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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2:	BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @ LARIMORE
MARCH 3:	BOYS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT @ LARIMORE
MARCH 7:	FFA @ TURTLE LAKE - MERCER
MARCH 14:	FFA @ CARRINGTON
MARCH 22:	FFA @ MINOT
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MARCH 24:	JH/HS BAND & CHOIR CONCERT

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POLAR BEAR PICTURE OF THE MONTH

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT STEVE SWIONTEK...



NEW NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF INSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT VISITS THE LARIMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13 OUR NEW STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT MR. LEVI BACHMEIER VISITED THE LARIMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE BEGAN HIS VISIT WITH A TOUR OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LED BY MRS. SWANSON, LES PRINCIPAL. MRS. SWANSON PROVIDED A VIEW OF EACH OF THE CLASSROOMS, LEARNING ACTIVITIES THAT WERE OCCURRING AT THAT TIME, VISITING SEVERAL TEACHERS AND MEETING WITH THE ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS WHO PROVIDED MR. BACHMEIER WITH A WELCOMING GIFT.

MR. BACHMEIER THEN TRAVELED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR A TOUR WITH MR. TRIPLETT. HE AND MR. TRIPLETT WALKED THROUGH THE HIGH SCHOOL TO VIEW LEARNING ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOMS AND VISIT SEVERAL INSTRUCTORS. HE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOSIE OSTRUM.

MR. BACHMEIER CONCLUDED HIS VISIT WITH A MEET AND GREET WITH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: MITCH MCCOY, WANDA ASPERHEIM, JESSE GRAVDAHL; LEA PRESIDENT SARAH BERGER; LARIMORE CITY MAYOR DEAN ELFMAN; AND LARIMORE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS: SUPT. DR. SWIONTEK, HS PRINCIPAL KAL TRIPLETT, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL KYLE SWANSON AND BUSINESS MANAGER SHAUNA SATHER. THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS FOR EACH OTHER. MANY OF THESE QUESTIONS WERE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NORTH DAKOTA. THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS ENCOURAGED BY MR. BACHMEIER'S CONCLUDING COMMENT IN WHICH HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT TAKE THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT POSITION TO PROVIDE MORE BURDENS ON SCHOOLS BUT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO MAKE EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE EVEN BETTER THAN THEY ARE NOW.



SINCERELY,

DR. STEVE SWIONTEK, SUPERINTENDENT

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
PRINCIPAL KAL TRIPLETT



PREPARATION FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN

WE HAVE HAD NUMEROUS MEETINGS WITH STUDENTS REGARDING SOME OF THEIR INTERESTS FOR NEXT YEAR AS WELL AS WHAT CORE CLASSES THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE.

WE HAVE A HANDFUL OF CURRENT 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS THAT WILL BE TOURING THE CAREER IMPACT ACADEMY IN GRAND FORKS THIS MONTH, AND WE HAVE NUMEROUS STUDENTS SEEKING OUT WHAT OTHER ELECTIVES WE PLAN TO HAVE NEXT YEAR.

WE LOOK TO OFFER AS MANY ELECTIVE COURSES AS WE CAN NEXT YEAR. WHY? SO, WE CAN GET KIDS ENROLLED IN AS MANY IN-HOUSE CLASSES AS POSSIBLE.

IF THERE ARE ONLINE COURSES THAT WE SIMPLY DO NOT HAVE, THOSE ARE GREAT FOR SOME KIDS. WE ENCOURAGE KIDS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FACS, ART, FOREIGN LANGUAGE, AND HEALTH CAREERS TO SEEK THOSE ONLINE OPTIONS.

WE WILL BE SENDING HOME SOME MOCK SCHEDULES FOR PARENT APPROVAL OVER THE NEXT MONTH. THE BUSY SPRING IS UPON US!

GO POLAR BEARS!



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
PRINCIPAL KYLIE SWANSON

AS WE MOVE INTO MARCH, WE HAVE SEVERAL IMPORTANT DATES AND EXCITING UPDATES TO SHARE WITH OUR LARIMORE FAMILIES!

PRESCHOOL SCREENING – MARCH 9

PRESCHOOL SCREENING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 9 FOR CHILDREN AGES 3–5. CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND PRESCHOOL IF THEY TURN 4 PRIOR TO AUGUST 1. IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO MEETS THIS AGE REQUIREMENT, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING OUR FUTURE POLAR BEARS AND PARTNERING WITH YOU AS THEY BEGIN THEIR EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – MARCH 16 & 17

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 16 AND 17. THESE CONFERENCES ARE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE STUDENT GROWTH AND DISCUSS GOALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE WATCH FOR AN ALERT AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A CONFERENCE TIME.

