



# Savage Public School Newsletter

DECEMBER, 2017

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## DATES TO KNOW

- Dec. 14 Holiday Concert, Soup feed sponsored by Senior Class
- Dec. 19 Noon Release
- Dec. 20-Jan. 2 Winter Break
- Jan. 3 School Resumes
- Jan. 5 End Semester I



If you would like something included in the newsletter, please send it in to [ahoffmann@savagepublicschool.com](mailto:ahoffmann@savagepublicschool.com). Please do so prior to the last Monday of the month.

Dear Savage,

The month of December is a bit deceiving. We think that the 25<sup>th</sup> is 3 weeks into the month which gives us plenty of time to shop, plan menus, decorate and prepare for relatives to visit. But then, we have to consider that the concert is on the 14<sup>th</sup> and school is dismissed at noon on the 19<sup>th</sup>. So, take a deep breath and plunge into the last month of the year.

The first week of January will be the end of the first semester and our year is half over. I see the seniors realizing that their final year of school is passing more quickly than they had anticipated (I'm sure the parents are feeling it too). So, let's create some great memories this year that we can use to ground ourselves in difficult times. Not everyone has a community, school and family that wishes them success and happiness.

Sincerely,

Lynne Peterson

Superintendent

Savage Public School

## Savage Teacher Selected for State Committee

Mrs. Melissa Sanders, Savage's math teacher, has been appointed to the Suicide Prevention and Response Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. The Montana Office of Public Instruction has gathered this collaborative team in order to represent various stakeholders in Montana to maintain a statewide perspective that is balanced and appropriate. The team will also create an impact statement that is reflective of the needs of school districts and how to address them. Mrs. Sanders' background and experiences ensure that Eastern Montana will be well represented.

## Savage teachers represent school at NCTE

Mr. Hoffmann, Ms. Moos, and Ms. Henwood traveled to St. Louis, Missouri, November 16-19, to attend the National Council of Teachers of English annual convention. Although only one of them actually teaches English, they have begun a project incorporating writing into each of their curriculums. The Yellowstone Writing Project was awarded a grant last November to help develop the writing culture in Savage.

On Thursday, November 16th at the National Writing Project Convention, the three of them presented what they had already accomplished and what else they planned to accomplish with this K-12 book about the rural community, Savage, Montana.

Mrs. Henwood had also received backing from the Montana Historical Society through the David Walter

Fellowship Grant for this project. This project has received support from community members.

"Knowing and understanding the culture, history, and heritage of any area is so important," Ms. Henwood explained. The people of this community are able to educate these children on what Savage was like and then from there they are able to compare it to what it has become. It gives these students a deeper understanding of where they and their families have grown up.

Since the writing project first was incorporated in the work that these students were doing for their different classes has improved. "(Students) don't fear writing as much, it has become normal and the students are responding to it," Mr. Hoffmann said. Writing has begun to work its way into all different subjects, even math and art. The younger students have even begun to

write more incorporating the "Savage Story". "One thing that this project does is really embrace that we are a K-12 school," said Hoffmann.

The writing project will be finished and presented to the community May 10, 2018, at the Spring Extravaganza. Ms. Moos is looking forward to seeing the project completed as a whole, "I'm excited to compile the work that these student have been doing in the different classrooms and to show it off to tell the story this town has to offer."

The "Savage Story" will be published and sent to the Montana Historical Society. The teachers have big hopes for this project and hope it is a springboard for other small communities like ours to share their story.

## Guest speaker gives talk on Islam, culture

Dr. Ambrin F. Masood, a professor at Rocky Mountain College in Billings Montana came to speak to the students of Savage about the Muslim culture. Her main goal was to let us know the worldview of American Muslims; building bridges as she called it.

She spoke of the many customs that makes up the Muslim culture. One thing that she made clear to the students was a controversial topic that has been up in the air for many years now, people of the Muslim culture are not ISIS, there motive is not to kill. Dr. Masood

said, "People have begun to discriminate on people who wear these types of clothing," referring to the outfit she wore during her talk.

"It is not fair, they are just wearing the clothing that is normal to them, it isn't because they are terrorists."

