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UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 3:	V B&GW @ DES LACS BURLINGTON JH/JV/V BBB VS. LANGDON
JANUARY 6:	JH/JV/V GBB VS. HILLSBORO
JANUARY 8:	V BBB TOURNAMENT @ DEVILS LAKE V BW DUALS @ THOMPSON
JANUARY 9:	V BBB TOURNAMENT @ DEVILS LAKE V BW @ CENTRAL CASS JV/V GBB @ BISHOP RYAN
JANUARY 10:	V BBB @ DEVILS LAKE V BW @ CENTRAL CASS JV/V GBB @ SURREY
JANUARY 13:	JH/JV/V BBB @ MCVILLE DAKOTA PRAIRIE
JANUARY 15:	V BW DUELS VS. NORTHERN LIGHTS & THOMPSON JH/JV/V GBB @ CAVALIER
JANUARY 16:	JH/JV/V BBB VS. MIDWAY/MINTO
JANUARY 17:	V GW @ LISBON
JANUARY 19:	JH/JV/V BBB VS. DRAYTON-VALLEY EDINBURG
JANUARY 20:	JH/JV/V BBB @ CAVALIER
JANUARY 22:	V BW VS. HILLSBORO & RUGBY
JANUARY 23:	JV/V BBB @ NORTHWOOD JV/V GBB @ NORTHWOOD
JANUARY 24:	V GW @ RUGBY
JANUARY 27:	JH/JV/V GBB @ FORDVILLE
JANUARY 29:	JH/JV/V GBB @ MIDWAY/MINTO
JANUARY 30:	V BW VS. MAY-PORT & DES LACS - BURLINGTON JH/JV/V BBB @ GRIGGS COUNTY CENTRAL

POLAR BEAR OF THE MONTH



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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT STEVE SWIONTEK...



LARIMORE HOLDS A JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 15, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THE LARIMORE CITY COUNCIL AND THE LARIMORE SCHOOL BOARD HELD THEIR FIRST JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS FOUR MAIN ISSUES FACING LARIMORE NOW AND IN THE PERCEIVED FUTURE. THE JOINT MEETING WAS HELD AT 7:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS, EXCEPT FOR ONE COUNCIL MEMBER ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, AND ALL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 20 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY PRESENT TO OBSERVE THE MEETING AND ADD THEIR COMMENTS. PICTURED BELOW ARE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: MAYOR ELFMAN, MR. GARTON, MR. KNUDSON, MR. SUCHOR, MR. TUMA AND MR. VOELKER: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PICTURED ARE PRESIDENT MR. MCCOY, VICE PRESIDENT MS. ASPERHEIM, MR. GRAVDAHL, MRS. FUGLEM AND MR. KNUDSON.

THE FOUR MAIN TOPICS THAT WERE DISCUSSED AT THE JOINT MEETING WERE:

A. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY OF LARIMORE AND THE LARIMORE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT – HOW DO WE STIMULATE GROWTH FOR BOTH?

B. RESIDENTIAL HOUSING NEEDS OF LARIMORE AND WHAT STEPS NEED TO BE TAKEN TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LOTS FOR BUILDING AND READY TO LIVE IN HOMES. THIS TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH.

C. CHILDCARE NEEDS IN LARIMORE AND HOW CAN WE RESOLVE THESE? THIS TOPIC WAS BY FAR THE MOST DISCUSSED ITEM OF THE EVENING.

D. HOW DO WE PROMOTE THE CITY OF LARIMORE AND THE LARIMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT? SEVERAL IDEAS WERE GENERATED TO MARKET THE WONDERFUL ASPECTS OF CITY OF LARIMORE AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

AFTER THOSE FOUR TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD INVITED THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE COMMENTS REGARDING THOSE ITEMS. AT THE VERY END OF THE EVENING THE MAYOR AND THE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT AGREED THAT TWO MEMBERS OF EACH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BE APPOINTED TO A JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE. THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S MISSION WILL BE TO WORK TOGETHER TO PRIORITIZE GOALS BASED ON THE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION AND DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH AND IMPLEMENT THOSE GOALS.



