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Community Education Newsletter

Greetings from the Superintendent's Desk

It's hard to believe we are already in the final stretch of the school year. It feels like we were just getting started, and now May is here with a full calendar of activities, events, and celebrations. This time of year always goes quickly, but it's also a great opportunity to reflect on all the growth and accomplishments we've seen throughout the year and to finish strong.



Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

The week of May 4–8 is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. This is a great time to recognize the work our teachers and staff put in each day for our students. I'm very thankful for the team we have here at Medina Public School. The care, time, and effort you give to our students makes a difference, and it does not go unnoticed. Medina Public School is a great place because of the people in it, and our teachers and staff are a big part of what makes our school special. I would encourage everyone to take a moment this week to thank a teacher or staff member for everything they do.

Senior Thank You

As we come to the end of the school year, I would like to thank the Class of 2026 for everything they have contributed to our school. You've had a positive impact on our school community and have set a great example for younger students. As you move on to the next chapter, I encourage you to continue using your talents to make a difference in the lives of others. We will miss you, and I wish you all the best in whatever comes next!

Last Day of School—May 15

The last day of school will be Friday, May 15. High school awards will begin at 11:00 AM and elementary awards will begin at 12:30 PM. We will also have an early dismissal at 1:00 on this day.

Mr. Damon Bosche, Supt/AD

*UNAPPROVED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

School Board Meeting Minutes
Medina Public School District #3
April 10, 2026

Chairman Rory Hoffmann called the board meeting to order at 7:15 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present (Rory Hoffmann, Jacob Hofmann, Shawn Gefroh, Jeremy Schmidt, Shawn Lachenmeier, Nancy Heinle-Bodvig, and Nolan Kartchner). Supt. Bosche, Principal Hofmann, and Business Manager Moser were also present.

The minutes of the March 13, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Shawn L. moved to approve the minutes as presented, Jacob seconded, carried unanimously.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and discussed. Nolan moved to approve the monthly financial report, Shawn G. seconded, carried unanimously.

The monthly bills and payroll were reviewed and discussed. Jacob moved to pay all bills and payroll, Nancy seconded, carried unanimously.

Agenda Additions/Deletions: Early graduation request

Recognize guests: none
Public Comments: none

HVAC Controls & Unit Ventilator upgrade: We received a proposal from Prairie Engineering to provide services for the project with costs of $15,000 for design & bidding and estimated cost of $3,500 for construction administration. Prairie Engineering was the engineer for our building addition project. Discussion on other projects such as roofing, other interior remodeling (office space), boiler to be discussed at next board meeting.

As per NDCC 44-04-19.1, the board will go into executive session to discuss administrative contract negotiation strategies. Jacob moved to go into executive session at 7:34 am, Jeremy seconded, motion carried 7-0. Mr. Bosche & Mrs. Hofmann left the meeting. All seven board members and Business Manager Dawn Moser remained and executive session began at 7:34 am. Executive session was adjourned at 7:45 am and the public was invited back into the meeting.

The board offered Mr. Bosche a 5% increase plus 2% to offset national/regional conference trip attendance and remove conference trip language from contract, and a $5,000 increase to the AD salary.

Also, the board offered a 5% increase in salary/wages for Principal Hoffmann and Business Manager Moser. Shawn L. moved to approve the offers as stated, Jeremy seconded, roll call vote: NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y. Motion carried 7-0.

Building Fund CD: Jeremy moved to put $700,000 into a 7-month CD with Dakota Heritage Bank at a rate of 3.73%, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: JH-y, NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y. Motion carried 7-0.

Title 1 teaching position recommendation – Supt. Bosche recommends hiring a full-time Title 1 teacher in addition to our current half-time teacher (Kim Hoffmann) – needed for our current load of students. Jacob moved to hire another Title 1 teacher for the 26-27 school year, Shawn G. seconded, roll call vote: NK-y, SL-y, JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y. Motion carried 7-0.

Parking lot proposal from Advanced Striping: $24,430 total for sealcoating, crack filling, and new parking lot striping layout. Jeremy moved to approve the proposal, Nolan seconded, roll call vote: SL-y, JS -y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y. Motion carried 7-0.

