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~ From the Desk of the Superintendent ~

Happy fall! Numerous federal laws require school districts to provide students, parents, and/or the public with notices, many of which must be provided at the beginning of the school year. Federal agencies or other entities oftentimes have created "model" notices (or provide information useful in creating notices) that can easily be tailored to meet individual district needs. (MTSBA Policy Notes 2015)

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires state education agencies, school districts, and individual schools to provide numerous notices to parents, the public, and others. Some of these notices are as follows: annual report cards, progress reviews, schools identified for school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. Policies and procedures include: parental involvement policies; state education agency complaint procedures; teacher and paraprofessional qualifications; identification of non-highly qualified teachers; student achievement information; an informational meeting on Title I; a disclosure that the district routinely releases the names, addresses, and phone numbers of secondary students to military recruiters unless parents opt out; and information about the status of English Language Learners. (MTSBA Policy Notes 2015)

A description of each notice can be accessed by going to the school website (srvs.k12.mt.us). Once there, go to "district", then "parental notifications". As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call or stop at the office for clarification.

Please refer to policies listed below as Sun River Valley School District notifications.

Policy 1700	Uniform Complaint Procedure
Policy 2160	Title I Parent Involvement
Policy 2158	Family Engagement
Policy 2550	School Wellness
Policy 3110	Entrance, Placement, and Transfer
Policy 3413	Student Immunization
Policy 3600	Student Records
Policy 3600P	Maintenance of Student Records
Policy 3600 F1	Notification to Parents and Students of Rights Concerning a Student's School Records
Policy 3600 F2	Student Directory Information Notification
Policy 5420	Teachers' Aides/Para Educators

~ A Message from the Simms Principal ~

Start of School Year

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a positive start. Remember students' grades are tracked through the eligibility system on a weekly basis. Quarter 1 ends on October 26th. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's counselor or teachers.

Homecoming & Senior Recognition

Simms High School homecoming was a great experience the week of September 11th-16th. Student participation during the week of festivities was the best it's ever been. This year the high school included the middle school students with the theme, "Music Genres," as well, which provided all in the schoolhouse the opportunity to celebrate together. Thank you to the Simms and Fort Shaw staff members for helping facilitate this big event in addition to supporting all happenings with Sun River Valley students. Thank you parents for providing vehicles and trailers in the parade in order for students to show off their spirit to the community. Go Tigers!

Simms Students of the Month (September)

- HS - Randi Hart 11th Grade
- MS - Hudson Rohrer 6th Grade



Save the Date

October

- 2 JV FB vs. Chinook 4:30 PM
Elem GBB Jamboree @ Centerville 6:30/7:30 PM
Jostens—Juniors 12:30 PM
- 3 C/JV VB vs. GFCC 5:30/6:30
Simms Photo Retakes
Student Council to Highwood
Flu Clinic—FSE 11:00-11:30 / SHS 12:00-12:30
C/JV VB @ Simms TBA
- 5 Jostens—Seniors
- 6 JH VB @ Sunburst 4:00/5:00 PM
JV/V VB @ Sunburst 6:00/7:00 PM
JH/V FB vs. Cascade 4:00/7:00 PM
- 7 JH VB vs. Augusta 12:00 PM
JV/V VB vs. Augusta 1:00/2:00 PM
Elem GBB @ GFCC 9:00 AM
- 9 JV FB @ Cascade 4:30 PM
JH VB vs. Box Elder 4:30/5:30
Elem GBB @ Fairfield 6:00 PM
School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 FFA Green Hand Seminar @ Choteau
C/JV VB @ GFCC 5:30/6:30
- 11 PSAT Juniors 8:00 AM
- 12 6-8 Spelling Bee 9:00 AM
ASVAB—Juniors 8:00 am
V VB @ Power 6:00 PM
- 13 V VB @ Dutton/Brady 6:00 PM
V FB Seeded Playoff TBA
- 13-14 JH VB Tournament TBA
Elem. GBB Tournament @ GFCC TBA
- 14 V VB @ Heart Butte 1:00 PM
- 16 Speech/Drama Practice Begins
JH BB Jamboree Practice Begins
JV FB vs. Choteau 4:30 PM
JV/V VB vs. Belt 5:00/6:00/7:00 PM
- 17 JV/V VB @ Valier 6:00/7:00 PM
- 19 Teacher's PIR—No School
- 19-20 FFA MACTE @ Fairmont
- 23 Elem BBB Practice Begins
JV FB vs. Shelby 4:30 PM
- 23-26 Red Ribbon Week

