

Martin News

Mr. Waagen– Final Thoughts

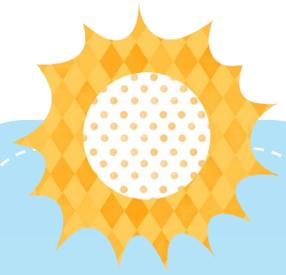
Another school year has nearly come and gone. Maybe it was the long winter, but it is hard to believe that school will be out in just a few short days. Every school year is a little different with each having their own successes and challenges. May 20th will be the final step for our graduating seniors and we hope that we have prepared them for their own successes and challenges that will come.

The other students of Montpelier School are looking forward to the summer and all of the activities that go with it. Summers are always great as a child but one aspect that may be overlooked is summer supervision. Parents must now consider where and how their children will be cared for when at work. This may be a challenge for many as the logistics have many factors to consider. To help with this please look at the following link, <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/cfs/brochure-home-alone.pdf>. This flyer provides parents with safety tips as well as factors in determining when it might be the right time to leave a child at home on their own. (Continued on Pg. 6)

Mr. Bear– Final Thoughts

As the year winds down, it’s hard for me to understand where the time went. I’ve been in education for exactly 20 years now and there are so many kids’ faces that are part of that. Every student is unique, but as the years progress and all of the issues of the day and the year go the way of vacuum-powered windshield wipers, we also see how every year and every student is the same. In education, sometimes that leads to stagnation. This is what I was referring to 15 years ago as I (a ‘veteran’ teacher) told an incoming teacher how I thought that in a lot of ways he was better than I was simply because he was new.

It took me a few more years of experience to realize the value that experience brings to working with kids. Always, though, with experience comes that fear of stagnation because as we try something and it works – even if it has a few flaws – we seldom step out of that comfort

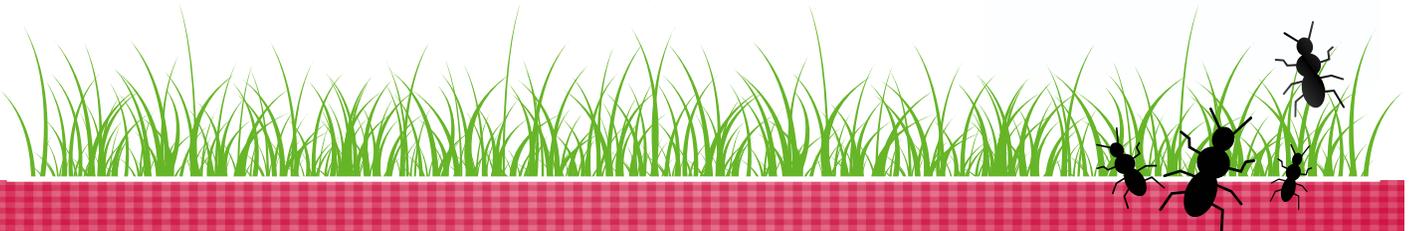


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Mr. Wright’s Multimedia Class



Student Council

The Student Council activities have mostly dried up in the home stretch of the year, but we still have some things to take care of. This week, we must decide who our officers for next year will be. The Council also has to be thinking of fundraising opportunities for next year.

-Hobie Bear, President

Pre-School

The Pre-Schoolers can't wait until school is done so they can go play outside! What are they doing this summer you may ask? Well Braydon's birthday is in the summer, so he's excited about that, and he's going camping. Coraline is going swimming this summer. Averie Jo can't wait to go swimming this summer and play in the park. Everyone of them said gym and coloring are there favorite parts about school.

Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners are very happy to have a little break for a while before they move on to 1st grade. They have so many interesting things they loved about school! Cora's favorite is the homework because it's so much fun to learn about new things every day. Lily T's is playing with the tablets. Lily R and Jaxon V's favorite part is gym. Jaxon B likes the projects they get to do, and Kaihlynn's favorite thing is doing the calendar every morning with her class. This summer, Cora is going to go visit Treazur and her grandma. Lily is going to help out with the day care she attends, and she is going swimming a lot. Lily R is going to hangout with her sister and brother and go swimming. Jaxon V is going to the farm and ride tractor, and Jaxon B is going to the water park with his family. Kaihlynn will be going swimming and hangout with her family too.

