

March, 2024

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



Ready for Kindergarten?

The Midkota Kindergarten Screening for the 2024-25 school year has been set for April 26th at Midkota Elementary School. The screening will be a morning session from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. An informational letter will be sent out to Pre-school families in late-March with more details. If you believe that your child should be a part of next year's Midkota kindergarten class, and you do NOT receive an informational letter, please contact the elementary school at 676-2511 to be placed on the list. Thank you!

Midkota Pre-School

If your child has a birthday between Aug. 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020, they are the right age for next year's [pre-school](#) class. Please contact the school office in Binford at 676-2511 or contact Mrs. Sharon Hoyt to get on next year's pre-school class list. Parent information and enrollment forms will be mailed out this summer.



Trinity June Smith

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

My D.C. trip and State FBLA

What was your most listened to driving song on your morning commute this year? **Fifth of May by Zach Bryan**

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 bring Maya because she is fun to talk to. Also Brienna and Butch because listening to them argue is funny.

Describe your senior year in three words. **I Hate Fundraising.**

Tell us about your most embarrassing in-school memory?

I cried in Spanish class or the sound a baby chick made, which is, pio pio pio.

Write the school rule you wish we had. **I would like all of our required classes at the beginning of the day.**

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? **I hope to be a good real estate agent, selling homes, with maybe a couple of kids.**

If you woke up tomorrow and could speak a foreign language, what would it be? **Spanish because I've already taken it for 3 years.**

What is your dream vehicle? **Either a giant pick-up or a little Honda Civic**

What project or assignment challenged you the most as a student? **Freshman year final was rough.**

If you could create one mandatory course for future seniors, what would it be? **Required study hall.**

What was the most enjoyable book you read in high school? **"When They Bring the Streetcars Back"**

Finish this sentence; "I will always remember..." **Sitting on the bathroom floor answering these questions, listening to Reba.**

What community service activities have you been involved with in your town? **After School Program for Elementary kids.**

What's your favorite school lunch? **Chicken Burgers with homemade buns and snicker salad.**

What is this year's must have fashion item, in your opinion? **Stanleys**

What sporting events are the most fun to attend? **Volleyball or basketball**

What club or sport would you add to Midkota if you could? **Debate team**

What are your 3 best skills? **Communication, emotional intelligence, flexibility**

How does participation in clubs or sports affect your life? **It teaches me how to be accountable and how to manage my time.**

What's your favorite quote? **"Give your heart but keep your head." Zach Bryan**

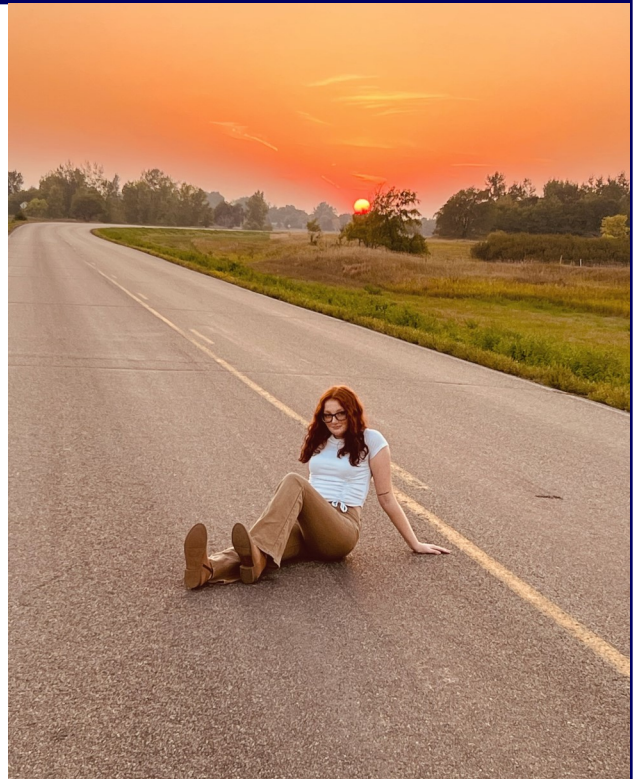
What three things would you bring with you to a desert island? **A boat, a map, my phone.**

What makes you proud to be from Midkota? **The people. Our little school has a good community.**

Which subject prepared you most for life after high school? Why? **Financial Literacy because you are learning about money but also P.O.D. because you are learning about politics.**

You are talking to your 8 year old self, what advice do you give? **Don't stress about grades too much. There are more important things to focus on.**

What pizza topping describes you and why? **Pepperoni because everyone likes pepperoni.**



Mustangs of the Month



Addison McKenzie

Addison is the daughter of Boyd & Laurie McKenzie and has 3 siblings; Lacey, Leigh, & Kasandra. Addison is in 7th Grade and is involved in Basketball, Volleyball, & Track. Her favorite pastime is to work on her drawing.

Addison's favorite subject is Art. Her current goal is to be more organized.

Addison was nominated for her dedication to school, kindness to others, and her positive attitude.



Jessa Spickler

Jessa is the daughter of Justin and Sarah Spickler and has 3 brothers: Wyatt, Will, and Watson. Jessa is active in volleyball, basketball, band, choir, sources of strength, and student council. Jessa's favorite pastime is hanging out with friends and her favorite class is Phy. Ed.

