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A Few Things by Jay Slade, Superintendent



Hello everyone and welcome to October;

The month of candy, costumes, and changing weather. For public education October is an important month for reevaluating how the year has started. One way to accomplish this reevaluation is examining testing data. I know testing data is not the most compelling topic, but it is a crucial tool to move forward employing best practices for our students. A second reason October is crucial to public education is it is a great check-in point of the year. As your students move closer to mid-term, please log in to power school and check in. If you have concerns/questions/suggestions, please check-in with your student teachers. If you are unsure about your students academics and classes they need to take for semester two, please check-in with them or check-in with the offices.

Our Nelson County Chargers and Dakota Prairie Knights Fall Activities are in full swing. Ms. Johnson is once again heading up the One Act Play and is looking for continued success at Regionals and beyond. Coach Snyder and his coaching staff have our football team playing at a high level every week. Even though the Homecoming Game didn't end up quite the way we wanted, it was great to see the athleticism and work ethic our team exhibited. Coach Sand and her coaching staff are pushing their athletes to do their best and it is showing. You can see they are working hard, improving, and having a blast. Coach Kueber has those 5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball players running and shooting. It is so fun to watch the future of our program putting in the time and work at that level.

For my last topic I am going to be as plain as I can be. We need bus drivers. I am so thankful to all of the dedicated drivers who make Dakota Prairie work. If it were not for them, Dakota Prairie would look very different for all of us. With that in mind, our existing drivers need assistance. This assistance can be as a substitute driver, a route driver, or an activities driver. Simply stated, if you have a drivers license and a moderately flexible schedule, we will work with you. Without new drivers, I am unsure how we can continue to offer the shuttles/routes/assistance we have all come to know as a family friendly practice here at DP.

As always, Go Knights! Go Chargers!

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LIBRARY NEWS

Dakota Prairie Elementary students in grades 4-6 have been helping Miss Johnson select new books for the library. Each year, book publishing companies send “preview” boxes of books they have recently published for libraries to look through and select for their collections. I think I had 7 boxes at the elementary school this year, and five at the high school. Students went into groups and a 2 minute timer was started for the group to look through the materials. I usually ask students to think about whether they would be interested in checking it out, the difficulty of the text, and pay attention to the pictures. At the end of the two minutes, the books are stacked and then rotated clockwise to the next group, until each group has seen the selections.

This year, they chose many animal titles — *Black Bear vs. Mountain Lion*, *Herding [dog] Group*, and *Wild Hog Hunting*— and some new Minecraft material: *Top 10 Minecraft Structures*. They also gravitated toward graphic novels — *Nafu Wants Food* and *Ducky the Spy* being two they selected. Many of the books they selected have already been added to the library’s catalog and are available to check-out. Some are so new that MARC records don’t yet exist and they will be added to the collection once they are updated online. (MARC records contain the digital information needed to catalog a book in our collection like title, author, publication information, and the codes and tags about the contents, so they can be found easily in searches.)

At the high school, the first round of **Love or Lemon** is underway. The display contains books that have not been checked out in quite some time. The hope is, by making them visible, they may get checked out by a student. When the student returns a book from Love or Lemon, they let me know if they enjoyed it and whether it (and sometimes others in the series) should stay in the library. I usually keep the display for 4-6 weeks before removing the lemons from our collection and adding another armful to the display.

In case you missed it in the September issue — Here are the elementary library rotation days:

Tuesday: Kindergarten, 3rd Grade, and 5th Grade

Wednesday: PK and 4th Grade

Thursday: 1st Grade, 2nd Grade, and 6th Grade

Keep reading!

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NC CHARGER BAND AND CHOIR

October 31st Halloween Concert @ Elementary McVile/Lakota

December 2nd Winter Concert @ 6pm at Lakota High School

March 11th Large Group Music Festival March @ Carrington

April 1st Solo/Ensemble contest @ Jamestown

May 2nd State Music

May 4th Spring Concert Tuesday @ 6pm at Dakota Prairie High School

Dates may change. Watch this section and social media for updates to this schedule throughout the school year.



