High School Athletes Successful After Graduation

Every year, schools are faced with defending expenditures for athletics and other activity programs – particularly in the past few years with the downward spiral in the economy. In some cases, these programs have been seen as a “luxury” item in the overall educational offerings of a school.

Fortunately, however, success stories continue to unfold that document the value of these programs in the nation’s high schools. While those students currently involved in high school activity programs generally earn better grades, have fewer discipline problems and learn the skills of teamwork, perhaps the most significant benefit comes years later as productive citizens in successful careers.

High school student athletes report that good competition teaches you to focus, set goals and develop the courage to go after your dream. Without taking that first step or having the courage to overcome your fears it’s not really possible to grow into the person you want to become and accomplish your goals. From another perspective high school sports teach students how to achieve success through hard work, and how succeeding as a team often exceeds the feeling of accomplishment obtained by succeeding as an individual.

It is well documented that in a time of life that can be very challenging for some individuals as they’re learning about themselves and trying so hard to fit in with peers, high school sports provide an opportunity to be involved. These student athletes feel like they belong with a group of people. It is from this point that a number of personnel interactive skills evolve that help individuals learn how to make good choices and develop strong bonds and ties for strong friendships. These skills translate well later in life to help student athletes become good workers who make good choices and develop good relationships at work and beyond.

In the end high school sports teach students that consistency, having a plan and outworking your competition equals success. This is a place where high school athletes use their participation as a springboard so years later they can become productive citizens in successful careers.

Road to the 2011 State Volleyball Tournament

Congratulations!

2011 Record
22-3

State Tournament

The Giving Tree

You can make the holidays a joyful time for those who need it most in our community by picking an ornament wish off FCPT’s Giving Tree in the Elementary Foyer. We have committed to providing gifts for 5 families from our local area. Gift tags range from toys to clothing to winter necessities for boys and girls. Purchases should be under $30, so that each family member receives about the same monetary value gift. Please pick an ornament, sign it out with your name and number on the sheet below the tree, and bring the unwrapped gift with tag attached back to the elementary office by December 13th. Thank you for bringing joy to ALL Florence families during the holidays!
### High School Honor Students and more

#### 1st Quarter High School Honor Roll

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#### Student Council News

Our Student Council members have been hard at work this month. During November we are conducting a fund raiser to benefit a former Florence student and Student Council President, Jack Finlay. Jack was diagnosed with juvenile-onset ALS a year ago. We are selling blue wrist bands that say “Team Finlay” and “Fight ALS”. These bands will be sold for a minimum donation of one dollar. Students in the high school are competing to see which class can raise the most money for the cause; the winning class will receive a pizza party. The wrist bands will be sold in the elementary and middle schools as well, and at home basketball games, as long as there are wrist bands left. We welcome the participation of any community member who wishes to donate to the Team Finlay project. Donations can be sent to the school, in care of Craig Kuchel or Cassie McCann. In December we will pursue two of Student Council’s biggest traditional endeavors; the annual food drive and the Christmas shopping spree. Donations of non-perishable food items will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! Cassie McCann

SOARIN’ with Technology

Comments about our new Promethean Boards

A year ago, the school purchased a Promethean board for my classroom. Like any new piece of technology, it takes some time to learn how to use it to its full potential. There are numerous resources available to learn the program. The district has provided training with a Promethean representative to build my skills. Our Promethean representative continues to help teachers build their skills, emphasizing that it takes about three years to start feeling comfortable with all of its capabilities. I have found my students, having grown up with technology from their earliest days, are teaching me an incredible amount. I am patient with the process it will take for teachers to learn how to use this new piece of technology to its fullest potential. —L. Deschamps

Having the Promethean board in my classroom has been a wonderful tool to help reach the students through the technical products that have been ingrained in their world. Students are much more attentive and engaged in what is happening in the classroom when the Promethean board is involved. I have had students come to school simply because they are able to use the Promethean boards in their daily lessons. Many curriculum materials are geared for the interactive board experience that provides the learner with quick videos, games, and gadgets to learn anything from multiplication facts to taking virtual field trips around the world. The students are excited and want to be involved in the learning where they are able to “play” with the technology. They are able to experience things through the internet that we are unable to deliver through a textbook or worksheet. Interactive technology is what these kids have been raised on, and it is what they relate to. It is wonderful to be able to enhance the students’ learning with the Promethean boards. —M. Mazur

