



Hello Everyone,

It's the week before Christmas and all through the school, every creature is stirring and its.... crazy! I'm writing this note the Monday before Christmas break, and as always, the holidays bring a lot of activities to our school, and then a much-needed rest following it all. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season.

This month, I need to give a shout-out to some individuals that have put in a lot of work to make this school year a success so far. As you probably know, we were not able to hire a music teacher for this school year. To put it simply, there aren't many available and a lot of school districts are going without. Luckily, we had two teachers willing to add more to their plate to make sure our students did not go without music. I want to give a big thank you to Mrs. Elizabeth Campbell and Mrs. Val VanWechel for making sure that music continues to ring through the halls of North Star Schools. Mrs. VanWechel, hired to be our 3rd grade teacher (and doing a great job at that), agreed to teach elementary music on top of being a teacher in her 1st year with a new district, an already stressful and busy role. Mrs. Campbell, who has an endorsement to teach music, agreed to do the same for the MS/HS, even though she is currently pursuing a master's to support her new role as librarian, along with her myriad other responsibilities. If you see these ladies around town, please give them a big thank you.

Along with the work they are doing to make music possible for our students, there are others that are sacrificing and doing extra to make everything happen. Our other teachers at the elementary work to schedule and cover Mrs. VanWechel's class as necessary. We have staff this year that are serving in new ways, including coaching sports that may have otherwise gone unfilled. Thank you as well to Mrs. Jan Donovan for her leadership in her new role as lead teacher in the elementary. The amount of time (and maybe sanity 😊) that our staff is willing to sacrifice for the sake of our students and communities is inspiring, so please during the holiday season and after, recognize them for their work and willingness to make North Star as great as it can be. That attitude is the thing that makes small schools, and the environment they create for kids, such special places to learn and work.

Sincerely,

Bart K. Hawkins, Superintendent

North Star School District 99M

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North Star Events and Activities

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1* New Year's Day NO SCHOOL	2 School in Session	3	4*HSBB @ Big Sandy-3p School in Session	5*S&D @ Great Falls Central/ Providence Univ. 9a *HSBB @ Gildford v. CJI 3p *CTSO Soup Dinner
6	7*MCT Try-outs at Elem.- 4:15p-5:15p	8	9	10	11*HSBB v. Chinook @Gildford-3p	12*S&D@PDB *HSBB@Conrad-2p *MCT performance -Gildford 3:30p
13	14	15*North Star Foundation Mtg- 4:15-Rudyard	16*Reg. Board Mtg in Gild-6p	17*End of 2nd QTR/1st Sem.	18*HSVBB v. Turner@Gild 4p	19*S&D Divisionals in Malta-8a *HSBB v. Box Elder @ Rud 12p
20	21*Regional BPA Martin Luther King Day  *No School	22	23	24*HSBB v. HLP in Gild. 3p	25*S&D B-C State Meet in Three Forks, 10a *HSBB @Ft.Benton 3p *School in Session	26*S&D B-C State Meet in Three Forks *
27	28	29	30	31		

Student Spotlight

Brooke Myers—Third Grade

FUTURE PLANS - To become a Vet

BEST MEMORY - Bottle feeding Kittens

FAVORITES

CLASS - Grammar

FOOD/DRINK - Sushi/Ginger-Ale

SPORT/ACTIVITY/HOBBY - Basketball

COLOR - Blue

SPORTS TEAM - Bobcats and Knights



Brooklyn Hansen—Eighth Grade

FUTURE PLANS - To go to College

BEST MEMORY - Going to Arizona

FAVORITES

CLASS - FCS

FOOD/DRINK - Chicken Strips/Cherry Pepsi

SPORT/ACTIVITY/HOBBY - Cook and Listen to Music

COLOR - Red

SPORTS TEAM - The Boston Celtics



Kayleb Fleming—Senior

FUTURE PLANS - Become a Welder

BEST MEMORY - My first time Archery hunting with my Dad

FAVORITES

CLASS - Welding/Shop

FOOD/DRINK - Enchiladas/Cherry Pepsi

SPORT/ACTIVITY/HOBBY - Soccer, Hunting and Fishing

COLOR - Lime Green

SPORTS TEAM - Cincinnati Bengals



HERE'S THE NEWS from the Kinder One Room

By Mrs. Davilyn McCormick



We are having lots of fun in Kinder 1! We have been learning school procedures, letters, numbers, how to be a good friend and so much more this year. With the holidays upon us we have been super busy! We were able to decorate gingerbread houses with the 5th graders, they turned out great and everyone had a great time. It was fun to watch the kids get to know

each other and work on the houses together, they can fit a lot of candy onto a little house! Santa surprised us and came to visit and read us a story. Thanks Santa! We also sang a few songs for our parents and grandparents and did a great job! The year is flying by in Kinder 1, it's hard to believe that Christmas is here! We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Santa's Workshop

Elementary students in Kindergarten through 5th grade had the chance to be an elf for a day at Santa's Workshop! Held on Monday, December 17, students decorated Christmas ornaments, picked out a book and a gift, and wrapped up their presents all for a secret pal! Gifts will be exchanged among students on December 20. The kids take great pride in creating the perfect gift for someone else - from start to finish! The gift exchange is a great tradition at the Elementary!



