



# Edmore Public School February 2019

Greetings Parents/Guardians:

I hope that everyone has made the necessary adjustments to function in a traditional North Dakota winter. We have been Blessed for the past ten years not to experience extreme cold temperatures but this year, we have not been so lucky. Weather related activities will be addressed later in the article.

#### **2019 Legislative Session**

This year's session has a record number of bills being introduced for education. These bill range from; changing how districts report students contact time to the state, gauging in minutes rather than days & teacher license requirements to conceal and carry. These examples show how broad the topics are on the 2019 docket. A bold bill was introduced that would allow a school district to ignore all state rules and still operate a school district. As a superintendent I monitor bills and contact my legislators informing them of how the bill would potentially impact the Edmore school district. I inform the Edmore school board of the legislation and my input to legislators. I believe it is important to provide input to legislators as they have to deal with over one thousand bills in which they cannot be well-versed on, or know their potential impact on the constituents they represent.

On occasion I work with area legislators to introduce legislation for adoption. This session I am working with Representative Dennis Johnson to approve legislation that would allow individual school districts to hire a local expert to teach in a non-core area if a licensed teacher could not be found. This would still allow students the opportunity to receive a class or a program while a licensed teacher can be hired.

Another bill that has potential impact to rural districts is the first responder bill. This legislation would allow a school board to appoint an individual to act as a first responder and carry a firearm deterrent on school property, after the person received approved training and was selected by the school board. This bill is different from other conceal and carry bills as they simply allow anyone to carry a weapon on school property without any training or approval from a local school board. I believe the response time for law enforcement is as much as 30 minutes for some rural schools and this bill could potentially shorten the response time. The bottom line is we want a safe environment for our children but people have differing opinions of how to make and keep a school safe.

#### Weather Related Closings

Each year when we have adverse winter weather, school administrators have the opportunity to determine if a school will start late, end early or simply not have school at all. Per State century code a school district must provide 175 days of instruction to

students. If we don't provide 175 days of instruction we run the risk of not receiving accreditation and also do not receive the entire foundation aide payment allocated to our district.

I know I am going to sound like a parent here but back in the day my school had less reliable buses with fewer heaters in the bus and traveled farther on routes in -30 degree weather. The only time school was called was because of reduced visibility or the route was blocked with snow.

Today we have newer buses with improved heating units and our routes are shorter. We also keep a suburban running and an additional bus running just in case a bus becomes stalled. Our response time to a stalled bus is no longer than 30 minutes.

Some readers may be thinking that a student can freeze in 30 minutes. I would use this recent real-life example to consider. Wednesday late afternoon I started to travel with my 2016 Ford pickup. The temp was -30. Helen and I quickly realized the heater was not functioning and blowing cold air. I then made the choice to drive one hour to Walhalla to get my other pickup. I had winter boots on, winter gloves, and two layers on my body but I gave my winter coat to Helen so she would stay warmer. When I arrived in Walhalla I was darn cold but I did not experience frost bite. The defroster fan was going full-blast to keep the window clear but it did not produce any heat. Now I would not want anyone else to experience what I did but I am pointing out that students more than likely could survive 30 minutes in a bus without heat until another bus arrived to transport them to school.

Edmore administration could call school each time we inclement weather but we would then have school into June as we are required to provide 175 days of instruction. We choose to hold school unless visibility is hazardous and/or roads are blocked. We always provide parents the choice to hold their child at home if they feel the weather is too severe. The student is still required to make up the missed work but the child may stay home with the parent permission on these days.

In closing, weather related decisions need to be made and administration is charged with making those decisions. We take this role seriously and have contingency plans in place. This does not guarantee infallibility but we are balancing school safety with state requirements for attendance.

On behalf of the Edmore school board, staff, and students, we would like to thank the Edmore patrons for their continued support of educating our children.

Professionally,

Frank Schill, Superintendent



#### Greetings-

Old man winter is really testing us this year. If it isn't storming then it is bitterly cold! Again, we stress that all students have snow boots, snow pants, heavy winter coats, hats and gloves. Students will not be allowed onto the buses if they are not dressed properly. The days are beginning to get longer and I think we are all anxiously waiting for Spring!