WE WERE ALSO HONORED TO WELCOME LEVI BACHMEIER, NORTH DAKOTA STATE SUPERINTENDENT, TO OUR SCHOOL ON FEBRUARY 13. HIS GOAL IS TO VISIT EVERY SCHOOL IN NORTH DAKOTA BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND WE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE THE GREAT THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR BUILDING. OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB REPRESENTING LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL!

FINALLY, IF YOU ARE A NEW FAMILY TO LARIMORE AND WILL HAVE STUDENTS ATTENDING SCHOOL IN THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE. WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW FAMILIES TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL!

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CTE WEEK

BY TUCKER STOVER
LARIMORE FFA PRESIDENT

LARIMORE FBLA AND FFA OFFICERS FINISHED CELEBRATING CTE WEEK WITH A STUDENT AND STAFF PEP RALLY. THE PEP RALLY CONSISTED OF GAMES AND RAFFLE PRIZES DRAWN BASED ON THE DRESS UP PARTICIPATION FOR THE WEEK. GAMES INCLUDED: TOILET PAPER MUMMY, RED LIGHT GREEN LIGHT, TUG-OF-WAR, VOLLEYBALL PONG, MARSHMALLOW TOSS, BABY BOTTLE CHUGGING, TIC-TAC-TOE FOOTBALL, PANTY HOSE RACE, WELDER'S RELAY, HULA HOOP RACE, BALLOON POPPING RACE, AND THE PIE EATING CONTEST. THE SENIOR CLASS CAME OUT ON TOP WITH AN EXHILARATING 1 POINT WIN OVER THE STAFF EARNING THEMSELVES A CLASS PIZZA PARTY!

CTE STANDS FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION. SOME EXAMPLES OF CTE CLASSES ARE ACCOUNTING, BUSINESS, AND AGRICULTURE CLASSES. THESE CLASSES FOCUS ON HANDS-ON LEARNING AND REAL-WORLD SKILLS, WHILE PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE, CAREERS, AND CERTIFICATIONS. LARIMORE FBLA AND FFA ARE GRATEFUL FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CTE WEEK AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE THAT HAS HELPED AND SUPPORTED OUR YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS!









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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

JANUARY STUDENTS



THIS STUDENT BRINGS SO MUCH LIGHT AND POSITIVITY TO THE CLASSROOM. SHE WORKS HARD AND TAKES PRIDE IN HER WORK. SHE IS ALWAYS ASKING WHAT SHE CAN IMPROVE ON AND TAKING THE ADVICE TO HEART. SHE IS A GREAT LEADER FOR HER CLASSMATES AND IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO GET TO KNOW HER THIS YEAR.
(MS. ORMISTON)



KENZI HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLE STUDENT ALL YEAR! SHE HAS EXCELLED IN PERSONAL FINANCE, COMPUTER APPLICATIONS, AND ACCOUNTING. SHE HAS A GREAT WILLINGNESS TO LEARN AND STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE IN ALL ASSIGNMENTS. SHE OFTEN HELPS THOSE AROUND HER WITH ANY QUESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK KENZI!
(MR. KJEMHUS)



MELANIE IS A DILIGENT AND RESPONSIBLE STUDENT WHO CONSISTENTLY PUTS FORTH HER BEST EFFORT IN ALL ACADEMIC TASKS. SHE MANAGES HER TIME WELL, COMPLETES ASSIGNMENTS ON SCHEDULE, AND DEMONSTRATES A STRONG COMMITMENT TO LEARNING. HER HARDWORKING ATTITUDE SETS A POSITIVE EXAMPLE FOR HER PEERS. CONGRATS MELANIE!
(MRS. LARSON)



