Café Chocolat 2016

The Café Chocolat of 2015 was quite a success, and we’re hoping this year will be even better. Last year, with the help of FCS drama, we took you through the decades. This year, we will be tuning in to different radio stations featuring country, rock ‘n’ roll, pop, 80s/90s, folk rock, oldies, and talk radio.

Grab some tickets and come on down to support your school and delight in a wonderful collaboration of drama and music. Your ticket will include complimentary desserts and drinks served up by our wonderful middle school students.

Weight Room Improvements

On behalf of the Florence Falcon football staff, we would like to send a big thank you out to the community for its support in helping us purchase a new bench, bar, and weights for the weight room. Without community involvement projects like this are placed on the back burner. A strong community involved in backing of sports programs within a school can only create a positive sense of involvement within athletics. We will continue to look for ways of improving the weight room with more up to date equipment and we are asking for more to get involved from parents to grandparents, alumni and any other Falcon supporters.

Thank you to the following contributors:
- Bitterroot Valley Forest Products
- Falcon Football players
- The Bucs baseball players
- Hinsdale family
- Carol Hines

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

CDC-Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Recommendations for Cold and Flu season:
- Keep your child from getting and spreading illness.
  - Avoid close contact with sick people
  - Cover your coughs and sneezes, cough in the crook of your arm (elbow).
  - Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
  - Clean and disinfect surfaces
  - Stay home when you’re sick

WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN
- Before, during and after cooking or preparing food.
- Before eating.
- After using the bathroom.
- After you cough, sneeze or blow your nose.
- When your hands look dirty.
- After touching animals.
- When you are in close contact with a person who is sick.

Student Council News

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Scholarship Tips

- The majority of scholarships come from college institutions. Check the schools you are interested in!
- Other places to look include:
  - Employer: Taco Bell, McDonalds, etc.
  - Churches
  - Service Organizations: 4-H, Boy Scouts, etc.
  - Montana Career Information System Smartaboutcollege.org
  - Mrs. Williams Scholarship page (on school website)
- Read the directions!!!
- 30% of applications are weeded out due to not following ALL the directions.
- Search for scholarships year round.
- The essay is generally considered the most important aspect
  - Write your essay as if you are addressing one person and you want them to see your value.
  - The essay is not the place for listing accomplishments. Try to personalize yourself and include hardships. They are interested in knowing how you have or are working to overcome them.
- DON'TS of essay writing:
  - Do not use words you do not know the meaning of.
  - “Don’t “text” speak: No 1 likes 2 read m.
  - Do not write more words than the directions say.
  - You do not need to pay for scholarship help.
- See Mrs. Williams’ Scholarship page for newly added scholarships including scholarships for the “average” student.

Scholarships due within the next few weeks
(See Mrs. Williams’ webpage for more scholarships)

Buick Achievers Scholarship: Fifty scholarships up to $25,000 per year
- Deadline: February 29, 2016
- Eligibility:
  - Plan to enroll full time at a four-year college or university in 2016/17
  - Plan to major in a specified course of study focused on engineering, technology or design, with an interest in the automotive industry
- Apply online at: www.buickachievers.com

Montana Community Foundation Scholarships:
- Lots ranging from $500-$5,000
- Deadline: March 14th
- Eligibility:
  - Students fill out a questionnaire that will then direct them to which scholarships they are eligible to apply for.
  - Over $300,000 to be awarded
  - Apply online at: www.mtcf.org/applications

The Odd Fellow & Rebekah Lodge of Montana Scholarship:
- Several $500 awards
- Deadline: March 15th
- Eligibility:
  - Must have a GPA of 3.0 or less
  - Must attend a College, University, Vo-Tech, Business, Nursing, Beauty School, etc. in Montana
  - See Mrs. Williams for an application

Eagles Vocational or Trade School Scholarship: Two $300 awards
- Deadline: March 15th
- Eligibility:
  - Have a goal to continue education through accredited Vocational or Trade School.
  - Ravalli County resident for at least two years.
  - See Mrs. Williams for an application

Farmer’s State Bank Scholarship: $2500
- (renewable for 3 years up to $10,000)
- Deadline: Postmarked no later than March 15th
- Eligibility:
  - Senior planning to enroll full-time in an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical program.
  - Preference for this scholarship goes to:
    - One recipient per high school
    - Students with a GPA between 2.5 and 3.5
    - Students whose family income is below $50,000

FLORENCE-CARLTON
FAFSA Night!
February 17, 2016
6:00-7:00pm
High School Computer Lab

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is designed to help students reach their college goals. The FAFSA serves as an application for both Pell Grants (free $ you do not need to pay back) and Student Loans (borrowed $ that must be paid back). FAFSA determines the amount of Pell Grant given in regards to financial need. FAFSA determines the amount of money loaned depending on eligibility and what is needed to attend. You are under no obligation to accept the funds offered and have the option of accepting the smallest amount needed to be successful.

The University of Montana’s FAFSA Priority deadline is February 15. If you have not completed it online by then, please join us on FAFSA Night.

What you need to bring to FAFSA Night

1. Social Security numbers for both you and parent/s
2. 2015 Federal Tax Return (2014 tax return if you have not filed yet)
3. W-2’s, tribal income, other aid information (TANF, child support received and/or paid, etc.
4. Additional Assets information (if you have them)

High School Art student hard at work

Alexis Cope working on a negative space sculpture using the human heart and the veins as the negative space

Student Council News

With Christmas break only a distant memory and the start of second semester looming over student’s heads, the FCHS Student Council is preparing for yet another Honors Luncheon to award those academically hard working teens who walk the school’s hallways.

