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## March is Music in Our Schools Month

“Music Makes Me \_\_\_\_\_!” is the theme of Music in Our Schools Month this March.

This national observation began as a single statewide advocacy day and celebration in New York in 1973 and grew over the decades to become a month-long celebration in promoting the benefits of high quality music education programs in the schools.

The purpose of Music in Our Schools Month is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children and to remind all citizens of the positive benefits that school music brings to students of all ages.

In observance of this celebration, the following music events are being held this month. All are open to the public.

- Regional Elementary Festival Choir Concert: 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Admission is \$5 for adults and free to those 18 years of age and younger.

- Sturgis Elementary School fifth-grade choir concert: 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Grunwald Auditorium. No admission fee.

- Sturgis Brown High School choir-sponsored Scoop Revue Variety Show: 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. No admission fee, but donations will be accepted to benefit the music program and all music students.

- Piedmont Valley Elementary School spring music program: 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the school gym. Featured are the kindergarten through second grade students. The sixth-grade band will also perform at the 8 a.m. concert. There is no admission fee.

Meade School District music teachers are Connie Feekes, Sturgis Williams Middle School, Piedmont Valley Elementary School and Sturgis Elementary School; Rebecca Fischer, Piedmont Elementary; Hillary Hill, Sturgis Elementary; Marlene Kotab, Whitewood Elementary School; David Martinson, Sturgis Brown High School; Gary Nelson, SWMS and SBHS; Barton Torbert, SBHS; and Amy Wicks, rural schools.

# Area students selected for Festival Choir

Thirty-two local students are among approximately 70 singers participating in the Regional Elementary Festival Choir on Monday, March 2, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. The Festival, one of several that day throughout the state, will be attended by fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from New Underwood, Rapid Valley Elementary and Harding County in addition to Meade School District.

The students, who were recommended for the Festival Choir by their music teachers, must be able to sing an independent musical part, exhibit self-discipline and blend well with other singers.

Participating from Meade School District are Sturgis

Elementary School fourth-graders Katelyn Bush, Jackson Ford, Cale Jolley, Mya Jordan, Madeleine Lowe, Adrien Lyon, Taesha Monahan, Braden Moore, Maya Pi, Jag Weyer, and Macy Wise; and fifth-graders Chloe Bonnichsen, Hannahlisa Fleming, Lilly Forbes, Matea Gordon, Anthony Hatch, Bethanie Little, Makenna Rock, Izzy Shepardson and Marcus Ulmer.

Whitewood School participants include fourth-graders Heather Nudd and Isaiah Twomey; fifth-graders Hannah Aston, Kailyn Carlson, Rylie Smith, Cody Stalder and Kaylannah Strange Owl; and sixth-graders Ashlyn Coffield, Joel Gifford, Landan Hand, Heston Hegdahl and Zia Wallace.

Following a full day of practice, the students will present a concert at 3:30 p.m. Monday, March 2, at the Sturgis Community Center Theatre. Guest director will be Judy Fauss of Rapid City.

This is the sixth year that Sturgis has hosted the Festival, which is sponsored by the South Dakota Music Educators Association. Site coordinators are music teachers Hillary Hill from Sturgis Elementary and Marlene Kotab from Whitewood Elementary. The Sturgis Area Arts Council provides financial support so that the Meade students can participate in the Festival.

Admission to the concert is \$5 for adults. Children 18 and under are free.

## Three school board seats up for election

Three of the nine seats on the Meade School Board are up for election this year. The positions that will become vacant due to the expiration of their terms are those held by Shelli Grinager, Summerset; Chad Legner, Sturgis; and Don Williamson, Piedmont.

Any person who resides within Meade School District and is registered to vote is eligible to file a nominating petition.

The petition may be picked up at the school business office, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, or downloaded at:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/businessoffice.htm](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/businessoffice.htm)

The petition must contain the signatures of at least 20 registered voters of Meade School District.

The first day to circulate nominating petitions is Sunday, March 1. Deadline to file the nominating petitions is 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the office of the Meade School District business manager.

Instructions on circulating nominating petitions and a guide for school board candidates can also be found on the district website, as listed above.

