

## Issue: Child Development Day

For the second year in a row, Bozeman School District's traditional Kindergarten Registration has been expanded to include an early childhood component and a special education screening component. The result has been a fantastic collaboration among a variety of organizations in the community—including Bozeman School District, HRDC/Head Start, Thrive, Greater Gallatin United Way, Child Care Connections, ASMSU Daycare/Preschool, and MSU Child Development Center—working together to create a Child Development Day for Gallatin Valley families with children aged birth to five. In addition to kindergarten/new student information packets and general early childhood information, parents will have the option to have their child screened for Special Education. (Screenings are by appointment only. Please call Amanda Martin at 582-6849 if interested.)

If you are the parent of a K-5<sup>th</sup> student new to the Bozeman School District, the parent of a rising kindergartner, or anyone interested in resources for children aged birth to five; we welcome you to attend this year's Child Development Day. It will be held Monday, March 8, at the Bozeman Public Library, from 8:00am-4:30pm. Information will be available on after school programs, busing, immunizations, special education, early childhood development, what to expect in kindergarten; children's health and nutrition, and safety. Gift bags with children's books and other items will be given away.

Specific organizations that will have information at this event include Mom's Club of Bozeman, Greater Gallatin United Way kidsLINK After School Program, Child Care Connections, HRDC/Head Start, Children's Museum of Bozeman, First Student Bus Company, Bozeman Public Library, Bozeman Police Department, Family Outreach, Gallatin City/County Health Department, School Readiness Team, Museum of the Rockies, Community Health Partners, Bozeman Screen Free Coalition, Montana Outdoor Science School, Bozeman City Parks and Recreation, Thrive/Parent Place/Parent Liaisons, Tobacco Prevention, Bozeman Area Special Education PTA, Healthy MT Kids, Gallatin County Food Bank/Back Pack Program, ASMSU Daycare/Preschool, Eat Right Montana/MT Action for Healthy Kids, MSU Child Development Center, Bozeman School District: Food Service, Enrollment, McKinney-Vento Liaison, and District Nurse.

Please call Liz Cleary at 522-6005 for more information.