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Midkota Messenger

Inspiring Minds, Building Character, Shaping Futures.

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Superintendent News from Mrs. Halvorson

As we enter this special time of year, I want to wish all of our Midkota families, students, and staff a joyful holiday season filled with laughter, gratitude, and meaningful time with the people who matter most. December offers a wonderful reminder to slow down, reflect, and appreciate the moments of connection that make our community so strong. Whether you are attending a family gathering, cheering on your children in their activities, or simply enjoying a quiet evening at home, I hope this season brings you peace, warmth, and renewed energy.

We are excited for our upcoming Christmas programs, which are always a highlight of the school year. The elementary program will take place on **December 4th in Binford**, and the high school program will be held on **December 15th in Glenfield**. Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Stangeland have devoted countless hours to preparing their students, and we are incredibly grateful for the creativity, patience, and dedication they bring to these performances. Their passion for music and commitment to our students will shine through once again as they bring our community together for a festive concert.

December and January also bring a full schedule of girls and boys basketball, and we are excited to cheer on our athletes throughout the winter season. Our teams will be working hard, and we are looking forward to watching them as they compete with determination, teamwork, and Titan pride. We hope to see our community filling the stands and supporting our student athletes.

During this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the remarkable staff at Midkota. Each day, our teachers, paras, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, kitchen staff, and support teams give their very best so our students can learn, grow, and thrive. Their hard work, kindness, and unwavering belief in our students make our school a place where children feel supported and encouraged. We are truly fortunate to have such an exceptional group of professionals who care deeply about their work and about the wellbeing of every student who walks through our doors. I am grateful for their dedication and proud of the positive impact they make on our district and our community.

As we begin to close out the first half of our school year, I hope this holiday season brings rest, joy, and celebration to all of you. Thank you for your continued support of Midkota Public School. Wishing you a wonderful December and a very happy holiday season.

Elementary News from Mrs. Dockter

Relax, Reset, and READ!

As our calendar year comes to a close, our school calendar is still very much in full swing. When I look back at our first few months of school, I am proud of the growth I see in so many of our students. Thank you for supporting your child in their academic career. You are an integral part of our team!

Although we often associate the holidays with a lot of hustle and bustle as we try to see everyone and do all the things, with a little careful planning, this could be a great time to reset and relax before we head into a brand new year and the second half of our school year. Here are a few ideas:

- Go Tech-free: This will look different for every household, but perhaps families choose an hour where everyone puts their screens down and does low-tech activities. (Baking cookies, board games, hot cocoa?) Maybe you will choose certain days to go low-tech or maybe you will make a larger commitment with a New Year's Resolution to better manage tech time.
- Schedule in Family Movie Night: There are so many wonderful Christmas movies to share together, there is no time to waste! You might end up with a marathon instead. 😊 Choose options you like (Do you want to laugh or cry?) and have your family vote on what to watch first.
- Get Cozy: Try a pajama day or set up a space with pillows and blankets with a pile of books (maybe by your tree?) so you can curl up with a good story or just watch the lights on your tree when you need a break.
- Pick and Choose: It's okay not to do all the things. As a family talk about what truly brings you joy during the holidays and make those activities a priority.

Whatever you choose to do over break, wherever you choose to go, I hope that you are able to relax, reset, and READ! May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



Don't let outer influences impact your inner peace.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 E: Chicken Alfredo HS: Chicken Bowls	2 E: Chicken Burgers HS: Taco in a Bag	3 E: Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese HS: Biscuits & Gravy	4 E: Pizza HS: Country Fried Steak	5 E: Mac-N-Cheese & Chicken Nuggets HS: Chicken Burgers	6
7	8 E: Pulled Pork HS: Chicken Strips	9 E: Hotdogs/Corndogs HS: Chili	10 E: Tater Tot Hotdish HS: Shepard's Pie	11 E: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes HS: Macaroni Hotdish	12 E: Chicken Strips HS: Soup & Sandwich	13
14	15 E: Chicken Alfredo HS: Crispitos	16 E: Beef Stew HS: Fish-N-Chips	17 E: Hamburger Hotdish HS: Spaghetti	18 E: Orange Chicken HS: Roast Beef	19 E: Brunch HS: Mac-N-Cheese & Hotdogs	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NO SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BREAK