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# Meade staff and students are spreading the word to end the word

Meade School District is one of 70 schools in South Dakota to observe the "Spread The Word To End the Word" initiative that is being held this month.

The goal of this Special Olympics-sponsored campaign is to educate the public regarding

the casual use of the hurtful and degrading word 'retarded' and to replace that derogatory term with the word 'respect.'

Today the r-word has become a common word used by society as an insult for someone or something stupid. For example, you might hear someone say, "That is so retarded" or "Don't be such a retard." When used in this way, the r-word can apply to anyone or anything, and is not specific to someone with a disability. But, even when the r-word is not said to harm someone with a disability, it is hurtful.

Because of this, the focus by Special Olympics is on people and their gifts and accomplishments, and to dispel negative attitudes and stereotypes. As language has evolved, Special Olympics has updated its official terminology to use standard, people-first language.

Even though Meade students and staff will observe the initiative all month, the official kickoff will take place Wednesday, March 4. Activities in observance of this initiative will vary from school to school but everyone, including community members, will have an opportunity to sign a pledge to stop using the word.

To make a pledge, go to: <http://www.r-word.org>.

Chrissy Peterson, special services director for Meade

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**"We need to help eliminate the use of this word."**

*-Chrissy Peterson  
Special Services Director*

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School District, said everyone needs to be made aware of the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word. "The r-word is just as cruel and offensive as any other slur. Use of the r-word perpetuates the stigma and negative stereotypes that face people with intellectual disabilities," she said. "I want to encourage everyone to think before they speak and help eliminate the use of this word," she said.

Spread the Word to End the Word was created by youth with and without intellectual disabilities who participated in the Special Olympics Global Youth Activation Summit at the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

The motivation for the campaign was driven by a united passion to promote the positive contributions people with intellectual disabilities make to communities around the world combined with a simple call to action – a pledge to stop using a word – that also symbolizes positive attitude change and a commitment to making the world a more accepting place for all people.

**That's so...**

**Weird  
Absurd  
Childish  
Dull  
Ignorant  
Uncool  
Pointless  
Irrational  
Silly  
Senseless  
Illogical  
Trivial**

**...and you choose retarded?**

**Words have power. Think about the ones you are using.**

**SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD**

Pledge to not use the r-word @ [www.r-word.org](http://www.r-word.org)

Special Olympics South Dakota

# Still time to register for kindergarten and for screenings of children birth to six

School registration for kindergarten and screenings for birth to six-year-old children will be held this March at four locations throughout Meade School District.

The kindergarten registration has been combined with the screening to save time for parents. This registration for the 2015-16 school year is open to children who will be five years of age by Sept. 1, 2015, and who plan on attending school in the fall.

Parents registering a child for kindergarten will need the child's immunization records and a certified copy of the child's birth certificate or affidavit in lieu of the birth certificate as issued by the Department of Health if the original is deemed unattainable. These documents are required by law for every child entering school in South Dakota.

The screenings are for children planning to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2015 as well as for those children up to six years of age about whom parents have concerns regarding their development.

Children attending the screening will be evaluated in the areas of vision, hearing, speech, lan-

guage, gross and fine motor skills, and cognitive skills. The evaluations performed during the screening are provided free of charge and take approximately one hour.

The locations, dates and times for the kindergarten registration and screenings for children birth to six years of age are as follows:

## Sturgis Elementary

**Monday, March 2:** 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 3:** 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

At Sturgis Elementary School, 1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis. Call Shonda Jolley in the nurses' office at 347-2610 to schedule an appointment.

## Piedmont Valley Elementary

**Thursday, March 5:** 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

**Friday, March 6:** 7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

At Piedmont Valley Elementary School, 16159 Second Street, Piedmont. Call Cara Wise in the school office at 787-5295 to schedule an appointment.

## Whitewood Elementary

**Tuesday, March 10:** 2:30-6 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 11:** 7:30-11 a.m.

At Whitewood Elementary School, 603 Garfield Street, Whitewood. Call Cheryl Delzer in the school office at 269-2264 to schedule an appointment.

