

Frenchtown School District



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

“Sometimes you find yourself in the middle of nowhere, and sometimes in the middle of nowhere you find yourself.” Anonymous
Here we are, staring at the end of October – a full two months of school in the books!

It is interesting to me as I reflect on where we are today versus where we were a year ago. Last year, we were in the middle of uncertainty and all these changes that we were a part of; maybe we understood, maybe we agreed, maybe we didn’t understand, maybe we disagreed; however, regardless of what we felt, we knew we were in uncharted territory. Now, fast forward a year. It still feels like we are not quite sure of where we are in life! We still have turmoil, but we have experience. The experience doesn’t make it easier, but we now have something to draw on; however, there are days where it feels like we are still in “no man’s land.” Now, even though we are still in uncertain times, there are signs popping up that indicate we are climbing out of the turbulence. We do not know when this will occur, but I have faith that one day we will come out of this better than we were before. Not sure what normal was or is, but we will grow, learn, and be better off after going through these challenging times.

Hope each of you have a great fall as we prepare for the winter months ahead!

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT
Fall Enrollment for the 2021 – 2022 School Year

October 2019		October 2020		October 2021	
K-5	563	K-5	549	K-5	633
6-8	365	6-8	339	6-8	340
9-12	418	9-12	457	9-12	490
Total	1,346	Total	1,345	Total	1463

Enrollment – Count Day for Annual Number Belonging (ANB) was Monday, October 4, 2021. Our K-8 numbers are up 84 students compared to the fall of 2020 enrollment count while the high school numbers are up by 33.

School districts can use either the actual Annual Number Belonging (ANB) number from the current year or a three-year average of students when setting the general fund budget. Our enrollment continues to grow and it seems this trend will continue in the foreseeable future.
VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
Frenchtown Schools will be putting on a Veteran’s Day program!

The program will take place on Thursday, November 11th. The make-up of the day might be different than a normal Veteran’s Day Program. There won’t be a crowd to observe and participate, rather groups will enter the gym, perform, leave, while another group will be entering the gym, performing, and departing. The Veterans will be placed strategically to be able to observe the tributes in a way that provides opportunities for distancing etc. We are also planning on filming the tributes and making that available to folks to watch. The tentative schedule for our Veterans is below:

- Tentative Idea/Plan**
Date: November 11, 2021
Location: Middle School Gym
- 9:00am-10:30am
 - 8:00am-9:00am- FCS will cater a Veterans Breakfast Key Club and 4-5 ambassadors sit at table to talk with veterans during breakfast
 - 9:00-9:05am Presentation of Colors
 - 9:00am-9:05am National Anthem- Chamber Choir
 - 9:05am- 9:15am Introduction and Thank You- Student Body President
 - 9:15am- 9:25am- Fallen Soldier Table
 - 9:25am- 9:30am Veteran’s Day Video Tribute https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHG_TA1T5mg
 - 9:30-9:35am-Keynote
 - 9:35-9:40 am- High School Choir - Military Medley
 - 10:00am-10:15am- Intermediate Song
 - 10:15am-10:25am- High School Band
 - 10:25am-10:30am Thank You
 - 10:30am- Taps Presentation of Colors

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS
The following information is required by schools to be made available to parents by the state of Montana. We have to make available the qualifications of teachers in our district. A “highly qualified teacher” for Montana as defined by the Montana Office of Public Instruction is a teacher that is properly certified and endorsed in all areas of the teaching assignment. A parent may request the following information regarding the professional qualifications of the student’s classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction. **(All of our teachers**

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meet state qualifications or licensing criteria) (We do have one teacher that does not meet Montana qualifications, but does meet a neighboring state standards and we are working on meeting the Montana state criteria)

2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived. (We have one teacher that is currently teaching with provisional status)

3. The baccalaureate degree major of your child’s teacher/s and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certificate or degree. (If you would like this information about any teacher your child has, please submit your request in writing to Les Meyer, Superintendent and this information will be provided)

4. Whether your child, if served in Title I, is being provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications. (You can request this information in writing from Les Meyer, Superintendent)

END OF THE FIRST QUARTER? CAN IT BE TRUE?

How can we be staring at the end of the First Quarter already? In Grades K-8 we will be handing out report cards at Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you do not receive one, then we will mail them to you. In Grades 9-12 we will hand out report cards at conferences as well; however, if you are unable to attend, then please check the grades on Infinite Campus. If you need assistance, please reach out to the high school office or we can mail a hard copy to you.

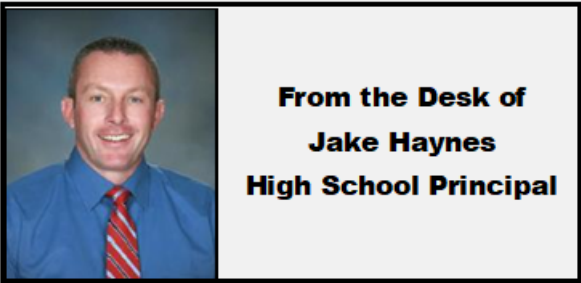
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
NOVEMBER 3rd AND 4th

Please take the opportunity to follow up with your child’s teachers. It will provide valuable insight; this will be good for parents and staff!

THE FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IN NEED OF:

- **BUS DRIVERS!!!** We are holding steady; however, the low number of drivers and substitute drivers coupled with the rising number of students is straining this department immensely. Please contact us if you have any interest at all. This is a major issue within the school district. It is an issue all across the state of Montana. If you have questions or inquiries please call Tucker Eslinger or Jime Benitez at 626-2610 or email them at tuckereslinger@ftbrons.org or jimebenitz@ftbrons.org.
- **PARAPROFESSIONALS!!!** If you are interested in working the same schedule as your child and want to work in a supporting manner with students and staff, then give us a call! You may contact Jennifer Demmons at 626-2775.
- **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!!!** What a great way to work the same schedule as your child! You would be able to work a varied schedule, accept a job or turn it down! This is a great way to get to know people, students, and experience the district first hand! If interested or have inquiries, then please reach out to Stacie Mether at 626-2600 or by email: staciemether@ftbrons.org!

EDUCATIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES ABOUND AT FRENCHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS! TAKE CARE!



#1 in Missoula, MT Metro Area High Schools

#9 in Montana High Schools



- November 3-4 Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 18th Early Out



National Merit Scholarship Program

Each year over 1.4 million high school students enter the

National Merit Scholarship competition by taking the PSAT in the fall of their junior year. The following spring, NMSC identifies about 50,000 test takers who received the highest scores. The pool is then narrowed to 16,000 semifinalists who continue to compete in the National Merit Program. The students who advance have a chance to become the recipient of one of about 7,600 Merit Scholarship awards.

We would like to recognize and offer congratulations to **Sean Rody**. He was recently chosen as a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Making it to the semifinalist round of this competition is a major achievement!

Students of the Month



Congratulations to Cassidy Bagnell and Sean Rody they have been selected as the October “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.

College Fair

Over fifty seniors attended the college fair at the University of Montana. The fair featured approximately 95 colleges, universities, and technical schools. All branches of the



military were also represented. This is a great resource and opportunity for those students looking for more information about college or the military.

Here is a breakdown of the applications:

- 49 -Students applied to a 4 year college- Business, Elementary Ed, Aerospace engineering, Pre-med, Physical therapy, Communication Sciences, Psychology, Journalism, Pre-law, Art, Environmental studies, Wildlife Bio, Engineering, Nursing, Sports Psychology
- 16 students applied to a 2 year school- Lineman, Welding, Diesel Mechanic, Culinary, Plumbing, Electrician, Associates Degree
- Job Corp- 1
- Military- 1 enlisted Army, 4 possible Marines, 1 in process application for NROTC



The Frenchtown High School counselors hosted a FASFA night for parents on October 11th.

As part of the Money Matters Grant the University of Montana Financial Aid Office came out to help with FAFSA night. 21 Frenchtown seniors applied with the help of their parent/guardian.



Sticker Shock

The Frenchtown Youth Leadership Committee participated in a “sticker shock” campaign. They placed stickers on the alcohol at Frenchie's and Broncs Grocery reminding the consumers its illegal to provide alcohol to minors.