Early graduation request from a sophomore student to graduate at the end of their junior year (next year). Shawn G. moved to approve the request, Jacob seconded, roll call vote: JS-y, RH-y, SG-y, NH-y, JH-y, NK-y, SL-y. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent/AD Report: Elementary volleyball wrapping up, one indoor track meet so far this year, first baseball game in Medina on Monday, 4/13 – may not happen. MPB awards night scheduled for May 13 at 5:00 PM in Medina.

Principal Report: Student attendance, Rural Psychiatry for telehealth, PBIS team, Hoops for Heart goal met, 26-27 school year class scheduling in process, ACT & Pre-ACT testing, Small Groups Music contest today, Aberdeen college tour and cadaver lab tour on 4/17. Prom will be 4/25, and the class play scheduled for 5/1.

The next regular meeting will be on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 7:15 am. Shawn L. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 AM, Shawn G. seconded, carried unanimously.

/s/ Rory Hoffmann, Chairman
/s/ Dawn Moser, Business Manager

These minutes are unapproved and subject to change at the May 8, 2026 board meeting.

WANTED: Public Works/Maintenance Employee for the City of Medina

Must be 18 years of age with current driver's license. Experience operating heavy equipment is preferred. Health and PTO provided. Applications available at City Hall, 108 Water St W, Medina, ND, 58467. 701-486-3162. Position will be open until filled. City of Medina is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the school year, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has gone. Each year seems to move faster than the last, yet we still find ways to pack in meaningful learning, laughter, and memorable events.

I don't always give myself time to reflect, as we are often moving on to the next thing. However, as I've gotten older, I've come to value reflection more and have been making a more intentional effort to slow down and do so. Reflection helps guide our next steps and decisions. As educators, it's important to think about what went well in our classrooms and what didn't, so we can adjust for the future. This practice is just as valuable in our personal lives as we continue to grow and navigate relationships.

Recently, I took some time to look back at the themes of this year's newsletter articles. Last fall, I shared that it is the "school part" that keeps us connected and committed to education. Building strong relationships with students and families, celebrating successes, and learning to navigate challenges are what make being part of a school community so rewarding. It keeps us coming back year after year. This year has been another year of sharing all of these experiences with our students, families, and community.

Other topics focused on giving ourselves grace and being mindful of how we spend our time. We can't always be perfect—we will make mistakes. What matters most is how we learn from those experiences and grow. Are you remembering to give yourself grace? If things aren't going the way you hoped, or you feel like you don't have time for what matters most, take a moment to reflect on how you are spending your time. Be honest with yourself. Sometimes the things on our "must-do" list may not truly need to be there. By reprioritizing, we can make more space for the people and moments that bring us joy and connection.

As summer approaches, I hope you are able to spend quality time with family and friends, find moments to rest and recharge, and enjoy the sunshine and warmer days. Wishing you a safe, relaxing, and wonderful summer!

Mrs. Hofmann, Principal



CITY OF MEDINA COUNCIL MINUTES

March 2, 2026 7:00 PM

The regular meeting of the City of Medina, Stutsman County, was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Memorial Hall. Present were Mayor Myron Gunderson, CM Dean Moser, CM Mitch Gunderson, CM Joe Schmidt and CM Dacotah Dockter (7:05 PM). Sid Higdem and Lance Loock (City Workers) present. Rhonda Schlecht (Auditor). Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the February 2nd meeting were read and motion to approve with the corrections of air rater to aerator and bit to bid by CM Mitch, 2nd CM Dean. – all ayes, no nays – motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Visitors: Jordon (Moore Engineering), Randy Everding (observing), Bill Busch (observing), Chris Soukup (observing)

Jordon (Moore Engineering) – Water Tower Project work is all completed. Control work is being pursued under the Water Treatment Project. Two forms need to be completed for the CDBG closeout. CDBG will withhold 10% ($1,150.00 for final payment. If any warranty work needs to be completed for the water treatment plant let Moore's know. The drainage study and Topo will be this spring.

