



# Piedmont Valley Elementary Stallion News

October 2018

## Upcoming Events

- 10/2-10/4: PTA Book Fair, during conferences
- 10/2/18: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m.
- 10/4/18: Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m.
- 10/5/18: Inservice, No School
- 10/8/18: Native American Day, No School
- 10/25: Family Science & Robotics Night
- 10/23/18: Student of the Month Assembly at 1:30 p.m.
- 11/09/18: Cookie Dough Delivery, pick up orders 2-6 p.m. in the old gym

Dear Parents,

Fall has certainly arrived! I want to remind you that even though it may seem warm outside the temperatures can fall quickly. Please be sure that your student is dressed appropriately for school so we can minimize illness and maximize comfort! There are a few things that I want you to be aware of as October approaches.

### **Orange Flag Days:**

When the weather is cold or if it is wet and rainy we may put our orange flags up. This means that students will be housed in the old gym before school. This doesn't necessarily mean that the kids will be inside all day, it just means that the morning weather is too cold or wet to be outside.

### **Family Science & Robotics Night:**

On Thursday, Oct. 25th we will be hosting family science & robotics night. This will be an evening of food, fellowship and learning. Dinner will start at 6:00 PM and fun activities involving science and robotics will follow.

### **Parent / Teacher Conferences & Book Fair:**

Parent / Teacher Conferences are quickly approaching. These are scheduled for Oct. 2nd and Oct. 4th. In addition we will be having our PTA Book Fair during conferences. We are excited to meet with you and to talk about your child's successes and the things they can work on. If you have any questions regarding conferences please feel to call your child's teacher or myself at 605.787.5295.

Yours in Education, Ethan

# 8 Habits of Healthy Kids<sup>®</sup>

*Healthy kids:*



*Spend at least 1 hour a day being physically active*

*Spend less than 2 hours a day watching TV and playing video and computer games*



*Eat at least a total of 5 fruits and vegetables everyday*

*Snack on healthy foods and less junk food and sweets*



*Drink or eat at least 3 low fat dairy foods a day*



*Drink at least 2 glasses or bottles of water a day instead of soda*



*Eat less fast food and make healthier fast food choices*



*Eat smaller amounts - bigger is not better*



# New Staff at PVE

## **Ms. Pickford – Music**

Hello everyone! My name is Anna Pickford and I moved to Custer, SD in second grade from Marquette, Michigan, so I consider the Black Hills my home. I graduated from South Dakota State University in May 2017 with a Bachelors in Music Education (K-12 Vocal and Instrumental). In the summers, I have worked for Black Hills Parks and Forests Association at Jewel Cave National Monument and Wind Cave National Park. This is a non-profit organization that helps support public lands. The following September after graduation, I returned to Brookings where I was the choir director for the First Presbyterian Church and taught private flute and piano lessons to elementary and middle school students. I also did some traveling and in March, I performed for a flute competition in Montana. My hobbies include anything outdoors, such as hiking, biking, swimming, or cross country skiing. I also love playing my flute, spending time with family and friends, coloring, journaling, and scrapbooking. I am so honored to be able to teach K-4 music at Piedmont Valley Elementary and I am looking forward to the rest of the school year!

## **Ms. Selfridge – Second Grade Teacher**

My name is Kayleen Selfridge. I was born and raised in Cheyenne, WY, but I am now living in Spearfish, SD. I attended Black Hills State University and just graduated this past May. This will be my first-year teaching and I couldn't be more excited! Along with teaching I love to be outside! I enjoy camping, hiking, traveling and spending time with my family. I am also a big sports fan! I grew up playing softball and basketball. I have one cat named Marley, a 1 year old silver lab named Jaycee, and a 3 year old chocolate lab named Jed.

## **Mrs. Witty - Special Education Teacher**

Hi my name is Tawny Witty. This is my 7th year teaching. My family and I recently moved to Piedmont from Buffalo, Wy. My husband Ryan and I have a son, Ryder, who is 16 months. I enjoy spending time with my family, riding horses, and roping with my family.

### **Mrs. Dennis - Special Education Paraprofessional**

My name is Jennifer Dennis and I have been a paraprofessional for 3 years. I live in Piedmont with my husband, Kirk, and my son, Kale, who is 16 and my daughter, Sawyer who is 13. We enjoy spending time watching our kids play sports and being outdoors.

### **Mrs Hildebrant - Special Education Paraprofessional**

My name is Charlotte Hildebrant. I am enjoying my second year as a paraprofessional in the special education classroom at PVE. I am from Rapid City and have been married to my best friend Mitch Hildebrant for 18 years. We do not have any children of our own, but I consider the kids at PVE my kids. My husband and I enjoy the outdoors, drives in the hills and leading short term mission trips to Africa where we lived for six years.

### **Mr. Gatzke - PE**

I graduated high school from Lead-Deadwood and then attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Last year I taught and was the head varsity boys basketball coach in Lead-Deadwood. This is my first year at Piedmont Valley Elementary after student teaching here in the past. I am a Physical Education teacher and will also be a freshman boys basketball coach and an assistant track coach. In the summer and in my free-time, I farm and ranch with my family and hang out with my wife (Mackenzi) and my dog (Izzy). I currently live in Sturgis, SD and am excited for this school year. Go STALLIONS!

