## MAMS NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE DESK OF SCOTT LEMPKA

Middle School Families,

Once again, it seems moments ago students were filling our halls for open house and here we are, seemingly moments later at the end of another school year. As is usually the case, this spring has been busy and jam packed with exciting student experiences.

Fundraiser Update: Thank you Laker families and community members for supporting our annual Pizza Fundraiser. In total, we earned over \$21,000 to enhance learning experiences for our MAMS students! Congratulations to this year's top seller, fourth grader Hunter Robinson who sold a whopping 146 pizzas! A huge "Thank You" to all of our students and families for your support of our annual fundraising event!

Field Trips: Our students have been extremely busy this spring. Fourth grade took their annual trip to Barsness park. Our fifth grade students have also returned from yet another successful two night stay at Long Lake Conservatory. During their time there they learned about the bog ecosystem, how to build shelters, canoeing, and much more. Our sixth graders were able to visit the capital and Fort Snelling. All students in grades 4–8 participated in our Annual Day of Caring as well, lending a hand to a variety of community needs and clean-up efforts. In short, our students have been out and about learning and supporting our Laker community!

Ag Day: On Thursday, May 16, our 4–6th grade students were fortunate to participate in Ag Day. Our FFA students organized and hosted a number of learning stations where 4–6th grade students were able to learn about farm machinery, grow their own cucumbers, and interact with a variety of different livestock. Our FFA students did a fantastic job making this a fun and education event for all!

## Thank You:

As the year wraps up, I want to say a very heartfelt "Thank You" to our Laker families, staff and students for the past four years. It has been an honor and a pleasure serving as a principal in the Minnewaska Area school district. Thank you for the support and acceptance you have shown me these past four years. I will consider myself a Laker for life and will always look back on my time here in Minnewaska with a happy heart. Sincerely,

Scott Lempka

Principal, Minnewaska Area Middle School

MAY 2024

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**May 22nd -**

End of Year Celebration for 4th-8th Grade

May 23rd

Last student day of 2023-2024

September 3rd-

First Day of School for 2024-2025