

Martin News

Mr. Waagen– Challenging Year

This school year has been filled with challenges requiring all of us to adapt to what life sent our way. The most obvious challenge was the long, hard winter we had to deal with. I should have known this we be a different winter when had to let our school early on October 10 due to high winds and snow coming down. Way to early! The weather co-operated until the end of Christmas break and then the snow storm parade began. It felt like every time a weekend came the weather would become stormy and, in the end, we had a reported 87.7 inches of snow!

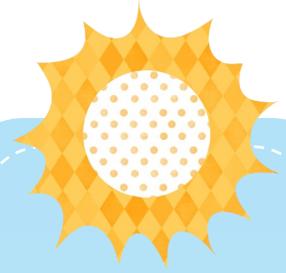
The excessive snow and wind caused travel challenges for four months. Student safety in mind, school was delayed or cancelled multiple times causing us to use our storm make up days and to extend our school days. There may have been more time to make up if it were not for our area farmers who took the time to clear out roads so the buses could travel on them. Thank you!

Let’s all keep our fingers crossed that we don’t have the same experience next year. (Continued pg. 6)

Mr. Bear– The Future

The end of the year is right around the corner. We just got done with prom and graduation is right around the corner on May 19th. With graduation comes my middle child completing his high school career and moving on to college. It seems like not very long ago I was the teacher in Montpelier with preschool aged children and now 2/3 of them are gone. It does certainly help me put things in perspective.

Rather than lament what is gone, however, it’s more productive to plan for what is to come. I am already excited for next year. We’ve been through a year of our flex mod schedule and next year will be significantly different with most students seeing their schedule remaining the same every day. We will still, however, have (Continued on pg. 7)

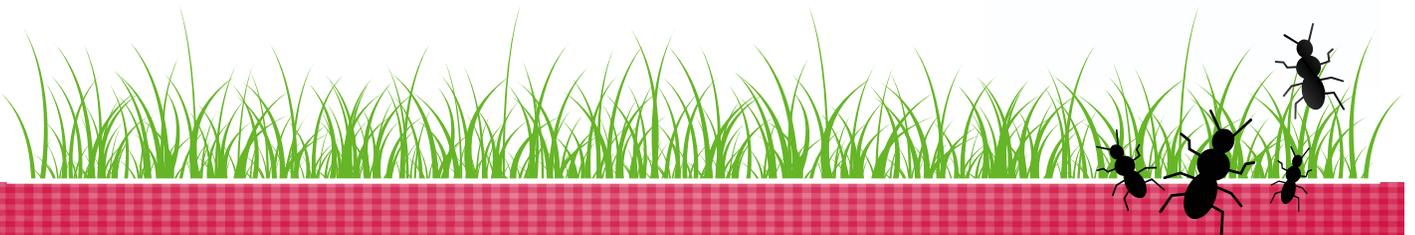


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Student Council

We will be having officer elections before the end of the school year. Also, we would like to congratulate the three people that tied in our jelly bean contest: Jace, Braydon, and Kynzlee!



Pre-School

As the school year is coming to an end, we tend to look back on the things we enjoyed. The Preschool's favorite memories from this year include recess and playing outside, their teacher Mrs. Williams, doing work, the Christmas Concert, bubble painting, and building gingerbread houses with the 6th graders. They are all very excited for Summer! Their Summer plans include, going swimming, going fishing, playing on the trampoline, playing with their dog, wearing flip flops, going to the dollar store, and going to a hotel!



Kindergarten

I went around asking the kindergarten about the school year and what their plans are for the summer. Most of them said that they enjoyed playing outside or doing school work, there were a couple who said they like lunch, and they all agreed that Mrs. Schrader is the best teacher! When it came to their plans for summer each of them said something different. **Chasen** plans on going swimming and squirting his cat with a water gun. **Casen** plans on playing outside this summer and throwing his cat in a pool. **Averie Jo** has lots of plans for this summer, like having popsicles outside and going swimming at a hotel with her toys and finding butterflies. **Aubrie and Eva** both said they plan on playing outside and walking on the trail at the park. **Coraline** plans on playing outside with her toys.

