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BOARD MEETING

The Froid School Board will have their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. It will be a virtual meeting. The school board agenda will be posted at the usual places in town.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

The end of school is quickly approaching! If you have any band fees or lunch/breakfast charges to catch up on, now would be a good time so you are not bombarded with debt on the last day!

JAPANESE HOST

Learn about another culture when you host a student from Japan this summer. Students stay in Montana for one month to experience what it is like to live with an American family. Program dates are July 22-August 17, 2020 and delegates range in age from 12-16. Families with children who are within 2-3 years and the same gender as the person they host are encouraged to apply. To apply, contact Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu or 406-994-3502 or go to <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>.

EXPLORE AMERICA

As you all have heard or guessed, our trip was put on hold. It looks like this year's Juniors will travel next spring and we are trying to find a time for our 3 Senior girls. Thank you so much for all of your support in helping these 8 students fundraise. Who new something like this would happen?

Also, we have 20 plain cheese pizzas with red sauce and 4 cheese pizzas with white sauce for sale. They are \$15.00 each frozen. Please contact Mrs. Smith at 509-342-5590 to purchase a pizza. I will make arrangements to get them to you.

YEARBOOK

During this unprecedented time, we would love to have pictures of what distance learning looks like for our Froid families. Please send in pictures of your students working and learning at home. Any cool things they are working on, science experiments, cooking for the family, helping with the livestock. We want to see it all! Pictures will be selected to be put in the yearbook. Send to tsmith@froidschool.com.

March 30, 2020

Hello parents and students,

First off I want to thank you for all that you have been asked to do over these last two weeks. The adjustment we all had to make overnight from classroom education to distance education, especially while many of us have had to make the same adjustment in our careers. Working from home with children running around isn't always the easiest. We are also appreciative of everything you are doing with your children.

On March 29, 2020, President Trump extended his social distancing guidelines to run through April 30, 2020. While at this time we have not received word from Governor Bullock that the state school closures will extend through this date, I would anticipate that we will follow the same measures. If the closure continues through that date, we will do pickup/drop offs on the following dates:

April 6, 2020

April 14, 2020

April 20, 2020

April 27, 2020

Pickups will begin at 9:00 AM and drop offs will begin at 11:00 AM.

If your child has checked out a chromebook, we have provided permission slips that you as a parent need to sign and return to the school. We have included a stamped envelope. Please return this as soon as possible.

We at Froid Public School are working as hard as we can to continue the education of our amazing students. While the location has changed, the dedication our teachers have to helping our students succeed has not. If your child is struggling, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher. All emails follow the pattern of first initial, full last name @froidschool.com. For example, my email is jparenteau@froidschool.com. Also, if your child is doing something really cool at home or trying something new, please let us know about those as well! Science experiments, cooking for the family, or reading a new book, we want to see what you're doing! We miss our students so much right now.

I hope the communication with parents during this time has been sufficient. The last two weeks have been a whirlwind of quick decision-making and updates from the government, OPI, and Froid Public School. We have worked hard to keep everyone informed, but also know that communication can always improve.

Thank you,

Janessa Parenteau

SCHOOL ELECTION NEWS

Froid School will hold their annual school election on May 5, 2020. The polls will be open from noon to 8:00pm. The polling place will be located in the New Gym. All registered voters are encouraged to cast a ballot. As of this printing the election is scheduled to proceed as usual.

This year there will be ONE (1) person elected to the school board. As of March 26, 2020 only Andrea Miller has filed a Declaration of Intent to run for school board. If anyone would like to file as a write in for this school board position they have until April 2, 2020 to file in intent with the Election Administrator. If you would like to file please contact Joyce Harvey at 766-2342 or 766-2310.

The school board will also be asking for approval of four mill levies. These mill levies are: Elementary General Fund, High School General Fund, Elementary Building Reserve Fund, and High School Building Reserve Fund

The Elementary general fund mill levy is to generate revenue for the day to day operations of the school. The board is asking for approximately 5.97mills or \$11,985.40. The taxes on a home valued at \$100,000.00 will increase approximately \$8.06 and on a home valued at \$200,000 will increase approximately \$16.12.

The High School general fund mill levy is to generate revenue for the day to day operations of the school. The board is asking for approximately 1.09 mills or \$4,434.16. The taxes on a home valued at \$100,000.00 will increase approximately \$1.47 and on a home valued at \$200,000 will increase approximately \$2.94.