ABBY IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF A DEDICATED, MOTIVATED, AND RESPECTFUL STUDENT. SHE APPROACHES EVERY CHALLENGE WITH AN INCREDIBLE WORK ETHIC AND A GENUINE DESIRE TO GROW, ALWAYS EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. HER INTEGRITY AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE SET A POWERFUL EXAMPLE FOR HER PEERS, SHOWING THAT SUCCESS CAN COME FROM CONSISTENT EFFORT, CURIOSITY, AND KINDNESS. SHE TAKES PRIDE IN HER LEARNING, SHOWS GREAT RESPONSIBILITY, AND CONTINUALLY STRIVES TO BE THE BEST VERSION OF HERSELF. I HOPE ALL HER CLASSMATES DEEPLY ADMIRE HER FOCUS, HUMILITY, AND PERSEVERANCE. ABBY'S COMMITMENT TO LEARNING AND PERSONAL GROWTH INSPIRES EVERYONE AROUND HER.
(MS. SOINE)



THIS STUDENT MAY BE GENERALLY QUIET AND RESERVED, BUT SHE IS VERY DILIGENT ABOUT HER LEARNING. ALWAYS WORKING HARD AND WANTING TO DO HER BEST. SHE WILL ASK WHEN SHE GETS STUCK AND WANTS TO KNOW THE MATERIAL, AS SHE WILL NOT EXPECT ANYTHING BUT HER BEST. SHE IS KIND AND RESPECTFUL TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE. SHE IS A GREAT REPRESENTIVE OF WHAT A POLAR BEAR SHOULD BE....CONGRATS AND KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK NEVEAH!!
(MR. J)



ALEX IS A GREAT STUDENT TO HAVE IN CLASS. HE ALWAYS BRINGS POSITIVE ENERGY AND IS ALWAYS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE. I NEVER HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IF HE WILL COMPLETE HIS WORK OR IF HE IS PAYING ATTENTION. HE DOES A GREAT JOB OF WORKING WITH HIS FRIENDS AROUND HIM BETWEEN CLASH GAMES AND THEY HAVE CREATED A GREAT ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCCESS IN ECONOMICS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.
(MR HOFFMAN)

PICKLEBALL CHAMPIONS

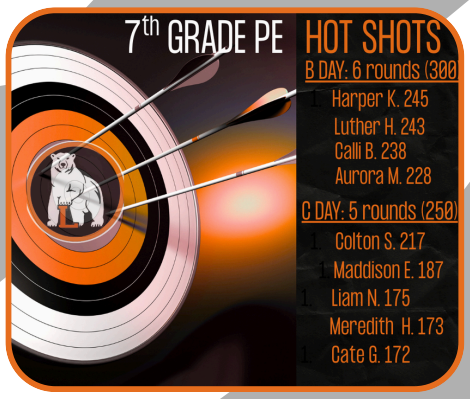


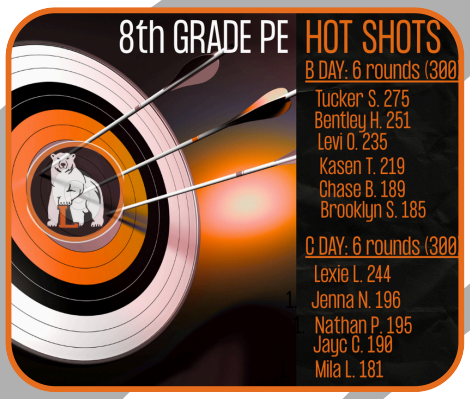


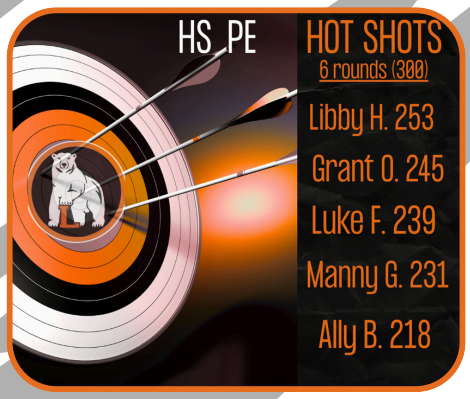


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ARCHERY WINNERS







POLAR BEAR OF THE MONTH



LEVI TODD HAS BEEN NAMED THE PBBC "POLAR BEAR OF THE MONTH" FOR FEBRUARY 2026!

LEVI FINISHED OFF HIS SEASON WITH AN 8TH PLACE FINISH AT THE STATE TOURNEY. LEVI COMES TO WORK HARD EVERYDAY. HE IS A GRINDER WITH A TOUGH ATTITUDE, HE WILL WRESTLE ANYONE, ANYWHERE. HE SETS THE STANDARD IN OUR WRESTLING ROOM WITH WORK ETHIC. EXTREMELY COACHABLE KID - COACH MOEN

-CONGRATULATIONS!