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Fall Fun Day

On October 31, the Midkota Elementary kids were treated to an afternoon of fun, games, and prizes. The PTA set up their annual fall fun day, but with a few changes this year. Rather than taking buses to Grace City, the students came to the gym during their Phy Ed time, where they were greeted with different games to play. They got to play ring toss, cotton ball pickup, plinko, and more. It was a great afternoon!



Lady Titans close out districts with 3rd place win, and place 3 on all-district team



Kelsey Johnson, Jessa Spickler, and Joslynne Vincent impressed on the court, playing their way to a spot on the District 3 All-District Team. Way to go girls!



I never lose.
I either win or learn.
-Nelson Mandela



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK———	2	3
4	5 E: Chicken Patty HS: Meatballs	6 E: Meatballs HS: Beef Stew	7 E: Pizza Sticks HS: Tater Tot Hotdish	8 E: Chili HS: Pulled Pork	9 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: Pizza Sticks	10
11	12 E: Scalloped Potatoes and Ham HS: Spaghetti	13 E: Hotdog/Corndog HS: Country Fried Steak	14 E: Crispitos HS: Chicken Alfredo	15 E: Spaghetti HS: Chili	16 E: Pizza HS: Hamburgers	17
18	19 **NO SCHOOL** **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** **PD Day**	20 E: Beef Stew HS: Chicken Bowls	21 E: Meatloaf HS: Crispitos	22 E: Taco in a Bag HS: Roast Beef	23 E: Chicken Nuggets HS: Chicken Burgers	24
25	26 E: Orange Chicken HS: Chicken Strips	27 E: Chicken Strips HS: Hotdogs/ Corndogs	28 E: Lasagna Rolls HS: Hot Ham & Cheese	29 E: Pulled Pork HS: Taco in a Bag	30 E: Soup & Sandwich HS: Soup & Subs	31

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MIDKOTA DRESS UP DAY



















The Mustangs showed up in all kinds of fun costumes on October 31. We saw everything from dinosaurs wandering the hallways to The Statue of Liberty come to life.

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Cool Cats and Class Acts: Mustangs Celebrate the 50th Day!

Mustang students went *all out* for the 50th day of school — they were dressed to the nines like it was the fab '50s! Everyone looked real swell and had a blast rockin' and rollin' through the day!







ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Of The Month



October's Elementary Students of the Month were Gabriel Twedt and Lachlan Iverson. In October we focused on the trait of responsibility. Gabe and Lachlan impressed the Mustang community this month with their embodiment of this trait. Some ways they were observed being responsible included showing up to class with their supplies, being on time and ready to learn, and getting their work done. Great job guys!

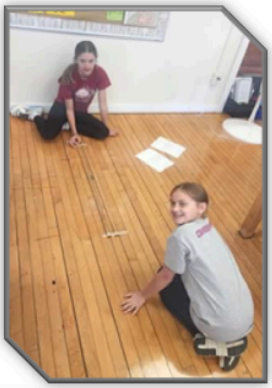
Way to go

Learning in Motion: Newton would be proud!



Mrs. Topp's class was sure to stay in motion while learning about Sir Isaac Newton's 3 Laws of Motion. They didn't rest until they were forced. The activities surely accelerated their learning, and while some may have had opposite learning experiences, they all had an equally great reaction to the lesson.









1st Law

A body in motion remains in motion, or a body at rest remains at rest, unless acted upon by a force.

2nd Law

Force equals mass times acceleration.

F = M x A

3rd Law

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.





