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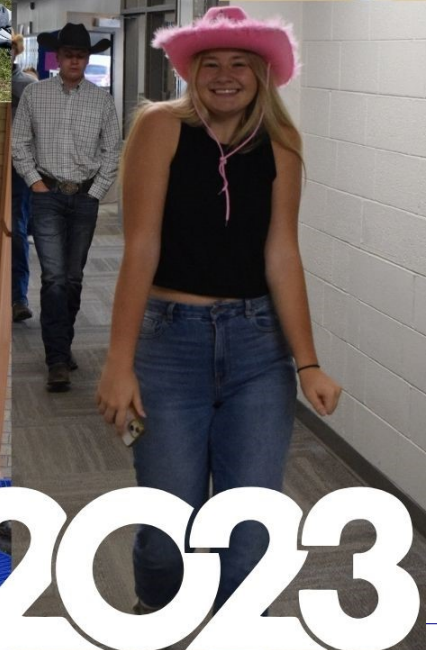
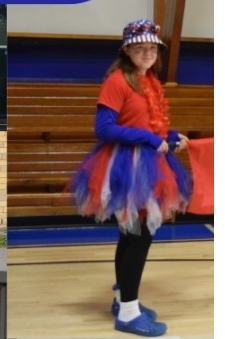
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# Midkota Messenger

Mission Statement: Educating students to be accountable, competent and confident as they pursue their passion in an ever changing world.



# HOMECOMING



BY: ALISON KOLLER

# 2023



HOGO 24

By: Isabelle Kraft



## A Storm Hits the Town

Residents of Binford were astounded last Friday as a thunderous noise boomed throughout the city. They looked out their windows, and stepped out of their doors but could not find the source of the racket.

It was later revealed that the elementary students were **ROCKING THE HOUSE** in preparation for their older Titan counterparts to arrive from Glenfield.

The hallways were lined with lights and posters, with students in the gym jamming to music and cheers. Electricity was in the air!!

Once the entire Midkota student body was assembled the fun began! A pep rally ensued, the high point being Staff vs. the Junior Class boys in a wild game of volleyball. *Little did the young men realize they were competing against former state volleyball players.* The boys were flinging their cowboy hats as they were being taken to the mat and eventually lost against this tough group of women.

King Kyle and Queen Brianna continued to fire the crowd up with games and cheers.

Eventually a calm once again blanketed the town. Midkota Students and Staff are looking forward to the next year.

By: Mrs. Jorde

## Building Project Update

By: Carter Adrian and James Adrian

The building trades classes have been making steady progress on the building. At the end of last year, they put Tyvek wrap around the house. This year they have put in the floor in the loft and are working on getting the stairs in place. They have also put in all the windows and doors.



# Mustangs of the Month



Anna Foster

Anna is the daughter of Ashly & Ted Foster and is in the 7th grade. Her siblings are Jacob, Alyssa, & Todd. Anna's favorite pastime is reading. Her advice to other students is to work hard and be kind. Her goal for this school year is to do as well as she can.

Anna was nominated for getting her work done well and on time, and for always being happy, polite and kind to others.



Jacob Barclay

Jacob is the son of Branden Barclay and is in the 11th grade. His siblings are Lucas and Avarie. Jacob is involved in FFA and FBLA. Jacob's favorite pastime is hanging out with his friends. His advice to others is to get work done on time and have a positive attitude to others. Jacob excels in Building Trades & Math.

Jacob was nominated because of his great work ethic, positive attitude and willingness to help others.



Ryleigh Miller

Ryleigh is the daughter of Jenny Engels & Mike Kjelgaard and is a Senior. Her siblings are Hailey, Mackenzie, and Kodie. Ryleigh's favorite pastime is to hang out with her friends. Ryleigh's advice to other classmates is to stay on top of homework. Ryleigh's future goal is to be a hairdresser and be good at it.

Ryleigh was nominated for her positive attitude, getting work done on time, and kindness to others in school.

