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Thank you, retirees, for 255 years of service

The 10 retiring Meade School District staff members, pictured below, have worked in education a total of 255 years. Of those years, 194 have been with Meade School District. During their tenure here, these women have been an inspiration and mentors to many.

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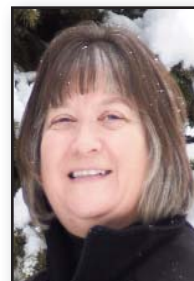
Diane Goodhope



Jolene Hanson



Lynn Heltibridle

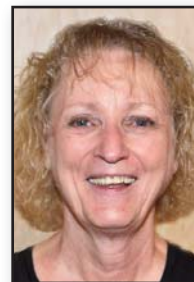


Judy Javersak



Lynn McFarland

Retirees will be honored
at a reception
to be held at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 14,
in the west gym at
Sturgis Brown High School



Betty McGough



Audrey Schroeder



Cindy Shetler



Kathleen Thomson



Paula Vukonich

Sturgis High School graduation is May 18

The graduation ceremony for Sturgis Brown High School Class of 2014 will be 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in the west gym at SBHS. There are no reserved seats, and tickets are not needed for admission to graduation.

Class motto, from French poet, journalist and novelist Anatole France, is "To accom-

plish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."

The class flower is the red rose tipped with glitter and the class color is turquoise.

Baccalaureate to be held Saturday, May 17

Baccalaureate for graduating seniors will be 7 p.m. Saturday, May 17, in the parking lot west of Lynn's Dakotamart in Sturgis. Making an appearance will be professional skateboarder and beat boxer Trevor Heyd. In case of rain or a temperature below 55 degrees, the event will be held in the gym at the Sturgis Community Center. Sponsor is the Sturgis Area Alliance of Churches.

Happenings at Sturgis Brown High School

Block schedule under review:

The 4x4 block schedule at Sturgis Brown High School has been under review and will be modified beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

Spokesman Sandy Buchholz, a math teacher at the school and member of the committee that reviewed the block schedule, explained to the school board members during last month's meeting that the committee has been examining the current schedule to make sure student learning is being

optimized and that the Common Core Standards are being met.

"We did a lot of research, talked to other schools and received a great deal of input from the staff," she said, "and we determined that a shortened class, 45 minutes in length, offered year-round for sophomore English and sophomore math is a modification that will enhance student learning."

Principal Jeff Simmons said the modification was teacher-driven. He further stated review of the block schedule is on-going.

May 21 is last day of school for high school students, only:

The Meade School Board officially changed the last day of school for Sturgis Brown High School students, only, to Wednesday, May 21, so that the high school staff can receive training during the last two days of school on the new laptops purchased as part of the One-to-One Technology Initiative at the high school. Principal Jeff Simmons has said that without training, the new Apple devices are no more than typewriters.

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End-of-year music events

Meade School District music events for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year are as follows.

Monday, May 5, 7 p.m.: Sturgis Williams Middle School choir concert, gym, Williams Administrative Building, Sturgis.

Monday, May 12, 7 p.m.: Sturgis Brown High School choir concert, west gym, SBHS.

Tuesday, May 13, 7 p.m.: Sturgis Williams Middle School band concert, Grunwald Auditorium, Sturgis

Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.: Sturgis Brown High School band concert, west gym, SBHS.

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Tickets on sale through May 5

Employees will be honored at May 14 retirement and recognition reception

A public reception will be held Wednesday, May 14, in honor of the Meade School District employees who are retiring, those who have worked 15, 20, 30 and 35 years, and those who have been selected as teacher and professional technical support staff of the year.

The buffet reception and program, sponsored by the Meade School Board, will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the west gym at Sturgis Brown High School.

Guest tickets for the event are \$5 each and must be purchased in advance at the district office or at any school administrative office. Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, May 5. Tickets will not be available at the door.

Honorees include the following, all of whom will be retiring at the end of the current school year: Diane Goodhope, teacher, Sturgis Brown High School; Jolene Hanson, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Judy Javersak, teacher, Sturgis Brown High School; Lynn McFarland, teacher, Sturgis Williams Middle School; Betty McGough, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Audrey Schroeder, administrative assistant, Sturgis Brown High School activities office; Cindy Shetler, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Kathleen Thomson, paraprofessional, Sturgis Brown High School; and Paula Vukonich, teacher, Sturgis Williams Middle School. Lynn Heltibridle, food service worker at Sturgis Williams Middle School, retired earlier in the school year.

