

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It's mid year once again, and where the time goes I am never sure. As always, there is lots going on at Charlo School and this is an opportunity for us to share with you some of those things.

You may have heard that recently we received a reading grant from the federal government that is implemented through the state of Montana. Two of our teachers, Jan Rasmussen and Mindy Cox put a great deal of time into this successful application.

Grants such as these help us to a degree, especially in light of declining enrollment at Charlo Schools. Declining has resulted in cuts in state funding. Because of the loss in revenue from the state due to the declining enrollment, we have made cuts in many areas. The most impacting cuts have been to staff. Our goal is to maintain a high level of quality education for all students in light of these and we have to be creative in how we do this.

Recently there was a presentation on the perils of cyber space and how to provide online safety for our students and children. I found it to be very informative and valuable. If at any time you need more information, or where to get this information, stop by the school and I believe we can provide you with the sites you will need.

Recently there were consecutive snow days resulting in the cancellation of school. Hopefully the communication levels were open and clear to everyone. In situations like this because they occur so infrequently, we do review procedures so that we can better communicate with everyone. This year we initiated a parent email in which we can communicate through the school with parents. If you are not on this list and you would like to be, please let the school know and we will get you on our list.

A concern that we have on site is dogs freely running about. This is a liability to us and also to those of you who own these dogs, and allow them to run freely. Please make a concerted effort to keep your

dog at home, tied up or fenced in. It would sadden us greatly if a student were to be injured by a dog running at large. We are looking into ways to see how this could be most effectively addressed. I thank you for your cooperation.

We are no longer mailing out the newsletter. We are sending them out via the parent email, providing copies to the Senior Center and at Charlo Grocery.

I would like to extend a Happy New Year to everyone in Charlo, and hope that it brings good health, happiness, and lots of sunshine to you and your families. For further information about your school don't hesitate to visit our website. Please remember that the Charlo School Board meets on the third Tuesday of every month. While you are at it, thank them for serving.

Sincerely,
Paul Jenkins

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 16–18 Boys & Girls District Basketball in Ronan
- Feb. 22-25 Boys & Girls Divisional Basketball at Mac Center in Butte
- Feb. 24 No School
- Feb. 28 Early Out 2:20
- Feb. 28 Last Academic Bowl in Polson 1:00
- Feb. 29 School Spelling B
- March 1 6-8 Ski Trip at Blacktail
- March 1-3 Boys State Basketball in Billings
- March 7 3-5 Ski Trip at Blacktail
- March 5-9 Girls State Basketball in Great Falls
- March 5-9 CRT Testing
- March 6 County Spelling Bee
- March 13 Spring Pictures
- March 17 Prom
- March 19-24 Missoula Children's Theater
- March 29 Parent Teacher Conference
- March 30 Early Out 1:00
- April 2-6 Spring Break

K-12 Principal's Report
Feb. 7, 2012

Dear Viking Nation:

The school year is hitting its stride as we approach the mid-term of the 3rd quarter. Students are busy with their studies as well as geography bees, spelling bees, field trips, academic bowls, BPA, Skills USA, music, and athletics.

Our junior high academic bowl team is currently in second place overall with two meets left. Kane Shenyer won our school geography bee. The Business Professional of America competed at the district level with all but one student qualifying for the state competition in March. Six students earned an academic letter for earning a 4.00 GPA in the first semester in the high school. We have a lot of positive things happening with our students.

We still have challenges with students. I was recently at a meeting for schools on graduation and the number one challenge with the school administrators I talked with was communication with parents. We are always trying to find ways of getting information to you but remember to always feel free to call and set up a conference to meet with teachers. Check out our website www.charlo.k12.mt.us for calendar information and daily announcements. Get on the school's parent email list by calling the school so you will receive emails about things going on here. Students need all of our help to succeed and communication between staff and parents is probably the key obstacle to overcome for a student to have success.

I want to thank the Charlo PTA for the great meal they had on Jan. 25. Brenda Stapely and Bonnie Clark coordinated a great meal for our Internet Crimes presentation. If you were unable to attend you missed a fantastic wealth of information. If you have questions about the presentation give me a call at 644-2206 ext 230. Students from grades 5-12 participated during the day while adults were involved following school. On the same night Mrs. Stickel held a financial aid workshop for students looking at college. If you were unable to attend the financial aid workshop and have questions please call Mrs. Stickel at 644-2206 ext 233.