Homecoming King Garrett Schmill and Queen Sadie Smith



In Mrs. Goris' Stock Trading and Economics class, students are participating in the Stock Market Game. This is a live simulation where students compete against other teams from Montana for a chance at real prize money. So far the team made up of Calvin Russell, Tyler Dimaggio, Conner Hesse, Roman Duke and Garrett Olsen has been consistently in the top 10 out of 376 total teams in Montana. The simulation ends in December. In Mrs. Goris' Business 101 class, students are participating in the Montana Biz Sim. This is a business-oriented live simulation where students compete in teams to have the highest return on investment in a business they manage. The team of Catherine Niekamp and Lyssah Kromrey have been #1 in their industry since the simulation began. There are over 300 Montana teams participating in this simulation. Winners receive prize money and gifts from the simulation sponsors. This simulation also ends in December.



Mr. Youngberg is the HOSA Advisor

I was excited to take three dedicated young ladies to Butte for the Fall Leadership Conference at Montana Tech. The conference is dedicated to allow not only the leaders of HOSA groups from different schools to meet up but also allows the advisors to meet as well. Last year was my first year as the HOSA advisor and not having this in person conference made the year challenging. At the conference the advisors discussed different activities, community service projects, and ways to increase the overall numbers in HOSA around the state. The advisors also traded ways to prepare the students for the State Leadership Conference in Billings in the spring. I have been very lucky to have an amazing group of future health professionals to work with over the last year and can't wait to see what they do in the future. Despite being one of the smaller groups in the state our HOSA chapter was recognized as the top chapter last year in the monthly health challenges. We are still looking to grow our numbers and plan out some fun health awareness events in the coming months.

On Tuesday, October 5th, Abby Faulhaber, Ella Arnold, and Kayla Botkin represented the Frenchtown High School HOSA Chapter at Montana HOSA's Fall Leadership Conference held at Montana Tech University in Butte, Montana. At the conference, we learned about many different items that we are going to implement into our weekly meetings, as well as getting the opportunity to chat with other Montana Chapters about their successes throughout the past year. We also learned several strategies to gain a larger membership enrollment, as well as learning how to grow our reputation in the community. Frenchtown HOSA was recognized last spring at the State Leadership Conference for completing the most amount of Montana HOSA assigned “monthly health challenges,” and we plan on continuing these challenges throughout the rest of the school year in hopes to better our community in the healthcare realm. Be on the lookout for HOSA Week - an eventful week hosted by Frenchtown HOSA in order to spread awareness and develop skills while having fun!



Parent teacher conferences are a great opportunity to check on your student's progress. They will be held in the high school commons from 3:30-7:00 p.m. on Thursday November 3rd and Friday November 4th. No appointment is necessary! We hope to see you there!



Graduation is currently scheduled for Sunday May 29th at 1 p.m.

6-12 COUNSELORS' CORNER
BETH TERZO
ROBYN RICHARDSON

With the cool breeze of winter fast approaching, this year has been flying by. With the end of first quarter (Oct. 29th), we have been in full swing trying to assist students in reaching their goals. Some students have experienced tremendous success, and for some they are now getting a second wind. Others still need a gust to blow them in the right direction.

For parents/guardians who would like to make sure their student is headed in the right direction, progress can be monitored by accessing the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on the Frenchtown District website (www.ftsd.org). If you have concerns regarding grades, you can contact the teachers directly (email is the best option for teacher communication). The counselors are also available to meet with students about academic needs.

Testing Information

In April, Frenchtown High School will offer the ACT (a standardized test that most colleges/universities require prior to admissions) to all juniors. This test will take place during the school day free of charge. Stay tuned for further details. Our sophomores will hopefully be able to take the Pre-ACT free of charge again this year as well. If the test is made available by the state, sophomores will test in April as well.

PSAT: Some students took the PSAT on October 13th. The results will be mailed to the school in December and will be distributed to students. Scores will also be available online through the College Board. Anyone wishing to take the ACT on a national testing date, should visit act.org to check dates, prices and to register. If you would like to take the SAT, please visit collegereadiness.collegeboard.org.

Financial Aid

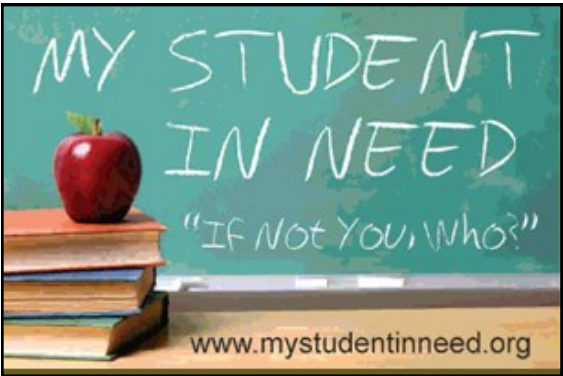
The FAFSA priority filing deadline for Montana schools is December 1st.

If you missed our FAFSA Night and your student is considering attending the University of Montana, you can set up an individual meeting to complete the FAFSA. Email or call the contacts listed to set up an appointment.

Also, the UM Financial Education Program is offering Thrifty Thursday FAFSA Workshops - Thursday, October

28th & Friday, November 12th (virtual) and a recorded FAFSA Overview Workshop. For more information please visit <https://www.umt.edu/financial-education/FAFSA.php>.

Frenchtown continues to participate with My Student in Need - <http://www.mystudentinneed.org/>. My Student in Need is a way for Frenchtown school staff to anonymously post student needs such as school supplies or winter coats. Community members and donors are able to view the needs and fulfill them if they are able.



In addition to My Student in Need, there are other resources available to families in need. Please let the counselors know if you have a need so we can connect you to the appropriate resources.

With assistance from Tamarack Grief Resource Center, the counselors will deliver suicide prevention lessons to all students.

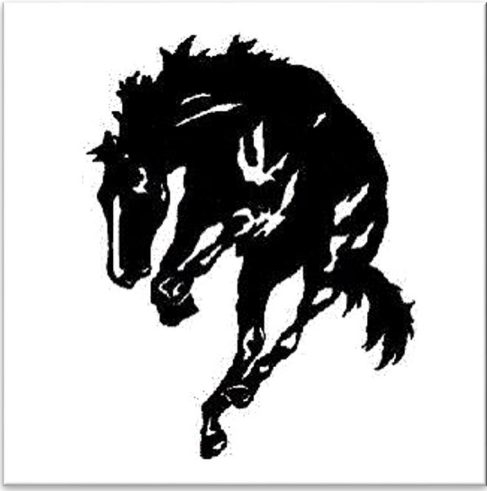
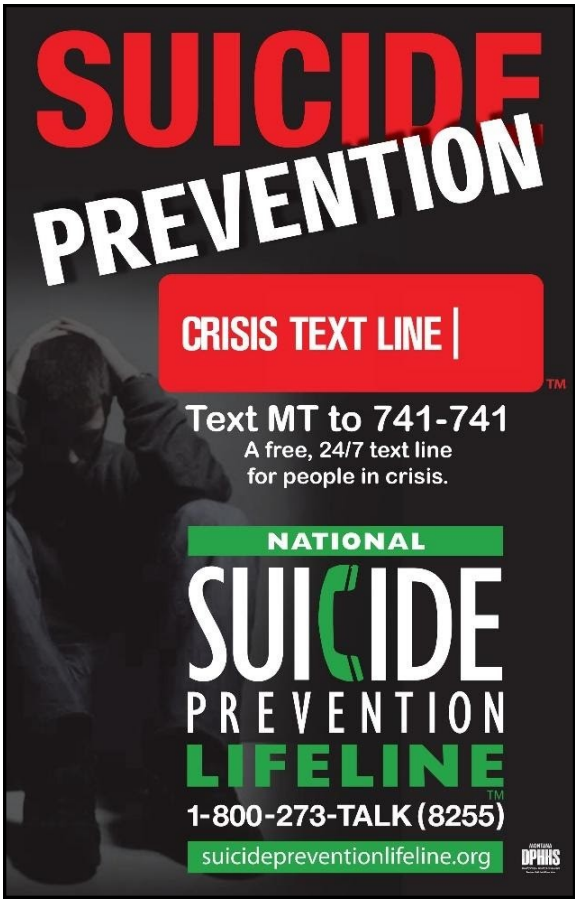
The behaviors listed below may be signs that someone is thinking about suicide.

