



A's Days

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This week's hot lunch

*Sloppy Joes
And Dessert*

A big thank you to the
Rettig, Johnson, and Bruton
Families

*Please bring \$1.50
for Lunch*

School News and Needs

Parent Teacher Conferences Next Week:

*Sign up for next week's parent teacher conference on Thursday, October 6th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at MVCA. All signups are on the teachers' doors. This will also be our Taco Feed, so stay and enjoy dinner with us as well!

Taco Feed Fundraiser:

*MVCA Taco Feed, Thursday, October 6th from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Come and eat dinner with us after your teacher conferences, then stay and watch the boys' and girls' soccer games: taco dinner \$5.00, pop \$1.00, water \$1.00 and dessert \$1.00.

Spell-A-Thon Kick Off:

*The Spell-A-Thon has been kicked off! Each student has been sent home with a packet including a parent letter. Ask your student about their packet and help them with their pledges and words.

PSAT Testing:

* MVCA will be hosting the PSAT on Wednesday, October 12th. We encourage all 9th-12th graders to participate in this testing opportunity. The more the students familiarize themselves with the PSAT, the better they will test on their SAT tests. The 2011 test fee is \$15 per student. Money has to be in the office no later than Tuesday, October 11, 2011. Please contact the office with any questions.

PTA Meeting:

*PTA will meet this Thursday, September 29nd at 2:30 p.m. in MVCA's Library. Come join us as we discuss our upcoming fundraisers.

Parents in Prayer:

*All parents are welcome to join us Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Library to pray for our children and teachers.

David has slain Goliath:

*On Monday, the Sting Girls defeated Stillwater 2-1 for the first time in MVCA history. The Boys tied Stillwater 2-2! Great job girls and boys! Thursday, the boys and girls will play a co-ed game against Plains at 3:00 on our home field. Then this Friday, the Boys will head to Helena for an overnight tournament and the Girls, on Saturday, will play Chrysalis in Whitefish at 3:00 p.m.

Dress Down Day:

*The last Friday of every month is dress down day. Students are allowed to wear their everyday clothing.


Shorts:

*This is the last week students are allowed to wear shorts to school. In the handbook, shorts are allowed during the month of September and May. Thank you!

Curricular News

- Mrs. Smith ~ 1st-2nd Grade-** We have another week of fun and learning planned in 1st and 2nd grade! We are reading in 1 Samuel how Saul became the first king of Israel and how important it is to obey God from our hearts. In grammar we are off and running. Both grades have learned the sentence, noun, verb, and adverb jingles and are classifying sentences using the question and answer flow. We are still learning fun facts about Montanan while learning important geography concepts. In math the 1st graders are drawing line segments, adding two digit numbers, and practicing doubles plus one facts. The second graders are learning the commutative property of addition, identifying time by learning one hour ago and one hour from now, and even and odd numbers.
- Mrs. Dunn ~ 5th-6th Grade- Bible-** We are studying the nine eras of the Old Testament, the prominent figure of the era and where this time period takes place. **Math-** Chapter test for both 5th and 6th Grade. Then multiplication! **History-** We will look at the Industrial Revolution and the effect the cotton gin had on the South. **Literature-** The slaves are following Harriet Tubman to safety but some unexpected complications arise. **Science-** It is time to finish our unit on insects. Our test will be early next week. **Spelling-** It is time for our Spell-A-Thon. Our first words are mostly from list W-1 in our Spellers. **Grammar-** We are chanting jingles and reciting Q&A flows. We will study the different types of sentences as well this week.
- Mrs. Hall ~ 7th-8th History** We are choosing our countries for our Marco Polo projects, as we continue to survey his journey. **7th-8th Logic-** Continuing with our studies of basic terms as we apply and defend them for our Modern Day Marco Polo trip! **9th-12th Bible-** New (?) O.T. Narratives to study and apply as we look at and experience God's fresh Word to us.
- Mr. Hart ~ Algebra 1-** Will memorize perfect squares 1-20 and perfect roots from 1-400, two number set charts. Students will continue to work on order of operations and absolute value. **Algebra 2-** Will face distance, mixture and interest problems this week. **Pre.-Calculus-** Will continue to practice for the math part of the PSAT which will be coming too soon! **Biology-** Will finish chapter two covering the scientific method. Also, Friday will be a check on the number of bugs collected so far! **Russian-** Our first big vocab test was Monday. Students will begin to identify what they hear by selecting pictures that match words or sentences.
- Mr. Hicks ~ 9th-12th Humanities-** In the upper school we are studying Jewish midrash, which is a practice of reading that regards the text as a portion of food to be chewed and digested. Scripture abounds with images that liken words to food: the prophet Jeremiah says to God, "When your words come, I ate them." God says to Ezekiel, "Eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it", and later to the whole nation of Israel, "Listen to me, and eat what is good and your soul will delight in the richest fare." **7th-8th Writing/Literature-** We have been reading and imitating a variety of poems that contain images, concrete details that appeal to the senses. Each student has written on extended metaphor beginning with the line, "My eyes are..." Here is a sample; My eyes are a lake, big round knots, speckled dots on a blank wall, soft warm chocolate cookies, two frightened fish out of water.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25 | 26 Spell-A-Thon Kick Off! <hr/> Stillwater vs Boys @ Kalispell 4:00 <hr/> Stillwater vs Girls @ Kalispell 4:00 | 27 | 28 College Fair Polson High 10:00-11:30 | 29 Plains vs Co-ed @ MVCA 5:00 | 30 Boys Soccer Helena Tournament  | 1 Chrysalis vs Girls @ Whitefish 3:00 |
| 2 | 3 PHS vs Girls @MVCA 4:00 | 4 | 5 | 6 Parent Teacher Conferences <hr/> Taco Feed <hr/> Stillwater@MVCA vs Girls 4:00 vs Boy 5:30 <hr/> Happy B-Day Cooper Clark | 7 Spell-A-Thon Test # 1 | 8 Happy B-Day Lucca Maddy |