MUSTANG OF THE MONTH

BE THE ONE: RESPECTFUL



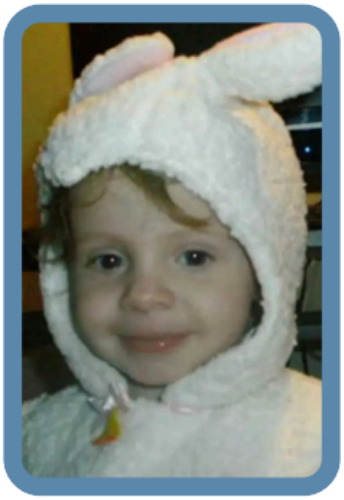
Tyler Johnson is a senior, and his parents are Nikki Lindsey and Nate Johnson. His siblings are Janae, Kaylee, Liam, Xander, Ayla, Grant, and Kaylee B. He isn't involved in any activities, but he loves fishing in his free time. He excels in Work-Based Learning where he works for a local farmer. A teacher's nomination said, "Tyler is a respectful student who shows everyone respect, he shows up on time, understands how to work hard, and can work well with any of his classmates". His advice for other students is to help Mr. Monson and anyone can make it to graduation. Tylers' current goal this year is to graduate and be done with school. In the future he hopes to retire early and have many vehicles in his driveway.



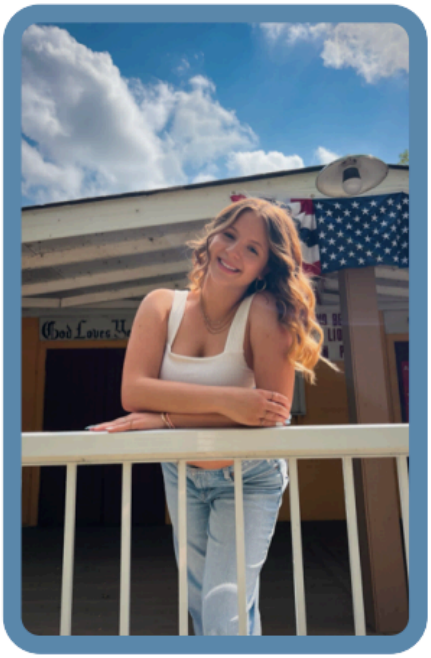
Westin Wright is 9th grader, and his parents are Lester Wright and Heather Hoyt. Westin participates in Basketball and Baseball. In his free time, he likes to play basketball. His worst fear is spiders because they just look scary. He excels in Math and English. A teacher's nomination said, "Westin is a respectful and considerate student who always treats everyone with respect. He works hard to get tasks done and is able to work with well with anyone. I know I will always receive respect from Westin in or out of class." His advice for other students is just treat people good. His current goals for this school year are do the best he can. His future goals are to live on a farm and graduate from high school.



Clara Lee is an 8th grader, and her parents are Amanda and Mike Lee. Her siblings are Benson, Myra, and Nora. Clara is involved in volleyball, basketball, track, student council, band, and choir. In her free time, she likes to play volleyball. Clara excels in history. Her worst fear is starting a fire inside the house while home alone, because she accidentally exploded a pizza bite and the house smelt like smoke.A teacher's nomination said, "Clara has shown that she is deserving of the respect award by the way she treats her fellow classmates and her teachers. She is extremely polite when asking for help or receiving anything from people within our school system. Clara is patient, kind, and respectful when she works in group settings. Thinking before she speaks or reacts is a skill that she has mastered." Examples she shows to the other high school students are how to be respectful and hardworking. Her advice for other students is to think before you do something. Clara's current goal for this school year is to have all A's. Two of her future goals are to become a physical therapist and go to college.



