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



Washington D.C. and New York Trip

Thirteen juniors and seniors and their two chaperones traveled to Washington D.C. and New York March 18-22. After leaving Glenfield in the early morning hours on Monday, the group arrived in Washington. The first day they toured the Holocaust Museum, Natural History Museum, and the National Portrait Gallery. Evenings all three days in Washington included tours of the memorials throughout the city. Tuesday included

stops at the Capitol, White House, and a tour of the National Cathedral. Many of the students really enjoyed exploring the grounds of Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home and the site of his tomb, in the afternoon. The third day included Ford's Theater as well as the Washington Monument and National Archives. They also witnessed the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Thursday the group left bright and early for New York City. They walked through Central Park and Midtown Manhattan where they saw St. Patrick's Cathedral and Rockefeller Center. The group took the subway to Little Italy for supper and then went to their hotel right on Times Square. That night was a trip highlight of watching *The Outsiders* on Broadway. The final day the group took a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and later saw the 9/11 memorial before catching their plane

home.



It was a whirlwind five days with so many great experiences for our students. The participants included seniors James Adrian, Brienna Ehlers, Kyle Johnson, Isabelle Kraft, Ryleigh Miller, Aydin Mutchler, Trinity Smith, Maya Wentz, and juniors Savanna Dreher, Grace Johnson, Kylie Johnson, Myla Larson, and Vanessa Vollmer,



THANK YOU to everyone who supported our students' trip to

D.C. and New York.



Special thanks to their raffle sponsors and congratulations to the winners!!

- ◆ \$200 DX6 Transport—Storm Rahlf
- ◆ \$100 Johnson Custom Hauling—Jay Kulsrud
- ◆ \$100 Right Direction Properties—Derek Barclay
- ◆ 22 lbs beef Spickler Ranch North—Audrey Adrian
- ◆ \$50 Re-Bar—Alaina Yri
- ◆ \$50x2 Runnings—Gilbert Black and Bill Wobbema
- ◆ Lap Quilt by Lisa McCracken—Jennifer Stalvik
- ◆ Pampered Chef indoor/outdoor grill—Brett Ehni
- ◆ \$30 Custom Cuts—Kathy Kraemer
- ◆ \$25 The Hair Oasis—Jo Black
- ◆ Nutrien Gift Bag—Dan Snow
- ◆ Allied Agronomy sweatshirts—Gloria Blumhagen
- ◆ Oil Changex3 OK Tire—Jill Anderson, Kim Anderson, Erin Dreher



Ag Sales Trip to Retzlaff Seed

On March 7th, the Midkota Ag Sales class took a trip to a newly owned seed company, Retzlaff Seed. Retzlaff Seed focuses on Pioneer product, selling corn seed. We got to learn what it takes to run a business from the owner, Doug Retzlaff. Doug hired Brendon Ruppell to manage the technology and analyze satellite imagery to help improve customer yields. It was great to hear firsthand what it's like to run a business. ~Midkota Ag Sales Class



Spring Fun and Ferris Bueller

By: Mrs. Dockter

I feel like I closed my eyes at the end of February and woke up only to find out that April starts next week! Where did March go? In the life of a teacher different seasons of the school year are felt differently. As busy as we are the rest of the year, when we hit March, teachers are in full out sprint mode until May. Spring is full of learning, growth, activities, and celebrations. Our students amaze us with their abilities and accomplishments, and we strive to fill each day with as much as we can because in the back of our minds we know that our students won't be ours for too much longer. It is a crazy, busy, but wonderful time of year.

March was an amazingly fun reading month as we read our way across America (more on that in the next Messenger)! The 5th and 6th grade classes just completed their musical that they have been practicing since September. The 4th Grade has their Wax Museum next week, and Clean Up Day and Track Day will soon be upon us. Along with that Kindergarten Graduation, the Spring concert and Mother's Day Tea are right around the corner. Field Trips are also on the horizon as the weather warms up. A whirlwind of excitement is upon us, but we also want to make each day count.

So stop and smell the roses, and as Ferris Bueller once said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." :)



The archery team wrapped up their season at the state tournament in Minot on Friday and Saturday March 15 and 16. **Twenty six** of our archers competed in bullseye and 3D with two qualifying for nationals. **Jesse Wessels placed 7th out of 182** in the middle school boys division of 3D, while brother **Cole placed 10th out of 208** in middle school boys bullseye division.

