

2026

From the Superintendent's Desk



The 2026-2027 school year is off to a great start! From learning in the classroom to field trips, recess, volleyball, soccer, and our football co-op, students at all grade levels are growing and changing with each passing day.

We love having your children here at school with us, and this is where we can best support them in their learning. Please limit early pick ups. In the rare event you need to pick your child up early, please do so through the school office for safety reasons.

With the onset of fall, each day gets a little shorter with darker mornings and evenings. Please drive slowly and carefully. Keep an eye out for students who are walking to and from school and bus stops. Parents/guardians, please help your children be seen in the darker hours with flashlights or reflective tape on clothing. This is also the time of year when bears start foraging so **please be bear aware**. Some things you can do include - walking or driving your kids to the bus, gathering in groups at bus stops, making noise, keeping attractants such as garbage inside, keeping bird feeders away from bus stops, and picking up fruit from trees.

Our enrollment is currently 193. Our first of two OPI enrollment counts is Tuesday, October 6th. These counts determine our funding for next year.

Enrollment by grade:

ELP	9	4th	27
K	13	5th	16
1st	16	6th	23
2nd	23	7th	28
3rd	18	8th	20

JUST A FEW REMINDERS:

- Every Thursday is an Early Out. We release at 2:26 pm.
- 4th through 8th grade midterms will be coming home Monday, October 5th . Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.
- No School **October 15th & 16th** for MFPE days. This gives teachers an opportunity for professional development to support their teaching.
- The weather is cool in the mornings. Please send students with layers they can shed.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children!
Kathy Schneider
Superintendent

Special points of interest:

- *October Calendars*
- *Principal Rose's letter*
- *PTSA news*

From the Desk of Principal Rose
October 2026



We're thrilled to welcome our students back to the building, and the first month of the school year is already off to a fantastic start! It has been great to see our hallways and classrooms full of students again. The beginning of a school year always brings a lot of energy and excitement as students and staff settle into new routines, build relationships, and get back into the rhythm of learning. We appreciate the support of our families as we get the year rolling.

This year, we have some new faces joining our wonderful team. I'd like to give a warm Clinton School welcome to our two new paraprofessionals, Ms. Kari Zachary and Ms. Stephanie Johnson. If you see either of these two around the school, please be sure to say hi and introduce yourself. We're very excited to have them as part of our Clinton School community, and we know they will be great additions to our team.

We are now in our sixth year of the ELP program, and we're elated to continue offering this opportunity to our youngest learners. ELP gives students the chance to gain valuable school experience early on while developing routines, friendships, and the skills they will need as they move toward kindergarten. This year, we have made some changes to the program, including ending the school day at 1:00. We are already seeing some positive changes for both our students and staff, and we appreciate our families and community working through these changes with us.

Our volleyball and soccer programs kicked off on August 31st, and it has been great to see our students representing Clinton School once again. Court Perry and Ciara Lapke will be coaching soccer, while our volleyball team will once again be led by the fantastic coaching duo of Melissa Hallgren and Kelsi Wilson. We are thankful for the time and energy our coaches put into giving our students these opportunities. We'd love to have you join us for a game, so please check our school website for game schedules.

I would also like to extend a special shoutout to Sarah O'Neel and Wendy Swanson for once again taking the reins of leading our after school program. Thanks to grant funding, we are able to offer a wide variety of engaging classes and activities, and it's wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of these opportunities. With an average of more than 50 students attending daily, the program continues to be a tremendous success.

As we move further into the school year, there is a lot to look forward to. Our students are settling into their classrooms and there is plenty happening throughout the building. We are excited for the many activities, events, and learning opportunities ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Clinton School and for being such an important part of our school community. We are looking forward to a great year!



It's that time of year again! The Missoula Southside Lions Club will be doing vision screenings on Tuesday, November 10th. If you would like your child to **OPT OUT** of this vision screening and have not returned a Health Update Form please email Mrs. Ask at mask@clintoncougars.com.