Alison Koller



1.Which school event do you look forward to this year?
FBLA
2.What's your favorite school lunch?
Crispitos
3. Tell us about your most embarrassing in-school memory?
Biffing it in gym
4.Describe your senior year in three words.
Funny, Slow, and Money
5.If you could create one mandatory course for future seniors, what would it be?
Naps
6.Finish this sentence; "I will always remember..."
The bus ride back from Fargo
7.What club or sport would you add to Midkota if you could?
Hockey
8.What subject prepared you most for life after high school? Why?
Financial Literacy because it's the only class that taught me finance
9.You are talking to your 8 year old self, what advice do you give?
Try harder even though it's tough and be more sure of yourself
10.What was your most listened to driving song on your morning commute this year?
Anything Ellie Goulding
11.What makes you proud to be from Midkota?
The good community and all the friends I made
12.What's your favorite quote?
"Maybe today could be the best day ever" - Spongebob Squarepants

Ava Jo Schaeffer



1.Which school event do you look forward to this year?

FBLA

2.What's your favorite school lunch?

Crispitos

3. What project or assignment challenged you the most as a student?

Anatomy Tests



4.Describe your senior year in three words.

Different, Memorable, Phone-less

5.If you could create one mandatory course for future seniors, what would it be?

Nap time

6.Finish this sentence; "I will always remember..."

After lunch is Ms. Dietz's room

7.What club or sport would you add to Midkota if you could?

FCCLA

8.What is this year's must have fashion item, in your opinion?

Hey Dudes

9. If you woke up tomorrow and could speak a foreign language, what would it be?

French

10. What was your most listened to driving song on your morning commute this year?

Anything Country

11. How does participation in clubs or sports affect your life?

FBLA helped me step out of my comfort zone

Mrs. Topp's Theater Troupe Makes History

Midkota history was made as we competed in the Regional One-Act Competition on Wednesday, November 12th, for the very first time! Bungee Jump Bear Trap was the result of a successful season, and the team received amazing feedback from the regional judges. While we didn't qualify for state drama, we did have 3 recipients for regional awards!

Honorable Mention goes to senior Lydia Eslinger and freshman Dexter Leister, and Superior Actress was awarded to Heidi Ramsey.

What an incredible experience! It was amazing to have our talent and accomplishments recognized. Congratulations to all on a great season! Thank you for representing Midkota well. We are so proud of you.





OCTOBER FFA MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Cainen Stangeland



HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE CLASSES VISIT ELEMENTARY

Last month, the Chemistry students took a trip to visit the elementary! As part of a creative reinforcement activity, they wrote children's books about the atom and then read them to grades K-4 to wrap up the project! Their books had to include the subatomic particles (neutron, proton and electron), the two main parts of an atom (nucleus and electron cloud), the forces holding an atom together and how all of those different parts determine an atom's identity and properties. It was more of a challenge than they originally thought, but they all created some wonderful stories! From Christmas themed rhymes and Hungry Caterpillar spin-offs to completely unique superhero storylines - the elementary students got to hear some great "atom" tales!

To finish off their visit in the K-4 classrooms, the Chemistry students also presented a chemical reaction/demonstration of some kind! They had to explain simply how the atoms of one substance were reacting with the atoms of a different substance (but I think just mostly had fun with this 🙂). Kindergarten got to see a balloon blown up by carbon dioxide, 1st grade watched how food coloring moved differently through different mediums (aka: shaving cream and water), 2nd grade watched an elephant toothpaste reaction, 3rd grade tested how food coloring in milk "blasts off" when touched with dish soap, and 4th grade talked their high schoolers into adding 5 (!) mentos in a coke bottle!

It was a fun afternoon exploring the wonders of science!









