

Martin News

Mr. Waagen– Great Start

The 2018-2019 school year is up and running with students and staff all getting back into the school routine. I must say that we are off to a fantastic start as everyone in school is displaying positive attitudes and enthusiasm. You see smiles everywhere and hear laughter in and out of the classroom.

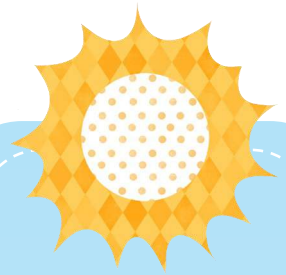
A big change that has occurred is lunch time for all students. The lunch times for students has been altered by having two time slots for K-6 and two slots for grades 7-12. This change has fewer students in the lunch room at the same time, easing the serving of the students and providing more space. One can tell the atmosphere is quieter and more relaxed. Another aspect that has been added for the elementary students is the awarding of the “Golden Spoon”. The elementary students have shifts of PK-3 and 4-6 and while students are in the lunch-room the staff is observing for the class that demonstrates the best manners. (Continued on Pg 6)

Mr. Bear– Flex Mod Update

One thing I’ll never forget from high school happened at the start of my junior year. For grades K-10, I attended Pingree-Buchanan Public School and then transferred to Jamestown High School. I went from a class of five to a class of over 200. I was not a very social kid and a part of me was tempted to hide in the bathroom, but first I had to figure out at least where I was supposed to be. And besides, there were kids in the bathroom, too.

So, I got to school early and wandered around looking for my classes. My first class of the day was a study hall and I remember under room number on my schedule it just said, “library”. That wasn’t helpful to me and not being very social I had a hard time asking anybody. I did finally figure it out, but it was not a morning without anxiety.

After high school, I went to college at NDSU. There, I found myself in a similar situation. I had no idea where anything was and I was surrounded by way too many people and I didn’t know any of them. (Continued on Pg 7)



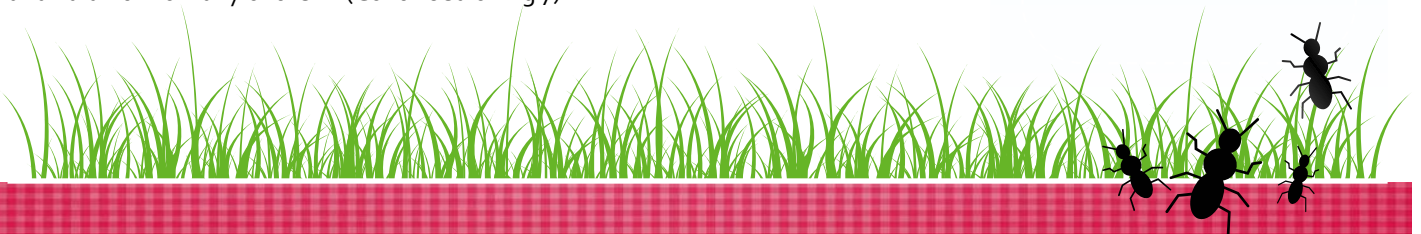
Golden Spoon Award

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Mr. Wright’s Multimedia Class



Student Council

Student Council has been taking advantage of the newly introduced "FAD" period. We have commandeered the lunch room bulletin board and have used the FAD period to put up a couple of announcements. The council also made some locker signs for basketball during that FAD period. We are also still trying to think of ways to have some sort of activity with the elementary.

-Hobie Bear, President



Pre-School

Pre-School is off to a great start this year! Their favorite parts of school include learning, playing with blocks, and art. They love reading time and music! One project they have done so far is make an All About Me Poster. They are all very excited for Halloween! They are planning on being a variety of different things such as, Dash from Incredibles, Ash from Pokemon, a pirate, a nice witch, Mickey Mouse, and a raptor! They all are hoping to get cotton candy when they go out Trick-or-Treating, but some of them also want chocolate!

