

Frenchtown School District

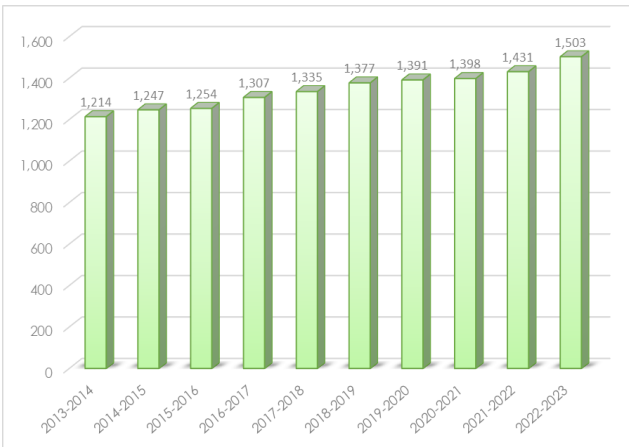


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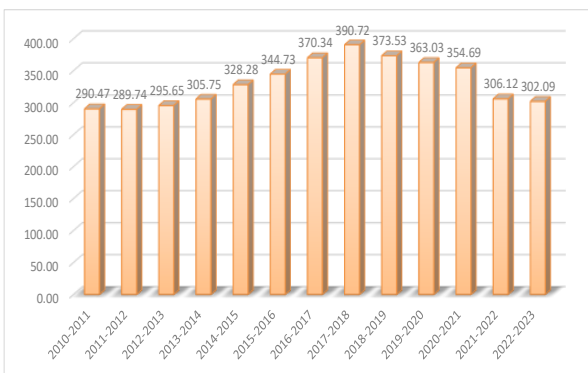
“Upon the subject of education...I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.” Abraham Lincoln

THE FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL BOARD CUTS SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES WHEN SETTING THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL BUDGET

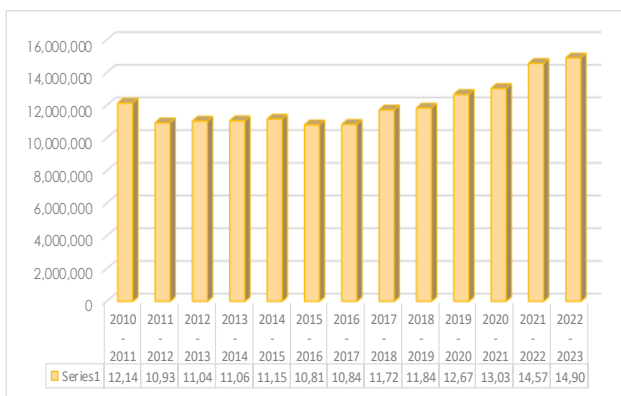
Each August, School Boards across the state set and determine their budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. The fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. When school boards set their district’s budget, it establishes how much local taxpayers will pay to support the school district in which they reside. Five years in a row, the Frenchtown School Board has lowered the mill amount. In 2017-2018 the mill amount was 390.72, now for fiscal year 2022-2023 the are down to 302.09, which is below the mill amounts of 2013-2014 which were set at 305.75. Please see the mill chart history below:



The taxable value of the Frenchtown School District plays a role in the number of mills a school district can ask for as well. The taxable value of Frenchtown hit a low in 2016; however, taxable value has trended up the last six years. The higher the taxable value the more taxes can be spread out over a broad spectrum, easing the tax burden. Please see the Frenchtown School District’s taxable value history below:



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



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2022

September	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
K-6	641	670	695	701	711	K-3 - 383	359	436	457
7-8	188	197	191	201	231	4-5 - 192	200	211	196
9-12	369	389	396	413	383	6-8 - 369	342	340	332
Total	1,195	1,256	1,282	1,315	1,325	9-12 - 421	457	487	483
					Total	1,365	1,358	1,474	1,468

The Frenchtown Board of Trustees voted to run a mill levy last spring asking for additional operating funds for the 2022-2023 school year. The levy failed. Increases to state aide, based on ANB (enrollment numbers) and inflationary components are the only increases the general fund has received for the last 16 years. The last time since an operational levy has been not voted in since 2006.

ENROLLMENT (above)

Comparison of enrollment over the last several years. This is a snap shot of the FTSD enrollment numbers over the last several years. Starting in 2019 the categories to reflect what we are currently doing with four different grade level separations. These numbers are not our Annual Number Belonging (ANB), but the numbers we have to start the school year. The official count will occur in October.

THE LOOPS!

What are we talking about...the loops? We are asking parents and guardians who want to walk their children to the school to park in one of the parking lots. We even encourage parents to walk children to their respective schools; however, if you are in the vehicle "loop", then please stay in the vehicle and allow the kiddos to get out of the vehicle on their own, this should allow the cars in the "loop" to move through in a more efficient manner. We realize it might be challenging, but for the sake of the "loop" and those who are waiting to get into the "loop", please stay in the vehicle or by all means, feel free to park and walk your child (ren) to their respective school. Thanks a bunch!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD – NO SCHOOL

So, what's going on Friday, September 23rd when we have no school for students? Well, we are going to fulfill some trainings that are both required and needed. The agenda is below:

- 8:00 - 8:30 Staff arrival at North Campus, T-shirt pick-up
- 8:45 - 9:00 All Staff Photo in HS gym
- 9:00 - 9:50 Trauma Informed Training Auditorium - Nancy Berg
- 10:00 -10:50 Suicide Prevention Training Auditorium - Tamarack
- 11:00- 11:30 Superintendent Message
- 11:30-12:30Return to buildings/Lunch on your own
- 12:30-2:30 Para Training in HS Glass Computer Lab
- 12:30-2:30 PLC/Department/Grade Level Meetings

2:30 - 3:30 Work in your rooms/prep

OCTOBER 20-21 - NO SCHOOL

October 20th and 21st are the two days set aside at the state level for teachers to participate in the professional development activities of their professional organizations. These days are commonly referred to as MEA days (Montana Education Association). If by chance you see our teachers not attending these meetings it is because they have already attended professional development activities and earlier workshops to further enhance their abilities to reach students.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

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



HELP WANTED AND NEEDED

The Frenchtown School District is doing well in some areas and not so well in other areas in terms of employment. What we really need are SUBSTITUTES in virtually every area: Teachers, Custodians, Bus Drivers, and Food Service. We also really need a few more paraprofessionals.

So what is the pay you might ask? Substitute teachers have just recently seen an increase in pay: \$105.00 per day as a person who holds a current teaching certificate and \$95.00

a day for those who do not hold a teaching certificate. For those who want to serve as substitute custodians or food service workers, for example, will earn \$13.01 per hour, which is an increase from \$11.88 per hour. Substitute bus drivers will now earn \$16.75 per hour with a guaranteed two hours per morning route and a guaranteed two hours per afternoon route with a total guaranteed four hours if both morning and afternoon shifts are driven.

We are also still in need of paraprofessional assistance. Depending on the educational level of an applicant the paraprofessional wages start anywhere from \$13.40 per hour to \$13.53 per hour depending on experience. Full time employees also have access to benefits such as sick, vacation, and retirement.

If you are interested in working at the school and working the same schedule as your child, then by all means give us a shout in the District Office or speak to one of our administrators about what these jobs entail. Again, we are doing well in many areas; however, we really could use some assistance in others.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(since August 9th)

- August 9th – Negotiations Committee – Certified Matrix review
- August 23rd – Facility Committee – Long Range Planning
- 1. Dan McGee – Building Mind and Body at tended
- 2. We are conducting a Demographic Study
- 3. Discussion of Long Range Planning, Facility, and Land
- August 30th – Special Board Meeting – MTSBA Trustee Training
- September 1st – Transportation Committee – Routes and Handbook
- September 13th – Negotiations Committee – Bonus pay and substitute pay
- September 20th – School Improvement/Goals Committee – maintenance/custodial
- September 20th – Policy Committee – Policy 2335

(upcoming committee meetings) (not all dates are confirmed yet)

- September 23rd - Safety Committee
- Negotiations (certified matrix review)
- Facility Committee

We hope each of you have a wonderful fall. However, if we blink, then snow will be knee high and winter will be in full force!



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



#5 in Montana High Schools

#1 in Missoula, MT Metro Area High Schools



- October 20-24 No School PIR Days
- November 2-3 Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00 p.m.

High School Building Updates

- Bronc Pride graphics were installed around the high school. We want students to feel a sense of pride as they walk the halls.
- The polished concrete in the commons is awesome. It is brighter, easier to clean and the noise level in the room did not change. A big thank you to Mr. Mecham

for a metal bronc sculpture bringing more bronc/pride spirit to the room.



Congratulations to Homecoming Queen Grace Martello and King Connor Michaud!

It's Grade Check Time

Infinite Campus Access

You can access your student's grades and attendance at any time via the Frenchtown School District website (ftsd.org). The link to the Infinite Campus Parent/Student portal site is located on the top of the home page as well as the main page of the High School. Click on the link and then enter your I.D. and password to see a current grade report. If you do not have a copy of the access codes please call the high school office. Grades are updated at least one time per week. If you have a question or a concern regarding a grade please contact the teacher. **E-mail is the most effective way to communicate with our teachers as there are no phones in the classrooms. All e-mail addresses are available on our website. It's important to be involved!**

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Agriculture Science and FFA

We are really excited to offer Ag Science and FFA in Frenchtown. The following courses are being offered:

Introduction to Agriculture

Course Description: This course is specifically designed to allow students to explore the various facets of FFA and the agriculture industry. Students will gain knowledge in animal science, horticulture, food science, leadership skills, public speaking, and FFA opportunities. Instruction and student learning will occur through lectures, student projects, group discussions, hands-on experiences, FFA experiences, CDE participation, and their SAE program.

