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**FYI:**

Please check out the school website at:  
<http://www.mcclusky.k12.nd.us/9>

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

**Reminders:**

**Last day of School for the Year is December 21**

**School Resumes after the break on January 2, 2019**

**Have a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year!**

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

- Parents and Students – With the holiday season upon us, remember to be mindful of the educational process at school. **Gifts may be exchanged outside of class.** Finally, as you get ready to take a well-earned break, be safe and enjoy the season. School resumes on Wednesday, January 2, after the holiday break.
- Parents, Students, and Staff – The following policy passed at the school board meeting Wednesday, November 14. Addition to page 30 of Student Parent Handbook – **Required Courses:** It shall be the policy of the McClusky School Board that students in grades 7 through 12 shall be enrolled in courses offered and taught by McClusky School staff. Sophomore, junior, and senior students—grades 10 through 12—may enroll in dual credit courses offered through the North Dakota University System provided the student meets the college course registration and grade point average requirements. Dual credit English courses including English Composition 110 and 120 may be taken in lieu of English IV taught at McClusky High School. The McClusky School District will not accept Fundamentals of Public Speaking/Speech in lieu of a required English credit at McClusky High School. The Fundamentals of Public Speaking/Speech course will be considered an elective at McClusky High School. Dual credit courses are available after meeting the graduation requirements set forth by the McClusky School Board in areas such as mathematics, computer science, history, science, etc.
- Parents - Please send your child(ren) with **proper outer wear** for the winter weather; send warm clothes to school for recess, outside time, and PE. Students should bring boots, scarves, gloves, mittens, snow pants, and a warm coat for colder weather.
- Parents and Students – **Homework/classwork** needs to be handed in on time. If homework is late, this interrupts the education process for both teachers and students. Homework is an important, and essential, part of education and must be taken seriously. If homework isn't complete in a timely manner, students may fall further and further behind. Again, homework needs to be handed in on time. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

**Hello from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!**

By --Miss Schipman and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

It's hard to believe I am already writing for the December newsletter! Where has the first half of the year gone? December is always a fun time of year in the classroom. We will still be doing our regular Reading, Math, and Phonics lessons, but quite a few of them will have a Christmas spin on them! We will also possibly have one of Santa's little friends visiting our classroom, so stay tuned to hear all about that! I am planning to do a Grinch Day this year. I am thinking I will do this on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December, but I will send a letter a little later with more exact details!

Students seem to be enjoying the weekly homework activities, so we will continue them! Homework activities will, like the rest of our activities, be centered more around Christmas in the month of December. I will be sending home notes before we let out for Christmas break about supplies your student needs to have replenished, so be on the lookout for that as well.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me at school!

**McClusky Public School  
Christmas Concert  
will be held  
Tuesday, December 18, 2018  
at 7:00 pm  
in the  
High School Gym**

**Pep Talk**

By Ms. Logsdon

I say this every month but where did November go? Can you believe winter sports are in full swing? We have junior high girls' basketball going on with 5 girls out (Jolynne, Daphne, Irie, Lilly, and Lindsey). We have girls' basketball going on with 2 of our girls playing (Kaleigh, and Karleigh). Boys' basketball started on November 26<sup>th</sup> with Michael, Easton, Jayce, and Gryphon. During the winter, there are lots of games to check out, so please do so!! If you would like to keep updated on all winter sports. Go to google, type in Turtle Lake Mercer School in Turtle Lake, ND, click on Athletics/Activities, click on the blue tab with the same name, click "view" schedules, check which sports you want to see, and then click view. You can print any of the schedules out.

Pep club has some fun Christmas activities just around the corner. We have drawn name for our Secret Santa gift exchange. This is an annual event that we do with 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders and all staff can participate. You pick out a gift for under \$5, wrap it, and turn it back in. It is totally anonymous, and so much fun to see what \$5 can buy these days. We will be having an ugly sweater contest probably the last day of school before break so be thinking of your ugliest design. We will be doing Christmas door decorating again. If you have a door, you can decorate it and win a prize!! Good luck to all.

### Math Meet By Mr. Clark

Baleigh Ripplinger and Karleigh Baker were the leading scorers for McClusky at the Underwood Math Meet on November 14, 2018.

Baleigh got 8 out of 20 very difficult problems correct in the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade division and Carson Houser had 5 correct. The other team members were: Megan Jerkovich, Jon Strobel, Baylee Parsons, and Kassidee Logsdon.

Karleigh Baker led the McClusky 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade team with 8 correct. Jaxston Hausauer and Jayce Lauer were right behind with 7 correct each. The other team members were: Kaleigh Naser, Easton Frey and Gryphon Mulkey.

A big thanks to the Underwood School and especially to math teacher Kay Reiser for hosting the meet.



**COUNSELING CORNER: Bullying**

Lauri Logsdon

Please talk to your children about bullying! We have been working hard in PACE to combat the problem, but there is still so much to do. Here are some facts to help you...

**Warning Signs for Bullying**

There are many warning signs that may indicate that someone is affected by bullying—either being bullied or bullying others. Recognizing the warning signs is an important first step in taking action against bullying. Not all children who are bullied or are bullying others ask for help.

It is important to talk with children who show signs of being bullied or bullying others. These warning signs can also point to other issues or problems, such as depression or substance abuse. Talking to the child can help identify the root of the problem.

**Signs Your Child Is Being Bullied**

Look for changes in the child. However, be aware that not all children who are bullied exhibit warning signs. Some signs that may point to a bullying problem are:

- Unexplainable injuries
- Lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry
- Frequent headaches or stomach aches, feeling sick or faking an illness.
- Changes in eating habits, like suddenly skipping meals or binge eating. Kids may come home from school hungry because they did not eat lunch.
- Difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares
- Declining grades, loss of interest in schoolwork, or not wanting to go to school
- Sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations
- Feelings of helplessness or decreased self esteem
- Self-destructive behaviors such as running away from home, harming themselves, or talking about suicide

If you know someone in serious distress or danger, don't ignore the problem. Get them help right away!!

**Signs Your Child is Bullying Others**

Kids may be bullying others if they:

- Get into physical or verbal fights
- Have friends who bully others
- Are increasingly aggressive
- Get sent to the principal's office or to detention frequently
- Have unexplained extra money or new belongings
- Blame others for their problems
- Don't accept responsibility for their actions
- Are competitive and worry about their reputation or popularity

**Why Doesn't My Child Ask for Help?**

- Bullying can make a child feel helpless. Kids may want to handle it on their own to feel in control again. They may fear being seen as weak or a tattletale.
- Kids may fear backlash from the kid who bullied them.
- Bullying can be a humiliating experience. Kids may not want adults to know what is being said about them, whether true or false. They may also fear that adults will judge them or punish them for being weak.
- Kids who are bullied may already feel socially isolated. They may feel like no one cares or could understand.
- Kids may fear being rejected by their peers. Friends can help protect kids from bullying, and kids can fear losing this support.