Employees honored for 15 years of service are Marnie Colhoff, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Jone Enright, custodian, rural schools; Diane Goodhope and Kristin Wheaton, both teachers at Sturgis Brown High School; and

Anne Rochelle, teacher, Whitewood Elementary School.

Twenty-year honorees include Cathie Anderson and Kerry Skinner, teachers at Sturgis Williams Middle School; Mary Cook, Linda Johnson and Julie Witcraft, teachers at Sturgis Elementary School; Kim Cunningham, teacher, Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Steve Keszler, teacher, Sturgis Brown High School; and

Stacy Schuelke, teacher, Opal Elementary.

Staff members with 30 years of service include Connie Berg, Kelly Emme and Marj Small, all teachers at Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Phyllis Erfman, teacher, Sturgis Elementary School; and Karen Speed, head administrative assistant, Whitewood Elementary School and rural schools.

Thirty-five year employees are Deb Schnell, teacher at Sturgis Elementary, and Joyce Potter, custodian at Sturgis Brown High School.

The other honorees include the Teacher of the Year for 2014 Missy Urbaniak, teacher at the Atall School, and building level nominees for teacher of the year Andrea Christensen, Piedmont Valley Elementary School; Shari Keffeler, Sturgis Elementary School; Sage Robinson-Miller, Sturgis Brown High School; and Kerry Skinner, Sturgis Williams Middle School.

The Professional Technical Support Staff of the Year for 2014, district social worker Ginger Johnson, will be recognized as will the building level nominees for that honor: Sheila Limbo, head administrative assistant, Sturgis Williams Middle School; Dede Long, administrative assistant, Buildings and Grounds; and Joan Wilson, paraprofessional, Piedmont Valley Elementary School.

If You Go

What: Staff Retirement and Recognition Reception
When: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 14
Where: West gym, SBHS
Cost: \$5 for guests

Election is June 3

Four running for three board positions

Four people are running for the three Meade School Board seats up for election June 3. Vying for the three three-year terms are incumbents Dennis Chowen, Sturgis, Juanita Harrington, Piedmont, Courtney Mack, Sturgis, and newcomer Joe Urbaniak, Union Center.

For information about polling locations and absentee voting, call the school district business office at 347-2523. Deadline for voter registration is May 19.

Dennis Chowen



Chowen time and am willing to serve," said the nine-year member of the school board.

Dennis considers the school district a leader in technology throughout both the Hills area and the state. "Work still needs to be done in this area," he said. "I would like to see all classrooms, schools and students have access to the most advanced learning technologies on the mar-

ket. We must also continue to employee qualified teachers to train and guide the students."

He doesn't consider the district at the forefront in regard to teacher salaries and starting wages for new teachers. "We, the Board, must pay our teachers a higher wage and reward them for the outstanding jobs they are doing in our classrooms," he said.

He is pleased with the math and reading achievements of Meade School District students. "Our teachers can be proud of the national testing results our students have achieved," he said. But he is concerned that students in the United States are still lagging behind Asia and Europe in the areas of math and science. "Students in the U.S. are still not as globally competitive in those subjects," he said.

His biggest concern is how the board will provide classroom space and teachers for the district's increasing enrollment.

During his tenure on the school board, he has served on every committee. He is a trustee on the South Dakota Retirement System Board and served four years as a member of the Protective Trust for the Associated School Boards of South Dakota.

Dennis is a council member at Grace Lutheran Church and

board member of Action for the Betterment of the Community and Sturgis Area After School Program. He is also a life member of the National Education Association, American Legion Military Officers Association of America, and Disabled Veterans and holds the title of Master Gardener.

Dennis and his wife Roxie have three adult children and seven grandchildren. He has a master's degree in education and is a former teacher and principal in Butte and Meade Counties. He is a retired Army colonel and works part time at Kinkadee Funeral Home in Sturgis.

Juanita Harrington



Harrington make a difference for the future of the students. "I also enjoy the responsibility," she said.

The 52-year-old has been on the board for three years and is running again because she feels she can make a difference for the future of the students. "I also enjoy the responsibility," she said.

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Juanita said that being a board member isn't always easy. "Sometimes you have to vote on things that do not make you popular," she said. When she was first elected it was her goal to always have the students' best interest in mind, and that hasn't changed.