Jessa's future goals are to maintain a 4.0 GPA and graduate high school.

Jessa was nominated for her outstanding dedication to her homework and sports.



Kylie Johnson

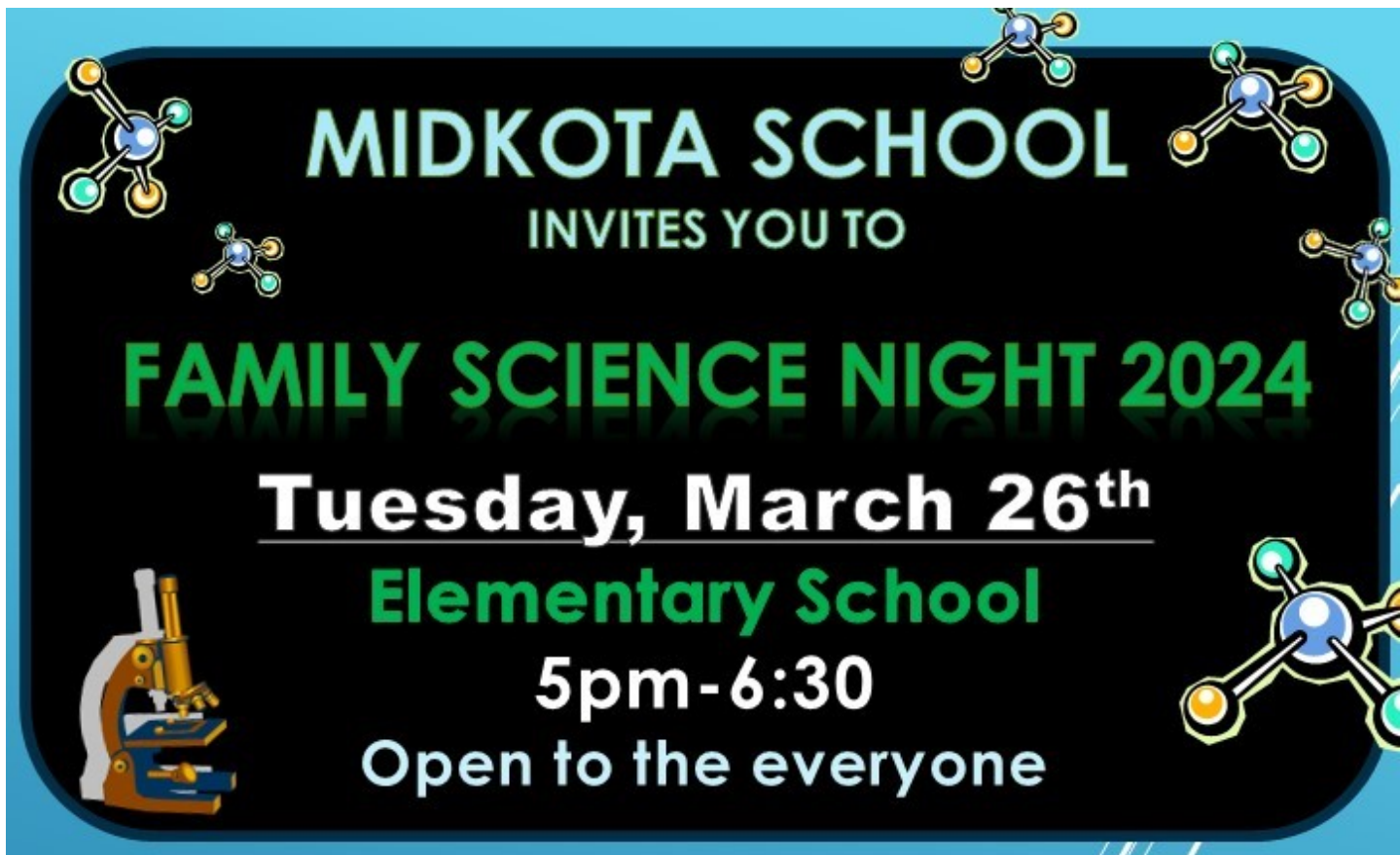
Kylie is the daughter of Keith and Amy Johnson and has a sister; Josie. Kylie is active in Basketball, Volleyball, FBLA, Student Council, and NHS. Her favorite pastime is playing sports and her favorite subjects are english and history.

Kylie's future goals are to graduate high school and go to college.

Kylie was nominated for her amazing work ethic and positive attitude.

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!



