

FALL 2010 HAPPENINGS

Morning Parking at MIS

Morning Drop-off

To ensure SAFETY and ease traffic congestion at our daily drop-off and pick-up times, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Traffic will be ONE WAY on Harrison—all cars will flow north (toward the upper Rattlesnake). Whether you are coming from the upper Rattlesnake or from Broadway, turn on ELM STREET to bring your child to school and leave on BRIAR ST.
- Preschool parents: Park in the designated area and bring your child inside. You are encouraged to park on the South Side of the building on Elm St. Remember to sign your child in at arrival and out at departure EACH DAY!
- K-8th grade parents: Drop off your child in the loading and unloading zone. If you need to come in the building for any reason, park on Elm St. by the playground.
- The parking area on Briar St. is for MIS Faculty and Staff only. Briar St. east of Harrison is for local traffic only. PLEASE DO NOT PARK OR DROP-OFF YOUR CHILD ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING ON BRIAR STREET BY THE MODULAR.

Bicycle Parking

Bicycle racks are available on the north side of the modular for parking. To ensure your bicycle is secure, please use a bike lock. MIS is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Please refer to the MIS Handbook for information on end of day pick-up informatin.

After School Care

Be sure to read MIS AFTER SCHOOL CARE policies in the MIS Handbook. All students participating in one of the MIS After School Programs will receive a free snack in After School Care prior to their program each afternoon. Please direct questions regarding MIS After School Care to Joann at the main office.

School Pictures with Sandbox Studios

Monday - Thursday, September 20-23, 2010.
A schedule will be posted in the main hall
in mid-September.

Visit us online: www.mismt.org
for information about MIS

Back to School Ice Cream Social

Thursday, September 16TH from 6:30 - 7:30 PM

MIS faculty and staff will host an OPEN HOUSE followed by an ice cream social.

- OPEN HOUSE 6:30 - 7:00 PM: Visit MIS classrooms and talk to teachers.
 - A PHOTO BOOTH will be available to photograph families for the 2010/2011 MIS FAMILY PHONE DIRECTORY in the main hallway. Directory will be available in late September.
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL 7:00 - 7:30 PM:
 - Invite your friends & family!
 - Families A-H bring ice cream toppings
 - Families I-S bring ice cream
 - Families T-Z bring paper bowls and spoons

Talk to Joann in the main office if you have any questions.

MCT Week

November 29 - December 3, 2010

The Princess & The Pea is MIS's fifth annual Spanish language play produced in partnership with Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT). This year's play will include all 2nd through 8th grade students.

* Auditions with MCT Thursday, November 18

* Two performances on Friday, December 3 at 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. here at MIS.

* Tickets for the shows will be \$5 per person.

Please direct questions regarding the performance to office@mismt.org.

G'day 2010

Grandparents &

Grand Friends' Weekend at MIS

Thursday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

GDAY is our day for Grandparents and Grand Friends.

9:00 a.m. Guests enjoy morning treats and coffee in the Gym.

10:00 a.m. Time in child's classroom

11:30 a.m. MIS provides lunch.

Save the Date cards will be sent to Grandparents and Grand Friends. If you are uncertain if your child's Grandparent or Grand Friend is on the list, please contact MIS's Director of Development, Bethany O'Connell at boconnell@mismt.org. Be sure to remind your special guest to RSVP to office@mismt.org or call 406.542.9924.

For Families New to MIS

Preschool Potluck, Wednesday, Sept. 1 @ 4:00 p.m.
To ease the transition from summer to school, MIS hosts a pre-school potluck picnic the week before school starts. ALL preschool families are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 1 at 4:00 p.m. on the big playground at MIS. We are looking forward to a fun time for preschoolers, their families, and their teachers to get to know each other (or reconnect) before school starts! Preschool classrooms will be open during the potluck. Please take your child in for a visit. This would be a great time to leave your preschooler's special box of extra clothing in the classroom.

At MIS we've been trying something called a "zero-waste" potluck. The food is so good nothing is wasted. Actually, it means that in addition to great food, each family brings re-useable plates, cups, napkins and utensils and packs them back home for our next MIS event. Teachers will provide the lemonade.

Boo-Hoo Tea:

Sometimes the first day of school is harder for parents than it is for children! Join us after drop off on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 7 to share your tears and comfort your heart. Refreshments (and tissues!) provided.

MIS 101:

On Thursday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., MIS's Parent Association will host a "course" for new parents to highlight important information to help you navigate your child's new school.

Fall Gear Swap

Start cleaning out your garage, storage shed, and closets! MIS Parent Association Council hosts our second annual Gear Swap on Friday October 8 from 3:30 - 7:30PM at the school. All outdoor recreational equipment (EXCEPT alpine, telemark and snowboarding equipment) and clothing is welcome! Plan to drop off the gear you wish to sell on Tuesday - Thursday, October 5-7 during pick-up.

Please direct questions to Bethany O'Connell at boconnell@mismt.org.

Call for Email Contacts

Email Bethany O'Connell at boconnell@mismt.org to add friends and family to our monthly e-newsletter mailing list.

Day of the Dead



MIS hosts our first FAMILY SCHOOL DAY of the year Sunday, October 31 from 1:00 - 4:00PM in honor of *Día de los Muertos* or Day of the Dead. The afternoon will include a series of workshops appropriate for learners of all ages and led by our international group of faculty and staff, the creation of an altar and a zero-waste Latin cuisine potluck. MIS partners with Missoula's FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD for this event; it is free and open to the public. INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY & NEIGHBORS!

🎉 Festival of the Dead PARADE from the XXXXs to Caras Park on Higgins. Date and Time TBA

Upcoming Fall Events:

- **Wednesday, Sept. 1:** Preschool potluck @ 4:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 7:** First day of school!
- **Tuesday, Sept. 7:** Boo-Hoo Tea @ 8:45 a.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 9:** MIS 101 @ 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 16:** Back to School Night Open House & Ice Cream Social from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 20:** Fall 2010 session of MIS After School Programs begins.
- **Monday - Thursday, Sept. 20-23:** School pictures
- **Friday, Oct. 8:** Gear Swap from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. hosted by MIS Parent Association Council
- **Thursday, Oct. 21:** MIS's Annual G-day for Grandparents and Grand Friends from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at MIS
- **Friday, Oct. 22:** NO SCHOOL due to Professional Development Days for MIS Faculty
- **Sunday, Oct. 31:** MIS Family School Day: Day of the Dead from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at MIS
- **Friday, Nov. 12:** NO SCHOOL due to Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Thursday, Nov. 18:** Auditions for MIS's fifth annual Spanish language play: 2nd-8th graders
- **Wednesday - Friday, Nov. 24 - 26:** NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break.
- **Monday - Thursday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2:** Rehearsals for MIS's fifth annual Spanish language play.
- **Friday, Dec. 3:** Two performances of MIS/MCT Spanish play at 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. in the MIS Gym.
- **Monday, Dec. 20-Sunday, Jan. 2:** NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- **SAVE THE DATE FOR SALSA BALL 2011:** Saturday, February 26, 2011