Midkota High School "Mustang of the Month" is nominated and chosen by teachers monthly after careful consideration and deliberation. These students demonstrate the values of good citizenship, cooperation and respect for adults and fellow classmates.

Congrats to these students!

**EMPLOYEES  
MUST WASH  
HANDS...**

**BEFORE  
MURDER**

**Don Zolidis**



**Midkota High School**

**One-act play**

**Performances in Glenfield**

**Friday, November 10th - 7:00pm**

**Saturday, November 11th - 7:00pm**

**Admission:  
\$5 adult \$3  
student  
Midkota  
Students &  
under 5 are  
FREE!**

# ECOEd



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# James Fredrick Adrian

Which school event did you/do you look forward to this year? **Senior Prank Night**

You can bring any three of your classmates on a cross-country road trip in your family's hatchback: who would you choose and why? **Ayden, Kyle, and Butch. We are the only boys in the class.**

What's your favorite school lunch? **French Dips or Orange Chicken**

If you woke up tomorrow and could speak a foreign language, what would it be? **Norwegian**

What project or assignment challenged you the most as a student? **Essays**

Describe your senior year in three words. **Fun, challenging, and boring**

If you could create one mandatory course for future seniors, what would it be? **Automotive**

Finish this sentence; "I will always remember..." **how small our class was, but I like it that way!**

What community service activities have you been involved with in your town? **None**

What is your dream vehicle? **2018 McLaren Senna**

What sporting events are the most fun to attend? Why? **Basketball, I like it more than other sports.**

How does participation in clubs or sports affect your life? **I know more people better than I would have.**

Describe your biggest team rivalry in one (appropriate) word. **Traitors**

What club or sport would you add to Midkota if you could? **Something with cars.**

What's your favorite quote? **You might be small but you're not weak.**

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? **Working**

What three things would you bring with you to a desert island? **Tent, water, and food.**

What makes you proud to be from Midkota? **It is an "everyone knows everyone school."**

Which subject prepared you most for life after high school? Why? **Financial Literacy because it taught me how to manage money**

Write the school rule you wish we had. **More privileges the higher up you go.**

You are talking to your 8 year old self, what advice do you give? **Everything that I know.**

What pizza topping describes you and why? **Pepperoni- I can either ruin it or make it better, and I will never get boring.**

## State Range Judging Contest

By Kodie Miller

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of September the Midkota students went to Mandan to do the State Range Judging contest. Two teams attended the event. The first consisted of Kyle Johnson, Kelsey Johnson, Haylie Spickler, Trace Spickler and Grandin Black. The second team consisted of Lakin Ronningen, Cale Spitzer, Rogen Schaeffer.

As a team the Midkota FFA placed fifth in the state of North



Dakota. Kyle Johnson placed seventeenth and he received the gold ribbon. Kelsey and Haylie both received the silver ribbon. Trace, Lakin, and Cale all received the bronze ribbon. Everyone did exceptionally well for doing something they've never previously done.



## Fall in Love with a Good Book! By: Mrs. Dockter

Students have been back in school for over a month and our building is once again blooming with learning and new ideas in every corner. One of those corners is our elementary library. Twice a year we order new books with the objective of catching students' attention and fostering their love of reading. We try to add new additions to their favorite series and hunt for new books that they will hopefully fall in love with. We try to balance our collection and purchase some fiction at each level as well as nonfiction and biographies. This year we have added some additional sports books for our athletic fans out there. Preferred sports authors in our school are Tim Green and John Feinstein. We have also added a series about our country's national parks, added biographies on Henry Ford, Betsy Ross, Steve Irwin, and the Wright Brothers, as well as some reimagined fairy tales. Check out next month's Midkota Messenger for an update about books we have added to our collection for younger readers.





