School Board Trustee Election—Mail Ballot

The Florence-Carlton School Board approved the use of the mail ballot election format for the upcoming school election. This method of election is looked upon as a way of boosting turnout and maintaining costs for this small election. Below is a sample of directions to follow when you receive your Florence-Carlton School election ballot.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING A MAIL BALLOT—PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

ITEM ENCLOSED:
- Ballot (s)
- Secrecy Envelope for voted ballot (s)
- Signature Envelope with Affirmation to be completed & signed

1. **To Vote**—fill in the oval for each race completely using **black or blue ink**. Do not use a marker or felt tip pen or red ink. Vote both sides and all pages of ballot(s) as applicable.

2. **Review your ballot.** Before you place your ballot into the secrecy envelope, double check your votes.
   - **Do not** make an x or a check mark.
   - **Do not** cross out, erase or use correction fluid.
   - If your ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received or if you make a mistake or change your mind before your ballot is turned in, you may request a replacement ballot from the election office.
   - Some races allow votes for more than one person. Make sure you do not mark more votes than allowed for each race. You may choose to vote for fewer, or you can skip any race.
   - If a ballot contains too many votes in one race, votes for that race will not be counted. Other races will still be counted.

3. **To write in a candidate’s name,** blacken the oval to the left of the line provided and write in the name in the blank space.

4. **SIGN the voter affirmation** on the back of the Signature Envelope. Failure to sign may invalidate your ballot!

   If the signature on the affirmation does not match the signature on file, the ballot may be rejected.

5. **Place the Secrecy Envelope into the Signature Envelope.** Seal the signed Signature Envelope.

6. **Return ballot by mailing to or dropping off at:**
   
   RAVALLI COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE
   215 South 4th Street, Suite C
   Hamilton, MT 59840

   **Ballots must be received at the election office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 6, 2014.**

   FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ELECTIONS OFFICE AT:

   Ravalli County Election Office
   Phone: 406-375-6550
   Website: Ravalli County Montana - Elections

   **DO NOT FORGET POSTAGE:**

   49 cents postage required if mailing ballot.

   For more election news, please see page 7.

   ~ Source Montana Voter Information
High School Counseling Corner, by Sherri Williams

Byron Weber Memorial Scholarship
- Award of $500
- Deadline: March 14, 2014
Eligibility:
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Florence-Clarkton senior or alumni within the past two years
- 500 word essay
See Mrs. Williams for a list of topics to write about

Farmers State Bank
- $2500 a year, renewable, up to $10,000
- Deadline: March 15, 2014
Eligibility:
- Preference given to students with a GPA between 2.5 & 3.5.
- Preference given to one student per high school.
- Preference given to students whose family income in under $50,000 per year.
- Please see Mrs. Williams for an application

Montana University System Honor Scholarship
- 4-year tuition waiver at any Montana University System (MUS) campus.
- Target number of 200 scholarships awarded each year.
- Deadline: March 15, 2014
- Applicants are scored by combining their GPA, Class Rank, and ACT/SAT score.
- Register and complete the application online at: www.scholarship.mt.gov
Eligibility:
- Minimum of 3.4 GPA
- Be enrolled in an accredited Montana High School for at least 3 years, including senior year.
- Be accepted to an eligible Montana Campus
- Meet the Board of Regents rigorous core requirements. http://mus.edu/asachs/index.asp
- Be a US Citizen
- Take the ACT or SAT test by December of your senior year
*Students may also apply for the Governor’s Best and Brightest on one application

Greater Ravalli Foundation Scholarship
- $8,000 to $16,000
- 14 awards were given last year to students at 6 different Ravalli County High Schools
- Deadline: March 15, 2014
Eligibility:
- Minimum GPA of 2.0
- Must have completed the FAFSA and obtained your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) or SAR (Student Eligibility Report number)
- Must have attended grades 11 & 12 in Ravalli County.

