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THE RIDGE LINES

OCTOBER STUDENTS-OF-THE-MONTH



ELYSIA GAYTON - GRADE 6





MAURICE STANDING BEAR - GRADE 7



DREAM CROW GHOST - GRADE 2





ARIANNA SMITH - GRADE 10

HONOR ROLL QUARTER 1



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DAKOTAH GOODHOUSE-MAUAI	9	3.92
MADISON SILK	10	3.83
CIAN LAWRENCE	11	3.79
ARIANNA SMITH	10	3.79
MAXIMUS IRON EYES	8	3.71

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MAURICE STANDING BEAR	7	3.59
COURAGE EAGLESHIELD	7	3.58
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ZANE IRON SHIELD	12	3.45
A'RAYENA MCCAULEY	8	3.42
KIMBERLY BLACK CLOUD	8	3.25
JEREMIAH MINER	8	3.19
DAMIEN TWINN	11	3.17
ALIANNAH TREE TOP	12	3.13
EMILY CARRY MOCCASIN	12	3.10
SYLVI RED TOMAHAWK	9	3.06
GRETCHEN MARTIN	10	3.02
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By: Author

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Halloween Festivities Friday, October 31st

SOME FINE LOOKING COSTUMES!

MADISON SILK - BEST FEMALE COSTUME





JORDAN SHELLTRACK - BEST MALE COSTUME

SPOOKY

A Thursday Conversation with Selfridge's ONLY State Champion

My Interview of Gordon McGregor

By Shane Thomas Wetzel

10/16/2025



Backstory

Gordon McGregor, Jr. is the youngest son of Gordon and Myrtie McGregor. The McGregor's purchased a ranch 9 miles northwest of Selfridge, N.D. in 1943. In 1966 Gordon's parents sold their ranch and moved into Selfridge proper, where Gordon ran both cross-country and track, played both basketball and baseball, and graduated both as senior class president and senior class valedictorian of Selfridge High School in 1968. After winning the North Dakota Class B State Cross-Country Championship his senior year in high school, Gordon went on to complete in cross-country and track & field for both Bismarck Junior College (now Bismarck State College) and Dickinson State Teachers College (now Dickinson State University). Gordon would later graduate from both Bismarck Junior College (BJC) and Dickinson State Teachers College where he earned his bachelor's degree in teacher education. While attending BJC, Gordon was the NJCAA Region XIII Individual Cross-Country Champion in 1969 and was nominated for the North Dakota Athlete of the Year Award in 1970. Gordon married Frances DeChandt in 1980, and the couple had one son named Drew, who would go on to become an all-state high school track & field athlete like his father. Gordon was a physical education and history educator for 40 years teaching both in North Dakota and Nevada. He retired from coaching in 2006 and from teaching in 2016. Gordon just entered his 25th year of officiating cross-country and track & field meets (mostly in the state of Nevada). He and Fran recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June of this year. Gordon and Fran (who is also a retired teacher) currently live in Sparks, NV where they spend much of their time watching 3 ½ year old Calvin McGregor, the couple's grandson.

1. Why did you start running cross-county?

Well, I've always loved watching the Olympics, and I remember as a young kid going out and running after watching a track meet or running event on TV. I would run along the road, and I would pretend that I was getting into the last lap, and of course, I won the race every time, so I always liked running. Then we had a young man that came to teach or student teach, and he started a track team in the first spring that he was there. That was my introduction to actually running track. The next fall he started a cross-country team, and I didn't know what it was. I never heard of it, so of course, I did it. That was my junior year, and I never really raced. I didn't know how to race. When the gun went off at the state meet [in 1966] I just ran, and I ended up in fourth place.

2. Describe to me how your championship season played out?

The next year there was only one guy returning that had beaten me that day, and he finished third. So, I knew who I had to beat. At the PAN games in Canada my coach had a conversation with an athlete that ran a few races against Marlon Kluvers who was the guy I had to beat, and I thought he said to my coach that if you went by him hard in the last part of the race he would give up. So, when state came around, first of all, Marlon beat me every meet before state. The last meet before state he finished right in front of me, and when he turned around and saw me behind him in the chute, he told me later, it scared the crap out of him to see me right there. Before the race my coach told me to go pick out a spot on the course to go, and so I did. There were some little rolling hills or just mounds, you know, not real hills. There were two or three of those before the course went downhill and then backup towards the finish line. So, when we got to those little mounds, I just took off running the downhill and then up the other side and down and up and then down into a little low spot and then uphill into the finish. It worked out just like the guy said it would. When I took off like that, Marlon tried to go with me for a little bit and then he started looking back over his shoulder. That's how I won that one anyway.



Gordon McGregor crossing the finish line in first place at the 1967 North Dakota Class B State Cross-Country Championship in Jamestown, ND.

3. Can you provide any additional information about the coach that brought cross-country to Selfridge?

Bill Nieland was our coach. He was there my last two years, and I think that was it. He ended up at Lake Region Junior College and coached there for a few years, and then he moved on. Since he was from Bismarck, he worked for the Athlete's Foot store for a while before ending up in Utah where he taught and coached. I think he finished out his career in California, and now he lives north of Bismarck in Coleharbor.