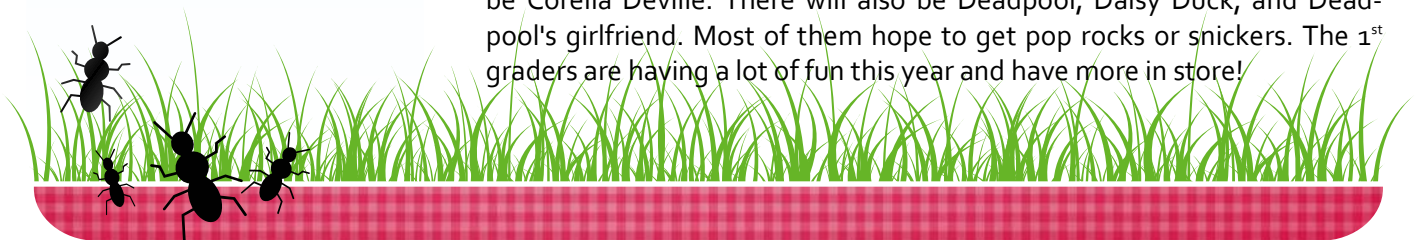


Kindergarten

I went around asking the kindergarten questions for the Newsletter, they all had something to say at least. **Kynzlee's** favorite part of school so far was recess, her favorite subject is lunch, she's going to be a candy girl for Halloween, and she hopes to get lots of candy and pop. **Coraline's** favorite part of school is playtime, her favorite subject would have to be gym and math, her best project was the rainbow name, she's going to be a unicorn, and wants to get lots of snickers! **Eva's** favorite part of school is work, enjoys math, and the popcorn activity was her favorite, she's going to be a witch and hopes to get airheads. **Casen** likes going outside and having recess, he wants to get all the candy, and he's going to be a scary zombie. **Averie Jo** likes Gym and going outside, her favorite activity was the rainbow name, she's going to be a witch too, and wants to get drinks and lots of candy! **Chasen** likes recess and science, likes work, and hopes to get chocolate. **Aubree** enjoys work and lunch, she had fun painting, she's going to be something scary and wants hard candy.

First Grade

The 1st graders are very excited looking forward to the month of October. Everyone had so many answers it was hard for them to limit it down to one. The best part of the school year for most is gym, lunch, and math. The 1st graders favorite subjects of the year so far are math, reading, and art. The first graders haven't done any major projects, but they do small ones quite often. When the question was asked about Halloween, there were answers left and right. Some want to be a cowboy, and some want to be Corella Deville. There will also be Deadpool, Daisy Duck, and Deadpool's girlfriend. Most of them hope to get pop rocks or snickers. The 1st graders are having a lot of fun this year and have more in store!



Second Grade

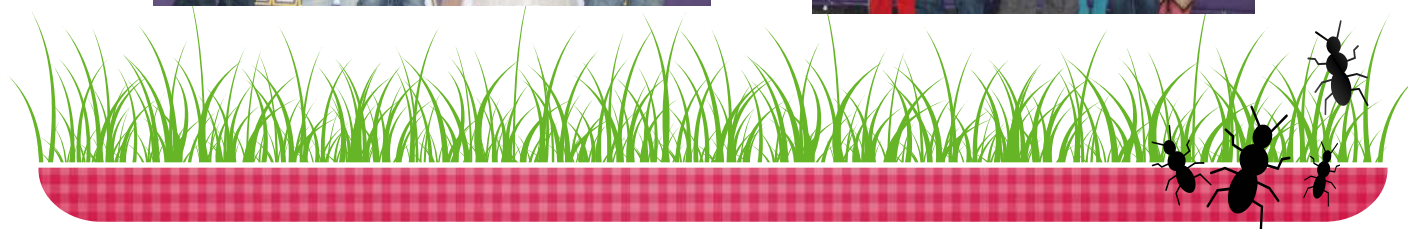
The second graders are ready for this school year! The students this year are very excited for the month of October. We went and asked them a few simple questions about what they like about school so far this year, and what they were going to be for Halloween. A variety of students said they enjoyed activities throughout the day like gym, recess, snack, spending time with friends and much more. Everyone has their favorite subject in school, the second graders main favorite subjects are English, Math, and Science. They have done a few exciting projects this year like drawing pictures and raising butterflies! Halloween is a fun time of the year where kids can be whatever they want to be, and they get candy! The second graders were excited to tell us what they were going to be for Halloween. Some answers were Batman, Tinman, ghost, Evie from Descendants 2, cheerleader, and a deer. Candy is a big deal for kids, some of their favorites would include, Kit-Kats, Milky Ways, Almond Joys, and Candy Canes!



