

April 2014

Martin Message

Opinions by Mr. Waagen

I like to eat spinach, liver and onions, Spam, and shoot I even eat lutefisk! I am very certain that there are many who disagree with my opinion of liking those foods just like I disagree about how good sauerkraut is (I must be too Norwegian.) The good part is that we are all entitled to our own opinions on everything from the foods we like to how we think the government is doing.

Over the course of the next couple of months we will be asking for the opinions of many people asking for their thoughts relating to the school. The past month or so, the school improvement team members began the initial process of our school review, by completing the AdvancED Self-Assessment Workbook. Team members then discussed the five major areas related to the current state of our school. There was a wide variety of opinions along with many possible suggestions to improve various aspects of the school.

It is now the turn for the en-

tire staff, student population and community members to voice their opinions relating to the school. Students and staff will take some time during the school day to complete surveys specific to them. Parents will also be given the opportunity to complete an online survey in the upcoming weeks. During parent teacher conferences, March 25, computers will be made available for parents to complete the survey. The surveys should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

The upcoming surveys will provide valuable insight to both the strengths and weaknesses of our school. The results of the survey will help guide the actions that need to be completed to improve our school and increase our students' success. I encourage all parents to take the time to complete the survey during parent/teacher conferences or at home when they have time. A like for the



actual survey will be made available through the listserv, Facebook, and on the school webpage. Your opinion and thoughts are very important so please take the time to complete the survey. Thank you for your help! This survey is anonymous. Please use the link <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/3660001>. Thank you for your participation.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

- April 18– No School
- April 21– No School

Mr. Godfrey

Hello friends and family and welcome to spring (I hope). Several things are happening at Montpelier HS. March and April bring us into our testing window. During March, our juniors will begin field testing the math portion of the Smarter Balanced Assessment. The Smarter Balanced Assessment will replace existing state assessments in English language arts/literacy and mathematics, providing an academic checkup by measuring students' real-world skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. In addition, they will provide information during the year to give teachers and parents a better picture of where students are succeeding and where they need help. This Field Test will help ensure the assessments are accurate and fair for all students. The Field Test also will provide teachers and schools a chance to practice test administration procedures in advance of the first operational assessments in spring 2015. We are one of several schools in the state chosen to participate in the field test. This is an exciting time of North Dakota and Montpelier HS as we move into a new era of public education.

I want to thank all of those who showed up to support the Montpelier HS track team at the German supper and silent auction on Friday, 3/14. The fundraiser was an absolute success! A special thank

you goes out to Tonia and Jodi Kjellberg and Dale and Ann Marks for making the event happen. Because of your help, we were able to raise over \$3000! Our first track meet is April 4 and our new track uniforms and equipment are on their way. We are very grateful for all you do for our kids!



Elementary girls' basketball is off to a great start! The girls are working hard and learning a lot. Thank you Mrs. Brown for taking the time to coach and mentor our young ladies. Their first home game is Thursday, March 27 at 4:30 against LLM. There will also be an awards ceremony and pizza/movie night for the elementary girls' basketball team on April 11 from 4-6pm. Parents and siblings are welcome.

Time to reflect:

We've completed three quarters of our school year and are in the home stretch. At this point, many people would slacken up and not put in the effort they put in at

the beginning. I encourage you to support your children in finishing the year out strong. You could say we only have one quarter left. Or you could say we have another nine weeks to work as hard as we can to be the best that we can be. You are the direct connection your child has to a successful future and I know you wish the very best for them in all that they do. I again thank you for putting faith and confidence in the staff at Montpelier HS to help you with that mission.

My heart tells me it's been a great year. Personally, my son and I made a lot of changes this year. We moved from Alaska to North Dakota. I moved away from ND in 1985 and didn't know what to expect on my return. It's always an anxious time when making a life transition such as a major move. Thankfully, all of you made us feel welcomed and accepted. I no longer feel like I moved. I feel like I came home.