A Promethean Board brings the world into the FCS third grade classroom! Teaching reading, language, spelling, math, science, and social studies is enhanced when using the Promethean Board. Students engage in activities because the board includes interesting visual, audio, and tactile components in lessons. Virtual fieldtrips, Google maps, animated characters demonstrating math concepts, and e-glossaries are examples of activities that are available to keep students involved and on task.

—Suzy Miller

The Promethean Board’s greatest assets for my classroom are interactive diagrams, pictures, sound bites, and video clips that allow my students to actively learn new concepts in ways that fit their digital learning styles. In the future I hope to have a set of Learner Response devices for each student that will allow me to instantly access students’ understanding during lessons. This will provide me with the information I need to determine the pace and direction of a lesson. —Karla Cramer
High School News

High School Yearbook Information

Can’t think of anything to get your high schooler for Christmas, why not purchase a 2011-2012 Falcon yearbook! Gift Certificates are available. Yearbooks cost $50.00. Whether you make payment to the school directly or you pay through Jostens.com and still want a gift certificate, contact Keri Briney. Gift certificates can be picked up at the high school office after proof of purchase.

Yearbook ordering
Florence-Carlton School is offering the same great way now to purchase its 2011-2012 yearbook, The FALCON. The yearbook will cost $50.00, and be in all color. Additional options are available as add-ons. The book will be delivered this spring, with a spring extended edition insert to come in the fall.

Students filled out an order form at school in late October. The forms are sent to our yearbook printer, Jostens. A statement will arrive in the mail detailing the order placed by the student. Parents will have the opportunity to add to or cancel any part of the order.

Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship
Deadline: December 2
Amount: $500
Applicants are judged on: leadership, academic performance, and financial need
Apply online at: www.elks.org/enf/scholars

U of M Davidsons Honor College Presidential Leadership Scholarship
Deadline: December 3
Must be a senior in high school
Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
You plan on attending college after graduation

Montana State University Presidential Scholarships
Deadline: January 4, 2012
Amount: Full tuition waiver plus a generous stipend
3.75 GPA and a minimum score of 30 on the ACTs or 2000 on the SAT are the expected norms
Applicants must apply for admission to Montana State University as an entering freshman
Complete the Montana State Premier Scholarship application
More information can be found at: wwww.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships.shtml

ENF Legacy Awards
Deadline: February 1, 2012
Amount: $4000
Any child or grandchild of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2009 or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2009 and has been a member in good standing since then. The Elk member must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2012.
Must be a senior
Legacy Awards may only be accredited in a high school with MS or are Accredited in a high school with a charter member of a Lodge with an Elk member who joined the order on or before April 1, 2009.
Must have a parent with MS.
Must take the ACT’s or SAT’s by December 31, 2011
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U of M -Montana Resident Entering Student Scholarship Program
Deadline: December 31
The Montana Resident Entering Student Scholarship Program draws together many endowed scholarships into a single scholarship pool. New freshman and new transfer students are eligible. The application for admission to The University of Montana will also be the student’s application for a UM General Scholarship for all students who submit a complete application by December 31. A scholarship committee matches qualified applicants with the scholarship that best fits them. Notification of awards will take place in mid-March.

High School Counseling Connection by Stacy Holden

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
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U of M Davidsons Honor College Presidential Leadership Scholarship
Deadline: December 3
The Presidential Leadership Scholarship is The University of Montana’s premier academic scholarship, recognizing outstanding talent, academic performance, and contribution to the community. Freshmen who wish to apply for the Davidson Honors College Presidential Leadership Scholarship must complete the Davidson Honors College (DHC) application.
Apply online at: admissions.umt.edu

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This simple method will eliminate the need for students to bring money to the school and allow parents the opportunity to discuss purchase decisions with students at home. Yearbook payments can be made through the mail, internet or by calling a toll-free service hotline, 1-866-282-1516. Additionally, a special feature of this program allows parents the option of an installment plan.

