

ISSUE 20

THE COUGAR REPORT

2-6-12

Upcoming Events

2/7 Tuesday

PAC Meeting @ 7pm

2/9 Thursday

School Board Meeting @ 7pm

2/10 Friday

NO HOT LUNCH

PE Field Trips

2/23 Thursday

7pm Jack Gladstone Concert

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Go Cougars!

AMSTERDAM ELEMENTARY

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up,
snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad
weather, only different kinds of good weather.

John Ruskin

PE Field Trips

This Friday kicks off our February Friday PE field trips. For the next three Friday's there will NOT be hot lunch served. Please be on time to school as all buses will be leaving at 8:30 each morning. All first graders will be taking swim lessons at the MSU pool. All second graders will be climbing at the Spire Rock Gym. All 3-6 graders will be heading to Bridger Mountain. All students need to bring their own lunch!

February Concert!

Please mark your calendar for February, 23rd, for an exciting concert with Jack Gladstone. Jack has been called "Montana's

Troubadour" by Governor Brian Schweitzer and has won numerous honors for his historical recordings of Native American music. Jack is a storyteller and a singer and will be doing an evening performance at Manhattan Christian School @ 7pm. This concert is for all MCS and Amsterdam School families as well as community members.

Opportunity to Serve

There are two, three year term, trustee seats available on our school board. Petitions can be picked up from the main office or you can email Linda Skelton at lskelton@metnet.mt.gov to have a nomination petition and oath of candidacy sent. **The deadline for filing is March 29th.**

In other news...

Running Late?

It happens to everyone at some point- everything and everyone just moves a little too slow in the morning and you show up to school late. If you are going to be late and need to order hot lunch, please call us by 9am to make sure we will have a lunch ordered for your child. If your call is after 10am we are unable to do provide them with a hot lunch and you will need to bring something.

Lunch Help!

If you have any time on Wednesdays or Thursdays each week to help in our lunchroom from 11:30-12:15 we would love to have you! Perks are helping children open their milk and hanging out with your child and their friends!

February Is I Love To Read Month!!!

On Wednesday, February 1st, we will kick off "I Love To Read Month!" All month we will be challenging students to read and will be setting goals as individuals, classes, and as a school. There are several competitions going on all month for all students. At the end of the month there will be prizes for the top three readers in each grade. The winning reading buddy classes will win a pizza party with Mr. McDowell. There is a weekly Reading Bingo challenge sheet to be entered in a drawing. And lastly, I have challenged the whole school to attempt to read 50,000 minutes as a combined total. If we reach 50,000 minutes as a school we will celebrate in March with a "Beach Day" and I will hula dance on the roof of the school! To read or not to read... the choice is yours! Reading minutes must be counted on the sheet that went home last week. Mrs. Kocyba will be helping the kids put their minutes into an Excel program during technology class.



Too Many Books In The House?

I know that sounds impossible! However, if you have an extra book I would love to add it to the new principal's library in my office. All books will belong to Amsterdam School and will be housed in the principal's office. I am looking for books of all different levels and will be working with the teachers to design ways for students to checkout books during the year. Please write in the front cover "This book is donated by _____".



PAC CORNER

PAC MEETING TUESDAY!!!

We would love a big attendance at this Tuesday's PAC meeting as we will be beginning our planning for the Spring Fling. Please come and help!!!

PAC MEETING AGENDA

We are trying hard to have the PAC meeting agenda posted prior to the meeting so that you can see what topics are being discussed. Please go to the Amsterdam School website to get the preview or to see past meeting minutes.

SPRING FLING - It may only be winter (or is it? We can't tell by the weather!), but soon it will be time for our biggest annual fundraiser. We are currently planning the Spring Fling and welcome your ideas and skills. Please come to our next PAC meeting on Feb. 7 and help us brainstorm! Even if you can't make it, send us an email with your ideas or talk to any PAC member and make your voice heard!

TEACHER TREATS:

Feb. 6-10- Codie S.
Feb. 20-24- Nancy B.