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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>

FFA Pancake and Sausage Dinner 16

No School Veterans Day 11

Thanksgiving Break 25, 26

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
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A Note from Mrs. Munro

Warm autumn greetings as we transition into a season of giving and reminiscing on all we have to be thankful for. Parent-teacher conferences were well attended and brought about many great discussions and opportunities for teachers and families to discuss all the magnificent work our students are accomplishing. Our teaching staff is exceptional and works diligently to meet the needs of all of our students.

The end of October was unexpected and unfortunate for our school. Shifting to distance learning is an incredible challenge but our staff and students handled it with strength and perseverance. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy in these unprecedented times. As we all want to keep our schools healthy, please do not send your child to school if he/she has a fever, body aches, or is coughing etc. Warm and healing thoughts go out to those being affected.

We will host our “Red Ribbon Week” the first week of November and Mr. Axt has rescheduled the FFA pancake feed for the 16th. We do not have school on the 11th in honor of Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving break is the 25th and 26th. Thank you for your continued support. Please reach out with any questions or concerns.
Proud to be your Superintendent/Principal,

Mrs. Munro

3rd grade “Lauer Power” news

As Axl Rose once so eloquently sang, “Just a little patience....aaaaaaaahhhhhh.” Let’s not forget the iconic whistling at the beginning of this classic track from the once revered Guns n’ Roses. These lyrics resonate as much today as they did then.

This seems especially so this day and week in particular. My classroom sits empty. No waiting minds to mold, no laughing voices, no traffic in the hallways. Just silence, except for the sound of raindrops falling in the gutter outside of my classroom.

Where am I going with this? I just want to thank so many of you for your patience shown during this distance learning week in which we find ourselves. Your kindness and understanding during this current breakout is so greatly appreciated. It’s hard to see our school short nearly 30 students and nearly 10 staff. A tough decision had to be made. And in my opinion, it was less of a decision, as it was a necessity. We are experiencing a breakout spreading like the California wildfires. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Those showing a bit less patience and understanding; I understand your position as well and respect it unilaterally. I hope you can sleep well knowing that there is nothing more that we as teachers want, than to be face to face with our kiddos. (student learners) We all hope that can happen soon and stay the way of it moving forward.

And now on to my fantastic group of 3rd grade gals that I have the privilege of not only teaching, but learning from as well. Never have I had so many high level, critically thought out questions as this year. I find myself saying, “Let me find that answer for you,” so often that I had to implement the Wise Old Owl for them to place their questions in for me to do my homework and find the answers that they seek.

We are already nearly completed with mult. facts and have even begun division and exponents already in Math. WOW!! That’s an incredible feat. We are still learning more about community and government and have even built a model of McClusky; as well as acted as a jury to a mock trial while learning about the judicial branch. These gals know more animals than I do, and we are thoroughly enjoying learning about the vertebrate and invertebrate families. We’ve also began writing using the 1.3 and 2.4 paragraph models.

The sky is the limit this year and I intend on continuing to skip lessons based on their abilities and skill sets. I am certain that we will get farther than the curriculum provides. What an exciting event that will be! I so cherish my opportunity to teach just one grade level and being able to give the deserved one on one attention, is priceless. Please stay healthy and safe and thank you for all that you do for your student learners and for our wonderful school.

Mr. Lauer

Grades 5 and 6

Wow! We can't believe that one quarter of the school year is now completed. It has been a busy time. This year's social studies takes us around the world, beginning in the United States. We have learned some of the beginning of our country as well as how many cultures have worked together to be one. We studied weather in science and even had a weather station set up on the football field so the students could check temperature, wind speed and direction, and rainfall. Different kinds of sentences and nouns have been the focus of study for both grades in English. The fifth graders have been working on place value, multiplying, dividing, and factors of numbers in math. The sixth graders are studying unknown numbers in all operations, geometry, and fractions in math. We have been reading different genres in reading class, even spending time on graphic novels. We want to wish good health to everyone.

Elementary Library

POP OPEN A GOOD BOOK is the theme in the elementary library this year. The elementary library has been a busy place "with so many books, I don't know what to check out" from many students. Students have enjoyed story time and have found many new books they are interested in. New series have been popular, but some students have discovered some of the not so new series and books as well. Elephant and Piggie, Dragon Masters, World War II books, and Wings of Fire are some of the favorites. Encourage your children to read and talk to them about the books they are reading. You might enjoy them as well.

