

March 2014 Newsletter

Dear Savage,

March is going to be a busy month for every one of all ages. Our seniors start counting down the final days and incoming preschoolers start counting the days until school starts. It is also the time for testing and you will hear many acronyms filling the air. MAP's, CRT's, and SBAC's are ones you will hear at Savage. Please see the following schedule:

MAP'S (Measures of Academic Progress) is scheduled for grades 3-10 during the weeks of March 10th and 17th. This assessment provides detailed data about where each child is on their unique learning path.

CRT's (Criterion-Referenced Test) is a test required by the Montana Office of Public Instruction. Only student in grades 3-8 and 10 will be taking the science portion of the test during the week of March 4th.

SBAC's (SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium) which Montana Office of Public Instruction joined to develop an assessment system for the Montana Common Core Standards in English Language Arts, Literacy and Mathematics. It is tentatively scheduled for the last week of April.

If you want more information about the tests, you can go to the following website:
<http://opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/>.

Take care, and keep your fingers crossed for blue skies and warmer weather.

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Parents of Senior Students

Have you checked out our website? Under the "academic" setting is the "scholarship" section. I update when new scholarships come in. Please have your son/daughter apply for as many as are applicable. I also post them here at school as well as announce them to the seniors. There is money out there...it has to be applied for. Don't let deadlines slip by.

GO '14 SENIORS!

Mr. Clapsaddle

ELECTION NEWS

The school election is scheduled for May 6, 2014. Polls will open at 12:00 Noon and close at 8:00 p.m. You must be registered to vote by April 7th, 2014. There are no late registrations for school elections so come to the school for a voter registration card or go to the Clerk and Recorder's office at the Courthouse in Sidney before April 7th. Your vote is important!

The issue of Mill Levy elections has not yet been decided. This will be determined at a later date. More information will be available at that time.

There are two-three year terms held by Holly Salsbury and Lance Miller to be filled this year. Both trustees have filed their petitions for re-election. Other interested parties may also petition to have their names on the ballot.

The qualifications to run for a school trustee position include:

- You must be a registered voter
- You must be a citizen of the United States
- You must be a resident of the state and the county for 30 days.
- You must be willing to commit to the 3 years of service.
- Meetings are required.
- You must be willing to go to training sessions.
- You must be willing to follow Montana School Laws.

Please come to the office for a Nomination Petition if you are interested in filing. You will also need to fill out an Oath of Candidacy to be notarized by the Clerk or someone of your own choice. Petitions need to be returned to the school clerk by March 27th, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Late petitions will not be accepted.

If you are unable to come to the polls on Election Day, you may request an Absentee Ballot. The applications for an Absentee Ballot will be available at the school office and the ballots will be available starting April 16th, 2014. You may request an Absentee Ballot until May 5th, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

If you have questions about the election, please call the office to speak to Diana Miller.

Good News!

Savage students raised \$932.95 for Pennies for Patients. Congratulations and thank you to all who participated.

Junior Music Festival

Nineteen 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from Savage Public Schools participated in the District Eleven Junior High music festival held in Glendive on February 1st. In addition to the band there were 14 instrumental solos and 3 instrumental ensembles which performed for adjudication. There were a total of 16 superior (I) ratings and 2 excellent (II) ratings. Congratulations to all those who participated on a job well done.

A Night at the Theater

Missoula Children's Theater is coming to Savage school March 24th–28th for the production "The Secret Garden". The play performances will be at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Friday March 28th. We are looking for host families for our tour directors. If interested please contact Angie Nelson at 776-2317. We hope to see you there.

The junior class will be having the meal prior to the play. Serving will be from 5:00-6:30 with a free will donation.

Preschool Screening and Kindergarten Registration

Preschool screening is going to take place on April 2nd starting at 1:30. Please call the office to get your preschool age children signed up. Kindergarten students for next year are strongly encouraged to participate in this screening and register.

Dates to Remember

- March 7th- Spring Pictures
- March 14th-End of 3rd 9 weeks
- March 20th-Early Dismissal (2:30)
- March 20th- Parent Teacher Conferences (3:00-6:00)
- March 21st-No School PIR Day
- March 21st- High School Prom (8:00-Grand March)
- March 22nd –Junior High Prom (7:00)
- March 31st- Student council leaves for Washington DC.
- April 7th- Student council returns.