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**The Character Trait for October is “Responsibility”** - Accountability, thinking before acting, do what you are supposed to do.

### **September Students of the Month: Character trait for September is “Sportsmanship”**

2nd Grade: Bode Montgomery, Parker Hamling, Tyra Williamson, Kenleigh Johnson

3rd Grade: Kylee Langstraat, Cash Litzen, Payton Barry, Grady Mason, Tucker Waddell, Hailey Scott, Riley McKeown

4th Grade: Gavan Novotny, Ryker Pederson, Jayla Romero, Linkin Huiras, Lilly Sweeney

## **Attendance Policy**

In accordance with school law, elementary and middle school students are expected to regularly attend school for the entire term.

Absences other than excused absences shall be considered truancy. Excessive absenteeism shall be defined as exceeding ten (10) days per school year for any reason. If a condition of excessive absenteeism occurs, the principal shall provide the parents/guardians with written notice of the school's concern. If absenteeism continues, legal authorities will be notified, unless it has been determined that the excessive absenteeism is for reasons beyond the control of the parent and/or student. (i.e. Illness and/or hospitalization).

Failure to attend school regularly and failure to make up required work are factors which will be considered in determining the promotion or retention of elementary and middle school students.



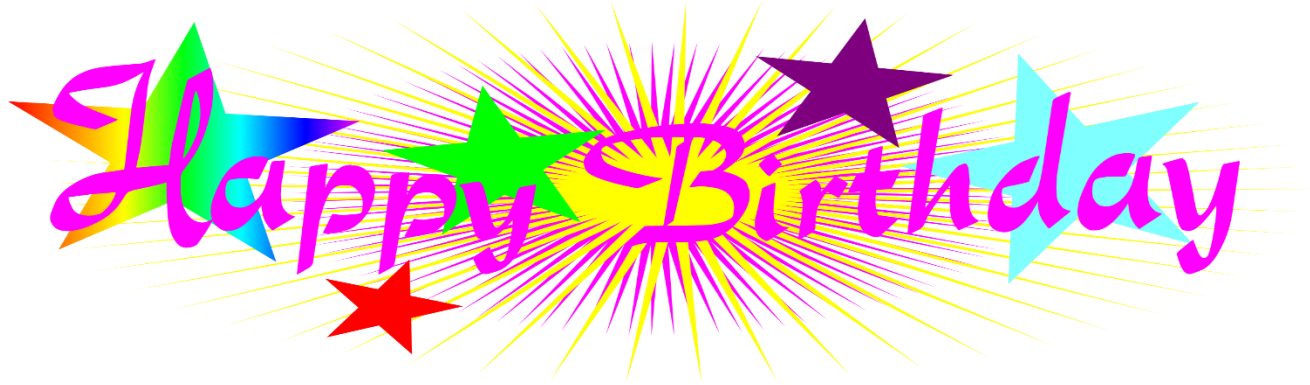
### **District Mission**

"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"

### **Our Vision:**

"Meade School District will work in conjunction with its community to provide excellent academics and

co-curricular activities that develop life-long learners and productive citizens."



## **September:**

William Adair, Teagan Blankenfeld, Jazmyn Brekke, Ronnie Bruntmyer, Aleah Cassens, Allen Cracco, Rylee Dolney, Brogan Ewing, Jace Gingras, Madysen Granum, Chase Green, Hamish Haakenson, Lucas Hamm, Ella Herron, Conner Huling, Logan Huling, Beck Johnston, Colter Jundt, Rowan Kaiser, Carter Keiper, Charlie Knutson, Dayden Drebs, Leonard Lame, Alexa Langstraat, Logan Lockhart, Finn McDonnell, Katie Miller, Brayden Moeller, Leighton Moore, Jazzell Morton, Phoebe Nissen, Kaia Pederson, Tyler Pedron, Sylvia Pieper, Lorelei Porter, Christian Rath, Gage Remington, Brooklyn Shuman, Patrick Shyne, Hadley Siemonsma, Brett Spear, Kylie Swanson, Eleanor Torno, Elisheva Torpey, Rhema Torpey, Faith Vanderpol, Joseph Veskrna, Vance Veskrna, James Welch, Tyra Williamson, Carson Wood

## **October:**

Brynlee Baker, Nora Bickett, Eva Birdsall, Seth Carter, Kaiden Christianson, Ryun Eisenbraun, Jaxon Goethals, Kylee Hamilton, Brycen Hunsaker, Elaine Jez, Raquel Johnston, Avery Jonas, Addilynn Kraft, Maddux Kraft, Cash Litzen, Jacob Paule, Emily Peck, Ryker Petersen, Paige Phillips, Katrina Rooks, Uriah Sammeli, Aiden Schone, Benjamin Schwartz, Jocelyn Scott, Jacey Sengar, Brooke Sucbeck, Emma Troxel, Elissa Vallette, Brady Waddell, Eleanor Waider, Finnan Wheaton, Adelynn Whitman

