



Dear North Star Community,

I am writing to you as the student body president for the high school. We have had a couple things going on in the school, that has involved some if not most of the student body. Speech and Drama is in full swing with our co-hosted meet in Chester turning out swimmingly and our speech team got 3rd in Class C Speech Sweeps. We have the Chinook meet coming up next on January 6, and Simms the week after on the 13th. After that we will be finishing up our season with Divisionals in Choteau on the 20th and State will be in Huntley Project on January 26-27th. We have had a wonderful year with a ton of incoming freshman, making this one of our biggest speech teams in years. We had a ton of people in our community help judge the events at our meet and loved the support we got which made everything run so much smoother.

Basketball has also started with the teams having a couple games under their belts. The teams have been doing well against the tough competition in our district with the guys winning against Box Elder and Turner in their first season games and the girls putting up a good fight against both teams. The teams have both been practicing hard and will be tough competitors when district comes around.

Some activities that the high school and junior high has been participating in is Dressember. We have a couple teachers and students participating and we had a presentation during Knight Time at the beginning of December about human trafficking and how Dressember ties into it. We also had a cyber safety presentation that was brought to our school and presented to the whole student body.

With December coming to an end we finished our last weeks before Christmas celebrating the holiday spirit with the Elementary Concert which involved Santa and a couple of student council members helping serve cookies and giving out goodie bags. The silent auction was a huge success at both schools. The High School's concert was wonderful with lots of Christmas carols and beautiful Christmas trees decorating the pit. We also have our annual Christmas Dodgeball tournament and Roshambo tournament. They will finish off the last week of school for the year and I hope that everyone has a very merry Christmas and safe travels.

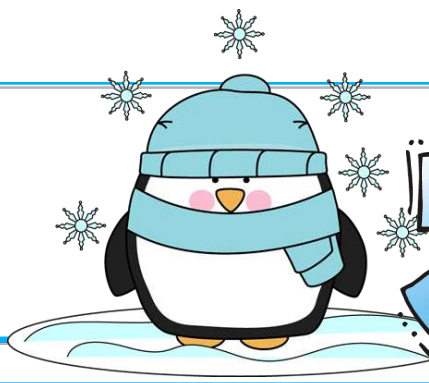
Sincerely,

Jewel Wicks

North Star Student Council President



North Star Events and Activities



January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3	4	5 *BB at CJJ 3/4:30/6/7:30 School in Session	6 *S & D @Chinook *BB vs Big Sandy in Rudyard *Sat. Morning BB 9a
7	8	9 *BB vs. Havre in Gildford 4:30/6/7:30	10	11	12 *BB @Chinook 3/4:30/6/7:30 NO SCHOOL	13 *S & D @Simms/PDB
14	15 *Regional BPA-Great Falls  NO SCHOOL	16	17	18 *Speech & Drama Open House-7:30p	19 *S&D Division- als-Choteau *BB at Turner 4/5:30 varsity only *End of 2nd Qtr & 1st Semester School in Session	20 *S&D Divisionals- Choteau *BB at Box Elder -12p
21	22 *Missoula Children's Theater tryouts-Gild 4:15p	23	24	25	26 *State Speech & Drama -Huntley Proj. *BB vs Fort Benton - Rud 3/4:30/6/7:30 Parent Apprec. NO SCHOOL	27 *State Speech & Drama -Huntley Proj. *BB at HLP -12p *MCT Perfor- mance-Gil 3p
28	29	30 *JV BB at Havre 4:30/6/7:30	31			