Ag Plant Science (Horticulture)

Course Description: Within this course, students will explore the vast industries within horticulture. Topics that are covered range from a general introduction to soil sciences, crop sciences, plant propagation, and floral design. Instruction and student learning will occur through lectures, student projects, group discussions, hands-on experiences, FFA experiences, CDE participation, and their SAE program.

Vet Science

Course Description: From animal systems to clinical procedures, this class is the perfect opportunity to prepare students for working with animals. They will explore the history of the livestock industry, understand proper animal handling, and be able to classify animal health issues. Students will learn through lectures, group projects, the construction of 3D models, and career explorations.

Ag Leadership and Personal Skills

Course Description: Future leaders of Frenchtown will have the opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills and broaden their agricultural knowledge in this course. There will be opportunities for self-development through personality quizzes and team-building activities. An employment fair will allow students to show off their skills and professionalism. Students will also learn how to advocate for agriculture in public settings as well as in personal conversations.

Agricultural Business

Course Description: This Agribusiness class encompasses the economic aspects of agriculture through the production, business, purchasing, finance, and marketing of agricultural products in an ever-changing economy. Students will learn what it takes to start up a business, be effective managers, and serve as strong salespeople.

Ag Mechanics

Course Description: This class consists of strong technical content complemented by the development of practical, hands-on skills. Students in this class will be able to develop technical skills in the areas of machine operation, electricity, engine operation, and welding. Students will gain experience in the fabrication of metals through working

hands-on to learn skills relevant to metalworking.

FFA District Leadership Seminar hosted in Frenchtown

On Tuesday September 6th, Frenchtown High School was filled with a sea of blue jackets as almost 200 FFA members from the Western District gathered for the first event of the year. The District Leadership Seminar (DLS) is an exciting opportunity for FFA members to get to know each other and develop their leadership skills through workshops facilitated by Montana FFA's state officer team. Frenchtown FFA hosted DLS this year to kick start their new FFA program. FFA members participated in official opening ceremonies and then broke into groups to learn about FFA opportunities, practice setting goals, and understand the steps to success! "Everyone there was super excited and interested, which is part of what made it fun," said Savannah Deuter, a senior enrolled in ag plant science. Savannah was one of the 21 Frenchtown students that attended DLS. What a great start to the FFA year!





Welcome
to the
Team



Ms. Andres Agriculture Education

Hi everyone! My name is Kyla Andres and I am thrilled to be starting the Agriculture Science program at Frenchtown High School! My passion for agriculture started on our family farm in Ashland, MT and followed me to the top of Evaro hill where my family happily put down our roots. I graduated from Big Sky High School where I was eagerly

enrolled in agriculture education classes and an active Missoula FFA member. I enrolled at Montana State University knowing that I wanted to go into education. In 2019, I was elected to serve on the Montana FFA State Officer team. I spent the year traveling the state and visiting Montana's incredibly diverse agricultural education programs. This experience solidified my decision to pursue agriculture education. I love the way agriculture education makes learning come to life with relevant, hands-on experiences. In May, I graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Agricultural Education and lots of Bob-

cat pride. I am so excited to bring agriculture education to Frenchtown Highschool and already love being a Bronc! When I'm not at school, you might find me baking, traveling, or spending as much time outside as I can.

Ms. McArthur English/French

My name is Karilyn McArthur, and my Montana roots dig super deep! I was born in Missoula, and raised in Lolo by two loving parents who are still together after 30 years. I graduated from Sentinel High School, where I also completed my student teaching. My alma mater is the University of Montana (Go Griz!), where I studied English, French, and Secondary Education. I was fortunate enough to visit France for the first time when I was 11 years old, and from then on, the language, the culture, and the francophone world has completely engulfed my life! I was lucky enough to have lived in Saint Quentin, France from September 2021 to April 2022, teaching English to French high schoolers. When I'm not at school you can catch me on the disc golf course, cuddling my cat MJ, playing with my niece and nephew, or anywhere near the water with my paddleboard in the summer time. I also am an avid reader and film watcher, so I am always ready for the newest recommendation. Coming into an English and French position here at Frenchtown feels truly like a dream for an energetic first year teacher such as myself.



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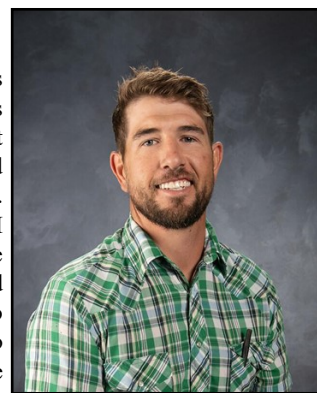
Mr. Reinhardt Health Enhancement

Hello Frenchtown Community! My name is Jerad Reinhardt and I will be teaching Freshman Health Enhancement classes at Frenchtown High School this year. I grew up in Newberg, Oregon in the Willamette Valley. Upon graduating high school in 2001, attended U of M.

While at the University of Montana, I earned a B.S. In Health Enhancement. After graduating college, I spent a couple of years substitute teaching so that I could travel and play the sport I was introduced to while in college, rugby! I had the opportunity to travel and play in both New Zealand and Australia, as well as attend the 2007 Rugby World Cup in France. In addition, my travels have taken me to 20 plus countries on four continents! This is my 10th year of teaching, and I have taught every age group from kindergarten to seniors. In addition to teaching, I have also coached wrestling,

softball, and rugby. In my free time I like to get outside and hit the waterways and mountains of this great state! I'm also learning the ropes of being a new Dad, and will soon have a 1 year old crawling around. I'm looking forward to the school year and becoming a part of Bronc Nation.

Mr. Allison Industrial Education



Hello hello! My name is Cody Allison and I was born and raised in Great Falls where I graduated from C.M. Russell High. At 18 I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life but I knew that fishing and hunting wasn't going to pay the bills. I decided to try out the Helena College of Technology Welding program. Starting from scratch at 19 I began my journey in welding, fabrication and mechanics. After finishing I moved back to Great Falls and started working as a welder for a company that fabricated specialized grain and seed cleaning separation equipment as well as structural steel welding, mobile welding and millwright work for local grain elevators. From there I moved into the welder position for the Department of Transportation working on an assembly line building all the new tractor units for plowing and tow plowing snow as well as maintenance on all of the Helena sector road maintenance equipment. After the state I worked for the 583rd Missile Maintenance Squadron for the U.S Air Force bouncing around missile sites doing periodical maintenance aka pulling out the old, putting in the new, and fixing the broken. On the side I've also ran and operated my own fab and metal art business since 2012. Which all led to here, Frenchtown! Besides all the Griz games and outdoor recreation, my beautiful wife and I wanted our two little boys to grow up in a smaller Montana community. A community with substantially less wind than what we were used to in Great Falls and mountains for our wild pack of hounds and horses! During my career I've always enjoyed teaching others with all types of personalities how to advance as welders, step up in the field, and have fun doing it! Which is why I'm so excited to take on this role and open some eyes to what welding really is and what it can be. It is a tool that everyone should have in his or her back pocket! My motto is "you don't know if you don't go." That's why we are here in Frenchtown and I hope we can give all kids a taste of the trades.





Mr. Petritz Special Education

Hello! My name is Archie Petritz and I am a Special Education Teacher. I graduated from Butte Central in 2017 (Go Broncos now) and Carroll College in December of 2021. My degree is in Secondary Education Social Studies, but I am working towards my Special Education Endorse-

ment. I am thrilled to be here at Frenchtown and be a part of this great community! In my free time, I am a huge sports fan and love to watch the Griz, Carroll Saints, Houston Rockets and Astros, or my Tennessee Titans. I also enjoy going to the lake with friends and family, reading, and coaching the junior high football team as well. I love my job and am dedicated to providing the best education these students deserve. Thank you for the opportunity to be here and Go Broncos!

Mr. Forsythe Science-

My Name is Jared Forsythe. I've taught for 7 years in both Montana and Northern Idaho in the Sciences. I was born and raised in West Yellowstone, Montana. After 18 years of living in the coldest location in Montana I enrolled at University of Redlands in Southern California. The University was great, but southern California wore on me after 2.5 years and I transferred to the University of Montana and finished my degree. During my senior year of college I was coaxed into ownership of an outdoor adventure company called Adventure Missoula. I just finished my 19 season operating Adventure Missoula! I enjoy teaching my employees on how to read white water and all skill sets of boating fish on the various local rivers. In my spare time I enjoy snowmobiling, backcountry skiing, maintaining the family lavender farm, floating the rivers with my family and eating my wife's good food! I'm excited to be part of the Frenchtown community and look forward to a great school year!



Mr. Hungate Choir/Percussion

Hello everyone! My name is Josh Hungate, and I'm serving as your new Middle and High School Choir and Percussion Teacher. I was born and raised in Missoula, and with a family who always had music as a focus, I couldn't imagine my life without it. I graduated from Big Sky High School in 2014, then attended the University of Montana for degrees in Music Education and Trombone Performance from 2014-2019. I've spent the last two years teaching in Missoula and Lolo, one as a choir teacher, and the second as a choir/assistant band teacher. I'm excited to continue my career in Frenchtown, and have already fallen in love with how tight-knit and supportive the community has been! In my spare time, I perform with the Missoula Symphony, Missoula Children's Theatre, and a local funk group called Shakewell. I'm also a relatively new backpacker, and am always looking for new hiking trails/mountain camping spots. Go Broncos!



