



Yaakity Yaak

School Newsletter



FEBRUARY

Feb. 2nd and 9th

No School Fridays

February 12th and 13th

No School PIR Days

February 19th Presidents' Day

No School

February 21st

Board Meeting

Every Friday in March

No School

March 15th

No School PIR Days

March 21st

Board Meeting

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Home of the Bobcats

Teacher's Corner

The Yaak School gained a new student this month! Kaden, an 8th grader, joined us this week. Welcome Kaden!!!

Also this week, we had Kathleen Watson come in for 2 days and taught the students in grades K - 5 how to embroider and the 8th grade boys how to sew on the sewing machine. Kathleen had made each student a book bag with their name, the school's name, and a picture of our school embroidered on it. Then she showed the students how to embroider their own hand-drawn image on the bag. They were so excited with their finished product. The 8th graders made a hot pad pan holder, headband, and a cup coaster. They did an excellent job and can thread a machine pretty fast! Thank you so much, Kathleen, for sharing your time and expertise with us.



We are gearing up for testing. I went to the JUMP conference and have received all the testing materials to test. We have testing next month for Science in grades 4 and 8. In May we will have Math and Reading testing in grades 4-8.

Supporting Your Child on The Day of the Exam:

Go to bed early the night before. Give them a good breakfast. A breakfast with complex carbs and proteins will give your child the energy they need to concentrate on their exam. Make sure that they eat their breakfast the morning of the exam. Avoid sugary foods as these can cause the child to crash.

This year is flying by so fast. If you have an area of expertise and would like to share it with our students, give me a call.

Rose Wilson, Head Teacher

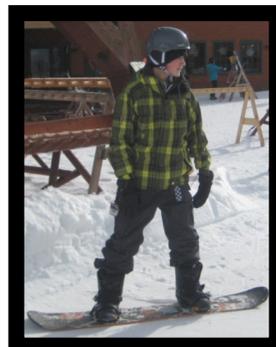
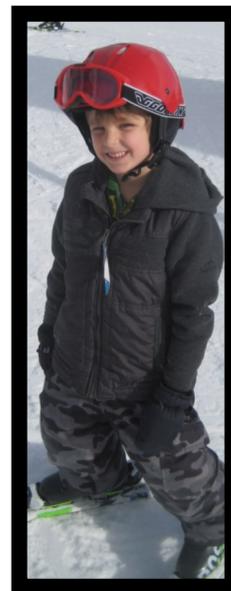
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Our Trip to Schweitzer

On February 30th, we went on a field trip to Schweitzer Mountain with McCormick School, and had so much fun. We met the McCormick students at their school and we all boarded the bus to Schweitzer. All of our Yaak students were able to go, and many skied or snow boarded for the first time. The students all had a small group lesson and then got to ski on their own for a short while. Thanks, Craig Johnson and Jason Vick for chaperoning. We had tacos on the way home that tasted yummy. Even though the snow was a little crusty, we had a great day!



Board of Trustees

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Yaak School Winter Program. Staff, parents and volunteers coached, supervised practices, taught songs, constructed sets, made programs, brought cookies, assembled costumes, and painted faces all the while maintaining a positive attitude and making the experience fun. Power failed on performance day but our students took that in stride and began the program with lanterns and battery lights. Power came on to cheers from the audience and performers finished their program with lights. Our students' hard work paid off with a dazzling performance. We thank community members who came to support our school and make this a special occasion.

Pam Fuqua, Board Chair

Greenhouse News

Keep an eye out for the latest news and pictures! We will be posting updates on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/yaakschool.org/>
and our website

<http://www.yaakschool.org/>

Our worms arrived, but sadly they did not withstand the cold temperatures. The company is reshipping so our worm composing project is a bit delayed. But it won't be long before our wiggle friends will be creating awesome fertilizer.



Winter Boredom Buster



WHAT YOU NEED....

Grab the box of grubby, broken crayons that no one wants to use, but you can't bear to throw away. They are perfect for today! You will also need some kind of mold in which to melt your crayons. Silicone molds are super easy to use. Because they are so soft you can just "pop" the finished cooled crayons right out.

You will need a knife. For the adult involved to help cut the wrapper off the crayon. Heat your oven to 300 degrees. Snap crayons into small pieces and set aside. Now is the time to fill up whatever mold you decide to use.



Lay small pieces of crayons in the mold haphazardly, or in a color coordinated plan. Whatever makes your little person happy here will work just fine. Don't worry if the crayons don't lay flat. As they melt it all smooths out. If you're using silicone molds I suggest placing them on top of a regular baking sheet before they go in the oven. Set your timer for twenty minutes and go peel some more crayons. Wait for them to fully cool. They will try to trick you by looking all solid and done. But when you go to pop them out of the mold melty wax is hiding inside. Give them twenty minutes or so to cool in the molds. The top of the crayon (which will actually be the bottom when they come out of the mold) might look a little mixed and muddy in color. Don't worry. Pop them out and take a look at the top-beautiful! These are perfect for large scale drawing or rubbings. Normally for a rubbing you would be peeling a crayon and laying it on its side to use. These chubby DIY crayons give your kids something to hold onto and make the whole process a little easier! And depending on the colors they chose they might get a surprise of colors as they work! That's it.



Student Spotlight

Our student spotlight this month is 1st grader, Zon Johnson. She is very kind and thoughtful. Zon is focused on learning, wants to do her best and loves learning. She is reading far above grade level! Zon is a very organized student and has beautiful handwriting. We are all so proud of your hard work, Zon!



Tech Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended our tech committee meeting, February 12th. Your questions and input on our pending Lit Fiber project were greatly appreciated. This community has been trying to make this happen for many years and with your support we may just make it happen! We will be applying for grant funds through the Montana Department of Commerce, Broadband for Montana Schools Program and the Schools and Libraries E-rate Program which provides discounts to keep students and library patrons connected to broadband and voice services.

Diane Downey, Committee Chair

Follow Us

The school's web site is up and running! The site is loaded with information. If you see something that is not on the page that you feel would be helpful just call Diane at the clerk's office. She updates and maintains the page.

yaakschool.org

Watch our website and FB Page for all the latest news and events

Clerk's Corner

Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy for Trustee Candidates for this year's election opened Dec. 14th and will close March 29th. If you are interested in being on the ballot for the 3 year Trustee position please contact me either by: phone 295-9311 or e-mail schoolclerk@yaakschool.org and I will get you the needed documents. Please keep in mind you must be a registered voter in our district to declare your candidacy.

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~FRANK A. CLARK

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