God Bless

Tim Godfrey
Principal/AD
Montpelier HS

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever."
-Mahatma Gandhi

Acalympics

On Monday, 3/24, Montpelier participated in the Region 5 Acalympics in Wishek. Our senior high students took second place for Division II. 16 teams competed through several rounds and categories to include English, Math, Social Studies, and Science. I'd like to congratulate our senior and junior high participants for their fantastic work.

Junior High Team

Hobie Bear, Tori Boom, Seth Kjellberg, Savanna Dick, Morgan Smith, and Brant Naze

Senior High Team (pictured)

Blake Naze, Cody Henne, Noah Greer, Aurora Bear, Garrett Kendrick, and David Godfrey



3rd Quarter High School Awards

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students on their accomplishments during the third quarter. The following students deserve special recognition for their hard work.

2014 Senior Class Valedictorian

Blake Naze

2014 Senior Class Salutatorian

Sam Haakenson

3rd Quarter Student of the Quarter for the trait of Integrity

Nichole Elsner

Hobie Bear

Morgan Smith– honorable mention

Wyatt Luck– honorable mention

Sara Hatlewick– honorable mention

Tyra Baumgartner– honorable mention

3rd Quarter Honor Roll

Samantha Haakenson

Dylan Moran

Cody Henne

Nicole Elsner

Seth Kjellberg

Blake Naze

Kaylee Bullock

Colten Ford

Tyra Baumgartner

Garrett Kendrick

Seth Jansen

David Godfrey

Orrin Kluting

Morgan Smith

Evan Johnson

Morgan Harr

Wyatt Luck

Hobie Bear

Andrew Roorda

Sara Hatlewick

Victoria Boom

Cheyenne Elsner

Aurora Bear

Brant Naze

**“CONGRATULATIONS
STUDENTS”**

3rd Quarter Elementary Awards

Listed is the Montpelier Elementary School Honor Roll for the 3rd Quarter

Kindergarten:

Cheyenne Bowen, Max Schrader, Chloe Smith

First Grade:

CeCe Bear, Karson Bullock, August Harms, Locklynn Steele

Second Grade:

"A" Honor Roll– Amy Smith

"B" Honor Roll– Floyd Block, Cody Froehlich, Louis Kjellberg, Nate Kjellberg, Gage Rode

Third Grade:

"A" Honor Roll– Zachary Dally Kassidy Ford, Eddie Harms, Nora Smith

Fourth Grade:

"A" Honor Roll– Megan Witcraft

"B" Honor Roll– Bryce Anderson, Kassidy Boom, Lane Froehlich, Lance Kjellberg

Fifth Grade:

"A" Honor Roll– Taylor Jansen, Maggie Sears, Allison Roorda, Ryleigh Smith

"B" Honor Roll– Travis Baker, Matthew Stoppleworth

Sixth Grade:

"A" Honor Roll– Kennedy Bullock

"B" Honor Roll– Colten Boom, Alyssa Enzminger, Makenzie Knight, George Ringuette, Treazur Williamson

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February Bucket Fillers

Montpelier Elementary School selected February's Bucket Fillers and they are from left to right: Makenzie Knight, Alyssa Enzminger, Chloe Smith, Lance Kjellberg, and Megan Witcraft.



Counselor's Corner

I am so pleased to say that spring is finally here!! I am a big believer that warmer temperatures and a little more sunshine do us North Dakotans a great deal of good. In honor of Earth Day (April 22) the elementary guidance education will take a look at the importance of recycling, composting, and taking measures to preserve our planet.

High School TESTING Information:

April 23rd is the day the **junior class** takes their first ACT test (during the school day). The first test is free and is paid for by the state. If you junior student is not happy with their score the test will cost between \$36.50-\$52.20 after and it will be up to the student to arrange a retake. Additional tests will be given outside of school during the weekend, bright and early! With that said I highly encourage all junior students to study a bit before the test.

A link with free test help is provided here:
<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/>

The **sophomore class** will also have a

presenter from Safe Shelter to talk to them about safe and healthy relationships. Be sure to ask your sophomore student what they learned from our guest presenter!