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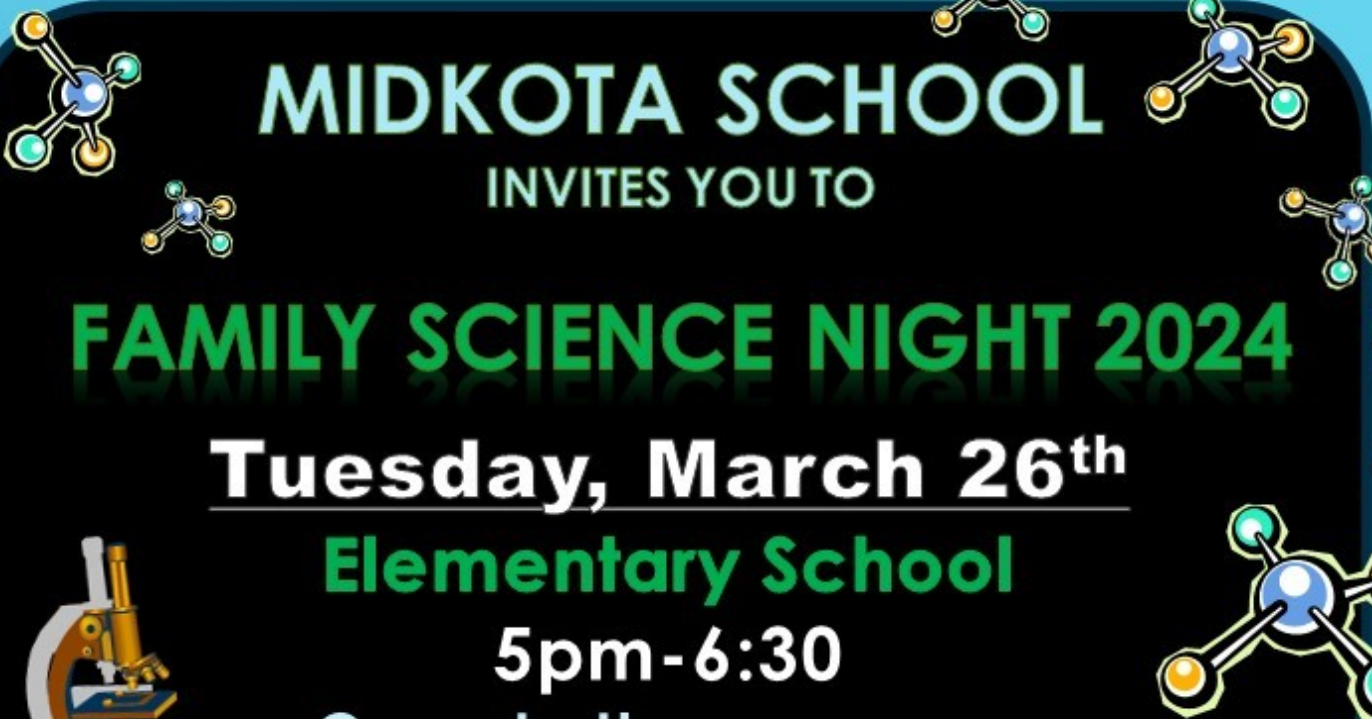
FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT 2024

Tuesday, March 26th

Elementary School

5pm-6:30

Open to the everyone

North Dakota Envirothon

Midkota is seeking a five-member team of students grades 9-12 that are interested in participating in the Envirothon May 8-10, 2024, at Crystal Springs located near Medina, ND.

Please contact Mr. Black or Mrs. Musland ASAP if you are interested in this great opportunity.

What is the North Dakota Envirothon?

The North Dakota Envirothon is a **problem-solving natural resource competition for high school students**. Teams are generally associated with a sponsoring school, and usually train the entire school year with their advisor or "coach" in preparation for

the annual state-wide competition. Study resources in the fields of soils, aquatics, wildlife, prairie (forestry and rangeland) and a current environmental issue are assembled by natural resource professionals and provided to the teams. Using these resources, students learn the skills of thinking and working as a team to assess natural resource issues affecting the environment. In late spring, each team has the option to select five members and one alternate to compete at the North Dakota State Envirothon Competition



THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSICAL

PERFORMED BY MIDKOTA 5TH AND 6TH GRADERS



Wednesday, March 27th 9:00am Binford

Free and open to the public!

***If I Were Mayor* essay contest**

Each spring the North Dakota League of Cities sponsors a statewide, *If I Were Mayor* essay contest. This contest encourages young people to think about public service and future community leadership. The contest is open to any third grade and seventh grade student living in North Dakota. Each grade is judged separately. Students may submit essays through a teacher or on their own. If I Were Mayor essay contest winners will be announced in conjunction with City Government Week, April 1-5, 2024, each winner will receive a \$150 cash prize and have their essays featured in CITYScan.

Essays should be sent directly to the North Dakota League of Cities.

For specifics about the rules and process for submitting essays, visit

www.ndlc.org/essay contact Jennifer at 701-223-3518

or jennifer@ndlc.org.



Reading Month is Finally Here! By Mrs. Dockter

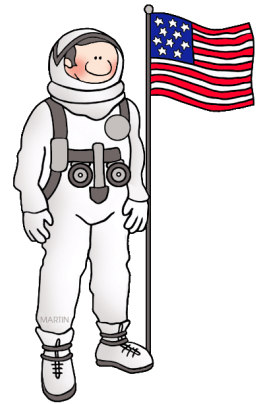
March is here, and you know what that means: Reading Month!! This year's theme is Read Across America and as of this week our elementary will look like a giant road trip across our great country with road signs, highways, and tourist attractions. Classrooms have each chosen a state or a landmark to decorate their door in keeping with our theme. The creativity in this school is AMAZING! We can't wait for you to see our school transform once again.

Individual classrooms have set goals for their rooms and as an entire school our overall goal is 6,302,000. Wow! Classes will be taking virtual road trips each week along with sleuthing out the answers for US trivia.