Second semester is in full session! Some students have started new classes this semester and they are already hard at it. We have seen great gains by the students and it is fun to watch each of them grow and mature as the year progresses. It is important for parents to utilize PowerSchool to check on your students' grades and to see if they have any missing work.

Congratulations to the students of the quarter! We have such great kids that it is always hard for the staff to narrow it down to 5. Be sure to celebrate with your child if they win, it is very rewarding for them and they work hard to achieve the accolades.

We have some academic events happening over the next two months. The Spelling Bee is next week—good luck to our great spellers! We also have Math Counts today (Feb 1) and Academic Olympics (February 27 & March 8) all coming up. Students will be chosen to be part of the team by the staff. I hope you have also enjoyed the quarterly newsletter of writing pieces from our students.

Our annual Pennies for Patients drive begins this month. We put together Viking Families and each team set a goal of raising a dollar amount of loose change they collect for the month. I am sure your pockets will feel a little lighter! <sup>(i)</sup> At the end of the month, the group who raises the most change will be allowed to celebrate with a pizza party. We will also have weekly activities to coincide with the event.

This month we have members of the community who have stepped up to put on a winter carnival on February 16<sup>th</sup>. This is to help raise funds for a speed sign on the edges of town. It is alarming how many people drive at high speeds through Edmore. These speed signs will hopefully help to protect our youth, as many of them cross this road before and after school. Please help in supporting this event.

Sporting events are getting to the high intensity level. District tourneys begin February 8<sup>th</sup> for the girls in Cando and for boys it begins February 22<sup>nd</sup> in Langdon. Good Luck to our Edmore Athletes!!

Important upcoming dates: No School on February 4<sup>th</sup>, February 28<sup>th</sup>, and March 1. We have early out on February 6<sup>th</sup> and we will let school out that day at 1:00 p.m.

Our last Student-Led conference is slated for March 13<sup>th</sup>. Our students are working on their portfolios to showcase what they have been learning. Please make a point to keep that date open on your calendars.

I am looking forward to finishing out the year strong with our students and staff.

Diane Martinson, PK-12 Principal

#### EDMORE HONOR ROLL 2nd QUARTER January 18, 2019

#### **SENIORS**

**"A"** Sara Hodek Haylee Linstad Ethan Sampson

#### JUNIORS

"**A**"

Jadyn Harpestad Wyatt Knoke Callie Ronningen

#### **SOPHOMORES**

**"A"** Heather Okeson Nicole Voeller

**"B"** Holden Mack **"B"** Mason Horner Denae Trottier "B"

#### <u>FRESHMEN</u>

**"A"** Morgan Freije Keenan Kalhagen Tayler Lorenz Helena Mack 8th GRADE "A"

Madi Knoke

7th GRADE "A" Payton Harpestad Jalynn Swanson

**"B"** Sam Charging Crow Sydney Trottier **"B"** Ethan Okeson **"B"** Savanna Charging Crow Rayce Worley

# Students of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter



(L-R): Mrs. Martinson, Jax Johnson, Nicole Voeller, Felecia Osienger, Mason Horner, Wyatt Knoke & Mr. Schill

Each quarter the faculty chooses Students of the Quarter based on certain criteria. Congratulations to the following students.

#### Elementary

Felecia Osienger	Distinguished
Jax Johnson	Forward Thinker

#### **High School**

Mason Horner	Citizenship
Nicole Voeller	Forward Thinker
Wyatt Knoke	Distinguished

# Pre-K/Kindergarten/1st Grade

In first grade and kindergarten ELA, students are working on vowel teams, and decoding skills. The Pre-K students are working hard on learning a new letter each week and teen numbers. They have also started working on colors! In math, the first grade and kindergarten students are learning about geometry. They have learned 2-D and 3-D shapes and are just starting fractions. In science, students enjoyed learning about the time of the dinosaurs. Lastly, in social studies, students are working on economical skills. They learned the difference between wants and needs, how to make a decision based on wants and needs, and how wants and needs are provided.





Students are working on building model dinosaurs they chose to create after studying a variety of dinosaurs.

# News from the 24th & 5th Graders



Before building, the students had to design a plan for the boat.



Next, the student worked together to build the boat.



Finally, the students tested their designs in the water.