CM Dacotah motioned, 2nd CM Dean to approve the contractor payment in the amount of $132,500 to Maquire Iron's Work with the CDBG eligibility for $101,587.75 (percentage based) and the remainder is local share. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

CDBG admin invoice in the amount of $2,703.34 (Invoice #3) was signed by Mayor Myron Gunderson.

CITY WORKERS – Heartland Heating will be out tomorrow (3/3/26) to install the new heater in the blue shop. Heartland will need to come out on a different day to hook up the new dryers in the laundromat. LED lights were installed in the gym. The Excursion's tune up was done. In the near future the downspouts on buildings will need replacing. Discussion on the water drainage behind shop and Reister's with possible rock pit drainage or a trench. The gravel truck is leaking coolant – they will check with Phillip Reich or Cenex for repair. Lance will resign his position at the City as of 3/27/2026.

CM Joe motioned, 2nd CM Dacotah to purchase cutting edges for loader from Butler. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – Water bills were discussed. Laundromat remodel vs. new - waiting on estimates. There is one estimate in so far for the front of the meeting room wall (outside).

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – A formal request was done for an open forum of the incoming new candidates. This will be held on May 30th at 7 PM in the City Hall Gymnasium. This will be an opportunity for the residents of Medina to come and meet the new candidates running for the city council and see what their goals are for the City and answer questions.

The Stutsman County Highway Agreement was present and signed by Mayor Myron Gunderson.

CM Dacotah motioned, 2nd CM Mitch to increase the weekend pay to $60 a day. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

A new fish cleaning agreement was presented from Bob Frohlich from ND Game and Fish due to a change of going from State funds to Federal Funds. The City Council reviewed the agreements and approved signing them electronically. The corrections were on page 6 the 70.000 changed to 70,000.00 and on the FFATA form change Median to Medina under Place of Performance.

NEW BUSINESS – ND State Bonding Fund application will be submitted. 3 CD's are due which are currently 7 month terms. Auditor Rhonda will check on rates and pick the best short term CD's to renew to. Kitchen remodel has begun and the water heater is from 1997 and will be upgraded. An ad will be placed in the newspapers for the opening in maintenance.

CM Dean motioned, 2nd CM Dacotah to transfer $2,021.88 from sales tax to general hall for the replacement of the lights in the gym to LED.

PRESENTATION OF BILL – CM Dean motioned, 2nd CM Mitch to pay the bills that were presented. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

ADJOURN – CM Dacotah motioned, 2nd CM Dean to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. All ayes, no nays – motion carried.

/s/ Myron Gunderson, Mayor

/s/ Rhonda Schlecht, Auditor

COUNSELOR'S CONNECTION



Just as April highlighted an important area of awareness, May brings another meaningful focus.

May is **Mental Health Awareness Month**, observed each year since 1949. This month is dedicated to increasing understanding of mental health and reducing the stigma that often surrounds it. Stigma can make it difficult for individuals to seek help due to fear of being judged or misunderstood. When support is delayed, it can impact school or work performance, relationships, and overall health & well-being.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), 1 in 5 adults and 1 in 7 youth ages 6–17 in the U.S. experience a mental health condition each year. Additionally, 50% of all lifetime mental health concerns begin by age 14, and 75% by age 24. These numbers are a powerful reminder that mental health challenges are common and that no one is alone.

This year's theme from Mental Health America is **"More Good Days, Together."** This theme stresses the importance of community. As a community, we do a wonderful job of supporting one another during visible challenges—whether it's organizing benefits for families facing illness, helping after a house fire, or rallying around someone in need. Mental health deserves that same level of care and connection. While the need may not always be visible, the impact is just as real. Offering understanding, checking in on one another, and maintaining a positive and open view of mental health support can make a meaningful difference.

When it comes to our youth, early identification and support are especially important. Addressing concerns early can help prevent challenges from becoming more significant over time. At Medina Public School, we are committed to supporting student well-being. When needs extend beyond the school counseling program, we encourage families to explore outside counseling options. We currently partner with Rural Psychiatry Associates to offer limited virtual counseling services, helping increase access for our students. Additional local resources are also available on the counselor website or upon request.

Together, we can continue to reduce stigma and create a supportive environment where seeking help is seen as a sign of strength—just like it is when caring for our physical health.