- 25-28 FFA National Conventions @ Indianapolis, IN
- 26 End of Quarter 1
- 26-28 District VB Tournament @ Dutton TBA
- 28 Speech/Drama @ Havre 8:00 AM
V FB 1st Round Play Off TBA
Elem. BBB vs. Fairfield 9:00/10:00 AM
Elem BBB vs. Belt 6:00/7:00 PM

November

- 2 Elem BBB vs. Foothills 6:00/7:00 PM
- 2-4 V VB Divisional Tournament @ Chinook TBA
- 4 Elem. BBB vs GFCC 10:00/11:00 AM
V FB Quarter Final Playoff
- 7 Parent/Teacher Conference 1:00-7:00 PM
Early Release 12:45 PM
- 9 Veteran's Day Program @ FSE 2:30 PM
FFA John Deer Expo @ Bozeman
- 9-11 V VB State Tournament @ Bozeman TBA
- 11 Speech/Drama @ Conrad 8:00 AM
Elem. BBB @ Centerville 10:00/11:00 AM
V FB Semi Finals
- 14 School Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 16 HS Wrestling & BB Practice Begins
6-8 Geography Bee @ SHS 9:00 AM
- 18 Elem. BBB @ GFCC 10:00/11:00 AM
V FB State Championship TBA
Elem BBB @ Belt 6:00/7:00 PM
- 20 Science Olympiad
- 20-21 Thanksgiving Break—No School
- 22-23 Elem. BBB vs. Foothills 6:00/7:00 PM
- 28 Shakespeare in Schools 9:00-12:00
- 29 Elem BBB vs. Centerville 6:00/7:00 PM

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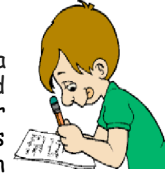
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Academic News

MAPS Testing Round 1 Complete

Students in sixth through tenth grade completed the **MAP tests**. MAP or the Measure of Academic Progress, is a computerized adaptive test which helps teachers, parents, and administrators improve learning for all students and make informed decisions to promote a child's academic growth. MAP is used to measure a student's progress or growth in school. The testing information is important to teachers because it indicates what a student's strengths are and areas of study where help is needed. Teachers can use this information to help them guide instruction in the classroom. If you have ever used a growth chart in your home to show how much your child has grown from one year to the next, it will help you understand the scale MAP uses to measure your child's academic progress. The measurement system is called the RIT scale (Rasch unIT), and is an equal-interval scale much like feet and inches on a yardstick. The scale is used to chart your child's academic growth from year to year. RIT scores typically start at the 140 to 190 level in third grade and progress to the 240 to 300 level by high school.



Please mark your calendar with the following dates.

• PSAT 11th Grade	Simms	October 11 th 8:00am
• ASVAB 11th Grade	Simms	October 12 th 8:00am
• 6-8 Spelling Bee	Simms	October 12 th 9:00-11:00am
• Red Ribbon Week	Simms & Fort Shaw	October 23 rd - 31 st
• 6-12 Conferences (teacher/parent)	Simms	November 7 th 1:00-7:00pm (early release 12:45)
• 6-8 Geography Bee	Simms	November 16 th 9:00-11:00am
• Science Olympiad	Simms	November 20 th -21 st
• 6-12 Holiday Concert	Simms	December 12 th 6:30pm
• K-8 Ski Trip	Teton	December 15 th

All Valley Parents:

Thank you for your efforts to get your children to school on time each day!