SENIOR PHOTOS are due January 15, 2012. Please submit a toddler/baby picture as well. Photos can be emailed to brineyk@florence.k12.mt.us

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Scholarship applicants and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you’ve got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we’d like to see them. Our photographers can’t be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.
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National Multiple Sclerosis Society Scholarship
Deadline: January 13, 2012
Amount: Many $1,000-$3,000
High School seniors who have MS or who have a parent with MS; or high school graduates of any age who have MS or who have a parent with MS.
Plan to attend an accredited post-secondary school for the first time
Plan to enroll in at least six credit hours per semester in coursework leading to a degree, license or certificate
Plan to enroll in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school in the U.S. or a U.S. Territory
Be a citizen or legal resident of the U.S. or a U.S. Territory
Apply online at: www.nationalMSsociety.org/scholarship

KFC Colonels Scholars
Deadline: February 8, 2012
Amount: Many awards up to $20,000
Must be a graduating high school senior
Earn a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 2.75
Enroll in a public college or university in the state of legal residence
Plan to pursue a bachelor’s degree
Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
Demonstrate financial need
Apply online at: www.kfcstudents.org

U.S. Bank Scholarship Program
Deadline: March 31, 2012
Amount: Forty $1,000
Available to all high school seniors and undergraduates
Scholarships are awarded in a random drawing
Apply online at: www.usbank.com/scholarship
Soarin’ with the Falcons
Is a place to share some positive moments at Florence-Carlton School . . . .
This year, in addition to positive moments from FCS students, we are sharing why some of our staff chose careers in education.

Why Teachers Teach - December 2011

I have known that I wanted to be a teacher since I was about eight years old. My mom said that I used to organize all of the neighborhood kids in the basement and play school with them. Of course I always got to be the teacher! I didn’t realize it at the time, but I was always something that I wanted to do. I was inspired by my step-grandmother that taught in Wyoming and California for many years. I remember looking at her college textbooks when she was going to school to be a teacher and being very interested in them. I volunteered at my son and daughter’s school in Missoula and loved helping the students learn to read and write. That was the point when I decided that I needed to go to school and get my teaching degree. I wanted to have a career where I would feel like I really made a difference at the end of the day.

---Laurie Foshag

I have always loved children. Growing up, I did a lot of babysitting and spent time with my younger brother and cousins. In college, I worked in a daycare center. It just seemed like the natural progression to go into education. Children see the world in such an exciting way, and it is fun to re-live that through their eyes! --- Hallie Gillespie

I can’t remember when I decided to be a teacher. Maybe I’ve always just known I would. My mom was a first grade teacher for 20 years. I always enjoyed spending time in her classroom. She has always worked hard and loves her students.

In school, I never wanted my music classes to end. My elementary music teacher, Barbara Berg, was a ball of fire! At about 4’11, with a head of curly red hair, she would play piano, lead choreography and sing all at the same time! Everyone wanted to be in Honor Choir so we could be featured in the awesome school performances. In high school, I was in the choir room as much as possible. I loved having a break from school to sing with my friends. Our performances are still special memories. At Helena High, we were proud of our strong choirs. I wanted to be the person who led a music program like that someday.

I was fortunate to have inspiring piano teachers who developed my musical skills. My first piano teacher was Nancy Rose, a sweet woman with an endearing Texas accent. She had about 50 singing birds in her house. Nancy taught me the basics and discipline in music, especially the joy of sharing it in performance. Cinda Tompkins, my next teacher, made me a true musician. Along with choosing excellent music for me to play, she pushed me to play more expressively. She gave me a great foundation in music theory and other important skills such as: practicing, speaking to an audience, preparing for a competition, marking my scores, and continuing music as my lifestyle. Her students were her family. She did everything she could to share her love for music with her students. Cinda passed away this month after a long battle with brain cancer. I will feel (and hear) her influence in my life forever.