Ms. Delaney Spanish

¡Hola! My name is Michaela Delaney and I am ecstatic to be joining Frenchtown as the new Spanish teacher! I myself am a Frenchtown graduate and grew up in the community- so it feels extra special to be back to my roots. I began my college journey at Montana State before transferring to the University of Oregon where I graduated with a degree in Spanish. Upon graduating, I moved to Buenos Aires, Argentina where I volunteered in a community for adults and adolescents with cognitive disabilities. When I returned to the US, I decided I wanted to combine my passion for language with education. After graduating from the University of Montana with a Masters in Education, I took my first teaching job wayyyy up north in Nikiski, Alaska where I spent a lot of my time skiing, hiking and fishing. Though I loved all the outdoor opportunities Alaska had to offer, I was ready to make my way back to Montana and I could not be more thrilled to be in the community and school district that prepared me to be here. I can't wait to be working with all these amazing learners at Frenchtown High School. Go broncs!



Office Reminders

Attendance - When you know your child is going to be absent, please call the **Frenchtown High School office at (406) 626-2670** to report the absence and reason for the absence (appointment, taking the day off, sick). The office has voice mail 24/7.

Please remember- After the 10th absence in a class, a student will lose two percentage points from your semester grade for each subsequent absence, unless proof of absence comes with a doctor's note or legal note of some kind that proves the absence was unavoidable.

****Sick Children** - During the 2022-2023 school year FTSD is asking parents and students to monitor themselves closely and on a daily basis. If a child is not feeling well/has a fever please keep them home for the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community at Frenchtown Schools.



Graduation is currently scheduled for Sunday May 28th at 1 p.m.



Please make sure to check out the live stream on the new website to see some of the "in-class" happenings at the HS. Also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

6-12 COUNSELORS' CORNER
ROBYN RICHARDSON
RACHEL LAUGHAN

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

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

Letters of Recommendation

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

Transcript Requests

Official Transcripts can now be requested by reaching out to the high school counselors or the high school office. Students should provide the name and address of the recipient when making a request. Unofficial transcripts can be viewed through the IC portal under reports.

College Applications

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

College Application Week

College Application Week is October 3rd-7th this year. This is an event sponsored by OPI and Gear-Up to focus attention on college planning and increase college applications in Montana. On October 5th and 6th students may leave class to come to the counseling center to apply. All of the state's 2 and 4 – year colleges will waive the application fee during this week. A special emphasis will be placed on assisting students who will be the first in their families to attend college and those who may not otherwise seriously consider applying to college. During this week we will be setting aside time during the school day for students to work on future planning! Whether students are going to go to college, join the military or join the workforce, this week is a great time to start taking steps toward the future.

FAFSA Completion Night, Wednesday, OCTOBER 5th

from 5:30- 7:30 in the High School library.

An informational letter will be emailed to all senior families regarding what is needed to complete the FAFSA on this night. Please join us if your student will be attending college in the fall of 2023.

Suicide Prevention

In these uncertain times it's important for staff, students and parents to have conversations about mental health. Students in 9th and 10th grade will receive Signs of Suicide training with the counselors in health class this fall. The Suicide Prevention Lifeline website provides information on risk factors and knowing the signs. We encourage all parents to have a conversation with their children. Please check out their website at <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/how-we-can-all-prevent-suicide/>.

Testing Information

ACT: The ACT is a standardized test that most colleges/universities require prior to admissions. All juniors will test this spring on April 19th during the school day free of charge. Juniors can sign up for a myact.org account for free ACT test prep.

Anyone wishing to take the ACT during a Saturday test date should visit act.org to check dates, prices and to register.

Pre-ACT- all sophomores will take the Pre-ACT on Tuesday, April 18th free of charge.

PSAT: (for freshmen/sophomores/juniors) Test date Oct. 12th. Students should have already registered for this test. Only students who take the PSAT in their junior year can qualify for the National Merit Scholarship based on their PSAT test scores and how they compare nationwide. Juniors who receive free/reduced lunch qualify for fee waivers. Freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to take the PSAT for practice.

If you would like to take the SAT during a Saturday test date, please visit collegereadiness.collegeboard.org.

Scholarships

Please check the Class of 2023 Google Classroom for the scholarship page link.

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

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1G9d-hZ4Jf6e0Epfxm8le393sn69tWJqkh-nluv7ojl8/edit?usp=sharing>.

College Fair

Interested seniors will attend the western region Montana College Fair on Tuesday, September 27th. The fair features 65-95 colleges, universities, technical schools, military branches and other agencies from both in-state and out-of-state. Stu-

dents will receive a lot of *college knowledge!*

College Visit- Griz Preview Day

Seniors have the opportunity to visit the University of Montana on Friday, October 14th to tour campus, learn about different majors, and speak to campus representatives about the services offered at UM.

NHS Tutoring

The National Honor Society tutoring program has begun. Tutors are available Monday -Wednesday from 3:35 - 4:30 in the high school library.

Bronc Fast Track

Freshmen and their parents interested in learning more about the Bronc Fast Track program should join the counselors on November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. We will discuss the requirements and application process for the Fast Track. The Bronc Fast Track allows high school students to earn 30 General Education credits for college while still in high school. These credits are transferable to all Montana Universities.

Stay Informed

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

- Class of 2026- qk4i7r7
- Class of 2025 - mhqp4to
- Class of 2024 - p622j4h
- Class of 2023 - q7mxcfw




Frenchtown School/Community Library Hours	
Monday - Thursday	4:30pm – 8:00pm
Frenchtown School/Community Library Presents: Family Movie Nights (2022-2023)	
September 29	February 23
October 27	March 23
January 26	April 20

Are you interested in traveling to Peru next summer? Attend the informational meeting November 2nd at 6:00 in the high school auditorium. See the information below to register for the meeting.

We're going to...

Peru
Summer 2024



Dear Parents & Guardians,

I am so excited to invite your student on this upcoming educational travel opportunity! Learn more about this exciting tour at an information session where we'll discuss:

- What we'll see and do
- Travel logistics
- How to earn high school or college credit
- Affordable payment options
- How to enroll on this trip (before it fills up!)

Please register for the meeting by November 1

I look forward to seeing you there!
Michelle Petersen


P.S. Can't make the meeting but want more information?
Register using the QR code or link below and select "No but send info."

Register below & join us for more details!

Meeting date & time:
November 2
@ 6:00 PM

Location:
Auditorium

Contact information:
michellepetersen@ftbroncs.org



Register with this QR code to attend the meeting!

<https://bit.ly/3wJk2Fi>

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FROM THE DESK OF
AARON GRIFFIN
 MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



As I start my 10th year as an administrator at Frenchtown Schools and I am saying to myself this is year number 31 as a teacher, coach, administrator in the state of Montana! Where has the time gone. It has gone extremely fast and I am extremely thankful for my experiences in Lima, Hobson, St. Labre, Ronan, Twin Bridges, and Frenchtown Schools and communities. My family is truly lucky to get the opportunity to live and work in the Frenchtown Community. My wife Amy (A.K.A Mrs. America), is a school counselor, at Frenchtown Elementary, Henry is in 9th grade and Holden is in 3rd grade at Frenchtown Schools. We enjoy Bobcat Football in the fall and chasing Henry and Holden around to all their athletic events! Go Broncs! I am committed to the staff, students, and community of Frenchtown and making our school the best in Montana!

It has been a great start to Frenchtown Middle School! Parents and guardians please feel free to contact me at Frenchtown Middle School with any of your concerns!! Please be aware we are going into the 5th week of school and this is when traditionally some student's grades drop and behaviors can change toward school. I am asking you to use your Infinite Campus portal to track and monitor your student's grades on an as needed basis. Mid-Term for the first quarter will not be mailed out to parents. Mid-term for the first quarter was Friday, September 22. Mid-term grades will be posted in Infinite Campus by Wednesday, September 28, 2022.

I will continue to send Thursday emails home each week. Emails will contain information regarding weekly events and general information that is important for families to

receive on a weekly basis.

Special Thanks: Frenchtown Middle School is honored to have outstanding educators! I encourage FMS parents to reach out to staff members via email if you have any questions or concerns. I also want to extend my thanks to students, parents, and teachers at Frenchtown Middle School. We are off to a tremendous start to the 2022-2023 school year!

Aaron Griffin
 Middle School Principal
 Frenchtown Schools

Important Notes:

- **Incoming 7th Grade Reminder:** Montana State Law requires any child enrolled in a Montana public school must have the following immunizations before entering the 7th grade: ***1 dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) booster before entering 7th grade (Tdap is required to protect against whooping cough). You will need to have your child immunized before the start of the 7th grade year. Please provide the office with documentation from the health provider of the booster and the date that it was given. You may FAX documentation to the middle school office at (406) 626-2654. Exemptions to this law for religious or medical reasons will require an exemption form signed by the parent/guardian and be notarized.

- **PTSA Fundraiser Starts:** On Monday, September 19, 2022 and conclude on Friday, October 7, 2022.
- **NO SCHOOL:** For students on Thursday-Friday, October 20-21, 2022 for MEA days. No School on Monday, October 24, 2024 for MEA days.
- **Family-Teacher Conferences:** Wednesday-Thursday, November 2-3, 2022 (School released at 12:30 pm). No School on Friday, November 4, 2022.

MS Boys Basketball

- Information regarding Middle School Boys Basketball and try-outs will be posted at the beginning of October. Try-Outs will most likely start on the week of Monday, October 17, 2022
- **\$25.00 fee for all students participating in boy's basketball.**
 Game schedules will be out in early October for the 2021-2022 season.