If your student needs to eat breakfast at school, please make arrangements for him/her to arrive **before 7:50**. This will allow time for eating breakfast and getting to class on time.

Our school day starts at 8:00 and instruction begins right away. Students who are late arrivals miss valuable learning.

Simms Athletic Department

Please remind your child to carry their epipen and inhaler with them in their sports bags to all games. It is important to stress to them not to share water bottles as flu season ramps up. Our athletic programs are experiencing great success this fall as we have moved beyond the mid-way point in our schedules. Reminder to all parents regarding "Happenings," these are placed on our website weekly. We do the best we can to address scheduling changes, please remember that all schedules are subject to change.

Activities Banquets

Fall sports banquets will be conducted by the head coaches of each individual program. The schedule for individual activity banquets once finalized, after regular and post season play, will be available on our athletic page the first week of November. The school will provide certificates and lettering materials for students at both JH/HS levels.

The Football banquet will be determined after the season is completed.—Coach Dirk

Luke McKinley, 6-12 Principal/Athletic Director

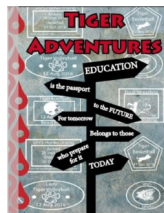
~ Flu Clinic ~

There will be a flu clinic offered at the FSE and SHS on October 3rd. The cost of the flu vaccine is \$30.00 for adults and children. This year, the high dose vaccine will be offered to individuals 65 years and older for a higher charge. Cash, checks and insurance are accepted for payment. Please bring: registration forms filled out and signed (you may pick one up in the school office) and copies of the front and back of all insurance cards for billing. Students may receive the immunization with the completed registration form and payment or insurance information.



~ Tiger Adventures Yearbook ~

The "Tiger Adventures" 2016-2017 yearbook has arrived. Don't miss out on your memories. They are only \$25.00. The yearbook makes a great gift for birthdays, Christmas, graduation or anytime. Contact Mrs. Rohrer at jrohrer@srvs.k12.mt.us for any questions or send money to the Simms office. Past year books are also available.



~ Friends of the Sun River Valley Helping Hands News ~

I really hate to admit this or even think about the fact that the holiday season is looming right around the corner. The school year has taken off like a shot, homecoming festivities have concluded, and the school calendar indicates there will be no slowing down.

Food Drive



During the month of October, Fort Shaw Elementary will hold its annual food drive to benefit the Sun River Valley Helping Hands organization. Every item collected during that month will be distributed to an in-need family in our area/region during the upcoming holiday season. The students, staff, and parents of Fort Shaw have always supported this worthwhile event. Last year alone, the Helping Hands folks were able to assist approximately seventy families during the Christmas holiday, and they literally could not have done it without the community embracing the food drive projects at both Fort Shaw and Simms Schools.

The Fort Shaw food drive will begin on Monday, October 2nd and finish on Thursday, October 26th. Each time a student brings in ten food items to his classroom teacher, the student's name will go on a slip of paper that will make him/her eligible for prizes that will be awarded at a student assembly on October 26th. Thus, the more food items they bring, the more chances the student might have for winning one of the many prizes available to them. Also, please double check the BEST USED BY dates on all food items donated. It sure saves us a lot of time! Thank you for your help and continued dedication to this worthwhile project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Colleen Green at 406-660-1901.

Also, if you know of a family in our area that might need some assistance this holiday season, please contact Barb Frye at 264-5164. The referrals you make or information you share with Barb remains confidential. If you would prefer to work with school personnel, please contact the counselors at the valley schools - Fort Shaw Elementary, Vaughn Elementary, and Simms Middle and High School. The Sun River Valley Helping Hands organization sure would like to receive most of its referrals by November 15th, but will accept last minute referrals until December 1st. After that date, our resources will have dwindled immensely, and we cannot guarantee we can provide adequate assistance to those referrals we receive after the above mentioned dates. Thank you so much for your cooperation with this matter.

