



Martin Messages

Mr. Waagen

SET SAIL

The winds are blowing, (aren't they always in North Dakota?) as we begin this 2016-2017 school year. It is time for a new adventure for our students and staff as they open their books filled with new ideas and information. This is an exciting time of the year for all of us but like setting sail on the ocean it can also be a bit nerve-racking. There are many unknowns that lie ahead but that is also why this a thrilling adventure. We simply must be prepared to work hard, be prepared for anything, learn from our mistakes, and enjoy our successes.

Entering our school this year you will find several changes. There has been a change in two members of the teaching staff. Mr. Tyler Schnaubert will be the K-12 PE/Health instructor and Mrs. Amy Tahrán will serve as the school counselor. Randy Henne who was hired late May serves as the head custodian.

Facility-wise, the biggest change you will notice is the kitchen and the lunchroom as new tile has been installed along with a fresh coat of paint. Head cook, Carla Johnson, has worked very hard on the entire area painting and refinishing all of the cabi-

nets, thanks Carla! The custodial staff of Randy Henne and Brenda Heyd-Cofell along with summer helper Cody Henne did a fantastic job cleaning the school.

Like all years we will be very busy with many activities occurring. The school will be hosting an open house carnival night on Thursday, September 1 from 5:00-7:00. A free will offering meal will be available along with multiple carnival like games hosted by the different classes of the school. There will be a minimal cost to purchase punch cards to participate in the games. Some games currently planned include the always a favorite cake walk, punch board, a fishing pond, and many others. Each school family is asked to bring a cake for the cake walk. All parents and children are encouraged to come and enjoy this back to school kickoff event.

On a more somber note, our staff will no longer have our administrative assistant, Julie Smith, who has loyally served our school for the past six years. Julie has been a key member of our staff serving not only as a secretary but as the school nurse, bus driver, a comforting shoulder for the little ones to cry on, and many others. I have been so lucky to have

her as my administrative assistant as I became familiar and comfortable in my role. Her knowledge of the school and the community has truly been invaluable and truly appreciated by me. The entire body of staff and students thank her for time and dedication and she will be deeply missed. It is now time for you to set sail to a different port, good luck.

I am excited about the upcoming year and for the many adventures for all of the 114 students. Yes, there will be some rough waters now and then but with perseverance and good communication we will not only survive but become better. If you have any questions always feel free to contact the school at any time.

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Special points of interest:

- September 1- School Carnival 5pm -7pm
- September 5- No School
- September 27- Fall School Pictures

Mr. Bear

It's a good feeling to be starting another school year. I do love summer where I have more opportunity to spend leisure time with my family, but there's a sense of purpose and urgency during the school year that makes everything worth doing. I'm glad to be in the mix once more.

There are a few things that require a bit of a reminder every year for parents of all students:

- For school information and announcements, check our facebook page. In addition to that, be sure the office has current cell phone, home phone, and email information from you. We do use PowerAnnounce to send messages during school closings which pulls its information from PowerSchool. In addition to that, you may receive messages via our school's list-serv. If you aren't receiving those messages or aren't sure, send me an email at james.bear@k12.nd.us and I will be certain you are included.
- If any parent of any student in grades K-12 does not have PowerSchool access, they should. Send me an email and I will help you get started if you have never had access.
- Always make sure your kids get enough sleep. One thing we see as

of recent years is kids spending so much time on the computer that they don't go to bed on time and then they're too tired to function at their best in school.

There are new things, too, of which only high school students and their parents should be aware.

- **Cell Phones** - We are relatively relaxed at Montpelier School about student cell phone usage. Teachers did find, however, that there was class time wasted trying to resolve cell phone issues. As a result, teachers elected at the end of last year to come together and not allow cell phones in the classrooms. Each teacher will have a basket or box in the front of their room to collect cell phones at the beginning of class.
- **Pop and other beverages** - Another issue brought up by teachers at the end of last year was that there were too many beverages floating around. We will be more strict about that than we were last year. It is important that our kids drink lots of water and they will be healthier if they don't drink as much pop (even if they currently drink very little). So, in the interests of our students' health, we are not going to allow beverages in school other than water before 3:10. If a stu-

dent brings a pop to school, it may get thrown away.

- **Homework Hub** - If you go to our school home page at www.montpelier.k12.nd.us, there is a link at the top called 'Homework Hub'. On this link, each teacher has a page. If you click that page, you can see assignments that are due for students during the week for that teacher's class.