She explained to the students how their beliefs, religion, and traditions make them to be who they are, bringing them a new worldview. "Knowledge is power, take time to get to know about things before you judge."

One thing she did a great job with was making the students

and even teachers know that ordinary Muslims have nothing to do with ISIS or the Taliban, they do not even consider them to be apart of the Muslim culture. Muslims are not supposed to kill, and if you are true to your culture and its beliefs you will not kill.

That was a good lesson for most of the students, Soda Rice a Junior said, "It was good to have some cultural diversity and learn. I am not educated on these things. Before when I thought of Muslim I thought of ISIS, now I think religion."

# Officer gives talk on Internet safety

Captain Mark Reddick with the Miles City Police department is an ICAC agent (Internet Crimes against Children Task Force). He grew up in a few towns throughout Eastern Montana and has been apart of the MCPD for 24 years now. His main focus is protecting children from pornographic images, sexting, catfishing, visiting questionable sites, etc.. Mainly anything that has to do with the internet. He presented to the students, many cases where his work comes into play throughout the whole state of Montana.

A pointer he gave the students: "Watch what you say and do on social network sites. 'If I can't say it to my mother or put it in the local newsletter, then I can't post it on social media'." One thing that Officer Reddick talked

about that could be important to note for those around this area using Mid Rivers Communications, they have a policy stating that if you harass, bully, threaten, abuse, etc.. they will shut down your internet, "any reason, at anytime." Parents and guardians should take note of what their children put on social media sites, another pointer left with students was addresses, birthdates, personal photos, etc.. should not be shared on these sites. Posting these things makes it easier for predators to steal your identity, or stalk you.

Some tips you should always remember when using the internet:

~ Not everything you see on the internet is true. People can be faking identities, ages, or gender to get you to send them photos.

~Set boundaries about what people find out about you on social media

~Do not feel pressured by others to send nude images, or say things to make yourself look "cool"

~Remember, there are consequences. Sexting is illegal, you can be fined large amounts of money. Teens commit suicide due to repercussions of harassment, sexting issues, etc..

Please take the time to talk to your children about the correct ways to use the internet and social media. A lot of these issues can be prevented if we are educated on them. If you would like more information on this on going issue, you can contact Officer Reddick at (406) 951-4110 or email at [markreddick@milescity-mt.org](mailto:markreddick@milescity-mt.org)



*Dr. Ambrin Masood (left) and Captain Mark Reddick (right) came in and gave presentations to Savage students during the month of November.*



# Savage raises funds, food, for those in need

The community of Savage has been very charitable this first semester of the school year. Throughout football and volleyball season, the Senior class helped raise money for the victims of the wildfires here in Montana, as well as those affected by hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico.

"The students were able to reach out to help those in need and proved once again, what a kind and caring student body we have here in Savage," said Amber Henwood. The donation drive was part of a class activity done in her Government course.

Additionally, Savage's National Honor's Society Chapter sponsored a Can the Cats/Can the Griz food drive. The drive was held over Cat-Griz week. In all, Savage donated 53 pounds of food, which the Richland County Food Bank was grateful to accept.

"I was really impressed by how the community stepped up and gave during the drive. I know the food bank has been in huge need of donations, and it was great to see our community and students step up and help them," said Alan Hoffmann, the chapter's advisor.

The Montana State box brought in 34 pounds to win the competition.

# Warrior Athletics December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 JH Bball vs Fairview
3	4	5	6	7	8 HS Bball @ R/L Tourney JH Bball @ Circle	9 HS Bball @ R/L Tourney JH Bball vs Culbertson
10	11 JH Bball @ R/L	12	13	14	15 HS Bball @ Circle	16 HS Bball @ Westby JH Final 4, Fair-
17	18	19 HS Bball vs Fairview	20	21 HS Bball @ Culbertson	22	23
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## Lady Warriors expecting big things in basketball

Henry Huber, Savage's girls' basketball head coach is looking forward to the upcoming season, "I am excited. We are returning a large portion of the team from previous seasons." He said, "This is my third year with this group so everyone should know what I expect of them on offense, defense, and overall." After a remarkable season last year, the Lady Warrior will have to return ready to work. The biggest challenge that this team will face this season is themselves. They have the pressure from last season, but also the high expectations of great improvement. As a team they must realize that it will take team effort to accomplish what they did last season and more.

