



Board of Trustees Work Session

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025

Jim Darcy Elementary School

990 Lincoln Rd. W., Helena, MT 59602

& Via TEAMS

4:30 p.m.

Members of the public can attend in person or remotely by clicking the link below:

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the time for comment on public matters that are not on the agenda. Public matters do not include any pending legal matters, private personnel issues or private student issues. Please do not attempt to address such issues at this time or you will be ruled out of order. The Board cannot enter into a discussion during General Public Comment.

IV. PRESENTATION

Principal Jill Nyman, Jim Darcy Elementary School

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Item For Information

1. Interview of Candidates for Board of Trustees Vacancy

VI. BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

**HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Meeting Date: 10/28/2025

Item I.

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Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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Adjournment

Item Title: **Call To Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

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Item Title: **Review of Agenda**

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Item Title: General Public Comment

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Item Title: **Presentation**
Principal Jill Nyman, Jim Darcy Elementary School

EXPLORERS ON THE MOUNTAIN

School Leadership Team-
Academics

School Leadership Team-
Pax

School Leadership Team -
Behavior

Jim Darcy PTO

Sunshine Supporters

Academic Social Emotional
Learning Team

Office Care Team



BUILDING BRIDGES. CLIMBING PEAKS

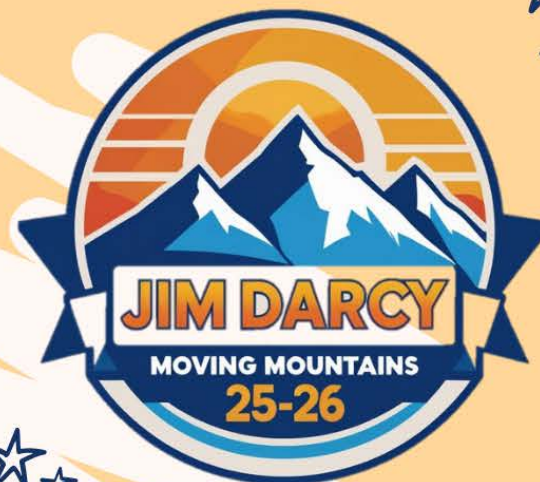
- Open House
- Fabulous Firsts
- **Grade Level Family Engagement**
- **State Basketball Special Olympics**
- **Trunk or Treat**
- **Veterans Day Celebration**
- Movie Night
- **Family Folk Dance g4-5**
- **Bring Your Grown Up to PE**
- **Library Family Learning**
- **Agriculture Day**
- Kindergarten Ice Cream Social
- **Shelley Sharp Art Show**
- Family Picnic on the Playground
- Field Day
- Carnival Classic
- P/T Conferences (97%)
- Winter Music Program
- **Mustang Manners**
- Student Council
- **Fifths Giving**
- Community Partnerships/Field Trips
- Charlie Cart
- Food Drive
- Jim Darcy Birthday Celebration
- Spirit Weeks
- PTO Movie Afternoon
- PTO Family Bingo Day
- **Holiday Bazaar**
- Book Fair
- **WYC- Playground Social**
- StarBase
- **Run2Learn**
- IEFA
- **Unified Champion School**



MOVING MOUNTAINS

JIM DARCY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Be Safe * Be Respectful *
Try your Best





ONE TEAM, ONE MOUNTAIN

1 Nationally Certified

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| 1. Erika McMillin | 6. Lynn Bubb |
| 2. Sandra Ballard | 7. Ashley Fish |
| 3. Jennifer Schaefer | 8. Nicole Lachapelle |
| 4. Holly Westerberg | 9. Talor LeBrun |
| 5. Kaci Matthies | 10. Jeanne Morigeau |

2 Highly Qualified Para-Educators

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| 1. Alyssa Kennedy | 6. Emily Roehm |
| 2. Ben Racicot | 7. Jeri Wright |
| 3. Carol Hoffman | 8. Teresa McNearney |
| 4. Dani Wagenman | 9. Roxy Ward |
| 5. Diane Powers | |

3 Educators of the Year

- Ben Racicot-
HPS Para Educator of the Year, 2022
- Krystal Ferguson-
MT School Counselor of the Year, 2025

4 Staff Legacy

At least 50 students currently attending or previously attending connected to staff creates unique investment in our school community and future.

Mission Statement:

We, the staff and parents of Jim Darcy School believe each student belongs and has a right to be safe, respected and successful. We create a caring place where students maximize their unique talents and capabilities on a life-long learning journey.

TRAILBLAZERS OF TOMORROW

Vision Statement:

"Education lays the foundation for a child's success."

Demographics

Students:

- Kindergarten (4) - 62
- First (4) - 74
- Second (4) - 76
- Third (3) - 76
- Fourth (3) - 85
- Fifth (3) - 82

Total Enrollment -455

IEPs- 57
504s- 10

McKinney Vento- 14
Gifted and Talented- 15
English Language Learners- 2
Free and Reduced- 112 (24%)
SACC - 18 Morning/ 27 Afternoon
Student Council- 70



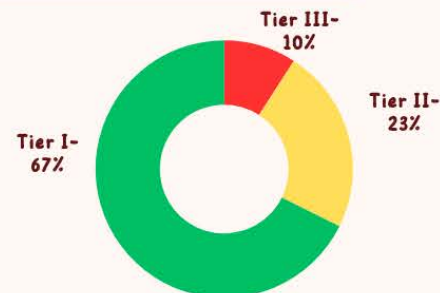
SHINING AT THE SUMMIT

Attendance



25/26 Attendance Goal: 95%

24/25 iReady ELA Overview



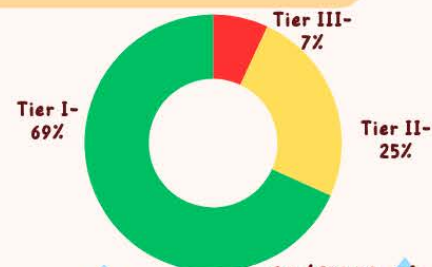
25/26 ELA Goal: 72%

24/25 Acadience Overview



25/26 Acadience Goal: 80%

24/25- iReady Math Overview



25/26 Math Goal: 72%

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