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FYI:

Please check out the school website at:
<http://www.mcclusky.k12.nd.us/>

The power school site at:
<https://mcclusky.ps.state.nd.us/public>

**AWARDS
BANQUET**

The McClusky Public School will hold its Awards Banquet on

**THURSDAY, May
17, 2018
At 6:00pm**

**In the High School
Gym**

THE MISSION...

... Of the McClusky Public School and community is to empower all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to meet the challenges of our changing world.

Our vision is...
**WE EXPECT
SUCCESS**

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McClusky School News

Dale Ekstrom-Superintendent
Sarah Beck-Principal
Andrea Lauer-Business Manager

2018 McClusky Graduating Class

The Senior Class of 2018
Of McClusky High School
Announces Commencement Exercises
Saturday afternoon, May Twenty-Sixth, 2018
At 1:00 pm
McClusky High School

Senior Quote 2018:

Our lives are before us,
our pasts are behind us,
but our memories are forever with us.

Class Flower:

Orange Rose

Class Colors:

Emerald, Orange, Silver

Class Advisor:

Mr. Michael Axt

2018 McClusky Graduating Class

Graduates

Shelby Kae Faul (High Honor)
Morgan Julia Grade (Honor)
Rickey Daniel Keefe
Madison LaRay Houser (Honor)
Cameron Roy Meserole
Lucas Wayne Rath (High Honor)
Kaley Lynne Sease (Honor)

Parents

Kendon and Beverly Faul
Darrell and Laurie Grade
Norman Corlew (Grandfather)
Bob and Tana Houser
Lynn and Jennifer Meserole
Todd and Sharon Rath
Stacy and Melissa Sease

Valedictorian – Lucas Rath is the McClusky High School Valedictorian. This fall he plans to attend North Dakota State University. He is the son of Todd and Sharon Rath. While in school, Lucas has been a leader not only in academics but also as a team player in attitude and empowerment. While in school, he participated as a member of Student Council, FFA, Music, Track & Field, and as a member of the Chess and Acalympics Team.

Salutatorian – Shelby Kae Faul is the McClusky High School Salutatorian. This fall, she plans to attend Valley City State University in North Dakota majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Athletic Coaching. She is the daughter of Kendon and Beverly Faul. While in school, she was active in FFA, Student Council, Volleyball, Music and was a member of the Acalympics Team. Shelby's positive attitude was an asset to the school student body, teachers and administration.

Reminders from Admin to Faculty, Staff, Students, and Parents:

- Teachers, Parents, Students – All students should be placing their cell phones in the designated containers at the beginning of classes. Cell phones will be confiscated if used during class without permission. A student can get his/her cell phone at the end of the period. A second offense will ensure the cell phone is confiscated and given to the office. A student may obtain his/her cell phone at the end of the day. A third offense means the cell phone will be confiscated, given to the office, and the parent must pick up at the end of the day. The student will also receive detention. Cell phones are not to be used in the classroom unless given permission due to it being a distraction.
- Teachers, Parents, Students, Staff, and Community Members – The 2014-2015 annual is available for purchase. Yearbooks are in the main office at the high school and are \$30. The 2017-2018 yearbook is currently taking pre-orders. The book will be printed, delivered, and available in September. The purchase price, again, is \$30. Call the school for more information.
- Parents – Please make sure you call the office, or send a note with your child, if they will be missing school. This is important for attendance purposes. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.
- Parents – First District Health Unit screened grades preschool through second grades hearing on Wednesday, April 25. Your child should have brought home an informational form stating their hearing was adequate/normal or a referral form to visit with your regular physician.
- Faculty, Staff, Students, and Parents – Thanks for a wonderful school year! I hope you have a happy, healthy, and safe summer. See you in August; it will be here before you know it!



Kat Perkins, the fourth place finisher on season six of NBC's the Voice, spoke and sang to both the elementary and high school students Thursday, April 19. Kat is traveling far and wide to speak about being fearless in her Positive Social Media tour.

