

Martin Messages

GOOD NEWS BY MR. WAAGEN

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- February 10- Early Release, student dismissed at 1:45
- February 19- No School

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“Guess what? I got an “A” on my test I took!” “I found my car keys!” “Hey, I found a dollar in the seat cushion!” “I don’t believe it, I just won the lottery!” I am guessing we have all heard most of those phrases sometime during our lives, except perhaps the one about winning the lottery. The sharing of or getting good news is wonderful to hear and we all appreciate it.

Montpelier School continues to work on the accreditation process using tools from AdvancED. One of the valuable tools are the surveys completed by students, parents, and the staff. Review of those surveys brings to light the many good things occurring at our school. Some of these comments are below.

Students

- That I have friends.
- I like that the lunch is always good.
- All the nice teachers and principal.
- I get to go on field trips and do many things.
- I like the fact that it’s small, and the teachers

here explain better and it’s easy to know what you’re doing and stuff with less kids.

- We are a small school so everybody gets the help they need.
- I like that we have a great opportunity to learn with the small numbers in each class. It allows more

attention to be on each student. There is numerous resources that help us learn. And I like that we can come in the mornings to receive

help.

Parents

- I like the small atmosphere for learning and the open communication between teachers and parents.
- The connection between students and staff. The one on one if needed to help learn. Staff truly care about every student.
- The family environment.
- The teachers are great. I have seen my children learn so much and they

genuinely enjoy school.

Staff

- The staff are very dedicated and committed to student success. They are very supportive of fellow teachers and the school in general.
- I enjoy the small school structure and the fact that staff look out for the students on a personal as well as instructional level.
- The family type setting and how well we get to know/support our students.

Yes, there is a lot good news there. Of course there are areas that need to be worked on and improved and these are being addressed in our school goals and plans. The time each of the survey participants gave to take the survey was greatly appreciated and will help guide the future of our school. I am excited and honored to be part of such a caring school and look forward to working with all members of the school community to make our school even better in the future.



SCHEDULING – THAT HILL COMING UP BY MR. BEAR

We made our way through the first half of the year. I have heard many people talk about how we are now on a down hill run to the end. Logically speaking, that doesn't make a lot of sense. Every day of every term – quarter, semester, or year – we have work to do and we need to get it done. It doesn't get less just because the year is half over but I do think that is the perception.

I fall prey to that mindset as well. After I've gone up a hill, though, and then see the downward slope following, what I immediately look for is that next hill. There is no preparation needed to go downhill, but for every uphill struggle we face, we need to be prepared or we'll never make it to the top.

With that said, Mr. Waagen already has created a year-long calendar for next year and Julie has included it in the newsletter. I've started putting together next year's schedule. In fact, I've already got an idea of the classes in which the students will be enrolled this upcoming year.

Here are the (tentative) options kids will have for next year:

- Grade 7 – 7th graders really don't have any scheduling options Mrs. Bowen does allow them some freedom during

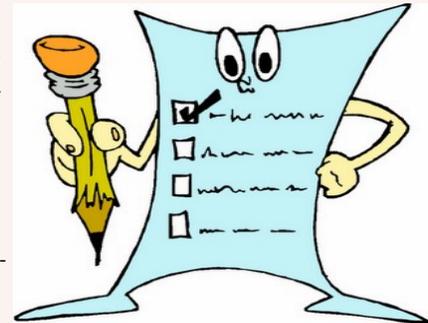
her music class. These students should be thinking about where they see themselves in music during the upcoming years.

- Grade 8 – 8th graders do have a choice concerning band and choir. They do need to take either band or choir and can certainly take both. On the days they do not have band or choir, they will have study hall.
- Grade 9 – This is the first year these students are in high school. One class that will be different for them is math. They will no longer all be in the same math class. The class in which they are enrolled is determined by how well they do this year. In addition, there is no required PE class for 9th graders next year. But, during the band and choir period if they are not in band or choir they will not be in study hall. Instead, they will be in PE.

- Grade 10 – offers more options for students. Depending on ability, they will be grouped in separate math classes. Depending on the class in which they are enrolled, they might have options of Spanish or

Accounting. With these students, too, if they are not in band or choir, they will be in PE at that time.

- Grade 11 – This is probably the class with the most freedom in terms of scheduling. Many of these students are in different math classes, different English classes, different science classes, and Spanish II over ITV. In addition, if they have enough credits they will be able to go to the vocational center where they can take auto mechanics, auto body, machine tooling, construction technology or health care. The only two classes that they will be in necessarily are US History and English – but English has two separate sections.



will need to be taken depending on what has already been done.

