

December, 2022

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# Midkota Messenger

Mission Statement: Educating students to be accountable, competent and confident as they pursue their passion in an ever changing world.



**Midkota Elementary**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**Concert**  
**&**  
**Musical**

**December 2nd, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

A festive collage of various Christmas trees in different colors (green, yellow, red, blue) and sizes, interspersed with snowflakes and several pairs of colorful winter mittens (green, red, blue, pink) at the bottom.

WASHINGTON DC STUDENTS  
INVITE YOU TO A FREE-WILL:

**SOUP & SANDWICH  
SUPPER**

**FRIDAY - DEC. 2ND**  
**5 P.M. - 7 P.M.**

@ MIDKOTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BEFORE  
THE ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**HOMEMADE SOUPS INCLUDE: KNEPHLA,  
CHICKEN NOODLE, & TOMATO**  
**SANDWICHES ARE:  
HAM & SUMMER SAUSAGE.**

A festive illustration featuring a Santa Claus figure on the right, a small elf on the left, a gingerbread man at the bottom left, and a decorated Christmas tree at the bottom right.

## Elementary Fall Apparel Order

- Great news Midkota! We have been working with Orriginals from Jamestown to put together some new apparel options just in time for Christmas shopping. We have apparel with traditional Mustang branding as well as our Titan branding. At Orriginals request, the options are on two separate web pages, but you should be able to toggle between links and still just check out once.
- Apparel orders will be printed and shipped every 2 weeks until Christmas. Happy shopping!
- Mustang Apparel link [www.orriginals.com/midkota-mustangs/](http://www.orriginals.com/midkota-mustangs/)
- Titan Apparel link [www.orriginals.com/griggs-midkota-titans/](http://www.orriginals.com/griggs-midkota-titans/)





## De-Stressing the Holidays by: Mrs. Dockter

So that magical time of year has returned, and adults everywhere are making a list and checking it twice. Lists have become my way of life as I try my level best to make sure that I remember to do everything and nothing falls between the cracks. (True confession: it's not possible, but I try.) As I was mentally gearing up for the holiday marathon, I had a moment of soul-searching. What do I want to convey to my children or others about the Christmas season? Thinking back to Christmas as a child, the thing that I most remember is the feeling of love that comes from having your family together. I think of my aunts laughing in the kitchen and my uncles teasing my cousins. I think of moments where we worked together to get things done, which made the enjoyment all the sweeter.

Statistics vary on the internet, depending on which study you read, but let's surmise that holidays can be stressful for many people for many reasons. One or a few of those reasons are making sure that children enjoy the holiday. I thought I could do a bit of the leg-work and come up with a few tips for a less complicated holiday season for you.

1.) Gifts! The most exciting part of Christmas for so many children can so easily become their focus. Helping children to pick out gifts for others can help shift the focus from the pleasure of receiving, to the joy of giving. I will never forget the first time I bought a gift for someone else (my mom), and the anticipation leading up to watching her open it was almost more than I could take.

2.) Let them help. With so many items on the good old to-do list, if we can get our students to help out, it accomplishes my tasks and keeps them entertained. They might not be able to do the whole thing depending on age and ability, but if they can do parts of a task, they still feel involved and successful.

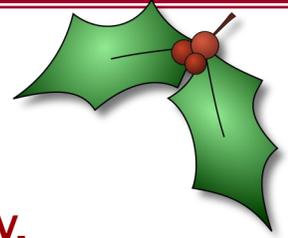
3.) Make memories. Let's also not forget the gift of spending time together. The memories that you create with your children will truly be what they remember long after toys are broken or the batteries go dead. Perhaps you can stay up just a bit later over break to watch a family movie together or get outside and make a snowman. Sometimes just making a cup of hot cocoa and spending one on one time with each child (easier said than done I know!) is enough to make them feel really special and have a good outlook on the day.

