

**MIS Announces Additions to the Middle School program**



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The overarching goal of MIS Middle School is to prepare students to become independent, lifelong learners, who can recognize relationships between school subjects and the outside world. As we strive to meet the developmental needs of the middle school student, we are pleased to announce the addition of five new programs for the 2011/2012 school year to the MIS Middle School program.

Next year middle school students will participate in **elective classes**, a **fall overnight camping trip**, an **advisory program**, **student council**, and fulfill a specific **service learning requirement**.

Middle school students will get to choose four elective classes throughout the year. Elective classes will meet twice a week for seven weeks. Electives will be instructed by MIS 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers as well as some parent and community volunteers. The current middle school students and MIS Faculty collectively brainstormed the elective offerings. The list below will be reviewed and revised periodically. Below is a table of the elective offerings for 2011/2012. Final elective offerings will be based on interest.

More details about service learning, student council, advisory, and the fall trip will be presented later in the spring. We are very excited for the upcoming school year. Please contact me with any questions.

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Athletics		Performing Arts		Visual Arts		Outdoor Education	
<b>CYCLE 1</b> • Tennis • Flag Football	<b>CYCLE 2</b> • Yoga • Basketball	<b>CYCLE 1</b> • Drama • Dance	<b>CYCLE 2</b> • Glee Club • Comedy/ Improv Club	<b>CYCLE 1</b> • Filmmaking • Scrapbooking	<b>CYCLE 2</b> • Drawing • Photography	<b>CYCLE 1</b> • Hiking • Biking (bike required)	<b>CYCLE 2</b> • Winter recreation skills
<b>CYCLE 3</b> • Yoga • Floor Hockey	<b>CYCLE 4</b> • Tennis • Flag Football	<b>CYCLE 3</b> • Violin (violin required)	<b>CYCLE 4</b> • Drama • Dance	<b>CYCLE 3</b> • Graphic Design	<b>CYCLE 4</b> • Photography	<b>CYCLE 3</b> • Winter recreation skills	<b>CYCLE 4</b> • Nature Studies
Life Skills		Language		Leadership		Academics	
<b>CYCLE 1</b> • Cooking • Knitting	<b>CYCLE 2</b> • Typing • Quilting	<b>CYCLE 1</b> • Beginning French • Advanced Spanish	<b>CYCLE 2</b> • Beginning German • Advanced Spanish	<b>CYCLE 1</b> • School Newspaper • Debate/ Speech	<b>CYCLE 2</b> • School Newspaper • School Lead- ership Train- ing • Student Council	<b>CYCLE 1</b> • IB/MYP Approaches to Learning • History of Pop Culture • Study Hall	<b>CYCLE 2</b> • History of American Film • Study Hall
<b>CYCLE 3</b> • Cooking • Sewing	<b>CYCLE 4</b> • Gardening • Typing	<b>CYCLE 3</b> • Advanced Spanish	<b>CYCLE 4</b> • Advanced Spanish	<b>CYCLE 3</b> • Yearbook • School Newspaper	<b>CYCLE 4</b> • Yearbook • School Newspaper	<b>CYCLE 3</b> • Poetry • Study Hall	<b>CYCLE 4</b> • Study Hall • 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Independent Study

**Check it Out: MIS Spirit Shop Opens on Friday, March 25th All Day!**

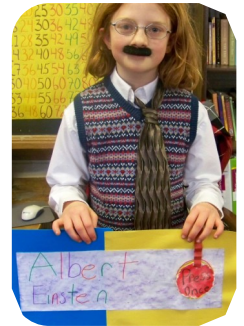
## Bold Steps: MIS Puts on New Shoes for its Quinceañera



**T**hank You. You stepped out. You stepped beyond the front door and stepped in to Salsa Ball 2011. MIS requires new shoes every year to keep in step with the best 21<sup>st</sup> century education that internationally minded feet are eager to fill. You celebrated the 15<sup>th</sup> year of Missoula International School; which, like Jenny's Bolivian gem, is a rare treasure, worthy of preserving. When you could not attend, you sent gifts. You supported Missoula International School's financial aid programs with your In-Kind gifts to the auction. You ironed fabric, flags, and beat the streets. You perfected the fine art of birthday cake, sold raffle tickets, and set the Salsa dance floor on fire. You played games, you laughed, and you played the sax and guitar. You talked to Missoula strangers and friends, hanging posters, spreading the word, placing your best bid, and ultimately, you contributed a total of over \$28,000 to keep education at MIS affordable and keep the community of lifelong learners together. Thank you.

**Congratulations 50/50 Raffle Winner  
Holly Carnes!**

## Push Here to Bring to Life



Like a wax museum, familiar figures lined the halls and classrooms in February, quiet as statues until a curious visitor pressed the red button. As a culmination for the "Heroes" unit of inquiry, the students in the 4th and 5th grades brought to life ancient and modern heroes with their Living Museum presentations. Embodying their chosen "hero," students described their life and accomplishments to their parents and other MIS classes who came to visit the museum. From Alexander the Great to Oprah Winfrey, the living museum inspired a love for history and history in the making.



