



Martin Messages

The Process Begins

There are many different topics I really enjoy discussing. The successes of our students, exciting opportunities for students, a good book or movie, Bison football, and even the weather most of the time. One area that is not the top of my list is politics. The state legislators convene on January 6 to begin their intense eighty days of the legislative process.

This year, like all legislative years, the state senators and representatives will be facing a very large number of bills and proposals including those affecting education. Some bills proposed may be withdrawn, others will not make it out of committee, and many will make it to the floor to be voted upon. The various bills have different degrees to which they affect our students and school. Below are some of the proposed bills as of January 20. Please keep in mind that bills often are amended and changed frequently.

House Bill (HB) 1087- Bill requires each student to demonstrate proficiency in civics as condition of graduation. Each student, prior to graduation, would be required to receive no less than 60 questions correct on a 100 point assessment focusing on the fundamentals of

U.S. history and principles of government. Note: Arizona recently passed this requirement.

HB 1013- An early childhood initiative for 4-year olds from the Pre-K study group under Superintendent Kirsten Baesler. The initiative would provide \$6 million in "follow the student" funding to create community partnerships, including school districts, to provide pre-K education.

Senate Bill (SB) 20480- Bill relates to creating a mental health assessment network to support mental health needs of students.

SB2031- The main public school education funding bill. Increase professional development days from 2 to 3 during the 2016-2017 school year. Changes weighting factors that influence the amount of funding schools receive.

SB2108- Proposes that a child must be enrolled in first grade if he or she is 6 years old by June 20th a change from August 1.

SB2090- makes a student eligible for a North Dakota academic or career and technical education scholarship if the "perform at the highest achievement level" in

statewide assessments of English, Math, and Science in 11th grade. This adds another "test qualifier" for scholarship besides a 24 composite score on the ACT.

HB1461- This bill would have North Dakota withdraw from the Smarter Balanced Consortium and no longer use the Common Core Standards or design State standards or assessments based on the Common Core Standards. This bill will certainly create much discussion between proponents and opponents of the Common Core Standards.

The legislature is in the early phase of the session and there are certain to be many changes in the bills as the legislators continue to craft the bills. They have the difficult challenge of trying to make decisions with the best interest of all North Dakotans in mind. I will provide updates in upcoming newsletters about these bills and perhaps others.

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Dates To Remember:

- February 13- No School
- February 16- No School
- February 25- School dismissed at 1:30

From the Desk of Mr. Godfrey

Welcome back to a new year at Montpelier High School! I hope that all of you had a wonderful break and had the opportunity to spend valuable time with your family. I spent part of the time in Phoenix meeting new family members and enjoying some warmth and sunshine. However, it's great to be back and fulfilling my purpose of serving the students and families at Montpelier public School.

Attention 4th and 8th graders! Montpelier Public School will be taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress or NAEP test this year. The NAEP test is a standardized achievement test used by states to draw a comparison across the country. This will help North Dakota determine how it ranks academically in comparison to other states. Our testing date is March 4th. Information about NAEP can be found at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/>.

The second quarter of the school year ended Friday, January 9. Report cards went home with students on Wednesday, January 14. If you did not receive a copy of your child's report card or have concerns, please contact the teacher or myself.

Montpelier HS will be implementing two thematic units this year. Thematic units are designed so that the same information is discussed and studies in every content area. This will help students better understand and apply information in a variety of environments and situations. This year our thematic units are:

8th Grade: Civil War beginning February 2

10th Grade: Industrial Revolution beginning February 9

Academic vocabulary words for this month:

Abbreviate, Context, Format, Analyze, Compare, Symbolize, Anticipate, Plagiarism, Subsequent

Elementary girls' basketball will be starting up soon. So far we have a great turn out! If you have a daughter in grades 4-6 who is interested in playing and has not turned in a permission slip yet, please tell her to come see me. Coach Brown will let everyone know when practice begins. I'm looking forward to another fun and exciting season and the pizza party at the end of course. I promised the girls that if they get enough players I will also provide make your own ice cream sundaes for our awards night.

