



Morningstar Learning Center Newsletter

May 12, 2017



Important Dates

May 12	Scholastic Book Orders Due
May 15	Quarterly Enrollment Due
May 17	Community Library Story Time
May 29	No School, Memorial Day
May 31	June Billing Processed
June 2	Preschool Graduation



Director's Desk

This week, **Ms. Jennifer Waters** came and read her recently published book, *Marie's Dream*, to the toddler and preschool classrooms. They loved listening to her book (and some even invited her over to their house!). If you are interested in purchasing her book for your home or as a gift, you can contact her at dancebigsky@gmail.com or 208-340-7724

Stephanie's Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:30am-10am, 4:00-5:00pm

Faye's Office Hours: Wed. 8:00am-9:30am

Lori's Office Hours: Thursday-Friday 8:30am-10am



SUNSCREEN

Please send in a new, unexpired **lotion sunscreen** with your child to MLC by **FRIDAY MAY 19th**.

As we head into warmer days, families are asked to apply sunscreen to their child before bringing them to MLC. The teachers will help children reapply as needed. Spray sunscreen is not allowed in daycare facilities.

Also, please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing such as sun hats, close-toed shoes, and light jackets.

Thank you!

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic Book Orders are **due May 12th**. The online ordering class code is: GTWBL.

THANK YOU!

Each time your family orders books, MLC earns bonus points and coupons. Since February, *our school has received over 50 free books!* These books are used to supplement classroom teaching units and used to replace classroom books in disrepair.

Quarterly Enrollment Due

If you haven't submitted your dates for June, July, and August, please do so by **May 15th!** After that, I will be notifying families on our waiting lists of availability.

English Language Classes

The Community Learning Center at Big Sky Discovery Academy is offering Youth, High School and Adult English Language Classes June-August 2017. Call 993-2008 or email: nancy@bigskydiscoveryacademy.org

SUMMER CAMPS!

There are many camp opportunities for children this summer; look at the flyers below for more information.

PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Preschool Graduation for students entering Kindergarten in the fall will be June 2, 2017 at 4:30pm. All the MLC classes will attend and encourage families to come and support these students.

May Theme: Insects

This next month all the classrooms will participate in activities surrounding this theme.

The **Infant Class** is thankful for mothers and hopes all of their mothers have a good day on Sunday! The class continues to study bugs both inside and outside. They are learning the letter "C" for caterpillar. Ms. Karen graciously purchased new buckets and shovels for the sandbox, which the infants and the rest of the students are enjoying.

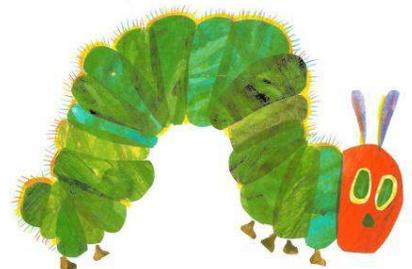
The **Toddler Class** will be learning all about the wildlife in their own backyard! They will learn about moose, bears, mountain goats, and big horn sheep! They will study animal tracks and start learning about the letter "M".

This week the **Preschool Class** will study the life cycle of a butterfly! Important vocabulary words include life cycle, egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and butterfly. The class will create their own Very Hungry Caterpillar book and engaging in creating their very own butterfly habitat!

The **Spanish Class** continues to practice learning shapes. Use the links below to help your child practice at home!

<https://youtu.be/5HJphUcD9pg>
<https://youtu.be/JsbeyIHIGT4>
<https://youtu.be/gGBeyG1BKUY>
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The **Guidance class** explored the theme of *self-esteem* and practiced giving positive affirmations. They discussed why we use kind words with **ourselves** and **others**.

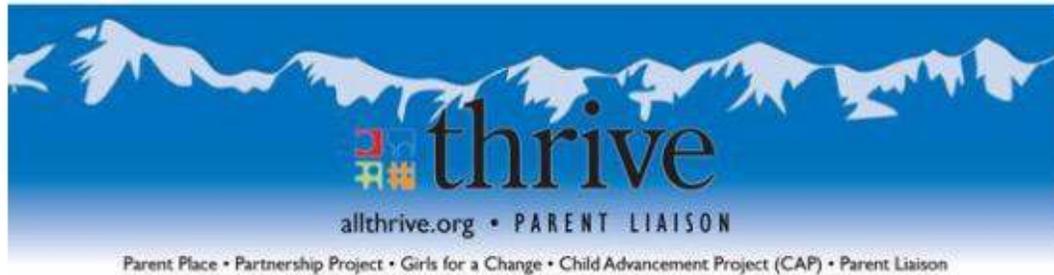


Happy Mother's Day!

Thank You SPANISH PEAKS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, you are *our* HERO!

