

Martin News

Mr. Waagen– Gatherings

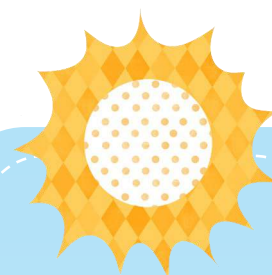
Fall is reaching its end, as we were reminded by the early October blizzard, and the holiday season will be here. Although I am not a big fan of the shorter and colder days, the one thing I look forward to is the many gatherings that will happen.

I am fortunate in that I get to participate in two different types of gatherings, my own family and my school family. The smaller size of our school easily makes it feel like a family that includes the students, parents, and staff members. The first of great get togethers is PTO Bingo Night that will be held on November 15. I enjoy the enthusiasm of the night from those that are attending and those that are working the event. After a challenging fall it is always a good night to share some conversations and laughter, not mention a chance to win a game of Bingo or have your ticket drawn for

Mr. Bear– Honor Roll

Kids make mistakes. Parents and teachers alike know this to be true. I remember when my oldest child was probably three or four years old and my wife had just taken a cake out of the oven in a round metal cake pan. It didn't have frosting on it, but I guess it smelled good. Her mother did tell her to leave it alone, but then her mom left the room and she tried to lick it. As she got close to it, her chin hit the metal pan. She got a burn on her chin. I don't believe she ever tried to lick a hot cake out of the oven again and potentially even learned that she should avoid doing those things her mother says she shouldn't do.

Sometimes life presents learning experiences to us in a way that make it easy for us to learn. Simple and natural cause and effect is a great way to learn. It's fascinating to watch small children learn how to do all those things that we

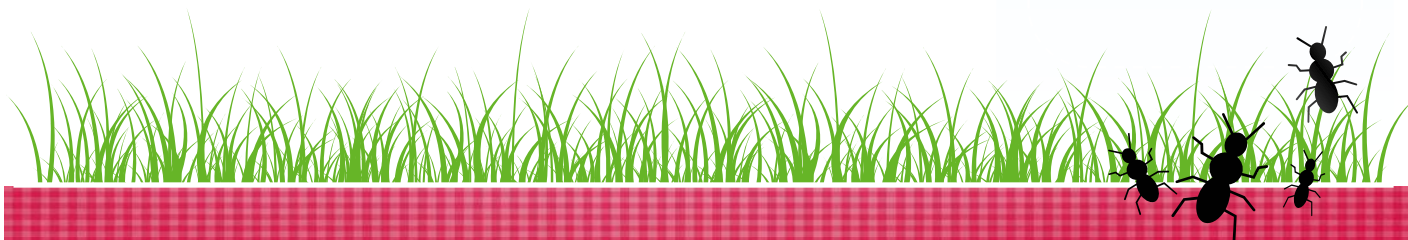


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Student Council

This past week was Red Ribbon week, and we had lots of participation!

Pre-School

The preschoolers are thankful for their moms and dads, and Grandmas too of course! They are also thankful for pizza. Thanksgiving favorites are seeing family, eating, and enjoying Austin Js' birthday the day after.



Kindergarten

November is here and it's the month of thanks! We asked the kindergarten what they are most thankful for, and they replied with things such as M&M's, bubblegum, their parents, my family, hot wheels, and suckers! Some families have different traditions and different ways of doing things and we are always excited to learn about them, so we asked what their plans for Thanksgiving are. They proceeded to tell us that they are planning to help mom cook, make cookies, and eating the food! Lastly, we asked what their favorite part of thanksgiving was and they said that cooking, eating dinner and dessert, making the food, football, and playing games are just some of the many things they are excited for this year!



First Grade

Thanksgiving is the time of year where eating too much is an excuse. I think the first graders think so as well! Their favorite part of thanksgiving is eating turkey or helping make food, as well as eating and having grandpa or grandma over. They are also thankful for friends, family, and pets. Their plans are to stay home, and to eat and make a lot of food as well as spending time with family.



Second Grade

As Thanksgiving is approaching, we start asking what we're most thankful for. This year's second graders are most thankful to get to be with their friends and family, having food on their plate, and going to church to pray. Some of their plans for Thanksgiving are being with some friends and family in Jamestown. Some others don't know yet. Their favorite parts of Thanksgiving are, eating turkey, playing games, and most of all to have friends and family over.



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-Mr. Bear

Third and Fourth Grade

The third-grade class has special plans for Thanksgiving! They are planning on meeting cousins and spending time with family. They also plan to eat, sleep, and watch football. Some aren't sure what they are going to do yet. Their favorite parts about Thanksgiving are visiting family, eating turkey and other foods, and sharing things. Things the third graders are thankful for include: Family and Friends, Food, School, Parks, and All Good Stuff!

