

Martin News

Mr. Waagen– Ahoy Matey

I enjoy a good television show or movie while my wife doesn't care a whole bunch about either. There are a few movies she likes, including The Pirates of the Caribbean series. Now I am pretty certain it doesn't hurt that Johnny Depp plays Captain Jack and is quite the character. One of the things we like about those movies is Captain Jack's attitude always feeling confident and taking chances in many situations.

That same thought of taking chances is being shared with the teaching staff during our current book study of Teach Like a Pirate by Dave Burgess. The basic premise presented by Burgess is that we need to have the spirit of a pirate, willing to head to uncharted waters and taking risks along the journey. Our teachers are always working to find effective methods to engage students in their own learning process. The goal is for all students to be excited about attending their classes each and every day wondering what their teacher has in store for them. (Cont. pg. 6)

Mr. Bear– Grades

What does an A mean? Awesome? How about an F? Fail? I wouldn't do it to anybody else's kids, but I tell my own that when they get a B, they are failing. They argue, of course, but my answer is always that a B is failing. A B is failing to get an A. On the same token, an A is failing to get an F. Everything we do could be considered a failure of some sort. That's kind of a dismal way to look at things, but people's perspectives can drastically change a person's outlook.

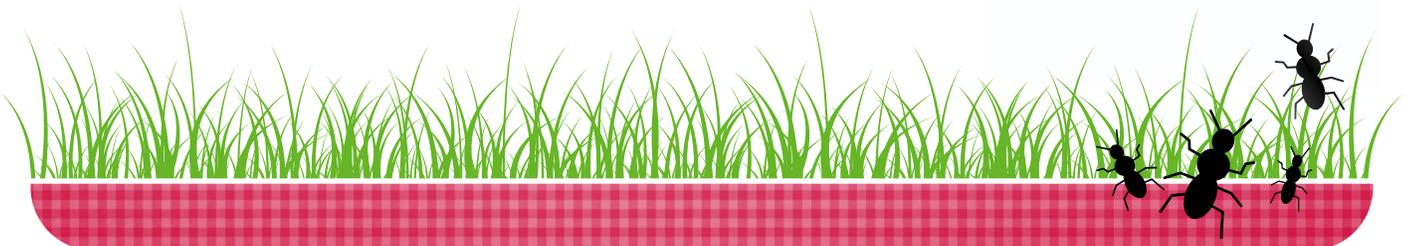
There cannot be failure without a goal that we are trying to achieve. I do want the goal of every student to be to get the best grades they can possibly get. It should be. It is simply logical that this is what they should want to achieve. Why would you spend an entire quarter or semester doing schoolwork only to achieve something less? (Cont. pg. 7)

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Mr. Wright's Multimedia Class



Student Council

This month student council organized the Red Ribbon Week. We enjoyed days from Pajama day to Halloween day. The next activity Student Council will be organizing is a fall dance. We hope that this will bring kids from the school together for a fun and social activity. More detail about this will come as we get closer to the dance. Remember, if students have any ideas for the school, they should tell their class representative or join Student Council!

-Seth Kjellberg, President

Pre-School

The preschoolers had a little different opinions on things. They all basically agreed that the best candies to get for Halloween are M&M's and tootsie rolls. For their favorite thing about Thanksgiving, Lilly T. said she liked giving people treats, and Trenten said he likes ham. So far their favorite projects have been making sun catchers and their scarecrows. Finally, over the long weekend Lilly R. went to the park, Jaxon B. played with his trucks in the dirt, Jaxon V. went to the pumpkin patch, and Cora went to her grandma's.



Kindergarten

The kindergarteners are a class of unity! When asked a variety of questions, they pretty much all answered the same. For

Halloween, they are all most excited about eating chocolate bars. Their favorite thing about Thanksgiving is the turkey. Their favorite project they have done in school has been making skeletons and an apple tree. In addition, their favorite food is the interesting combination of Mac & Cheese and mashed potatoes. Since Halloween is coming up, they wanted to say what they were going to be. This is where they differed. Brinley and Bristol are going to be Colorful Witches, Jalyssa is going to be a Peacock, Alli is going to be Cinderella, Ella is going to be a Viking, Charlie is going to be Batman, and Leon is going to be Iron man.



