Through a shared commitment, the mission of Chester-Joplin-Inverness School District is to help all students reach their full potential and to promote learning as a life-long process.

Staff Member of the Week

If we walk through the letters of what it means to be a CJI Hawk, CJ Manska epitomizes each expectation, which is why he’s a natural candidate for this week’s Staff Member of the Week. Hawks “have respect for self and others.” CJ greets everyone with a smile and a witty comment as he works through the many demands of his day, and often puts in extra hours behind the scenes, as well. As a “responsible” member of our community, every project, repair, and task are completed in a timely manner, and with pride in the final product. CJ also has mastered the art of “working together and communicating” while he is managing his crew, prioritizing projects, and serving as a liaison between the school, the town, and the many contractors hired to complete the major renovations needed to keep the school and campus in such pristine shape. As a natural comedian and good friend, CJ “keeps a positive attitude,” and is always there to support and encourage the students and staff to stay positive. Finally, CJ’s devotion to the CJI buildings and campus are evident on a daily basis, and certainly helps everyone here to “stay safe.” CJ puts the safety and needs of the students ahead of everything else, and is one of the finest examples of what it means to be a CJI Hawk.

Student of the Week

Nate Nelson is CJI Student of the Week. Nate is an extremely hard worker and is always willing to help his classmates if they are sad, or need help working out a problem. Nate is always eager to learn more about science and math!

Nate is a sports fanatic. He can be found playing tag, football, baseball, and has even played a few rounds of tether-ball. Nate is an excellent wrestler, as well, bringing home many medals this last season.

Nate loves to spend time at the farm and enjoys being outside exploring new things. Nate recently went to a Jason Aldean concert and brought back pictures to show all of his classmates. Nate is an awesome brother and likes to share stories about his siblings. He is a kind friend and a leader in the classroom!
Thank you to the voters of Chester-Joplin-Inverness School District for passing both the Technology Levies and the Building Reserve Levies. The students of CJI are extremely fortunate to maintain the continuous support of the community. Approving levies can’t be taken for granted, it is a major accomplishment, and as educators and as a school board we recognize our responsibility to the taxpayers and students of the school district. I want to thank everyone who summited their ballots in support of the levies, and I would like to thank all those who volunteered their own time tallying the votes. Passing the Technology Levies and Building Reserve Levies will focus levy dollars on improvements to maintain CJI School District as a safe, clean, and functional place for students to learn and teachers to teach. The levies will also protect the taxpayers’ investment in schools.

Sincerely,
Thad Kaiser
Superintendent

Chester-Joplin-Inverness District – Forward-Thinking in its Quest for Success

MTSBA recently had the pleasure of facilitating the Chester-Joplin-Inverness School District (CJI) through an intense week of strategic planning. Debra Silk and Joe Brott spent 3 days over the course of a week with the Board and Staff Leadership Team. We met on April 16, 20 and 23 to articulate the Core Purpose and the Core Values of the District, to develop a long-term envisioned future of the District, identify possible barriers and drivers to success, and to identify the short-term goals and strategies that will prioritize the focus of the District and require the attention of the Board and Staff.

In any school system, where schools have undergone consolidation, there are always challenges to overcome. The CJI Board and Staff Leadership Team is committed to and enthusiastic about continued efforts to recognize the unique attributes of the communities of Chester, Joplin and Inverness while at the same time celebrating the unity of the three communities through the children that are served by CJI. As noted by Brett Earl, the CJI Board Chair, “Like any school district we have challenges to overcome, but we also have three great communities that have come together for the best interests of all of the children in Joplin, Inverness and Chester. The ultimate goal of our communities is to ensure that each and every student has the best possible experience and education as a gateway to success in whatever that student chooses to do in life. As trustees, we are privileged to have the opportunity and we understand the responsibility we have to our students and the communities we serve.”

We commend the Board (Brett Earl (Board Chair), Brad Kammerzell, Jeff Mattson, Chandra LaFrentz and Greg Woods) and Staff Leadership Team (Thad Kaiser (Superintendent) and David Jamison (Principal)) for their commitment to ensuring the continued success of CJI.

