



News of the SHERIDAN SCHOOLS

Notes from the Superintendent's Desk-

It seems like summer started yesterday, but we find ourselves at fair time and a couple of weeks from school starting. They say time flies when you are having fun. The twentieth of August will be here and all of those young excited faces will be back in the building ready to learn.

The start of a new year comes with anticipation, but also with a lot of stress of new class schedules and changing faces of teachers. I am excited about the upcoming year for a number of reasons, but I think the one that stands out the most is seeing the students mature another year. Many of the things we are doing on a daily basis in school lend to that maturation and academic growth. One of the growth issues that stands out is our success on the ACT and the ACT prep tests which we have concentrated on over the last couple of years. As a school, we have come a long way in college prep over a short time. This said, we still haven't lost sight of our career and tech preparation and career pathways programs in the process. This world we live in needs people who are interested in all types of careers, not only those that take a college degree to pursue.

Around the physical plant we have been very busy this summer. We are currently installing a new dishwasher in the kitchen. The old one lasted for twenty years and we would like to get the same amount of use out of the new one. We have made improvements to the egress around the CB Murray building with the installation of pea gravel and the extraction of some very large rock. We have replaced a number of water worn and stained ceiling tiles all around the facility and have fixed the last of the leaks in the elementary building's roof (at least we hope it's the last of the leaks). We have added 2 new busses to the fleet this summer, a new Panther bus and a new route bus. Hopefully, the addition of these two will make routes and activity travel more fluid with fewer breakdowns. All of this while doing the normal summer activities of mowing lawns and reviewing paperwork and manuals to prepare for the upcoming school year.

In closing, school starts on the twentieth of August with an opening student assembly and then we go right to work and begin classes. The sad part of the story is that in May of next year I will be writing another note telling you that I don't know where the time went and that the school year flew by. Have a safe rest of the summer and we will see your kids in school soon.

Sincerely,

Micheal Wetherbee, Superintendent, Sheridan School District #5

Important Dates to Remember :

- Madison County Fair
August 7-12
- Regular Board Meeting
August 14
- First Day of Practice (HS
FB & HS VB, CC)
August 10
- **School Begins !**
August 20
- First Day of Practice
(MS FB, MS VB)
August 21
- Fall School Pictures
August 28
- Middle School Camp Out
August 29-30
- Labor Day Break
August 31- September 3
- School on Friday
September 7
- **Homecoming Week**
September 17- 22
- Questions? call the school
office for more info at 842-
5302.

Sports Information

The fall sports season is set to begin. With that in mind, here are a few reminders for both athletes and parents.

All athletes are required to have a current, 2018-19 school year sports physical before they will be allowed to practice. Athletes will also be required to turn in the training rules/chemical use form, liability waiver, and medical release form to their coaches in a timely manner.

In addition to the above mentioned forms, all athletes are required to purchase an activity pass.

The Sheridan Panther Booster Club will be holding a membership drive shortly after the school year begins. The Panther Booster Club performs a variety of tasks designed to help our athletic programs such as helping with the purchase of new team uniforms and having merchandise for the Sheridan Panther fans to purchase.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Sheridan School District is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2018-19 school year.

- ◆ Elementary Classroom Teacher
- ◆ Assistant Middle School Volleyball Coach
 - ◆ Assistant Cook
 - ◆ Bus Route Driver
- ◆ Adult Education Director
- ◆ Concession Advisor
- ◆ Substitute Teachers

What is the Parent Portal?

All students have a student username & password but having your own Parent Portal username and password will allow you to access all of your students with only one login.

The Parent Portal allows parents to view:

- student grades
- lunch account balance
- homework assignments
- immunizations on record
- unofficial high school transcripts
- and much more.



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School Fees

Our shop and Family Consumer Science classes, along with some art classes charge a small fee for student supplies used during the class period.

The **Band** charges a \$50 per semester rental fee for school instruments to cover the costs of cleaning and repair.

High School Laptop Use Fee: \$50

Activity passes are available for purchase for adults and students for unlimited admission to home athletic events. Students participating in school sports or clubs are required to purchase an activity pass. This helps offset the cost of running our activity programs, however if due to family hardships you are unable to pay, please contact Mr. Wetherbee and arrangements will be made.

Elementary & Middle School student	\$30
High School student	\$40
Adults	\$35
Family Pass (5+ members)	\$125

Without the purchase of the activity fee, admission to athletic events is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens are granted free admission.

How do I access the Parent Portal?

