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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>

**Fall Concert**

**Thursday, October 10 11-@ 7:00 pm  
High School Gym**

**NO SCHOOL  
October 17-18  
Teachers  
Convention**

**FFA Pancake and Sausage Supper  
Tuesday, October 22 in the  
Elementary Gym**

**End of First  
Quarter  
October 23**

**Picture Day  
October 24**

**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:

- Per the student parent handbook and the school board, **appropriate dress and grooming** must be maintained. Shorts and skirt lengths should hang lower than your fingertips when arms are resting at your sides. Strapless tops should not be worn. Spaghetti straps should be one inch minimum. Leggings/tights shall not be worn as a replacement for pants, unless worn with a top covering the buttocks. See student parent handbook pages 57 and 58 for more information.
- High school credit may be withheld when **absences exceed ten days** or ten class periods per semester. Again, if you are absent ten or more days or class periods, you may lose credit.
- **Hats and head wear** should not be worn during dress up/spirit weeks unless it relates directly to the dress up day theme.
- **Picture Day** is Thursday, October 24, in the morning located in the elementary. Family and/or community members are invited to have their picture taken and purchase pictures this day. To purchase photos before Thursday, October 24, go to [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com), enter the picture day ID EVTJ8QK6R. This ID will not be available after picture day. If you have any questions about picture day or purchasing photos through the Lifetouch website, call the school for more information.
- McClusky Schools has been approached by a trap-shooting enthusiast who wants to start a **trap-shooting club**. This club may be through the co-op with Turtle Lake-Mercer and Underwood Schools during the spring season. McClusky School is canvassing interest among all of our sixth through twelfth graders to see if there is interest in starting a trap-shooting club. The activity will be scheduled around existing school activities. Watch for the survey to come home from school with your child. Return the survey to your child's teacher or the administrative offices on or before Friday, October 11, 2019.

## Greetings from the Music department here at McClusky Public Schools

Vernell Schneider

We are off to a great start of the school year. My name is Vernell Schneider and as the new Music Director I am happy to be back in the saddle again. It's possible some of you readers were former students of mine some 35 years ago when I started my teaching career here in 1984/85. Since then I have taught in Kenmare for 5 years and 25 years in Soldotna Alaska. I retired in 2015 to come back to North Dakota to take care of my father who was on the farm. Since my father's passing the Lord has led me back into teaching and to McClusky. I am very excited to be home once again and teaching your children, as well as farming.

**We have a patriotic fall concert coming up on the evening of October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.** Please put this important date on your calendar. All students k-8 are involved in the concert as well as high school students enrolled in band and choir. The student attire for the concert should be any combination of red, white or blue. T-shirts with writing on them are not acceptable. Blue jeans with no holes are certainly appropriate. I look forward to seeing you on the evening of **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.** Please invite your friends and neighbors to this concert to enjoy what the students as well as myself have been working on so diligently.

## Lunchroom Business

This year, instead of Muffins with Moms and Donuts with Dads, we will have Pizza with Parents. On October 11th at 11:20am pizza will be served in the Kindergarten and 1st/2nd grade classrooms. Following dates will be November 15th (Grades 3-4), December 13th (Grades 5-6), February 7th (Grades K-2), March 13th (Grades 3-4), April 17th (Grades 5-6), and May 8th (Grades K-6).

National Hot Lunch Week will be October 11th-16th. Grades K-2 will have Pizza with Parents in the classroom on Friday, October 11th. Grades 3-4 will have Chicken Nuggets and Waffle Fries on Monday, October 14th. Grades 5-6 will have Hamburger Gravy and Mashed Potatoes on Tuesday, October 15th. High school students will have Philly Cheese Steak Sandwiches on Wednesday, October 16th. We will be sending letters home so you can let us know when you plan to come eat with your children.

Have a great fall! We can't wait to see everyone.



Shari & Brandi



## COUNSELING CORNER

Submitted by Ms. Logsdon

NWEA testing is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. Here are some tips for students taking the assessments.