Governor’s Best and Brightest
3 Types of Scholarships:
- High School Merit: ($2,000 per year, up to 4 years). One eligible high school senior is selected per Montana accredited HS.
- Merit-At Large: ($2000 per year, up to 4 years). Statewide competition, scored by essay and list of activities evaluated by committee.
- Need-Based ($1000 per year, up to 2 years). Must complete FAFSA, and attend 2-year campus. Awarded by Financial Aid Offices.
Eligibility:
- GPA of 3.0 and higher for the Merit based scholarships
- Or score of at least 20 on ACT or 1440 on SAT.
This scholarship is for those not utilizing a Montana University System Honor Scholarship.
Register and complete application online at: www.scholarship.mt.gov

Missoula Federal Credit Union
- Six $1,000 scholarships
- One $2,000 scholarship
- Deadline: April 1, 2014
Eligibility:
- Missoula Federal Credit Union member for at least one year
- Minimum GPA of 3.40
- Rank in the top 25% of class
- Minimum ACT or SAT score of 22 or 1540 respectively
Applications can be found at: www.missoulafc.org OR TRY https://www.missoulafcu.org/media/doc/schol_app_2014.pdf
Or see Mrs. Williams for a copy

2nd Quarter High School Honor Roll
Principal’s List 4.00 & Above
Freshmen
Hunter DiBrito
Brennan Kappes
Braxton McCullough
Nate Miller
Andrew Round
Katlin Smith
Meghan St. Germain
Jade Zeiler
Sophomore
Rylee Close
Conner Copeland
Kayla Hall
Chance Hunt
Daniel Parsons
Rebecca Seegarber
Junior
Megan Byrne
Tyler Crisp
Kristyne Drozdz
Margaret Finlay
Holly Hale
Kendra Hergett
Kyla Hill
Emily Morrison
Senior
Kelsey Deschamps
Stephanie Drozdz
Tyan Heck
Callie Hunt
Ryan Mangun
Tess Porch
Sophia Rogers
Honor Roll 3.25-3.599
Freshmen
Kayla Amt
Chloe Arthur
Jacob Deschamps
Alex Dunand
Mitch Edgar
Noah Jubinsky
Jamie Moffatt
Alexa Williamson
Sophomore
Meagan Harris
Rylie Hawkins
Caroline Maki
Tristan Scott
Annette Thomas
Chance Venters
Wes Waldhug
Junior
Micayla Cole
Jesse Grabowska
Shane Thorson
Cody Wright
Senior
Alicia Anderson
Jordyn Balfour
Sully Cartment
Rachel Castillo
Aaron Cooke
Kade Hornaday
Kylie Kinnaman
Logan Lueck
Aidan Sinclair
Bryce Wilkins Cobbs

More ACT PLAN information on page 6
Elementary Students at Their Best

Elementary Talent Show Coming in May

Get your act together for the Florence-Carlton Elementary Talent Show!

We are showcasing the talent of the Florence-Carlton Elementary school students on Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

Are you an accomplished musician? Do you write poetry? Are you a good actor? Can you do something unique? Come and audition during the week of April 14th.

Acts are limited in time to 3 minutes or to one musical selection. Kindergarten through fifth grades students may audition and can be accompanied by an older sibling or parent. Students may audition as part of a group.

Musical act auditions will be Monday through Friday, April 14-18 before school, 10:30 recess, or 1:45 recess and between 3:20 and 3:45 on Wednesday, April 16 in the elementary music room with Mrs. Sayler.

Non-musical act auditions will be Monday and Tuesday, April 14 and 15 before school and on Wednesday, April 16 between 3:20 and 3:45 with Mrs. Hettick in her 3rd grade classroom or Mrs. Hartman in the art room.

Students only need to audition one time during that week.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sayler.

Second Grade Students at Currents in Missoula

Bikes for Books

Would you like to win a new bike? Florence-Carlton Elementary will be taking part in the Bikes for Books program. The program will begin March 24th and will end May 30th. Start reading and look for more information in the April Falcon View on how to win a new bike.