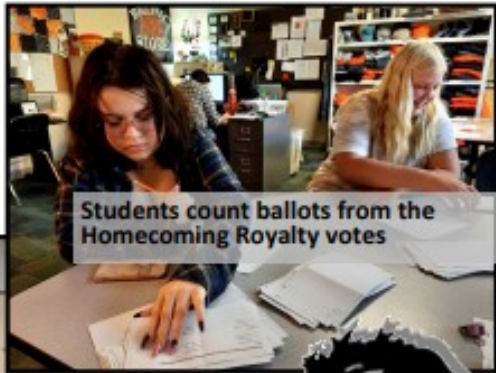
- Talking about wanting to die or wanting to kill themselves
- Talking about feeling empty, hopeless, or having no reason to live
- Making a plan or looking for a way to kill themselves, such as searching for lethal methods online, stockpiling pills, or buying a gun
- Talking about great guilt or shame
- Talking about feeling trapped or feeling that there are no solutions
- Feeling unbearable pain (emotional pain or physical pain)
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Using alcohol or drugs more often
- Acting anxious or agitated
- Withdrawing from family and friends
- hanging eating and/or sleeping habits
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Taking great risks that could lead to death, such as driving extremely fast
- Talking or thinking about death often
- Displaying extreme mood swings, suddenly changing

from very sad to very calm or happy

- Giving away important possessions
- Saying goodbye to friends and family
- Putting affairs in order, making a will

If these warning signs apply to you or someone you know, get help as soon as possible, particularly if the behavior is new or has increased recently. (nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/suicide-prevention/index.shtml)





Students count ballots from the Homecoming Royalty votes



Students repurposing old football practice jerseys into locker room bags for sale in the Bronc Store



Students use a Cricut and iPad to design Broncs Gear in Voc. Production Class



During the month of October, FHS vocational skills students began a partnership with band and choir students to sell Broncs Fan Gear at sports events. The band and choir are raising money for their trip to perform at Disney World in Orland Florida! The vocational skills department saw an opportunity to help the band by including a sales staff of band and choir members at a fan gear booth at home sporting events. Voc skills students produce Broncs logo gear during their classes. Band and choir students sell T shirts at the game for \$20 and keep \$5 from each sale to help fund their trip. The first event was a huge success with the sale of 20 T shirts before halftime at the football game with Butte Central! Besides producing the shirts, vocational skills students are responsible for counting proceeds and completing the deposits into the respective activities' accounts. Once all the bugs have been worked out of the process, the Voc Skills Department will be offering the same deal to other FTSD clubs and teams.



Students distributing school pictures order forms



Stop by the Bronc Store before school or at lunch to check out our expanded inventory and selection of cold drinks in our new refrigerator

GO BRONCS!



Frenchtown Community Coalition

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

Know the Facts: Fentanyl

Fentanyl laced pills are on the rise in Missoula, causing an increase in drug overdoses and even one death of an 18-year old earlier this year. Illicitly manufactured fentanyl has been found in a number of counterfeit drugs including: opioids, marijuana, pills such as Adderall, and more. “Fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is similar to morphine, but is 50 to 100 times more potent. It is a prescription drug that is also made and used illegally.

The illegally used fentanyl, most often associated with recent overdoses, is made in labs. This synthetic fentanyl is sold illegally as a powder, dropped onto blotter paper, put in eye droppers and nasal sprays, or made into pills that look like other prescription opioids. Some drug dealers are mixing fentanyl with other drugs such as heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and MDMA” (NIDA) This is incredibly dangerous since many people are unaware that their drugs are laced with fentanyl, which could lead to an overdose and even death. “Even in small doses, it can be deadly. **Over 150 people die every day from overdoses related to synthetic opioids like fentanyl**” (CDC). This is a reminder to only use medications prescribed to you and filled at a pharmacy. **Talk to your children about the dangers of using non-prescribed medication TODAY!**



Signs of an opioid overdose include:**

- Small, constricted “pinpoint pupils”
- Falling asleep or losing consciousness
- Slow, weak, or absent breathing
- Slow, weak, or absent pulse
- Choking or gurgling sounds
- Cold and/or clammy skin
- Discolored skin (especially in lips and nails)

What to do if you think someone is overdosing:

- Call 911 immediately
- Check for signs of an opioid overdose**
- Support the person’s breathing: if trained, provide rescue breaths or CPR
- If trained and available, administer Naloxone
- Monitor the person’s response & wait for help

References:

National Institute on Drug Abuse. What Is Fentanyl? <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/fentanyl>
CDC. Fentanyl Facts. <https://www.cdc.gov/stopoverdose/fentanyl/index.html>



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



Thank you to the Bronc Booster Homecoming Sponsors & Volunteers!

Tailgate Sponsors

**Broncs Grocery, Frenchies,
Franz Bakery, Doyle Sheehan**

Tailgate Volunteers

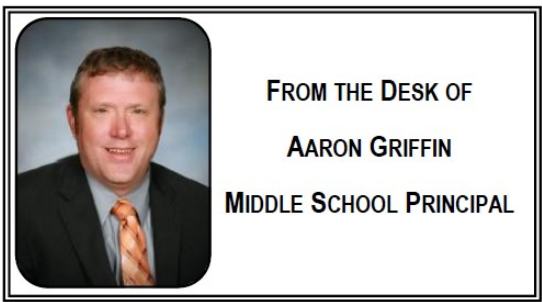
**Nicole Field, Denielle Richardson,
Cindy Hanenburg, Jason Hanenburg,
Kristen Hansen, Becca Brush, Shiloh Lucier,
Jesse Belcourt, Sydney Kurpius,
Maddelyn Eslinger, Sara Schmill**

Raffle Ticket Sales Volunteers

Jenn Reynolds, Kim Simpson, Kim Wilcox

#WeAreFrenchtown





Frenchtown Families ---

As we move into Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Winter Break, it is always a challenge to get middle school students to dress for the weather. Just a reminder we will be going outside unless it is below zero/wind chill will be included in this factor. It is more important than ever to get students outside on a daily basis.

Important school information will be sent in “Weekly Thursday” on a bi-weekly email for the upcoming school week. It is extremely important parents have a correct email in Infinite Campus to receive the most up to date information from Frenchtown Middle School.

Aaron Griffin
Middle School Principal
Frenchtown Schools

Family/Teacher Conferences:

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Thursday, November 4, 2021 from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Early Release (12:30 pm) on Wednesday-Thursday, November 3-4, 2021

No school on **Friday, November 5, 2021**

Enrollment as of October 13, 2021

8th Grade: 130

7th Grade: 107

6th Grade: 104

Total: 341

Sports Update

MS Football: Both the 7th/8th grade football teams were undefeated this season! The 8th grade completed the last two years without a loss.

MS Soccer: Had a great season at 5-1-1 on the year. This is an impressive feat for only having 13 students – (my pictures on my phone did not turn out – I will put the team photo from Lifetouch when I receive it in the November Newsletter)

MS Cross Country: We had 5 meets this year with a record 28 students. Congrats to Bently McGraw and Eleanor Rheinhardt for placing in the Top 10 runners at the Missoula City Meet.

MS Volleyball: MS Volleyball concluded this weekend with the 8th grade team finishing second in the Copper League Tournament in Frenchtown. Mrs. Rugg's 7th grade volleyball team finished the season undefeated! Congrats Ladies!

Special thanks: Jamie Romney-FitzGerald for volun-

teering to help out with MS Cross Country. To the 7th grade parents and Christina Houlihan for organizing 8th grade chain gang crews for MS football games. Kim Houlihan for the weekly football pictures.

“We run this school”



FMS Broncs Middle School Football Team



Copper League Volleyball Pictures



Coffee Cart

Each Monday: FMS students are allowed to purchase coffee from the HS lobby from 7:45-8:10 am. This will be a trial basis and only on Monday of each week.

