Special points of interest:

- April Calendars
- Kindergarten Registration
- "Child Find" Screening

From the Superintendent's Desk By: Amanda Cyr

MAST (Montana Aligned Standards Test) tests will be given to all students in grades 3rd through 8th this month. These statewide tests require 95% participation-please make sure your child is in attendance that week. Why do we test you ask?

• -State and federal law requires schools to assess student learning every year.

• -End-of-year state summative assessments serve as an evaluation tool to track progress toward education goals based on grade and content standards.

• -Assessment data enables us to put students first and meet individual needs.

• -Assessments are a key indicator of whether state and federal monies for educational programs are being used effectively.

**I would like to thank Kailey Mayo, our counselor, for coordinating all of the testing and the teachers/paras for working hard to make sure the students perform at their highest level. Also, thanks to Court Perry for making sure the online testing goes smoothly.

Just a few reminders:

No School – April 1st

Parent-Teacher conferences April 11th -12th – please reach out to the office or your child's teacher to schedule a conference.

MAST (state) Testing - April 22nd -26th, makeups will be the following week *ATTENDANCE that week is extra important

Kindergarten Under 5/New Kindergarteners Round-Up is April 25th, if you haven't signed your child up for a screening time, please do so ASAP with Mrs. Ask at 825-3113. **Budgeting 2024-2025** – The Board and administration have started conversations about budgeting for next year. The Office of Public Instruction has sent us a preliminary budget so planning what our needs are in regards to energy costs, fuel costs, maintenance, facilities, staff salaries, benefits, and curriculum has begun to take shape.

Looking for Work? - We are currently looking for paraprofessionals and substitute teachers.

Please go to www.clintoncougars.com – Employment Tab for more information.

Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations. -Bob Beauprez



• Kindness Week, March 11th-15th:

- Mrs. Mayo once again led our Kindness Week with great success. Throughout the week, each class participated
- in various activities promoting kindness, including the exchange of heartwarming notes from the students of
- thankfulness and kindness. Additionally, themed dress-up days brought out the creativity in both our students
- and staff. It's always fun to witness the positive energy that Kindness Week brings to our school community, and
 we are grateful for its continuation this year.

Penny Wars Fundraiser:

Our PTSA organized the highly anticipated Penny Wars fundraiser during the second week of March. The enthusiasm among students as they tracked the progress of their class's jar compared to others was exciting to see.
 We appreciate the tremendous support from our students and families for this successful fundraiser.

Girls Basketball Season Recap:

Our girls' basketball season concluded on March 11th. Ms. Wilson and I are proud of our players' dedication and growth throughout the season. Despite facing teams with older players, both teams exhibited remarkable competitiveness. Although we fell short in a close game against a tough Bonner team during the tournament, we eagerly anticipate our teams' progress as they compete against opponents of their own age next year.

Close-up Program Trip to Washington, DC:

Many of our 8th-grade students spent the week after spring break in Washington, DC, as part of the Close-up Program. Led by Mrs. Cyr and Mr. Perry, our students immersed themselves in a week-long exploration of our nation's capital. The success of this trip underscores the dedication and hard work of our students, who fund-raised diligently since August. We look forward to initiating fundraising efforts for next year's group during the summer months.

Upcoming Track Season:

As we transition into April, track season begins on April 2nd. Melissa Hallgren, Kyle Dyrud, and Kelsi Wilson will

be coaching the team this year. Keep an eye on our website for updates regarding track meets, and we hope for favorable weather conditions that will allow our student-athletes to enjoy their meets and show the results of their hard work.

Weather Reminder: As Montana weather can be unpredictable, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for changing conditions. Layering clothing is advisable to accommodate the fluctuations between bright, warm days and colder, wet weather typical of this season.

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community!



As we reflect on this year's basketball season, we are proud of how far our teams have come. This year, we were fortunate to field two teams: one comprised of 6th graders and another of five 7th graders and one 8th grader. Despite the challenge of playing against older opponents, our girls demonstrated remarkable competitiveness and improvement throughout the season.

Our 6th grade team showcased their skills by playing against mostly 7th-grade opponents. Their dedication and teamwork were evident in their ability to compete and come away with wins in many games. They consistently demonstrated resilience and determination both on the court and during practices.