First Grade

The first graders were all very excited after the long weekend! They enjoyed talking about the different things they did over the weekend. Macie enjoyed feeding her cows. Kody worked hard at home with his dad. Aveahya went to her grammy's house. We also asked them about their favorite candy they hope to get trick-or-treating. Connor said he really likes jolly ranchers. Mason and Kody both enjoy cotton candy. They are all excited for Thanksgiving, so we asked them what they enjoyed the most. Kody said he enjoys giving to other people. Kailey and Connor both really like the turkey. Macie loves to help with the baking. Aveahya just likes to have fun. Mason's favorite part is when you get to eat a feast.



Second Grade

The second graders are starting the second quarter off with fun by learning about fossils and spiders. The thing they all liked about the first quarter is that they have the best teacher! Over the long weekend, Ian ate candy and went to a party. Isabella went to her grandparents and melted crayons over a pumpkin. Jordan sold one of her huskies that she's been raising. As Halloween nears, Rhea is looking forward to eating Hershey bars. Jaxson, on the other hand, likes everything but chocolate. Looking forward to Thanksgiving, Clara is excited to go hunt pheasants, and Kallie is excited for her cousins to come over.



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Third and Fourth Grade

The Third graders are all super excited for their Halloween party! We had a four-day weekend and all the kids were so excited to tell us what they did. Chloe, Max, and Mylee said they were with their horses. Donte and Max had a sleep over. So far, their favorite class project has been the egg drop. When trick-or-treating, Kaden's favorite candy is



everything. Cheyenne's favorite candy is KitKats. Thanksgiving is coming up and Fallen's favorite part is the stuffing.

The Fourth graders are all super excited for Thanksgiving! Kaden and August's favorite part is getting to celebrate with their family. Cece loves the turkey, and Locklynn loves the stuffing. Over the long weekend, Locklynn went to a rabbit show. August played Minecraft. Kaden played games at his cousin's house, and Cece went to a skin care party with her mother. The class's favorite class project so far has been their spider drawings.

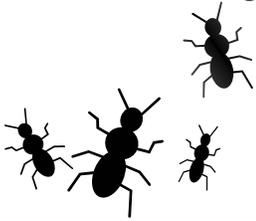


For Halloween, Locklynn's favorite candy is a Reese's. August loves every kind of candy. Kaden loves everything without peanuts. Cece's favorite is candy corn.



Fifth Grade

The 5th graders had a very fun long weekend. Josie and her friend went to Fargo, to the pumpkin patch. Terrin stayed at Alexis's house and played Minecraft. Louis went over to a friend's house and played outside. Nate went hunting, and missed a really big buck.



One of the projects they are doing is planting acorns, the kids seemed to be excited about that. I also asked the kids what their favorite part of



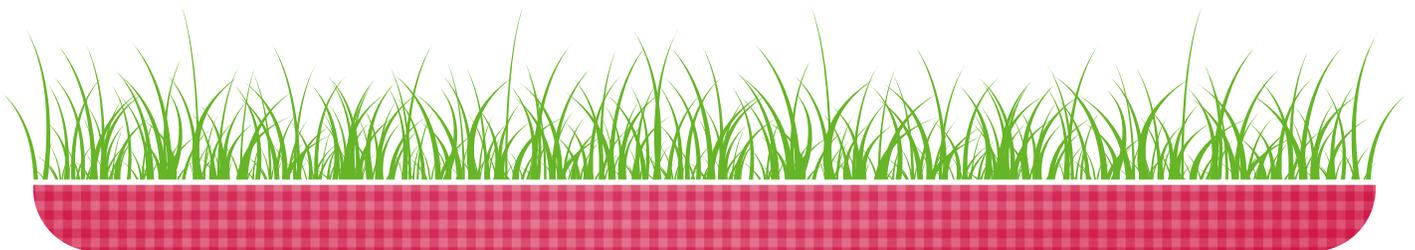
Thanksgiving is. Louis said he liked watching football. Nate said turkey, Amy said she liked lefsa. Josie also said she liked turkey, and Cody is all about the pumpkin pie.

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Sixth Grade

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have a nice Thanksgiving dinner, and Eddie's family is going hunting!





Volleyball Varsity Team

Volleyball

The last season ever for the LMM Lady Rebels did not end with a fairy tale ending as they were eliminated from the playoffs on October 28, but it was still a season filled with fun. The highlight of the season was the 3-0 sweep of Strasburg-Zealand here at home on Sept. 8th. At Districts, the lady Rebels fought valiantly, only to come up short for Regionals. In addition, Cheyenne Elsner was selected to the All-District team. Next season, we will be in a Co-Op with Edgeley-Kulm.

