



# A's Days

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### This week's hot lunch

*Corndogs, Fruit,  
Chips, and  
Dessert*

A big thank you to the  
Luikart and Davis  
Families

*Please bring \$1.50  
for Lunch*

## School News and Needs

### Report Cards:

\* Report cards will be mailed home on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. You should receive your child's report on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Thanksgiving Baskets:

\*Next Tuesday, we will be presenting our staff with their Thanksgiving Baskets. If you have not given toward these please do, \$10.00 per child.

With the gift card each teacher will also receive a basket filled with goodies such as: jams, cookies, potholders, candles... etc. If you would like to give to this, drop off your stuff at the office. We are handing the baskets out on the 14th of November, so have your goods brought to the office no later than Friday morning November 11th. We have 11 baskets to fill.

### Spell-A-Thon:

\*The pledge envelopes are to be turned in with all pledge money on or before **November 14**. If pledged money is not turned in on this date it will not be counted in determining a student's eligibility for prizes. On **November 17**, prizes will be handed out.

### Christmas Program:

\*Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to this year's Christmas Program on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. here at MVCA. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

### School Cleaning:

\*The weekends of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup> are open for volunteers to sign up for cleaning. The signup is at the office on the cork board. The cleaning check list is next to the board at the office. Don't forget to get the school key from Mr. Edwards or Mrs. Johnson.

### Thanksgiving Break:

\*Thanksgiving Break is right around the corner. We will not have school November 21<sup>st</sup> through 25<sup>th</sup>.



### PTA Meeting:

\*This month's PTA Meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the school's Library. All are encouraged to come! We would love to see you there.

# Curricular News

- Mrs. Smith ~ 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Bible-** We will be discussing how the Lord gives grace and forgiveness to those who repent as we learn about David's kindness and sin. **Reading-** We will read *Three Young Pilgrims* and discuss the hardships the Pilgrims faces as they traveled to the New World as well as hardships they endured first year after they had arrived. **Grammar-** First Grade continues to classify sentences as they add more adverbs and adjectives to their sentences. Second Grade is learning to identify prepositional phrases and adding them to their Q&A flow as they classify sentences. **Geography-** We will finish our study of landforms as we talk about the St. Lawrence River. We will participate in review activities before taking our test. **Math-** Concepts covered this week include: First Grade - 1/2, 1/3, 1/6, comparing numbers, dividing a set of objects, and identifying cup, quart, gallon, and liter. Second Grade- creating and reading a bar graph, tallying, horizontal, vertical, and oblique lines, dividing wholes into halves, fourths, and eighths.
- Mrs. Hall ~ 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>History-**We are nearing the end of our formal study of Marco Polo's journeys. We have completed our modern day research of the countries to which he travelled and presented our reports. However we will linger a bit while looking at historical events in these countries that affect our modern world. For a future event, we will also look at "holiday foods" in these countries. **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>Logic-**We are "plowing" through learning terms used in formal logic. Meanwhile, we continue to reflect and discuss modern day issues that affect our lives in Montana. We are doing this in order to understand application of a logical argument and its process in state legislation. **9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>Bible-**We are studying the Exodus narrative. We will compare the NIV form to "Prince of Egypt" DVD, and the portrayal in the "Ten Commandments" movie- two ways that our culture has heard this story!
- Mrs. Dunn ~ 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Bible-** We are studying the conquest of Canaan and will start looking at the Era of the Judges. **Drawing-** We hope to begin a drawing course learning how to draw pictures with a 3D appearance. **Literature-** After a week reading about the Oregon Trail we are back to *Old Yeller*. The next chapters get very exciting. **Science-** Chapter three, Light. We will be doing several activities with light - examining shadows, reflection, refraction, and what happens to light when it goes through different types of lenses. **Spelling-** The students are still learning five new words per day. We are currently on the Q-6 and R-1 lists of words. **Grammar-** After writing a few more paragraphs we will study pronouns, conjunctions and types of sentence writing problems (fragments and run-ons). **History-** Card 9, War with Mexico. **Math-** We are continuing with our division chapters.
- Mr. Hart ~ Algebra 1-** We will begin tackling coin, distance, interest and measurement problems in chapter 4. This can be crazy hard, so extra effort & study time may be needed. **Algebra 2-** We're back to chapter 4 after our cumulative review. We'll begin this week mastering completing the square. Students will be required to pass a quiz on deriving the quadratic formula. **Russian-** we have done a little work on plurals in class already, but this week in lesson 3 plurals are a big focus. Also, soon we'll be taking several quizzes. Students must learn the 7 letter spelling rule, the hard/soft vowels chart, and the alphabet in it's entirety. **Biology-** Monday is the last day to turn in drawings. Parents, you should look at microscope drawings and sketches made from the biology book. They are amazing. This quarter we'll begin writing and presenting papers. A guide will go home soon. **Pre-calculus-** We're taking a break from trig and starting work on polynomials! Domain, range, functions and other concepts must be understood completely. We start with linear functions and move quickly to quadratic.

## November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7  Happy Birthday Rachel Maddy	8	9	10	11  Report Cards Mailed Home	12
13	14  Spell-A-Thon Money Due <hr/> Teacher Appreciation	15	16  Happy Birthday Jordan Lapka	17  PTA Meeting 2:30 in Library <hr/> Spell-A-Thon Prizes Handed Out	18  Dress Down Day	19