Let's work as a community to help everyone experience **"More Good Days, Together."**

Mrs. April Foth, Counselor

ATTENTION ELEMENTARY PARENTS



K-6th — Schoolwide Title 1 Parent Survey on April 27th (due back May 1st): Your input on this survey is needed. We value what parents have to say. The information obtained helps us evaluate our Schoolwide Title 1 program each year.

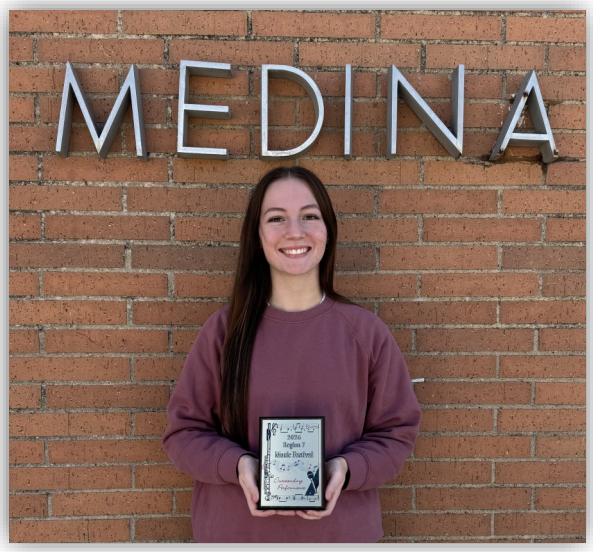
PK-6th — The Summer Reading Challenge on May 4th (due back in August): The Title 1 Department encourages all students to read during summer vacation. Prizes are awarded for students who complete the Summer Reading Challenge.

If you have any questions about either of these items, please email Kim Hoffmann at kim.hoffmann@k12.nd.us or call the school at 486-3121.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Music Contest Results

Eighteen students received a "Star" performance rating at Regional Music Contest on April 10th and will be performing at State Music Contest in Bismarck on Saturday, May 2nd. Congratulations!!



Wind in the Pines *(Girls Vocal Ensemble)*
Kara Bosche, Ally Erickson, Lauren Markegard, Shayla Martin, Taryn Mittleider, Cherdan Slaughter, Sydney Davis, Ally Greer, Nikki Hayes, Destiny Opp, Kitra Schmidt, & Rica Jhen Schutt

I Love the Mountains *(Girls Vocal Ensemble)*
Lauren Markegard, Sydney Davis, Ally Greer, Nikki Hayes, Destiny Opp, Kitra Schmidt, Aaliyah Salinas, Rica Jhen Schutt, Natalie Erickson, Whitney Erickson, Paytynn Mittleider, & Jaedyn Owens (alternates: Izzy Hofmann & Breonah James)

Grace *(Girls Vocal Ensemble)*
Kara Bosche, Ally Erickson, Lauren Markegard, Shayla Martin, Taryn Mittleider, & Cherdan Slaughter

How Can I Keep from Singing? *(Girls Vocal Trio)*
Kara Bosche, Taryn Mittleider, & Cherdan Slaughter



Flower Duet *(Girls Vocal Duet)*
Taryn Mittleider & Cherdan Slaughter

O, Divine Redeemer *(Girls Vocal Solo)*
Taryn Mittleider

Sing Me a Song of a Lad That is Gone *(Vocal Solo)*
Kitra Schmidt

'Cross the Wide Missouri *(Vocal Solo)*
Rica Jhen Schutt

Trumpet Tune *(Trumpet Trio)*
Kara Bosche, Lauren Markegard, & Trevin Behm

Minuet *(Flute Duet)*
Cherdan Slaughter & Destiny Opp

Outstanding Performance Award

Judges at the regional music contest can choose the top performance of all entries they heard during contest. There were only two Outstanding Performance awards given for vocal performances and Medina received both of them! Our senior girls' ensemble, "Grace" was chosen as the top ensemble out of 38 ensemble performances that day. Congratulations Kara, Ally E., Lauren, Shayla, Taryn, & Cherdan on receiving this Region 7 Music Outstanding Performance award, equivalent to a regional championship! Additionally, Taryn Mittleider's solo "O, Divine Redeemer" was chosen as the top soloist out of 38 solos that day. Congratulations, Taryn, on receiving an Outstanding Performance Award for your solo!