Facing tough competition, our team of 7th and 8th graders encountered a challenging start to the season. However, as the season progressed, they displayed resilience and competitiveness, often finding themselves in close games with teams that had previously defeated them. Despite having only six players on the team, this allowed for ample court time, enabling the girls to improve their skills and grow as athletes.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ari Bailey, our sole 8th-grade player, for her exceptional leadership, hard work, and dedication throughout the season. Ari's willingness to be the lone 8th grader on our team exemplifies her commitment to her teammates and the sport. We look forward to seeing her future endeavors, whether on the court or off.

As coaches, we are immensely proud of the teamwork and camaraderie displayed by our players. We eagerly anticipate next year's team and the return of our talented athletes. We extend our best wishes to Ari as she transitions to high school. Coaching this team has been an absolute pleasure, and we are grateful for the continued support parents and players.

Thank you for another memorable season!

Mr. Rose and Ms. Wilson





congrats Lyla Cruz for the winning bookmark pring I Love To Read North

Sports Photos!

April 11th

Track Photos!



Notes from Nurse Aid Timber

Happy Spring Clinton Families!

As we prepare for the 2024-2025 school year, with our KU5/Kindergarten Roundup, I'd like to remind you of vaccine requirements for school attendance. KU5 requirements are the same as Kindergarten. Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record to KU5/Kindergarten Roundup on April 25th.

DTaP or Tdap - 4 doses (one on or after 4th birthday)

MMR - 2 doses

Varicella (Var) - 2 doses

Also, students entering the 7th grade are required to have an updated Tdap vaccine, before the 2024-2025 school year begins. Please provide an updated immunization record as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Timber Buckner, Health Aide, tbuckner@clintoncougars.com

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Buckner (Health Aide) or Mrs. Cyr at (406) 825-3113.



When you see the following students, please give them a BIG CONGRATULATIONS!

They represented Clinton School at the statewide Battle of the Books competition at the Missoula Public Library.

3/4: Kyla Hansen, Sawyer Hartwick, Izzy Izzarraraz-Smith

5/6: Aydrie Sielski, Avery St. John, Scarlett Case

7/8: Kelsey Eels, Eli Izarraraz, Matthew McFarland

7/8 Placed 4th and had a perfect run the first half of the competition missing none of their questions









Please congratulate the following winners of the Clinton School Science Fair!

<u>4th Grade</u>

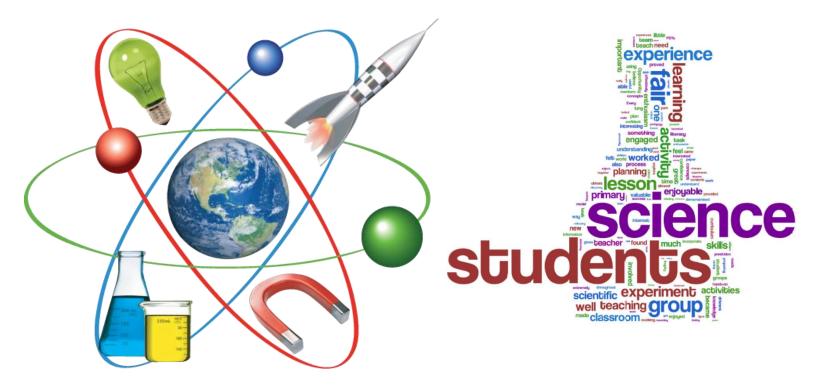
1st-Caroline Cassady
2nd-Harper Bemrose
3rd-Rinoa Somers, Jace Jelletich, Noah Case

1st-Ava Hawley 2nd– Mason Collins, Miken Ask 3rd– Elissa Tomlanovich

7th Grade

<u>5th Grade</u> 1st– Ashling O'Brien 2nd– Paisley Bemrose 3rd-Brayden McGuire <u>8th Grade</u> 1st-Leo Thomason, Matthew McFarland 2nd-Sierra Whitney 3rd-Kenzie Moe