Pep Talk

By Lauri Logsdon

Woohoo, spring is finally here! It looks like “sprinter” as finally ended, and spring sports are finally underway. Elementary boys basketball is winding down there season. They are improving every game, and they are so much fun to watch! Shout outs to coaches Grant Singer and Kurt Ziebarth for making the game of basketball fun and informative. It’s coaches like these two that really keep the kids excited about sports. Baseball, softball, track, and golf are just now starting to see some meets and games. You can check our school page for activities. Click on the sport you want to see and it will display the calendar. There is pretty much something going on every day until the last day of school. Again, I would like to thank all the drivers that get our kiddos to and from practices, games, and meets. There are some late nights, and I really appreciate all that you do!! (Special shout out to Andrea Lauer and Miss Schipman for volunteering to fill in when we were short vehicles this week. I would also like to thank the teachers for being so understanding when the kids get out of school early and for being so diligent about telling me when you need transportation for your events as well. Spring is always CRAZY, but communicating is the key to any great relationship. Just a reminder to tell me a week or more ahead of time if you need one of the school vehicles, leave them on full after you use them if possible, and PLEASE do a run through when you return from a trip to make sure the kids picked up after themselves.

COUNSELING CORNER

By Lauri Logsdon

Connie Herman, our school counselor, has been my supervisor all semester, and we have implemented some amazing classroom lessons at the elementary school. We have been using a curriculum called “The Zones of Regulation” for all K-6 students. It is designed to help kids foster self-regulation and emotional control. We have been teaching the kids how to recognize when they are in certain “zones”. A student may start out in the “blue zone” early in the morning because they are tired, sad or maybe even sick. They then enter the “green zone” because they woke up after eating a great breakfast here at school, and they are ready to learn. If they start feeling anxious and nervous, we say they are entering the “yellow zone”. Our goal is to help them find strategies to keep them from entering the “red zone”. This means it is too late to reason with them. They are furious, extremely sad, really frustrated, or enormously upset. It is going to take a while to get back to the “green zone”. It has been a real rewarding learning experience working with Connie Herman, and I consider her to be an expert in the counseling field. One of our “Zones” weeks, we split the 5th and 6th graders into two groups. We had the kids draw “zone” words from an envelope and write poems about what each word meant by color and what it meant to them. For each of the letters in the word, they had to write a sentence about that word that began with that letter. We got permission to share 5th grader, Lilly’s poem because we thought it was EXCELLENT, with a capital “E”!! Lilly drew the word, “ANGER”, and she wrote...

“A” nger is just a word.

“N” ever go to the red zone.

“G”o to the green zone.

“R”ed, you’re dead.

“Y”ellow is the farthest you should go.

Miss Lilly’s poem summarizes the zones of regulation perfectly. We encourage you to keep being creative, Lilly. (Not just Lilly, all of you!!) I will leave you with this thought...

CREATIVITY is as important in education as literacy, and we should treat it with the same status. I heard a great story again recently, and I love telling it. A little girl was painting a picture in her free time at school. Her teacher went over to her and asked, “What are you painting?” The CREATIVE child said, “I’m drawing a picture of God.” The teacher replied, “But nobody knows what God looks like, do they?” The little girl stopped painting for a minute and looked up at her teacher... “They will, in a minute.”

McClusky FFA Holds Awards Banquet

By Baleigh Ripplinger, McClusky FFA Reporter

“Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals, and happiness.”-Thomas Jefferson

The McClusky FFA Chapter held its 62nd annual awards banquet Thursday, April 12, 2018. An estimated 150 people attended the event and enjoyed excellent food, good conversation and recognizing the many achievements of the chapter.

Mr. Craig Zimprich, Associate Professor/Chairman of the Agricultural Department at NDSCS and a former teacher and FFA advisor at the McClusky Public School was the guest speaker. Mr. Zimprich spoke on the importance of leadership and involvement.