Titan Volleyball

The Griggs-Midkota Titans volleyball team had a successful season ending with a record of 20-11. For the first time in the history of the Griggs-Midkota Titans, they had 20 wins in a season. In the first round of districts, they swept the Larimore Polar Bears. The second round they had a hard-fought loss to the Drayton Valley-Edinburg Titans. The final round they beat the Hatton-Northwood Thunder earning them 3rd place in the tournament and a place in the region 2 tournament. In the first round of the regional tournament, they lost in a heart-wrenching 4 set match to the Benson County Wildcats putting an end to their season. Jossy Vincent, Jessa Spickler, and Kelsey Johnson made the All-District team. Jessa and Kelsey also made the All-Region team to close out the year. All of the volleyball teams (7th, 8th, C, JV, and Varsity) had a successful season filled with many memories.













November 2025

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Ms. McKenna Frappier

GRATITUDE

The month of November is the perfect time to practice gratitude...and it just so happens to be our Student of the Month characteristic at the elementary! Our guidance lessons for this month were focused on appreciating the people we have in our lives and taking some time to show our gratitude by writing "Gratitude Grams". Older students had the opportunity to write thank you notes to various staff members at the elementary. K & 1st completed a thankfulness worksheet to give their teachers! All of the students did a wonderful job creating thoughtful notes to give to the staff here - we're so thankful for ALL of you who contribute to our school community!

Gratitude is not just something that we should practice during the month of November, but something we should aim to do every day! Children often learn through example, so they can learn to practice gratitude simply by watching your example. There are even a number of proven benefits when it comes to living gratefully...

BENEFITS

Gratitude and appreciation can enhance wellbeing by fostering positive emotions and reducing stress.

- Reminds us of what's important
- Encourages us to live in the present
- Reduces comparison
- Helps boost our mood
- Strengthens our relationships

Cultivating a habit of gratitude can promote resilience and lead to a more fulfilling life.

Ways to practice gratitude:

- Keep a gratitude journal
- Write a thank you note or express appreciation in-person
- Do a favor, volunteer your time, or deliver a meal to someone
- Practice mindfulness, notice & appreciate the small things
- Be conscious of and try to limit complaining

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Elem - Tues, Wed, Thurs

Winning requires teamwork.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 BBB Practice Starts 5:30p GBB @ Leeds vs. Benson County; V, JV	2	3 5:45p VB Awards @ MHS	4 8:30a ASVAB Testing 7p Elementary Winter Concert	5 GBB Lake Region Tournament @ Devils Lake	6 BBB Scrimmage @ Steele; V, JV
7 Student Council Convention @ Bismarck	8 4:30p GBB @ MHS vs. MPB; V, JV, JH	9 7:30a School Board @ MHS 4:30p GBB @ GCC vs. BCN; JV, JH	10 12:10p NHS Induction Foster Co. Health @ MHS	11 4:30p GBB @ GCC vs. Maple River; 8, 7	12 5:30p GBB @ Steele vs. Kidder County; V, JV	13
14	15 6p "C" BBB @ Devils Lake 7:30p HS Winter Concert	16 3:30p BBB @ MHS vs. Nelson Co; V, JV, C, 8, 7 4p GBB @ Larimore; V, JV, 8, 7	17	18 5:30p BBB @ Tower City vs. Maple River; V, JV 4:30p GBB @ MHS vs. Carrington; 8, 7	19 4p GBB @ GCC vs. Midway/Minto; V, JV, JH 4:30p BBB @ Mayville vs. MPCG; C, 8, 7	20
21	22	23	24 **Christmas Eve** **NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK**	25 **Merry Christmas!**	26	27
28	29 **NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK**	30	31			

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School Board Meeting ~ Midkota School District 7
October 7, 2025, 7:30 AM
Midkota High School, Glenfield, ND

Board Members Present: Bobbi Hoffman, Shian Hoyt, Keith Herberg (Zoom), Jed Hasenwinkel, Tim Ronningen, and Justin Spickler.
Others Present: Superintendent Kristi Halvorson, Katie Zimprich, Iris Brandt, Charla Hoyt, Linn Dockter (Zoom)

1. Call the Meeting to Order
President Hoffman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 and a quorum was established. Motion by Hoyt to approve the agenda with the additions of staffing. Motion seconded by Hasenwinkel. Motion passed.