First Grade

Summer is just around the corner! Before we get too excited, thought, we asked the 1st graders about what their favorite memory of the school year was. They told us they enjoyed math, the music program, gym, and playing with their friends. Summer is finally here after a long winter, and the kids told us their summer plans! They plan on doing things such as: going to Minneapolis, going to see Treazur, going to Ohio, and going to spend some time with cousins.



Second Grade

The second graders have lots of plans for the summer! Their plans for this summer are going on trips, seeing family, riding horse, and fishing. Their favorite memories of the school year were the first day of school, beach day, roller skating, and when it was sunny out. This school year has been really exciting! I wonder what next year has in store?



"The 4th graders are an enjoyable class to interview, as they are always lively but well behaved."

Third and Fourth Grade

The school year is coming to end and the 3rd grade is excited! Their summer will consist of farming, having sleepovers, going swimming, feeding calves, going fishing, and riding bike! Some of their favorite memories from this year include the art projects they did, the Rats musical, recess, solving the M&M mystery, and just everything!



The 4th grade can't wait for school to be over! Their fun plans for this summer include going to Mexico, scuba diving in mud puddles, traveling, and playing with their new baby sister! Although they are so excited for Summer, they have some good memories from this year. They enjoyed playing with their friends, having Mrs. Bear as their teacher, going to the pumpkin patch, and listening to the 6-minute podcasts!

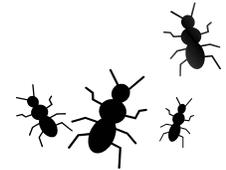


Fifth Grade

The fifth grade is excited for summer vacation! Max is looking forward to getting a new dirt bike. Mylee, Mylehe, and Cheyana are excited to go camping. Mylehe and Cheyana also look forward to swimming. Chloe is excited to go to summer camp. Alex can't wait for hunting and fishing, and Fallon looks forward to going to Colorado and buying a GoPro camera. Aiden is also looking forward to going somewhere for vacation. Their favorite things of the school year were seeing friends, having



Mr. Nelson as their teacher, playing at recess, seeing cats, and making Valentine's Day boxes.



"Happy May! As we get ready for summer vacation, it is good to keep an eye on our children's online presence as they have more free time."

-Gayle Nelson

Sixth Grade

As the school year is coming to an end, Summer is about to begin! Today as I interviewed the 6th graders, some of their favorite memories were The Rats musical, Mr. Nelson hitting a pumpkin with a cane, and some social studies projects. Their plans for summer are traveling, riding dirt bike, barrel racing, and just being flexible to whatever opportunities come their way!





Track Photos: (LtoR) Logan Rich, Lucas Rich, Lane Froehlich, Hobie Bear

Counseling News- Digital Parenting

Happy May! As we get ready for summer vacation, it is good to keep an eye on our children's online presence as they have more free time.

7 Steps for Good Digital Parenting

1. Talk with your kids. Talk early and often. Be open and direct stay calm.
2. Educate yourself. Search online for anything you don't understand. Try out the apps, games, and sites yourself.
3. Use Parental Controls Set content and time limits on your kids' devices
Routinely check privacy settings on social media. Monitor your kids' use and their screen time
4. Set Ground Rules and enforce consequences. Discuss and sign a family safety agreement. Restrict where and when devices can be used. Remove tech privileges when rules are broken
5. Friend and Follow but Don't Stalk. Follow your kids on social media. Respect their online space and freedom. Don't flood their accounts with comments
6. Explore, Share, and Celebrate Go online with your kids and explore their digital world. Share your own online experiences Learn from each other and have fun
7. Be a Good Digital Role Model. Curb your own bad digital habits. Know when and where to unplug. Show your kids how to collaborate and be kind online.

