

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Les Meyer

*“When autumn comes, it doesn’t ask. It just walks in where it left you last. And you never know when it starts; until there’s fog inside the glass around your summer heart.” John Mayer*

Yep, Halloween is here...blink and Thanksgiving will be here next. We don’t have time to waste do we? Have a great Fall to you all!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO FRENCHTOWN SCHOOLS AND THE FRENCHTOWN COMMUNITY!

### Frenchtown Public Schools

#4 in Best School Districts in Montana



#### Overall Niche Grade

How are grades calculated?  
Data Sources

 B+	Academics	 B-	Diversity
 A	Teachers	 A-	College Prep
 B+	Clubs & Activities	 A-	Administration
 B+	Sports	 B	Food
 B	Resources & Facilities		

Niche uses data scientists and researchers to analyze data and opinions in assessing K-12 Schools, Colleges, as well as Places to Live. <https://www.niche.com/about/where-niche-grades-come-from/> This acknowledgement encompasses a wholesale approach. This is a community wide accomplishment and should be a source of pride for everyone: from students and staff, to parents and community members. We have people out in front as well as those who are behind the scenes working to make the district the best it can be from a safety and security standpoint to meals and cleanliness. It takes a team and a village to make a school district run. Congratulations Frenchtown! However, our work is not done and let’s up the ante and continue to grow, adapt, and learn!

## FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL ACCREDITATION PROCESS – 2023-2024



School Districts across the state of Montana will be going through a three year accreditation process starting this school year. There are several components we will be working through; however, the focus at this time will be rolling out a Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) Survey. Several stakeholder groups will be asked to take this survey that has been provided to school districts by the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI). Once the CNA has been taken by parents, students, staff members, board members, administration, and business partners, then we will analyze the results and then goals will be set based on the analysis of the survey results. One of the purposes of the CNA is to work on and through a Family and Community Engagement Plan as a component of an Integrated Strategic Action Plan.

***DISTRICT ENROLLMENT***

Fall Enrollment for the 2023 – 2024 School Year

<i>October 2019</i>		<i>October 2020</i>		<i>October 2021</i>		<i>October 2022</i>		<i>October 2023</i>	
<i>K-5</i>	563	<i>K-5</i>	549	<i>K-5</i>	633	<i>K-5</i>	638	<i>K-5</i>	600
<i>6-8</i>	365	<i>6-8</i>	339	<i>6-8</i>	340	<i>6-8</i>	330	<i>6-8</i>	319
<i>9-12</i>	418	<i>9-12</i>	457	<i>9-12</i>	490	<i>9-12</i>	476	<i>9-12</i>	451
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1463</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,370</b>

**Enrollment** – Count Day for Annual Number Belonging (ANB) was Monday, October 2, 2023.

School districts can use either the actual Annual Number Belonging (ANB) number from the current year or a three-year average of students when setting the general fund budget. Enrollment is down from a year ago, but still higher than it was in 2021. Time will tell what will occur over the next few years with proposed development discussions.

**WYE DEVELOPMENT AND STERLING ADVISORS GROUP**

The West Valley Community Coalition has entertained a group from Sterling Advisors as well as the county commissioners group their last two meetings regarding development at the Wye. We are interested in learning about the proposed Targeted Economic Development (TEDD) and we will need to learn about Tax Increment Financing (TIF).

**VETERANS DAY – NOTE WILL BE CELEBRATED ON NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>!**



## Veterans Day at Frenchtown School District



Veterans, please come celebrate with us on Friday, November 10, 2023

Location: Frenchtown Intermediate Gym

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Flag Walk: 9:30am-10:15am
  - Golf Course to Intermediate Gym
- Veterans Day Presentation: 10:15am-11:00am
- FCS Pastries and Coffee: 11:00am-11:30am



\*\*\*\*Veterans and families please attend if you are available. We look forward to spending time with you.



NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please take the opportunity to follow up with your child's teachers(s). It will provide valuable insight; this will be good for parents and staff! Grades K-8 we will be handing out report cards at Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you do not receive one, then we will mail them to you. In Grades 9-12 we will hand out report cards at conferences as well; however, if you are unable to attend, then please check the grades on Infinite Campus. If you need assistance, please reach out to the high school office or we can mail a hard copy to you.



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### ➤ **WE ARE HIRING!:**

#### **PARAPROFESSIONALS**

- Provide an invaluable service to our students and district
- Work with students with special needs
- Assist with student growth and development!
- Be a positive influence in the classroom environment
- Work in a collaborative and inclusive environment

#### **BENEFITS**

- Pay from \$13.73/hour to \$14.66/hour depending on experience and education level.
- Same work schedule as the school!
- Summers and weekends off!
- Accruing sick and vacation benefits - PLUS - Medical/Dental/Vision is available!
- Gain valuable experience and build a resume!

#### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

- Provide an invaluable service to our students and district
- Instruction and supervising classes in the absence of the regular teacher
- Set your own schedule!
- Build and acquire skills that are transferable to most any situation

- Variety!

### ***BENEFITS***

- Non Certified Substitute - \$95/day; Certified Substitute - \$105/day
- Check out FTSD's educational process - K-12!
- Assist with the growth and development of our kids
- Make a positive impact!

### **SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS**

- Provide an invaluable service to our students and district
- Drive a big rig, but one of the safest vehicles on the road!
- (According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, school buses are designed to be safer and they are more regulated than passenger vehicles to prevent crashes and injuries)
- Work a flexible schedule

### **BENEFITS**

- \$18.00/hour with a guarantee of 2 hours per shift with 0 years of experience
- Get to know students from all ages across the district
- Paid training! \$16/hour

The jobs listed above provide ample opportunities for growth and service. The positions will offer challenges and rewards. Please consider joining the Bronc Team! Go to [ftsd.org](http://ftsd.org) and click on the EMPLOYMENT tab to fill out an application. Please call 626-2600 if you have questions.

## ***EDUCATIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND AT FRENCHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!***

### **HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS**

The following information is required by schools to be made available to parents by the state of Montana. We have to make available the qualifications of teachers in our district. A "highly qualified teacher" for Montana as defined by the Montana Office of Public Instruction is a teacher that is properly certified and endorsed in all areas of the teaching assignment. A parent may request the following information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers:

- 1) Whether the teacher has met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction. **(All of our teachers meet state qualifications or licensing criteria) (We do have one teacher that does not meet Montana qualifications, but does meet another state's standards and we are working on meeting the Montana state criteria)**
- 2) Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
- 3) The baccalaureate degree major of your child's teacher/s and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certificate or degree. **(If you would like this information about any teacher your child has, please submit your request in writing to Les Meyer, Superintendent and this information will be provided)**
- 4) Whether your child, if served in Title I, is being provided services by paraprofessionals and if so, their qualifications. **(You can request this information in writing from Les Meyer, Superintendent)**

### **OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> – PIR – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - STAFF WORK DAY**

- 7:00 – 8:00 Safety Committee Meeting
- 8:15 – 8:45 All Staff Meeting on North Campus
- 9:00 – 3:30 The Elementary and Intermediate Schools prep for Parent/Teacher Conferences.
  - We will also be holding SIT meetings and reviewing safety procedures.
- 9:00 – 11:00 Safety Reunification Training – Middle School and High School
- 1:00 – 3:00 Artificial Intelligence Training – Middle School High School