

# The Viking



Edmore Public School

January 2019

Greetings Parents/Guardians:

The students and staff have just returned from a relaxing Christmas break. As I visited with students during lunch today they commented that they could have used another day or two of vacation as they did enjoy the holiday time with family. It is during this time and actually many times during the year that I reflect on how fortunate we are to have the standard of living that we have in the United States. As I listen to some people of all ages complain about their individual condition I always wonder if they realize how good they have it to be living in the U.S.

This Christmas holiday my family traveled to the Dominican Republic to enjoy warm weather and a tropical vacation. During this vacation I took time to visit with a few of the locals about their experiences growing up. I visited at length to one individual (Felix) who shared his experience about public and private education in the Dominican. His opportunity to attend college and also his perception of people in the United States and the affect the U.S. citizens have had on the people in the Dominican and Haiti.

Public School in the Dominican – Felix stated that about 80% of the children attend public education in the Dominican. These facilities have approximately 40 to 60 students in a class with one teacher. Yes, this is for grades one through twelve. Felix stated that he was fortunate to have parents that both worked hard and sent him to a private school with a student to teacher ratio of approximately 15 to 1. Felix finished high school and was able to attend college and get a degree in Business Administration. He considers himself fortunate to have had few students in his classroom and receive a quality education where attention was paid to details of learning how to read and write.

As I questioned Felix about his perception of the United States he shared that what he hears on the news about the U.S. government policies and what the citizens in the Dominican actually experience directly from U.S. citizens who travel to the Dominican are different. He is very appreciative of the “Good Works” conducted by U.S. citizens.

When I asked Felix to share some advice with Edmore students he commented that we should continue to help other countries and realize that the people of the Dominican are a happy people without many resources or a high standard of living but a happy people who live within their means. He commented that he believes citizens in the U.S. “have it all” and are in a position to do good things to help other citizens in less fortunate countries.

Upon finishing my conversation with Felix and taking a day-long tour into the interior of the Dominican it became quite obvious that what many of us take for granted every day in the U.S. is but a dream for many in other countries that will never be realized.

Horace Mann described education as being the great equalizer between the haves and have nots. This equalizer has provided generations of U.S. citizens and immigrants the opportunity to succeed in the U.S. and realize the American Dream. It is only through the continued support of public education by its citizens’ that future generations of youth will have the opportunity to realize their dreams.

Christmas season is always a time to reflect and be thankful. This Christmas was just that more special for me this year.

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



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas break and time spent with family. It was nice that the blizzards chose to happen when we were not in school so that we didn't have to make any time up.

I have to start off by congratulating Ms. Von Hagen and our music students on a FABULOUS Christmas concert. It is one of my *favorite* activities during the school year. I love the pride of our "littles" as they stand in front of a crowd all dressed up and perform for their family. The little waves when they spot their parents, the extra antics that always ensue--magical. Our numbers are small but our music department sure was mighty that evening!! A big THANK YOU to Santa for making it to the school as well!

The first semester ends on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The students in high school are busy wrapping up their semester classes and preparing for finals. Please be sure to help your children study and prepare for these tests. We have a lot of learning yet to do in the next 5 months! It is always fun for me to see our students grow and deepen their knowledge in all of the subject areas.

January is also a very busy month in the athletics world. Please be sure to take a look at the games and support our student athletes. The girls have their only home game in Edmore on January 28<sup>th</sup>—looking forward to a big crowd.

A couple important days this month include January 9<sup>th</sup> for an early out and January 21<sup>st</sup> for inservice for the staff. Our Lego Robotics team will also be competing in Grand Forks on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

It is that time of the year for the annual blood drive. Be prepared to hear from our Senior class over the next couple of weeks asking you to set a time to donate. The blood drive will be January 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-6 p.m. If you would like to call the office and set up an appointment, please feel free to call Sunny and we will get you added.

We will be following the legislative session closely as it begins to see what changes they have in store for K-12 education.