Morningstar Learning Center has been the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Spanish Peaks Community Foundation. This grant was written for Family Assistance to help defray costs associated with enrollment. A Scholarship Review Committee has been formed to process and award scholarships. The committee will use a sliding scale as well as other information provided by the applicant to determine awards. Families interested in applying may access the scholarship form by going to www.morningstarlearningcenter.com and clicking on the Enrollment tab or by [clicking here](#). Completed applications may be submitted directly to Joe Miller at First Security Bank in Big Sky.





Big Sky Camp Offerings Summer 2017:

- **All Saints Day Camp:** August 14-18 2017. 8:30-3:30 with additional care until 5pm. (5-10 y.o.) Free of cost. [Big Sky VBS Day Camp](#)
- **Art Spot in Big Sky:** [Registration for Art Spot](#) June 26-30th and July 10-14th 9:00am-3:00pm at Ophir Elementary. (Ages entering 2nd grade and up). Call or email Chelsea@artspot.com (406)587-8424.
- **Big Sky Broadway:** June 19-July 2 2017. (Entering 4th-Entering 9th Grades) Contact Barbara Rowley at browley@3rivers.net. Reg. opens April 7, 2017 at Big Sky's Got Talent and **fills fast!**
- **Big Sky Christian Fellowship- Vacation Bible School:** July 17-21 2017. Contact Amber Miller at amberbscf@gmail.com.
- **Big Sky Community Organization: Camp Big Sky:** June 19-August 25 2017. (Entering 1st-5th grades) [Camp Big Sky](#)
- **BSDA Little Explorer Weeks.** Three separate weeks between Mid June-Mid Aug. (Prek-7yrs) [Little Explorer Camp](#)
- **Big Sky Fitness Fusion:** Contact Jolene Callahan (406) 579-2489. [BSFF Website](#)
- **Big Sky Resort Bike Camp:** June 19 x4wks & July 24 x4wks 9am-4pm. Contact Sarah Maloney at sarah.maloney@bigskyresort.com
- **British Soccer Camp:** June 26-30 2017. Contact Leslie Jorgenson at leslie.jorgenson@gmail.com or (406)580-7502
- **Camp Moonlight:** July 24-27 & July 31-Aug 3 2017. (Ages 4-17) [Camp Moonlight](#)
- **Dance Big Sky:** Twin Sky Dance Intensive WMPAC July 10-15 -Contact Jennifer Waters dancebigsky@gmail.com.
- **Jack Creek Preserve:** July 20-23 & August 3-6 2017. [JCP Summer Camp](#)
- **Kids Adventure Games:** Sponsored by Big Sky Resort: July 7-9 2017. [BSR- Kids Adventure Games](#)
- **Lone Mountain Ranch:** June 1-Aug 20 2017. Weekly sign up M-Th (5th-12th grade) [Lone Mountain Ranch](#)
- **Morningstar Learning Center:** June 19-August 24 2017. (Preschool Age). Contact Stephanie Kissell at executivedirector@morningstarlearningcenter.com or (406) 995-2565.
- Updating Activity Resource Link: [Facebook Page: Big Sky Activities for Kids and Teens](#)



Women in Action is offering [scholarships](#) to local families for summer camp programs. WIA summer camp scholarship applications are available at each BSSD school and will be online. **The deadline for scholarship applications is May 1, 2017.**

Thrive programming sponsored by:



British Challenger Camp for Players 3 to 12! Opportunity to Host a British Soccer Coach!



Ages: 3 to 12

Dates: 6/26/2017 - 6/30/2017

Location: Big Sky Community Fields

First Kicks	ages 3-4	8:00-9:00am	\$92
Mini Soccer	ages 5-6	1:00-2:30pm	\$103
Half Day Camp	ages 7-14	9:15am-12:15pm	\$145
Half Day Camp	ages 11-14	1:00-4:00pm	\$145
Full Day Camp	ages 9-14	9:15am-4:00pm	\$192
Golden Goal Bonus Camp	ages 7-14	Mon-Thurs only, 2:30-4:00pm	\$50 (add-on)

Challenger Sports' British Soccer Camp is the most popular soccer camp in the country based upon one of the most innovative approaches to coaching youth soccer in the US and Canada. Our experienced staff study the game at all levels and will help players improve their core techniques and become more confident on the ball. With programs for each age, the curriculum includes a variety of foot skills, technical drills, tactical practices, freestyle soccer, small-sided games and coached scrimmages.

World Cup style games are held each day where campers compete for their adopted country and are encouraged to learn about different customs cultures and our core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship and leadership.

Most camps will include a free soccer ball, T shirt, Poster and Skills Evaluation, but please check your individual sessions on the website to confirm this.

To register please go to:

<http://www.challengersports.com>

If you have any questions or issues with registration, please call Leslie Jorgenson, 406-580-7502, or email: leslie.jorgenson@gmail.com. *If you are willing to host a coach during the camp week (even if you do not have a camper registered), there is an \$80 stipend available/coach (maximum 3 coaches). Additionally, there may be a scholarship available for one camper. Please inquire with Leslie.*