



Midkota Messenger

April 2022

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April Superintendent Report From the desk of Sara Bilden

The Midkota community has experienced great loss and grief over the past weeks. Our hearts are hurting for our families' experiencing losses that can never be replaced. I would encourage anyone feeling this deep loss and pain to reach out for help. This community has always cared so well for each other, and this is a time when that special extra magic of the Midkota relationships is needed more than ever. Reach out to each other, remember our students who are also hurting, and share great memories.

Easter break is coming up, and we will not have school on April 15th and 18th. Speech and spring sports are in full swing. Our track, baseball, softball and golf participants will be entering events soon. Please stay tuned to the calendar and come out to support them all.

Teacher appreciation day is coming on Wednesday, May 4th. Please reach out and let them know how much you appreciate them. Here at Midkota we recognize that every staff member in our employ is a part of educating our students. So, each year we deem the first week in May to be Staff Appreciation Week. If you would like to help us show our staff some love, give me a call at 701-785-2126.



April Dates to Remember!

April 2nd: PROM Grand March @ 7pm

April 5th: Softball & Baseball Pictures

April 6th: Region V Small Group Music Contest @ VCSU

April 7th: 4th Grade Wax Museum @ Midkota Elementary; 1:30pm-2:30pm

April 14th: 4th Grade STEM & Math Night @ Midkota Elementary; 5:30pm-6:30pm

April 15th & 18TH: NO SCHOOL-Easter Break

April 29th: Elementary Spring Concert 7pm

Speech Competition



Kelby Gjovik competed at the Grafton Speech Meet on Saturday, Feb. 26th. She placed 4th in Poetry, 4th in Impromptu and 2nd in Humorous Interpretation.

Congrats Kelby!

Region V Music Contest!

By: Thomas Anderson

On Tuesday, March 15th the Midkota Band and Choir both performed at the Region V music contests at Carrington High School. Midkota Band performed extremely well earning "1" ratings by both instrumental music judges for their performance of "Rainbow Connection". Midkota Choir also put on fantastic performances of "Thousand Years" by Christina Perri and an arrangement of "Twist and Shout" earning "2" ratings by both vocal music judges. After each group performed the adjudicators each took turns working with the students on a variety of things such as tuning, balance, and articulation. All of the performers did a marvelous job of responding to the requests and suggestions being made during these sessions. Our Midkota Music students represented themselves and the school in the very best way and I urge you to applaud and congratulate each of them on their success!

A couple additional notes of interest: Of the 6 instrumental groups performing at this event the Midkota Band was tied for the highest number of participants (24) and the Midkota Choir performing amongst 5 total groups was second only to Carrington High School (26) with 25 participants. Our participation numbers are at the very top within our region!

All four of the judges (2 instrumental/2 vocal) were noticeably stunned to learn how young the bulk of our performers are; Nearly half of Midkota Band and Choir are comprised of 7th grade students this year. The future of Midkota Music is bright!

Meat Processing

On March 7th through the 9th, Midkota's Agricultural Classes took field trips up to McHenry, ND to the Meat Processing Plant owned by Leon Hoyt. There they learned about and gained experience on the process of butchering and packaging of beef from two steers, both donated by Jason & Veronica Vollmer.



State Archery

Mustang archers joined thousands of archers from across the state to compete in the state archery tournament in Minot March 18-19. Participants could compete in both bullseye and 3D for the first time in person at the state tournament since 2019. Twenty-three archers grades 4-12 from our team participated in both events.



Top ten places in each division qualify for the National tournament held in April in Sandy, Utah or May in Louisville, Kentucky. Nolan Hoffman placed third out of 125 elementary boys and Paige Black placed third out of 96 elementary girls in the bullseye event. Nolan also qualified for nationals in 3D along with Logan Hoyt who placed 7th in her division for that event.



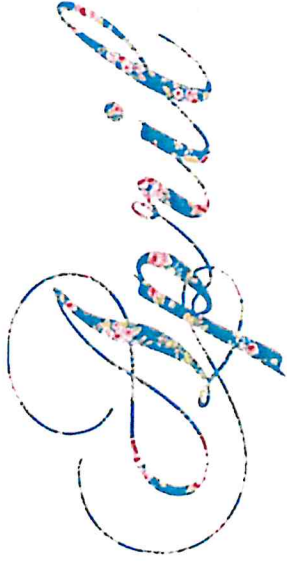
During the state tournament, top archers in each division also shoot off for a chance to be named to the all-state archery teams. Based on the whole archery season, Paige Black, Nolan Hoffman, Logan Hoyt, Cainen Stangeland, Jesse Wessels, Kelby Gjovik, and Kyle Johnson all qualified for the shoot off, with Jesse successfully making the twelve person elementary all-state team.



