



## Martin Messages

### Mrs. Steele

Hello!

We are two weeks into a new year and everything seems to be going great! The busing schedule is finally in order and I want to thank you all for being so patient with the timing we were working on.

We have ten new students attending Montpelier School this year. We hope that they will enjoy their new school and everyone will make them feel welcome. It is a joy to see new faces at our school.

Volleyball has started for the year and I hope many of you will be able to attend the matches. It means a lot to the girls when students and community members come to cheer them on.

We just got the new elementary lockers in!!! The students were very excited and can't wait to

call a locker their own! I have had some high school students helping with this and I want to express my sincere gratitude to them. They were: Alex Moran, Blake Naze, Chris Miller, Nolan Hansen, and Logan Maurer. We could have not gotten these lockers in without their great help! Thank you guys....

Also, our janitor has moved onto another job and that left me holding the bag (so to speak). Once again I have had some of our young men from the high school helping us out with the cleaning around the school. There have been many of them that come up and ask me if they could help. We are raising some fine young people!!! Thank you to all of you that are helping out while I look for a janitor I would also like a part-time janitor to help with the dusting and cleaning in the elementary.

Anyone available!!!! Call me—please!

Grades 4-5-6 went to Fort Seward last Thursday. They had a delightful time and learned a lot about North Dakota and government. On September 5 grades 5-6 attended Eco-Day at Pipestem Dam. They learned more about environmental science. It is great to send students on field trips where they are continually learning about projects that have been discussed in the classroom. It brings everything all together and students will remember.

We hope all is going well with your families. Remember to come in and visit our classrooms anytime. I really enjoy seeing people come in and look around!

Mary Steele,  
Supt/Elem. Principal

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### Dates to Remember

- No School- September 4
- Grade 5-6 Field Trip Eco Ed Day - September 5
- Dick Beardsley Marathon September 7
- School Fall Pictures - September 26

### Student Council

As the 2012-2013 school year starts off, student council begins its year as well. Last year we held an election for this year's officers. The new President is Orrin Kluting, sophomore; Vice President is Isaac Valenta, junior; and the

Secretary/Treasurer is Kelly Susa, sophomore. For those of you who didn't know, our advisor is Ms. Leggate. We started the



year with our usual 7th grade orientation night. Future events we look forward to are Spirit and Red Ribbon Weeks and the State Student Council Convention in Bismarck this December.

## Mr. Waagen

### Full Circle (Almost)

Life is always an adventure and one never knows what is just around the next bend. I just turned the corner this last spring and much to my pleasant surprise I have found myself near the roots of my career in education. Twenty seven years ago I began my teaching career as the science instructor in Edgeley where I had the privilege of

working with a young guidance counselor named Mrs. Steele. Now twenty five years later our paths cross again and we are working together to make Montpelier School the best it can be.

I will attempt to briefly fill in the gap of the last twenty five years since leaving Edgeley. I moved with my wife Mary, who was the former music teacher in Edgeley, to Colbertson, MT on a hot August day. There I was the science teacher for grades 9-12 for the next sixteen years along with the many other duties that go with a teaching position. As time passed I assumed more roles including technology coordinator (14 years), athletic director (8 years)

and the K-12 principal for the past 11 years. Each of these positions was challenging and I appreciated the many experiences that they provided me.

I am gratified by the accomplishments I have made professionally but am more proud of my family. Mary and I recently celebrated our 26th anniversary; she has always given me tremendous support which I have needed to be a great educator. We

have two boys, or more correctly young men, who make my old chest swell when I think of them. Our oldest son, Tyrel, just graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a degree in mechanical engineering. Our youngest son Trevor, will be a sophomore at the University of North Dakota and is working toward a degree in clinical psychology. These three people have given me much joy and laughter over the years.

Now what? I am so excited that my journey has taken me to Montpelier and look forward to working with students, staff and parents. I believe in creating a safe, trusting environment for students

so they develop the confidence necessary to succeed in school. All students need to have positive relationships to help guide them on their own journeys throughout their school years. It is the job of parents and teachers to work together to ensure that our children develop both academically and personally to become productive citizens now and in the future.

I look forward to meeting the students as well as their parents in the upcoming weeks. This will definitely be a time of adjustment for all of us but I believe that we all understand that we are in this together and that the students of Montpelier School are the reason we are here. Let the journey begin!