## MIS Students Read Over 96,000 Minutes!

by Laura Bovard, Librarian

The MIS students found treasure in books during the month of February. Together the classes from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade logged over 96,756 minutes in English and Spanish reading! We celebrated “I Love to Read” month with a surprise visit from two pirates who read *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long. Every student had a chance to become a captain, first mate, pirate crew or cabin boy/girl and receive the prize for that level. Students that didn’t turn in a log received a book and had to “walk the plank” at the “shark bait” level. The enthusiasm for reading was overwhelming and I look forward to logging even more minutes next year!

Arrrrhhh. There be treasure in books ye mateys!



Abby Varney earns Top Captain with 4695 minutes!



Captains and First Mates:

Ella Varney  
Estrella Pallis Bonadurer  
Bruce McCubbin  
Hannah Baumes  
Calvin Beighle  
Llywn Clark Gaynor  
Ian Swanson  
Eliana Lambros  
Ruby Jenni  
Clayton Surber

Gilian Sherrill  
Joseph Gillett  
Avery Maxwell  
Marie Sainsbury  
Ruby Jenni  
Henry Smith  
Elizabeth Gillett  
Camille Sherrill  
Karma May  
Allison Beighle

MIS Celebrates Junior Olympians




Congratulations to eighth graders Remy Arnot and Stella Gardner, who have been invited to compete at The Western Regional Junior Championships at Squaw Valley March 17-20, 2011. To qualify for this event, the athletes competed in three different types of alpine skiing: slalom (quick turns), giant slalom (longer skis, more open turns= more speed), and super G (even longer skis, fewer turns, and a high speed jump).

The two skiers will be joined by athletes in this age group from all over the West, including Alaska, multiple teams from California, Nevada, Idaho, and Montana.

We believe our community of learners will **impact the world** in positive ways as we **embrace international friendships**, share information and ideas in **multiple languages** and forge **creative solutions** through **cross-cultural dialogue**.

Congratulations to Lynn’s 2/3 multiage class, logging over 36,000 reading minutes!

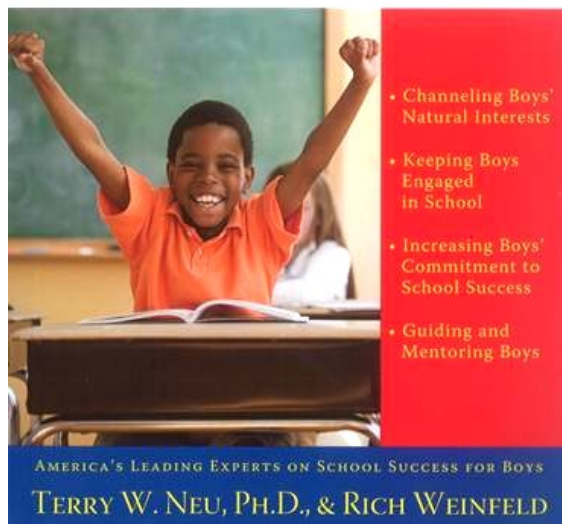
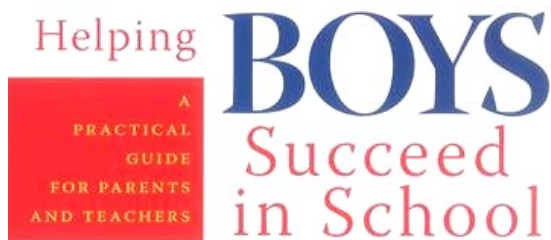
## L☺☺king ahead...

March		April	
14 NO SCHOOL	Professional Development Day	1 NO SCHOOL	* See note below
25	Parent Association Brown Bag Discussion /MIS Spirit Sale	4-8 NO SCHOOL	Spring Break. Enjoy!
27	UM International Culture and Food Festival: Come visit MIS at Children's World!	11	Classes Resume
		22	Earth Day
		25-29	*Parent/Teacher conferences will occur during the week of April 25th, to be arranged by teachers.

### MIS Happenings

Join other MIS parents for the  
 March Parent Association **BROWN BAG DISCUSSION**  
 Friday, March 25, 2011  
 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Check Out MIS Children's World at the  
 UM International Culture and Food Festival  
 Sunday, March 27th, 12-5 p.m.



Each year the International Student Association presents the International Culture and Food Festival in the University Center with assistance from the Foreign Student and Scholar Services office. This is one of the biggest public events at UM and attracts over 4,000 people to the day-long festival. You have the opportunity to sample foreign foods, watch international performances, and check out exhibits from many countries. Children can participate in numerous multi-cultural events while obtaining a "passport" in Children's World.