

THREE FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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December Superintendent News

Welcome to winter in Montana! Today the snow arrived in Three Forks and it is looking a lot like Christmas! December in our school is a very busy place. We have our annual Christmas concerts for our students in grades K-12 and our winter sports kick off with the Imery's basketball tournament. The Christmas stroll was a huge success and the Chamber of Commerce did an outstanding job in promoting Three Forks. Over the Christmas break our maintenance and custodial staff use the time to complete projects and prepare for the second semester of the school year.

Our AdvancED team is still evaluating the systems accreditation process and we have been working this school year to prepare for an external evaluation in September of 2017 of the districts educational programming as measured against schools across the country and abroad. The district has been undergoing a self-evaluation of all of our programming celebrating our great teachers as well as looking for areas of improvement. Other districts in Montana have undergone similar accreditation reviews and the outcomes give all stakeholders a better understanding of the educational process and the importance of working as a team, and keeping our students at the front of every decision. The advanced committee is a representation of administrators, teachers, school board member, and parents. This process is something that the school district will be working on the entire school year. If you would like more information please find our documents online at: <http://threeforkswolves2.weebly.com/advanced---accreditation.html>.

The school district has also begun the initial first steps of a potential building project remodel, and expansion. Over the last three years the district has seen an increase of student enrollment of just over 60 students; for our district this equates to an additional full grade level of students over the last three years. The district will be looking to assemble a team of professionals (owner's representative, architect, and general contractor) to examine the needs of the district. The district hosted several listening sessions, board committee meetings, and has been a topic of discussion at our board meetings. The district will hold a public meeting to gather input from all stakeholders and more meetings will be on the horizon. We want information from all involved so that we can maximize the educational opportunities for our students into the future.

It is our steadfast belief that our school district is the best in the state of Montana. We are able to provide our students with many different educational opportunities that many other area and state schools are not able to provide. Recently our school board updated the districts strategic plan to reflect the current goals of the district. I would encourage you to look at this document on the district website. This is the driving source document for all that we do in the district for our students. All of our employees here at the school value our students and are here each day for them.

Yours in Education,

Robert DoBell, Ed.D.
Superintendent

In collaboration with our community, the core purpose of the Three Forks Public School District is to be the model of excellence in education by using best practices, meeting the needs of every student, and instilling a love of lifelong learning.