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**Girls for a Change Lives Out Loud! Bozeman, MT** Twenty 8th to 12th grade girls with Girls for a Change (GFAC) are in the process of planning the “Live Out Loud” conference for Montana girls, to be held Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010 at Montana State University’s SUB with keynote speaker Stephanie Quayle. The Live out Loud conference will feature keynote speaker Stephanie Quayle, a Bozeman native who left for Los Angeles at age 18 to pursue her music career. She has since seen resounding success as a country singer in LA, including her recent self-produced album.

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The Florence-Carlton parents, school and community will provide a safe, respectful environment that strives to prepare all students to become responsible, lifelong learners by empowering them with the integrity, knowledge and skills to contribute to a changing world.
Amount: $1000

Stevensville Pantry Partners in our annual food drive! We would like to thank all that community and the students of Florence who were able to collect over 3,500 pounds of food for the Student Council News

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9-12 grade students

Students need solid grades

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Graduating senior

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Be a Montana state resident

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Amount: 1-$1000, 3-$500

Need to be associated with Food Industry through employment, or family relationships within the industry.

High School Scholarships

Upcoming Dates, Deadlines and Scholarships by Stacy Holden, HS Counselor

ESA Foundation Scholarship

Deadline: February 1

Amount: Various

• A senior high school student who will be an incoming college freshman with a minimum GPA of 3.0 OR a minimum score of ACT 22 (verbal/critical reading and math 1030)

University of Montana-College of Technology Gallagher Scholarship

Deadline: February 1

Amount: undetermined

• Must be admitted to the COT by February 1 for Fall 2010

• Registered as a full-time student

Missoula Electric Cooperative

Deadline: February 8th

Amount: 20-$1000

• Must be attending a Montana University, community college or vocational school.

• Must be a member of Missoula Electric Coop

KFC Colonel’s Scholars Program

Deadline: February 10

Amount: $20000

• Graduating from high school this academic year

• Maintaining a GPA of 2.75 or higher

• Enrolling in a public, in-state college or university no later than 9/30/2010

• Pursuing a bachelor’s degree

• A U.S. citizen or permanent resident

• Apply online at www.kfcscholars.org

Online applications are not available until December 1.

Oh, The Places You’ll Go! 2010 College Scholarship

Deadline: February 15

Amount: $5000

• Must be in the 12th grade

• Must submit an essay

Soroptimist Professional Technical Award

Deadline: February 15

Amount: $750

• Female Resident of Ravalli County

• Admitted to or attending a technical or vocational program

• Evidence of community service

• Financial Need

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Alert

No deadline

Amount: $500

• You need to write a 600-1000 word essay about a personal encounter you or someone you know has had with drug and/or alcohol abuse, how it was dealt with and in your opinion what was right or wrong about the way the incident or problem was handled.

• You must be a senior in high school

• You must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher

• You plan on attending college after Graduation

Montana University System Honor Scholarship

Deadline: February 15

Amount: Tuition waiver to any Montana University

Must have a 3.4 GPA

Must apply and be accepted to any Montana school by February 15

U.S. Bank Internet Scholarship Program

Deadline: March 2010

Amount: 40-$1000

• Anyone can apply it is a random drawing

• Apply online at: www.usbank.com/studentloans

Missoula County Fire Protection Association

Deadline: March 1, 2010

Amount: 2-$1000

• Must be a senior

• Interested in pursuing a career in forestry, natural resources, rural planning or any fire sciences program.

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Ravalli County High School Scholarship Program

Deadline: March 15

Amount: 8-10 two year scholarships

• Must have lived in Ravalli County for the past 3 years

• Planning to attend an accredited Montana post-secondary school full-time

• Must have a 2.0 GPA or greater

Bitterroot Eagles Aerie & Auxiliary Scholarship

Deadline: March 15

Amount: $300

• Must be a high school graduate, GED equivalent, or graduating senior in the year applying for this scholarship

• Goal to continue education through accredited Vocational or Trade School

• Resident of Ravalli County for at least 2 years

Montana Community Scholarships

Deadline: March 15

Amount: Over 150 scholarships available ranging between $500 and $2500

• For scholarship criteria and to submit applications go to: http://www.mtcf.org/applications.html

Clark and Recorder Scholarship Application

Deadline: March 15

Amount: $1000

• Must be a graduating senior attending an in state school

Nordmeyer/Tafoya Scholarship

Deadline: April 1

Amount: $1000

• Permanent disability

• Attending a Montana College or Technical School

• Enrolled for at least 9 semester credits

• Enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year

• Financial need will be considered

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Montana Scholarship

Deadline: April 7

Amount: $500

• GPA of 3.0 or less

• You must attend a College, University, Vo-Tech, Business, Nursing, Beauty School, Etc. in Montana.