# SPORTS UPDATE

## GIRLS GOLF BY: LUCAS AMUNDSON



The Titan girl's golf team has competed in many meets this year. The students are doing well in their first year of Varsity. Karsyn broke the Titans girls golf score record with a score of 99. The students who golfed both Varsity and Junior Varsity were Karsyn Halvorson, Avery Johnson and Briley Monson.



## VARSITY FOOTBALL

BY: GRACE JOHNSON



This is how the season is going according to a Titan fan: The team is showing improvement and at times they have played really well but they have been bitten by turnovers. As an example, against the Richland Colts at homecoming, an unfortunate fumble occurred as we were driving for a score. A Richland player picked up the fumble and ran it to the 5-yard line, which resulted in a touchdown ending in an 8-2 lead Richland. Except for that one play, our defense held them scoreless the whole game. Taking that into the next two games will keep our defense strong. On the offensive end we need to continue to make plays as a team. Our offense can move the ball, we just need to punch it into the end zone to build confidence and that it can be done!

## VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

BY: ALETTE ADRIAN

The Titan Volleyball team is 3-5 and play a home game in Glenfield this Thursday, Sept. 28th. The following week takes the Titans on the road to Oakes & Park River. Overall the season is going well and the team is working well together.



## CROSS COUNTRY

BY: GRACE JOHNSON

The Titan Cross Country team has been having some success this season. The team recently traveled to Medina where the boys team took second and the girls took fourth. They are looking forward to continuing to improve and succeed.



If you avoid conflict to keep the peace, you start a war inside yourself.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 E: Tater Tot Hotdish HS: Crisпитos	3 E: Chicken Burgers HS: Stew	4 E: Meatloaf HS: Pulled Pork	5 <b>NO SCHOOL PD/TUTOR DAY</b>	6 E: Pizza HS: Pizza Burgers	7
8	9 E: Quesadillas HS: Scalloped Potatoes	10 E: Hamburgers HS: Hot dogs, Corn dogs, Polish Sausages	11 E: Chicken Gravy & Mashed Potatoes HS: BBQ's	12 E: Hamburger Hotdish HS: Pizza Hotdish	13 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: Turkey	14
15	16 E: Chicken Fajitas HS: Tater Tot Hotdish	17 E: Stroganoff HS: Chicken Strips	18 E: Pizza HS: Hamburgers	19 <b>NO SCHOOL Fall Break</b>	20 <b>NO SCHOOL Fall Break</b>	21
22	23 E: Hot dogs, Corn dogs HS: Chicken Bowls	24 E: Fish Sticks & Mac-N-Cheese HS: Mini Corn Dogs & Mac-N-Cheese	25 E: Turkey HS: Taco's & Chicken Fajitas	26 E: Spaghetti HS: Spaghetti Bake	27 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: Chicken Burgers	28
29	30 E: Orange Chicken HS: Breakfast	31 E: Taco in a Bag HS: Orange Chicken				

You can have all the talent in the world but without passion, it is a complete waste.



Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 E-BBB Practice Starts @ MES 4:30p JH/JV FB @ Lakota vs. Nelson Co. County Health @ MES	3 4:30p E-GBB @ Kensal vs. PB 4:30p VB @ Oakes; V, JV, C	4 8:40a Science Lyceum @ MES 5p Coop Meeting @ MHS	5 <b>NO SCHOOL-PD/Tutor Day</b> ; 4p E-GBB @ MHS vs. Carrington; 4:45p VB @ Park River; V, JV, C	6 7p FB @ GCC vs. Enderlin; Military Appreciation Night	7 Varsity VB Tourney @ Carrington 11a XC @ Rugby Golf Course
8	9 4p JH FB @ GCC vs. Maple River	10 7:30a School Board Mtg @ MHS; 4:30p E-GBB @ Buchanan; 4th & 5th only; 5p VB @ MHS vs. Ellendale; V, JV, C	11 County Health @ MHS	12 8a 7th Grade FT to Mayville; 4p XC @ Cooper Bible Camp; 5p VB @ GCC vs. LLM; V, JV, C; Senior Night	13 7p FB @ GCC vs. Hankinson; Senior Night	14 JV/C VB Tourney @ Northwood
15	16 4:30p XC @ Lisbon Golf Course 5p VB @ MHS vs. Carrington; V, JV, C	17 5:30p VB @ Steele vs. Kidder Co.; V, JV 4p E-GBB @ MEs vs. GCC; 4:30p E-BBB @ Kensal vs. PB	18 School Picture Day! 9:30a Elementary 12:30pm HS	19 <b>NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK</b>	20 <b>NO SCHOOL FALL BREAK</b>	21 11a XC @ Cooper Golf Course; East Region Meet
22	23 3:30p VB @ New Rockford; V, JV, C, 8, 7	24 4p E-BBB @ GCC	25 8:30a 8th grade FT to Washburn	26	27 3p XC @ Jamestown Parkhurst Rec; State Meet	28
29	30 VB Districts @ Oakes 4:30p E-BBB @ MHS vs. BCN	31 <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</b>				

## Box Tops By: Mrs. Dockter

Just a quick update for you about Box Tops at the elementary. Since July of this year, our school has earned \$21.40 from the Box Tops for Education program. Although there are no more labels to clip, we ask that you please scan your grocery receipts within 14 days of purchase, using the Box Top for Education app. Your contributions to our school continue to be integral to the enrichment of our students' education. For more information on how to download the app, please go to <https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>.

Happy virtual clipping!



## CLOSE-UP

**Selling Pizza Corner & Jonny B's Pizza!**  
Selling Now through 9/28

### **Also Selling Butterbraids!**

Selling now through 10/16,  
orders can also be placed online @  
<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/0de76-4fc1-a51d-10a979fd225>

See a Junior or Senior Close- Up member to  
order and for more information.



Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Midkota School District 7  
August 9, 2023, 7:30 AM  
Midkota High School  
Glenfield, North Dakota

Board Members Present: President Joel Utke, Vice President Veronica Vollmer, Louis Halvorson, Justin Spickler, Shian Hoyt, Bobbi Hoffman, Preston Halvorson

Others Present: Superintendent/HS Principal Ryan Baron, Katie Ellingson

Present via Zoom: Brooke Quam

1. Call the Meeting to Order

President Utke called the meeting to order at 7:30 and a quorum was established. Motion by Spickler to approve the agenda, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed.

2. Reports

Activities Director Report-None at this time.

Elementary Principal Report-None at this time.

Business Manager Report-Katie has building fund questions out to Nikki Boote. In payroll we are seeing adjustments while trying to complete a payroll cycle. Amanda Bina will help with annual report. Katie asked and was granted approval to attend Business Office Manager classes through NDSBA.

Superintendent/HS Principal Report-Superintendent Baron informed the board that all positions have been hired. Superintendent Baron also shared enrollment numbers and updated schedules. The board wants to serve ice cream at back to school night. Kolenda was at the Elementary school to continue work with boilers. Supt. Baron will follow up with him about the tank in the High School. AVI completed their work in the high school. We are waiting on quotes to repair upstairs closets in the Elementary school. Supt. Baron also informed the board that health insurance rates increased by 15% from last year.

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Hoyt to approve the minutes of July 18th Regular School Board Meeting, bills, and budget seconded by Halvorson. Motion passed.

4. Unfinished Business

Approval of 2023-24 Budget- Supt. Baron will look into the questions asked by Spickler on the preliminary budget. We do not want to levy excess excess mills at this time. A transfer from general fund can be made to building fund. Motion by Hoyt to approve preliminary budget and transfer from general fund, seconded by Spickler. Motion passed.

Hoyt motioned to approve 2023-24 High School Master Schedule, seconded by B. Hoffman. Motion passed

DC Trip Coordinator Pay-No decision on DC Trip coordinator pay was made at this time.

