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MUSTANG EXPRESS

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Welcome to the Mustang Express

Dear Reader:

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the first edition of the all-new "Mustang Express": a new magazine for, by and about the students, staff and community that make up Mora Independent School District 332.

Many remember the "332 In Review" magazine that was part of local area homes for many years. "Mustang Express" is proud to continue the heritage of that magazine by keeping our community apprised of all the happenings in the school district – the achievements, successes, challenges and pride that make up our education system.

You can continue to follow "332 In Review" as a monthly section in the *Kanabec County Times*. Between the monthly section, our Facebook and Twitter online presence, and "Mustang Express," we aim to keep our community well-informed about the "latest and greatest" happenings in the district.

For example: our first edition features an update on the Trailview School expansion, with a timeline and before-and-after pictures. You'll also find updates from Superintendent Craig Schultz, Mora High School Principal Brent Nelson, Trailview Principal Randy Qual, and Fairview Principal Brenda Jordan; information families can use as they help guide their children's education; shout-outs to memorable student and staff accomplishments; stories and pictures about current happenings at each of the schools; a convenient listing of upcoming Community Education offerings and much more.

We plan to publish editions five times a year, and we encourage you to contact us at "Mustang Express" and share your views. We're proud of our initial edition, and hope the magazine becomes a forum to advance the School District's mission statement: "Preparing self-directed and resourceful learners able to thrive in a changing global community."

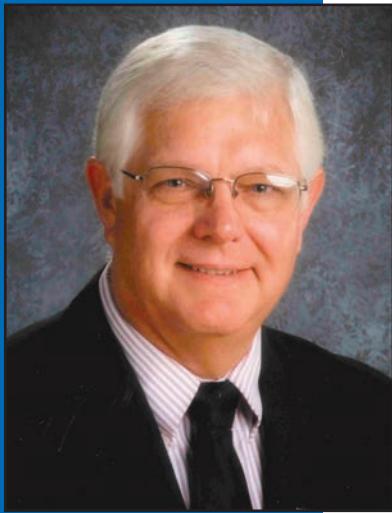
We look forward to working with our students, staff and community to highlight the wonderful work we're privileged to do. Come join us aboard the Mustang Express!

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Superintendent's Message...



Craig Schultz
Superintendent
of Schools

**"Our progress
as a nation
can be no
swifter than
our progress in
education.
The human
mind is our
fundamental
resource."**
~ John F. Kennedy



Welcome to the first edition of the *Mustang Express*. Some of you may correlate this to the format for the "332 in Review" from a number of years ago. At that time, cash flow issues with the State of Minnesota caused borrowing from schools, which in turn caused reductions in every school district across the state. One of those reductions was the budgetary line item associated with the home-delivered, paper communication.

As the state has recovered, so has the financial position of the school district. All the money borrowed from the schools has been paid back. There have been modest increases in the general education revenues. A couple of key improvements have been the increase in the state aid portion of the operating revenue, and the implementation of Long Term Facility Maintenance revenue. The state has finally recognized the shortages in these two areas in outstate Minnesota.

This past year the Mora School Board worked with students, staff and community representatives to update and formulate a strategic plan for the future of Mora Schools. The Minnesota School Board Association facilitated the process. Our mission was identified as "Preparing self-directed and resourceful learners able to thrive in a global community." Our focus areas included student achievement, student support, finance, communications, educational programming and workforce.

In each area, strengths and challenges were identified. Goals were set to attempt improvement in each area. Such as the goal for communications: **to foster partnerships with each community member by connecting via multiple methods, ensuring transparency and accountability for the education of all students.** The committee identified digital communication through Facebook, Twitter and the website as a strength, but listed more traditional methods as a challenge. Thus, the return of a written paper copy delivered to your home on a quarterly basis.

In this and upcoming issues we will be reporting on all areas of the strategic plan. Working directly with educational programming, student achievement and support will be our building principals and district curriculum coordinator and assessment coordinator. You will see information on technology, food service and transportation. Throughout the year we will have various articles with pertinent and timely information. If you have an idea for an article or something we can improve on, feel free to contact me by email at cschultz@moraschools.org or by phone at 320-679-6200.

District 332 News

At the Nov. 8, general election, three Mora School Board members were re-elected to four-year terms to begin on Jan. 2, 2017. The three are current board chair Karen Kirschner, clerk Scott Moe, and vice chair Ethan Elvehjem. A special canvassing meeting was held on Nov. 17, to approve the election results and issue certificates of election.

The Board continues to make progress on long-range planning for the School District. A work session was held on Dec. 5, wherein the consensus was to replace Mora

High School by building a new facility on the Trailview campus. The Board further decided to hold a special election between April and June 2017. An additional work session was scheduled for Dec. 22.

The Trailview School expansion project proceeds on schedule. The preliminary design and timeline have been reviewed for the proposed Wellness Center, developed in collaboration with FirstLight Health System. Read more about both projects in this issue of *Mustang Express*.

World's Best Workforce

The Minnesota Legislature passed the World's Best Workforce bill in 2013 to ensure that each school district in the state is making strides to increase student performance. Each district must develop a plan that addresses the following five goals:

- All children are ready for school.
- All third-graders can read at grade level.
- All racial and economic academic achievement gaps between students are closed.
- All students are ready for career and college.
- All students graduate from high school.

The Minnesota Department of Education states that for Minnesota to be competitive, we must have students who are college- and career-ready and prepared to lead the state's workforce. Each district creates its own plan to align curriculum and instruction. The success of each plan is measured by several criteria:

- Closing academic achievement gaps between student groups.
- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) scores.
- High school graduation rates.
- Career and college readiness.

At the Nov. 17 School Board meeting, Trailview Principal Randy Qual and Fairview Principal Brenda Jordan presented the Mora School District's World's Best Workforce Plan for 2016-17 and the World's Best Workforce Summary Report for 2015-16, as recommended by the Board Advisory Committee. School district goals were outlined to help achieve the goals set out by the Legislature, with accompanying staff development goals and assessment measures for student progress, instruction and curriculum at all levels. Both the plan and the report were unanimously approved by the board.

Severe Weather Mora School Districts – Severe Weather Protocols

Minnesota weather can create challenges in determining school late starts, early releases and closings. Children's safety is our highest concern, and is always the top priority when determining how to handle Minnesota snow and cold days. Please remember: as a parent or guardian, you make the final decision as to your child's school attendance.

Many factors are considered when determining whether to host a school day as normally scheduled, or if it needs to be altered. Mora Public Schools considers these variables in a timely fashion in order to assist students and families in making the best and safest decision. We understand that parents and guardians must also make adjustments in their schedules when there is a late start, an early release, or when students do not go to school at all.

After we evaluate the available and projected weather information, these are the options we use to make the decision about the school day:

Option 1: School will open on time, as bus routes can travel within a reasonable time frame.

Option 2: School will open two hours late, with no morning Mustang Care.

- a. Fairview would start at 10 am, and All-Day Preschool would start at 10:15 a.m.
- b. Trailview would start at 10 a.m.
- c. Mora High School would start at 10:05 a.m.
- d. Bus pick up times will be two hours later than usual.

Option 3: School will start two hours late; buses will travel only on plowed roads, and the schedule for each school will be followed as above.

Option 4: School is dismissed early due to weather; there will also be no afternoon Mustang Care.

Option 5: When weather changes throughout the day, students may need to be released early; this would depend on the severity of weather conditions at travel times.