Congratulations to the national qualifiers and good job to all archers on a successful

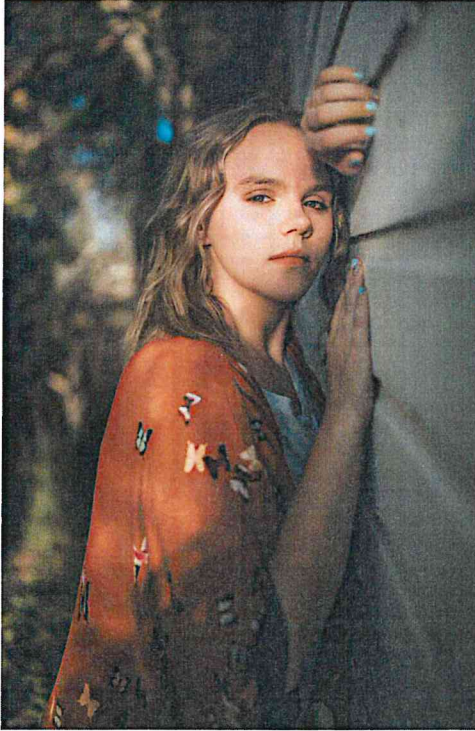


If you can believe it,
The mind can achieve it.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 4:30p Red River Valley Indoor Track @ UND	2 PROM 8:30p Grand March
3	4 4:30p E-VB @ McVile vs. DP (2) 4:30p Baseball @ Tolna vs. NR/S	5 4:30p Maple River Indoor Track @ Concordia	6 Region V Small Group Music Contest @ VCSU	7 4th Grade Wax Museum @ MES 4:30p E-VB @ Buchanan (2) 4:30p Baseball @ Tolna vs. LLM	8 4:30p JH Baseball @ Tolna vs. Devils Lake 4:30p Baseball @ Hope	9 Speech Regionals @ BCN TBA E-VB @ GCC
10	11 4:30p Softball @ McVile vs. Langdon (2)	12 4:30p E-VB @ MES vs. Fessenden (2); 4:30p JH Softball @ McVile vs. DL 4:30p Baseball @ Steele vs. Kidder Co.	13	14 9:30a-11:30a Kindergarten Screening @ MES; Stern Night @ MES; 4:30pm E-VB @ Fessenden (2); 4:30p Baseball @ Wishek	15 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	16
17	18 Happy Easter! NO SCHOOL Easter Monday	19 4:30pm E-VB @ MHS vs. P-B (2) 4p Softball @ Mayville (2); 4:30p Baseball @ Tolna vs. Carrington; 3p Track @ Fessenden	20 1pm MASH Unit @ GCC	21 2:30p Track @ Mayville; V, JH 4:30p JH Baseball @ Jamestown	22 4:30p JH Softball @ Mayville (2) TBA Baseball Jamboree @ Carrington	23 State Speech @ Mandan; TBD E-VB Tournament @ Kensal; 11a Varsity-Track @ Hillsboro @ Carrington
24	25 "Know Your State" Competition @ Bismarck; 3:30p JH Track @ Carrington; 4:30p JH Baseball @ Binford vs. Jamestown	26 4:30p E-VB @ MES vs. DP (2) 4:30p JH Softball @ Devils Lake 4:30p Baseball @ NR	27 Vision Screening @ MES	28 3p Varsity Track @ Carrington; 4:30pm E-VB @ MHS vs. GCC (2); 4:30p Softball vs. Pembina @ TBD 5p Baseball @ LaMoure	29 7pm Elementary Spring Concert	30 11am Baseball @ Tolna vs. Park River V, JV, JH 11a Track @ Mayville V, JH

Senior Questionnaire



Name: Kelby Lynn Gjovik

Nickname: I don't have any

Parent Names: Rebeca and Kaare Gjovik

Siblings: Kennedy and Keegen Gjovik

What would be three adjectives to describe you?

10 years from now, I will still laugh about: the tricks that the boys have done on each other throughout the years.