Coach Bill Nieland and Gordon McGregor following the trophy presentation at the 1967 North Dakota State Cross-Country Championships. William (Bill) Nieland was a teacher, coach and superintendent (1967-68) at Selfridge High School from 1966-1969.

4. Did you run track too, prior to running cross-country?

Yeah, in the spring of 65—no, it was the spring of 66. We did have track before that. I can remember when I was in elementary school seeing track equipment out and watching guys doing track, but then, by the time I got to middle school, there was no track and field.

5. So, you never ran track until your sophomore year, correct?

Right, that was the first year we had a track team.



Besides running cross-country, McGregor was an all-state track athlete, member of the basketball team, and played legion baseball at Selfridge. He was also valedictorian and president of his senior class.

6. What were your practices like at Selfridge in the 1960s?

Okay, well my coach didn't have me train with the team. By the time my senior year came around, I was running 10 miles in the morning before school. I got so I could run 10 miles in an hour for a workout. So, I would do that. When the season started, I ran 10 miles Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in the morning and then ran another workout in the afternoon. I just ran around the block, you know. I ran 400's all the way around the block. When I ran 200s of course, it was halfway around the block, but I was one of the first kids to run that kind of mileage at a small school. I think that many of the people of Selfridge still remember me running up to 20 miles each day on the roads surrounding Selfridge.

7. Do you think it was the mileage that allowed you to become a state cross-country champion?

I think so. When I went on to what's now Bismarck State College and ran cross-country and track there for two years, I didn't run the mileage like I had before in high school. But on the weekends, a lot of times, I got out and ran a 10-mile run, and I could still do it in an hour, even if I wasn't doing it a lot in practice. We did a lot of speed work. We didn't really do any high mileage workouts very often. I won the region 13 title, two years in a row. I was the first cross-county runner to win that title two years in a row and that's Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the upper peninsula of Michigan. Then I went on to Dickinson State, and I didn't run those miles that I had ran in the mornings. I didn't know if I wanted to get up at five. In college I had a lot of classes at eight, but when I look back on it and I think boy, if I had run 10-miles in the morning on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, I think I would have run a lot better because there were guys that I beat in high school that were beating me there. However, with that said, I loved my teammates at both BJC and DSC. My college years were special. The team I ran on at DSC is in the DSU Hall of Fame.



Leon Klemgartner (left), Jerry Schwartz (back left), and Gordon McGregor (right) finish one, two, and three at the 1972 NAIA North Central Conference meet.



Gordon McGregor after finishing first at the Mon-Dak Cross-Country Championships while competing for Bismarck Junior College in the Fall of 1969. McGregor would go on to win the Region XIII Championships later that season.

8. What was the most memorable moment of your athletic career?

In high school it was probably the state championship in cross-country. I'd worked pretty hard with that as a goal, and I finished fifth at state in the mile, but I was sick. So, that was disappointing. It wasn't a highlight for sure. I played basketball, and we had a legion baseball team one summer that our track coach also coached. I loved sports and they all were memorable to me.



Members of the 1967 Selfridge cross-country team. Pictured left to right: Coach Nieland, Jerry Blotske, David Volk (all-state), Gordon McGregor (state champion), James Blotske, Melvin Walker, Timothy Wingerter, Dale Heinen, and Gary Jochim. The team placed 4th at state scoring 79 points behind Tuttle (55), Litchville (61), and Mandaree (69).

9. Do you ever look back at your accomplishments from those early days?

Oh, yeah. I just had my picture in the Fargo Forum recently. It was from the Grand Forks Marathon in 78 where I got third place and ran 2:33. Lenny Beardsley, he's the one that got second in the race. He and I were running together and at 22 miles my hamstring cramped so I could barely jog into the finish. I think that probably was one of the fastest marathons at that point. It was probably the fastest as far as the top finishers, because the top 5 were all under 2:40. I don't know if that race had ever been run under 2:40, and I went on to run the Boston marathon. I ran it once and my time was 2:50.



Top three finishers in the 1978 North Dakota Marathon. Gordon McGregor, left (3rd place, 2:33.10), Dick Beardsley, center (2nd place, 2:31.50), and Jim Miller, right (1st place, 2:26.58)

10. What were your some of your fondest memories of going to school in Selfridge?

Well, you know, it was a nice little town. I had close friends that supported me. There was a lot of peer pressure to drink alcohol, but my friends would stop others from trying to get me to drink when I was training. I still think about them

often. We were teammates, and I enjoyed school. I also had excellent teachers. One in particular, May Hinton, taught English, and I think of her often. I have written newsletters for associations that I belong to and I would think back about the things she taught me while I was writing. I had great social studies teachers as well. They helped me develop a love for history and how our government works. The streets of Selfridge were paved, and we had a general store. For a time, we had a car dealership that also sold gas and had a repair shop. We also had a hardware store, and we had the Cenex station that is still in operation. In the last few years, I've hade three sisters pass away. While I was back for their services, it made me feel bad to see how much Selfridge had changed. I also have passed through New Leipzig where I taught for two years. It has gotten smaller, and they have lost businesses as well. The same thing has happened in Flasher where I taught for fifteen years. All the little towns are shrinking.



The Gordon and Myrtle McGregor family.