Option 6: School is closed for the day. No morning or afternoon Mustang Care. No evening activities or practice.

School closures are broadcast on television channels 4, 5, 9 and 11 and radio stations KBEK, WCMP and WCCO; and posted on the district's website www.moraschools.org and on www.facebook.com/MoraPublicSchools. You may also receive a phone message from School Messenger, our new parent notification system. School Messenger is designed to send these reminders and/or school day changes as soon as decisions are made. This gives you information as soon as it is available.

Please feel free to contact the bus garage for additional clarification specific to your route if you have any additional questions, 320-679-6255. Phones at the school offices and the bus garage are often busy during these times, so if you receive a voicemail, please note the sources listed above to obtain school closure information.

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High School Principal



**Brent Nelson
High School
Principal**

***"Preparing
self-directed
and resourceful
learners able
to thrive in a
changing global
community"***
***~Mora Schools
Mission Statement***

Mora High School Update ...

Hello from Mora High School! This is my fifth year as MHS principal, and I'm excited to write my first article for the Mustang Express. We've had an amazing first half of the school year, and I'll highlight two things that are new.

BLUE Connections: BLUE stands for Building Learners Up to Excellence, and is the name of our school-wide advisory period. In BLUE, all students in grades 7-12 meet with their BLUE group and advisor for 30 minutes each Wednesday between second and third period.

When MHS started BLUE last school year we focused on online safety, college and career planning, bullying prevention, silent reading, grade checks and homework catch-up time. This year we added a "connections" component where, once each month, senior high students meet with junior high students to discuss preset topics. Seniors meet with freshmen, juniors with eighth graders and sophomores with seventh graders. Two advisors in each room facilitate the discussions. Real-world topics discussed during "connections" day can include social media, stress management,

bullying, substance abuse prevention and others.

My hope is to keep students and advisors in the same BLUE groups through all six years of high school. I believe this will enhance relationships within the school and provide each student a positive staff connection.

Homecoming Day: In years past we've scheduled different Homecoming week events in the evenings. This year, on Sept. 30, we scheduled events like Powder Puff Football, Iron Man Volleyball and the Homecoming Pep Fest during the school day. This was to enable all students to participate in the activities, not just those who could get transportation at night.

Highlights of this year's Homecoming Day were a bean bag tournament, a picnic, live music and student activity booths. Two surveys were distributed after Homecoming to get feedback, one to students and one to staff. Since it was our first attempt, there were small glitches and things for us to improve next year, but the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Hats off to Mr. Brandon Ostien for planning this event.

There are so many positive ways for Mora Schools to partner with local businesses and organizations. One of my best memories of Homecoming Day was seeing our FFA students walk a group from Industries, Incorporated through the petting zoo that our students had planned and set up. My vision is for Homecoming Day to become a community-wide celebration that will eventually include a parade down Union Street.



Homecoming 2016



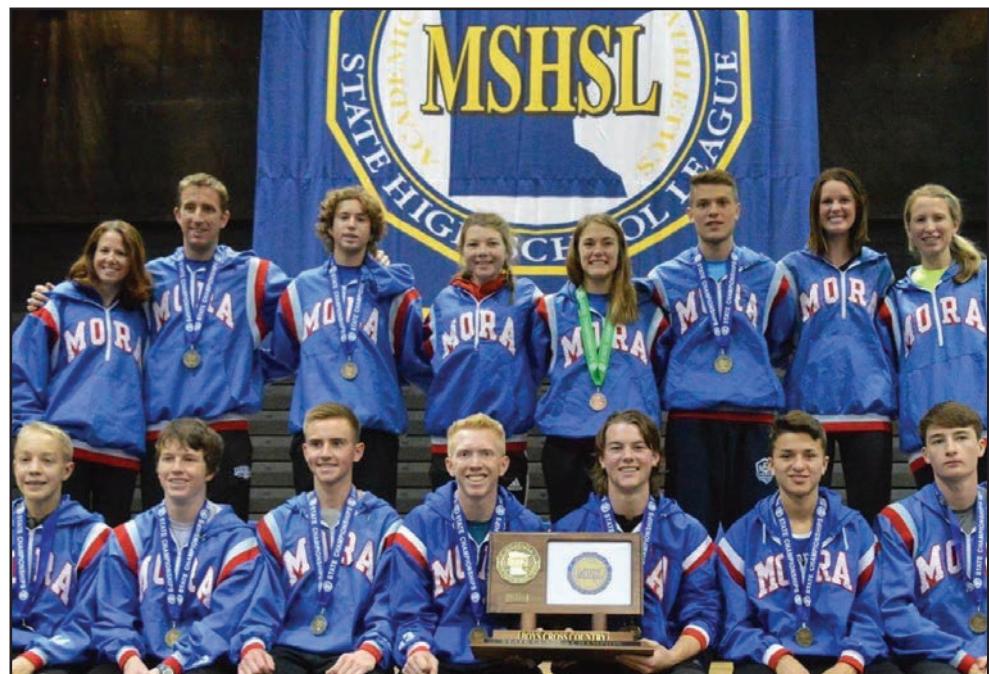
Mora High School MN Honor Society

On Monday, Nov. 28, 22 new members joined the Mora High School chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society (MHS). They join 67 current members in the chapter, which recently changed its affiliation to MHS from the National Honor Society.

"This year, due to unexpected changes within the National Honor Society system, we moved to the Minnesota Honor Society," said Mora High School teacher Lynn Headington. "We did much research to compare the two, and MHS has set similar and even elevated elements and expectations. The same four pillars of leadership, scholarship, character and service are highlighted. MHS has a slightly higher requirement for service hours, immersing students into our community that much more."

"The Mora High School chapter looks forward to another great year."

~ Lynn Headington



Mora Mustangs Cross-Country Three-Peat

2016 was another year to remember for the Mora Mustangs cross-country teams. The girls placed a runner in the top five finishers, while the boys brought home their third consecutive Class A State Championship.

The Mustangs made their 11th consecutive appearance at the MSHSL Cross Country Championship at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, on Saturday,

Nov. 5. The boys team had been ranked second all year behind Perham High School. But in a very close championship race the Mustangs put together a memorable team performance, beating Perham by only six points and claiming their third straight state title.

Senior Brook Wedin also ran a memorable race, placing fifth in her final state meet. Wedin and senior Michael

Schwinghamer both broke their own previous school records in the 5K race.

The Mustangs' state tournament participants were Michael Schwinghamer, John Schwinghamer, Alec Sanbeck, Zach Garza, Cooper Lennox, Nate Williams, Matt Ergen, Gabe Nord, Jared Greenberg, Brook Wedin, and Johanna Schwinghamer.

MHS Activities and Events



Student Council Toy Drive:

The Mora High School Student Council recently presented toys to area children. The toys were purchased through donations from MHS students. More than \$1000 worth of toys were presented to help area families celebrate the holidays.

Jordan Peters Benefit: Mora High School staff came together on Saturday, Dec. 10, to hold a silent auction fundraiser event for Jordan Peters and family. Peters, a MHS senior, is diagnosed with cerebral palsy and scoliosis and in January he will undergo

surgery to help correct the scoliosis. MHS staff members Katie Karnik and Jennie Ellingson helped organize the fundraiser, which took place at Crystal Bar and Grill in downtown Mora. Thanks to all who took part.

