian; Sarah Drew, Psych Testing; Josh Criner, Middle School Track; Tim Bakker, Assistant HS Golf; Karen Hardy, Assistant HS Girls Soccer; and Student Workers Bow Petersen and Dugan Yonce. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the hires as listed. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Public discussion – regarding staffing needs as identified in the mill levy documentation. It was asked if the need for additional staff included administration. Discussion was held on the administrative needs based on the number of teachers in the district, which is determined by enrollment, desired class sizes and what is best for Frenchtown students. It was asked that this information be clarified in the newsletter. Board discussion – regarding state determined numbers of administrators, including curriculum coordinator staff levels. Unanimous.

- 7) Information/Discussion: Resignations  
The resignations of teachers Paul Hutchison, Joe Youngberg, Julia Crocker, Elise Harris, Justine Luebke, Activities Secretary Nicole Day, Special Services Secretary Veronica Phippen, Custodian Hunter Cross and Senior Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan were discussed. Also discussed was the retirement of Sue Davis, Paraprofessional.
- 8) Review/Action: Termination  
Superintendent Les Meyer made a recommendation to terminate Bus Driver Kevin Sprague. Bryce Simpson made a motion to terminate Kevin Sprague as recommended. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- 9) Review/Action: Approve 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation for Middle School Soccer for 2022-2023 School Year  
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended approving 6<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in MS soccer for the 2022-2023 school year. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation in MS soccer as recommended. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- 10) Review Action: Bus Route Changes  
Numerous bus routes have been changed due to route consolidation and driver shortage. Recommended for approval were routes 2A to 2B, 4 to 4A, 7A to 7B, 8B to 8A, 13A to 13 and 14C to 14D, as well as suspending routes 5B and 6A. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the bus route changes as listed in the board packet. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- 11) Review/Action: Obsolete/Surplus Equipment  
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended a list of obsolete equipment for disposal. Debbie Lester made a motion to approve Resolution #4192022-1 for disposal of public property as recommended. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

X. **Policy Review – none.**

There will be a policy committee meeting scheduled prior to the May meeting.

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

Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the warrants and financial reports as presented. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the current status of revenues to expenditures and how this year will be challenging financially to finish. Unanimous.

XII. **Committee Reports**

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

XIII. **Correspondence – none.**

XIV. **Adjournment**

ADJOURNED 8:56 p.m.

Approved: May 17, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald  
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson  
District Clerk

See page 37 for details!!

**Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**May 2, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. – Special School Board Meeting**  
**Administrative Conference Room**

- I. **Call to Order:** The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald (electronically) at 7:00 a.m. Vice Chair Gordon Schmill and Trustee Bryce Simpson were in attendance. Trustee Debbie Lester attended electronically. Trustee Noah Peters logged in electronically at 7:04 a.m. Also in attendance was Superintendent Les Meyer and Deputy Clerk Stacie Mether.

The meeting opened with the pledge.

- II. **Review/Action: Approving Health Insurance Providers – MUST and MetLife**  
Trustee Bryce Simpson made the motion to approve MUST, MetLife and Allegiance as our health insurance providers for the 2022-2023 school year. Seconded by Vice Chair Gordon Schmill.

Public Discussion – none. Board Discussion – none.

Continued discussion by Superintendent Meyer. Julie Blocky presented to a small group which included, certified and classified reps, the proposal and benefit packaged offered by MUST and information as to why the proposed increase. The Insurance Committee met April 26. There was discussion regarding the insurance bids received. From this meeting the board recommended to continue with MUST and MetLife for the health providers for 2022-2023. Superintendent Meyer wondered if going forward, do we continue to have an insurance committee comprised of board members and the vendor coming before the board for approval? At some point we are going to have to go with somebody other than MUST as renewals are going to come in high and we will go out for bids. This is driven by the certified and classified unions and the district contribution is a negotiated item. Trustee Lester commented that the insurance board is part of the approval process especially when there are huge expenditures for the District. Anytime there is a decision with a large financial consequence, the board has been involved. The certified and classified should be involved as they have a vested interest and the meeting our open to the public. Vice Chair Schmill asking for clarification, should there be a board committee to address the insurance or the Trust. Trustee Simpson asked if the Insurance Trust Board committee would transfer over to a health insurance committee. Superintendent Meyer stated that the Trust needs to continue to be the governing factor in the decisions. Trustee Simpson feels that the board should still be involved and felt there was a lot of good discussion and valid points brought up by all parties in the committee meeting from the certified and classified representatives as well as the Board and would encourage it to continue.

Trustee Lester wants to add to all meeting meetings minutes, as it relates to the Trust board, what was learned after reading the Trust documents. The district is allowed to keep the Trust. The Trust board is the board of trustees. The Trust can only be used for the purpose of health and wellness for the staff, to include, immunizations and wellness labs. The Trust can only be invested in investment products appropriate for public dollars. This language comes directly out of the Trust document. The document has been read by board members as well as the district auditor. Trustee Simpson and Vice Chair Schmill thanked Debbie for her research. The Trust funds can only be turned over to the district.

Chair Romney FitzGerald asked that in the future if they could have a copy of the committee notes to review before they make a recommendation. Discussion took place that that was part of the Committee work.

Jami Romney FitzGerald, Gordon Schmill, Debbie Lester and Bryce Simpson voted in favor of the motion. Noah Peters abstained. Motion passed.

III. Adjournment – 7:16 a.m.

Approved: May 17, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald  
Board Chair

/s/ Stacie Mether  
Deputy Clerk



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**Frenchtown School District  
wishes you a happy  
and safe summer!!!**



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