Carissa Steinert, Nicole Wardner, and Jeff Martwick received Honorary Chapter degrees. These people were recognized for the time and dedication they gave to the chapter. Carson Houser received the Harlan Swendsen Memorial SOEP Award for his outstanding SAE. Harlan Swendsen was the Dekalb outstanding senior in 1968 and this award is given in his memory. Carson Houser owns and operates Houser Skull Works. State Winter CDE Awards were given in Ag Sales, Agronomy, and Livestock judging. Outstanding and most improved were Lucas Rath and Megan Jerkovich in Ag Sales, Jacob Strobel and Baleigh Ripplinger in Agronomy, and Shelby Faul and Carson Houser in Livestock. Lucas Rath was awarded the Dekalb Outstanding Senior Award, and Nicholas Richter was awarded Top Salesman of the year. Other accomplishments included: State Convention, North Dakota State Fair, and District Leadership. The retiring 2018 Senior Officers were recognized with their parents: Lucas Rath son of Todd and Sharon Rath, Shelby Faul daughter of Kendon and Beverly Faul, Kaley Sease daughter of Stacy and Missy Sease, and Morgan Grade daughter of Darrell and Laurie Grade. 2018-2019 Officers were installed: President-Jacob Strobel, Vice President-Carson Houser, Secretary-Kassidee Logsdon, Treasurer-Nicholas Richter, Reporter-Baleigh Ripplinger, and Sentinel-Cole Felchle.

The McClusky FFA expressed appreciation to their parents, Mr. Michael Axt the McClusky FFA Advisor, Shari Roth and Brandi Baker for the delicious meal, and to the community for their continued support.

Hello from Second Grade!

Miss Schipman

Wow!!! Where did the year go? I can't believe it is already time for the May newsletter! It has been a whirlwind year, and I have learned a lot in my first year teaching!

We will be learning a lot in May as we gear up for 3rd grade. Some of the highlights of things we will learn are: multiplication, seasons, and our world as well as the people in it. We will also be finishing up our reading series and do some fun activities with that in the process! We are learning how to write all the cursive letters now, and some of the students are patiently waiting to learn the letter their name starts with so they can write their whole name in cursive!

I will send home one last book order in May, so if you choose, you can order some summer reading books for your students. The students are working really hard, and hopefully they will continue to do so!

Thanks for an awesome year, and let's finish strong!

**Lauer Power
3rd & 4th Grade News
By Mr. Lauer**

Can you believe it? Here we are again.....the conclusion of yet another academic year. It's been, as all have, a whirlwind of energy, emotion, and accomplishments and defeats. This year has been especially challenging with the loss of pull out for our math curriculum. It's left us all feeling a little rushed and overwhelmed at times, but we do the best we can with what we have and we work as a team to overcome our obstacles. The students have been so supportive in that mantra as well and have given me their all the entire year.

My only hope is that we "finish the year strong" and leave our best imprint as we exit for the school year. The "season of testing" has begun and Mrs. Herman has been so instrumental and helpful in ensuring that we get all students tested in an efficient and acceptable time frame. Way to go Mrs. H. I think we're all ready for the upcoming summer break and I hope the students and families do their part to not un-do the hard work that has been done throughout this challenging school year. Here's to you all. Have a great summer.

Reading Month Update

"Do you have your Game On?" That was the question posed to our students for March in conjunction with Reading Month. The students were introduced to our theme by entering a virtual "Candyland" in all of the hallways and common areas of the school; as well as a variety of different board games on display on each of the classroom doors. We wanted our school to convey the excitement of reading that can be felt while playing board games and, of course, the importance of reading whilst playing said games. After all, you can't play a game if you can't read and follow the directions. We started the month by separating into our designated teacher groups and playing games with one another to get them excited about the upcoming month's events. Every day thereafter, we would D rop E verything A nd R ead (D.E.A.R.) for 15 minute intervals at different times of the day, regardless of what class or subject area we were currently teaching. We, of course, celebrated our readers weekly with updates and had Mr. Ekstrom come down as our guest reader one week as well. We were extremely fortunate to have a published author by the name of Paul Orshoski visit our school and talk to our students about his genre of writing and share some of his wittier poems with us as well. Our Candyland counters moved slowly but surely down the hallway tracking each group's accumulated minutes with Miss Schipman's class taking home the honor of most minutes read. Our final event was an ice cream float and gaming party for any student who brought back at least 3 of the 4 reading slips; regardless of the number of minutes on the slips. "It's quality and honesty, not total numbers that are important," was one of the teacher's comments on the topic. It was an exciting and energy filled month and we hope that the students had as much fun as the teachers.