<u>6th Grade</u> 1st-Levi Palm 2nd-Joey Hogg 3rd-Aydrie Sielski





2024 Lunch & Event Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HAPPY EASTER	T NO SCHOOL IN SESSION	2 Turkey Sandwich, Chips, Cucumbers & Mangos Co-Ed Track Begins	3 Spaghetti, Bread, Green Beans & Fruit	4 Hot Dogs, Cucumbers, Tomatoes & Fruit	5 BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Veggies & Fruit	6 All lunch meals are served with milk, vegetables & fruit.
7 STAR = EARLY OUT	8 Cheeseburgers, Fries, Green Beans & Fruit	9 Chicken, Rice, Mixed Veggies & Fruit Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10 Pizza, Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch, & Fruit Track Meet @ Big Sky- 9-3	Turkey Gravy over Rice, Peas & Fruit Track Photos 10-11 AM Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:30 PM Dismissal	12 Eggs, Sausage, Hasbrown Casserole, Toast & Fruit Parent/Teacher Conferences, 1:30 PM Dismissal	13
14 Menu Items Subject to Change Due to Inventory Availability	15 Malibu Chicken Breast, Mac N' Cheese, Steamed Broccoli & Fruit	16 Nachos, Spanish Rice, Corn & Fruit	17 Corn Dogs , Fries, Green Beans& Fruit	18 Chicken Alfredo, Bread, Corn & Fruit Track Meet @ Frenchtown- 9-3	19 Cheeseburger, Chips, Broccoli w/ Ranch, Apples	20 Monthly Newsletters are posted on our website <u>clintoncougars.com</u>
21	22 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Chips, Carrots w/ Ranch & Oranges	23 Tacos, Cucumbers & Fruit	24 Chili, Breadsticks, Corn & Fruit	Chicken Sandwich, Chips, Carrots & Fruit KU5/Kinder Roundup 9 am to 3 pm	26 Pizza, Coleslaw, & Fruit	27
28 Breakfast = \$2.10 Lunch = \$2.65 Milk = \$0.35 Adult = \$4.65	29 Hot dogs, Carrots w/ Ranch & Oranges	30 Hamburgers, Pasta Salad & Fruit				



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Breakfast stops being served at 7:55 a.m.	1 NO SCHOOL IN SESSION	2 Waffles, Sausage & Fruit	3 Coffee Cake, Canadian Bacon & Fruit	4 Egg/Sausage Sandwich & Fruit	5 Raspberry Crowns, Canadian Bacon & Fruit	6 All breakfast meals are served with fruit & milk.
7 STAR = EARLY OUT	8 Pop Tarts, Canadian Bacon & Fruit	9 Egg, Sausage, Cheese Sandwich & Fruit	10 Cereal, Canadian Bacon & Fruit	Doughnuts, Sausage & Fruit	12 Pancakes, Sausage, & Fruit	13
14	15 Cereal, Sausage Links & Fruit	16 Berry Parfait & Canadian Bacon	17 Pancake on a stick, Sausage Link & Fruit	Frenchtoast Sticks, Sausage & Fruit	19 Doughnut, Canadian Bacon & Fruit	20
21	22 Berry Pie, Sausage & Cheese Stick	23 Cereal, Canadian Bacon & Fruit	24 Cinnamon Rolls, Canadian Bacon & Fruit	25 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy & Fruit	26 Raspberry Flips, Sausage & Fruit	27
28 Breakfast = \$2.10 Lunch = \$2.65 Milk = \$0.35 Adult = \$4.65	29 Pop tarts, Cheesestick & Fruit	30 French Toast Sticks, Sausage & Fruit				



Hello After School Program Families! ©

Session 4 began on March 25th. Students are enjoying our Kids Club, Spring Sports, Origami Club and Music Club. We have 81 students participating this session. We have been very fortunate this year to have incredible staff teaching these great offerings to our students.

AS A REMINDER: if there is any change to your student's ASP attendance for the day, please be sure to contact your child's homeroom teacher and the front office before 2:00 so we can make sure your student heads to the correct destination after school. Thank you for your help with this!



SKATE CAMP

During the last few weeks of Session 4 we will have a bonus offering called **"Skate Camp".** We have <u>27 students</u> that expressed interest at sign up time. This opportunity will run May 6th-8th and May 13th-15th. Students will be chosen to attend one week or the other. More details to come soon. ^(C)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Be sure to check out our posts about the After School Program on our Clinton School Facebook page. All of our information is also posted on our school website.

SURVEYS

We would love to know what you think! Keep an eye out for a link coming home for ASP families to share feedback on this year's program. All families, staff, and students are eligible to take the survey in the month of May.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions. HAPPY SPRING! Katie Wardisiani and Wendy Swanson



ASP Co-Directors



