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Another month has come and gone, and it feels like spring. May is a very busy month, with many school and district events taking place.

Missoula Children's Theatre

We are very excited to begin our Missoula Theatre week today, starting with the auditions after school. There will be rehearsals for cast members on Tuesday-Thursday after school and evenings, and a performance for students on Friday afternoon at 1:00 pm, and for parents/guests on Friday evening at 7:00 pm in the gym. This performance is free, and everyone is welcome – come out and see our young actors shine!

Flowers for Sale

Thank you to everyone who made the Mother's Day bazaar and sale a great success. There are still some flowers available for sale if you missed out. Mrs. Wintersgill is available in the morning and at the end of the day by the front doors if you would like to purchase some of these leftovers, or if you would like to order for the next shipment.

Ready, Set, Learn

Our series of sessions for children ages 3-5 and their parents will take place on Tuesdays, all month in the library from 1:30 – 2:30. Sessions include stories, songs, motor skills, numeracy and guided parent-child activity time as well as information for parents. This is intended as a chance to introduce your child to the school environment in a small, controlled setting. Please register for any of the sessions with Mrs. Selin at the office by calling 250-785-2321.

Track and Field

Our school track and field meet will take place on May 19th. Bert Ambrose is hosting the district event on June 3; this is a huge undertaking and we will need many helpers to make this work. If you are able to help out, please contact Mr. Ritchie at the school. There are many jobs that need doing, and prior experience and expertise is not required.

Non-Instructional Days

The school will be closed for students on Friday, May 13th, and Monday May 16th for non-instructional days. One of these days is the added day for staff to continue discussing the new curriculum which will be implemented in the fall, and the second day is our annual planning day to create our School Improvement Plan by looking at our school data and setting goals for the upcoming year.

Badminton

Students have been practicing in preparation for the district tournament on Thursday after school and all day Friday this week at NPSS. Thank you to Miss Lynch and Mrs. Boyd for helping our students get ready for this fun event.

Earth Rangers

We are very fortunate to have the Earth Rangers organization coming to present to our students on May 18th at 1:00 pm in the gym. This group promotes conservation and protecting biodiversity. Their presentation brings live animals to the gym to raise awareness and inspire students to get involved in conservation.

Speech Contests

Many students have been busy creating and practicing their speeches in preparation for the upcoming contests. Our school presentations will take place on May 11th and the district contest will take place at the cultural center theatre on May 20th. Good luck to all the participants!

Yearbooks

Please find attached information regarding this year's yearbook. You can also purchase online at the following address:

<http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01085190>

PAC News

Thank you to all parents, staff, kids and vendors who made our 1st Mother's Day event successful!! A big shout out to our PAC ladies who planned this giant event and made it what it was!

Our May PAC meeting will be held Tuesday May 3rd at 6:30 and as always babysitting will be provided. There will be an update from BCCPAC as 3 of our members have just returned from the spring convention and AGM. So come out and hear what is happening in our schools province wide regarding our children. Pac is very excited to announce we will be hosting a parent Internet awareness workshop on May 10th from 7-8 in the library. This is an informative workshop that teaches parents how to talk to their children about being safe online, and looking for dangerous behaviours. All parents are welcome from all schools so please feel free to share this invite. Babysitting will be provided.

We only have 2 more PAC meetings left in this school year and encourage parents to attend! September will be our AGM and we will be looking to fill some great positions. Feel free to come out and see if this is something you would be interested in. Some of the positions that may be available are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Dpac rep, a hot lunch planner and possibly some new positions including social conveyor and volunteer coordinator.

Upcoming:

May 3 – Ready, Set, Learn begins – 1:30 pm in the library

May 4 – McHappy Day in place of hot lunch

May 5 – Badminton Tournament after school at NPSS

May 6 – Badminton Tournament all day at NPSS

May 10 – Ready, Set, Learn – 1:30 in the library

May 11 – School Speech Contest

May 11 – Hot Lunch – Wendys

May 13 – NID

May 16 – NID

May 17 – Ready, Set, Learn – 1:30 in the library

May 18 – Hot Lunch – Saigon Noodle

May 18 – Earth Ranger presentation – 1:00 pm in the gym

May 19 – School Track and Field

May 20 – District Speech Contest at NPCC

May 23 – Victoria Day – School closed

May 24 – Ready, Set, Learn – 1:30 in the library

May 25 – Hot Lunch – Quiznos

May 31 – Ready, Set, Learn – 1:30 in the library