Once February rolls around I will be talking to your kids about the classes in which they will be enrolled next year. I would encourage you to talk to your kids about that. Once I visit with them, I will send home with them a sheet for you to sign so I know you are aware of the decisions happening in terms of coursework.

This is an exciting time for me. It's exciting to me because I am indeed looking forward to that hill ahead. I love seeing what I can do to get your kids in the best place they can be in terms of coursework to prepare them

for college. If you have any questions or suggestions,

- Grade 12 – Grade 12 does really have the same options as grade 11 except that most of our seniors will want to be graduating at the end of the year. With that said, there are a certain number of courses that

gestions, feel free to call the school or send me an email at james.bear@k12.nd.us.

MATH AND LITERACY

We tend to separate math skills from literacy skills in our classrooms and daily lives but when the explanations and strategies used in teaching math just don't work what's the next step? If you have set up your bedtime routine to include reading a story or two to your child it might not be a bad idea to start including some math stories in the bedtime story rotation.

Fortunately there are a lot of great

picture books and beyond to choose from. Here are some ideas to get you started.

Teach subtraction with picture books such as *Monster Musical Chairs* and *If You Were a Minus Sign*. Graphing is fun with *Lemonade for Sale* and *Tiger Math*. Fractions are often difficult for

many children to grasp. There are a lot of fun books for early fraction lessons and beyond. For younger kids

the books *Apple Fractions* and *Fraction Action* are great for introducing and reinforcing fraction concepts. For older kids try *Working with Fractions* and *Piece = Part = Whole* and for the dreaded fractions to percents and decimals conversion why not read *Fractions, Decimals, and Percents* and ease the pain. :)

If you are still looking to add a little more math to your day (or night) check out the math app Bedtime Math. Bedtime Math is an app made by a

nonprofit group of the same name. The purpose of Bedtime Math is to get kids and parents talking about math. When kids interact and discuss what they are learning it has a positive impact on what they learn.



BOX TOPS BUZZ

Our next submission due date is March 1, 2016. Send in those box tops. We can beat the November submission of 2,869 box tops! The box tops are due at school no later than February 25, 2016. If possible have them in bundles of 50. The PTO will once again sponsor a pizza party to the class that collects the most box tops! As always keep collecting for the next submission next fall. If you get too many you can always send them to school anytime.



OUR SCHOOL'S BOX TOPS COORDINATOR: **Laurie Brown**

Welcome back after the holidays, parents! Did you know that we've already earned a check for **\$286.90** from Box Tops this school year? This year we are hoping to raise enough

funds for **Purple wall mats for both ends of the gym!!!**

Plus!

Don't miss out on all the chances to win Bonus Box Tops this month at BTFE.com/bonus!

SECOND QUARTER ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL

Second Quarter 2015-16

PreKindergarten

Allison Bowen, Bristol Dally, Ella Lien, Berkley Porter, Charles Ratts, Leon Simpson

Kindergarten

Maycee Blinsky, Jalyssa De-Buck, Wyatt Hoff, Karys Schultz, Conner Smith, Kailey Van Enk, Kody Wahl

First Grade

Kalli Cahill, Isabella Ahrens, Rhea Haakenson, Clara Harms, Jordan Jensen, Ian Lien

Second Grade

"A" Honor Roll- Cheyanne Bowen, Kaden Tornabene
"B" Honor Roll- Donte Porter, Max Schrader, Chloe Smith

Third Grade

"A" Honor Roll- CeCe Bear, August Harms,

"B" Honor Roll- Caden Mostad

Fourth Grade

"A" Honor Roll- Gage Rode, Amy Smith, Jozee Vondal
"B" Honor Roll- Nate Kjellberg, Austyn Stopplesworth

Fifth Grade

"A" Honor Roll- Zachary Dally, Eddie Harms, Leah Peckham
"B" Honor Roll- Cassidy Ford, Gabrielle Haakenson, Hailey Mostad, Cheyanna Smith, Nora Smith, Ashlynn Walz

Sixth Grade

"A" Honor Roll- Cassidy Boom, Lane Froehlich, Megan Witcraft

"B" Honor Roll- Bryce Anderson, Lance Kjellberg, Logan Rich



SECOND QUARTER HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Quarter 2015-16

