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A Few Things by Jay Slade, Superintendent



Hello everyone and welcome to a warm start to June,

I cannot remember such inconsistent weather for spring in my time here at Dakota Prairie. Two weeks ago, it was barely reaching 50 with wind and now it is almost 90 and sunny. You have to love North Dakota weather.

For my first topic, I would like to discuss spring activities/sports. The Nelson County Cooperative agreement now has a new state champion, a two-time state champion, and the possibility of adding two more. Congrats to Dagan and Tyler for their respective state championships in track and field. It was amazing to watch you and your teammates all season long. Good luck to Rider and Jaxon at the upcoming State Golf Tournament. Our baseball and softball teams did not have the finish they wanted at the end of the year but competed well and showed genuine promise for the upcoming years. A huge thank you to our graduating senior athletes. I speak from personal experience, your guidance and leadership of the under-classmen on and off the field or court was truly appreciated. Our elementary volleyball program boasts large numbers and continues to develop students as they move up into the junior high/high school competitions. Lastly, is our music program. It is noteworthy to say that every group/solo that we sent to state music this year received a star rating. Congrats to our musicians and Mr. Olson.

To all of the graduates I found this passage and I feel that it is very fitting as you move on to the next phase (Author Unknown):

Don't fear the path that lies ahead,
Or the changes you will face.
Walk boldly in the steps you tread,
And conquer at your own steady pace

I will sound like an English teacher here, but there are certain words that stick out in my head as I read this passage: Fear, and changes, start the passage but then we hear boldly, and conquer. So, this is my message to you face your fears of the upcoming change. But boldly conquer without fear in your own time and choosing.

I'll save the boring stuff for last. The DPHS and DPE Small Gym/work out area will be **closed starting June 15th for about 10 days. The DPE Big Gym will be closed starting July 15th and will be closed for about 14 days.** The extended closure time is due to wear and tear on the new floor.

We continue to need drivers for a variety of tasks, so if you are interested reach out to myself or Lori Dahl at the DPHS Office.

Have a great summer and as always Go Knights! Go Chargers!

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LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the school year is always madness in the library. After the books come back, they have to be shelved, things get straightened up, and then inventory can begin. Each library takes 2 days to physically inventory and hopefully all the missing pieces are reunited. As I write, the high school inventory is complete; the elementary awaits.

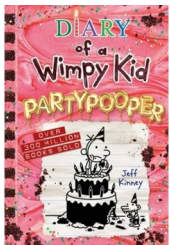

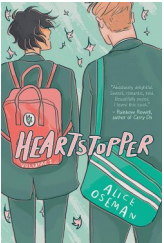
My favorite thing about this issue of the Knight Reader is sharing our library stats for the school year. A large number of nonfiction was added to the elementary collection, including some series on dog types, hunting various prey, holidays, how different fruits and veg grow, indigenous history, and, of course, more books about animals. When I looked into our top titles, I was surprised to see that Smile, which was #1 last year, remained #1 this year! One of my favorite books to read aloud, Not Enough Lollipops by Megan Maynor, was #2 in our early reader books. At the high school, I was not surprised at all to see that graphic novels dominated the top circulated items. Check it out below. Keep reading. Stay weird. SJ

New Books

Elementary Fiction	37
Elementary Graphic Novels	34
Elementary Nonfiction	136
Early Readers	38
High School Fiction	64
High School Nonfiction	27
High School Graphic Novels	21

357

Top Titles

#1 ELEMENTARY FICTION		#2	
#1 ELEM NONFICTION		#2	
#1 EARLY READERS		#2	
#1 HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION		#2	

Book Circulation

August	162
September	394
October	331
November	195
December	28
January	333
February	209
March	292
April	254
May	41

2,239

NELSON COUNTY CHARGERS



SENIORS 2026



AUBRIE JOHNSTON

HOMETOWN: Pekin
FUTURE PLANS: Attend Northern State University
FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Alex Warren, because he is hilarious with a side of great music
FAVORITE SNACKS: Bubblr & Twix

JASMINE LEE

HOMETOWN: Tolna
FUTURE PLANS: Attend UND for Elementary Education
FAVORITE MUSICIAN: I don't have a favorite
FAVORITE SNACKS: Tropical Dream'r Bubblr & Kit-Kats



BRANDI SCHOCK

HOMETOWN: McVile
FUTURE PLANS: Attend UND for Physical Therapy
FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Jon Pardi, because his music reminds me of summer and the sun
FAVORITE SNACKS: Peach Raspberry Bubblr & Watermelon Sour Patch Kids



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BRODY RAINSBERRY

HOMETOWN: Lakota
FUTURE PLANS: Attend UND for Fisheries & Wildlife Science
FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Sam Barber, I just like his music
FAVORITE SNACKS: Root Beer & Sour Gummy Worms

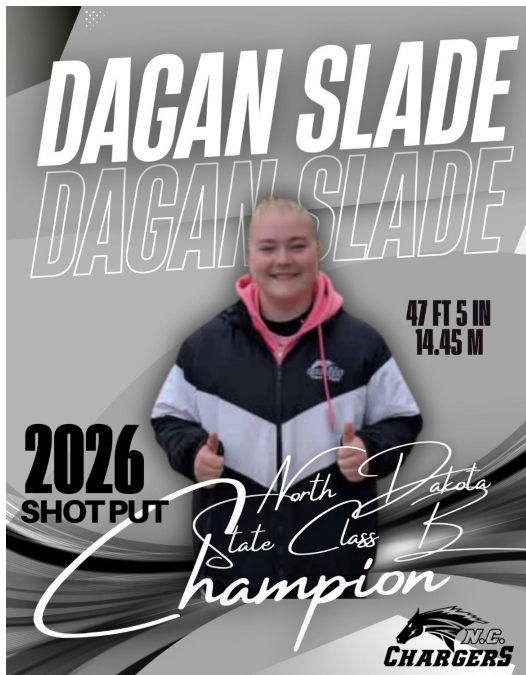
LANDON SUNDEEN

HOMETOWN: Lakota
FUTURE PLANS: Study Finance at UND
FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Cody Johnson, because he makes good music
FAVORITE SNACKS: Flash IV Body Armour & Sour Skittles



Nelson County Band and Choir Celebrates the Seniors.

Thank you for your years of participation and leadership in the band and choir.



Congratulations to State Champions, Dagan Slade and Tyler Cree-Beglau for their excellent performances at State Track and Field. Check Charger Nation on Facebook for other finalists.