Special thanks to EVERYONE who donated books, toys, craft supplies, wrappings and trappings to Santa's Workshop! It truly is a special day that the kids really enjoy, and we couldn't pull it off without our amazing and generous community! Extra thanks to all of our Helper Elves who volunteered their time that morning! You helped make it a fun experience for all the kids!

*From Santa's Workshop at the Elementary, to all of you:
Merry Christmas!*





Knight's 100 Club

We had another set of winners in our Knight's 100 Club! We reached a BINGO on Monday, December 17. When Elementary kids earn CODE cards, they get to flip a number on our big BINGO chart. When we get ten in a row turned over, we get a BINGO and everyone in the winning row gets a prize!

Winners this time were: Josie Stevenson, Adrina Sterner, Kaia Kessel, Ashur Fraser, Carson Davis, Kendall Domire, Geno Manriquez, Aiden Freyholtz, and Walter Myers. Winners received a Christmas-themed goody bag!

Congratulations to all, and way to rock the CODE!



North Star's Got Talent

North Star's talent show took place in Rudyard on Sunday, December 19. The show, organized by seventh grade student Emily Conner, had a theme of "bringing back the past". Emily had heard from community members that North Star used to put on a

yearly talent show, but she noticed that the school hadn't had a show in recent years. So, she took it upon herself to "bring back the past" and rekindle this tradition. A total of 17 students from the elementary, middle, and high schools participated in the show. These students showed off their very best talents: singing, dancing, dice stacking, hula hooping, gymnastics, and more. Farmer's Union in Rudyard generously agreed to sponsor the talent show. They provided a \$50 cash prize for the student who wowed the judges with the best talent. First prize went to senior Janae West and seventh grader Quinn Trueax for their dance to "Whistle While You Work It". A second place prize of \$25 was provided by our volunteer judges and went to sixth grader Madelyn Myers for her hula hoop routine. Selecting only two winners was not an easy choice for our judges, however. Each and every contestant gave it their best and showed off some incredible talents. Plans are already in the works to continue this tradition next year, so start practicing!





Annual Soup Dinner

North Star Chapters of BPA, FCCLA & SkillsUSA

Will be serving soup, bread, bars
and a beverage.

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Starting at 4:30 p.m.

In the Cafeteria during CJI basketball
game in Rudyard

\$7.00 /person or \$30.00/Family

Science + Math

Science and Math Exploration for Middle School Girls

The 26th Annual Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics (EYH) Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 30, 2019, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM** at Montana State University in Bozeman.

The focus of the workshop is to encourage young women in grades 6-8 to explore a variety of math and science related professions through fun and creative hands-on workshops. **Conference registration will open March 4, 2019** and cost is just \$30.00, which includes lunch and supplies. Space is limited to 240 participants and is determined on a first-come basis. Register early!

Registration forms will be sent to Mrs. Spinler at the beginning of March. Students may also learn more about the conference at : <http://ato.monanta.edu/eyh/index.html>. Registration forms will also be available online after March 4.

For further information or questions, contact EYH Program Manager, Nicole Soll, at (406) 994-6633 or Nicole.soll1@montana.edu

From **MUGGLE**
to **MOM!**

Join us for a magical baby shower honoring

MICHELE HOLDEN

Mommy-to-be of a sweet baby boy!



Thursday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m.

Hi-Way Bar in Hingham

Michele is registered at Target.





North Star Booster Club Dues

\$25.00 per family
\$50.00 business membership Funds
support school activities K-12

Send checks to either school in care of North Star Booster Club. Thank you for your support.

Shoes, Shoes, Shoes...



North Star Elementary is still collecting new or gently used shoes (no holes, laces if applicable, clean and still have life in them) as a fundraiser for new playground equipment. Collection sites include both school campuses, Hi-Way Bar and K-lanes. Please contact Jessica Myers if you have any questions at jmyers@nsschools.org or 397-3281. Our goal is to collect 10,000 pairs and we are only at 3,500! Keep them coming!!