K-12



Student Spotlight

Fourth Grade-Kaden King



Future Plans: Play in the NBA and NFL

Best Memory: Giving bread to geese

Favorites

Class: Reading

Food/Drink: Pizza/Mountain Dew

Sport/Activity/Hobby: Basketball, Football & Video Games

Color: Blue

Sports Team: San Diego Chargers

Freshman-Shayla Borlaug



Future Plans: Becoming an Accountant

Best Memory: Costa Rica

Favorites

Class: Math

Food/Drink: Tacos/Raspberry Lemonade

Sport/Activity/Hobby: Volleyball, Basketball,

Color: Blue

Sports Team: Minnesota Vikings

Senior-Thomas Nerat



Future Plans: Attend BYU-Idaho and study Pre-Optometry

Best Memory: Football Playoff trip to Hot Springs

Favorites

Class: Adult Living Skills

Food/Drink: Pizza/Chocolate Milk

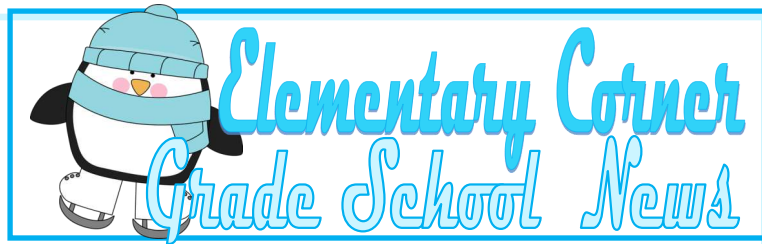
Sport/Activity/Hobby: Baseball

Color: Pink

Sports Team: Dallas Mavericks



Full of Wonder!



The Elementary has been full of *Wonder* this year! Miss Kline has been reading the popular book by R.J. Palacio to the students throughout the first semester. *Wonder* is a book about a boy with facial deformities who enters public school for the first time in fifth grade. It teaches powerful lessons about acceptance and kindness that apply to children and adults of all ages. The kids have loved the book. Some students even made a poster to display in the foyer to remind everyone to "Choose Kind." The Staff also had t-shirts made to help spread *Wonder's* message.

When Miss Kline found out that *Havre* would be getting the movie, she organized a trip for 1st -6th graders to go to the movie. Booster Club generously donated funds to cover the ticket price for all the students, and the field trip was set for Wednesday, December 13. Students loaded busses that morning and headed to the movies! Everyone enjoyed the movie and thought it was excellent. Some students shared their favorite scenes... (SPOILER ALERT!)

"My favorite part is when the dad said I am scared of your mother. The funniest part is when Augie danced." ~ Ashur Fraser

"The movie brightened my day. It was a blast. My favorite part was when August made fun of his sister." ~ Riese Sattoriva

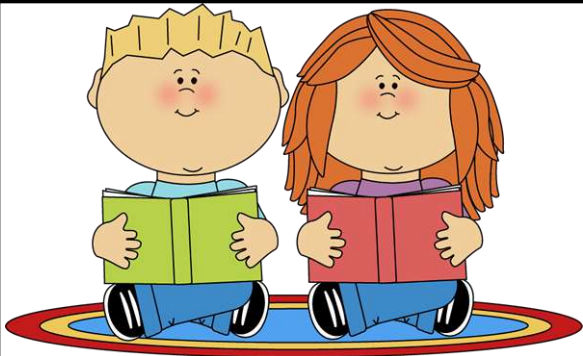
"My favorite part was when Jack, Will, and August became friends again. The hilarious part was when August made a kissy face and hugged himself. The very sad part is when Daisy dies." ~ Alyssa Lavery

"It was cool how Via whispered in Augie's ear with the space helmet on!" ~ Hedy Kessel

Everyone enjoyed popcorn and a drink at the show. Afterwards, it was time to get back on the bus and head back to school. The Elementary Teachers and Staff were extremely impressed and proud of our students for their excellent behavior and respect at the movies and on the bus. Great job, students! Thank you Booster Club and North Star Schools for helping make this dream a reality! Let's let the spirit of *Wonder* carry us through the rest of the year!

Elementary Teacher's and Staff wear their "Wonder"-ful shirts to the movie. "You can't blend in, When you were born to stand out. #ChooseKindness."





Reading

Reading is one of the most important skills our children have to learn. Without it, their education in other subjects can be very difficult. This year we began using the Barton Reading Program for our reading intervention at school. The Barton Reading Program is an Orton-Gillingham program, which uses a one on one, multisensory approach to learning. In this program, students hear, say, touch, write and see what they are learning about. The advantage of the multisensory approach is that it helps students create many pathways in their brain as they learn reading and spelling. This program increases their ability to retain what they have learned. We've had very good results this year, after implementing the new program. It's great to see the benefits from the students hard work!



By Davilyn McCormick



Conceived & Written by
Michael McGill

MISSOULA
CHILDREN'S
THEATRE

Music & Lyrics by
Michael McGill

Missoula Children's Theatre Coming in January

With his ship wrecked and his trusty computer JCN on the fritz, brave explorer Gulliver finds himself lost in space with nothing but an Invisible Force to guide him! While transporting from world to world, under the control of the Maniacal Scientist of Lapunta, Gulliver discovers fighting aliens,

arrogant Horse Leaders of the foolish Yahoos, larger-than-life royalty (in more ways than one) and robots – all who need just as much help from Gulliver as Gulliver needs from them! Tune in as this sci-fi spin of the timeless tale of GULLIVER'S TRAVELS will take you out-of-this world!

