

# Frenchtown School District



**From the Desk  
of  
Superintendent  
Les Meyer**

april

**INSIDE THIS ISSUE:**

*"If we had no winter, spring would not be so pleasant."* Anne Bradstreet

**4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER BEGINS!**

The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the 2021-2022 school year is here! It is cliché, but time flies. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter begins and the hustle and bustle of finishing projects occurs and yet planning and preparing for the 2022-2023 school year began months ago.

**REPORT CARDS**

Parents of elementary students: report cards should be delivered by your child in backpacks on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Parents of students in grades 4-12: report cards will be mailed, Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and that's no foolin'!

**BUDGETING 2022-2023 & OPERATIONAL LEVY**

The Board of Trustees and administration have had multiple conversations regarding the 2022-2023 school year. FTSD received our preliminary budget sheets from the Office of Public Instruction, providing more clarity as planning and staffing conversations continue for the 2022-2023 school year. As a result of discussions and the preliminary budget sheets, it was recommended by the Finance Committee during the March 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting that FTSD runs an operational mill levy. Information regarding the operational levy and the varying impacts on school taxes ran in the March Newsletter. Information regarding the operational

levy is included once again in this packet and can be found on page 2,3. We hope to provide more information via a video or zoom as the month of April progresses. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is April 19<sup>th</sup> where once again information regarding the budget(s) will be shared.

**MONTANA ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES ACT**

The 2019 Legislature created HB 387. This bill was designed to allow schools additional flexibility in providing opportunities for students and families. The FTSD applied and received the Advanced Opportunities Grant. The Board of Public Education awarded FTSD the amount of \$31,764.84. OPI outlines the purpose of the funds:

- expands personalized career & technical education opportunities for middle and high school students;
- reduces out-of-pocket costs for students and families in support of a student's post-secondary success;
- empowers students to actively engage in forming post-secondary success that aligns with their individual interests, passions, strengths, needs and culture; and
- authorizes elected school boards to use advanced opportunity aid

to invest in Montana students by supporting individualized pathways for career and post-secondary.

This program is new to us and we will work to navigate this opportunity for students and families. At least 60% of the funding will be spent to address out-of-pocket expenses that would be assumed by a qualifying student or family. The remaining aid that is not expended may be used by any K-12 career and vocational/technical course that we offer. Included in this newsletter is a Frequently Ask Questions document on page 4,5.

**SPRING ASSESSMENT – WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE THIS YEAR?**

The Smarter Balanced Field Test (SBAC) will be given to our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders while our 11<sup>th</sup> graders will take the ACT this spring. The testing window begins on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We are required to have 95% of our students take the SBAC. Juniors will be taking the ACT on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Standardized testing is required by the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA), the federal law. All Montana students in grades 3-8 will take the Smarter Balanced Field Test in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math with the exception of qualifying students with disabilities, who will take the SBAC Alternate assessment. In grade 11, all students will take the ACT. These tests yield information on how well our students do as com-

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pared to the state standards in math and reading. Teachers can utilize the assessment to do an item analysis to find areas of weakness and strengths for individuals and for the grade level or class. We are able to collect longitudinal data on student progress with students taking the test yearly. Please keep in mind the dates of testing as they come up and be sure your children come to school well rested and well-nourished on those days, so they will be giving us their best academic performances.

During the month of May K-5 students will be going through MAP testing. The MAP assessment is a computerized program which looks at students in language arts, reading and math. Since the spring is so hectic for middle school students we elected to MAP test students during the month of February. Each test is different for each student because the tests are adjusted to meet the individual student's achievement level and measure improvement from fall to spring and from year to year. We are completing our twelfth year of using the MAP assessment and have a moving picture of student growth, having tested both fall and spring over those years. Reports are sent home twice a year, fall and spring, to parents allowing you to track your child's progress over the years.

The writing assessment and MAP assessment are used by teachers to address student progress as well as our curriculum.

⇒ **CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE** [www.ftsd.org](http://www.ftsd.org) **Trustee seats are up for re-election.** We will post the biographies of those running for election after the deadline for candidacy (March 24<sup>th</sup> to file and March 31<sup>st</sup> for write in candidates) to our website at [www.ftsd.org](http://www.ftsd.org). They will be on our NEWS Feed as well.

⇒ **Want to check your child's grades?** [www.ftsd.org](http://www.ftsd.org) – Click Parent/Student IC – If you have questions or issues reach out to the building secretaries and they will be more than willing to assist. Grades 4-12.

⇒ **Current Calendar:** [www.ftsd.org](http://www.ftsd.org) – Click Calendar – you will see a live google calendar, scroll down and the complete calendar for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

⇒ **Calendar for 2022-2023:** Click Menu – look for “Next Year’s District Calendar 2022-2023”

⇒ Carry our website on your phone! Download the Frenchtown School District App from the apple store or from google play to access the website. Also, don't forget to use the Infinite Campus program on the website to check on your child's grades, attendance, missing work.

**FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT – COMMITTEE WORK**

- ◇ Finance Committee – February 2<sup>nd</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> – District funds and operational mill levy discussions
- ◇ Negotiations Committee – March 8<sup>th</sup> – Classified MOU
- ◇ Safety Committee – March 24<sup>th</sup>

Facilities Committee – March 25<sup>th</sup> – SC & NC walk about while school is in session

Curriculum/Professional Development – After April 1<sup>st</sup> – update on Health/PE, Spanish & French, Business

Transportation Committee – Week of April 4<sup>th</sup>

**GIRLS WRESTLING AND BOYS BASEBALL**  
The Montana High School Association (MHSA)

**FRENCHTOWN MILL LEVY**

The Frenchtown School District is running an Operational Mill Levy this spring. Frenchtown is known for its amazing community support, its family engagement and its school district. The school district fosters a supportive environment for every child and provides best in class education. The Operational Mill Levy is necessary because the community has grown and the student population has increased.

**Facts:**

- This is the first Operational Mill Levy requested since 2008.
- Community member taxes contributions to the school district have decreased 25% since 2017-2018.
- Mills per household have decreased from 391 to 306.
- 80% of the current operational budget is funded by the state.
- Frenchtown is operating at 91% of the allowable budget limit as determined by the State of Montana.

**What is Frenchtown School District Proposing?**

- The school district needs to ask for a 5% increase to the current operating budget, \$536,000, bringing the operating budget from 91% of the allowable budget limit to approximately 94%.

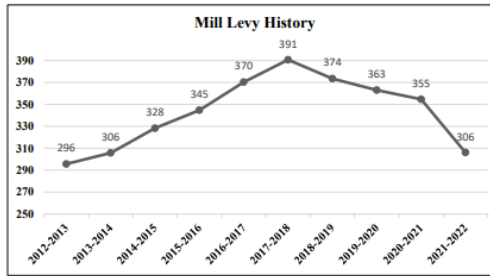
**What is the financial impact?**

- \$4.25/month on a \$100,000 home
- \$8.50/month on a \$200,000 home

**Why must we run an Operational Mill Levy?**

- Student growth has impacted staffing needs
- Maintain current student programs and offerings
- Maintain current student-teacher ratio
- Services and utility costs have dramatically risen

The charts below outline the history of operational mills, the increase in enrollment, and the taxable value of the Frenchtown Valley. As the taxable value of Frenchtown increases, the financial impact to each taxpayer decreases. The requested Operational Mill Levy is similar to the 2015-2016 mill level and is less than the mill level of 2020-2021.



The taxpayer obligation to the school district has decreased each year since 2017.

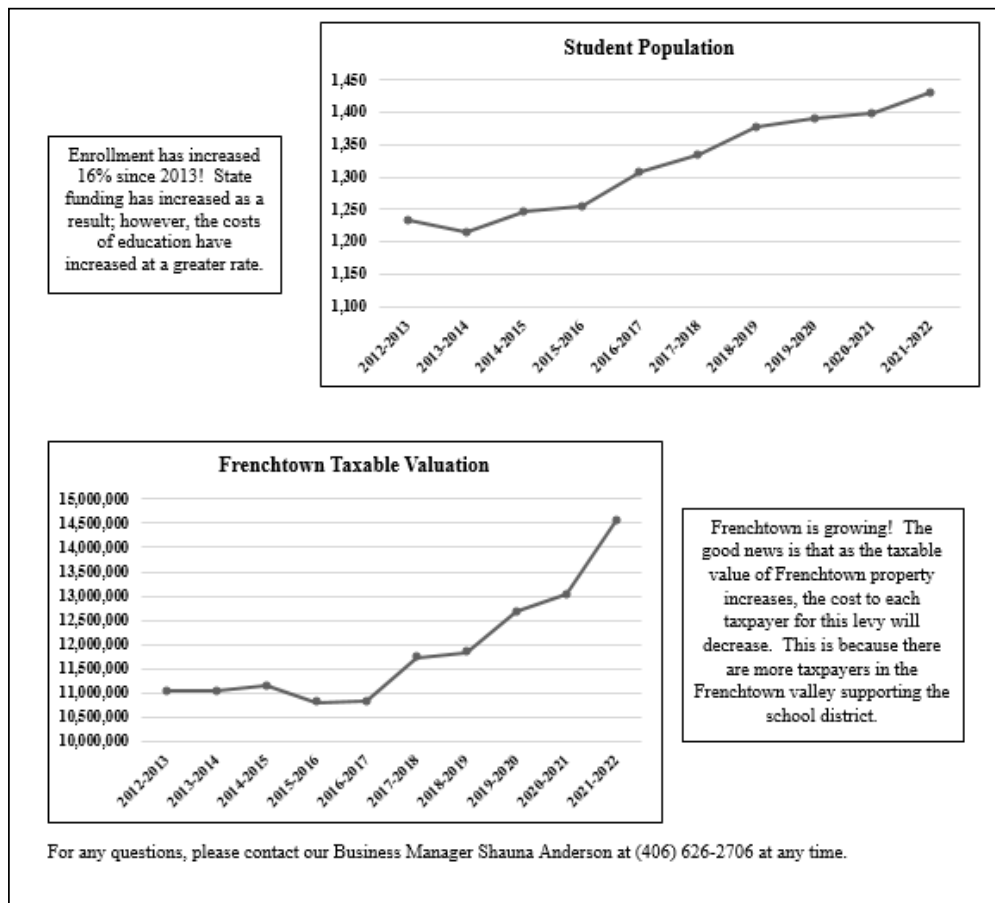
voted this winter to make the pilot program of Girls Wrestling an official sport. The MHSA also voted to make Boys Baseball an official sport. At the March Board Meeting, it was recommended by administration and approved by the FTSD Board of Trustees to implement Girls Wrestling and Boys Baseball as official school programs.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**