The delicious reward is one offered to high schoolers, freshman to senior, who have dedicated their efforts to achieving a high GPA during the first semester no matter the stress, late nights, and tears that might accompany it. An invitation to the student council-sponsored event is a well-deserved reward for all the hours of hard work! Recently, the delicious and elegant lunch has been catered by Café Firenze with the Florence Community Church graciously providing a venue for the off-campus event. transportation has been provided by Majestic Bus Service.
Florence-Carlton Students working on Projects

Plant Haikus

Students in Mrs. Gillespie’s class wrote plant haikus as part of their plant unit. A haiku has 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second line, and 5 syllables in the third line.

One dandelion
A tall Ponderosa Pine
Beautiful clover
- Ashlie Overman

Plants are beautiful
I love to plant some flowers
Flowers are so pretty
- Aidan Medsker

Beautiful green trees
I like flowers, they are blue
Flowers have petals
-Murphy Fellows

Flowers in the spring
Pretty colors everywhere
How I love springtime
- Isaac Nicoson

Lovely raspberries
Red juicy fun summer’s treat
Put some in a pie
-Ava Meyer

Flowers are pretty
Red roses are beautiful
Tulips smell good too
-Hailee Winstone

There are many plants
Flowers are sometimes ugly
They are pretty too
-Caleb Hanneman

I will plant a seed
Beautiful flowers will bloom
Yellow, orange, and pink
-Preston Ekstedt

Plants are beautiful
They have colorful petals
Sweeter than honey
-Jadyn Dobberstein

The petals are cool
I love beautiful flowers
Trees trees everywhere
-Jordan Kidd

A flower in bloom
Music to the bumblebee
They are beautiful
-Samantha Wagner

Plants can be pretty
Plants are very colorful
Flowers have a stem
-Sophia Stiegler

Broccoli is yuck
Strawberries are very good
Like fruit, not veggies
-Kael Powers

When you smell a rose
It doesn’t smell like your toes
It’s good for your nose
-Sophie Tollefson

Plants are very nice
I like apple trees the best
I like tulips too
-Chase Wagner

Flowers bloom colors
Beautiful purple blossoms
Filled with sweet honey
-Kaitlyn Rice

I love flowers so
Flowers are cool and awesome
I like beanstalks too
-Nathaniel Ruiz

Pretty violets
Red roses, blue violets
Beautiful roses
-Maggie Schniter

Seeds go in the dirt
The fertilizer smells weird
Plants will be here soon
-Gage Bessette-Rodriguez

High School Art students hard at work on various projects.

Danielle Peterson drawing from a prompt using unlike words and forcing them into one image, in this case a fish In a bird cage.

Abbey Ostheimer working on an acrylic painting of overlapping flowers as part of a modular series.

Shay Waldbilling learning to trim on the potters wheel.

Students using the coil method to make the negative space vessel project.

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We look forward to meeting with you and having another additional player.

Prices this year will be the same as last year $65 for first child, $85 for Jr. Babe and $35 for each additional child.

**Baseball and Softball Umpires Needed**

FBSA is looking for umpires for the 2016 baseball and softball season.
- You must be at least 12 years of age
- You must attend the umpire clinic
- You must be reliable
- Plate umps earn $25/game
- Field umps earn $15/game

Contact FBSA at florencebaseballassociation@gmail.com or call/text:
- Amy McLean 546-6829 for Baseball
- Amber Coulter at 239-1807 for Softball

**It’s That Time of Year Again!!!**

Florence Baseball/Softball Association will be having sign ups for both baseball and softball during parent teachers again this year Feb. 17 & 18 from 4-7pm in the high school foyer.

You may also sign up your child ages 5-15 online at [http://playballflorenc.org](http://playballflorenc.org). Prices this year will be the same as last year $65 for first child, $85 for Jr. Babe and $35 for each additional player.

We look forward to meeting with you and having another great season!

**Classified Position Needed**

Vacancy for a playground aide from 11:00 am—1:30 pm. Please apply at the Florence-Carlton district office.

High School Track assistant coaches needed
- Sprint/hurder
- Jump coach
For more information please contact Bryan Neuman @ Florence-Carlton School

**Baseball and Softball**

**Softball Season**
- Feb. 17 & 18
- MS/HS Line 2
- MS/HS Divisional @ Flathead TBA
- HS Divisional Basketball @ Anaconda TBA

**Softball Sign up**
- Giddy Up, cowgirls, and ridin’ the range. You will hear Shannon Byrne.
- Talk to any of these students to purchase tickets: Alex and Maddie Johnson, Carley Zabel, Jaycee Bauer, Kolby Wood, Madison Meidinger, Annie Alexander, Kinsey Church, Mackenzie Little, Jacklyn Balfour, Brooklyn Newbury, Clint and Katie Banister, Erin Dahl, Gianna Migliaccio, Madison Wahl, Sara Weisenburger, Brooklyn Kenelly, Aaron Edens, Ethan Post, Gabe Bennett, Joey Janetski, Natalie Dulac or Shannon Byrne.

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