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

Enrollment as of September 13, 2022

- 8th Grade: 113
- 7th Grade: 109

- 6th Grade: 110

Total: 332

Middle School Students Enrolled in Extra-Curricular Sports (Fall 2022-2023)

- Football: 45
- Volleyball: 44
- Cross Country: 23
- Soccer: 22

Total: 133

Update on MS Sports...

- At FMS home events (non-Copper League) we are charging ADULTS: \$3.00 and STUDENTS: \$2.00 -- - Senior Citizens and children under 5 or free.
- **Home Extra-Curricular Events:** Middle School Students that attend home events after school need to come with a parent or guardian. Students are expected to be in the stadium stands or gyms during the home events. No skateboards, bikes, and scooters on school grounds at extra-curricular events. At home football games students will not be allowed to hang out along the ditch bank on the west side of the football field or hang in groups in the middle school practice area. Thank-you for your help.

Meet the new FMS teachers –

Connie Hart: am excited to be joining FMS this fall as the 7th grade Science Teacher. This is my 8th year teaching middle school science, although I've worked in the education field for nearly 30 years. I spent many years in environmental education in Minnesota and also did programming with live animals. While most of my life has been spent, in Minnesota my family and I are now living our dream of moving west and we are beyond thrilled to be part of the Frenchtown community. We love all things outdoors and are already spending our free time exploring and adventuring. My husband Mike and I have three adult children, two of whom have also moved to the area. We have appreciated the warm welcome and are looking forward to making our home here.



Evangeline Campbell:

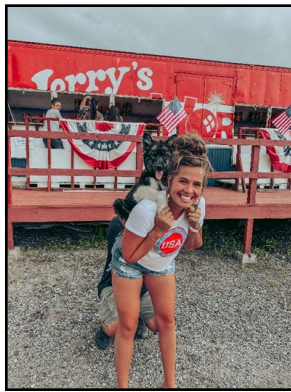
Growing up with my back to the Sapphire Mountains, I've always known Montana as home. In between standing at trailheads and motorcycling down faded Bitterroot roads, I found myself studying English, Creative Writing, Russian Literature, and Education at the University of Montana. I'm still based out of Missoula and enjoy baking, farming, and a good book on dark winter evenings. Currently, I'm delving into automotive mechanics as I work on my '69 IH pickup. Whether in the classroom or trying to pick up a new skill, I have always been in love with learning. One of my favorite things about teaching is sharing that passion and getting to know each learner as the unique and interesting person they are. I'm excited to be able to do that each and every day, and am thankful to be a part of this great team at Frenchtown.



Montanan for six years. He enjoys canoeing, camping, and backpacking in Montana's backcountry, as well as skiing, playing hockey, golfing, motorcycling, and gardening. Mr. Olson lives in Missoula with his fiancé, Rachel, and their cat, Loki, and puppy, Beau. Go Broncos!

Jordan Quinn:

I grew up in Polson, MT and then went to Montana State after graduation. I graduated from Montana State with an Exercise Science- Health & Human Performance degree. I then moved to Missoula and got my Masters in Education. While doing this I was a long-term substitute in Arlee and then was hired as the 7-12 PE/health teacher. I am very passionate about teaching & coaching and am excited to be a bigger part of the Frenchtown community doing these things. I am teaching 7th grade PE/health this year at Frenchtown. Outside of school I enjoy being on Flathead lake & spending time with my family in the summer and skiing in the winter. This is my dog Izzy, she's a Pomsky and is my favorite adventure partner.



Bronc Spirit Day for Homecoming



Hi! I am **Dylan Barnard** and I will be teaching 6th-grade ELA this year. I was born and raised in Bozeman and graduated with my teaching degree from MSU-Billings. My first eight years as a teacher, I worked at Lockwood Schools and then moved to Yakima, Washington. I am extremely excited

to be back in Montana! Outside of school I enjoy coaching, playing, and watching soccer. I also enjoy most outdoor activities, including fishing, skiing, hiking, and biking. I love the community feel so far here at Frenchtown Schools and am excited to see the 6th-graders grow!

6th Grade Field Trip to the University of Montana – "M" Trail

The 6th graders hiked the M-Trial and toured the University of Montana on Friday, September 16, 2022. Great way to finish Homecoming Activities for 2022-2023.



Stefan Olson

is proud to join the Frenchtown Bronc community as the 7th grade English Language Arts teacher. Mr. Olson served the Victor community in the same position last year, and previously taught English in South Korea, creative writing at the University of Montana, and in various public and private schools across Minnesota and North Dakota. He holds a BA degree in English, History and Political Science from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and an MFA in Creative Writing and an MA in English Teaching from the University of Montana. Born and raised in North Dakota, Mr. Olson has called himself a





Professional Development: Joe Sanfelippo
 This year Frenchtown School District kicked off professional development with national presenter, author and acclaimed superintendent Joe Sanfelippo. Along with great content and engaging conversations, teachers from across the state had the opportunity to partner and collaborate with teachers from Lolo, Bonner, Arlee, Clinton and St. Ignatius prior to the first week of school.

Migration to Clever
 Frenchtown School District has migrated to Clever for the 2022-2023 School year. Clever is an app management system that supports and links to Infinite Campus. This migration has been very consuming and we are all learning a lot. We are excited to have a new system that allows us to automatically upload rosters onto our digital programs that we purchase. Listed below are the current providers that we have migrated this school year. Thank you to our Librarians and Technology Department for all their hard work in making this happen.

New Teacher Training

For the first time ever, FTSD has done a two day new teacher orientation and training prior to the start of the 2022-2023 school year. This was a great time to allow the new teachers to the district to spend some time getting to know each other, go through orientation and get into their classrooms. Thank you Aaron Griffin for setting this up.

(Pictured- New Teachers Out To lunch)



Staff Connection Time!
 On August 23, 2022 the Frenchtown South Campus took lunch as a group and went to the golf course to connect with each other and share stories about the summer. Often we get so task focused that we forget to talk and enjoy our peers. This was a great opportunity for those of us that work together each day to laugh, talk and learn about each other. Our theme for the year is, *We Are Family*, and moments like this embody just that!



Band Is Underway In 5th Grade!

Students in 5th grade get the opportunity to do band in the Intermediate School. Currently 83 students are participating. It was so fun to watch all the students bring in their instruments and learn how to put them together for the first time. Thank you to all our music teachers for making the joy of music happen for our 5th graders! Also, thank you parents for coming to the band night at the Intermediate Gym and getting your students setup with all the materials for the beginning of band.



New Students Lunch with Ambassadors

With 11 new students in 4th grade and 7 new students in 5th grade. We found it important to do a new student lunch and have the ambassadors (Selected students in 4th and 5th grade) eat with them and answer any questions that they might have about Frenchtown. This was a great way to build relationships and set up new kids for success with their peers. Thanks Mrs. Blass and Ms. Forte for helping make this happen.



Homecoming Fun!

Students in the Intermediate School have had a blast with homecoming week. Here are some of the fun pictures from beach day and Country/Country Club Day!



Thank You PTA Harvest In 4th Grade

Mrs. Harvey's 4th grade class had the opportunity to harvest everything that Mrs. Harvey grew over the summer.

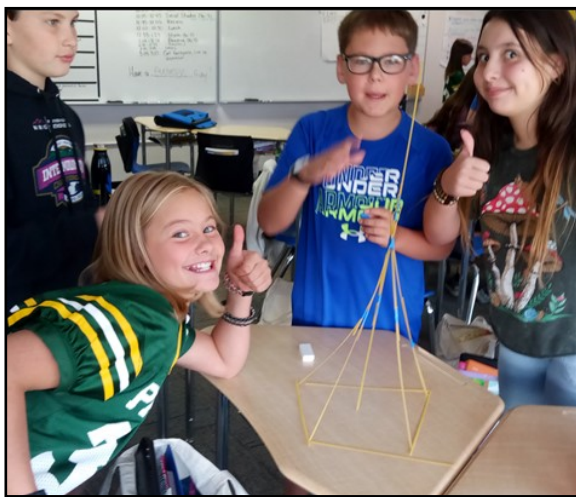


Listed are a few pictures of students having fun before they sampled everything that grew in the garden!

Special thanks to the Frenchtown PTA for purchasing totes for our students in 5th grade. The totes have been great to allow for students to carry books from class to class.

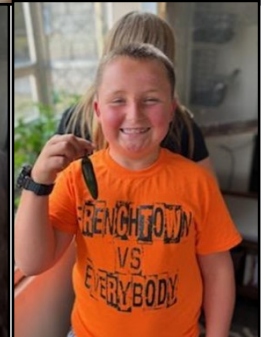
Frenchtown PTA Fundraiser

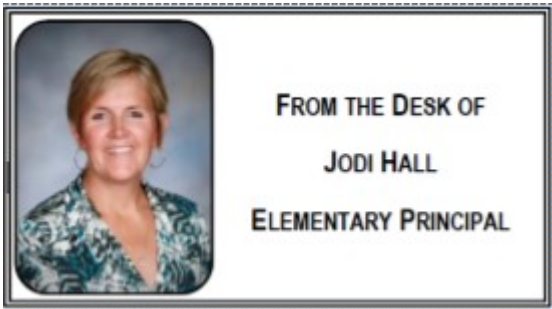
The PTA fundraiser kicked off in the gym on September 19, 2022. It was a great time to learn about the fundraiser, how kids can win prizes and allow for any parents or community members to donate money to the PTA to support projects, field trips, and other activities in FTSD. Thanks to everyone that supported or helped make this event happen!



Science Class

Science class is hands-on and provides students with an opportunity to learn the scientific method through project based learning. We really look forward to all the fun hands-on place based education that students will encounter in 4th and 5th grade!