Spickler motioned to approve the hiring of Jessica Johnson as co-DC Trip Coordinator, effective immediately. P. Hoffman seconded. Motion passed.

District procedure for team trips and funds allotted from general fund was discussed with no decision made at this time.

Midkota Foundation Update-A check and the correct form have been submitted.

5. New Business

Hoyt motioned to approve the Certificate of Compliance for Elementary and High School, seconded by Vollmer. Motion passed.

B. Hoffman motioned to approve the hiring of Kathy Kraemer as Assistant Cook, effective immediately. Hoyt seconded. Motion passed.

Hoyt motioned to approve Jessica Johnson as Student Council Advisor, commencing with the 2023-2024 school year. Spickler seconded. Motion passed.

P. Hoffman motioned to approve Veronica Vollmer and Shian Hoyt as co-prom advisors, commencing with the 2023-2024 school year. Halvorson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Hoyt motioned to approve the resignation of Austin Monson as HS Science Teacher and as Activities Director, effective immediately. Halvorson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Halvorson motioned to approve hiring of Kallie Musland as High School Science Teacher, commencing with the 2023-2024 school year. Vollmer Seconded. Motion passed.

Hoyt motioned to approve Kristi Halvorson and Charla Hoyt as Co-Athletic Directors, effective immediately, with one person being the point of contact. Vollmer seconded. Motion passed.

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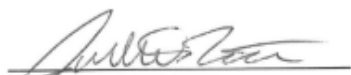
6. Committee Reports

- 6.1 Budget/Finance
- 6.2 Buildings
- 6.3 Curriculum, Technology, & Staff Development
- 6.4 Sports Cooperative

7. Adjournment & Next Meeting

B. Hoffman motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Hoyt. On roll call vote, motion passed.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12th at 7:30 am Midkota Elementary School, Binford, ND.

  
President

  
Business Manager

9-12-23  
Approved

**2023 Elementary BBB Schedule**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Event
2-Oct	Monday	3:45-5:30	MES	Practice
3-Oct	Tuesday	3:45-5:30	MHS	Practice
5-Oct	Thursday	10:00-11:30	MES	Practice Optional
6-Oct	Friday	3:45-5:30	MES	Practice
7-Oct	Saturday	10:00-11:30	MHS	Practice Optional
9-Oct	Monday	3:45-5:30	MES	Practice
10-Oct	Tuesday	3:45-5:30	MES	Practice
12-Oct	Thursday	3:45-5:30	MHS	Practice
13-Oct	Friday	3:45-5:30	MES	Practice
14-Oct	Saturday	10:00-11:30	MES	Practice Optional
16-Oct	Monday	5:00	Leal	vs BCN
17-Oct	Tuesday	4:30	Kensal	vs PB
19-Oct	Thursday	10:00-11:30	MHS	Practice Optional
20-Oct	Friday	10:00-11:30	MES	Practice Optional
23-Oct	Monday	3:45-5:30	MHS	Practice
24-Oct	Tuesday	4:00	GCC	vs GCC
26-Oct	Thursday	3:45-5:30	MES	Practice
27-Oct	Friday	3:45-5:30	MHS	Practice
30-Oct	Monday	4:30	MHS	vs BCN
31-Oct	Tuesday	3:45-5:30	MES	Practice
2-Nov	Thursday	4:30	MES	vs Lakota
3-Nov	Friday	No School		
6-Nov	Monday	3:45-5:30	MHS	Practice
7-Nov	Tuesday	4:00	Lakota	vs Lakota
9-Nov	Thursday	4:30	Carrington	vs Carrington
10-Nov	Friday	No School		
13-Nov	Monday	4:30	MHS	vs Carrington
14-Nov	Tuesday	4:00	MES	vs GCC
16-Nov	Thursday	3:45-5:30	MES	Practice
17-Nov	Friday	3:45-5:30	MHS	Practice
20-Nov	Monday	4:30	Buchanon	vs PB