PICTURE RETAKE DAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

PLEASE RETURN PICTURE ENVELOPE IF YOU PLAN TO
RETAKE, OR IF YOU DID NOT TAKE PICTURES EARLIER
THIS YEAR

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 15th

Petersburg

1pm-6pm

Dakota Prairie Schools will be utilizing Sign-up Genius again for parents to sign up for times that work best for them. Check social media and/or the DP school website for links to register.

THANKS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT!

Huge thank yous go out to the Kinnebergs for the trumpet, Josh Kolenda for the percussion equipment, and the Monsebrotns for the trumpet.

These donations are much appreciated.

Being A Bus Driver: A Rewarding Experience

Submitted by Mr. Dustin Martin



When I was young, my father had me drive the grain truck from the field into our farmyard to dump barley, oats, wheat, or canola into the bin. When I decided and was determined that farming was not going to be for me and went into the education field, little did I know that my days of driving were not over.

Going to Minot State University, one of my mentors in the education field strongly encouraged me to add a passenger/bus endorsement to my Commercial Driver's License (CDL). Des Lacs/Burlington Public School where I was coaching at the time let me use one of their buses to take the driving test.

As I enter my 24th year of driving school or activity bus, I remember that a lot of my most memorable times in education were driving young students to school, to an event like the regional FCCLA conference in early November or to sporting events. It was great to see the students I had in my classroom or see around town competing in sports or take in/participate in events that changed their lives. I still have previous students who thank me for taking them to these events if I see them in Grand Forks or around town. Coaches are grateful they can focus on the game or take care of stats instead of driving. Parents were happy they did not have to run into town to pick up their child who was done with school. Who knew that getting behind the wheel could make such a difference!

Driving the bus is a great side gig, retirement career or if you want to make a difference while making some extra money to take that trip you have always wanted or to help put extra money into your child's 529 college savings account. If you want to make a difference and join the Dakota Prairie Public School team, please contact Mr. Slade for more information.

The High School's First 7 Mindsets Project Day of 2025

Wednesday, September 24th was the first project day for 7M this year. Many groups were able to get out into the community to share the mindset "Everything is Possible."



Seniors read to PK and Kindergarten.



Some 9th graders helped refresh the flower bed in front of the Petersburg Post Office.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

~ UNOFFICIAL MINUTES~

DAKOTA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DIST # 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

7:30 BUDGET HEARING AND 8:00 P.M. REGULAR BOARD MEETING

IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

- ◆ Mr. David Blasey—President
- ◆ Mr. Charlie Stein
- ◆ Mrs. Jennifer Rusten
- ◆ Mrs. Nikki Ohnstad
- ◆ Mrs. Anna Halvorson

There were no one but board members in attendance for the budget hearing.

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Blasey with members Nikki Ohnstad, Anna Halvorson and Jennifer Rusten in person and Charlie Stein on Zoom. Also present were Superintendent Jay Slade, Principals Jackie Bye, Clay Johnson and Lori Dahl, Business Manager as well as Hunter Sand Activity Director.

The new agenda format was reviewed and action on the voluntary recitation of the pledge was moved to new business.

Motion by Anna Halvorson, second by Nikki Ohnstad to approve the agenda as printed. All in favor, motion carried.

The minutes were sent to the board for review. Motion by Jennifer Rusten, second by Nikko Ohnstad to approve the minutes as printed. All in favor, motion carried.

The bill list was presented for review. Motion by Charlie Stein, second by Anna Halvorson to approve the bills for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

The Activity Director report included updates on girls' golf, regionals and schedule changes. The football season is off to a good start; there have also been schedule changes. Volleyball is improving as the season progresses. The coaches are using the iPad for stats and recording; they are also using them for a spreadsheet to track the students riding the buses to and from games. The football field is ready for Homecoming, thank you to all the volunteers who helped get it in shape!