Thank you so much. Thank you to parents, commu-

nity members, and the Frenchtown PTA for assisting the FTSD in taking grades 4, 5, & 6 to the state basketball tournament in Missoula. It was a great display of school spirit and it was fun for the students. They were also provided a quick tour of the campus upon conclusion of the game. This was a first for many students which enhanced the trip even more. It was good for high school students to see these youngsters cheering them on as well. Older students need to know and understand that little eyes are watching them.

Experiences like this can work to enhance school spirit as well as school responsibility on how to act in the classroom, in the hallway, and in public.





## Advanced Opportunity Aid - HB 387



**Q** - On Page 4, 5v of the bill, it states that spending is at the discretion of the district.... **Can funds be used to pay student wages while at work?**

**A** - Reference: Page 1 of the bill and the first paragraph outlines the purpose of the bill and that it is to be used to offset parent costs and then to support Career and Technical Education Programs. Payment of students wages would be outside the scope of the bill and also create workman comp. issues. **(No)**

**Q** - Using that same page 4 reference, can a district use funds to pay for student fuel to travel to work-based experiences?

**A** - Reference: Page 1 of the bill and the first paragraph outlines the purpose of the bill and that it is to be used to offset parent costs and then to support Career and Technical Education Programs. **(Yes) This would be considered a parent cost, the district could use funds to pay for student travel.**

**Q** - Can the funds be used to pay for expensive supplies for PLTW courses in Sciences, for example, even though parents are not charged?

**A** - **Because PLTW courses are structured for career pathways, this could be an expense the district could consider with funds that do not go directly to offset parent costs. (Yes)**

**Q** - Can the funds be used to support existing CTE programs?

**A** - Reference: Page 4, 5b of the bill, states that **advanced opportunity aid** remaining that is not expended or carried forward for the purposes of subsection (5)(a) **may be spent by the district to provide any K-12 career and vocational/technical education course offered by the district. (Yes)**

**Q** - Can the funds be used to pay for middle school CTSOs where the district currently charges parents a fee for the CTSOs?

**A** - Reference: Page 1 of the bill and the first paragraph outlines the purpose of the bill and that it is to be used to offset parent costs and then to support Career and Technical Education Programs. **Because parents are charged a fee for the CTSOs at middle school, the fund could be used for this purpose. (Yes)**

**Q** - Can you provide examples of strategic plans, please?

**A** - **We will post a couple different strategic plans that may help you in your planning processes. Those will available by the 12th of November in the Resources section on the OPI Transformational Learning Page.**

as of November 6, 2019



Q- Can the funds carryover?

A - Yes, the distributed funds are deposited in your flex fund and can be carried over for the purposes outlined in HB 387.

Q- Can the funds be used for FTE costs?

A - After the minimum of 60% going for out-of-pocket costs for parents, the other 40% can be used at the discretion of the district for K-12 career and vocational/technical education courses.

Q- What needs to be uploaded for HB 387?

A - The application checklist which is live on the OPI website, should be filled out, downloaded, and signed by your board chair. This is the only document you will upload when you submit your application.

Q- Does an elementary and high school district within one system need to submit two different applications?

A - The application has a place where a system can identify both their elementary and HS districts and submit a single application.

Q- Does the OPI have a student advanced opportunity plan for districts to use?

A - (No) The OPI does not have approved forms for districts to use. This is at the discretion of the local district as to what a student opportunity plan would look like for their students, parents and other interested partners.

Q- It is possible for students to earn dual credits for a high school course?

A - (Yes) Because of strong local control and the significant flexibilities offered school districts, it is possible for students to earn credit from a course for more than one subject, especially when you look at a proficiency model versus a seat time model.



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



- ⇒ April 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Early Out students dismissed at 12:30
- ⇒ April 11<sup>th</sup> Pre-ACT offered to Sophomores
- ⇒ April 12<sup>th</sup> ACT Test for All Juniors
- ⇒ No School April 14-18 Spring Break

- All Juniors will take the ACT test free of charge on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Pre-ACT will be offered to all sophomores on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Please do all you can as parents to have your students rested and ready to perform their very best on the test!

**Academic WorldQuest**



**Elks Club Student of Month**

Congratulations to Kiana Sivak and Demi Smith they have been selected as the March "Elk Students of the Month," and will be among those included in those considered for "Elk Student of the Year" recognition at the end of this school year. The students are selected by their teachers and counselors based on academic excellence, community service, school involvement and leadership.

**National Merit Finalist**

Sean Rody was named as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. This a very prestigious accomplishment. Sean was selected based on his outstanding PSAT score.



Nearly 300 students from across the state participated in an annual international education conference hosted by the Montana World Affairs Council that featured diplomats and conversations of global understanding. The Academic WorldQuest is a two-day conference organized by the Montana World Affairs Council.

**Big Sky Documentary Film Festival and Filmmakers in the Schools at Frenchtown High School!**

Each year, during the week of the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival in Missoula, the Filmmakers in the Schools program coordinates with local school districts to bring age-appropriate and classroom-relevant documentary selec-

tions and in-person Q+As with filmmakers to students, providing them the space to ask questions and make local connections to global stories. Throughout the day on Friday, February 25th, Frenchtown High School teachers had the opportunity to bring classes to the auditorium to view a diverse selection of films, stories, and perspectives and to engage in dialogue over content and the filmmaking process with filmmakers.



**Business Class Updates**

This semester in Mrs. Goris's **Coding & Tech Tools** class, students have been learning about the practical applications of coding. The first big project for students was to create an app that solved a problem. Students created school schedules, measurement converters, recipe guides and games. After the apps, students began exploring the many uses of the Micro:bit. We created a usable compass, a room temperature sensor and a fidget cube. The final projects consisted of a working pedometer, a pong game, a space invader game and an English to Russian translator.

In **Stock Trading and Economics**, students are again participating in the Stock Market Game. This has been a more difficult time for students as their portfolios have been plummeting with recent world events. We have been learning how to short stocks which has led to one team maintaining a top 10 placing out of 480 teams. We are hopeful that the market will improve before the 15 April completion of the game.



**Graduation**

**Graduation is currently scheduled for Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 1:00 p.m.**

## Frenchtown High School Yearbook

### Senior Ads



Yearbook Advisor · Phil McLendon  
17620 Frenchtown Frontage Road  
Phone # · (406)241-3605

Email: [philmclendon@ftbrons.org](mailto:philmclendon@ftbrons.org)  
Frenchtown, Montana 59834  
High School Office · (406)626-2670

**Congratulations** on your son/daughter becoming a senior at Frenchtown High School this year! The Frenchtown Yearbook is now accepting orders for color and personalized senior ads. These ads give you the opportunity to express your love, pride, and congratulations upon your child's high school graduation.

**Ad Size and Pricing:** We are selling a 1/4 (quarter) page ad for \$50. This gives you the opportunity to write a brief personalized message to your child along with including up to two photographs (could include a baby picture and/or a favorite picture that you have of them).

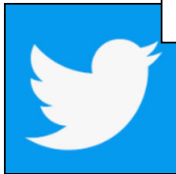
**Deadline:** The order form, photos, text and payment for your child's senior ad are due on Monday, March 21, 2022. Everything to be included in the ad needs to be submitted by 3:30pm. You can email or text the pictures and write up that you would like to include along with the correct spelling of the student's name or feel free to bring it in and drop it off to the high school office.

**Thank You:** We appreciate your support of Frenchtown High School and the Yearbook program. Our yearbook staff depends on the community's support in

our endeavor to produce a successful yearbook each year as we attempt to capture the events and memories that can last forever. If you have any questions concerning an ad, please feel free to email, text, or contact us at the number listed above. · Frenchtown Yearbook Staff

Student Name _____ _____ _____ _____	Student Name _____ _____ _____ _____
Student Name _____ _____ _____ _____	Student Name _____ _____ _____ _____

See Senior Ad example on back/Above are examples of different 1/4, quarter page layouts



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.