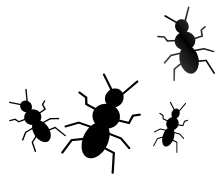


Now that Halloween is over, it is time for Thanksgiving! The 4th graders are getting ready for the upcoming holiday. A few plans they have for the special day are traveling to see their grandparents, going to see friends, dressing and spoiling their pets, snowmobiling, and, of course, stuffing themselves with as much food as possible. Their favorite parts of Thanksgiving are family and food. Thanksgiving is all about being thankful. The 4th graders are thankful for their family, friends, and pets. Thanksgiving sure sounds exciting for the 4th graders.



Fifth Grade

With Thanksgiving on the way, most children are excited to be spending time with their families and enjoying the fun things you can do. One of the most important aspects of Thanksgiving is being thankful for what you have. The 5th grade class are all thankful, for different things. They are thankful for food, family, video games, cats, and polar bears. Some of their plans for Thanksgiving include visiting their grandparents and other family and making pumpkin pie, playing Mario, and eating



cranberry sauce. Their favorite parts of Thanksgiving include eating candy and food (especially chicken legs for one student!) and also watching the delicious food being prepared, like mashed potatoes.



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-Gayle Nelson

Sixth Grade

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and the 6th grade can't wait! The 6th graders are thankful for many things such as their house, their family, their cat, and food. Some even said they are thankful for everything! They plan to eat a lot of food on Thanksgiving. Other things they plan to do include going to their grandma's, going to Oklahoma, and staying up late. Eating dinner happens to be what most students enjoy the most about Thanksgiving. Specifically, they enjoy the corn, the turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes. Some others really enjoy getting days off from school.





High School Volleyball Senior Night



Sports News

The volleyball seasons are officially over. The varsity team was eliminated in the last round of the District Tournament.

The elementary boys basketball season is off and running. We have four boys out: Brayden, Ian, Alex, and Fallon.

Counseling News– Bullying

October was Bullying Prevention Month.

What Can Families Do About Bullying? Bullying is an action that is done on purpose. It is done by a person who has power or strength over another. It is done more than once and the action is not wanted by the victim.

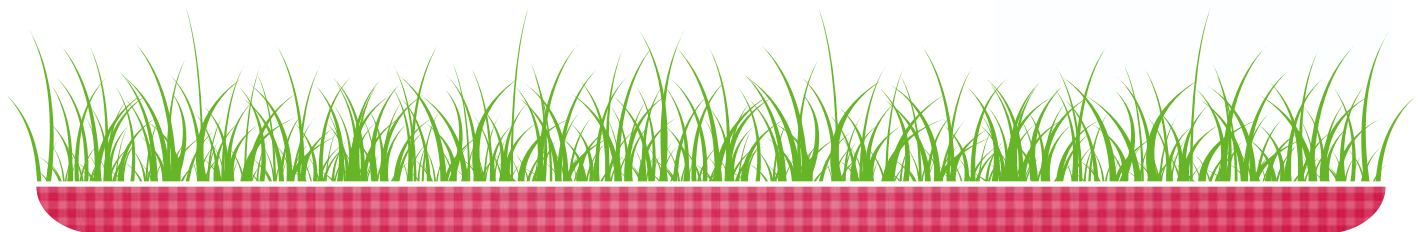
When Your Child is Bullied. It is important to stay calm, believe your child, say encouraging words like: I'm here for you or you are not alone. Don't make excuses for the other child's actions and contact the school.

Speaking to Your Child's School. Contact your child's teacher and principal to report what has happened. Discuss plans to keep your child safe. Ask for a follow up call to discuss how things are going. Report continued bullying to the teacher and principal.

What Will the School Do? The school will look into the bullying situation and develop a plan and follow it. Your child can speak to the school counselor to develop skills necessary to prevent being bullied. The school counselor will provide instruction to students about bullying and ways to prevent and deal with bullying.

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Gayle Nelson, Montpelier Elementary School Counselor



English News

Speech Update:

Speech will be starting soon! Practices will take place during Friday homeroom time.

a raffle prize. About a month later Mrs. Hansen and her music students will present their Christmas concert on December 19 at 7:00. What a magnificent way to go off for the winter break!

This time of year, we also get the precious time to spend with our families. We know that the structures of families may not all be the same, but we do know that they are all about being around the ones you love. We will gather on Thanksgiving Day to overeat, stuffing ourselves with turkey, dressing, pie and all the trimmings. The Christmas season will quickly come next with people traveling to spend time with each other. These times are very busy for us all and the time swiftly passes and it is over.

Families, whether blood families or work, are important to us for many reasons. They provide warmth, laughter, tears, and most importantly love. Please enjoy the next two months of craziness with all of the gathering as you never know if and when they may happen again.