AEMP Foundation

Deadline: May 1

Amount: $500/semester for 4 semesters

• Have an interest in a career as a heavy equipment technician

• Maintain a 2.0 GPA through high school

• Plan to attend a college or vo-tech program that offers a diesel technology program

Pennies for Peace

It’s time for the penny drive! During the month of February, National Honor Society will be sponsoring our third annual Pennies for Peace penny drive. We will have penny jars distributed throughout the school to collect change that will go to help build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Over the last few years Greg Mortenson from Bozeman and his Central Asia Institute have built over 130 schools in these impoverished, hostile regions of the world. For more information contact Kathryn Read at gardic@florence.k12.mt.us or 273-6301; or, check out the Pennies for Peace website at http://www.penniesforpeace.org/
The course description of classes will be available to students they would like to take next year. The student request sheets that students fill out for information will be seen by the end of February. We will provide better feedback to parents of the students and provide us with better feedback on our curriculum.

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We are now beginning the process of preparing a course description for next year’s classes. By the end of February you will be seeing student request sheets that students fill out for classes they would like to take next year. The course description of classes will be available at that time on the high school website. We hope to have a good listing of both year-long and semester long classes for students to choose from.

The Florence- Carlton High School Student Council would like to thank the following local businesses and individuals for their generous donations to our charitable Christmas activities:

- Susan Sternfield
- Bluma Freed
- Bitterroot Body and Paint
- Farmers State Bank
- D-D Truck Sales
- Looking Glass Printing
- Florence Therapy and Wellness
- Castle Construction
- Theresa’s Doll and Gifts

from the desk of Dan Grabowska

By the time you read this, first semester will have ended and second semester will have started. Students have been working hard to meet the demands of their classes and different activities. We have had great academic showings through BPA and our Speech and Debate teams. Our BPA team had a terrific showing at Regionals and will be sending a large contingent to state. Our Speech and Debate team has had very strong showings throughout the year, even though they are a very small team. (It would be great if we had some more students involved!) Our Science Olympiad team did well and we will be sending a group to Billings in March for the Science Bowl. We are also trying to put together a current events team for an Academic WorldQuest Competition in early March.

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On Monday, January 11, 2010 the Business Professionals of America students represented Florence High School with many State Qualifiers at the Regional Competition. State will be held March 14-16 in Billings. Business Professionals of America is a National Organization that promotes business, technology and leadership skills among our youth. There is a wide range of 52 different business/technology events to compete in.

State Qualifiers are as follows:

- 1st Place Advanced Interview Skills – Tanner Lavering
- 2nd Place Interview Skills – Ben Washburn
- 1st Place Entrepreneurship – Shari Leedom
- 3rd Place Prepared Speech – Adam Greger
- 1st Place Economic Research Project Team – Florence Team (Ben Washburn, Adam Greger, and James Kelly)
- 2nd Place Presentation Management Individual – Ernie Richardson
- 3rd Place Presentation Management Individual – Shari Leedom
- 1st Place Computer Animation Team – Florence (Shea Hawkins, Nate Shepard, and Austin Slominski)
- 3rd Place Professional Involvement – Tanner Lavering
- 3rd Place Legal Office Procedures – James Kelly
- 2nd Place Technical Writing – Ernie Richardson
- 1st Place Payroll Accounting – Pirrie Harris
- 2nd Place Fundamental Accounting – Pirrie Harris
- 2nd Place Payroll Accounting

Pirrie is a brilliant accounting student and did exceptional in the accounting events especially since she has only been able to take accounting for 1 year at FCS. She competed against other students with 2-3 years experience. It is the business departments hope that we can offer accounting and other business classes next year.

Thank You Community Members

Clagett Construction
Florence Therapy and Wellness
Looking Glass Printing
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Farmers State Bank
Bitterroot Body and Paint

BPA Students Goes to Regionals by Keri Briney, BPA Advisor

Happy Valentine’s Day
Community Resources and Middle School News

Counselor Corner, Alii Williford, Middle School Counselor

Resources for Bitterroot Families
There are many wonderful agencies in the bitterroot and Missoula area offering services for kids, adults and families. Although there are many resources available in many different venues here are some I would like to highlight.