The McGregor family of Selfridge as pictured in the town's 75th jubilee book (published in 1986). Gordon McGregor, Jr is positioned in the back row, standing directly behind his parents Gordon and Myrtle.

11. Did you ever coach any state champions like yourself?

Well, I didn't have any out here in Nevada. I did have two boys that finished second and third in the state for pole vault. While coaching in North Dakota, I had Ricky Dressler [from Flasher]. He won the 800 and 1600 his junior and senior year in high school. I was a pretty good coach when people saw me with him. Yeah, he was a stud. Don Blevins from Fort Yates was the first high school boy in North Dakota to break two minutes for the 880 [yard run]. Almost ten years later Ricky's brother Ed broke Don's record, and he still has the North Dakota state record [high school] for the 880. By the time I started coaching Ricky, North Dakota was running metric distances. For a time, Ricky had the state record for 800 meters, and his name appeared in the state meet program along with his brother's.

12. How do you want to be remembered?

Well, I think for working hard, and I still have a lot of kids that really like to see me. A couple of years ago I got vaccinated at a local drug store. The young man that was preparing to vaccinate me told me that he had been in my class. I teased him about being in my PE class and joked that I hoped I hadn't done anything to him that he might want to get even with me for. He laughed and told me that I was so kind to the students in my class. That's one of my proudest moments. I just like the fact that I did do some good things. I had a girl that was in my government class, and she was also a point guard on my basketball team. She was elected to be the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Dakota. She sent me a nice note thanking me for what I done for her. She said my class had given her the confidence to run for office. Her name is Kirsten Baesler, and she was just sworn in as the Assistant Secretary of Education for the United States.



"I often reflect back on my years in Selfridge. The things I learned about how hard work could help me succeed both as an athlete and in the classroom. Those lessons helped me to succeed in college and in my career as well." -Gordon McGregor, 2025

THE ENGLISH SPOT

COURT IS CALLED TO SESSION!

Kimberly Black Cloud wrote a clever readers theatre script that takes place in a courtroom. The seventh and eighth have been rehearsing and polishing the script. The characters are as follows:

Judge: Courage Eagleshield
Plaintiff's Lawyer: Marlyssa Martin
Plaintiff: Esther Andojado
Defendant's Lawyer: A'Rayena McCauley
Defendant: Eli Gayton
Witness 1: Maurice Standing Bear
Witness 2: Jeremiah Miner
Security: Kimberly Black Cloud
Camera Person: Dawsilyn Pleets

Let's take a peek at a few lines of dialogue from scene 3:

A'RAYENA: The defense calls Mr. Eli, the defendant, to the stand. (He is sworn in.)

A'RAYENA: Mr. Eli, you're familiar with the delivery stop at Maurice & Esther's on October 25th. Please describe the process for a delivery.

ELI: Standard procedure. No signature required on the manifest. I placed it in a safe, standard location by the door and took the geo-gagged photo as proof of delivery and left. I have 150 stops a day. Efficiency is key.

A'RAYENA: Your Honor, I would like to move Defense Exhibit B into evidence. This is the company handbook outlining delivery procedures.

MARLYSSA: Objection, Your Honor, foundation and relevance. We have already established that Mr. Eli has discretion via 'best judgment' clauses. The handbook is just a general guideline, not the applicable standard of care.

JUDGE COURAGE: Overruled. I will allow it into evidence as Exhibit B.

Teacher's note: In rehearsal





1st and 2nd grade NEWSLETTER

Week # 8

Teacher's Note

Dear Parents,

It has been a joy to see our little learners sprinkling kindness and learning together this week. Thank you for your support at home. I look forward to more magical days ahead.





Learning Focus

- Math

Exploring addition and subtraction strategies. Need practice on basic facts to 20.

- English

Learning about narratives and writing our own short stories. Need practice on using capital letters and punctuation.

- Science

Investigating the weather and keeping a weather chart. Need practice on observing and recording daily changes.

- Social Studies

Learning about communities and the roles people play. Needs practice on remembering community helper jobs.

Important Reminders

- October 13– Field Trip (Pumpkin Patch)
- October 16–17– No School (Teacher's Convention)
- October 21st and 23rd – Family/Teacher Conferences 3:30–6:30
- October 29– Early Out (Professional Development)

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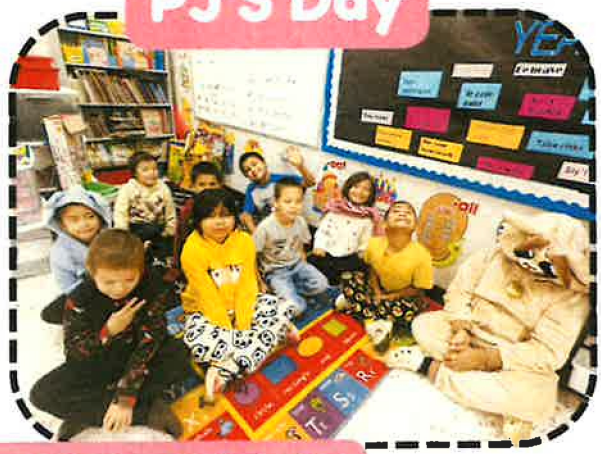
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This week's TOP STORIES

Spirit Week/Celebration of Life

PJ'S Day







WEAR BLACK ALL DAY





BACKPACK DAY



SPECIAL DAY



INCENTIVES/RECOGNITION





FIRE PREVENTION MONTH



NEWSLETTER #9

Mrs. Celestino's 1st and 2nd Grade

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another exciting month in Mrs. Celestino's First and Second Grade class! We've had a fantastic start of October and I am eager to share some highlights and news for this week.