Preschool Happenings

We have been learning about our brains and how to help them grow the “electric spider webs” aka. neuro-synapses. Every day we get our brains ready to grow by telling ourselves positive affirmations. Negativity takes those electric spider webs away so our rule in class is no negative statements. Even if we make a mistake and we stay positive about our effort then our brain still grows! We have also started to explore how our brain learns through our 5 senses. Everything our eyes see, our ears hear, our nose smells, our tongue tastes, and our hands touch gives our brain information to learn and grow. Every lesson moving forward will be discovering how the information is received by our 5 senses to give our brain the information. My goal for my preschool kiddos is to make sure they know that they are in charge of their learning process every step of the way. I want them to know they become more powerful every day when they stay positive about themselves and their educational opportunities.

Our classroom was awarded a ND Government grant called “Best in Class”. This grant money will give us new classroom equipment and materials, it has allowed us to offer our Preschool Program for free to the participants this year, it will give me new training opportunities and a whole new curriculum to try, and it will make sure the students have the best possible start to their education journey! This is the very first year for this grant to be offered in ND so we are very lucky to have been chosen for this pilot grant program. Throughout the year I will give you updates of new things that are happening within our classroom that are directly related to this great opportunity!

Once again, we are holding a “Penny Drive” all year to save as many pennies as we can to buy something for the school or town. Last year my preschoolers purchased a red bench for the red park for parents to sit on while the children play. There is an engraved plaque on their donated bench. This year’s preschoolers are already thinking about what they want to buy for their school or town. If you would like to help them to meet their saving goals this year, please put your pennies in a baggie and send them in so we can watch their savings grow!

As you can see we are off to a great start and I look forward to the growth these amazing little ones will accomplish this year!

~Miss Nikki

Mrs. Boehm's Poppin' P.E. Class!

Greetings to you all! I hope this Fall finds you happy and healthy. The McClusky Elementary students have been doing a fantastic job this year in P.E! Here are some awesome things that have happened so far!

- Sheriff Naser came and presented a driving course and we set up a driving course in the gym. They were able to go to "Scooter School" and take a driving lesson. The students learned about yield signs, stop signs, and intersections. They learned the rules of the road and some new laws that are in place. They had a great time and will be receiving their scooter driver licenses soon! Thanks Sheriff Naser!
- We had another special guest stop by earlier this year! Nurse Anesthetist Lindsay Siebenaler (Miller). A former graduate of McClusky in 2003, Lindsay came and showed the students what it was like a day in surgery. They got to wear the hair coverings, booties, masks, and touch and feel all the equipment that gets used. They also got to listen while Lindsay read them a book about a day in surgery. The kids were fascinated! Thank you Lindsay!
- The k-2 have been in their throwing and catching unit. They have been learning all the different ways to throw and catch different kinds of equipment. We have also been stretching to months of the year, days of the week, counting by 10s, and also by 2s and 3s.
- The 3-6th grade have been in their soccer unit. They have been working on their juggling skills, dribbling skills, passing skills, and being in control. We have been doing multiples of 4, 6, and 7 for our stretching!
- We also started a running club at recess! We have one 5th grader who has completed over 12 miles! The Elementary ran/walked over 120 miles altogether! There will be a pizza and ice cream party for the kids scheduled for Thursday. The top runners/walkers who completed the longest distance in their class will be recognized! Those students are: Willow Boehm (K) 3 miles/26 laps, Braelyn Haux (1) 1.5 miles/12 laps, Kendall Boehm & Jade Jensen (2) 5.5 miles/47 laps, Brooklyn Scheuer (3) 4.1 miles/33 laps, Paedyn Boehm (4) 6.8 miles/54 laps, Maurihanna Zaste (5) 12.5 miles/100 laps, and Brandy Dieterle and Brooklyn Lauer (6) 4.4 miles/35 laps. Great job to all the kids you should all be so proud!

Have a great November everyone!

~Mrs.Boehm~

"We don't stop playing because we grow old. We grow old because we stop playing." George Shaw