CoVid Homework Requests--

- ◇ Parents of students who have tested positive or in quarantine please notify MS office/administration.
- ◇ Mr. Griffin or Ms. Luth will notify the grade level teams of students estimated time out of school/collect school supplies needed.
- ◇ Students need to email teachers for homework, access to google classroom, and daily communication/questions using FTbrons email accounts.
- ◇ Students who need to check out a "Chrome Book," during these absences can do so through the FHS/MS Library --- It needs to be returned upon reentering school. Students who do not have access to the internet should call the office for instructions.
- ◇ This is only for students that are out of school because of testing positive/being a close contact.

Water Bottles: Have students bring their own water bottles – we have opened up the fountains for student use, but water bottles are strongly encouraged to be used!

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.

MS Music Schedules

6th Grade Band & Choir - During 7th Period (Advisory)

Band = Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Choir – Tuesday, Thursday

7th & 8th Grade Band & Choir

1:00-1:35 for 8th Graders
1:00-1:40 for 7th Graders

A Days- Band Mr. Nelson (Wed-Friday—Oct 13-15)

B Days- Choir Mr. Sheerin (Tues-Thursday--- Oct 12-14)

High School Monday/8 Days- Off for now, but will be reserved for small group practice.



**FRENCHTOWN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**





The National Junior Honor Society chapter of Frenchtown Middle School is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in five areas of evaluation: scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Students are selected for membership by majority vote of a five-member principal-appointed faculty council, which bestows this honor upon qualified students on behalf of the faculty of our school each year.

Students in grades 6-8 are eligible for membership. For the scholarship criterion, a student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. Each spring those students who meet this criterion are invited to complete a Candidate Form that provides the faculty council with information regarding the candidate's leadership and service.

To evaluate a candidate's character, the faculty council uses two forms of input. First, school disciplinary records are reviewed. Second, members of the faculty are solicited for input regarding their professional reflections on a candidate's service activities, character, and leadership.

Any solicited faculty input and all Candidate Forms are carefully reviewed by the faculty council to determine membership. A majority vote of the council is necessary for selection. Candidates are notified | regarding selection or non-selection.

Following notification, a formal induction ceremony is held at the school to recognize all the newly selected members. Once inducted, new members are required to maintain the same level of performance (or better) in all four criteria that led to their selection.

This month, the Frenchtown 7th and 8th grade football teams both finished another undefeated season! That brings our two-year record to 24-0!

We are very proud of our middle school athletes and would like to extend thanks to the parents and community for their support. We would especially like to thank the volunteer coaches from the Frenchtown Packers and Ravens MYF teams for the solid foundation, great attitude and work ethic that they have built for our upcoming Broncs! Also, thanks to parent who have supported players through many years of MYF and JH football practices and games.

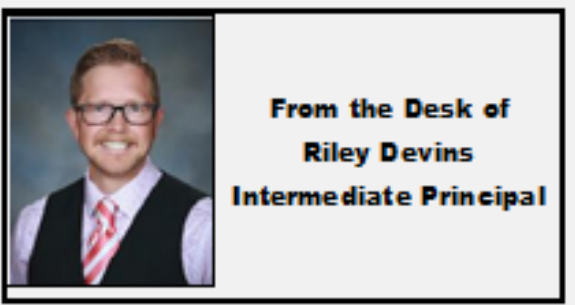
As part of the homecoming festivities this year, the JH football teams continued our tradition of walking at the end of the parade to pick up the trash and candy wrappers along the parade route.

We began the tradition about 5 years at the suggestion of a Junior High player's parent that noticed the mess that was left in the parking lot of the church after the parade. Since then, we have forgone the homecoming float in favor of walking in our jerseys and performing a service to the community of Frenchtown.

Way to go JH football players. We look forward to watching you on Friday Nights !



GO BRONCS!



RISE UP!!!




We all watched our kick off assembly with the theme RISE UP! This school year we are challenging kids to rise up against those big feelings of mean, worry, fear, and self-doubt and work together to RISE UP with our feelings of connection and community. Students took part in a class meeting to define who is in our support system, trusted adults, and how when we work together, we RISE UP together. Students and Teachers worked on a mission statement for their classrooms or goals to continue the theme of RISE UP. The YouTube link to the video is: <https://youtu.be/xgAcWPFsueg>

SOCK-TOBER

Our first community RISE UP initiative is a sock drive. On the K-5 campus, we are collecting new socks to distribute to the families that we serve during Christmas-time. We work in conjunction with the local Kiwanis group as well as several area Churches to ensure the kids in our community get a Christmas. This year, we are adding socks to that mix. If you would like to donate socks, hurry up, our sock drive ends the end of October. We are taking new socks only. Thanks to the many community members who have donated thus far!!!

Canned Food Drive

Our canned food drive will begin the last week of October and will continue up until Thanksgiving. The RISE UP program initiatives that we are using to bolster support for

Intermediate		Elementary		Elementary	
December 6		December 7		December 8	
5:30	6:30	5:30	6:30	5:30	6:30
4th	5th Grade	Croy	Straw	Musso	Juden
 <i>Music</i>		Udem	Olsen	Junyk	Geaudry
		Reed	Duke	Harris	Spoharski
		Gyapay	Burklund	Grout	Petersen
		Difulgentis	Hoskinson	Long	Poukish
				Pavlik	Laughnan

our community members who need it most. Please drop off you CANNED FOOD donations, or send them with your student. Thanks for your support. We hope that you hear your students talking about a RISE-UP challenge tied to this CANNED FOOD DRIVE - we have two of them CANDAMONIUM and Dry FOOD Dominos. We will be making a large Dry FOOD DOMINO track with food that comes in boxes - think cereal, pastas, and premade dinners in a box. Let us Domino through this CANNED FOOD DRIVE!

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(3-5)In the Intermediate building, we are working on big and small problems, too (although we like to call them serious and minor problems). In addition to this, we are also working on identifying and communicating our emotions. We all played a fun game that we like to call "Feeling Charades" where we take turns explaining and acting out feeling words like excited, annoyed, and disappointed. This game has become a favorite and it shows us how hard it can be for other people to guess how we feel, just by the look on our face! Even though explain our emotions can be difficult, it helps our "teammates" (our support system) understand what is going on with us. Add "Feeling Charades" to your family game night!!

Parent Teacher Conferences are November 3 and 4th from 1:00pm-7:00pm.
Conference Link attached: <https://www.myconferencetime.com/frenchtownelem/>. We ask that parents just sign up for a conference with their child's homeroom teacher; we do not have enough slots for every parent to sign up with every teacher. If you need a meeting with another teacher other than your child's homeroom, please email the classroom teacher for availability or any

questions you might have.

Veterans Wall at Frenchtown K-5

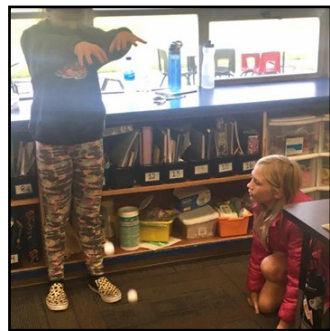
We are a doing a **Veterans Wall** at Frenchtown South campus. If anyone in the community has a family member that has served in the armed forces both past and present, please send a picture with the Veterans name and branch of service to Riley Devins at RileyDevins@ftbroncs.org for the wall.

Homecoming 2021 Homecoming week was a huge success. Students dressed up for each of the days and really had a blast showing their school spirit! Thank you so much to all the students that participated and to the High School for making the entire week one to remember.

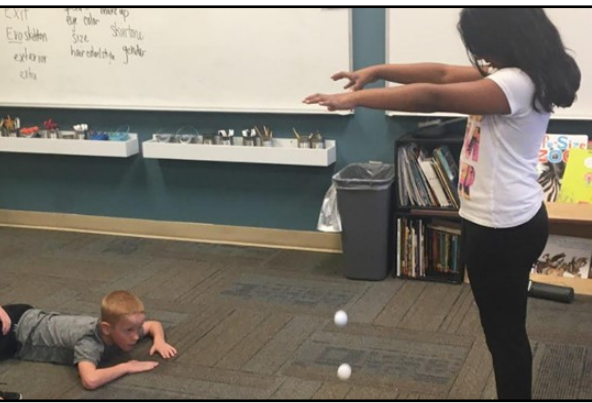




The Classroom Cantaloupe
Attached are pictures of a cantaloupe that the students have been growing in Ms. Harvey's class all year. It finally hit a point that students could pick it and eat it. What a great educational lesson on growing fruit and a tasty treat for our students.