Happy Reading!!



You're Invited to
Ms. Larson's 4th Grade
Living Wax Museum
Presented by the 4th and 5th grade classes



Our students will be hosting a biographical interactive wax museum honoring influential people from the past and present. You will have the opportunity to "meet" historical and modern day characters chosen by the students. Come hear their character's life story simply by pushing a button!

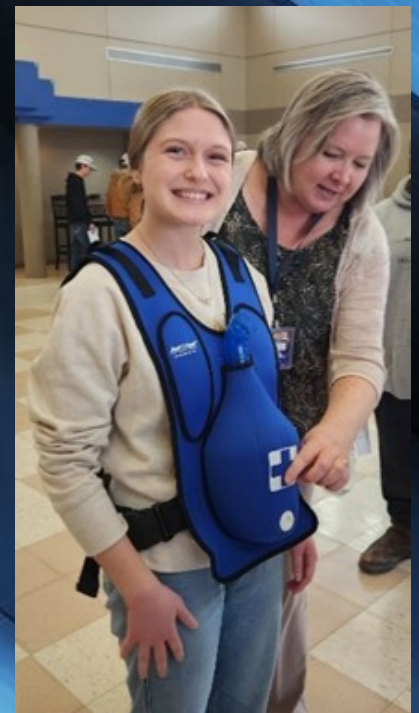


Thursday, April 4th
1:30-2:30 p.m.
Elementary Gym



Mayville State University Campus Tour

Wednesday, February 21, Midkota sophomores and juniors attended an open campus day at Mayville State University. Students toured the campus, discussed financial aid, meet college staff, engage in hands-on activities in a variety of content areas and discussed the college enrollment process. Mayville State hosted lunch at their cafeteria. As you can see from the photos, the LRSC/MSU Nursing Program demonstration of the Heimlich Maneuver equipment was of great interest.



Students also completed activities with business, Biology and Math.



Ademic All-State Team

Kyle Johnson



2024 CLASS A ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAMS

Gold Team			Silver Team			Bronze Team		
Avry	Kostelecky	Thompson	Reagan	Berg	Valley City	Luke	Johnson	Oak Grove
Kayson	Paape	Oak Grove	Johnathan	DeJong	Oak Grove	Julia	Crotty	Hillsboro
Alexandria	Lade	Central Cass	Samantha	Burchill	Central Cass	Josie	Jensen	Northern Cass
Celia	Larsen	Kindred	Livia	Dietrich	Valley City	Abram	Sevigny	Grafton
Connor	Klein	Rugby	Kate	Seyfried	Central Valley	Glenn	Jorgensen	Oak Grove
Jack	Kern	Grafton						
Wyatt	Nelson	Oak Grove						
Honorable Mention								
Mackenzie	Fuxa	Kindred	Alexis	Hunt	Bottineau	Riley	Johnson	South
McKenna	Keller	Lisbon	Landon	Kurtz	Devils Lake	Braxton	Istliart	Stanley
Kacie	Rexin	Carrington	Brady	Bommersbach	Devils Lake	Breonna	Burgess	New Town
Angela	Chen	Devils Lake	Jayden	Bittner	Lisbon	Riley	Johnson	South

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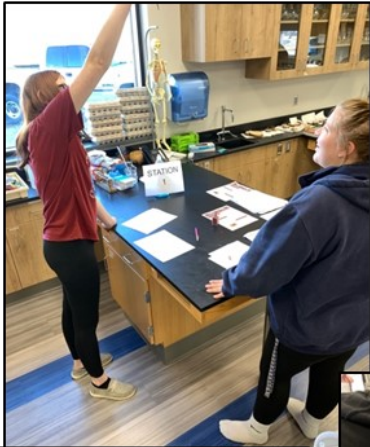
Pay Starting @ \$145/day


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The North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals is excited to announce that the 2024 North Dakota Academic All-State Teams have been selected. One hundred and ninety high school seniors were nominated by their school principal and competed for statewide honor in the Class AA, A, and B divisions. Student selection is based on grade-point averages, ACT or SAT scores, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and leadership qualities. The North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals will award Gold, Silver, and Bronze Team members an honor medallion. The medallions will be presented to the students at a ceremony at their school. In addition, WDAY and Forum Communications will also air a digital presentation honoring all the medalists. The Class B presentation will air on Friday, March 1, between the two semifinal games in the afternoon. The Class A presentation will air on Friday, March 1, between the two semifinal games in the evening. The Class AA presentation will air on Friday, March 8, between the boy's semifinals. Certificates of Merit will be sent to Honorable Mention Team members from the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals. This Program is co-sponsored by the North Dakota Association of Secondary School Principals and WDAY-TV in Fargo, WDAZ-TV in Grand Forks, KBMY-TV in Bismarck, KMCY-TV in Minot, and Forum Communications Companies.