### Science

The students have been studying the properties of matter. When learning about density, the students created boats out of tin foil. Then they placed pennies in the boats to see how many pennies the boat could hold before it sank.

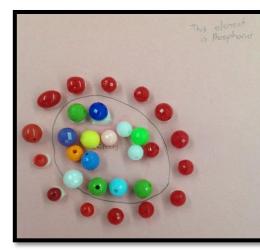
Going deeper, the students created models of atoms and identified what element the atom made by the number of protons found in the nucleus.



This student created the element Fluorine.



This student demonstrated how the electrons are spaced apart around the nucleus.



This student made Phosphorus.

### Miss Gaukler's English Classes



Since the last newsletter, the 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders have been in novel studies units. The 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders are all reading *The Hobbit*, by J.R.R. Tolkien. So far, it's going really well. The interest is high with this novel in all three grades. Right now, the students are creating their own dragons for a poster project assignment that I will be hanging in the hallway for all to see. I am excited to see the results.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders just finished reading *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, a wonderful classic story, but also a tragedy. The students loved this novel! It was fun to discuss this novel with them because they were so into the story, which is every English teachers dream. They now have a PowerPoint project due soon on topics related to *The Outsiders* novel. I am excited to see how they go.

The  $6^{h}$  and  $7^{h}$  graders are reading the novel *Night*, by Noble Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, which is a novel about a holocaust survivor. The students weren't very aware of what the holocaust really was, how it happened, and what actually occurred during these terrible times in history. Since this topic is one of my favorite things to learn about, I have done my best to explain as much as I could about the holocaust and the students seem very interested in it now and are really getting into this novel. Once the  $6^{h}$  and  $7^{h}$  graders are finished with their novel, they will be assigned a PowerPoint project on topics related to *Night* and the holocaust.



#### K-12 Music

Happy February! As a music teacher, my favorite time of year is upon us: CONTEST SEASON! Music contests are my absolute **favorite** thing about teaching music. I love seeing students prepare music, I love seeing them perform, and I love accompanying them.

Parents of 7-12 students: If you haven't checked your email recently, I sent out a notice about small group vocal and instrumental contest. Vocal contest will be held in Leeds on **Friday, March 29**, **2019**. Instrumental contest will be held in Langdon on **Thursday, April 4**. These are both **all day events**. We will leave the locations as soon as we can (once all our scheduled entries have performed). All students 7-12 are required to participate in vocal and/or instrumental contest. Please, please, PLEASE let me know if these days do not work out for you (vacation, family event, etc.). As you know, numbers are small, and the sooner I know, the sooner I can make it so that each group can be successful. All the details, including time, location, and dress, are in the email. If you have any questions or concerns about contest, please call or email me: 701-644-2281 or <u>tara.vonhagen@k12.nd.us</u>.

Band and choir students have been working on preparing and/or choosing pieces for small group contest. Band students have already started on their small group pieces while choir is still waiting for theirs to come in (and for their teacher to make final decisions). Band students also performed the national anthem at the last home game on January 28. They did such an amazing job, and I am so proud of them! Choir students have been providing input on music for our spring pops concert. We are very excited to showcase what we have accomplished this year on May 14!