4th Grade Science
Fourth Grade science is hands on and full of learning. With our new Inspire Science curriculum, students are learning about the scientific process while developing a love for knowledge. Each classroom is setup with hands on experiments that follow our day-to-day curriculum.



5th Grade Naturalist
Every year we have the opportunity in the 5th grade to work with the Missoula Naturalists. They do such a great job working with kids across the county and we are very lucky to have them as an affordable resource to educating students about erosion, watershed, plant species, etc... Pictured below is 5th graders working with the Missoula Naturalists at Fort Missoula! We love learning about our ecosystem here in Montana.



Band Is In Full Swing
Our students have been working hard in band and the progress is showing. Please help us by making sure that when your 5th grader is at home, they are practicing their band instruments and making progress towards their goals.



Homecoming Parade
The homecoming parade was a huge success. It was amazing to see our supportive community come out and cheer for our future HS programs and Athletes.





The Frenchtown School/Community Library is here for you!

We offer a variety of services; in addition to checking out books, movies, and magazines at the library, you can:

- access the internet
- Access several computer databases, including those with information about job searching and continuing education options
- Get help learning basic computer/internet skills
- Get help with writing projects, including resumes, cover letters, and business inquiries

We are located at the Frenchtown High School. Our hours are:

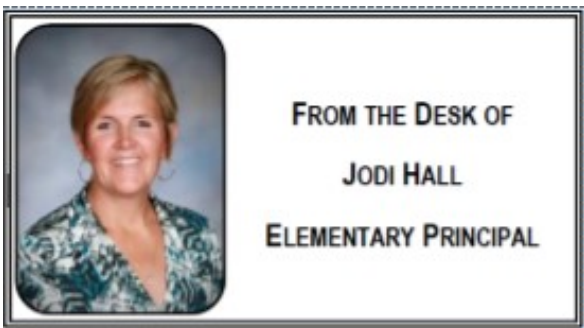
School year: Monday—Thursday: 4:30pm-8:00pm

Questions? Call 626-2730



Frenchtown School/Community Library Hours	
Monday - Thursday	4:30pm – 8:00pm
Frenchtown School/Community Library Presents: Family Movie Nights (2021-2022)	
October 14th	March 17th
January 13th	April 21st
February 17th	
The Missoula Public Library sponsors family Movie Night. We need to follow their protocol for wearing masks. We will update you on their mask mandates a week before each movie. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.	





Hello Everyone!

Hope you are able to find all of the candy you may need for the trick or treaters on Halloween. I am looking forward to seeing all of the different costumes and the kids' excitement.

We are also looking forward to our first snow, please plan accordingly. Make sure to label your kiddos coats, gloves, and hats. We have several lost items that need to find their home again. If you are missing anything, please stop by the office and check out the stash.

Conference time is just around the corner, November 3-4, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please take the time to sign up with your child's classroom teacher, you have the option of face to face, phone or virtual. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

As we move into the holidays, the season has a tendency to bring out all kinds of different emotions. Please let us know how we can best support you and your family.

Thank you for your support and teamwork as we navigate this journey together. Everyone is working hard and doing a great job.

Happy November,

Jodi Hall
PK-3 Principal
406-626-2620



Grade Level News

3rd Grade

Written by Joe DiFulgentis

It's hard to believe we are already approaching the end of the 1st quarter! It has been a fun and productive year in 3rd grade so far this year. Mrs. Burklund, Mrs. Hoskinson, Ms. Reed, Mr. Gyapay and Mr. DiFulgentis are grateful for the opportunity to work with these amazing 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 have strengthened their writing skills while writing their personal narrative stories. During this writing project, students have learned 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. Last, students will begin typing their stories after their final drafts are completed.

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 into the start of the 2nd quarter as well.

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, the Salish people that originally inhabited the Frenchtown/Missoula Valley before European settlement, and the creation of Montana Native American Reservations that were established in the 1800's.

2nd Grade:

Written by Kim Duke

We are really off to a great start in 2nd Grade! We have been reading stories about families, dogs, spiders, and recently "Where's My Monster?" In math we are spending lots of time using comparison bars to solve math story problems. Some classrooms are learning about apples,

Earth and water, and Native American studies. On October 11, we learned about and played the Native American game, "Run and Scream." The kids really had fun. Soon we will be learning about animals and how they build their homes and in math we will be focusing on expanded form, inequalities, and money. We are very busy in 2nd grade and having lots of fun.

1st Grade:

Written by Rebecca Petersen

First grade has had an amazing start to the 2021/2022 school year so far! We have jumped right into learning as we work on reading, phonics, handwriting, writing, math, social studies, science, art, and so much more. Recently in math, we have been learning how to solve addition and subtraction problems and writing equations. In reading we have been learning letter names and sounds and putting it all together while reading passages and working on fluency and comprehension. We are so grateful to have such supportive families that help continue the learning process at home as well. Thank you families! We recently partook in our first field trip of the school year where we went to Fort Missoula and made our own apple cider, learned what school was like way back when, and learned about old homesteads and compared the differences to our homes now. We had so much fun!

Thank you!



Kindergarten

In Ms. Geaudry's class, October was "Spook-tacular"! We started the month off with Firefighter safety and community workers. My class learned about shapes by making a fire truck craft. We even got to attend the firefighter puppet show!! We then turned our focus to pumpkin crafts and science. We made the coolest haunted houses to go with a math counting activity. We did a Halloween math swap to help kids review basic math skills. Lastly, we put on a puppet show in the room and had a Halloween party!

October has been a month full of fun explorations in Mrs. Musso's class. We started by learning about fire safety, community helpers, and even made our own fire truck craft. Next, we learned all about our five senses, and used them by feeling, tasting, smelling, touching, and listening to different things. We followed up by learning all about pumpkins, and even got to cut one open to play with the insides. To end the month we celebrated Halloween through arts and crafts, stories, and had a classroom party.

In Mrs. Spoharski's class, October started out with, "Ooo! Eee! Ooo!" when the Frenchtown Fire Department rolled up to our school and the kiddos got to check out the fire truck! They even got to climb in it! We learned all about fire safety that week and made sure we knew the school fire safety plan. Next, it was all about pumpkins, where we incorporated a lot of STEM projects with making predictions and investigating. We even got to do some pumpkin painting! To end the month, we celebrated Halloween with arts, crafts, a Halloween math swap and finally our classroom party.

This month Mrs. Grout's kindergarten class celebrated fire safety week. We enjoyed the puppet show put on by the fire department and got to explore the fire engine. We are also learning about scarecrows, the life cycle of a pumpkin and bats. We will be celebrating Halloween by reading a ton of fun stories, doing some counting activities, and incorporating some fun crafts. It's sure to be a fang-tastic month!

Mrs. Harris' class has been VERY busy since school started. We have been learning all of the expectations for our school and our classroom, and practicing all the time. We love to play at the lower playground when we earn our class reward, and we work hard each week to get it! We have learned about seeds, Fall, and fire safety. We are getting very good at working and playing in centers together, and have become good friends in our classroom. We had so much fun dressing up to celebrate Homecoming week! We have also learned about different letters and the sounds that they make, as well as numbers 1-10 and counting with one-to-one correspondence. I can't wait to see what the next month has in store for our young learners!

Miss Juden's class has been working hard on learning how to write their names and learning the letters of the alphabet. Our fun themes this month have been fire safety, pumpkins, and all the spooky things Halloween brings. They even got to draw what they thought Miss Juden should be for Halloween! October is such a fun month because it kicks off a wonderful (and crazy) holiday season! I am so looking forward to watching these kids grow in their learning and in their social skills.