“Snippets” of Science

(from the High School)

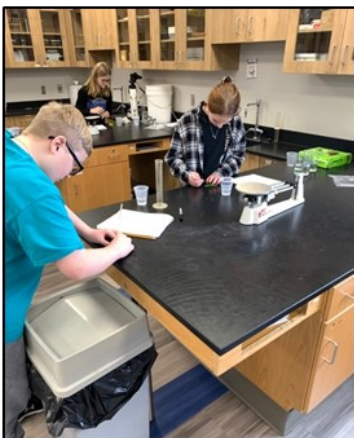


One of the first semester's electives was a Forensic Science course. These students ended their semester with a blood spatter analysis lab interpreting different types of blood drops (shown below) and solved a mock crime scene for their final project. All groups had to collect evidence from their final crime scenes, then perform various analysis tests that we had learned throughout the semester to find the right suspect!

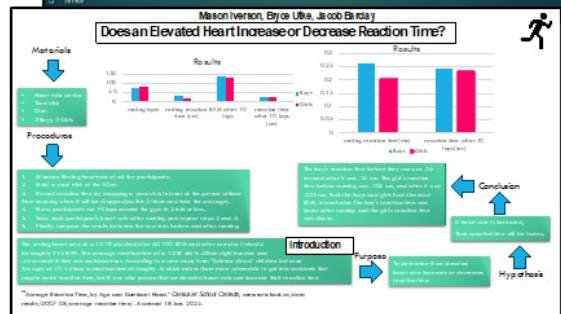
Chemistry is the other elective science course for the 11-12 grades. They are pictured here doing the favorite flame test lab (from first semester). In this lab, they burn unknown substances and observe which colors of light are given off. If you look close at the photos, you can see the colors! From that, they can tell how much energy is released when an electron is jumping from its excited state back to its ground state. They are now working on a new unit - ionic and covalent compounds!

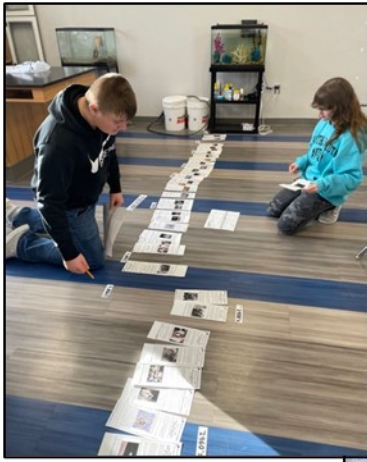


The second semester's 11-12th grade elective has been the “Science of Health”. These students started the semester by learning how to take measurements of physical health. They wrapped that up by learning all the steps involved in running their own study - from gathering consent and scheduling time for their volunteers to test, to measuring blood pressures, heart rates, and other data! Then, they put together posters to professionally present their findings (below). It was so fun to watch them do such meaningful science! More recently, we've had a lot of good discussions on things like depression, fad diets and many other topics - trying to learn how to look at evidence behind the claims they see and make sure their sources are reliable!



The 7th grade students have been working on a photosynthesis and cellular respiration unit. A few weeks ago, they were testing how temperature, types of light and different solutions can affect how fast the spinach leaves perform photosynthesis. By timing when their spinach leaf discs float, they can see how fast they are giving off oxygen! Up next, diffusion and osmosis - and designing their own labs!





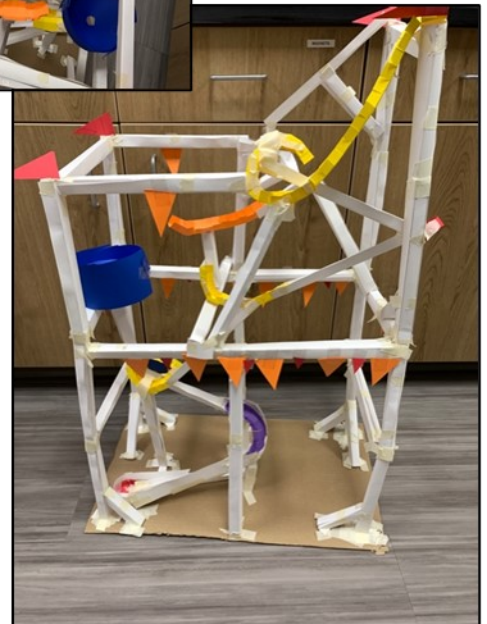
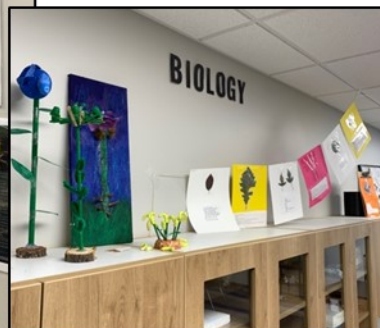
The 8th grade Earth Science group just finished up a unit about space! They are pictured here starting off the unit by doing a timeline activity on past space discoveries, then again with their final "free-choice" projects. We had several amazing models, posters and even a fun board game that were created to wrap up the unit!



I haven't caught many photos of the biology students "in action", but they have created some amazing work this year! They started the year with their "leaf projects". Each student collected and identified several species of leaves, grasses and forbs and they all spent a lot of time outside learning from Mr. Black! They also did deeper research on several unique plant adaptations and created these awesome projects. More recently, they conducted their own bacterial growth labs, learned about properties of water and macromolecules, and are now on a unit all about cell processes!



The 9th grade physical science students have been wrapping up a couple units on motion, force and energy. They engineered these awesome marble roller coasters throughout the unit and put everything together by calculating velocity, force, momentum, kinetic and potential energy, work and power of their marbles as they raced them through the tracks! Last week, they designed their own insulated cups and investigated thermal energy transfers. A lot of thought went into both these structure designs - I think there are a lot of future engineers in this group!