Auditions will be held at the North Star Elementary School on Monday, January 22nd, from 4:15-6:16 p.m. There will be only one performance this year, in the Elementary Gym in Gildford on Saturday, January 27th at 3 p.m.



The Elves Were Hard at Work in Santa's Workshop!

On Tuesday, December 19, Santa's Workshop was held at



the Elementary! All the students had the chance to be an "elf" and create a gift for their secret partner. Each elf was assigned a buddy at random, and decorated a Christmas ornament, picked out a book and bookmark, a gift and a pencil for that secret pal. Then they selected gift wrap and bows to wrap up their present. The gifts and ornaments were exchanged between students later in the week.



The day flowed very smoothly, with the help of several parent and staff volunteers, and thanks to the guidance of



our Elementary teachers. The students enjoyed the chance to truly be thoughtful in selecting their gifts for

their secret pal and in decorating their ornaments. They were very proud of their finished products!



Thank you to everyone who donated items or time to help kick off Santa's Workshop with a joyful bang! This was a success thanks to the generosity of our entire North Star village! We will be doing Santa's Workshop again

next year. If you would like to donate gift items, keep an eye on those after-Christmas sales! Donations of new or very-gently-used gift items can be taken at the Elementary and we will store them until next year.

Merry Christmas from all our Elementary Elves!

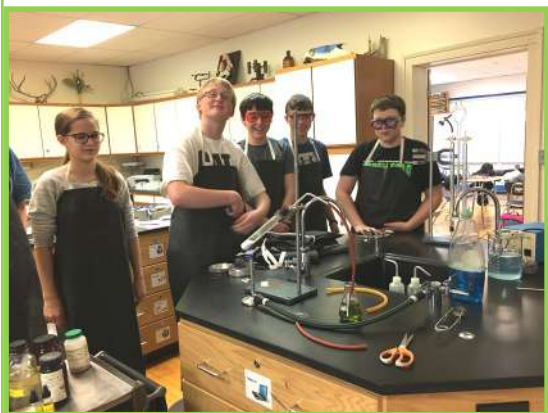


Science

The Freshman class of North Star High School recently conducted a lab to identify different types of chemical reactions. Of course, it was really cool because we got to use the Bunsen burner to burn Magnesium to study the combination reaction forming Magnesium oxide. Another of the reactions studied was the single replacement reactions involving Magnesium and Hydrochloric acid. Hydrogen gas is



released. We used the wood splint test for the presence of hydrogen. A burning splint is placed over the mouth of the test tube just after the magnesium turnings are added to the HCl. Bubbles in the test tube prove a gas is being released. A loud pop when the flame is introduced proves this gas is Hydrogen.

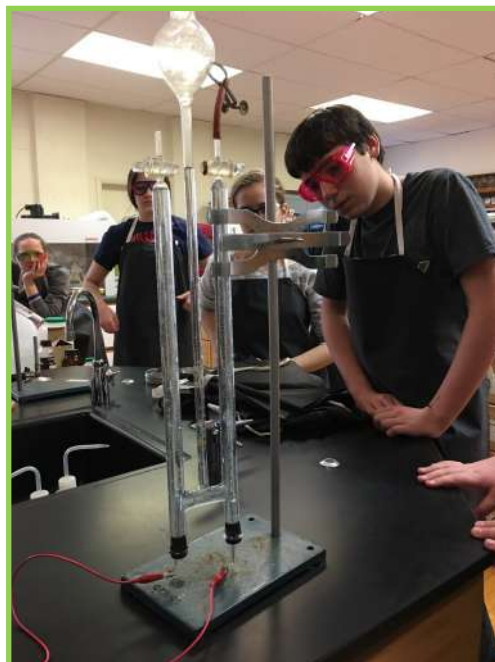


Mrs. Renaker also had a couple of demonstrations to show decomposition reactions. Baking soda, when heated, decomposes into Sodium Carbonate, with water and carbon dioxide gas being given off. The water is easy to

see at the mouth of the test tube. Bubbling the gas through Bromothymol blue proves the existence of Carbon Dioxide. Bromothymol blue, while originally blue in color, will turn green, then yellow as it reacts with the Carbon Dioxide. The second of the decomposition reactions involved electricity, as water is split into its components Hydrogen and Oxygen as the electricity runs through it. It was easy to see which of the two tubes contained Hydrogen, because there was twice as much gas produced, proving the H_2O ratio in water's formula to be right on.