First Grade

We went around to ask the First graders what their favorite part of school was and what their summer plans are. Here are their responses: **Ella:** Had fun making spookies, enjoyed getting homework for the first time this year, getting a baby goat, going to shoot fireworks, going to the fair, riding horses, and running around shooting her brother with a nerf gun and sleeping all day. **Bristol:** excited for her Birthday. **Leon:** Going to make something for mother's day, and excited to get out of school. **Charley:** Lots of fun with 100 or more days of school, having a birthday party for someone, no homework, is going to play with toys and do nothing on the last day of school. **Allison:** Is going to the pool. **Jalyssa:** Is making butterflies, and is excited for summer so she can mess with her sister, and thinks she's going to Fargo and Jamestown on the last day of school. **JoHannah:** is making birdies, going to play with her brothers, doing everything crazy, going in a hot tub, going to Gladstone this summer, and is going to Fargo on the last day of school.



Second Grade

We went around asking the 2nd graders questions about school and summer. Their responses were: **Conner:** He had fun planting flowers, looking forward to go mudding on his four wheeler, and hopes to go on a field trip the last day of school. **Louis:** Enjoys fire drills, is going fishing, playing outside this summer, and is happy to get to see his classmates for the last time this year and hopes to go play outside. **Kailey:** Had fun working on art projects, she's going to have sleepovers this summer, go on a four wheeler, and celebrating a birthday. **Aveahya:** Likes Fire drills, and she's going to spend the night at Kailey's house. **Maycee:** Likes fire drills, is going to do wood burning this summer, and hopes to have an ice cream party last day of school. **Kody:** Likes Gym, his dad fixed his four wheeler, gets to see his cousins and hopes to have gym the last day of school.

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Third and Fourth Grade

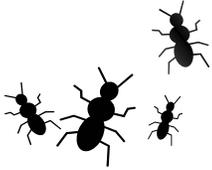
The favorite memories of the third graders this school year were: Going to the water park, making pumpkin houses, learning about the Titanic & making polar bears, and going to the pumpkin patch. Their various summer plans include: Spear fishing, fishing with family, visiting cousins, visiting dad, going camping, swimming, and jumping on the trampoline!

The fourth graders are excited for the last month of school! They wanted to share some of their favorite memories from this past school year and their summer plans. **Max:** his favorite memory was when he pushed Donte off a pole during recess and riding his dirt bike this summer. **Mylee:** her favorite memory was when they had their popcorn party, this summer she is going to spend time training her kittens and going camping. **Chloe:** her favorite memory was when they had their ice cream party and she is excited to ride her horse this summer. **Dante:** his favorite memory was when Max pushed him off the pole during recess, he is ready to go to Florida and see his family. **Kaden:** he is excited to go camping this summer. **Cheyenne:** she is ready to go camping this summer.



Fifth Grade

The Fifth graders' favorite part about school is their teacher, Mr. Nelson, they loved all the stories he would tell and all the fun projects he let them do. Everyone is doing so many different things this summer! Locklynn will be riding a lot of horse. Cece is going to hangout with her little baby chicken. Nathan will be planting his garden outside, and Caden will be riding dirt bike and just hang outside all summer.



Fifth grade hard at work!

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-Sixth Grade Class

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The Sixth graders had a fun year, some of their best memories in class were taking books out to the dumpster, making solar ovens, a Social Studies project on Greek Gods, and also going bowling for Christmas party. For the summer, Nate is excited to sleep in, Rylee can't wait to go on a boat and visit his grandparents, Colten and Cody want to mow lawn and some of the girls in class want to ride go-carts and stay up late playing video games!



Making pizzas at Johnny B's!