Alright. That's it for now. I hope that you have a seriously wonderful holiday season filled with less stress but

*more love.*



# 'Tis the Season...



**To make someone's Christmas a bit more jolly.**

The Midkota Elementary Annual Food Drive is on once again. Non-perishable food donations will be collected here at the school or at Binford Grocery and Hardware from now until December 20th, at which time the food will be taken to the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Cooperstown.



## **Thank You Midkota Supporters!**

Midkota Elementary would like to send a HUGE thank you out to those of you who supported our Midkota Elementary fall fundraisers. For the "School Store" fundraiser your gifts totaled \$2,340 in classroom gift cards to be used towards classroom supplies, and another \$350.39 towards our playground fund. Just a reminder that Midkota will continue to receive funds from anyone who uses the School Store link ([www.schoolstore.net](http://www.schoolstore.net)) when shopping at other retailers until NEXT October.

Our Midland fall fundraiser also successfully raised \$1,341.45 towards our playground fund. (If you ordered by check, orders should ship soon.)

This total is simply outstanding, and we are so very grateful for your kindness and generosity towards our students, teachers, and our school.

**THANK YOU!**

# Midkota Theater Group



**Back Row** L to R – Lydia Eslinger, Ellie Hoffman, Amy Ramsey, Hailey Donohue, Alette Adrian, Lilly Larson, Kelsey Johnson, Haylie Spickler, Myla Larson, Savanna Dreher, Abigail Dreher

**Front Row** L to R – Thea Adrian, Barrett Black, Jack Adrian, Grandin Black, Carter Adrian, James Adrian, Kade Halvorson



Grandin's character discovers that ... "The Bears stink!"



"In a world where anything can happen, one man goes on a date with a woman..."



# 4th Grade HAPPENINGS

The fourth-grade class has been busy exploring the United States. They finished off the project by researching several states and presenting them to other classes about their state. The month of December has many exciting activities in store for them. We will start our trip around the world exploring holiday traditions in other countries this time of the year. We will take off on our first visit next week. The kiddos will wrap up the project after Christmas break by exploring a country on their own and putting a presentation together. We will also be working on our annual hour of code and have hopes of visiting other classes and working through code with them. Hour of Code takes place in the first part of December.

**Have a very Merry  
Christmas and Happy  
New Year!**

from Mrs. Short's Kindergarten  
Class

written Faith

Eason  
Aurora

Adelyn

Brynnley Kaylis

Leo Sawyer



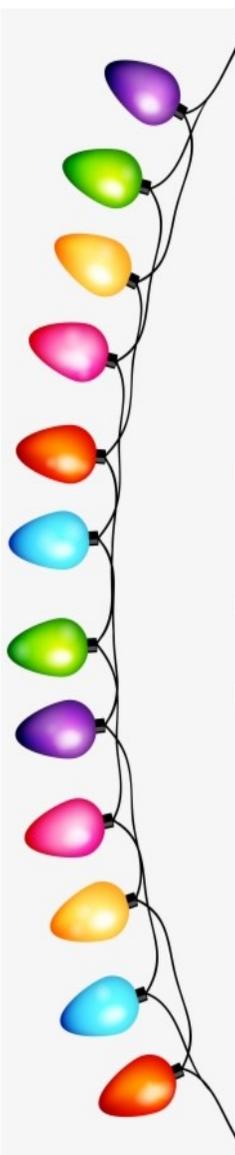
The year has started off with many fun STEM and 21st century skill themed projects. Homework support and coding have also been a big part of the program too. Our numbers have been pretty good, but I would love to see more students enrolled even if it is just a day out of the week. We could really use a few more enrollees at the high school level.

At the high school they will be incorporating a game day where students are able to play board games as well as work on homework and STEM. One of the games will be chess and the staff member working at the high school program is a skilled chess player who is excited about this!

We will also be starting to focus on our Technovation projects. They are through another grant that would like us to create an app to solve a community problem. I am really excited about this opportunity and will be sending out more information about it soon.



*Some of Mrs. Perleberg's students help her find Minnie Moose and win a prize.*




# FINANCIAL LITERACY FIELD TRIP!

The Financial Literacy class took a field trip to Farmer's and Merchant's State Bank in Binford.

