



# Newsletter

EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SUPERIOR EDUCATION



## MEET ANGIE GRAY, SUPERIOR'S NEW PRINCIPAL

Angie Gray has joined Superior JH/HS as our new principal after spending the last six years as the associate principal at Ben Steele Middle School in Billings. Ready for this new challenge along the Clark Fork, she closed out her Billings chapter with a summer filled with packing, packing and... packing, and moved herself, her husband, Duff, of 32 years and their little toy Aussie, Daisy Mae, to Mineral County.

"I Grew up in Great Falls where my mom and step-dad were teachers at Great Falls High, graduated in '85 from CMRussell High School, went to Gonzaga for a semester and was so homesick that I transferred to MSU in Bozeman. [I] got my bachelor's degree in Business Management, got married and moved to Billings the very next day so that Duff could start teaching that Monday. Worked as the Human Resource Manager for the Montgomery Ward store in Billings, then Accounts Payable and Payroll for Rocky Mountain College until the time of Dawson's birth and went back to school to

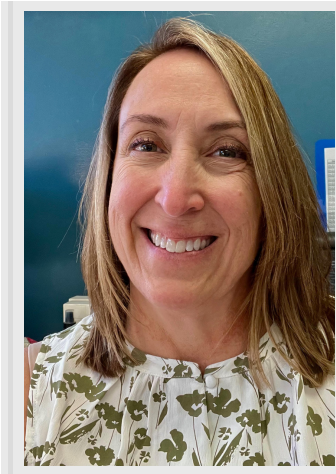
become a teacher!"

Angie has two sons, Dawson who is now 22 and Dustin, 21, both college students. The boys and her husband traveled to Italy with her this summer, fulfilling her #1 bucket list item. "Once in a lifetime adventure!" Angie also enjoys cooking and baking, making jewelry, gardening and continuous learning.

This love of learning took her on a lengthy journey, building upon her toolbox of experience. "I Obtained my Masters in Education with a minor in reading at MSU-Billings while being a stay at home mom and being pregnant with Dustin. Duff wouldn't let me add any more endorsements, so [I] had to go back to work and spent my first year with the Billings School District as a math Coach and after school program supervisor, taught 5th grade for three years and decided to get a second Masters degree in Educational Leadership.

-see NEW PRINCIPAL page 6

# PRINCIPAL & SUPERINTENDANT



ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE.  
TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH.

*-Helen Keller*

By definition, goals are objectives that we wish to achieve through action. As a new principal and a new member of the Superior community, I know that I have a lot to learn and do. What I try to keep at the forefront of every decision I make and every interaction that I have is “what is best for the students, staff, and community?” Oftentimes, those decisions are easy to make, but at times they can be multi-faceted and difficult as well. My goal is to continue to build upon the positive culture and climate that already exists in Superior Public Schools. It is important to me that staff and students enjoy being at school every day, that I am in the classrooms to see what is happening and offer support, and that students and staff know that I care about them! I want to do everything that I can to help students achieve a Superior education, reach their goals, and have fun along the way! -ANGIE GRAY, JH/HS PRINCIPAL



Superior High School's construction project is in full swing and the school is continuing to use ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds to improve the air quality and security for its staff and students. The school has been working diligently to ensure that classrooms are safe and comfortable for everyone.



Throughout the school year, the school will be rotating classrooms that are under construction. This means there will be ongoing construction that the public can expect to see around the exterior of the building. The school is committed to completing the project as quickly and efficiently as possible, but also with the utmost care to ensure the safety of all involved.

Once the project is complete, the old part of the high school will have a fresh, updated look to match the new junior high addition, with all new windows and siding. In addition, each classroom will have a new heating and cooling unit, making the learning environment more comfortable for students and teachers.

The school district is dedicated to creating a safe and healthy learning environment for its students and staff, and the ongoing construction is a testament to that commitment. The improvements being made will benefit the school for many years to come, and we are very excited to see the final product. If there are any questions about the project I would be happy to discuss it further.