In an effort to support school-wide discipline at Montpelier HS, the staff has developed a new plan for managing tardies and inappropriate behaviors that will begin when we return from Christmas break. Instead of lunch detention, we will be implementing a morning detention from 7:40-8:15 a.m. Students who are in violation of the policies regarding tardies and minor behaviors will be required to serve a morning detention. If a student misses their morning detention, they will be required to serve two. If a student misses four morning detentions they will be required to serve a Saturday detention. Saturday detention will be from 8:00-11:00 a.m. and will be supervised by various staff on a rotating

basis. We will continue with our lunch-time routine as a study hall for students who are missing work or falling behind as a way to support their academic success. We at Montpelier HS greatly appreciate your support in implementing this new process. Our hopes are to build respectful and responsible citizens and we know that task is impossible to accomplish without the support of our wonderful parents.

Our first priority at school is to provide a safe and secure environment for your children to learn. We will discuss and conduct various crisis exercises throughout the year. This will include hazardous weather drills and fire drills. Montpelier Public School also has a policy covering drug and alcohol usage by students. Please refer to the school board policy for more information. As a preventative measure, drug-sniffing dogs may randomly visit our building from time to time.

As always, thanks for your support and for the care and concern you have for your child's success.

God bless!

Tim Godfrey

Principal/AD

Montpelier HS

"An investment in knowledge pay the best interest."

-Benjamin Franklin

Student of the Quarter

At the end of second quarter, we had the privilege of presenting awards for Student of the Quarter (2nd Q) for the character trait of **responsibility**. The following students were bestowed that honor.

7-9 Grade

Colten Boom

Jocelynn Forvilly- Honorable Mention

10-12 Grade

Cody Henne

Brant Naze- Honorable Mention

Congratulations Students!!!!



High School Honor Roll for 2nd Quarter

We are proud to announce the high school honor roll students for the second quarter!

12th Grade

Danyelle Eichele
Nolan Hansen
Orrin Kluting

10th Grade

Savanna Dick
Cheyanne Elsner
Samantha Hofmann
Seth Kjellberg
Brant Naze
Micheal McMillon
Dylan Moran

7th Grade

Colten Boom
Kennedy Bullock
Josie Gerber
Makenzie Knight
George Ringuette
Treazur Williamson

11th Grade

Colten Ford
Morgan Harr
Cody Henne
Seth Jansen
Christina McMillon
Whitney Widmer

9th Grade

Cody Bakken
Jocelynn Forvilly
Morgan Smith

8th Grade

Hobie Bear
Tori Boom



Elementary Honor Roll for 2nd Quarter

We are proud to announce the elementary honor roll students for the second quarter!

Sixth Grade

"A" Honor Roll-

"B" Honor Roll- Taylor Jansen, Lucas Rich, Allison Roorda

Fifth Grade

"A" Honor Roll- Bryce Anderson, Kassidy Boom, Lane Froehlich, Lance Kjellberg, Megan Witcraft

"B" Honor Roll- Logan Rich, Lynkin Steele, Ahnalisa Sundby, Paul Vondal

Improvement Award- Jason Schrader

Fourth Grade

"A" Honor Roll- Zach Dally, Gabby Haakenson, Eddie Harms, Leah Peckham, Cheyanna Smith, Nora Smith, Ashlynn Walz

"B" Honor Roll- Kassidy Ford

Third Grade

"A" Honor Roll-

"B" Honor Roll- Cody Froehlich, Nate Kjellberg, Gage Rode, Amy Smith, Jozee Vondal

Second Grade

"A" Honor Roll- CeCe Bear, Karson Bullock

"B" Honor Roll- August Harms

First Grade

Cheyenne Bowen, Donte Porter, Max Schrader, Chloe Smith

Kindergarten

Isabella Ahrens, Kambry Bullock, Kallie Cahill, Rhea Haakenson, Clara Harms, Jordan Jensen, Ian Lien, Riley Shuey, Jaxson Smith

Pre-Kindergarten

Colin Barnick, Maycee Blinsky, Jalyssa DeBuck, Wyatt Hoff, Conner Smith, Kailey Van Enk, Cody Wahl



Physical Education Corner with Mr. Nelson

As we enter a new semester there are a few new things that the students will be participating in. For the 10th graders, they will transition from a Health class into a Lifetime Fitness class. I'm excited to work with them to improve their fitness. In an era where there are so many options and opportunities for students to participate in, improving their health and wellness can take a backseat. I'm hoping to introduce some new and exciting exercises to their daily routine and whip them into shape. Having a small class will allow me to join in right alongside them, showing them that a 28-year old can keep up with no problems. If you have any type of free weights or fitness equipment that you are looking to donate to some eager students, email me brent.nelson@k12.nd.us and I will let you know if we need it.