"I work very hard at making students my first priority and I take the responsibility of being a school board member very seriously. I got here because people trusted in me and voted me into office. I hope I continue to uphold their trust," she said.

She is proud that the district's focus is the student. "The staff is very supportive of the students in every way," she said, "and as a board we are always trying to improve our district for the benefit of the students. I am proud of how hard our students work and the commitment of our staff. Our schools have that small town welcoming feeling and are very community oriented. Our staff works very hard to make every student successful."

As a member of the school board, she has served on the Negotiating Committee and Building Committee. She is the board's representative on the Black Hills Special Services Cooperative Board of Directors. Juanita has attended the state conferences of the Associated School Boards of South Dakota and just recently returned from the national conference.

Working with and advocating for children and adults with different abilities is one of her passions. She is active with South Dakota Advocacy, sitting on the Protection and Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities Council and the South Dakota Governing Board for South Dakota Advocacy. She is also a board member of Roots to Wings Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Support Group. She is a member of the South Dakota Association of Office Educational Professionals.

Juanita and her husband LeRoy have six children and five grandchildren. Two children are still in school at Sturgis Brown High School: Dalton is a sophomore and McKenzie is a freshman. Juanita is an alumna of SBHS and is employed as the warehouse manager for Douglas School District.

Courtney Mack



Mack

The 39-year-old has been on the school board for three years and is running for re-election because she enjoys serving the community.

"I'd like to continue serving in this

capacity because there are a few more items I'd like to see through," she said.

Two of the school board decisions of which she is most proud are the one-to-one laptop initiative at the high school and the adoption of the Investigations Math Series throughout the district.

"Even though I believe we have great schools filled with excellent kids and wonderful teachers, I would like to see our test scores improve," she said regarding improvements that are needed.

For the past year, Courtney has served as vice president of the school board, a position elected by the board members. She has served on the Teacher and Support Staff Negotiations Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, and Employee Recognition Committee.

She is an active member of the Parent Teacher Association at Sturgis Elementary, is a volunteer leader of Tai Chi classes at Aspen Grove, and a volunteer for numerous activities and programs throughout the schools.

Courtney and her husband Dale have three children, two of whom are still students in Meade School District: Emma, an eighth-grader at Sturgis Williams Middle School, and Leah, a kindergartner at Sturgis Elementary. Courtney is a homemaker and Tai Chi practice leader.

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Joe Urbaniak



Urbaniak

The 34-year-old is making his inaugural run at public office because he wants to ensure that his sons - and all students - receive a quality education. "I feel that we owe it to our children to give them a higher-quality education than we received," he said. His goal as a school board member would be to implement positive changes that directly impact all the students in the district.

Joe feels the school district is doing a good job staying on top of technology in education, but thinks the agriculture department and ag-related classes at the high school could be improved. "Agriculture is South Dakota's number one industry and has a \$21 billion impact on the state," he said. "The SBHS ag department does a good job, but I just think we should strengthen it because of the importance of agriculture, not only to the state but to Meade County."

He is proud of Meade School District's teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff and administrators. "They have a demanding job and are the district's greatest asset," he said.

Some concerns he has about education within the state and nation include the implementation of Common Core State Standards and over testing in the classrooms.

Joe is a volunteer firefighter and EMT, and a 4-H shooting sports instructor. He helped establish the Rural Meade County Parent Teacher Organization for which he has served as president for the past three years.

He and his wife Missy have three children. Bailey is a fifth-grader at Atall and Everett will be a kindergartner next year. Cooper, who passed away five years ago after a long battle with cancer, would have been in third grade.

Joe is a graduate of Sturgis Brown High School and Western Dakota Tech with a degree in welding. He is a fifth generation rancher and also owns and operates Urbaniak's Metal Company, a small business specializing in steel signs and artwork.

Piedmont PTA-sponsored talent show is May 2-3

Piedmont students will be showcasing their talent at a talent show sponsored by the Piedmont Valley Elementary School PTA. The performances are set for Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, at Stage Stop Receptions located behind Ramada Inn off exit 48, I-90.

A dinner of soup, bread, vegetables, beverage and dessert will precede each show with serving at 6 p.m. The talent show will begin at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children or \$20 for a family. Tickets are available in the office at Piedmont Valley Elementary School.

Reception for SWMS eighth-graders is May 19

A reception to recognize and honor the Sturgis Williams Middle School eighth grade students will be 5-6 p.m. Monday, May 19, in Grunwald Auditorium.