Semester 2 Honor Roll

High School 'A' Honor Roll

Cree-Beglau, Tyler
 Donohue, Lily
 Flaagan, Bailey
 Flaagan, Rylee
 Johnston, Aubrie
 Lee, Jassy
 Parsley, Keegan
 Schock, Brandi
 Stephen, MaRiley
 Knutson, Ross
 Schneider, DoriAnn
 Slade, Dagan
 Speck, Abigail
 Blasey, Kenley
 Fougner, Devyn
 Peavy, Kael
 Charles, Annika
 Forde, Cheyenne
 Hendrickson, Bowen
 Henke, Kendra
 Klefstad, Kodee
 Kueber, Elliott
 Lundeby, Ella
 Magnus, Hannah
 Ohnstad, Bennett

Junior High 'A' Honor Roll

Brueckner, Amaya
 Dalzell, Royce
 Gestson, Kenzie
 Klein, Fiona
 Kueber, Owen
 Strand, Hadley
 Walter, Anwynn
 Maresh, Rae
 Monsebrotten, Kaleah
 Schock, Hunter

High School 'B' Honor Roll

Sharp, Jayla
 Klein, Donovan
 Lenz, Brendan
 Luehring, Mya
 Albrecht, Kami
 Avdem, Hailey
 Corby, Riley
 Hovdenes, Cooper
 Joramo, Jaxson
 Karpenko, Arina
 Maresh, Sy
 Sateren, Cara
 Sharp, Brianna
 Stein, Marley
 Vance, Amanda
 Anderson, Alexandra
 Betz, Sophia
 Christofferson, Hazen
 Forde, Eric
 Haman, Gavin
 Heitkamp, Finnegan
 Hoffarth, Geneveive
 Pelletier, Damien
 Rance, Noah

Junior High 'B' Honor Roll

Albrecht, Kaidence
 Beglau, Nathan
 Ciubotareanu, Damian
 Compeau, Karmella
 Corby, Graham
 Dahl, Samuel
 McKay, Teagen
 Schneider, Lilly
 Barta, Richard
 Bies, Brooke
 Blasey, Tayte
 Botner, Ly'Andre
 Dahl, Siena
 Flaagan, Trace
 Gordon, Vernon
 Henke, Keaton
 Johnston, Jocelyn
 Landeis, Brandt
 O'Connor, Jace
 Walter, Benjamin
 Watkins, Bryn

HONOR ROLL CRITERIA

Dakota Prairie Handbook 2025-2026

Honor Roll will be completed at the end of each semester and when all grades have been recorded. Students receiving an incomplete grade will not be included on the Honor Roll unless work is completed prior to the Honor Roll tabulation. To be eligible for the "A" Honor Roll, a student must have a 3.70 GPA or above, plus they cannot have any grade lower than a "B" for the semester. To be eligible for the "B" Honor Roll a student must have a 3.0 GPA or above for the semester. No student is eligible for either Honor Roll with a grade of "D" or below in any class.



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

~ UNOFFICIAL MINUTES~

DAKOTA PRAIRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

REGULAR BOARD MEETING 7:00 A.M.

MAY 14, 2026 IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM

- ◆ Mr. David Blasey—President
- ◆ Mr. Charlie Stein
- ◆ Mrs. Jennifer Rusten
- ◆ Mrs. Nikki Ohnstad
- ◆ Mrs. Anna Halvorson

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Blasey with members Nikki Ohnstad, Jennifer Rusten, Charlie Stein and Anna Halvorson. Also present were Superintendent Jay Slade, Principals Jackie Bye and Clay Johnson, Business Manager Lori Dahl. Also present Athletic Director Hunter Sand.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Confirmation of agenda: There is an addition added to approve membership in the TLC and NESC for 2026-27. Motion by Jennifer Rusten second by Charlie Stein to approve the agenda with the addition, all in favor, motion carried.

The meeting was opened for public comments. There was no public comment.

Motion by Anna Halvorson, second by Nikki Ohnstad to approve the April minutes as printed and the bills for payment. All in favor, motion carried.

Activity Director Report: Hunter Sand reported on Boys golf is going well, regional meet is coming up, baseball season has up and down but improving over the year, are #5 seed in the regional tournament. Softball, JH and JV are complete; varsity is qualified for the regional tournament. Track and field compete at a last chance meet and as of this time we have 2 state qualifiers. Music is complete; all groups received the superior star rating. There is a demo set for the paint robot on June 1st Activities Coop meeting is June 2, at 6:00 p.m. The spring activities banquet is June 7th.

Elementary Principal Report: Dr. Bye reported on events and activities, concerts, programs, color run, graduations, field trips and an intern visit. Also testing achievements, the funds for family's fundraisers and where the funds were distributed, student culture, buildings and grounds, summer projects, successes and challenges and 26-27 student enrollment. The Elementary sound system was given approval to update.

High School principal report: Mr. Johnson reported solutions for space concerns at the high school. He has a recommendation for an executive session regarding a student.

Motion by Nikki Ohnstad, second by Anna Halvorson to adjourn to executive session under NDCC 44-04-19.2 to discuss confidential student educational records protected by FERPA. All in favor, motion carried. 7:30 p.m.

Reconvene to open session at 7:38 p.m.

Motion by Jennifer Rusten second Nikki Ohnstad to withhold the second semester credits

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due to attendance and grades for the second semester for the student discussed in executive session. All in favor, motion carried.

Summer Projects: for the high school are general routine maintenance this summer. The elementary is looking at solutions for light covers, classroom power strips, finishing up the plumbing work, painting and cement work and a new flagpole.

Discussion on the NDSBA policies regarding exhibits and administrative regulations that do not need board approval. Mr. Slade wanted the board to be aware of the policies. The administration will provide the policies and forms to the board for their information.

The Transportation Committee will meet at 7:00 a.m. on May 22 to review the bus bids that are received.

Pre-approval for federal funds was requested by Mr. Slade. Motion by Jennifer Rusten, second by Anna Halvorson to approve to approve the pre-approval forms for federal funds. All in favor, motion carried.

NESC and TLC approval agreements for 26-27 school year were presented for approval. Motion by Jennifer Rusten, Nikki Ohnstad to approve the 26-27 NESC & TLC agreements. All in favor, motion carried.

Policies presented for 2nd reading FC, FG, FGDC, GBBA, GCB, GCE, HBCC, HCBB, HDD, HEAC, HEBA, IAAA, IAB, KAAD, KAAD-BR2. Motion by Jennifer Rusten second by Charlie Stein to approve the second reading of the above policies. All in favor, motion carried.

NDSBA Policy Updates for sections BEC, BGA, DBBA, DBBB, DEAA, KAAA were presented for approval. Motion Anna Halvorson second by Jennifer Rusten to approve the above policy updates. All in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports were presented for the board's review. Motion by Nikki Ohnstad, second by Jennifer Rusten, to approve the financial reports as provided. All in favor, motion carried.

Next board meeting June 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Jennifer Rusten to adjourn.

