

THREE FORKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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August/September Superintendent News

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We are very excited to get the school year off and running. It has been a great summer here at the school. We have been busy preparing for the school year, ensuring that our facilities, classrooms, and grounds are in good working order to welcome our students back. Initial enrollment numbers are up K-12 so classes are full. Our administrative team has worked very hard over the summer to balance classes in all grade levels. Our fall extra-curricular activities are underway and we have a record participation rate in all of them. Our home activities begin the first week of school and homecoming is very quick this year. Homecoming will be the week of September 5-10th, and the parade will be September 9th. Please get out there and support our students in their activities this fall.

Open house will be on Tuesday August 30, 2016 from 6-7pm. This is a great time to come into the school, meet your child's teacher, and tour the school district. Parental involvement in the school is essential and all of our staff encourages you to become involved in some capacity during the school year. Recently the school district received a \$20,000 grant for video conferencing equipment. This equipment once installed will give all classrooms the opportunity to take virtual fieldtrips to places that we would not be able to go in the world. Additionally our students will be able to collaborate with other schools/universities/trade schools and gain exposure to new fields of work while still enrolled as a student here in Three Forks. This capability and the types of educational connections that will be able to be made are endless for our students. The Three Forks School District is the only school district in Gallatin County that received the grant award and the partner is with The University of Montana. Stay tuned for more information about this project at the school.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert DoBell", written over a horizontal line.

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.