

November, 2023
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Mission Statement: Educating students to be accountable, competent and confident as they pursue their passion in an ever changing world.



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

FALL in Love with Fall Fun Day By Mrs. Dockter

October 13th found the **Elementary PTA Moms** back at it with another fabulous **Fall Fun Day**. Buses loaded with students arrived at the Grace City School and filled the gymnasium with shouts of laughter and happy children's voices once again. Students were split up into groups and had the opportunity to try many different activities as well as have a snack. This is



most certainly a day loved by all, and we truly appreciate all the work that goes into making this day so fun! **Thank you Elementary PTA!** (Thank you to Mrs. Perleberg for these pictures! More pictures can be found on our website and on Facebook.)





Midkota
High School

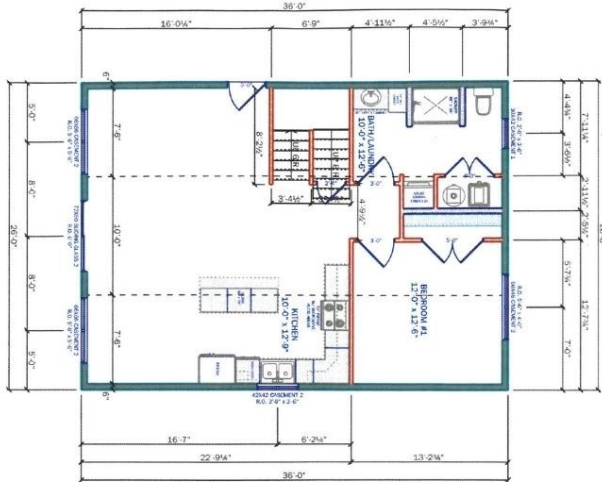
CABIN/HOUSE FOR SALE

MAIN FLOOR (36X26) FEATURES:

- 1 Bedroom
- 1 Bathroom with Laundry Room
- Living Room
- Kitchen

MORE PICTURES
CAN BE FOUND
ONLINE

LOFT (13X26)



**BIDS ARE DUE:
NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023**

Minimum Bid:
\$100,000

ABOUT

The Midkota High School Building Trades class is building a house/cabin. This cabin is built to be moved and is a gorgeous one bedroom/one bath, and has a spacious kitchen/living room. It has a stunning loft overlooking the kitchen and living space. This loft is perfect for an additional bedroom, office, or living room. Price includes siding, cabinets, HVAC, electrical, and plumbing in the building.



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BID PROCESS

Sealed bids must be mailed to:
Katie Ellingson, Business Manager
203 W Curtis Ave.
Binford, ND 58416
Attn: Cabin Bid

The top 3 bidders will be notified and will have an opportunity to rebid.

More Information can be found at:
www.midkotaschools.k12.nd.us

Payment by the winning party must be made in full within 21 days of notification.

Cabin to be moved by August 16, 2024.

Midkota HS Introduces New Science Authors By: Mrs. Dockter

Mrs. Musland's chemistry class hit the road on Oct. 18th to read to the K-3 grade students at the elementary. What made this visit even more special was that the HS students were sharing books that they had written themselves. Their assignment was to write a children's story geared towards an audience of 6-8 year olds explaining atoms. Student authors, Kyle Johnson, Wyatt Hoyt, Will Spickler, Madyson Reese, Myla Larson, Jesse Bybee, and Aydin Mutchler, dug into writing and illustrating with much creativity. When their missions were accomplished, they were able to cap off the project read aloud to a live audience. What a great idea Mrs. Musland, and thank you students for sharing your stories and time with us!



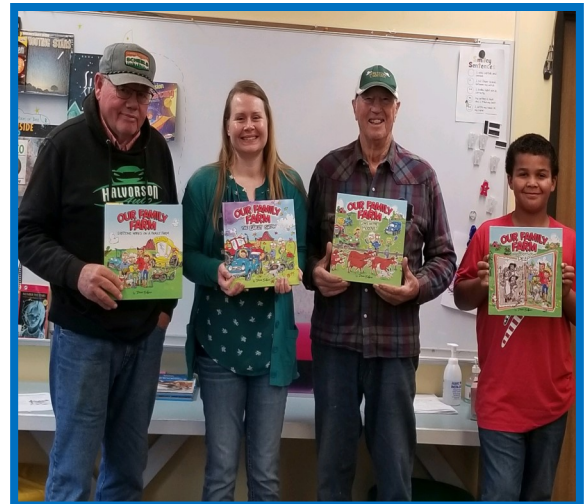
Midkota Elementary Library News

By: Mrs. Dockter

Recently the elementary library has received two very kind book donations from local agencies. These benefactors have tapped into a very real interest for our Midkota Elementary students and surrounding communities: agriculture. We are excited for students to open these books and discover the adventures inside. Thank you so much!



