Facilities: How do we move forward?

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The Board of Trustees has formulated a Strategic Plan for the District and part of this plan is Goal 3: Facilities Upgrade/Safety/Security. We have made many improvements to the facility over the past two years. We will be doing a budget amendment to install new security cameras and replace the outdated door lock software and hardware for student safety. There are still many things that need to be done that we cannot do with the safety budget amendment or the small amount of money we have budgeted on an annual basis for facilities. The last expansion/renovation was 25 years ago in 1992 when they built the new gym and added classrooms. Our enrollment was only 734 students then. We are currently at 816. Our spaces are getting tighter across all grade levels, especially in the fine art, music, and computer graphics departments. Parents have asked about career education programs and how do we expand what we offer. I have my ideas of what we need to help make our students successful and our educational programs grow. I am sure that others have ideas also and that is why we are asking for parent and community input on what they see as the needs for the future.

How we will pay for those improvements is an extremely important issue. Many schools are passing bond levies to improve and expand their campuses. In the coming months you will be getting facility surveys and notices regarding planning meetings. If you would like to volunteer to be on a committee to help move this process forward please contact me. When you receive a survey notice by email please fill it out. Please come to a planning meeting, even if you cannot be on a committee. Improving our facilities benefits our students and our community!

If you have a question or concern regarding your child’s education or safety please send me an email, scullyb@florence.k12.mt.us, or call me at 273-6751.

Bud Scully
Superintendent

Alumni Basketball

Sweatshirts for Everyone—Thank Your Montana RailLink

At a recent railroad safety assembly, representatives from Montana RailLink with the added help of Monte from the University of Montana had a special surprise for us. Montana RailLink and the Phyllis and Dennis Washington Foundation gifted every student and staff member with a Florence Falcon sweatshirt. We proudly wear our Falcon sweatshirts and thank them for their generous donation to our school.
High School News

High School students expressing their talent

The following students were accepted into the Fall Edition of Celebrating Art Anthology, hosted by Dick Blick art supply.

- Dustin Anderson
- James Clark
- Nichole Crisp
- Shelby Walsileki
- Tiger McCarthy
- Ellie Smith
- Zach Schroder
- Daisy Hall

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Don’t forget! Senior portraits, baby, and toddler photos are due by January 15, 2017! Turn them into the high school office or Mrs. Briney.

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Florence Athletic Booster Club News – January 2017

To receive messages for Florence HS Activities:
- If you have a smartphone: open browser and go to link: rmd.at/8d2273
- No smartphone - get text notifications: text @8d2273 to the number 81010

Alumni Basketball Game Recap

The alumni game was a huge success and had a good turnout! Thanks for those who turned out to help support Florence! It was such a fun evening laughing, making memories, and some GREAT basketball! Thanks Alumni!!

2016 Booster Club Accomplishments!

We just wanted to recap our 2016 year of support for our Falcon Athletes and thank the community for supporting us! We have an amazing community of people who always go above and beyond to help!

We have our annual fun events like the Bingo Nights (twice yearly in between sport seasons), Annual Golf Scramble, Fall Football and Spring Softball Concessions, Gym Sponsorships available for chair backs and gym signs, and other miscellaneous events like the recent Alumni game along with sport season potlucks to celebrate the season with our teams!

With these monies raised, we have supported our Football Boys team with new uniforms and a new tackle wheel, Volleyball received new white uniform shirts and practice shirts, Cheer squad was supported for their brand new much needed Cheer uniforms, Wrestling was given money to help with their practice room, Girls Basketball was supported with help for new warmups and finally we supported the new HUDL sports stat program so that every sport can utilize this to keep stats. The coaches provide HUDL with game video and they provide all the stats as well as player profiles etc. This is a great investment into our student athletes!

Booster Club would like to thank our new Activities Director, SCOTT MARSH! Scott is an amazing activities director who has helped our sports and activities programs so much! Thanks Scott! You ROCK!!

Gym Sign & Chair Sponsorships: We are still selling gym sponsorship signs: Large $250 first year and $125/year thereafter. Small signs are $50 and $25/year thereafter. Falcon Chairbacks: If you would like your family’s name on the back of a Falcon chair, it will run $50 for the first year and $25 each subsequent year when you renew. We can include 2 lines up to 14 characters per line. Call Jen Roberts to sign up at 406-207-3742.

Information posted on the school’s website under Booster Club.

TEAM MEMBERS/Officers:
Please contact us for more information or suggestions!
- TARA ZEILER 406-239-8272, President
- TALEEN HARRINGTON 406-544-4463, Vice-President
- BECKY MANGUN 406-544-8281, Treasurer
- Jennifer Roberts 406-207-3742, Secretary

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Florence-Carlton First Big Snow Storm

Today we celebrated winter and the coming holidays. After Mrs. Bolton’s kindergarten delivered cookie treats to the “active” winter animals in the Outdoor Classroom, music students came to our room with Christmas carols and Ms. Read’s English 10 class came to read us stories. This has been a great day for exploring, singing and reading!!

Kindergarten Engineers

Mrs. Bolton’s kindergarten students have some new building and construction tools that encourage students to recognize different structures within our world and then, try to build them with geometric shapes. Bridges, homes, apartment buildings, towers and vehicles are springing up at Center Time. Parent helpers showed the students illustrations and then the students and parents discussed facts about the structures. Students were so excited with their creations they begged to have their pictures taken!

Winter workouts

No matter what the weather, your family can stay active this winter. Try these ideas.

**Sticky catch.** Use gloves for more than keeping warm. Get Velcro circles with sticky backs (available at craft stores), a Wiffle ball, and a pair of knit gloves. Stick Velcro pieces all over the Wiffle ball. Each person wears one glove, leaving one hand free to throw. Go outside for a game of catch!

**Fitness hunt.** Ask each family member to draw and label pictures of physical activities (making snow angels, doing forward rolls). Hide the drawings, and race around trying to find them. When you spot one, do the activity five times. Then, hide that picture for someone else to find.
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<td>MSBHS Choice: Monday &amp; Thursday Grab ‘n Go Lunches. Served Daily: Enchilada PI &amp; J sandwich. Bagel w/cream cheese. Fruit &amp; veggies.</td>
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Games are subject to change
Please check up to date game schedules at www.florence.k12.mt.us

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The District will make equal educational opportunities available for all students without regard to race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, ethnicity, language barrier, religious belief, physical or mental handicap or disability, economic or social conditions, or actual or potential marital or parental status. No student, on the basis of sex, will be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, or advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities.

Broadband Internet Access

Charter will offer $15 Broadband Internet Access to Low-Income Subscribers By Megan LaPalm

Many families find themselves without access to high-speed internet service because of the high cost. Charter will now be offering a program called “Spectrum Internet Assist” for customers that meet their low-income requirements. To find out if you’re eligible for this new, low-cost service, please call: 1-844-525-1574.

Counting our Blessings

With all the success of this year’s Holiday Bazaar, we want to take a moment to thank all the amazing Donors for their support. Thank you to all of the supportive businesses in our community. Thank you to Holly Pickering of Thirty One, Cabela’s and Snap Fitness for the generous silent auction basket donations.

Special thanks to the Cub Scouts, Super Singers, Emma from the Yearbook Staff, Key Club, Santa Claus, and our always devoted janitor, Paul.

We are always so grateful for our wonderful vendors and Florence Families that attend each year and make each event a special community gathering!

Happy Holidays!

Florence Holiday Bazaar Staff