2. Consent Agenda
Motion by Hoyt to approve the consent agenda. Spickler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment
None at this time.

4. Reports
Reports were presented to the board and are on file in the office.

5. Business

5.1 Tuition Agreements

Hoyt motioned to approve the tuition agreements. Hasenwinkel seconded. Motion carried.

5.2 Virtual Learning Plan

Hoyt motioned to approve the virtual learning plan. Spickler seconded. Motion carried.

5.3 Building Plan Discussion-The board discussed pausing the building plans for now.

5.4 Coaches

Hoyt motioned to approve Matt Lokemoen as elementary boys' basketball coach. Hasenwinkel seconded. Motion carried.

5.5 Staffing

Hasenwinkel motioned to approve a paraprofessional position. Hoyt seconded. Motion carried.

***Note**-No changes were made to the final budget from the preliminary budget which was approval in August. Final budget is on file with Griggs County.

6. Committee Reports
None at this time.

7. Adjournment & Next Meeting
November 18th– 7:30 AM, Midkota Elementary School – Binford, ND

Hoyt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 AM. Seconded by Hasenwinkel. Motion carried.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas….



It's hard to believe, but it will soon be time for our elementary school Christmas Concert. The concert is scheduled for **December 4th at 7:00 pm.** Students are asked to wear their sharpest Christmas clothes. Please don't wear holey jeans, graphic tees, etc. Band kids should be in the music room by 6:40 pm, and other students in their classroom at 6:45.

Learn from losses.
Celebrate the wins.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 **Happy New Year!** **NO SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS BREAK**	2	3 1pm GBB @ MHS vs. North Star; V, JV, 8, 7
4	5 School Resumes 4:30p BBB @ Pingree vs. MPB; V, JV, JH	6 4:30p GBB @ MHS vs. Nelson County; V, JV, JH	7	8	9 4:30p GBB @ GCC vs. MPCG; C, 8, 7 BBB Ramsey County Tournament @ Devils Lake	10 1p GBB @ GCVC vs. Park River/F-L; V, JV, JH
11	12 4:30p BBB @ GCC vs. MPCG; C, 8, 7	13 7:30a School Board @ MES 4:30p @ Warwick; JV Boys, V Girls, V Boys	14	15 4:30p GBB @ New Rockford; V, JV, JH	16 4p BBB @ GCC vs Cavalier; V, JV, 8, 7	17 Noon GBB @ MHS vs. Oakes; V, JV, C
18	**19 No School-MLK,Jr. Day; PD Day** 4p BBB @ GCC vs. D/V-E; V, JV, C, JH; 5:30p GBB @ Colfax; V, JV	20 6p BBB @ Ft. Totten; V, C	21	22 3:45p BBB @ Minto; V, JV, C, 8, 7	23	24 JH BBB Tourney @ GCC JH GBB Tourney @ Lakota
25	26 4p GBB @ GCC vs. Northwood; V, JV, 8, 7 4:30p BBB @ Page; 8, 7	27 4:30p "C" BBB @ MHs vs. New Rockford	28	29 4:30p BBB @ Carrington; 8, 7	30 4:30p GBB @ Cavalier; V, JV, JH 4:30p BBB @ Larimore; V, JV, JH	31

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ND career builders

Scholarship & Loan Repayment

ND Career Builders is a tool for business to recruit and retain talent in high-need and emerging occupations in the state. This is a partnership between the state and businesses to grow the ND workforce.