2014 Mini Falcon Cheer Camp

Falcon Cheerleaders would like to thank the community for their support with the Mini Falcon Cheer Camp. Thanks to all the mini campers who participated. The cheer camp was a great success.

Around the Seasons Presented by the 2nd Grade

The 2nd grade classes will be presenting Around the Seasons, on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 on the stage in the F-C Old Gym at 7:00 pm. The students will use tuned and untuned percussion instruments as song accompaniments on a musical journey through the year. Songs will include Spring Ahead, The Old Groundhog, and It’s Summer! Student artwork, created in Mrs. Hartman’s art classes, will also be on display.
Mrs. Gillespie’s Second Grade Class

Mrs. Gillespie’s second graders celebrated the 100th day of school by wearing shirts with 100 items attached, and completing the following sentences:

I wish I had 100:
- thousand dollar bills. Heidi Lambson
- dresses. Quinn Skaggs
- kittens. Isabelle Berry

I wouldn’t want 100:
- brothers. Andrew Horsens
- bugs. Nataley Koerner

I could eat 100:
- fish sticks. Connor Hanneman
- tacos. Kinlee Narum
- bowls of macaroni and cheese. Blake Lohman

I could never eat 100:
- pieces of broccoli. Colin Chambers
- Brussels sprouts. Alan Parker-Reeve
- pizzas. Seth Wilson
- pretzel poppers. Quintan Monaco

Having 100 of the following could really be a problem:
- boys. Andie McQueen
- cats. Mason Snell

If I had 100 dollars, I would buy:
- a house. Gracie Simms
- Legos. Andrew Horsens

In 100 years, I hope that I can:
- sit all day long. Levi Narum
- go cuckoo. Joseph Geiser
- be a ballerina. Kacee French

Mrs. Beierle’s Kindergarten Class

100 Day Thoughts
By Mrs. Beierle’s Kindergarten Class

Hailee Winstone- I could never eat 100 blueberries.
Kaelan James- I wish I had $100 because I love candy.
Isaac Nicoson- I wish I had $100 dollars because I could buy a lot of stuff.
Samuel Geiser- I could never eat 100 squashes.
Levi Winters- I can eat 100 hot dogs.
Caleb Hanneman- I could never eat 100 peppers.
Kade Anderson- If I had $100, I would buy 100 pieces of meat.
Sophie Tolleson- I wish I had $100 because I want to buy a bouncy house.
Kayln Ferris- I could eat 100 cupcakes. I could never eat 100 cookies.
Jaidyn Munnerlyn- I wish I had $100 because I want a puppy.
Gianna Ostbye- I would look like this when I am 100
Jadyn Dobberstein- I wish I had $100 because I would like an American Girl doll.

K-2 Staff joins students in celebrating 100 days of school. Great Job!
Elementary and Middle School Honor Roll

Middle School Second Quarter Honor Roll

Academic Excellence

6th Grade
Nevaeh Otteson
Addison Nordhaug
Hailey Neisinger
Ryan Monk
Josie Miller
Noel Migliaccio
Annie Migliaccio
Hunter Meinzen
Lillian Meigs
Carina McCollum
Quinn Lue
Maddie Lippy
Josie Lewis
Sean Larson
Jaidyn Larson
Maddie Lippy
Naveah Otteson

6th Grade
Kyla Alm
Clint Banister
Ethan Berard
Bridger Christensen
Haylee Christopherson
Olivia Cornwell
Alexander Etier
Blake Hinsdale
SarahHopcroft
Kaya Kincel
EmilyKinnaman
Colby Kohlman
Jaren Lue
Jacee McNair
LiviaMehl-Rogers
AveryMeinzen
BrooklynNewbary
Janiah Otteson
Sydney Paul
Caden Plasmier
Jacob Round
Charlie Schweitzer
EmmaStensrud
Daniela Thayer
Izaya Ward
Sara Weiensenburger
Kimmerah Wright