SINCERELY,

DR. STEVE SWIONTEK, SUPERINTENDENT

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
PRINCIPAL KAL TRIPLETT



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BAND AND CHOIR STUDENTS ON A SUCCESSFUL WINTER PROGRAM!

MRS. BECK, THE FORMER ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH TEACHER HAS FILLED IN FOR THE ABSENCE OF A BAND TEACHER THIS SEMESTER AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR HER TIME AND COMMITMENT TO THE STUDENTS OF LHS. BRENDA IS HERE EVERY OTHER DAY FOR TWO CLASS PERIODS, BUT HER TIME AND ENERGY HAS BEEN MUCH MORE THAN THAT. THANK YOU!

MR. MELBY, A PARAPROFESSIONAL AT LHS, HAS FILLED IN FOR THE ABSENCE OF A CHOIR TEACHER THIS YEAR SO FAR, AND HE HAS DONE A GREAT JOB WORKING WITH OUR YOUNG AND EXPERIENCED VOCALISTS. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO AL AND HIS EFFORTS TO OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR!!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER
PRINCIPAL KYLIE SWANSON





AS WE CONTINUE PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES FOR HELP WITH OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMMING. IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO TURNS 3 OR 4 YEARS OLD PRIOR TO AUGUST 1, PLEASE CONTACT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE AT 701-343-2249. WE CURRENTLY OFFER A FULL-DAY PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WHO TURN 4 BEFORE AUGUST 1. WE ARE ALSO WORKING TO GATHER INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF 3-YEAR-OLDS IN OUR AREA TO BETTER PLAN FOR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES. YOUR CALL HELPS US ENSURE WE ARE MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS.





WE ARE ALSO PROUD TO SHARE THE MANY WONDERFUL EVENTS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL. OUR 3RD GRADE STUDENTS RECENTLY PERFORMED "A CHRISTMAS COOKIE, THE MUSICAL," SUPPORTED BY OUR 1ST AND 2ND GRADE CHOIR STUDENTS. THIS JOYFUL PERFORMANCE BROUGHT SMILES TO MANY AND SHOWCASED THE HARD WORK AND TALENTS OF OUR STUDENTS. A SPECIAL THANK YOU AND JOB WELL DONE TO MISS COURTNEY PORTER FOR DIRECTING SUCH A MEMORABLE PROGRAM.



IN ADDITION, OUR 5TH AND 6TH GRADE STUDENTS HELD A THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE INSPIRED BY THE BOOK BALLOONS OVER BROADWAY BY MELISSA SWEET. STUDENTS DESIGNED AND CREATED THEIR OWN BALLOON PROJECTS AND PROUDLY PARADED THEM THROUGH THE SCHOOL FOR ALL TO ENJOY. IT WAS A CREATIVE, ENGAGING EXPERIENCE THAT HIGHLIGHTED STUDENT LEARNING, TEAMWORK, AND SCHOOL PRIDE.
THANK YOU TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FAMILIES FOR MAKING OUR SCHOOL SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE. WE WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON!

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER STUDENTS



PIPER IS VERY MATURE FOR A HER CLASS. SHE COMES TO CLASS READY TO WORK EACH DAY AND USES HER TIME WELL. SHE IS ALWAYS RESPECTFUL TO TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES ALIKE. SHE HAS THE ABILITY TO BE A STRONG LEADER IN HER CLASS, AS SHE HAS A QUITE STRENGTH ABOUT HER. CONGRATS AND CONTINUE TO KEEP UP THE FANTASTIC WORK!!
(MR. J)