"I feel after winning divisionals the girls know what it takes, the girls know they will need to work harder this year." This year the team to beat will be the Savage Warriors. Everyone is gunning for them and know what they are made of. The trio of juniors, Tyler Lien, Soda Rice, and Kiana Miller, is definitely a big threat on every part of the court. Senior Brynn Salsbury also brings a threat, with her defensive playing and her ability to put up points from down low will help the Warriors. Every team this team sees throughout the season is going to bring it and give the Warriors a good game, preparing them in the long run for the teams they will see toward the end of the season.

You can catch the Warriors at a tip-off tourney December 8-9 in Richey TBA or at home Thursday, December 19 vs the Fairview Warriors.

# December Menus

## Breakfast

Dec. 1 Scrambled Eggs  
Dec. 4 Cereal  
Dec. 5 Coffee Cake  
Dec. 6 Hot and Cold Cereal  
Dec. 7 Omelet  
Dec. 8 Pancake on a Stick  
Dec. 11 Cereal  
Dec. 12 Breakfast Pizza  
Dec. 13 Hot or Cold Cereal  
Dec. 14 English Muffin  
Dec. 15 Yogurt Bar  
Dec. 18 Cereal  
Dec. 19 Waffles  
Dec. 20-Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL

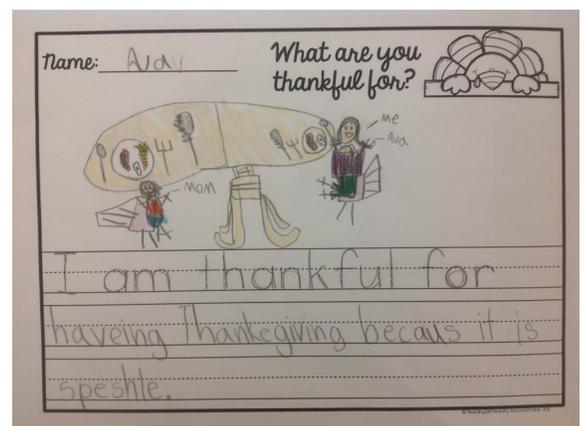
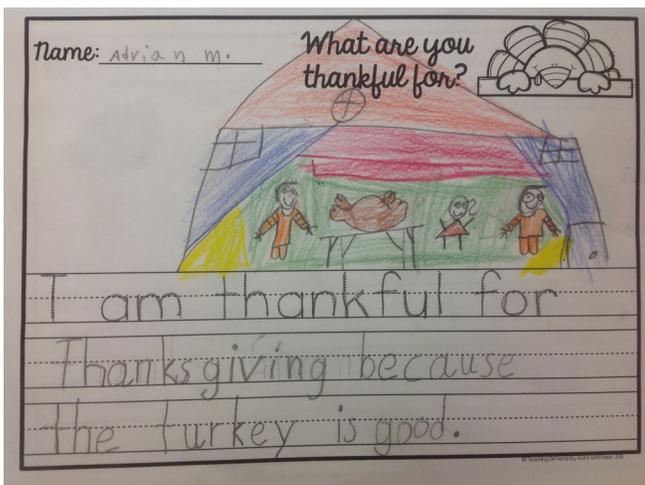
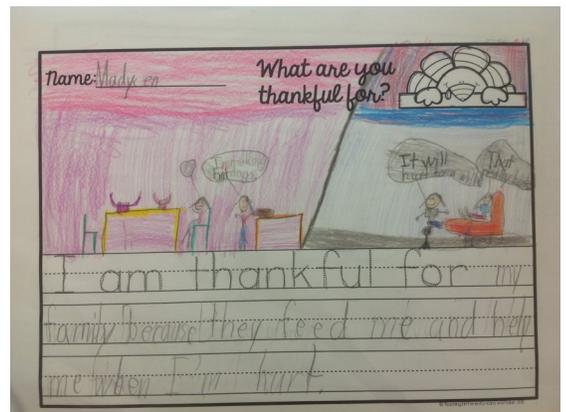
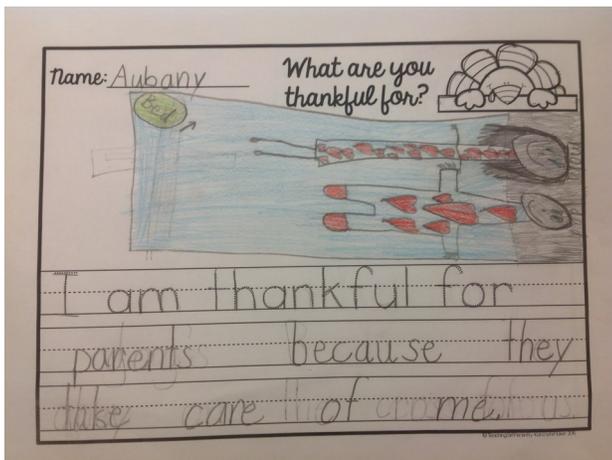
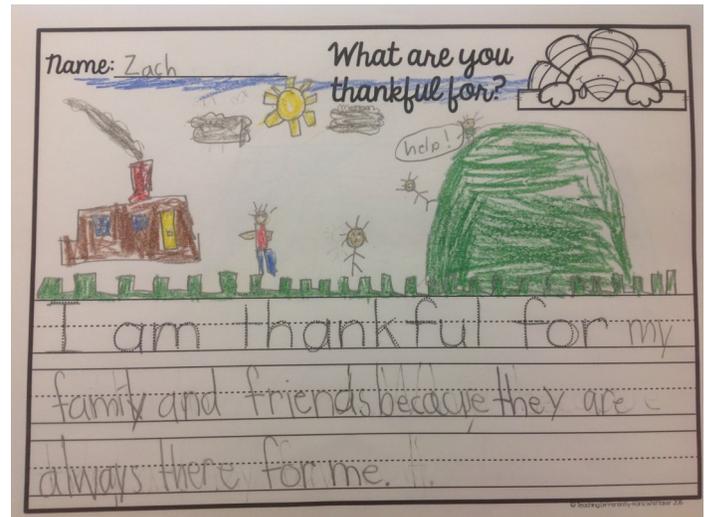
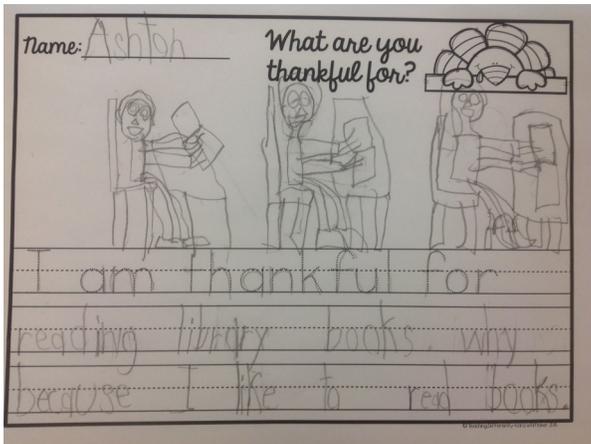
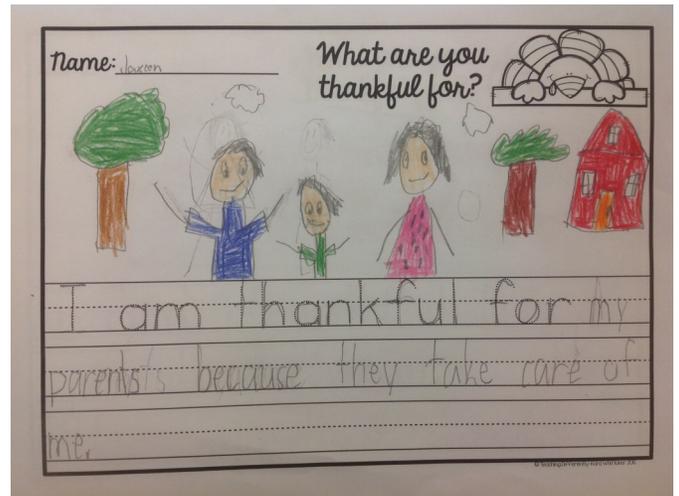
## Lunch