## Rural Area

**Thursday, March 19:** 9 a.m.-Noon

Kindergarten registration will be held at the rural school office in Union Center while the screenings will be at the Central Meade County Community Center in Union Center.

Call Karen Speed at 985-5532 or 269-2264 to schedule an appointment.

## Science fair at Piedmont is Wednesday, March 4

The Piedmont Valley Elementary School sixth grade science will be held Wednesday, March 4, in the school library. The exhibits will be open to the public from 4-6 p.m. that day.

The top finishers from this science fairs can advance to the 60th annual High Plains Regional Science and Engineering Fair set for March 20 on the campus of South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City.



## Vision screenings offered free of charge

*The first, third and fifth grade students at Sturgis, Piedmont and Whitewood Elementary Schools are receiving vision screenings this month through the Children's Vision Screening Initiative of the Northern Plains Eye Foundation. Assisting with the screenings at all three schools are members of the Piedmont Valley Lions Club including Dick Fischer and Les Rice, who said the screening takes less than a minute to perform. Parents of students who are tested will receive a detailed report of the results.*

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# This Old School House

## **March 31, 1916, meeting of the Sturgis Board of Education:**

The question of whether the board wished the graduating class to give orations or hire a speaker for the commencement evening was presented by Superintendent Wagner. It was moved and carried that the entire class give orations regardless of the time that it would take.

## **Aug. 31, 1917, meeting:**

Superintendent Belt reported that a phonograph was needed very badly for the school and would be a great aid in teaching and that he would like to discuss the matter further at a later date. A Lantern Picture Slide Machine had been proven a great success in other schools and would be a fine thing in the Sturgis Schools.

## **Dec. 20, 1917, meeting:**

The clerk presented the fact that the salaries of the Sturgis Public Schools was below those paid by the adjacent towns and insufficient to keep the teachers satisfied. It was moved, seconded and carried that the salaries of the entire corps of teachers be raised \$5 per month for the balance of the school year.

## **March 16, 1918, meeting:**

Mr. Skutt wished to confer with the board relative to the boys of the high school receiving credits provided they went to work on farms for the balance of the school year. Superintendent Belt was called and he recommended that the boys of the school be allowed to go to work on farms for the balance of the year and to have their present credits extended to the end of the year.

## **July 19, 1918, meeting:**

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering teachers to fill the places of Mr. Evans and Professor Belt, who were both expected to enter the Army. Motion was made and carried that the teach-

ers committee confer with Miss Evans with a view of hiring her to take her brother's place as teacher. Motion was made and carried that the board hire only women as teachers till after the war.

The secretary was instructed to write to Professor Belt regarding his being called to the draft and to find out if Mrs. Belt would be willing to accept his place provided he does not return.

## **June 29, 1923, meeting:**

Moved, seconded and carried that Emil E. Grunwald be elected as commercial teacher at a salary of \$1,400 [per year].

## **March 27, 1924, meeting:**

That in the selection of teachers, preference would be given to the unmarried teachers, and that unmarried teachers must have had practical experience with state certificate preferred.

## **June 18, 1946, meeting of Boulder Park School District #14:**

It was discussed at the meeting whether or not to have a new insurance policy on the school house which would include hail, tornado and wind. It was also discussed whether or not to reopen the school for the coming year.

A motion was made and seconded to leave the school closed this school year unless some family should move into the district with school-aged children. It was agreed to leave the school levy as it was - \$1,500.

## **June 21, 1949, meeting:**

The first business before the board was to elect a chairman. A motion was made by Mr. Brandt and seconded by Mrs. Wildberger to elect Mr. Sanders as chairman for the coming year.

It was also decided to open the school for the coming year, provided the board could find a suitable teacher. It was agreed to look for a teacher and then take up the problem of hiring her at the annual July meeting.

# Monthly school board meeting is March 10; action includes MacBooks for SWMS

The monthly meeting of the Meade School Board will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the board room of the Williams Administrative Building, 1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis.

The program report, by Sturgis Elementary School physical education teacher Chris West, will be about the newly revised South Dakota standards and grade level outcomes for K-12 physical education.