Classroom Highlights

Learning Adventures:
This week is full of excitement and incentives. My students and I are thankful for the opportunities given by the school.

ELA Time:
Learn the sound-spelling for short i
and consonants r, f, and final s /z/ were 1st grade lesson while 2nd grade worked on sound-spelling for short i and consonants r, f, and final s /z/.

Math Fun:
1st grade lesson were adding three numbers and add numbers in any order, while 2nd graders focus on two-step word problem.

Upcoming Events

October 16-17- ***No School (Teacher's Convention)***

October 21 & 23- ***Family/Teacher Conferences 3:30-6:30***

Oct. 29- ***Early Out at 1:00pm (Professional Development)***

Teacher's Reminder

Daily Reading:
Please encourage your child to read at home for at least 15 minutes each day. It helps build their reading skills and fosters a love for books.

HIGHLIGHTS

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE










Spirit Week (Talent Show)






1st & 2nd grade got 2nd place in talent show.

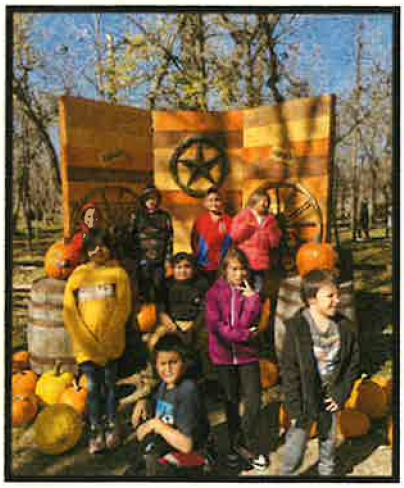



Marias Starr, a 2nd grade student, is one of the winners in coloring contest.

TOP STORIES

FIELD TRIP INCENTIVE







Heritage Museum and Pumpkin Patch















1ST & 2ND GRADE

Newsletter #10

IMPORTANT INFO:



Dear 1st and 2nd Grade Families,

Happy October! It's wonderful to see our classroom community thriving. It's almost three months and I noticed a lot of changes and progress to my dear students.

How You Can Help at Home:

Read Together: Continue to read with your child every day! Encourage them to read nonfiction books and discuss what they're learning.

Practice Math Facts: A few minutes of addition and subtraction fact practice each day can make a big difference.

Talk About the Weather: Discuss the changing seasons and how animals and plants adapt to fall.

Dress for the Weather: As the days get cooler, please help your child dress in layers for outdoor play and recess.

Healthy Habits: Let your kids wash their hands before and after they eat.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Please don't hesitate to reach out via email with any questions or concerns. Let's make this a fantastic month of learning and fun!

Warmly,

Mrs. Celestino





UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/27 -10/31 - Red Ribbon Week
- 10/27 -Wear Red
- 10/28 -Dress like a Superhero
- 10/29 -Wear Your favorite Jersey
- 10/30 -Wear you Pajamas
- 10/31 -Wear your halloween costume



1ST AND 2ND GRADE NEWSLETTER

WEEK 11

RED RIBBON WEEK

HEALTH IS WEALTH





SPOOKY BOOKS



We had such a wonderful week, from Monday until Friday all students are energized and delighted. This kind of event is truly a blessing to everybody. I hope that this event made a memorable experience for our students.



SWEET CANDY SHOTS



In celebration of the "Red Ribbon Week' the school prepared a lot of activities for students awareness. From poster signing, superhero coloring, symposium from Mr. Chairman, Sitting Bear and a lot more. As a teacher I am blessed to be part of this huge event. Congratulations to all!

SPOOKTACULAR FESTIVAL







BOO-TIFUL SMILES

STUDENT OF THE MONTH NOMINEES









- Have a fang-tastic night!

1ST & 2ND GRADE NEWSLETTER

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

WEEK 12

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH





PEACE OF MIND PROJECT

Mr. John is a sightseer and a photographer that has a lot of experiences. We're glad to work with him, and be able to express our ideas and voices. Can't wait for the final presentation of this project. We are profoundly thankful for your presence.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

1 Stunning shot

This month, students are exploring fun nonfiction books, learning to identify key facts and distinguish between real and fictional stories.





2 INTERVENTION

Mrs. Johnson and I are working together to help the kids learn and work in reading. She handles the 1st grade while I'm dealing with the 2nd graders.

NOTE FROM TEACHER

Thank you for another amazing month! I've seen so much kindness, curiosity, and growth in our class. Don't forget my dear students to read at least 5-10 minutes a day.