We have exciting news in the realm of literacy. Because of the outstanding efforts of our staff, particularly Mrs. Rasmussen and Mrs. Cox, our school was awarded a Montana Striving Readers Grant. Beginning this month teachers will begin to increase literacy consistently from grades K-12. Our Reading First grant only covered elementary students. The MSRSG is geared to all students and all teachers! We will be incorporating best practices to reinforce the strong reading program in the lower grades while supporting older students as they transition through high school. Technology is a big part of the grant. Professional development is another part. We are very excited about becoming more consistent throughout the grade levels to improve student achievement.

If you have any questions please contact me at 644-2206 ext 230 or 544-5279. My email is slove@charloschools.com.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Fall was a busy time for NHS members of the Ponderosa Chapter with a town Clean Up after the Homecoming Parade, an early October Blood Drive, and a November induction ceremony with 16 new members, along with our annual visit to St. Luke's Extended Care to help with their Pie Social for the residents and their families.

Winter has seen the kids just as busy with our January Community Blood Drive. Forty-Four people presented to give blood on the 18th, and Red Cross successfully collected 38 units of blood—surpassing our goal of 35. Thanks to everyone in the school and community that helped make it another success!

Our next Community Blood Drive is Wednesday May 23, 2012 in the all-purpose room/gym.

With the help of LaDonna Fryberger and the Student Council, the NHS members have held two bake sales, and have a Root Beer Float fundraiser scheduled for February 3rd. This has all been in an effort to raise money to purchase at least one defibrillator for the school. Many thanks are given to all of the parents who baked, bought and drove your child to work their shift and then stayed and helped out also. A big thanks to all the people from Charlo and beyond that donated money and/or bought goodies.

The group still collects sorts and submits both the Campbell soup Labels For Education AND the Box Tops from General Mills products. Please keep sending them to school with your child or feel free to drop them off if driving by. A collection box will be in the lobby of the gym to help facilitate this process or they can be left in the HS office.

MATH

Students in Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II have successfully made the adjustment to their new text books we received this school year and will be continuing to prepare for our state CRT tests in March. Forty-three students in grades 7 through 12 have signed up and will participate in this year's MCTM math contest at the University of Montana on Wednesday February 29, 2012. A letter and permission slip was sent home with all students who signed up to go.

ART

The thirty-nine art students in grades 9 to 12 have been busy creating some amazing pieces of art work this year in a variety of mediums such as pastels, collage, acrylics, watercolor, oils, and ceramics. Many projects are on display in the hallway outside of the art room. We are still planning our annual art show/exhibit of student work during graduation and 8th grade promotion in May.

Thank you for supporting these students in their academics as well as their volunteer efforts
Sharon Hertz
Math Teacher, Art Teacher and NHS Adviser

CHARLO BPA STUDENTS COMPETE AT REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On Monday, January 9th eleven Charlo High School students competed at the Business Professionals of America (BPA) regional competition at Flathead Community College in Kalispell. Over 100 students from Arlee, Charlo, Cutbank, Flathead, Glacier, Libby, Polson, Ronan, & Shelby attended the competition. The following students placed in their respective events and have qualified for the State Leadership Conference to be held in Billings on March 11th-13th.



Trinceton Brown	4. Management/Marketing/Human Resources Concepts
	5. Desktop Publishing
	5. Administrative Support Concepts
Devin Colliander	4. Basic Office Systems & Procedures
	6. Administrative Support Concepts
	7. Parliamentary Procedure Concepts
	8. Information Technology Concepts
	9. Fundamental Word Processing Skills
Dillon Delaney	1. Basic Office Systems & Procedures
	4. Desktop Publishing
	7. Keyboard Production
	8. Fundamental Spreadsheet

Alyssa Doty	3. Keyboarding Production
	6. Desktop Publishing
	9. Financial Math & Analysis
Ross Fullerton	2. Advanced Accounting
	2. Fundamental Spreadsheet
	7. Payroll Accounting
	7. Parliamentary Procedure Concepts
	8. Financial Math & Analysis
Michaela Krahn	1. Keyboarding Production
	2. Desktop Publishing
Chance Robles	6. Fundamental Spreadsheet
Mackenzie Savage	5. Keyboarding Production
	9. Desktop Publishing
Jason Stevens	2. Keyboarding Production
Devin Soukkala	1. Visual Basic Programming
	1. Advanced Spreadsheet
	1. Management/Marketing/Human Resources Concepts
	1. Parliamentary Procedure Concepts
	2. Fundamental Word Processing
	6. Administrative Support Concepts