

TO: Juniors
FROM: Mrs. Linnell
DATE: November 1 , 2010
SUBJECT: ACT tests and other news

Thursday, January 6 is the 13th Annual College in a Day program at MSU College of Technology in Great Falls. The event is aimed at junior and senior students who have an interest in Business and Technology, Health Sciences, or Skilled Trades. Deadline to sign-up is November 22; see counselor's bulletin board or me for more information.

It is strongly recommended that juniors take ACT test by spring of your junior year-some dates are available in Shelby; you may check other locations on the website.

DATE	Location	Site code	Possible conflict	Sign up by:
December 11	Shelby	188250	Big Sandy BB tourney	November 5
February 12	???		Not given locally	January 7
April 9	Shelby	188250	Track, golf?	March 4
June 11	Shelby	188250	Camps?	May 6

You can register online at www.actstudent.org. Our school code is: 270-855. If you do wish to apply online, you can pick up a paper copy from me. The website will give you additional information and also test question samples. It would be good to spend some time preparing for this test. ACT makes available a limited number of ACT test fee waivers for those who qualify. Students who participate in the free or reduced-price lunch program may pick up the waiver application from me. The sooner you apply, the better your chance of receiving the waiver.

Check out the FREE practice tests for ACT and SAT tests, information on FAFSA, and financial aid at www.smartaboutcollege.org.

AnyCollege.com Scholarships – Sign up at www.anycollege.com and click on “Win A Scholarship” link. Deadline for the \$1,000 scholarship drawings is December 31. This site is also a direct, user-friendly college search engine for students.

Check out the site at www.fastweb.com for scholarship and college searches, career planning, and other useful information.

An all expense paid tour of Washington, DC awaits a local area student if they enter and win an essay contest sponsored by Marias River Electric Cooperative. Entry for the contest is a two page typed essay. The 2010 essay topic is *“You are in charge of the energy efficiency program at your school. Describe ways you would recommend for your school to use electricity more efficiently.”* MRE will select an essay winner to represent our cooperative in the Youth to Washington Tour. The winning student will spend six days in DC, June 11-17, 2011, touring the major governmental and historical sites in the capital. Students will also meet with Montana's congressional delegation. Students are chaperoned by member service employees of Montana's Electric Cooperatives. Student must be a sophomore or junior in high school this year; and parents or guardian must be served by MRE. Essays must be submitted and received at the MRE office in Shelby November 24 at 5 pm. The student's name, parents/guardian name, address, telephone number and name of cooperative must appear on the cover page of the essay. For more information contact MRE at 434-5575 or see me.

The Rural Montana Saves program is helping families with limited incomes save for college or job training. For every \$1 saved, the Rural Montana Saves program matches it with \$3. Save up to \$400 and you will be eligible for the maximum match of \$1,200. Plus, participants may be able to access \$1200 in

'quick start' payments to begin an education or training program. For more information contact Rural Employment Opportunities, 1-800-546-1140 or rmsinfo@reomontana.org.

All students who have not yet turned 18 are encouraged to apply for a **NEXUS card**. NEXUS is a trusted traveler program which allows pre-screened travelers to travel to and from Canada. Applicants submit one application on-line via the Global On-line Enrollment System (GOES). Qualified applicants will receive an email instructing the applicant to schedule an appointment for an interview and issuance of a photo ID card at the Port of Sweetgrass. The main benefit of the NEXUS card over a passport is the difference in cost. The cost of the NEXUS card is \$50 for adults but there is **no fee for persons under 18**.

If you are looking for a great learning experience and enjoy working outdoors, check out the website at www.mtcorps.org or call 1.866.JOIN MCC. This is a 4 week experience for students to work outdoors, work with others on small teams, and earn \$500. for postsecondary training. Application can be downloaded from the website.

Upcoming dates:

November 2: MSU-Bozeman rep here @8:45.

November 3: MSU-Billings rep here @1:00.

November 5: No School

November 8: District FCCLA @ Valier. Bus leaves at 7:15.

November 11: Carroll College rep here at @8:45.

November 22: Deadline to sign up for College in a Day

November 25-28: Thanksgiving break

November 29: Montana Tech rep here @ 12:45.