As teachers, we get to share our passion with the young minds of today. I can’t think of a better way to spend my days. I am a young teacher with a lot to improve on, but I enjoy each day here in the FCS’ choir room. I hope to inspire my students the way my music teachers have inspired me.

--Emily Hackethorn

Soarin’ Students

Zale Bender, 2nd grade, was the winner of the Ravalli Republican Halloween Coloring Contest. He won a gift card to Kmart for his Frankenste picture. Zale says he is probably a good artist because his mom is, and he has helped him learn how to draw. He also likes to draw big trucks. Playing football and riding dirt bikes are some of Zale’s other favorite activities.

Andrew Horsens, Kindergarten, displays the gold medal he received for raising the most money for the Jump Rope for Heart program. Good work, Andrew! You have a great heart!

Christy Hartman’s 8th grade art students invited the Kindergarten and T-1 students to spend a class period exploring clay media earlier this month. This was the Kindergarten/T-1 students first experience teaching younger children clay techniques. The Kindergarten/T-1 learned about prepping the clay for the project, using their fingers to form the object, and using clay tools to refine. It was a wonderful experience for both age levels. The 8th graders were outstanding citizens and learned how to adapt methods to fit the needs of the younger children while providing outstanding role modeling. The Kindergarten/T-1 students thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the 8th graders.

Some FCS High School juniors and seniors were asked about FCS experiences that have been important to them.

“My teacher, Mrs. Kirby, has had the biggest positive influence on my life. I strongly believe that she is the reason I am still in school, period. Kirby gave me the confidence and the strength to grow on my own, yet always was the solid foundation. If I slipped and fell, Kirby gave me the light on my path to find the thing I loved the most, music”. ---- Zac Carey

“During my time at Florence, I’ve grown more aware and observant of others’ feeling and emotions. I’ve taught myself to refrain from talking out of context. This wasn’t much of a sudden discovery though. Maybe coming back to FCHS after going to another school sparked something.”

A positive experience was, “When Mr. Parker read us Harris and Me. It was the first book I enjoyed, and I became a much more active reader.”

---Zale Bender

Come have your picture taken with Santa on Dec 10th from 9:00 am -12 at the Holiday Bazaar
Tips to improve the home to school connection for middle school parents:

- View the information available through our website:
  - Middle school calendar - Daily announcements and upcoming events
  - Coursework and assignments are posted on teacher web pages
  - Your child’s grades, MAPs or CRT scores, and attendance record
  - In-season sports schedules
  - Staff email addresses
  - School and co-curricular handbooks

Attend:
- Orientation/Back to School nights held in late August
- Open House in September
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – November and February
- Music performances and sporting events

Check your child’s agenda

Contact the teacher, school counselor, or principal when a need arises

Talk to your child about the content they’re learning and about their school day in general

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High School Students help the 3rd Grade Students—Science Buddies by Mrs. Hettick

Third graders from Mrs. Hettick’s class working with their 9th grade “Science Buddies” to learn more about the properties of minerals. Mrs. Bleibtreu’s ninth grade Earth Science students recently set up stations to help the third graders gain a better understanding of the properties of minerals. The lessons learned in these stations reinforced concepts that are also part of the third grade science curriculum.

1st Quarter Middle School Honor Roll

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What’s Happening in the Middle School

- December 8th: 7:30 MS Band Concert
- December 9th: Midterm
- December 12th-16th: MBI My Voice Survey
- December 13th: 6:00 FCMS Parent Mtg. Library
- December 15th: 7:30 Combined HS/MS Choir Concert in the old gym
- December 16th: Hat Day
- December 22nd: Popcorn & Movie Afternoon
- December 23rd: Holiday break begins


**Elementary Outlook**

**5th Grade Music & Band Students to Perform**

All 5th grade students will be presenting *Rhythms of the River*, their musical presentation for this school year on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 on the stage in the F-C Old Gym at 7:00 pm. The students will use Orff instruments, recorders, and un-tuned percussion instruments to accompany a variety of pieces, including Peace like a River. You are My Guide to the Sea. *The River is Flowing* and some original compositions titled *River of Sound*. 

