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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:

NO SCHOOL
February 18, 2019

School Dismissed
at 2:00 February
20, 2019

Parent/Teacher's
conferences
February 28, 2019
from 3:30 to 9:30

NO SCHOOL
March 1, 2019

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

News and Reminders from Administration to Students and Parents:

Parents - Please send your child(ren) with proper outer wear for the winter weather; send warm clothes to school for recess, outside time, and bus routes. Students should bring boots, scarves, gloves, mittens, bibs, overalls, or snow pants, and a warm coat for colder weather. High school students should wear warm clothing when walking to and from the elementary for lunch.

Parents – Check your child(s) backpack or ask your child if they have any forms you should read and return to the school. Forms are sent home occasionally and should be returned promptly.

Parents, Students, and Teachers - North Dakota Department of Public Instruction requires schools to be held accountable for educational growth models. With that said, state and district assessments in ELA, math, science, and reading will be administered in the fall and spring. Please note, we will do the minimum amount of testing required. Finally, remember to eat a well-balanced breakfast and receive adequate sleep to do your best. These tests are used at the district and state level for accountability purposes.

Parents, Students, and Teachers – With winter weather here, watch for PowerAlerts as well as the news for weather closings. Information will be broadcast as soon as possible.

Parents, Students, and Teachers – School will be dismissed at 2:00 PM Wednesday, February 20, so faculty and staff may attend meetings. Please plan accordingly.

McClusky FFA Attends First Contest

McClusky FFA attended the first Winter CDE contest of the year in Rugby and Towner North Dakota. The Livestock contest is held in Towner, while the Agronomy and Ag Sales contest is at Rugby.

Carson Houser was the top individual of the Livestock Contest.



The Senior High Agronomy team included: Jeff Laib (silver), Jon Strobel (gold), Baleigh Ripplinger(gold), Nick Richter(bronze), and Jacob Strobel(gold). The Senior team earned 2nd place.

The Junior High Agronomy team included: Jolynne Strobel(silver), Dawson Felchle(bronze), Greg Felchle (silver) and Dylan Faul(silver). The team received a silver.



The Ag Sales team included: Karleigh Baker (bronze), Von Irwin (bronze), Michael Wolt, Maria Steichen, Kassidee Logsdon, and Megan Jerkovich all placed with gold. Megan and Kassidee received 195+ plaques for earning 195 points or better out of 200 points in the individual ag sales presentation. Maria placed fifth overall in the ag sales competition. The team received a silver and placed second overall team.

Left to Right: Karleigh Baker, Megan Jerkovich, Maria Steichen, Kassidee Logsdon, Michael Wolt, and Von Irwin.

The McClusky FFA chapter will be traveling to Napoleon this coming weekend.

Lauer Power 3rd and 4th grade news

Mr. Lauer

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! With the new year comes new resolutions. Some of which will stay, some of which will go. I truly hope that one of the long-term resolutions that we can all make is to be there for “our” kids. And when I say “our” I’m not just referring to our biological offspring. I am referring to the kids in our community.

Being there for our students is a given as a teacher. It’s what we dedicate our professional lives to. It takes so much more to be there for “our” kids in an emotional and supportive sense. This can come in many shapes and forms. Lending a helping hand, a listening ear, and going to and supporting extra-curricular activities. Seeing familiar faces means so much to these kiddos and now, more than ever, these kids need to have support from grownups that they can count on and trust in.

I want to thank all the programs designed to give students an outlet and support group for them to grow in. Namely; Whirlybirds, 4-H, FFA, Trojan/Cougar sports programs, and SCIPY, just to name a few. Without well rounded youth programs and support, it makes our jobs to educate even that much more challenging. I realize this has very little to do with our specific classroom. But I felt it was important to reach everyone about the little things that we can do for all “our” kids.

Thank you

Preschool

Ms. Terwilliger

Preschoolers have been busy learning about letters, numbers, and social skills. Each week we talk about a different letter and the sound that letter makes. The students do projects and hands on activities to help them remember the letter, the sound, and how to write the letter. We have already talked about 15 of the 26 letters of the alphabet.

The students also learn about numbers. They use many hands-on activities and objects to write, count, and recognize numbers. We have learned about the numbers 0 through 11, and students are starting to learn about adding and subtracting.