Yours in Education-

Diane Martinson, Principal

# Pre-K/Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade

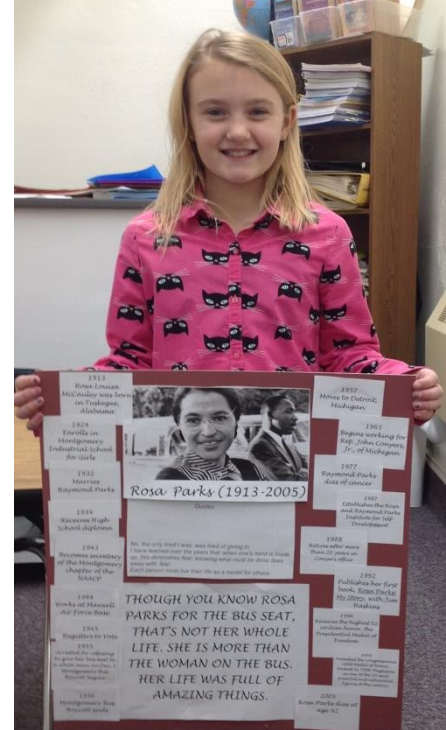
In first grade and kindergarten ELA, students have been working on finishing the phonetic skill of long vowels, and are continuing working on reading comprehension strategies. The Pre-K students are working hard on learning a new letter each week and counting and writing numbers up to 10. They have also started working on shapes! In math, the first grade and kindergarten students are continuing learning about subtraction and strategies to solve subtraction problems. Students have also started working on measurement and time to the half hour. In science, students learned how snow is formed and about the winter season. Lastly, in social studies, students studied all about the United States of America and symbols that are important to the country. Students also learned about continents and map skills.



(Left) Students are working hard on art projects! (Above) Students received a December mascot that encouraged kindness.

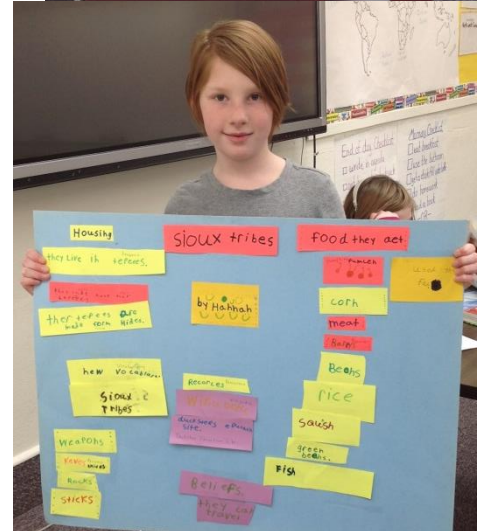
## Book Shares

The fourth and fifth graders do a book share every month. In November, the students shared a nonfiction book. Here, Lily is prepared to share about Rosa Parks.



## Social Studies

The students chose a Native American tribe and researched aspects of living. Some of these included housing, transportation, and food. Hannah's presentation was on the Sioux tribes.

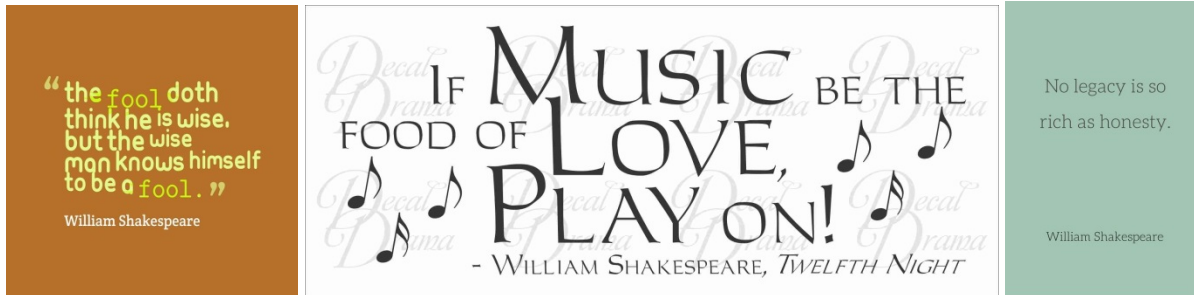


## Science

For science, the students researched different aspects of weather and the causes thereof. Felecia did her report on the atmosphere.