Field Trips: On Thursday, Oct. 6, the Mora High School Sports and Entertainment Marketing class made a field trip to Target Field in Minneapolis to learn more about sports marketing first-hand. Students received a tour of the ballpark and observed different marketing tactics used by the Minnesota

Twins. The tour also included a presentation from a representative of the Twins marketing department.

Fifteen MHS students from the German IV class traveled to Minneapolis on Tuesday, Oct. 25, to participate in the University of Minnesota's German College in the Schools (CIS) field day. "We discussed cultural topics with native German-speakers and other CIS students," said Mora teacher Amanda Stenberg, "and enjoyed an authentic German meal at The Black Forest Inn."

Also in October, MHS' Spanish IV class participated in the University of Minnesota's Spanish College CIS field day. Students learned some Portuguese (closely related to Spanish), heard the story of Alberto Justiniano and el Teatro del Pueblo and learned about studying abroad and

classes required for a Spanish major.



Bubble Ball: On Tuesday, Nov. 8, the National Guard brought their newest student activity to Mora High School for the day. "Bubble Ball" features large, inflated plastic globes which cover each player's head and body, leaving their legs free.

"The students played soccer with the inflatables on during physical education classes throughout the day," said Mora High School teacher Charles Whitbred. "They had a blast. Thank you to the National Guard!"



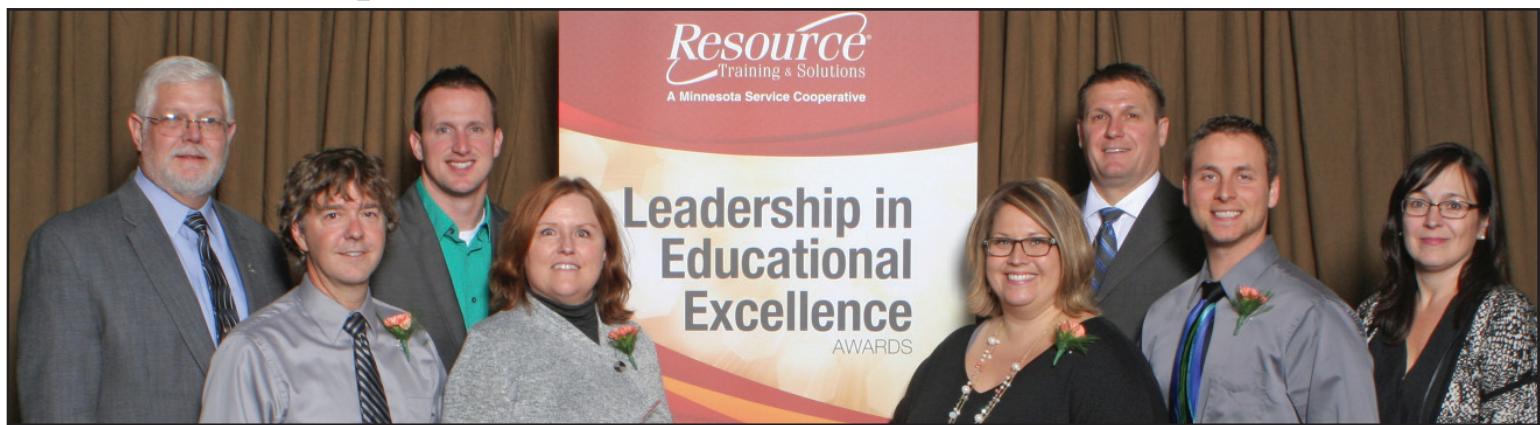
Mora High School Salutes

On the morning of Thursday, Nov. 17, Mora High School honored 33 senior high students for the positive contributions they have made thus far this school year. The students' families attended a recognition breakfast honoring their sons and daughters. Whether it was recognition for a kind deed, hard work, or improvement in their academic lives, MHS staff paid tribute to these young men and women for their positive efforts.

The following students were recognized: Gabi Koch, Dustin Altman, Ben Weinreich, Michael Goodwin, Veda Doerr, Cameron Lafontaine, Tom Brunk, Austin Kampa, Emily Bakke, Hailey Kunz, Konrad Blood, Amber Reinsch, Sam Engrav, Thomas Yoder, Corey Erickson, Clint Simpson, Idris Anderson, Dan Olson, Harley Swenson, Hunter Kristian, Alexis Hughes, Morgan Scott, Alyssa Pasillas, Maria Glocke, Jarryd Nelson, Mariko Ruettimann, Rachelle Johnson, Colton Novak, Courteney Reed, Nicole Ammend, Peter Allan, Magdalena Moreno and Alex Glocke.

The next student recognition breakfast will take place at the end of third quarter.

Mora Teachers recognized for Leadership in Educational Excellence



Back row: Mora Schools Superintendent Craig Schultz, Mora High School Principal Brent Nelson, and Resource Training and Solutions Executive Director Mark Schmitz. Front row: Teachers Peter Eaton, Kim Schulz, Amber Donaghue, Kevin Nolt, and Fairview Principal Brenda Jordan.

Four Mora School District teachers were recently recognized as among Central Minnesota's outstanding educational leaders. The honors took place at the Leadership in Educational Excellence (LEEA) event on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud.

Mora's honorees were Amber Donaghue, fifth grade teacher at Trailview; Peter Bradford Eaton, middle level teacher at the Alternative Learning Center; Kevin Nolt, business education teacher at Mora High School; and Kim Schulz, second grade teacher at Fairview.

"People who express gratitude and care characterize the honorees tonight," said keynote speaker V.J. Smith, president of the national organization MAD DADS and founder of its Minneapolis chapter.

More than 500 people attended to honor 155 educators, each one recognized with a plaque and certificate from Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton. Honorees were nominated by their schools or districts. Forty school districts and agencies were represented including public, private, parochial and charter schools and a Special Education Cooperative.

The evening began with a welcome and congratulations from Mark Schmitz, Executive Director of Resource Training and Solutions. "No matter your profession, a positive influence is timeless," Schmitz said. "No matter what the media tells us, schools are a great place for kids."

The evening's presiding superintendent was Greg Johnson from the Albany-Avon School District. "I am honored to represent the superintendents in our region and bring their congratulations. Each of the honorees here tonight are teacher leaders. Others look to you," said Johnson. "Additionally, I want to thank spouses and families for supporting these tireless teachers. Your support is invaluable."

Ken Anderson, chair of Resource's Board of Directors, spoke next. He said, "There are four characteristics educators need to become great teachers. Be relevant, care about the students, challenge them, and be fun."

This year's banquet marked the 25th anniversary of the LEEA event. This ceremony recognizes outstanding educational leaders from Central Minnesota school districts. To date, 3,654 educators have received the recognition. The event is sponsored by the participating school districts, and Resource Training and Solutions.

MHS staff participates in Nutrition Panel



A Mora High School staff member has been asked to participate in a national focus group evaluating school nutrition.

Barbara Fredrickson, Mora High School's Food Service Director, was asked in November by the Institute of Child Nutrition to participate in a focus group identifying competencies, knowledge and skills needed by school nutrition managers. National project director Jerry Cater informed Fredrickson that she had been recommended by the Minnesota Department of Education due to her effectiveness as a school nutrition program professional, and her commitment to improving school nutrition. The focus group is scheduled to convene in February.

The Institute of Child Nutrition, part of the School of Applied Sciences at The University of Mississippi, is the only federally funded national center dedicated to applied research, education and training and technical assistance for child nutrition programs. The institute was established by Congress in the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 1989. It is funded by a grant administered through the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.



