

MELLETTE MESSENGER

From The Principal's Desk

Mark Your Calendars:

Feb. 2nd:
3:30-4:30 Orchestra Practice @ WMS
Instrument Room

Feb. 6th:
6th Grade Band Full Rehearsal @ WMS
3:40-4:30

Feb. 9th:
7am-7pm Honors Choir to Brookings

Feb. 13th:
5th Grade Band Full Rehearsal
@ WMS 3:40-4:30
5th & 6th Grade Music Program.
Practice 1pm-3pm
Show at 7pm @ DD Miller Auditorium

Feb. 16th:
3:30-4:30 Orchestra Practice @ WMS
Instrument Room

Feb. 17th:
No School

Feb. 20th:
President's Day. No School

Feb. 21st:
3:30-4:30 Orchestra Practice @ DD Miller
Auditorium

Feb. 23rd:
3:30-4:30 Orchestra Practice @ DD Miller
Auditorium
7:00 pm Grades 5-12 String Festival
Performance @ DD Miller Auditorium
6:30-8:30 Rope Olympics (Jump Rope for
Heart) @ McKinley School

Feb. 27th:
5th Grade Band Full Rehearsal @ WMS
3:40-4:30

Feb. 29th:
Teacher Inservice. Early Dismissal 12:20
No PM Kdg. ~ Am Kdg attends 8:30-11:30

Mar. 1-2, & 5-9:
5th Grade Swim Unit

Dakota Step Testing

With many new changes coming on the horizon regarding accountability, merit pay and other pertinent issues related to test scores, your child's attendance is vital! The testing window for Dakota Step will be April 2-20. Scores play an important part in qualifying students for GATE, grade advancement in reading, and the Academic Excellence Award sponsored by President Obama. Thank you for supporting the school in our effort to strive for excellence!

Willson and McKee - Artists in Residence

The week of February 21-24, two artists from Colorado will share their gift of music with our k-6 students. The week will begin with an all school assembly. Throughout the week, the two artists will meet with individual classrooms and grade levels and share their blend of traditional Celtic music, teaching the cultural and historical context of each song. This Opportunity was provided by two grants, the South Dakota Arts council and the Arrow Education Foundation.

Study Buddies

Throughout the year, mainly during early dismissals, various grade levels meet. Grade six is paired with grade three, grade five is paired with grade two, and grade four is paired with grade one. One of the cool projects I witnessed was sixth grade helping the third grade with a program called Iphoto. Students were taking pictures then creating a comic strip for a project. Fourth grade was using a program call Wordle in which students enter word answers to questions then the program creates a collage of the answers. Our study buddies create outstanding leadership and mentorship while helping to guide our younger students.

Sixth Grade Registration

Our sixth graders will be provided registration information on Thursday, March 8th from 12:45-1:45 from Mr. Buechler, the Watertown Middle School counselor. On Wednesday, May 2, the sixth graders will tour Watertown Middle School from 12:45-2:00. Mr. Bruechler, and student government, will visit the classrooms to practice padlocks on Tuesday, May 15th. What an exciting time in your child's life!

Lockdown Procedures

In the coming months our school will be practicing lockdown procedures. This is done in case of imminent danger or an intruder in the building. It is scary to think about, however there have been more deaths related to intruders in schools in the last decade than fire or tornados. Our staff have all been trained in how to respond and we meet after each drill to discuss concerns. Please do not hesitate to visit with me regarding our procedures.

Pedestrian Safety

Recently the Watertown Police Department submitted a grant application to the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety. We were awarded some funding in September, which allowed the Police Department to create a program titled Quadruple S - Safety, Schools, Speed, & Seatbelts. This was in response to a number of traffic crashes near schools and near misses between vehicles and pedestrians. On Wednesday, January 25th, Officer Ryan Remmers shared the following goals with our K-6 students.

