

Martin News

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Keep It Safe

Every day I leave my house in Jamestown around 6:15 so I can be at the school by 6:45 to begin my day. Before I leave, my wife and I hug and tell each other love you. This is the same routine my wife did with my two boys just before they went off to school in the morning. On days where the weather is not so nice she asks me to text her to let her know I made it to school safely. It is a routine that I value as it starts my day off on the right foot.

When our students travel to school and when in school we want them to be safe as well. Most of our students ride school buses to get to and from school. Our bus drivers go through annual trainings to help ensure that they are kept current with bus safety to protect their passengers. One factor that is a challenge is the ever changing North Dakota weather. As superintendent it is my judgement to have school, delay the start, or to release early. Many factors go into this decision making including a check of the current and future weather, calling to other area superintendents, calls to rural area residents, and other conversations. This is one of the most challenging parts of my job as the weather is unpredictable. The last early release on March 23 was one of those times where Mother Nature threw us a curveball. The storm with potential heavy snow had been predicted for several days and was all but guaranteed by the local weather people. However, after the noon release was set the storm went and stayed north with little snow for us. This has happened before and I am certain it will happen again, but in the end the decision that is made is with the safety of the students in mind.

Watching the news also brings forth another safety concern and that is an active shooter in the building. The horrific stories from these incidents are sure to make all of us cringe and think about the safety of all of our children. Our school does have a lockdown plan in place that can be used if ever needed. All of our doors, except for the main entrance, are locked

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A Message from Mr. Bear

Quarter 3 ended last month. Like every quarter, we do end it by bringing all of the high school students into the gym and celebrate those students that ended the quarter by being on the honor roll and also those that got all A's thus receiving a 4.0 GPA.

We've been having these celebrations every quarter. It is important that we recognize the achievements of our kids. Sometimes, though, as we do it every quarter it becomes common place. It is also discouraging when we see the same students over and over standing up for the honor roll and the same students over and over sitting on the bleachers. So this quarter we did things a little bit differently.

First, we recognized those students that got on the honor roll. The honor roll is for those students that have at least a 3.0 GPA (B average) and that did not get any D's or F's. These students were recognized and given a candy bar.

Next, we recognized the students that got all A's. This quarter we recognized the students that have ever gotten a 4.0 this year. This is not an easy task. Those students that have gotten a 4.0 have one thing in common. They all work hard. That needs to be rewarded. This year, they got a t-shirt that says 'MHS 2018' on the front and '4.0' on the back. If you see one of our students wearing one of these shirts, please congratulate them.

For those students that don't work as hard, it seems to be apparent that they don't know why they would work that hard. The obvious answer to that question is so that they can learn more. This is why we are in school. If students work hard and do their best,

Student Council

This month the Student Council is continuing to help down in the elementary. We have been helping in the elementary for the last half of the year, and it is going well. We are also getting ready for the end of year awards; the Council always gives awards to certain teachers to let them know that they are appreciated. Other than that, it's been business as usual in the Council.

-Hobie Bear, President

Pre-School

We went around asking the preschool questions about Easter, and this was their response... **Kynzlee:** Her favorite candy is gum, and chocolate bunnies. **Braydon:** He found Easter eggs, his favorite candy are M&M's, chocolate bunnies, he got a turtle toy, and went on an Easter hunt. **Aubrie:** Got a dog. **Averie Jo:** Went on an Easter hunt at a hotel, went swimming, got lots of eggs, and her birthday is coming up. **Chasen:** His birthday is coming up too!



Kindergarten

We went around asking the kindergarten questions about Easter, and this is what they said;

Lily T: She ate candy, blew bubble gum, went outside, had an Easter egg hunt, and her favorite candy is Gum and mints. **Lily R:** She went to her grandma's house, ate candy, and got Chapstick. **Jaxson V:** Went on an Easter egg hunt, and his favorite candy is Skittles. **Jaxson B:** He ate candy and his favorite candy is Gum. **Kora:** Ate candy and watched scary movies. **Kaihylnn:** Her favorite Candy is Gum and skittles.

1st Grade

The first graders had an awesome Easter break! Jalyssa got to see her Grandma and ate snicker doodles. Johannah went Easter egg hunting and ate lots of Hershey kisses. Charlie also got to see his Grandma and ate Kit Kats. Ella went on a hunt too and received a chocolate bunny. Leon spent some time looking for bunnies and enjoyed relaxing. Bristol liked the Twix bars, and she got a bike! Allison liked the Kit Kats too. Jalyssa, Leon, and Allison are all looking forward to their birthdays coming up! Also, the class is looking forward to not having to wear hats, gloves, and jackets anymore once the weather warms up.

