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**Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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# DeSmet Public School



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<http://desmetschool.org> T: (406) 549-4994

January 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Child Find Event in Our District for Children 0-5 Years:

A free Developmental and Preschool Screening Clinic for children ages 0 to 5 for DeSmet School District will be held on January 22, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at DeSmet School. This free screening will include gross motor, fine motor, language concepts, communication concepts, communication skills, hearing and vision screening. Please call to schedule an appointment for your child's screening or to receive more information @ (406) 549-4994. Please share with your neighbors who may not have children attending DeSmet at this time.

**Early Release next Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> @12:30. Buses and B&G will be running.**

DeSmet will be holding Strategic Plan meetings to discuss the future goals of DeSmet School District in the school library from 6-7:30pm on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 13<sup>rd</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>. These are open meetings for the community. Please RSVP if you will be attending at 406-549-4994. Refreshments will be provided.

Congratulations to Tristan, Willow, Nora, Kaileena, Luke S, Maddy L, Ella, Mya, Elsa and Izzy B. They are our class spelling champions and will be competing in the School Spelling Bee on Friday at 2:00. The Spelling Bee will be held in the gym. Families are welcome to attend.

If parents would like to pack lunches, please pack cold lunches rather than foods to be reheated. We can no longer microwave or heat up food for students per the health department regulations. There can be an increased risk of cross contamination. Undercooked foods can increase chance of illness and can carry risk of foodborne disease even if the food is not raw. Temperature of foods can cause injury to student by burning their mouth if too hot. Our kitchen cannot regulate outside foods, not purchased or prepared following proper food safety guidelines.

The state Legislature has changed the regulations regarding out of district student attendance. If you are out-of-district, every year you will need to notify the front office of your intent to return the following year, no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. All other out of district applications must be received no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm. Please see the front office if you have questions.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Child find for Children 0-5**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ DeSmet Strategic Meeting**

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Early out @ 12:30**

Dear Families,

**Kids Heart Challenge** is coming soon to DeSmet! **Grades K1-5** will learn how to have happy and healthy hearts and brains, while raising donations to help others with special hearts. Plus, your family can learn the lifesaving skill of **Hands-Only CPR** in **Finn's Mission!**

In honor of the American Heart Association's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we want at least 100 students to get involved. So don't wait! Register TODAY at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/DeSmetElementaryMissoulaMT> or by downloading the **FREE AHA Schools App** for Apple or Android.

Thank you for supporting our school and the American Heart Association. Together, we are saving lives!

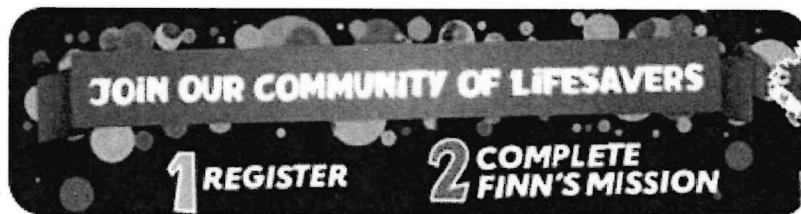
**SPECIAL SCHOOL INCENTIVES:**

- Students who complete Finn's Mission will be entered in a raffle to win a rare XL Buster Keychain! (3 winners)
- Top Classroom with the most participation will earn a free choice PE day!
- If we have 100 students sign up, Ms. Mullis will be silly stringed!
- Students who sign up will be entered in a drawing for an Avocado Warmie! (3 winners, one each week of the challenge! )



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Association.

**KIDS  
HEART  
CHALLENGE**



# DeSmet School Garage Sale

We are having a DeSmet School Garage Sale to raise money for the 8th trip to Washington D.C. and New York.

You can donate items around your household that you don't need or aren't using anymore. The item can be used but can't be broken or damaged. Items not sold will be donated.

You can drop off your item at the front desk with Ms. Vicki. Donations are due by **February 15th**, and the garage sale will be **February 17th**. If you have any questions you can contact Mr. Feeley at [dfeeley@desmetschool.org](mailto:dfeeley@desmetschool.org).





SAVE THE DATE

# WELCOME

# CLASS OF 2028!

Come check out all Big Sky has to offer:

- Meet your academy teachers
- Meet your coaches & counselors
- Tour the building
- Learn about clubs & organizations
- Log into Infinite Campus
- Confirm your '24-'25 course requests

**JAN. 24, 2024**  
**6-8 PM**

Principal Jennifer Courtney  
The Academies of Big Sky  
at Big Sky High School  
3100 South Avenue West,  
Missoula, MT 59804

