



Friday, October 2

FRIDAY FLYER

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Dear families and the Helena community,



Happy October! As mentioned last week, we are in the middle of back-to-back high school homecoming weeks. At the same time, our seniors are taking exciting steps toward their futures as College Application Weeks get underway.

Looking ahead to next week, it's Fire Safety Week, and our elementary students will be taking field trips to local fire stations to learn directly from our firefighters about staying safe in the event of a fire. Also happening this month are parent/teacher conferences. Your partnership with your child's teacher, principal, and school is essential to their success, so please be sure to check for communications from your student's teacher or principal regarding sign-up details and other need-to-knows.

Today is Custodian Appreciation Day! Please join me in extending a huge thank you to our facilities and custodial team. Day in and day out, their work keeps our schools clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone!

With October now underway, I must also mention that it's National Principals Month. Our principals are incredible leaders and community builders for our schools, so please take a moment this month to let your principal know how much you appreciate their leadership.

Respectfully,

Rex M. Wertz, Superintendent
Helena Public Schools

HAVE YOU HEARD?

HELENA PUBLIC SCHOOL IS ONE OF SIX SCHOOLS IN MT BUILDING LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS

Robert Worthy and Helena Public Schools were recently featured by Montana Partnership to End Childhood Hunger as one of six schools across the state working alongside local producers, ranchers, and community partners to bring more Montana-grown food to students and help strengthen local food systems.

Learn more about the project and how schools are building connections between students, agriculture, and their communities:



[VIEW WEBSITE](#)



SACC October Days are right around the corner! Full day child care for K-5 is available on October 15 and 16, 2026 (no school days) at Bryant Elementary School from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm.

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HOT TOPICS

Cold Weather Season is Upon Us!

Clothing and Winter Gear Resources Available in Our Schools...

Angel Fund applications are now available in school offices! Shopping will begin until October 19th and will run through November 12th. Families who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch (must have completed the [Free & Reduced-Price Meal Application](#) this year) and are in good standing with attendance, may apply.

Angel Fund is an incredible non-profit organization that provides up to \$200 in school clothing for students who qualify for free / reduced lunch.



The Angel Fund
Together, we are helping
kids have a better life!

If your family is unable to provide a winter coat and/or winter boots for your child this year, please reach out to your school's office. Oftentimes they will have a stock in-house, or they can connect you to resources like the Helena Exchange Club.



HEC's Coats for Kids program is dedicated to ensuring that every child in the Helena area stays warm during the cold months. From October to March (or until the snow stops!), they provide new coats and boots to elementary school children in need.

® Their program is administered through our local elementary schools, with limited items available for middle and high schools, as well as select outside organizations. They collaborate closely with school counselors, teachers, and secretaries who identify students in need and submit requests on their behalf.

HPS Community Support Resources Community Corner

- HPS THREE WAYS TO DONATE
- RUNNING RESOURCE LIST ON OUR WEBPAGE
- HPS SCHOOLS' FOOD DRIVES AND OTHER RELATED EVENT LISTINGS
- CONTACT CENTER FOR QUESTIONS AND TO GET CONNECTED (WEBPAGE)

[VIEW WEBPAGE](#)

It's More Than a Meal

Free & Reduced Meal Application

Even if your child attends a school where meals are already free, please take a few minutes to complete the application - it can make a big difference for our schools and students! It's quick, confidential, and can have a lasting impact on our schools!

NOTE: If you applied last year, you must apply again for this year!

[APPLY BEFORE 10/11](#)

IT'S MORE THAN A MEAL...

ONE FORM, COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES. APPLY BEFORE OCTOBER 11:

NOTE: If you applied last year, you must apply again for this year!

Bonds Projects Updates

10/04 -
10/10

CHS PROJECT



WEEK 48:

- **Slate Architecture + RTA Updates:**
 - OAC Meeting on Site
 - Submittal Review
 - Contractor RFI Response
 - Brews and Blueprints Kessler
 - Construction Documents Package 4
- **Langlas & Associates Construction Updates:**
 - OAC Meeting
 - Precast & Steel Coordination Meetings
 - Mechanical Well Concrete Continued
 - Basement Steel Installation
 - CTE & Aux Gym Layout
 - Basement Framing and Rough-in Continued

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10/10

HHS + PROJECT FOR ALTERNATIVE LEARNING (PAL) PROJECT



WEEK 50:

- **A&E + SMA Design Updates:**
 - Phase 3 bidding
 - Construction, OAC Meetings every Tuesday
- **Dick Anderson & Team Construction Updates:**

▪ QC footing/wall forming ▪ Set Anchor Bolts ◦ Helena Sand and Gravel ▪ Foundation Excavation ▪ Backfill Foundation ◦ Central Electric ▪ Finish Light Poll Installation	◦ Steed Concrete ▪ Damp Proof Walls ▪ Form Footings/Grade Beams ▪ Pour Footings ▪ Tie Rebar ◦ Central Plumbing and Heating ▪ Start Underground Rough-in
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PARKING, STREET CLOSURE, SCHOOL ENTRANCES, AND WALKWAY GUIDANCE

We want our students, staff, and community as safe and informed as possible as our schools get farther along in their construction phases.

[PLEASE VIEW ALL PROJECT UPDATES HERE!](#)

Upcoming Community Events

SAVE THE DATE
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

Brews & Blueprints

**KESSLER ELEMENTARY CAMPUS
GROUNDBREAKING EVENT**

OCTOBER 7, 2026 | 5:30 P.M.