Lori Dahl, Business Manager

Dave Blasey, Chairperson

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Summer,

Greetings. As I clean off my desk and get prepared for some R&R with the family, I just wanted to update everyone on where we are at for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year (in no particular order):

1. Open House – DPHS will have open house on Monday, August 17 from 5-7 pm. I will have a Junior High Transition Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym that night.
2. PT Conferences – These are going to look a bit different next year. We are always trying to increase face-to-face contact. On these days next year (10-21 & 3-12) we are not going to have students in the buildings those days, but teachers are going to be in their respective buildings holding conferences. We encourage you to come to DPHS and see the teachers and building from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
3. Computer Usage – As a staff, we are going to work on reducing the amount of computer usage within classrooms. Obviously, we live in the 21st century and understand the importance of a 21st century digital learner, but we are going to be more intentional about the “how” and “why” of what a 1-1 school is and should be. One important note to make is that junior high students are going to be leaving their computers at school (for the most part). We simply have had too much damage to the computers and a majority of the damage resided within junior high. Some of the finer details need to be worked out yet.
4. Openings – As of writing this right now, we are in need of a Science teacher and a paraprofessional for the upcoming school year. I encourage anyone with a background in science and an interest in teaching to reach out to me. If you know of anyone who may be looking for a paraprofessional job, send them my way. It’s a very important and fulfilling job in the school.
5. Infinite Campus – As you may have heard, the entire state is switching from PowerSchool to Infinite Campus. Please be patient with us as literally everything we once knew is changing. We are attending plenty of training, but it will be a steep learning curve for everyone.
6. Well Wishes – Congratulations to the recent grads of 2026. They were a quiet, yet, determined group. Leadership doesn’t need to be flashy to be effective. Amongst the group of twelve, there is an eclectic range of interests and potential futures. A special shout-out goes out to TCB™ who saved one of his best jumps at state to represent Nelson County as a state champion. Legendary.



I hope summer finds you all well. As we have a great group leaving the building, they are going to be replaced by another group of potential leaders taking the helm. Amongst the upperclassmen, we will have 26 wide eyed 7th graders entering the building and navigating new halls and teachers. Luckily for them, they will have 8th graders who have been through the transition and a building full of caring staff and considerate upperclassmen to help them find their way. Take care.

Cheers,
Clay Johnson

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Five new members were inducted into the Honor Society during a ceremony held on Memorial Day at the Petersburg Lutheran Church sanctuary. The setting provided a meaningful and timeless atmosphere for a tradition celebrated in high schools across the country. Members of the faculty council selected students who exemplify the four pillars the club is built upon: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

New inductees included: (Left to right)

Devyn Fougner — Devyn was recognized for her individuality, self-reliance, and strong connection to her community through 4-H and farming. Her curiosity, initiative, and genuine character make her a natural fit for NHS.

Abigail Speck — Abigail is known for her calm, caring nature and quiet leadership. Her experience working with the elderly reflects the empathy, patience, and kindness she brings to both school and community.

Kenley Blasey — Kenley is an accomplished athlete who has earned respect through her grit, humility, and determination. Whether in academics, athletics, or work outside of school, she consistently gives her best effort and leads through quiet example.

DoriAnn Schneider — DoriAnn brings positivity, leadership, and energy to both the classroom and extracurricular activities. Her upbeat personality and dedication help create a welcoming school culture while inspiring others around her.

Dagan Slade — Dagan was selected for her exceptional maturity, compassion, and desire to continually grow and learn. Though highly accomplished, she remains thoughtful, composed, and grounded in fairness and understanding toward others.



GYM FLOOR RESURFACING & YEARLY MAINTENANCE:

ELEMENTARY SMALL GYM AND WEIGHTROOM WILL BE CLOSED: JUNE 15-24.

ELEMENTARY MAIN GYM WILL BE CLOSED: JULY 15-24.

Knights of the Month

February

Eighth grader, Kenzie Gestson is the daughter of Cassie and Garriet Gestson. She is active in volleyball, basketball, FCCLA, and band. Kenzie said her favorite class is Science, “because it’s easy and Mrs. Yoney is my favorite.” When asked about her role model, she said her mom. “She is hardworking and does a lot for my family.” Kenzie’s favorite TV show is *The Summer I Turned Pretty*.

Senior, Lily Donohue is the daughter of Esther and Daniel Donohue. She is active in Academic Challenge, FCCLA, NHS, Science Olympiad, Sources of Strength, Yearbook, and 4-H. Lily said her favorite class is art, “because it is the most relaxing part of my day.” When asked about her role model, she said her mom. “She chases her dreams and isn’t afraid to try new things.” Lily’s favorite book is *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. Her favorite movie is *Stepbrothers*.

March

Freshman, Levi Horn is the son of Rhona and Ed. He is not active in extracurriculars, but works hard at home. Levi said his favorite class is study hall “because it gives me time to get my work done.” When asked about his role model, Levi said his dad. “He is cool.” His favorite book to check out from the school library is the 2025 Dakota Prairie KnightLife yearbook.

Sophomore, Cooper Hovdenes is the son of Michelle and Kip Hovdenes. He is active in basketball, baseball, One-Act Play, spring play, and A/V Club. Cooper’s favorite class is world history because “it is fun learning about how history repeats itself and learning how nations rise and fall. Also Mr. Larson is a pretty chill dude.” When asked about his role model, Cooper said Bryce Crawford. “He is a great guy and I want to be like him.” His favorite book is *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton.

April

Seventh grader, Tayte Blasey is the son of Kristen and Dave Blasey. He is active in football, basketball, baseball, and track. Tayte’s favorite class is PE “because I like sports.” When asked about his role model, he said his dad. “He is a farmer and works hard.” Tayte’s favorite book is actually the Farm House Auction catalog. His favorite movie is *Cars* (2006).

Senior, MaRiley Stephen is the daughter of Ashley and Aaron Stephen. She is active in eSports, Yearbook, SOS, and FCCLA. MaRiley said her favorite class is art “because I get to paint and draw what I want.” When asked about her role model, she said her mom. “She stands up for herself.” Her favorite movie is either *Mulan* or any *Spiderman* movie.

Senior, Tyler Cree-Beglau is the son of Sheila Oye-Beglau and Jason Beglau. He is active in football, basketball, and track. Tyler said his favorite class is study hall “because I can get work done and Mr. Larson’s the goat.” When asked about his role model, Tyler said Jesus. “He lived a perfect life.” Tyler’s favorite TV show is *The Flash* (seasons 1-3).

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to New Hire: Isaac Strom

Hey all, my name is Isaac Strom and I am excited to join the Dakota Prairie team! I am currently attending UND for teaching and will be graduating this December. I have lived in Grand Forks my whole life. Another exciting thing coming this year is I will be getting married in November to the amazing lady I met in high school. In the summer, I love playing golf and spending time outside. During the cold months, I like to play board games and watch sports (Go Broncos!). Have a great summer!



