Dear Parents and Community Members,

As the days get shorter, students are starting to head to bus stops and school in the morning and then home again in the evening from activities with less light or in the dark. Please be on the lookout for students walking or riding a bike. Remind your child that even though pedestrians have the right of way, drivers might not always see them. Everyone should be encouraged to use the paths when available.

The speed limit is 15 MPH on Long Avenue and is 15 MPH on Old Hwy 93 starting on the south at Westgate Way all the way to Edens Lane and Ropers Way on the north.

If you are driving your child to school please drop them off in the designated loading zones. The drop off areas are parallel pull-in zones and are located on Long Ave. and Old Hwy 93 on both sides of these streets. You may also drop your student off in the west parking lot across the street from the school at the north end. There are no straight pull-in parking spots on either road. People have been parking straight in on Long Avenue where the southeast loading zone is located. This puts larger vehicles into the roadway and creates a hazard.

Please do not drop your child off in the middle of the street or allow them to cross the street anywhere but the crosswalks. Even if they are with an adult this is a dangerous practice. The crossing guards are there for the safety of pedestrians. The district is providing them training to better serve our students and community. Help them by being a courteous driver.

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

I hope that everyone has a safe and healthy holiday.

Bud Scully
Superintendent

Music in December!

‘Tis the month of music, that’s for sure! There are so many opportunities to participate in and listen to live music and we are lucky to have them either in Florence or very nearby! (If any student or adult is interested in participating in the gigs at the Southgate Mall, please contact Mrs. Kirby).

Dates in bold are home concerts featuring Florence students. Here they are:

Dec 3 ~ FCHS Concert & Jazz Bands ~ Old Gym @ 7:30pm
Dec 3 ~ Christmas Clarinet & Thunder Tongues ~ Southgate Mall @ 7pm
Dec 5 ~ Caroling, "Parade of Lights" downtown Missoula, Florence Hotel 1-4:30pm & post tree lighting
Dec 5 & 6 ~ "Holiday Pops" ~Missoula Symphony and Chorale, 7:30 pm & 3pm, UM Dennison Theatre
Dec 7 ~ Festive Flutes ~ Southgate Mall @ 7pm
Dec 8 ~ UM Choirs & Symphonic Wind Ensemble Holiday Concert, 7:30 pm @ UM Dennison Theatre
Dec 9 ~ FCS 5th Grade Music & Band ~ Old Gym @ 7pm
Dec 11 ~ Tuba Christmas ~ Southgate Mall @ 7pm
Dec 11 ~ "Merry Christmas" ~Missoula Community Chorus, 7:30 pm @ St. Anthony's Church
Dec 12 ~ Horn Holidays ~ Southgate Mall @ 4pm
Dec 12 ~ "A Spotless Rose" Dolce Canto Choir Holiday Concert, 7:30 pm @ St. Anthony's Church
Dec 14 ~ FCMS Bands World Music Concert Night #1 ~ Old Gym @ 7:30
Dec 15 ~ FCMS Bands World Music Concert Night #2 ~ Old Gym @ 7:30

*see separate article for explanation of the 2 night concert

Dec 15 ~ Double Reed Christmas ~ Southgate Mall @ 5:30
Dec 16 ~ FCMS & FCHS Choirs ~ New Gym @ 7:30
Dec 18 ~ FCCHS Carltonians Caroling to Local Nursing Homes all day

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.
These are two images of Alexis Cope's Wonderland tea pot. One of her in progress and the finished project. This and many other Art works may be seen in the display cases by the high school office.

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Close’s project is focused on a single migratory species, the Wilson’s Warbler. Observations of this small, brightly-colored yellow bird are quite uncommon during the breeding season in Western Montana, but it has been the species with the highest frequency of NFC’s recorded at MPG. It is suspected that individuals representing two western subspecies that breed as far north as Alaska and winter as far south as Costa Rica are moving through our area during migrations. Typically one of the subspecies is confined mostly to the coastal areas of California, and that bird is in serious decline due to habitat losses. Close is studying spectrograms of calls of this species trying to establish a way to distinguish the subspecies strictly from the nocturnal flight calls. Her hope is to make it possible for the bird’s abundance to be studied by biologists across the West using this technique rather than solely through direct observations and bird-banding data.