1. Get a good night's sleep.
2. Eat a high protein breakfast and drink plenty of water.
3. Come as you are. You cannot use any outside materials.
4. Be confident. The test will adjust to our answers.
5. Do your best. Use your test taking skills we have been working on.
6. Follow directions.
7. Ask for help. I cannot give you answers, but I can answer any questions you have about the test.
8. Do not rush. This is not a timed test.
9. Listen carefully to my instructions.
10. It's alright if you don't have all the answers.

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

**Mrs. Rochelle Schneider** came to us from Harvey Elementary School where she taught kindergarten last year. She was born in North Dakota and has lived in many states



including Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and Indiana. She also lived in Papua New Guinea when she was one year old because her parents became missionaries. She lived in Papua New Guinea for four years and came back to the States with an Aussie accent. Mrs. Schneider enjoys visiting with people, cooking, baking, reading, singing, and walking. Her favorite part about teaching is the children! Chocolate is her favorite food, Mounds is her favorite candy bar, and milk is her favorite drink. Welcome Mrs. Schneider to McClusky! We are so very happy you are here teaching our first and second grade students!

**Mr. Vernel Schneider** has returned to North Dakota from living and teaching in Alaska for 25 years. He is very enthusiastic about his subject material and enjoys seeing students succeed in music. Mr. Schneider is passionate, energetic, and committed to educating students. His hobbies include fourwheeling and singing in a mens group. His favorite season is spring and he loves the Christmas holiday. Mr. Schneider's favorite food is ribeye steaks and his favorite candy bar is Kit-Kat. His dream car is a 1968 Challenger. Lastly, Mr. Schneider's first year teaching was here in McClusky back in 1984. We are so excited to have you here Mr. Schneider! Welcome back!

**Mrs. Sonya Chatham** came to us all the way from North Carolina. She has lived in Nebraska, North Carolina, and now North Dakota. She enjoys watching the Panthers during football season. Her dream car is a Hummer. Top Gun was the last book she read and it was her favorite. In her spare time she reads, gardens, and hikes. Her favorite restaurants are Olive Garden and Chick-Fil-A; luckily we have an Olive Garden close (ish). Her favorite treat is gummy bears and ice cream. Who doesn't like those?! Finally, she has taught Title for over 15 years, but has been a teacher for over 26 years. We are delighted to have Mrs. Chatham here in McClusky! Welcome!



# CLASS SPOTLIGHT

The **first (9) and second (7) grade class** is made up of sixteen students. **Mrs. Rochelle Schneider** is teaching our youngsters during her first year with us at McClusky. The first-grade class is all girls. Can you believe it?! First grade girls like barbies, Dora the Explorer, My Little Ponies, and the movies *Lady and the Tramp* and *Frozen*. Second grade kiddos enjoy science and math subjects. Maybe we have some engineers in the making? This class enjoys the baseball program in the summer, watching the Cougars play football, and being outside. One first grader's special talent is zip lining. Sounds fun! Another young woman in first grade likes rides at the carnival. Seems she is a little dare devil! Students' favorite emojis include the smiley face, silly emoji, jail breaker, angel, high five, heart eyes, poop emoji, and kitty. These kiddos are so happy to see their teacher each day and enjoy learning about math, science, English, and social studies. These youngsters often give hugs to Mrs. Schneider for she is so nurturing, kind, and caring. Finally, their wonderings, a bulletin board in the classroom, is another insight into the minds of our first and second grade kiddos. Here are just a few of what they wonder about:



- How do rocks skip on the water?
- How do birds fly?
- How do horses run so fast?
- How do eagles see underwater?
- How do bunnies eat carrots with only four teeth?
- How strong were the Megalodon's teeth?
- How do owls see at night?
- How do tigers grow their teeth?



