



HUNTLEY PROJECT SCHOOLS
Boxholder News- OCTOBER 2015

DREAM-BELIEVE-ACHIEVE
"Home of the Red Devils"

Zack Kirkpatrick/Family Benefit Dinner

Huntley Project High School Commons
Donations Accepted- Silent Auction
\$10.00 plate

Wednesday, Oct. 7th from 6:00-8:30pm

If interested in donating to the cause,
contact John McConnell @ 690-4805.

The Huntley Project School District would
like to extend our condolences to
Zack Kirkpatrick's family.

The district appreciates the community's support as we adapted schedules to meet the needs of students, staff, and community members.

The Huntley Project Website will continue to have posted documents to help individuals through the grieving process.

You may be wondering how to talk to your child. The following are tips for parents of students who are experiencing crisis:

1. Keep your child informed and updated. Children need to feel involved and as in control as much as possible.
2. Watch for signs of distress—loss of appetite, aggression, acting out, being withdrawn, sleep disturbance, and other behavior changes.
3. Send your child to school if possible. The stability and routine of a familiar situation will help young people feel more secure.
4. Remember that everyone reacts to stress and/or grief in different ways. There is no one way to act in a crisis situation.
5. Allow children the opportunity to express feelings. It is important to validate these feelings.
6. A good diet and plenty of exercise are important for children who are under stress. Encourage your child to eat well and get plenty of exercise.

Please find more grief information at our school website.

www.huntley.k12.mt.us



BACK TO THE PROJECT
HOME COMING 2015- Sept. 28th-Oct. 3rd

This year's Homecoming Week has been set for the week of September 28th through October 3rd.

Set games or activities for the week include:

Sept. 29- CC @10:00AM hosts HP Invitational
@ Homesteader Hall

JHFB vs. Hardin @ 4:30

Oct. 1- CC @ BILLINGS JV MEET @ 4:00

JHVB vs. Colstrip @ 4:30

Oct. 2- FB vs. Colstrip @ 7:00 PM

- Nemont will be hosting a free chili feed and beverage location at the FB game. There will also be halftime contests and prizes

Oct. 3 – JHVB vs. Laurel @ 8:30

Homecoming Parade @12:00 PM

Worden Community Club will serve

Sloppy Joes at the VFW Hall 11:30-1:30

VB vs Forsyth @ 2:00PM

- * Crown Royalty between J.V and Varsity VB Game
Homecoming Dance @ 7:30-10:30

School Dress-Up Days
Spirit Week

Monday: Pajama Day

Tuesday: Tourist Tuesday

Wednesday: Way Back Wednesday

-Decorate your hall

Thursday: Thrift Shop Thursday

Friday: Spirit Day

SENIOR/PARENT NIGHTS-
FALL ACTIVITIES

Cross Country @ VB on October 6th

Volleyball- October 22nd

Football- October 23rd



PACK THE PLACE IN PINK/ SENIOR NIGHT



Pack the Place in Pink will be Thursday, Oct 22nd for the match against Shepherd. The c-squad game will start at 4:15 PM. If you want to purchase a pink t-shirt, they are \$7.00. Adult and youth sizes are available. Forms will be sent home Oct 1st. Please contact Coach Stookey for more information at 967-2540 ext.241.

October 23rd – Military Appreciation Night Stockman Bank and Nemont Appreciation

The Huntley Project School District is proud to announce that on October 23rd all military personnel, both active and retired, will be admitted to the football game free of charge. The service member will need to present his/her military ID to gain access to the event for free. Remember that all persons age 65 and older will receive free admission.



Two local businesses will be recognized that night for their past support of Huntley Project Schools. Stockman Bank and Nemont will be identified and be recognized at halftime of the varsity football game against Shepherd.

SENIORS...Class of '16

Plan early and get your **senior pictures** done this summer/fall. Let the studio know which headshots they should send to the high school. **NEEDED: 2 portrait (head shot only) senior pictures and a baby picture** are due on Friday, Dec. 4th to the annual staff. 967-2540 extension 223.

SNAP 2016 Parent Meeting

October 21st @ 7:00PM in room 317
(3rd Wednesday each month)



PIR Days (No School for Students)

October 15th and 16th MEA Teachers Convention

ANNUALS ARE IN!

Annuals may be picked up from Belinda Willson in the high school art room. If you have not purchased a 2016 yearbook, there are a few left that you can purchase for \$38.00.

CHANGE TO BAND/CHOIR CONCERTS



We have postponed our normal fall concerts until November 2nd & 3rd. This was to help accommodate our students' activities and commitments. Thank you for your understanding.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Mrs. Mara Beard hosts an energy packed workout class on Monday and Thursday of each week. The Monday session runs from 4:00 PM- 5:30 PM in the elementary gymnasium while the Thursday session runs from 4:00 PM-5:00 PM in the commons. The cost is \$20.00 for 10 participation punches. You will need to have some light weights (5 pound dumbbells) and an exercise mat.