## Miss Gaukler's English Classes



Since the last newsletter, the 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders have been in a Shakespeare unit. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade read *Macbeth* (which is the most performed play in the world). The 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades read *Twelfth Night* (my personal favorite). The 8<sup>th</sup> grade read *Midsummer Night's Dream*. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades read the most famous Shakespearean play, *Romeo and Juliet*. Throughout this unit, we read the play out loud in class and each student was assigned a part (or parts). We would read and then discuss throughout the entire play. Also throughout this unit I would show them video clips to get a better understanding of what we just recently read. The students also learned about the themes and main ideas that each of their plays had. Overall, it's been a fun time learning about Shakespeare and reading his plays.

The last project I wanted my students to do was a *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* creative unit. I have a copy of the book and what the assignment is that they get to choose what twist they want to put on this classic and beloved Christmas story. They had to write out their creative versions of the story and then create their books with construction paper, yarn, and putting in pictures. The students will be able to take these books home with them to keep forever. Hopefully, they share their book with friends and family over the winter break-or share down from generation to generation.

Happy holidays and a happy New Year!



# Close Up: 2020

*By: Mrs. Raechel Newgard*

It is time for another Close Up group to start fundraising for the Spring 2020 trip. The new students are – Jadyn Harpestad, Mason Horner, Wyatt Knoke, Nicole Voeller, and Heather Okeson. Our winter doughnut fundraiser was a definite success. Thankfully people still love the old-fashioned cake doughnut! We sold 560 dozen doughnuts. A special thank you goes out to Terry and LouAnn Thorvilson for allowing us to use the doughnut machine again this year, to the school cooks for being so accommodating, Dakota Mill for donating 20 pounds of flour, and to everyone who jumped in to help us. We were very efficient this year.



Heather Okeson and Jadyn Harpestad bagging doughnuts.



Nicole Voeller mixing up the batter.

Students got involved in the whole process this time. We always start by pre-measuring all the ingredients, so they are ready to go. We, then, take time to set up the actual machine, fill it with shortening, and let it heat. The actual mixing of the batter starts, and before we know it we are ready to drop doughnuts. We can drop a total of 25 doughnuts in a perfect drop. Students were involved the entire time – they mastered each of the steps. I was so thankful, especially since my own kids were there as well. I was able to do more “supervising” as opposed to mixing batter or frying. Although it was a long week, we had a ton of fun together.

I am looking forward to more fundraising opportunities.



Mason Horner and Wyatt Knoke dropping the last batch!

# FACS CLASSROOM NEWS JANUARY 2019

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## FACS/HEALTH CLASSROOM NEWS!



Our Viking Family celebrated the season by participating in the door decorating at the rest home, putting together baskets for the community, celebrating Christmas together, and making these paper table ornaments for the Christmas baskets.

### IND. LIVING

Topics discussed this month:

- My life scenario – real life living
- Consumer Product Project
- Nutrition decisions

### HEALTH CLASSES

Topics Discussed this past month:

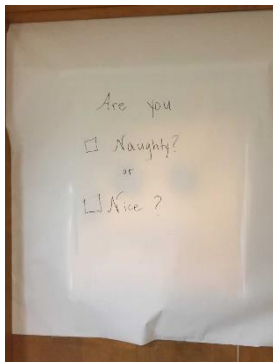
- Epidemics
- Human Services
- Disadvantaging Conditions
- Support Systems

### FACS I

Topics Discussed this month:

- Family Systems
- Growth and Development
- Family Life Cycle

### CLASSROOM DOOR DECORATING



### FCCLA!

DISTRICT 3 FCCLA STAR EVENTS ARE FAST APPROACHING. VISIT [FCCLAINC.ORG](http://fcclainc.org) FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR ASK MRS. HENRY WHERE TO BEGIN!