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Grant Provides Unique Opportunity For Florence Science Students

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Holiday Help: Ways to give and receive this season in the Bitterroot

As the holidays approach, we want to make sure everyone has a healthy and happy holiday. Please contact your school counselor if you are in need of holiday assistance (food, clothes, and presents for children) as we may be able to connect you with outside resources that may be able to help.

Megan LaPalm Grades K-5 – lapalmim@florence.k12.mt.us or 406-683-6471 ext. 216
Ali Bristow, Grades 6-8 – bristowa@florence.k12.mt.us or 406-273-0587 ext. 300
Sherri Williams, Grades 9-12 – williams@florence.k12.mt.us or 406-273-6301 ext. 421

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

Pantry Partners/Clothes Closet

Both are housed in a new building in Stevensville at 3614 ALC Way. Pantry Partners has been serving the North Bitterroot Valley since 1989. The pantry has numerous year round services for individuals and families along with preparing Christmas food boxes and toys for the holidays. The pantry is open M-W-F from 11:00AM to 2:30PM. Please contact them if you are in need this season. They also accept cash, produce and game donations. Call 406-777-0351 or visit their website at http://pantrypartnersfoodbank.org.

The Clothing Closet, aka “the Free Store” is located at the same building as Pantry Partners. The Closet is open M-W-Sat from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. Donations are accepted from 1:00PM to 3:30PM. The Closet is a community free store open to anyone, regardless of income. The store has many household items and clothing for adults and children. The clothing closet also participates in a Christmas “shopping” program for families in need.

Please feel free to contact us at the above information. Wishing you a wonderful holiday season!

Mrs. LaPalm
Ms. Bristow
Mrs. Williams

Middle School Bands to present a World Music Extravaganza

This fall, the Middle School Bands (grades 6-8) have been preparing and learning about music from around the world. At the beginning of the year, when I asked the 8th graders what types of music they’d like to explore, many replied they’d like to play music from other countries. They gave me a list of countries they’d really like and then I went to the task of finding band music to fit the ability levels, instrumentation and country requests.

We decided together, the students and I, to postpone our fall concert and put on a 2 night world music extravaganza in December. I know an extra night in the same week is a lot to ask of families and their crazy schedules, but the students were really excited about the idea of really polishing their music and spreading the festivities over 2 nights. This also gives us a chance to take time to learn about each country, their people and their traditional musical instruments and sounds.

Each band will have a few tunes by themselves and many together. There will even be a surprise guest soloist representing Italy on Monday night! And you will get to hear a small group of ukulele players, as well!! We also decided together that we would present the concert in the same fashion as the sun rising and setting. Thus, the audience will enjoy hearing from the eastern hemisphere on Monday night and finish with the western hemisphere on Tuesday night. There will be a few less tunes on Tuesday night, so we are going to finish our concerts with a celebration of treats from around the world. Parent volunteers have agreed to bring a treat from certain parts of the world.

So come on, come all and hear the music of Oceania, Russia, Asia, India, Saudi Arabia, Greece, Tanzania, Spain, Britain, Mexico, Hawaii and the good ‘ole USA! Monday, Dec 14 and Tuesday, Dec 15 – The Old Gym – 7:30pm both nights.

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Amusement Gold Membership Books for sale soon!

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You’ll save on over 100 offers on 2-for-1 or better on food, services & entertainment from Missoula all the way up the Bitterroot!! Past vendors include Lost Trail, Cafe Firenze, Subway, Pizza Hut, (Hamilton to Missoula), the Laughing Grizzly, Dickey’s BBQ, Stevi Playhouse, Lighthouse Bistro and many, many more.

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Florence Community News

Student Council News

Florence’s constantly active student council is packing their Santa bags full of projects for the frosty winter months. Plunging right into the polar vortex, the group of students are already prepared for their food drive, obstacle course (part of the food drive), and shopping spree.