The Multi-Purpose/Weight Room is open through Adult Ed. This will be each week Monday through Thursday from 6:00-8:00pm.

These sessions are closed if the school is closed during breaks or vacations.

RED RIBBON WEEK October 23-31, 2015



Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Red Ribbon week was first recognized nationally in 1988.

Kindergarten – Grade 6 students learn about "Smart and Healthy Lifestyle Choices" throughout the month of October as part of their regularly scheduled counseling class. Students also learn about the Red Ribbon Pledge which is as follows: "No Use of Illegal Drugs and No Illegal Use of Legal Drugs".

What is expected of individuals that commit to the Red Ribbon Pledge? Adults and students will follow all laws set forth that govern all alcohol, tobacco and drugs whether the substance is legal or illegal.

-Teresa LaForest (K-6 School Counselor)

PARENTS OF 7th-12th GRADE STUDENTS

The last several years we have utilized the "Montana Career Information System," better known as (MCIS). It is a system that helps students with career and educational planning. Specific areas we will be exploring include: occupations, interest inventories, job searches, IDEAS assessment, financial aid, Montana schools, programs of study, apprenticeships and much more. This year, students will be able to print out the information we are working on, so you can see what your child has been learning. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to call me at the school or send me an e-mail, at 967-2540, ext. 263 or kkoenig@huntley.k12.mt.us

ACT/SAT TEST INFORMATION

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) has exciting news. On Tuesday, April 19, 2016, all Montana juniors will have the opportunity to take the ACT Plus Writing in their high schools. All colleges and universities in the United States as well as the NCAA accept ACT scores as part of the admissions process.

Usually students have to travel to a testing site for a Saturday administration and pay for the assessment. Because of funding through a federal grant, every junior will have the opportunity to take the ACT Plus Writing on a school day, in their high school, at no cost to the student or the student's family. Students will be given the opportunity to select up to four colleges or scholarship agencies to receive their scores following testing.

Free ACT test preparation resources are online at the following site:

Please contact Mr. Koenig, or email him, at kkoenig@huntley.k12.mt.us if you have any questions about this terrific opportunity for our high school juniors.

FUNDRAISER

Halloween Carnival & Spaghetti Dinner

**Huntley Project High School Commons
Spaghetti Dinner \$5/Person
\$20 per family of four or more
Wednesday Oct. 28th, 6-8 pm
Games, Bingo, Cake Walk
Fun for all ages!**

JUNIORS...Class of '16

The PSAT Test, (Pre-SAT) for juniors will be given by me on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Cost is \$15.00 and must be paid in advance of the test. This test can qualify students for National Scholarships.

JUNIORS – I recommend you take your ACT or SAT in the spring, either April or June. If you take the test here at the school on April 19, 2016, you won't have to pay for the test. All other dates for the test will cost money. Registration is almost exclusively online now, except for the April 19TH test. To register for other dates go to: www.actstudent.org

ACT Test Dates: October 24, December 12, February 6, April 9, and June 11.

The SAT registration is sat.collegeboard.org/register. You will need a credit card to register. The only other thing you will need to know to register is our high school code, which is 270-970.

SAT Test Dates: Oct. 3, November 7, December 5, January 23, March 5, May 7 and June 4.

6th ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING CONTESTS (STUDENT CONTEST OCTOBER 31st)

October 31st will be a great time to show your artistic talent, as the Worden Community Club will be hosting a pumpkin carving contest. Each division will have prizes that are furnished by the Worden Community Club.

There will be four divisions for the contest. The first division is for children Kindergarten through 4th grade. The second will be for 5th through 8th grade. The third division is for students from 9th grade through 12th grade. The last division is for adults.

The pumpkins can be dropped off starting at 3:30 PM and must be there by 5:00 PM. This location is going to be at **SPOOK ALLEY** (the path between the Merc and Mini-Merc). The Worden Community Club will be selling chili in spook alley as well.

Becky Getty is the contact person for this activity and can be reached at 620-5510 if you have any questions.

SENIORS!

Don't forget to sign up on FASTWEB.COM for scholarships that are available to you.

Reminders:

- 1) You can't sign up for Federal Financial Aid until January 1, 2016.
- 2) Get your college applications turned in by Christmas break.
- 3) Watch your deadline dates for scholarships.
- 4) See Mr. Koenig if you have any questions.