AWARE, Inc. Treatment Services, Missoula; (406) 543-2202; www.aware-inc.org
*A mental health and disability services provider. Disability services include: foster care, case management, group homes, intensive youth treatment services, and early intervention services.

Bitterroot Valley & Educational Center, 217 N 3rd St Ste G, Hamilton; (406) 363-3882
*Counseling for children, teens, adults, couples & families. Utilizes a positive, goal-directed approach for stress management, communication skills-building and cognitive therapy. Most insurance plans accepted.

Bitterroot Valley Addiction Services, 225 S 1st St, Hamilton; (406) 375-2454
*Provides assessment, referral, and outpatient chemical dependency counseling.

Bitterroot Visitation & Mediation Services (BVMS), 253 Roosevelt Lane, Hamilton; (406) 363-4026; tisdiv@montana.com
*Supervised visits, instills guidelines, and works with parenting plans.

Child Care Resources, 127 E Main Suite 314, Missoula; (406) 728-6446 or 1-800-728-6446; www.childcareresources.org Referral & Resource network: (406) 549-1028
*Aiding families, child care providers, and community members-including businesses-in assuring that high-quality child care is available to all children. Serves Ravalli County.

CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Plan); 1-877-KidsNow (1-877-543-7669); www.chip.mt.gov
*Provides health insurance to eligible Montana children up to age 19. Guidelines apply.

Clothes Closet, Main St, Stevensville; (406) 529-8015
*Permall home wares, clothing and shoes for all seasons and family members. Inquire about beds. DONATION.

Commodity Center, 215 N 6th St, PO Box 1134, Hamilton; (406) 363-2134
*Operates a thrift store selling used merchandise at low prices. May also provide utility, prescription, clothing & household goods help with a written referral from an agency.

Experience Works, Hamilton;
(406) 363-1822 or 1-888-572-1968; www.experienceworks.org
*Assists low-income seniors, 55 and older, in receiving training and work experience to find a job in the community. *Provides training services for adults, youths, & dislocated workers.

Human Resource Council, 316 N 3rd; Hamilton; (406) 363-6101; 1-800-332-2272
*Provides career, academic, drug, and alcohol counseling; drop out prevention, work experience, occupational skills training (W.O.R.C.); job search, development and placement; energy (LIEAP), rental (Section 8), and weatherization assistance ; first time home owner and home rehab loans.

Kids First of Ravalli County; 103 S 4th St Suite 105, Hamilton; (406) 375-9588, Fax: (406) 375-5315; www.bitterrootkids.org
*Developing resiliency in families and youth through prevention oriented activities and education." Parenting classes, , play Groups and Indoor Gym for parents & kids ages 0-5, youth basketball, Bitterroot Leadership High, community computer lab, community & parent prevention, workshops & resources, tobacco free Ravalli; tobacco education classes.

Literacy Volunteers of America – Bitterroot, Inc, 316 N. 3rd Suite 156, Hamilton; (406) 363-2900 *Provides free, confidential tutoring to those 16 and older to gain basic skills in reading, writing, and math. Also provide: tutoring, GED preparation classes & testing, and workshops for pre-school aged children.

Montana Food Bank Network
www.montanafoodbanknetwork.org
1. Haven House Food Bank, 316 N 3rd Suite 162, Hamilton; (406) 363-2450; MWF 10-2
2. Bitterroot Valley Calvary Chapel, 700 N 4th Hamilton; (406) 363-3431 (office)
3. Pantry Partners, 616 Park St, Stevensville; (406) 777-0351; MWF 12-3

Montana Jobs Network, P.O. Box 874, Stevensville; (406) 777-7185; www.Montana-Jobs.net; support@montana-jobs.net
*Provides companies and their employment opportunities in Montana. Search jobs, post a resume, or fill out applications on-line.

Montana Legal Services Association
Missoula: (406) 543-8343, Help Line 1-800-666-6899; www.mtlsa.org
*Free civil legal assistance-serves Ravalli Co. Income guidelines apply.

Montana Works, (406) 363-7700; www.montanaworks.org
*Assists people with disabilities to find meaningful careers in the Bitterroot Valley and Missoula.

