Cookie Dough Fundraiser for Elementary

Thank you so much to all the students and their families who sold cookie dough, pasta, bread mixes, and trail mix this past month. The elementary school sold over $21,000 worth of goods, netting the school over $10,000. This money will go directly to a purchase of a new piece of playground equipment to be placed where the old tires were located. It'll be a great addition to recess time!

Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our annual fundraiser through a purchase of cookie dough. We are so thankful for the amazing, supportive community of Florence.

Additional appreciation needs to go out to all the volunteers that helped with counting and inventory, unloading the truck, and distributing the food. We had over 25 people who helped pull this fundraiser off.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to the hard working class of Ms. Miller in the Middle School. The students unloaded 1000s of pounds of boxes from the truck and placed them in numerical order. We couldn't have done it with out you! Thank You!

These are the Elementary Cookie Dough Top Sellers:
- Layla Winsor sold $1033 of product
- Quinn Skaggs sold $668 of product
- Johnna McKnight sold $545 of product

FCS Music Department Proudly Presents the Missoula Brass Consort

The Florence-Carlton School is proud to present the Missoula Brass Consort on Tuesday November 19th at 7:30pm in the Florence-Carlton High School Gymnasium. This large 18-piece ensemble will showcase an evening of spectacularly brilliant sounds put on by the region's finest brass and percussion musicians. Their mission is to Engage, Enrich, Educate & Entertain with a repertoire 500 years in the making – from the brass band to the brass jam! The Missoula Brass Consort presents thrilling and uncommon concert experiences for Western Montana audiences of all ages!

This lively and fun show is a benefit event in conjunction with the Florence-Carlton High School Band. Proceeds will be used in their upcoming spring tour to California. Advanced tickets - $5.00 for students, senior & children, $10.00 for adults - can be purchased through a FCHS Band Student. Or you can call Brenda Jones at 317-1263. Tickets purchased at the door are $10.00 for students and $15.00 for adults. Log on to: www.missoulabrassconsort.org for more information.

Go Falcons!

High School Student

The holiday season is the busiest time of year for our student council, as we undertake some of our most important projects for the community, such as a children’s shopping spree at Shopko and a food drive for Pantry Partners.

Every year we take a group of deserving children, selected by the elementary school counselor, to Missoula for a morning of shopping fun and camaraderie. Part of what we do is to supply each child with a gift card and, teamed with a high school shopping partner the children purchase items for themselves and holiday gifts for family members. The gift cards are largely paid for through generous community donations. This event is an annual highlight for our student council, with the bus ride, the shopping, and the pizza lunch that follows providing many lasting memories for both the young shoppers and their high school partners.

The food drive is another of our most important annual projects. We involve our fellow students in collecting as much canned food as we possibly can for the local food bank, Pantry Partners. In past years we have collected 3,000 to 4,000 pounds of food and hope to meet, if not exceed, that number this year. Pantry Partners is always in need of food, but also for monetary donations. Even the smallest contribution is greatly appreciated and felt by our community members.

Donations for all of our projects are very much needed and appreciated. The more donations we get, the more community members we can reach out to. We thank you for all your support!

~Graphics courtesy of Google and Microsoft office

The Florence-Carlton School District 15
Florence, MT 59833
Home page: http://www.florence.k12.mt.us
a line of communication between school, parents & community members-
**High School Counseling Corner**

By Sherri Williams, High School Counselor

We are off and running and it has been fun so far! Juniors and seniors recently attended the College Fair hosted by the University of Montana. You never know what you will find out when you check out a college. For example, did you know that Utah Valley University gives residency tuition to out-of-state students who have a GPA of 3.3 and an ACT score of 24? Each college has unique standards and their own scholarships too! Visit your colleges of interests’ web site.