The senior class recently attended the College Fair on Tuesday, September 16th. Upcoming opportunities for our students include the junior class attending a career fair November 19th at the National Guard Armory. It will be a great opportunity for them to check out many career/educational possibilities. Eighty different presenters are expected.

GRADUATION & COMMUNITY PHOTOS NEEDED!

We currently have on display the Huntley Project Team Championships and photos, replicated from prints from the past, on display.

We are in need of past composites from the classes that were destroyed in the fire. If you have a smaller full class composite, we will try to enlarge it to put it on display with the graduating class pictures that were not destroyed.

In addition, we are looking for some original photos of areas around Huntley Project—for example, original photos of Pompey's Pillar—to put on display in the concession stand area.

Thanks for any help or documentation you provide. We will return all originals after the reprint is finalized.

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2015 School Immunization Law Update **Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services**

****THE NEW LAW INCLUDES ALL STUDENTS IN
GRADES K-12****

What does the new law change? Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (**Tdap**) vaccine will now be required for **students starting at 7th grade**. In previous years, only a Td, or tetanus/diphtheria, shot was required. The new law adds the pertussis component. Students currently in grades 8th-12th who have not yet received their Tdap vaccine will also need to be caught up.

Students in **kindergarten through 12th grade** will need to have **two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine**. Students attending a preschool or prekindergarten will need one dose of varicella. **When will the new law go into effect? The 2015 Montana Legislature has revised school immunization requirements for school attendance effective October 1, 2015.**

Why the change to the law? Prior to the passage of this law, Montana was the only state that did not require the varicella series and one of five not requiring a pertussis booster for school attendance. Varicella, also known as chickenpox, is a highly communicable disease. It causes an itchy rash and can lead to common complications like scarring, bacterial infections and pneumonia. Less common, but more severe complications can include inflammation of the brain, and death. Severe disease can be prevented with vaccination.

While pertussis may be a milder disease in older children, teenagers and adults, to the very young, pertussis has proven to be deadly. As we age our immunity to pertussis wanes, leaving teenagers and adults susceptible to infection, exposing infants and young children to pertussis. Vaccination protects not only the person being vaccinated but others who may not be able to receive a shot because of age, allergies or illness.

If my child had chickenpox does he/she still need to be vaccinated? In lieu of receiving the varicella vaccine a student or parent can use any of the following evidence of immunity to varicella:

- Laboratory evidence of immunity or laboratory confirmation of disease
- Diagnosis or verification of a history of varicella disease (chickenpox) or herpes zoster (shingles) by a healthcare provider (MD, DO, NP, PA)

For more information:

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/documents/Immunization/2015/Vaccine%20Requirements%202015.pdf>

http://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/publichealth/documents/Immunization/2015/School_Rules_FAQ.pdf

Ickes's Communications

Though it feels like the year is already halfway over, truly we are just beginning. I'm very excited about this year. As a department, we will continue to implement a district-wide persuasive writing assessment and adjust our instruction to better prepare HP students for their futures.



The freshmen have gotten off to a great start with writing. At midterm the focus shifts to William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. In November we will watch the play performed live at Alberta Bair, which is a unique experience for our students. We'll finish the semester with more writing and grammar before moving into short stories and mythology second semester.

The juniors are busy enhancing their critical thinking skills. The ultimate goals of junior English are to master APA research format and persuasive writing and develop their critical thinking and comprehension skills as they study the progression of American literature. One fun project coming up soon in English 11 is using propaganda techniques to develop a campaign for staff Homecoming candidates. The honors class is currently working to understand how satire affects their worlds. Though both subjects require higher level critical thinking, they both apply directly to everyday life, and the English 11 and the Honors 11 classes are making great progress. Junior year is a tough year because many new skills and concepts are introduced, but it sets these students up for success if they are willing to attack the challenge. The juniors have a full slate ahead of them with PSAT testing in the fall and Smarter Balanced and ACT testing in the spring.

This year I teach two sections of Honors 12. It's exciting to have such a large group of high-achieving students. Honors 12 is an extension of Honors 11. Students continue to hone their critical thinking skills through higher level reading, speaking, and writing. They will master MLA research format by the end of the year and will compile a portfolio of technical writing to prepare them for college, work, and scholarship applications. In general the goal is to become the best thinkers, readers, orators, and writers they can possibly be by the time they graduate!

In addition to my English duties, I'm sponsoring the Close-Up group this year. Eleven junior and senior students are planning to travel to Washington D.C. in March to learn more about the nation's government and tour historical monuments. We'll have fundraisers throughout the year, including the Halloween carnival, 50/50, basket raffles, etc. This group of students is already working hard and truly appreciates any support the community is able to give them.

-Miss Ickes

Sian's Notes

Welcome to Mrs. Sian's classes. It is exciting to meet new students and become reacquainted with previous ones. I find that my students are eager to learn about Math and Science.