Quadruple S is aimed at improving roadway safety around each school in Watertown. Specifically, the program's goals are to:

- *reduce traffic crashes caused by aggressive driving near schools,
- *increase awareness and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists near schools, and
- *increase seatbelt and child restraint use

American Heart Month

Cardiovascular diseases including stroke, are our nation's No. 1 killer. To urge Americans to join the battle against these diseases, since 1963 Congress has required the president to proclaim February "American Heart Month".

February is Dental Health Month

Developing good habits at an early age and scheduling regular dental visits helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums. The dentists will be visiting the 2nd graders in February for screenings. Information will be coming home.

Physical Education

This month of Physical Education the student have participated in fun forms of exercise, DDR (dance, dance, revolution), floor hockey and scooter hockey.

Coming up next week we will begin our bowling unit which means moonlight bowling, a favorite of all students. We will also be participating in Jump Rope for Heart and helping the fight against heart disease and stroke. The students are being educated in prevention of our #1 killer, heart disease and stroke. Another fun class we'll have is the Daytona 500 (a scooter race). Educating in health and fitness and having fun is our goal in PE.

Stars of the Week for January

Brenna Dahl, Allison Eickmeyer, Jordan Kranz, Tyler Dean, Tyson Petersen, Mason Heggelund, Bailey LaPier, Parker Sheehan, Haylee Browning, Kennedy Kucera, Rex Ritter, Derik Femrite, Zachary Stanton, Madison Pahl, Grace McGregor, Devon Bernard, Lyndon Allen, Mildred Perez, Jalyn Reihe, Jessica Doss, Shawnta Billings, Emilee Woelber, Halston Witt-Martin, Darin Waltz, Carter Zubke, Ross Ritter, Aiden Niles, Spencer Blotsky, Abby Schuldt, Maci Lundgaard, Lauren Fischbach, Rayce Bretsch, Trinity Zoss,

Kadin Gregerson, Jayce Hanson, Jaden Crocker, Ben Dalke, Cooper Engel, Emily Jensen, Jarika Fossum

Important Dates for 6th Grade Students

Tuesday, March 8th 12:45-1:45
WMS Registration for
6th Graders @ Mellette

Wednesday, May 2nd 12:45-2:00
6th Grade tour of WMS

Tuesday, May 15th 1:15-2:15
6th Graders Pad Lock Practice @
WMS

"Are Parents smarter than a 5th grader?"

On Feb. 24th 2012 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, Detective Sgt. Tim Toomey and Detective Chad Stahl along with Watertown Healthy Youth Prevention Specialist Kelli Rumpza would like to invite all parents of Grade school kids to come to a short **DASH** presentation at the Watertown High School lunchroom while your kids are at the Elementary School Fun Night.

DASH stands for **D**rug **F**ree, **A**lcohol **F**ree, **S**afe and **H**ealthy. Since 2008 Watertown youths' drug and alcohol use has increased significantly. The WPD wants to stop this trend and change the social norms that "teenagers will be teenagers".

The presentation will last about 1 hour and there will be a question and answer session afterwards.



Watertown School District paraprofessional Sherri Sellers was named the 2012 South Dakota Education Support Professional (ESP) of the Year by the South Dakota Education Association. The announcement was made by WEA president Tricia Walker at a January 18th Mellette staff meeting. Sherri was nominated by Garfield secretary Joyce Paulsen with contributions from Tricia Walker and Mellette Principal John Decker. She was chosen by an SDEA committee of members based on the following criteria: professional practice, member advocacy and association involvement, community engagement, personal achievement, and enhancement of ESP image. The award is presented to a member of NEA who demonstrates outstanding accomplishments and reflects the contributions of ESP to public education. The official announcement and presentation of the award will be made at the SDEA Bargaining Conference on January 28th. Sherri will go on to compete as South Dakota's candidate for the National Education Association ESP of the year. Congratulations Sherri and good luck!

PIZZA BASH

FRIDAY, FEB. 3rd
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
at the WHS CAFETERIA



Before the Watertown-Aberdeen Boys' Basketball game
GODFATHER'S PIZZA,
Hy-Vee SALAD & COKE Product



\$6 – Adults \$3 - Children 10 & under \$20 per Family

All proceeds support the Arrow Education Foundation, a non-profit organization, in
"enhancing educational opportunities for students"
in the Watertown Schools.