The reception is being held in lieu of graduation, which was discontinued several years ago, and is a way to support the students

as they prepare for their high school experience. The reception will be followed by a dance for the students from 6-8 p.m.

Public invited to SBHS science fair

A science fair is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, in the west gym at Sturgis Brown High School. Featured exhibitors are the high school students enrolled this spring semester in biology or honor's biology. The exhibits are open to the public that day from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Free lunches available this summer through federal feeding program

A summer feeding program will be available beginning May 27 and ending Aug. 1 at Sturgis Elementary School, 1121 Ball Park Road. This federally funded lunch will be offered from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is free to students 18 years of age and under.

Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition. This Summer Food Service Program provides free, nutritious meals to help children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer months when they are out of school.

Meade School District is able to offer the pro-

gram because 50 percent or more of Sturgis Elementary School students qualified for free or reduced-price school meals this school year. This is the first year that the district has qualified for the feeding program.

The Food and Nutrition Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administers the program at the federal level while the South Dakota Department of Education oversees the program on the state level.

For more information about the summer feeding program, contact Meade School District Food Service Director Joe Schaffer at 347-3601.



Food for thought

The South Dakota Army National Guard 881st Troop Command, based in Sturgis, recently donated \$500 to Sturgis Brown High School to help defray the cost of breakfast provided to juniors taking the new Smarter Balanced state assessment. Presenting the check to teacher Coleen Keffeler, who accepted it on behalf of the school are, from the left, Sgt. Nathan Williamson, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Harming, Sgt. Louie Clement and Staff Sgt. Josh Guthmiller.

Because of their fairness and understanding, they have developed friendships with peers and students that will continue long after they leave Meade School District.

Diane Goodhope has been a teacher for 18 years, three years at Lead and 15 years teaching math at Sturgis Brown High School. She said she has enjoyed her time teaching and would choose the same career again. "I will miss the students and the wonderful colleague with whom I have worked," she said. Upon retiring she plans on resuming some hobbies that she hasn't had time for including reading, sewing, working on various crafts and traveling. Most importantly, Diane wants to spend time with family, especially her grandchildren.

Jolene Hanson has been a teacher for 34 years, five with Douglas School District and 29 with Meade School District at Stagebarn and Piedmont Schools where she taught fifth and sixth grades. During her tenure, she was the organizer of the science fair, coordinator of the school's Geography Bee, chairperson of the Drug Free Committee, coordinator of the Just Say No Club, adviser to the Student Council, member of the District Technology Curriculum Committee, and membership chairperson for Meade Education Association. "I have so many memorable moments every day,"

she said. "You never know what might happen which makes it so interesting. I love teaching and I love kids so this has been a wonderful career. On top of that, I was blessed to work with wonderful teachers who became some of my best friends," she said. Jolene hopes to do some traveling with her husband, spend more quality time with family and friends and spend lots of playtime with her grandchildren. "I will just take life as it comes and enjoy the moments," she said.

Lynn Heltibridle, who retired in January, began her 14-year tenure with the district as a playground aide. After two months in that position, she started working for food service. For the last eight years she has been the cafeteria site manager at Sturgis Williams Middle School.

Judy Javersak has been a teacher for 24 years, all at Sturgis Brown High School where she has taught English, debate and Shakespeare. She served as debate coach for 20 years, Japanese Club adviser for nine years and student council adviser for eight years. "I really enjoyed what I did and that is why the time went by so quickly," she said. In her retirement, Judy is ready to spend more time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

Lynn McFarland has been in education for 29 years - 12 in Rapid City, three in both Newell and Spearfish, one in Gillette and 10 in Meade School District. She

started her career as a paraprofessional at the middle school and then moved to Gillette. Her first job was as a districtwide specific learning disabilities teacher. She taught two years at the high school before moving to Sturgis Williams Middle School. "I have loved being in special education," she said. "Every year is a fond memory which is why I think so many of us stay as long as we can. The people in education, students and parents are the reason why we get up in the morning, look forward to summer and most importantly are ready to return in the fall," she said. "I could not ask for better friends than a group of people committed to our children and education." Lynn plans to travel with her husband, have an easier time planning family vacations, read and take a few classes.