7th Grade
Natalie Dulac
Danara Greer
Amisa Ji
Makenna Liles
Anna Stiegler

8th Grade
Abby Austin
James Clark
Rian Dahl
Hudsyn DiBrito
Angela Elkinton
Destini Greer
Ashley Hornaday
Ashley Koerner
Brooklyn Little
Meghan Lohman
Cassidy McCollum
Faith Thayer
Shay Waldibill

Elementary 2nd Quarter Roll

Academic Excellence

Jaycee Bauer
Zale Bender
Kendall Boehn
JP Briney
Jonny Chamberlin
Kaiden Church
Kinsey Church
Kyle Clark
Ryan Coulter
Daniel Edwards
Maddie Fowler
Hannah Goldfog
Leigha Grabowska
Alana Grigsby-Howard
Brodie Hinsdale
Shawn Huseby
Molly Kendall
Dylan Kidd
Amelia Kiffe
Sierra Koerner
Jaidyn Larson
Jaxon Larson
Jean Larson
Josie Lewis
Maddie Lippy
Quinn Lue
Luke Maki
Carina McCollum
Lillian Meigs
Hunter Meinzen
Amnie Migliaccio
Noel Migliaccio
Josie Miller
Ryan Monk
Hailey Neisinger
Brendan Nelson
Addison Nordhaug
Naveah Otteson
Florence-Carlton school district offers sophomores the opportunity to take the ACT PLAN Test, which serves as a midpoint measure of academic progress in ACT’s College and Career Readiness System. The ACT PLAN Test is a great way to prepare for the ACT. The optional test will be administered March 20, 2014 to participating students.

The ACT PLAN Test:
- Lets you know if you are on track for college.
- Points out your academic strengths and areas you need to improve on.
- Gives you an estimated score (not a guarantee) of how you are likely to do if you take the ACT as an 11th or 12th grader and keep working hard.
- Helps you find careers that match your interests.
- Helps educators take a close look at student skills and knowledge and identify gaps in the curriculum.

The ACT PLAN Test includes:
- Tests in English, Math, Reading and Science; just like the ACT.
- A career exploration component that stimulates students’ thinking about future plans and relates personal characteristics to career options.
- A guide that explains what your scores mean and how you can use them.

Participation:
- Test Date: Thursday, March 20, 2014
- In order to participate, students need to bring the fee of $12.95 to Mrs. Williams no later than Tuesday, March 11, 2014. Make checks payable to Florence-Carlton School District.
- Please be aware that if the cost of the exam is a hardship in any way there are funds to help with this. Please speak with Mrs. Williams if you are in need of assistance.

Sherri Williams
High School Counselor
(406) 273-6301 ext. 421

More information can be found at: www.act.org/products/k-12-act-plan

Florence Girl Scout Troop 3600 will be conducting a food drive from March 3rd-March 28th to benefit Pantry Partners in Stevensville. Drop off your non-perishable food items at the Elementary Office or at Gary and Leo’s. Thanks for supporting our community.

Troop 3600 FOOD DRIVE

Monday, March 17th
6 to 8 pm
FCS Old Gym

Cost
$3 per individual
$10 for a family
*all proceeds go to support their trip to Disney!

Come and enjoy dinner, dessert and live music preformed by the Florence-Carlton High School Band. (Concert starts at 7:00 pm)

Elementary students having fun during recess.

Zane Martin making snow angels during recess
Quintan Monacho, Seth Wilson and Mason Snell having fun in the snow.

A Friendly Reminder—please do not make U-turn on the roadways when dropping off your children. This can cause traffic to back up or even an accident. Also parking in undesignated areas is a hazard for our children. Please use the parking lot area for dropping off and picking up children.

Adult Education Classes coming this Spring.
Classes to be offered:
- Zumba
- Spanish
- Home Gardens
- OULA
- Guitar
- Yoga
- First Aid & CPR

Most classes start the second week of March, please check the school website for dates, times and classrooms.
www.florence.k12.mt.us

Dawson Lindquist and Tyler Ferris enjoying the sun while swinging.