Mrs.Celestino

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Dream Crowghost

Dream is kind and helpful, enjoys Reading and Music, plays the piano, and sings with a big smile!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Nov.11	Nov.17	Nov.19	Nov.26-28
NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day	Dance Party Lyceum	Dismiss at 1:00 Professional Development	Thanks Giving week

1ST & 2ND GRADE CLASSROOM NEWS #13

READING AND INTERVENTION



Congratulations to my 1st and 2nd graders for showing kindness, teamwork, and positive contributions with each other through the entire week. Great job!



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Social Studies

Distinguished between needs ,as things we must have to live and wants, as things it would be nice to have. What do families need and want?



Reading

This week's focus was on answering questions with multiple answers. Recognize, recite and spell sight words.



Math

Near doubles and fact family are lessons learned for 1st grade while 2nd graders use number lines to add and decompose one addend to add.



REMINDERS

Homework

- Read a book at least 10-15 minutes a day.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

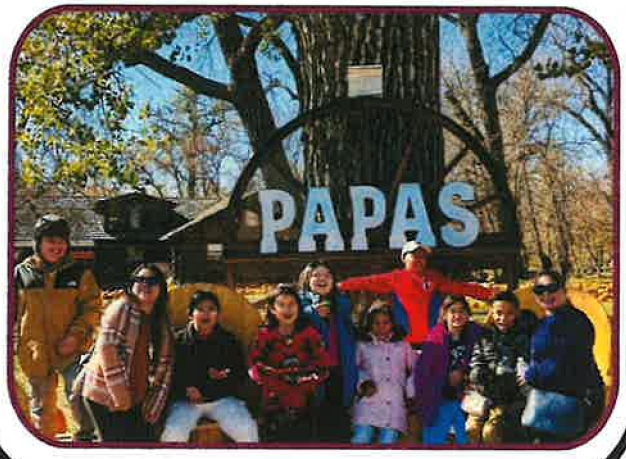
"Keep learning. But, above all, keep having fun".

Greta Mae Evans

3RD GRADE 4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

WEEK 9 OCTOBER 13- 17, 2025

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EVENTS

End of Q1- Oct 15

No School- Oct 16-17

Family/ Teacher Conferences- Oct 21 & Oct 23

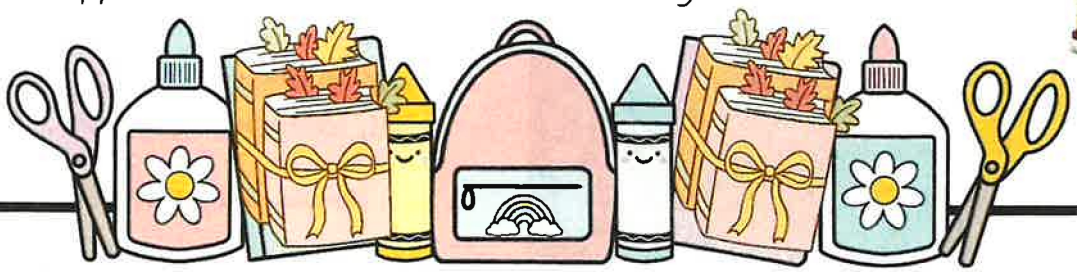
PD- Early out- Oct. 29



CORNER OF POSITIVE CHOICES

This week, we're focusing on the power of kindness—the small but mighty choice that makes a big difference! Whether it's offering a helping hand, using kind words, or including someone new at recess, every kind action helps build a happier classroom and school community.





3RD GRADE 4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

WEEK 9 OCTOBER 13- 17, 2025

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL



We've officially reached Week 9, and what an incredible journey it has been! Our classrooms are buzzing with learning, laughter, and growing confidence. Students are showing great progress in their routines, academic goals, and friendships. It's wonderful to see their hard work and curiosity shine through each day!

As we move deeper into the fall season, we continue to focus on kindness, responsibility, and perseverance—three values that help us build a positive school community. Thank you, families, for your continued support in helping your children thrive both in and out of the classroom.

Let's keep the momentum going—Week 9 is looking bright!

Wonder of the Week!



What Makes Us Shine?



This week's wonder invites students to think about what makes each of us unique and special. In our classroom, we're exploring how our talents, kindness, and curiosity make our school community stronger. Whether it's solving a tricky math problem, helping a friend, or sharing a creative idea—every small action adds a little more light to our learning journey!

Let's keep wondering, growing, and shining together!



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3RD GRADE 4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

WEEK 9 OCTOBER 13- 17, 2025





















HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

The Teacher's POV

What an exciting week it has been! Our recent Pumpkin Patch and Heritage Center field trips were full of hands-on learning and joyful discoveries. The students loved exploring, asking questions, and connecting what we've been learning in class to the real world—it was a wonderful reminder that learning truly happens everywhere! 🎃

In the classroom, we continue to make great progress with our UFLI interventions, strengthening foundational reading skills and celebrating those "aha!" moments each day. I'm proud of how students are growing as confident readers and thinkers! 📖✨

Please note there will be no classes on October 16th and 17th. Enjoy the short break, and I look forward to connecting with families during our Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 21st and 23rd. It's always a special time to share your child's progress and goals for the months ahead.

Let's keep the learning spirit alive as we head into the heart of October! 🍂



3RD GRADE 4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

RIDGELINES EDITION

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL



What a wonderful start to the school year we've had! August and September have been filled with excitement, learning, and new routines. From meeting new classmates and teachers, to diving into reading, math, and hands-on projects, our students have already accomplished so much in just a short time.