Students learned about credit, loans, and banking careers. Thank you Shawn & Elona for welcoming us & sharing your knowledge!



**Upcoming Events:**

Friday, December 2nd	Elementary Concert 7:00 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 6th	GBB @ GCC vs Nelson County V, JV, 8, 7
Wednesday, Dec. 7th	NO SCHOOL Professional Development/Tutoring Day
Thursday, Dec. 8th	GBB Stutsman County Tournament @ Jamestown
Friday, Dec. 9th	GBB Stutsman County Tournament @ Jamestown
Saturday, Dec. 10th	GBB Stutsman County Tournament @ Jamestown

# DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Lunch</b>		<b>Menu</b>		1 E: Corn dogs, Hot Dogs HS: Lasagna, Garlic Toast	2 E: Chicken Al- fredo HS: Pulled Pork & Soup	3
4	5 E: Fish sticks HS: Meatloaf & Little Bakers	6 E: Ravioli HS: Spaghetti & Breadsticks	7 <b>NO SCHOOL Professional Development/ Tutoring Day</b>	8 E: Chicken, Mashed Pota- toes & Gravy HS: Tater Tot Hotdish, Dinner Rolls	9 E: Pizza HS: Hot dogs, Polish Sausage, Corn Dogs	10
11	12 E: Mac & Cheese HS: Chicken Bowls	13 E: BBQ's & Chips HS: Hamburger Hotdish	14 E: Chicken Strips HS: Breakfast	15 E: Spaghetti HS: Enchiladas	16 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: Hamburg- ers	17
18	19 E: Tuna Noodle Hotdish HS: Chicken Burgers, Chips & Dip	20 E: Chicken Patty HS: Tacos	21 E: Pizza HS: BBQ's & Chips	22	23	24 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>
25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>	26	27	28	29	30	31 <b>NEW YEARS EVE</b>

**Midkota School District 7  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
October 6, 2022, 7:30 AM  
Midkota Elementary School  
Binford, North Dakota**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Midkota School District #7 School Board was held on October 6, 2022 and 7:30 am at the Midkota High School, Glenfield, ND. Board Members Present: President Joel Utke, Preston Hoffman, Bobbi Hoffman, Justin Spickler, Shian Hoyt, Louis Halvorson. Others Present via Zoom: Activities Director Austin Monson. Absent: Veronica Vollmer. Others Present: Superintendent/HS Principal Ryan Baron, Business Manager Presley Paintner, Elementary Principal Linn Dockter

President Utke called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM and a quorum was established. Motion by Spickler to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

**REPORTS:**

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT: Mrs. Dockter reported to the board about Homecoming in the elementary, the 1<sup>st</sup> grade field trip to Hoffman's Corn Maze, the upcoming ND Seal Program on Oct 10, Fall Fun Day by the PTA, Bus Driver Appreciation plans, Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 3, Elementary Basketball, the need for a set of risers in the elementary (using ESSER III money), and the elementary Christmas Concert planned for December 2.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT: Mr. Monson gave the board updates on elementary basketball numbers, the elementary boys basketball coach, interviews for GBB assistant openings, the upcoming Co-Op meeting and the 3 class basketball proposal.

SUPERINTENDENT/HS PRINCIPAL REPORT: Mr. Baron reported to the board about Homecoming activities, NWEA testing, the recent Professional Development day/tutoring day, enrollment, the status of the district financial report, continuous improvement, a piano lessons request, the music position, and ESSER fund balances.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion by Spickler to approve the minutes of the September 13 Regular School Board Meeting, the September bills and the October budget, seconded by B. Hoffman. On roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 4.1 M. MONSON CONTRACT: The board discussed Mr. Mike Monson's current contract which is listed as 2/8. Monson's duties were discussed as well as time spent between the two buildings was well over 2/8 time. Motion by Hoyt to

adjust Monson's contract to 3/8 and to adjust pay proportionately to adjustment, seconded by B. Hoffman. On roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