All in all, it really helped to see in person each of the different types of reactions. And, best of all, the students are really great at cleaning up after themselves.

Merry Christmas all. More excitement from Science to come in the New Year!



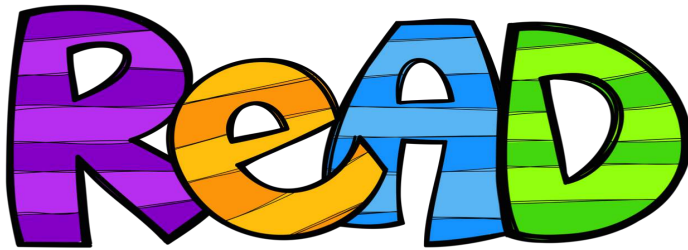
Library News

Kay Jorgenson



Thank you so much for the support we received for our elementary book fair. The library and classrooms received over \$700 worth of free books! We are continuing to use library lessons at the elementary to promote reading, as well as learning about print and digital tools. The older grades are learning about citations and evaluating websites. Students in grades K-3 participate in Book-It and the remaining grades do Accelerated Reader (AR). Students in grades 4-6 can earn a party each quarter for reaching their AR goals. At the Jr. High and High School level, students who get 50 points in the first semester receive a pizza party. Thank you to Booster Club for their support of these programs. The link for students to login to Accelerated Reader is available online by going to the school website at www.northstar.k12.mt.us, and selecting the library link. It is the second

link on the library page. Stop in and visit us at our libraries!



United State Youth Senate Scholarship Winner

Hali Kapperud has been selected as one of only two students to represent Montana as a delegate to the United States Senate Youth Program to be held in Washington, D.C. March 3-10, 2018. This is a week long, all expense paid accommodations and travel experience that Hali will participate in. Hali will also receive a \$10,000 college scholarship as part of her award package.

The United States Senate Youth Program was founded in 1962 through a Senate Resolution and each year two of the highest-achieving students from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education system overseas are selected through an extremely competitive merit-based selection process held at the state departments of education nationwide.

This program is supported by our United States Senators and The Hearst Foundation.



Thank you so much to all of our volunteer judges and those who donated their time, talents and food to the CJI/North Star Speech and Drama Meet! We couldn't have put on a successful meet without you.



YOUTH BOWLING

SUNDAY JANUARY 7, 2018

AT 1 PM

AGES 9 AND UP

PIZZAS WILL BE SERVED

**IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS CALL CHRIS AT
THE BOWLING ALLEY 355-4249**

Trustee Candidates may file for Election

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND OATH OF CANDIDACY FOR TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

Forms for the upcoming Trustee Election to be held on Tuesday May8, 2018 are available.

Forms may be picked up from Kathy Preeshl (election administrator) at the High School Business Office located at North Star High School, 105, 3rd Ave NE, Rudyard, MT 59540

NO CANDIDATE MAY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT UNLESS HE OR SHE MEETS THIS DEADLINE.

(13-10-201, 20-3-305 MCA). (No earlier than 145 days or not later than 40 days before election).

Candidate must be registered to vote at the time the Oath is filed.

Trustee Position open for a 3 year term

Any candidate that has already filed for election, but wishes to withdraw their name, may do so by sending a statement of withdrawal to the election administrator, no later than 5:00 PM the day before ballot certification. (20-3-305(3)(a)MCA), (Thursday April 5, 2018 by 5:00 PM)

Candidate forms must be picked up and returned by 4:00 PM on Thursday March 29, 2019.

Community members are welcome to walk in the gym in Rudyard. Available times include:

8:05 to 9:05 AM

11:15 to noon

12:45 to 2:45 PM



Parents....please supply the office with a small bottle of pain relief for your child. The school does not supply pain medication (Advil/Tylenol/Aleve/etc.) for any student. The office would like to help your child out when they are in need of pain relief for the occasional headache or body ache. Thank you.

The logo for raise.me, featuring the text "raise.me" in white on a blue background.