On the elementary side, February will be a busy month. Starting on the 2nd the students will have a two week roller skating unit. From what I have gathered this was a big hit among them last year and I was more than happy to keep that

going. Generally there is a small fee that the students need to pay but a big thank you needs to go to the PTO for covering that cost for the students. Your student will be getting a permission slip sent home with them, if you could sign that and have them bring it back, that would be great.

After roller skating, we will start our Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be my first go around at this but I am excited to have the students do this. This was something that I was involved in as a youngster and I'm glad I could continue this.

As always, any concerns or questions, feel free to contact me anytime and I will do the best I can to resolve the issue.



December Detectives

Montpelier Elementary School recognized the December Detectives of the month. They are from left to right: Leah Peckham, Matthew Stoppleworth, Chloe Smith, Baylee Rudland, and Donte Porter.



JR/SR Trip to State Capital



The group. Left to right: Seth Jansen, Morgan Harr Trystan Harr, Orrin Kluting, Nolan Hansen, Whitney Widmer, Christina McMillon. Front: Cody Henne.



Pictures: Top left- Group photo

Top Right: Cody Henne, Seth Jansen, Morgan Harr

Bottom Picture: Orrin Kluting and Nolan Hansen

February Counselor's Corner

Happy February Montpelier Families!

Even though February is one of the coldest months in our fair state I always feel a little happiness because it's the month we celebrate Valentine's Day!

I certainly don't consider myself a romantic but I do think it's a great time to show those we care about some much needed love and appreciation. Remember Valentine's Day is not just for couples. Take this opportunity to spread the love to your kids, friends, family, coworkers, and acquaintances!

Elementary Guidance

For lower elementary guidance this month we will focus on personal hygiene and goals setting. I will be using the wonderful children's book I am a Booger...Treat me with Respect by Julia Cook to talk about the importance of keeping germs under control especially during this cold and flu season! It's a fantastic book that is funny and educational. Be sure to ask your student what they learned about treating boogers with respect!

For the upper elementary grades we will focus on goal setting and career education. The sixth grade class will be focusing especially hard on career education for the next several months.

Middle and High School Guidance

As with the elementary the upper grades will also be looking at goal setting and future planning. Juniors and seniors will get another chance to apply for scholarships and I plan to tie up college application loose ends!

Quick Note

The **junior class** will be taking their state provided ACT test on **March 17, 2015**. This will take place during the school day. Students will need to arrive a little early that day. Any late students will not be allowed into the testing room

and will have to make up the test on a later date.

There are ACT study manuals available in Mr. Godfrey's office that students can check out and use to prepare for the test. I highly suggest that all students taking the ACT should spend time preparing for it. If students plan to attend college after graduation the ACT is an important step in gaining acceptance into most colleges and universities.

Final Note

Some of you and your students already know that I am expecting my second baby in February! For those students I see individually we have discussed my taking time off while I go on maternity leave (6 weeks, if things go well).

There will be a substitute counselor, Mrs. Mary Steele, coming in 2 days a week during that time to do guidance with the elementary and meet with students individually who feel comfortable doing so. Students do not have to utilize those services but I do encourage a check in occasionally during that time. If parents/students have any questions about this please feel free to contact me within the next few weeks!