Congratulations Jesse and Cole!



Mustangs of the Month



Bentley Barclay

Bentley is the son of Keisha Rickford and Derek Barclay and has one sister named Sky. Bentley is in 7th Grade and is involved in Basketball. His favorite pastime is to play video games.

Bentley's favorite subjects are art, choir, band, general music, and computer class. His current goal is to finish with A's only.

Bentley was nominated for his kindness to others, his dedication to his homework, and his positive attitude.



Cooper Timm

Cooper is the son of Todd and Kamy Timm and has one brother, Jake. Cooper is in the 10th grade and is involved in basketball, FBLA, and FFA. His favorite pastime is farming and ranching.

Cooper's favorite subject is agriculture and his current goal is to maintain good grades. After High School, Cooper plans to attend college.

Cooper was nominated for his dedication to getting his work done and his determination to get good grades.



Mason Iverson

Mason is the son of Justin and Theresa Iverson and has one sister, Jessica. Mason is in 11th grade and is active in FBLA. His favorite pastime is working on vehicles.

Mason's favorite subject is Math. Mason's future goals are to attend BSC to be a lineman and to own many Second Gen Cummins.

Mason was nominated for being a leader at school and being a positive role model for others.

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!

Midkota Seniors!

Midkota Scholarships are available!

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- 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](#)

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.

Even on your toughest days, you're still someone's favorite teacher.

April

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 NO SCHOOL Easter Monday	2 E: Chicken Alfredo HSL Chicken Strips & Cheesy Hash-browns	3 E: BBQ's HS: Crisпитos	4 E: Meat & Cheese Lunchables HS: Meatloaf	5 E: Pizza HS: Macaroni Hotdish	6
7	8 E: Chicken Nuggets & Mac-N-Cheese HS: Tater Tot Hotdish	9 E: Meatloaf HS: Mac-N-Cheese & Mini Corn Dogs	10 E: Chicken & Rice HS: Tacos & Chicken Fajitas	11 E: Hotdish HS: Stew	12 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: Rib Sandwiches	13
14	15 E: Spaghetti HS: Spaghetti	16 E: Taco in a Bag HS: Meatballs	17 E: Hot dogs & Corn dogs HS: Subs & Salads	18 E: Beef Stew HS: Orange Chicken	19 E: Pizza HS: BBQ's	20
21	22 E: Chicken Burgers HS: Chicken Fried Steak	23 E: Meatballs HS: Hot dogs, Polish Sausage, Corn Dogs	24 E: Biscuits & Gravy HS: Breakfast	25 E: Hamburgers HS: Chicken Bowls	26 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: Chicken Burgers	27
28	29 E: Orange Chicken HS: Orange Chicken	30 E: Pulled Pork HS: Soup & Sandwiches				

North Dakota Farmers Union Camp

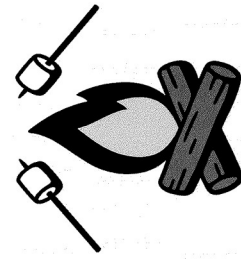
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2024 CAMP DATES