**Frenchtown High School**  
**Senior Graduation Party**  
Sunday, May 29, 2022

Dear Business Owners and Community Members –

Frenchtown High School Class of 2022's graduation on May 29, 2022 will be a time for celebration, high hopes and lasting memories. To recognize this milestone, the parents of the Senior Class are organizing an all-night party the evening of the graduation ceremony. The party is a final opportunity for the students to be together as a class and celebrate their graduation.

Our purpose and goal for this party is to raise enough funds to support an alcohol and drug free graduation night celebration for ALL graduating seniors. The Committee is planning an evening full of activities, games, food, and prize drawings. As always, adult volunteers will chaperone the event. It is only through the generosity of our community and local businesses that we will be able to make this event successful.

We are writing to ask for your assistance in reaching our goal. By making cash donations and/or donating raffle items, you will play a vital role in helping us reach this goal. We will purchase many prizes for our graduates, but we welcome the donation of prizes, gift cards, electronics, dorm room items, sporting goods, clothing...anything a young adult might like. Financial donations can be made payable to FHS Senior Party and mailed to Frenchtown High School, c/o FHS Senior Party, P.O. Box 117, Frenchtown, MT 59834. Tax ID: 81-6000679.

Thank you in advance for your donations and support to help the parents of the Senior Class achieve their goal of providing a fun, safe, alcohol and drug free celebration. If you have any questions, or are interested in donating in any other way, please feel free to contact our committee at the email address below.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

CLASS OF 2022 STEERING COMMITTEE

*Cindy Hanenburg*  
*Desiree Bagnell*  
*Kathy Long*  
*Janell Habeck*  
*Michelle Beatty*  
[SeniorPartyFHS2022@gmail.com](mailto:SeniorPartyFHS2022@gmail.com)



# THE DANGEROUS TRUTH ABOUT TODAY'S MARIJUANA: JOHNNY'S LIFE AND DEATH STORY

Laura Stack's 19-year-old son, Johnny, died by suicide on November 20, 2019, after becoming delusional from dabbing high-THC marijuana concentrates. Soon afterward, Laura started a 501c3, Johnny's Ambassadors, to educate parents and teens about the dangers of today's high-THC marijuana on adolescent brain development, mental illness, and suicide.



In this session, Laura will share the story of Johnny's marijuana addiction from a parent's point of view, a poignant chronicle of the shocking descent from innocence to eventual suicide. Before marijuana, Johnny was a computer whiz with a 4.0 GPA and a perfect math score on the SAT. After marijuana, he stole his family dog from the home and threatened to kill it without payment from his mother. With moving candor, Laura traces the first warning signs, their attempts at rehabilitation, her desperation, and his eventual demise. Three days before his death, Johnny issued his own warning about marijuana usage. Through this tragic tale, Stack hopes to use her pain to help parents talk to their children about the dangers of today's marijuana. Participants will hear a first-hand account of the death of a teen from marijuana use and be educated on the harms of marijuana on adolescent brain development, mental illness, and suicide. Laura's real-life story is backed by recent scientific-based research on how today's potent THC products lead to mental illnesses such as anxiety, depression, paranoia, psychosis, and sadly, suicidal ideation. This presentation is a clarion call for parents across America to educate themselves about the risks of today's high-THC marijuana products and to better understand the potentially devastating effects on youth mental health.

## Join us for a FREE parent and community presentation with Laura Stack!



**Date:** April 7, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Location:** Frenchtown High School

17620 Frenchtown Frontage Road

Frenchtown, MT 59834

**Questions? Contact:** [ReaganMecham@ftbroncs.org](mailto:ReaganMecham@ftbroncs.org)



## FRENCHTOWN BRONC SOFTBALL 2022-2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Opponent/Location</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Bus</u>
3/8	Tuesday		Spring Parent Meeting High School Commons	7:00 pm	
3/14	Monday		1st Day of Practice		
3/30	Wednesday	JV	<b>Sentinel</b>	6:00 pm	
3/31	Thursday	JV/V	@ Mission	V 4:00/ JV 6:00	1:00 pm
4/2	Saturday	JV/V	Libby	JV 12:00/ V 2:00	
4/7	Thursday	JV/V	Stevensville	JV 5:00/ V 7:00	
4/9	Saturday	JV/V	@ Ronan	JV 12:00/ V 2:00	9:00 am
4/14	Thursday	JV/V	@ Hamilton	JV 5:00/ V 7:00	2:00 pm
4/16	Saturday	JV/V	@ East Helena	JV 12:00/ V 2:00	8:00 am
4/19	Tuesday	JV/V	@ Corvallis	V 3:00/ JV 5:00	12:00 pm
4/21	Thursday	JV/V	Dillon	JV 5:00/ V 7:00	
4/25	Monday	JV	@ <b>Sentinel</b>	5:00 pm	3:30 pm
4/26	Tuesday	JV/V	Polson	JV 5:00/ V 7:00	
4/29-30	Fri-Sat	JV/V	Frenchtown Inv. (Butte C.)	TBA	
5/3	Tuesday	JV/V	Corvallis	JV 5:00/ V 7:00	
5/5	Thursday	JV/V	@ Dillon	V 3:00/ JV 5:00	10:00 am
5/7	Saturday	JV/V	@ Glacier	JV 11:00/ V 1:00	7:00 am
5/10	Tuesday	JV/V	Hamilton	JV 5:00/ V 7:00	
<b>5/18</b>	Wednesday	JV	Frenchtown JV Inv. <i>Helena High, Helena Capital, Columbia Falls, Polson, Mission</i>	1:00/3:00/5:00 pm	
5/13-14	Fri-Sat	V	@ Butte Central Inv. (Butte C.)	TBA	12:30 pm
5/17	Tuesday	JV/V	@ Stevensville	V 4:00/ JV 6:00	12:30 am
5/21	Saturday	JV/V	East Helena	JV 12:00/ V 2:00	
5/26-28	Thurs-Sat	V	State @ Hamilton	TBA	



## FRENCHTOWN BRONCS TRACK & FIELD 2022 - 2023

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4/2	Saturday	JV/V	Frenchtown Inv.	10:00	
4/9	Saturday	JV/V	@ Hamilton	9:00	6:30am
4/16	Saturday	JV/V	@ MCPS	10:00	8:30 am
4/23	Saturday	JV/V	@ Columbia Falls	10:00	
4/26	Tuesday	V	@ Big Sky –Top Ten	TBA	
4/30	Saturday	JV/V	@ Butte Central	10:00	6:00 am
5/4	Wednesday	JV/V	Frenchtown Dillon, Seeley Swan	4:00	
5/5	Thursday	JV	@ Corvallis – JV Invite	3:00	12:30 pm
5/7	Saturday	JV/V	@ Seeley Swan (MCPS)	9:00	
5/14	Saturday	V	@ Polson - ABC	9:30	7:00 am
5/20-21	Fri-Sat	V	Divisional @ Hamilton	TBA	
5/26-28	<del>Thur</del> -Sat	V	State @ Butte	TBA	



**6-12 COUNSELORS' CORNER**  
**BETH TERZO**  
**ROBYN RICHARDSON**

**JUNIORS:** The end of the year is approaching quickly and although college planning may be the last thing on your mind... let it enter. The counselors will be speaking with you regarding your future plans and steps you should be taking, but in the meantime... Please start deciding if you plan to retake the ACT plus writing, or if you would like to take the SAT. Do this while math is fresh in your head and give yourself enough time next year to take it again if needed. Practice tests are available online at [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) and [www.smartaboutcollege.org](http://www.smartaboutcollege.org). You have also been given an account through [onlineprep.act.org](http://onlineprep.act.org).

Make sure to check the admission requirements for the schools you are interested in attending. If they require, or recommend SAT subject tests, you may want to take those at the end of your junior year as well. Please check admission requirements closely so you do not miss an important requirement.

**TESTING:** Spring is "testing season"!

- The **ACT** plus writing for juniors is on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The **Pre-ACT** for sophomores is on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Advanced Placement tests are scheduled to begin in May. Students have already signed up if they were interested in taking an AP test, and the tests have been ordered.

**To view future ACT and SAT testing dates and to register to test, please visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) or [collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat).**

Scores are the start to the college application process; therefore, students will want to give it their best effort.

**Resources**

Did you know that in addition to caring staff, administrators, and the school nurse, the high school has multiple resources available to help students?

**Project Success**

Bridgette Rowe, the Project Success counselor, is available at school to work with students at risk. She is also a great resource for students dealing

with alcohol/drug related concerns.

**School Counselors**

**What can the counselors help you with during high school?** School counselors help students in three areas: academic, careers, and personal/social.

The academic domain includes, but is not limited to, scheduling, study skills, four year planning, tips for improving grades, difficulties in class, and testing.

The career domain includes, but is not limited to, career assessments, career exploration, post-secondary planning, military options, and apprenticeship information.

The personal/social domain includes, but is not limited to relationship concerns, divorce or family concerns, anger management, suicide, drugs/alcohol concerns, and loss or grief.

**What is confidentiality?** Confidentiality means that when you speak with a school counselor they will keep the conversation private. However, there are a couple of times confidentiality needs to be broken for the student's safety and well-being. If the school counselor feels that you or others are in imminent danger, the school counselor will contact appropriate people, such as your parents, the school principal, and any others that can be of assistance. By law, a school counselor also needs to break confidentiality if abuse in any form is revealed. The school counselor will need to make a report to the department of family services and may need to contact other people including parents and the school principal. If confidentiality needs to be broken the school counselor will let you know. If you have concerns or questions about confidentiality please feel free to ask the counselor.



