The Cougar Chronicle

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Friday Awards & Silly String Run
Join us this Friday for student IB awards, jog-a-thon awards, and our annual Silly String Run. Primary awards will begin at 8:15, Silly String Run at 9:00, and intermediate awards at 9:30.

Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences
Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences begin next week! November 12-19. You can expect a confirmation letter from your child’s teacher in your Wednesday Folder this week if you did not receive one last week. Remember these are STUDENT-LED conferences, so your child’s attendance is required!

Progress Notices
First trimester progress notices are being sent home in Wednesday Folders this week. If your child receives one, please take a moment to review the information, particularly that which tells you how you can support your child at home. Please sign, date, and return the bottom portion to your child’s teacher.

Shortened Days... Nov 12-20
Shortened days begin next Thursday, November 12 and extend through Friday, November 20. Primary students are dismissed at 12:05 with an optional lunch until 12:30. Intermediate students are dismissed at 12:15 with an optional lunch until 12:30. Bus riders are picked up at 12:30. Kinder schedule does not change.

Friday Morning Run!
Join us on Friday mornings, beginning November 13 at 7:45am for our Friday Morning Run! Students and parents are welcome to join us for some laps around the field. We’ll use our IDs from the jog-a-thon and our new LapTracker scanners to keep track of class totals. The primary and intermediate classes with the most laps at the end of each month will receive a special trophy to keep in their class until the following month!

Book Fair & Family Movie Night
Mark your calendars for our annual Book Fair Dec 11-18 and plan to do some holiday shopping! Hours will be posted as date approaches. We will also have a Family Movie Night during the week of Book Fair on Wednesday, December 16. Students must be accompanied by a parent to attend the movie night, but you can stop by the Book Fair with them before or after!

Missoula Children’s Theatre
Missoula Children’s Theatre is a traveling touring company that directs plays for children across the country. This year, our students will put on Peter & Wendy under the direction of our two traveling directors. Try-outs are on Monday, November 9th at 2:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. A letter with more information and permission slip in in this week’s Wednesday folder. Children need to have a permission slip signed in order to try out. There is no need to prepare for the audition, children just need to be ready to play games, have fun, and follow the directions from the directors. There are parts available for all grade levels, but please be aware that some children may not get a part. If your child is planning on trying out for the play please keep the week free. Conferences should be scheduled for the week of November 16th. Missoula Children’s Questions? Contact Anna Symkowick-Rose at asymkowick@yahoo.com
**Upcoming Dates**

- **W 11/4**: Progress Notices Sent Home
- **F 11/6**: Student Recognition Assemblies
- **11/9-11/14**: Missoula Children’s Theatre
- **W 11/11**: Veteran’s Day – NO SCHOOL
- **F 11/13**: First Friday Morning Run!
- **11/12-11/20**: Parent Conferences
- **11/20**: Picture Make-Ups
- **11/23-27**: Thanksgiving Break
- **12/1**: PTSO Board Meeting
- **F 12/4**: Student Recognition Assemblies
- **12/7-12/11**: 6th Grade to Sly Park
- **W 12/9**: Report Cards Sent Home
- **Th 12/10**: School Site Council
- **F 12/11**: Human Rights Day
- **12/11-18**: Book Fair
- **M 12/14**: School Tour
- **W 12/16**: Family Movie Night
- **F 12/18**: Morning Sing
- **12/12-1/1**: Winter Break
- **T 1/5**: PTSO Board Meeting
- **F 1/8**: Student Recognition Assemblies
- **W 1/13**: School Site Council
- **F 1/15**: School Tours
- **M 1/18**: School Holiday

**IB Learner Profile Focus in October**

**Thinkers**

Students who are THINKERS work to solve problems independently. They can imagine many solutions to a question or challenge. Thinkers make good decisions and can predict the outcomes of their actions. They think creatively and critically. **How can parents help to develop students who are Thinkers at home?**

Encourage your child to try to think of solutions to problems independently.

Pose different real-life problems and questions to your child:

- “I’m not sure how to arrange the glasses so they can all fit in the cupboard.”
- “I wonder how much the groceries in the cart will cost... how can we make an estimate?”
- “We need enough cookies for the 20 people in your class. What kind of change should we make to our recipe?”

Ask your children questions when they are working on a problem:

- “Do you have any ideas about how we might begin?”
- “How can we do this differently?”
- “I had never thought of that. Tell me more about it.”
- “What other ways can we show that?”
- “Why do you think that?”
- “How did you figure that out?”

**Learner Profile Event for November—International Stacking Day!**

In recognition of our November learner profile focus of Thinker, students will have the opportunity to break a World Record! More details soon!

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**SCHOOL TOURS**

- **Monday, Dec 14**
- **Friday, Jan 15**
- **Friday, Feb 19**

9am-11am

Parents of prospective students are encouraged to join us for school tours to learn more about our International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, meet and talk with current students and parents, and take guided tours of all grade levels. Spread the word!