Betty McGough, physical education teacher at Piedmont, has been in education for 40 years - four years in Glendive, Mont., 3 ½ years at a suburb of Houston, Texas, ½ year in Rapid City and the last 32 in Meade School District at Stagebarn and Piedmont Schools. Betty organizes the annual rally day at the school and has started a runners club and jump roping clinic. Over the years she has coached track, tumbling, gymnastics, cheerleading, drill team and basketball.

One of her best memories is

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moving into the new Piedmont Valley Elementary School. Her retirement plans include traveling with her husband, visiting her family which includes two grandchildren, and relaxing. She may also take on wedding planning.

Audrey Schroeder came to the school district after working 28 years as head teller at First Western Bank. During her first eight years with the school district she worked parttime as administrative assistant to the activities director and at Sturgis Academy. She continued in the activities office the following year, but also worked as playground aide at Sturgis Elementary. For the last three years she has worked solely in the activities office. Her tenure with Meade School District totals 11 ½ years. "I have really enjoyed my time with the athletes," she said. "It keeps me young!" Audrey has also worked as a waitress at Boulder Canyon Country Club for 30 years and has cleaned area homes and business offices for almost three decades as well. "I know I will be absolutely lost for awhile after retiring," she said, "but I plan on helping my daughters and then visiting my sons and their families."

Cindy Shetler has taught for 33 years - 17 in Meade School District, five in Bennett County, four in Shannon County, three at Elm Valley in Frederick, two in Lemmon, one in Lead Deadwood and one in Spearfish. Her tenure in the district started at the Alkali School where she taught nine students - one in each grade kindergarten through eighth. After one year at the rural school, she taught sixth grade science at Stagebarn School. Since that time, she has taught fifth and sixth grade reading, and second, third and fourth grades at Stagebarn and now Piedmont Valley Elementary. Memorable events that stand out in her mind are watching the launch of the space shuttle on television with her third grade class and having it explode after takeoff, watching the 9-11 attacks on TV with a group of sixth-graders, getting her first classroom computer, having a little boy fall off the slide and break his arm during her first ever recess duty, and being the first teacher in the classroom at the new Piedmont

Valley Elementary School. "My happy memories are just in the day-to-day occurrences in my classroom and working with my co-workers. I have been fortunate to have many students through the years who hold a very special place in my heart. I have also been blessed with wonderful co-workers who made it fun to go to work." In her retirement, she plans on relaxing, quilting, reading, golfing, and playing with her grandchildren. "I do not plan on adhering to a strict time schedule," she said matter-of-factly.

Kathi Thomson's 28 years with the district includes one year as a teacher at the Elm Springs School and 27 years as a special education paraprofessional. She also taught for one year at Vivian and was a home school teacher for eight years for a local family. The majority of her time as a paraprofessional has been as the high school resource room instructor which includes tutoring, helping with assignments and missed work. Her most memorable moments have been working one-on-one or in small groups with her students. "This has given me the opportunity to develop close, lasting relationships with so many young people," she said. "They have been such a blessing. So many of them keep in touch and come back to visit. The thank yous I receive warm my heart but also show that our time together made a difference. Who can ask for more than that?" Kathy has no specific retirement plans, but she knows that God will fill her days with purpose. "I'm excited to see what that will involve," she said. "My grandchildren will keep me busy, too."

Paula Vukonich has been a teacher for 15 years, 14 for Meade School District. She has taught first grade reading recovery, and high school language arts. Additionally, she has taught creative writing, technical writing, life skills and basic reading and writing. "The people in Meade School District with whom I have had the honor to work have been a gift," she said. "I am thankful that we have this time to share." Paula is in the process of packing for a move to Jerome, Idaho, where she will continue working with young adults in the field of education.

National Guard to make land request at May school board meeting

Representatives of the South Dakota National Guard will be present at the Tuesday, May 13, meeting of the Meade School Board to talk about the possibility of purchasing 30-50 acres of land on the east side of Sturgis Brown High School. The school board meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Room 111 at the high school with the National Guard presentation scheduled for 7 p.m.

According to Meade School District Superintendent Don Kirkegaard, the land is directly east of where the Guard is currently housed at the high school.

"We have had an exciting visit with them," said the superintendent, "and there is a possibility, in the long term, of a new readiness center and other types of things

for this land that would be beneficial for the Guard and for our community."

"The National Guard has no immediate plans for any construction," he said, "but we want to facilitate things so they have the potential to expand down the road. In order for the Guard to secure funds, they would have to go to the South Dakota Legislature next year and so they want to get the wheels rolling sooner rather than later."

