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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>

**February 17
There WILL BE
SCHOOL**

**Parent/Teachers
conferences will
be held on
February 27, 2020
from 3:30-9:30
pm.**

**NO SCHOOL
February 28, 2020
as a comp day for
Parent/Teachers
conferences**

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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Andrea Lauer-Business Manager

News and Reminders from Administration to Students and 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.
- 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.
- With winter weather here, watch for **PowerAlerts** as well as the news for weather closings. Information will be broadcast as soon as possible. If you do not receive an email, text message, and/or phone call, contact Andrea in the main office so she may update your information in PowerSchool.
- February 17, 2020: There will be school on February 17 as a makeup day for our storm in October.
- Parent/Teachers Conferences- Thursday, February 27 from 3:30-9:30. Conferences are by appointment at the elementary school in the teachers' classroom and walk in at the high school gym.
- NO School Friday, February 28 as a comp day for Parent/Teachers Conferences.
- **Please see the last page of the Newsletter for a letter about Open Campus from the Administration**

Grades Five and Six

by Mrs. Netzloff

The Fifth and Sixth Graders finished reading the novel, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis. They enjoyed it very much and did great culminating projects. In math the Fifth Graders are studying multiplication of two and three-digit numbers, division, perimeter, and fractions. The Sixth Graders are studying geometric solids, dividing and multiplying fractions, comparing fractions to decimals and percent, and learning how to figure sales tax. Both classes have been working on verbs and all the different kinds of verbs in English. They have learned that it is not always easy to pick the correct verb to use. In social studies the students are studying the continent of South America. Soon they will travel to Europe and learn where many of their ancestors came from. Science has been focused on the ocean. Much research was done on the ocean zones and making a booklet to display the findings. Then the students chose an ocean creature, researched and wrote a paper on it, and then did an art project on that ocean creature. The projects turned out wonderfully. The students are happy that the weather has warmed up and they can finally go outside for recess.

A Thought for Black History Month

In 1818, Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey was born a slave. He was taken from his mother, never knew his father, and was raised by his grandmother. At eight years old he became a house servant where the wife of his slave master illegally taught young Frederick how to read. When his slave master died, he was returned to the plantation to work in the fields. He was now a sixteen-year-old field hand.

At the age of 21, while working as a ship caulker, Frederick fled to New York City and then further north into Massachusetts, eluding slave hunters in the process. While he was in Massachusetts, he changed his name and was sought out by abolitionists to share his experiences for the public. This encouraged Frederick to write his autobiography. In doing so, his former owner increased the effort to have his “property” returned. To elude being captured, Frederick went to the British Isles. While in Britain Frederick gathered financial support that allowed him to buy his freedom.

Upon returning to the United States, Frederick started his own abolitionist newspaper. In 1861 Frederick became an advisor for President Abraham Lincoln regarding the Civil War. After the war Frederick fought for civil rights for freed slaves and for women. He also became an international diplomat for the U.S.

Oh, the name Frederick changed during his search for freedom... Frederick Douglass.
Just a thought.

Submitted by Mr. Lane, PE

Dragons Drama

Back by popular demand????? Well, at least we're back 😊 That's right, the McClusky Dragons Drama club is up and running and in full swing. We have 12 wonderful actors that have made the early morning commitment to come and have some fun while showing off their acting chops. This year's lineup includes:

Baylee Parsons, Parker Jerkovich, Karleigh Baker, Jayce Lauer, Karter Baker, Emma Axt, Brody Dockter, Daphne Lauer, Brayden Lauer, Lindsey Abrahamson, Irie Irwin and Lilly Bobbins. The performance chosen this year is The Ransom of Emily Jane.

We are hoping to perform a dinner theatre and school performance sometime in late March or early April. The actors are already showing me that this promises to be a very comedic performance guaranteed to provide numerous laughs. We are ordering new club t-shirts and hope to also attend a performance at an undetermined time and place; as of yet.

I'm so lucky to have such a great bunch of student actors. We have a great time at every practice, and they make getting up early a simple and enjoyable task. I enjoy them so much!

Always “acting out”,
Coach Lauer

McClusky FFA

by Megan Jerkovich, Reporter

On January 4th, 13 of the McClusky FFA members traveled to Bismarck, North Dakota for the annual Winter Leadership Conference. At this conference a lot of students get split up primarily by grades. The conference consists of four different conferences all together. The 101 conference is for students that are 7th, 8th and 9th graders. The 212 conference is mainly for sophomores. The 360 conference is for juniors and seniors. Lastly, there is the gold conference, which is a hands-on conference for any seniors interested in becoming a state officer. The gold conference is something new to Winter Leadership this year. We had two students from our chapter attend that conference this weekend where they learned more about what it means to be a state officer and how to get your name out there. Later in the day, we took part in putting together meals for Meals of Hope. More than 200 meals were packaged to be distributed throughout the state of North Dakota. Our FFA chapter alone produced about 25 boxes. We brought back 6 boxes to bring back to our community. We worked hard for about two hours using our teamwork skills to get as many done as we could!

January 25th was the first Winter CDE of the year held in Rugby. We had a lot of success in both CDE's. The awards are as follows:

Agronomy Individuals: Jon Strobel- Top Individual(gold), Baleigh Ripplinger- 6th place (gold), Dylan Faul-Silver, Jolynne Strobel- Bronze. Agronomy Team: Top Team (gold).

Ag Sales Individuals: Kassidee Logsdon- Gold, Megan Jerkovich- Silver, Irie Irwin- Bronze.

Everybody worked so hard today and cannot wait until next week's contest!

