



Savage Public School Newsletter

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DATES TO KNOW

- Feb. 3-9: Book Fair, Commons
- Feb 6: Junior High Music Fest, Glendive
- Feb. 13: Senior Night for basketball
- Feb. 15-22: District Basketball,
- Feb. 22: Board Meeting, 7:00
- Feb. 18: Make up snow day
- Feb. 25-27: Divisional basketball, Wolf Point



If you would like something included in the newsletter, please send it in to ahoffmann@savagepublicschool.com. Please so prior to the last Monday of the month.

Dear Savage,

Every now and again, decisions need to be made if school should be open due to bad roads, weather, or physical plant challenges. On January 25th, school was closed due to the lack of heat in the building. It was caused by leaking valves that required the water to be turned off, which in turn shut down the heat in the building. Luckily, the calendar committee, that met last year, scheduled in extra days that may be used in case of such emergencies and unforeseen situations. That being said, there will be school on February 18th. It is labeled "possible snow day" on the school calendar, but we are required by law to have a mandatory amount of aggregate hours of pupil instruction and need to make up that lost time. There is another snow day scheduled for April 22nd that will be used as a regular instruction day if school is cancelled for any reason.

Savage School district believes that prompt and regular attendance in school is the beginning of dependability in adult business, personal, and social life. So we will strive to make up any lost days that contribute to providing the best educational experiences for your child. I also urge you to review the attendance policy of the school and what is considered an excused, unexcused, or waived absence. Please pay particular attention to the absence disciplinary procedure as it maps out how absences can lead to a reduced grade for your child. If you have misplaced your student handbook, remember that it is posted online on the school website. Also, feel free to call me about any questions you may have regarding the handbook.

Sincerely,

Lynne Peterson
Superintendent
Savage Public School

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Strategic plan outlined for Savage

After taking into consideration factors such as student safety, academic desires, and the potential for growth in the student body and the community as a whole, the Savage School Board and community stakeholders have outlined their main goals for a strategic plan.

The plan was developed over three meetings with Joe Brott of the Montana School Board Association. Members of the school board, administration, faculty, and community stakeholders were invited to

take part in the meetings.

One of the biggest proposals in the strategic plan was to move the office to a more central location. Some stakeholders had raised student safety concerns with the office being located so far from the elementary wing. While other facility items, such as a new gym, were discussed, stakeholders believed that addressing student safety should be a higher concern.

The strategic plan also looked at the school's academics. Those in attendance want-

ed to ensure that Savage's students would be college and career ready. To that end, the strategic plan aims to look at methods of improving literacy skills as well as math skills. These ideas could surround teacher training or updated curriculum.

The strategic plan has not been finalized. The school is expecting a finalized plan to come from Brott soon. Once that plan is submitted, the school board would have to vote on whether or not to accept the strategic plan.

Student council moves trip, fundraisers

Student Council had to change the dates of our Student Council trip to California due to scheduling conflicts in May and June. As a result, the trip has been moved to March. Because of this, the council is going to move up the date of our spring "Helping Hands Auction". Just as the student council did in the fall, student teams will be auctioned off to complete a day of work. The auction will be held immediate-

ly following the basketball games on Saturday, February 13th. However, the student work day will not be until April 21st. Because the trip dates were moved, we lost two months for fundraising. As a result, we are requesting that participants pay for any work-ers they purchase before March 1st.

Student Council will once again be selling Valentine's to be distributed to students in

school on February 12th. Our Valentine's this year will be a berry juice and gummy bears with the card reading "You are BEARY special!" and will be sold for \$2. Student Council will be selling them at the basketball games on January 30th and February 5th. We will also be sending home order forms with all the elementary students.

Please contact Ms. Tuttle if you have any questions.

Wanted: Adult Ed Instructor

Savage Schools is looking for someone to help lead an adult education class. Community members have shown an interest in learning about technology and software. Instructors are being sought on how to use products such as Microsoft Word, Excel and other Office programs. Other programs that people have indicated they would like to know more about include Quicken, a program that helps people manage finances. An additional course that could be taught is on social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter. If you are interested in teaching an adult education course, please contact the school at 776-2317.