Any students in need of letters of recommendation, scholarship information, or post-secondary questions please feel free to catch me at school (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) or by email at Courtney.schuetz@sendit.nodak.edu. Once again I post all the scholarship opportunities I receive on my blog. For fast, easy scholarship information visit: cowright87.blogspot.com.

I am hoping you all enjoy the spring weather that will soon be upon us. The end of the school year will be here before we know it!

Courtney Schuetz

K-12 School Counselor

"It's ok to be a glow stick, sometimes we need to break before we shine." - Anonymous

Montpelier 100 Year T-Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

Contact Phone Numbers: _____

T-shirts will be white with gold writing and a purple Martin. They will be to commemorate our school being open for 100 years.

SPREAD THE WORD!

Short Sleeve White T-Shirt: \$8

Please write the quantity of each size and include your payment with this slip.

DUE BACK NO LATER THEN MARCH 31ST TO MRS. KARTES.

Check #: _____ or CASH
Write Checks to Montpelier Public School



This is only a template
as to what the t-shirt will
look like.

	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Child	XS (2-4)	_____
	S (6-8)	_____
	M (10-12)	_____
	L (14-16)	_____
Adult	S	_____
	M	_____
	L	_____
	XL	_____
	2XL (+\$1.00)	_____
	3XL (+\$1.00)	_____

The shirts will be
available for pick-up at
the school on or after
April 9th.

Spirit Week

Spirit Week was held on February 24—
March 1.



Spirit Week cont.



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MONTPELIER MISSION STATEMENT

TO BE A COMMUNITY-BASED INSTITUTION WITH COMMUNITY BASED COOPERATION. TO ENHANCE INDIVIDUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN A QUALITY-LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



End of Year Notice

Parents, the school calendar says the last day of school is on Friday, May 23. However, students need only 175 days and if we go to school until May 23 they would have 177 days. These two extra days were scheduled in case they were needed as extra storm days if the winter was bad.

If the weather does not cause our school to be delayed or canceled the last day of school will be Wednesday, May 21. The school needs to make up 3 hours due late starts. These hours will be made up by extending three days by one hour. These dates have yet to be determined. However, if the weather causes a delay or can-

cellation those last two days may be used.




If you have any questions please contact Mr. Waagen.

Driver's Education

Montpelier School will be offering the driver's education program this summer. The classroom portion will begin June 2 and run through June 6. Students must have finished 8th grade and be 14 years old to complete the driving portion of the class. The cost to take the course has yet to be determined. Students are highly encouraged to have their instructional permit prior to the start of class. There is a sign up sheet by the office for students.

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Activities Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 22nd Annual Randy Huether Track Meet (NDSCS) 3pm Elem GBB vs Edgeley/Kulm 4:30pm (H)	4 Preschool Visitation 12:30pm– 3:10pm	5 Elem GBB LaMoure Jamboree
		Bookmobile				
6	7	8 Math Com- petition @ University of Jamestown	9	10	11 Track Meet @ Oakes 4pm	12
13	14	15 Carrington Track Meet 3:30pm	16	17	18 No School	19
				Bookmobile	Good Friday	
20 	21 No School	22	23	24	25	26 Lisbon Amer- ican Legion Track Meet 12pm State Speech
27	28	29 Carrington Invite Track Meet 3pm	30 			

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Lunch Menu

Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**



1	2	3	4	5
Pizza	Chili/Fresh Bread	BBO Chicken	Soup & Sandwich	

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Nicky's Day Chicken Fajita	BBO	Scalloped Potatoes	Lane's Day Philly Steak Sandwiches	Cook's Choice	

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Logan's Day Tacos	Cook's Choice	BBO Pork	Chow Mein	No School	
					Good Friday	

20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Happy Easter!	No School	Sam's Day Super Nachos	Chef Salad	Allie's Day Burgers/French Fries	Cook's Choice	

27	28	29	30
	Meat Loaf/Baked Potatoes	Cook's Choice	Spaghetti