They also look forward to riding their bikes and scooters, and Johannah is especially looking forward to seeing beautiful rainbows.

2nd Grade

We went around asking the second graders questions about Easter, and this was their response.

Conner: Went to Grandparent's, and his favorite candy is sour patch kids.

Kody: Got candy, went on an Easter hunt, Favorite candy is sour patch kids and jelly beans. **Louis:** Got a bunch of candy, and he likes Gum. **Kailey:**

Got Easter Eggs, and saw the bunny, and her favorite candy is sour patch kids. **Aveahya:** She got to see Kody, she popped balloons and her favorite candy is sour patch kids.

Maycee: Her favorite candy are peanut butter cups.

they will not only get better grades, but they will accumulate knowledge.

When students do work hard, that is evidenced by standardized test scores. One test we take every year is the NWEA test. If a student scores above the 75th percentile, NWEA tells us that chances are very good that that student will score higher than a 24 on the ACT as a junior. If a student scores higher than a 24 on the ACT, chances are very good they will receive scholarships to go to college which will ensure that college will not be a financial burden.

I know we all want our kids to go to college. Statistics do tell us that with a college degree any given person will typically make at least 30% more per week than their peer without a college degree. That is significant. And while money certainly is not everything, we all know that more money can improve the quality of life for us and our loved ones. We want that for our kids.

The thing that is hardest to convince kids is that they can do it if their scores are lower than they want them to be. I know they can. Any of our kids can achieve that 75th percentile range on their NWEA tests. All they need to do is work hard. Study what the teachers ask them to study. Pay attention in class. And, if they have free time, they should read. It's certainly easier for some kids than others, but it is within reach for all of them.

So, the final item we celebrated is those students that scored above the 75th percentile on their NWEA tests this year. Unfortunately, NWEA does not assign percentiles to seniors, so none of our seniors made it into the 75% club. Any other student, however, that received a score above the 75th percentile on their NWEA tests also received a t-shirt that says 'MHS 2018' on the front and '75%' on the back. If you see one of our kids with one of these shirts, please congratulate them.

Music News

There will be no HS Spring Concert this year.

However, the elementary will have a small performance on Tuesday, May 1 at 2:30 in the gym. All students PK-3 will be performing songs and students in grades 4-6 that elected to sing will also be participating.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Waagen.



3rd Grade

The third graders had a variety of places they went to over Easter break. Some went to cousins house and others went to their grandparents '. They all ate lots of food, and received a bunch of candy, and chocolate bunnies. Some got other presents too, along with colored eggs. One even had an egg hunt at Fort Ransom! The most popular candy in the class is Peeps, then chocolate bunnies, Laffy taffy, Starburst, Jolly Rancher, and Jellybeans. Their favorite things of Easter are money, candy, the egg hunt, and Clara especially liked her Hammock Chair.

4th Grade

We went around asking the 4th grade Questions about Easter, this is what they said. **Cheyenne:** Her Favorite Candy is Peanut butter cups. **Fallon:** Had an AMAZING Easter, got 2 fidget spinners, got his dirt bike bacon, and favorite food was Bacon. **Donte:** Got a PS4, got Easter eggs, exciting to go mudding, getting a dirtbike, and favorite candy is Cookies, and Cream. **Chloe:** Cold out, Easter eggs, favorite candy are Jolly Rancher, got a checkerboard. **Mylie:** Ripped her tooth out, excited for tomorrow cause her cat is due to have kittens, gets to miss school for awhile because of her ear, likes gobstoppers, her aunt got a puppy.

Elem. Girls Bball

Amy Smith and Locklynn Steele were our two girls that played on the elementary girls basketball team coop with Edgeley. They both enjoyed their time with the team. Both the 5th grade and 6th grade teams had very good records. The 5th graders only lost two games and the 6th graders only lost once! Both the girls were very proud of some of the baskets they scored throughout the season.