Ravalli County Office of Public Assistance-DPHHS, 310 N, 3rd Hamilton; (406) 363-1944, 8-5
*Programs administered: cash assistance for families (TANF), Medicaid, child care assistance, and Food Stamps. Each program requires eligibility-including income & resources.

What's Coming Up at the Middle School?
• spelling Bee – Feb. 23rd at 1:45 Old Gym
• MAPs testing through the first week of Feb.
• 8th grade Taglit Assessment – Assesses technology literacy and is a part of No Child Left Behind.
• Midterm – February 27th
• CRT’s – March 2nd – 5th
• Bitterroot Band Festival – March 8th
• MS Dance – February 19th 7:00-8:30

Upcoming MS Field Trips
February
6th grade Lolo Pass (2 days)
8th grade Ice Skating/Bowling
March
7th grade Roxy (Film Festival)/
Fremoss/Ice Skating
April
7th grade St. Mary’s Mission/ 
Dalny Mansion
Apr 12-16
Indian Education For All
Special Olympics - Missoula
June
6th grade Basin Creek
7th grade Garnet Ghost Town

A Few Words from Mrs. Backus,
FCMS Principal
As we are preparing our students for the March assessments, I would like to stress on how important it is for students to arrive at school on time and to attend school consistently. Both are important components that contribute to a student’s academic success. Our teachers strive to make every minute of class time meaningful. When a student arrives late to school, they miss important instruction. As adults, we know what it’s like to arrive at work late and how that can set the tone for the day. Arriving at school late often has a similar effect on the student. Late students interrupt instruction that’s occurring in the class and are required to “catch up” to what the other students are doing. Students who are consistently present in school have more opportunities for help and participate better in discussions. This leads to a better understanding of the classroom material. Regular attendance also gives the student a sense of belonging that is crucial for healthy social development for middle school students. Parents please continue to support the school by promoting on time, regular school attendance.

MBI February Focus
• Hallway Expectations
• Walk on the right
• Keep your hands and feet to yourself
• Walk, not run
• Avoid blocking the hall in large groups
• Show courtesy to other students, staff, and adults visiting the building
Opus the Penguin Visits Mrs. Crawford’s Classroom

On January 12th, Mrs. Crawford’s 1-2 Combo class had the pleasure of Gianna’s dad, Dr. Migliaccio, coming in to read and share a wonderful book. Goodnight, Opus. Opus is a penguin and Dr. Migliaccio came dressed for the part. Dr. Migliaccio really emphasized the importance of using one’s imagination and how useful it is in many jobs. We also talked about penguins and interesting facts about those unique birds.

Thank You Dr. Migliaccio!

Peggy Penguin played pets with Perry. By Gabbie Reed
Perry Penguin paid for pink pumpkins. By Casey Nuckolls
Poppy Penguin picks plump pink and purple peppers. By Madalyn Evans
Paul Penguin played with polar bears. By Eli Pedersen
Peggy Penguin played with Perry Puppy. By Cashynn Wood
Pretty Peggy Penguin paid for pink popcorn and a pull of peanut butter. By Caitlin Brugh
Puppy Penguin paid for purple peanut butter. By Robert Lindquist
Peppy Penguin played Pop Goes the Peas. By Jayden Hendrickson
Perry Penguin plants peanut butter. By Loch Tate
Petie Polar Bear Penguin played with Punk Polar Bear. By Izaya Ward
Petite Perry Penguin picked peppers and pink polka-dotted pumpkins. By Brendan Schmeiter
Peggy Penguin paid for a pink pail and a purple pear. By Grace Edgar
Penny Penguin played perfect polar bear park. By Kellen Bradt
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Cat and Dog Poems written by Mrs. Crawford’s 1-2 Comb Class

CATS
We like cats.
Ask us why?
BECAUSE...
They are soft.
They are cuddly.
They are fuzzy.
That’s why.
We like Cats!
By Gianna Migliaccio, Casey Nuckolls, and Loch Tate

DOGS
We like dogs.
Ask us why?
BECAUSE...
They are cuddly.
They are care about you.
You can play with them.
They sleep with you and keep you warm.
That’s why.
We like dogs!
By Jaren Lue, Jayden Hendrickson, Gabbie Reed, and Eli Pedersen

Second Grade Students Learn about Haiku Poems

Our class wrote Plant Haikus. A Haiku has 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second line, and 5 syllables in the third line.