Randy Qual
Trailview
School Principal

**"He who stops
being better,
stops being
good."**

~ Oliver Cromwell



Trailview's Principal

Trailview School Update ...

It's been an amazing four months to kick off the 2016-2017 school year at Trailview. I'm excited to be into my 17th year at Trailview, and my first year in the role of a Lead Principal. I'm lucky to work in such a supportive community, with an amazing school staff.

At fall conferences, many parents noticed that we displayed our Math and Reading Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) results for third to sixth grade. Compared to 15 local and conference schools in area districts, Trailview ranked in the top half in nearly every grade and subject. Our staff in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade have done an amazing job, working on ways to continually improve and ensure growth for *all* students - whether they are in enrichment classes, on grade level, or require remedial help.

One way that staff have honed in on growth for all students is through participation in our new **Quality Compensation** (QComp) plan, as well as an hour of staff development each week through our **Professional Learning Communities** (PLCs). These are teams made up of staff from all departments who share connections and goals regarding student instruction. Working together with a common goal allows all staff to improve instruction, and discuss improving rapport and connections with students: something that is often forgotten, but is key to a positive student experience.

While most things are similar to years past, we have some new faces and new ideas in the Trailview office:

We've begun a **#GoodNewsCall of the Day** for Trailview students, which I really enjoy. As principal, I get to make a positive phone call to students showing our school's **CARES** model (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self Control). We share the wonderful things a student has been doing or improving at, and then

take a selfie (with parent permission) to post on our Twitter page. The reaction of parents is priceless!

We're excited about our **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) classes. This year we're adding the arts to these specialist classes. Mrs. Lynne Nelson does a great job working with robotics, computer programming and science experiments. We use Engineering in Elementary (EIE) kits, Lego robotics, and other resources to focus on higher-level concepts that promote future engineering careers for our students. As our world continues to change, engineers will become a more and more valuable resource.

This fall, Briana Hallin started as the Administrative Assistant at Trailview. Briana is a great asset to our office, and is making positive connections with students and staff. Look for her when connecting with the Trailview office for assistance. Welcome aboard, Briana!

We want to continue to improve our communication with students, parents, and the community. Along with receiving emails, parents will notice that we're active on Facebook and Twitter, and we continue to improve our website. We've also started a weekly Trailview Newsletter to keep parents up-to-date with what's happening within the school.

Part of the newsletter is a great publication called *Home and School Connections*, which includes parenting tips for improvements at home and at school. As a parent myself I've found these tips to be beneficial, and they've helped improve our own home with suggestions about bedtimes, homework, and teacher/parent communication. We hope you enjoy it as well!

A Community Connection: Trailview School and the Kanabec County Master Gardeners

By Valerie Prax, Kanabec County Master Gardener.

Can you find the connection among the following?

- Products from trees.
- Minnesota biomes.
- A Smithsonian Institution exhibit at the Audubon Center.
- Third and fifth grade students and teachers.
- The Kanabec County Master Gardeners.
- The Mora Education Foundation.

It's what happens when a community volunteer organization enters the classroom, with support from a Mora Education Foundation grant. The Kanabec County Master Gardeners are 20 enthusiastic gardeners who are excited about helping kids learn the joy and science of plants and gardening.

Master Gardeners Valerie



Prax and Roberta Haight partnered with Trailview School to enhance and supplement curriculum for third and fifth graders. Students learned about classifying trees, and in mid-December attended the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street presentation at the Audubon Center of the Northwoods near Sandstone.

Mora Curriculum Specialist Lois Adams selected the third and fifth grades for participation, because their

science benchmarks most closely align with gardening skills and knowledge. To date, the Master Gardeners have taught classroom sessions on classifying trees, tree products, and

Minnesota biomes (formations of plants and animals that share common characteristics due to similar climates).

The Smithsonian loaned its "Water/Ways" traveling exhibit to six local host communities in each of five states. Mora third graders and local FFA students attended on Friday, Dec. 9, and fifth graders attended on Wednesday, Dec. 14, all accompanied by Master Gardeners. A Mora Education Foundation grant provided

the field trip costs, Trailview School supplied the buses, and the Master Gardeners accompanied as volunteer staff.

Water/Ways reveals the central nature of water on our lives by exploring how Americans use water, how water unites communities, how water affects every element of life, and how Americans care for and protect this valuable resource. Each community uses the national water story as a jumping-off point to tell its local water stories. A companion exhibit and staff-led activities about Minnesota water were the day's features.

Students, teachers, and Master Gardeners look forward to the next chapter in this great connection between schools and the community.

Home and School Connections

Trailview School offers a weekly newsletter to keep parents up-to-date with what's happening within the school. Included in the Trailview Newsletter is a publication called *Home and School Connections*, which includes beneficial parenting tips for making advances at home and at school.

Here's an excerpt from the December edition of *Home and School Connections*:

A Dependable Child

Kyle's parents count on him to walk his little sister home from school, and Jamal's parents know he'll remember to set the table without being asked. These parents are raising dependable youngsters. And you can, too, with these suggestions:

Talk to your child about who depends on you. You could say, "My company relies on me to be on time, so I have to leave for work now." Your youngster will see that being dependable is a part of life.

If you need your child to do something, let him know you're counting on him. He'll be likely to meet your expectations if you say something like, "I know I can depend on you to feed the dog."

Show your youngster how good it feels to follow through when someone is relying on him. You might have him sign up to work with a student who is learning English, or who needs extra help with math. Use encouraging comments such as, "I know Julian looks forward to seeing you every day," or "I bet David is learning a lot from you."

Trailview Veteran's Day Program



Walt Olen, a Korean War veteran, shared his uncle's flag with students during Trailview School's Veterans Day Program.

Mr. Olen served in the National Guard from 1947 through 1949, and the U.S. Navy from 1949 through 1953. Students listened attentively as Mr. Olen discussed Gold Star Moms and the meaning of Gold Star Flags.

Thank you to Walt Olen, and to all the veterans and community members who attended.

TRAILVIEW EXPANSION



The long-anticipated expansion of Trailview School is well under way, and changes and improvements are already evident.

In May 2015 Mora School District voters approved a \$19.7 million bond referendum for a 57,500-square-foot expansion to Trailview for grades preK-2 and to replace outdoor facilities, which will replace Fairview Elementary. The original plans for the addition featured a new gym, an expanded cafeteria, a two-story classroom addition on the north side of the building, and a reroof of the TV building.





A design was developed in a series of summer meetings by a core planning group made up of community members, school employees, Wold Architects and Duluth-based engineering firm Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson (FJJ). The Mora School Board approved the design and layout on Oct. 1, 2015, and a request for bids was released on Jan. 19, 2016. Bids were sought in 15 categories: site work, concrete, masonry, general construction, roofing, aluminum windows, flooring, acoustical ceilings, food service equipment, painting, fire protection, plumbing and heating, ventilation, test and balance, and electrical.