Jerry Waagen

Secondary Principal

# WELCOME

## Montpelier Martin Running Club

We have three members that qualified for the Dick Beardsley Half Marathon on September 8th in Detroit Lakes. Congratulations to Orrin Kluting, Seth Jansen, and Brant Naze, all of whom will be running 13.1 miles around Detroit Lakes on the morning of September 8th. Please take the time to congratulate all three if you them. They have been working hard to meet the stringent

guidelines, and pass the physical tests set in place by the MMRC.

Once again, congratulations to Orrin Kluting, Seth Jansen, and Brant Naze. Good Luck in DL!!

Pipestem Trail Run

We are pleased to announce Seth Jansen took 1st place in his age division at the recent Pipestem Trail

Run. Seth is one of many students at the school who are members of the

Montpelier Martin Running Club, under the direction of Nicholas Stoterau and Michael Smith.



## New Meal Plan

As you all have probably heard our food service program has changed! Our federal government has set new regulations for meals served at schools that participate in the USDA school meal program. Our meals are subsidized by the federal government; therefore, we are mandated to these new changes through the 2010 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids' Act.

The government has reviewed many inquiries about hot lunch programs that are provided in the school system. Many committees have discussed that fat content that is in meals and not enough fruits and vegetables. One of the big changes will be no trans fats in the meal plan. We will be offering more in the sub groups of

vegetables. Such as the green, red/orange, legumes and starchy items. You will see more whole grain than white breads and pastas.

Also, along with the meal our children can go back for seconds but will have to pay a price for the entrée. This price includes people that are on free/reduced plans, also. They will have to pay for the second helping out of pocket. If you feel you can not pay for the second entrée, please let the office know and your child (ren) will not go back for the second time through. Also, please

have a conversation with your child(ren) if you do not wish for them to go back for a second entrée. All the children will be able to go back to the salad bar as many times as they want without any costs. The board has decided to charge \$1.25 for the second helping. The second entrée will be billed to you on a

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monthly basis. However, if you fall behind on your payment after the second month than your child will not be able to receive the second entrée. The Montpelier students have a heads up on all of this because they have been introduced to most of the good changes of eating habits last year. It is surprising how well these children have adapted to good eating while here at the school. We need to get them to continue good eating habits into their adult life. Thank you for your understanding in this situation. There was a notice sent out in your back to school packet.

If you have any questions, please call Julie at 489-3348.

**If you have not filled out a Free/Reduced application and you think you might qualify, please do so. If you qualified last year, please fill out another form. They only are good for one year. Any questions, call Julie at the school.**

**As of right now there will not be a monthly lunch menu. Our cooking staff is getting use to the new items that need to be served. Please watch the daily bulletin for updates on lunch. Sorry for the inconvenience this has caused.**

## Unpaid Milk Break and Lunch Bills

The elementary students are allowed to have milk in the afternoon with their snacks. Starting this year, if your bill has not been paid before school, your child will not be permitted to have an afternoon milk. The balances are either getting out of control or have been a negative balance for more than a year.



Once the balance has been paid, your child will be able to have milk in the afternoon with their snack. Julie has been sending out lunch bills that include the charge for extra milk on a monthly basis. We ask that you pay your bill on a monthly basis. If you can not pay the full bill or need to wait for a

paycheck, please call Julie at the school and arrangements can be made. If an arrangement is made, it will continue until the balance is paid off. However, if a payment is missed the full amount will be due immediately.

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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.*



## School Website & Monthly Newsletter

The school has a new webpage. The address is [www.montpelier.k12.nd.us](http://www.montpelier.k12.nd.us).



There is a lot of information you can get on this website.

The monthly newsletters is just one feature on our website. If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter as a paper copy, please contact Julie at the school, 489-3348. We have gone green and the newsletters are available on the website for you to view.





**Montpelier Martins**

# September 2012

# Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 No School	4 PBK @ LMM 5pm 3 games	5 Grade 5-6 Field Trip- Eco Ed Day	6 Strasburg/Zeeland @ LMM 5pm 3 games	7 Dick Beardsley Marathon partici- pants leaving after school	8 VB Casselton Tourney
9	10	11 LMM @ Central Prairie (Medina) 5pm 3 games	12	13 Lamoure @ LMM 5pm 3 games	14	15 VB Linton Tourney
16	17	18 LMM @ PBK (Pingree) 5pm 3games	19	20 Central Prairie @ LMM 5pm 3games	21	22 V Lamoure JV Tourney
23	24 LM @ BCN (North Central) 5pm 3games	25	26 School Fall Pictures	27 LMM @ Edgeley 5pm 3 games	28	29 Lisbon-Enderlin Tourney
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