**SENIORS,** Right now is the time to:
- Register to take the ACT/SAT (some scholarships require scores **prior** to December, 2013)
- Only two dates available to take the ACT and/or SAT **before** the end of 2013:
  - **ACT:** December 14th, Register by November 8th for no late fee (Nov 9-22, $23 late fee).
  - **SAT:** December 7th, Register by November 8th for no late fee (by November 22nd, $27.50 late fee).
- Check out school web sites and look into their scholarships offered
- **If you are interested in attending an out of state school, check the school’s website to see if it participates in the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE).** This is a scholarship that has out of state students pay up to 150% tuition (For example, if residents pay $4000, a non-resident would pay $6000). This is a big savings! Each school has differing eligibility criteria and often limits enrollment (usually first-come, first-served basis).
- Begin applying to colleges you are interested in.
- Sign up with Mrs. Williams to participate in College Application Week (Nov 11th – 15th).
- Many Montana Colleges waive or defer their application fee this week.
- We will be applying to Montana Colleges during school on November 13th.
- Visit college campuses (Colleges often have special event plans designed for prospective students including tours, Financial Aid presentations, and Career Services, etc.)

- **MSU Friday:** January 31, 2014 & March 7th and 21st, 2014
- Register at: www.montana.edu/admissions/msufriday/
- **UM Days:** November 8, 2013, & November 22, 2014
- Register at: admissions.umt.edu.
- Begin working on Letters of Recommendation and a Resume

Please visit “Mrs. Williams Scholarships Page” on the Florence-Carlton website for a list of scholarships that updates immediately when a scholarship is added and provides links to scholarship websites and applications!

**MSU Presidential Scholarship**
- This is a competitive scholarship for high achieving students attending MSU. It is the most prestigious and includes a full tuition waiver and a generous stipend for 4 years. Finalists, who do not receive the Presidential will be considered to receive the Provost Scholarship, which also is for a full tuition waiver. A cumulative GPA of 3.75 and a composite score of 30 on the ACT or 2000 on the SAT are the expected norms for applicants. Applications available in the counseling office or at [www.montana.edu/honors](http://www.montana.edu/honors)
- **Deadline:** December 6, 2013

**Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship**
- Begins with a Local Level (Bitterroot Valley) competition where the award amount for this year has not been specified, but last year it was $500.
- Winners move on to the State and National Levels where awards are:
  - Two $50,000 scholarships
  - Two $40,000 scholarships
  - Two $30,000 scholarships
  - 14 $20,000 scholarships
  - 480 $4,000 scholarships
- Online application found at: [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm)
- Mail or drop off applications at: BPO ELKS Lodge #1651
  203 State Street
  Hamilton, MT 59840
- **Deadline:** December 6, 2013 by 5:00 p.m.

**Montana University System Honor Scholarship (MUSHS)**
- 4-year tuition waiver at any Montana University System (MUS) campus. Target number of 200 scholarships awarded each year.
- Applications are scored by combining their GPA, Class Rank, and ACT/SAT score. Register and complete the application online at: [www.scholarship.mt.gov](http://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.
  - Be a US Citizen
  - Take the ACT or SAT test by December of your senior year
  - Students may also apply for the Merit and Merit-at-large scholarships on one application
  - Must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2014

**MSU Freshman Scholarships /MSU Premier Scholarship**
- Awards range from $1000 to $12,000
- Apply to Montana State University, have your ACT or SAT scores sent to MSU.
- Fill out the application for the scholarship at www.montana.edu/admissions/premierscholarship/
- **Deadline:** February 1, 2014

**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-yr campus. Awarded by Financial Aid Offices.

- This scholarship is for those not utilizing a Montana University System Honor Scholarship.
- Register and complete application online at: [www.scholarship.mt.gov](http://www.scholarship.mt.gov)
- For the Merit-at Large: Mail packet including:
  - Signed application
  - Most recent transcript
  - Proof of ACT/SAT score (taken by December)

**College acceptance letter**
To: SFS
- Scholarship Department
- PO Box 203101
- Helena, MT 59620-3101
- Postmarked no later than March 15, 2014