Box Tops



North Star Elementary is once again collecting Box Tops for Education this year. You can find them on various grocery and sundry items, clip them out, gather them up, and turn them in to the Elementary. Then, three times a year they are submitted to Box Tops headquarters and we get a check in return. The money earned has been used toward purchase of playground equipment and recreation supplies for

our students. Collecting Box Tops is a great activity for kids as they are not only helping out our school, they can practice their cutting skills. Please double check that you are not submitting any expired Box Tops and do your best to cut them out accurately. If you have any questions, contact Katie in the Elementary Office. Thank you for helping contribute to our school!



North Star School Season Pass- es Are Now on Sale

Activity Season Passes for the 2018-2019 school year are now on sale.

**Prices: Family \$250.00, Adult \$125.00, Student \$25.00 K-12,
Senior Citizen 65 and older admitted free
Preschool age children free**

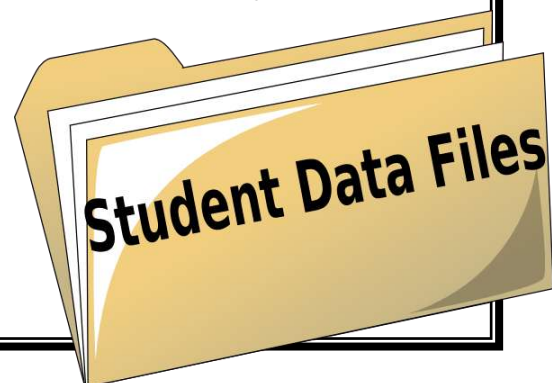
All students in grades 5-12 will be required to purchase an activity pass if they are participating in football, volleyball, basketball, track. Participants will not be able to play in any games until this fee is paid. Students whose families purchase a family pass will not be required to purchase a student pass.

This covers all North Star Athletic REGULAR season competitions, EXCLUDES but not limited to the following: Volleyball Showcases Tournament, All Tournament Games- High School and Jr. High, High School Football Playoff Games. Family Season Passes DO NOT INCLUDE COLLEGE AGE CHILDREN.

Anyone caught abusing this policy will lose Season Pass admittance and money will be non-refundable.

Transcripts

Beginning with the Class of 2019 and subsequent classes, transcript requests can be made electronically through Parchment. Transcripts are free for two years following graduation. After that, there is a \$3.15 fee that will be collected by Parchment. Destinations such as colleges, NCAA, Common Application or yourself can be requested. In three easy steps, you can order your transcript: 1. Register for your free account at parchment.com. 2. Request your transcript. 3. Track your transcript. A student can not only request a transcript but explore and compare colleges and analyze admissions data. Visit parchment.com. If you need further assistance, contact Rose Spinler or Carol Tempel.



HEDA's Attic

Thrifty for you! (N. door) Hingham School

Open 9-12pm

1st & 2nd Saturday Each Month

Call or txt....

Jason. 405-551-0864

Bill. 397-3236

Brent. 390-2627

Robin. 355-4351

Sharon. (Txt only) 390-4464



To help with your donations,

Come take some treasures home with you!

Halloween costumes, material, winter hats, gloves,
clothes, toys, kids skis, play pen, golf clubs(x3)

HEDA welcomes

Laurie Chvilicek & Chvilicek Music (N.door)

Jessica Wall & Farm Fitness (S.door)

Upcoming Events:

January:

2nd— School in Session again
7th-MCT Try-outs at the Elementary 4:15p
12th-MCT Performance-3:30p
17th-End of 2nd QTR/First Semester
18th-Speech & Drama Divisionals-Malta
21st-Regional BPA-No School
25-26th-State S&D Meet-Three Forks

February:

13th-16th—District Basketball Tournaments-Havre
13th-NAEP Testing 4th and 8th Grade
14th— Mid-Quarter
20th-23rd-Divisional Basketball Tournament in GF
28th-Mar. 2nd-State Girls Basketball Tournament-GF

March:

1st-2nd-Girls State Basketball Tournament-Great Falls
7th-9th— Boys State Basketball Tournament-Billings
9th-12th-State BPA-Billings
10th-Daylight Savings Time Begins
11th-State BPA No School, Track practice begins
21st-23rd-State FCCLA-Billings
21st-End of 3rd Quarter
26th-JH/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30p
28th-Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:30p

April:

5th-6th—District Music Festival in Havre
8th-10th--State SkillsUSA (No School Monday)
10th—Montana Shakes! Performance/Workshops
19th-22nd—Easter Break
26th—Mid-Quarter



"Mommy, can I have a cup of kindness before I go to bed tonight?"