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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	1	NO SCHOOL Easter Break	2	2:45pm Sgt Tanata meet with Juniors 4pm E-VB @ MEs vs. Dakota Prairie (2)	3	Small Group Music Contest @ University of Jamestown	4	1:30pm 4th Grade Wax Museum 4pm Baseball @ Tolna vs. Midway/Minto; V, JV	5	4pm Baseball @ Tolna vs. Langdon; JV, JH 5pm Red River Valley Indoor @ UND	6	Speech @ Park River
7		8 Boys Golf Practice Starts 4pm Baseball @ Tolna vs. PCN; V, JV 4pm E-VB @ GCC (2)	9 7:30am School Board Mtg @ MHS; 4pm Softball @ Larimore; V, JV 4:30pm E-VB @ Carrington (2)	10	Foster County Health @ MHS	11	2:30pm Track @ Langdon; Varsity 4pm Softball @ Hope vs. Maple River; V, JV	12	1pm Track @ Grafton; Varsity 4:30pm E-VB @ Kensal vs. P-B	13	PROM Speech Regionals @ Carrington 1pm Pembina Co. Indoor@UND	
14		15 10a Varsity Golf @ Casselton; 4p Track @ Lisbon; V; 4p Softball @ McVillevs. Grafton; V, JV; 4p Baseball @ Tolna vs. Thompson; V, JV	16 Baseball & Softball Pics; 4:30pm E-VB @ MHS vs. NR (2) 2pm Varsity Track @ Carrington	17	9a & 1p JV Golf @ Goose River; 2p Track @ Mayville; V, JH; 4:30p E-VB @ Buchanan; 4:30p JH Baseball @ DL (2)	18	9a & 1p JV Golf @ Goose River; 2p Track @ Mayville; V, JH; 4:30p E-VB @ Buchanan; 4:30p JH Baseball @ DL (2)	19	Lynnes Welding @ MHS; 10a Varsity Golf @ Mayville; 4p Baseball @ NR; V, JV; 4:30p Softball @ Carrington; V, JV	20	TBD E-VB Tourney @ Kensal 1p JH Track @ Mayville	
21		22 10a Varsity Golf @ Hillsboro	23 3p Track @ Valley City; V, JH 4p Baseball @ Larimore; V, JV	24		25	3p JH Track @ Hillsboro; 4p Baseball @ Mayville; V, JV 4p Softball @ McVillevs. MPPC; V, JV	26	9a & 1p JV Golf @ Cottonwood; 12:30p Varsity Baseball @ NR vs. Park River; 4p Softball @ Cavalier vs. PCN; V, JV	27	State Speech @ Mandan; 3p Varsity Baseball @ NR vs. Kidder County; 4p Varsity Track @ Hillsboro	
28		29 9a Varsity Golf @ Moorhead; 3p JH Track @ Grafton; 4p JH Baseball @ Tolna vs. New Rockford (1)	30 2p Varsity Track @ Kindred; 4p Baseball @ Northwood; V, JV 4p Softball @ McVillevs. Thompson; V, JV									

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Midkota School District 7
February 13th, 2024, 7:30 AM
Midkota High School
Glenfield, North Dakota

Board Members Present: Vice President Veronica Vollmer, Louis Halvorson, Shian Hoyt, and Justin Spickler.

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

Present Via Zoom: Carrie Braaten, Elementary Principal Linn Dockter, Auditor Daniel Julson, Iris Brandt

Absent: President Joel Utke, Bobbi Hoffman, Preston Hoffman

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2 Establish a Quorum
- 1.3 Additions to Agenda/Agenda Approval-Resignation Stacy Adrian, 2024-2025 School Calendar

Vice President Vollmer called the meeting to order at 7:34 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance and a quorum was established. Hoyt motioned to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion was seconded by Halvorson. Motion carried.

2. Reports

2.1 Activities Director Report-District Seating Meeting is tomorrow. Girls Basketball finished up their season on Monday. Basketball Schedules are ready for next year. Softball, Baseball, and Volleyball start in March.

2.2 Elementary Principal Report-Kindness Week went well at the elementary. We practiced intentional kindness with each other, our teachers, the high school, and local nursing home residents. The 100th Day of School was celebrated on Feb. 5th. Elementary PE students participating in Jump Rope for Heart in the month of February. Spring Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Feb. 29th at Glenfield. Elementary VB will begin the first week of March. Reading Month is coming up in March. This year's theme is Read Across America. Griggs County Ag Extension Day on March 22nd. Parent Breakfast and 5th and 6th Grade Musical is on Wednesday, March 27.

2.3 HS Principal Report- Snowball Dance was held January 27th, about 110 students from the area attended. Advertisement for Para was posted on Facebook, will extend to other avenues. Make-up NAEP Testing, 8th Grade – Feb. 13th @ 1 pm. Senior Field Trip to BSC, Hair Academy, & Lynnes Welding – Feb. 15th. Three on three Tournament is on Feb. 18th at MHS & MES. Junior & Sophomore Field Trip to Mayville State – Feb. 21. PT Conferences are at HS & Early out – Feb. 29. FAFSA Night was held online on Feb. 7th for Juniors and Seniors. Juniors attended CTE day in Devils Lake last week. Starting Sources of Strength back up to address Social and Emotional needs. DPI required student engagement survey is wrapping up. Mrs. Halvorson attended principals conference last week in Bismarck, great information on upcoming Cybersecurity Integration plans, Artificial Intelligence (IA), and many breakout sessions and networking opportunities.