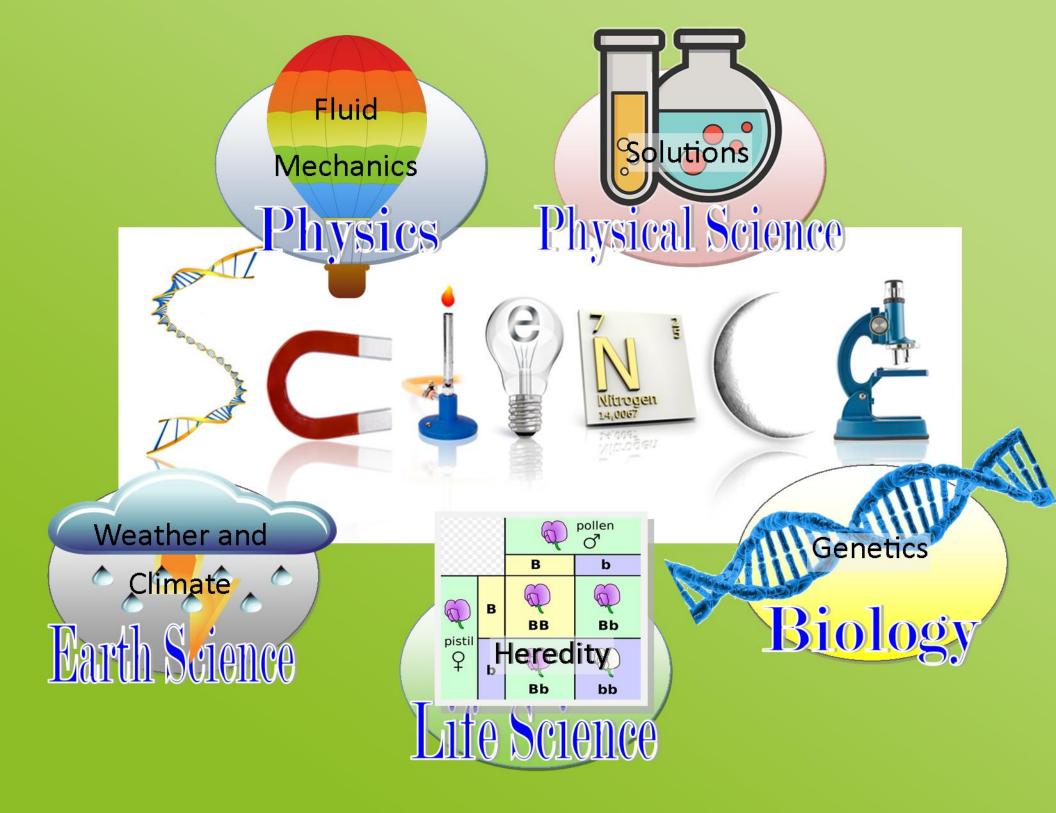
Students in grades K-1 just finished a unit on Peter and the Wolf. Peter and the Wolf is about a young boy named Peter who decides to catch the mean wolf hunting his animal friends. Each character in the story is represented by a different instrument: Peter – strings; duck – oboe; cat – clarinet; wolf – French horn; Grandfather – bassoon; bird – flute. The students learned to identify instruments by sound. They also colored a mini book and completed other listening activities.

Students in grades 2-5 have been working on a Water Music unit. This is all music that is about water. We listened to the Raindrop Prelude by Chopin, "Down to the River to Pray" by Alison Krauss, and The Moldau by Smetana to name a few! They journaled about how the music made them feel, dynamics, and instruments they heard. They also learned about the Romantic era and the instruments that were added to the orchestra during this time.

Beginning band students have received their spring music! So far, they are working on "Grandstand March" and "When the Saints Go Marching In". They will be performing both pieces on the spring concert in May. Please encourage your beginners to practice at home. It may be tough to listen to sometimes, but it really helps them make progress! Even 10 minutes a day makes a big difference.

Thanks for encouraging your wonderful children to participate in music! It means the world to me.

-Ms. Von Hagen





### 6/7<sup>th</sup> Grade

We are just finishing up working with area and circumference of circles.

### Algebra I

We are working on multiplying and combining polynomials!

#### 8th Grade

We are taking a look at linear and nonlinear equations. Applying them to real world situations.

#### Algebra II

We are working with exponential growth and decrease functions.

#### **Consumer Math**

We are planning and budgeting, and we are in the process of creating a school store. "Holden's Pickup"

#### Geometry

We are looking at triangles and quadrilaterals, finding area and perimeter on a coordinate plane!

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February is Kindness Month!!

\*Random Acts of Kindness Day Kicks off February 17<sup>th</sup>!

Check back next month to see what the students did!

Check out: https://www.ran domactsofkindn ess.org/ to find family activities that you can do at home.

National School Counselor Week: February 4-8!!!

Inspirational Quote:

# What's Happened This Past Month

Classroom guidance in the elementary: career jeopardy and community helpers

High School Lessons included: time management, career exploration, and ACT WorkKeys Prep



Upcoming Activities to Look Into:

\*Sophomores and Juniors: Governor's School Applications are now open. Please log on to <u>https://www.ndsu.edu/govschool/applications</u>

\*Seniors: Check your emails for scholarship and WorkKeys information!

Contact Mrs. Henry at any time for any needs!