Dec. 1 Barber Poles  
Dec. 4 Chicken Strips  
Dec. 5 Tater Tot Casserole  
Dec. 6 Tacos  
Dec. 7 Mini Corndogs  
Dec. 8 French Dip  
Dec. 11 Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Dec. 12 Christmas Dinner  
Dec. 13 Nachos  
Dec. 14 Lo Mein and Sweet and Sour Chicken  
Dec. 15 Chicken Sandwich  
Dec. 18 Chicken Fajita  
Dec. 19 Meatballs  
Dec. 20-Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL

# Teacher Corner with Ms. Freas

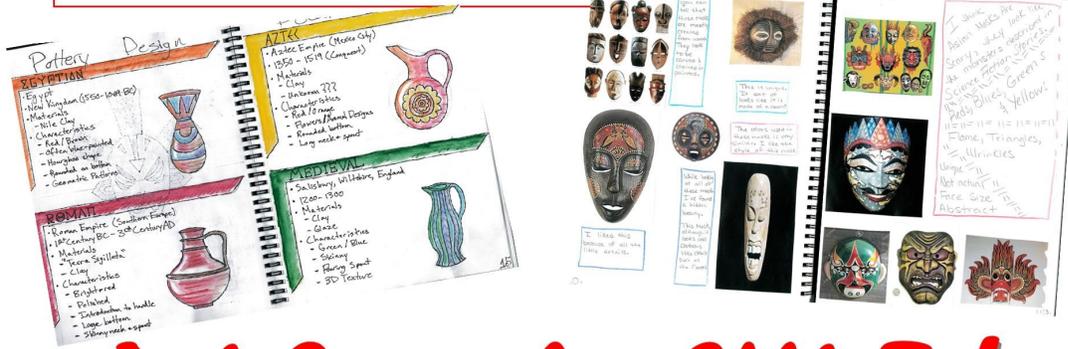
The 2nd Graders at Savage Elementary have a lot to be thankful for. I can easily say I am thankful I get to be their teacher. They are extremely hard working, thoughtful, and unique individuals. I hope you enjoy reading the things our class is most thankful for.

Ms. Freas



## Artist Journals

The high school students in Art History have been learning to use art journals to document, observe, practice, and refine artistic ideas and skills. The quality of work and deeper connections these students have been making since using them has really improved.



# Art Supply Gift Ideas

Below are a few art journal inspired gift giving recommendations for the creative type in your house!



### Niji Water Brushes

The high school students have been using watercolor brushes in their art journals and enjoying them! Most of them would LOVE to keep them. These brushes do come in a variety of sizes that would benefit a variety of art projects.

### Art Journals

There are a variety of art journal options out there to choose from and at any price range. Most brands are good and work for young artists. However, note the thickness of the paper and the thicker the paper, the less chance of color bleeding onto the next page will occur. Check for 80lb or higher for the best page thickness or journals labeled for Mixed Media.



### Water-Soluble Materials

If you purchase your artist an art journal and water brushes, you need material that are water-soluble so that they blend. There are markers, colored pencils, and crayons that work great with these brushes.

# Savage Music Sponsor Calendar Information

Hello all,

The Savage Music Sponsors' club is going to have a community calendar printed for 2018. If you are interested in having your family's birthdays and/or anniversaries printed, please fill out the below information and return to the school by Monday, December 4, 2017. The listings will be \$.50 per birthday and anniversary.

You can also email the information to: [blien@savagepublicschool.com](mailto:blien@savagepublicschool.com)

Please make checks payable to: SAVAGE MUSIC SPONSORS

If you have any questions, please contact Brandi Lien at 406-939-1503, Sheila Conradsen at 406-939-3366, Keri Jorgensen at 406-798-3509, or Kelli Dirks at 406-480-2592 .

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a business ad for \$20, that will be placed next to the main photo? Yes No

Birthdates (Full names/dates)

Anniversaries (Full names/dates)

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