Fall Ag Classes

Mr. Larson is excited to be offering Ag classes at Dakota Prairie this fall. Any students taking an agricultural education class in the fall or spring will need to have a pair of closed-toe boots (preferably steel toe), work jeans, and a jacket or sweatshirt to keep at the school for the numerous field trips and projects planned.

May Day Baskets

Mrs. Mara Berdal had her classes make May Day baskets for a fun little activity. Pictured below: students posing with and delivering them.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Students attending Close-Up in the spring of 2027 (to Washington D.C.) hosted a drive for items to deliver to Savers in Fargo.

They loaded up the haul into a bus and trailer and

went to Fargo to deliver. Thank you to all who donated and helped; it all makes a difference.

The Senior Salute took place on Wednesday, May 6th. Each of the scholarship winners were acknowledged and certificates were given. Some community members also attended to give out their scholarships. *For a complete list check pages 14-15.*



This year marked my third year helping coordinate graduation alongside Mr. Clay Johnson and Mrs. Lori Ternquist. I'd like to include some highlights of the day for those not able to join us.

Held over Memorial Day weekend, the class of 12 graduates celebrated not only academic achievement, but the quiet impact they made on our school and community. At the graduates' request, Lori T shared a special blessing before class speakers Jayla Sharp, Lily Donohue, and Brandi Schock reflected on their class experience.

A common theme throughout the speeches was the quiet strength of this class. As Jayla and Lily shared, "Maybe we weren't always the loudest or the most outspoken, but what we've learned is that quiet does not mean unaccomplished." The class also reflected on experiencing one of the biggest transitions in school history through the sports co-op change from the Dakota Prairie Knights to the Nelson County Chargers.

We were also honored to have Mr. Levi Bachmeier, North Dakota's new State Superintendent, as our keynote speaker, provide us a recorded message. One message that especially stood out was his challenge to rethink how we talk to students about the future. Instead of simply asking, "What career do you want?" he encouraged us to ask deeper questions like, "What problems do you want to solve?" and "What gives your life meaning?" His words reminded graduates that success is not just about a job title, but about purpose, impact, and serving others.

Scan this QR code for Mr. Bachmeier's address. Simply hover your phone camera over the code and then click the link it provides.

Ms. Kelsey Beckstrom



Student Accolades

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SENIORS

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RYLEE FLAAGAN #1

HOMETOWN: Tolna
FUTURE PLANS: Attend BSC for Pre-Radiology Technician
FAVORITE SOFTBALL FIELD: Our Home Field. We have lots of people who come to our games - a good support system
PREGAME RITUAL: Listening to Music and getting ready as a team
WALK-UP SONG: Withdrawals - Treaty Oak Revival

BAILEY FLAAGAN #2

HOMETOWN: Tolna
FUTURE PLANS: Attend BSC for Pre-Radiology Technician
FAVORITE SOFTBALL FIELD: McVile, because I like the crowd we bring to home games
PREGAME RITUAL: Showing up to the field, getting a nice stretch, and taking batting practice with some good music
WALK-UP SONG: Stop and Stare - Treaty Oak Revival



OLIVIA FOSSEN #9

HOMETOWN: Lakota
FUTURE PLANS: Attend UND for Elementary Education
FAVORITE SOFTBALL FIELD: Albrecht Field because it is UND's new facility with turf, heat, and air conditioning
PREGAME RITUAL: Not eating until done playing
WALK-UP SONG: ATM - Dom Toliver

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JASMINE LEE #11

HOMETOWN: Tolna
FUTURE PLANS: Attend UND for Elementary Education
FAVORITE SOFTBALL FIELD: McVile, because we have the best batting cage
PREGAME RITUAL: Drink a Bubb'r
WALK-UP SONG: Imma Be - Black Eyed Peas

BRANDI SCHOCK #12

HOMETOWN: McVile
FUTURE PLANS: Attend UND for Physical Therapy
FAVORITE SOFTBALL FIELD: McVile, because our batting cage is AMAZING
PREGAME RITUAL: Drink a Bubb'r & eat candy (it's my fuel)
WALK-UP SONG: Rock That Body - Black Eyed Peas



KELSEY JOHNSON #15

HOMETOWN: Kensal
FUTURE PLANS: Attend BSC for an Elementary Degree
FAVORITE SOFTBALL FIELD: McVile, because I like playing in front of the home crowd
PREGAME RITUAL: Take a nap on the way to the game
WALK-UP SONG: Sweet Escape - Gwen Stefani



The Chargers recently celebrated the Senior Athletes from the Spring Sports Season. Throughout their time in the program, these seniors gave their all, showed great dedication, and made many lasting memories along the way. They led by example and made a positive impact on their teammates, coaches, and the entire Chargers community. Each athlete was recognized and thanked for the hard work, leadership, and commitment they brought to Chargers Nation.

(Band and Choir featured on page 3)

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BRODY RAINSBERRY #15

HOMETOWN: Lakota
FUTURE PLANS: Attend UND for Fisheries & Wildlife
FAVORITE BASEBALL FIELD: Park River, because of the turf
PREGAME ROUTINE: Take a nap
WALK-UP SONG: At the Party - Kid Cudi

LANDON SUNDEEN #2

HOMETOWN: Lakota
FUTURE PLANS: Attend UND for Finance
FAVORITE BASEBALL FIELD: Jack Brown
PREGAME ROUTINE: Taking a nap
WALK-UP SONG: Welcome to the Show - Cody Johnson



Student Accolades

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SOPHIA BECK
 HOMETOWN: Lakota
 FUTURE PLANS: Attend LRSC for Precision Ag
 PREMEET RITUAL: Listen to Nickelback
 FAVORITE ATHLETE: Laney Chobay, because she is fun to watch and always works hard

TYLER CREE-BECLAU

HOMETOWN: McVile
 FUTURE PLANS: Study Data Science/Engineering & run track at MSUM
 PREMEET RITUAL: Stretch & listen to music
 FAVORITE ATHLETE: Lamar Jackson, because he has swag



KEEGAN PARSLEY
 HOMETOWN: McVile
 FUTURE PLANS: Attend Lynnes Welding Training in Fargo
 PREMEET RITUAL: Ice or Salt Bath the morning of a meet
 FAVORITE ATHLETE OR MUSICIAN: Sam Barber, gets the vibes right

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HENRY PARSONS
 HOMETOWN: Michigan
 FUTURE PLANS: Going into the Marines
 PREMEET RITUAL: Stretch
 FAVORITE ATHLETE OR MUSICIAN: Mor, because I like the music