Millie Shepp playing on the bars during recess. What a great time in the sun.
Community News

Kindergarten Registration and Free Health Screening

Kindergarten Registration and Free Kids Health Screening for Ages 0-6 years
Who: Children 0-6 years old, including those who will attend Kindergarten this Fall.
What: Kindergarten Registration and Free Health Screening
When: Wednesday March 19th, 2014 from 2:30-5:30
Where: Florence-Carlton School Old Gym

Health Screening Includes:
Review of Immunization Records
Vision
Hearing
Speech/Language
Developmental

You are not required to do the health screening to register for Kindergarten.

Walk-ins are welcome. Appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment call 273-6741. Last appointment will be scheduled for 5:15pm.

• Parents should bring a copy of their child’s immunization records to the screening
• Parents of children registering for Kindergarten should also bring a copy of the child’s birth certificate
• Parents who are not accompanying their child to the screening should send the completed consent form with the child.

High School Band Corner

Disney or Bust!

A LOT has been going on since I last checked in with the Falcon View. If you haven’t already heard, the HS Band is embarking on its 3rd trip to California (2006, 2010 and now 2014)! We leave March 28 and return April 2. It will be check-full of music, fun and life experiences students will remember as among their finest HS moments. Students will get to enjoy a joint clinic with the Roy, Utah HS Band, a day at the beach (some seeing the ocean for the very first time), 2 days exploring Disneyland and California Adventure Land, one live performance for a worldly audience, a recording session in a real music studio and an evening with the Blue Man Group. It’s truly a fantastic trip!

In preparation for this trip, much fundraising has been going on. In December, we had our annual fruit drive — YUM! On January 17, students practiced the night away (some were there the full 12 hours!) with sponsorships from loved ones near and far, as well as local businesses and community members. The night was very successful, both musically and financially. Currently we are selling our annual City Brew Coffee. (Please refer to the separate article for specific info and thank yous.) We’ve had bake sales galore (2nd Wednesday of every month) and we’ve spent countless hours working concessions throughout the year. The students are really getting excited about the trip! Our music is coming along and all plans are finalized. Our last fundraiser will actually provide the community with an opportunity to hear our performance before we go. On Monday, March 17 (St. Patrick’s Day!) from 6-8 pm in the old gym, come have a spaghetti dinner and hear the band play. Look for details elsewhere in this Falcon View.

If you see a band student, wish them well as they head off on this grand adventure! If you have personally helped a band student reach their financial goals to make this trip possible, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

3rd Annual Music Department Coffee Sale

Contact any band member or Mrs. Kirby for your 12oz bag of fresh beans or ground coffee. It comes from City Brew, a local Montana Company based out of Billings, and is fairly traded coffee. $10 per bag, no limit! Funds raised will go towards the cost of the band member’s travels to Disney (2014 for High School students, 2018 for Middle School Students).

Community businesses have been very generous for this fundraiser. Peregrine Sponsors: Farmer’s State Bank, Florence-Carlton Community Church, Vernco Inc. and Berard Family Chiropractic. Falcon Sponsors: Carl Shepp - DDS MS, Morgenroth Music, Big Creek Family Medicine & Urgent Care, Bitterroot Body & Paint, Eastside Dental Clinic, Florence Family Medicine, Florence Therapy & Wellness, Gary & Leo’s Fresh Foods, Lolo Family Practice, Majestic Bus Inc, NorthWestern Energy, PayneWest Insurance – Bitterroot and Ravalli County Electric Co-op. Falconer Sponsors: Lolo Days Inn & Suites, Ward C. Wenholz, Sharp’s Auto Repair & Towing, Finlay Lumber and Willow Mountain Veterinary Hospital. Each business has sponsored Falcon Java allowing their contributions to go toward offsetting the cost of the coffee. This allows music students to maximize their income from the selling of the individual coffee bags. 2014 has been the best sponsor year in history! Please take time to thank & utilize these businesses!