The 5th grade band students will be making their debut performance at this concert, as well! As it is still very early in their instrument playing careers, they will be demonstrating the things they’ve learned thus far. A first performance is always incredibly exciting for the students – we hope you enjoy it!

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 Florence Carlton Key Club members and their advisor.

**Fun Field Day of Learning!**

Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. McCaun, Mrs. Verlanic and Mrs. Warner took their classes on an educational field trip to the Missoula Natural History Center in November to learn more about birds. The hands-on experience at the center was enjoyed by all. Due to the inclement weather that day, we ventured to Southgate Mall for lunch. The Florence students were excellent ambassadors for our community as they ate their lunch politely and cleaned up all garbage. Their behavior was excellent! After wards, the children viewed wildlife films at the beautifully renovated Roxy Theater while enjoying some popcorn and juice.

AN ENORMOUS THANK YOU goes out to the parent volunteers who chaperoned that day. Your assistance was essential for a successful outing. The teachers and students also thank Dan, the bus driver, for getting the classes to Missoula and back safely.

Barb, the Building Captain from Home Depot, came to Mrs. Crawford’s 1-2 Combo classroom and provided the materials and expertise for a building project. Using wood, hammers and nails, screwdrivers and screws, the students made themselves personal marker boards to use as a learning tool in the classroom. Thank you Home Depot for the FUN project! Barb, ROCKS

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**Elementary 1st Quarter Honor Roll**

**Academic Excellence**

- Rylee Anderson
- Gavin Beeton
- Gabe Bennett
- Garrett Boehm
- Kellen Bradt
- Craig Brett
- Shannon Byrne
- Jonny Chamberlin
- Kinsey Church
- Kyle Clark
- Ethan Daggs
- Erin Dahl
- Natalie Dulac
- Danara Greer
- Jayden Hendrickson
- Justin Hergett
- Brendon Hill
- Ryan Hubbard
- Shawn Huseby
- Maddie Johnson
- Molly Kendall
- Emily Kinnaman
- Sierra Koerner
- Dominie Marieelli
- Hannah McLean
- Gianna Migliaccio
- Josie Miller
- Sarah Morrison
- Brooklyn Newbury
- Analise Pepprook
- Jasper Roberts
- Jacob Round
- Brendan Schneider
- Charlie Schweitzer
- Mckenzie Shields
- Jacob Stiegler
- Aidan Tollefson
- Grady Ventes
- Aubree Waldbilig
- Shane Wilson
- Trevyn Wood

**High Honor Roll**

- Annie Alexander
- Kyler Alm
- Clint Banister
- Sarah Berard
- Zach Blosquiom
- Chase Bovee
- Trinity Boyd
- Garrison Bradt
- JP Briney
- Kelly Brown
- Caitlin Brough
- Hannah Burt
- Zachary Cather
- Erick Cole-Hartz
- Ashley Davidson
- Bailey DeWitt
- Jake Dixon
- Grace Edgar
- Ariel Folsom
- Katie Freeman
- Logan Gibson
- Alyx Grabowska
- Myla Guerrero
- Kyla Hall
- Zach Henderson
- Jaci Johnson
- Colby Kohlman
- MacKenzie Little
- Jaren Lue
- Rilee Mangun
- Livia Mehli-Rogers
- Casey Nuckolls
- Janiah Otteson
- Aalya Parker-Zion
- Jackson Pascua
- Eli Pedersen
- Simon Reed
- Kyler Richards
- Sim Roberts
- Charlotte Rogers
- Jesse Sage
- Tyler Schulte
- Ellie Smith
- Telyse Smith
- Walker Snell

**Honor Roll**

- Anna Schroeder
- Lotus Schroeder
- He is a good reader.
- Madison Potter
- He is nice.
- Jace Pederson
- He is really nice.
- Clayton Stevens

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**Officer Gividen is a STAR School Resource Officer by Mrs. Crawford’s 1-2 Combo Class 2011**

Ask us why?

BECAUSE . . . .

He is the BEST at protecting the school.

He is nice.

He protects my school.

He is a very good police officer.

He is kind.

He is great at his job.

He is good at guarding the school.