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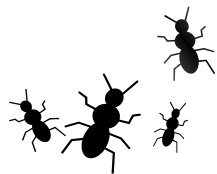
Third and Fourth Grade

The 3rd and 4th grade are doing well so far this year! Some students said their favorite part about school is learning. Others said they liked going to the Pumpkin Patch and visiting the library in Jamestown! They all seem to have a different favorite subject. The ones they mentioned were Math, Spelling, Reading, and Typing! They haven't done much for big projects quite yet. They all plan on going Trick-or-Treating. Some are dressing up as a ninja, a black cat, an orange cat, and Deadpool! They all want a variety of different candies, including Hershey's bars, Airheads, Whoppers, Laffy Taffy, and Skittles!



Fifth Grade

The 5th graders favorite subjects are Gym, Music, and Reading. Their favorite thing to do was building the toothpick bridge, carving pumpkins, and using microscopes. Mylee is going to be a costume nerd for Halloween, and she wants to get King Size KitKat's. Chloe is going to be a custom broking doll for Halloween, and she wants to get Chocolate pancakes. Max is going to be a fortnight skull trooper for Halloween, and he wants to get Snickers. Donte is going to be a fortnight tomato head for Halloween, and he wants all kinds of candy. Myhele is going to be a creepy twin for Halloween, and she wants to get KitKat's. Alexan-



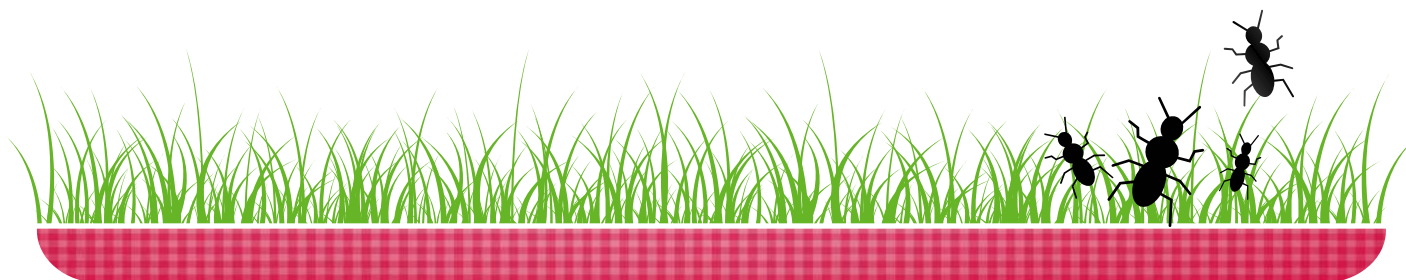
der is going to be a clown for Halloween, and he wants to get Snickers. Fallon is going to be an alien for Halloween, and he wants to get Twix. Cheyenne is going to be a type of animal, and she wants to get KitKat's. They like having Mr. Nelson as a teacher! They especially like the stories he tells them!



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-Fifth Grade Class

Sixth Grade

I interviewed the sixth grade today, asking them several questions. Cece said going to art class at UJ is her favorite part of school, and Reading is her favorite subject. August says music class is his favorite part of school and his favorite subject! Caden says lunch as his favorite part, and he likes math! They all did a big project where they had to build tooth pick bridge. Except for Caden, they all hope to get lots of chocolate trick-or-treating. Caden plans to dress up as a toilet paper hero, and we will have to see what the others dress up as!





Junior High Girls Volleyball- Amy #13

Volleyball

We had one participant, Amy Smith, in Junior High this year. She thought that volleyball has gone well. Despite losing more games than they've won, she has maintained a positive attitude and still thinks it's been a good year. She says her favorite thing is when she gets to serve. Their last game is at BCN on October 9.