I like round oranges
Watermelon is the best
Apples grow from seeds
Maddie Mikesell

A funky flower
A trunky prickly red rose
A perky tulip
Emma Stensrud

They can smell with you.
They purr.
They cheer you up.
We like Cats!

Fruit and veggies
Maddie Mikesell

A very pretty flower
Plants feed on water
Dustin Olson

Pam Penguin played with polar bears. By Jaren Lue
Pam Penguin popped purple popcorn. By Layla Windsor

4th Grade Presents Musical These, The Endangered

All 4th grade students will be presenting These, The Endangered, their musical presentation for this school year on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 on the stage in the Florence-Carlton Old Gym at 7:00 pm. The students will use soprano and alto recorders, accompanied by an orchestra CD and by tuned and untuned percussion instruments, in an aural representation of endangered animals. Animals represented in sound will be Polar Bears, Whales, Tigers, and others.

Student artwork, created in Mrs. Hartman’s art classes, will also be on display.

Free adult-supervised daycare in the elementary music room will be provided by the Elementary Family Resource Center.
Chess Club Begins!

The Local Living Family Center and Family Resource Center are combining forces to begin an after school chess club for kids on Wed’s in February (starting 2/10). Sessions will be held from 3:30-5:00 at the Local Living Family Center (behind Town Pump). We are looking for:

Students interested in playing or learning chess. Adults able to instruct chess. Parents to help with supervision.

Interested? Please contact Amy at 273-0142.

Candy Collection
Is Sweet For All Involved

This past fall the Family Resource Center facilitated a candy collection for soldiers overseas. From an address provided by the Clark family, donated candy was sent to Major Chad Uhl in Kundahar, Afghanistan, who shared it with soldiers from nine other countries at his base. Mrs. Crawford’s class also enclosed personal letters in the package. Major Uhl responded to each of the students with a letter and Pog (paper coin used in army stores). Her class hopes to continue the relationship with students from the Bus Barn.

Butch Waddell - “Elmo”, devoted driver for our special needs bus. Butch has been with Majestic for over 9 years! In the summer months he is also a very busy fire fighter, traveling all over the country. When Butch isn’t working, he enjoys hiding, swimming, paddling rivers and caring for his 40 some chickens.

GO FALCONS...WORK HARD!

Important Family Resource Center News and Dates

• Tuesday Tea will be held on the second Tuesday of the month (2/9). This month the Tea will take place from 8:15-9:15 AND 2:15-3:05. Please stop by the FRC (Rm 511) at either time to chat with Laura and other parents while enjoying refreshments. Contact Laura if you are interested but cannot attend.

• February Tot Times are Wed. 2/10 and 2/24 from 10-11 in the District Office Conference Room. Please see Tot Time article for more details.

• The “Me and My Main Man” dance for all elementary girls and their main men will be on Thurs. 2/11 from 6-7:30 in the Old Gym. Please let Laura know if you are interested in helping out with the dance (decorations, set up/clean up, music, food, etc). This event takes the place of the February Family Fun Night.

• Notices were sent home to Elementary and Middle School families about the FRC’s new email and email newsletter lists. Please contact Laura if you did not receive the flyer or if you would like to be included on either list.

• As always, you may reach Laura at 273-6741 ext. 203 or PerticaraL@florence.k12.mt.us. Feel free to visit the FRC (Rm 511, next to Mr. Weber’s room) and/or send me your ideas for what you would like to see the FRC do this spring. I would love to do projects that serve your interests and help get families more involved at the school!

Letters Written to my Best Friend

Dear Loch, I love you. Thank you for the name. I do not want to leave you
From, Cosmo

By Loch Tate (Cosmo is my cat.)

Dear Layla, Thank you for feeding me. Thank you for the colorful bed you made for me. I like it when you pet me.
From, Casper

By Layla Windsor (Casper is my cat.)

Dear Grace, Thank you for feeding me. Thank you for giving me toys. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for letting me sleep with you.
From Ret

By Grace Edgar (Ret is my dog.)

Dear Brendan, Thank you for giving me a warm home and feeding me. I appreciate everything you have done for me. I love you. P.S. I wet the bed.
From Rocket

By Brendan Schneider (Rocket is my rabbit.)

Dear Jayden, Thank you for the bone, Jayden. I love my name. You are the best girl. I love dogs. You’ve been trying to play soccer with me. I love you.
From Griz

By Jayden Hendrickson (Griz is my dog.)