Midkota Seniors!

Midkota Scholarships are available!

Go to the Midkota website: [Home | Midkota Public School \(k12.nd.us\)](https://www.k12.nd.us)

- Select the *menu*.
- Select the *documents* folder.
- Select *student documents*.
- Select the *scholarship* folder.

All scholarship applications are due **April 1, 2024**, to Mrs. Brandt or to the office. Read each application and answer the questions thoroughly. Scholarship recipients will be announced at graduation, Saturday, May 25, 2024.



The Jacob Johnson Memorial Scholarship has opened donations to the community.

If anyone is interested in donating, we now have an e-donation option in addition to donating via check. Be sure to click into the “Charity” section on the PayPal or Venmo platforms and search for Jacob Johnson Memorial Scholarship. The Venmo account is: [@JJMS-MHS](https://www.venmo.com/JJMS-MHS)

The Jacob Johnson Memorial Scholarship was established in loving memory of Jacob, son of Keith and Amy Johnson, by the Midkota High School Class of 1992, family, and friends. Our goal is to give a \$1,000 scholarship to a MHS graduate who will attend a trade school or college and whose spirit and academic goals most reflect Jacob’s. A second scholarship may be awarded based on donations and applications received. We hope to maintain the JJMS as long as a graduate from the founding MHS towns apply.

Donation checks can be written out and mailed to:

Jacob Johnson Memorial Scholarship

PO Box 253

Carrington, ND 58421-0253

Our scholarship fund is a tax-free entity, so anyone who donates will receive a receipt/letter for tax purposes.

ND Girls State 2024

June 9-14, 2024

University of North Dakota Campus
Cost is \$325.00 (Scholarships sponsored by local ND American Legion Auxiliary).
Applications and additional information: www.NDGirlsState.org

Application Deadline: May 15, 2024

See Mrs. Brandt for an paper application form.

What is Girls State?

Attendees learn about all forms of government city, county, and state by running for offices, holding elections, writing laws, and participating in a variety of civic activities.

Why Girls State?

1. Find your Voice by building self-confidence and striving to make a difference.
2. Have fun and meet new people from across the state.
3. Earn .50 units of social studies credit.
4. Apply to win several scholarships.
 - Samsung American Legion Scholarship- \$1,250
 - Outstanding Student of Government-\$100.00
 - Kennelly Award for Outstanding Citizen-\$75.00



NORTH DAKOTA BOYS STATE June 9th-14th, 2024

Location: North Dakota State College of Science Campus - Wahpeton, ND

An exciting weeklong program that gives you a firsthand experience running state government. Young men who have completed their junior year are invited to develop their talents and leadership skills, meet new people and experience campus life. Transportation is available if needed. One .50 credit of social studies can be earned by participation. Scholarship information available.

Samsung American Legion Scholarship: The Samsung corporation awards numerous scholarships to students who attend Boys and Girls state. For information regarding eligibility and application information, please visit <http://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung> . Costs deferred by the local American Legion Post or other civic organizations. Contact Neil Litton (701) 866-3796 for sponsor assistance.

Online Application and additional information located at: www.ndboysstate.org

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2024

Never look back,
There is nothing there for



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Comp Day	2 Speech @ Carrington Archery @ BCN
3	4 E-VB Practice Starts @ MES	5	6	7 BBB Regionals @ Devils Lake	8	9 Speech @ MHS Mandy Hoyt Me- morial Archery @ Kensal
				State Class B Girls B-ball Tourney @ Jmstrn		
10 Daylight Savings Time Starts	11	12 7:30am School Board Mtg @ MES 4:30pm E-VB @ MHS vs. Carrington (2) Large Group Music @ Carrington	13 Foster County Health @ MHS	14 NO ASC End Q3 5:30pm E-VB @ New Rockford (2)	15 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	16 Speech @ Valley City State Archery @ Minot
				State Class B Boys Basketball Tournament @ Minot		
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Students Leave for DC Trip Baseball & Soft- ball Practice Starts	19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22 Students Return from DC Ag Extension Day at MES	23 Speech @ BCN
24	25	26	27	28 NO ASC ACT Testing— Jrs.	29 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	30
FBLA State Leadership Conference @ Bismarck			8am Parent Breakfast @ MES 9am 5th & 6th Grade Musical			
31 Happy Easter	4pm E-VB @ MES vs. GCC (2)	Family Stem Night @ MES ND Seal @ MES				

North Dakota LEADERSHIP Seminar

The North Dakota Leadership Seminar will be held on **May 31-June 2, 2024, at the University of Jamestown** in Jamestown, ND.

NDLS is a very different kind of seminar. In three short days, students are exposed to ideas on leadership, community involvement, and volunteerism through interactive sessions with business and community leaders from across the state. It is a motivating, high-energy experience. A wide range

of speakers and discussions cover timely topics. Activities include a mock legislative session, team building activities, and the completion of a service project (hours are counted by the high school for Choice Ready). NDLS brings out a whole new level of leadership in the students by building their confidence and developing critical thinking skills. They develop leadership skills and build strong friendships with other student leaders from across the state. This is a weekend where everyone who attends is not judged for their academic or athletic talents but accepted as individuals.

