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RE: Special Olympics Polar Plunge ~ Middle School student involvement ~ seven students and seven staff members from North Middle School jumping into freezing water at the Christmas Stroll

## **Record breaking number of students involved in Polar Plunge**

Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is the annual Christmas Stroll. While folks stroll to enjoy entertainment, hot cocoa and other treats, seven students and seven staff members will be getting ready to jump into the freezing water for the Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics.

The students have already raised over \$1000 and hope more folks will sponsor them before Friday evening!

Students and staff from North Middle School will participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Polar Plunge in Great Falls. The NMS "Cool School" team will brave the freezing waters to support the Special Olympics Montana program in **their school**. The funds they raise will help promote social inclusion by bringing together young people with and without intellectual disabilities through Special Olympics Unified Sports. The Plunge will begin at 7pm and is located at 4<sup>th</sup> St & Central.

If you would like to sponsor a student, please call North Middle School at 268-6525.

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