Aiming for heights beyond last years incredibles feats, the 2015-2016 council has a goal of collecting 5,200 pounds of cans and other non-perishable items for the annual food drive. The 5,000 pounds obtained from the 2014-2015 school year delivered an inspiring message to the Falcon students and we are determined to show our school and community spirit by delivering 200 pounds more to the Stevensville Pantry Partners this holiday season. Preparation is taking place in the form of creating crafty snowman boxes, decorated by a student council committee, and the continuation of an exciting new tradition, the obstacle course.

A rewarding session of brainstorming last year resulted in an action-filled, hilarious competition that brought in a boatload of cans for the drive. By popular demand the student council is bringing back that fundraiser in hopes of repeating the same positive outcome.

The student council is also trying to reach out to the community for help in accomplishing this year’s goal. Generous can donations can be dropped off at one of the several Santa decorated boxes located in the Florence Farmers State Bank, the Health and Wellness Physical Therapy, in front of the high school office, and at the Florence Christmas Bazaar at the school. All contributions will be greatly appreciated and the generosity of the community will help many people have brighter, more positive holidays. All food that is collected will be boxed and distributed to local families.

In addition to the food drive, student council members are seeking donations to help us with our annual shopping spree for elementary students. The excitement of taking a group of deserving children on a day of shopping, a pizza lunch, and all the other associated activities makes lasting memories for both the shoppers and the student council elves. Each year, around 15 students are selected to attend this day full of fun and new purchases. The council can not wait to take these students on the day trip and we know that the children are just as thrilled. If you or your business wants to help us make this the most successful shopping spree, we would welcome your donations. Thank you Florence Community Members for helping us with any and all our Christmas projects!

You’re invited to our annual Florence Holiday Bazaar

Quality crafts, jewelry, ornaments, clothing, baked goods & more! Supervised children’s activities while you shop. Entertainment featuring area musicians. Delicious hot breakfast & lunch entrees. Event Charity. Bring food or a monetary donation for the local food pantry. Free pictures with Santa until noon.

Where: Florence–Carlton School Old Gym
When: Saturday, December 5th 2015
Time: 9 am – 3 pm

Board of Trustees to Honor Students and Volunteers

The Florence-Carlton Board of Trustees will start a new tradition of honoring students and volunteers at their monthly meetings. At the Strategic Planning session held recently the board decide that one of their goals was to increase the communities knowledge of the “Good Things” that are happening here in the Florence-Carlton School District. At the December meeting the Board will honor the Lady Falcon Volleyball team who this year went 25-2 and won the Conference, District, and Divisional Championships. The volunteer that they are going to honor is Grandma Wilma Marchinek who has volunteered in the elementary school every day for 15 years. Grandma Wilma has helped a whole generation of Florence-Carlton students learn!

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Dear Florence High School Students and Family,

These are the days you will want to remember forever. Help make the year unforgettable by purchasing a 2016 Falcon Yearbook.

Purchase yours for $50 now through October 15th, after that prices increase though February.

It’s easy to order!

Buy online at yearbookforever.com and enter our school name. Bring payment to Mrs. Briney’s room.

Please accept our invitation for you to be a part of the yearbook fun-follow The Falcon yearbook on Instagram. Just go to @florencyearbook and click follow. You can also upload your own pictures for possible yearbook use at yearbookforever.com, search Florence-Carlton High School, then click Community Upload, the access code is falconfans2016.

Don’t forget! Senior portraits, baby, and toddler photos are due by January 15, 2016! Turn them into the high school office or Mrs. Briney.

Don’t let your high school memories fade; make sure you buy your yearbook now!

Sincerely,

Your 2016 Yearbook Staff
News from Florence-Carlton School

Homework Help Program

Do you like to help kids? Have a couple extra hours you can give once a week? The Homework Help Middle School program is looking for volunteer tutors this year. Volunteers help students after school with homework, projects and team building activities. If you are interested please contact Alii Bristow, middle school counselor at 273-0587 or Gregory Ammondson, pastor at Dayspring Church at 273-4650.