We had three participants, Cheyenne, Chloe, and Myhele, in 5th grade this year. They were excited that they recently won their last tournament, and they all agree that volleyball has gone well. Like Amy above, Cheyenne agrees that serving is the best part. Myhele liked playing in the actual games the best, and Chloe enjoyed getting to spend more time with her friends!

Basketball

The elementary boys' basketball season begins Thursday, October 4! Due to a lack of numbers, we are now sending all of our sports' teams (except Track) down to Edgeley.

The junior high girls' basketball season begins Tuesday, October 16! Junior high and high school participants need to complete a sports physical before they can even start practicing. Please turn in a completed sports physical to Melissa in the school office.

Counseling News

Let me introduce myself to the wonderful Montpelier School family. I am Gayle Nelson and am proud to serve as your school counselor once a week. I recently retired after serving as a school counselor and educator since 1983. I feel fortunate to continue work with students even in my retirement. I will be at the school on Fridays unless there is a conflict or scheduled day off. I want to thank your children and staff for making me feel so welcome.

I will be presenting classroom lessons twice a month on a wide variety of topics from mindfulness, study skills, bullying, careers, and many other topics. I am also available for individually counseling.

Email me at

gayle.nelson@k12.nd.us.

You could also leave a message with Melissa and I will return your call as soon as possible. Contact me with any concerns or questions that you may have.

PTO News

Welcome back to a new school year!

The PTO bingo is scheduled for November 16th. We will serve supper beginning at 5:00 PM and BINGO games begin at 6:30 PM. We will play 10 games of BINGO and one blackout game. Each class will make a basket again this year as a chance prize. Teachers will get you more information on that as it gets closer. This is our biggest fundraiser and we are always looking for help. If you haven't sent back the bottom portion of the first PTO newsletter it's not too late!

We continue to collect Box-tops for learning. Our first submission is due October 24th and we will be collecting them all year long.

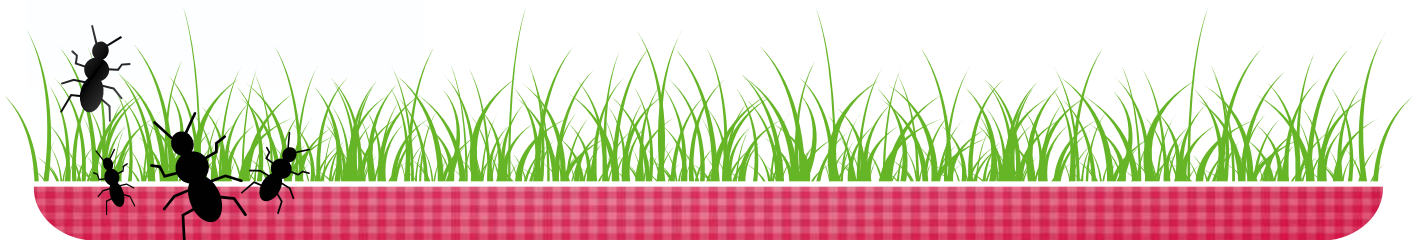
This year we have already put your PTO funds to good use. We purchased flexible seating options for a few classrooms, laminating film, and new floor mats for the gym. Your help and support make it possible to get the extra things for our kids.



Freshmen teepee project for Ms. Leggate.



Sophomore mummy project for Ms. Leggate.



But, I did manage to find my way and then the challenge was figuring out when I was supposed to be where I was supposed to be. For those first few weeks, most of us freshmen at NDSU were walking around with a schedule in our hands.

Part of my issue with going to JHS and then NDSU was that I had up to that point attended a school very much like Montpelier School. Through grades K-8, I had only had 5 different teachers. Then, in grades 7-8 there was only one teacher. Once I was in the 9th grade, I went from class to class and that was a big change. But in Pingree High School, there is only one hall which contained all our classes. It was a big change to go to JHS my 11th grade year and then NDSU. I can say that I was certainly not prepared. Academics were certainly not the problem. The problem was keeping track of myself.

Statistics change all the time, but I do know that when I started NDSU we were told to look around at those freshmen around us. Half of us, we were told, would not be there the next year. And $\frac{3}{4}$ would be gone by the time we graduated. That was sobering news, but the problem, we were told, was not academics but rather self-discipline. For the first time in most of our lives we were responsible for being where we were supposed to be when we were supposed to be there. And most kids going into college simply weren't prepared for that.