Action items include a proposal for Apple MacBooks at Sturgis Williams Middle School. Discussions have been held with the middle school staff and the consensus is to use the same

devices as the high school. In explaining the preference for the Apple devices, Curriculum Director Jeff Ward cited its durability, portability, quick startup and shutdown, long battery life, ability to share documents without the use of wireless internet, and Apple's professional development for staff.

Board members will also act on a use agreement for the Central Meade County Community Center in Union Center and a memorandum of understanding with Sturgis Economic Development Corporation.

The board will discuss a proposal to alleviate overcrowding at

Piedmont Valley Elementary and Sturgis Elementary.

Other discussion items include athletic training rules, Danielson Evaluation Model, impact of legislation on the school district, strategic plan, and negotiations with Meade Education Association.

The public meeting will be preceded by an executive session at 5:30 p.m. for the purposes of personnel and employee negotiations.

The agenda, background and attachments will be posted five days prior to the meeting on the district website:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us)

# School board agrees to MOU with county; remains neutral on TIFD and road

During their February monthly meeting, Meade School Board members unanimously passed a memorandum of understanding with the Meade County commissioners which would lessen the loss of revenue to the school district from the county's proposed Tax Increment Financing District (TIFD) intended to pay for the construction of a road (Fort Meade Way) connecting Interstate 90 east of Sturgis with Highways 34 and 79.

Under the agreement, the county would give money to the school district equal to the valuation increases on existing land and structures within the TIFD as it would affect the capital outlay and pension funds. That money would be placed in a special account for capital improvements for new or existing structures within the school district.

In December, Superintendent Don Kirkegaard recommended to the school board members they not endorse the county's TIFD because of the significant financial loss in taxes (as much as \$1.6 million) to the school district. The board members endorsed that recommendation by unanimously opposing the TIFD.

By agreeing to the memorandum, the board members removed their opposition to the TIFD.

The school board did not, however, endorse it or the road. Instead, they passed a resolution as follows: "Be it resolved by the School Board of Meade School District that it is not in the scope of its authority to promote or oppose projects of other governmental entities. Therefore, the School Board takes no position on the County's proposed road construction east of Sturgis and its TIFD."

# Students experience mock car crash and aftereffects

Sturgis Brown High School freshmen recently participated in a mock activity/simulation event that was held at the high school as a way to help them understand the consequences of underage drinking and impaired driving.

The activity, the third annual, was sponsored by the Youth Leadership Team at the high school and began with the freshmen attending a party, a simulated car crash and subsequent rescue, medical transport and treatment of some students and deaths of others. Depending on the scenario, some students were arrested and appeared in court while others received counseling for abusing alcohol or drugs.



**Once the severely injured student was loaded into Life Flight, the helicopter took off for the hospital.**

In order to make the simulation as realistic as possible, the following community resources and organizations donated their time: Sturgis Meade County Ambulance Service, Sturgis Fire Department, S.D. Highway Patrol, Sturgis Police Department, Meade County Sheriff's Office, Sturgis Regional Hospital and Life Flight, Kinkade Funeral Chapel, S.D. Department of Corrections, Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Services, Juvenile

Services Center, Action for the Betterment of the Community and South Dakota National Guard. Many other community members and students who belong to the National Honor Society, Drama Club and Students Against Destructive Decisions at the high school also helped with the activity.

To view photos from this event, click on the link:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/communications.htm](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/communications.htm)



## Shopko donates \$2,000

**Kathy Scherer, supervisor at Sturgis Shopko Hometown store, presents a check for \$2,000 to Sturgis Williams Middle School Principal Lon Harter. For every signature the Sturgis store received between Nov. 30-Dec. 24, the Shopko Hometown Foundation made a \$1 donation to Meade School District as part of its Help Us Give Back Initiative. Also pictured are store supervisors Kathleen Simonson, left, and Rose Heffern, right.**

Observance is March 2-6

# Public invited to eat breakfast at school during School Breakfast Week

"Make the Grade with School Breakfast" is the theme of this year's National School Breakfast Week set for March 2-6.

