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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>

**Picture Day**  
**October 7**

**NO SCHOOL**  
**October 1 and**  
**October 21,22**

**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  
Mitch Avalon-Dean of Students  
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### A Note from Mrs. Munro

Dear McClusky families,

School is back and in full swing as we transition into the vibrancy of fall. The hallways are buzzing with laughter and excitement as we approach our eighth week of school. Our teachers are busy engaging learners with content driven to spark curiosity and wonderment, and our procedures and routines are flowing together into our daily practices.

In the short time we have been back in school, students are working diligently and have already completed their fall NWEA testing. We will use this data to drive classroom instruction and as a tool to offer support and celebrations of achievement and growth. Teachers and parents have wrapped up their first round of parent-teacher conferences with great success as we strive to provide the best education for all of our students.

Here are some upcoming events to mark on your calendar for the month of October:

October 1st- No school

October 7th- Picture day

October 21st and 22nd- No school, NDCEL fall conference



### Science Happenings

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders just finished a lesson on cell structure and function. Ask your 7<sup>th</sup> grader about the powerhouse of the cell! The 8<sup>th</sup> graders also just finished a lesson. They learned about the Glacial Lake Missoula floods and how they shaped western Washington state. The freshmen are studying chemistry and recently conducted a lab about serial dilution. Biology students are learning about the connection between chemistry and biology. Anatomy students are learning about the foundations of science. Chemistry students are learning about the energy found in chemical bonds. Please ignore any loud noises coming from the science classroom...

### Mrs. Senske's Kindergarten Room

There is a lot going on in the kindergarten room! We are steadily going through the alphabet and learning all of the phonemes (sounds). There is an ongoing debate as to whether there are 37 phonemes in the English language or 44. I tend to lean towards 37. We are starting our sight word card series. Students go through different sets of sight word cards to earn a fun prize! We are able to focus more time on science and social studies this year which has been really fun! On top of all that work, there is a lot of extra fun going on! The kids got to celebrate their first pep rally (where they got to witness their teacher get a pie to the face) and co-op homecoming parade! I will go out on a limb and say the best part by far was..... riding the big yellow bus!

## Gabbing with Mrs. Galvin

We are off and running to a great start at McClusky Public Schools this year. I have had the privilege of meeting with every class, and we have some awesome students here in McClusky!

Some things we are working on in Grades Kindergarten-6th are implementing the Zones of Regulation. This helps students determine what their emotions are and we are working towards understanding emotions and how to get to a Green Zone which is where we do our best learning! Please ask your children about the colors of the Zones and for a description of each one. Here's a hint for you, Blue-Red-Yellow-Green are the colors.

This is a video I've shared with the students to introduce them to the Zones and I think you'll find it helpful as well. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smKjmMDuJF4&t=1s>

Everyone has been working hard on completing the NWEA/MAP tests in the areas of Reading, Math and Science as well. I'm very proud of the hard work each student and teacher puts into these tests!

October Events:

Juniors will take the ASVAB on October 6th

Seniors College & Career Fair in Harvey on October 13th—during the school day. Students will have an opportunity to visit with ND college recruiters, representatives from the Bank of North Dakota, and hear from various employers and professionals in breakout sessions. Students will be encouraged to have a list of questions for the colleges as well as complete an application. Many colleges are offering free applications during the month of October; and the Bank of North Dakota will pay one \$35 college application fee (for a ND College) for every high school senior. I will ensure students are fully prepared to get the most from this experience!

Also, as scholarship information comes, I will pass it along to the seniors and/or parent/guardians via email. If you have questions or want to ensure I have your correct contact information, please drop an email to me at the address below.

We will also be observing Red Ribbon Week the last week of the month with fun dress up days and activities for students, and I hope to work with the Student Council to make this a great week for everyone.

I am in each building every day, Tuesday-Friday, which is awesome! I spend the mornings at the High School and the afternoons in the Elementary School. I am so thrilled to have more time to meet with students this year, and be a resource for them and staff as well. If you have an issue you'd like to make me aware of or speak to your child about something, please send me an email and I will do my best to accommodate.

Go Dragons! Go Cougars!

Misty Galvin, K-12 Counselor

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## Music Department

This is my first year as a music director for the McClusky schools, and I am excited to see what this year will have in store for us.

Kindergarten is working on steady beat and building rhythms to the steady beat. First and second grade are learning about time signatures and singing songs. Third grade is starting the process of learning to read notes on the staff. Fourth graders are excited to be playing their recorders. Fifth grade band is going great, and they are sounding wonderful already. The sixth grade band are amazing musicians, and yet still find ways to improve.

High school band is practicing concert band pieces and also Pep Band pieces to change things up a bit.

Both band and choir are testing out material for our concert in December. We will have to see what makes the cut.

Tyler Krueger

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