Most famous person you have met: Kat Perkins

Future plans: Get my degree in Special education or elementary education and become a degree or get a degree in Fisheries and wildlife and become a game warden

What do you see yourself doing in the next 5-10 years? In five years, I see myself just entering the workforce as either a special education teacher or I will be preparing for the game warden test. In ten years, I will be either working as a special education teacher or a game warden here in the state of North Dakota.

What would be your ideal job? My ideal job would be a Game Warden

If you could invite two famous people to dinner, who would you invite and why? If I could invite two famous people to dinner, I would invite Ellen Pompeo because she plays my favorite actor in Grey's Anatomy and she is a good actress. I would also invite Julia Brennan because I really enjoy her music.

Pet peeve: When people bring something up and then don't want to tell everything

Favorite Saying/Quote: "Do not be discouraged by the distance you still have to travel. Instead, appreciate how many "life miles" you have already covered. Your struggles have changed you into a stronger and better person. Don't let anyone dissuade you from blooming into the person you are meant to be. Keep walking." - Dodinsky

Favorite hobby/pastime: Hanging out with my dog Remi, reading, and shooting things with guns and bows.

Do you have any hidden talents? Hand knitting

Sports/ activities Involved in: Theater, Archery, Trap, Skeet, Softball, National Honor Society

How many seasons/ years were you involved in those sports/activities? I have been involved in Theater, and softball sense 7th grade, Trap sense 8th grade, Archery and Skeet sense 9th grade, and National Honor Society since last year.

What do you like most about the sports/activities you were involved in? Being able to hang with friends and create new ones, I also like that in archery, trap, and skeet that yes, they are a team sport, but it mainly is an individual sport where your biggest competitor is yourself.

Favorite memory of those sports/activity? Beating Gracie Gunderson in archery by one point because my goal for that season was to beat her because she was the top in my division, and qualifying for the national tournament my tenth-grade year,

Who influenced you to play sports or become involved in Activities: My friends and my passions are probably the main two things that have influenced me to play these sports and become involved in these activities.

Sports Jersey Number: #12 in Softball

My teammates think: That I am hardworking and kind-hearted

Advice for future teammates? Do your best no matter what and do not get into your own head

Favorite Group(s): Theater, archery team, trap, and skeet team.

Favorite Student(s): Emma, Trish, younger kids.

Favorite TV Show: Grey's Anatomy and Chicago Fire

Favorite Music: All music

Favorite Athlete(s): Emma Kollman

Favorite Class you have taken at Midkota: psychology and sociology

Favorite song during your time in High School: Buy Dirt by Jordan Davis

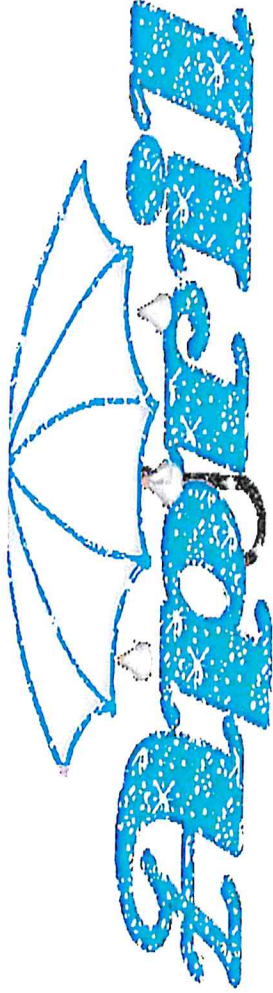
Mom always thought I was: Determined, persistent, and have a huge heart.

What would you like to say to teachers and coaches? Thank you for being there when I needed help and thank you for pushing me and helping me to the point I am today.

Comments: Always do your best and don't let what other people say get you down. Always be yourself.



It's okay to cry when there's too much on your mind,
The clouds rain too when things get heavy.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 E: BBQ's HS: Hotdog Hotdish	5 E: Chicken Hotdish HS: Hamburger Gravy	6 E: Subs HS: Pizza Sticks	7 E: Spaghetti HS: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	8 E: Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese HS: Fish Fillets	9
10	11 E: Chili HS: BBQ's	12 E: Pulled Pork HS: Chicken & Rice	13 E: Turkey HS: Breakfast	14 E: Mac-N-Cheese & Chicken Nuggets HS: Shipwrecks	15 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL Easter Monday	19 E: Beef Stew HS: Tater Tot Hotdish	20 E: Hot dogs & Corn dogs HS: Subs	21 E: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham HS: BBQ Chicken Fillets	22 E: Pizza HS: Taquitos	23
24	25 E: Tacos HS: Meatloaf	26 E: Chicken Gravy HS: Pulled Pork	27 E: Chicken Burgers HS: Chicken Bowls	28 E: Tater Tot Hotdish HS: Pizza	29 E: Soup & Sandwiches HS: Mini Corn dogs	30