February 2012

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What: Elementary School Fun Night sponsored by the Watertown Police Department: Inflatable's, Games, Dancing and Food

When: February 24th 2012, 6:30-9:00pm

Where: Watertown Senior High Civic Arena

Who: all 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in the Watertown School District

Come and join your friends, and officers from the Watertown Police Department for a night of fun, food and games for a good cause, proceeds will go to the Watertown Police Department K-9 Unit and to help support the Watertown Police Department/Watertown School Districts Safety Patrol.

Music Provided by Greg Hanson Entertainment

Food by Dominos Pizza

Beverages provided by Coca Cola and Culligan Water of Watertown

Inflatable's provided by the South Dakota National Guard

Cost: \$3 per student

Food: \$2 for slice of pizza, \$1 for can of Coke or bottle of water



Conversational Spanish for English Speakers

Course Description

Spanish Conversational Courses to fit your needs:

- * Introductory Spanish Conversation? S. Teresa Ann, Instructor
- * Intermediate Spanish Conversation I: Yanira Novoa, Instructor

2012 Class Schedule:

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00-8:30 pm
Wednesday, February 15, 7:00-8:30 pm
Wednesday, February 22, 7:00-8:30 pm
Wednesday, February 29, 7:00-8:30 pm
Wednesday, March 7, 7:00- 8:30 pm
Wednesday, March 14, 7:00-8:30 pm

Cost: Free-will offering
Pre-registration is encouraged
Please call: 605.878.2021 or
srteresawolf@msn.com



Welcoming the Stranger

Benedictine Multicultural Center
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Watertown, SD 57201
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Watertown Breakfast with Carbs

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Jan 100% Juice(16g), Fresh Fruit-15g, Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g)-29g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Cook's choice-hot item	31 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Break. ..Stick 23g	1 Feb Breakfast Express Served w/ your favorite milk 13g	2 Groundhog Day 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Break. Saus. Pizza 16g	3 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Break. Burrito-25g
6 100% Juice(16g), Fresh Fruit-15g, Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g)-29g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Cook's choice-hot item	7 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Break. Egg Pizza 18g	8 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Breakfast Bites 14g	9 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) ChickBiscuit Sand. 33g	10 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Mini Pizza Bagels-20g
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20 Presidents Day (Fed) 100% Juice(16g), Fresh Fruit-15g, Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g)-29g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Cook's choice-hot item	21 100% Juice(16g), Fresh Fruit-15g, Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g)-29g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Cook's choice-hot item	22 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Break. Sand.(Saus)38g	23 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Break. Egg Pizza 18g	24 100% Juice(16g),Variety of Cereal(15g),Cereal Bar(26g),Assorted Milk(13g),Yogurt(23g),Gogurt(13g),String Cheese(0g),Assorted Bread(14g) Breakfast Bites 14g
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Lunch Menu