We are off to a great start this year and I would like to thank our Superior School District families and community members for their patience and continued efforts in keeping Superior Schools Superior! Go Bobcats! -MR. LABBE, SSD#3 SUPERINTENDENT

## OCTOBER

- 2-6  
College Application Week
- 4  
Zootown Arts Center Field Trip
- 5  
Manufacturing Day - Missoula
- 11  
ASVAB Testing/Juniors
- 11  
School Board Meeting
- 18  
End of First Quarter
- 19-20  
**NO SCHOOL- MEA**
- 24  
Job Fair

For more school news:  
<https://www.ssd3.us/>

For calendar and sports schedule:  
<https://www.ssd3.us/events>

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to bypass the directory

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**Superintendent: Logan Labbe**  
**Principal: Angie Gray**  
**GEAR UP liaison: Toni Labbe**

## LEADERSHIP STUDENT COUNCIL

### PRESIDENT

Perri Jasper

### VICE PRESIDENT

Micah Acker

### SECRETARY/TREASURER

Lane DiGiando

### SENIOR CLASS

President - Lanie Crabb

Vice President - Kodi Kelly

Secretary/Treasurer - Olivia Greuter

### JUNIOR CLASS

President - Caelen Pittsley

Vice President - Abbey Zebedeo

### SOPHOMORE CLASS

President - Gage Horn

### FRESHMAN CLASS

President- Josie Crabb

Vice President - Rainier Acker

Secretary/Treasurer - Cami Quick

## WE BEGIN THE '23-'24 SCHOOL YEAR WITH:

**43 Junior High Students**  
**106 High School Students**

Seventh Grade	25
Eighth Grade	18
Freshmen	26
Sophomore	34
Junior	23
Senior	23

*The council plans to hold two meetings per month this year in an effort to keep momentum going and keep tabs on ongoing projects.*

*-Chris Claremont,  
student council advisor*

## staff STATS



Your staff travels a combined 250.53 miles a day to get to school

**TRAVELING FROM**  
St Regis, Superior, Riverbend, Tarkio, Huson and Missoula

## Mr. Bishop



Mr. Bishop has traveled roughly 267, 624 miles to and from work in the 27 years he's been here. That's ten full trips around the globe or three round trip first class flights to Hawaii on Alaska Airlines using FF miles.

**288.4 YEARS**

...of combined teaching experience from your Superior JH/HS staff. (.4 is the half a year of Spanish Mr. Quinlivan taught)

# BPA REDESIGNED

Superior BPA is starting out another year, looking to capitalize on our successes of last year when we sent five students to Nationals in Anaheim with the crowning achievement being Olivia Greuter's 2nd place finish in Medical Coding.

Olivia, and two of her fellow BPA National finalists Abby Wheeler and Perri Jasper, is back and is joined by an experienced crew of BPA-ers ranging from Freshman to Seniors. Their experience and leadership will allow our chapter to continue our run of successes.

BPA will be structured a bit differently this year, with a Varsity and a Junior Varsity 'team'. Varsity will be those students who have shown a strong commitment to BPA throughout the entire school year by participating in events, attending meetings, obtaining certificates, helping in the community, and lastly, demonstrating good teamwork skills. Varsity members will be eligible to attend the State Leadership Conference (SLC) in Billings at the beginning of March. JV members are also expected to participate in all BPA events and activities as a way to 'learn-the-ropes' for future years.

As usual, we will be preparing soon for our first competition against other schools in our area at the Regional Leadership Conference to be held in Missoula in early January.

Until then, we are planning several fundraisers to help pay for our club's registration and travel to events. Upcoming events are 50/50 raffles at home football games (and possibly HS basketball games in the future), bake sales and our ever-popular Turkey Bingo that takes place just before Thanksgiving.

The Superior Chapter of BPA would also like to extend our thanks to all sponsors and donors that have contributed much needed funds throughout the year. -Michael Cooper



State Leadership Conference 2022-2023



## MANUFACTURING DAY- MISSOULA

Students from Mr. Doughty's Small Engines class and Mr. Schultz's shop class will participate in Manufacturing Day again this fall. Manufacturing Day is an annual event where manufacturers open their doors to showcase the potential of modern manufacturing. The Montana Institute's aim is to engage the underrepresented communities by highlighting their work and its workers with the hope to draw more skilled workers into the manufacturing careers. Last year's students visited Roseburg Forest Products, Spectrum Aquatics and Sun Mountain Golf Bags. This year's agenda is to be determined.