Another good resource is www.common sense media.org

Sports News

It's been a tough year trying to go to track meets. Of the 12 track meets scheduled, the track team has only been able to go to 2 so far due to the weather. If they are lucky, they should be able to go to three more (four if anyone qualifies for State). Despite the lack of track meets, the boys that have been able to go have been fairly successful. Lucas, Hobie, and Lane all placed in multiple events in Ellendale, and Hobie and Lane both placed in multiple events in Carrington.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

-Mrs. Nelson

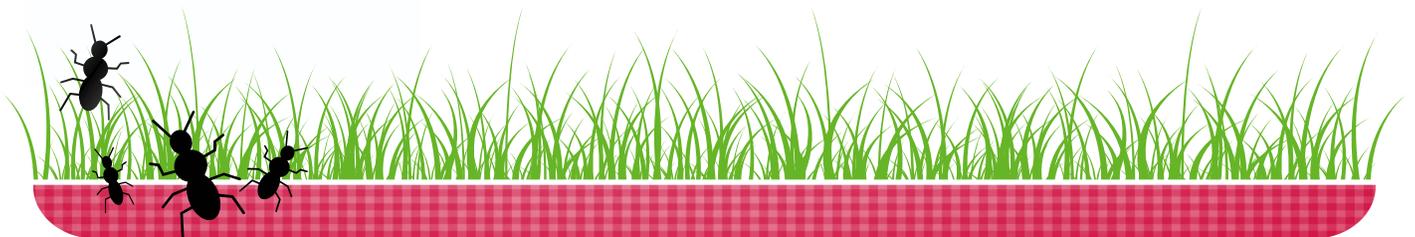
English News

Have a great summer and take some time to read a good book!

Another challenge, one that happens every year, is the continual improvement of our education of our students. The elementary staff received extra assistance from Ed Direction who provided personalized coaching for the teachers. This has proven to be a positive experience, as the already excellent teaching staff have improved and expanded their teaching skills. The benefit being that students will see academic improvement as well. The high school students are being challenged with online Advanced Placement courses helping them prepare to be Choice Ready upon graduation.

Yes, we have experienced and survived the challenges of the year. Successfully facing and overcoming challenges does not occur without cooperation of many people. I want to thank parents, community members, students, teachers, and staff for all the work you have done this school year. Your flexibility, understanding, and cooperation is deeply appreciated.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing summer!



resource times but those will be changed, too, as we try to find a structure which will help us better utilize that time.

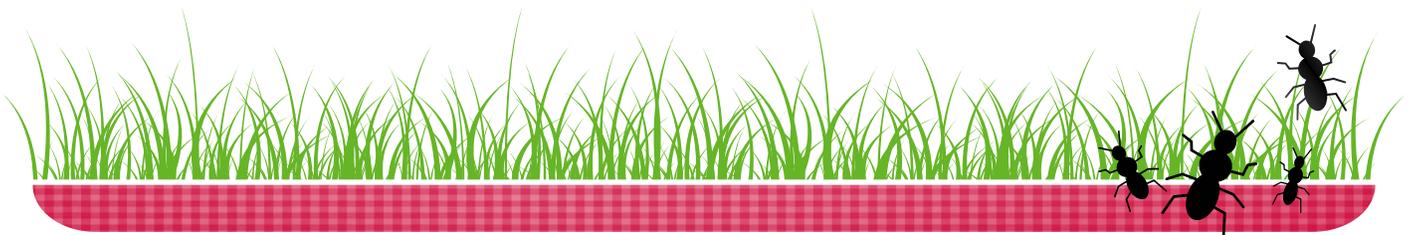
Whatever we do, we are always doing what we can to try to make things better for our kids. Ultimately, teachers, parents, and students just want that thing which will help our students have the best life they can. Kids, however, don't always seem to be as future-focused as we'd like them to be. As educators and parents, our job is to turn that around. I'm not willing to accept the adage 'kids will be kids' when I'm told there's nothing you can do when faced with a student that just doesn't care about what comes next.

We can talk to kids until we run out of air. I know from experience that this can have a multitude of effects on kids. It can cause kids to go to sleep, it can use a lot of my time, and it can convince kids that you care. But sometimes it doesn't.