Frenchtown Elementary September News

Happy Fall! We are off to a great start. Students and teachers are settled into a good routine of growing and learning. We are fortunate to have wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals, maintenance staff, custodians, administrative assistants, bus drivers, and playground supervisors to help make our school such a great family community. We are seeking paraprofessionals and playground, classroom, and paraprofessional substitutes. If you are interested in making a difference and helping, please consider applying to be part of our school. Contact Stacie Methers at the District Office.

As the year progresses, please make sure to stay connected with your child's teacher. Check your kiddos backpack, ask about their day, and spend some time talking about what may be on their mind as they are growing. The trick is to ask about things that are specific, but still open-ended. Move beyond "fine" and "nothing" by asking your kids to describe their world. It's also great to start the conversation with an anecdote from your own day. Try one of these conversation-starters:

1. Tell me about the best part of your day.
2. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
3. Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
4. Tell me about what you read in class.
5. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
6. Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
7. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
8. What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Why do you think there are so many rules at school vs. home?
9. Who did you sit with at lunch?
10. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?
11. What's one thing you did today that helped a friend or your teacher?

Enjoy the conversation with your child, getting past nothing and fine is important. It may take time, it can happen.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your family, stop by or call. Enjoy the sunshine and cooler weather.

Take GREAT care,

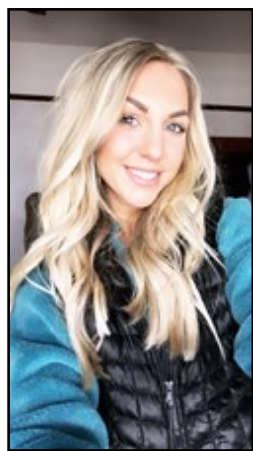
Jodi Hall
PK-3 Frenchtown Elementary Principal

Meet the New Teachers

Hello All! My name is **Jasmine Schreckengust** and I will be the new 1st thru 3rd grade Special Education teacher this school year. I was born and raised in Missoula, MT and am so excited to continue working, living, and being a part of this amazing community.



I recently graduated from the University of Montana where I received my BA in Elementary Education, Minor in Early Childhood, and Special Education Endorsement. Go Griz! I enjoy fishing, rafting, hiking, playing soccer, and of course doing it all with my puppy Todd. I strive to create an environment that is guided by trauma sensitivity, lifelong social-emotional skills, and a family of learners supporting, encouraging, and growing together. I couldn't be happier to join the Frenchtown Elementary team!



My name is **Sydne Lamping**, I'm thrilled to be starting my career as an educator in Frenchtown as a first grade teacher (Go Broncos!). I first realized that I had a passion for teaching during my experience working in Seattle at a Boys & Girls Club. I was surrounded by students who came from all walks of life, yet still were eager to learn and adventure despite their backgrounds. I have had several experiences since my time at the Boys & Girls club that have prepared me to move forward in

my career as an educator. As a recent graduate from the University of Montana, I have spent hours working with a diverse group of students and earned a degree in K-8 Education. During my time in the Education program, I took advantage of several opportunities to further my qualifications. I teach because every student can learn and wants to learn and of course because first graders are awesome! Outside of work I enjoy outdoor activities, spending time with family and friends and working on myself to become the best version of me that I can be. I am grateful to be at Frenchtown surrounded by such an incredible community.

Hello! I am **Lindsay Hartzel** and this will be my second year teaching first grade. Last year, I taught at Hellgate Elementary. I am a Missoula native and I graduated from the University of Montana in 2020. I enjoy spending time outside with my dog and family, especially at our lake cabin in Idaho. I am really enjoying this year at Frenchtown and look forward to the rest of the year!



Hi, I'm Sami Hollenback. When I'm not teaching you will find me with family. Either in the mountains, on a boat, or at a sporting event. We love to cheer on the Griz, Utes men's basketball), and FT Broncos! My husband and I grew up in Missoula and now raise our wild boys here as well. Louis is 6 and Crew is 18 months. I received my bachelor degree at UM. I am currently working on my masters degree in integrating arts in education through the Creative Pulse Program at UM. This is my 4th year of teaching but my 1st year at Frenchtown School District. I teach kindergarten. I love kindergarten because of all the 'firsts' and 'ah hahs' that come with it. Kinder students are so eager to learn, they give you hugs all day long, and they have the best one liners! I feel so lucky to be teaching at such an inviting and supportive school district. Thank you to all that have welcomed me, it's going to be a great year.



My name is **Alison Kilgore**. This is my third year teaching Kindergarten - my favorite grade! I am from Missoula and graduated from the University of Montana with a Liberal Studies degree and Elementary Education degree. I have been fortunate to travel and live in different parts of the United States and overseas. Out of school, I like spending time with my family and my dog, Kevin. I consider myself a life-long learner and enjoy the many learning opportunities the classroom brings each day. I am so happy to be a part of the Frenchtown School District!

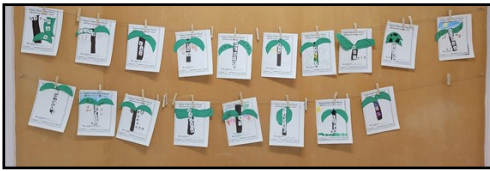


Ms. Geaudry

In Ms. Geaudry's class in September we started the school year off by learning the school rules with No David and ways to be kind by being bucket fillers! We then learned our letter names and sounds through zoo phonics. In September we also made applesauce for apple week, and ended the month with bears and learning about Native American Tribes in Montana. September is very busy but it gets the kids excited to be in school!

Mrs. Grout

In the month of September Mrs. Grout's class learned all about school rules and how our class is a family. We made some fun projects with our names including Chicka Chicka Boom Boom trees. We learned about healthy foods and good brushing habits. We also learned all about apples and the life cycle of an apple with an apple picker stem activity. We learned about Natives Americans and did some fun art projects including making teepee's. We dove into our writing curriculum and practiced proper pencil grip. We started our math curriculum and practiced numbers with the help of some play doh. We started our phonics curriculum as well and started letter of the day. We're off to an awesome start in Kindergarten.

**Mrs. Spoharski**

19 smiling faces joined my class at the end of August! We spent our first few weeks together getting to know one another and becoming a class family! We made class rules together and reviewed and practiced our procedures to help make this a successful year. During September we had apple week, where students observed different types of apples and even got to taste them! The fan favorite was honeycrisp! September 23rd was Native American Day, we spent the last week of September honoring Native Americans and learning about our Montana tribes and reservations.

**Mrs. Musso**

We started the school year by learning about appropriate behavior using the No David stories. We then learned about how to be good friends by reading We Don't Eat Our Classmates. We followed up by learning about our alphabet with Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, and discovering the life cycle of apples. The month ended with us learning all about Native American culture, and the tribes native to Montana. We are loving school, and are excited

to see what we learn next month.

Ms. Kilgore

Our class started off the year building relationships and community through sharing and name activities. We developed our class goal around classroom expectations. Then we dove into letters and letter sounds with our Zoo friends. We learned about apples and our Montana tribes and reservations.

Mrs. Hollenback

What a great start to the school year!! We started the year by spending lots of time on feelings about school, how to be bucket fillers, and building our classroom community "family". Together we made our class family promise and learned lots about each other. We dove right into Zoo Phonics and started focusing on a letter a day. We also learned all about apples.. Even baked apple pies!! At the end of the month we got to explore Montana native tribes.

Mrs. Peters - Transitional Kindergarten

The TK students have had an exciting start to the year! Big ideas for us this month include being unique, accepting and welcoming everyone, and working together to make our school a wonderful place. We've been learning routines, reading some amazing stories, and having a lot of fun. Some of our highlights include: our class promise which we try to say every day, reading Edward the Emu & Edwina the Emu by Shannon Knowles and then making our own emu art, trying a fun share the ice cream game after reading Should I Share my Ice Cream by Mo Willems.

TK class promise**Emu artwork****Share the ice cream game**

First grade has been busy learning routines and making new friends. We've built reading stamina and learned how to work together on team building activities.

We all had fun dressing up for Homecoming week in September! Such great school spirit! In October we will be

heading out on our first field trip to Fort Missoula. We will explore the old homestead, the old school house, and get to press apples into juice. Such a great way to learn about our history and how kids lived and learned many years ago.

Second Grade

We have had a great start to the school year. Thank you for helping to make that happen! We have two new team members who joined second grade this year.

Replacing Mrs. Udem is Mr. Lucas. We are so excited to have him after working with him last year as our 2nd grade title teacher. Welcome Mr. Lucas! Also changing positions to replace Ms. Duke, is Mrs. Lin. She joined our team very unexpectedly before school started but we couldn't be happier to have her! Mrs. Straw, Ms. Olson and Mrs. Croy are all still on the second grade team. We are so excited to have your children with us!

Students have been working hard learning our routines and expectations and we will continue to practice those to help them be successful. So far they are doing a great job! In reading we have been investigating Informational texts and looking at the author's purpose for writing the text. Students have enjoyed sharing about their own experiences as we have read about families and dogs.

Math so far has been a review of math mountains and single digit addition. We are practicing our math facts every day and gaining a great grasp on number sense. Practicing at home can be very helpful in student math proficiency.

We're looking forward to a great school year! We think second grade is the absolute best!

Third Grade

It's hard to believe we are well into September! It has been a fun and productive year in 3rd grade so far this year. Mrs. Burklund, Mrs. Hoskinson, Mr. Gyapay and Mr. DiFulgentis are grateful for the opportunity to work with these smart and fun students.

During the 1st Quarter, our students have worked hard to build reading stamina and dive deeper into our texts by comparing and contrasting, identifying sequence of events, exploring character feelings, analyzing text features such as headings and captions, and calling out the author's purpose.