**College Application Week! (November 11-15, 2013)**
- Wednesday, November 13th during 2nd period (10:00am-11:30am)
- seniors will have the opportunity to apply to a Montana College of their choice with either no application fee or a deferred fee (only due if you choose to attend). For more information, and to sign up, please see Mrs. Williams
Dear High School Parents,

These are the days your student will want to remember forever. Help make the year unforgettable by purchasing a 2014 FCHS yearbook. For only $50.00, your student will have a book that will be enjoyed now and 20, 30 or even 50 years from now. You also can make the yearbook extra special by purchasing namestamping and a protective plastic cover.

Buy online with credit card, debit card or PayPal at yearbookforever.com or at school with cash or check in Mrs. Briney’s room, 205. Order now, so your student won’t miss out when the yearbook is distributed.

Taking photos this year? At the game, the dance, the concert? Share them by using Community Upload! When you submit your amazing photos to the yearbook staff via Community Upload, your pictures have a chance to be featured in the yearbook!

Submit your photos now with Community Upload:
Go to yearbookforever.com.
Under Community Upload, enter access code falconfans and click Enter.
Click Upload Photo to begin uploading your photos.

As an adult, you know how important high school memories become. Don’t let your student’s memories fade; make sure they get a yearbook!

Sincerely,
Keri Briney
Yearbook Adviser
FCHS

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### 2013 AP Scholars

**AP Scholar w/ Distinction**
- Michael Tafing
- Dylan Luftman

(Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP® Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams)

**AP Scholar with Honor**
- Madeline Barton
- Lora Bidlaman

(Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP® Exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams)

**AP Scholar**
- Courtney Ambler
- Nicholas Brouillette
- Shaine Driscoll
- Kaitlin Fausett
- Sienna Hoppke
- Ryley Hill
- Ari Kopulos
- Nell Roppel
- Ashley Wallman

(Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP® Exams)

*Advanced Placement (AP) courses can be taken by students who are dedicated to working hard and getting the most from their education. At the end of the school year, students may sign up to take the AP® Exam. If a student receives a qualifying score (usually a score of 3) they may receive college credits, advanced placement, or both at the 90% of colleges who accept AP® Exams. In 2013, Florence-Carlton had 39 students taking AP® classes; 94 exams were given and 64% of AP® students had scores of 3 or better. If you would like more information about AP® courses, please call the high school counselor, Sherri Williams. (406) 273-6301.*

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### Florence Boy Scout Completes Eagle Scout Project at Highout Mountain

My name is Nate Miller and I am a Boy Scout in Troop 1115 in Florence. I decided to do my Eagle Scout project at the park because over the years, my family noticed a consistent problem with trash being spilled all over the ground. I realized that building some type of garbage can holders would significantly reduce or eliminate the problem. After discussing this with John Comish Tabor of the Florence Park Board, we later learned that birds and dogs were tipping the garbage cans over.

It is well known that the park has also had a problem with vandalism. A security camera system was installed, but I thought that adding some night time lighting would further help to discourage vandalism. It would also be nice to have some extra lighting for people using the park facilities during the short winter days when evenings can be somewhat gloomy. With the helpful suggestions from my family and others, I decided that a motion light mounted above the pavilion would add much needed light to the front of the playground area. A timer light inside the pavilion would provide essential lighting for use during fall and winter activities.

John also informed us of one more serious and expensive problem at the park, and that is the illegal disposal of household trash in the park’s dumpsters. The Park Board wanted us to install a utility pole mounted with a security camera and motion light to eliminate this illegal activity.

I started out by doing some fund raising and thanks to very kind and generous monetary donations from my grandparents, my family, Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Florence, and Paul Brand of Florence Pharmacy, I had enough to begin my Eagle Scout project.