# Counseling NEWS

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## How to Beat the Winter Doldrums

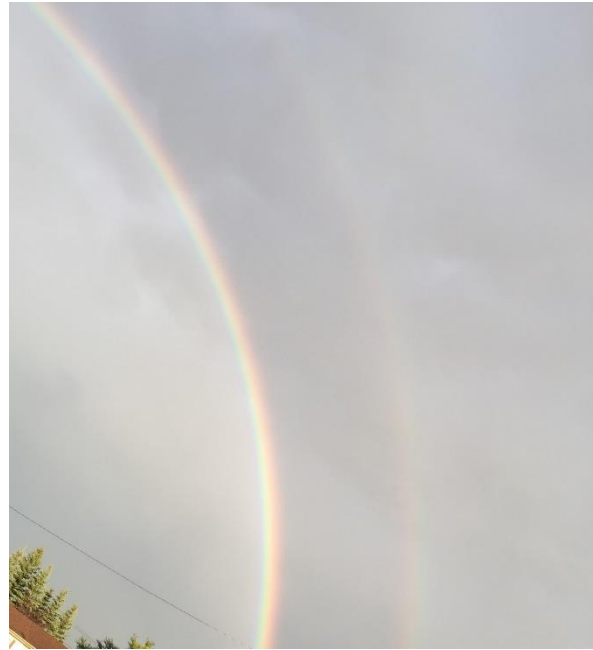
1. Exercise
2. Eat lots of fruits and vegetables – NO junk food!
3. Make time for a social activity or two
4. Do something or make something for someone else
5. Wear bright colors
6. Get fresh air and sunshine

## Inspirational Quote

## What's Happened This Past Month

Classroom guidance in the elementary: sharing our gifts from our hearts and our minds, perspective, and cooperation

High School Lessons included career development, smart decision making about important topics, scholarships



## What's New in Counseling

\*Juniors: Remember to be studying for the ACT!

<http://www.act.org/>

Seniors: Remember to be studying for the WorkKeys!

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers/preparation.html>

Contact Mrs. Henry at any time for any needs!  
"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart." ~Hellen Keller



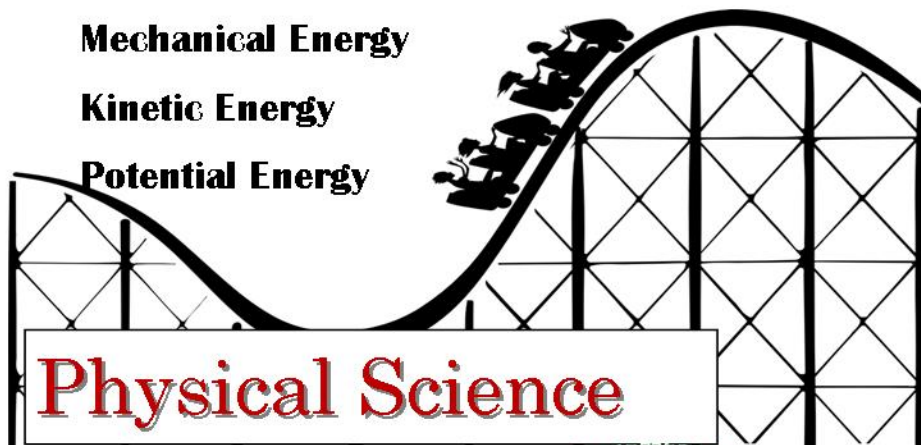
# Human and the Environment **Carbon TIME**