The purpose of the weeklong observation is to highlight how eating a healthy, balanced breakfast at school helps students shine bright, and to spread the word that school breakfast is convenient and a time-saver for parents. It is also all about the learning connection between healthy breakfast and good grades, attendance, and less visits to the nurse's office.

**FACT:** Students who eat breakfast have better attention and memory. Research indicates the quality of foods children eat impacts cognition - with poor nutrition linked with absenteeism, hunger symptoms and psychosocial problems.

**FACT:** Students who eat school breakfast attend, on average, 1.5 more days of school per year and score 17.5 percent higher on standardized math tests.

In keeping with the theme, Meade Food Service personnel are planning activities to educate the students about nutrition. "We hope to get as many students as possible involved in these activities so that we can encourage them to eat breakfast every morning," said Food Service Director Joe Schaffer.

School breakfast is proven to be good for children's bodies and minds. Research shows that children who eat breakfast score higher on tests, have fewer health issues and behave better. Healthy school breakfasts can be a lifesaver for busy parents too. "It's a race for any family to get their kids ready, fed and out the door in time for school," said Schaffer. "Knowing that the children can eat a healthy breakfast after they get to school can be a huge relief for parents."

Meade Food Service offers at least three choices daily for breakfast, ranging from cold

cereal to oatmeal to one hot entree. According to Schaffer, families who qualify for free or reduced lunch also qualify for free or reduced breakfast.

A reduced price breakfast in Meade School District costs only 30 cents.

Last year a total of 59,483 breakfasts were served throughout Meade School District. Of that number, 11,109 were full-price meals, 8,751 were reduced-priced meals and 39,623 were free meals.

Parents, family members and patrons of the district are invited to breakfast during National School Breakfast Week. To attend breakfast at a school or for further information, call Meade District Food Service at 347-3601.

## Events and meeting dates for PTA, PTO and other booster groups

- March 3:** Rural PTO meeting, 6:30 p.m., Opal School
- March 9:** Piedmont Valley Elementary PTA meeting, 6 p.m., school library
- March 9-11:** Sturgis Elementary PTA selling St. Patrick's Day pencils and necklaces, 2 p.m., at the school
- March 11:** Quarterback Club meeting, 7 p.m., Loud American, Sturgis
- March 17:** Whitewood PTO-sponsored Potato Feed, 5:30-7 p.m., Hale Hall
- March 23:** Whitewood Elementary PTO meeting, 4:30 p.m, school library
- March 23:** Scooper Booster Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., Phil Town, Sturgis
- March 27-28:** Piedmont PTA-sponsored talent show, 6 p.m., new gym, at the school

# Piedmont Valley Elementary students to showcase their talents

It's going to be a Hollywood-type affair, complete with a red carpet and paparazzi taking photographs when Piedmont Valley Elementary School students take to the stage to showcase their talent.

The annual talent show, sponsored by the Piedmont Valley Elementary PTA, will be held Friday and Saturday, March 27 and 28, in the new gym at the school. A dinner of soup, bread, vegetables, a

beverage and dessert will precede each show, with service beginning at 6 p.m. The talent show will begin at 7 p.m.

Last year more than 60 students displayed their talents, which ranged from magic to gymnastics and everything in between. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children or \$20 for a family. Tickets are available in the office at Piedmont Valley Elementary School.

## Students learn the importance of character

Character education isn't the frosting on the cake - it is the cake!

According to many experts, if a student has character, there will be academic improvement and less conflict and bullying. Character education isn't an elective that a school adds to its curriculum; rather it is something that is integral to everything that is said and done.

Ten years ago Meade School District adopted character traits for each month so teachers could address those traits in an organized manner as ideals to be pursued.

Those monthly traits are:

- January-Respect; February-Courtesy; March-Cooperation;
- April-Honesty; May-Integrity;
- June-Work Ethic;
- July-Dependability;
- August-Self-discipline;
- September-Sportsmanship;
- October-Responsibility;
- November-Citizenship;
- December-Compassion.

As a way of teaching these traits, the staff at Piedmont Valley Elementary School hold a monthly assembly, a portion of which is devoted to the month's character trait.

Students and staff take turns

explaining the various traits. One month the program will be a skit, another month a PowerPoint presentation, and sometimes special speakers are brought in to discuss the character trait.