Midkota School District
School Board Minutes
Date: February 8th, 2022 7:30 am
Midkota High School – Glenfield, ND

The regular monthly board meeting of the Midkota School District #7 School Board was held on February 8th t 7:30 AM at the Midkota High School, Glenfield, ND. Board Members Present: President Joel Utke, Laura Kulsrud, Preston Hoffman, Shian Hoyt, Veronica Vollmer, Bobbi Hoffman, Louis Halvorson. Others Present: Superintendent Sara Bilden, High School Principal Richard Danielson, Business Manager Presley Paintner, Student Council Reps Wyatt Spickler and Emma Kollman.

President Utke called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM and a quorum was established. Add Nikki Boote training Presley Paintner to the agenda. Motion by Vollmer to approve the new agenda, seconded by Hoyt. On a roll call vote, all voted yes. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS: ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT: Mrs. Dockter updated Molly Bestge spent a day at the elementary and the HS. She was impressed with teacher's Project Based Learning lesson plans at both schools. The elementary Kindness Challenge was a success! Winter NWEA testing is almost complete at the elementary school. We had to renew both our NWEA and Renaissance Learning contracts in January. Student engagement surveys will be taken by students in grades 3-6 this week. Elementary teachers in grades K-4 will receive math training by webinar for new curriculum on Friday, Feb. 11 and there is also a Lyceum and Pep Rally. Elementary students will be reading and/or doing activities with HS students after the pep rally. We have surveyed teachers and staff, asking them to choose their top four options for making up storm days. We have had 4 storm days thus far. Add 15 minutes to the end of the day to make up snow days, and attend school on March 11. 4-6 grade will be singing the Star Spangled Banner at the game in Binford on Feb. 15. P/T Conferences scheduled for Mar. 3rd from 2-8 PM in Glenfield. Reading Month coming up in March. Ms. Larson won a grant to set up an urban pollinator garden. She plans to join it to the vegetable garden that she started with the Extended Day program.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REPORT: Mr. Richard Danielson reported PD Days that along with the elementary school Molly Bestge on PBL Feb. There will be upcoming coaching from Wayne Callender. Four HS teachers participating in NESC's Beginning Teacher Workshop. Innovation Academy unable to attend January 19th so we held our own on February 3rd ----Upcoming Innovation Academy – February 16th/ The Building Trades Projects have the trusses finished, the band store room/office door going in. Continuous School Improvement Surveys: Student Engagement opens Wednesday Feb 9th, Climate and Culture (Student, Parent, Staff) plan to open around P/T Conferences. We have upcoming Field Trips: February 9th – Seniors to attend Reality Check at F&M Bank in Tolna, February 16th – Freshmen to LRSC for CTE Day(Make-up Day), Ag Students are looking to process beef, Senior Privileges have started. Second round of LRSC's Battle Royale will start Feb 14th. Parent/Teacher conferences coming up on March 3rd, 2-8pm @ MHS

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT: Mr. Danielson Reported_GBB Districts started Friday and we earned the 5th seed going into the tournament. BBB – 5 varsity games left – Districts start February 25th. Looking to schedule a softball and baseball outlook meeting with the 4 cooped schools. "Powered by Beef"- New Beef Commission program - meeting at 10am today. Elem Girls' Volleyball will Start March 1st and scheduling is underway. Spring Sports sign-up outlook: Baseball – 5 HS/4 JH, Softball – 2 HS, Girls T&F – 4 HS/3 JH, Boys T&F – 1 HS/2 JH, Boys Golf – 2 HS/1 JH.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT: Midkota held a Snowfest week, Upcoming activities being planned District GBB and BBB pep rallies, and BASE Education.

SUPERINTENDANT REPORT: National School Board Convention is April 2-4 in San Diego and Joel Utke is to attend. Superintendent Evaluation due March 15th. Update on Superintendent Schedule. Continuous School Improvement Goals & Plans 1. Academic Goals start sharing student academic progress with board and community, not just parents. 2. Personal Learning & Development Upcoming PD with Wayne Callender on Instructional Coaching. February 22nd & 23rd Innovation Academy. Attending February 16th, Bismarck National Superintendent Convention.