Debra A. Silk
Associate Executive Director / General Counsel
Montana School Boards Association
**High School Music Festivals**

CJI High School Music students did an amazing job at District and State Music Festivals this year! On April 17, High School Band and Choir competed at District Festival in Havre. Both received an “Excellent” rating with the Band, even receiving a “Superior” rating in sight reading.

On April 18, several small ensembles performed in the Solo/Ensemble portion of Districts with the Kylee Vinson/Brooke Woods vocal duet and Madeline Woods’ piano solo moving forward to State Festival. On May 2, they performed in Missoula at State Music Festival and both groups received an “Excellent” rating.

All students who participated in these festivals did an amazing job this semester working toward their goals, learned a lot in the process, and represented CJI very well in these competitions!

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**Beyond the Bell**

**Schedule:**
There will be no Beyond the Bell on May 11th after the Elementary Concert. The final activity for Beyond the Bell will be May 12th.

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**Academic Awards**

**Who:** Everyone is invited to attend

**What:** CJI Awards Ceremony

**Where:** C-J-J Auditorium

**When:** May 12, 2015

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

Please call 759-5477 for more information

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**2014-2015 Yearbooks available to pre-order.**

$40 in advance

$70 for two

$45 in the fall

*If there is a yearbook from past years you are interested in, please contact Mrs. Kelli Nelson to order.*
**6th Grade Calgary Trip**

On April 30th, at a very early hour, the 6th grade class boarded a bus for the annual trip to Calgary. The students and chaperones drove until we reached the Sweet Grass Border Crossing. We were lucky enough to be greeted by Officer James Brown who gave us a tour of the offices, and even put the students in a holding cell. After touring the building, we met Officer Mills, and his dog. He showed us how the K9 units work, and some of the kids were given K9 badges.

We hopped back on the bus and headed toward the Head Smashed In Buffalo Jump. We learned so much about the history of the Buffalo Jump and watched an interesting video about the buffalo hunters.

Our next stop was Calgary, where we checked into our hotel and went up to the Calgary Tower. The glass floor at the top of the tower made some of us nervous, but it was an awesome view. After eating dinner, we went to the water park. We were greeted by 4 water slides, a wave pool, and other crazy pool toys. The kids loved it, and we probably could have spent all night there.

The next day, we woke up early and headed to the Telus Spark Science Center. We had the whole place to ourselves! There were a lot of great hands-on science activities involving energy, friction, weather, and even areas to make your own movie. Later, we got our own planetarium show about the Solar System.

Next, we went over to the zoo and saw all sorts of animals. They had penguins, gorillas, hippos, and even dinosaurs! After the zoo, we went to dinner and watched a movie.

Saturday morning was when our real adventure began. We were all on the bus, ready to go to Waterton Park, when we discovered our bus didn't want to start. After a while, we decided to send the kids to the mall with some of the chaperones. Luckily, this mall was huge. The kids enjoyed another movie, some bowling, and a lot of shopping! Since our bus didn't want to leave Canada, Patty DeVries came to our rescue. We were so happy to hop on a bus and head back to Chester. We returned home with a lot of stories to share and a trip that we will never forget.

~ Submitted By Ms. Ziegler

**Upcoming Events**

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## 5/7-5/13 Breakfast/Lunch Menu

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* All breakfasts are served with fruit, milk & juice.
* All lunches are served with milk, fruit & veggies.

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**Important Sites:**

- **MBI** [http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/MBI/](http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/MBI/)
  - Find out more about MBI by going to OPI's website.
- **World Book Online** [http://www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com)
  - The world Book Online is available to students, parents & staff 24/7. Contact the school if you need your login information.
- **CJI Website** [http://www.cji.k12.mt.us](http://www.cji.k12.mt.us)
  - The CJI website has all of the most current and updated calendar changes and information for the school.
  - The School Nutrition Programs unit administers school-based child nutrition programs throughout Montana on behalf of the Office of Public Instruction's Health Enhancement and Safety Division.

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*Smile is the shortest distance between two people.*

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