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

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Guardians-- Here is the information regarding your child's 8th Grade Promotion:

- **8th Grade Promotion** Tuesday, May31, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the High School Gym.
- Promotion rehearsal will be completed by 2:00 pm if you would like to check your child out after rehearsal.
- **8th Grade Activity Day** --Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at City Life in Missoula -- We have rented out the space from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on this day for the students. Students will have access to rebound, basketball courts, and many more activities. Students are allowed to be picked up by parents at 2:30 pm upon arrival at the school. This will be an optional activity for students to participate in.

Things needed for graduation:

→ **Baby Pictures/8th Grade Pictures:** Please send to the following email address by Friday, May 13, 2022 --- [peytonfulbright@fbroncs.org](mailto:peytonfulbright@fbroncs.org)-- Please put name of student in the subject line.

→ **Fundraising:** We will not be doing the Walk-a-thon this year to fundraise. We would like to purchase a couple items for the students entering high school and help cover the rental at City Life Community Center. We would like each graduate to bring in \$30.00 to help cover the cost. Any left-over funds will be put in their class account and follow them up to the High School. **Make checks payable to: Frenchtown Schools** or bring in the exact amount of cash to the Middle School Office. If you can not afford this please contact me via email: [aarongriffin@fbroncs.org](mailto:aarongriffin@fbroncs.org)

→ **Dress Code for promotion:** We ask that students follow school dress code for the promotion ceremony and look as nice as possible for this occasion. Parents/Guardians please do not feel obligated to purchase formal attire for this event.

Stay tuned for more information as we power through this year. I am super proud of this 8th grade class and all that they have accomplished!

Let me know if you have any questions.

Aaron Griffin,

**Calendar Changes (reminders)**

- ◆ Third Quarter Ends --- Friday, March 25, 2022
- ◆ Report Cards mailed home before Spring/Easter Break
- ◆ MS Track starts on Monday, April 4, 2022 for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students from 3:40 to 5:00 pm
- ◆ Spring/Easter Break  
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 --- 12:30 pm Release  
Thursday, April 14 to Monday, April 18, 2022 – No School

School Resumes on Tuesday, April 19, 2022  
**Middle School Enrollment as of March 3, 2022**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 108
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 108
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 127
- Total: 343

**I do anticipate each class to start the school year between 110-115 students per grade level in the Middle School. At this point FMS will be closed to Out of District Students for the 2022-2023 school year – students will be placed on a waiting list and a decision will be made in August of 2022.**  
**SBAC Testing 2021-2022**

- This year all students’ grades 3-8 will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment. This is an adaptive online assessment in Math and English Language Arts (ELA).
- The state testing window for Frenchtown 3rd through 8th grade will run from March 7, 2022 – May 27, 2022.
- Since the assessments are computer adaptive tests (CAT) and are customized to each student, they are able to go beyond the multiple-choice questions. The Smarter Balanced Assessment is comprised of selected response items, technology enhanced items, and authentic performance tasks (PT).
- Please help Frenchtown School District with consistent attendance during the testing time frame. Each grade level will be testing at some point throughout the 8 week testing window.

**Middle School SBAC Dates (Tentative)**

**6th Grade**

- April 25-29: Reading/Writing  
May 2-5: Math

**7th Grade**

- April 6 – Reading/Writing
- April 7 – Reading/Writing
- April 26 – Math
- April 28 – Math
- May 3 – Math

- May 5 -- Math

**8th Grade**

- March 14-25 --- Science Test
- April 4-13 --- English
- April 19-May 6 --- Math

**TRACK INFORMATION 2022**

→ The first day of practice is Monday, April 4 for all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Practice time will be 3:40 – 5:00 pm. All athletes must complete a permission form and must have a current physical and concussion statement on file (one per school year). Please upload all forms to Dragonfly. Contact the Middle School Office if you have questions on Dragonfly at 626-2650. We have opened an online store to order track gear. It will close on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> so that we can get our gear early in the season.

→ All athletes will do some running each day and should have supportive running shoes. Spikes (not required) can be utilized at some point during practice but should not be worn for the majority of practice. All athletes should have a sweatshirt, sweatpants, and a water bottle at practice each day.

→ If you are planning to participate in another activity during track season, talk to one of the coaches so we are aware of any conflicts.

→ Season schedules will be posted online by Monday, April 4, 2022

→ Contact Julie Lucier ([julielucier@fbroncs.org](mailto:julielucier@fbroncs.org)) if you have questions.

**8th Grade Promotion**

- ◇ Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the High School Gym
- ◇ Student Fun Activity Day --- Wednesday, June 1, 2022 (Activity to be determined)
- ◇ No School for the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders on Thursday, June 2, 2022

**Lego State Tournament Results**

Frenchtown Middle School was well represented at the state FLL Lego Robotics competition held February 26th in Bozeman. Both the 6th grade team, the Shark Gangstaz, and the 8th grade team, the Lightning Commando Squad, advanced from the qualifier meet held February 5th. At the state competition, the Shark Gangstaz had strong robot runs and a great presentation showcasing their innovative project, a secure rural package locker that would increase safety for package delivery drivers, as well as protecting packages from theft. The 8th graders also had strong robot runs and impressed the judges with their innovative project, reusable mailing pouches made from recycled jeans and dog food bags that could reduce package waste by up to 50 percent. Their robot runs, innovative project, along with their demonstration of the FLL core values, earned them the runner-up Champion's Award. This means that

they took 2nd place overall out of 52 teams across the state! 6th grade team members are Ean Johnson, Kyla Languanet, Tripp Larson, Zen Peters, Lily Tucker, and Tsimmeej Yang. 8th grade team members are Alyssa Bilbrey, Aleah Knight, Ellie Languanet, Tru Peters, Cooper Stark, and Emma Schwartz. The teams were coached by Dalene Normand.



**Math Counts—**

Elly Lewis participated in the Math Counts in Butte on Monday, March 8, 2022. Elly was the only students from FMS that has qualified for this competition. At this time we have not got results back from this the Math Counts Competition.



**MTC Math Contest**

Twelve Frenchtown Students attended the MCTM Math contest in Missoula on March 8th. These students worked both individually and collaboratively to complete a series of mathematical problems. These Frenchtown students demonstrated their in-depth knowledge of mathematical understandings. Their hard work and dedication to learning is evident.



**Student Spotlight**

Sixth Grader Chelsey Thorn is a member of the Discovery Ski Area Ski Team. Chelsey has attended ski camps and raced at Big Sky in the Super G!



**Frenchtown Book Fair a Success**

Thank you Frenchtown community, students and staff for making the 2022 Frenchtown Book Fair a huge success and supporting our Frenchtown Elementary readers! The truck arrived with 77 boxes of books and with the help of Roberta Chapman, Elaina Blass, Kim Simpson, and Karolie Lydell, the fair was set up before the end of the day. We would also like to thank PTSA member Lauren Atkins, her husband, Christine Johnson, and Korey Rugg for volunteering and helping us pack the book fair up.

The two day book fair took place during Parent Teachers Conferences. The success of this event is a testament of the support this community has for Frenchtown School and how they value reading.

The proceeds of this book fair will be used to purchase books and supply our Makerspace for up and coming projects.

Your continued support of this event is very much appreciated!!!





### Supporting Our Athletes

Basketball players and coaches received gifts of personalized gear bags from parents for the state tournament in March.

Designed and produced by the Vocational Skills Classes - students created vinyl transfers of logos and names and pressed the bags in record time!

Shipping delays meant students had just one day before the team was scheduled to leave!

They dropped everything, rallied and printed 21 designs presented to the team before they went to State! Way to go under pressure!!!



**Frenchtown  
Community Coalition  
Students Stuck In Texas**

Vocational Skills students stepped up to help out in the concession stand during the Class C basketball tournament last month. The concession stand was scheduled to be staffed by the members of the Frenchtown Community Coalition. However, most members were stuck in the Dallas Airport. The band and choir were on their way back from a performance at Disneyland when an ice storm grounded all the planes at the DFW Airport. They all eventually got home safely with the help of a local charter company. In the meantime, the Vocational Skills class took the opportunity for some hands-on training in food prep and retail. "This worked out to be a great chance for some early training so that our students are ready to work in the concession stand during track season" said Vocational Skills Specialist, Lisa Fall.



**Thank You Missoula Lions Club!**

FHS Special Education offers thanks to the Missoula Lions Club for their generous donation of a Smart Brailier to 8th grader Maddie Schedermayer.

Maddie lives with cordial visual impairment (CVI) and is learning to read and write braille. A Brailier is like a typewriter but makes a set of raised bumps read by touch. It also provides auditory feedback as Maddie brailles simultaneously printing the visual and brailled letters. This is a big advantage for teachers who do not read Braille.

Her new smart Brailier replaces one that was on loan from the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Barb Schedermayer, Maddie's mother, loves the smart Brailer because "Maddie likes to do her homework more than ever because she likes the equipment"







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

**Sessions #1 and #2 Five Week Climbing Classes Finished**

Frenchtown School District finished its first two sessions of rock climbing class. The kids were able to gain major skills that range from climbing to knot work. Special thanks to our climbing coaches for all their hard work Joe, Caitlyn and Haven.