The middle school is looking for donations of zip up 3 ring binders for student use. We also are collecting non-perishable snacks to be kept in the office for students who may need one. Granola bars and peanut butter crackers are great to grab and go! Donations can be dropped off with Reba Hoff or Alii Bristow in the middle school office.

Florence Athletic Booster Club News – December 2015

Winter sports season is upon us! We are excited to see the wrestlers and the boys and girls basketball teams whoop it up for Florence! Go Falcons! The first home wrestling match is December 8th vs Frenchtown at 4 PM – Come and support our wrestlers! The first home boys’ basketball game is December 17th vs Loyola! Don’t miss this one! The first home combo boys and girls basketball games are on Saturday December 19th vs Thompson Falls. We hope you will come out and support our teams! It promises to be an exciting winter sports season!

We are proud of our coaches who are great mentors for our student athletes! Thanks for your time! We know you spend a lot more time investing in our kids than what you get paid for with open gyms, summer events, etc.!! You ROCK!

Boone Nelson is the head boys’ basketball coach and our athletic director! Boone is in his 3rd year of coaching at Florence and 1st year as our athletic director! This is Boone’s 12th season as a basketball coach. Prior to coaching in Florence, he coached in Colstrip and Helena. Joining him again this year are Tony Anderson and Tom Demmons. Duane Zeiler is in his 2nd year as the head girls’ basketball coach. Duane has been an MOA basketball official for 17 years as well as 26 years of coaching basketball with 7 years at Florence (FCS middle school boys for 2 year and FCS middle school girls for 3 years). Joining him again this year is Chris Troupe and we welcome Audrey Youren in her first year of coaching for girls’ basketball! She just previously finished up coaching the C-squad Volleyball team! Bryan Volkman is the head wrestling coach. He is in his 1st year as head coach. Joining him this year as an assistant coach is Brett Volkmann. Bryan has had lots of coaching experience with Little Guy Wrestling. We are excited to be hosting wrestling B/C Divisionals this year at Florence on Saturday February 6, 2016! Join us to catch some great wrestling in action!

BINGO night was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who showed up to help support athletics at Florence!! We will hopefully be having more of these each school quarter! A fun time had by all!

Some important dates to put on your calendar! PLEASE JOIN US!

December 5, 2015 (Saturday) – Christmas Bazaar at the school! Come and check out the Falcon Wear Booth! Falcon wear makes great Christmas gifts! Falcon Wear Christmas orders - Contact Crystal Lineback at 406-240-9406. Falcon wear makes great gifts and she takes special orders for putting on names, numbers, etc. Thanks Crystal!

December 14, 2015 (Monday) - 6 PM Booster Club meeting at Glen's Cafe. Please join us! We welcome your valuable input and help!

Gym Sign Sponsorships: We are still selling gym sponsorship signs: Large $250 first year and $125/year thereafter. Small signs are $50 and $25/year thereafter. Information posted on the school’s website under Booster Club or contact Becky at 406-544-8281.

LOCK Boxes or safes are available for the students to purchase. They are $40.00 and it’s theirs to keep. They come with keys and a cable. Students may want to keep them with them in their lockers, or cars, or on the bus to away games? We are just trying to help keep their smaller personal items from getting stolen. If your child has had a problem with things disappearing, please consider purchasing a lock box. Call and we will get one to you.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you goes out to FARMERS STATE BANK! Without their continual financial support, Florence would not have the many necessary items they have helped support! This winter season, they have sponsored a brand new Falcon scorer’s table for the gym! It will be amazing addition to our gym for all the sports! We would also like to thank Duane Zeiler in advance for building the platform for the new score table. We hope to have it up and functioning by the 1st home games and matches in January.

TEAM MEMBERS/Officers:
Please contact us for more information or suggestions!
TARA ZEILER 406-239-8272, TALLEEN HARRINGTON 406-544-4463
KELLY JO THRASHER 406-880-2933
BECKY MANGUN 406-544-8281, LISA DULAC 406-529-5637

Farmers State Bank
Outing to Hideout Mountain

Mrs. Beierle's kindergarten class earned the opportunity to go to Hideout Mountain Community Park. They had a great time swinging, sliding, and climbing.

