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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>

NO SCHOOL
Monday,
September 6, 2021
for Labor Day

Home Coming
Week September
13-17

Parent Teachers
Conferences
September 28
and 30

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

Kara Munro-Superintendent
Mitchell Avalon-Dean of Students
Laura Lieberman-Business Manager

Greetings fellow Dragons,

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start! What a wonderful group of students and staff I get the privilege to work with every day. For anyone I have not yet met, my name is Kara Munro, and I am the new superintendent and PK-12 principal. I am coming to McClusky with a decade of experience in education. I have worn many of the hats needed to operate a public school. Most recently I taught fourth grade, but I first started in the kitchen as a cook's helper, then an after-school helper, substitute teacher and media specialist/ technology coordinator. I have found that I enjoy wearing all of the various hats required in education, and what drives me as an educational leader it is waking up every morning knowing I get to foster student relationships and work to make a positive difference in the lives of the students and families I serve.

We will soon find ourselves amidst a transition of seasons as the weather will soon grow cooler and the days shorter and darker. Here in McClusky we have weathered many transitions over the course of the last several months with a change in the administration team and the addition of new teachers and paraprofessionals. As we navigate this new season at our school, I have faith that we will all put a best foot forward and strive to be the best we can be. It is only in working together that we can do what is best for kids. I know we would all agree, our kids deserve the best!

In September we have our coop homecoming to look forward to which is the week of the 13th-17th. We will send out a link to purchase any Cougar gear you may need. The month ends with conferences the 28th and 30th. As always, please reach out if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Working together in education,

Superintendent, K-12 Principal, Kara Munro

A Warm Welcome and Welcome Back

By Mr. Avalon, 7-12 Math & HS Dean of Students

This school year we at McClusky Public Schools would like to welcome new faces to the district. First, welcome to all of the new students of varying ages and grades! I speak for the entire staff when I say we hope your time here will be spent making meaningful relationships, developing lifelong skills, and enjoying the fun moments which occur daily in our buildings. I'd also like to welcome several new and repositioned staff members. A specific welcome to Mrs. Reising, Mrs. Faul, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Reising, Mrs. Haas, and Mrs. Munro as they are all brand new to our professional family! Additionally, I'd like to welcome Mr. Krueger into his new position as k-12 music instructor and Mrs. Schaefer to her new position as a paraprofessional and librarian!

Onto an adjacent topic, I'd like to thank everyone involved for the offer of working as Dean of Students this year. It has been so far extremely busy, hectic, and ultimately: rewarding. I've been able to solve many problems in our first month back, and I intend to continue to give my all to every student to make their time in McClusky both memorable and valuable. With great pride I can state my initial list of challenges to solve in relation to fall enrollment of students in traditional, ITV, and online courses has been successful. I hope to continue to push students to reach their potential while providing positivity and a smile to as many students as I can daily. I've formally announced that my main goal for this school year is to reestablish school culture. I want every student to have a reason to *love* coming to school.

I'd like to wish everyone in the district an exciting and fulfilling school year.

"It's a great year to be a dragon."

-Mr. Avalon

Science News

According to a new study published August 26th in the peer reviewed journal, *Current Biology*, some white-necked jacobin hummingbird females (*Florisuga mellivora*) are growing flashy feathers like the males to avoid being harassed by other hummingbirds. In most bird species, the females are drab. These females are sporting some of the blue the males are known for. It is thought that this imitation may help females blend in with the males and be able to feed for longer amounts of time without harassment!



Female



Male



Adapted
Female



I wonder if the girls here at McClusky School District could jump line in the cafeteria with a similar trick?!