2026 After School Program

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ASP TIMES 3:16-5:15 snack provided				1 Early Out No ASP	2 No ASP	3
4	5 No ASP	6 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Yearbook	7 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Bike Club	8 Early Out No ASP	9 No ASP	10
11	12 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Bike Club	13 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Yearbook	14 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Bike Club	15 Early Out No ASP	16 No ASP	17
18	19 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Bike Club	20 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Yearbook	21 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Bike Club	22 Early Out No ASP	23 No ASP	24
25	26 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Bike Club	27 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Yearbook	28 K-3 Kids Club 5-8 Dance Team 4-8 Bike Club Last Day Session 1	29 Early Out No ASP	30 No ASP	31 

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MON

TUE

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FRI

			1 BANANA SPLIT PARFAIT	2 DOUGHNUT CHEESE STICK
5 PANCAKE SAUSAGE STACKER	6 BREAKFAST PIZZA	7 CEREAL YOGURT	8 SCRAMBLED EGGS & HASH BROWNS	9 CINNAMON ROLL CHEESE STICK
12 PANCAKES LINK SAUSAGE	13 BISCUIT & SAUSAGE GRAVY	14 RASPBERRY & BACON BREAKFAST NACHOS	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL
19 FRENCH TOAST YOGURT	20 EGG BITES & TATERS	21 CEREAL YOGURT	22 PEANUT BUTTER BANANA OATS	23 MUFFIN CHEESE STICK
26 WAFFLES LINK SAUSAGE	27 CHEESY POTATO BAKE	28 PEANUT BUTTER BANANA QUESADILLA	29 ORANGE CREAMSICLE PARFAIT	30 COFFEE CAKE TURKEY BACON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Menu Subject To Change

Breakfast Times

7:45-7:55 AM

MEAL PRICES

Student Breakfast \$2.10
Adult Breakfast \$2.26

NOTES

All breakfast meals are served with fruit and milk

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			1 CHICKEN BROCCOLI BAKE	2 Pizza QUESADILLA
5 MEATBALL SUBS	6 TACO SALAD	7 CHICKEN STRIPS	8 TATER TOT CASSEROLE	9 PIZZA
12 EGG ROLL	13 INDIAN TACO	14 CHICKEN ALFREDO	15 NO SCHOOL	16 NO SCHOOL
19 HAM & CHEESE CROISSANT	20 CHICKEN BURRITO	21 MINI CORN DOGS MAC & CHEESE	22 BAKED SPAGHETTI	23 CHICKEN QUESADILLA
26 CHEESY BREAD & MARINARA	27 CHICKEN FAJITA	28 CREAMY CHEESEBURGER CASSEROLE	29 CHICKEN SANDWICH	30 CHILI

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/01- FB @ Mission, 4:30 PM
 10/05- VB vs. Seeley, 4 PM
 10/05- Soccer vs. CS Porter, 4 PM
 10/07- VB @ Potomac, 4 PM
 10/08- FB @ Arlee, 4:30 PM
 10/10- VB 8th Gr. Tourney,
 Frenchtown, TBD
 10/14- FB @ VC, 4 PM
 10/19- BB vs. DeSmet, 4 PM

MEAL PRICES

Student Lunch- \$2.65
 Adult Lunch- \$4.65

Lunch Times

K-2nd 11:20
 3rd-5th 12:00
 6th-8th 12:30

NOTES

10/05- 4H Meeting, 7 PM
 10/09- MCPH Flu/Covid Clinic, 3-6 PM
 10/13- Board Meeting, 6 PM
 10/15 & 10/16- NO SCHOOL, PIR/MPEA
 10/20- Clinton Council, 6 PM
 10/30- End of Q1

COUGAR WEAR IS HERE!



Follow this QR Code
and shop until 10/27th!
Items will ship
approximately 4
weeks after the store
closing date and arrive
before the holidays.



Please email chelsea@clintonptsa with any questions

CLINTON SCHOOL PTSA

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

NOVEMBER

SAT 7
SUN 8

11am-4pm

11am-1pm

set up will begin at 9am

- 1 10x10 spot for 1 day \$25
- 2 10x10 spots for 1 day \$40
- 1 10x10 spot for 2 days \$40
- 2 10x10 spots for 2 days \$80

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ADULT VOLLEYBALL

MONDAY NIGHTS

7:00 - 9:00 PM



\$5

PER NIGHT

**OR
PREPAID CARD**

\$25 FOR 6 PUNCHES



**ALL MONEY GOES TO THE
8TH GRADE CLOSEUP TRIP**

**MUST BE A FRESHMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL
OR OLDER TO PLAY**



CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS:

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