Thank you Foster County Soil Conservation!



Thank you WD Farm Bureau!

Brienna Ehlers

Which school event did you/do you look forward to this year?

I look forward to the basketball season and graduation.

What was your most listened to driving song on your morning commute this year?

I don't really have one, but I have been listening to a lot of Anne Wilson music.

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? **I would choose the three girls because we all get along well, and I can't decide between any of the boys since they're all too funny.**

What's your favorite school lunch? **Soup and sandwiches- only if there is knoephla soup.**

Tell us about your most embarrassing in-school memory? **Since I refuse admit my actual most embarrassing moment, I will just say anytime my stomach growled in class.**

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

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

Describe your senior year in three words. **Eventful, exciting, and enjoyable**

If you could create one mandatory course for future seniors, what would it be? **A napping course where you can reset your mind and take a necessary brain break.**

What was the most enjoyable book you read in high school? **Sold On a Monday by Kristina McMorris or The Great Gatsby**

Finish this sentence; "I will always remember...**laughing at the stupidest things the senior boys usually said or did... they're pretty dramatic.**"

What community service activities have you been involved with in your town?

I have participated in a few food drives and festivals.

What is your dream vehicle? **Ram 3500.**

What is this year's must have fashion item, in your opinion? **I don't keep up with many fashion trends, but I will always recommend a good ol' pair of bootcut jeans.**

What sporting events are the most fun to attend? Why? **Any volleyball or basketball game is fun to attend because the student section is usually pretty active, and I personally just find them the most entertaining to watch.**

How does participation in clubs or sports affect your life? **I have made a lot of connections and gained real-world experiences that help develop my character and how I interact with others.**

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

What club or sport would you add to Midkota if you could? **I've heard some people say they would like more foreign languages added and even a couple more sports like bowling.**

What are your 3 best skills? **Efficiency, determination, and good time-management skills.**



Brienna Ehlers

What's your favorite quote? "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians 3:23-24

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? I see myself established in my family lawyer work, married to my rancher husband with a kid or two.

What three things would you bring with you to a desert island? A weapon, water bottle, and my Bible to keep me sane.

What makes you proud to be from Midkota? We have a helpful staff, plentiful opportunities, and great leaders.

Which subject prepared you most for life after high school? Why? My dual credit classes really helped me know how to take on another level of responsibility and accountability.

Write the school rule you wish we had. Let me take naps in my spare time.

You are talking to your 8 year old self, what advice do you give? Life looks a little confusing right now, but I promise you to keep working hard because it pays off. Take every opportunity you have to better yourself, and take the time to listen to other people.



Plant the Moon Challenge

By Ms. Larson

The fourth and fifth graders are a part of a worldwide competition where they came up with their own experimental parameters. They have different variations that they have planted seeds in and are monitoring and recording the growth process.

It has been a very exciting project so far. They have been meeting weekly to document the changes in their seeds and plants. They have recorded flip grids to submit for the competition and have numerous other mini projects they will be working on as the growing season progresses.



Reflex Math! By Mrs. Quanbeck

Some of you may have heard your child talking about “green lights” and using the word “reflex” and wondered just what was going on at Midkota Elementary School.

Students in grades 2-4 have been working hard to become fluent in their math facts using an app called Reflex. As they work through specially designed lessons and games students are building automaticity in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. When a student does not have to stop to think about a math fact, their brain is free to focus on the new concept being taught. Hopefully they are also making the connection that in math, effort results in achievement. Reflex is designed to recognize and reward both student effort and achievement to help them come to this conclusion.

We already have students who have reached 100% fluency in addition and subtraction: Caleb Dockter (Gr.2), Kelby Kuster, Jonah Stangeland, and Emmet Black (Gr. 3). Our third graders will soon have their Reflex assignment changed to multiplication and division. I am so proud of all of our Midkota Mustangs who are working hard to achieve this goal!

Remember, students can work on Reflex at home to get those “green lights”. The students can access their account at go-el.com.



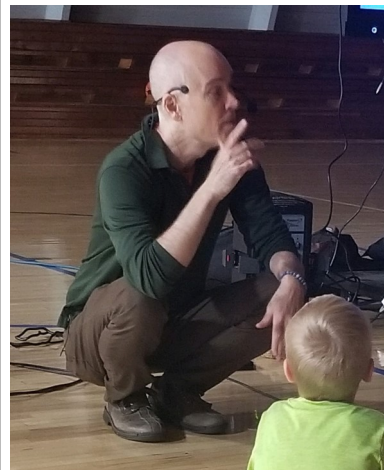
Schoolwide Title 1 Meeting

Information about our Schoolwide Title 1 Program will be available at *Parent/Teacher Conferences November 2, 2023*. Please stop by and visit with Mrs. Quanbeck if you have any questions. We are excited to share with you the learning and growth that is taking place at Midkota Public Schools.