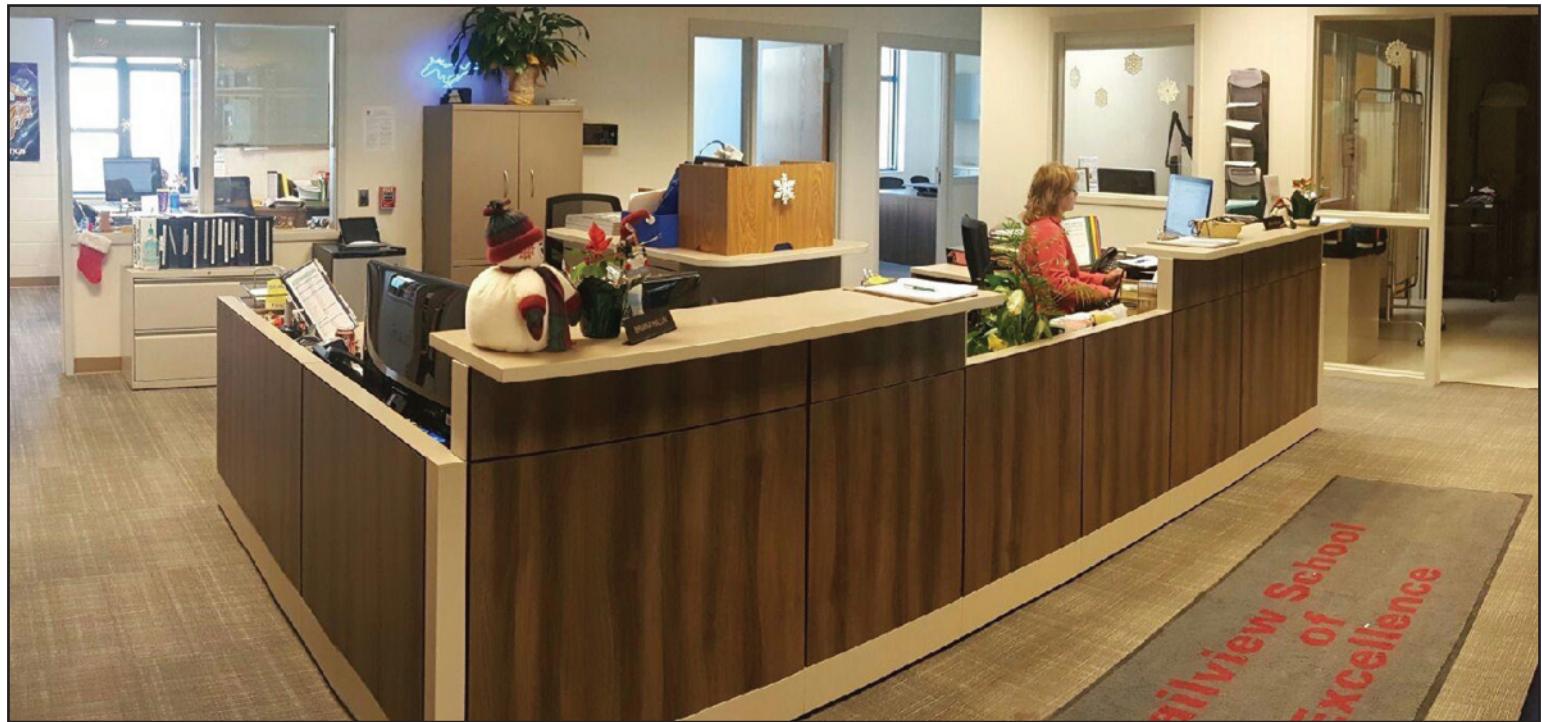




Bids were opened on Feb. 18, and approved bids were announced on Feb. 25. Winning bids came from businesses in Mora, Milaca, Princeton, Duluth, Brainerd, St. Cloud, Fargo, ND and Somerset, WI.

FJJ has taken the lead for the Trailview project. Senior project manager Brandon Kellermann confers regularly with the school board to ensure that the project is completed on time and within budget. Kellermann also works closely with FJJ's chief analytics officer Arif Quraishi, senior project manager Damien Williams, and site supervisor Joe Vry.





The Mora Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 11, and approved a request for a conditional use permit for the expansion.

Trailview's groundbreaking ceremony took place on Apr.

26, and construction began the last week of May.

Kellermann and the FJJ staff found that budget efficiencies made it possible to add improvements and features beyond the original plan, such as

classroom updates and additional athletic facilities.

An added feature now in the plans is an athletic center to be built in cooperation with FirstLight Health Systems. Plans are in the works for FirstLight

to help fund space at Trailview and promote wellness opportunities through community programming. More about this unique collaboration can be found in future editions of Mustang Express.



Trailview Activities & Events

"Caught Ya!": Trailview students spent an afternoon at the pool, and Mora junior high students chose between a swimming or movie event, for making positive choices during the first quarter of the 2016-17 school year. The students' trips were the fall activities in the "Caught Ya" program.

"Students are 'caught' doing something good: walking in the hallway, helping out others, and generally going above and beyond," said Trailview Principal Randy Qual. "When caught, the student receives a 'Caught Ya' slip which lists his or her name, grade and the good thing they did. The student then turns the note in to the office. We draw randomly from the 'Caught Ya' slips about every month."

The "Caught Ya" program is supported by Trailview School's annual fundraiser. Proceeds go to the student incentive account, which also supports lyceums and student rewards.

Trailview Book Club: The Trailview School Media Center will host a book club for students in fifth and sixth grades. The club provides a community-building experience, by participating with friends to select, read and discuss a book together. Student-led discussions will be facilitated by Kathy Beck, Trailview's Media Specialist. Discussions will focus

on selecting age-appropriate literature, researching authors, describing characters, places, and events, and much more.

The book club will meet every other Thursday at 3:15 pm, Jan. 12, through April 27, 2017. The participation fee is \$5.00, and the book will be provided for each student. To sign up, visit the Community Education page in this edition of Mustang Express.

Fundraiser and Earth Dome: Trailview School held another successful fundraiser in the fall of 2016. The valuable fundraising event supports student incentive activities (such as the "Caught Ya..." events), recess equipment, and lyceums (special educational events). The average cost of a lyceum is between \$600 and \$1200.

One lyceum presented this fall for Trailview students was the Earth Dome. For two days students used the Earth Dome to visualize the areas of our world, and were able to go inside it to view latitude and longitude lines and the opposite ends of the globe. Trailview School thanks all participants for their support.



Hot Cocoa Delivery: Students in Enrichment classes and various classrooms helped Tim Anderson, Linda Westling, and other staff members deliver a bit of flavorful warmth on cold Friday mornings.

Trailview STEAM Class

This fall, Trailview students interested in science and the arts are going "full STEAM ahead." "STEAM" is an educational approach that combines science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics as access points to guide students' inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking.

Throughout the first quarter of 2016-17, students in grades three through six have worked with different Lego units. They were able to combine technology and Legos to build and program different models. These STEAM students programmed a computer to make a Lego giant stand up and roar.

Students in Mr. Marv Nelson's third grade science classes worked on sound experiments using gas, solids and liquids. Mr. Nelson focused on pre-teaching and allowing students to experiment, and followed up with a post-experiment lesson.

Students in fifth grade completed a creative writing project called "October" in their homerooms. They combined this with a creative art painting project and displayed their work for fall conferences.

Trailview teachers demonstrate that the arts are important, and are addressed both



in homerooms and specialist classes such as computer science.

Trailview Students celebrate Unity Day

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, Trailview School students and staff celebrated Unity Day with a CARES retreat. Trailview staff wore special orange-colored t-shirts for the day that promoted the anti-bullying message "Lend A Hand."

"It was a great day," said Cindy Paulson, School Counselor at Trailview. "It all fell nicely into place."

Paulson discussed Mora Schools' Anti-Bullying rules with students, which led to a presentation of the 2006 movie comedy, "How to Eat Fried Worms." A short discussion followed, regarding the movie and its message about bullying. The afternoon finished with a recap of the school's CARES model and how it also fit into the movie.