Information on trustee election, voter registration

Once again the date for school elections is approaching. The School Election will be held on May 3, 2016 at the Savage School Lobby from 12:00 noon until 8:00 p.m. The trustee position currently held by John Stonehocker will be up for election and there may be mill levies on the ballot. Mill levies will be decided at a later date by the Board of Trustees.

Qualifications for a school board trustee include being a registered voter, living in the school district where serving, being able to commit to attending board meetings, to attend training workshops and being able to put the school and its students as the top priority in making decisions. Please remember that you can help make a difference by serving in a trustee capacity.

There are some significant chang-

es in the election rules this year.

1. Trustees will no longer be required to have petition signatures to be on the ballot. If you want to declare your candidacy for a trustee position, please come to the clerk's office at the Savage School and pick up a declaration form. The deadline for declaring candidacy is March 24, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

If you miss the deadline, you may declare as a write-in candidate by March 31, 2016 at 5:00 PM. This form may also be picked up at the clerk's office. A write-in candidate's name will not appear on the ballot and there is a particular set of rules that must be followed to legally count votes.

2. Also, in the past there were no

late voter registrations allowed. This year, school election registration closes on April 3, 2016, but there will be late registration until May 2, 2016 at 5:00 PM. Late registration must be done at the Clerk and Recorder's Office in Sidney. Registration forms are available at the clerk's office.

You may request an absentee ballot from the clerk by filling out a form available at the clerk's office until May 1, 2016 at noon. You may register with the Clerk and Recorder to be on a permanent absentee list, if you wish.

Savage School encourages everyone to vote in this election. Your vote is very important to the School District Administration and Board.

If you have any questions, please call Dianna Miller at 776-2317, extension 220.

Teacher's Corner with Ms. Henwood

Anyone can tell you that the first year in a new position can be very intimidating. The drive to school on the first day in August was one of the most nerve wracking moments of my entire life! I was excited, eager, and completely terrified all at the same time. Luckily, I made it through that first day and we are now over 5 months into the school year. It has been an exciting year!

Growing up in Miles City, MT I know the importance of eastern Montana pride and the unique dynamics of growing up and attending school in smaller, rural areas. I left Miles City to attend school at Carroll College in Helena, MT. From high school to adulthood, I maintained a strong passion for history and the importance of staying civically involved in community and state. I hope to convey these passions to the students

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We have had a very exciting year so far! Montana History has participated in many exciting and hands-on activities from sitting in the room where Sitting Bull surrendered at Fort Union, to building their own gold mining town. The Government class participated in a project to increase voter turnout in Richland County, which included researching voter statistics at the county level, Public Service Announcements, tracking the current primary campaigns, and registering to vote in Richland County. For their spring project, they will participate in the Youth Leadership Initiative E-Congress with students from around the country. The 6th Graders completed a unit last semester, where they memorized all of the countries of the world! They are now using their geographical

knowledge to study the ancient civilizations of the world. Each unit brings on exciting new projects, media, sources, and technology for all of the history classes.

This fall I was chosen as one of the Montana teachers to attend the Montana Judicial Institute in Missoula, MT. I have also applied to attend one of the National Endowment for Humanities Landmark Historical Workshops this summer and awaiting acceptance. The workshops give teachers an opportunity to travel to locations and dig deeper into specific historical topics.

I am very honored to share my love of the social sciences with the 6th-12th graders in Savage and to be able to participate in the wonderful activities. I look forward to a very fun spring semester!

Warrior Athletics February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 HS Basket- ball vs Froid 3:00	6 Elementary basketball @ Froid HS basketball @ Culbertson 1:00
7	8	9	10	11	12 HS Bas- ketball @ Brock- ton 3:00	13 Elemen- tary Basketball @ Froid HS Basketball vs R&L 1:00 (Senior Night)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	District Basketball Tournament in Sidney, Times TBA					
21	22 District bas- ketball, Sidney	23	24	25	26	27
		Divisional Tournament, Wolf Point Times TBA				
28	29					

Elementary Basketball

February 6 @ Froid/Lake TBA

Feb. 13 @Froid/Lake TBA

Remember to turn in uniforms
after the last game

Complete schedules and updated
times can be found online at
www.savagepublicschool.com

High School Basketball

Times may changed based on JV Participation

Feb. 5 vs Froid/Lake 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Feb. 6 @ Culbertson 1:00/2:30/4:00/6:30