GRACE PURSUES HER GOALS WITH A LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE THAT IS RARE. HER RECENT CHALLENGE HAS BEEN PLANNING FOR A STATE STUDENT COUNCIL CAMPAIGN WHICH I AM SURE SHE WILL EXCEL AT. SHE HAS BEEN PUTTING IN HARD WORK ON THE TRACK FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND HER PROGRESS SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. HER WORK IN THE CLASSROOM IS ALWAYS TOP NOTCH AS WELL. SHE HAS HIGH STANDARDS FOR HERSELF AND IT SHOWS. CONGRATULATIONS, GRACE SANDS.
(MR. HOFFMAN)



MCKENZIE HAS BEEN SOMEONE YOU CAN RELY ON TO GET HER WORK DONE EVERY SINGLE DAY. SHE WORKS REALLY HARD TO MAKE SURE SHE IS ON TOP OF THINGS AND ALWAYS DOES HER BEST. SHE TRIES TO TELL ME MOST MORNINGS AREN'T GOOD WHEN I TELL HER "GOOD MORNING"...BUT DOES IT WITH A SMILE! CONGRATS MACKINZIE...KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!
(MR. J)



THE LEGENDARY COACH JOHN WOODEN SAID: IT'S NOT WHAT YOU DO, IT'S HOW YOU DO IT. THIS YOUNG MAN HAS PROVEN THROUGH HIS WORK ETHIC THAT HE IS DEPENDABLE, THOROUGH AND TRUSTWORTHY. HE DOES NOT SHY AWAY FROM A CHALLENGE AND IS COMMITTED TO GIVING HIS BEST EFFORT IN THE CLASSROOM, ON THE COURT AND TOWARDS HIS GOALS IN LIFE. HIS VOLUNTEER HELP WITH THE 5TH AND 6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON WAS EXEMPLARY. BRADEN BACON, CONTINUE TO BE A LEADER AND KEEP DOING THINGS THE RIGHT WAY!
(MRS. HOLTER)



ZOEY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB OF TAKING OWNERSHIP IN THE CLASSROOM. WHAT SETS HER APART IS HER STRONG SENSE OF SELF AWARENESS. ZOEY UNDERSTANDS HER STRENGTHS AND AREAS FOR GROWTH. SHE DOES A GREAT JOB OF HELPING OTHERS IN NEED AND ALSO ADVOCATING FOR HERSELF. YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB OF PERSEVERING! CONGRATS ON STUDENT OF THE MONTH!
(MS. ENSIGN)



CARSON MAKES A WONDERFUL ADDITION TO ANY CLASSROOM! HE IS INTELLIGENT, HARDWORKING, AND MAKES GOOD USE OF HIS TIME. WITH HIS POSITIVE, COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE, HE GETS ALONG WELL WITH BOTH CLASSMATES AND TEACHERS. WHEN IT COMES TO CLASS DISCUSSIONS, HE OFTEN PARTICIPATES AND IS TOTALLY ENGAGED. PLUS, HE'S A DEVOTED COWBOYS FAN, AND IT'S ALWAYS FUN TO CHECK IN ABOUT THE LATEST GAME, WHETHER IT'S A TOTAL NIGHTMARE OR AN AMAZING COMEBACK. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK, CARSON! CONGRATULATIONS.
(MRS. VOIGHT)

STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER STAFF MEMBER

MR. KJEMHUS



NOVEMBER STAFF MEMBER



MS. ORMISTON

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

THE BEAR SHACK AND THE CONSUMER MATH CLASS TEAMED UP FOR THE EMMANUAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (GRAND FORKS) ANGEL TREE. CONSUMER MATH STUDENTS HAD TO BUDGET AND CALCULATE THE TAX FOR ANGEL TREE GIFTS. THEY NEEDED TO KEEP THEIR TOTAL COST AT $50.00 PER GROUP. THE STUDENTS MADE PURCHASES ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025 AT WALMART. THE MONEY THAT THE STUDENTS USED CAME FROM REVENUE FROM THE BEAR SHACK. THE BEAR SHACK IS A SMALL CONCESSION STAND WHERE STUDENTS CAN BUY SNACKS. THANKS TO STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO MADE THIS A FUN, EDUCATIONAL, AND GENEROUS ACTIVITY.

















WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A VERY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