When we were talking about switching to the flex mod schedule which we now have, I will admit to a bit of trepidation. But one thing I saw last year was that because our school is so small and we know each of our kids so well, we end up doing everything for them. I'm more guilty of that than any teachers. If somebody has a question, I love to answer it. Last year, at any given time of the day I usually knew where every single kid was supposed to be in grades 7-12. And they knew that, too. Sometimes kids weren't where they were supposed to be, but part of that was because the responsibility of knowing was shifted from them to us. Regardless of how the kids felt, it was my responsibility to be sure they were where they were supposed to be.

Now, that's different. Now, the person that knows best where each student is supposed to be is that student. We did NWEA testing this fall for grades 7-12. Initially when students finished, I would pull up their schedule and tell them exactly where they were supposed to go. As one was leaving one day, however, I wasn't at the right screen in PowerSchool and she said, "That's okay. I will just look at my schedule." And after that I just told students, "Go to where you need to be at 2" or whatever time it might be and nobody questioned it. Everybody went to where they supposed to be.

That, all by itself, is success. Teachers do have an added responsibility now of making sure that each student is in the correct place at the correct time. And there have been a few instances of students not being where they were supposed to be but what's interesting is that most of those times those students had taken it upon themselves to go where they needed extra help at those times. Perhaps they needed math help so they just went to Mrs. Miller. Or perhaps they needed social studies help so they went to Ms. Leggate. And then they are told that they should have told the teacher of the resource time they were assigned where they were going, but I am more than happy to see them taking responsibility for themselves.

"Parents, you are key members of this journey as well, as you are encouraged to work with your child/children... Together we will make this a great year for all children at Montpelier School!"

-Mr. Waagen



7th Grade



8th Grade



9th Grade



10th Grade



11th Grade



12th Grade



"Don't let others get in the way of you achieving your dreams!"

-Taya Dally

Senior Highlight– Taya Dally

Taya plans to go into the career criminology, but she has yet to decide on which college would be best to attend. She is still investigating the different programs that certain colleges offer for getting into this field. Taya's advice for underclassmen is to set goals and stick to them. Don't let others get in the way of you achieving your dreams! Taya has many memories of going to Montpelier, but her favorite would have to be the music trip that she took with Mrs. Bowen and the music students where they saw *Grease* live and did lots of fun things together!



October Lunch Menu

2018	OCTOBER			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
01 Chicken Strips & Mac N Cheese	02 Enchilada Hotdish	03 Meatloaf & Baked potato	04 Subs	05 Hamburgers
08 Tator Tot Hotdish	09 Pancakes & Sausage	10 Philly cheese steak sandwich	11 Sloppy Joes	12 Pizza
15 Drumstick & Mashed potatoes	16 Knephla Soup	17 Hot Dogs	18 NO SCHOOL	19 NO SCHOOL
22 Cubed chicken over mashed potatoes	23 Pulled Pork	24 Chicken Patties	25 Tacos	26 Tomato Soup & Grilled cheese
29 Teriyaki Chicken	30 Chef Salad	31 Hamburger Hotdish	01	02

October Activities

School Activities

P/T Conferences **Oct 4**
 Bookmobile **Oct 9**
 Flu Shots **Oct 9**
 School Board Meeting **Oct 17**
 Book Mobile **Oct 23**
 Financial Aid Night **Oct 24**

Elem. Boys' Bball

First Practice- Oct 4
 LLM@Edgeley, Oct 15
 Ellendale@Ellendale, Oct 16
 Ellendale@Edgeley, Oct 29

Jr. High Girl's Bball

First Practice Oct 16

Volleyball

JH Girls- @BCN **Oct 9**
 Elem Girls- @Litchville, **Oct 4**
 Elem Girls- @Ellendale **Oct 6**

Music News

The students are hard at work preparing for the Fall Concert on October 29 at 7 pm!

Also, put these dates on your calendar:

Dec. 18 @ 7 pm- Winter Concert

April 30 @ 7 pm- Spring Concert