Early Kindergarten
Written by Shanelle Shirey

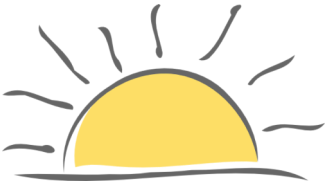
Early Kindergarten has just passed the "one-month" mark as students at Frenchtown Elementary! Students are learning, growing and forming friendships each day. We have been working hard on stamina skills, fine motor, and gross motor activities fluently throughout our days. This month we have loved exploring the signs of fall outside on our campus, learning about fire safety, exploring parts and types of pumpkins and learning about nocturnal animals. As we are growing closer as a class family, we have enjoyed the contributions and time given from families. Together, we are creating a wonderful program here at Frenchtown Elementary.



Counseling Corner
with Miss America
RISE UP!!!

We all watched our kick off assembly with the theme RISE UP! This school year we are challenging kids to rise up against those big feelings of mean, worry, fear, and self-doubt and work together to RISE UP with our feelings of connection and community. Students took part in a class meeting to define who is in our support system, trusted adults, and how when we work together, we RISE UP together. Students and Teachers worked on a mission statement for their classrooms or goals to continue the theme of RISE UP. The youtube link to the video is:

<https://youtu.be/xgAcWPFSueg>



SOCK-TOBER

Our first community RISE UP initiative is a sock drive. On the K-5 campus we are collecting new socks to be distributed to the families that we serve during Christmastime. We work in conjunction with the local Kiwanis group as well as several area Churches to ensure the kids in our community get a Christmas. This year, we are adding socks to that mix. If you would like to donate socks, hurry up, our sock drive ends at the end of October. We are taking new socks only. Thanks to the many community members who have donated thus far!!!



Canned Food Drive

Our canned food drive will begin the last week of October and will continue up until Thanksgiving. This is another one of our RISE UP program initiatives that we are using to bolster support for our community members who need it most. CANNED FOOD can be dropped off at either of the offices on the K-5



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K-1 PE Students of the Month



The “I Love U Guys” Foundation
<https://iloveguys.org/> 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 over the course of the 2021-2022 school year. Utilizing a 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. 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 - In your room or area, clear the halls**
- ⇒ **Secure -Get inside, lock outside doors**
- ⇒ **Lockdown - Locks, lights, out of sight**
- ⇒ **Evacuate - A location will be specified**
- ⇒ **Shelter - Followed by the hazard and the safety strategy**

On the Same Page. Everyone.
The benefits of SRP become quickly apparent. By standardizing the vocabulary, all stakeholders can understand the response and status of the event. For students, this provides continuity of expectations and actions throughout their educational career. For teachers, this becomes a simpler process to train and drill. For communities, it leverages the growing adoption of the protocols from residents of all ages. For first responders, the common vocabulary and protocols establish a greater predictability that persists through the duration of an incident. People easily understand the practices and can reinforce the protocol. Additionally, this protocol enables rapid response determination when an unforeseen event occurs. Please watch as more information is released.




MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Frenchtown School District is hiring bus drivers. Driving a bus is an important job. After all you are transporting some of our most precious cargo. We are looking for individuals who are willing to learn and have a heart for children. Are you searching for a job where you can make a real difference in the lives of children? Join our team!

DRIVE A SCHOOL BUS

- Have Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) Great. If not, no problem, we will provide you the necessary training to get one.
- Enjoy holidays and summers off?
- **WORK A SCHEDULE THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH YOUR CHILDREN’S SCHOOL SCHEDULE**
- Guaranteed 4 hours per day
- Paid vacation and sick leave
- Paid holidays
- Paid training to receive CDL
- Health Insurance available
- Retention bonus
- \$16.25 - \$18.25/hour DOE



WE NEED YOU!

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406-626-2600
Or email staciemether@ftbroncs.org
Go to our website, www.ftsd.org, to see the job description and download an application.

Frenchtown PTSA News

- **PTSA Fundraiser** The PTSA Fall Fundraiser is all wrapped up for this year! Thanks to all the parents that helped their kiddos get out there and sell! Orders should be in the week before Thanksgiving and will be delivered to your child’s classroom.
- **PTSA 2021 Officer Elections** Elections for 2021-2022 school year were held on Tuesday, September 14th. Congratulations to our new officers: President – Amber Steffenson, Vice President – Cassidy Crosby, Treasurer – Christine Johnson, Secretary – Lauren Atkin. In addition to our new officers, we still need additional parent involvement. PTSA is a great way to meet other parents with the same questions and give support to the schools, administration members, and teachers. Time commitment is as much or as little as you’d like, please come out and volunteer to help make the Frenchtown PTSA great for everyone!
- **PTSA Fall Meeting** The next PTSA meeting is Tuesday November 9th, 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.
- **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:
1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.

2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.

3. Select a new charitable organization to support.

4. Search for 5587 Frenchtown PTSA

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

For PTA Use Only
Date Rcvd _____
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Frenchtown PTA Craft Fair
Registration Form
Saturday, Dec 4th, 2021
9:00AM – 5:00PM
Set Up 7:00-9:00AM
Tear Down 5:00-7:00PM

Applicant Information

Name: _____ Date: _____
Kid Zone = Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Kid Zone = Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____
*Kid Zone Booths are FREE. Product made by or for kids. Have Parent/Guardian supervision for 5th Grade or Younger.

Address: _____

Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____
Facebook: _____

Craft/Product Description: _____

Donated Item(s) to the PTA Raffle _____

High School Commons: YES
☐ YES
Middle School Commons: ☐

Special Requests: _____
Number of Booths Needed? _____
\$40.00 FOR 8'X6' BOOTH
KID ZONE = FREE
Booth Fee Total? _____

Do you need a 6" x 4" Lunchroom Table? YES NO
☐ ☐
Do you require a power outlet? YES NO
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Please bring your own extension cords. ☐ ☐

Disclaimer: the Frenchtown District School Board reserves to right to cancel/post pone this event if Local & State restrictions deem necessary, due to Covid 19

Please mail us your registrations and booth fees.
Emailed registration forms will NOT be accepted.
Frenchtown PTA
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Frenchtown, MT 59834
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY

For more information, please email questions to:
Lauren Bieber @ lbieberpta@gmail.com
Or call 406-531-4398

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Transportation Office: 406-626-2610

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



	P.I. Days	P.I.R. Days
1st Quarter	45	5
2nd Quarter	42	1
3rd Quarter	47	1
4th Quarter	45	1

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

2021-2022
SCHOOL CALENDAR



JULY 2021

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AUGUST
PIR Days 23,24
First Student Day 25
First Day of Kindergarten 30
SEPTEMBER
No School Labor Day 6
No School 30
OCTOBER
Early Out 14,28
MEA No SCHOOL 21,22
End of 1st Qtr. 29

NOVEMBER
Beginning of 2nd Qtr. 1
Parent Teacher Conf. Early Out 3,4
PIR Day 5
Early Out 18
No School Thanksgiving 24-26
DECEMBER
Early Out 2,16
No School Winter Break 22-31
JANUARY
Early Out 6,20
End of 2nd Qtr. 13
PIR 14
No School MLK Day 17
Beginning of 3rd Qtr. 18

FEBRUARY
Early Out 10, 24
No School Presidents Day 21
MARCH
Parent Teacher Conf., Early Out 2,3
PIR day 4
Early Out 10, 24
End of 3rd Qtr. 25
Beginning of 4th Qtr. 28
APRIL
Early Out 7, 22
Early Release 13
No School Spring Break 14-18

MAY
Early Out 12
No School Memorial Day 30
June
Early Release 2
Last Kindergarten Day 2
Last Student Day 2
End of 4th Qtr. 2
PIR Day 3

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JOB VACANCY POSTING

- 1. Bus Drivers
- 2. School Kitchen Workers
- 3. Paraprofessionals
- 4. Permanent Sub Certified Teacher/Para – 2
- 5. Fulltime Custodian
- 6. Part Time Custodian
- 7. Middle School Girls Basketball Coach (Jan – March) - 2
- 8. HS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach 2022-2023
- 9. Playground Aides
- 10. **Substitutes:**
 - *Bus Drivers*
 - *Certified Teachers*
 - *Custodians*
 - *Kitchen Workers*
 - *Paraprofessionals*

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

10/21/2021





We will be continuing the conversation on the continuation of the Bike Path that ends at King Ranch. We will be discussing the creation of a Trail District.

