

# SUPER NEWS

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## Agriculture in Montana Schools



The mission of the Agriculture in Montana Schools Foundation (AMS) is to help Montana students become better citizens by teaching them about the contribution of agriculture to their lives and to the national economy and society. AMS has three purposes:

1. To create, collect and disseminate to Montana educators lesson material that is factual and reliable, and represents all areas of agriculture.
2. To provide continuing education classes to teachers about integrating the material from the AMS resource guides, videos, and the AMS treasure chest into the current curriculum.
3. To provide an opportunity for our Montana students to learn about exciting careers in agriculture.

Each year AMS hosts two contests for Montana students. *Show Me and Teach Me about Montana Agriculture*, (formerly

the bumper sticker contest) is open to grades K-6, with different themes for each grade level. All K-6 entries must be submitted to the county superintendent, who will select one winner from each grade. A total of eight state winners will be selected, and the winner's drawings will be featured on placemats, postcards, window clings, and the AMS website. 7-11th grade students may compete in AMS's Student Essay Contest. They must write an essay or teach a lesson to an elementary school class in order to win a three day stay on the MSU-Bozeman campus in June to learn about careers in agriculture.

For more information, visit the links posted on the News page of the Missoula County Superintendent of Schools website <http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/supschools/news.htm> where you can contest rules and a link to the [AMS website](#).

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### By the Numbers:

- Home Schools Registered: 81 Home Schools; 110 Students
- Teacher Certificates filed: 42
- School Board Meetings Attended: 1
- Miles Driven: 902
- Committee Meetings Attended: 8

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# MISSOULA COUNTY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

## October 2011

School District	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	+/-
<b>Elementary</b>											
1 City											
Chief Charlo	81	46	72	74	69	81				423	(17)
Cold Springs	82	66	80	81	72	82				463	(10)
Franklin	54	39	58	40	43	45				279	27
Hawthorne	58	63	60	46	45	53				325	6
Lewis & Clark	99	79	75	85	77	81				496	28
Lowell	55	55	54	55	45	32				296	15
Meadow Hill							162	168	135	465	38
Paxson	59	57	66	54	52	56				344	9
C.S. Porter							160	158	139	457	(2)
Rattlesnake	85	66	84	71	63	63				432	33
Russell	77	53	60	51	40	56				337	14
Washington							169	204	211	584	(34)
<b>City Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>4901</b>	107
4 Hellgate											
4 Hellgate	175	154	152	143	134	150	137	139	133	1317	20
7 Lolo											
7 Lolo	69	79	69	72	65	89	60	63	63	629	26
11 Potomac											
11 Potomac	8	9	13	9	12	7	15	8	10	91	(7)
14 Bonner											
14 Bonner	38	44	37	32	37	43	31	46	39	347	(25)
18 Woodman											
18 Woodman	8	5	3	2	8	3	6	5	5	45	(7)
20 DeSmet											
20 DeSmet	15	13	16	6	18	11	18	18	15	130	(15)
23 Target Range											
23 Target Range	58	51	60	54	41	55	58	44	60	481	3
30 Sunset											
30 Sunset							1			1	0
32 Clinton											
32 Clinton	23	19	29	19	31	31	25	16	26	219	(2)
33 Swan Valley											
33 Swan Valley	2	4	3	3	2	7	1	5	4	31	1
34 Seeley Lake											
34 Seeley Lake	15	28	15	14	19	20	27	25	25	188	9
40 Frenchtown											
40 Frenchtown	83	82	77	78	78	82	107	91	95	773	(14)
<b>Elementary Total</b>	<b>1144</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>1083</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>951</b>	<b>1047</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>9153</b>	96
<b>High School</b>											
1 City											
Big Sky		245		275		266		268		1054	9
Hellgate		331		360		289		313		1293	19
Seeley Swan		26		32		30		22		110	7
Sentinel		306		302		289		311		1208	(13)
<b>City HS Total</b>		<b>908</b>		<b>969</b>		<b>874</b>		<b>914</b>		<b>3665</b>	22
40 Frenchtown											
40 Frenchtown		97		103		102		91		393	3
School District		9		10		11		12		Total	

## DeSmet School Receives Academic Achievement Award *Named a Title I Distinguished School by National Title I Association*

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) has selected DeSmet 7-8 School to receive a national Title I Award for closing the Achievement Gap. DeSmet 7-8 School qualifies for this award because it is a Title I school with a poverty rate of at least 35%, high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years, and reducing the achievement gap between student groups. DeSmet's success in these areas is attributed to staff, teachers, para educators, com-

munity, parent and grandparent volunteers working together for the common good of helping every student achieve their potential. This is a prestigious honor for DeSmet school, teachers, and students, awarded to just two schools per states each year.