CONSENT AGENDA: MSC P. Hoffman/ B Hoffman to approve December 20th Minutes, January 18th Minutes, January 25th Minutes, and January Bills. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **GLENFIELD HOUSE:** No updates. Tabled.
- b. **DRIVER'S ED TEACHER:** Rich in contact with the state to see if they have anyone, if not students can attend in Carrington.
- c. **Elementary Addition:** In superintendent report; showed plans.
- d. **Wurst Endowment Update:** Two elementary teachers and three high school teachers on committee.
- e. **Nikki Boote Training:** Motion by Hoyt to train Presley for four more months at \$50.00 an hour, second by Vollmer, motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **2022-2023 School Calendar:** Draft brought to faculty and staff and voted on. Motion by P. Hoffman/ Hoyt to approve calendar, motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Resignation:** Motioned Hoyt to approve Tanner Coenen's resignation, seconded by Kulsrud. On a roll call vote: B.Hoffman, yes; Kulsrud, yes; Hoyt, yes; P. Hoffman, yes; Vollmer, yes; Utke, yes. Motion Carried.
- a. **Superintendent Evaluations:** Motion to use the old Midkota evaluation by Hoyt and seconded by P. Hoffman. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Budget/Finance: Nothing to report.
- b. Building: No meeting until more money comes in.
- c. Curriculum/Technology/Staff Development:

Adjournment: MSC B. Hoffman/ Vollmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 AM.

Next Meeting date and time: Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 AM in Binford.



President

Pauly Paul

Business Manager

3-6-22

Approved



Close Up Students visit Washington D.C.

-By Kristi Halvorson

We are back from DC and had so much fun! We went to Gettysburg, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, 911 Memorial, Washington Monument, The Smithsonian, Holocaust Museum, and more! We walked about 30 miles!

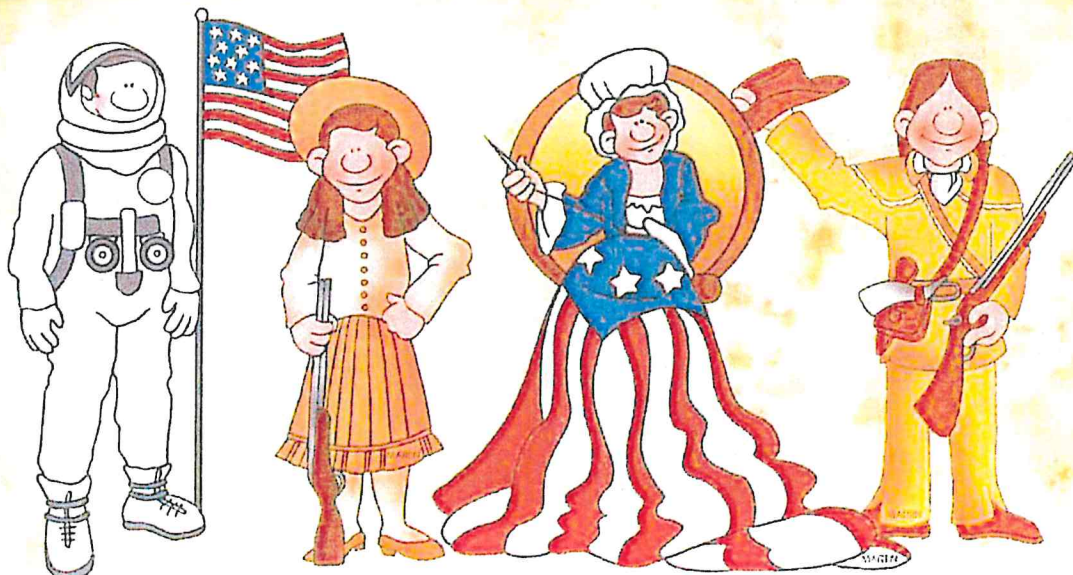
The students want to thank everyone who contributed to the trip to help make this possible! It takes a lot of fundraising and a lot of amazing people to support them! We are so lucky to live in a generous community!



You're Invited to
Ms. Larson's 4th Graders Very Own
Living Wax Museum

Our students will be hosting a biographical interactive wax museum honoring influential people from the past and present. You will have the opportunity to "meet" historical and modern day characters chosen by the students. Come hear their character's life story simply by pushing a button!

Thursday, April 7th
1:30- 2:30 p.m. Elementary Gym



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Our FBLA students participated in the State Convention in Bismarck March 27th-29th. A full article on their experience will be in next month's messenger.