We've also enjoyed special events like like Family Engagement Night, Classroom parties, etc, which gave us the chance to learn, laugh, and connect as a school community. It's been amazing to see the energy and enthusiasm our students bring each day.

Wonder of the Month!



What is your favorite Part of fall and why?



As the leaves change color and the air turns cooler, we see so many signs of fall all around us.



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3RD GRADE 4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

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EVENTS

Sept 17- Midterms

Sept 24- Early Dismissal

1:00pm

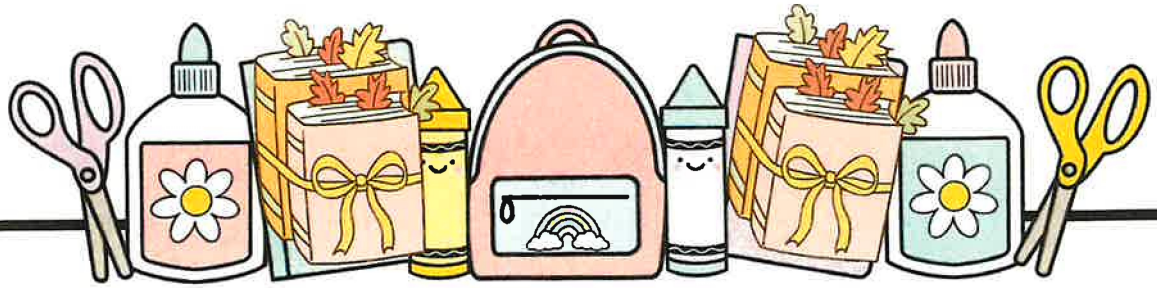
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FALL IS THE SEASON THAT TEACHES US THAT CHANGE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL.





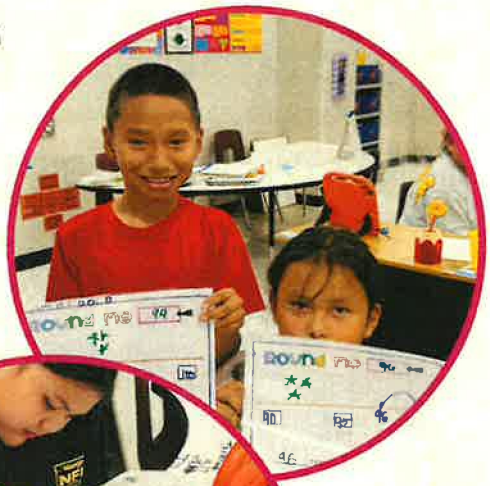
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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH!

The Teacher's POV

As we look back on the first weeks of school, it's inspiring to see how much our students have grown already. The excitement of August brought fresh faces, new friendships, and the joy of learning routines. Each child walked into the classroom with unique strengths and curiosity, and watching them settle in has been a highlight of the new year.

September carried us further, as lessons became richer and confidence began to bloom. Students are asking thoughtful questions, taking risks in their learning, and showing kindness to one another. Their energy reminds us daily why teaching is such a rewarding journey.

Now, as fall begins, we see students embracing challenges with resilience and creativity. Just as the seasons change, our learners are transforming—discovering new skills, building stronger connections, and shining in ways that inspire us all. We are so grateful to walk alongside them, and we look forward to the many milestones ahead. To our families—thank you for your constant support and encouragement. Together, we are helping our students thrive in every season.



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Practice Math Facts: A few minutes of addition and subtraction fact practice each day can make a big difference.

Talk About the Weather: Discuss the changing seasons and how animals and plants adapt to fall.

Dress for the Weather: As the days get cooler, please help your child dress in layers for outdoor play and recess.

Healthy Habits: Let your kids wash their hands before and after they eat.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Please don't hesitate to reach out via email with any questions or concerns. Let's make this a fantastic month of learning and fun!

Warmly,

Mrs. Celestino





UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/27 -10/31 - Red Ribbon Week
- 10/27 -Wear Red
- 10/28 -Dress like a Superhero
- 10/29 -Wear Your favorite Jersey
- 10/30 -Wear you Pajamas
- 10/31 -Wear your halloween costume



3RD GRADE 4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

WEEK 10 OCTOBER 20- 26, 2025

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL



Welcome to Week 10! We're wrapping up another wonderful week filled with learning, laughter, and community spirit. A big thank-you to all the parents who joined us for Parent-Teacher Conferences—your support and partnership mean so much and play a huge role in our students' success. It was great celebrating each child's progress and setting goals together!

We also had an amazing time at the School Carnival—what a fun way to bring our school family together! The students' smiles said it all. As we move forward, we're excited to keep the positive energy going in the classroom and continue building both skills and friendships.

Wonder of the Week!





How do we grow when we learn together?"

We're discovering that learning side by side helps us build teamwork, curiosity, and confidence. By listening to one another, sharing ideas, and working toward common goals, we grow not just as learners—but as a classroom family.