HS Track Team: Wyatt Luck, Lucas Rich, Marcus Johnson, & Lane Froehlich (Not Pictured Hobie Bear)



JH Track Team: (Back) Gage Rode, Nora Smith, Megan Witcraft, Lance Kjellberg, Lane Froehlich, Logan Rich (Front) Wyatt Luck, Cody Froehlich, RyLee Kuhn, Kassi Boom, Nate Kjellberg (Not Pictured Amy Smith)

Track

This year's team is the largest one we've had for a while. The first activity was going to the Shrine Circus for a fundraiser. They all sold concessions by walking around the Civic Center seating area. By the end, they thought they had done a track workout! However, it was worth it as we were able to use the money to buy more uniforms and traveling sweats.

Track has gotten off to a slow start due to cancellations caused by the weather. However, we were finally able to get in our first track meet of the year on Tuesday, April 24. The four high school boys competed hard, but were unable to place in the top eight to receive a ribbon. It was probably the largest track meet we have ever been to. There were 75 boys alone in the 100m dash...

The junior high team will go to their first meet on Friday, May 4 in Oakes. They are ready to put all the practice to work at it!

T-Ball

Please go to the last page of this newsletter to read the letter prepared by the Van Enk's, who are in charge of Montpelier's T-ball this summer.

Counseling News

The high school students will be going up to Jamestown on the last day of school for a career fair.

High School Top of the Class

7th Grade– Zach Dally

Kassidy Ford

8th Grade– Kassi Boom

Lane Froehlich

Lance Kjellberg

9th Grade– Allison Roorda

10th Grade– Colten Boom

George Ringuette

11th Grade– Taya Dally

12th Grade– Morgan Smith



I encourage all parents to look at this link.

I wish everyone one a relaxing summer and that you have safe travels on your vacations. Happy summer!

Congratulations Class of 2018!



Mai, Jocelynn Forvilly, Caitlynn Syverson, Jamie Bertsch, Dawson Meyer, Dylan Stoppleworth, Morgan Smith, Megan Lewis, & Kiara DeBuck



zone and try something new. If we never try something new change never happens and we never move forward from where we were.

Thus comes our flex mod schedule. A couple of months ago I wrote a newsletter article about that schedule. It looks like we are well on our way to making that big change for our school for next year. The school board has approved our plan. I've made a schedule and I've even put kids into that schedule. It's an exciting thing and something that does create a bit of anxiety. It's something new and with something new there is always the fear of the unknown.

This plan will do a variety of things for our school. It will allow flexibility for more advanced courses. It will help prepare students for college with an environment more closely related to what they will find at college. It will provide time to get extra help to kids that need it. It will provide times for students to connect with advisors. Most importantly, though, it will give students the opportunity to be responsible for their own space and time.

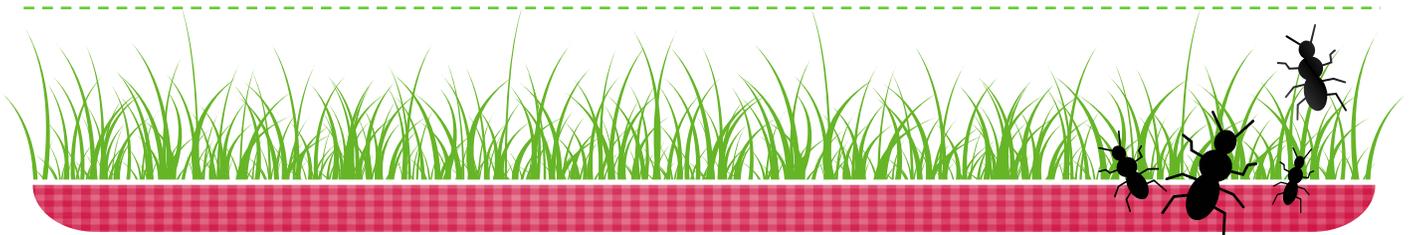
Parents of high school students should be looking for a few things from me this summer. I will be sending waivers to parents of students in grades 10-12 because those students may be able to leave school grounds during resource times. I will be sending a form needing a signature if a student intends to take an online class. The biggest document I will be sending, though, is a student schedule.