Elementary Concert: May 7th

The elementary students will present their final concert of the year on Thursday, May 7th at 7:00 pm. The concert will feature the 5th grade band, 6th grade band, recorders played by the 3rd and 4th grade classes, Kindergarten choir, and 1st-6th choir presenting a tribute to America's 250th anniversary. The Just Say No Club will also serve bars and lemonade after the concert. Come join us for a night of music!

Mrs. Rochelle Bosche

GREAT AMERICAN AWARD



5th graders, all across the nation, have the opportunity to compete for the Great American Award. This year we had one 5th grade student who has completed all the requirements to win this award.

This year, our Great American is Benny Lachenmeier!

To receive this award, he had to:
- Recite the Gettysburg Address
- Recite the names of the 45 presidents in order
- Recite the states and capitals in alphabetical order
- Recite the first verse of the Star-Spangled Banner
- Recite the Preamble to the constitution of the United States
- Write the Pledge of Allegiance with no spelling or punctuation errors

Congratulations Benny! He will receive his plaque at the last day of school awards ceremony.

Mrs. Joey Heupel & Miss Isabel Schmidt



PREORDER YOUR 2025-2026 YEARBOOK TODAY!

The cost for a yearbook will be **$10.** We can offer this discounted price because of the generous support we are given by the businesses who placed ads in the yearbook this year and in previous years, as well as the fundraising events held during the year.

We will be ordering 100 yearbooks, once they are gone, they are gone! Don't miss out on getting a yearbook!

Please fill out the order form and return it to: Medina Public School, 300 School ST SE, Medina, ND 58467

Mrs. Hayes, Yearbook Advisor

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

2025-2026 yearbook only $10 each

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of copies: _____ x $10 = _____

JUST SAY NO CLUB NEWS

The Just Say No Club will be going bowling in Jamestown on Thursday, April 30th leaving right after school.

The students will be served snacks after school and will be served pizza at the bowling alley. The students do not need to bring money for anything. The students will NOT be playing games at the bowling alley.



Jamestown parents can pick their children up at the bowling alley at 5:45.

The bus will be stopping in Cleveland at 6:10 to drop students off on the way back to Medina.

The bus should be back to the Medina School by 6:20.

Please contact Tammy at 701-320-0142 if you have any questions.

**PLEASE NOTE: We will not be having a bake sale at the Elementary Spring concert.*



MEDINA HERITAGE MUSEUM CLEANING DAY

Saturday, May 2, 2026

9:00 am until work is done

All help appreciated!



The Medina Heritage Museum will be open

- Memorial Day
- Medina Sportsman picnic day
- Fall Festival
- Open any other time by appointment.

Please call Donna at 701-320-4304 or Kathy & Mark at 701-320-5685.

Medina Basketball Camp

Medina High School Gymnasium

300 School St. SE Medina, ND

Century High School's boys' basketball coach, Darin Mattern will be running a high-quality youth basketball camp in Medina this summer. Darin and his son, Treyton, will pass their basketball knowledge on to campers to give them an opportunity to excel as basketball players. The camp will emphasize fundamental play including footwork, ball handling, shooting, defense, passing and cutting, etc. in an enthusiastic and positive learning environment.

Session 1—Girls & Boys entering grades 7-12

- Monday, June 22 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Tuesday June 23 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. (Students should bring their own lunch to eat on June 16)
- Cost: $95 (Please write checks out to: Start Smart Basketball)

Session 2—Girls & Boys entering grades K-6

- Tuesday, June 23 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM and Wednesday June 24 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. (Students should bring their own lunch to eat on June 18)
- Cost: $95 (Please write checks out to: Start Smart Basketball)

Campers should also bring a notebook and pen/pencil to the camp

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Camper Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Grade: _____ (Fall 2026)

Each camper is responsible for his/her own medical insurance and expenses. In consideration of your acceptance of application, we hereby release Coach Mattern and his staff from all claims on account of any injuries while attending camp.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