Raise.me Micro-scholarships

Through a new program called RaiseMe, students can guarantee scholarships from 250+ colleges as early as 9th grade, making it easier to plan financially for school. Raise.me is entirely free for students who are in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 and attend high school in the United States. Some ways individuals may earn micro-scholarships are if they get an "A" in a high school class, maintain a high GPA, have perfect attendance, participate in an extracurricular activity, score well on the SAT or ACT, attend a college fair, visit a college campus, and many more.

North Star High School is among the first in the country to take advantage of this opportunity, which was launched with the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and U.S. colleges. Presently, three Montana colleges participate in the RaiseMe scholarship program. The Montana colleges are Carroll College, Rocky Mountain College and the University of Montana – Missoula.

A couple of ways to support students in using this unique tool are to: 1) Ensure that the student creates an account at www.raise.me. 2) Encourage the student to regularly add good grades, community service, extra-curricular activities, and other achievements to his or her RaiseMe Portfolio to earn micro-scholarships from colleges.

The good news is that students in upper level grades may add activities and honors from previous years; starting with 9th grade. We hope using RaiseMe will make our students' paths to college both more fun and affordable. Parents and guardians may visit www.raise.me/parents for more information. If you have additional questions after reviewing the site, please contact Mrs. Spinler at 355-4481 or send an email to support@raise.me.



MedStart Camp – An Exploration of Healthcare Careers

The Northern Central Montana Area Health Education Center (NC MT AHEC), at the Montana Hospital Association, offers a number of opportunities for students to explore health science and careers in the healthcare. One program available for **current sophomores and juniors** is called MedStart.

MedStart is a 5 day long summer camp that is held throughout the state including, Missoula, Great Falls, Butte, Billings, and Miles City. Scholarships are available for students who come from low-income families, rural areas, are minorities, or will be the first person in their family to attend college. Applications will be available in January of 2018 and may be found at the following site: [www.http://healthinfo.montana.edu/ahec-program-office/index.html](http://healthinfo.montana.edu/ahec-program-office/index.html) In addition to an excellent learning experience, students will also receive 1 college credit after completing the MedStart program.

For additional information, you may contact Shani Rich, Director, at 406-457-8018 or see Mrs. Spinler for assistance.



Playground Equipment, Fundraisers, and Charity Update

It's here! It's F-I-N-A-L-L-Y here!

The playground equipment that our kids and community members earned through submitting Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Soup Labels has finally arrived. Two "Spring Lily" jumpers were ordered and will be installed in the playground area soon. Additionally, a larger piece of equipment called a "Hemisphere Climber" is being ordered with funds raised at the Liberty Medical Center Summer Fair donation. This item was ordered as a replacement of the "Magic Carpet" bars. We continue to raise funds for new playground equipment and as time goes on, we will share with everyone updates on our progress.

One way you can contribute to playground fundraising efforts is through the shoe drive. Donation boxes for shoes are located at both schools, the Hi-Way Bar, and K-Lines. Any style, size, or type of shoe or boot will be accepted. We request that the shoes are in decent condition and are clean.

We continue to collect Box Tops for Education. With the recent submission deadline of October 31, Katie submitted all the Box Tops we had collected over the summer up to now, and we are expecting a check for \$151.20. Great work to everyone who has been diligently clipping Box Tops and submitting them to school! Please keep up the good work! As a reminder, the Campbell's Soup Labels program has ended, so we are no longer accepting soup labels—only Box Tops.

Speaking of collected items, our students also continue to collect pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ronald McDonald House serves families of children who must be hospitalized by providing them free or low-cost housing while their child is receiving services. In Montana, there are two Ronald McDonald House locations- one in Missoula and one in Billings. This October, we sent twelve pounds of pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House charities in support of their efforts to help families in Montana. The generosity of our students and community members is outstanding!

Mobile Device or Computer Connection

Access Infinite Campus from your smart phone or mobile device by downloading the Infinite Campus Mobile Portal application from the App Store. In settings, enter the District ID of CRQNXT and select go. Then enter your Infinite Campus username and password.

Access Infinite Campus from your computer too. Go to the school website at www.northstar.k12.mt.us and click on the Infinite Campus Portal on the right side of the page.

What can you find out on Infinite Campus? Grades, assignments, meal balances, attendance information, student schedules and more! Check it out!

If you need your username or password, contact Katie at kbangs@nsschools.org or Carol at ctempel@nsschools.org.