Mora Schools' Anti-Bullying rules are drawn from the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, which includes school-wide, classroom, individual and community strategies. Started in Mora in 2012, the program helps create a safe and positive school climate, improves peer relations and increases awareness of opportunities for bullying behavior. The Olweus program offers activities designed for use in elementary, middle, junior and high schools.

"We chose the Olweus program at Mora because it's an evidence-based program, and is well-respected," Paulson explained. "The program defines 'bullying' to mean when somebody repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean and hurtful things to another person, who has a hard time defending himself or herself."

Alison Carda and Mary McCarthy

The Olweus program emphasizes four rules that are in use in Mora Schools:

- We will not bully others.
- We will help others who are bullied.
- We will include other students who are left out.
- If we know that someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

CARES, said Paulson, is Mora Schools' model

for behavior. The acronym stands for Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control. "We began our program a couple of years before the State of Minnesota's mandate was in place," she said. "There were parents who had concerns, because often there were kids asserting their power over others. When one kid is being mean to another, obviously parents want to advocate for their kid and make the behavior stop. They wanted something to be implemented, and we wanted to be proactive."

"Instances of bullying have decreased. The playground used to be one of our 'hot spots' for bullying. But once we started observing, and the kids learned different ways to behave, the number of incidents went down."



Paulson explained that both Fairview and Trailview utilize the Olweus program. "At Fairview the teachers select a focus of the week, and rotate through the five skills. At Trailview I introduce lessons based on Olweus, and then teachers select topics to follow up with," she said.

"Dealing with school bullying is a 'long game' and an ongoing process. It's a marathon, and not a sprint. I always remind our students about the Golden Rule: to treat others they way they would want to be treated. If they respect each other, the anti-bullying rules fall into place."

To find out more about Mora Schools' anti-bullying program call Cindy Paulson at 320-679-6240, or contact her by email at c.paulson@moraschools.org.



Fairview Principal



Brenda Jordan
Fairview School
Principal

"Fairness is not giving everyone the same thing. Fairness is giving each person what they need to succeed."



Fairview School Update ...

I'm in my sixth month as Principal of Fairview Elementary, and I've been loving every minute of it. This is my sixth year as a school administrator; prior to that, I was an elementary school teacher in Colorado. It's been exciting, getting acquainted with the fabulous staff and great students here in Mora. Everyone has been very welcoming, and I feel very fortunate to spend my school days at Fairview.

Fairview has many new faces in various positions this school year. If you have been in the main office lately you may have met Kathryn Leach, our new Health Clerk. She comes to us from Onamia Public Schools with lots of relevant nursing and office experience. We're very lucky to have Katy, and we appreciate all the expertise she brings to our school.

Fairview also has two new teachers: Kayla Hamby and Kayla Good. Mrs. Hamby joined our kindergarten team, bringing years of experience as a preschool teacher. Mrs. Good joined our first grade team, having taught the last three years at Braham Area Elementary. Both have been very positive additions to our staff. We also hired many new wonderful paraprofessional support staff: Nicole Tetnowski, Mary Armstrong, Rick Anderson, Kayla Asmus, Julia Mathison, and Tim Reynolds.

In addition to the many great things parents do to support their students, reading with them at home is vitally important. Reading creates a connection between school and home, allowing students the opportunity to practice new reading skills. Reading an assortment of fiction and nonfiction books, taking turns reading out loud, and asking questions about the text are things parents can do while reading. Encourage your child to re-read favorite books: repeated readings help build fluency. Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The goal is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences.

As we get into the heart of winter, please remember that the students go outside for recess until the combined temperature reaches zero degrees. While Minnesota students are hardy they still need winter gear every day at school: coat, bibs, boots, gloves and a hat. Fairview accepts donations of gently-used or new cold weather gear. Please contact Sara Rossow, our school social worker, if you know of a Fairview child in need of outerwear clothing.



Kathryn Leach



Kayla Hamby



Kayla Good

Fairview Activities & Events

Ice Skating Party: Students in Fairview Elementary first- and second-grade classes who reached December reading goals enjoyed ice skating on Friday, Dec. 16. Participants from Rachel Bakker's and Tammy Koep's classes skated at the Mora Civic Center. The party was particularly exciting, due to the appearance of a special surprise guest.

Ms. Bakker and Ms. Koep set monthly reading goals for their students. When a student reaches this goal, he or she is invited to participate in a celebration. Activities have included a beach party, a movie day, and a pajama party.

Responsive Classroom: Fairview uses an approach to teaching and learning called "Responsive Classroom" that fosters safe, challenging, and joyful classrooms and schools. The program consists of practical strategies for bringing social and academic learning together throughout the school day. It's built on key social skills for students to learn and practice: Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-Control, which form the acronym CARES.

Fairview added a CARES Club activity this year. Students who exhibit exemplary CARES skills are nominated to take part in a CARES Club meeting, held the last Wednesday of each month. Nominated students receive a certificate and an invitation to an ice cream social with Principal Jordan. Students also participate in CARES-themed lessons throughout the year, both in the classroom with Sara Rossow and during grade level team meetings with Darren Lukenbill.

Thanksgiving Week: During the week of Thanksgiving, Fairview kindergarten students learned about Native American heritage, culture, and traditions. Students traveled to each of the kindergarten rooms to learn about basket weaving, dreamcatchers, beading, headbands, teepees, and writing stories with symbols. Afterwards, the kindergarten classes came together for a Thanksgiving feast.

Shelf Elf: Congratulations to Amy Milbradt's second-grade class, Tammy Koep's first grade class, and Lora Jacobson's kindergarten class for earning the Fairview Library's Shelf Elf Award for the first quarter.

"This award is chosen quarterly," said Kathy Beck, Mora School's District Media Specialist. "Students work very hard in the library to earn it. Many other classes were runners-up. These three classes showed excellence in library manners and cares. Keep up the good work!"



Mora School PTO

It's been a busy first half of the year for Mora Public Schools' Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), as they raised money to fulfill teachers' classroom requests. Successful fundraisers included Scholastic Book Fairs at both Fairview and Trailview schools, the monthly Pizza Hut Family Night, and the annual Spirit Wear drive.

From the proceeds, the PTO fulfilled these classroom requests:

- Video equipment to enhance teacher/student feedback during classroom lessons.
- Supplemental funds for the fourth-grade Audubon Center Field Trip.
- Donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Eye Lighter Reading Guides for first- and second-grade classrooms, to assist readers' focus and increase comprehension.

This spring the PTO plans another big fundraiser: Fairview and Trailview Yearbooks. Teachers have



Trailview and Fairview Schools presented their 2016 winter music programs prior to winter break

Students in third through fifth grades presented Trailview's program to an audience of parents, siblings and friends. The third graders performed "The Big Chill" and shot snowballs into the crowd. Fourth graders entertained their audience with "The Legend of Polar Mountain" and built a snowman before their eyes.

Finally the fifth graders enacted "Sleigh Ride Around the World," and guided their guests with their flashlights.

Fairview presented two music programs. Second grade students performed on Dec. 20, featuring selections based on the children's book "Snowmen at Night" by Caralyn Buehner. First graders performed

on Dec. 21, with a "Snowflakes" themed program. Both music programs were accompanied by the students dancing, acting out games and playing instruments.