To get information, help, and supplies I called and met with representatives from several businesses. Mr. Marty Maclay from Maclay Electric and Pump Service, Inc. enthusiastically agreed to do the electrical work and supply the electrical wire, conduit, and fittings. Montana Security and Communications Inc., which installed the current security system at the park, very generously donated a security camera and all the wire, connectors and brackets required. Home Depot in Missoula kindly gave me a 20% discount on the purchase of motion lights, a timer light, Trex for the garbage can holders, and other miscellaneous hardware. Fasteners in Missoula also gave me a 20% discount on miscellaneous hardware.

Russ Clark Welding and Fabrication graciously donated a hand crafted custom bracket to enclose the wiring and mount the motion light above the pavilion roof. Missoula Electric Cooperative Inc. kindly donated the pole and its installation. Mr. Mike Maclay of Maclay Electric very generously donated his labor and equipment to do the nearly 200 ft. of trenching needed for running the electrical and camera wiring.

My project was divided into two phases. During the first phase, I had the garbage can holders built at my home and then installed at the park by the fantastic volunteer labor of my fellow Boy Scouts and some of their parents on their personal time on a Saturday in June (June 1st). During the second phase, I had all of the electrical work done at the park. The unbeatable volunteer labor of Boy Scouts in my troop, some of their hard working parents, and the professional help of Mr. Marty Maclay and Mr. Mike Maclay were essential in the completion of my project. Because this work was also done on a Saturday (August 3rd), all labor was generously done on private, donated time. Also, the Ace Hardware store in Florence came to the rescue on project day when it was discovered that more conduit was needed and they not only had it in stock, but also gave me a charitable 20% discount.

I am very grateful for the immense and kind assistance from many scouts from my troop, their parents, and all the professionals from the businesses mentioned above. One of my fellow Boy Scout parents and his son even offered to come back the next day after project day (on a Sunday) and help me and my family finish culling rocks and leveling out the almost 200 feet of trench area. Phil from Montana Security and Communications Inc. also selflessly donated his valuable time on Sunday and came to the park to finish connecting the camera and integrate it into the existing system.

Now that all of the work is done, the already impressive Hideout Mountain Park in Florence is even further improved. The garbage can holders eliminated the problem with the garbage cans tipping over and because they are constructed from Trex and corrosive resistant hardware, are heavy duty and virtually maintenance free. The motion lights, timer light, and security camera have added previously nonexistent lighting and improved the security. Now schools and the community can count on a much cleaner and brighter experience than ever before.

I would again like to thank the following businesses; without them my project would not have been possible:

- Marty Maclay, Maclay Electric and Pump Service, Inc.
- Mike Maclay Electric
- Russ Clark Welding and Fabrication
- Montana Security and Communications, Inc.
- Missoula Electric Cooperative, Inc.
- Missoula Home Depot
- Fasteners of Missoula
- Florence Ace Hardware
What’s Happening in Florence!

A Very Special Thank You
Kelsey Deschamps and her family wish to express their sincerest thanks to the Florence community, students, and staff who have been so generous in their well wishes for her recovery. Kelsey has returned to school and continues to focus on the neurological, emotional, and physical healing of her surgery in September. Kelsey will face ongoing medical care in Seattle but will always return to the people of Florence who have embraced her in their care.

Our sincerest thanks to all, Dave, Leanne, Kelsey, and Jake Deschamps

Parent/Teacher Conferences
The Middle School will be holding parent/teacher conferences on November 13th and 14th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Parents will be contacted if teachers desire a pre-scheduled conference. Pre-scheduled conferences will be held from 4:00 to 5:15 on Wednesday, with open time slots until 7:00. On Thursday, open time slots will be available from 4:00 to 5:30, with pre-scheduled conferences from 5:30 to 7:00. We look forward to seeing you!

Florence Civic Club News
The Florence Civic Club will hold its 3rd annual “Day of Giving” On Saturday, November 30, from 11am-3pm.

“Day of Giving” is an opportunity for community members to buy a raffle ticket, donate a toy to Toys for Tots, or make a monetary donation to the Florence Civic Club, to be used with the Share Tree.