5th Grade

The 5th graders had a fantastic Easter with their families! Locklynn stayed home, but got \$50 from her parents. Her favorite Easter candy is the big chocolate bunnies with peanut butter in them. Cece took care of Hobie because he just had surgery, and her favorite candy is those Robin eggs. Nathan spent time with his grandparents, and his favorite candy is Chocolate bunnies as well. Caden went to his Grandma's to eat supper, and he doesn't really have a favorite candy. However, he agrees that the egg shaped Reese's are good. August also went to his grandparents house and ate supper and just hung out with them for a few hours, and his favorite candy would be Fun Dip.

6th Grade

The sixth grade really enjoyed Easter! They enjoyed the days off from school too. For the holiday, they spent time with their families and some went over to see their grandparents. They liked the candy as well, some favorites are Hershey's kisses, Peeps, Reese's', and gummy bears.

Track

We have 15 kids out for track this year. The weather has not been friendly to us. However, the kids had a good time fundraising at the Shrine Circus on April 10. The first JH track meet is scheduled for April 20 in Oakes. The first HS track meet is scheduled for April 24 in Lisbon.

Senior Highlight– Jocelynn Forvilly

Next year, Jocelynn plans to continue working, but she wants to get a job baking. She might go to college later to do it professionally, but she hasn't yet decided. Her favorite memory from Montpelier is when her sophomore class went with Mrs. Smith to catch bugs by the Ypsi bridge. The advice she gives to under classmen is "Don't try so hard to be popular or liked by everyone, it won't really matter in the end. And try harder to keep your grades up because when it really counts, it's much harder to pick up the slack."



April Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02 No school	03 Hamburgers	04 Chef Salad	05 Spaghetti	06 Subs
09 Ham, eggs & Cheese Biscuits	10 Chilli	11 Chicken Casserole	12 Pizza	13 Tacos
16 Chicken Fajitas	17 Country fried Steak	18 Hamburger Hotdish	19 Hot ham and cheese	20 Enchilada Hotdish
23 Sloppy Joes	24 Hot Turkey Sandwich	25 Biscuits & Gravy	26 Hot dogs	27 No School
30 Chicken noodle soup & sandwich	01	Notes:		

throughout the day with all visitors checking in at the office. The lockdown procedure is practiced yearly and this will occur in the upcoming weeks for both staff and students to practice. This may be scary to some of the students but it is important we do this in case of real emergency. Please assure your children this is to keep them safe and things will be alright.

(Cont. from pg. 1) Montpelier School is special to us, as our small size allows us to get to know the students that come to us every day. The staff develops trusting relationships with them and they want all of them to feel and be safe while at school. Our school will always work to do our best to make certain that all students will arrive home after school every day.

-Mr. Waagen

Important Dates

April 3- Elem Girls' Bball at Litchville- 4:30

April 4- Early release at 1:45

April 5- Elem Girls' Bball at Ellendale- 4:30

April 7- Elem Girls' Bball Jamboree at LaMoure- 9:00?

April 18- School board meeting

April 20- JH Track at Oakes- 4:00

April 24- HS Track at Lisbon -4:00

April 27- School (snow make up day)

April 28- HS Track at Ellendale - 11:00

Winter Weather

The winter weather season is here and all the challenges it can bring. Many of our students ride the bus to and from school each day and there will be days when the weather is extremely cold, snowy or both. It is essential the students dress appropriately when riding the bus in the winter time. Students should wear warm winter coats (not just sweatshirts), gloves or mittens, and some head wear such as a stocking cap.

The safety of students is a priority and when weather conditions may cause a change in the normal routine please watch for a notification from the school. Notifications coming directly from the school will

come to you by email, voice mail, and/or text message depending on what method(s) you have selected. If you receive a phone call, there is typically a 10 to 15 second delay before the message actually begins to play, so please be patient. You may also be notified through the school's listserv. If you have "liked" Montpelier School on Facebook you may also find weather related updates there. Notices will also be on local television and radio stations. These notices will be sent out as early as possible so everyone may plan appropriately.



Grade 7:

Zach Dally

Grade 8:

Lane Froehlich

Lance Kjellberg

Grade 9:

Lucas Rich

Grade 10:

Kenzie Knight

Grade 11:

Hobie Bear

Grade 12:

Mai

Senior Highlight- Caitlynn Syverson

Caitlynn plans on taking at least a year or two off from school before she commits to going to college. She can't decide on what exactly she wants to do and feels like a break from school will help her figure things out. Plus, she will be able to save up money to hopefully avoid student loans if she does decide to go to college. Her favorite memory from school was reading all the books with Ms. Trouba in English class. Her advice for students is to not worry about what others are doing or what they think of you. Focus on just being you!