2.4 Superintendent Report- AI (Artificial Intelligence) presentations-Explanations on use of artificial intelligence for administrators and educators and how to prepare students for the future.

Cybersecurity Integration plan: Cybersecurity plans required to be approved by each school district by July 1st. Our principals are working on these and will be ready for approval.

Budget/resource allocations: Looked forward to legislation affecting future funding.

School Construction Coalition: School districts have come together to develop solutions to meet school facility needs. Costs of construction have increased so fast that a school district's ability to finance projects has become a challenge. Many districts lack financial resources to replace outdated buildings or add to existing structures. This School Funding Task Force is working to convince the legislature that the state should step in to help fund school construction as many states do. They are requesting a \$1000 contribution to help them lead an effort to develop a solution.

School Calendar: Important to follow district contract days and being careful when considering required hours. This is being monitored closely so we want to make sure our calendar fulfills state and district requirements by days in school.

Good keynote speakers addressed the importance of character development and school culture.

2.5 Business Manager Report- Preston, Joel, and Veronica up for election. CD is completed. Electric Boiler inspector was at Elementary School and our inspection passed. We are receiving Superintendent applications. I learned about the Building Fund and special reserve fund at Business Manager Classes

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1 Minutes-Regular January 9th Meeting, Special Meeting January 10th minutes, Building committee meeting.
- 3.2 January Bills
- 3.3 February Budget
- 3.4 Pledge of Assets

Hoyt motioned to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, all voting yes, motion carried.

4. Unfinished Business

- 4.1 Cabin update-Our lawyer is drafting up a purchase agreement.
- 4.2 AVI update-Our fire alarm systems causing beeping and heating issues have been replaced.

5. New Business

5.1 Audit for FYE 2021 & 2022-Our auditor, Daniel Julson reviewed his findings and recommendations for the fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

Hoyt motioned to end zoom meeting due to spamming of our meeting. Seconded by Spickler. Motion carried.

- 5.2 Iris-Midkota Foundation-This needs to be set up again. Along with Our Building Authority.
- 5.3 Lawnmower-Our lawn mower is not working. Louis will look into a new one.
- 5.4 Superintendent Applications/Hiring Committee-We have started receiving applications for Superintendent. Hiring Committee: Shian, Joel, Justin, Linn, 2 Teachers
- 5.5 Set Election date, polling places, and poll hours-

Spickler motioned to set June 11, 2024 as the School Board Election date, Grace City Café, Binford Elementary, and Glenfield High School as the polling places, and 11 AM to 7 PM as the polling hours. Halvorson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voting yes, motion carried.

- 5.6 School Perceptions (School Survey Company)

Hoyt Motioned to hire School Perceptions for our survey company. Motion was seconded by Spickler. On roll call vote, all voting yes, motion carried.

- 5.7 Business Teacher (Open Position)

Hoyt motioned to open the position for a Business Teacher. Seconded by Spickler. On roll call vote, all voting yes, motion carried.

5.8 CTE Carrington Volunteers-Carrington is working on setting up a CTE center and would like to present to the board. The board discussed the Representative from Carrington to attend our March meeting if possible.

- 5.9 Open Enrollment Student

Hoyt motioned to approve the open enrollment request presented. Spickler seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voting yes, motion carried.

- 5.10 Resignation-Stacy Adrian-

With sadness and appreciation, Hoyt motioned to accept Stacy Adrian's letter of resignation. Seconded by Halvorson, on roll call vote, motion carried. Hoyt motioned to open this counselor position. Spickler seconded the motion. On roll call vote, motion carried.

5.11 2024-2025 School Calendar- Options for school calendar for the 2024-2025 School year were presented. Option 3 was the top choice for most staff.

Hoyt motioned to approve option 3 as the school calendar for 2024-2025. Halvorson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, motion carried.

6. Committee Reports

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

7. Adjournment & Next Meeting

Hoyt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 AM. Halvorson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th – 7:30 am, Midkota Elementary School in Binford, ND.