We have a new mission statement for our school, too. "Montpelier School is an educational community working together towards the common goal of students obtaining academic and personal success in order to become productive and involved members of society." What that says to me is that our job at Montpelier School is to work with parents, students, and teachers to make the world a little bit better. I think that's a noble mission and am looking forward to doing my best to play a part in it.

Bus Information

Students riding a school bus should always:

- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early.
- Stand at least 5 giant steps(10 feet) away from the edge of the road.
- Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says it's okay before stepping onto the

bus.

- Be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags with straps or dangling objects do not get caught in the handrail or door when exiting the bus.
- Check both ways for cars before stepping off the bus.

Crossing students should:



- Walk in front of the bus; never walk behind the bus.
- Walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least 10 giant steps ahead of the bus.
- Be sure the bus driver can see them, and they can see the bus driver.

Farewell

As I sit working on the newsletter, the reality has set in that this is the last newsletter I will be creating.

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and students that have made my last six years very enjoyable. I will miss you all!

I am very excited to be starting a new chapter in my life.

Again, thank you all!!!

Julie Smith

I'm Leaving...

SAYING, "GOODBYE"

never say goodbye. because
goodbye means going away,
and going away means
forgetting. - peter pan

I'm gonna miss
everybody. :(

Finding Greatness

Show Them the Mirror

Just a few weeks ago I attended a Nurtured Heart Approach refresher course along with the other Montpelier Elementary Staff. It was great to see everyone again after the summer months but more importantly it felt good to witness the commitment our teachers have to the emotional and academic health of our students.

Our school trained in this approach last year so I wasn't hearing new information, but just like we ask our readers to 'read again' and 'dig deeper' by rereading and discussing a text, I walked away with a renewed outlook. Our presenter, Rosemary, frequently referred to 'holding the mirror' in front of our students' faces and showing them who they are. This isn't an actual mirror. We are there notic-

ing who these kids are and telling them (showing them the mirror). These kids are responsible, hard-working, brave, independent, patient, respectful, and so much more.

I will be offering the Nurtured Heart Approach parenting class again this Fall. This is a free class. If you attended last year and are ready to 'dig deeper', considered attending, or just became aware of this opportunity I encourage you to join us. More information will become available soon and will be published on our website and sent through the list serv. If you want me to email you more information directly you can contact me at the school or via email.

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Self Reflection



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Montpelier Mission Statement

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Back To School Information

If you have not filled out your back to school information and returned it to the office, please do so ASAP! It is very important that we receive this information on your child/children. Updated work/cell phone numbers are also important to have on file at the school in case of emergencies.

If you feel there is any chance you might qualify, it is important that you fill out the free and reduced application and return it to the office.

So far pre-paid meals are working well. Please keep an eye on your children's account. I will be

notifying you if their account goes below \$10 on a monthly basis. You can call the school any time and can go over the lunch balances. If you are not set up to check your child/children's account on powerschool, please contact Mr. Bear at 701-489-3348 or james.bear@k12.nd.us.





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September 2016

Activities

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 School Carni- val 5pm-7pm	2	3
4	5 No School Labor Day	6 LMM VB vs Midkota @ Kensal 5pm (3games)	7	8 LMM VB vs Strasburg/ Zeeland @Montpelier 4:30pm (3games)	9	10 LMM VB Volley in the Valley (V) @ Casselton
11	12	13 Bookmobile LMM VB vs Carrington @Montpelier4: 30pm School Board Meeting 6pm	14	15 LMM VB vs South Border @Montpelier 5pm (3games)	16	17 Miss ND Pre- lim Pageant LMM VB Op- timist Tourney @ Valley City
18	19 LMM VB vs MPB @ Me- dina 5pm (3games)	20	21	22 LMM VB vs BCN @ BCN 4:30pm (3games)	23	24 LMM VB JV Tourney- LaMoure
25	26	27 Fall School Pictures Bookmobile LMM VB vs E- K @ Montpel- ier 4:30pm (3games)	28	29 LMM VB @ Napoleon 5pm (3games)	30	



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Lunch Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Popcorn Chicken	2 HotDogs	3
4	5 No School Labor Day	6 Meatballs/ Mashed Po- tatoes	7 Hot Ham & Cheese	8 Twisted Chicken Al- fredo	9 Pita Pockets	10
11	12 Chicken Pat- ty	13 Tacos	14 Corn Dog	15 Terriyaki Chicken	16 Cheesy Noo- dles w/ Beef	17
18	19 Turkey	20 Spaghetti	21 McRib	22 Fish Stix	23 Subs	24
25	26 Beef Gravy Mashed Po- tatoes	27 Pita Pizza	28 Tator Tot Hotdish	29 Chicken Nug- gets	30 Super Na- chos	