

Potomac Elementary School

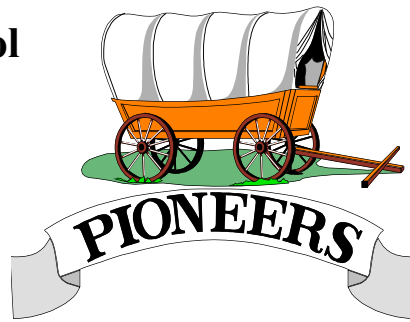
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Principal: John Rouse

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Vision Statement

"Potomac School equips each student for his/her future within a culture of excellence that values the small community experience."

Events Calendar

1-13	End of 2 nd Quarter
1-15	MCT- Red Riding Hood 1pm & 3pm
1-19-22	PTC Meeting 6:30pm
1-30-22	Girls Basketball Begins
2-21	Presidents Day (Make up snow day)
3-17	End of 3 rd Quarter
3-21~3-24	Spring Break (No School)
4-4-22	Track Season Begins
4-6~4-7	Parent Teacher Conferences
5-7-22	Bingo
5-30	Memorial Day (No School)
6-9	Last Day of School

Board Meetings

2nd Monday of each month @7pm

Agendas/Minutes are on the website:

www.potomacschoolmontana.us

Board meetings can be attended by all either in person or through WebEx. Contact Mr. Rouse if you would like the link.

Board Trustee Contact information:

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Box Tops for Education

This is the link to scan your receipts.

<https://btf.smart.link/x95ee3qb6>

Potomac Branch

Missoula County Public Library

Open Wednesdays 1:30 – 4:30

Girl's Basketball Season

Jan. 30th - Mar. 18th

Beth Copenhaver will be coaching. Assistants are always welcome.

Please make sure all interested 5th – 8th grade girls wishing to play have a current physical on file in the office.



MCT Performances

Sat. January 15th @ 1:00 & 3:00

Join us to watch what the students have prepared this week. No admission charge.

PTC Request

If anyone has baskets or Holiday gifts to re gift etc., It is not too early to donate for Bingo. We appreciate your donations and help. Join us for our next meeting on January 19th @ 6:30 either in person or get the link from the office for the WebEx. Bingo is scheduled for May 7th, 2022.

In case of bad weather or roads

Check KGVO AM Radio, ABC or NBC TV at 6am for news regarding Potomac School Closures or delayed starts.

Interested in the School Board?

This spring, 2 of our trustees will be up for reelection. If you are interested in running, you can pick up an application at the school office.

Thank you

The staff would like to thank the Petersen family for the wonderful treats they provided before Christmas. We appreciate you.

Board Notes

This is a new feature of our Newsletter. The week after each board meeting, Mr. Rouse will provide a short informal summary of the actions taken at the board meeting. These are not the formal board minutes. Those are prepared by the clerk and approved by the board at their next meeting.

After the approval of the consent agenda that included routine business matters of the school district, 8th grader, Gabrielle H., gave the monthly 8th Grade Class Report stating that fund-raising is still ongoing for their end-of-the-year culminating experience. They still need to raise around \$3,000. Their continuing fund-raisers include: raffle ticket sales, "Cully's" Superbowl Night, and Bingo Night. Teacher reports were given by Sarah Schmill and Terri Klein. Both reports mentioned various positive impacts that our literacy grants have had on our student achievement and professional development. Ms. Schmill also discussed standards-based grade reporting.

Mr. Rouse presented his principal's report which also highlighted the impact of the literacy grant on student achievement. He also explained the state regulations that required us to make up our lost instructional day using a holiday (vacation day) set aside in our school calendar. Mr. Rouse also stated that he plans to hold a second Stakeholder's Meeting that is open to anyone who has an interest in our school district. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss how we intend to use federal grant dollars, including the ESSER funds related to Covid. That meeting will be held virtually on February 14th at 6:00 pm just before the board meeting.

Heather Marcella presented her clerk's report in which she explained the excess revenue in our school food service fund that has resulted from the access to federal funds. She highlighted that we will prepare a plan to submit to OPI as to how those excess funds will be used to support the food service program.

There was no Old Business to be considered. Under New Business the board received a letter from Terri Klein announcing her intent to retire at the end of this school year. Chairman Hathaway and others thanked Mrs. Klein for her many years of service. The board also approved a MOA (Memorandum of Agreement) with the teachers' union (PEA) to allow retirees (under certain conditions) to remain as part of the school's health insurance group. There is no resulting expense to the school district. The retiree covers all costs.

The board approved a motion to hire John Rouse as principal for the 2022-23 school year. A committee was appointed to negotiate with Mr. Rouse the terms of his contract. The board chair made a couple of committee assignments and then adjourned the meeting.

8th Grade Raffle tickets

½ a beef cut and wrapped / Yeti cooler
Tickets available from 8th graders.

Candy guess jar contest

HOW MANY CANDIES IN THE JAR?

January 12th - February 14th

ONE GUESS FOR 50 CENTS

Closest guess wins the jar and candy

Guess as many times as you wish

Don't forget to put your \$.50 in the jar first for each guess.



Community News

AA Meetings Wednesdays at 7pm, at the Blackfoot Church behind the school.

Piano Lessons:

Call Mike Fink 406-241-9611

Clubs and Organizations

Potomac Greenough Community Center

Board Meetings: 1st Mon./ month-7pm

Scheduling & Keybox: Call Tom 406-202-2559

Volunteer Fire (GPVFD)

1st Tuesday of each month 6:30pm.

Food Bank Dates:

Jan 23, 3-5pm, PGCC , Feb 20, 3-5pm, PGCC

Call 244-3621

For donations or volunteer information.

Blackfoot Home & Community Club

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Call Janelle 244-6156 for more information

Blackfoot Peacemakers Quilt

Our Sew day has been changed to January 29th at the Community Center.