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Dear Parents and Friends,

The 2007 Games for the Visually Impaired is just around the corner, May 4th & 5th in Great Falls. **This year, the activities on Friday, May 4th will start at 1pm for those athletes 10 years and older.** First we will have Track and Field at 1pm on the East Middle School Track. The BBQ will be held around 4:30pm following the Pentathlon. The Games on Saturday May 5th, are for all athletes, 21 years and under. The information is covered in the Guidelines Booklet.

This is the 26th year for the Games for the Visually Impaired. We have a Goalball team on campus. Goalball coaches will be talking about getting involvement from other players in Montana. One of MSDB’s Clubs will be hosting a Snack on Friday afternoon. Students on campus are always eager to see friends from around the state. The Games for the Visually Impaired is a big weekend at MSDB!

As in the past, we will again offer a lunch. If you are interested in this lunch, please indicate on the enclosed 2007 Athlete’s Entry Form. Lunches will be $3.00 each (**no charge for the athlete’s**) and can be purchased when your athlete checks in. The money collected from the lunches helps support the Class of 2008.

In efforts to offset some of the cost for the State Games and our involvement in USABA (the United State Association for Blind Athletes), raffle tickets will be sold. This year’s drawing will offer a **$200 Gift Certificate to Holiday Village Mall** as well as a variety of other prizes. Raffle tickets are available (please contact the staff in the Department for the Visually Impaired or either co-director if you would like to help with this project).

Now is the time to prepare for the Games. We hope to see you here for these enjoyable activities. If we can be of any further assistance please contact us at (406) 771-6080.

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