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EVENTS

PD- Early out 1:00pm- Oct. 29
Halloween- Oct. 31
Veteran's Day- Nov. 11



CORNER OF POSITIVE CHOICES

This week, we're focusing on the power of kindness and cooperation. Whether it's helping a classmate, showing patience, or sharing a smile, small acts of kindness make a big difference in our classroom. Let's keep choosing positivity—together we grow stronger!





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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

The Teacher's POV

What an exciting and fulfilling week it has been! Our Parent-Teacher Conferences were a wonderful success—thank you to all the families who took the time to meet and celebrate each child's growth. Your support and partnership make such a difference in our students' learning journey.

We also had a blast at the School Carnival! It was heartwarming to see so many smiles, laughter, and school spirit all around. The students truly enjoyed every moment.

Looking ahead, we're getting into the Halloween spirit with our upcoming Door Decorating Contest! Students are already brimming with creative ideas, and I can't wait to see their spooky (and fun!) teamwork come to life.

As always, please continue to encourage your child to read every day at home. Just 15–20 minutes of daily reading helps strengthen comprehension and vocabulary—and it builds a lifelong love for learning.

Here's to another week of learning, laughter, and creativity!



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WEEK 11 OCTOBER 27- 31, 2025

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EVENTS

Veteran's Day- Nov. 11

Mid Term Q2- Nov. 12

Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 26-28



CORNER OF POSITIVE CHOICES

This week, our classroom focused on making choices that reflect kindness, respect, and responsibility. During Red Ribbon Week, students showed what it means to stand strong and make healthy, positive decisions—both in and out of school.





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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

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WEEK 11 OCTOBER 26- 31, 2025

RED RIBBON WEEK



Red-y to Say No



Heroes Don't do Drugs



Team Up to be Drug Free



Dream of a Drug Free future



Say BOO to Drugs

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

The Teacher's POV

What a fun and meaningful week it has been! Our classroom was full of excitement as we celebrated Red Ribbon Week, reminding everyone to make healthy, positive choices and to always show kindness. ❤️

We also continued our UFLI reading interventions, and it's wonderful to see how much progress our students are making! Their hard work and growing confidence truly shine during reading time. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home every night—even just a few minutes makes a big difference in their reading growth. 📖✨

A huge thank you to all our amazing parents and families for your continued support, especially for helping with your child's Halloween costumes. The kids looked absolutely wonderful, and their smiles made the day even more special! 🎃

As we wrap up the week, let's carry that same school spirit, teamwork, and positivity into the days ahead. Have a fun, safe, and happy Halloween! 🌟



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WEEK 12 NOVEMBER 3- 7, 2025

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL



This week, our classroom has been a place of reflection, growth, and inspiration. In honor of Native American Heritage Month, students shared beautiful messages through our "Peace of My Mind" project, expressing what peace means to them and how they can make a difference through kindness and respect. Their words reminded us that peace begins within each of us. 💕

During our UFLI lessons, students continued to strengthen their reading and spelling skills with enthusiasm. Using phoneme phones, they practiced hearing and blending sounds, building confidence as growing readers. 🌈⭐

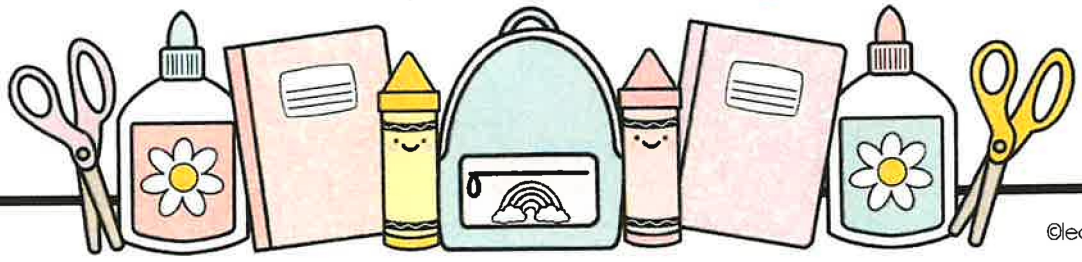
Wonder of the Week!



What does peace look like, sound like, and feel like in our classroom and community?



Peace can be felt in our hearts when we are treated with respect, included, and supported by others. This week, we invite students to notice and reflect on the ways they create and experience peace every day. 💕

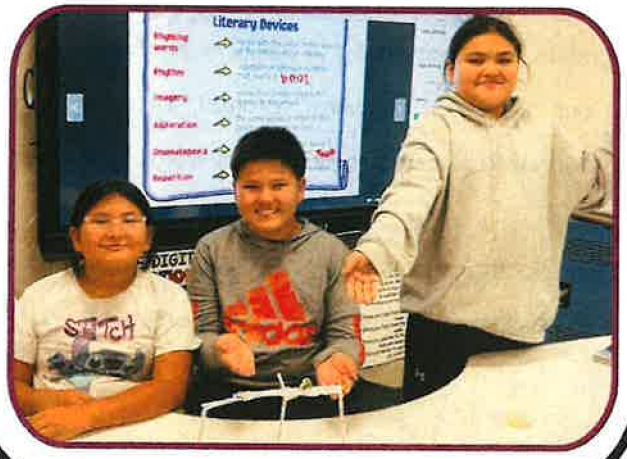


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WEEK 12 NOVEMBER 3- 7, 2025

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EVENTS

Veteran's Day- Nov. 11(No School)

Mid Term Q2- Nov. 12

Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 26-28



CORNER OF POSITIVE CHOICES

This week, students practiced making kind and respectful choices in the classroom and on the playground. We celebrated moments when classmates helped each other, listened carefully, and included others in activities. Small acts of kindness are creating a big impact!