Kirkegaard added, "I can't speak for the school board, but I would think we would look at doing everything we can to enhance the Guard's presence and guarantee their future in our community. They have been an excellent neighbor and partner

with us in the past." [The school board and National Guard discussed joint projects as early as December 1971 during preliminary meetings about the construction of a high school classroom facility and armory at the vocational/east campus site.]

The public is encouraged to attend this meeting to hear the presentation. The superintendent extended a special invitation to area landowners so they know what the school board is considering.

Since this topic is a discussion item, the board will not take action at this meeting.

The meeting agenda and background information can be accessed starting May 7 on the Meade School District website www.meade.k12.sd.us.

Students

In the Spotlight

Qualified: Sturgis Brown High School senior **Dan Garland** and junior **Jordan Smith** have qualified for the National Speech and Debate Tournament set for June 15-20 in Kansas City, Kansas. The two placed among the top competitors - Dan in Lincoln Douglas Debate and Jordan in Student Congress - at the District qualifying tournament held in Cheyenne Wyo.

SBHS also qualified senior **Christian Bedard** and junior **Seth Gerberding** as alternates in Student Congress.

Won: Sturgis Williams Middle School eighth-grader **Bridger Gordon** has won this year's South Dakota Geographic Bee. The 13-year-old defeated 68 other students to win the state-level Bee held recently in Aberdeen. This is the third year that Bridger has represented SWMS at the state Bee. As the

state winner, he receives a trip to the finals of the National Geographic Bee May 19-21 in Washington, D.C.

Bridger also recently took first place in the Regional History Bee held in Denver, Colo. That event included 50 middle school students from Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota. Bridger will now compete at the National History Bee June 5-8 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Meade School District calendar for 2014-15

The following is the approved Meade School District calendar for the 2014-15 school year. Please note that the calendar will probably be amended by the Meade School Board at its June board meeting. One of those changes concerns the date of the February Parent-Teacher Conferences. Any changes to this calendar will not change the first day of school - which is Monday, Aug. 25. The most up-to-date version of the school calendar can be found on the district website at www.meade.k12.sd.us/calendar/calendar.htm.

Staff Inservice	Aug. 19-21, 2014	Inservice Day (no school)	Jan. 16, 2015
First Day of School	Aug. 25, 2014	Parent-Teacher Conferences:	
Labor Day (no school)	Sept. 1, 2014	Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 9, 2015
Parent-Teacher Conferences:		High School: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 10, 2015
Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 6, 2014	Elementary Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 10, 2015
Middle School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 7, 2014	All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Feb. 12, 2015
High School: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 7, 2014	Presidents' Day (no school)	Feb. 16, 2015
All Schools: 4-7 p.m.	Oct. 9, 2014	Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 12, 2015
Inservice Day (no school)	Oct. 10, 2014	Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 13, 2015
Native Americans' Day (no school)	Oct. 13, 2014	Good Friday/Easter (no school)	April 3-6, 2015
Inservice Day (no school)	Nov. 7, 2014	Graduation	May 17, 2015
Thanksgiving Vacation (no school)	Nov. 26-28, 2014	Last Day of School	May 20, 2015
Christmas Vacation (no school)	Dec. 22-Jan. 2		

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Atall.....985-5916
16375 Atall Road, Union Center, S.D. 57787
Elm Springs.....798-2492
21309 Elm Springs Road, Wasta, S.D. 57791
Enning.....985-5364
Highway 34 Box 22, Enning, S.D. 57737
Hereford.....985-5380
15998 Cross S Road, Hereford, S.D. 57785
Opal.....748-2426
18010 Opal Road, Opal, S.D. 57765
Union Center.....985-5367
1700 Highway 34, Union Center, S.D. 57787
Office.....985-5532

Piedmont Valley Elementary School

16159 Second Street, Piedmont, S.D. 57769
Ethan Dschaak, principal.....787-5295

Sturgis Brown High School

12930 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Toll-free 1-888-568-3514
Jeff Simmons, principal.....347-2686
Don Lyon, assistant principal.....347-2686
Mike Paris, activities director.....347-4487
Academy.....347-9349

Sturgis Elementary School

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Chantal Ligtenberg, principal.....347-2386
Ann Nonnast, assistant principal.....347-2386

Sturgis Williams Middle School

Temporary office:
1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785
Toll-free 1-888-567-8274
Lon Harter, principal.....347-5232
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Whitewood Elementary School

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