What type of student should attend NDLS?

We are looking for students who want to grow as individuals.

Registration:

Please contact Mrs. Brandt if you are interested in this opportunity.

Every high school in the state is eligible to send **one sophomore student** to this program. If two people are interested, we will try to register both. There is no cost to the school, the student or his/her family. Students need

to register as soon as possible since the registration deadline is **March 15, 2024**. For more information regarding the program, visit www.ndleadership.org. Additional information is also available from **Thomas Muscha at 701-341-0195 or via email at register.ndls@gmail.com**.



North Dakota Farmers Union

2024 Summer Camp Schedule



Junior Camp

Completed Grades 3-6

June 10-13	James River 1	Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Foster, Grand Forks, Griggs, Nelson, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey, Rolette, Steele, Towner, Traill, Walsh & Wells
June 17-20	Heart Butte 1	Bottineau, Burke, Divide, McHenry, Mountrail, Renville, Ward & Williams
June 24-27	Heart Butte 2	Adams, Bowman/Slope, Grant, Hettinger, Morton & Sioux
June 25-28	James River 2	Statewide
June 30- July 3	James River 3	Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent & Stutsman
June 30- July 3	Heart Butte 3	Statewide
July 15-18	James River 4	Statewide
July 16-19	Heart Butte 4	Burleigh & Sheridan
July 22-25	James River 5	Barnes, Dickey, Emmons, Kidder, LaMoure, Logan & McIntosh
July 23-26	Heart Butte 5	Billings/Golden Valley, Dunn, McLean, Mercer, McKenzie, Oliver & Stark

Senior Camp

Completed Grades 7-12

June 11-15	Heart Butte 1	Grades 7-12
June 18-22	James River 1	Grades 7-9
July 8-12	James River 2	Grades 7-12
July 9-13	Heart Butte 2	Grades 7-9
July 29-Aug 2	James River 3	Grades 10-12
July 30- Aug 3	Heart Butte 3	Grades 10-12

Early Bird Special!

Register by May 15 and receive a discount on your registration fee!

Visit NDFU.ORG for more details.

Award Trips (Invitation Only)

April 27-28	7th & 8th Grade Lock-In	Jamestown
June 24-28	All-States Leadership Camp	Wisconsin
July 22-25	Third Year Award Trip	Twin Cities



Live for today, not for tomorrow.

MARCH

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 NO SCHOOL Parent/ Teacher Comp Day	2
3	4 E: Chicken Nuggets HS: Fettuccini Alfredo	5 E: Pulled Pork HS: Turkey Dinner	6 E: Meatloaf HS: Crisпитos	7 E: Chicken Fajitas HS: Mesquite Chicken Legs	8 E: Pizza HS: French Dips	9
10	11 E: Chicken Burgers HS: Ham & Baked Potato	12 E: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham HS: Burritos	13 E: Taco in a Bag HS: Pizza Sticks	14 E: Breakfast HS: Pulled Pork	15 NO SCHOOL Spring Break	16
17	18 E: Hamburg- ers HS: Chicken Bowls	19 E: Chicken Gravy HS: Soup & Toasty Dogs	20 E: Hamburger Hotdish HS: Tacos & Fajitas	21 E: Orange Chicken HS: Spaghetti	22 E: Soup & Sandwiches HS: BBQ's	23
24 _____ _____ 31	25 E: Hot dogs & Corndogs HS: Orange Chicken	26 E: Tacos HS: Hot Ham -N-Cheese	27 E: Chicken & Rice HS: Breakfast	28 E: Spaghetti HS: Chicken Burgers	29 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	30

North Dakota Farmers Union Camp

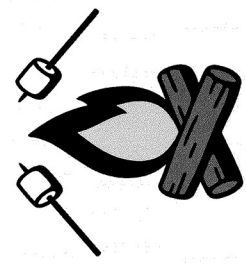
Co-op Store – Games – Fun – Music – Campfire

#farmersunioncamp

2024 CAMP DATES

James River	Heart Butte
June 10-13 Grades 3-6	June 11-15 Grades 7-12
June 18-22 Grades 7-9	June 17-20 Grades 3-6
June 25-28 Grades 3-6	June 24-27 Grades 3-6
June 30-July 3 Grades 3-6	June 30-July 3 Grades 3-6
July 8-12 Grades 7-12	July 9-13 Grades 7-9
July 15-18 Grades 3-6	July 16-19 Grades 3-6
July 22-25 Grades 3-6	July 23-26 Grades 3-6
July 29-Aug 2 Grades 10-12	July 30-Aug 3 Grades 10-12

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Regular Board of Education Meeting

Midkota School District 7

January 9th, 2023, 7:30 AM

Midkota Elementary School

Binford, North Dakota

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

Others Present: Superintendent Gilbert Black, Charla Hoyt, Katie Ellingson-Zimprich, Elementary Principal Linn Dockter, High School Principal Kristi Halvorson.

Present Via Zoom: Carrie Braaten.

Absent: Shian Hoyt

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Establish a Quorum
- 1.3 Additions to Agenda/Agenda Approval

President Utke called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a quorum was established. With no additions to the agenda, Spickler motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Halvorson. Motion carried.