"Make kindness your daily modus operandi and change your world." ~Annie Lennox



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# VIKING FAMILY NEWS!

Pennies for Patients Challenge!! Don't forget to bring in your loose change to raise money for kids with Leukemia!

### FOOD & NUTRITION

Topics discussed this month:

- The Power of Food
- Diversity at the Table
- The Food Supply
- Food Science and Technology

Topics to come:

- Nutrition
- Food Preparation

### HARD AT WORK



FACS I class has been working on learning the difference between weaving and knitting. Here is a sample of the different types of weaves they tried.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FACS CLASSES

Topics Discussed this past month:

- Time Management
- Personal and Family Budgeting
- Consumerism
  Topics to Come:
- Topics to Come:
- Relationships
- Cooking Healthy Foods
- Sewing Basics

### FACSI

Topics Discussed this month:

- \* Fiber and Fabrics
- Weaves and Knits Topics to come:
- Sewing Projects
- Next Step Cooking

FCCLA! FCCLA FUNDRAISER – VALENTINE GRAMS ARE AGAIN GOING TO BE SOLD FOR ANYONE WANTING TO SEND A MESSAGE TO A STUDENT ON VALENTINE'S DAY. ORDER A MESSAGE TO SEND TO YOUR FAVORITE STUDENT(S) USING THE ORDER FORM FOUND IN THIS NEWSLETTER.



# FCCLA Valentine Grams

# The FCCLA Chapter will again be selling Valentine grams for Valentine's day!

Candy Grams will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 from February 6-13, to be delivered on Valentine's Day. The Valentine's gram will include a message on a heart along with a treat or gift of some kind. Parents, grandparents, and other community members are encouraged to also participate in the opportunity to give to their favorite student(s)! Just fill out the form below and send it to the school with the money due in an envelope marked "FCCLA".

Proceeds go towards the FCCLA Chapter to pay for leadership conference.

Candy Gram Form:

Student Name:\_\_\_\_

Message you would like on the heart: \_\_\_\_\_

Love/From:

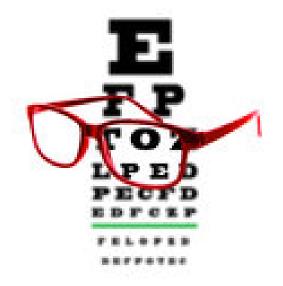
(Write same format on other paper if you would like more than one.)

Thank you!

### Vision Screenings

There will be an all school vision screening by The Lions Club of ND and the Lake Region District Health Unit for all children on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost for the screening. However, a donation of up to \$15.00 is requested but not required. No child will be turned away due to the inability to pay.

IF you do <u>NOT</u> want your Child's vision screened, you will need to notify the Edmore Public School (644-2281) or the Lake Region District Health Unit (662-7040). Please call the Edmore School if you have any questions!



### **Pennies for Patients**

### 2019

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 No School	5 Hat Day \$1	6 Hat Day \$1	7 Hat Day \$1 Snow Sculpture Building	8 Hat Day \$1	9
10	11 Candy Guessing Jar \$1/ guess	12 Jersey Day \$1 Candy Guessing Jar	13 Candy Guessing Jar	14 \$1 Ice Cream Sundaes after dinner Candy Guessing Jar	15 Candy Guessing Jar	16
17	18	19	20 Wacky Wednesday	21 Duct Tape a Teacher to the Wall! \$0.25 per piece of duct tape	22	23
24	25 Beach Day	26 Arts and Crafts	27	28 No School		
	*Fundraising competition will be between Viking Families	*Each elementary VF will be paired with a HS VF for a total of 8 teams	**Staff can wear jeans each Wednesday for \$5.00 a day	*Every Friday one lucky VF team will be awarded the funds raised in competitions		



The students of the Edmore Public School are proud to announce that they will once again be participating in Pennies for Patients, a fundraising activity for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. In February, every class will be challenged to collect loose change that they find (watch your pockets parents) and bring it to the school to put in their classroom container. On February 27<sup>th</sup> the class who has raised the most money will be allowed to have a pizza party as a reward.

The US Mint estimates that there is 13 billion dollars in loose change laying around the US. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Donations from *Pennies for Patients* help families of patients pay for medicines, and the doctor or other treatment-related expenses, in addition to help funding research focused on finding a cure.