7th grade Pre-Algebra has started the year with integers. We are learning how to do the four basic math operations as they apply to integers. We are laying a foundation that we will use as we progress throughout the year. Integers are used in real life when we are working with such things as the stock market, banking accounts, golf scores, and temperature. Properties of numbers have also been reviewed; we will be applying these properties as we work during the year. We will also be learning about ratios, percent, equations, geometrical formulas, probability, and statistics.

We are incorporating online math programs to help us become better mathematicians. Two programs that we use are ixl math and manghigh math. Both of these programs are excellent resources for our students. Utilizing them allows the students to gain confidence and improve their mathematical computation. Both programs can be accessed from home or at school allowing students to work on math at any time.

8th grade Physical Science is the study of matter, energy, and the changes that matter and energy undergo. We started the year learning about matter, its structure, and properties. We will begin our study of the periodic table and how it works next. During the year, we will discover answers to questions such as, "what causes popcorn to pop, why do the colors of the rainbow always appear in the same order, how does sound travel, and why is the first hill of a roller coaster the tallest?"



We will once again be building projects that will enhance our learning through hands-on activities. Balloon cars, thermometers, and electric circuits are a few of the building adventures we will encounter.

The junior high is filled with a great bunch of students and staff; I look forward to working with all of them.

Have a great year,

Mrs. Sian



COUNSELOR'S CORNER – SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



United States Senate Youth Program

Scholarship Awards – 104 students will each receive: One week in our nation's Capital with all expenses paid and a \$5,000 college scholarship
Requirements: Any junior or senior who is currently serving in an elected or selected capacity in any one of the following student government, civic or educational organizations:

1. Student body president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
2. Class president, vice president, secretary or treasurer
3. Student council representative
4. Students must take a Qualifying Exam (Government)

Deadline **October 9, 2015**

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices American Dream Scholarship

<http://www.bhhsgeorgia.com/american-dream-scholarship.aspx>

Deadline: 11:59pm EST on Friday, October 16, 2015

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Scholarship Awards

– Local Honorees receive Certificates of Achievement. Distinguished Finalists receive engraved bronze medallions. State Honorees receive \$1,000. National Honorees receive \$5,000. Requirements:

1. any student who is in grades 5-12
2. Has engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred at least in part after Full details at www.prudential.com/spirt
3. September 1, 2012
4. Completes an application and submits it to Mr. Koenig

Deadline **November 3, 2015**

Attention All Sophomores!! The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program, or HOBY,

is the nation's foremost youth leadership development organization. Teachers, or other school personnel, can register any qualifying sophomores for this educational opportunity. This seminar focuses on providing outstanding high school students with an amazing opportunity to learn how to lead and make a difference. If you are interested in being nominated for this program, please stop in and visit with Mr. Koenig in the counseling center. Deadline is fast approaching – December 4, 2015

NFIB (National Federation of Independent Business) Free Enterprise Scholars

Open to Seniors. Applicant should demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit & initiative, such as starting his or her own business, participating in business leadership organizations, or other initiatives. Applicants are evaluated on their academic record, extracurricular activities, leadership, & character. \$1,000 scholarships available - Apply online at between Oct 1 and December 18, 2015
Apply at <http://www.NFIB.com/YEA>

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship – Open to Seniors - Applicants evaluated on scholarship, leadership & financial need. \$500 to \$50,000 scholarships - Applications available only online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm - Completed applications may be returned to the Elks Lodge at 943 Lewis Ave. in Billings.

DEADLINE December 4, 2015

**There is a separate scholarship for Elk Members – apply at www.elks.org/enf/scholars

Deadline for this one is January 29, 2016

15th Annual National CO-OPS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, WACE:

WACE will award 195 merit co-op scholarships for a total value of \$4,900,000. These scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors and transfer students who plan to participate in college cooperative education at one of WACE's Partner Institutions. Qualifications: Have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale and apply and be accepted for the 2016-2017 academic year at one of the WACE Partner Institutions. ***For a list of these qualifying institutions, please see Mr. Koenig in the counseling center.*** To complete the application online, visit www.waceinc.org
Application **deadline** is February 15, 2016

P.L.A.Y. Scholars Helping Collars Scholarship

<http://www.petplay.com/scholarship/>
Deadline: 11:59pm EST on Monday, February 15, 2016

Tzu Chi Scholars 2016 – \$1,000-\$4,000 for a graduating senior who demonstrates financial need for college tuition and have a minimum 3.0 GPA and will enroll in an accredited U.S. college full-time for the academic year 2016-17 – Pick up application from Mr. Koenig

DEADLINE March 11, 2016