The Share Tree serves needy children and their families at Christmas time, by purchasing much needed shoes, coats, pants and more.

This event will be held at Florence Ace Hardware, located at 5524 Old US Hwy 93, in Florence, Montana.
- Come by to grab a FREE, delicious treat, bowl of chili!
- Cupcake decorating available for the children.

Any questions on how to donate or help serve? Call or email Ann at (406) 403-6491 Abethea17@gmail.com

The Florence Civic Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Fire Department.
Ann Bethea
Florence Ace Hardware
(406) 273-4333

Missoula County Fire Protection Association visits Florence
Each year the Missoula County Fire Protection Association brings an entertaining and informational puppet show to our kindergarten students. The students learn about fire safety techniques like: where to breathe when in a roomful of smoke, how to stop, drop and roll, the importance of getting out of a burning building, having a designated meeting spot, and that it is important to have tools like fire detectors in your home. The puppets tell stories, sing, and make us laugh as we learn.

Thanks firefighters!

It’s Time to Count Seeds!
We had lots of practice counting by tens. This year’s pumpkin weighed 19 pounds and had 638 seeds. Past year pumpkins had these seed counts: 453, 478, 494, 528 and 656 seeds! From Ms. Adams K/T1 class
The Florence Library will soon begin checking out Kindles to MS and HS students. Kindles will be preloaded with a variety of fiction books suitable to students. Students wishing to checkout Kindles will need to have a parent sign a permission form that is available in the Library. Students can keep the Kindles for a two-week period. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Matter in the library.

The Kindles are Coming!
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October is Breast Cancer Month
As you know, this month is cancer awareness month and chances are someone you know has been affected by cancer in some way. Over the last 14 years, 5 of our teachers at Florence have shared their cancer diagnosis with us. That’s an average of once every 3 years. In addition to that, several of our community members and parents are currently in some stage of their own fight with cancer. One thing that is visibly common with those fighting cancer is hair loss due to chemotherapy treatment. Many times we see friends and family will shave their own heads in support for their loved one. So what can you do? What if we didn’t shave our heads? What if we did the opposite and grew our hair long? Would you be willing to pledge to grow your hair out long and donate it to companies such as “Locks of Love” that make natural hair wigs for those who wish to keep hair during their treatment? If you are willing to make the pledge, please see Mr. Stiegler or your school secretary for a pledge sheet to join the others who have already joined the Florence Hair Club.

Winter Sport Meeting
Plan to attend if your child is participating in a winter sport!
Florence Carlton Elementary

Drinking Pouch Recycling

Did you know that FCS can recycle the silver Drink Pouches that students and athletes consume? Each pouch is worth money back to our school! Specially designated Red Garbage cans are strategically located at the front of the lower Elementary School and in the lunch room. Please remind your student that they can easily toss their empty Capri Sun or other silver Drink Pouch in either garbage. Every pouch makes a different both to the landfill AND to our school!

THANKS!

Raps, Rounds and Rhythm will be Presented by the 4th Grade Class

All 4th grade students will be presenting Raps, Rounds, and Rhythm their musical presentation for this school year on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 on the stage in the F-C Old Gym at 7:00 pm. The musical element of harmony will be showcased through vocal and instrumental rounds and through the layering of unturned percussion instruments. The students will use recorders, and tuned and untuned percussion instruments in the program.

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

Chili Feed on November 2nd for the Deschamps Family

Kelsey Deschamps is a senior here at Florence-Carlton. Her mom Leanne, is an 8th grade English and French teacher, and her brother is a freshman. On September 24th Kelsey had surgery on her brainstem to remove a cavernous malformation. She is currently going through rehab to get back to where she was. To help the Deschamps family with medical expenses, we are planning on having a chili feed, silent auction and cake walk to raise money for them. The feed will be on Saturday, November 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the old gym at the school. Admission is free, however donations are greatly appreciated! Please come and help support Kelsey as she recovers! There are going to be great auction items!