Please don't be alarmed when your child starts lifting the cushions of your couch, checking the floor of your car, or digging in your junk drawer in order to help his/her class raise money for those less fortunate!

# THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!



\*Please call the school if you have any changes to your email address, phone/cell numbers or mailing address.



# CARMEVAL

### Saturday, February 16, 2019

### Edmore Public School Gym

Carnival: 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Soup & Bread Bowls 5:00-6:00 p.m.

### Everyone is welcome!

Jenga • Cornhole • Plinko • Duck Pond •

Ring Toss • Bouncy House • and so much more

### Games and Prizes for all ages!

All proceeds will go to purchase a blinking "Know Your Speed" sign for the east and west sides of Edmore on Highway 17.

If you are unable to attend and would like to make a monetary donation for this project, you may do so at Citizens State Bank, Edmore.

# February 2019

## Menu

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 muffins, fruit & juice turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, carrots, salad & fruit	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL	5 French toast, fruit & juice French dip, French fries, beans, salad & sauce	6 oatmeal, toast, fruit & juice chicken breast, roasted potatoes, squash, dinner roll, salad & sauce	7 cereal, juice & sauce spaghetti, green beans, garlic toast, salad & fruit	8 omelets, toast, sauce & juice tater tot hotdish, corn, dinner roll, salad & sauce	9
10	11 cereal, juice & sauce chicken nuggets, rotini, green beans, salad & sauce	12 omelets, toast, fruit & juice BLT, French fries, beans, salad & fruit	13 caramel rolls, fruit & juice pork roast, carrots, mashed potatoes, gravy, dinner roll, salad & sauce	14 HB eggs, toast, fruit & juice soft tacos, corn, shredded lettuce & cheese, salad, sauce & cake	15 pancakes, juice & fruit tomato soup, grilled cheese, crackers, salad & fruit	16
17	18 yogurt, toast, fruit & juice baked potato, diced ham, broccoli cheese, chili, bread, salad & sauce	19 cereal, fruit & juice hot dogs, chips, beans, salad & fruit	20 oatmeal, toast, fruit & juice vegetable beef soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, salad & sauce	21 French toast, fruit & juice pizza, green beans, salad & fruit	22 omelets, toast, juice & sauce hamburger hotdish, carrots, dinner roll, salad & sauce	23
24	25 biscuits, sausage, eggs & sauce hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, salad & sauce	26 yogurt, toast, juice & sauce orange chicken, fried rice, corn, dinner roll, salad & sauce 706 N Main St Edm	27 cereal, sauce & juice subs, pretzels, beans, potato salad, fruit & salad	28 NO SCHOOL 701-644-2281	www.edmore.k12	*milk served with meals

# February 2019

# Activities

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 BBB (7,8,C) @ Grafton 4:00	2 GBB (JH) @ Langdon Tournament GBB (JV,V) @ Langdon vs Grafton 3:15 BBB (JV,V) @ Langdon vs
3	4 NO SCHOOL GBB (JH,JV,V) @ Warwick 4:30	5 BBB (JH,JV,V) @ Langdon vs Rolette 4:30 CTE Day @ Devils Lake 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade 8:15	6 Early Out 1:30	7 BBB (7,8,JV,V) @ St John 3:30 Vision Screening 9:00	8 GBB Districts @ Cando	Grafton 2:00 9 GBB Districts @ Cando BBB (7,8,C) @ Dunseith 11:00 State Lego Robotics 8:00
10	11 GBB Districts @ Cando	12 BBB (JH,JV,V) @ Langdon vs Midkota 4:30	13	14 BBB (JH) @ Munich Tournament	15 BBB (JV,V) @ Langdon vs Cavalier 5:30	16 BBB (JH) @ Munich Tournament Winter Carnival 3:00-6:00
17	18 GBB Regionals @ Devils Lake	19 GBB Regionals @ Devils Lake	20	21 GBB Regionals @ Devils Lake	22 BBB Districts @ Langdon	23 BBB Districts @ Langdon
24	25 BBB Districts @ Langdon re Public School	26 706 N Main St Edn	27	28 NO SCHOOL GBB State @ Grand Forks	www.edmore.k12	