Students are currently writing their Personal Narratives. During this writing project, students are learning more about the writing process in crafting their own stories about an important event in their life. We've also been reviewing manuscript writing in preparation for cursive writing later this year. We are also practicing typing and are currently working on "home row" and not looking at fingers when typing.

In math we started the year by diving right into multiplication and division. The students have been working hard to become proficient with multiplication and division fact

families from 0 through 10. They've also used multiplication to find the area of different shapes. We will continue with these skills all the way into the 2nd quarter.

In science, we've been learning about the entire process of pollination, the difference between plants and vegetables, and why flowers produce fruit. We're also exploring how certain traits of plants and vegetables have been recognized, selected, and intentionally cultivated over long periods of time to yield better tasting foods.

Social studies has been an opportunity to understand and explore Glacial Lake Missoula. We are also studying landforms, and will learn about the Salish people that originally inhabited the Frenchtown/Missoula Valley before European settlement.

PK-3 Counseling


The year has started off with great success! Our theme for the school year is: We Are Family! We Are Family embodies all that we are here in Frenchtown. We rally around each other, we support each other, encourage, lift up, and stand up for what is right! We have a great community here, and we are going to be celebrating that and promoting it all year. Our KICK OFF Assembly is on September 21st. The kids will be celebrating all that we are and the ways that we can strengthen our Frenchtown Family. We are gearing up to have some fun and make some memories...the staff is doing a FLASH MOB! Watch for videos and a very special thank you to our Music Department - they ALWAYS make things fun!

Counseling Education Lessons will begin right after our assembly. In the next month, students will be learning about who their counselor is, what a counselor does in school and how to ask for help from a counselor. Counselors are a great resource and we are so fortunate to have the best of the best in our school district. If your student is in need of support there are lots of ways that your student can see the counselor: 1) Parents or guardians can request for a check in 2) Staff can request a student see the counselor 3) A student can advocate for themselves and ask to see a counselor 4) a counselor might see a need and help out. All students have access to their school counselor.

We will also cover big problems and small problems. Students will learn that BIG problems mean they need to get a grown up. SMALL problems mean "I can fix it myself!" This independence and confidence will be encouraged using Kelso's Choices to solve those small problems. Kelso will be making an appearance in the classroom in the next month as well. That friendly frog teaches us so many great conflict resolution skills. Information will be coming home in Tuesday envelopes for parents and guardians to help support all these skills they are learning. And....get ready for breathing strategies. We usually start out with Milkshake Bubbles and you may hear your kids talking about this important self-regulation skill.

Thanks again for sharing your students with our school. They are simply THE BEST!

We Are Family,
Mrs. America and Miss Sadie PK-3 School Counselors



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.


COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"



Students are trained to:


- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend

EVACUATE

"To a Location"



Students are trained to:


- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.

SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"



Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:


- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"



Students are trained to:


- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual

SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"



Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the "Muscle Memory" associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.



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**IF YOU BUILD IT
THEY WILL COME**

If you or your family lives in any of the following situations:



- In a homeless shelter
- In a hotel or motel
- In a campground, RV, or building that is not a home
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

Then you and your family may have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.



Students, you have the right to:

- **Go to school**, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. You have the right to attend classes even if you don't have immunization records or a birth certificate. You must be given access to the same public education provided to other children.
- **Enroll in a school without giving a permanent address.** Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- **Enroll in school even if you are not living with a parent or guardian.** Schools cannot require you to have a parent or guardian to sign paperwork if you are not living with them.
- **Continue in the school you attended before you became homeless** or the school you last attended.
- **Receive transportation to and from school** if you or a guardian request transportation.
- **Participate in the same special programs and services** as provided to all other students, including athletics and other extra-curricular activities.
- **You have the right to file a dispute** if you disagree with any decision about your education.

For help with school, do the following:

- **Contact the district's liaison** (see phone number below) for help enrolling in a new school or continuing at the school you are now attending. The liaison can also make referrals.
- **Contact the local homeless shelter and social services office** for help with housing, medical care, food, and other support.
- **Contact the school** and provide any information you think will assist in helping the student to adjust to difficult circumstances. Needs, such as transportation, free school meals, supplies, and counseling services, should be addressed.

School Name

Frenchtown Schools

District Liaison Name

Aaron Griffin

Phone Number of Liaison

626-2650



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January 2018

FRENCHTOWN BRONCS
CROSS COUNTRY
2022-2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Bus</u>
9/27	Tuesday	JV/V	@ Whitefish (Whitefish Lake)	3:00 pm	11:00 am
10/8	Saturday	JV/V	@ Polson – (Fairgrounds)	12:00 pm	9:30 am
10/15	Saturday	JV/V	Fall Classic @ Browning	2:00 pm depart 10/14 - Kalispell	
10/22	Saturday	Varsity	State @ Missoula	TBA	



FRENCHTOWN BRONCS FOOTBALL
2022-2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Bus</u>
9/30	Friday	JV	@ Kellogg, ID	3:45 pm (PST)	12:00 pm (MST)
9/30	Friday	V	@ Kellogg, ID	7:00 pm (PST)	3:00 pm (MST)
10/3	Monday	JV	Loyola	5:00 pm	
10/7	Friday	Varsity	@ Butte Central	7:00 pm	2:30 pm
10/10	Monday	JV	Polson	5:00 pm	
10/14	Friday	Varsity	Stevi	7:00 pm	Senior night
10/17	Monday	JV	@ Stevi	4:30 pm	1:30 pm
10/21	Friday	V	@ East Helena	7:00 pm	3:00pm
10/29	Saturday		1 st Round of Playoffs	TBA	
11/5	Saturday		Quarter Finals	TBA	
11/12	Saturday		Semi-Finals	TBA	
11/19	Saturday		State Finals	TBA	

FRENCHTOWN BRONCS SOCCER 2022-2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Bus</u>
9/29	Thursday	Varsity	Stevi	B – 3:00/ G – 5:00	
10/1	Saturday	Varsity	@ Corvallis	G – 11:00/ B – 1:00	8:00 am
10/3	Monday	Varsity	Loyola	G – 3:00/ B – 5:00	
10/6	Thursday	Varsity	Hamilton	G – 3:00/ B – 5:00	Senior night
10/8	Saturday	Varsity	@ Loyola	B – 11:00/ G – 1:00	9:30 am
10/15	Saturday	Varsity	1 st Round Playoffs	TBA	
10/22	Saturday	Varsity	Semi finals	TBA	
10/29	Saturday	Varsity	Championship	TBA	



FRENCHTOWN BRONCS VOLLEYBALL 2022-2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Bus</u>
9/29	Thursday	F/JV/V	@ East Helena	4:15/5:45/7:15	1:00 pm
10/7	Friday	F/JV/V	Stevi	4:15/5:45/7:15	
10/8	Saturday	F/JV/V	@ Dillon	1:00/2:30/4:00	9:00 am
10/14	Fri/Sat	V	@ Butte Central Tourney	TBA	
10/18	Tuesday	F/JV/V	Butte Central	4:15/5:45/7:15	Senior night
10/20	Thursday	F/JV/V	@ Hamilton	3:00/4:15/6:00	12:45pm
10/27	Thur	V	4vs7 and 5vs.6	TBD	
10/29	Sat	V	District Play In	TBD	
11/3-5	Thur-Sat	V	Divisional @ East Helena	TBA	
11/10-12	Thur-Sat	V	State @ Bozeman	TBA	



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Silver	\$100	_____

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- Business sign with logo displayed in gym
 - Business logo printed on all home programs
 - Announced as Corporate Sponsor during all home events with announcers

- Corporate Black \$250 _____
- Business sign with logo displayed in gym
 - Business sign with logo on 2 outside signage locations - 8" x 12" sign
 - Business logo printed on all home programs
 - Announced as Corporate Sponsor during all home events with announcers

FHS Projects and Student Activities Supported by Sponsors

- Weight Room Flooring/Mirrors - \$20,000
- Soccer Shelters - \$11,000
- Wrestling Mats - \$5,871
- Auditorium Screen Install - \$2,500
- Championship Jackets, Pep Band Shirts, Meal Funds for Team Travel
- Team Banners in Gym and on West Fence
- Championship Banners in Gym
- Senior All Night Party
- Art/Life Program
- Homecoming Spirit Week

RENEWAL:
Name _____

NEW: INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY/SILVER SPONSOR
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Phone _____ Email _____

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Business Name _____
Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Boosters needs volunteers throughout the year. Time commitment is minimal. Even an hour or two would be appreciated! Interested? Put me on the list!
Name: _____ Cell: _____

Please make check payable to **Frenchtown Bronc Boosters** and mail to: **P.O. Box 43, Frenchtown, MT 59834.**

Email Nicole Day at frenchtownbroncboosters@gmail.com with any questions.
Thank you for supporting Frenchtown High School students!



FRENCHTOWN BRONC BOOSTERS

Your Boosters are excited for the 2022-2023 school year! Our mission is to promote the growth of positive school spirit and help sustain the active non-political participation in Frenchtown activities through student body, parental and community involvement. The Booster Board is busy planning for the upcoming year and invites other community members to join us to promote "Bronc Spirit" and show support for all students at FHS.

The booster club welcomes all community members to our monthly meetings, please check our Facebook page for our monthly dates and times. The Board is currently planning our biggest fundraiser of the year - our annual Homecoming Tailgate Party! Homecoming is on September 16, 2022, and we are in need of volunteers to serve and clean-up. Reach out to us via email at frenchtownbroncboosters@gmail.com or stay tuned to our Facebook page if you're interested in helping with this fun community event!