Dr. Bye reported on the elementary events and activities, the year has started very smooth, the only concern is some attendance issues. The building projects are in progress with the heating/air project, and the bathroom stalls are just waiting on a few bolts to be complete. Dr. Bye reported on staff and student enrollment as well as additional upcoming dates and events.

Mr. Johnson also has had a smooth start to the school year and has some of the same attendance concerns. The one act play has started practices, he reported on the upcoming testing and parent teacher conferences. Mr. Johnson would also like to pursue getting a therapy dog to have at the high school, more information to come as he researches the idea.

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School Board Minutes continued.

The NDSBA Convention is October 9 and 10 in Bismarck, Lori Dahl will complete the registrations and make the room reservations for all who wish to attend.

The board discussed the new requirements for meeting agendas, timeline for getting on the agenda and the pledge at meetings.

Superintendent Slade presented the following policies for 1st reading:

DBAC: Motion by Jennifer Rusten, second by Charlie Stein to approve DBCA with the changes for first reading. All in favor, motion carried.

ABEA-AR1: Motion by Anna Halvorson, second by Nikki Ohnstad to approve ABEA-AR1 for 1st reading. All in favor, motion carried.

KBA: Motion by Jennifer Rusten, second by Anna Halvorson to approve KBA for 1st reading. All in favor, motion carried.

FFF: Motion by Anna Halvorson, second by Jennifer Rusten to approve FFF for 1st reading. All in favor, motion carried.

The follow policies were presented for 2nd reading:

FGDB: Motion by Jennifer Rusten, second by Anna Halvorson to approve FGDB for 2nd reading. All in favor, motion carried.

DBAA: Motion by Charlie Stein, second by Jennifer Rusten to approve DBAA for 2nd reading. All in favor, motion carried.

The 2025-26 final budget was presented for approval with \$6,313,433 and expenditures of \$6,774,459. Motion by Jennifer Rusten, second by Anna Halvorson to approve the 2025-26 budget. All in favor, motion carried.

The August 2025 financial reports were reviewed. Motion by Charlie Stein, second by Jennifer Rusten to approve the August 2025 financial reports as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Charlie Stein, second by Anna Halvorson for the board to approve saying the pledge of allegiance prior to the board meetings. All in favor, motion carried

Motion by Jennifer Rusten, second by Nikki Ohnstad that items for board consideration need to be given to the Superintendent at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting is October 8, 2025, at 8:00 p.m. via zoom only.

Motion by Jennifer Rusten to adjourn.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Spotting Depression in Gen Z

Depression doesn't always look the same from one generation to the next. Gen Z (13-28 year olds) talk more openly about mental health than older generations ever did, but that doesn't mean it's "just a phase."

How it shows up in Gen Z:

- Not just sadness—irritability, pulling away from friends, or being tired all the time can be signs
- Constant online connection and increased screen time isolate teens and doesn't allow them to boost positive neurotransmitters like oxytocin and norepinephrine
- Society has changed since the pandemic. Uncertainty about the future, home life stress, and outlets like clubs, sports and church have faded for teens and their families

Different than past generations?

Older adults might have hidden it or called it "stress." Gen Z is more likely to name it—and that means more screenings and more chances to catch it early.

Boys vs. girls:

Boys may not show sadness the same way as girls. Often they'll be quick to anger, take high stakes risks, or shut down emotionally.

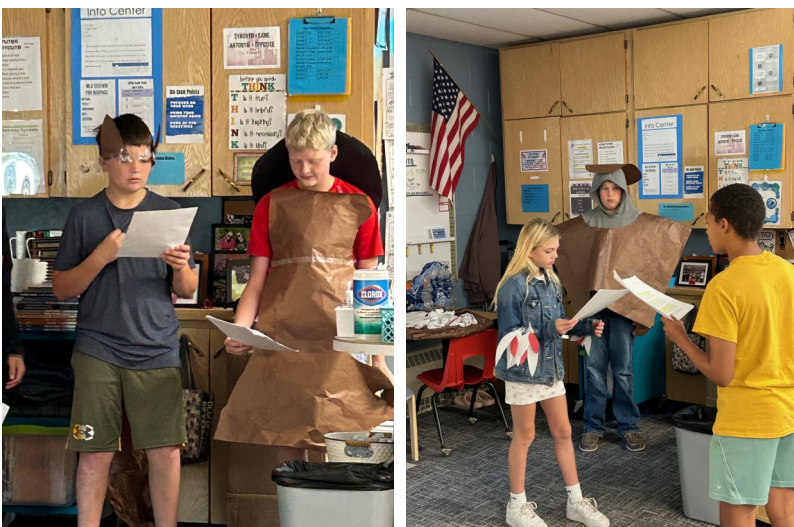
Surprising symptoms:

- Constant headaches or stomachaches
 - Sleep changes (too much or too little)
 - Trouble focusing in school
- Guilt or self-blame, even when things are going okay



Online screening tool:

<https://walshcountynd.crediblemind.com/assessments/are-your-off-days-a-sign-of-depression/page1>



On Thursday, September 25th, the seventh graders performed their skits they wrote to re-enact the short story *Rikki-Tikki Tavi* by Rudyard Kipling. They created props and costumes from the colored rolls of paper and really went all-out for their skits.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Nelson County Girls Golf Successful Season

Article submitted by Mr. Dustin Martin

The girls that went out this season for golf had a great season with many learning experiences. The team had returning veteran players Olivia Fossen and Kenley Blasey. The three seventh graders, Leah Pedersen, Siena Dahl and Lauren Vasichuk rounded out the varsity team.

The regular season saw growth from all of the participants. For the older student athletes, comparing last year's scores to this years on the same courses they played in the past was fun to see. The 7th graders got better with each meet and one of them improved by over 20 strokes! All of the student athletes did a great job of balancing being gone for meets, volleyball games/practices and academics. Golf is a short 6–7-week season and just when you get into the groove of playing the regular season ended and it was now tournament time!

The region 3 golf tournament was held at Creel Bay in Devils Lake on Tuesday September 16th. Nelson County finished 8th out of the 9 teams that participated. Kenley Blasey placed 5th at the team regional tournament at Creel Bay in Devils Lake. This is the second time Kenley has punched her ticket to state. The state tournament will be held at Pheasant Country Golf Club in South Heart in late September. Kenley is looking forward to improving her state appearance score from last season. It was a fun year, and the players and coach want to thank the community for being supportive and encouraging throughout the season. Your comments on the Chargers Nation Facebook page did not go unnoticed!

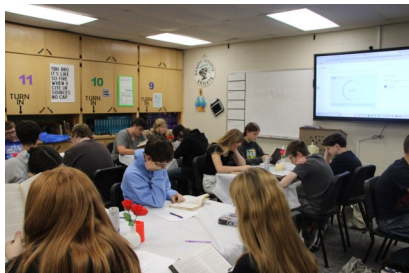
Next season's starting date according to the NDHSAA's calendar is slated to start on Monday, August 4, 2026. The state tournament will be closer next year as it will be hosted in Carrington. I wish all the student athletes well as they finish out their fall sports season. Go Chargers!!



Our tech students had a classroom speaker from True North Equipment who spoke about careers in ag technology and equipment. The presentation gave students a closer look at the variety of paths available after graduation. We appreciate the chance to link classroom learning with real-world opportunities.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The 11th grade class attended the annual College Fair hosted by LRSC. Over 35 colleges, military recruiters, and sponsoring employers were in attendance. More than 250 students from across the region, including Pembina to Rugby, took part. Our students connected with employers, explored college majors, and discovered schools they hadn't considered before.



Ms. Hurst's English classes had a Book Tasting on Friday, September 19th. The classroom was transformed with a restaurant vibe, completed with tablecloths, flowers, and candles. They sampled multiple books all period. Some of them shared with others what they liked and did not like as they moved around the room.



The 11th grade class traveled to LRSC for a Career and College Fair. Each student pre-selected 3 careers that interested them. At the event, they then got to listen to industry leaders who work in those fields. Careers ranged from nursing, auto body, marketing, banking, diesel, law enforcement, wildlife and many more.