[www.commerce.gov/tags/manufacturing-day](http://www.commerce.gov/tags/manufacturing-day)



# ART CLASS

Our Advanced art class made fall wreaths and learned about their history and symbolism for a variety of cultures and holidays. We used dried flowers, magazines, cloth, donated faux flowers, etc to create them.

The high school art classes visited Sculpture in the Wild in September and will visit the Zootown Arts Community Center this month. These field trips offer an opportunity to engage in artist- specific activities exploring contemporary art. -Sara Forsythe  
[www.sculptureinthewild.com/](http://www.sculptureinthewild.com/)  
[www.zootownarts.org/](http://www.zootownarts.org/)



SCIENCE CLASS



Rory Talbot and Zaimon Firstone demonstrate the Bison jump to their classmates.



Mrs. Firestone took the 7th grade to Travelers Rest Start Park, the only archeologically verified campsite of Lewis and Clark in the nation.



Mady Neu and Jimmie Kelly record all of the senses they observe overlooking the creek.



# CONSTRUCTION CLASS

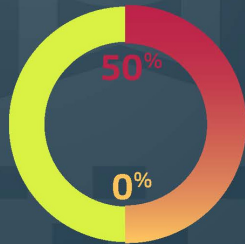
"Construction class is making mini sheds, dog houses more or less."

-Jeff Schulz

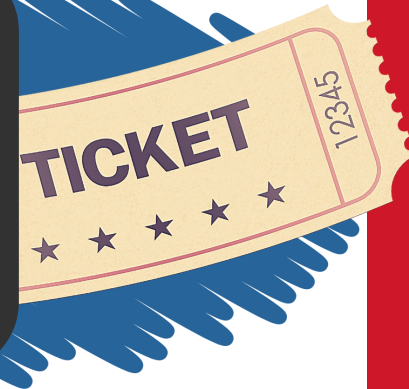
Constructed by: Garrett Oday, Liam Wheeler and Gannon Quinlan

# YOUR TEENS HEALTH

Up to **50%** of adolescents report consuming energy drinks



Schools can help students make healthier choices about energy drink use



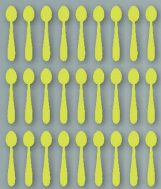
## NEW TICKETING SYSTEM

Fans can now purchase their family and individual tickets online through GoFan. Family pass tickets are for family members only, and can be texted or emailed to other family members including students' school email. Once a ticket is transferred, that ticket will remain on the recipients device, bringing your total amount of passes down by however many you transferred. Access to these tickets can be found in your email or in the app and are redeemable for home games only. In the past, it was difficult to maintain an updated list and keep track of who had family passes, this new ticketing process is expected to alleviate that confusion. Single passes are also available for purchase, service fees apply to all purchases. Ticket sales are used for hiring game officials.

### What is in an energy drink?

A beverage that may contain large amounts of:

- Caffeine
- Added sugars
- Other stimulants such as guarana, taurine, and l-carnitine



Energy drinks can contain large amounts of sugar, sometimes as much as **27 teaspoons** in one can.

#### Dangers include:

- Dehydration
- Irregular heartbeat & heart failure
- Anxiety
- Insomnia



Nationwide, **75%** of school districts do not have a policy in place governing caffeinated beverages for sale in vending machines, schools stores, or a la carte lines.

### Recommended caffeine consumption

American Academy of Pediatrics recommends

Adolescents aged 12–18 should not exceed **100 mg/day** or an average cup of coffee



### -NEW PRINCIPAL from pg. 1

I was a part of the first cohort class at Rocky Mountain College and completed the program in ten months while working full time teaching, raising the boys, and being a wife and daughter. I taught 4th grade for two years, 5th grade for another 2 years, and then taught Read180 for a year before becoming an assistant principal (dean) at Billings West High School. Loved my time at West, but had an opportunity to move down to the middle school level and open a brand new middle school!"

Phrew! And this is her journey that lead her to us. Welcome to Superior JH/HS, Mrs. Gray!