He is really nice and I liked it when he read to us.

He is the nicest policeman in our school.

He has been an awesome reader in the 1-2 Combo Class.

He is fun, he reads cool books, and he is spectacular.

He is kind and respectful.

He is nice and cool.

He is a great reader and the BEST police officer.

He is good at reading our favorite books.

He is really nice and we enjoy him reading to us.

He is an awesome reader.

He is a good reader.

He is nice and funny.

THAT WHY!

**Third Grade Recorder Karate Black Belts**

- Trevyn Wood
- Shane Wilson
- Jacob Stiegler
- Aidan Tollefson
- Grady Ventes
- Aubree Waldbilig
- Hannah McLean
- Gianna Migliaccio
- Jace Pederson
- Taylor Schulte
- Elyse Smith
- Walker Snell
- Brandon Stevens
- Anna Stiegler
- Locht Tate
- Daniela Thayer
- Rocky Verrue
- Lane Weeks
- Sara Weisenburger
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THAT WHY!
Holiday Help: Ways to give and receive this season in the Bitterroot

The holidays are approaching fast! We want to make sure everyone has a healthy and happy holiday this year. Please contact your school counselor if you are in need of holiday assistance as we are connected with outside resources that may be able to help.

- Jan Maul Smith, Elementary 273-6741
- Ali Bristow, Junior High 273-6587
- Stacy Holden, High School 273-6301

Pantry Partners is a small food bank in North Ravalli County, Montana, who first opened its doors in 1989 with the mission to help as many people as possible. Led by a very dedicated team of 30 volunteers, we serve an average of 209 families per month in the Stevensville, Florence, and Victor MT areas. Clients receive food boxes once a month and can visit the “porch” for fresh produce items once a week after 1:00 pm.

We consider ourselves family and welcome our clients with compassion making their visit to the Pantry a pleasant one. You will find us open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Directions: Take Middle Burnt Fork east to Park St; turn left to Pantry Partners on right side of street.

Pantry Partners
616 Park, Stevensville, MT 59870
406-777-7160

Clothing Closet

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. as there is no outside receptacle. Presently only clothes, shoes, kitchen items, bed and bath linens, and books are being accepted. There will be a bulletin board where baby furniture or other large items may be listed for giveaway. The Clothes Closet is located at 3862 ALC Way on the south end of Stevensville School District property. To get there, go east on Middle Burnt Fork Road, cross the railroad tracks, and turn north at the sign at the corner of ALC Way, just across from Cimarron Lane. Clients are reminded that clothes are intended for their personal use only, not for resale. Monetary donations are encouraged for clothing received wherever possible.

South Valley Child and Family Center

Invite you to:
- Volunteer to prepare and serve meals
- Donate food or kitchen equipment (call for details)
- Sponsor meals or donate to our Food Fund
- Volunteer to provide entertainment
- Join us for a meal!

Also offering Holiday meals. They will need additional funding and volunteers at those times.

515 Madison
Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3450

Florence Falcon Mini Cheer Camp

Mini Cheer Camp Application
January 14th 9a.m.-3p.m.
Perform at the basketball halftime game at 7:00 p.m.

Cost per person $35.00
Please turn this form in with payment to any of the school offices by January 9th.
Please bring a lunch and plenty to drink. The group will wear their camp t-shirts and please have them wear navy or black athletic pants to the game.

Mini Falcon Fan’s Name
Parents Name
Contact Phone Number

Choose a t-shirt size: (circle one)

Youth X-Small, Small, Medium, Large
Adult Small, Medium, Large

If you have any questions you can email Christina Plattes at christinaplattes@hotmail.com or call the school at 273-6751.

Help the Florence Civic Club Help Your Bitterroot Neighbors This Holiday Season

The Florence Civic Club is again sponsoring the Florence Share Tree, which provides new clothes for local children in need of assistance. The Share Tree is located at Farmers State Bank & Florence Ace Hardware and is decorated with tags that contain clothing sizes for a child in need. To participate, just stop by the bank or hardware store and select a tag, then purchase two or three items of clothing for the child. The clothing should be delivered to the bank by Dec. 13. The Florence High School Key Club will wrap the clothes on December 19.