HOMEcoming ROYALTY

Keegan Parsley is the son of Alyson Parsley, and they live in McVile. Keegan is involved in football, basketball, and track and field. Keegan says his “favorite class is study hall with Mrs. Forde because she always pushes me to do my best.” Keegan enjoys watching college football in his free time. When asked who he admires most he said, “My sister Rylan, she is one of the hardest workers I know and is always willing to help people in need.” Keegan’s future plans are to attend Lynnes Welding Training. A fun fact about Keegan is that he enjoys mowing.

Tyler Cree-Beglau is the son of Sheila and Jason Beglau and they live in McVile. Tyler is involved in football, basketball, and track and field. When asked what his favorite class is, Tyler said, “Math, because it’s easy.” In his free time, Tyler likes playing Clash and Siege. Tyler’s favorite movie is The Karate Kid, the 2010 version. Tyler’s future plans are to run track in college and study computer science and engineering. A fun fact about Tyler is that he dislikes chocolate.

Henry Parsons is the son of Nick Parsons, and they live in Michigan. Henry is involved in basketball and track and field. When asked what his favorite class is, Henry said, “Study Hall, so I can get my work done.” Henry likes to go fishing in his free time. When asked who he admires, Henry said, “My uncle Brandon. He’s my favorite uncle.” Henry’s future plans are to go into the Military. A fun fact about Henry is that he’s tall.

Brandi Schock is the daughter of Travis and Cassondra Schock, and they live on a farm outside of McVile. Brandi is involved in volleyball, softball, trap shooting, skeet, five stand, student council, FCCLA, SOS, yearbook, academic challenge, esports, band, choir, science Olympiad, and science bowl. When asked what her favorite class is, Brandi said, “Chemistry with Mr. Rose because we always had the funniest conversations. In Brandi’s free time she likes to hang out with her friends and her boyfriend. Brandi’s favorite movie is Pitch Perfect. When asked who she admires most, Brandi said, “My mom because she always has her plate full but manages to always get everything done.” Brandi’s future plans are to attend UND for physical therapy. A fun fact about Brandi is that she is terrified of snakes.

Lily Donohue is the daughter of Esther and Daniel Donohue, and they live in Tolna. Lily is involved in 4H, land judging, range judging, consumer decision making, sources of strength, student council, FCCLA, national honor society, science olympiad, and science quiz bowl. When asked what her favorite class is, Lily said “English because I love reading and writing.” In her free time, Lily likes to read, bake, and go mushroom foraging. When asked who she admires, Lily said, “My mom because she works full time, runs a small business, and takes care of 3 kids while still finding time to do the things she loves.” Lily’s future plans are to attend NDSU for animal science, go to veterinary school, and become a large animal veterinarian. A fun fact about Lily is that she is starting a mini donut trailer.

Jayla Sharp is the daughter of Chris and Cassie Anderson, and they live in Michigan. Jayla is involved in FCCLA, yearbook, band, and trap shooting. When she got asked what her favorite class is, Jayla said, “POD or English, because the teachers make it the best.” Jayla’s favorite TV show is Shameless. When asked who she admires, Jayla said, “My mom. She has always been there for my ups and downs.” Jayla’s future plans are to attend NDSU and major in Animal Science and be a Vet Tech. A fun fact about Jayla is that she is very scared of butterflies.

King and Queen were crowned on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025.

(Left to Right:) Keegan Parsley, Henry Parsons, King: Tyler Cree-Beglau, Queen: Brandi Schock, Jayla Sharp, and Lily Donohue



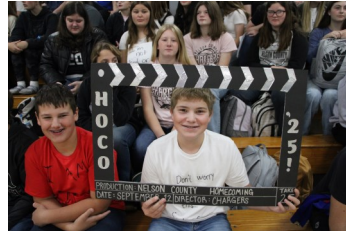
HOMECOMING RECAP

Homecoming week was September 8th-12th. We held various activities throughout the week, including a volleyball tournament, dodgeball tournament, powderpuff football, bonfire and games, relay races, and ended the week with the parade, football game, and a dance.