BRODY RAINSBERRY

HOMETOWN: Lakota
 FUTURE PLANS: Study Fisheries & Wildlife Science at UND
 PREMEET RITUAL: Take a nap
 FAVORITE ATHLETE OR MUSICIAN: Sam Barber, because I just like his music



LANDON SUNDEEN

HOMETOWN: Lakota
 FUTURE PLANS: Study Finance at UND
 PREMEET RITUAL: Taking a nap
 FAVORITE ATHLETE OR MUSICIAN: Cody Johnson, because he makes good music



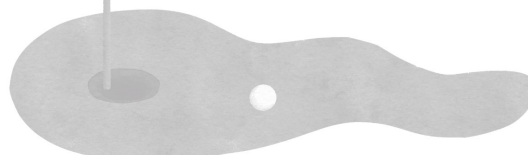
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RIDER SCHMIDT
 HOMETOWN: Lakota
 FUTURE PLANS: Attend SDSU for Landscape Architecture
 FAVORITE GOLF COURSE: King's Walk because it has no trees
 FAVORITE MEMORY: Dislocating my finger the night before the first day of the State sophomore year
 PREMEET RITUAL: Take Creatine

THOMAS ULLAND

HOMETOWN: Lakota
 FUTURE PLANS: Study Mechanical Engineering
 FAVORITE GOLF COURSE: Lakota, it's always in good condition with good greens, and it's my home course
 FAVORITE MEMORY: When I got Top 10 at the Langdon Meet
 PreMeet Ritual: Always have a Mtn Dew and some sort of hydration, like Gatorade or Powerade.





Class of 2026

TYLER LEE CREE-BEGLAU ~*	JASMINE MARIE LEE*
LILY RAE DONOHUE /*^+<	KEEGAN RICHARD PARSLEY
BAILEY MICHELLE FLAAGAN+*	HENRY ANDREW PARSONS\
RYLEE MAI FLAAGAN+	BRANDI MARIE SCHOCK /*^&
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\ RED & YELLOW: US MARINE CORPS

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DAGAN SLADE
ROSS KNUTSON

ABIGAIL SPECK
MYA LUEHRING

Future Plans & Awards

TYLER CREE-BEGLAU
MSU MOORHEAD - DATA SCIENCE
North Dakota State Scholarship \$6000/4 years

LILY DONOHUE
NDSU - ANIMAL SCIENCE, PRE-VETERINARY TRACK
NDSU Green and Gold Scholarship \$16,000/4 years
NDSU Bison Bold Scholarship \$1000
NDSU Ag Dean's Freshman Scholarship \$1000
NDSU President Jim Ozbun Entrepreneurship Scholarship \$1000
North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) \$1000
Northarvest Bean Growers Association \$2000
North Dakota State Scholarship \$6000/4 years
Reece Jorde Memorial Scholarship
Audrey Messner Memorial Scholarship
Dakota Prairie High School FFA/Ag Scholarship
Tolna Bison Teammakers Scholarship \$500
Reality Check Scholarship Sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank of ND
Linda Redmann Scholarship Trust \$3500
Aggie Foundation Scholarship \$1000
Knights Club Scholarship
Dollars for Scholars-South Chapter Scholarship
Elks Lodge 1216 Most Valuable Scholarship \$500
ND 4-H Foundation John DeKrey Jr. and Hannah DeKrey Scholarship \$1000
Nancy Sigette Memorial Healthcare Scholarship \$500
Cathy Swenson Memorial Scholarship \$1,000

BAILEY FLAAGAN
BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE - PRE- RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Qualifier, Job Service ND, Up to \$16,000
Knights Club Scholarship

RYLEE FLAAGAN

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE - PRE-RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Qualifier, Job Service ND, Up to \$16,000

EMILY HURT

LRSC- EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

AUBRIE JOHNSTON

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY - UNDECIDED
NSU Dean Residential Scholarship \$6000/4 years
NSU WolfPACT Scholarship \$5000/4 years
North Dakota State Scholarship \$6000/4 years
Reality Check Scholarship Sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank of ND
Dollars for Scholars-South Chapter Scholarship

JASMINE LEE

UND - ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
UND Merit Scholarship \$1500
Dakota Prairie Education Association Scholarship
Dollars for Scholars-South Chapter Scholarship

KEEGAN PARSLEY

LYNNES WELDING TRAINING - FARGO
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Qualifier, Job Service ND, Up to \$16,000

HENRY PARSONS

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS - ELECTRICIAN

BRANDI SCHOCK

UND - PHYSICAL THERAPY
UND Presidential Scholar \$14,000/4 years
UND Institutional Grant \$2,750
Elk's Lodge National Semi-Finalist \$4000
Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship \$1000
North Dakota Telephone Company (NDTC) \$1000
North Dakota State Scholarship \$6000/4 years
Mayflower Lodge Scholarship \$500
Reality Check Scholarship Sponsored by Farmers & Merchants Bank of ND
Merle Rainsberry Memorial Scholarship \$500
Linda Redmann Scholarship Trust \$3500
Aggie Foundation Scholarship \$2000
Knights Club Scholarship
Dollars for Scholars-South Chapter Scholarship
American Legion Auxiliary \$500
Cathy Swenson Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Melissa Gillett Memorial Scholarship

JAYLA SHARP

NDSU - VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY
Bison Merit Award \$1000
Michigan Community Scholarship \$1815

MARILEY STEPHEN

NDSU - MARKETING
NDSU Be A Bison Scholarship \$3500
NDSU Darrell Dahl Scholarship \$660
North Dakota State Scholarship \$6000/4 years
Tolna Bison Teammakers Scholarship \$250
Aggie Foundation Scholarship \$1000



~ Elementary News ~

From the Desk of Dr. Jackie Bye, Elementary Principal

As another school year comes to a close, it is hard to believe we are once again saying words like “*last day*,” “*summer break*,” and “*see you in the fall*.” The 2025-2026 school year has been filled with growth, laughter, learning, perseverance, and countless moments that reminded us what a special place Dakota Prairie Elementary is.



This year, our students focused on being **engaged in learning, empowering themselves and others, and working hard to excel in school and life**. Every day, our students and staff embraced these goals through academics, positive relationships, and meaningful experiences that helped us continue growing the *whole child*.

As the legendary basketball coach **John Wooden** once said, “*Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.*” That quote perfectly reflects the spirit of Dakota Prairie Elementary. Growth looks different for every child, and we are incredibly proud of the determination our students showed throughout the year.

Our new tradition of The Growing Tree will continue to emphasize to students the concept of the most important thing is that they each do their best and get better each day. It’s not always about being better than a “test” score or their friend, it’s about being better **than they were** the day before, or the month before.

Academically, our students continued to make strong progress in reading, math, science, and language arts. We are proud of the growth demonstrated on district assessments and the ND A+ the North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA). Our students’ hard work, combined with the dedication of our staff and support from families, help all students continue to be their best.

