Newsletter

Mahnomen Public School ISD #432

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Quarter 1 in the Books — Let's Keep Soaring, Thunderbirds!

It's hard to believe we've already wrapped up the first quarter of the school year! The past few months have been filled with learning, laughter, activities, accomplishments, and plenty of Thunderbird pride. As we look back on Quarter 1, we want to celebrate the hard work of our students and staff and thank our families for their continued support. Every school day brings new opportunities to learn, grow, build friendships, and create memories.

While the first quarter may be behind us, there is still so much to look forward to! We are excited to see what the rest of the school year brings and all the wonderful things our students will accomplish along the way.

Inside this newsletter, you'll find highlights from the first quarter, updates from around the district, and a look at what's happening in our classrooms.

Thank you for being part of our Thunderbird community. Here's to a great start and an even better rest of the school year!

Let's keep soaring, Thunderbirds!

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High School Updates

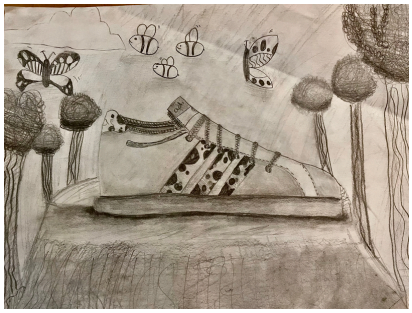
In the second quarter, seventh graders are going to be learning about developing their own plot diagrams by writing a short story, illustrating it, and learning the publishing process. They will be offering the publication for sale come third quarter. ~Ms. Bingham

Colten Warnsholz was the KRJM Good Student Award Winner featured on October 17th. Awesome job, Colten!

7th graders observational show drawings. They are almost completed with the project! The goal is to study values, highlight, shadow, edges and proportions. I am so impressed and proud of how the students are putting effort into their projects and they are turning out wonderfully! ~Ms.Jazzy









Nov. 5 - End of Quarter 1
Nov. 6 - No School Teacher Work Day
Nov. 23 - School Board Meeting
Nov. 26 - 27 - No School: Fall Break

Boozhoo, Mahnomen Elementary Families
First Quarter Newsletter









Korbel's 6th graders gathered up their books and headed down to Mrs. Jaster's Preschoolers to read.

What a wonderful start to the school year! As we wrap up the first quarter, I am proud of the learning, growth, and positive energy happening throughout Mahnomen Elementary. Our hallways and classrooms are filled with students building relationships, developing new skills, taking on challenges, and discovering what they are capable of accomplishing. As Principal, I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside our dedicated staff, supportive families, and amazing students.

Strong Foundations in Reading, Math, and Social-Emotional Skills

During the first quarter, students in kindergarten through sixth grade completed fall FASTBridge reading and math assessments, helping teachers identify strengths and plan instruction to meet student needs. Title I and ADSIS intervention groups are underway to provide targeted academic support. Students also completed Second Step lessons on growth mindset and goal setting and will begin the Bullying Prevention unit after MEA break, focusing on respectful relationships and positive decision-making. Our goal is to support students' growth academically, socially, and emotionally.

Celebrating T-Bird Pride!

T-Bird Pride is more than a motto. It is how we want our students to learn, interact, and contribute to our school community every day.

- **Proud:** Take pride in yourself, your learning, and your school.
- **Respectful:** Treat others with kindness and respect.
- **Involved:** Participate, contribute, and be part of the team.
- **Determined:** Keep trying when learning gets challenging.
- **Educated:** Be ready to learn, grow, and apply new knowledge.

Our T-Bird Pride celebrations have included Pride Point drawings, PBIS Bingo, Student of the Month recognition, and celebrations of students meeting their Accelerated Reader goals

Attendance Matters: Be Here to Learn!

Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in student success. Every school day provides opportunities to learn new skills, practice with classmates, build relationships, and participate in activities that cannot always be recreated at home.

We kicked off our attendance incentives with a special pop-up reward: freezies for our elementary students! We want to continue making school a place students are excited to attend.

Remember: If you miss school, you miss out!

Thank you for helping your child arrive at school on time and ready to learn. Our school day runs from 8:30-3:15. Please respect this time of learning and growing; every minute counts! If your family is experiencing challenges that make attendance difficult, please reach out so we can work together to identify support.

Let's continue to make Mahnomen Elementary a place where every student feels safe, valued, challenged, and proud to be a Thunderbird!

Power of Positive Communication

Communication is one of the most important tools we have when it comes to helping our students succeed. At Mahnomen Public School, we believe that strong relationships between home and school make a difference in every child's education. We encourage parents and guardians to reach out to teachers and school staff with questions, concerns, celebrations, or simply to check in. Communication doesn't have to happen only when something is wrong!

Just as important are the conversations happening at home. Taking a few minutes each day to ask your child about school can make a lasting impact. Instead of asking, "How was school today?" try asking, "What made you smile today?" or "What was something new you learned?" These small conversations show students that their experiences matter and that the adults in their lives are invested in their success.

When families and schools communicate, we build a stronger support system for every student. Together, we can make a difference, one conversation at a time.

Attendance Matters

Mrs. Fjeld's class celebrated 10 days of perfect attendance for the whole class on October 9th. They had a pajama party, played Jeopardy and still got in a big unit test in math.

We also had an elementary-wide Freeze Pop Friday on October 9th. Students who were in school at the end of the day on Friday got Freeze Pops because we all know if you miss school, you miss out.

If a student misses just one day a week each month, they are missing a total of 36 days. That equals 20% of the entire school year. Now if they miss two days a week each week, that's 40% of the entire school year missed.

According to education data from the U.S. Department of Education, missing this much school heavily impacts reading and math proficiency, increases the risk of falling behind, and raises high school dropout risks.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program Information



The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program ensures that children and youth experiencing housing instability or homelessness have immediate access to public education, transportation, and school stability.

How we can help:

- **Support with housing changes or instability**
- **Coordinate resources and connect families**
- **Ensure every child has a stable place to learn**

If my door is open, please feel free to walk right in! Or contact me by email or phone. jgoodwin@mahnomen.k12.mn.us or 218-935-2212 ext 244.

We are here to support you and your child!







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Mahnomen High School room 207

Use door 6

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