2. Reports

2.1 Activities Director Report-

The Sports Coop met. The Head Volleyball coach submitted her resignation. The Coop discussed hiring another Basketball and Football coach. There was also discussion of coaches having mentors.

B. Hoffman motioned to hire Tim Ronnigen for Boys Basketball coaching. Seconded by P. Hoffman, Motion carried.

P. Hoffman motioned to accept the Resignation of Head Volleyball coach. Seconded by Spickler, Motion carried.

P. Hoffman motioned to hire a 5th Football coach. Seconded by Halvorson, Motion carried.

2.2 Elementary Principal Report-

Gingerbread house day went well and Christmas fun was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Brandt was granted an extension for our Cognia review. Monday, January 15th there is no school. January 24th the Elementary school will have an assembly called "The Curt Show," which is a comedian. The Positive Classroom Management book study starts on January 23rd.

2.3 HS Principal Report-

The high school is finalizing semester 2 schedules. Tentative snowball dance planned for January 27th. FBLA Convention is March 24-26 in Bismarck. We have a shortage in our Resource room. Would like to hire someone to help out. The tentative dates of the Close-up trip are March 17-22. Pre-ACT testing is coming up in January, NAEP Testing is in February, and ACT testing is in March.

2.4 Superintendent Report

As our interim Superintendent, Mr. Black is able to work 1000 hours. Kensal reports 600. Midkota has 400. This would not be exceeded working 2 days per week until July 1, 2024. ESSER Report will be completed this week. Federal Funds reimbursement requests will be completed as required. A civil Rights report is due in February. Working on the process of the cabin transfer to the new owner. Continuing to research grants.

2.5 Business Manager Report-

Energy grant will need pictures and final bill to complete our request for reimbursement. Waiting on a quote for the heater in the band room.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Minutes-Regular December 12th Meeting
- 3.2 December Bills
- 3.3 January Budget

Vollmer motioned to approve consent agenda excluding Kolenda bill. Seconded by Spickler, motion carried.

Halvorson motioned to approve Katie Ellingson, Business Manager, for starting a new CD up to 1 Million Dollars. Spickler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Unfinished Business

4.1 Boiler Updates-Louis Halvorson

The boiler project is finished. Josh Kolenda discovered some piping issues that will need to be addressed. There was discussion of payments already made, late fees being waved, and turning into insurance a claim for the pump that went bad.

4.2 Building Plans-

There was discussion to getting back to this and figure out where we left off.

5. New Business

5.1 Be Legendary School Board Leadership Institute-

The board was offered to joined another local school district at the Be Legendary Institute. Board members will let President Utke know if they wish to attend.

5.2 Audit for FYE 2021 & 2022-

Mr. Julson, Auditor, will plan to be at the February board meeting.

5.3 Hire Mike Monson as Interim Entrepreneurship Teacher and determine compensation.

Halvorson motioned to hire Mike Monson as Interim Entrepreneurship Teacher with compensation based on 1.5/8^{ths} of the Salary Schedule. Vollmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5.4 Redesignate Ryan's Appointments 2023-2024 Appointments

GST Multidistrict Educational Services Representative

B. Hoffman motioned to appoint Kristi Halvorson and Linn Dockter as GST Multidistrict Educational Services Representatives for the 2023-2024 school year. Seconded by Vollmer, Motion carried.

GWN ITV (Great Western Network) Representative

B. Hoffman motioned to appoint Kristi Halvorson as the GWN ITV Representative for the 2023-2024 school year. Seconded by P. Hoffman. Motion carried.

Title I, REAP, Title IV, ADA, DOT Drug & Alcohol Safety, and Title IX Contact Person

B. Hoffman motioned to appoint Superintendent Gilbert Black as the Title I, REAP, Title IV, ADA, DOT Drug & Alcohol Safety, and Title IX contact person. Halvorson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Section 504

B. Hoffman motioned to appoint Iris Brandt as the Section 504 representative. P. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5.5 New Superintendent Search

Opening up our search for a Superintendent for 2024-2025 school year was discussed.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Budget/Finance

6.2 Buildings

6.3 Curriculum, Technology, & Policy

6.4 Sports Cooperative- Discussion on hiring more coaches for basketball and football. Discussion of baseball. Discussion of head volleyball coach resignation.

7. Adjournment & Next Meeting

P. Hoffman motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 AM. Vollmer seconded the motion. On roll call vote, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th – 7:30 am, Midkota High School in Glenfield, ND.

Special School Board Meeting

Midkota School District 7

January 10, 2024, 3:30 PM

Via Zoom Only

Board Members Present Via Zoom: President Joel Utke, Shian Hoyt, Bobbi Hoffman, Preston Hoffman, Louis Halvorson.

Others Present: Katie Ellingson-Zimprich, Superintendent Gilbert Black

Absent: Vice President Veronica Vollmer, Justin Spickler

Agenda:

Call the Meeting to Order

President Utke called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM and a quorum was established

New Business-Kolenda Bill

Hoyt motioned to pay \$48,912.48 to our Kolenda bill. This excludes late fees. Halvorson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voting yes, motion carried.

Adjournment

Hoyt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 PM. P. Hoffman seconded the motion. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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