

**Thursday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

# DeSmet Public School



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Attached to this weeks Thursday thoughts is a Montana OPI missing child photo form that they keep digital record of for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-aged children. Parents and guardians please make sure you turn the form back in signed, please mark if you would like to opt in or out. This is a required state form. See attached missing child photo repository opt-in form.

We still have 3 available spots in the Pre-school class. If you are interested in enrolling your 4-year-old, please contact the school office @ 406-549-4994.

The Booster club is looking for parent volunteers. If you are interested in joining the booster club, you can contact them at [desmetbc@gmail.com](mailto:desmetbc@gmail.com) We also have a signup form in the school office.

Red Ribbon week will be held October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. This week we will be promoting healthy and drug free lifestyles with age appropriate drug safety presentations, art activities, and themes for each day. See attached Red Ribbon Week Letter.

It's that time of year again. The fourth annual Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31. Car setup will begin at 2:00pm and students will begin trunk or treating at 2:45pm. Please sign up with Ms. Vicki in the front office or by emailing Ms. Tunis at [jtunis@desmetschool.org](mailto:jtunis@desmetschool.org). This year we will only be providing candy to cars that put in a request for candy by October 25<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing lots of cars again this year.

If your 6-8 grade student(s) is planning on playing sports this year 2023/2024, please get a physical form from the school office and return to the school when completed. A sports physical must be done every new school year. Boys basketball will be starting up next week with usual practices Monday-Wednesday 3:30pm-5:00pm. *No practice Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**October 16<sup>th</sup> ~ First Boys Basketball Practice**

**October 18-20 ~ No School ~ MEA days for teachers**

**October 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Boys Basketball First Game**

**October 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat**

**November 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> ~ Book Fair**

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Dear Parent/s or Guardian/s,

Hello! My name is John de Neeve. I am the substitute school counselor while Ms. Bloom is on maternity leave. I am coordinating the National Red Ribbon campaign this year for DeSmet. We present a week-long focus on encouraging students to choose a drug free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week will be from October 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have guest speakers from Missoula County Health Department who will come to the classrooms and speak with the students on topics that will cover different information on drugs and drug safety (medications in home). These will be presented in an age appropriate manner. These presentations will include art activities and themes for each day. Please join us in participation for Red Ribbon Week by dressing *school appropriately* on the designated days listed below.

Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> - Red Ribbon Bracelets and Mustaches (provided for students)

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Hat Day

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Pajama Day

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Nerd Clothes Day

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – Favorite Sunglasses Day

This will be a fun and positive week for your children. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions. Thank You!

John de Neeve – School Counselor

Phone – 406-549-4994 ext.210

Email – [jdeneeve@desmetschool.org](mailto:jdeneeve@desmetschool.org)



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Are you ready to ignite the joy of cycling in your child's life? Neptune Aviation is thrilled to introduce a new program to our school district, designed to build and supply bikes to kiddos in need aged 5-10 years old! Neptune Aviation Services believes that every child should experience the freedom and adventure of riding a bicycle. Neptune Aviations bikes for kids program aims to empower children with the gift of mobility and independence.

Each child enrolled in the program will receive a high-quality, brand new bicycle, perfectly suited to their age and size. We understand that getting to our location might not always be easy. That's why Neptune Aviation offers a convenient delivery service right to your doorstep!

If interested in enrolling your child into this program please contact Mr. Feeley or Ms. Ellie

[dfeeley@desmetschool.org](mailto:dfeeley@desmetschool.org) ☎ 406-549-4994 ext.302

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Neptune Aviation is committed to making a positive impact in our community. By enrolling your child in this program, you're not only giving them the gift of a bike but also supporting a brighter future for children in need. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to bring smiles and adventures into your child's life!

# MISSING CHILD PHOTO REPOSITORY OPT-IN FORM

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) maintains an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. The repository provides immediate and 24/7 year-round access to a child's school directory photograph to law enforcement should a child be reported missing. It uses students' current school photos that most schools take annually for school directories, ID cards, year books, etc.

**Complete and sign this form and return it to your school if you want your student's photograph included in the repository**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Important Information for Parents & Guardians:

- **Information about the electronic photograph repository:** The repository is authorized by Montana Code Annotated ([20-7-1317](#), MCA) and requires the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to create and maintain an electronic directory photograph repository of all Montana students for the exclusive purpose of locating missing school-age children. The repository provides immediate and 24/7 year-round access to a child's school directory photograph to law enforcement should a child be reported missing. Annually, districts must provide parents and guardians notice of the repository and a form to opt-in their student(s).
- **Who will have access to my child's photograph in the photo repository?** Your child's photograph will only be used by law enforcement for the express purpose of locating your child should he/she be reported to law enforcement as missing. No other use by OPI or law enforcement is permitted. Access by OPI staff will be strictly limited and controlled to staff or contractors creating and maintaining the repository.
- **How do I remove my child's photograph from the photograph repository?** A parent can opt-out at any time. Contact your school/district to request your child's photograph be removed.
- **How long will my child's photograph be in the repository?** Photos will be updated annually; if the photo is not updated and the parent doesn't opt-out, the photos will be purged from the repository after two years.
- Please visit <https://dojmt.gov/missing-persons/> to find more information about missing school-age children.