

ABC's of PTA

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Book Swap – The Book Swap is an event to recycle already read books! In the spring time, we have a designated week that students and their families can donate gently used books and receive credit for each book donated and then pick out a "new" book at the Book Swap for each book donated. Prizes are drawn for students participating in the Book Swap!

Box Top – Box Tops are collected throughout the year and the money we receive for them is used to provide money for teachers as well as classroom parties and to purchase items to benefit the school.

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Christmas Store – The Christmas Store is an event where children can purchase inexpensive gifts for their loved ones. There are adults and SRO members (Students Reaching Out organization – middle school students) to help the kids, so the gifts can remain a surprise to the adults.

Concession stand (or Snack Shack) – The concession stand is open on Fridays. They are famous for their popcorn and also sell a wide variety of other items from soda to pudding to granola bars. The prices range from \$0.25 to \$2.00.

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Directory – The directory is a resource with names, address and phone numbers of students in the school. This can be used to arrange play dates or mail out birthday invitations.

Donuts with Dads – Donuts with Dads is a great event for children and their fathers (or other male figures) to enjoy a small breakfast together before the school day begins. Donuts along with milk, coffee and juice are served. Usually is held in the spring.

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Family Fun night – Family Fun Night is an event that takes place on a Friday evening. The event provides a fun atmosphere for families to spend the evening together, playing and laughing.

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Gift Basket Fundraiser – The gift basket fundraiser takes place during the annual Monster Mash. Each teacher picks a theme basket idea and the teacher, students and parents work together as a team to construct the most attractive gift basket for their room. Students bring in a donated item to contribute to the basket. Hopefully, the basket will entice a bidding war during the evening of Monster Mash and ultimately raise money for PTA-sponsored activities and goals for Montana City School students. (See Monster Mash)

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Ice Cream Social – The PTA sponsors an ice cream social in conjunction with the Back to School Open House. The Ice Cream Social is held in the gym. Bowls of vanilla ice cream are scooped and served by SRO (Students Reaching Out organization – middle school students) and parents. It's a chance for students and their families to mingle.

Invention Convention – The Invention Convention is an event designed for students in grades K-4 to unleash their creative side in science and engineering. The students use problem solving and critical thinking to invent or innovate a solution to their unique problem and earn an exclusive Montana City School Patent Award for their one-of-a-kind invention. The Invention Convention is scheduled to take place during the week of the November parent teacher conference to showcase the inventions. An information sheet and patent application will be sent home with each student. The sky is the limit for this Invention Convention!

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Monster Mash – Monster Mash is a Halloween carnival where participants dress up and play carnival games. There are games, prizes, food and fun for all ages. The school gym is transformed into a spooky wonder world of Halloween fun. Booth proceeds go to the teachers' classrooms. (See Gift Basket Fundraiser)

Muffins with Mom – Muffins with Moms is a fun event at the start of the school year for all moms and kids. The committee serves muffins, OJ and coffee before school one Friday morning, usually in the fall.

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Rummage Sale – The rummage sale is a great place for you to bring your spring cleaning items to be sold. You can either donate your items and receive a tax deduction slip, or you can have your own booth and keep your profit.

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Science Fair – The Science Fair is held annually for students in grades 5-8. The Science Fair has been incorporated into the middle school curriculum for all students and takes place in late January or early February. The top science projects from each grade level advance to the Regional Science Fair in Butte and potentially the Montana State Science Fair. Volunteers will be needed for set up, judging and clean up.

SRO – SRO stands for Students Reaching Ot. This group is made up of middle school students who help with a variety of events.

Staff Appreciation Week – Staff Appreciation Week is a time when we honor and pamper Montana City School teachers and staff members. This week usually coincides with the national week each spring. A PTA chair works with parents to organize things such as: door decorations, teacher favorites, a luncheon, prize drawings, giveaways, chair massages, coffee runs and more.

Screen Turnoff Week – Screen Turnoff Week is an annual event where Montana City School students are encouraged to turn off screens and “turn on life”. Instead of relying on television and video games for entertainment, they read, daydream, explore, enjoy nature, and spend time with family and

friends. Montana City School PTA provides students with the opportunity to win prizes for their efforts at being screen free.

W

Walk to School Day – Walk to School Day is a community event that encourages students to walk to school. On that day, students walk from two designated points (Montana City Store for the west side & mailboxes at Bitterroot Road for the east side) along pathways that have been developed by the Montana City Trails & Trust. There is a small group of students who choose to ride their bikes instead of walking. Some of the MCS staff walks with the students, parents, and siblings. Others greet the walkers as they finish up at the school. There are crossing guards at the major intersections along the way and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department is present to give a short safety talk and to make sure everyone is safe.