**I Love to Read**

I Love to Read week was a success! There were many activities across the South Campus that made this week amazing, but the one that really stood out was when students from the High School came over to read to our K-5 students. All the kids piled into the gym for 20 minutes of reading and connecting with students from across FTSD. It was a lot of fun for everyone involved. **2/22/22- Taco**



**Twos-day!**

The lunch staff changed the menu for February 22, 2022 for a taco party on Tuesday, 2/22/22! Intermediate students came in and played music for each class as they ate lunch. What a fun event to organize Mrs. Petroff.

**Talent Show**

Each year Mr. Duhamel, the Key Club, Mrs. Blass and Mrs. Petroff put on the South Campus Talent Show to raise money for the Key Club. The event was top notch! Over 26 acts took to the stage and about 100 parents and community members watched. It was fun to see kids share their talents in front of a crowd. Public speaking is never easy let alone performing. Great job everyone that participated!



**Wrestling K-5**

K-5 Kids had a blast wrestling in Florence. It was awesome to see so many students from FTSD out learning the basics of wrestling. Looks like the FTSD wrestling program has a bright future!



**Montana Youth Sing**

Frenchtown students from grades 4-6 were chosen to sing in a choir from 7 other schools from Western Montana. The choral festival, Montana Youth Sing, sponsored by the Montana Choral Directors Association, had 200 students attending. The choir rehearsed together and performed for an audience of over 300 people. We would like to thank our school for being great hosts of this large event and helping to make it a great success!

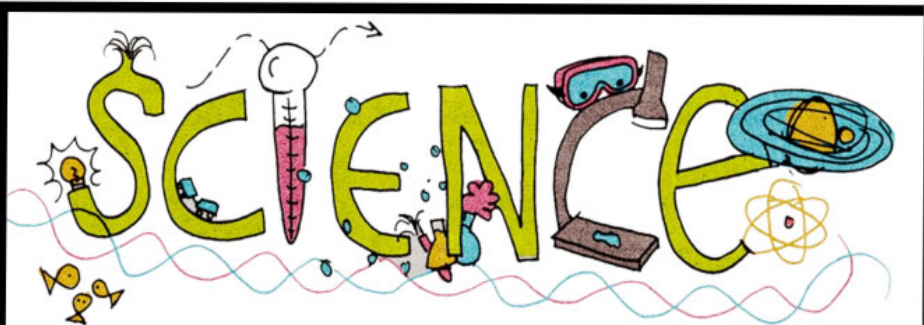
Back Row: Blake Day, Sylvia Sears, Brooklyn Bieber, Emma Wipplinger, Harlow Waln, Bridger Goris, Lexis Lusher. Front Row: Sara Chinikaylo, Eamonn Johnson, Ayla Rasmussen, Addy Phillippi, Anna-Elise Powell, Celeste Russell, Deja Dunton, Saree Dyer



**Lunch at the Middle School**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students had the opportunity to head over to the Middle School for lunch. This is the beginning of the transition process of 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. It was really fun to watch the kids interact with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade staff and the excitement on their faces as they walked into the Middle School Building.





# PALOOZA 2022

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- . Thursday, April 7, 2022 5:00-7:30 pm
  - . Intermediate Gym
  - . \$3.00 Dinner & Dirt for hungry people
  - . \$3.00 entry fee

(Kids must be accompanied by an adult)

**Intermediate School At State Basketball**

Frenchtown students in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade attended the Broncs Class A 1<sup>st</sup> round State A basketball game. This was a great community building event and the students really enjoyed cheering on the High School Broncs Basketball Team! Thank you to all the donors that made this trip possible and to all the drivers, parents and community members that helped out. Special thanks to the PTA for providing funds to pay for a majority of the trip. It was also a lot of fun at the end to tour the University of Montana campus with the students. **Bowling**



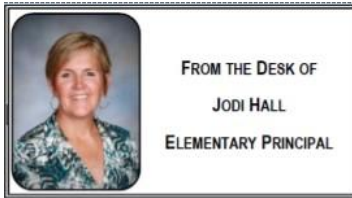
**in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

5th Grade took some time away from the school to go bowling as a class. It is always nice to get out and just spend some quality time with friends at Westside lanes!



**Cat in the Hat STEM Challenge**

Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Spoharski buddy classes kicked off Read Across Frenchtown Week with a Cat in the Hat STEM challenge. Students worked in teams to build a Kindergarten a hat that could balance items, just like the Cat does in the book! All the kids had a hilariously fun time making hats and stacking silly things on top! Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!



Hello Everyone!

By the time you are reading this newsletter, spring will sprung. Flowers and trees will be blooming, the snow will be gone, and the kids will be outside more in the evening. Time to dust off the bikes, skateboards, and scooters and head out to the bike path to Frenchtown Pond. Hope spring finds all of you doing well and ready for the sunshine. Keep looking up, focus on the good things, and believe in what you do. Thank you for helping our school community be great, we all make a great team. Please let us know if you need anything, we are just a phone call away.

Jodi Hall  
PK-3 Principal  
406-626-2620  
jodihall@ftbrones.org

**Kindergarten Registration is OPEN**

Kindergarten registration (5 years old by Sept 10) is currently open for the 22-23 school year, you may get an application online or stop by the Elementary office. Mandi and Stefni will take great care of you. Early Kindergarten registration (4 years old by September 10), determination of acceptance will be made in the spring. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 406-626-2620.

**Spring concert**



We have started our preparation for our Spring Program in music grades K-5. Our theme is The Wild West! Dust off your Ol' Cowboy Hats and send them to school. We are in need of hats, cowboy wear, and stick horses!!! We will be filming our final remote program the last week of April!! Hold your horses for the performances in the middle of May! Ya All be Watchin' for some Ol' Frenchtown Fun!!

**Greetings from the K-2 Counselors!**

The students have been working very hard learning all about how to be a good friend. Kids have learned the importance of eye contact, managing our tone of voice, communicating our space preferences and respecting boundaries of others, empathy, asking to play and accepting that sometimes things don't go our way. We have explored all of the aspects that make us unique and diverse: our interests, our families, our ethnicities, the color of our skin, hair, eyes, as well as our abilities. We have practiced kindness in action, which around here we call compassion. The

bottom line is our kids are ready to be Superfriends and behave like Bronc Besties.

We are moving into learning about emotional regulation, beefing up our coping strategies, and celebrating a Connection Week that is coming up the week of March 21st. That connection week will be filled with activities to show our students how we are connected to each other and to our communities. Students will be wearing certain colors to remind us who we are connected to and practicing connection activities. When we feel connected to each other, at school, in our family, and in our community, we are bolstering resilience skills. This is important for healthy living!

As always, it remains an honor to work with the students in the K-2, for the families, and with the staff here in Frenchtown. We are Family! We are Frenchtown!

Mrs. America, K-2 School Counselor, Miss Maizie, Counseling Intern, Miss Cohen, Counseling Intern

**Kindergarten WIN What I Need Time**

- 5 days a week/ 30 minutes per day
- Skill-based remediation or enrichment based on what each student needs
- Small group instruction
- Follows continuum of essential reading skills
- Flexible grouping based on skill need

eam approach to help students succeed

**Grout**

In the month of March Mrs. Grout's class had a ton of fun learning about St. Patrick's Day, Leprechauns, and Rainbows. We did a paint mixing experiment where we took primary colors to mix them and see what new colors we could make. We then used those colors to paint a rainbow. We also did a fun Pot of gold craft, made leprechaun traps, (he destroyed our classroom), and we did a ton of fun shamrock activities relating to math and literature. We also learned about Dr. Seuss and read many of his most popular books. In science we learned about weather and spring. We talked about weather patterns, and how things are going to start looking different outside now that spring has arrived. We sure are ready for spring!

Mrs. Musso's class began the busy month of March by celebrating Dr. Seuss, reading some of his most popular books, and making crafts based on those books. Next, we learned about rainbows and the colors they are made of. We then moved into learning about St. Patrick's day and leprechauns. We even made our own traps to see if we could catch a leprechaun, but he got away. In true pesky leprechaun fashion, he made a mess of the classroom and left his footprints everywhere! However, he was kind enough to leave treats for the kids. After the chaos of St. Patrick's Day, our class learned about different kinds of weather, monitored the weather each day, and completed a hands-on experiment in which we made our own weather cycles. To wrap up the month we went out of this world and learned about outer space. The class enjoyed every second of this busy month of learning.



Mrs. Spoharski's class started March off by celebrating Dr. Seuss and some of his most popular books. In honor of Cat in the Hat, we made hats using only paper and tape. Students were then challenged to balance some of the items from the story on top of their hats. The kiddos made some really impressive hats! After Dr. Seuss, we focused on spring weather. Included in our spring weather unit we studied rainbows and colors. It was a great time to learn about primary colors and how we use these to make our secondary colors! The month of March also brings that sneaky leprechaun. This year we built traps to try and FINALLY catch him. No such luck! Maybe next year!

In Ms. Geaudry's class in March we started the month celebrating Dr. Seuss! We made oobleck, made fun crafts, and did some rhyming activities. Next we started to focus on rainbows and color words. Afterwards we made traps to help catch those tricky leprechauns! The rest of the month we learned about extreme weather, journal writing, and Spring!