I leave you with this final quote by Michael J. Fox, "Family is not an important thing. It is everything!"



Pictures from Red Ribbon Week



take for granted as we get older. There is no more effective way to learn anything than to try it and see if it works. If it does, you are rewarded and if it doesn't, you are dealt negative consequences. And that's how the world works. That's how we go about naturally learning things.

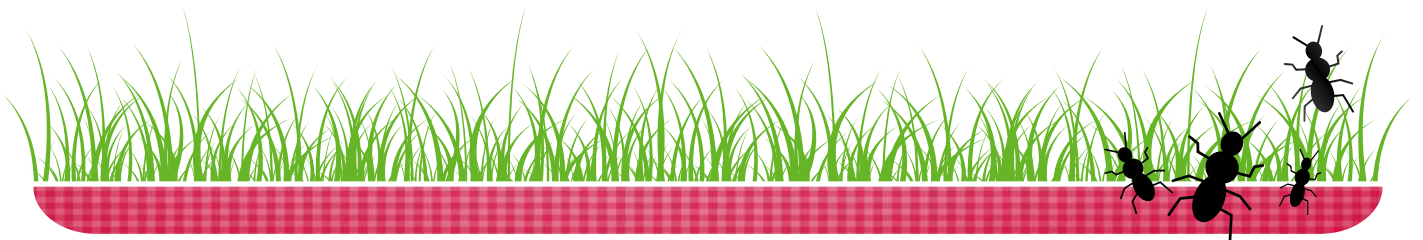
As parents and teachers, we find ourselves creating rewards and punishments as a sort of model for how the world actually works. For example, when my older kids were little, they would earn 'tokens' for doing certain tasks around the house. The tokens had an actual physical representation of black beans. Then, for every token they could have ten minutes of television or computer playing time. The system did start falling apart when my youngest started eating the tokens of the older kids, but that's sometimes what happens with concocted incentives.

And, really, school is the same way. We understand the importance of our kids getting good grades. But, as we consider those grades we have to understand that it is in a lot of ways an incentivization program much like the 'tokens' my wife and I used for our kids. That's why, I believe, some kids simply don't care. With the black beans, they could be turned in for computer or tv time. For our students, in the long-term those grades can be turned in for better jobs and more successful lives. The long-term, though, is a long way away.

I do believe kids understand the importance of grades, but sometimes most kids do make mistakes. Sometimes they forget about that math homework. Sometimes they just decide they'd rather not do that computer assignment. And their grades suffer. I believe that's harder on us than it is on them because as parents and teachers we understand better in a more real-life way what those long-term ramifications might be. Kids can tell us because we've told them, but oftentimes it doesn't hit them until they are about halfway through their sophomore year and they realize they only have two years to make things look better for college applications.

It is important that we as teachers and parents do not set ourselves up against our kids. I've incentivized my kids getting better grades and even to have them help other people's kids get better grades and sometimes it works. But I do think we do need to realize that – at least when the kids are younger – we are going to care more than they do because we understand what the long-term means more than they do.

I'd encourage all parents and teachers to regularly talk about their kids' grades. The earlier we can convince them that the long-term is important, the more luck we will have with them getting better grades and eventually having a more successful life. We've got a lot to compete with in this modern world, but that's not a reason to give up as much as it is a reason to talk more. Communication with our kids is one of the most important things we can do for their school careers.





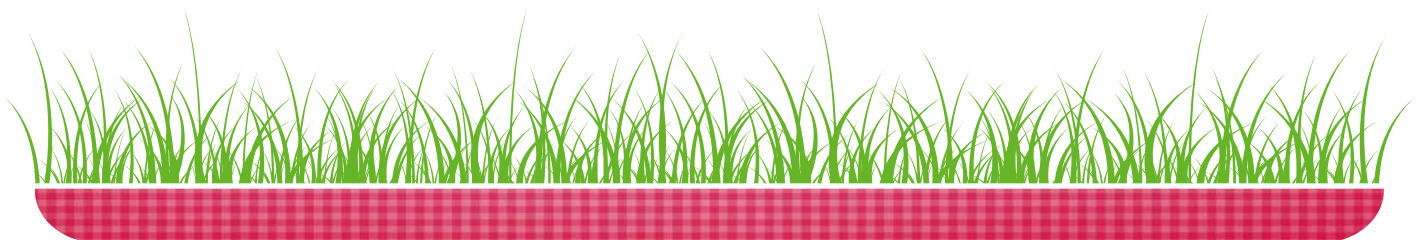
Pumpkin Patch

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-Alyssa Enzminger


Senior Highlight– Alyssa Enzminger

I came to Montpelier in 6th grade. I have made many memories throughout the years. My favorite memory would probably be going to Envirothon for the first time in 10th grade. It was a really fun experience. My favorite part of school would be the teachers. Being able to grow a bond with each teacher is something I will always be grateful for. After high school, I plan to go to the University of Jamestown to major in graphic design. My advice to the underclassmen is to do your work. It's not that hard to just get things done. Another piece of advice is just be nice to others. There is no reason to be mean.