Dress up days included White Lie/Red Flag, UND vs NDSU, Happy Gilmore Day, Wild West vs West Coast and we ended with Chargers Pride Day.

Coronation was held at the high school. Our Homecoming Court included Keegan Parsley, Henry Parsons, Tyler Cree-Beglau, Brandi Shock, Jayla Sharp, and Lily Donohue. Tyler Cree-Beglau and Brandi Shock were crowned King and Queen. Thanks to Dori, Donovan, and Abbie, for being emcees.

Dakota Prairie and Lakota girls competed in a game of Powderpuff Football. Grades 9 and 11 (black team) were teamed up against grades 10 and 12 (pink team). The pink team ended in the lead with the final score being 18-14. Thanks to the football boys for coaching and officiating the game!



~ Elementary News ~

From the Desk of Dr. Jackie Bye, Elementary Principal

Fall has arrived, and with it, a busy and exciting season at Dakota Prairie Elementary. October is always a special time of year as students settle into their routines, and we look forward to growth, learning, and celebrating the traditions and events that bring our school community together.



Student Events

The 5th & 6th grade girls basketball season is winding down. The girls began their season on August 25 and both groups of players have been fun groups to watch. They hustle, are aggressive, and find ways to score and help their teammates. The 5th & 6th boys basketball season will begin with their first practice on Tuesday, October 7. Information was sent home in late September, but if you did not receive anything and your son wants to play please contact Coach Jason Beglau, or elementary AD Jackie Bye at the elementary school for more information.

The 5th and 6th grades elect student council members for the elementary student council each fall. These students help sponsor many events at the elementary school throughout the school year. The 2025-2026 elementary student council members are: 6th Graders: Yehor Gushan, Rhett Messner, Nolan Lundebly, Micha Madche, Briana Bina, Pepper McKay, Elsie Arneson and Elle Halvorson. The 5th Grader are: Hendrix Dahl, Crosby Hendrickson, Lily Walter and Mallori Schock. Watch the future Knight Readers for more information on activities they are busy planning and organizing. One of the first activities will be a food drive in late October and November. More information will be sent home about this as the students decide on how they will collect items. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of our students to practice kindness and community service.

Ms. Stephanie Bina, the elementary music teachers has numerous concerts planned throughout the school year. The schedule is included in the Knight Reader. We begin in November with our traditional Veteran's Day Program on November 7, Christmas Concert in December, a Valentine Concert in February, followed by March Follies, Preschool Program in April, being planned by Mrs. Sara Corby, the preschool teacher. The year concludes in May with the music departments Spring Concert and the Kindergarten teachers planning Graduation and the 6th grade Graduation in May. With other events in between.

Halloween Festivities

At the end of this month, our students will participate in Halloween fun both at school and in the community. On Halloween, students may wear costumes to school, but we ask that costumes be **school-appropriate**, with **no masks covering faces** and **no extreme makeup**. We want all students to enjoy the day while keeping the focus on learning and fun. In addition, our students will be visiting the Care Center in McVile to share songs and activities with the residents—this is always a highlight for both the children and the residents. The high school band and choir will again entertain the elementary with some Halloween fun music and our 6th grade band will join them to end the performance.

Wishing you a safe, colorful, and happy fall season! And, as our students move through October and into November, I want to thank you for your continued support. From classroom learning to community service, our students are growing not only in knowledge but also in character. We are proud of the way they represent our school in every activity. If you have any questions, concerns, or something you would like to discuss please stop in, email, or call me (Jackie.bye@k12.nd.us 701-322-4771)

~ "Prepare the child for the path, not the path for the child" ~

DAKOTA PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY - CONCERTS & EVENTS 2025-2026