1st Quarter Elementary Honor Roll

Academic Excellence
- Thomas Hendrix
- Ava Aalbers
- Mason Arlington
- Isaac Bates
- Lily Brender
- Tyler Brett
- Elizabeth Brown
- Ellie Carlson
- Colin Chambers
- Colton Christensen
- Savannah Christensen
- Kaiden Church
- Matthew Clark
- Olivia Coulter
- Patrick Duchien
- Lexi Ekstedt
- Kate Falagan
- Rollie Fisher
- Cole Fowler
- Madison Fowler
- Liam Gale
- Brayden Gilbertson
- Brayden Gladman
- Aspen Goeltz
- Jakary Greer
- Charlotte Hall
- Sarah Hall
- Alivia Hancock
- Ryan Harris

High Honor Roll
- Khyler Sturm
- Maylah Thorne
- Michael Tauber
- Victoria Tauber
- Drew Wagner
- Dakota Williams
- Megan Wilson
- Seth Wilson
- Ryan Winters
- Kelsie Zahn
- High Honor Roll
- Riley Allen
- Moira Antrim
- Mickey Benton
- Callea Birdsall
- Aries Blair
- Dylan Boggs
- Jessica Burroughs
- Anna Chavez
- Clayton Clagett
- Ashley Crue
- Mallory Dangerfield
- Jacob Davis
- Vasily Difort
- Zack Dixon
- Maeson Drake-Zinke
- Daniel Edwards
- Tyler Ferris
- Kacie French
- Hannah Geldof
- Isaac Goodwin
- Connor Herrmann
- Kyler Harris
- Andrew Heffner
- Benjamin Henning
- Andrew Horsens
- Finn Jensen
- Janis Jones
- Addie Kinczel
- Savannah Kostecki
- Heidi Lambson
- Dustin Laporte
- Sean Larson
- Danika Lindsey
- Felicia Loehner
- Blake Lohman
- Adyn Meienzen
- Ian Miller
- Quinton Monaco
- Kienle Narum
- Levi Narum
- Michael Navarro
- Sadie Nei
- Madi Nelson
- Kenny Nolan
- Taven Otteson
- Joseph Pallo
- Jasmine Paniagua
- Kenzi Pickering
- Hailey Powell
- Karson Pumnea
- Brady Reed
- Savannah Reeves
- Corbin Rice
- Nicholas Riley
- Rayanna Roberts
- Breelyn Ruiz
- Jacob Schauer
- Mya Schumacher
- Gavin Schumacher
- Caelin simmerman
- Nate Smith
- Umar Sodagar
- Jaylyne Solis
- Emily Turbitt
- Cooper Vickhammer
- Jonah Wagner
- William Wagner
- Gavin Waller
- Noah Williford
- Ben Zielinski
- Honor Roll
- Mitch Aalbers
- Joshua Bailey
- Dallas Blair

Fifth Grade Presents African Jam

All 5th grade students will be presenting African Jam, their musical presentation for this school year on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 on the stage in the F-C Old Gym at 7:00 pm. The students will use Orff instruments, native shakers and gourds, recorders, and untuned percussion instruments to accompany a variety of pieces. Titles include Senjuas, Funga Alafia, Little Swallow, and Cameroon, plus three instrumental pieces written in an authentic African style.

The 5th grade band students will be making their debut performance at this concert, as well! As it is 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! J

Please join Mrs. Sayler, Mrs. Kirby, and their student teacher, Mr. Hoffman for this musical event.

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

High School Shop Class & First Graders Team-up

Mr. Jones’ High School Shop Class teamed up with the First Grade classes to assist them with a special building project. The first graders experienced an enriching cooperative time hammering and constructing the football game project with the high school students.

A BIG thank you to HOME DEPOT for the FUN enriching building projects. Everyone had FUN!

