



# The Husky

Orchard Elementary School

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## February:

Mondays-----Billings United Soccer

Thursdays-----Tennis is Elementary

8-11-----No School - Vacation

19 -----PTA Meeting at 4:00

28-----End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

Orchard Elementary is excited to welcome **Billings United Soccer** club to Orchard to offer free and certified soccer trainings for students after school on Mondays, **February 4, 18, 25 and March 4 in Orchard Gym.**

Grades Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> : 2:00-2:45

Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: 3:00-3:45

## February, 2019

### Attendance Matters

Orchard Elementary has made great strides in attendance so far this school year! We will continue to monitor each classroom's attendance and provide rewards for students who make it to school on time everyday!

### PTA Meeting



Orchard Elementary is still looking for dedicated parents and community members to join our Parent-Teacher Association. The PTA is a volunteer group that helps to provide resources and programs for our school and families. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please come to our next meeting in the Orchard Library on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.



### Winter Weather

The winter season is upon us and the chill in the air has turned to snow. Therefore, I am sending our inclement weather information to our families, staff and community members in preparation for what might be cold and snowy weather ahead.

Communication with our Billings Public Schools' families is paramount to our students' and staff's safety. Below is a brief list of resources parents may use to learn about effects of adverse weather conditions.

- ❖ SchoolConnects System - automated telephone notification system notifies parents within 45 minutes of being launched. Parents need to be sure that all

phone numbers are updated with their children's schools.

- ❖ SD2 Emergency Information Line - Call 406-281-5193 for updates on severe weather conditions and emergencies.
- ❖ Stay connected with local TV, radio stations and the Billings Gazette.
- ❖ Access the Billings Public Schools' website - <http://billingschools.org>

### Other Inclement Weather Tips

- ❖ Dress appropriately for cold weather – sweaters, pants, winter coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks and boots.
- ❖ Allow extra travel time to get to school.
- ❖ Wear bright jackets or coats so drivers can easily see you in the morning or evening.
- ❖ Do not walk or play on snow mounds or ice within 10 feet of the roadway – you can fall and slip into the roadway and be at risk of being struck by a vehicle.

### How to Prevent Head Lice

Head lice are always present in the community. Head lice are a nuisance, but they do not spread disease. They are not related to cleanliness, and anyone can get it! Here are a few tips for parents to help prevent it from spreading to your child.

- ❖ Perform weekly head checks to look for lice and nits. Lice and nits are very small, so use a bright light and/or a magnifying glass when checking for them. Outdoor light is best.
- ❖ Avoid sharing personal items such as hats, coats, brushes, combs, hair accessories (barrettes or scrunchies), and pillows.
- ❖ Keep long hair in a braid or pony tail.
- ❖ Everyone in your home needs to take part in head checks as part of their weekly personal hygiene routine.

*Please stop by the main office if you need any head lice treatment or special shampoo.*

### Please Update Contact Information

If you have moved or have a different phone number, please notify the school with the updated information. This is extremely important in case of an emergency. We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

### Jiffy Lube: Drive for Education

Orchard is partnering with Jiffy Lube of Billings! With your help and support, we can raise funds for our school and your students' education. With these cards, you'll receive \$10 off an Oil Change at Jiffy Lube, and give back to our school at the same time.

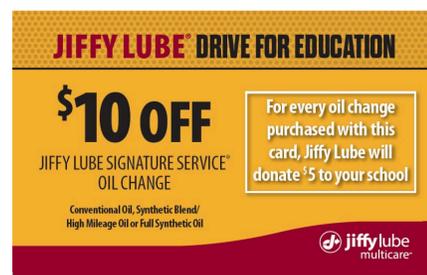
How does the program work?

1. Take your VIP card into any of the three local Billings Jiffy Lubes.
2. Ask for a Jiffy Lube Signature Service Oil Change.
3. Present your VIP card upon checkout.
4. Done! You save \$10, and for every oil change purchased, Jiffy Lube will donate \$5 to our school.

Lose your VIP card? You can still participate! Go to <http://drive4edu.jiffylubebillings.com> to print the coupon, or show them the barcode on your phone at checkout.

Card valid at the following Billings Jiffy Lube locations:

- 1023 Main St, Billings (406) 248-8000
- 1028 Shiloh Crossing Blvd, Billings (406) 601-1211
- 741 S 24th St W, Billings (406) 534-8768



## **Student Corner**

Student Author: *Ivy Runsabove*

Student interviews:

***How can you make new friends feel welcome when they come here to Orchard?***

\* "By introducing yourself with a handshake and a smile and letting them know if they need someone to talk to your available."

\* "By coming up to them and introducing yourself and letting them know that if they need someone to talk to that your available."

***How can you start composting instead of wasting?***

\* "You can start by having an container and put all the leftover fruits and veggie skins in it"

\* "You can begin by collecting breakfast and lunch scraps into a container."

# **GO HUSKIES!**

**Please join us in celebrating our January Students of the Month.  
Congratulations!**

**Kindergarten**

Bob Stanley (Woksape) - *Mrs. Binford*  
Devon Nadeau (Isibindi) - *Mrs. Bretz*  
Rykkard Oblander (Woksape) - *Mrs. Munguia*

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Aveyanna Stewart(Altrusmo) - *Ms. Barnett*  
Cayleigh Russell(Hawáte) - *Mrs. Curtis*  
Chase Erickson (Rêveur) - *Mrs. Welch*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Ariyah Iron (Amistad) - *Mrs. Lang*  
Gaige Stacey (Altruismo) - *Mrs. Peterson*  
Lillian Watkins (Woksape) - *Mrs. Sarsfield*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Mila Schmidt (Hawáte) - *Ms. Lambert*  
Rhyheem Edwards (Amistad) - *Ms. Petrick*  
Josie Satterfield (Amistad) - *Mr. Roberts*  
Kierra Nadeau (Amistad) - *Mrs. Meidinger*

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Amayah Castro(Woksape) - *Mrs. Auch*  
Brooklynn Franco (Hawáte) - *Ms. Schillinger*

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Kaydn Bitter (Amistad) - *Mr. Schwartzkopf*  
Jazzlyn Russell (Amistad) - *Mr. Skelton*  
Jaxson Mauger (Rêveur) - *Mrs. Stetler*  
Atarah Lewallen (Isibindi) - *Mr. Wilson*

**Specialists**

Isabella Baker (Hawáte) - *Ms. Berg (Reading)*  
Elyssia Newman (Rêveur) - *Mrs. Bettise (Art)*  
Chase Erickson (Rêveur)- *Mrs. Ellis (Music)*  
Hunter Wiles (Amistad) - *Mrs. Jeziorski (Library)*  
Kayla Medicine Horse (Hawáte) - *Mr. Miller (Health/PE)*

**A HUGE THANK YOU to the  
Outback Steakhouse for  
providing a great meal for  
our students**