- **What programs qualify for scholarship eligibility?**
  - Those listed on the Scholarship High-Need and Emerging Occupations List found on the website at ndus.edu/career-builders/.
    - Qualifying certificate or degree programs must be from a ND institution.
    - Qualifying programs are those at the associate's level and below, or other programs (up to and including bachelors) that are not longer than 4 semesters or 6 quarters in length.
- **What are "matching private sector dollars" and where will the funding come from?**
  - Since this is a dollar-for-dollar public/private match program, businesses, economic development, and even individuals may make private-sector donations to support ND Career Builders.
  - The North Dakota University System (NDUS) may only make payment to the extent that one dollar of private funds for each dollar of public funds is received.
    - The private-sector funds (up to $8,500) will be matched by state funds.
    - Both the scholarship & loan repayment require matching private-sector dollars.
- **How much can recipients qualify for?**
  - This depends on the private-sector dollars that have been donated for an individual. The maximum award is $17,000, funded 50% by the private-sector and 50% by the state.
    - For the scholarship, awards may not exceed tuition, fees, books and supplies, up to $17,000.
    - Loan repayment recipients may qualify for up to $5,667 per year for a maximum of 3 years on qualifying student loan balances, up to $17,000.
    - Recipients can qualify for both the scholarship and loan repayment, not to exceed $17,000 combined.
- **Does the recipient of the scholarship have any obligation?**
  - Yes, the scholarship recipient will sign a legally binding *Scholarship Award Agreement*.
  - Students agree to live in ND and work in ND in a high-need occupation for 3 years following program completion.
  - Failing to meet the terms of the *Agreement* will result in the scholarship funds being repaid by the student.
- **How does loan repayment work?**
  - Individuals holding any degree or certificate may qualify, provided they currently have a balance on a student loan.
  - Individuals agree to live in ND and work within ND in a high-need occupation.
  - The amount depends on the private-sector dollars that have been donated for the individual.

You just found out about ND Career Builders, now what?

Step 1 - Review the High-Need and Emerging Occupations list for qualifying occupations.
Step 2 - Determine your goals to use the scholarship or loan repayment (or both) to fill your workforce needs.
Step 3 - Review and complete the Private-Sector Donation Form, located on the ND Career Builders website.
Step 4 - Apply

- **Scholarship Application:** The business and student start the discussion with the college financial aid office. The college will guide the application process.
- **Loan Repayment Application**: Newly hired employees and their employer discuss the opportunity and then complete the application located on the NDUS website.

Program information can be found at ndus.edu/career-builders/.
Contact the NDUS at ndfinaid@ndus.edu or at 701-328-2906 if you have any questions on the program, applications, or how to begin the process.

Scholarship Details

- Students must be admitted into a qualifying degree or certificate program in the state.
- Qualifying programs are those at the associate's level and below, or other programs up to and including bachelor's degrees, that are not longer than 4 semesters or 6 quarters. Programs must relate to a high-need occupation.
- Students must have a 2.50 minimum GPA to qualify for the scholarship and to receive payment.
- The college will initiate the scholarship application process with the student and private-sector donor.
- Payments may not exceed the cost of tuition, fees, books and supplies, up to $17,000.
- Payments will be made on a semester, quarter or term basis once matching private-sector matching dollars are received by NDUS.
- Recipients have the obligation to reside in ND, and work in a high-need occupation within ND for at least 3 years following program completion.
- Students will be required to sign a *Scholarship Award Agreement*, which will be legally binding. Repayment of both the private-sector funds and the state funds will be required if the terms of the *Agreement* are not met.
- Repayment of the funds received could be triggered by:
  - Failure to enroll full time according to program requirements;
  - Failure to maintain program academic progress;
  - Withdrawing from the program prior to completion, either voluntarily or involuntarily;
  - Failing to meet the residency and occupation requirements for 3 years following program completion.
- Private-sector funds will not be returned to the donor. Once remitted to the NDUS for ND Career Builders; they become part of the program.
- Third-party agreements negotiated between a student and a business are outside of the requirements of the ND Career Builder Program and students should be made aware of any additional obligations.