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WEEK 12 NOVEMBER 3-7, 2025














HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

The Teacher's POV

This week has been truly inspiring. Through the "Peace of My Mind" project, I saw students reflect deeply on what peace means to them and how they can create it in their everyday lives. It was amazing to see them connect the ideas of peace to their classroom, home, and broader community.

In reading, our students continue to make wonderful progress during UFLI lessons. They are learning to recognize patterns in words, strengthen their spelling, and build fluency

Beyond academics, I am proud of the way students are practicing kindness, respect, and inclusion. Whether helping a classmate, listening carefully, or including someone in a game, these small acts show that they are not only growing as learners but also as compassionate individuals.

I am grateful to guide such thoughtful, motivated, and kind students. It is a joy to watch their growth academically, socially, and emotionally, and I look forward to seeing the many ways they will continue to shine.



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WEEK 13 NOVEMBER 10- 14, 2025

SELFRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL



November is a special month of gratitude and reflection. This week, we honor Veterans Day—a time to thank the brave men and women who have served our country and protected our freedom. Their courage reminds us of the importance of kindness, service, and respect.

We also celebrate Native American Heritage Month, recognizing the rich traditions, wisdom, and contributions of Indigenous peoples. In our classroom, we'll explore stories and values that teach us about community, nature, and the power of storytelling to keep history alive.

Together, we'll reflect on what it means to show appreciation, celebrate diversity, and make our classroom a place of learning, respect, and gratitude.

Wonder of the Week!



How can we show appreciation for those who serve our country and honor the cultures that shaped our nation?



This week, we are thinking about ways to show respect and gratitude. We explore how to thank veterans for their service and learn about Native American cultures through stories, traditions, and activities. By reflecting on these, students practice kindness, curiosity, and respect every day.

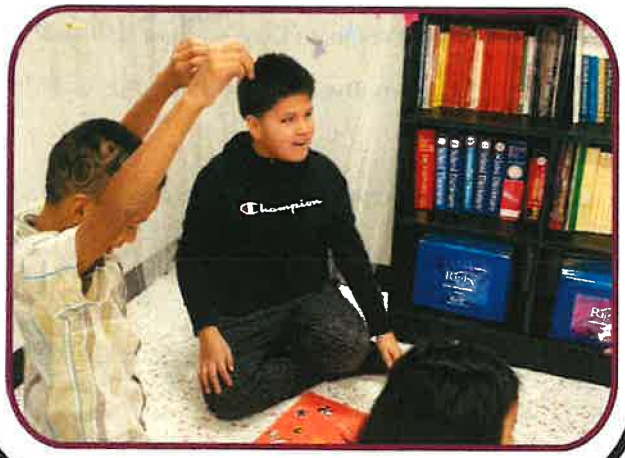


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WEEK 13 NOVEMBER 10- 14, 2025

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EVENTS

Dance Party Lyceum- Nov. 17

Thanksgiving Family Meal- Nov. 18

Early Out @ 1:00pm- Nov. 19

Thanksgiving Break- Nov. 26-28



CORNER OF POSITIVE CHOICES

This week, we showed kindness and gratitude as we honor Veterans Day and Native American Heritage Month!

- *We showed respect for people from all cultures.*
- *We practiced gratitude by saying "thank you" and helping others each day.*





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WEEK 13 NOVEMBER 10- 14, 2025











HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!

The Teacher's POV

This week, I am proud to see our students actively showing gratitude and respect. We celebrated Veterans Day by honoring the brave men and women who have served our country, and students shared thoughtful reflections and messages of thanks.

In connection with Native American Heritage Month, our class explored rich traditions through dream catcher-making, learning not only about the artistry but also the meaningful stories behind this cultural symbol.

Our UFLI interventions continue daily, helping each student grow in reading and literacy skills. I encourage families to support this learning at home by letting children read at least 15 minutes a day—every bit of practice makes a difference!

Through these experiences, students are learning that gratitude, curiosity, and respect are choices we can make every day, both in and out of the classroom.



AROUND SCHOOL



Monday of last week, for Native American Heritage month, John Noltner, photographer and author, visited our school. He spoke to us about his travels throughout the United States and the world. He showed us many photos that he took during these trips. John instructed students and teachers to write what they dream of for the world, and took photos of everyone to correspond to what they wrote. On Friday, he returned and showed everyone their resulting photographs and their corresponding personal dreams. Before he had to leave, John left the school three signed books that he wrote. He is engaging and truly interested in those around him.



THE MORE THAT YOU READ, THE MORE THINGS YOU WILL KNOW. THE MORE THAT YOU LEARN, THE MORE PLACES YOU'LL GO.

--DR. SEUSS

AROUND SCHOOL

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH ACTIVITIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS MADE DREAM CATCHERS; TUESDAY, WE SPENT TIME BEADING WITH STRIKING, EYE-CATCHING, AND GLEAMING, COLORS.