If you have any questions or want to help out, contact Hai- ley Huot @ dfjin101@yahoo.com or Carli O’Brien at carloobrien@gmail.com

Saving Box Tops for our School

Don’t throw away a single thing until you’ve looked it over for a Box Top for Education label! Every time you blow your nose in this cold season, you might be helping the school! On the bottom of Kleenex boxes there are box tops! They can also be found on so many products, from cereal to frosting to mailing labels. Each box top earns the school $.10 for recreational equipment. For a complete list of where you can find Box Tops, check out www.boxtops4education.com/products/participating-products. The classes are challenging each other for some great top prizes! Send in those tops! Community members can also drop off box tops to the elementary office. THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR SCHOOL!

Florence-Carlton Parents and Teachers Group

Florence Carlton Elementary

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 (food, clothes, and presents for children) as we are connected with outside resources that may be able to help.

- Chrissy Hulla Grades K-2
- Stacy Holden, Grades 3-5
- Ali Bristow, Grades 6-8
- Sherri Williams, Grades 9-12

In addition, the following resources are available in the community:

Pantry Partners is a small food bank in North Ravalli County, Montana run by volunteers. They reported to 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.

They are 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

Hours: M-W-F 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Clients may park in the back and enter in the back door. They also accept food donations. $ donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent to:

Pantry Partners, PO Box 806, Stevensville, MT 59870

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 may 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
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

A Letter to the Community

I just wanted to write to extend a deep felt Thank You to the Florence Elementary staff who worked hard to get an additional teacher for this year’s 5th grade class.

Last year, my daughter’s 4th grade class was large and there wasn’t enough staff to give enough individual help to the students who needed it. Since there was only two teachers, her class had too many kids crammed into too small a room and it was difficult to concentrate and properly have enough time to teach new concepts. She would come home completely drained from the constant commotion that a packed room full of energetic children generates.

I am happy to say that this year has been COMPLETELY different. With the desperately needed addition of Mr. Tucker, there are enough 5th grade teachers and classrooms to constructively accommodate all the children and they are much better able to learn and even thrive. This will be so vital as the children leave the Elementary after this year and start Middle School next year.

I just wanted to thank all the people who made this additional teacher position possible: Superintendent Mr. John McGee, Middle School Principal Ms. Audrey Backus, Fourth grade teachers Mrs. Marissa Mazur and Mrs. Rochelle Blomquist, and ALL the parents of the Fourth grade students who never gave up in their well thought out and executed efforts to get an additional teacher for their kids for 5th grade. I am sincerely grateful for this essential improvement to my daughter's and all the 5th grade children's education.

Thanks again, Susan Miller
2nd Annual Pie Social—Drama Fundraiser

Happy November! The Florence High School Drama department is in full swing this year. By the time you read this, the Florentine Players (our amazing, talented, and illustrous Drama troupe of 13) will already have performed this year’s annual Halloween Safety Play. This year we brought you a musical featuring Halloween music, dancing, shenanigans, ballyhoo, and fanfare—including the final year of Dustin Synek as the lovable and always mischievous but moral Goat. We also introduced a new villain that is certain to be a favorite for years to come: The Muffin Man, played surreptitiously by Paige Hillman. Since it hasn’t happened yet, I won’t say how well it went, but I am positive that the vast and overwhelming majority of the entire K-12 was in attendance in our gymnasium. I am very proud of these students, as usual, for taking this Drama class to new heights, as they do with each play they play. Which leads us to the next great performance right around the corner:

THE 2ND ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL hosted by your FCHS Drama troupe will be held Sunday, November 24th at 4pm in the Old Gym. This is the Sunday right before Thanksgiving, and provides the perfect opportunity to purchase pies that will be ready to serve on Thanksgiving Day! This year’s theme will feature a series of short plays (10 minutes or less) performed on the stage in living color. There will be PIES for auction, pies to eat, and pies for all other utilitarian pie purposes. A $2 suggested donation provides you oodles of pie to eat and coffee to drink.

