

## Lone Rock Rocket Newsletter

Superintendent: Mark Anderson  
Principal: David Cluff  
Business Manager/Athletic Director: Sandi Boland

February 22, 2008  
1112 Three Mile Creek Rd.  
Stevensville, MT 59870  
777-3314

### Calendar of Events

Friday, February 22 - Middle School Ski Day  
Friday, February 22 – Jump Rope for Heart  
Tuesday, February 26 – Lone Rock Spelling Bee – 12:20 – 1:10 in Gym  
Wednesday, February 27 – Early out  
Thursday, February 28 - Staff Reading Workshop – 4:30 – 7:00 – Middle School Library  
Friday, February 29 – Middle School Science Fair  
Monday, March 3 – Book Fair – All Day - Gym  
Monday, March 3 – Friday, March 7 – MontCAS CRT Test Week  
Tuesday, March 4 – Book Fair – 8:00 – 12:00  
Wednesday, March 5 – “I Love to Read Month” Assembly 1:45  
Wednesday, March 5 – Early Out  
Tuesday, March 11 – Assembly for Patty Calkins – State Superintendent of Schools Linda McCulloch will attend  
Wednesday, March 12 – County Spelling Bee  
Wednesday, March 12 – Early Out  
Friday, March 14 – Dental Care Class - Dr. Silcher – 12:30 – 3:30 - Grades 2, 4, 6  
Wednesday, March 19 – Early Out – Brain Gym Presentation  
Friday, April 4 – Teacher Professional Development Workshop – No school today for students  
Saturday, April 5 – Motion Commotion Truck Fair

### Announcement

On Friday, April 4, Dr. Stephanie Standerfer from Montana State University will be providing a workshop for our teachers on Differentiated Instruction, a highly heralded approach to student learning that provides instruction to students differentiated for their readiness, their learning styles, and their interests. Dr. Standerfer worked on her doctorate under Carol Ann Tomlinson, professor of education at the University of Virginia and Secretary of the Executive Board of the National Association for Gifted Children. Ms. Tomlinson is the nationally recognized leader in differentiated instruction and the author of the text, *The Differentiated Classroom*. Our presenter, Dr. Standerfer, while working under Ms. Tomlinson’s tutelage, wrote and edited extensive differentiated instruction curriculum. We are looking forward to this workshop, the expertise Dr. Standerfer brings, and the new teaching methods we will be using in our classroom.

### No school for students on Friday, April 4

Since the teachers will be attending an all day workshop on Differentiated Instruction on Friday, April 4 there will be no school for students on that day. We are letting you know 6 weeks in advance so that you can make the necessary child care arrangements for your children that day.

### Spelling Bee

Our annual Spelling Bee finals will be held on Tuesday, February 26. Here is a list of this year’s finalists:  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Dallon Perkins, Leslie Nelson, Aaron Rio, Taylor MacArthur  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Riley Stevens, Shelby Murphy (Alternate: Isaac Sampson)  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Josh Flynn, Lydia Plachy, Riley Noonan, Kali Dimmit-Griffin  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rachel Brassfield, Randy McGrann, Dylan Gavlak, Tano Chidwick (Alternate: Jenna Lockman)

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Humane Society Drive: We Need Your Help!**

The fifth graders are still collecting donations for the humane society for the entire month of February! Collection boxes are located in each classroom. Items needed include such things as dog and cat toys, rawhides, cat litter, and canned cat and dog food. The entire “wish list” can be found at [www.montanapets.org](http://www.montanapets.org). Just click on Missoula area, then click on Humane Society. The fifth graders will hand deliver the items at the end of the month and will also volunteer their time helping out! We appreciate your help!

### **2008 National Christmas Tree to come from Ravalli County!**

In 2008, the National Christmas Tree will travel from Ravalli County to Washington D.C. Every student is eligible to make an ornament to give to our nation! Families and children are welcome to join in the fun of creating an ornament. Visit the website: [www.capitolchristmastree2008.org](http://www.capitolchristmastree2008.org). Each young Montanan between the ages of 5 and 19 who submits an ornament may complete a Trip Entry Form to enter to win a FREE TRIP to the official Tree Lighting in Washington, DC in early December 2008! Parents are welcome to volunteer in your child’s classroom. Contact the school for more information.

### **Baseball Sign-ups**

Baseball Sign-ups have already passed! There still may be limited space available. Please call Pat Kelling at 777-1290 by February 29. This is the last chance, so don’t miss out!