Credit Cards, Checks, Cash for School Meals

Want to use your credit card to make a meal payment from your mobile device? Connect to a browser (Safari, Chrome, etc) first and then log into the parent portal and click on Payments and follow the instructions. To find out what the meal balance is, click on the Food Service tab. Cash and checks are also accepted at either school office. Breakfast is \$1.65 and lunch is \$2.65 or \$4.30 per day. Reduced price meals are \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Free or reduced price meal applications are accepted throughout the school year and are available on the school web-site at www.northstar.k12.mt.us or from either school office.



Knight in Need

If your student has a need for school supplies, school clothing/shoes, or other materials for school, please send the information via email to Carol Tempel at ctempel@nsschools.org or call her at 355-4481 or text to 390-2701. Please provide, size, color, item and any other information. School staff members may also identify a need and provide the information to Mrs. Tempel. All information is strictly confidential. If the need is approved, students will receive the item discreetly and in a confidential manner.

Upcoming Events:

January:

3rd— School in Session again
15th-Regional BPA in Great Falls
19th-End of 2nd Qtr/1st Semester
20th-Speech & Drama Divisionals-Choteau
26-27th-State S&D Meet-Huntley Project

February:

6th-Pre-Festival Recital, HS Mus.Rm-7p
14-17th-District BB in Havre
20th-School Science Fair-Pit
21-24th-Divisional BB in Great Falls
22nd-Mid Quarter

March:

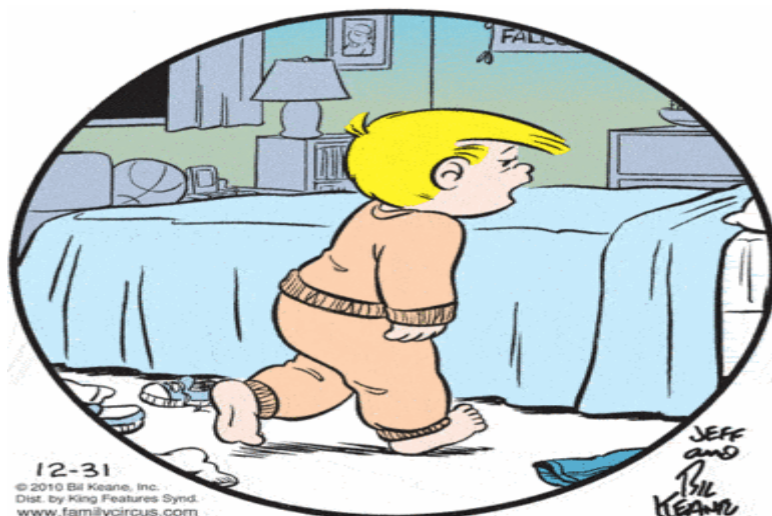
1-3rd-Boys Class C State Basketball-Butte
9th-Ski Day-Showdown
11-13th— State BPA-Billings
13th-Track Practice begins
18-20th-State Science Fair-Missoula
18-20th-State FCCLA-Billings
23rd-End of 3rd Quarter
27th-HS/JH Parent/Teacher Conf. -7:30p
28th-First Grade Grandparents Day

April:

2nd-No School - Easter Break
9-11th-State SkillsUSA, Havre
20-21st-District Music Festival , Havre
26th-Mid-Quarter

May:

4-5th— State Music Festival-Helena
9th-District Track & Field Meet in Havre
9th- Montana Shakes! at Elem.
15th--JH/HS Concert in Rudyard -7p
17th-Divisional Track & Field Meet in Great Falls
19th-Graduation Rudyard, 2p
22nd-Elementary Concert Gildford, 6:30p
24th— Last Day of School, Early Out 1:30p
25th-State AA-C Track & Field Meet in Great Falls





IT'S TIME FOR

SATURDAY MORNING BASKETBALL

WHO: K-8th Grade Students

WHAT: *Skills and Drills AND Games*



Sat. January 6	9:00am-11:00am	Rudyard	<i>Crazy Hair Day</i>
Sat. January 13	9:00am-12:00pm	Rudyard	<i>Twin Day</i>
Fri. January 19	9:00am-12:00pm	Rudyard	<i>Crazy Sock Day</i>
Sat. February 3	9:00am-12:00pm	Rudyard	<i>Throwback/Jersey Day</i>
Sat. February 10	9:00am-12:00pm	Rudyard	<i>Black & Blue Day</i>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MRS. CAMPBELL (ecampbell@nsschools.org)

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE GREAT TO START,
BUT YOU HAVE TO START TO BE GREAT.**

-ZIG ZIGLAR