YOU ROCK—Mr. Jones.
Thank you—from, Mrs. Crawford, Ms. Verlanic, and Mrs. Warner.
Recently one of our young elementary students asked me, “What does a superintendent do?” I told him that superintendents are in charge of the whole district and we try to make things better for everyone without spending more money than the district has to spend. That made me think about the good things that have been done here in the Florence-Carlton District, so I sat down one afternoon and made a list. Since I came here on June 30, 2014 this is what I came up with:

A lower the tax rate this year; increased the reserves in the General Fund to $295,733, up from $95,840; recovered $27,000 from unpaid sponsor fees from Coke; finished the Long Ave project; finished the sewer project; seal coated, painted, and installed speed bumps in the west parking lot; carpeted the high school and middle school hallways that had asbestos tile; carpeted 2 classrooms; replaced the sidewalks that had trip hazards going from the upper elementary to the lower elementary; repaired the walls with missing bricks; installed bleacher hand rails in the new gym; painted the railings around the elementary computer lab; repaired the potholes at the entrance to the bus loading zone; repaired the wells with 2 new pumps; put trash cans in front of the school and on the path; upgraded the computer network with 5 new servers; purchased 180 Chromebooks and 6 carts; purchased 5 Chromebooks for the Special Education Department; provided safety training to staff; increased dual enrollment courses at the high school; implemented the P-card program which generate a 1% rebate on every bill that we pay through it; purchased new scoreboard for softball; repaired scoreboards in new gym; moved cafeteria table storage out of the hallway; purchased 6 new copy machines saving $5174 instead of leasing the machines; received a $14,000 grant from OPI for significant needs students. These are the things that we have started or will start soon:

Boiler replacement project; computer network switch replacement; build an athletic field east of the football field; become a Google School and train teachers how to integrate Google Technology into their classes; provide all staff with quality professional development; purchase 5 computers for the Special Education Department; replace the carpet in the elementary library reading area.

I knew that Florence-Carlton School District was a great school with great students, teachers, and staff members when I took this position. I am proud to say that we are even better now and will continue to work hard to improve our facilities and educational opportunities for everyone in the Florence-Carlton Community!

Bud Scully, Superintendent

4th Annual Pie Social was a great success!
Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness

The elementary teachers would like to thank FCPT and the community for providing us with such a delicious meal during Parent-Teacher Conferences. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness. You are the best!

“Ray” will be missed

Last month, our Florence community lost an amazing volunteer named John “Ray” Thompson. Ray had been one of our committed after school tutors at the middle school after school program at Dayspring Church. He showed up weekly to help our students organize, study and complete homework. Ray was able to connect with our middle school students by showing he cared by showing up each time, despite challenging days. All of this hard work and dedication Ray gave out freely to his Florence community. He was an inspiring community member whom we will sorely miss.

A Very Special Thank You

In Celebration of Homecoming and the 100th year of the Florence Carlton School

Our Centennial homecoming celebration was a great success made possible by many members of our great community. A huge thank you goes out to Gina and Mark Gollighugh for organizing and orchestrating the Homecoming parade. Also a big thank you goes out to everyone who donated cars to the homecoming royalty for the parade and to the Florence Booster Club for donating the prizes for the assembly. All of the floats looked great. It was really nice to have so much participation from the Florence community. A big Thank You to all!

Elementary Music Program Dates

- 5th grade music program and 5th grade band concert Dec. 9, 2015
- 2nd grade music program Mar 2, 2016
- 1st grade music program Mar 23, 2016
- Kindergarten music program Apr. 13, 2016

2015-2016 School Lunch Prices

Breakfast: student $1.00 / reduced 30¢ / teacher/adult $1.55
Elementary lunch: $1.85 / reduced 40¢
MS/HS lunch: $2.15 / reduced 40¢
Teacher/adult : $3.50
Milk is served with each hot meal. Additional milk 40¢

Substitutes are needed for both classified and certified staff. If you are interested in subbing at Florence-Carlton School, call Donna Hemphill at 273-6751 ext. 104