At Dakota Prairie Elementary, learning extends far beyond textbooks and classrooms. Students participated in field trips, concerts, enrichment activities, monthly celebrations, sports opportunities, and special schoolwide events that helped create lifelong memories. We also did have time to fit in many memory building fun traditions that bring heartfelt joy and school pride to our students, community, and families.

CONCERTS: We continue to be fortunate Ms. Stephanie Bina provides students with opportunities to perform numerous times for Veterans Day; Christmas; Valentines Day; March Follies; Preschool Spring Program; Spring Concert; Kindergarten and 6th Grade Graduation. WOW! That is a lot of musical talent on display throughout the year. And, they also take that talent on the road to the McVile Care Center and the Aneta Nursing home.

1ST ANNUAL VALENTINE LUNCH BOX SOCIAL: What fun it was to see the students decorated lunch boxes filled with a lunch to share with their family as a found a spot in the school to sit and enjoy time together in a semi-picnic setting. This was followed by a silent auction bidding on a class made auction item and the finale PK-3 Valentine Concert.

2ND ANNUAL COLOR RUN: The April weather cooperated for a fun day to our walk! A nice break to get outside and enjoy some fresh air also.

3RD ANNUAL SPRING FLING TALENT SHOW: It always amazes me how talented our students are in so many different types of activities, how they find ways to showcase their talent.

2ND ANNUAL BEST DAY EVER: And it was!! It is a day full of so, so many smiles and laughter. This also added a new event this year. The elementary student council requested a game of 6th grade vs staff. So, we play “Knight Ball” a variation of baseball. It was a BLAST! The grandstand was full of elementary fans who each received a SWAG bag for being the first 152 fans to attend the ball game

I am sure I have missed many other events big and small throughout the school year. But, just to highlight a few and show that education is found in many areas of a school day and school year. The smiles, laughter, and excitement of all of these events remind us all that learning and fun go hand in hand. They also teach students that you need to try new things.

As baseball legend Babe Ruth reminded us, *“Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.”* Summer is a wonderful time for students to continue learning, trying new things, reading, exploring, and growing. Encourage your child to stay curious, practice kindness, and enjoy every moment.

As always, none of this would be possible without our incredible Dakota Prairie Elementary staff. To our teachers, paraprofessionals, cooks, custodians, secretaries, specialists, and support staff—thank you for the care, patience, encouragement, and dedication you show our students every single day. You help make Dakota Prairie Elementary a place where children feel safe, supported, challenged, and loved.

We also want to recognize and celebrate staff transitions this year. We wish the very best to those beginning new adventures and sincerely thank them for the impact they have made on our students, staff, and school community. Once a Dakota Prairie Knight, always a Knight!

Congratulations on your retirement: Sharon Gunderson, Mona Marquart and Glenn Phillips. You will all be missed. It has been a pleasure getting to know each of you throughout my years at Dakota Prairie and I will you all the best in your “relaxing” retirement days ahead.

As parents and caregivers, you should feel proud of your children. Beyond academics, we have watched students grow socially, emotionally, and personally. They have shown kindness, perseverance, and responsibility, They greeted us with smiles, worked through challenges, encouraged friends, and made our school brighter each day.

Even though summer is a wonderful time to relax, recharge, and make family memories, I will miss the cheerful morning greetings, stories, laughter, and smiling faces in our hallways.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your child’s educational journey. Have a safe, relaxing, and joy-filled summer filled with memory-making moments. We cannot wait to welcome everyone back in the fall!

Dr. Jackie Bye



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STEAM Camp Sparks Curiosity

It's an exciting time exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math during this year's STEAM Camp. Campers participated in hands-on activities designed to encourage creativity, problem-solving, and discovery. We just wrapped up our week in McVille and can't wait to do it all again in Petersburg the first week in June!

This week one session focused on electricity and students learned how electrical circuits work and created their own paper circuits using copper tape, batteries, and LED lights. Watching their designs light up helped bring science concepts to life.

Students also explored simple machines, investigating how levers, pulleys, wheels and axles, and inclined planes make work easier in our everyday lives. They incorporated what they learned into designing a vehicle, adding features to make it safer, and then sending it down the slide to see if their ideas protected a water balloon!

A favorite activity that returns year after year is Take Apart. This hands-on experience allows students to become reverse engineers as they carefully dismantle old electronics and household items to see what is inside. From gears and motors to circuit boards and wires, students love discovering how things are made and learning how the different parts work together. Using those components, as well as other materials from the upcycling area, students then create a fantasy invention to solve a problem using incredible creativity. (and lots of tape!)

Mrs. Klefstad's personal favorite module is Recess Remix – where we spend our time learning how to play new games, making modifications to the games, and sometimes even making our own versions. We love the last day of camp when we bring back our old favorites and also incorporate a little water into our fun!



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Here are some adorable snapshots from the Preschool Concert.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION for the 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have a child who will turn **4 years of age before August 1, 2026**, and would like them to register them

for preschool for the 2026-2027 school year, and you have not registered yet, please call the Dakota Prairie Elementary office at 322-4771; or the Dakota Prairie District Office at 345-8233; or email Dr. Jackie Bye, Elementary Principal at Jackie.bye@k12.nd.us. **We need all registrations by June 30, 2026.**



Elementary Student Council Spring Fundraiser Goal Met!

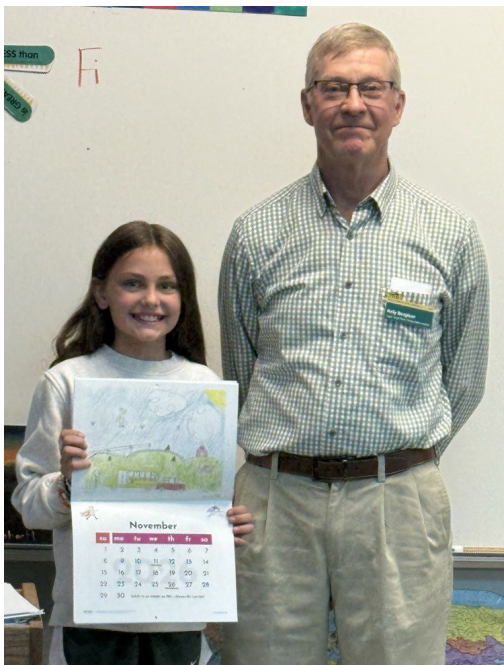
Elementary student council presented the resource room paras with \$1,029 to help support the paras' project to install a Minecraft Friend Bench in the playground in memory of Liam Douglas.