Biology and Life Science

**Mechanical Energy**

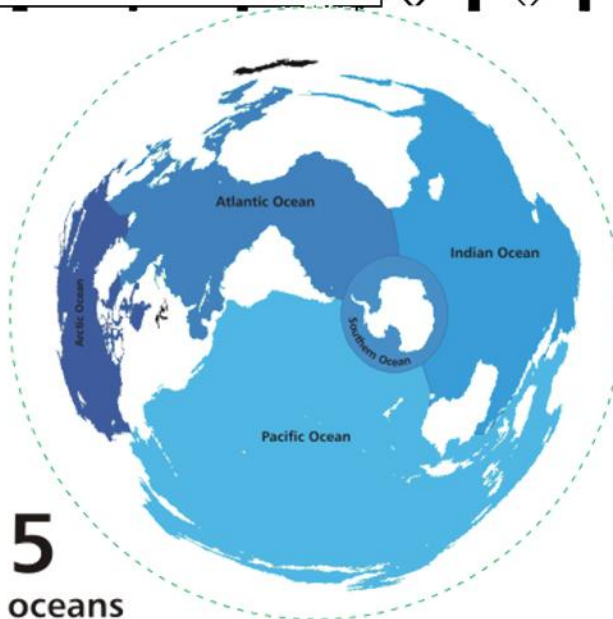
**Kinetic Energy**

**Potential Energy**

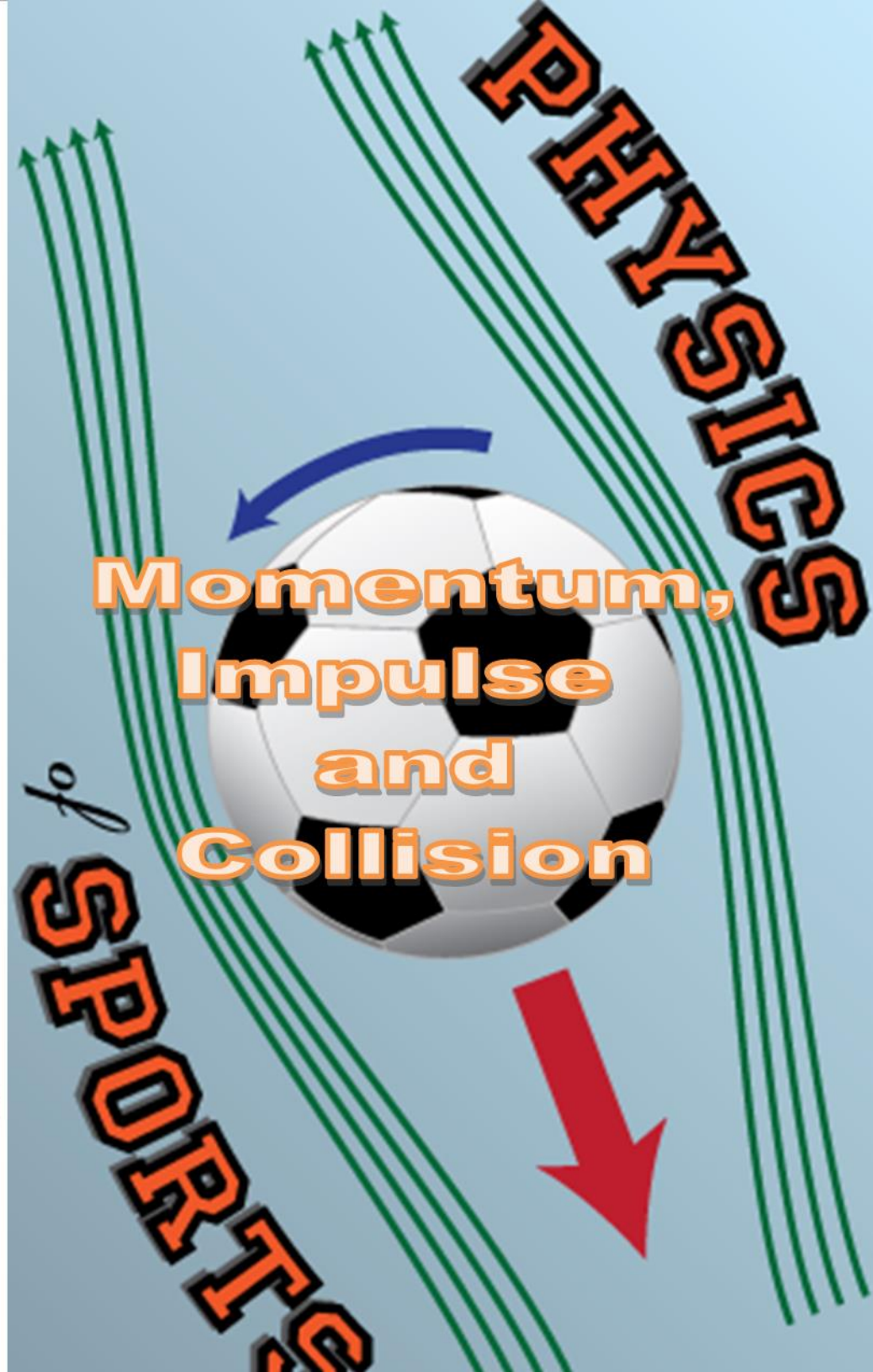


**Physical Science**

**Earth  
and  
Space  
Science**



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oceans



# *From Mr. Weber*

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

*We are working on percents of increase and decrease, finding interest and sales prices!*

## *8th Grade*

*We are solving systems of linear equations, with substitution, elimination and graphing!*

## *Algebra I*

*We are working on normal distribution, and other measures of data, such as mean median and mode!*

## *Algebra II*

*We are working with polynomials, adding subtracting and multiplying.*

## *Consumer Math*

*We are planning and budgeting for our dream vacation, currently including lodging, transport, and food. More to come!*

## *Geometry*

*We are looking at triangles and the very exciting theorems that go with them, it is a real pyramid of ideas!*



**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
School  
Reconvenes

**January 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Early Out

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
End of 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Quarter

**January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Lego Robotics  
Regional @ UND  
Memorial Union in  
Grand Forks 8:30

**January 21<sup>st</sup>**  
NO  
SCHOOL

**January 31**  
Student Council  
Blood Drive @  
Edmore Gym  
1:00-6:00

# The ABC's of Reading

Ask questions

Buy books as gifts

Celebrate progress

Develop a love of  
reading

Exchange books with  
others

Find books your child is  
interested in

Give hints if your child  
gets stuck

Have fun

It's okay to make mistakes

Join in praising reading  
success

Keep books everywhere

Libraries are great

Magazines encourage  
reading

Never force reading

Open a book nightly

Poetry teaches phonics

Quiz your child  
(informally)

Read aloud

Stash books in the car

Take your child to a  
bookstore

Understand reading takes  
time

Variety is the spice of life

Write a letter

Xtend bedtime for reading

You are your child's most  
important teacher

Zealous readers come from  
reading families!