For questions on the camp, please call Nancy Heinle-Bodvig at 701-799-0952

Return completed registration form and payment by **Monday, June 15, 2026** to:
Nancy Heinle-Bodvig
PO Box 302
Medina, ND 58467

MEDINA FFA NEWS

The Annual Medina FFA Parent/Member Banquet was held on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Some of the awards that were given are as follows:

STAR Greenhand: Katy Ryun
Outstanding New Member: Brynnly Lachenmeier
Outstanding Service Member:
Carter Schlecht & Taryn Mittleider
Medina FFA Alumni Scholarships: $500 each to
Taryn Mittleider & Layna Garrett
Duane Trautman Scholarship: $750 to Taryn Mittleider
Bill Well Scholarship: $500 to Taryn Mittleider
Craig Wells Scholarship: $500 to Katy Ryun

In addition, $500 SAE Expansion grants from the Medina FFA Alumni were awarded to:
Katy Ryun & Clayton Mittleider.

Congratulations to all and thank you to all our Award & Banquet Sponsors!

The 2025-2026 newly elected officer team is:
President – Aubree Lachenmeier
Vice President – Charice Slaughter
Secretary – Destiny Opp
Treasurer – Katy Ryun
Reporter – McCall Dockter
Sentinel – Carter Schlecht
Parliamentarian – Sage Williamson
Chaplain – Teddi Dockter
Student Advisor – Claire Mittleider

Upcoming FFA Activities:
State Horse Judging will be held in Twin Buttes on May 5.

State FFA Convention will be held June 1st through June 4th at NDSU. The following contests are available for members to compete in: Chorus, Basic Ag Mechanics (9th grader), Intermediate Ag Mechanics (10th grader), Advanced Ag Mechanics, Floriculture, Wildlife, Milk Quality, Meat Evaluation, Small Animal Care, Dairy Cattle Evaluation, Dairy Cattle Handling, Ag. Communications, Nursery/Landscape, Food Science, and Farm Business Management. If members are interested in any of these events, sign-up sheets are in the Ag Ed Classroom.

Ms. Audra Montgomery, FFA Advisor

HOOPS FOR HEART RAISES OVER $9,000!

Congratulations to our elementary students on their fundraising efforts for the Kids Heart Challenge! Thank you to all who donated to this great cause, which has become closer and closer to my family's life over the past couple of years!

This year our students raised $9,348! This again put Medina Elementary in the Top 10 in the state of North Dakota! Our top fundraiser this year was Aven Foth with $568.70 raised! In second was Kylie Moser with $535.00 and in third place was Brayden Reister with $520.00 raised!

We celebrated this year's efforts on Thursday April 2nd with prize drawings & handouts. This year the 2nd place fundraiser in each class got to silly string Mr. Thielges. The top fundraisers in each class will get to be PE Teacher for the week April 27-May 1. Also, this year we set a goal for 20 students to complete Finn's Mission and learn about CPR and Signs of Stroke. Mrs. Hofmann will serve lunch in a dinosaur costume! Thank you for all the effort and support from the families who help fundraise!

Mr. Thielges





Medina youth baseball and softball season will begin May 18! T-ball is open to children entering kindergarten through third grade. Peewee baseball is for boys entering third grade through age 13. Softball is open to girls entering third grade through age 13. (Girls younger than 8 playing t-ball may have the opportunity to play in some "coach-pitch" softball games, if they are interested.)

Practices are scheduled to begin May 18 at 6 p.m. at Medina City Park diamond. More information will be available the first night of practice. In order to keep costs low, we are planning fundraising efforts for this year. Each player should be accompanied by an adult at the first practice to get all necessary information about fundraising, practices and expectations.

Medina Youth Baseball is a volunteer organization. We expect all families to pitch in and help. As part of registration this year, we are asking everyone to indicate all of the ways in which your family is able to help. If applicable, please include the name of the person who would be available for tasks you are checking. There are a variety of ways to help, and by everyone being involved, we can keep this program thriving!

- The concession stand is our main source of income for the baseball program. Jenn Hayes will be signing people up on the first night of practice. If you sign up to work concessions, you are responsible for showing up or finding a substitute.
- Umpires are always needed.
- Groundskeeping help is needed.
- Coaching help for Tball is needed.