Last and certainly not least, if you would like to help wrap gifts, donate food items, fill and sort food boxes, or assist Barb and her merry band of elves in anyway, the Food Drive Headquarters in Simms at the Lion's Hall will open on Monday following Thanksgiving. If you need more information about this, again please contact Barb Frye, Linda Schott or Colleen Green. Many hands make work light!!!

~ Shakespeare In the Schools ~

This year we have the wonderful opportunity to experience the play *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare! It is put on by a company called "Montana Shakespeare in the Parks," and this play exposes students to culture and the dramatic arts. Actors travel around Montana and all over the United States to perform plays for high school students. In the summer, they perform Shakespeare plays at parks for the public for free. Starting in late October, students will start reading *Twelfth Night* in their English class so they have the literature basis to help them understand the play. The actual play will be performed for the students on November 29th in the morning and will be followed with workshops put on by the company.



~ Senior Photos ~



Seniors and Parents of Seniors: Please remember to take advantage of the beautiful weather and get your senior photos taken. They will be due early spring of your senior year. Also, we will be asking for 6-7 photos of your growing up years for the senior video so please take some time to gather those up. Photos can be scanned and emailed to jrohrer@srvs.k12.mt.us or brought in to the school and we will scan them and return them. If you have any questions please email me.

~ Free / Reduced Lunch Applications ~

Parents, the lunch application must be filled out each year. Please fill out the lunch application by October 10, 2017. The Free/Reduced Lunch application needs to be completed on-line this year. Please login to the Infinite Campus Portal found on the srvs.k12.mt.us web page. At the bottom you will find a green Infinite Campus button that will take you to the Parent Portal. After logging in, click the Application/Form tab along the side. It only takes a few minutes and it will automatically send your request and form to our Clerk, Belinda Klick. If you do not have a Parent Portal login or cannot remember it, please call 264-5110 x 124. If you do not have internet access please call the school for information in submitting your application.





~ Counselor's Corner

Events for October and November
October 11th-PSAT for all Juniors
October 12th-ASVAB for all Juniors

College Application Week November 6-10

During this week each senior gets the opportunity to apply to any 2 or 4 year institution in the state of Montana for a free or waived application fee. Each student is allowed to have **one** free application. It has to be postmarked or completed online by November 10th or the fee will be charged. Each institution works differently. Some have a free application others may just waive the fee until you attend.

October—the FAFSA will be due

ACT 2017-2018 Test Dates

Many of our current seniors completed their ACT test last April or May but some students choose to take the test again. The ACT plus writing is free for all Juniors when we take it in the spring here at the school. Please visit the ACT website for more information. All Juniors can take the ACT at school (free of charge) in April and make-ups are scheduled in May.

Here are the test dates and registration deadlines for each.

ACT: <http://www.act.org/>

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018

Scholarships

Oct. 2- U.S. Senate Scholarship	One week in Washington D.C and \$10,000 scholarship
Oct. 3- Wendy's Heisman Scholarship	up to \$10,000
Oct. 5- AES Engineers	\$500
Oct. 6 -Create Real Impact (distracted Driving) 9 awards	\$1,500
Oct. 17-Dr. Pepper	\$100,000
Oct. 17-College Jump Start Scholarship	\$1,000
Oct. 25- Horatio Alger National Scholarship	\$25,000
Oct. 31- National Eagle Scout Association Academic Scholarship	\$48,000
Oct. 31-Coca-Cola Scholarship	\$20,000
Nov. 1 -Voice of Democracy Grades 9-12 can apply!!!	up to \$30,000
Nov. 7 - Prudential Spirit of Community Award	up to \$5,000

~ FFA Members/Parents ~

John Deere Ag Expo FFA competitions in Bozeman, MT are coming up soon. Students will compete in various FFA contests as well as attend different leadership workshops.