Basketball

Pee-Wee basketball started in October. The team consists of 10 fourth, fifth, and sixth grade boys. For many, this is their first time ever playing organized basketball. They played hard in their first game against Edgeley-Kulm on October 24, but lost. Though they lost, there were lots of good things that took place. They were able to get more shots off than any other game from the previous year, and they had many good basketball plays. The team is making great improvements, and we have high hopes for them as their season continues. Their first home game is scheduled for November 3.

Jr high girls started practice on Oct. 13, and their first game is scheduled for Nov. 7th in Kulm.

Football

This year we had one participant in Edgeley Junior High Football, and we would like to see more participation in the future. Lance Kjellberg, a seventh grader, was a lineman for the team. During the game against Midkota, Lance had the best game of his new football career. He sacked the quarterback once and made two tackles on receivers, even tackling one in the backfield. Next year, all grade level football teams will be in the same co-op with Edgeley-Kulm-Ellendale. We hope that this will foster more participation for years to come.

Counseling News

We are currently searching for a new counselor.



High School 1st Quarter Top of the Class

7th Grade– Megan Witcraft

Lane Froehlich

8th Grade– Lucas Rich

9th Grade– George Ringuette

10th Grade– Tori Boom

11th Grade– Jamie Bertsch

12th Grade– Seth Kjellberg

Brant Naze

The classroom and students have changed compared to the time I was in elementary and high school. I remember well how I would sit through most of the day simply listening to the teachers lecture and then handing out worksheets or giving reading assignments at the end of the lesson. Yes, there is still some of that still happening but visiting a classroom today you will see much more than that. Today's students are used to instant feedback like they receive from social media and video games. They need to be stimulated, not necessarily entertained, but presented with activities that catch and hold their attention.

Teach Like a Pirate provides teachers a variety of ways to improve student engagement during their lessons. They are encouraged to take some chances and try a new way to teach a lesson. There is always a risk of trying something new but not being willing to take risks can prevent one from discovering a better way to present a concept. I believe that most students are generally fearless and are willing to go along a new ride with their teachers. They trust their teachers. Together they will have a fantastic learning adventure.

The book stresses that everyone is creative even though we will tell others, "It is easy for you, you're creative." We all have a creative side that might just take a little time, effort and belief to bring it out. This creativity may come out when visiting with a friend or looking that ever popular Pinterest website. No matter how it arrives, we need to embrace our creativity and help it grow within. Remember it will take some effort but it will happen if you can stay patient. I encourage everyone to believe that you do have a creative side and stopping making excuses for not trying something new. The experiences you will have will be rewarding. Now, if I can only find a way to look more like Johnny Depp.



Students enjoying Ms. Leggate's class.

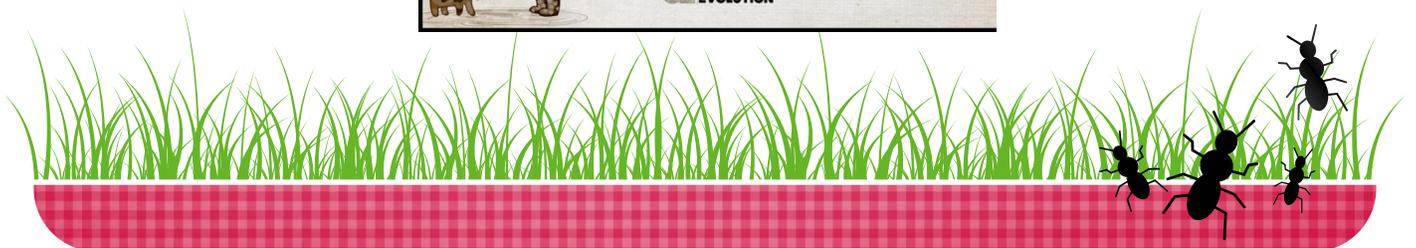
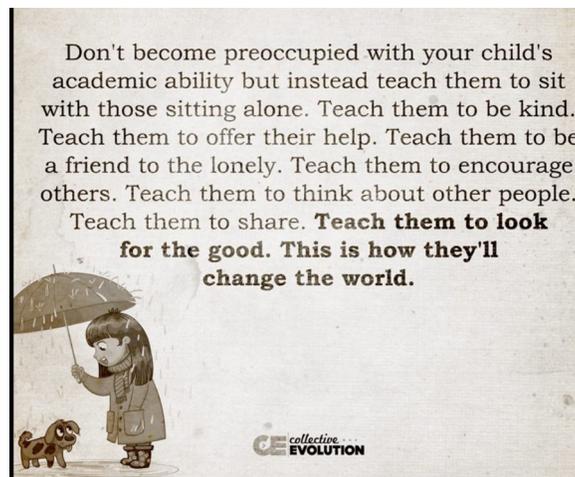


Why kids do things, though, is often well outside my realm of understanding as, I'm sure, why I do the things I do is outside other people's understanding. Montpelier School does have as its goal academic success. Even if for whatever reason academic success is not what the kids want, it is what the school wants.