The Elementary Building Reserve Fund mill levy is to generate funds for the purpose of equipping and maintenance of district property. The board is asking for approximately 9.96 mills or \$20,000 a year for five years for a total of \$100,000.00. The taxes on a home valued at \$100,000.00 will rise approximately \$13.45 and on a home valued at \$200,000.00 the taxes will increase about \$26.90. However this mill levy is replacing one that expires this year. In the past the board has asked for this mill levy to last for two years. It was decided to increase the length of this mill levy to five years to give the board a better projection for long range planning for maintenance issues.

The High School Building Reserve Fund mill levy is to generate funds for the purpose of equipping and maintenance of district property. The board is asking for approximately 7.39 mills or \$20,000 a year for five years for a total of \$150,000.00. The taxes on a home valued at \$100,000.00 will rise approximately \$9.98 and on a home valued at \$200,000.00 the taxes will increase about \$19.95. However this mill levy is replacing one that expires this year. In the past the board has asked for this mill levy to last for two years. It was decided to increase the length of this mill levy to five years to give the board a better projection for long range planning for maintenance issues.

If you are unable to vote at the polling place on May 5th, you may request an absentee ballot from the clerk of Froid School.

The Froid School has always received support from the community and we very much appreciate this support. It is because of you the community that the school is able to offer our students the education that will make them successful in life. We ask that you continue to support the school by voting for these mill levies.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Prom is in limbo right now. When we started distance learning, Medicine Lake and I were discussing moving Prom to May 9th. Nothing is set for sure yet, and we will let everyone know when decisions are made. Please be patient in these crazy times!

BPA NEWS

Results for Froid BPA at the State Leadership Conference

On March 7-10, 2020 the following Members competed at the Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference: Sydney Labatte, President; Kassidy Kjos, Vice President; Jennifer Guzman, Secretary; Sydney Dethman, Public Relations Director; Alyssa Nordlund, Membership Director; Makaylee Elvsaa; Baylee Davidson; Elise Logan; and Carolyne Christoffersen.

Kassidy Kjos placed 3rd in Integrated Office Applications qualifying her for the Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference which was to be held at National Harbor, MD. She also placed 8th in Advanced Word Processing.

Jennifer Guzman placed 5th in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, which also qualified her for the National Leadership Conference.

Carolyne Christoffersen placed 8th in Intermediate Word Processing

Congratulations to those students who qualified for national competition. It was heartbreaking when I got the news that, like so many other events, National BPA was cancelled this year. I am very proud of all of your members who worked hard fundraising and especially those who made it to state. Our students at Froid School work amazingly hard and are a pleasure to teach.



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Bookbeat – The Viral Edition

At this time I plan to keep the library open regular hours (Tues., Wed., Thurs. 11-5) We have a small patronage so social distancing guidelines are easily achieved. I'm wiping down surfaces in the library such as door knobs, computers, tables, etc. with disinfectant wipes. Covers of returned books are also being wiped down and I leave them on a cart for two days before shelving. I do ask that if you are obviously ill such as with a fever, etc. you refrain from visiting the library. If you have a book checked out that you are concerned might become overdue give me a call and I'll be happy to renew it.

Our book club will postpone meeting for the time being.

If you have bored kids I have a variety of materials left over from Summer Reading Programs past. I will be making these available for anyone who wishes to come in and pick them up. I have some new books from Hopa Mountain and Scholastic that kids can take home and keep. (4 for preschoolers, 3 for primary, and 8 for upper grades, as well as one set of The Hunger Games series. Our new Hopa Mountain books arrived today (excellent timing!) Two of them are board books, 3 preschool to grade 1, and one really cool book for older kids about a Native American ballerina. The top shelf of the rack in the entry has juvenile nonfiction and fiction books.

I just got my book order for March so I'll be getting those out on the shelf.

If the library is required to close I'll put up notices at the post office and on the door as well as on Froid's facebook page.

On a final note: there is a lot of information about Covid 19 on the internet right now both factual and...not so much. Please practice the 3 A's: Is it Authoritative, Is it Accurate (do other sources support the information and is it unbiased), Is it Appropriate (does it answer the question)?