This spring the student council did pop up concession sales, Dippin Dot Day sales, and Float Fridays, to fundraise. Not only did they raise enough money for Liam's Bench project they also donated \$250 each to two other "Dakota Prairie Families" in April. Thank you very much to everyone who "shopped" with the student council and helped support the fundraising efforts.



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The fourth graders did a wild Goose Chase on the last day of school. Goosechase is an interactive digital scavenger hunt where participants find and upload photos or videos on the list to complete the challenge.

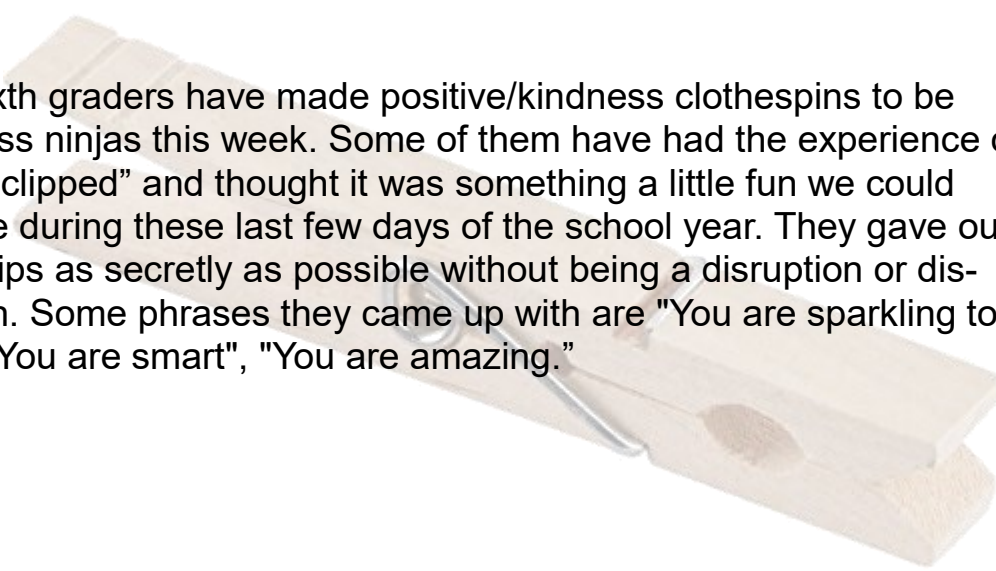


Earlier this school year, the 4th graders participated in the statewide Sign Warrior drawing contest, teaching the importance of keeping signs from being vandalized. Students were encouraged to create artwork to showcase the importance of being a Sign Warrior. Winners would have their drawing featured in the upcoming Sign Warrior Calendar.

Dakota Prairie's winner was Lydia Dahl. Congratulations!

Kelly from NDLTAP and NDSU came to present them with their awards and discuss the importance of keeping the signs safe and being a Sign Warrior.

The sixth graders have made positive/kindness clothespins to be kindness ninjas this week. Some of them have had the experience of being "clipped" and thought it was something a little fun we could provide during these last few days of the school year. They gave out their clips as secretly as possible without being a disruption or distraction. Some phrases they came up with are "You are sparkling today", "You are smart", "You are amazing."



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THE PRESIDENT'S EDUCATION AWARDS PROGRAM RECOGNIZING STUDENT EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

The President's Education Awards Program (PEAP) honors graduating elementary, middle, and high school students — including those in public, private, and Department of Defense (DoD) schools and homeschool programs — for their academic achievement and hard work.

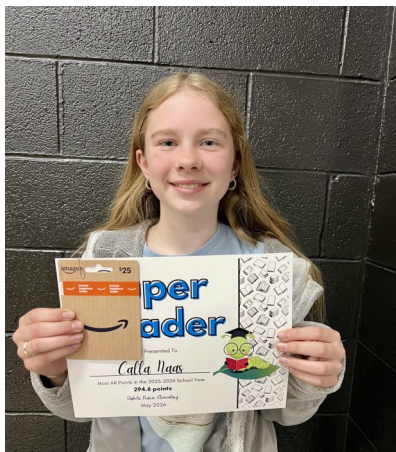
At Dakota Prairie Elementary we strive to help students grow and make a difference in their future. Through the President's Education Awards Program, which was founded in 1983 we can honor both student achievement and student effort and growth with recognition from the President of the United States, Donald Trump, and the U.S. Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon. Criteria guidelines for the awards are left up to individual schools to establish with suggestions and guidance from the US Department of Education. For the 6th Grade Class -

GOLD AWARD for Outstanding Academic Excellence

Edyn Luehring; Harper Yoney; Briana Bina; Hannah Strand;
Savannah Lee; Khloe Gestson; Calla Naas

SILVER AWARD for Academic Achievement

Nolan Lundeby; Kinleigh Klefstad; Olivia Walter; Emmitt Engen



Calla Naas received the Yearly Award for reading books and taking comprehension quizzes about them to earn AR points. In the 2025-2026 school year, she was the highest AR point earner with 296.4!

Congratulations Calla!

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AR Awards—April & May -'26**25 Points**Caiden Korb
Yehor Gushan**50 Points**TJ Brandvold
Nalah Gallant
Zackery Johnson**50 points (continued)**Karli Schock
Kaynen Jones
Barrett Ng
Brianna Bjorlie**100 Points**

Gavin Stein

100 Points (continued)Matthew Walter
Rhett Messner
Harley Rosewaren
Gemma Smith**Most AR Points this School Year**

Calla Naas - 294.6 Points

6TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL

To achieve Honor Roll Status for 6th Grade the student must maintain a **3.5 GPA or higher** throughout the school year. This year the recipients are:

Erdreik Brantner, Emmitt Engen, Khloe Gestson, Elle Halvorson, Ava Hjelmstad, Lane Huffman, Kinleigh Klefstad, Savannah Lee, Nolan Lundebly, Rhett Messner, Aubrielle Mork, Calla Naas, Hannah Strand, Olivia Walter, and Harper Yoney

PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

Students **who missed ZERO days of school this year**, which is not an easy thing to do. **AMELIA MORK; MILA WATKINS; OLIVIA WALTER & AUBRIELLE MORK**

Best Classroom Attendance

PK: Raymond Walter and Jace West

K: Atlas Arneson, Paislee Landeis, Riley Fleming,
and Weston Flom1st: Theodore Stein and Thomas Ohnstad2nd: Kaleb Landeis3rd: Sadie Hilliard, Karli Schock, and Mat-
thew Walter4th: Gracie Flom5th: Lily Walter6th: Draven Dut and Lane Huffman

**NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENT
REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027**

Parents with children who will turn **5 years old** **before August 1, 2026**, and are not currently enrolled in the Dakota Prairie Preschool program, please call the Dakota Prairie Elementary office at 322-4771; or the Dakota Prairie District Office at 345-8233; or email Dr. Jackie Bye, Elementary Principal at jackie.bye@k12.nd.us. **We need all registrations by June 30, 2026.**

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The Presidential Physical Fitness Test is designed to measure important areas of physical fitness, including strength, endurance, agility, speed, and flexibility.