Your 2022-2023 Booster Board is always available and willing to hear your "Bronc Spirit" ideas.

Wishing all of our Broncos a healthy, successful year!

Nicole Day (Chair)
Kristen Hansen (Co-Vice Chair)
Gwen Smith (Co-Vice Chair)
Trinity Emineth (Treasurer)
Becca Brush (Secretary)

frenchtownbroncboosters@gmail.com



2022 Candidate Forum

**Presented by the West Valley Community Council
&
Frenchtown School District**

**October 19, 6:00 – 6:30 pm- High School Commons
Meet and Greet the candidates that are running for Office
Missoula County Commissioner, Missoula County Sheriff, Justice
of the Peace, Montana Legislature and others**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm- High School Auditorium
Hear the candidates' platforms and ask questions.**



Contact Jeri Delys – Chair West Valley Community Council with questions: 406-880-4080 or
jeri@centric.net

Smurfit-Stone Mill Site



October 2022

Upcoming Events

Community Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, Oct 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82032898120?pwd=cSt4Uk51SmQ5YVVkcXlTWGJSTEJnUT09>

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; Jennifer Harrington, 243-5561, Jennifer.Harrington@umconnect.umt.edu, or Bruce Sims, 626-5326, simswatershed@gmail.com. The Community Advisory Group Facebook page is 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, or visit the EPA Smurfit Stone website at www.epa.gov/superfund/smurfit-stone.

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 FRENCHTOWN, MT 59834

2022-2023
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: **8:10am** Elem/Intermediate
8:20am HS/MS
 Classes end: **3:10pm** - 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

JULY 2022

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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

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 Board of Trustees
 1/25/22

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F-DAN02.R9 Frenchtown, Elem Multipurpose Room 11/10 - 12/15 Th 06:30 PM - 07:30 PM Hallgrimson 16 & up \$18.00

Mid-Day Yoga Break



Break up your day and work out some kinks with some stretching and stress relief. We will work on standing strength-based poses followed by a variety of stretching and stress reducing poses on the floor. No previous yoga experience required. Bring a yoga mat and a large beach towel or blanket.

F-YOG39.W Frenchtown, Valley of Christ Lutheran Church 11/9 - 12/21 We 12:30 PM - 01:30 PM Cash 16 & up \$37.00

Gentle Yoga



If you are looking for a relaxing yoga class incorporating gentle poses and stretches to relieve stress and anxiety, this class is for you. It will include detailed instructions which will deepen your awareness of proper alignment in each pose. This is an excellent class for beginners or those who prefer a slower and easier pace. Yoga mat required.

F-YOG01.M9 Frenchtown, Elementary Band Room 10/31 - 12/19 Mo 05:30 PM - 06:30 PM Cash 16 & up \$47.00

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Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting
August 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
Middle School Administrative Conference Room

- I. **Call to Order:** The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Bryce Simpson, Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright, Amanda Hansen and Noah Peters were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer (electronically) and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting opened with the pledge at 5:30 p.m.
- III. **Board Recognition:** None
- IV. **Public Comment Period (non-agenda items):** None
- V. **Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board:** None

VI. **Business**

A. **New Business**

1) **Review/Action: Approve the 21-22 Trustees' Financial Summary**

District Clerk/Business Manager Shauna Anderson presented the 2021-2022 Trustees' Financial Summary. A detailed report was reviewed for each fund and their revenues, expenditures and ending fund balances for the 2022 fiscal year. Questions and discussion took place as each fund was presented. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Trustees' Financial Summary as presented. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

Trustee Rainier Batt arrived at 5:52 p.m.

Break: 6:30 p.m. – 6:35 p.m.

2) **Review/Action: Adoption of the 21-22 Budget**

District Clerk/Business Manager Shauna Anderson presented the recommended budget for FY23 fund by fund with explanations, options and recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year, as well as historical analysis and tax valuations analysis. Discussion included questions, observations and concerns to achieve the appropriate balance of levies and funds necessary for the successful operation of the District. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget as presented. Rainier Batt seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

VII. **Adjournment**

ADJOURNED 8:12 p.m.

Approved: September 20, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson
District Clerk

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting
August 16, 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 Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Shiloh Lucier, Bryce Simpson, Noah Peters, Rainier Batt and Amanda Hansen were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Jake Haynes, Aaron Griffin and Riley Devins, Activities Director Eli Field, Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons, Technology Coordinator James Forrider and Deputy Clerk Stacie Mether.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting opened with the pledge at 7:01 p.m.
- III. **Board Recognition:**
Superintendent Les Meyer acknowledged School Resource Officer Scott Rasmussen's recent award as the SRO of the year. Governor Bullock's recognition and comments submitted were discussed. Trustee Shiloh Lucier discussed recent MTSBA training on Student Activities, impact to the school regarding donations and Title IX considerations. Trustee Lucier encouraged board members to attend these informative trainings.
- IV. **Public Comment Period – none.**
- V. **Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board:**
Frenchtown Community Coalition representative Reagan Mecham discussed the Frenchtown Youth Summit. The event was a tremendous success with many participants and positive feedback from attendees. Questions were asked and discussion was held on future coalition events.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes**
Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- VII. **Administrative Reports**
Highlights of the administrative reports were 1) Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham thanked the summer staff for their hard work and acknowledged those employees who came to work consistently during a difficult summer. Also discussed was the MEC power phase event and subsequent insurance payment, as well as the recommendation to improve our system to prevent damage from another single-phase incident. Other topics discussed were the flood update in the High School, the commons floor and continuing outdoor water challenges. The upper playground improvements are complete, inspected and received an excellent grade. Questions were asked regarding fire suppression, and the cost of a redundancy system. 2) Technology Coordinator James Forrider discussed installation of new Promethean boards and updates to the website. 3) Superintendent Les Meyer again thanked SRO Scott Rasmussen and the approval of the SRO contract for three more years. Also discussed was the Crossroads program, which is on hold at this time, facilities concerns and due to the extent of the work the possibility of additional supervisory help. Hiring was discussed and there are only a few open positions at this time. Questions were asked about snow plowing bids for this winter.
- VIII. **Business**
 - A. Old Business – none.
 - B. New Business
 - 1) **Review/Action: Hiring**
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following staff for hire: Bus Drivers Todd Kliez, Emily Copeland, Anna Feusner (also Playground Aide), Tyler Arlint and Natalie Grubbs; Lego Robotics Advisors Amanda Straw, Whitney Peters and Dalene Normand; Gifted Consultant and Destination Imagination Advisor Dalene Normand; Elementary Music Elaina Blass and Karolei

Petroff; Full Time Track Throwing Coach Sean Mecham; Certified Substitute Teachers Wendy Arlint and Sage Bryden; Non-Certified Substitute Teachers Maja Holmquist and Emily Weishaar; Substitute Playground Aide/Substitute Paraprofessional Emily Weishaar; Substitute Playground Aide Tricia Wilkerson; Middle School Football Coaches Archie Petritz and Jason Forthofer; Fall and Winter Cheer Coach Avery Spacek; Middle School Soccer Referees McKenzie Luth and Sadie Forte; Middle School Volleyball Referees Judy Everett and Jenna Nile; Kitchen Worker Charlene Barnhart; Part Time Custodian Robert Wikum; Part Time Kitchen Todd Klietz; Paraprofessional Jason Miller; Special Education Teacher Archie Petritz; HS Health Enhancement Teacher Jerad Reinhardt; and First Grade Teacher Lindsay Hartzel.

Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the hires as recommended. Rainier Batt seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Trustee Noah Peters abstained. Unanimous.

2) Information/Discussion: Resignations

The resignations Coaches Tony Davis, Jesse Mecham, Jenna Pitts, Kitchen Workers Robin Cottrell and Cheryl Covey, Paraprofessionals Cynthia Baker, Joel Bergen, Olga Denisovich, Elizabeth Bagnell, Permanent Sub Dana Young, Instructional Aides Tricia Wilkerson and Robert Wikum, HS HPE Teacher Ryne Nelson and First Grade Teacher Tiffany Reed were discussed.

3) Review/Action: MOA

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the Frenchtown Education Association to add stipend positions for Agricultural Science and HS Baseball Coaches. Discussion was held regarding the stipend percentages, and the difference between extra-curricular clubs typically meeting during the school year with coaching extending beyond. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the MOA as recommended. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous. Additional discussion was held regarding hiring and staff shortages. Superintendent Meyer discussed transformational learning and the potential for students to be hired in positions to gain experience as well as school credit.

4) Review/Action: Transportation Negotiations

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed recent meetings of the Transportation Committee and the recommendation for increasing bus driver pay. The matrix was increased significantly in the previous year, and it is recommended to increase the matrix again by \$.75 for beginning drivers, \$1.00 for all others and a longevity increase for drivers over 10 years with FTSD. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve transportation pay increases as recommended by the Transportation Committee. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the committee meetings and the proposals and changes benefiting the transportation department, as well as the number of drivers with over 10 years with the District. Unanimous.

5) Review/Action: Superintendent Contract

It was recommended by the Negotiations Committee to amend the Superintendent Contract to include a 2.25% increase in salary and change contract days from 250 to 248. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the contract changes. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

6) Review/Action: Bonuses for Merit Pay

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended \$2,000 bonuses for merit pay for the following administrative personnel: HS Principal Jake Haynes, MS Principal Aaron Griffin, Intermediate Principal Riley Devins, Elementary Principal Jodi Hall, Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons, District Clerk/Business Manager Shauna Anderson and Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham. Discussion was held on the reasons for the recommendation. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the bonuses for merit pay as recommended. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

7) Review/Action: Bus Route Changes

None at this time. No action taken.