Dear Robert, Thank you the cat treats, the cat food, and the cat bed. You are the best. Thank you for naming me Cougar. I love the name and I love you.
From, Cougar

By Robert Lindquist (Cougar is my cat.)

Dear Jaren, Thank you for sometimes feeding me. Thank you for giving me treats. Thank you for giving me people food. Thank you for chasing me.
From, Scout

By Jaren Lue (Scout is my dog.)
**Community News**

### Little Guy Wrestling Sign-ups

Wrestling season is here for the high school students and Little Guy Wrestling is just around the corner.

**When:** Monday, February 1st 5:30 PM to 7:00PM New Gym Foyer

Age requirements: Minimum 6 years old and in first grade. Maximum 8th grade

**Cost:** $30.00 single wrestler or $55.00 per family. This covers a Florence Wrestling T-shirt, use of a wrestling singlet, advertising and coach’s liability insurance.

**Deposits:** $25.00 (PREFER CHECK) per wrestling singlet, $10.00 per pair of shoes. The money will be held and returned upon our receipt of the wrestling singlet and or shoes.

Little Guy wrestling is a six week program that will begin the week of February 15th and run through the week of March 27th. There are four divisions, Beginner (6-8 yrs old), Novice (9-10 yrs old), Middle (11-12 yrs old) and Junior High 13 and up. The wrestler’s age is determined by their age as of January 1st, 2010.

Practices will be Monday, Tuesday & Thursday nights. Times and dates may vary depending on how busy the school is and how they can accommodate our needs. Contacts: Lee Harrington 531-8503, Rusty Hoff 273-6301 x432

### Tot Time Programs Continue

If you have children who are not yet in kindergarten, Florence has two wonderful Tot Time! Story Hour Programs. Both are geared towards kids aged 0-5 and their caregivers-- a great chance for adults and children to interact with each other and other families!

The Family Resource Center’s Tot Time includes stories, playtime, art projects, songs, and snacks. It meets twice a month on Wednesdays from 10 am to 11 am in the District Office Conference room. The remaining Tot Times are 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/14, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, and 5/26. Please contact Laura at 273-6741, ext. 203 or Perti-carl@florence.k12.mt.us if you would like more information or wish to receive reminder calls/emails.

The Local Living Family Center’s Story Hour meets every Tuesday from 1-2pm. Come join us for body movement games, nursery rhymes, songs, board books, and good community. Child receives a free book of his/her choice each time you attend. Come build your library and have a good time! The Local Living Family Center is located behind the Town Pump. Please contact Amy at 273-0142 or amflu@wordine.org for more information.

### Free Health Screening

Free Kids Health Screening for Ages 0-6

Includes:
- Review of Immunization Records
- Vision
- Hearing
- Speech Language
- Developmental

Kindergarten Registration will also be held at this time.

**WHEN:** On March 17th, 2010 from 2pm until 5:30pm

- Walk-ins are welcome at all sites.
- Appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment call 273-6741.
- 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 ask the school secretary to mail a consent form to them and the child must have completed consent form with the child to the screening.

### Florence Carlton School Adult Education Winter 2010

#### Introduction to Spanish

This class is for beginners. The goal is to learn the basic buildings blocks of the language in order to give the student a strong foundation and understanding of Spanish as well as to practice conversational Spanish. The tools/resources provided in this class equip each student with the materials to continue their study of the language far beyond the class sessions. Although there is a curriculum set for the six sessions, students will be encouraged to brainstorm topics with their classmates so that the conversation practice can cater to the interests of the class as a whole.

Tuesday Evenings Feb 16 &23 March 2, 9,16,23 from 6:00-7:30 pm. FCS Library Class Fee $35.

#### Digital Photo Organization – Sort, Store and Find them again!

Learn how to get your pictures onto your computer and then find them when you want them. No software involved! Sort them into folders that you create yourself and develop a system that makes sense to you. You will go home with a sheet of notes to refer back to later.

Monday February 22nd 6:30 – 8:30 Elementary Computer Lab, Class Fee $8

#### Basic Microsoft Word

For brand new users or nearly new users

Learn how to open files, create documents and save them to retrieve later. We will learn basic formatting of text and other parts of your document. You will go home with notes to refer back to later. Bring your questions and we’ll tailor the lessons to the class needs.

Monday, Feb 8th from 6:30 – 8:30, Elementary Computer Lab, Class Fee $8.