We have also invited a spokesperson from the Montana Department of Transportation to attend the meeting.

The West Valley Community Council meets the 2nd Thursday of every month in the Frenchtown Junior High School Commons Area – 6:00 pm. Please attend the meeting on November 11, 2021.

If you would like to be added to the email list for agenda and meeting notices please send your request to jeri@centric.net

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.

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Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm

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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 Kalispel Tribe throughout the Superfund process.

Community Advisory Group (CAG) meetings are held monthly, and citizens are encouraged to participate. If you wish to learn more and/or be added to an email list for CAG agendas and minutes, please contact one of the following members: Jeri Delys, 880-4080, jeri@centric.net; 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 Public Affairs Specialist, 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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- Wednesday, November 17 | 5:00-6:00 pm

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<p style="text-align: center;">Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Middle School Shared Common Area</p> <p>I. Call to Order: The Special School Board Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald. Trustees Bryce Simpson, Shiloh Lucier, Jami Wright and Noah Peters were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.</p> <p>The meeting opened with the pledge.</p> <p>II. Information/Discussion: Trustee Candidate Interviews</p> <p>Board Chair Jami Romney FitzGerald discussed the interview procedures with attending trustees. Candidates to be interviewed were Amanda Hansen, Brandy Houlihan and Debbie Lester.</p> <p>Superintendent Les Meyer thanked each candidate for their interest in serving on the Frenchtown Board of Trustees and clarified board policy for trustee vacancies and term length.</p> <p>Board members asked a series of 11 questions to each candidate. Questions asked were in regards to: their qualifications, background, commitment to the time demands of the position, reason for their interest in the position, response to pressures and conflicts, opinion of the District and its direction, and roles and responsibilities of the board of trustees. Additional follow up questions were asked to candidates for clarification. Each candidate answered all questions, discussed their background, experience and goals. Questions were asked by the candidate of the board members. Each candidate was again thanked for their time and interest in the position.</p> <p>III. Review/Action: Appoint New Trustee to the Board</p> <p>Discussion was held regarding Board Policy 1113P and the procedure in place to appoint a new trustee to serve the remainder of the vacant term. Per policy, each trustee was to vote on the candidate of their choice. Comments were made regarding the candidates and each trustee provided their opinions about each interview. Consideration was given to commitment to the district, the learning curve of new trustees, the benefits of new ideas, experience, and the appreciation for everyone who applied.</p> <p>Noah Peters made a motion to appoint Debbie Lester as the new trustee to the board to fulfill the open position. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the candidates and their qualifications, and what skills are needed for the district at this time. Superintendent Meyer discussed the appointment procedure in policy and the need for each candidate to vote for the candidate of their choice. Per policy, then each trustee voted for the candidate of their choice. The majority of the votes went to candidate Debbie Lester. Further discussion was held regarding the interviews and the upcoming election in May.</p> <p>Bryce Simpson made a motion to appoint Debbie Lester as the new trustee to the Board to serve the remainder of the vacant term to May 2022. Shiloh Lucier seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the difficulty of this decision due to having three very qualified and excellent candidates with tremendous dedication to the district and how hard it was to choose just one. Unanimous.</p> <p>IV. Review/Action: Swear in New Trustee to the Board</p> <p>Shiloh Lucier made a motion to table the swear in to a later date. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9.14.2021 Page 1 2</p>	
<p>ADJOURNED 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Approved: October 19, 2021</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <div><div><p><u>/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald</u> Board Chair</p></div><div><p><u>/s/ Shauna Anderson</u> District Clerk</p></div></div>	
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Frenchtown School Board of Trustees Meeting
September 21, 2021 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, Shiloh Lucier, Bryce Simpson, Noah Peters and Jami Wright were in attendance. Also in attendance were Superintendent Les Meyer, Principals Aaron Griffin, Riley Devins, Jake Haynes and Jodi Hall, Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons, Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan and District Clerk Shauna Anderson.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting opened with the pledge at 7:01 p.m.
- III. **Board Recognition – none.**
- IV. **Public Comment Period**
Frenchtown Community Coalition representative Reagan Mecham discussed the new signage used throughout the district, and informed the trustees of an upcoming presentation by Michael Deleon of Steered Straight, Inc. There will be student assemblies during the school day and also an evening presentation for parents and members of the community titled “Vaping Me Crazy” on October 28, 2021 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Board members asked questions about the presentation. Principal Jake Haynes said this has received excellent reviews and the High School is looking forward to the event.
- V. **Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board**
Agenda item V. moved to after VII. Approval of Minutes.
- VI. **Staff Presentation**
New teaching staff members were welcomed to Frenchtown School District. In attendance were Middle School Teacher Rae-Ann Beaulieu and 4th Grade Teacher Skye McMaster. Both teachers introduced themselves and spoke about their background. Trustees and administrators welcomed our new teachers to the Frenchtown team.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes**
Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Noah Peters seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board (from item V. above)**
- A. **Student Council**
Student council officers Kaden Hansen and Evan Ellington discussed the goals for the student council this school year, with the number one goal of getting students involved in school and building school pride. Homecoming week activities were discussed, including the parade, shirt sales, the two day kickball tournament, and daily theme days. Questions were asked about the events and how younger students are participating. Also discussed were FTN News productions and the upcoming Blood Drive in October.
- B. **PTSA**
Moved to after item VIII. 2) below.
- VIII. **Administrative Reports**
Highlights of the administrative reports were 1) Maintenance Supervisor Sean Mecham discussed the format of the maintenance report in the board packet and answered questions about work on the campus security cameras, and 2) Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan discussed work in progress and what the student intern is assisting with including deploying Chromebooks and iPads.

Individuals and Delegations to Address the Board (from item V. above)

B. PTSA

Lauren Bieber, PTSA representative, discussed the possibility of hosting another holiday craft fair at the north campus. The spring craft fair was held in the spring outdoors and was very successful even with a wind event in the afternoon. The PTSA would like to hold the holiday craft fair in December and will need to begin securing vendors soon. Questions were asked regarding COVID concerns, the number of vendors and custodial needs. Also discussed was the possibility of allowing the event contingent upon schedule conflicts and status of the virus. Ms. Bieber will contact Activities Director Kipp Lewis to discuss the schedule and complete a facility use form. Also discussed was the recently launched PTSA annual fundraiser where they keep 50% of the proceeds.

Back to Administrative Reports

Special Services Coordinator Jennifer Demmons spoke about the fantastic new teachers and the start to the school year, and new curriculum being utilized. The extra PIR days for training new staff was very beneficial this year.

Trustee Debbie Lester arrived at 7:43 p.m. Principal Aaron Griffin arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Principal Jodi Hall spoke about the Early Kindergarten program and its benefit to the Frenchtown community. New teacher Shanelle Shirey has been terrific and has created a developmentally appropriate great learning environment for our youngest students. Principal Jake Haynes discussed the skills learned during the Jimmy Casas training for staff and its benefit toward building culture. Questions were asked regarding the high school dual credit courses and teacher credentials and the benefits of these courses to our students. Principal Aaron Griffin spoke about the new outdoor court space that has been a great additional outdoor space for the middle school. The community, parents, staff and students were commended on a great start to the school year. Superintendent Les Meyer discussed enrollment numbers and the growth of the district as well as upcoming meeting agendas. Ongoing transportation challenges were discussed and the difficulties surrounding traffic congestion. The District saw some challenges with behaviors in the beginning of the year that were difficult for the maintenance department, administration and the School Resource Officer that the district as a whole is working through.

IX. Business

A. Old Business – none.

B. New Business

1) Review/Action: Approve Out of State Travel for Band to Disney World

Band director John Nelson discussed the band and choir trip to Disney World. The high school bands and choir auditioned and were accepted to perform at Walt Disney World in Orlando Florida in February 2022. This is a great educational experience and required a video audition and now the development of a 30-minute program to represent Montana. Both the bands and choir participating in this event shows the cohesiveness of the Frenchtown music department this year. Fundraising efforts were discussed, and questions were asked about the schedule, trip safety and chaperones. A trip chaperone was in attendance and spoke about supervision and trip insurance. Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the out of state travel for the band and choir trip to Disney World. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

2) Information/Discussion: I Love You Guys Foundation – Thursday, September 30

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the upcoming staff training by the “I Love You Guys” Foundation on K-12 Standard Response Protocol (SRP). This SRP training will be held on September 30, 2021 for all staff members and consists of training, practicing and drilling the incident response protocol that will be adopted by the district to prepare for any hazardous incident using common language and practiced actions. Questions were asked about the program and board members supported the training and the administration’s confidence in this protocol.