School Election—May 6, 2014

The Florence-Carlton School District will be holding a School Election by mail ballot on May 6, 2014. The election will be a mail ballot election with the designated place of deposit located at the Ravalli County Election Office, 215 South 4th Street, Hamilton, MT. The Florence-Carlton School District Conference Room will have a deposit box available on Election Day only (May 6, 2014) 7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. There are two Board of Trustee positions open for three-year terms. These positions are currently held by Mrs. Vickie Cornish and Mrs. Dorothy Rhodes.

Absentee ballots are available to all voters. “Application for Absentee Ballot” forms are available at the District Office, online, and the Courthouse in Hamilton or Missoula, or can be mailed or faxed to you.

Important dates to remember are:
• March 27—Trustee candidates file for election due. Nomination Petition and Oath of Candidacy must be filed with the District Clerk by 3:00 p.m.
• April 7—Voter registration closes. A voter must register by this deadline to vote in the school election. Voter registration cards are available at the District Office or at the County Election Offices in Hamilton and Missoula.
• May 5—Deadline for absentee request. Absentee ballots cannot be requested after 12:00 (noon)
• May 6—Election Day.

Middle School Parent Association News

The Middle School Parent Association has been working hard to raise funds for a number of school related needs. Thanks to all of our funding raising efforts including cookie dough sales, concessions at sporting events, middle school dances, and selling amusement books, we have been able to purchase a density flow model for the science room, a javelin for track and we were able to help significantly with the 8th grade trip to Silverwood and promotion. We would like to thank all the parents and students for all your funding raising efforts. Please join us at our next meeting on Monday, March 10th, 6:30 in the school library.
March 2014

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### Spring Cleaning for Shoes for Africa

It may not seem like it now, but Spring is on the way! Are your closet doors bulging at the hinges, or will they even close at all? In keeping with the spirit of Spring cleaning, the Florence Carlton Community Church is looking for sturdy, used shoes that still have some wear and tear left in them to donate to needy Africans who desperately need shoes. All sizes and types of shoes (adult sizes too) will be gladly accepted! Any winter boots or other shoes deemed not appropriate for Africa will be donated to local families and/or Missoula Goodwill. We will be collecting all this school year and the next one as well.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Miller at 273-4684. Thank you!!

### HS Yearbooks are Still Available

HS yearbooks are still available for $60.00. Only 30 are left to purchase. Contact Mrs. Briney.

### Calling All 6th Graders!

**ACTIVE 6**

Active 6 is about changing lives, staying healthy, staying active and making the right choices that will ultimately define the type of adults our kids turn into.

The YMCA in Missoula is offering all 6th graders a FREE membership to help develop a healthy lifestyle! (This free membership goes through the summer up until they start 7th grade)

Active6s have a full access to all Y facilities and activities, in addition to structured activities every Tuesday 4-6 pm and Thursday 3-5 pm.

In addition, they receive a FREE Mountain Line bus pass, FREE admission to all Grizz and Lady Griz basketball home games if they wear their Active 6 Shirt.

For more information call Shana @ 721-9622

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### Testing Schedule for the Spring

Students in grades 3-8 will not be taking the state standardized tests (CRTs) in Reading and Math this spring. Montana was granted a testing waiver in order to avoid double-testing of Montana students this school year and to allow schools to smoothly transition to the new statewide assessment, the Smarter Balanced Assessment, in 2015. Students in grades 4, 8, and 10 will take the Science CRT in March. Middle school Science CRTs are set for March 5th, 6th, and 8th. In April, students in grades 3-8 will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment Field Test for English/Language Arts and Math. For more information on Smarter Balanced, you can visit www.smarterbalanced.org. Please feel free to contact test coordinator, Alii Bristow at 273 – 0587 ext. 306 for further questions.