

*note from the desk of  
Dan Grabowska*

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A COUPLE KEY DATES FOR  
THE SPRING:

March 30 and April 2:  
NO SCHOOL

May 20 Graduation 1PM

May 24 Last Day of School  
11:00 release time

August 20 First Day of  
School 2018-2019

You will find the calendar  
for next year on the school  
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News of the Park City Schools



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## HIGH SCHOOL/JR HIGH NEWS

Students are entering the testing season at Park City Schools. We are currently having students in grades 3-10 take the MAP's tests. This is happening from March 5-23. Juniors will be taking the ACT test on March 20. Students in grades 3,8, and 10 will be taking the state CRT Science test during March. And beginning in April students will be taking the SBAC state tests in grades 3-8. Those results will be shared with you as soon as they are compiled and released.

Students will soon be receiving class requests for next school year. The Spanish classes are going to be listed tentatively as it will depend on passage of the general fund mill levy on May 8. Students also need to think about any dual credit or Montana Digital Academy classes they are interested in for next year.

We will be offering drivers education this year during the month of July. Sign ups will happen around the first of May. Students who have failed a core class during the school year can sign up for credit recovery classes through the Montana Digital Academy. Students will be expected to be here Monday through Thursday May 29-June 28 from 8-11 a.m. or until finished with the class, whichever comes sooner. If student's don't finish by that date, they will not receive credit for that class.

We just finished our winter sports season. We are very proud of our students that were players, cheerleaders, and pep band players. The politeness and sportsmanship they showed this season was outstanding. Our school was singled out on many occasions during the post season for how well they behaved on and off the floor. We are extremely proud of them!

## OTHER DIST. NEWS

One big project the district would like to tackle this summer is to replace some of the sidewalk around the school. Mike Baker has been key in getting this project underway. He has received donations from local contractors of time and equipment to complete the project this summer. We are still looking for some help with the cost of the concrete. The estimated cost of the concrete is about \$10,000. If you are interested in donating to help offset this cost, you can send your check to the school at:

**Park City Schools**

**PO Box 278**

**Park City, MT 59063**

Please specify on the check it is for the sidewalk fund. If you are interested in donating labor or equipment, you can contact Mike Baker.

The hard winter weather has not allowed us to start on the roof project yet. As the snow melts and things dry out, we will start to see some more action on its completion. With only two months left of school this year, though, we will likely wait for the warmer, drier, weather of summer.

School safety is extremely important to us at Park City Schools. Some of the things we have implemented to help with safety includes video surveillance cameras both inside and outside the school, a magnetic door lock system with a controlled front entry (a doorbell and video communication system is at the front door), video cameras both focused both inside and outside of our buses, and staff and older student training on traditional emergency drills and intruder drills. We have the emergency call out system to use when needed (please make sure your contact information is up to date when you get those forms at the beginning of the school year). And we are working with the county for a county wide elert system.

## Rewind

By Janet Southworth, Elementary Principal

Ah, trivia! It's been fun watching the local television channel "REWIND" clips from the past as well as the clips from basketball tournaments from years gone by. That little spark just had to get me thinking! It was forty years ago that I graduated from Moore High School, forty years ago that I was in my blue and gold basketball uniform in Billings at the state basketball tournament! REWIND! Forty years ago I was sitting on my parents' make-shift deck on a warm spring day, staring at the typewriter pondering a topic for a graduation speech. And then it hit; I needed to share words of wisdom a coach had once shared with me. As I "rewind," forty years later, I too would like to pay the message forward.

Being very competitive in my youth, I had a difficult time balancing the competitive, perfectionist spirit. I was all about full steam ahead! Wondering how to create balance and still reach my goal, the coach shared his words of wisdom. Those words are still in my brain today; desire, determination, dedication and discipline.

**Desire**, pick a goal that reflects your passion, then, jump in with your whole heart. **Determination**, life is full of challenges, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going!" There are times you will want to "throw in the towel and quit," don't! Keep your eye on the goal, keep working, **discipline!** And last, but not least, **dedication**. Embrace your passion and trust yourself enough to know that through desire, determination, dedication and discipline, you can succeed at anything you choose.

I would challenge adults to help our children pick their passion in doing something that makes our world a better place. Teach them to stick with it, even when the going gets tough. Support them when there are tough situations and celebrate their success.

## ODDS AND ENDS NOTES

Junior High boys basketball is going on now. Their season will run through the first week of April. That week junior high track will start. Remember that students need a current physical to participate. If students have already participated in junior high sports this year, they are good to go.

High school students have lots going on this spring. There are the district and/or state competitions for FFA, FCCLA, Band, Choir, as well as the golf, track and softball seasons and post seasons. Please keep track of your student's grades throughout the spring with all the school that can potentially be missed.

We will try to have student schedules set up for next year before students leave for the summer. Keep your eyes open for information that may come home with your student.

Please send students to school dressed for unexpected Montana weather. It is easier to peel layers than to shiver from the cold! Pay attention to the school calendar for open gyms this spring and throughout the summer.

**PARK CITY SCHOOL LEVY INFORMATION**

Park City Schools is seeking two mill levies for our General Fund operational budgets. As noted in earlier articles, our schools have been running basically on the bare minimum for budgets. Throughout the years the state has provided some inflationary increases and the district has conducted fairly conservative budget management, which has meant that the district hasn't had to ask the tax payers for permission to increase the general fund. The district has been able to function at 81% of budget authority in the high school and 83% of budget authority in the elementary. Now, however, the district is facing budget cuts from state funding, which means the local taxpayers need to provide more. The district, however, continues to face the reality of inflation. The district is now asking for a \$50,000 increase in both the elementary and the high school budgets. It would bring the high school and elementary school to 86% of budget authority.

This will allow the district to maintain operational levels needed as well as bring in a foreign language teacher for our district (which we have not been able to afford for the past 3 years). This will be possible by not replacing a retiring teacher in the elementary due to a dip in numbers in the last two incoming classes. The junior high and high school have seen a slight increase in numbers. We are required to have a foreign language in the junior high and have used a band aid approach for the last couple years with an on-line opportunity for students. But learning a foreign language on line is not optimal.

The District needs to pass both of these levies to provide the best possible educational experience that we can to prepare students for college and the work place.

The election will take place on May 8 in the high school gym from noon to 8:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL LEVY INFO
\$50,000
11.78 mills
For a \$100,000 home, that would cost \$1.33 a month
The annual cost on a \$100,000 home would be \$15.90

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVY INFO
\$50,000
11.75 mills
For a \$100,000 home, that would cost \$1.32 a month
The annual cost on a \$100,000 home would be \$15.86

COMBINED SCHOOL LEVY INFO
\$100,000
23.48 mills
For a \$100,000 home, that would cost \$2.65 a month
The annual cost on a \$100,000 home would be \$31.76