Science Lyceum Is Out of this World!

By Mrs. Dockter

On October 4, we had a special guest entertain the students and teach us about the solar system. **Dino O'Dell** is a musician, storyteller, author and former elementary school teacher. He held his audience captive as they explored outer space together.

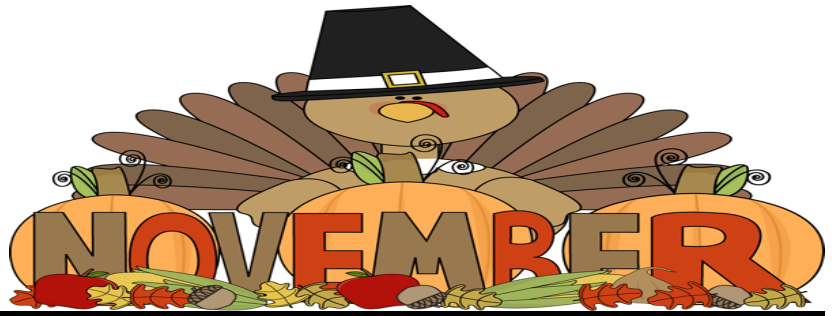


Do you want to win? Then get tough.

Mentally tough. It takes more than muscle, more than practice, more than sheer

determination to get to the top.

It takes the mind of a Champion.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 1:30p Early out 2p-8p Parent/ Teacher Confer- ences @ MES	3 NO SCHOOL P/T Comp Day	4
5 Daylight Savings End Turn clocks back 1 hour	6	7 4p E-BBB @ Lakota	8 Foster County Health @ MHS Theatre FT to Jmstn for 1 Act Regionals	9 4:30p E-BBB @ Carrington VB Regions @ Ellendale	10 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day Observed 7p Theatre Performance @	11 7p Theatre Performance @ MHS
12	13 GBB Practice Starts 4:30p E-BBB @ MHS vs. Car- rington	14 7:30a School Board Meeting @ MES	15	16 4p E-BBB @ MES vs. GCC	17	18 10a GBB Scrim- mage @ GCC vs. Cavalier
19	20 School Picture Re- Takes 4:30pm E-BBB @ Buchanan	21	22	23 NO SCHOOL Happy Thanks- giving	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	25
26	27 BBB Practice Starts	28	29	30 GBB Ramsey County Tournam- ent @ Devils Lake		

Mark your Calendars!

The Midkota Elementary Christmas Concert has been set for **Friday, December 8th @ 7 PM.** Hope to see you then!



Not all superheroes
have capes,
some have teaching
degrees.



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 E: Chicken Burger HS: Macaroni Hotdish	2 E: Pizza Hotdish HS: Rib Sandwiches	3 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Comp Day	4
5	6 E: BBQ's HS: Meatloaf	7 E: Chicken Nuggets HS: Chili	8 E: Meatloaf HS: Mini Corn Dogs & Mac-M-Cheese	9 E: Toasty Dogs & Tomato Soup HS: BBQ's	10 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day Observed	11
12	13 E: Mini Corn Dogs & Mac-N-Cheese HS: Chicken Fried Steak	14 E: Hamburgers HS: Spaghetti	15 E: Crisпитos HS: Hot Ham-N-Cheese	16 E: Turkey Hotdish HS: Chicken Strips	17 E: Chili HS: French Dips	18
19	20 E: Tater Tot Hotdish HS: Fettucine Alfredo	21 E: Taco's HS: Cripitos	22 E: Breakfast HS: Pulled Pork	23 NO SCHOOL Happy Thanks- giving	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	25
26	27 E: Lasagna Hotdish HS: Orange Chicken	28 E: Chicken Gravy & Mashed Potatoes HS: Hot dogs, Corn dogs, Polish Sausage	29 E: Subs HS: Taco's/ Chicken Fajitas	30 E: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham HS: Chicken Bowls		

Budget/Tax Hearing & Regular Board of Education Meeting
Midkota School District 7
September 12, 2023, 7:30 AM
Midkota Elementary School
Binford, North Dakota

Board Members Present: President Joel Utke, Vice President Veronica Vollmer, Justin Spickler, Bobbi Hoffman, Preston Hoffman, Louis Halvorson,
Others Present: Charla Hoyt, Kristi Halvorson, Elementary Principal Linn Dockter, Superintendent Ryan Baron, Katie Ellingson
Zoom: Shian Hoyt

Budget/Tax Hearing 7:30

President Utke called the meeting to order at 7:40 and a quorum was established. Superintendent Baron reviewed the 2023-2024 budget with the board answering questions throughout the review.