ACT Information

Test Dates:

April 18, 2015

June 13, 2015

Registration Deadlines:

March 13, 2015

May 8, 2015

To register for the final two ACT test dates go to

www.actstudent.org

Scholarships

ND State Scholarship window is now open. To apply go to:

<http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/scholarship>

National Farmers Union-Huber Seymour Scholarship

Open to all graduation high school seniors who are continuing their education in either a two-year or four-year accredited college or university for any area of study. Must be a Farmers Union member. Applications can be found at: ndfu.org

Deadline: March 5, 2015

Daktel Scholarship

Eligible applicants include graduating seniors whose parent(s) or guardian(s) use telephone, television or internet service from Dakota Central. The student must be planning to attend a college, university, vocational or technical post secondary school. Applications can be found online at: <http://www.daktel.com/scholarships>. Deadline: March 2, 2015

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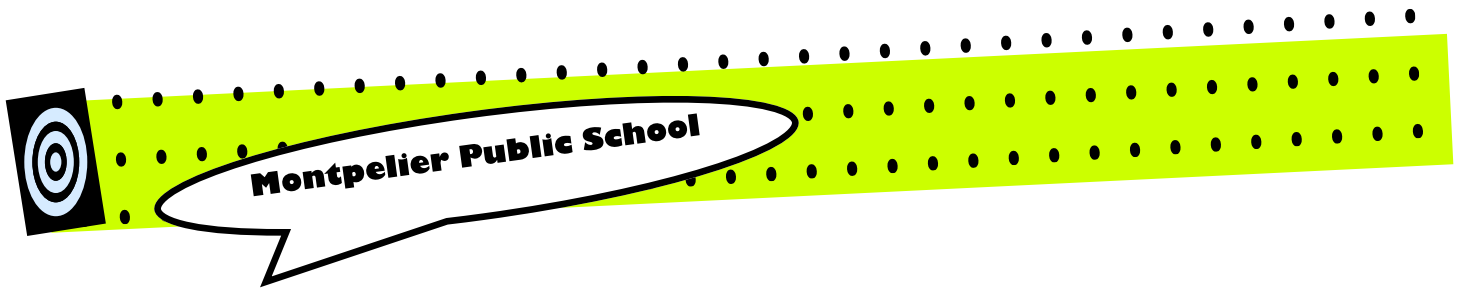
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MONTPELIER MISSION STATEMENT

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



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1 | 2 JH BBB vs LLM (Edgeley) 4:30pm | 3 BBB at Ellendale 6pm | 4 | 5 GBB at Zeeland 6pm BBB Kulm B Squad Tourney | 6 JH BBB at Leo-la, SD 5pm | 7 BBB Kulm B Squad Tourney |
| 8 | 9 JH BBB vs SB (Kulm) 4:30pm GBB vs Napoleon (Edgeley) 6pm | 10 JH BBB at Ellendale 5pm BBB vs LLM (Edgeley) 6pm | 11 Students Released at 1:45 PM | 12 BBB at Carrington 6pm | 13 No School JH BBB vs Leo-la/Frederick (Edgeley) 4pm Girls District-Jamestown | 14 Girls District-Jamestown Valentine's Day  |
| 15 | 16 No School Girls District-Jamestown | 17 JH BBB vs MPB (Medina) 4:30pm | 18 | 19 | 20 JH BBB at Oakes 4:30pm | 21 BBB vs Stras-berg/Zeeland (Edgeley) 2pm |
| 22 | 23 GBB Regional Tournament | 24 GBB Regional Tournament | 25 | 26 GBB Regional Tournament | 27 BBB District Tournament-Jamestown | 28 BBB District Tournament-Jamestown |
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February 2015

Lunch Menu

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 2 Chicken Patty | 3 Sweet Sour Pork | 4 Chipped Beef on Toast | 5 Soup & Sandwiches | 6 Lasagna | 7 |
| 8 | 9 Hamburgers | 10 Cook's Choice | 11 Turkey/Mashed Potatoes | 12 Taco | 13 No School | 14 Valentine's Day  |
| 15 | 16 No School | 17 Pizza | 18 Tuna Hot Dish | 19 Philly Sandwiches | 20 Tomato Soup/Grilled Cheese | 21 |
| 22 | 23 Spaghetti | 24 Meat Loaf/Potatoes | 25 BBQ Pork | 26 Chef Salad | 27 Mac & Cheese | 28 |
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