The test includes five events:

- 1) One-Mile Run — Measures cardiovascular endurance
- 2) Sit-ups (Curl-ups) — Tests core strength and endurance
- 3) Push-ups or Pull-ups — Measures upper-body strength
- 4) Shuttle Run — Tests speed and agility
- 5) Sit-and-Reach — Measures flexibility

To earn the National Physical Fitness Award, students must score at or above the 50th percentile in all five events.



Waterford Upstart

The 69th Legislative Assembly has identified funds to provide early childhood learning opportunities through the Waterford Upstart program to families in communities in North Dakota on a rotating schedule that varies from year to year, based on reading proficiency rates. The Waterford program offers school readiness skills through an in-home, online program, providing equipment to qualifying families at no cost.

Dakota Prairie students are eligible to apply for the spring of 2026. **We do not qualify for the spring of 2027**, so parent-guardians of both preschool and kindergarten I would encourage you to check into this program. If there are openings available both age groups might receive access to the program. And, there is never any cost to families.

1. WHAT IS WATERFORD UPSTART?

- o Waterford Upstart is an interactive learning program that helps children in PreK-2nd grade build strong skills in reading, math, and science. With activities that adapt to your child's skill level, children learn at just the right pace, with fun songs, stories, and games that make learning exciting.
- o You'll receive our full support, including coaching, a library of resources in English and Spanish, translation services, and, if needed, a computer and internet access for eligible families.

2. HOW UPSTART WORKS

- o Your child will enjoy fun, interactive lessons that adjust to their skill level, building confidence and understanding in reading, math, and science for a strong foundation in school.
- o We recommend 15 minutes per day for the reading section, and 15 minutes for the math and science section.

3. IS THERE A COST?

- o No. Families in qualifying communities will be enrolled in the program at no cost.
- o Additionally, if needed, families who qualify will receive a computer to access Waterford Upstart.
- o There is a limited number of registrations available, so register as soon as possible.
- o Thanks to generous funders, Waterford Upstart costs nothing.
- o If needed, you may also receive a computer and WIFI, making access even easier.

4. HOW DO WE REGISTER?

- o Visit the Waterford Upstart website and use the Apply button

5. NORTH DAKOTA'S WATERFORD REPRESENTATIVE:

- o Becky Eberhardt (701) 261-8888

6. PLEASE VISIT THE WATERFORD WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

- o <https://www.waterford.org/upstart/>



Summer 2026

June 15 School Board Meeting @ 7pm

Starting June 15 — McVile Small Gym and Weight Room closed for maintenance

Starting July 15—McVile Main Gym closed for maintenance

The Petersburg gym will also close for maintenance - date TBA

PLEASE CHECK THE DAKOTA PRAIRIE HOME PAGE FOR THE MOST CURRENT ACTIVITIES SCHEDULES

<https://www.dakota-prairie.k12.nd.us>

Future Dates of Interest

2026-2027		DAKOTA PRAIRIE SCHOOL DISTRICT		2026-2027	
VISION STATEMENT					
TO PROVIDE AN INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTES ENGAGEMENT, EMPOWERMENT & EXCELLENCE					
JULY 2026		DATES TO REMEMBER		JANUARY 2027	
1 2 3 4		AUGUST		1 2	
5 6 7 8 9 10 11		14TH NESC PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
12 13 14 15 16 17 18		17TH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
18 20 21 22 23 24 25		18TH PD - TEACHER WORKDAY		17 18 19 20 21 22 23	
26 27 28 29 30 31		19TH FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL		24 25 26 27 28 29 30	
		SEPTEMBER		31	
AUGUST 2026		7TH LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL		FEBRUARY 2027	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		OCTOBER		1 2 3 4 5 6	
9 10 11 12 13 14 15		21ST P-T CONFERENCE: 8 AM to 6 PM NO SCHOOL		7 8 9 10 11 12 13	
16 17 18 19 20 21 22		22ND EDUCATOR CONFERENCE - NO SCHOOL		14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
23 24 25 26 27 28 29		23RD EDUCATOR CONFERENCE - NO SCHOOL		21 22 23 24 25 26 27	
30 31		NOVEMBER		28	
		11TH VETERAN'S DAY - NO SCHOOL			
		25TH EARLY OUT 1:30			
SEPTEMBER 2026		26TH-27TH THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL		MARCH 2027	
1 2 3 4 5		DECEMBER		1 2 3 4 5 6	
6 7 8 9 10 11 12		18TH EARLY OUT 1:30		7 8 9 10 11 12 13	
13 14 15 16 17 18 19		21ST-1ST CHRISTMAS BREAK - NO SCHOOL		14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
20 21 22 23 24 25 26		JANUARY		21 22 23 24 25 26 27	
27 28 29 30		4TH SCHOOL RESUMES		28 29 30 31	
		18TH MLK DAY - NO SCHOOL: TEACHER PD			
		FEBRUARY			
OCTOBER 2026		12TH WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL		APRIL	
1 2 3		15TH PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL		1 2 3	
4 5 6 7 8 9 10		MARCH		4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
11 12 13 14 15 16 17		5TH SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL		11 12 13 14 15 16 17	
18 19 20 21 22 23 24		12TH P-T CONFERENCE: 8 AM to 6 PM NO SCHOOL		18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
25 26 27 28 29 30 31		19TH SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL		25 26 27 28 29 30	
		25TH SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL			
NOVEMBER		26TH LEGAL HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL		MAY	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7		29TH NO SCHOOL		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
8 9 10 11 12 13 14		APRIL		9 10 11 12 13 14 15	
15 16 17 18 19 20 21		9TH NO SCHOOL - STAFF STORM MAKE UP DAY PD		16 17 18 19 20 21 22	
22 23 24 25 26 27 28		MAY		23 24 25 26 27 28 29	
29 30		26TH LAST DAY OF SCHOOL		30 31	
		27TH NO SCHOOL - STAFF STORM MAKE UP DAY PD			
		30TH GRADUATION DAY			
DECEMBER		End of Quarter 1 (Q1): October 14		JUNE	
1 2 3 4 5		End of Semester 1: December 18 (81 Days)		1 2 3 4 5	
6 7 8 9 10 11 12		End of Quarter 3 (Q3): March 24		6 7 8 9 10 11 12	
13 14 15 16 17 18 19		End of Semester 2: May 26 (93 Days)		13 14 15 16 17 18 19	
20 21 22 23 24 25 26		STUDENT CONTACT DAYS: 174		20 21 22 23 24 25 26	
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