Puppets are used to teach social skills. This year the preschoolers named the puppets Elmo and Elsa. The puppets help the students learn about identifying feeling and ways to handle feelings. They also teach about kindness, working together, sharing with others, and caring about other’s feelings. We have a theme each week. Most of the activities for that week are based on the theme. Some of the January themes were snowmen, snowy day activities, and winter clothing. In February we will have ground hogs, arctic animals, and healthy hearts and bodies.

Most of our day is spent in creative and structured play activities since this is the way that preschoolers learn best. There really is never a dull moment!

FIRSTLINK

Submitted by Mrs. Herman

There's a new way in North Dakota to reach out for help. FirstLink, in collaboration with Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota, has launched a texting option for its 2-1-1 information line for people looking for help with resources like emergency shelter, food assistance, rent assistance, listening and support, and crisis intervention, as well as many other needs.

FirstLink is also the only 211 helpline in the state to operate 24 hours a day. It is also the only call center in the entire state who answers calls on the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

To use the texting option a person simple texts their zip code to 898-211 (TXT-211). A call specialist will answer the text, determine the need, and identify what local nonprofit or government agency will best meet their needs. The text will include the agency name, phone number, and other useful information needed.

For more information go to myfirstlink.org.

Grades Five and Six

Mrs. Netzloff

The Fifth and Sixth Grades students are amazed at how fast the year is going and can hardly believe that they have begun the second half of the school year. In English both grades have been focused on adjectives and how to use them. Soon they will begin to use them in writing projects. The Fifth Graders are learning about fractions, multiplying two-digit and three-digit numbers, and dividing numbers with the answers given in mixed numbers. The Sixth Graders have been learning how to add and subtract fractions with uncommon denominators, reducing fractions, probability and chance, and working with decimal numbers.

In Social Studies the students have been learning about the early history of the United States and will soon be studying the Revolutionary War. Energy, electricity, sound, and light are the areas of science that are being studied now. The students finished The Best Christmas Pageant Ever in reading. After watching the movie, most of them thought the book was better than the movie. It has been a good year and we are looking to finish strong.

Pep Talk

By Ms. Logsdon

Pep club is starting their annual Valentine's day fundraiser. Order forms have been sent home with all the students, and there is one on facebook if you would like to order from there. It is always a busy time in the resource room watching all the orders being filled by the pep club members. Please try to have your orders in as soon as you can but definitely by February 11th. All items will be on a first come first serve basis.

Before you know it, it will be time for spring sports. It will be a crazy time of year with kids going every which way. Hopefully, we will not have an additional season, "sprinter" this year. Please let Ms. Logsdon know if you will be participating in track, baseball, or softball. We need to figure out the transportation for the season.

COUNSELING CORNER

Lauri Logsdon

REMINDER TO ALL JUNIOR PARENTS: Please share the following website with our child getting ready to take the ACT in March: Act.org

In Ms. Logsdon's group, we have been talking a lot about keeping kids safe from harm, and who can hurt them. I thought I would post some great information for parents each week.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE TEEN DRIVERS OR SOON TO BE TEEN DRIVERS:



The teenage years are an exciting time for teens who have a new sense of independence in the car, whether it's as a new driver or a passenger in a friend's car. It's a time that can be both liberating and frightening for parents. The good news is our research confirms that parents can make a difference by talking with their teens about their expectations and setting some rules and boundaries. Teens tell us their parents are their best source for education and driver training. Parents, spend as much time as you can with your new driver to help them hone their skills.

The Hard Facts

Every day, six teens are killed in a motor vehicle crash in the U.S. In fact, crashes are the leading cause of death for teens, ahead of all other types of injury, violence or disease.

Top Tips

1. It's never too late to be a good role model. Your son or daughter has been watching what you do in cars since they were small and will model their good and bad behavior after what they see you do. Even if you've made mistakes, start doing the right thing today.
2. Buckle up on every ride, every time; front seat and back. Make buckling up a habit starting when kids are young.
3. Make a formal agreement with your teen driver, setting clear expectations about your family rules. – Discuss different scenarios your new driver may encounter and what scares you about these situations. Define your zero-tolerance rules for driving, addressing speeding, alcohol and texting.
4. Make sure your teen gets at least 50 hours of practice with an experienced driver in a variety of road conditions. Check your state law to find out what's required, but don't stop there if your child needs more time.
5. Limit the number of passengers that is allowed in the car with your teen. The risk for a fatal crash increases as the number of passengers increases. Every child is different so set your rules based on your own assessment of your child.
6. Encourage your child to speak up if a driver of any age isn't driving safely and makes them feel scared. Provide them with alternative plans to get home, just in case.