## Science Happenings

By Ms. Potts

On Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class traveled to the Towner State Nursery for the annual 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Tour. Considering all the rain we've been getting, it was a lovely day to be outside and learn about conservation of our land, water, trees and wildlife. All 10 of our seventh graders attended and especially enjoyed the lunch of hot dogs and taco-in-a-bag! Other schools that attended were TGU Granville, Goodrich, Drake, Velva and TGU Towner. The winning school was Drake and Velva had the top individual – actually a tie between two students who missed only 1 question in the quiz! Congratulations to Lilly Bobbins, our top individual! Special thanks to Mrs. Lallas for her help and in taking some great photos.



## Pep Talk

Submitted by Ms. Logsdon

Stop by the McClusky High School gym and check out the new scoreboards. They were installed the week of homecoming. It will be awesome to host games in our gym now with all the whistles and bells working.

Homecoming week was a success!! The kids had fun in Underwood decorating floats, walking or riding in the parade and attending the football game and dance. Hopefully the pep rally will include the elementary students a little more next year.

National Red Ribbon Week is October 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>, so McClusky Public School will celebrate the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> with dress up days, positive messages, and giveaways. The theme this year is "Send a message...Stay drug free."

**Social Studies**

Mr. Senske

It's been a great start to the school year! Fall is rolling in and students are starting to find their groove in the lower west side of McClusky High School. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning how to apply the 5 Themes of Geography to the world around them. They will be moving from an overview of physical landscapes on Earth to taking a look into the culture and physical geography of individual countries. Sophomores just wrapped up the Renaissance and had the opportunity to show their inner Masaccio by creating some fantastic sketches using perspective that can be found in the great hallway outside room #7. Juniors have completed a review of U.S. history pre-1877 and are currently learning about westward expansion and what drove the settlement of the western states. Psychology students are working on creating surveys they will give to their peers to assist in answering research questions they have involving sports co-ops and school policies. Seniors are moving through the basic fundamentals of governments and the foundations of democracy. They recently created their own states and corresponding governments in an attempt to make the perfect country. From Calypso and Brightsland to Yolo and WashingJon, the students showed some true creativity that will hopefully continue to be tapped into throughout the remainder of the school year.

I'll be redundant by stating it has been a great start to the school year! Striving to balance fun, engagement, and challenge will continue to drive our students forward. Take care and enjoy the colors of fall.

**McClusky FFA**

Submitted by Megan Jerkovich, Reporter

The McClusky FFA Chapter re-elected officers in August of this year after Maria Steichen resigned as president. The newly elected officers are: Baleigh Ripplinger- President, Cole Felchle- Vice President, Kaleigh Naser- Secretary, Treasurer- Jon Strobel, Reporter- Megan Jerkovich, Sentinel- Bryton Werth.

The chapter is also preparing for District Leadership that will take place this next Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The members that will be attending that day are Baleigh Ripplinger, Jon Strobel, Megan Jerkovich, Bryton Werth, Kassidee Logsdon, Elisa Wolt, Cole Felchle, Kaleigh Naser, Jaxston Hausauer, Gryphon Mulkey, Jayce Lauer, Dylan Faul, Greg Felchle, and Jolynne Strobel.

Our Chapter will be hosting a Pancake and Sausage Supper and Labor Auction October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. where we will be serving pancakes and homemade country style sausage that will be made by the ag processing students in the home economics room. We will be holding the labor auction shortly after the supper where students will be volunteering hours of service to the successful bidders. The chapter will also be auctioning off other items, some of the items are nail boxes, stools, saw horses, pies, etc. There will also be candy sales at the door and sausage for sale at \$6.00 a pound.

We are currently making plans to attend National FFA Convention. The students that will be attending are Baleigh Ripplinger, Kassidee Logsdon, Jon Strobel, Elisa Wolt, Bryton Werth, Cole Felchle, and Jaxston Hausauer. Going along to advise them are Michael Axt and Deputy Ben Kothrade. We will be going to Indianapolis, Indiana October 27<sup>th</sup>- November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The McClusky FFA is selling candy currently! If you have a sweet tooth, there is a good chance there is a member roaming around with some candy with your name on it!