**Junyk**

In March we celebrate Read Across America week with all things Eric Carle. We made butter and pancakes for the book *Pancakes, Pancakes!* We created new artwork in a similar style as Eric Carle. Then we began an animal unit. We used creative thinking and science skills to answer our focus question: what makes animals different?

**Harris**

In like a lion, and fingers crossed, out like a lamb! Transitional kindergarten enjoyed a fun month of new play and academic centers. We practiced addition using manipulatives, rhyming, and letter-sound correspondence. We used our dramatic play area, the ice cream shop, to work on skills like sharing, communicating, and taking turns. Our block center was busy with students creating and building leprechaun traps. We also learned about the changing of seasons and what we can look forward to as we move into Spring!

**Juden**

During the wonderful month of March Ms. Juden's class kicked off the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss week. We continued our author study by learning about Mo Willems the author of *Elephant and Piggie*, *The Pigeon*, and *Knuffle Bunny*. The remainder of the month we celebrated Saint Patrick's Day by making Leprechaun traps, learned about rainbows and weather, and finished the month by learning about planets and the solar system.

**1st grade: Rebecca Petersen**

This school year is flying by for First Grade! Parent teacher conferences have come and gone; it is always a great opportunity to talk to parents about their first graders. Thank you for all you have done to keep our students on track and help them (and us) reach their educational goals.

Math: We are working on adding and subtracting tens and ones. We are also working on mixed story problems. Students are solving teen number story problems with unknown totals or partners. This helps students discover the relationship between addition and subtraction and how

both ways are correct.

Reading: We are continuing to read leveled stories while working on comprehension and fluency. The students are also working hard with phonics and phonemic awareness. "I love to read week" was celebrated in February. The students all participated in fun, extra reading activities to keep their love for reading alive.

We can't forget about science, social studies, writing, art, music, library, and PE either! First graders are busy learning all of these subjects each week. We are so proud of their progress and work ethic this year.

Thank you to all of the parents and families for your continued support for our students!

**2nd Grade: Shelby Crov**

We started off the month with almost perfect attendance for Parent-Teacher conferences. Thank you for making that happen!

We have been working hard on writing in second grade. Mrs. Straw's and Mrs. Uden's classes worked on biographies and research for Black History Month while Mrs. Crov, Ms. Duke, and Ms. Olson worked on creative writing. All second grade classes are currently working on pet superhero stories that go along with our reading lesson. It's exciting to see students growing as writers.

While I Love to Read month is over, we are reminding students that reading is a lifelong skill. We expect 20 minutes of reading each night for our homework. Our book fair helped students to really pick out some great books for themselves to help them reach this goal.

This month we are continuing to work on story problems in math and we will soon be planting flowers in hopes that spring will get here!

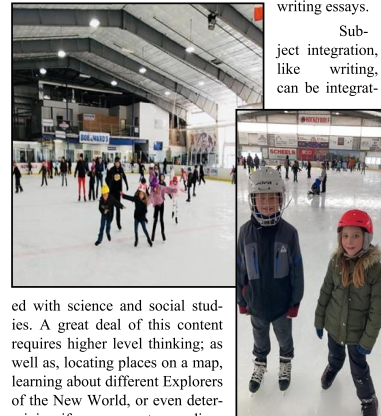


**Third Grade: Jess Gvavay**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-level continues to see numerous growth and achievement throughout the 2021-22 school year. Each student strives to get better every day-both academically and socially. Not to mention, all five teachers continue to adapt their instructional methods through the use of daily five, additional learning resources, and google classroom.

Students in the third grade have grasped multiplication and division facts with fidelity, learned how to solve story problems, and understand various forms of measurement offered within the *Math Expressions* curriculum. Students in the third grade read to learn compared to learning to read, which is carried throughout the *Journey's* reading curriculum. Especially, as it pertains towards oral reading fluency and comprehension. Our students have also transitioned towards completing the four week "Iditaread" reading unit this month! Students will successfully complete leveled books and properly answer questions on worksheets to move a total of 23 checkpoints -just like the Iditarod race in Alaska. After the completion of each checkpoint, students earn a special prize! This unit truly helps enhance a student's ability to write/type five paragraph informational writing essays.

Subject integration, like writing, can be integrat-



ed with science and social studies. A great deal of this content requires higher level thinking: as well as, locating places on a map, learning about different Explorers of the New World, or even determining if you can outrun a dinosaur! Nevertheless, we are excited to see what the rest of the third quarter brings!

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### **JOB VACANCY POSTING**

1. Family Consumer Science Teacher 2022-2023
2. Special Ed Teacher HS 2022-2023
3. Spanish Teacher HS/MS 2022-2023
4. Ag Science Teacher 2022-2023
5. Industrial Ed Teacher 2022-2023
6. Bus Drivers
7. School Kitchen Workers
8. Paraprofessionals
9. Fulltime Custodian
10. Part Time Custodian
11. Head High School Football Coach 2022-2023
12. Assistant High School Football Coaches 2022-2023
13. Assistant High School Cross Country Coach 2022-2023
14. Middle School Assistant Cross Country Coach 2022-2023
15. HS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach 2022-2023
16. **Substitutes:**
  - *Bus Drivers*
  - *Certified Teachers*
  - *Custodians*
  - *Kitchen Workers*
  - *Paraprofessionals*

Visit our website at [www.ftsd.org](http://www.ftsd.org) to print an application and view the job description. Please return completed application to Stacie Mether in the District office.



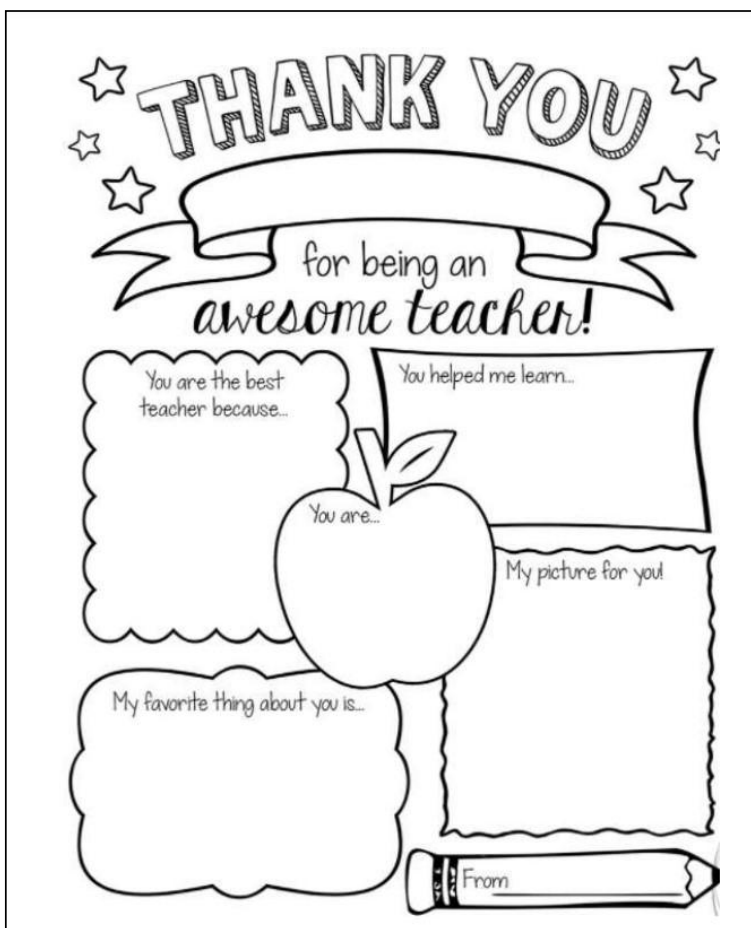
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## Frenchtown PTSA News

- Teacher Appreciation week coming up!! May 2 – 6, 2022 Parents, with teacher appreciation week coming up, we would like to invite you to help us show our teachers ALL THE LOVE! So for LOVE YOUR TEACHER week (aka Teacher Appreciation Week) we are looking forward to the following schedule: Teacher Appreciation Week:
  - Monday – Energize Your Teacher – Cold Coffee/Refreshments and snack (PTA sponsorship)
  - Tuesday – Feed Your Teacher – Breakfast - donuts, muffins, bagels, fruit, etc. (Request for Parent sponsorship)
  - Wednesday – Love Your Teacher Flower Sale/Chocolates/Love Notes (PTA Flower Sponsor), (Parent chocolate sponsor – voluntary), and Love Note (template in Newsletter and Art Class distribution)
  - Thursday – Cinco de Mayo – Pizza and drinks at Old Bull (PTA Sponsor)
  - Friday – Pamper your Teacher – Massages / Other Raffle prize drawings We'll be looking for parent donations of breakfast items for Tuesday May 3rd and chocolate items on Wednesday May 4. All donations can be brought right to your school's office! Also, a template is provided for the "Love Notes" for the teacher! Feel free to have your kiddo fill it out and decorate it and return on Wednesday May 4 for their teacher!
- Book Fair success!!! Thank you, parents, for all your support at our Book Fair! The library benefits greatly when we support their efforts! We look forward to seeing you back again next year!!
- Next PTSA Meeting The next PTSA meeting is Tuesday March 8th, 2021, at 4:30 pm at Old Bull Brewing in Frenchtown. We have four meetings and four events every other month throughout the school year. Please come and join us and support our kids and the local business community. We will be discussing Teacher Appreciation Week!
- AmazonSmile Program The PTSA is seeing a great return from our teachers, families and friends who have registered for our AmazonSmile program. If you have not, please take a moment to sign up for our schools to get credit for your everyday shopping via

Amazon. Please follow the instructions below to register so we can start seeing the benefits of shopping online:





## BRONC STADIUM COMMITTEE CALCUTTA

Greetings from **BRONC NATION**, the land of **ORANGE** and **BLACK**. It's Calcutta time in Frenchtown and if you're new to this shindig, it is a fundraiser where a trailer load of Broncs gather in a barn and have a great time. All those interested in some fun should meet at "The Barn" for our annual fundraiser on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** for the Bronc Stadium Committee Calcutta. The Stadium Committee is a non-profit organization that has had a large role in giving a boost to all extracurricular activities in the Frenchtown School District since 1980. Every dollar we raise goes back to your school to fund a wide variety of activities ranging from music to athletics.

