Dear Chief Charlo Families,

Another school year is almost complete. Here are some upcoming highlights, reminders, and dates to keep in mind:

- This year our school adopted three teams in the Montana Special Olympics – teams from Choteau, Manhattan, and Round-up. Classrooms will be putting together posters, cards of support, and gift bags. The Opening Ceremony is on May 20th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Adams Field Center. Beach Transportation has graciously donated two busses to transport parents and students to the event. The busses will leave Chief Charlo at 5:45 p.m. and return after the event. We would love to fill both of the busses to capacity. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the PTO bulletin board outside the office so we can get a head count. You can also let your child’s teacher know as well. It should be a great event and we hope to pack the house.

- Lunch with a Buddy will be starting Monday May 11th. Please be sure to double check your student’s time. Fliers with your children’s schedule day will be coming home this week.

- Our BBQ fundraiser is on June 9th. The free event helps to raise money for our school garden. The Whiz Pops will be performing an outside concert.

- The last day of classes is June 11th. It will be a shortened day, with K-3 leaving at 11:00 a.m. and 4th-5th leaving at 11:30 a.m.

- And finally, a huge thanks to the PTO for our Family Science Night in April. A good time was had by all.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

David Rott, Principal

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**Upcoming Events Schedule**

- May 11-22 Lunch With A Buddy
- May 20th Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies. Busses leave CC at 5:45pm
- June 9 BBQ Garden Fundraiser

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**Chief Charlo Officers for 2014-2015**

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**ANNOUNCING OUR INCOMING MEMBERS FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR!**

Please welcome Virginia Tobaison and Tiffany Togstad to the 2015-16 PTO board. Virginia will take over the Secretary position and Tiffany will take over as Co-Vice President. We are sad to see Darcy and Ann go. Darcy will still join us at our fun events and Ann will still coordinate our annual Craft Fair event. Ann will be back for the 2016-17 school year. We will miss you, Ann and Darcy! Thanks so much for your giving hearts!
This will be the last month of the school year for students to check out library books. This month’s book genre will be sports. Stuck inside on a cold and rainy spring day? Then check out some of these great titles: Soccer Chick Rules by Dawn Fitzgerald, Swimming for Fun! by Andrew Willett, Sports! Sports! Sports!: A Poetry Collection by Lee Bennett Hopkins, The Hit-Away Kid by Matt Christopher, Family Huddle by Peyton Manning, Summer Ball by Mike Lupica, The Babe & I by David A. Adler, Betty Bunny Wants to Make a Goal by Michael Kaplan, You Never Heard of Willie Mayes by Jonah Winter, Mr. Putter and Tabby Drop the Ball by Cynthia Rylant, Cam Jansen and the Summer Camp Mysteries by David Adler and Clifford’s Sports Day by Norman Bridwell.

**Last day for checkout 1st through 5th grade students will be May 29th. The last day of checking out books for Kindergarten will be May 22nd. After May 29th all library books will be due back to the library.** As the end of the year approaches, the library will be getting cleaned and organized for the next school year.

**LOST BOOKS**—Please help your child find their library books as well as pay for any lost or damage books your child had checked out this school year. If you have any questions please email mrgreil@mcps.k12.mt.us or call me at 728-2400 ext 4965.

**Book Exchange**—starting June 1st-5th the library will again be hosting a book exchange. Students may bring in books from home and trade with other kids who have bought books in from their home. Students may bring in up to 10 books to trade. Please be sure the books are in good condition and are clean when you bring them into the book exchange.

**Summer Reading**—I can’t stress enough the importance of summer reading. Research shows students losing reading and literacy skills just from not reading over the summer break. Please don’t let these reading skills disappear for your children. Reading Rockets is a national multimedia literacy initiative offering information and resources for parents and students. Please visit this website and see how easy it is to keep your children reading during the summer. [http://www.readingrockets.org/reading-topics/summer-reading](http://www.readingrockets.org/reading-topics/summer-reading)

Don’t forget our other local and state reading programs!


(You don’t have to purchase anything to earn a free book from Barnes and Noble! Check out the details!

Mary Greil
Teacher Librarian

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**A HUGE THANKS GOES OUT TO OUR APRIL VOLUNTEERS AND SPONSORS!**

Science Night was a HUGE success thanks to all of our sponsors, volunteers, and especially our families at Chief Charlo for attending. CHIEF CHARLO ROCKS! (We even made the news!)

THANK YOU EXHIBITORS! SpectrUM, Rhithron Associates, Chief Charlo Garden Club, Mr. Cashman’s 5th grade class, Western Montana Astronomical Society, Sentinel High School, UM Paleontology Center, Sylvan Learning Center, Girl Scouts, 4th grade students, 5th grade students, Missoula Alliance Church, Kindergarten classes

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS! Virginia Tobiason, Kim Brown, Kris Brown, Abi Grove, Bobby Spoja, Valerie Young, Molly Stockdale, Amanda Patel, Crystal Sampson, Thea and Jamie Gyde, Susie Graham, Kevin Cashman, Mary Greil, Chris Tobiason, Margaret Lyon, Amber Johnson, Krista Drechsler, Kiersten England, Sydney Stauffer, Wilma Tabaracci, Rod and Susan Snyder

THANK YOU TO OUR LUNCH WITH A BUDDY VOLUNTEERS! Kim Brown, Lara Wildeboer, Coryll Rupert, Sari Hettick, Virginia Tobiason, Abby Morris, Crystal Sampson, Valerie Young, Udo Fluck, Thea Gyde, Tiffany Togstad, and Molly Stockdale.
Chief Charlo elementary school joined eight other schools in the district, this past year, with its participation in the University of Montana’s Global Gateway program. Global Gateway is an integrated global education service, which develops learning partnerships with the UM campus, K-12 schools, and community organizations, promoting cultural awareness and global competence.