KESSLER CAMPUS-
STAY TUNED FOR
MORE DETAILS



mosaic
architecture | planning | design



HELENA
AREA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

**GOLDEN EAGLE +
SWANK ENTERPRISES**
CONSTRUCTION



KESSLER PROJECT

10/04 -
10/10

WEEK 46:

- **Mosaic Architecture + Cushing Terrell Updates:**
 - Week 10 of Construction Documents
 - Design Team Coordination Meetings
 - Masonry Bid Package delivery
 - Bi-weekly OAC
 - Groundbreaking!
- **Golden Eagle/Swank Construction Updates:**
 - Masonry Bid Package issuance and advertisement
 - Bi-weekly OAC
 - Groundbreaking!



HPS DISTRICT KITCHEN

10/04 -
10/10

WEEK 50:

- **A&E + SMA Design Updates:**
 - Construction, OAC Meetings every Tuesday
- **Dick Anderson & Team Construction Updates:**
 - Mockel
 - Fine grade for slab prep on warehouse
 - Big Sky
 - Complete Underground rough-in
 - Slate
 - Complete Underground rough-in
 - Matrix
 - Vapor barrier, rebar, & slap prep on warehouse

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR THE DISTRICT?

October 3, 2026 - October 17, 2026

Saturday, October 3:

- Helena Sun Run for Smith Solar Panels- Smith
- HHS Homecoming Dance, 7:00 p.m. – HHS Gym

Sunday, October 4:

Monday, October 5:

- ** CHS Homecoming Week, 10.5 – 10.10
- ** Fire Safety Week, 10.5 – 10.9
- ** College Application Weeks, 10.5 – 10.16
- ** NFHS/MHSA Fall Sports Officials Appreciation Week 10.5 – 10.10
- HHS Fall Orchestra Concert, 6:00 p.m. – Little Theater

Tuesday, October 6:

- Jefferson Book Pals with Lewis and Clark Literacy Council, 8:00 a.m. – Jefferson Library
- Broadwater Adopt-a-species Assembly
- BOT Policy Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m. – LC
- CRA Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Kessler Parent Partnership Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Kessler Library
- HHS Fall Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m. – HMS Auditorium

Wednesday, October 7:

- Jefferson Walk to School Day, 7:30 a.m.
- 4Gs Walk to School Day, 7:30 a.m.
- Rossiter Walk to School Day, 7:45 a.m. – Meet at Fire Station 1
- Bryant Walk to School Day, 8:05 a.m. – (start) Robinson Park
- Smith Walk to School Day
- Broadwater Walk to School Day
- HHS FAFSA Night, 5:30 p.m. – HHS Library
- Helena Chamber Special Brews and Blueprints Kessler Elementary Groundbreaking Event, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 8:

- JD WV Fire Station Field Trip (g2H, 2S), 8:45 a.m.
- CRA Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4Gs PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – 4Gs
- Rossiter Parent Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Rossiter Library

Friday, October 9:

- JD WV Fire Station Field Trip (g2R, 2W), 8:45 a.m.
- EV Fire Dept. Visit – Warren
- Rossiter Grades 3–5 Movie Night
- CHS Homecoming Dance, 9:00 p.m. – CHS Gym

Saturday, October 10:

Sunday, October 11:

Monday, October 12:

- ** Tipi at Warren, 10.12 – 16
- ** College Application Weeks, 10.5 – 10.16
- ** National Indigenous Peoples Day

- BOT Facilities and Technology Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m. – LC
- Smith Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Rossiter Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4G's Parent/Teacher Conferences + Book Fair
- Broadwater Parent/Teacher Conferences + Book Fair
- Central Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Central Costume Swaps, 3:30 p.m. – Central Hub
- Jim Darcy PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – Jim Darcy Library
- HHS Parent Council/Booster Club Meeting, 6:00 p.m. – HHS Cafeteria

Tuesday, October 13:

- Smith Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Rossiter Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4G's Parent/Teacher Conferences + Book Fair
- Broadwater Parent/Teacher Conferences + Book Fair
- Central Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Central Costume Swaps, 3:30 p.m. – Central Hub
- Jefferson Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m. – Lincoln Center
- CRA Choir Concerts – HMS Auditorium
 - 6th Grade, 6:00 p.m. | 7 Grade, 7:00 p.m. | 8th Grade, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 14:

- All State Music Festival – MSU
- BOT Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m. – LC
- CHS Picture Retake Day
- Jefferson Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 15: NO SCHOOL – Educator Conference

- All State Music Festival – MSU

Friday, October 16: NO SCHOOL – Educator Conferences

- All State Music Festival – MSU

Saturday, October 17:

If we missed something, please let us know –
helenamtschools@helenaschools.org

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR OR MAKE NOTE OF:



MPAC is bringing the world to Montana communities through the performing arts—and on Saturday, October 17, we're bringing the world right here to Helena!

For one day only, the Montana Performing Arts Consortium is opening its doors to the public for a FREE 17-artist showcase marathon at the Helena Civic Center. Experience world-class touring talent from across the globe representing Celtic rock, dance, stand-up comedy, classical, jazz, magic, musical theatre, and more!

Saturday, October 17 | Helena Civic Center (9 AM, 1:15 PM & 3:45 PM) + Lewis & Clark Taproom (8 PM). Full schedule & artist details:
<https://www.mtperformingarts.org/showcase-artists>

This public health youth art campaign aims to elevate the voices of students and give them a platform to share their stories and experiences through art.

Every community is unique, and we want to hear what your students are passionate about, what challenges your community faces, and what successes you would like to celebrate. Any Montana student is eligible to enter. There will be two submission categories:

- Art Showcase (non-judged, participation guarantees entry to showcase)
- Art Exhibition (judged, participation does not guarantee entry to exhibition)

The Art Exhibition submissions will be divided into two categories: submissions from those under the age of 14 and submissions from those over the age of 14.

More information is available [HERE](#).



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