Our facilities at the Middle School and High School are in high demand and the money raised with this event go a long way in making projects happen that might not otherwise be done. Some of the notable projects we have supported in the recent past are the softball complex grandstands and announcer's booth, soccer field shelters, music department sound system and sports field irrigation system.

It's time to blow off the stink and shed your winter doldrums. The only way to do that is put on your Bronc gear and join us for an evening of fun and laughs. We only sell 100 tickets so get yours early. We will have a sit-down dinner, a live and silent auction and our Calcutta where you have a chance to win \$1,500 cash and other cash prizes. We have something for everyone, even if you want to sit in the back of the room and watch this spectacle unfold. I guarantee you will have the time of your life. You never know what kind of shenanigans your host will be up to. Come prepared to meet your friends and someone new. Our Bronc Family is growing at a great rate. See you at The Barn!

If you have questions, feel free to give us a call.

Sincerely,

Bip Bagnell

Bronc Stadium Committee

*If you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact Bip.*

**WHERE:** The Ranch Club Barn (The Barn on Mullan - 8500 Mullan Rd, Missoula)

**WHEN:** **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** open bar and social hour begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner starting at 7:00 p.m.

**COST:** Pre-pay price \$250 a couple **or \$300 at the door.**

If you have questions, feel free to call:

Bip Bagnell – 550-3117

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	PI Days
1st Quarter	43
2nd Quarter	42
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4th Quarter	44

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

**2022-2023**  
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**



JULY 2022	AUGUST 2022	SEPTEMBER 2022	OCTOBER 2022
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**AUGUST**  
 PIR Days No School 22,23  
 First Student Day 24

**SEPTEMBER**  
 No School Labor Day 5  
 PIR Day, No School 30

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MAY**  
 No School Memorial Day 29

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

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## Smurfit-Stone Mill Site



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### Upcoming Events

#### Community Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83133473521?pwd=NXJ6eG56NVkybm5WL2M2Vm9Ka0JhUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 3347 3521

Passcode: 416773

The 3,200-acre Smurfit-Stone site is a former pulp mill located 11 miles northwest of Missoula, Montana. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the site to the National Priorities List of Superfund sites because site activities and waste disposal practices may have caused a release of hazardous substances into the environment. EPA and its federal, state, and local partners are conducting a thorough environmental investigation at the site, per the Superfund process. EPA also consults with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the Kalispell Tribe throughout the Superfund process.

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

For more information regarding the Smurfit-Stone Mill Site, feel free to contact Dana Barnicoat, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, 406.560.6261, [Barnicoat.dana@epa.gov](mailto:Barnicoat.dana@epa.gov), or visit the EPA Smurfit Stone website at [www.epa.gov/superfund/smurfit-stone](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/smurfit-stone).



**The West Valley Community Council meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month in the Frenchtown Junior High School Commons Area at 6:00 pm**

**Please attend the meeting on April 14, 2022**

**Shane Stack, Missoula County Public Works Director will be discussing the speed limit changes on Mullan Road**

The West Valley Community Council strives to promote the interests and welfare of its citizens in the western portions of Missoula County (which includes Frenchtown, Huson, Six Mile, Nine Mile and Upper Nine Mile - the "West Valley Community"). The Council is a liaison between the County Commissioners and the West Valley Community and provides useful and beneficial information which aids the Commissioners in making decisions regarding the Community; to inform the Community of issues and problems which may impact them; to provide leadership and support to the community's efforts to secure orderly growth and development of the Community; and to serve as a channel of communication with local, state and federal government officials and agencies regarding matters of concern to the citizens of the West Valley Community.

**West Valley Community Council Members**

**Jeri Delys (Chair) 880-4080 (jeri@centric.net)**

**Tom Tucker - Member 626-4410**

**Damon Leishman - Member 910-308-7064**

**Interested in becoming a Council Member? Contact Kyla Lehnerz at the County Commissioners Office 406-258-3165  
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## ***Frenchtown Rural Fire District News***

### **DEBRIS BURNING (BY PERMIT ONLY)**

April showers bring May flowers...and hard to light debris burns! And the harder to light, the less efficient burn you will have, which could very well lead to excess smoke lingering around. For those that are planning on burning debris, remember that even if your permit is activated for that day, it is your responsibility to ensure that you are not smoking out your neighbors. If your area is not providing adequate ventilation, think twice about lighting the pile(s) up.

As always, please be aware of the expected weather when planning your burn days. Each spring, FRFD responds to multiple "escaped" burns, where either the wind shifted unexpectedly or the area surrounding your burn was not prepped properly...or both. Be aware of the typical spring winds in your area; you can pretty much count on afternoon winds throughout the spring. Historically the mid-afternoon time frame is when we get dispatched the most for escaped burns. If you are burning and you feel like your burn is escaping, or may escape, do not hesitate to contact 911 immediately. We will respond to assist as necessary.

### **FRFD BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION**

FRFD is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of five volunteers elected by residents in the district. This year, we have one trustee position being vacated, with two community members seeking the position. The election will be with the upcoming mail ballot (May 3, 2022 Election Day). Please keep an eye out for the ballot and make sure to vote!

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

FRFD has partnered with Helena College University of Montana to offer an experience-rich program that results in an Associate of Science (A.S.) degree in Fire and Emergency Services. The partnership combines our current live-in firefighter program with the Helena College curriculum, providing those pursuing a career in the fire service nationally recognized certificates, an accredited A.S. degree, and real world experience. Accepted applicants will qualify for full tuition-reimbursement upon successful completion of the FRFD Resident Program, Helena College A.S. Degree. For more information, please contact Lt/AEMT Ryan Schnee at [rschnee@frenchtownfire.org](mailto:rschnee@frenchtownfire.org) or give him a call at Station 1 (626-5791).





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**Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**February 1, 2022 at 6:00 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 Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Gordon Schmill, Bryce Simpson, Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright, Noah Peters and Debbie Lester were in attendance. Also in attendance was Superintendent Les Meyer.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting opened with the pledge at 6:00 p.m.
- III. **Public Comment Period (non-agenda items):** Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald discussed an apology for comments made at the January regular board meeting. Discussion was held regarding public apologies, the January meeting and future meeting public comment.
- IV. **Business**
  - A. **Superintendent Evaluation**

Board Vice Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald determined that the individual right of privacy exceeded the public's right to know in this matter in accordance with section 2-3-203 MCA. The Trustees convened in closed executive session at 6:20 p.m. for the final meeting regarding the Superintendent Evaluation. The meeting returned to open session at 8:17 p.m. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation as presented. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

ADJOURNED 8:18 p.m.

Approved: March 15, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald  
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson  
District Clerk

**Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**February 15, 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 Gordon Schmill, Bryce Simpson, Shiloh Lucier, Noah Peters, Jami Wright and Debbie Lester were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Jodi Hall, Riley Devins, Aaron Griffin and Jake Haynes, Assistant Principal/Activities Director Kipp Lewis, Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting opened with the pledge at 7:00 p.m.
- III. **Board Recognition – none.**
- IV. **Public Comment Period**  
Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald summarized appropriate conduct and comments for the public comment period.
  - A. Quincy Green, a custodian for FTSD and the President of the Frenchtown Classified Association (FCA), read a statement to the Board and handed out copies of a correspondence that was sent to members of the FCA. Ms. Green, speaking on behalf of the FCA, discussed recent turnover in classified positions and the impact of short staffing on FCA member morale. She indicated that although resilient, morale is poor and being short staffed has been difficult for FCA members as workloads are impacted. Board members asked questions regarding having enough staff and whether Ms. Green was speaking on behalf of the union prior to negotiations.
  - B. Board Vice-Chair Gordon Schmill discussed comments made at the January regular board meeting. It was made aware to him that he had made a comment regarding athletics that he did not recall. After discussions with board and members of the public confirming the comment made, he apologized to students, faculty and board members for his actions. Trustee Schmill said this was his comment and he was not speaking for or on behalf of the board at that time. He acknowledged that this will get better and he will act more professional in the future.
- V. **Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board**
  - A. Frenchtown Community Coalition: FCC Representative Reagan Mecham gave a presentation regarding the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America forum in Washington, DC attended by herself, Youth Action Sponsor Robyn Richardson and six FHS students. Ms. Mecham showed pictures of the event, the opportunity for the group to see historical sites during their visits, and discussed the presentations they participated in. The group was able to tour the Senate and met with representatives from Representative Rosendale, Senator Daines and Senator Tester. Senator Tester attended the meeting with the group. Ms. Mecham then discussed issues being address by the FCC such as THC concentrations, alcohol consumption and fentanyl with the board.
- VI. **Staff Presentation – none.**
- VII. **Approval of Minutes**  
Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – Trustee Shiloh Lucier asked that her comments during the action regarding the head football coach be clarified. She would like it noted that her comments were in regard to the head coach position and not assistant coaches, and expressed concerns for the hiring process and think hiring head coaches and assistant coaches should be at separate times. Unanimous.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports**  
Highlights of the administrative reports were 1) Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham discussed spring projects, staffing challenges and appreciated the ability to hire student workers to help with the workload.

2) Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan discussed the redundant internet connection at the south campus which could potentially avoid internet outages on both campuses at once. 3) Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons discussed activities in the special education department and aligned them with strategic plan objectives, and she has been recently nominated by UM to be an affiliate staff member. Principal Jodi Hall discussed I Love to Read month and all the activities at the elementary school, including numerous administration and staff members reading to students. Principal Riley Devins acknowledged MCT and music teachers Karolei Lydell and Elaina Blass for the recent production of Johnny Appleseed, the upcoming talent show and curriculum adoption meetings forthcoming. Also discussed was the rock wall, and excitement for this and other after school programs being discussed such as music, mountain biking and writing. Principal Aaron Griffin the ski trips and hopes to go back to Discovery next year. Staffing is a challenge for these facilities and he hopes to book the field trip early. Updates to the strategic plan progress will be added each month to the board report. Also discussed was the success of the FMS Robotics teams, as well as student success in events outside of the school such as skiing, snowboarding, archery and gymnastics. Principal Jake Haynes discussed positive messaging each month with the administrative team, and acknowledged Sean Mecham for his work throughout winter and while being short staffed. Also discussed was the Bronc Fast Track program, and they have received 39 applications for 30 spots in this exciting new program. Activities Coordinator Kipp Lewis congratulated the Speech and Debate program for their state championship and thanked Sean Mecham for coordinating the escort home by the Frenchtown Fire Department. He also discussed the Divisional wrestling tournament held in Frenchtown – it was a very successful event with FHS winning the title and he thanked all the volunteers for their help. Questions were asked about state swimming - Frenchtown student Addy Lewis won two state titles in the recent state event. Trustee Debbie Lester thanked the administrators for formatting their board report to coincide with the strategic plan. 4) Superintendent Les Meyer talked about the wrestling tournament and how well it went. He also discussed MTSBA HR symposiums that have been attended by Deputy Clerk Stacie Mether and himself, as well as Think Tank Thursday meetings regarding work based learning partnerships. Upcoming meetings regarding the Crossroads model and the two trustee seats up for election. Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy forms must be filed with the District Clerk's office by March 24, 2022.

**IX. Business**

**A. Old Business**

1) Information/Discussion: Operational Mill Levy

The finance committee met regarding an operational mill levy. The board will need to decide if a mill levy will be run in the next regular board meeting. This is a difficult decision, however, staffing, services and materials costs continue to rise. Board members asked questions about the potential levy amount and district needs. The consensus of the committee was to support a mill levy to put the district in a better position ahead of the upcoming legislature. Public discussion – regarding information supplied to the public about the levy in the newsletter.

**B. New Business**

1) Information/Discussion: FY22 Budget Information

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the Preliminary Budget Data Sheet expected from the OPI by the end of this month. Potential cost increases impacting the general fund budget were discussed, including increases to services, utilities, supplies and staff salaries and benefits. Questions were asked regarding innovative education, new programs electives and staffing needs.

2) Information/Discussion: Classified Negotiations

The Frenchtown Classified Association has formally requested to open negotiations. This request is earlier than in the past. The negotiations committee and FCA representatives will meet and begin the process.

3) Review/Action: Bus Route Changes

Superintendent Les Meyer recommended approval of bus route changes 7 to 7A, 14B to 14C and adding route SE16. Noah Peters made a motion to approve the bus route changes as recommended. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

- 4) Information/Discussion: 2021 ARP II Homeless Children and Youth Application  
The District applied for and received the ARP II HCY grant. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the district's responsibilities for students experiencing homelessness, including transportation from areas outside the district bus routes. Due to bus driver staff shortages, Principal Aaron Griffin, the district homeless liaison, was providing transportation for students and now MS teacher Susannah Murphy has been transporting students to and from school with a district car. The district will use these funds for a reliable, all-wheel drive vehicle to be used for student transportation. Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald thanked Susannah Murphy for her help ensuring our students make it to school safely.
- 5) Information/Discussion: Advanced Opportunity Grant  
Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the recently awarded Transformational Learning and Montana Advanced Opportunity Learning grant. New and innovative programs were discussed, what FTSD is currently doing and new programs supported by this grant that will be explored with tremendous benefits to our students and community.
- 6) Review/Action: MOU re: COVID Related Leave  
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended extending the additional COVID related leave MOU with the FEA and FCA through the second semester of this school year. Debbie Lester made a motion to approve the MOU with the FEA and FCA through the end of this school year. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – clarifying the expiration of the MOU as the end of the semester, and confirming that the MOU allows for five additional days of COVID related leave in the second semester, with positive tests not including home tests. Questions were asked about how many staff members have received the leave to date. Unanimous. Trustee Noah Peters abstained.
- 7) Review/Action: Hiring Staff  
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the following for hire: Cody Warner, half-time wrestling coach 2021-2022 season; Arie Anderson, Substitute Custodian pending background check and physical; Jakob Hansen and Jaylenn Randall, Student Workers; Julia Crocker, High School Cross Country Head Coach; and Brittney Hogue, Substitute Playground/Instructional Aide. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the hires as listed including Brittney Hogue. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the permanent substitute position and how has been resolved for this year. Unanimous.
- 8) Information/Discussion: Resignations  
The resignations of Custodian Kurtis King, Permanent Substitute Amanda Steffes and Paraprofessional Brittney Hogue were discussed. The retirement of High School Special Education Teacher was announced. Principal Jake Haynes and Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons acknowledged Tracy Mikkola. She will be missed at Frenchtown School District.
- 9) Review/Action: Obsolete/Surplus Equipment  
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended a list of obsolete equipment for disposal. Jami Wright made a motion to approve Resolution 2152022-1 for Disposal of Public Property as recommended. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding any interest in the recumbent bike. Unanimous.

X. **Policy Review – none.**

XI. **Approval of Warrants/Approval of Financial Report**  
Debbie Lester made a motion to approve the warrants and financial reports as presented. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

XII. **Committee Reports**

- A. Policy (Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright, Noah Peters)
- B. Insurance (Debbie Lester, Gordon Schmill, Bryce Simpson)
- C. Negotiations/Labor Relations (Jami Romney FitzGerald, Gordon Schmill & Bryce Simpson)

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

XIII. **Correspondence**

- A. The Board and Administration received a letter of support for High School baseball from the Frenchtown Slugger parents.

XIV. **Adjournment**

ADJOURNED 9:35 p.m.

Approved: March 15, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald  
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson  
District Clerk

**Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**February 18, 2022 at 7:45 a.m. – Special School Board Meeting**  
**Middle School Administrative Conference Room/ZOOM**

- I. **Call to Order:** The Special School Board Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gordon Schmill. Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald, Trustees Bryce Simpson, Shiloh Lucier, Noah Peters and Debbie Lester were in attendance. Also in attendance was Superintendent Les Meyer, Deputy Clerk Stacie Mether and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Meeting opened with the pledge at 7:46 a.m.
- III. **Public Comment Period (non-agenda items):** none.
- IV. **Action: Termination of Classified Employee**  
On February 15, 2022, employee Steve Martin was arrested for felony sexual assault with a \$200,000 bond. Superintendent Les Meyer explained that if he is able to bond out, his conditions prohibit him from being present at this position. As such, Superintendent Meyer recommended that the Board terminate his employment for abandonment of position. The Frenchtown Classified Association is aware of this situation. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to terminate Steve Martin due to abandonment of position. Debbie Lester seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the safety of Frenchtown students. Superintendent Les Meyer indicated that the school is cooperating with the investigation and right now it appears our students were safe in school. Unanimous.

ADJOURNED 7:50 a.m.

Approved: March 15, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald  
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson  
District Clerk



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3	4 Corn dogs Green Beans Peaches	5 Taco Salad Refried Beans Cinnamon Apple Sauce	6 Cheese Omelets Hash Browns Mandarin Oranges	7 Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	8 Garlic Chicken Sunshine Carrots Pears Bread Roll	9
10	11 Beef Fingers w/ Dipping Sauce Corn Cocktail Garlic Toast	12 Chicken Sandwich Steamed Carrots Fruit Pineapple	13 Cheese Burger Chips Cookie Fruit Cup	14 No School Spring Break	15 No School Spring Break	16
17	18 No School Spring Break	19 Hot Dog French Fries Carrots Pears	20 Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Peaches Bread Rolls	21 Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	22 Frito Pocket Garden Salad Fruit Cocktail	23
24	25 Burrito Corn Pineapple	26 Waffles Sausage Mandarin Oranges	27 Pizza Green Beans Peaches	28 Chicken Ranch Salad Pears Garlic Toast	29 Mac and Cheese Sunshine Carrots Blueberry Apple Sauce	30
1	2	NOTES: Menu Subject to Change				