Feb.12 @ Brockton 3:00/4:30/6:00/7:30

Feb. 13 vs Richie-Lambert (Senior Night) 1:00/2:30/4:00/6:30

Feb. 15-22 District Tournament, Sidney TBA

Feb. 24-27 Divisional Tournament, Wolf Point TBA

March 3-5, Boys State, Great Falls TBA

March 10-12, Girls State, Great Falls TBA

February Menus

Breakfast

Feb. 1 Cereal
Feb. 2 German Pancakes
Feb. 3 Hot and cold cereal
Feb. 4 French toast
Feb. 5 Donuts
Feb. 8 Cereal
Feb. 9 English muffin
Feb. 10 Hot and cold cereal
Feb. 11 Breakfast omelet
Feb. 12 Pancakes
Feb. 15 Cereal
Feb. 16 Pancakes
Feb. 17 Hot and cold cereal
Feb. 18 Breakfast omelet
Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL
Feb. 22 Cereal
Feb. 23 Scrambled eggs
Feb. 24 Hot and cold cereal
Feb. 25 Coffee cake
Feb. 26 Breakfast bar
Feb. 29 Cereal

Lunch

Feb. 1 Hamburger gravy
Feb. 2 Turkey pot pie
Feb. 3 Baked potato
Feb. 4 Pizza
Feb. 5 Pulled pork sandwiches
Feb. 8 Burritos
Feb. 9 Spaghetti with meat sauce
Feb. 10 Sub sandwiches
Feb. 11 Sweet and sour chicken
Feb. 12 Barber poles
Feb. 15 Spaghetti wiener casserole
Feb. 16 Tater tot casserole
Feb. 17 Tacos
Feb. 18 Hot ham and cheese
Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL
Feb. 22 French Dip
Feb. 23 Chicken Alfredo
Feb. 24 Scalloped potatoes and ham
Feb. 25 Super nachos
Feb. 26 Hamburgers
Feb. 29 Sloppy joes

Reminder: You can check your child's lunch account balance on Power School. Please make sure your child has enough money for their meals!

Book fair coming up in February

Once again, the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Savage. The annual event is scheduled to begin February 3rd in the Commons Area. Books for all ages and reading abilities will be offered. Teachers will also have wish lists of books at the fair that they would like in their classroom libraries. Any help in stocking those classroom libraries is greatly appreciated. The Book Fair helps raise money for the Savage School Library. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Erickson.

Junior High Music Fest is February 6

The Savage Music Department is very excited for the Junior High Music Festival on Saturday February 6th. Students in grades 6th, 7th, and 8th will be performing at the Dawson County High School in Glendive, MT and will be adjudicated on their performance. The 6th grade band is joining the Junior High Band and entering as a combined ensemble performing two pieces of music. They will be performing from 10:30 to 11:00 in the morning. We also have one student who is entering as a soloist. Junior High student, Alexia Papka, will be performing a piano solo at 11:40am. There will be a bus available from school in the morning transporting the students to and from Glendive. As we will be returning right after Alexia's solo, lunch will not be provided. Students are welcome to bring a snack for the bus ride home. Parents are welcome to attend the performances. Best of luck to all performers!!!



Savage preps for 'Hour of Code'

What happens when you take 60 kids from third to ninth grade and turn them loose for an hour to learn to program a computer? You have 60 hours of code added to a worldwide total of more than a million coders during the Hour of Code as part of National Computer Science Week. Collectively, the event has recorded more than eight trillion hours of code since 2013. To put that in perspective, the entire Windows Operating System has about 50 million lines of code.

As President Obama says about the Hour of Code, "don't play on your phone, program your phone." During the Hour of Code, Savage students had an opportunity to create their own games using popular culture such as movies, as well as art, games "play" programs. Further activities include coursework for all ages and interest levels that can be completed at home or school.

Superintendent and Principal Lynne Peterson enthusiastically supported this introduction to computer programming at Savage. "We're proud to join the more than 5,000 Montana students who are participating in this event and believe every student should have the opportunity to explore this creative, well-paying and high demand career."

Plans are underway for the 2016 event which will bring elementary, junior high, and high school students together to complete an Hour of Code in a school-wide assembly.