Registration fees are $40 per player. Uniform fees are $25; if you already have a uniform, you will not need to pay for a new one unless you need a new size. If registration fees or uniform fees are an obstacle to participation, please check the box on your form and a board member will be in touch.

We also will be taking team and individual photos this year. A Memory Mate, which includes an individual and 8X10 team photo will be available for $12 (photo only, no frame or folder). Photo buttons and photo magnets are $7 each. An individual 5X7 photo will be available for $5 each. This is a fundraising project for the baseball program.

Call Jenny Schlecht at 701-425-9330 with any questions. Payments for fees, uniforms and photos can be made at the first practice, but please turn in forms by May 13 to Jenn Hayes at Medina Elementary. (Players who do not attend Medina can text registration information to Jenny at the number above.)

Medina Youth Baseball registration — Due May 13, 2026 (bring to school)

Parent/guardian name(s): _____

Cell phone(s):_____Email address(es): _____

This is how I am able to help (circle all that apply and list the person's name):

Concessions:
Concessions at HS games:
Umpire:
Groundskeeping:
T-ball coach/helper:
Softball helper:
Baseball helper:
Other (specify):

Child name: _____Sport:_____Uniform size (if needed):____

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I would like to visit about assistance so my children can play _____

Number of participants in the family _____ X $40 = _____
Uniform fees (number of uniforms needed) _____ X $25 = _____
Total enclosed for fees/uniforms = _____

Photo registration:

Memory Mate Names of players _____
$12 X _____ Qty. = $_____

Photo buttons Names of players _____
$7 X _____ Qty. = $_____

Photo magnets Names of players _____
$7 X _____ Qty. = $_____

Individual 5X7 Names of players _____
$5 X _____ Qty. = $_____

Total enclosed for photos = $_____

Total enclosed for fees/uniforms/photos = $_____

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Helping Children Learn®

Tips Families Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School

May 2026

Medina Public School

Prepare your child to manage end-of-year projects step by step



In the spring, teachers often assign long-term projects to help students apply the skills they have learned. One of those skills is time management. Reinforcing this skill at home will boost your child's ability to tackle a big project successfully.

Help your elementary schooler:

- **Think about the steps** necessary to complete the project. Ask your child questions: *Will you need to do research? What kind of outline will you use to organize your thoughts? Do you have the supplies you'll need for your poster?*
- **Block out time** on a calendar to complete each step. Students often delay starting long-term projects because they think they have lots of time. Assigning a deadline for each step and scheduling the time to do the work provides a more realistic view and helps keep students on track.
- **Plan a short break** after completing each step. Your child could enjoy a favorite healthy snack or short activity. Structured breaks allow your child to celebrate progress and build motivation for the steps ahead.

Then, as your child works on the project, monitor progress. Schedule regular times to check-in. If issues arise, help your child brainstorm solutions.

Discuss this year and what comes next

Your child has come a long way since September—mastering new skills, reading new books and perhaps even overcoming some learning obstacles. This month, review this year's learning together and look ahead to next year.

Talk with your child about:

- **Successes.** What goals did your child accomplish? What project did your student learn the most from? What strategies did your child use effectively to handle challenges?
- **Personal growth.** How has your child changed this year? Discuss specific instances where your elementary schooler showed resilience, a positive attitude or a strong work ethic.
- **What's ahead.** What seems exciting about next year? Is there a subject your child would like to improve in or an extracurricular activity that sounds interesting?
- **A new goal.** Have your child choose something to learn this summer. Together, make a detailed plan to achieve the goal.

Suggest a summer journal

Journaling is a low-pressure way for kids to practice writing. Themes make it fun. Encourage your child to keep:



- **A research log.** Your child could research a topic, such as *cheetahs*, and write about what they eat, their predators, how they communicate, etc.
- **A travel log.** Your child can record the sights, sounds and smells of trips around the block or farther away.
- **An observation log.** Your child can describe things in detail, and note if and how they change over time.

Celebrate successful effort

Success in one area can motivate children to try to succeed in another. So when your child reaches a challenging goal, it's time to celebrate!