The Florence Civic Club is also collecting toys for these children. Toys for Tots boxes for new & gently used toys are located at Gary & Leo’s, Florence Ace Hardware, Florence-Carlton Chiropractic, Florence Elementary & High School, and Farmer’s State Bank. To help, just drop a new toy in any of these boxes.

To receive clothing or toys through these programs, you may pick up an application from the counselors at Florence-Carlton School, the North Valley Family Center or Pantry Partners in Stevensville. The application deadline is Dec. 9.

Civic Club members will be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the Florence Share Tree. Tickets are available at Florence Ace Hardware and will also be sold at the Florence Bazaar. You can win a one night stay at a Town House Inn anywhere in Montana, a visit from Santa Charlie, wine tasting & wine from Café Firenze or a turkey from Gary & Leo’s plus a turkey cooker from Florence Ace Hardware.

For more information, please call Janelle Com 273-7705.

What’s Happening at the North Valley Family Center

Ready! Set! Play! Toddler play group
- Friday, December 2nd: 10:30-12 pm
- Friday, December 16th: 10:30-12pm
For children ages 2-5 and their parents. Plays an important role in supporting children’s growth and development; learn ways to support children’s learning through fun and interactive activities. It’s free!

Music and Motion Toddler play group
- Friday, December 9th: 10:30-12 pm
Music and Motion is the perfect opportunity to introduce your child to structure and fun through the many wonders of music! There will be emphasis on different aspects of being a part of a group who enjoys music. Facilitated by Melissa Sparks and Traci Kuzilek.

Community Conversation Project

For everyone and anyone wanting to share in simple, honest, human conversation. Not mediation, negotiation, problem-solving or debate. An opportunity to learn, notice what is going on, to clarify your thoughts and experience and begin speaking to those around you. We’ll provide a main dish, feel free to bring a side if you would like.
- Monday, December 5th: 6-8 pm
- Monday, December 12th: 6-8 pm

Welcome Baby: back health class for new and expecting parents
Thursday, December 8th: 9-11 am
Welcome Baby is for expectant and new parents, and provides information and community support to parents and families of newborn infants (up to two years old). Our next meeting will be a class on back health taught by Dr. Todd Woodward of Florence Carlton Chiropractic.

Christmas Crafting: After School Activity
3:30-5:30 each day
- Tues. Wed. Thurs. 13th, 14th, 15th

Youth Leadership Building
1-3 pm each day
- Tuesday, Dec. 26th
- Wednesday, Dec. 28th
- Thursday, Dec. 29th
## December 2011

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### Happy Holidays

**Join the 8th Grade in Fundraising**

**Wear A Hat Day—Friday, December 16th**

Bring $1 and wear the hat of your choice all day at school. Buy tickets at the playground or at the pavilion.

Also: $500 Gift Card to Gary & Leo's

Tickets are $5

8th grade will be selling tickets between Nov 19 and Dec 19 at Gary & Leo's (weekdays from 4-6pm and weekends from 11-2)

Drawing will be held on Dec 20

Questions can be directed to Julie Vacca at 273-3870

**SAVE THOSE BOX TOPS!!**

Fundraising competition starts January 2nd.

You can help our school by clipping and collecting your box tops!

**Give Kids A Smile Day**

February 3rd, 2012 is the Montana Dental Association’s annual Give Kids A Smile Day.

On this day, local dentists will be providing needy children with free dental care. The purpose of this program is to treat children who cannot afford dental treatment.

A date has been set to do visual screenings in order to determine the need of the patients before they are divided up among the participating dentists. It will be Friday January 13th at the Southgate Mall Community Room from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm.

**Florence Holiday Bazaar 2011**

Don't miss this fantastic community event! Saturday, Dec. 10th—9 am to 2 pm

Santa will be visiting and available for pictures from 9 - 12

Elementary Super Singers and other performers begin at 9:30 am

Crafts, jewelry, clothing, baked goods, ornaments, and more! Contact Karen Schneiter at 370-3196 or FCPTEMAIL@gmail.com