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A Message from Principal McDaniels

Welcome Back!

Our school year is off to an amazing start, even under the pandemic. We are so happy to have our students back. It is amazing how easy-going our students took to mask wearing. I had horrible visions of what trying to get students to wear masks would look like however, it has been smooth sailing. Thank you to all of you for your flexibility on drop off and pickup. I would like to remind all parents and visitors that access to the school entrance is limited to essential business only. Please call ahead of time if picking up a student and we will have the students ready to go when you arrive. Please keep your child home if they are not feeling well. I know this is hard on families and work, however we do not have the luxury this year to encourage kids to stay at school if they are not feeling well. Parents will be required to pick their kids up as soon as possible if they are sick.

ABC (Academic Booster Club) is our Ulm School parent support group. The purpose of the ABC is to help support Ulm teaching staff for students, and to help Ulm school meet our needs and goals. One goal we are looking at is a new playground set for our students. Thank you ABC for the contribution to our new lunch tables. New members are encouraged to join, please call the office if you would like more information.

Our sidewalk (Bluehawk Walk) is now in place. We can all put it to good use. A huge shout out to the Fairhaven Colony for putting in the Bluehawk Walk at absolutely no cost to the school district. Thank you Fairhaven!

As the weather begins to cool off, *PLEASE* write your child's initials in their extra clothes, so we can get their clothes back to them if they are misplaced. We no longer have a Lost and Found. However, we will hold on to the clothes and personal items for a few days but after that they will be donated.

Please visit our website www.ulmschools.com or our Facebook page at Ulm Public Schools for school updates. You will also find our school lunch menu, the activities calendar, the continued update of our reopening plan, and a link to Infinite Campus. Infinite Campus will provide you with grade details, assignments, or lunch balances.

I am very proud of our Ulm School. Not only do we have the best students and teachers, but we are a step closer to having the best building. Lots of hard work has been done this summer to make our community proud of their building. Our new addition should be complete in a few weeks. The Bluehawk Walk is in, a fence is around the perimeter of our playground. We have an amazing looking new library, our halls now have a new fresh look. We have a new office adjustment. Old Diane Whitmore has moved into the old Administration office and the Principal is now in a new office that allows for supervision. The change of the offices is mainly for safety reasons but many benefits come along with the change.

Our After School Program is free this year for all students. If you wish for your child to attend please fill out the contract at the school office. All students not picked up after school on time will be sent to the After School Program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.
(406) 866-3313.

Again I am honored to be trusted with your most prized possessions. I will work hard along with the Ulm Staff in keeping your children safe, educated, nurtured and inspired.

Welcome our new Ulm School Staff

Madison Periman:

My name is Miss Periman and I am the new PE and Health teacher for Ulm School! I am excited to bring the fun and excitement to physical education and establish the importance of health. This is my first-year teaching and look forward to a lifetime of educating. I recently graduated from The University of Montana Western (GO DAWGS!) with a PE and Health K-12 degree. I am a member of SHAPE America, which is an organization for physical educators and health professionals to share and obtain new information pertaining to PE and health.

When I am not teaching this year, you'll most likely find me fishing on the Mo and camping/hiking with my best! I am an avid sports watcher, so my students will always be in the know of any time of sport information!

I am incredibly happy to have the opportunity to teach at a great school and educate young minds! GO BLUEHAWKS!

Julia Maxwell:

My name is Julia Maxwell. I will be a Middle School Social Studies, English and Spanish teacher this year. I am a former "True Bluehawk" from my kindergarten year here in Ulm. I graduated from Cascade in 2010 and Montana State University Northern in 2015. This will be my 6th year teaching in a public school with two years prior in a private kindergarten.

I am married to a former Cascadian, Charlie and we have 4 beautiful children. In my free time I volunteer in two foster care organizations.

I am so happy to be a part of the Ulm family this year and am looking forward to meeting all parents and students.

Mike Gillan

Mike Gillan is in his 41st year of teaching. He has 20 years of secondary teaching and 20 years as a college music educator. His bands have been selected to play four times at State Music Conventions. He has taught in Michigan, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming and Nevada. He has presented at Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota music conventions.

Chad Boedecker

Chad Boedecker will be teaching the 4-5 combination class in Ulm. Chad grew up in Montana. He has been teaching for over 20 years. Chad and his wife Sandra live in Great Falls with their two daughters, Macy and Sadie.

Kimberly Graff

I was born and raised in Great Falls, MT. I have taught first grade for three years in Havre. I have taught K-8, Title 1, and an aide. Moving back after 20+ years, in Billings, to a complete circle. I did my student teaching in Ulm. I have a son and a daughter that are both attending MSU in Bozeman. They are my world.

Severin Gilbert

After attending Ulm and Cascade, she earned a degree in Bioengineering from Montana State University (Go Cats!) After a while, she went to the University of Providence for secondary math and science teaching. She taught both middle and high school in town, and is thrilled to now be teaching 6-8th grade math and science here! She and her husband have three young children, including boy/girl twins, a lab/husky mix, and a cat.