- 4.2 2022-23 FINAL: Supt. Baron presented the updated budget for approval. A note was made, per the request of board members, to have budget numbers for all funds and not just the general fund. However, that is not customary and has not been done in past. Budget was left as presented. Motion by Hoyt to approve the final budget for 2022-23, seconded by P. Hoffman. On roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

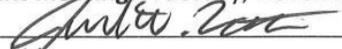
- 5.1 21-22 TRANSPORTATION REPORT: Supt. Baron presented the board with the 21-22 transportation report. A point of note is that for 21-22, open enrollment miles are not eligible for reimbursement. Supt. Baron calculated approximate in-district miles for the report. Motion by Hoyt to accept 21-22 transportation report, seconded by B. Hoffman. On roll call vote, motion passed 6-0.
- 5.2 OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS: Motion by Utke to approve Open Enrollment Applications and Non-Tuition Agreements as presented, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed 6-0
- 5.3 SPEAKERS IN GYM: Board members discussed sound issues in both gyms. Supt. Baron is going to speak with Mike Monson about options for our speakers and report back to the board in November.
- 5.4 BUILDING TRADES PROJECT-Building Loan: It was also discussed to incorporate the Financial Literacy Class into the loan application and selling process. The board agreed the best plan of action was to sell the house by bid process. Member Hoyt agreed to work with the Financial Literacy class to give details about the bid and building specs. The board agreed that the class could look into a loan for up to \$75,000 in accordance with what was discussed at previous meetings.
- 5.5 SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION: Board discussed who should or would be going to the upcoming school board convention. Member Spickler was advised to go as a new board member. Other board members were considering attending.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- 6.1 Budget/Finance – No report
- 6.2 Buildings – The committee was not able to meet but will be meeting October 18 at 1pm in Glenfield and at 2:15 pm in Binford.
- 6.3 Curriculum, Technology, & Staff Development – No report
- 6.4 Sports Cooperative – No report. Meeting is in process of being set up.

Motion by Spickler to adjourn meeting, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, November 8, 7:30 am, Midkota High School School in Glenfield, ND

  
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President

  
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Business Manager

**Midkota School District  
School Board Minutes**

Date: October 18, 2022 - 7:30 am  
Zoom and Midkota High School, Glenfield, ND.

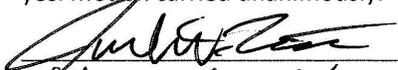
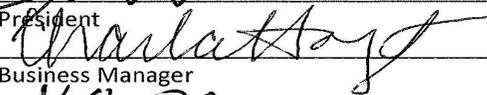
A special board meeting of the Midkota School District #7 Board was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am via ZOOM and the Midkota High School, Glenfield, ND. Board Members Present: President Joel Utke, Preston Hoffman, Shian Hoyt, Veronica Vollmer, Bobbi Hoffman, Louis Halvorson, and Justin Spickler. Others Present: High School Principal/Superintendent Ryan Baron, Activities Director Austin Monson, and Business Manager Presley Painter.

President Utke called the meeting to order at 7:31 AM and a quorum was established.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. APPROVAL OFFICIAL VOTE FOR NDHSAA 3-CLASS SYSTEM PROPOSAL: Discussion on how Midkota would like to vote for a 3-class system was had. The schools in the Griggs -Midkota Co-op; Griggs County Central and Kensal, have all voted in favor of the 3-class system. The NDHSAA needs 60% approval from member schools to take the proposal to the NDHSAA. Motion by Hoyt that we send in a letter of approval for a 3-class system, seconded by Halvorson. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Motion by Hoyt to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 AM, seconded by B. Hoffman. On roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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President  
  
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Business Manager  
11-18-22  
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Approved

**FBLA Wreath Fundraiser**

We Still have some sprays available, contact a FBLA student or the school to purchase!



**Classic Spray  
\$28**



**Cranberry Splash  
Spray  
\$32**



**Wintergreen  
Spray—\$32**



- Christmas Break begins December 22nd.
- School will resume January 4th, 2023.