Hearing ended at 8:02.

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge of allegiance

Additions to Agenda/Agenda Approval-Kallie Musland's request for course reimbursement.

President Utke called the meeting to order and a quorum was established. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Vollmer to approve the agenda, seconded by Spickler. On roll call vote, motion passed.

2. Reports

2.1 Activities Directors' Report

Charla and Kristi will be attending a ND High School Association meeting tomorrow. The sports co-op meeting is planned for early October. Elementary girls basketball has started. Homecoming is coming up next week. We have a 7th grade student that wants to wrestle with Carrington. The 7th grader's mom will provide transportation.

2.2 Elementary Principal Report

Back to school night was a success! County health came for vision screening. Staff survey for professional development was a definite vote for trauma sensitive schools. Preschool enrollment is at 13 students. There are 82 Students in K-6. Popplers Music came and talked with students. Music lessons have started. Fourth grade students will be going on a field trip.

2.2 Business Manager Report

Katie followed up on a question from a previous meeting about being bonded. Bank Reconciliations, NDPers, and TFFR are going well. Audit is still under way for 2021 and 2022. Annual Convention is coming up at the end of October. Board members let Katie know if they would like to attend.

2.3 Superintendent/HS Principal Report

Back to school night was a success! NWEA testing will occur in September for grades 7-11. College Fair for seniors is on September 14th. All staff positions are filled. Homecoming is coming up. There are dress up days and activities planned. Jeff Schatz has contacted us back. He would like us to send out a survey. This will be sent out when we are given the ok from Mr. Schatz.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Minutes of August 9 Regular School Board Meeting

3.2 August Bills

3.3 September Budget

Vollmer motioned to approve the consent agenda excluding the Kolenda bills of \$43,283.57 and \$8,023.00. P. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Midkota Foundation Update

Items needed to be sent off have been sent to where they need to be sent.

4.2 DC Trip Advisor

Hoyt motioned to pay close up advisor \$1800 on both on and off years. Spickler seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the adult trip pay. No decision was made at this time.

4.3 Sales Process of Building Trades House

Discussion was held on organization of bidding on the cabin.

4.4 Building Additions Discussion for HS and Elementary campuses

Discussion was held on additions for the schools.

5. New Business

- 5.1 Approval of baseball coaching MOU for Mike Monson for the 22-23 School Year.
Motion by Vollmer to approve baseball MOU for Mike Monson. Seconded by Halvorson. Motion passed.
- 5.2 Approval of Continuity of Learning Updates.
Motion was made by Halvorson to approve continuity of Learning updates. Hoyt seconded. Motion passed.
- 5.3 Approval of Open Enrollment Applications & Non-Tuition Agreements
Motion made by Vollmer to approve open enrollment applications & non-tuition agreements for 2 families. Seconded by Halvorson. Motion passed.
- 5.4 Approval of Virtual Learning Plan for 2023-24
B. Hoffman moved to approve Virtual Learning Plan for 23-24. Seconded by Halvorson. Motion passed.
- 5.5 Binford Tennis Court-Discussion was held on the Binford tennis court. This included discussion of taking fence and shed down.
- 5.6 Approval of LEA Annual Compliance Report for 2023-24.
Vollmer motioned to approve LEA Annual Compliance Report for 23-24. P. Hoffman Seconded. Motion carried.
- 5.7 Approval of Girls Wrestling Sports Co-Op Request with Carrington
B. Hoffman motioned to approve 1 student's request to co-op for girls wrestling with Carrington requiring they have their own transportation. Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.
- 5.8 Approve 2022-23 District Financial Report
Hoyt motioned to approve 22-23 District Financial Report. Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.
- 5.9 Musland American Board of Teaching Course Reimbursement Request.
Vollmer motioned to approve up to \$1600 of K. Musland's American Board of Teaching course reimbursement. Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports

- 6.1 Budget/Finance
6.2 Buildings – There is an upcoming meeting with Zerr-Berg
6.3 Curriculum, Technology, & Staff Development
6.4 Sports Cooperative

7. Adjournment & Next Meeting

- B. Hoffman motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed.
Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 am at Midkota High School, Glenfield, ND.



President



Business Manager

10/10/23

Approved

Thank YOU Bus Drivers!

Our Midkota bus drivers are an **AMAZING** crew! We can not thank them enough for getting our students to and from school safely each day. October was **School Bus Safety Month**, and we would like to also take a moment to thank the people who make that possible. Also thank you to Mr. Grover for taking one for the team and taking a photo for us. :)