3rd and 4th grade "Lauer Power" news

'Tis the season.....to stay busy. Fa, ra, ra ra, ra.....ra, ra, ra, ra' We have entered that all too busy post-Christmas time when winter sports begin, the 49ers reach the Super Bowl, and the Lakers are the best in the west. But I digress.

This time of year, is when things do kick into high gear. (idiom) Our 3rd graders are now learning their multiplication facts and algorithms. The 4th graders are trying to figure out fractions and percentages and Mr. Lauer is trying to figure out how to teach capacity to both the 3rd and 4th grade. Ugh... We are quickly learning grammar and writing rules and our sentences are consistently getting bester. (See?) Truthfully, we are getting better and better by the day and I am excited to see their creativity blossom with our upcoming 3.8 paragraph writing.

We've also been quite busy learning about life cycles, food chains, ecosystems and biomimicry in Science. MysteryScience.com has also been a lot of fun to add to our weekly repertoire as well as the ever popular W.eird B.ut T.rue Wednesdays. W.B.T.

4th grade has recently started North Dakota studies and I am hoping that by the end of the unit, the students will become your own personal MapQuest. Oh gee, I just dated myself. Oh well. Scholastic News is keeping us up to date on worldly occurrences and we are having fun with our "friendly" debates that they provide.

All in all, things are going great and I'm hoping for continued growth and success in the 2nd semester of the year. Just rememberGO 49ERS AND GO LAKERS. (I may be trying to persuade your children to my ways, jussst a bit.) Hee, hee hee!! Happy New Year and God bless.

Sincerely,
Mr. Lauer

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Brenda Potts teaches science at the high school, advises student council and the eighth grade class; she drives bus for sports and activities and is a member of the policy committee. She has been with the district eight years and enjoys seeing students become interested in science topics. Ms. Potts favorite season is fall. Good choice Ms. Potts! Her hobbies include fishing, studying wildlife, and reading mystery novels. Ms. Potts was born in Pennsylvania and has lived in Texas, South Carolina, and now North Dakota. She enjoys any Penn State sport, especially football. Her dream car is a race car; another great choice! She must have a lead foot, speediness inside her. Lastly, ask Ms. Potts about her accents, specifically British and Southern. You won't be disappointed to hear her speak in a southern drawl.

Mr. Michael Axt is the Vocational Agriculture and Shop teacher at the high school. He also advises the FFA club and the junior and senior classes. He has been with the school district for 39 years; 12 years as a student, 12 years as a school board member, and 15 years teaching. Such dedication to education! Mr. Axt enjoys woodworking and puzzles, the Bourne series of movies, and NDSU Bison Football. His favorite season is fall, just like Ms. Potts, and his favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. His favorite candy bar is a Kit-Kat. Yummy, mmmmm! His dream car is a 1956 T-bird. Awesome car and fantastic year! Finally, Mr. Axt favorite part about teaching is observing students succeed and completing projects; there are some good looking projects coming out of the shop!



CLASS SPOTLIGHT

The **ninth-grade** class is small with three students; two boys and one girl (one not pictured). One student wants to become a police officer, and another wants to be a veterinarian when they grow up. No one said they wanted to be a Toys R' Us kid, sadly. 😊 Students have birthdays in December, May, and August. One student said they look forward to school, being with teachers and friends. That means we are doing something right. Favorite school subjects are science and art. Science is a fun subject; very applicable to life. Student council, band, choir, track, and FFA are extra-curricular activities these students participate in. They are lucky to have educators who dedicate so much time and effort in providing extra-curricular activities and organizations. Finally, spaghetti, knoephla soup, chicken and strudels, and taco in a bag are some favorite meals of the ninth graders. We do have some yummy food to eat in the cafeteria, wouldn't you agree?



Administration, in cooperation with McClusky School Board, would like to offer open campus privileges to students grades seven through twelfth at McClusky High School during the remaining weeks of third quarter. Starting Tuesday, January 21, 2020, students at McClusky High School will have the privilege of an open campus during noon hour. This means students will have the opportunity to leave the school building, drive to the elementary for lunch (or home, the C-Store, etc.) without adult supervision during the common lunch/noon period. Students are responsible for arriving to school on time and before the bell rings, otherwise, they are considered tardy and will earn detention after a one-time warning.

This privilege will be on a trial basis for the remaining weeks of third quarter. Administration will meet prior to the beginning of fourth quarter and discuss whether or not this privilege will continue or cease. With that said, parents have the right to exclude their child(ren) in this privilege. Students are more than welcome to continue walking to the elementary for lunch (or home, the C-Store, etc.), as long as they are back in time for fifth period beginning at 12:33 PM. Students will no longer be required to sign out during noon hour.

Students, on the other hand, are asked to follow safety procedures in order for this privilege to commence and continue in the future. Please speak with your child(ren) about the following safety procedures:

1. Students **must not drive 2nd Street West and Avenue E** – the direct walking route to the elementary — to keep those students walking safe, especially during winter months when the roads are ice and snow covered.
2. Students **must not drive the dirt road behind the elementary school** due to grade school outside noon recess. Again, this is for safety purposes.
3. Students **must obey all traffic and road/street laws**. If caught hot-rodding, showing off, speeding, failure to stop or yield at signs, etc. the privilege will be suspended and/or revoked. One student may ruin it for all.
4. Students **may carpool to the elementary for lunch** (or home, the C-Store, etc.) for practical purposes. However, if caught with more than the allowable number of a people in the vehicle, per safety regulations/seat belt law, the privilege will be suspended and/or revoked.
 - Continuing, **students may not transport others in the bed of a pickup**. Again, students must follow all traf-ic and road/street laws.

Call the school if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you,

McClusky School Administration