Since this is our only fundraiser of the year, we are humbly asking the Florence community to consider helping us in one of the following ways:

1. Attend our 2nd Annual Pie Social and enjoy theatre, pie, and more pie!!!
2. Bake a pie or two to donate to the silent auction during the event.
3. Donate your time or money to help support your local Drama department.

Anyone interested please contact Kelly Ostheimer in the High School Office, or Derk Schmidt at schmidt202@gmail.com

Please come down and enjoy an evening of pie, theatre and unbridled good times while supporting the arts!

Written by Derk Schmidt

Music Boosters Thanks the Community

The Florence Music Boosters would like to thank the students, parents, custodial staff, Hamilton Packing, Albertsons, Walmart, Costco, All Seasons Storage and Trey at the Mailman. We would also like to thank all of those who attended and helped support the music programs!

1. Donate your time or money to help support your local music programs.
2. Bake a pie or two to donate to the silent auction during the event.
3. Provide you oodles of pie to eat and coffee to drink.

Florence Falcon Fans Rock!

Can you believe that we are already thinking about winter sports? Booster Club would like to invite all winter athletes, coaches, and parents to a potluck on November 18 at 6 p.m. with a parent meeting right after at 7 p.m.

Are you a fan of the Florence Falcons? If so you should join the Florence Athletic Booster Club and help us make student athletes experience the best ever.

The Florence Falcon Booster Club has already provided $800 to each athletic team and to the cheerleaders this fall. We also anticipate providing at least two scholarships to our senior athletes in the spring. We are also proud to provide an opportunity for groups throughout the school to raise money by working in the concessions stand.

We hope to be able to give more money to each team in the near future. To make that happen, we must fundraise NOW. Show your enthusiasm through helping out. If each parent donated two hours to and activity of the Falcon Boosters we would rock the Bitterroot! We often run the concession stand at home sporting events. We have a scholarship committee that reviews scholarship applications and decides the recipients annually. We meet in the teacher’s lounge on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Let us keep you in the loop:

1. Join our listserve so we can keep you up-to-date on important events. Save this email address in your address book so that email from the listserve won’t get lost in your spam. Please add: florencefalconboosters@lists.shepard.tv. Then email florencefalconboosters@gmail.com to give us your email address.
2. Sign up to volunteer on Voluntearspot.com:
   A. Go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/7DnjVF
   B. Enter your email address: (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
   C. Sign up! Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me at florencefalconboosters@gmail.com and I can sign you up manually.

Delaine Maki
Florence Athletic Booster Club President
Congratulations for a Great Homecoming Week

Congratulations to the student body for behaving so well in the hallways this year! Teaching students to be safe, responsible and respectful has been paying off. Students are courteous and considerate of each other, teachers and visitors. During Spirit Week the hallways were full of fabulous decorations - thanks to the cheerleaders! Students made sure that they were taken care of and up on the walls for the entire week. The school was full of spirit and everyone had a fabulous time! In fact, the banners and posters are still up and in good shape! Thanks to everyone who helps make Florence-Carlton School a great place to be!

~Brenda Bolton

A Special Thanks to the Whole Community

Thank You to everyone who made the Homecoming Parade a success. Florence Carlton Homecoming is always a special time for the community to come and celebrate with all of the festivities going on. Also a special thanks to Carrie Greer for heading up and organizing the lineup of the parade making sure it all ran smoothly.

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The Florence-Carlton School follows the Montana High School Association rules. With regard to Open gym MHSA rules states: “Open gym/field is an arrangement whereby the school’s facilities are scheduled for volunteer play for all the student body grades 9-12.” (MHSA 2013-2014 handbook)

Please be aware that Open gyms are not a time when students can receive group instructions. Coaches are not allowed to coach or provide organized drills. Coaches may only supervise volunteer play.