Name	
Cheyenne Elsner	4.000
Brant Naze	4.000
Cassandra Prescott	3.857
Lucas Rich	3.857
Seth Kjellberg	3.833
Savanna Dick	3.800
Dylan Moran	3.800
Victoria Boom	3.714
Angel Nelson	3.714
Morgan Harr	3.667
Morgan Smith	3.571
Cody Henne	3.500
Sebastian Bear	3.429
Colten Boom	3.429
Treazur Williamson	3.429
Colten Ford	3.400
Justin Buss	3.333
George Ringuette	3.286
Allison Roorda	3.286
Nik Marks	3.250
Andrew Roorda	3.250
Whitney Widmer	3.200
Micheal McMillon	3.200
Jocelynn Forvilly	3.143
Samantha Hofmann	3.000
Alexis Larson	3.000



2016-2017 Calendar for Montpelier School

August 2016 (8 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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September 2016 (21 Days)						
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October 2016 (19 Days)						
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November 2016 (19 Days)						
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December 2016 (15 Days)						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August- 2 days Professional Development
 School Begins- August 22

September 5- Labor Day- No School

October 6- P/T Conferences 3:00-9:00
 Teacher Convention- No School

Nov. 11- Veteran's Day- No School
 Nov. 24, 25- Thanksgiving Break- No School

Dec. 22-Jan. 2 Christmas Break- No School

January 3- School Resumes
 Jan. 13- End of 1st Semester

February 10- No School, PT Comp Time

Feb. 28 & March 2 - 4:00-7:00 P/T Conferences
 March 16 Storm Make Up Day
 March 17- No School, PT Comp Time

April 14, 17 No School Good Friday, Storm Day
 No School (Last Day of School?)- May 19
 Graduation- May 20
 May 29- Memorial Day

Early Release- Oct. 5, Nov.30, Feb. 8, April 5
 Students released at 1:45

1st Quarter: Aug. 22-Oct. 19 (42 days)
 2nd Quarter: Oct. 24-Jan. 13 (49 days)
 3rd Quarter: Jan. 16-March 10 (39 days)
 4th Quarter: March 13-May 19 (46 days)

January 2017 (21 Days)						
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February 2017 (19 Days)						
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March 2017 (21 Days)						
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April 2017 (18 Days)						
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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May 2017 (15 Days)						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Montpelier Mission Statement

To be a community-based institution with community based cooperation. To enhance individual educational opportunities in a quality-learning environment

**WHENEVER THINGS GO A BIT SOUR
IN A JOB I'M DOING, I ALWAYS TELL
MYSELF, 'YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN
THIS.'**

DR. SEUSS

February 2016 Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>1</p> <p>GBB vs Strasburg/Zeeland @ Edgeley 6pm</p> <p>JHBBB vs LLM @ Kulm 4:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>BBB vs Ellendale @ Edgeley 6pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>JH BBB @ Jamestown Middle School 5pm</p> <p>BBB Kulm B Squad Tourney</p>	<p>5</p> <p>GBB vs Sargent Central @ Kulm 6pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>BBB Kulm B Squad Tourney</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>GBB @ Napoleon 6pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>BBB @ LaMoure 6pm</p> <p>JHBBB @ Ellendale 4:30pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Early Release Students dismissed at 1:45pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>BBB vs Carington @ Edgeley 6pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>GBB District Tournament–Jamestown</p>	<p>13</p> <p>GBB District Tournament–Jamestown</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Happy Valentine's Day</p>	<p>15</p> <p>JH BBB @ Oakes 4:30pm</p> <p>GBB District Tournament–Jamestown</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>BBB vs MPB @ Kulm 6pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>No School</p>	<p>20</p> <p>BBB @ Strasburg/Zeeland 2pm</p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>GBB Region Tournament</p>	<p>23</p> <p>GBB Region Tournament</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>GBB Region Tournament</p>	<p>26</p> <p>BBB District Tournament–Jamestown</p>	<p>27</p> <p>BBB District Tournament–Jamestown</p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>BBB District Tournament–Jamestown</p>					

February 2016 Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chicken Drummies Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	2 Spaghetti & Meatballs	3 Hot Ham & Cheese	4 Chili	5 Pita Pepperoni Pizza	6
7	8 Sloppy Joes	9 Hotdogs	10 Grill Cheese FF	11 Lasagna Roll Ups	12 Fish Stix	13
14 	15 Hamburger Hotdish	16 Chicken Fillet	17 Salsbury Steak	18 Subs	19 No School	20
21	22 Chicken Nuggets	23 Taco Salad	24 McRib	25 Cook's Choice	26 Tortellini w/ Alfredo Sauce	27
28	29 Chicken Quesadilla					