Take a picture of your child with evidence of the goal—a better report card, a finished book, etc. Frame the photo and place it by your child's bed. Seeing it and starting each day feeling like an achiever may inspire your student to work toward the next goal.

Mix it up at reading time

Reading at home every day for at least 30 minutes supports students' skill development. Adding variety to reading time can keep your child interested. You can:

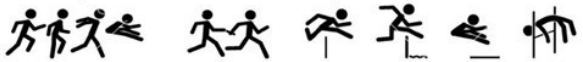
- **Read the news together.** Choose a newspaper (in print or online) with comics. Ask your child which is funniest. Then, read and discuss an article or two.
- **Take turns reading.** You could alternate pages. Or, you can read the narrative and have your child read the dialogue.
- **Encourage practical reading.** Have your child read instructions while you cook, build or repair something.

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Breakfast served daily from 8:05 – 8:25 am. Milk and salad bar served with lunch daily.
Menu subject to change. Families are welcome for lunch — please make prior arrangements with the office.

WE LEARN, WE LOVE, WE LAUGH...
Thank You Teachers & Staff!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Chicken Wraps ~~~~~~~~~~ ***Varsity Track @ Oakes*** ***Class Play 8:00 PM*** ***@ City Hall***	2 ***State Music Contest, Bismarck*** ***Varsity Track*** ***@ Carrington***
	4 Spaghetti Breadstick ~~~~~~~~~~ ***JH Track @ Jamestown*** ***Baseball @ Jmst 5:00*** ***FFA meeting 7:00 PM***	5 Chili Garlic Toast ~~~~~~~~~~ ***Bookmobile*** ***JH Track @ Carrington***	6 Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Macaroni Salad	7 Pizza Corn ~~~~~~~~~~ ***Pre-K Parents Day*** ***Elem. Spring Concert &*** ***Just Say No Bake Sale 7:00*** ***JH Track @ Ellendale*** ***Baseball @ Medina 4:30***	8 Dakota Nachos ~~~~~~~~~~ ***School Bd. Mtg 7:15 am*** ***State FFA Horse*** ***Judging Contest*** ***V Track @ Jamestown***	9 
10 	11 Chicken Wings French Fries ~~~~~~~~~~ ***Elem. Track & Field Day*** ***V Track @ Oakes*** ***Baseball @*** ***Valley City 4:30***	12 Chicken Noodle Soup Chicken Burger ~~~~~~~~~~ ***Baseball @ Steele 4:30*** 	13 Hamburger Hotdish Mixed Vegetable ~~~~~~~~~~ ***1st-3rd Grade Field Trip*** ***6th Grade Graduation 2:30*** ***MPB Awards Night @*** ***Medina 5:00***	14 Tator Tot Hotdish Green Beans ~~~~~~~~~~ ***PK & K Field Trip*** ***4th-6th Grade Field Trip*** ***Baseball @ Carrington*** ***4:30***	15 Sack Lunch ~~~~~~~~~~ ***LAST DAY OF SCHOOL*** ***HS Awards 11:00*** ***Elem. Awards 12:30*** ***School dismisses @ 1:00*** ***Regional Track @ Hazen***	16 
17  ***Graduation*** ***2:00 PM - School Gym***	18	19	20 ***Bookmobile***	21 ***State Track @ Bismarck*** 	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30

State FFA Convention - June 1st - 4th at NDSU

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MHS CLASS PLAY – "SUITABLE FOR HANGING"

Medina High School students will present a 3-act play entitled "Suitable for Hanging" on Friday evening, May 1st at 8:00 pm in the Medina City Hall.



Charlie Hackle is all set to marry the love of his life, Abby, but things don't always work out the way they are planned. Apparently, Charlie didn't show up for the wedding because he lost a whole day out of his life! Who are the strange girls wandering around his apartment and how can he explain any of this?

Cast members are Trevin Behm, Josh VanEpps, Charice Slaughter, Rica Jhen Schutt, Cherdan Slaughter, Dawson Cassula, Sydney Davis, Taryn Mittleider, Adam Ryun, Paige Anderson, Lauren Markegard, Shayla Martin and Kara Bosche.

Admission is $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for students.

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