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Jan Chimichanga w/left.cheese mix-31g, Steamed corn-15g, Pineapple Tidbits-15g, Fruit Churro-23g, Milk-same. Total:97g Arrow:Ham Patty Swiss-30g	30 Footlong Dog-26g, AuGratin Potatoes-15g, Fruit ShapeUp-15g, Jello w/Fruit-20g, Goldfish Cracker-14g, Milk-same. Total:103g Arrow:2 Chick. Sliders-51g	31 Mostaccioli Pasta Hot Dish-30g, Tossed Salad-0g, Croutons-5-10g, Peach Slices-15g, 1 Garlic Toast-26g, Fruit Crumbcake-39g, Milk-same. Total:128-133g Arrow:Beefy Nachos-27g	1 Feb Ham Club w/Chz. Croissant-38g, Coleslaw-0g, Applesauce-15g, Crunchy Curls-16g, Mini R.K. Treat-17g, Milk-white-13g, choc.-29g. Total:99g w/white milk. Arrow:Big Dog-18g	2 Chicken Noodle Soup-15g, Crax-5-10g, Chicken Slider-26g, Fresh Kiwi-6g, Relish Sticks-0g, Kraft Chz & Crax-19g, Milk-same. Total:64-69g Arrow:Tater Tot Cass.-30g	3 Steakburger Deluxe-30g, Baked Shoestring Fries-15g, Pears-15g, Spice Cake-24g, Milk-same. Total:97g Arrow:Taco Salad Bowl-27g	4
5 BBQ Sub-32g, Baked Wedge Fries-15g, Mandarin Oranges-15g, Sugar Cookie-20g, Milk-same. Total:95g Arrow:Biscuit/Gravy-36g	6 Turkey/Swiss Sand.-30g, Mini Chef Salad-7g, Croutons-5-10g, Strawberry Cup-15g, Angel Food Cake-39g, Milk-same. Total:109-114g Arrow:Mozz. Sticks/Sauce-20g	7 Sausage Patty-0g, Cinnamon Glazed Fr. Toast-31g, TriTater-15g, Orange Wedges-15g, GoGurt-13, Milk-same. Total:87g Arrow:Sub Sand.-30g	8 Taco Salad-27g, Fresh Citrus Mix-15g, Pumpkin Seeds-0g, Apple Danish Roll-17g, Milk-same. Total:72g Arrow:Hot Sandwich-30g	9 Tony's Sausage Pizza-31g, Side Caesar Salad-0g, Croutons-5-10g, 100% Capri Juice-23g, 1 Garlic Toast-26g, Milk-same. Total:98-103g Arrow:Pizza Specials-31g	10 SW White Chicken Chili-24g, Corn Chips-20g, Cheese-0g, Carrotinis-0g, Sherbet-30g, Cinni Roll-53g, Milk-same. Total:140g Arrow:Mexican Specials-25g	11
12 No School	13 Super Nachos, (meat, cheese, lettuce, salsa, jalapenos, olives, on chips)-47g Potato Tots-15g, Sliced Peaches-15g, Chocolate Chunk Granola Bar-17g, Milk-same. Total:107g Arrow:Ham Patty Swiss-30g	14 Domino's, School Cheese Pizza-38g, Petite Banana-15g, Corn.Cob-15g, Cinnamon CoffeeCake-39, Milk-same. Total:120g Arrow:Domino's also-38g	15 Asian Stir Fry-0g, Rice-22g, Fresh Kiwi Halves-6g, 2 Mini Egg Rolls-32g, Fortune Cookie-7g, Milk-same. Total:80g Arrow:2 Burger Sliders-38g	16 Mac. & Cheese-32g, PB & J-35g, Carrotinis-0g, 100% Carton Juice-15g, Oreo Cookie-24g, Milk-same. Total:119g Arrow:Flatbread Pizza-50g	17 No School	18
19 No School	20 California Burger(w/Guacamole, Chz.)-30g, Baked Fries-15g, Diced Pears-15g, Macadamia Cookie-42g, Milk-same. Total:115g Arrow:Mini Tacos-29g	21 Veg. Soup-15g, Crax-5-10g, Chef's Choice Sand. w/Chz.-30g, Orange Wedges-15g, Cheese Filled Pretzels-23g, Milk-same. Total:101-106g Arrow:Chicken Wings-0g	22 Early Dismiss No SH Lunch Chicken Wings-0g, Celery Sticks-0g, Fresh Fruit Mix-15g, Steamed Corn-15g, Mini Cinni Roll-29g, Milk-same. Total:72g	23 Walking Taco, meat, lettuce/cheese, salsa-19g, 100% Capri Juice-23g, Tater Kickers-15g, Spanish Rice-22g, Milk-13 white; 29	24 French Bread Garlic Pizza-37g, Tossed Romaine Salad-0g, Croutons-5-10g, Banana-20g, Big Cookie-32g, Milk-same. Total:107-112	25
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