Its outreach services to local schools are accomplished through a series of seminars that infuse cultural and global content into existing curricula. “The instructional sessions are tailored for students from Kindergarten to high school level and provide information about the geography, climate of locations around the world and the people and their customs that live in those places”, says Udo Fluck, director of Global Gateway.

Learners of the 21st century will be dealing with cultural diversity on a daily basis in school and future employment settings and it is no surprise that global competency is entering the curriculum of educational systems locally and internationally, quickly becoming a core value of K-12 education.

Chief Charlo was among the pilot schools in spring 2014, with six, 30-minute seminars in Mrs. Woehler’s second grade classroom, as students learned about the history, geography and culture of different countries, as they explored hats and instruments from around the world.

“The use of hats and instruments allow the children an object to view and touch. The students have been introduced to specific facts about each country or region, including information on plants, animals, industries and related cultural aspects of each country”, agrees Woehler.

A year later, spring 2015, Fluck has provided over 50 individual seminars in six different classrooms at Chief Charlo. Mrs. Woehler’s class was among those teachers again that requested the outreach program, along with Mrs. Johnston, Ray, Hull, Carlson and McHugh, who were also interested in infusing cultural and global content into their curricula.

Thank you, Mr Fluck! You are a true giver to our school and our community.

“My students had the world opened up to them through a very engaging format. Any chance young learners have to gain information from around the world benefits them immensely and the Global Gateway program provides that opportunity for them”, according to Woehler.

Families In Transition Thanks MOR and Chief Charlo Girl Scouts!

We want to give a HUGE shout out to Missoula Organization of Realtors for donating $600 to help Chief Charlo families in need through the MOR For Kids program.

We also want to thank Girl Scout Group # 3499 for donating $.50 per box sold at Science Night to our Families In Transition Program at CC! Our very own Chief Charlo 5th Graders, Maddie Bates, Katelin Dillman, Kylie

Let’s congratulate the winners of our 2nd Annual Chili Cook Off Competition held at Science Night in April!

1st Prize—CRYSTAL SAMPSON! Crystal won a $20 gift certificate to the Missoula Downtown Association.

2nd Prize—ANN BATES! Ann won a $10 gift certificate to the Missoula Downtown Association.

3rd Prize—MARY GREIL! Mrs Greil was our reigning champion from 2014. The competition is getting tough!
Lunch With A Buddy  May 11-22

Your child is encouraged to invite a “buddy” to come have lunch with them (during their regular lunchtime) outside on the day their class is scheduled below. Their “buddy” can be anyone: a parent, grandparent, or even a close next-door neighbor. The buddy brings lunch to share with your child and your Chief Charlo PTO provides obstacle course fun and a treat. In the past this has been an event greatly enjoyed by the students and we look forward to seeing you at Lunch with a Buddy! Remember to bring a blanket to sit on.

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BIKE...WALK...BUS WEEK CELEBRATION!

We will be celebrating Bike/Walk/Bus Week at Chief Charlo throughout Lunch With A Buddy! Complete the obstacle course. When you return your flier to the PTO table, you will receive a gift to promote walking, biking, and/or taking the bus! Get outside, get active! Celebrate with us!

Chief Charlo BBQ and Basket Fundraiser!  June 9

Join us June 9th from 6-8pm to celebrate our many successes in 2014-15 school year! Families are invited to come enjoy the garden and help plant our 2015 crops. Garden City Harvest will be there inform us of the wonderful summer programs coming to the Chief Charlo Garden this summer. Your PTO will provide hotdogs, veggie burgers, and bottled water. Families are asked to bring a potluck item. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win your favorite theme basket. However, this is a FREE event for Chief Charlo families! All proceeds from baskets will go directly to finishing the garden beautification project. The WHIZPOPS will be back! Let’s jam and celebrate our wonderful school and reap the benefits of all the effort put into to building our beautiful Garden this year. Volunteers are needed to pull off this oh-so-fun event. Contact chiefcharlopto@gmail.com for details.

K-Tabaracci   ARTS AND CRAFTS
K-Stauffer   BIRDS, BEASTS, AND BUTTERFLIES
K-Dreschler   GRILLING, BBQ
K-England   CHEF, COOKING WITH KIDS
1-Sullivan   GARDEN
1-Rosberg   PETS
1-Murphy   GAME AND MOVIE NIGHT
1-Contos   MONTANA
2-Woehler   SPORTS LOVER
2-Ray   BACK YARD FUN
2-McHugh   As Seen On T.V.
2-Hull   MT MADE
3-Moe   POOL PARTY
3-Mathias   SLEEP OVER
3-Johnston   GAME AND MOVIE NIGHT
4-Carlson   OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
4-Graham   GARDEN
5-Cashman   FUN WITH SCIENCE
5-Fullbright   MT MADE
5-Hobbs   OUTDOOR FUN

SPECIAL ED STROTHMAN/MURRAY---RAINY DAY

We are in need of hands to help serve food, protect the baskets, and to help with the garden during the BBQ event. Please contact Kim Brown at chiefcharlopto@gmail.com for volunteer details. Also, donations are needed for the basket fundraiser. Each class has a theme basket. We are asking for donations to fill these wonderful baskets. Please have your donations to your child’s teacher no later than 5/20.

THANK YOU CHIEF CHARLO FAMILIES!