November Lunch Menu

<div>  NOVEMBER 2019 Montpelier Public School </div>				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Pizza
4 Chicken Bacon Ranch Hotdish	5 Chili & Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks	6 Tacos	7 Teriyaki Chicken	8 Nacho Tots
11 NO SCHOOL	12 Chicken Strips	13 Hamburger Hotdish	14 Drumstick & Buttered Noodles	15 Hot ham & Cheese
18 Hamburgers	19 <u>Thanksgiving Dinner</u> <small>Call the school if you would like to get with your child</small>	20 Chef Salad	21 Chicken Fajita's	22 Sloppy Joes
25 Hot dogs	26 Mashed Potatoes & Ring Sausage	27 Chicken Nuggets & Potato Wedges	28 NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving!	29 NO SCHOOL


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Music News

Students will be participating at the Barnes County Music Festival November 18.

Mark your calendars for the Christmas Concert on December 19!

November Activities

School Activities

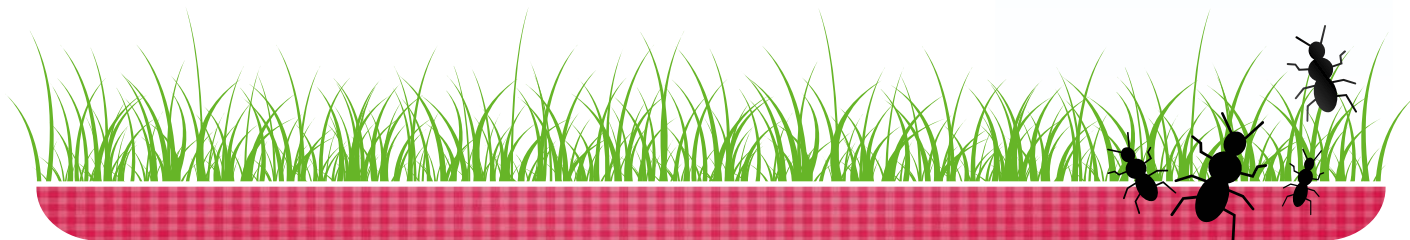
Book Mobile **Nov 12**
School Board Meeting **Nov 13**
PTO Bingo **Nov 15**
Early Release **Nov 19**
Book Mobile **Nov 26**
Thanksgiving Break **Nov 28-29**

Jr. High Girl's Bball

Nov. 8 First Practice
Nov. 18 @Ashley
Nov. 25 @Jamestown
Nov. 26 LLM@Kulm 4:30
Nov. 27 SB@Edgeley 4:30

Elem Boy's Bball

@Medina **Nov 12**
vs. Ellendale **Nov 14**



Hello, my name is Antonia, and I am an exchange student from Germany.

Since coming to America, I have noticed some differences between Germany and the United States. The first one is the food. I feel like it is a lot healthier here and people look at me like I'm weird or something when I say I like fish, salad, or vegetables the best.

Also, in Germany we're more direct. In the US, people can take such direct criticism badly. Another thing is that Germans are not so much into religion like Americans. Since I've been here, I have noticed religion is an important thing, and you must be careful what and how you talk about that theme.

We tend to have more personal freedom after school as well. The German and American school systems both have their pros and cons, and each produces well-rounded students. The German education system has an excellent reputation. Its Gymnasium (high schools, which prepare pupils for university) also have a generally good reputation. Germany also has a very good reputation for vocational training.

German students tend to specialize from an early age and apprenticeships, or vocational training, are popular. In the USA, students receive a more general, but more well-rounded education. They are taught that they can follow the American dream and become anything they want.

I think my favorite part so far is that I was so lucky to get such a lovely family to live with, and I have made some great friends here. I will miss them a lot when I must go back to Germany. I will visit them, and, hopefully, they visit me too so I can show them my home. I also really like the big grocery stores, like Costco.

Despite the great people, the most difficult part of being here has been being so far from my family and friends in Germany and not being able to see them whenever I want to.

After I graduate from high school, I might study abroad, probably in Asia. I think South Korea because I really want to learn their language. I haven't really thought about what kind of work I want to do yet. However, I have some ideas, like working for a charity organization or working for a car company designing cars. While I am still in high school, I want to try as many things as can. I plan to go bungee jumping and sky diving when I get back home. I will also spend a lot of time with my friends, and, when I have holidays, I will come back to visit my second family in ND.