***Not all Concerts, Performances & Events Have Been Finalized.**

Watch for Updates and Additions in Future Knight Readers & Messages Home

ELEMENATARY CONCERTS

Friday, November 7	Veteran's Day	1:00	PK-6
Wednesday, December 10	Christmas	1:00	PK-6
Friday, February 13	Valentine	1:00	PK-3
March or April TBD	Midwinter Follies	7:00	4-6
April TBD	Preschool Program	1:00	PK
Tuesday, May 12	Spring Concert	7:00	K-6

GRADUATIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

High School Halloween Concert	Friday, October 31	TBD
6 th Grade Performs w/ them		

Box Lunch-Valentine Social	Friday, February 13
Eat Valentine Lunch with Your Child	

Elementary Color Run	Friday, April 24	2:00
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Spring Fling Talent Show	Friday, May 1	6:30
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Kindergarten Graduation	Tuesday, May 19	10:00
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6th Grade Graduation	Tuesday, May 19	2:00
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Book Fairs	December 1-4
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April 27-May 1

~ Elementary News ~



It was the best day ever (in their words) when they found a frog on the playground during PK Phy Ed.



3rd graders are enjoying their September book. Each month the 3rd grade class will receive a free book sponsored by Taxman of Fargo. This is the third year Taxman has graced us with free books.



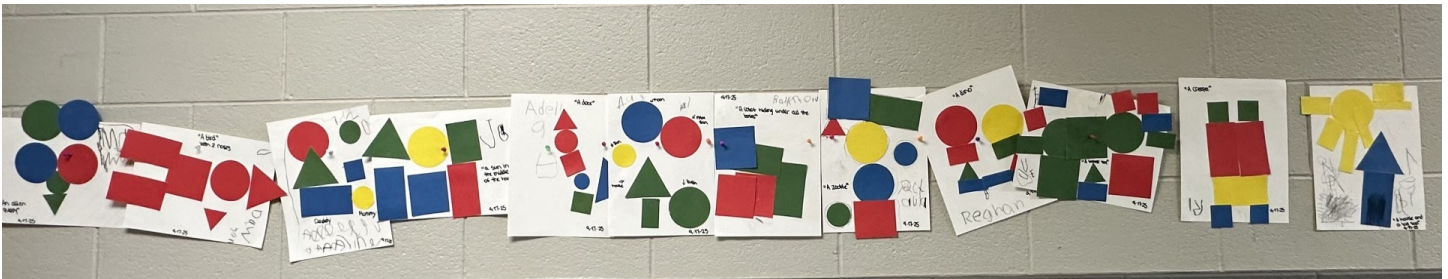
2nd Graders visit the care center every Friday. They have conducted interviews with their VIP buddies and sung for them.



5th Grade band is off to a great start. Here is a picture of them as they play their very first note in unison.

~ Pre-K News ~

The Pre-K class has been working hard on recognizing and writing their names as well as learning all about shapes. They have completed several name activities from using glue and glitter to trace and make their names, to assembling their names in puzzle form, to using torn paper to outline their names, to using stickers to outline their names. The class also created pictures using shapes. They have been learning all about plane figures (2D shapes) and solid figures (3D shapes). They know how to identify shapes based on their attributes (example: if a shape has curved lines or straight lines, or how many sides a shape has).



Pre-K waiting for the Homecoming Parade on September 12th



Pre-K LOVES to dress up and sing during music class!

~ Elementary News ~

Agriculture Standards Met

The 5th grade spent an hour out of the building on September 22, at an interactive presentation by an Arborist from Fargo on about 15 different species of trees located down at the McVile Dam during the morning for the city of McVile's Arbor Day. The 5th grade then later attended the city's Arbor Day presentation at the auditorium that afternoon.

On September 23, they concluded by learning about crops grown in ND as part of our Agriculture Standards by having DeAnn Schneider, who works for the USDA, come in for an interactive presentation of information about many different crops grown in ND to them.



~ Elementary News ~

On Wednesday, September 24th the 1st and 2nd graders loaded the bus and headed to the Nelson Pumpkin Patch! It was a beautiful day filled with fall themed fun, a hayride, a pumpkin story walk, and a delicious lunch. This day couldn't have been possible without our bus driver Larry Hoyt, chaperones Rebecca Miller and Tara Johnston, and cooks Corrina Olson and Vivian Collier. It was a great fall day!