8) Review/Action: Approve Discretionary Non Resident Students

Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the list of non-resident students as presented. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

9) Review/Action: Approve List of Obsolete Equipment for Sale/Disposal

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended approval of obsolete equipment including damaged computers and Chromebooks. Noah Peters made a motion to approve Resolution#08162022-1 for Disposal of Public Property as recommended. Rainier Batt seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the damaged computers from the recent flood. Unanimous.

10) Review/Action: Purchases

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following purchases: STS Education - \$24,774.00 for replacement desktops and Impero Solutions - \$22,500.02 for software to remotely monitor computer systems within the school. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the purchases as recommended. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

IX. **Policy Review – none.**

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

Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the warrants and financial reports as presented. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald discussed the Trustees Financial Summary and Budget meeting held the previous night and acknowledged Business Manager Shauna Anderson. Unanimous.

XI. **Committee Reports – Updated Committees**

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

The Facility Committee is meeting Tuesday, August 23rd at 6:00 p.m. including a presentation regarding building/expanding the facility. Principal Riley Devins discussed the upcoming professional development led by speaker Joe Sanfelippo on August 18th and 19th. Superintendent Meyer encouraged board members to attend. The first day for staff is August 22nd and begins with welcomes and introductions. Board members were encouraged to attend.

XIII. **Adjournment**

ADJOURNED 8:25 p.m.

Approved: September 20, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson
District Clerk

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting
August 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
Facility Committee Meeting
Middle School Commons

I. **Call to Order:** The Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Shiloh Lucier. Trustees Amanda Hansen, Rainier Batt and Noah Peters were in attendance. Trustee Jami Wright attended electronically. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Jake Haynes, Aaron Griffin, Riley Devins and Assistant Principal Beth Terzo.

II. **Review/Action: Hires**

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following for hire: Sub Paraprofessional Tori Haffner, Sub Teacher/Playground Aide Zoe Dansie, Route Bus Driver Elysa Stoker and Industrial Arts Teacher Cody Allison. Rainier Batt made a motion to approve the hires as recommended. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

Principal Jodi Hall arrived at 6:22 p.m.

III. **Facility Long Range Planning Presentation**

Dan McGee from Building Mind and Body, LLC, presented to the Trustees and Administrators recommendations for expansion planning and offered his services throughout this process. Mr. McGee discussed demographics, funding and land acquisition. His services will help the District organize this process through time management and committee appointment.

IV. **Public Comment:** none.

V. **Adjournment**

ADJOURNED 7:27 p.m.

Approved: September 20, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson
District Clerk

Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting
August 30, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. – Special School Board Meeting
Middle School Shared Common Area

- I. **Call to Order:** The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Shiloh Lucier, Bryce Simpson, Jami Wright and Rainier Batt were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Associate Executive Director and General Counsel for the Montana School Boards Association Debra Silk, and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting opened with the pledge at 5:31 p.m.
- III. **Board Recognition:** None
- IV. **Public Comment Period (non-agenda items):** None
- V. **Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board:** None
- VI. **Business**
 - A. New Business
 - 1) **Review/Action: Hiring**

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following for hire: Kindergarten Teacher Alison Kilgore, Playground Aide Christine Bearden, Certified Substitute Teacher Tyler Arlint, Substitute Playground Aide Natalie Grubb, and Substitute Playground/Kitchen/Teacher's Aide Matthew Sallee. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the hires as recommended. Rainier Batt seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

Trustee Amanda Hansen arrived at 5:35 p.m.

- 2) **Information/Discussion: MTSBA Training**

Superintendent Les Meyer welcomed Debra Silk, Associate Executive Director and General Counsel for MTSBA. All in attendance introduced themselves. Ms. Silk has been representing public schools for her entire career, the last 20 years of which with MTSBA.

Ms. Silk conducted a Trustee training session regarding boardmanship and legal obligations. Each Trustee received reference materials in support of the training entitled "Essentials for School Board Trustees" and the "Montana Education Law Review".

Trustee Noah Peters arrived at 6:00 p.m.

Topics regarding the role of the Board of Trustees covered were:

- Expectations of Trustees and parameters on authority, including the requirement that the Board of Trustees must act collectively as a group.
- Duty of Care: Trustees must be prepared to engage in meaningful dialogue and deliberation regarding agenda items. Trustees must establish a respectful culture and climate when acting in an official capacity.
- Duty of Loyalty: When elected, Trustees take an oath of office where their loyalty is to the District and the collective will of the students. Knowledge based decision making is necessary and decisions must be made based on the collective benefits to the students of this District. As

an elected official, each Trustee has an obligation to bring their unique perspective to each issue, advocate for that position and then respectfully support the majority vote of the board.

- Duty of Obedience: Trustees must agree to comply with the mission of the District, and strive to leave the District in a better place. When acting in an official capacity, be mindful of professionalism and understand that this position is a representative of the District.
- Strategies on effectively running a District, and ways to improve processes such as productive and efficient board meetings. Trustees must practice effective governance, tasked to put the structure in place to support and promote the vision of the District.

Trustees asked questions of Ms. Silk regarding many topics, including: rights of participation, public comment periods, open meeting law, communications from staff and community members, parliamentary procedure and authority.

Ms. Silk was thanked for the presentation and Board members found the workshop to be very helpful.

VII. Adjournment

ADJOURNED 8:07 p.m.

Approved: September 20, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson
District Clerk

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JOB VACANCY POSTING

1. MS/HS Art Teacher – January 2023
2. Permanent Certified Sub Teacher/Para
3. K-3 Teacher
4. Paraprofessionals
5. Playground Aides
6. School Kitchen Workers
7. Custodian - Fulltime
8. Baseball ½ Time Assistant Coach
9. Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach – High School
10. Wrestling Coaches, Middle School – 2

Substitutes:

- *Bus Drivers*
- *Certified Teachers*
- *Custodians*
- *Kitchen Workers*
- *Paraprofessionals*
- *Playground Aides*

Visit our website at www.ftsd.org to print an application and view the job description.
Please return completed application to Stacie Mether in the District office.



9/21/22



Submit your bid to:
Frenchtown School District
Attention—Stacie Mether
PO Box 117
Frenchtown, MT 59834

Bidding ends 4:00 pm
October 10, 2022

Winner bidders will be on
contacted October 11, 2022.

Items must be removed by 5:00
on October 14, 2022.

Bid on one item, bid on several
items or bid on the whole lot!

All bids are final and items are in
as-in condition.

**RESOLUTION #09202022-1 FOR DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC PROPERTY
OF
FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40**

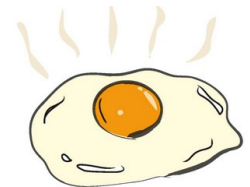
Whereas, Frenchtown School District #40, Missoula County, presently owns several Dell Computers and Chromebooks unsuitable for school purposes due to age. Broken HP printers, and monitors.

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 in school newsletter, October 2022 issue.

This resolution shall become effective 14 days after publication of the notice identified above. Effective dates are September 21, 2022 through October 10, 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 20th day of September 2022 by the Frenchtown School District #40 Board of Trustees to be effective on the October 10, 2022.




Board Chair


District Deputy Clerk



Breakfast menu



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Pancake Sausage Orange Slices	4 Big Bar Scrambled Eggs w/Cheese Fruit Cup	5 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Cup	6 Bagel w/Cream Cheese String Cheese Fruit Cup	7 Pancake Sausage Wrap Hash Brown Juice	8
9	10 Maple Oatmeal Sausage Sliced Apples	11 Cereal Potato Egg Casserole Fruit Cup	12 Breakfast Sandwich Hash Brown Fruit Cup	13 Muffin String Cheese Fruit Cup	14 Pancake Sausage Fruit Cup	15
16	17 Omelet Hash Brown Blue Berries	18 Poptart Yogurt Fruit Cup	19 Bagel w/Cream String Cheese Orange	20 No Classes	21 No Classes	22
23	24 No Classes	25 Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy Hash Brown Fruit Cup	26 Cereal Bar String Cheese Fruit Cup	27 English Muffin Scrambled Eggs w/Sausage and Cheese Fruit Cup	28 French Toast Sausage Apple sauce	29
30	31 Waffle Sausage Apple	Menu Subject To Change Without Notice				



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Current Resident
and/or
Box holder

We're on the Web!
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Corn dog French Fries Green Beans Peaches	4 Breaded Chicken Sandwich Lettuce & Tomato Broccoli Pears	5 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn Blue Berries Dinner Roll	6 BBQ Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans Steamed Carrots Fruit Cocktail	7 Pizza Joe Garden Salad Pineapple	8
9	10 Chicken Nuggets W/Dipping Sauce Green Beans Pears Dinner Roll	11 Taco Salad Refried Beans Cinnamon Apple Sauce Blueberry Crisp	12 Cold Turkey Sandwich Steamed Carrots Tropical Fruit	13 Cheese Burger Lettuce & Tomato Pickles Wedge Cut Fries Banana	14 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Cherry Apple Sauce Garlic Toast	15
16	17 Seasoned Chicken Breast Sandwich Lettuce, Tomatoes & Pickles Apple Slices Bread Roll	18 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Mandarin Oranges	19 Meatball SUB Green Beans Sliced Oranges	20 No Classes	21 No Classes	22
23	24 No Classes	25 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Cocktail	26 Sloppy Joe Sunshine Carrots Fresh Melon Chocolate Pudding	27 Waffle Sausage Patty Hash Brown Blueberry Apple Sauce	28 Mac & Cheese Garden Salad Pineapple	29
30	31 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir Fry Veg. Tropical Fruit Fortune Cookie	Menu Subject To Change Without Notice				