#### CPR - LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE IN ONE NIGHT!

1st Aid First, a local company, is offering CPR and AED Certification training through the American Heart Association. This certification is for two years. The trainings last for 31/2 hours. We are only capable of allowing 25 participants into the class so we can have a 3 to 1 ratio for each manikin and AED trainer.

Date to be announced check website or call – Library Certification fee $20 (Pay at time of class), please register on the form so we know how many to expect.

#### Do it digital! Digital Scrapbooking

Learn how to create a book from your own photos! Use Creative Memories Free downloadable software to create pages quickly and easily. Choose pre-made layouts and just insert your pictures. There are areas to journal if you choose to or you can simply do photos. Books can be shared through email for free or ordered on-line and delivered to your home. Questions please call Jackie McCann 273-3123.

Monday Evenings March 1st & 8th from 6:30 – 8:30 in the Elementary Computer lab—Class Fee: $15

#### Beginning Fly Tying

Learn the art of fly tying. This class will teach you the basics knowledge of the tools and materials needed to tie your own. By the end of the three week course you will be able to tie a “Nymph”, “Streamer”, and a basic “Dry Fly”. If you have a vice of your own bring it if not all class supplies will be provided. The River Otter will also offer you a 15% discount on all fly tying materials beyond what you will need for the class.

Saturday Mornings February 13th, 20th, & 27th from 9am – 11am at the River Otter Fly Shop in Florence. Class Maximum 6-8 people. Call 273-4858 if you have any questions on what to bring to class. Class fee $30.

Contact Christa Burns at 777-0249 for more information. Or visit the school website at www.florence.k12.mt.us
### Breakfast Menu
- Sun: Hot cereal, fruit, juice, and milk. Options: egg, sausage, blueberry waffle, french toast.
- Mon: Waffles, sausage, and jelly. Options: hot drink, milk, or juice.
- Tue: French toast, eggs, and bacon. Options: hot drink, milk, or juice.
- Wed: Continent roll, fruit, and milk. Options: coffee, tea, or juice.
- Thurs: Omelette, cheese, and bread. Options: hot drink, milk, or juice.
- Fri: Brunch menu available: eggs, cheese, and breakfast meats. Options: hot drink, milk, or juice.

*Breakfast could consist of bread or muffin, fruit or juice, and milk are available. (student does not need to eat that day's special)*

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### Music Booster News
Mark your calendars, get your reserved tickets, and support our music programs!

- **February 7**: Meet the Mountains with an introduction to our music program, followed by a Q&A session.
- **February 14**: President’s Day. Dinner and a show at 7pm in the Choir Room.
- **February 21**: Musician Appreciation Night. A special performance by our student musicians.
- **February 28**: NHS Sponsor Penny Drive. Support our music programs by donating a penny today.

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### Community Service
- **February 5**: All high school band students hold a practice-a-thon. They are looking to raise money by practicing their instruments – what a better use of their time could there be?!
- **February 10**: NHS Sponsor Penny Drive. Support our music programs by donating a penny today.
- **February 22**: Hunter Safety Classes to Begin. Contact Verne Shreve at 273-6243.

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### Hunter Safety Classes to Begin
Hunter Safety Signups will be held on February 22nd from 6:00—7:00 p.m. in room 201. Classes will begin the week of March 8th—12th from 6:30—9:30 p.m. in room 201. There is no charge for the class. You must be 12 by December 2010. No Exceptions.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Verne Shreve at 273-6243.

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### Band Students Hold Practice-a-Thon
On February 5th, all high school band students will be practicing their way to Disney! They are looking to raise money by practicing their instruments – what a better use of their time could there be?!

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### American Legion Baseball
- **February 24**: DHS District Conference Room. Senior Night. All players and fans are invited to this special event.
- **February 25**: HSBBB (JV/V) vs Hamilton 4:15/5:45/7:15. HSGBB (V) @ Hamilton 5:45 HSGBB (C/JV) @ Arlee 6:00.
- **February 26**: Bitterroot Bucs America Legion Baseball. Sign Ups: Wednesday, Feb. 24th. pancake breakfast, eggs, sausage, and waffles. Options: beverage, milk, or juice.

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### Student Council
- **February 23**: Student Council meets at 7pm in the Choir Room. Discussed new members and upcoming events.
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### Monthly Meeting
- **February 2010**: We meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room. Stop by and see what we are all about!