~ Mrs. Klefstad and Mrs. Lofstrom



ELEMENTARY GIRLS BASKETBALL



Dakota Prairie Elementary 5th Grade Girls Basketball



Dakota Prairie Elementary 6th Grade Girls Basketball

~ Elementary News ~

Sixth graders from Nelson County attended Eco Ed Day, hosted at Stump Lake Historical Village on September 11th. They learned information about our local ecology at five different sessions. They would probably tell you the best part of the day was the Reptile Guy at the end of the day. Here are a few things the 6th graders had to say about each session.

Trees

We learned that trees have many characteristics that tell them apart. We learned that you can tell a tree's age by its rings. We also learned that there is a tree that is over 300 ft. tall. — Calla, Gemma, Emmitt

The tallest tree in the world is taller than a football field. The number of rings on a tree tells us how many years old it is. Also, the bigger the gaps the more rain that year got. — Ava, Elsie, Elle

Soil

Soil is made of silt, clay, and water. Water can flow faster through sand. It takes 4, 000 years for soil to reproduce and fill a space in the ground. Wildlife can live in soil like worms, moles, and snakes. — Erd, Draven

We learned about what makes soil. What can be planted, and that different types of soil filter water differently. Also, that it takes 500 years to make an inch of soil. We saw different insects that live in soil. — Nash, Yehor, Briana

Prairie/Wildlife

Something we found interesting was that moose shed their antlers. We thought the muskrat fur was super soft. The photo of the tree(grasses) roots was cool to see how deep and long they were. The antlers were somewhat light, but the big one was really heavy. We learned that Buffalo and Bison are not the same. — Harper, Pepper

For beavers they chop down wood not just for their home but for their teeth making them shorter. What we also learned was a plants roots were about the same size, if not longer, that the plant is tall. We learned that Bison is the largest horned animal in North Dakota. — Olivia, Khloe, Harley

Watersheds/Water quality

Try not to overfertilize and not leave stuff out on your lawn. When it rains it will all go into the lake or stream. You shouldn't pollute into lakes, point source or nonpoint source. Watersheds are everywhere. Clean up after animals and don't leave stuff out. — Hannah, Lane

We were talking about non-point pollution and point pollution. To keep your land clean for them it won't affect organisms. Emily made it easier to understand with the model and demonstration. — Aubri, Kinleigh

Wetlands

The wetlands, you dug in the dirt for organisms, and went on a scavenger hunt for deer sheds. You looked at bird wings. We learned the difference between permanent, semi-permanent, and temporary wetlands. — Micha, Edyn

First, we learned about habitat of the animals, and we learned about aquafers. If we don't have them the lakes would be full of dirty stuff. We looked for sheds in the wetlands. — Nolan, Rhett

~ Elementary News ~

ECO-ED PHOTOS



Forestry with Brent



Emily Novak
Water Quality



Prairies/wildlife
with brandon

October 2025

October 2nd—Picture Retakes

October 8th—School Board Meeting @ 8pm

October 15th— No School for students

Parent Teacher Conferences 1-6

October 16-17—No School: Fall Ed Conferences

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Future Dates of Interest

October 15—Teacher PD in AM; Parent Teacher Conf @ HS 1-6

October 16-17—No School: Fall Ed Conferences

November 11—No School: Veterans Day

November 26—Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm

November 27-28 —No School: Thanksgiving

December 19—Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm

January 2—Teacher Work Day

January 5—Start of Second Semester

January 19—No School: MLKJ Day; Teacher PD

February 9—No School: Mid Winter Break

March 6—No School: Mid Winter Break

March 18— Teacher PD in AM; Parent Teacher Conf @ Elem 1-6

March 19-20—No School: Spring Break

April 3—No School: Good Friday

April 6—No school: Teacher Work Day

May 22—Last Day of School; Dismiss @ 1:30

May 24—Graduation @ 1pm



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