3) Information/Discussion: Curriculum Review – Arts, Business, Coding, Media Arts

Principal and Curriculum Director Riley Devins discussed the upcoming content areas under review. Sample textbooks will be requested and reviewed by teaching staff and the curriculum committee will be presented a recommendation at a later date.

4) Information/Discussion: Update of the Continuity of Services Plan

Superintendent Les Meyer discussed the Frenchtown School District Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan, which is available to the public on the district website. This plan has been and will continue to be updated as appropriate. Recent updates were added to the plan with regards to educational plans for COVID related quarantines and illnesses.

Board discussion followed the presentation. Questions were asked regarding the criteria necessary to change this plan. Administration discussed situations such as bus driver shortages, food service staff shortage, county requirements, staffing, and case percentages as potential factors that may require the school to adapt the plan. Board members asked questions about potential positive cases in the schools and notification to parents. A question arose from a parent communication regarding the notification process. Another issue is the source of the information and the involvement of medical professionals and the county health department. Frustrations were communicated with the timing of notifications, and the delays with the health department and various other situations impacting the district, such as situations where the school is not notified of a positive case or if close contacts to a positive case are not named. The District follows the health department protocol when positive cases are reported. This is a very difficult situation administratively as the school does not have quarantine authority and each instance is unique.

Absenteeism rates at the school level were discussed. Per the Continuity of Services Plan, homework and access to google classroom is offered to all. Board members asked questions about remote learning, and the principals were asked about absences in each school with students and staff. Administrators discussed the challenges to the teaching staff with remote and in person instruction and the difficulties and work load this creates for our teaching staff.

Board members debated a notification protocol requirement. Each administrator was asked about the procedure in place for their school if they are notified of a positive test, as grade level does impact contact identification. Privacy concerns were discussed as well as many different scenarios potentially impacting each school. Medical and/or county health department documentation was also discussed. Superintendent Meyer reported case information known at the time, how this is a constantly changing number and this discussion has been a clear demonstration of what the district is facing each day of this challenging school year. Board members again debated notifications and requested a district protocol to be published.

5) Review/Action: MOU with Certified Staff Regarding Leave

Superintendent Les Meyer met with representatives of the FEA who presented a MOU document. This will need to be reviewed by the negotiations committee so the action item was tabled.

6) Review/Action: Hiring

Superintendent Les Meyer presented a recommended list of hires. This list included: Elaina Blass and Karolei Petroff, Elementary Music; Cody Warner, Middle School Wrestling; Amy Albertson, Middle School Ticket Taker; Mark Richardson, High School Assistant Soccer Coach, Playground Aide and Route Bus Driver; Brittney Hogue and Julia Denisovich, Paraprofessional; Steve Beck, Amy Diehl and Jeanne Zenner, Sub Playground Aide; Robert Patacini, Sub Bus Driver; Tom Aichlmayr, Head Custodian; Roger Smith, Sub Custodian; Stacey McKinney, Maria Merkley and Laura Finley, Sub Teacher; Sean Mecham and Jesse Mecham, .5 Assistant Track Coach; Phil McLendon, High School Yearbook; Dalene Normand, Destination Imagination and Gifted/Talented Consultant; Rocky King, Mary Jo Duncan and Roclyn King, Concessions; Janell Habeck, Beth Hall, Beth Terzo and Robyn Richardson, Ticket Takers; Jenna Pitts, Winter Cheer Coach. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the hires as listed. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.

7) Information/Discussion: Resignations

The resignations of Steve Serrano, Head Custodian, Bart Hosman, Grounds and Madison Irwin, Permanent Substitute were discussed.

- 8) Review/Action: Approve Discretionary Non Resident Students
Shiloh Lucier made a motion to approve the discretionary non-resident students as listed. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- 9) Review/Action: Set Lunch Prices – Approve Sale/Disposal of Obsolete/Surplus Equipment
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the disposal and/or of items listed in the board packet. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the sale or disposal of obsolete/surplus equipment as recommended. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the status of the well pipe for sale. Unanimous.
- 10) Review/Action: Purchases
 - a. Superintendent Les Meyer recommended purchases of additional security cameras, as well as a service contract for existing security cameras from Systems Northwest for \$29,440.65. Technology Coordinator Arron Rowan discussed the service proposal and value to the District. Bryce Simpson made a motion to approve the service contract with Systems Northwest as recommended. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the effective date of the service agreement. Unanimous.
 - b. Superintendent Les Meyer recommended the presenter agreement with Joseph M Sanfelippo, LLC for \$20,000 for professional development services in August of 2022. Gordon Schmill made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Jami Wright seconded the motion. Public discussion – regarding the cost of the proposal and the reason it appears to be high. Mr. Sanfelippo is one of the top presenters in education in the country and demand is very high. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- 11) Review/Action: Individual Transportation Contract
Superintendent Les Meyer recommended approving an Individual Transportation Contract with isolation status for a family in the school district. District Clerk Shauna Anderson explained the contract and the situation. Jami Wright made a motion to approve the Individual Transportation Contract as presented. Bryce Simpson seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – none. Unanimous.
- 12) Review/Action – Bus Route Change – none.
- 13) Information/Discussion: Title IX – Update
All staff are required to complete mandatory Title IX compliance training.
- 14) Information/Discussion: ESEA Consolidated, IDEA, Perkins Grants
Superintendent Les Meyer discussed all of the grants submitted to date and their approval status.
- 15) Information/Discussion: Strategic Plan
The Strategic Plan is being addressed and discussions have been held regarding the “Description of a Desired Future”.

X. Policy Review – none.

XI. Approval of Warrants/Approval of Financial Report

Jami Wright made a motion to approve the warrants and financial reports as presented. Gordon Schmill seconded the motion. Public discussion – none. Board discussion – regarding the ESSER grant budget. Unanimous.

XIII. 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).
Upcoming meetings are needed for IT (9/29/21 at 5:00 p.m.), Negotiations (9/28/21 at 7:00 a.m.), Policy Committee and Transportation. Trustee Debbie Lester was appointed to the Transportation and Insurance Committees to fill the vacant spots.

- XI. Correspondence – none.
- XII. Board Recognition – Send recommendations to the Superintendent prior to the next regular board meeting.

ADJOURNED 10:47 p.m.

Approved: October 19, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Jami Romney FitzGerald
Board Chair

/s/ Shauna Anderson
District Clerk



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31	1 Cheeseburger Potato Wedges Peaches Pickles	2 Chicken Chili Broccoli Blend Corn Bread Fruit Cocktail	3 Parent Teacher Conf. Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	4 Parent Teacher Conf. Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	5 No School P.I.R. Day	6
7	8 Hot Dog Tater Tots Mixed Vegetable Pears	9 Chicken Fajitas Zesty Corn Blend Apple Sauce	10 Scrambled Eggsw/cheese Hash Brown English Muffin Mandarin Oranges	11 Chicken Sandwich Steamed Carrots Peaches	12 Pizza Green Salad Pineapple	13
14	15 Pulled Pork Sand. Baked Beans Rosemary Roasted Potatoes Fruit Cocktail	16 Beef Fingers Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fresh Baked Roll	17 Burrito Green Salad Pears Fruited Jello	18 Early Out 12:30 Grab and Go	19 Chicken Strips Steamed Carrots Fresh Fruit Fresh Baked Roll	20
21	22 Waffle Sausage Patty Omelets Mandarin Oranges	23 Corndogs Tater Tots Peaches	24 No School	25 No School	26 No School	27
28	29 Ginger Chicken Rice Bowl Stir Fry Veg. Pears Fortune Cookie	30 Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Apple Sauce Pickles	1	2	3	4
5	6	NOTES: Menu Subject to Change				