Loan Repayment Details

- Newly hired employees can complete the application with their employer.
- Recipients must have earned any degree or certificate and must hold a balance on a student loan.
- Recipients agree to live in ND and work within ND in a high-need occupation.
- An applicant's employer (or other private-sector donor) must have committed matching dollars. Payments will not be made without matching dollars being received by NDUS.
- Payments may not exceed $5,667 per year, or one-third of the applicant's outstanding student loan principal balance at the time of application, whichever is less.
- Total student loan repayment over 3 years, can be up to $17,000, depending on the amount of private-sector matching dollars received, and outstanding student loan balance.
- Payments are made directly to the student loan servicing agency/lender.
- Eligible loans include FEDERAL Subsidized, Unsubsidized, Consolidated and Perkins loans, the Bank of ND DEAL loan or CEAL education loan, and other private alternative student loans. Private loans/debt that is not a "student loan" will not be considered.
- Recipients of loan repayment will not have to repay funds already issued as they earn payment as they go.
- Private-sector funds will not be returned to the donor once remitted to NDUS for the ND Career Builders program.

Contact the NDUS at 701-328-2906 or at ndfinaid@ndus.edu if you have questions about the ND Career Builders program.

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North Dakota Stockmen's Association Scholarship Opportunities



The North Dakota Stockmen's Association offers several scholarships for students interested in beef-related careers. Here are some of the scholarships available for 2026:

Foundation Scholarships: $500, $750, and $1,000 scholarships for students studying beef-related majors at accredited North Dakota colleges or universities. Preference is given to those with a bachelor's degree pursuing graduate education or professional school.

Legacy Scholarship: Financial assistance for members of the North Dakota Stockmen's Association and their children interested in attending college in any state and majoring in any field.

Endowment Scholarship: $500 scholarship for students majoring in Animal Science, Range Science, Pre-Vet, Agribusiness, Ag Communications, Farm & Ranch Management, or another beef-related discipline at a North Dakota college or university.

Tokach Angus Ranch Memorial Scholarship: Financial assistance for residents of North Dakota working on a degree related to the beef industry at a college or university in any state.

Visit https://www.ndstockmen.org for more information on these scholarship opportunities!

Enjoy the Sounds of the Season with Upcoming Concert

This year's Christmas Concert will be the biggest and best yet in my time at Midkota. The concert will feature performances by the band, choir, small groups, as well as a grand finale that will combine all Midkota Music students, our new keyboards furnished by the Midkota Booster Club and Glenfield Fire Dept., and the crowd attendees as well! The concert will be held in the high school gym in Glenfield on Monday, December 15th at 7:30pm.

- Mr. Anderson

Balloons Over Binford Hallways



The first-grade class learned about the history of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. We made our own Balloons over Broadway display.

Elementary Boys Basketball Teams Finish Strong

The Midkota Mustang Elementary Boys' Basketball team had a very successful season. Our team's primary focus was on improving in the core skills of the game: passing, catching, pivoting, defensive positions, offensive moves, teamwork and playing quickly rather than wins and losses. The boys could probably fill half a page of notebook paper with Mr. Lokemoen's pet practice sayings. From "Keep the ball out of the box" to "you can shoot too much and pass too much, but you can never get too many rebounds."

Whenever your best players are your hardest workers, you have the makings of a highly successful team, and the 6th graders set a high standard the others quickly followed… and a few even surpassed. This group commonly made the extra pass to a wide-open teammate and celebrated with enthusiasm good hustle plays by all the members of the team.

I noticed by the end of the first practice that this energetic group of 24 players were ahead of others their age and could have a very bright future as they develop as players and young men. They have a passion for this wonderful game that could allow them to play at a state tournament in 5 or 6 years if they keep working hard together. Two or three players do not win state tournaments; it takes a team of at least 10–14 dedicated players to reach that level of success.



Thank you to all the parents and family members who helped support this team at practice and games. It sure made things run more smoothly. It will be very interesting to watch this group develop over the next few years. Remember to keep working and thanks for adding to my book of basketball memories.

– Mr. Lokemoen