The solution has to be to convince kids to take ownership of their future. How we try to do that with our flex mod – especially with the older kids – is by giving them incentives to get better grades. If their grades are low, they don't have the freedoms they do if their grades are good. It's very true that some kids have a hard time taking that ownership but it is also true that a handful of our kids have done very well with it. My hope is that those that haven't quite gotten there will do so by the end of next year.

With that said, I've been scheduling kids for next year. I try to give kids as many options as I can. We have a variety of ways kids can get an education outside of Montpelier School teachers. Some in grades 9 & up take courses through NDCDE (www.ndcde.org). Some take AP courses through NMSI. Some take ITV courses. But, we're taking a bit of a leap of faith by allowing them to do any of those things. So, we can only do that for kids that have been successful in courses within our walls.

But that's the goal. It's never in our kids' best interest for us to assume they don't want to do well. Always we have to assume they want what's best for their futures. So, when they say they'd rather be watching a cat video on Youtube than doing their homework, that's not a statement that reflects what they want in the long run. That just reflects what they want right now. Our goal, to be sure we can get them through to graduation, is to try to help them make decisions now that reflect their long-term goals rather than their short-term desires. If they focus on their long-term goals, they need to know that they will have those freedoms that come within the walls of Montpelier School and in the long run they will have those freedoms that come from being successful in whatever they eventually do.





Lance Schrader



Chris Smith

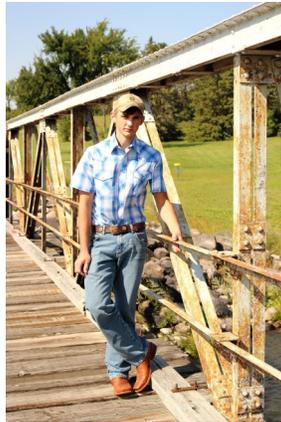


Kristina VanAlstine

Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



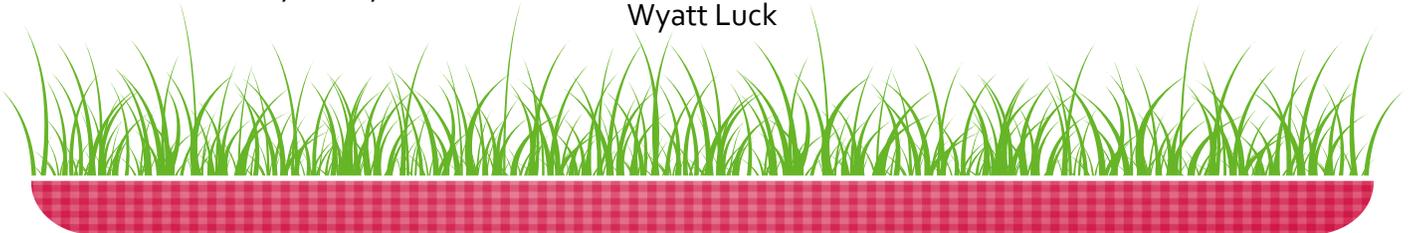
Taya Dally



Wyatt Luck



Hobie Bear



May Lunch Menu

LUNCH					MAY 2019				
Montpelier Public School									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
		1 Chef Salad	2 Chicken Patty	3 Hamburgers					
6 Swedish Meatballs	7 Pulled Pork	8 Broccoli Ham Hotdish	9 Subs	10 Chicken Strips and Mac n' Cheese					
13 Sweet & Sour Chicken	14 Hot ham & Cheese	15 Chicken and gravy	16 Fish Stix & Fries Or Pop Corn Chicken	17 Hot Dogs or Brats Picnic					
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May Activities

School Activities

- School Board Meeting **May 15**
- Elem. Awards Day **May 16**
- Kindergarten Graduation **May 16**
- Last Day of School **May 17**
- Graduation **May 19**
- Book Mobile **May 21**



HS Track

- @Casselton **May 10**
- @Jamestown **May 11**
- @Valley City **May 13**
- @Casselton (Regionals) **May 17**



Music News

Thank you to all who came to our Elementary Spring Musical!



Pictures from the musical.