- Contact the school office 842-5401 or 842-5302 to establish your username & password.
- Go to the Sheridan school website sheridan.k12.mt.us, the shortcut to the Parent Portal login page is listed on homepage.
- Login using your username & password.
- Choose your student from the "Select a Student" menu at the top of the page. *After several unsuccessful attempts to log in, you may be locked out. Please contact the school office.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Annually, Sheridan Public Schools must publish a notice to the public indicating that there is asbestos located on the campus. We are in compliance with AHERA requirements and do have Asbestos Inspection Report and Management Plans for the District. The public is invited to visit the District Office and review these plans.

From the desk of Rodney Stout—Elementary Principal

Dear Parents and K-6 Students,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Sheridan Elementary School. I hope everyone was able to get away and spend some quality time with friends and family this summer. I know I really enjoyed time with my family as we enjoyed the many outdoor opportunities around us. I am excited to see each of you as you continue, or begin, your education in Sheridan. To help get all students ready for the new school year, please review the supply list for each grade level located on the school web site, <http://sheridan.k12.mt.us/>.

The first day of school will be Monday, August 20th, 2018. This will be a full day with students being dismissed at 3:45 PM. Just a reminder, we will have school Friday, September 7th. If anyone has transportation or bus schedule questions for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact the elementary school office at 842-5302. On another transportation note, remember, when dropping off or picking your student up from school make sure to park in front of the school or football field. Students **are not** to be dropped off next to the busses; this causes a very dangerous situation for the students and the bus drivers.

As the school year begins, I am extremely excited to welcome one new staff member to the Sheridan Elementary team. With the retirement of long-time teacher Ileen Brannon, we were very fortunate to hire our new Resource teacher Mrs. Lanaie Morgan.

All K-6 students will once again receive the student day planner to help them get and stay organized for their academic and personal success. Students will be given these from their respective classroom teachers. Also, please make sure all required paperwork is turned into the elementary office in a timely fashion.

Sheridan Elementary will continue to work closely with the Montana Behavior Institute (MBI) to strengthen our PANTHER PRIDE! Our areas of focus include BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE SUCCESSFUL, and BE A PANTHER. Please review these universals with your student frequently as we all work to make Sheridan Elementary the best school it can be for students, staff, parents, and the community.

Lastly, as we look toward the new school year, please be aware we will be implementing a “buzz-in” system for the elementary during the school day. The “buzz-in” box is located on the right side of our entry doors; you must push the “buzz-in” button before you will be granted access to the building. Please be patient as we implement this new procedure to help keep our staff and students as safe as possible.

Again, I can't wait to see everyone on Monday, August 20th! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via email at rodney.stout@sheridan.k12.mt.us or by phone at 842-5302.

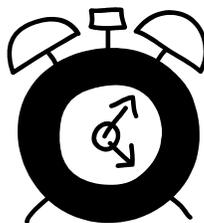
Sincerely,

Rodney Stout, Principal



SCHOOL HOURS & LUNCH TIMES

- 7:30 **BREAKFAST SERVED & DOORS OPEN**
- 7:55 **SCHOOL BEGINS**
- 11:30-11:50 **K-3 LUNCH**
- 11:50-12:05 **4-6 LUNCH**
- 12:04-12:42 **7-8 LUNCH**
- 12:09-12:42 **9-12 LUNCH**
- 3:45 **SCHOOL DISMISSAL**
- 3:55 **BUSES DEPART**



School Meal Prices (K-12)

Reduced Breakfast	\$0.30
Full Price Breakfast	\$1.50
Reduced Lunch	\$0.40
Full Price Lunch	\$2.00
Adult Breakfast	\$1.50
Adult Lunch	\$2.00
Milk Only	\$0.40

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P.A.L.Z. Afterschool & Friday **Program**

- First day of PALZ- August 27, afterschool - 5:15 pm
- First Friday PALZ - September 14, 8 am - 2 pm
 - K-12 Sheridan School students welcome
 - Registration packets are available in the elementary office.
- Homework help available afterschool - 4:45 pm
 - No bus transportation available
- An afterschool school snack is provided for students attending PALZ and homework help.
 - PALZ is FUN!!!

NOTICE OF FINAL BUDGET MEETING

On the second Tuesday in August (August 14, 2018), at 7:00 p.m. the Sheridan School District No. 5 Board of Trustees will meet in the Charles B. Murray Media Technology Center for the purpose of considering and adopting the final budget of the district. The trustees' meeting may be continued from day-to-day until adoption of the final budget. Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the budget. The regular August meeting will also be conducted at that time.

For further information please contact:

Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk, PO Box 586, Sheridan, MT 59749
(406-842-5302).