We will be having a parent meeting on Tuesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm (1/2 hour approx.) in the shop. This meeting will inform you about the details of the trip's events. There will also be time to answer any parent questions or concerns. We will be leaving after school on November 8th, riding a bus to Bozeman, and staying the duration of 3 days at the C'mon Inn. We will leave Bozeman at 3:00pm and return to Simms High School around 6:30pm. Students must have their parent information packets turned in by Tuesday, October 10th (parent meeting). If you cannot attend the parent meeting or have questions or concerns please contact me. School Phone—264-5110 x 402, Cell Phone—(775)934-1086 or Email—sbellander@srvs.k12.mt.us

Our regularly scheduled October FFA Meeting will follow directly after the parent meeting, starting at 6:30pm.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Shelby Bellander

~ A Message from the Fort Shaw Elementary Principal ~

I would like to welcome back our returning families and extend a heartfelt welcome to all new families to our school. We are excited about the new school year and having our students back. We have had a very good start to our school year. Our dedicated staff at Fort Shaw Elementary School is extremely excited about offering a year filled with a variety of learning experiences.

Fort Shaw Elementary would like to welcome two new teachers to our school staff. Ms. Polich is teaching Art and Mrs. Standley is teaching Title I.

Fort Shaw Elementary School held their Back to School Night on August 17th. We had an exceptionally good turnout. The staff and I would like to thank everyone who came and participated in this event.



Fort Shaw Elementary is proud to be a Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) School, recognizing that the students of today are the citizens of tomorrow. This past year, Fort Shaw Elementary School received the Gold Award from the Office of Public Instruction. MBI is designed to facilitate school systems and attitudinal changes to meet the needs of today's students. Since implementation, the staff, students, and administration have seen many positive results that have promoted a safe and healthy learning environment. We are asking parents to join our staff in supporting our students in making good choices.

R - Respect yourself and others

O - Own your behavior

A - Always move in a safe manner

R - Responsibility for your actions

September's Social Skill is "How to get the teacher's attention".

Mrs. Rogers has held job interviews for our Tiger Club Employment Agency. Those elected individuals have been busy the past two weeks performing their daily duties.

This summer Fort Shaw Elementary added a couple of new pieces of playground equipment: the Quattro See Saw, the Loop Ladder, and a couple of Spring Riders. These toys were purchased with the cookie monies the students raised in the spring. Thank you everyone for helping improve our playground. Please feel free to stop by my office to discuss concerns, ideas, and feedback that will assist in meeting the needs of our students.



Principal Danelson, K-5 Principal

~ Bootser Club News ~

Hello Tiger fans! I can't speak for anyone else, but I know that I'm glad that school's back in session and we are back to a routine. Which also means we are back on the hamster wheel, but at least it is a structured chaos.

This past August, Booster Club sold pulled pork cups at Valley Fun Days to earn a little cash... if I never have another bite of coleslaw, it will be too soon. Also at Valley Fun Days, Mr. McKinley and I presented a plaque to Chuck Merja and the Redneck Robotics Team in honor of their World Championship. Once all the engraving is done, it will hang in the gym or in the hallway.

At the end of August, we guided the HS Football and HS Volleyball teams with their Goldcard sales. The kids did a great job and earned money for their teams. I have to add that the girls were EXTREMELY quick on the draw and sold almost double the amount of cards than the football team. Great job, ladies!

We had our second annual "Military Appreciation Night" at our football game against the Choteau Bulldogs. I loved seeing both teams carry our flag with the veterans in the crowd!

Booster Club also sold buttons of the athletes that are participating in the fall activities. If you would like to order a button, please contact me at 406-899-2386. The buttons are of the JH and HS participants in tennis, football, and volleyball. They are \$4.00 each.

Last week was Homecoming, and we were ALL busy, busy, BUSY! Booster Club gave 8 seniors their embroidered coats during their Senior recognition at the beginning of the varsity games. We also had a sign-making /pizza party to get ready for the Homecoming games. I was really impressed with some of the posters the kids made! During 3 of the pep rallies, Booster Club gave out prizes and candy to the students, and we gave out pom-poms, wigs, cowbells, hand clappers, headbands, and tattoos to the students in the crowd. I have to give a huge shout-out to our student body for the way they supported each other! Great job you guys!!

Best of luck to our students as we start slipping into fall! LET'S GO TIGERS!!

Kristy Leach

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