Thank you to music teacher Sarah Johnson and Jessica Taykalo for doing such a wonderful job with our students.



busily documented the school year by snapping photos for the yearbook. They're a great way to capture and preserve students' memories while helping to raise funds for the Mora PTO. Look for order forms to be sent home with students in February.

The Mora PTO's mission is to align support and resources with the vision and direction of the elementary school to enrich the learning environment, while empowering students, parents, and teachers for success.

The PTO could not operate without the time and effort of parent and teacher volunteers. They would like to thank all these volunteers who make our events possible. Also, a big thank you to those who donate by attending the Pizza Hut Nights on the last Monday of each month, visiting the book fair, and purchasing clothing during Spirit Wear.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Chairperson Kris Sampson at pto@moraschools.org.



Mora College Fairs

On Oct. 4, a group of fifty Mora High School juniors and seniors attended the National College Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The College Fair features representatives from colleges across the nation, allowing students to explore options and see what colleges have to offer.

"Students enjoy the College Fair, as it gives them a chance to find out about many different colleges in a short period of time," said MHS counselor Samantha Rushmeyer. "They get information about the colleges, programs, and scholarships. And they ask good questions: is it easy to get scholarships? What is the average ACT score for admission? Are students required to live on campus their first year?"

Rushmeyer believes that MHS students understand the importance of post-high school education. "Students have many different options now," she said. "I would say about 30% to 35% of seniors go on to post-high school study. Other staff have told me it's gone up over the past years."

Rushmeyer is in her third year as a counselor at MHS. "At the beginning of the school year I talk with seniors about the process, and what to expect during their last year of high school," she said. "I offer help at all points in the process. We also host a day in the Media Center for seniors to apply to colleges. We recommend that each one applies to at least one school, so that even if they don't want to go right away, they know how to complete the application."

"Counselors also meet individually with seniors to answer questions. We want them to leave MHS feeling college- and career-ready."

Rushmeyer says that MHS has many local scholarships available. "We want to do whatever we can for them to get scholarships," she said. "We encourage seniors to begin the Dollars for Scholars application. We schedule two financial aid meetings each year, and more and more people attend each time. In December we hosted an opportunity for parents to come in and begin the financial aid process, which we've not offered before."

"For example, one of last year's seniors got accepted to University of Minnesota - Duluth. I'd sent students an email about a scholarship opportunity; she was the only MHS student to apply, and she won it! The scholarship provides \$10,000 for each year of college."

Rushmeyer acknowledges that the college application process can be challenging. "Many seniors don't know exactly what they want to study. Some don't think they can afford it, and don't understand how financial aid works. And some are too intimidated to follow through with the process."

"We want our students to succeed, and we're willing to help in any way we can. We have great students at MHS, and great staff members who can provide help. If students or parents are at a loss about where to start, or what comes next in the process, don't hesitate to call us at the school."





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Early Childhood Education News

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library will once again be offered to families of pre-school aged children in the Mora School District. The program has been shown to markedly improve early literacy. Entertainer Dolly Parton began the program in 1995 to foster reading among preschool children and their families.

"Imagination Library was a program the Mora community had in the past," said Carrie Sell, Mora Schools' Early Childhood Coordinator. "A very active group of parents got together, and wanted to get this program up and running again. The Mora Education Foundation donated \$10,000 for the library to use over the next three years, and Mora Schools Early Childhood is also a financial sponsor."

The program mails age-appropriate books directly to participants' homes. To sign up, visit the Early Childhood Office at Fairview Elementary, or visit online at ImaginationLibrary.com. For more information, call 320-679-6257.

If you live in the Mora School District and have a child who is 3 ½ years of age, and you don't currently receive a mailed newsletter from Mora Early Childhood, please call the office to ensure that your child is included in the school district census. Also, if you have not yet been contacted by the Early Childhood screening team, please contact the office to sign up your child for screening. You can reach the Early Childhood Education office at 320-679-6257.



CAPP – Debee's Day at the Matinée

On Saturday, Oct. 29th, the Mora Comprehensive Arts Planning Program (CAPP) sponsored "Debee's Day at the Matinée" in honor of former Mora School Board member Debee McGovern. Debee was a long-standing CAPP member who believed in the importance of bringing the arts to people of all ages, especially children. Though Debee lost her life to cancer in 2013, her love of the arts lives on in the smiling faces of children attending and participating in arts activities.

In Debee's honor, children of all ages attended a live performance of the musical, "Annie Jr." The play was performed by Mora junior high students through Mora Community Education, and the event was funded by the Debee McGovern Memorial Fund. Two hundred fifty-three children received a joyful welcome, a box of popcorn, a bottle of water, and free admission to the show. The day was filled with talented actors, hard working volunteers, and happy children enjoying a special arts experience. Thanks, Debee!



Activities



Kris Osterdyk
Activities Director

**When you feel like
quitting
think about
why you started.**



Morgan Brettingen



Jordan Woods

ExCEL Awards: Mora High School juniors Morgan Brettingen and Jordan Woods have been selected to represent District 5 A in the Minnesota State High School League's ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education, and Leadership) Award Program.

The ExCEL award goes to students who are making progress toward graduation requirements, participate in MSHSL-sponsored athletic and fine arts activities, hold a leadership position in their schools, and volunteer in their communities.

Brettingen is active in tennis, track and field, band, drum line and pep band. Woods participates in cross-country, Nordic skiing, band, pep band, honor society and student council.

Math League: The season for Mustang "mathletes" has officially begun, with the Mora Junior and Senior High Math Leagues looking to add up victories.

The Minnesota State High School Mathematics League provides students with an opportunity to solve challenging math problems not typically found in a classroom setting. Currently there are 172 schools in the league in 25 divisions. More than 3,000 Minnesota students will participate this season.

A Math League meet consists of two individual events, and a team competition against other schools in the same division. Individual participants choose between algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus topics. The team event is a mix of all four.

Twenty-two junior high and 12 senior high students represent Mora in the Math League this year. Mathletes meet for an hour twice each week to practice math problems that may appear in upcoming events.

Shooting Sports: 2017 will be Mora High School's fifth season of participation in the Minnesota High School Trap League, taking part in an activity that is gaining popularity in Minnesota and across the

country. Last spring Mora shooter Luke Anderson took first place in Class 3 A - Conference 1, and the Mustangs finished second in the conference team competition.

In trap shooting, the shooter stands directly behind the target launcher. When the clay targets are launched, one or two at a time, they fly away from the shooter. The student athletes' safety is the sport's primary concern.

Practice shooting takes place on Sunday afternoons at a local range, south of Mora. The season runs from April through May, with the state championship in June. Sign-up for 2017 begins in late January; check the Mora Schools Community Education webpage for details. To learn more visit www.mnclaytarget.com, or contact coach Dale Barnick at 320-679-0366 or 612-390-1913.

THAT'S MY BOY DOWN THERE

Please don't curse that boy down there;
He is my son, you see.
He's only just a boy, you know,
And means the world to me.

I did not raise my son, dear fan,
For you to call him names.
He may not be a superstar,
But these are high school games.

So please don't knock those boys down there.
They do the best they can.
They've never tried to lose a game;
They're boys – and you're a fan.

This game belongs to them, you see -
You're really just a guest.
They do not need a fan that gripes;
They need the very best.

If you have nothing nice to say
Please leave the boys alone.
And if you forgot your manners,
Then, please, just stay at home.

So, please don't curse those boys down there.
Each one's a parent's son.
And win or lose or tie, you see -
To us, they're number one!