When looking at student grades from quarter 1, it becomes obvious that we have some kids with a goal of getting an A because we did have some very successful students at Montpelier High School. We had three students achieve a 4.0 GPA: Seth Kjellberg, Brant Naze, and Megan Witcraft. In addition, exactly half our student population managed to get on the honor roll which means they had a B average and did not get any D's or F's. Many of our students that struggled last year found themselves on that honor roll for quarter 1. Our overall GPA when averaging everybody together is significantly higher than it was at the end of last year.

Through this discussion I have been trying to decipher what that A actually means. It's a goal for students, but it is most certainly an arbitrary goal that doesn't mean anything by itself. To me, that A means we – students, teachers, and parents – have figured out how to agree upon a goal. Without that, there is no way for that student to achieve it. It's fortunate that we were successful during this first quarter, because it is also true that the future of these kids – and our world -- depends upon it.

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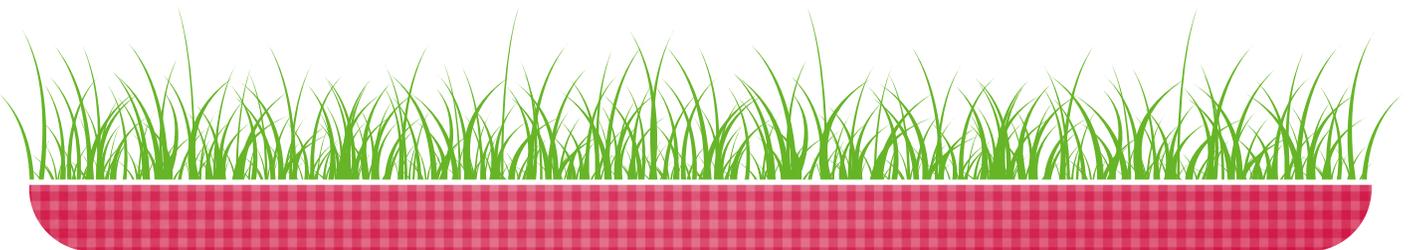
Students Hard at Work!



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Senior Highlight– Savanna Dick

Savanna plans on going to the University of Minnesota to become a vet because she really loves animals. One of her favorite memories was when she was made into a mummy in Social Studies when she was a Sophomore. The only bad thing about it was that she got a little warm by the end of it. She had one main piece of advice for the younger students. She said to take the classes you need earlier so you don't have to worry about trying to get credits your senior year.



November Lunch Menu

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
31 Goblin Nachos	1 Creepy Chicken Nuggets	2 Poltergeist Pizza	3 Mummy Dogs	4 Bats and Cob Webs
7 Sweet and Sour Chicken	8 Beef Stroganoff	9 McRib	10 Grilled Ham and Cheese & Tom Soup	11 No School
14 Chicken Penne	15 Thanksgiving Dinner	16 Cook's Choice	17 Pita Pockets	18 Chicken Fried Steaks
21 Calzones	22 Hamburgers	23 Vangies Enchalades	24 No School	25 No School
28 Chicken Salad	29 Mini Corn Dogs	30 Terriyaki Meatball Bowl		

November Activities

School Activities

Election Day **Nov. 8**

Barnes County Music Festival **Nov. 14**

Health, Technology, & Trades Fair **Nov. 17**

Turkey bingo Friday, **Nov. 18**– 5 pm meal, 6pm games start

Thanksgiving Break- **Nov. 24 & 25**

Elem. Boys' Bball

In Montpelier– **Nov. 3, 8, 10, 15**

Jamboree in Lamoure– **Nov. 12**

HS Boys' Bball

Practice Starts **Nov. 28**

Jr. High Girls' Bball

In Kulm– **Nov. 7 and 29**

In Edgeley– **Nov. 14, 17, and 22**

HS Girls' Bball

Practice Starts **Nov. 14**

First game **Nov. 29** in Kulm

Music News

November 14 is the Barnes County Music Festival for our high school students.



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