The student schedule is an interesting item to behold. Each day of the week will be different. I don't yet have a good way of printing that document, but I could send a bad pdf which will show a student's schedule if parents are interested in seeing it now. If I were to send that to you, it may require some explanation, however, so it may be something about which you would like to come visit. I would love the opportunity to explain, but it is also true that there may be some tweaking of the schedule prior to the beginning of next year.

I do believe it will be a good thing and I do have to give credit to both the school board and the high school teachers at Montpelier School for being willing to take on this challenge. We want the best for our kids and this is going to be a big change in how we deliver instruction to our kids. I do believe it will be the best thing for our kids, but we don't know because we haven't yet done it. The unknown is always a little scary, but it will always be unknown unless we step in. I'm excited for that step.

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-Mr. Bear



Senior Highlight- Megan Lewis

When I graduate from high school, I am going to take a year off from school and take care of my baby girl and work. Then, I will hopefully be going to school for nursing online through Valley City. My favorite part of school is doing fun projects in Social Studies and reading interesting books in English. My advice for students is to try the best you can in school and be your own person; don't listen to what other say about you because you are you.



"The hardest thing for me has probably been the language barrier. It's hard for me to communicate with others speaking English, but the people here have helped me a lot. I appreciate and am very thankful for that!"

-Mai

Senior Highlight– Rossakorn Limprasert (Mai)

My name is Rossakorn Limprasert, people know me as Mai. I'm a foreign exchange student from Thailand. I'm from a school that has many more students than Montpelier, so that took adjusting when I first arrived. With the smaller classes, however, the teachers can make sure students understand what they taught and that's a good thing. My plan when I go back to Thailand is to continue one more school year in my country because my exchange year doesn't count at all. After I graduate from my school, I will go to college. I'm thinking about doing something in the medical field, but not for sure yet.

The hardest thing for me has probably been the language barrier. It's hard for me to communicate with others speaking English, but the people here have helped me a lot. I appreciate and am very thankful for that! Probably my favorite part of being in school here is Math class because I always get a new concept to solve math problems that is different from my country. As far as advice for future exchange students, I would tell them to not be shy, to ask for help, and don't be afraid to try to learn things that you've never done before.



May Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 Ham and Egg cheese bisquit	2 Knephla Soup	3 Chicken Nuggets	4 Subs
7 Cooks choice	8 Broccoli ham hotdish	9 Lasagna	10 Chicken Patties	11 Diced Chicken in gravy
14 Cheese Omlet & Tator Tots	15 Turkey Melts	16 Brats	17 Hot ham and cheese	18 Hot Dogs

Music News

The elementary performed very well at their concert on May 1! Thank you to Tonia Kjellberg for filling in as our music teacher these last couple months!

May Activities

Thursday, May 3- HS Track at Jamestown- 1:00

Friday, May 4- JH Track at Oakes- 4:00

Saturday, May 5- JH & HS Track at Concordia- 10:00

Tuesday, May 8- JH Track at Lisbon- 4:00

Friday, May 11- HS Track at Oakes- 4:00

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Saturday, May 12- HS Track at Jamestown – 10:00

(Pizza party after)

Wednesday, May 16- School board meeting- 6:00

Friday, May 18- Last day of school

Saturday, May 19 – HS Track at Kindred (Regionals) TBA

Sunday, May 20 - Graduation



MONTPELIER T-BALL REGISTRATION FORM

Any child interested in playing games T-Ball this year will need to fill out forms and return it to the school office or email the form by May 14, 2017. T-Ball ages are 5-9 years old. (Child age cut off is August 31)

Child(s) name:

Age(s):

Parent(s) name:

Email address:

Address:

Phone number (s):

Costs due below: Insurance due: \$5.00 per player New T-Ball shirts: \$10.00 Please select size needed: S M L New hat: \$15.00

Please make checks payable to Montpelier Baseball Club. Payments and forms can be mailed to: Jonas and Nicole VanEnk, 314 Jefferson Ave N, Ypsilanti, ND 58497.

I _____ understand the serious risk involved in participating in this program, my personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations, and accept them as the parent of the participant(s).

Signature of parent: _____

Date: _____

*Note: We are working on schedule and will provide that as soon as possible and send home with child.