~ Anonymous

MPS Community Education

Early 2017 Classes www.moraschools.org

Classroom Drivers Education

Students must be age 15 by the end of the session. Priority will be assigned according to birth date if necessary. An \$80 fee is required at the time of registration. Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must submit their registration and fee payment to the District Office by noon on the first class day. **Daily attendance is mandatory.**



Spring Session

- March 7-10, 14, 16-17, 21-23, 2017

Time: 3:10 - 6:10 pm

Instructor: Dave Souba

Location: Mora High School, room 316

Fee: \$80.00 due by Friday, March 3, 2017



Summer Session

- June 5, 7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21-23, 2017

Time: 8:30 - 11:30 am

Instructor: Tom Youngblom

Location: Trailview School, room 601

Fee: \$80.00 due by Friday, June 2, 2017



Country Heat Live!

Join Carleen Doering and Leah Berry as they lead you through a high-energy, country-dance-inspired workout that's so simple, anyone can do it! Each of the moves can be made bigger and deeper to really work those muscles. And it's so much fun – you'll barely notice that you're getting a total-body workout while you work up a sweat. This low-impact workout is perfect for all fitness levels, so step right in and have a blast dancing non-stop to the hottest country hits.

Six Thursday night sessions,

Mar. 2 - Apr. 6, 2017

Time: 6:15 - 7:15 pm

Instructors: Carleen Doering and Leah Berry

Location: Fairview School Lower Gymnasium

Fee: \$50.00 per session

Adult Learn to Ski Class

Are you interested in learning how to cross-country ski? Are you a beginning to intermediate skier who would like to improve your technique? Or are you just looking for a good way to deal with winter in Minnesota? Then this class is for you! Mora Ski Club members will teach both classic and skate skiing techniques. Participants must have their own skiing equipment. The Saturday, Jan. 28 session will begin at sunset for the Mora Lanternloppet event, and will start at the North Practice Loops.

Dates: Sundays, Jan. 8, 15, and 22, and Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: The Mora Nordic Center, 400 North 9th Street, Mora, MN

Fee: \$20.00

Science Explorers:

Intro to Engineering with Legos and More!

Join the Science Explorers as they step into the field of engineering with engaging, hands-on activities. Discover how engineers use scientific and technical skills to design machines, buildings, and gadgets. Using Legos and other materials, participants will investigate engineering projects on land, in the air, and in the water.

Dates and times: Grades 3-6: Monday, Mar. 13, and Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2017

at Trailview School STEAM Room 303,

3:15 - 4:45 pm

Grades 1-2: Dates to be announced at Fairview School Art Room 108, 2:45 - 4:15 pm

Fee: \$30.00

There is a maximum of 16 participants, and space will fill up quickly.

55+ Driver Improvement Program

The 55+ Driver Improvement Program is a state-approved accident prevention and insurance discount course that is available to the public. A certified instructor from the Minnesota Highway Safety & Research Center will teach class. Utilizing the most up-to-date research in the field, participants will receive the latest information in driver and traffic safety, new laws, and vehicle technology. This class has something for everyone!

Drivers aged 55 and older who complete the course qualify for a 10% discount on their auto insurance premiums for three years, according to Minnesota law. First-time participants must complete the initial eight hours of training, and a four-hour refresher class every three years, to maintain the 10% discount.

The fee for the eight-hour course is \$26.00; the four-hour refresher course is \$22.00. Pre-registration is required. The class is also offered online. For more information or to register, go online to www.mnsafetycenter.org, or call toll-free 1-888-234-1294.

Dates and times:

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017, 5:00 - 9:30 pm

Friday, Feb. 24, 2017, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, May 11, 2017, 5:00 - 9:30 pm

Monday, June 5, 2017, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Mora High School Board

Room, 238

Fee:

\$26.00 for the eight-hour course

\$22.00 for the four-hour refresher course

Community Education Instructors Wanted

Do you have a skill or hobby you'd like to share with the Mora Area Community?

All types of classes are welcome. If interested, please contact Activities Director Kris Osterdyk at 320-679-6200.

Berry Growing for the Home Garden

Here's your chance to learn how to grow blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, and honeyberries at a Berry Growing Workshop, sponsored by the Kanabec County Master Gardeners.

Instructors Seth Wannemuehler and Nathan Hecht, University of Minnesota graduate students in the Applied Plant Sciences program. They will discuss site preparation, variety selection, maintenance, and current research on new varieties.

Date: Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017

Time: 9 am – noon

Instructors: Seth Wannemuehler and Nathan Hecht

Location: Trailview School Commons Area

There is no fee for the class, but a free-will offering will be accepted to cover expenses.

Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017. Pre-register by contacting Mandi Yoder in the Community Education Office at 320-679-6200 or myoder@moraschools.org; or Kim Pautsch in the Kanabec County Extension Office at 320-679-6440 or kim.pautsch@co.kanabec.mn.us.

Sourdough 101

Grains: are they really “bad” for you? Or could the problem be how we prepare them? Learn about good and bad grains, and how the sourdough process “changes” the grain. This is a hands-on class where you will make muffins, pancakes, fritters, and tortillas. Take home a sourdough starter made with organic, freshly-ground whole grain wheat, and a handout with recipes. The class requires a minimum of eight participants.

Date: Monday, Feb. 6, 2017

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Location: Mora High School, Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) room 332

Class Fee: \$30.00

Community Education Policy

Registration and Fees:

Pre-paid registration is required. Most registrations are due a minimum of one week prior to the class starting date.

Note that many classes fill quickly, and others may be canceled due to insufficient registration.

How to Register:

Visit us in the District Office at Mora High

Community Education Registration Form

A. Participant Information (Please print)

1.) First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact Number _____

Please check one: Age 0-5 _____ Grade K-5 _____ Grade 6-8 _____ Grade 9-12 _____

Age 19-54 _____ Age 55+ _____

Class _____ Date/Time _____ \$Fee _____

Class _____ Date/Time _____ \$Fee _____

Comments/Special Needs _____

B. Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Contact Number _____ Email address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Contact Number _____

* I grant permission for Mora Public Schools to use my child's digital image and/or classwork in newspaper articles, Mora Public School Webpage, and/or social media to promote Community Ed. events.

Signature _____ Date _____

C. Method of payment:

Check Credit Card, Credit Card Information: VISA MasterCard

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

Card holder signature _____

Billing address if different than Contact Information _____

To register online, visit our website at: www.moraschools.org > District > Community Ed, OR
Mail this form to: Community Education, Mora High School, 400 East Maple, Mora, MN 55051

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received _____ by _____ Amount Paid _____ Cash or Check# _____

Comments _____

School, or mail registration forms with payment to:

Community Education
Mora High School
400 East Maple Ave., Mora, MN 55051

Please be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached during the day. Fees are not refundable after the registration due date, unless the class is canceled due to insufficient enrollment. Confirmations are not sent out; however, the District Office will notify applicants if a class is full or has been canceled. If supplies are required, you may choose to confirm that the class will be offered before making

a purchase. Call the District Office at 320-679-6200 to confirm registration and class availability.

Individual Cancellations and Refunds:

A full refund will be issued if a class is canceled by the District Office. All other cancellations are subject to a \$5 processing fee. To receive a refund, less the processing fee, notify the District Office at least three business days before a class begins unless a specific cancellation deadline is listed. No refund will be issued for a cancellation received less than three business days before a class begins.

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