# January 2019

# Menu

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 pancakes, fruit & juice  chicken nuggets, rotini, corn, bread, salad & sauce	3 oatmeal, toast, sauce & juice  pulled pork, sweet potato fries, salad, fruit & beans	4 cereal, fruit & juice  tater tot hotdish, green beans, dinner rolls, salad & sauce	5
6	7 French toast, juice & sauce  pizza, green beans, salad & sauce	8 cereal, juice & fruit  baked potatoes with chili, diced ham, broccoli cheese, bread, salad & fruit	9 HB eggs, toast, juice & fruit  hamburgers, chips, beans, salad & fruit	10 waffles, juice & sauce  turkey noodle soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, salad & sauce	11 yogurt, toast, sauce & juice  chicken fajitas, lettuce, tomatoes, Spanish rice, corn, salad & sauce	12
13	14 omelets, toast, juice & sauce  scalloped potatoes with ham, carrots, bread, salad & sauce	15 muffins, fruit & juice  BBQ's, French fries, beans, salad & fruit	16 yogurt, fruit toast & juice  chili, caramel rolls, crackers, shredded cheese, salad & sauce	17 cereal, fruit & juice  pancakes, egg patty, sausage, salad, bananas, strawberries & blueberries	18 oatmeal, toast, fruit & juice  beef stroganoff, green beans, dinner rolls, salad & sauce	19
20	21 NO SCHOOL	22 omelets, toast, juice & sauce  taco salad, corn, lettuce, tomatoes, shredded cheese, bread, sauce & rice pudding	23 caramel rolls, fruit & juice  chicken burger, French fries, beans, salad & fruit	24 oatmeal, sauce, toast & juice  meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, salad, bread & sauce	25 cereal, sauce & juice  corn dog, pretzels, salad, bread & sauce	26
27	28 French toast, sauce & juice  hot ham & cheese sandwiches, sweet potato fries, salad, beans & sauce	29 HB eggs, toast, juice & sauce  hamburger hot dish, green beans, dinner rolls, salad & fruit	30 yogurt, toast, juice & sauce  orange chicken, fried rice, corn, salad, dinner rolls & sauce	31 cereal, fruit & juice  knoephla soup, assorted sandwiches, crackers, salad & sauce		<i>*milk served with meals</i>

# January 2019

## Activities

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2 School Reconvenes	3 GBB (C) @ Cavalier 4:00  Lego Robotics 3:30-5:30	4 GBB (V) @ Bismarck vs Dickinson Trinity 3:00  Lego Robotics 3:30-5:30	5 GBB (JV) @ Rolla Tournament  GBB (V) @ Bismarck vs Shiloh 3:00  BBB (7,8,JV,V) @ Drayton 11:00
6	7 -GBB (JV) @ Rolla Tournament -BBB (JH) @ Cavalier 3:45 -BBB (C) @ Park River 5:30 -Lego Robotics 3:30-5:30	8 GBB (8,JV,V) @ Langdon vs St John 4:00  Lego Robotics @ Dakota Prairie 3:25-6:45	9 Early Out 1:30	10 BBB (C) @ Munich vs St John 5:45  Lego Robotics 3:30-5:30	11 GBB (7,8,JV,V) @ Langdon vs North Star 4:00  Lego Robotics 3:30-5:30	12 GBB (7 <sup>th</sup> ) @ Edmore Tournament  BBB(7,8,C,JV,V) @ Dakota Prairie 11:00
13	14 GBB (JH,JV,V) @ Rolette 4:30  Lego Robotics 3:30-5:30	15 BBB (JH,JV,V) @ Langdon vs Dunseith 4:30  Lego Robotics 3:30-5:30	16	17 GBB (C) @ St Thomas Tournament  BBB (JH,JV,V) @ Rolla 4:30  Lego Robotics 3:30-5:30	18 End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr.	19 -GBB (C) @ St Thomas -GBB (JV,V) @ Medina 2:00 Tournament -BBB (JH) @ Edmore Tournament -Lego Robotics @ Grand Forks 8:30
20	21 No School – Professional Development	22 GBB (8,JV,V) @ Dunseith 4:15  BBB (JH,C,JV,V) @ Langdon vs Four Winds 3:30	23	24	25 BBB (7,8,JV,V) @ North Star 4:00	26 GBB (JV,V) @ Langdon vs New Rockford 11:00  BBB (JV,V) @ Langdon vs New Rockford 12:30
27	28 GBB (8, C,JV,V) @ Edmore vs Four Winds 4:00  BBB (C) @ Langdon vs Park River 5:45	29	30 Student Council Blood Drive @ Edmore Gym 1:00-6:00	31 -GBB (7,8) @ Langdon Tournament  -BBB (7,8,JV,V) @ Munich vs Benson County 3:30		