*1st Lt. Ellie Miller, a member of the South Dakota National Guard 155th Engineer Company, spoke about the character trait of cooperation during the monthly assembly at Piedmont Valley Elementary School.*

*Deadline is March 10*

## Nominations still being accepted for Teacher/ Professional Technical Support Staff of the Year

Nominations for Teacher of the Year and Professional Technical and Support Staff of the Year for 2015 are being accepted until March 10.

The nomination forms are available at the district office and at all school administrative offices and on the district website:

[www.meade.k12.sd.us](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us)

Nominations are welcome from parents, community members and staff members. The official nomination form must be used and must be accompanied by a minimum of three letters of recommendation from persons other than the nominator.

The selection process that was used last year will be used again this year. That process allows each administrative site to submit one name from among the nominations for each of the districtwide awards.

All nominations must be received by Tuesday, March 10, by the principal/supervisor of the

person being nominated. If unsure of the name of the principal/supervisor, call the communications office at 347-2523 x3.

Once the nominees from each administrative site have been finalized, a committee consisting of administrators and school board members will select one Teacher of the Year and one Professional Technical/Support Staff of the Year.

These two winners and the nominees from each administrative site will be honored at the year-end Recognition and Retirement Reception.

All nominees for Teacher of the Year should be exceptionally skilled and dedicated, should be poised and articulate, and should have the respect and admiration of students, parents and co-workers. The nominees should play active and useful roles in their communities and schools, often distinguishing themselves as leaders.

The most important qualification to consider when nominating a teacher is his or her ability to inspire learning in students of all abilities and backgrounds.

The purpose of the Professional Technical and Support Staff of the Year award is to recognize outstanding staff members who are not teachers.

This award is based on a variety of criteria including motivation on the job, performance, cooperation with others, knowledge of the job, and contributions to the betterment of the school and district.

Nominees for Professional Technical Support Staff of the Year should also exemplify a genuine commitment to professionalism and exhibit excellence in his or her work.

Nominees for both awards must be planning to return to Meade School District for the 2015-16 school year.

## Nominations sought for 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame

Nominations for the next class of inductees into the Sturgis Brown High School Athletic Hall of Fame are being accepted until April 30. The categories of nominees are athlete; coach, adviser or administrator; and community member or contributor. Athletes become eligible for consideration on the fifth anniversary of their graduation from SBHS. Those nominated as a coach, adviser or administrator must be retired or no longer employed with Meade School District for a minimum of three years. There is no time restriction for community members or contributors. The nominations of those not selected this year will be kept active for the next five years. The nomination form and criteria are available at the SBHS activity director's office and main office and on the school district website [www.meade.k12.sd.us](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us).

# Scoopers fifth at State A Wrestling Tourney

Behind the second place win of Tanner Brengle at 132 pounds, Sturgis Brown High School wrestlers claimed fifth place team honors at the State A Wrestling Tournament held Feb. 27-28 in Sioux Falls.

Brengle, a junior, finished the year with a record of 34-2.

Senior Jesse Skidmore, wrestling at 138 pounds, and junior Payson Dirk, at 195 pounds, both placed third. Fourth place honors went to senior John Wilson, at 285 pounds, and fresh-

man Bailey Brengle, at 120 pounds. Taking sixth in the 145-pound weight class was sophomore Winston Brown. Eighth place was won by junior Jake Vinson, 182 pounds.

Also qualifying for state were eighth-grader Jacob Wood, at 106 pounds, freshman Jacob Sailer, at 152 pounds, senior Nate Werdel, at 160 pounds, and freshman Joel Carpenter, at 220 pounds.

Head coach is Steve Keszler and assistant coaches are Dave Olson and Jason Schlichtemeier.

Pierre took first place followed by Aberdeen Central, Sioux Falls Roosevelt and Rapid City Central.

Sixth place went to Spearfish followed by Vermillion, West Central, Brandon Valley, Rapid City Stevens, Huron, Brookings, Sioux Falls Washington, Watertown, Mitchell, Harrisburg, Madison, Douglas/Rapid City Christian, Sioux Falls Lincoln, Yankton, Milbank, Lennox, Tea, Pine Ridge, Chamberlain, Dell Rapids, Dakota Valley, Belle Fourche, Sisseton and Todd County.