If you have any questions regarding any sport activities or open gym time please contact the high school.

from the desk of Dan Grabowska, High School Principal

Something happened in education recently-technology! It was not too far in the distant past when we prohibited students from bringing their own technology to school. We banned cell phones, PDA’s, gaming devices, and pretty much anything else that the school deemed inappropriate. The main reason for this was probably because schools did not understand the technology, were afraid of the technology, or did not have a clue as to how the technology worked. But then things started to change.

Why do schools generally look differently at technology now? Basically, technology has become such an integrated part of our lives. Schools realized that they need to incorporate technology into the curriculum, more than using computers to teach typing and word processing. Students need to know how to use spread sheets, create presentations, edit photography and video, interact with other students over distance, write computer code, to name just a few things.

Another reason that schools have brought in technology is that costs are down and devices are much more user friendly. Instead of banning phones in schools, many are allowing the use of smart phones. These phones allow students to connect to the internet through their cell carriers or through wireless networks. IPads, Kindles and other tablet devices give students access to apps to help in learning. And lap top prices are dropping all the time.

FCHS has been slowly allowing more use of personal devices, while at the same time providing faster computers and our own IPads for student use. Students in English and Social Studies classes utilize Google Docs to collaborate on papers, peer edit each other’s papers, and turn in their work. Science classes utilize their own laptop lab to conduct labs and write papers. Our technology department utilizes their computers for creating videos, presentations, developing lathe designs, and calculating accounting problems. Students take quizzes and surveys using their phones. Teachers use www.remind101 to communicate class reminders to students and parents.

In other words, technology is becoming more and more integrated into our classrooms. Students and teachers utilize technology as they are learning so that students are better prepared for the world after high school. Technology, even though there are still scary aspects to it that we need to continue to teach and warn students about, is a vital component of our education system.

What’s Coming Up November 2013 – Grades 3-8

Nov 1 3rd grade field trip to Traveler’s Rest
Nov 1 Elementary Heart Walk
Nov 1 MS Dance 7:00-8:30-FCMS students only
Nov 11 Veteran’s Day Assembly 10:30 New Gym
Nov 13/14 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 PM
Nov 15 No school
Nov 28/29 Thanksgiving Break (no school)
### Florence- Carlton Parents and Teachers Group

**Florence Carlton Elementary**

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#### Trick or Treat for the Troops

Don’t let that extra Halloween candy go to waste (OR go TO your waist)!

Starting November 1st, bring all your leftover or extra candy to the Elementary office. Care packages will be assembled to be sent out to American soldiers around the world. Last year, we sent over 85 lbs of goods to service members around the world, along with handmade notes from community members and school children. If you have a connection to a soldier that our school could send a package to, please submit his/her address to fptemail@gmail.com. We aim to have the gifts arrive by the holidays. Thank you so much for your help!

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**Middle School Need – Parent(s) who would like to put together the middle school yearbook or sponsor a middle school yearbook club.**

Please contact the middle school office if interested. 273 - 0587

Community members are invited to attend the Veteran’s Day Assembly on Monday, November 11th at 10:30 a.m.

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**Florence Adult Education is Back**

We will be offering Adult Education classes again this year in a variety of subjects. Look for classes in Art, Music, Business, Yoga , Parenting, Languages and Crafts. You can find information on the classes, dates and times on the school website, and at each of the school offices. This year classes will require pre-registration to help the instructors prepare materials, most classes will only cost $10, a few will charge more for materials. Classes for the Fall session will begin in mid-October. Question?

Contact Ingrid Miller at 240-5261

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**Put Your Year in Focus with Community**

You were spotted taking photos! Share them with the yearbook staff. Your photos may appear in the yearbook!

Submit your photos now:

1. Go to yearbookforever.com and enter our school name.
2. Under Community Upload, enter the access code: code falconfan.
3. Upload your photos.

Snap it-Share it-See it – with Community Upload!