With this award the school will receive \$30,000 from the Office of Public Instruction to be used for enhancing students' educational opportunities. As part of accepting this award, DeSmet

will sent a team to the National Title I Convention held January 21-24, 2012 in Seattle Washington. DeSmet team members will attend special Convention events such as participating in the opening session where all 2011 National Title I Distinguished Schools are highlighted and attending the National Title I Association's President's Reception. In addition, the school will be honored at the OPI Title I Conference held April 25-26 in Missoula, MT.

Let's Move  
Missoula is public/  
private  
partnership of  
leaders whose  
mission is to  
reduce and

prevent childhood obesity in  
Missoula County while enhancing  
the health of all residents.

Patterned after the national *Let's Move!* initiative, the purpose of the *Let's Move! Missoula* is to create, support and mobilize projects and partnerships that enhance and build healthy environments for all children and families. Strategies include education, policy development,



advocacy  
and environmental change.

Four areas of community  
intervention will be targeted:

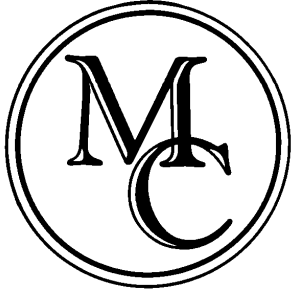
1. Giving parents and caregivers the tools they need to make healthy choices in early childhood.
2. Improving nutrition in schools, childcare, and after-school programs.
3. Increasing physical activity

opportunities.

4. Making healthy food affordable and accessible.

The founding members are:  
Community Medical Center,  
City of Missoula, Missoula

Area Chamber of Commerce,  
Missoula City-County Health  
Department, Missoula Board of  
County Commissioners, Missoula  
County Public School, Missoula  
County Superintendent of  
Schools, Missoula Family YMCA,  
Missoula Parks & Recreation,  
St. Patrick Hospital & Health  
Sciences Center, The University  
Of Montana and the United Way  
of Missoula.



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**We're on the Web!**

<http://www.co.missoula.mt.us/supschools/>

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### **What is a County Superintendent?**

A county superintendent is an elected official who serves a four-year term. The position may be full time, part time, combined with another county office or contracted depending on the needs of the county and the government structure. The office is a service agency that responds to local needs and provides professional and educational leadership.

A person is qualified to file for and assume the office of county superintendent who:

- ☐ Is a qualified elector;
- ☐ Holds a valid, current class 1 professional certificate, class 2 standard certificate, or class 3 administrative and supervisory certificate issued by the superintendent of public instruction; and
- ☐ Has at least 3 years of successful teaching experience (20-3-201(2) MCA).

Source: <http://www.sammt.org/8891018155624557/site/default.asp>

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## **Tasks Completed by the County Superintendent**

### **October 1-December 30**

- Attended Montana Association of County School Superintendents (MACSS) Fall conference in Mile City.
- Teacher Evaluations: Woodman & Sunset Schools.
- Attend Chapter 55 Task Force Meeting in Helena.
- Presented at MEA-MFT "Placing IEFA in Context—Understanding the History, Background, and Rationale for IEFA"
- Published and distributed school directories and administrator directories.
- PIR for DeSmet School "Rethinking Columbus."
- Assist Swan Valley with library management and taught library classes. Researched library automation systems.
- Gave Oath of Office to new Swan Valley Trustee, John Mercer
- Worked as a writing coach at Meadow Hill and Kindergarten volunteer at Lowell.
- Completed Annual Data Collection and Annual Progress Reports for Woodman, Swan Valley, and Sunset Schools.
- Attended American Education Week luncheon at Target Range School hosted by the school trustees.
- Attended Thanksgiving luncheon at Bonner School.
- Preliminary Budgets for 2012-2013 SY.
- Attended Race to Nowhere screening hosted by Potomac School principal Tim Johnson.
- Met with North Central region county superintendents to help organize Spring 2012 conference in Choteau, MT.