*The Sturgis Brown High School wrestling team finished fifth out of 30 teams at the State A Wrestling Tournament held Feb. 27-28 in Sioux Falls, during which head wrestling coach Steve Keszler, second from the right in the front row, was honored with a 25-year Coaching Award. (Photo courtesy of SDPB)*

# Bus route change requests due April 1

All requests for Meade School District bus route changes for the 2015-16 school year must be submitted to the office of the superintendent by Wednesday, April 1.

The form to be used in requesting bus route changes may be obtained by calling the school district office at 347-2523 or by accessing the following: [www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/superoffice.htm](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/offices/superoffice.htm)

Requests that are received by the April 1 deadline will be submitted to the school board at its April meeting. Those requests will then be referred to the transportation committee for review.

Action on the bus route change requests will be taken by the Meade School Board at its August meeting.

When acting on the requests, the board members will consider the total length of the route, physical condition (safety) of the roads, safety of pick-up points, age of children, number of families served and cost.

The school board may consider prior commitments and extreme hardship when changing a bus route. The board may also make exceptions if unforeseen circumstances arise.

## Meade School District calendar for 2014-15

The following is the calendar for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. Any snow days will be made up by adding additional days at the end of the school calendar. Furthermore, March 13 (Spring Break), and April 6 (Easter Monday) will be used as make-up days if more than two snow days have been used prior to March 1, or March 31. Make-up days for inclement weather will commence following the second snow day.

Inservice Day (no school)	Mar. 12, 2015	Inservice Day (no school)	April 20, 2015
Spring Break (no school)	Mar. 13, 2015	Graduation	May 17, 2015
Good Friday/Easter (no school)	April 3-6, 2015	Last Day of School	May 20, 2015

### Check out the activities calendar

The Meade School District activities calendar includes more than just sporting events. Also listed are concerts, speech tournaments, open houses and more. The calendar is continually being updated so check back often to remain current with all districtwide events:

<http://www.meade.k12.sd.us/calendar/calendar.htm>

### Check out the website and Facebook pages

Meade School Board firmly believes that communicating accurate, complete and timely information about the school district - its programs and operations, staff and students - not only enhances the district's image but also promotes support for education in the community while also strengthening its relationship and partnership with parents and community members. The district's website and Facebook page are two ways of accomplishing this. Check out Meade School District and its schools at the website and Facebook as follows: [www.meade.k12.sd.us](http://www.meade.k12.sd.us) and <https://www.facebook.com/MeadeSchoolDistrict>.

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## Schools

### Rural Schools

Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264  
**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

1425 Cedar Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Toll-free 1-888-567-8274  
Lon Harter, principal.....347-5232  
Ann Nonnast, assistant principal.....347-5232

### Whitewood Elementary School

603 Garfield, Whitewood, S.D. 57793  
Bev Rosenboom, principal.....269-2264

## Superintendent

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Don Kirkegaard.....347-2523 x2  
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

## Business Manager

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Brett Burditt.....347-2523 x1  
Toll-free 1-877-522-6251

## Buildings and Grounds

12940 E. Highway 34, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Cody King, maintenance foreman.....347-2649

## Communications Office

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Kristine Hubbard.....347-2523 x3

## Curriculum and Technology

1610 Fulton Street, Sturgis\*\*  
Jeff Ward, director.....347-4454

## Food Service

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Joe Schaffer, director.....347-3601

## Nurses' Office

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Randi Oviatt.....347-2610

## School Social Worker

1121 Ball Park Road, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Ginger Johnson.....347-2386

## Special Services

1230 Douglas Street, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Chrissy Peterson, director.....347-2523 x4  
Deb Kerstiens, assistant director.....347-2523 x4

## Harlow's School Bus Service

2237 West Sherman, Sturgis, S.D. 57785  
Andy Ellingsen, transportation manager.....347-5066

## Woodle Field

600 Woodland Dr., Sturgis\*\* .....347-2003

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