



Mountains Connect Us; **Passion** Ignites Us; **Innovation** Drives Us

NEWSLETTER

March 1st, 2021

- **COVID-19 Update:** Now that Governor Gianforte has lifted the mask mandate, all schools face the challenge of maintaining a safe environment for students and employees. Wearing a mask, washing hands and social distancing are all still part of our safety plan. Very few of our employees have received the COVID vaccine and some of our staff could be at risk. We understand and respect that everyone has a position about the use of masks and we will continue to work hard to find middle ground. It is important to stay focused on the goal of educating students in a face to face environment and keep our doors open. We would like to thank parents, students and our community members for their patience and understanding. There is light at the end of this long tunnel. Please contact the building principal or superintendent if you have any questions.
- **PTO:** We are once again looking for volunteers that would be interested in helping to get the PTO back on its feet. In the past this organization has been instrumental in helping to raise money, contribute to Family Nights, support student activities and be a voice for other parents. If you are interested in being a supporter of the Darby Tigers and would like more information about the PTO, please contact Mr. Toynbee at 821-3643 or stop by the elementary office to make an appointment.

Upcoming Events:

- There will be a regular school board meeting on March 8th at 6:00pm. You can watch the meeting on Facebook Live.
- March 11th is the end of the 3rd quarter.

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- No School March 12th. This is a regular professional development day for the teaching staff.
 - Spring Break is March 31-April 5

Athletics:

- Spring Sports officially begin for our high school athletes on March 15th.
- Our coaches are as follows:
 - High School Track Mr. Gideon and Mrs. Nelson
 - High School Tennis Rebecca Rouse and Ms. Trowbridge
 - High School Golf Mr. Wood
 - Jr High Track Max Fiedler and Bryan Dufresne

Please make sure to visit our website, follow us on Facebook and download our new app for current events, updates and emergency information.

Website: <https://www.darby.k12.mt.us/>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/darbyschooldistrict>

App:

- [Google Play Store](#)
- [Apple App Store](#)

Counseling Corner:

Parent Reporting Form on School App/School Website

Parents, if you “Hear or See Something, Say Something”, our school App/school website has been updated with a “Parent Reporting Form” in the “Parent” tab. If you hear or see anything of concern with your child or others please fill out the form on the App/school website. This form will alert Mr. Kohn, Ms. Alex, Mr. Toynbee, and Mr. Mothorn.

8-12 Students of the Month

Abby Converse is the student of the month. She is noted for her work ethic, volunteer time, kindness to others, and her high academics.

Kylee Christopherson is the 8-12 Distance Learner of the Month. She is noted for her high academic achievement, motivation and being a self starter.

ACT Testing

The Juniors will be taking the annual state mandated ACT testing for free at Darby High School. March 23rd will be the test date. Mr. Kohn, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Hedges will be the proctors. Testing will be from approximately 8:15am to 2:00pm. See Mr. Kohn for practice tests or additional information.

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