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“To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow”

School Board Meeting

January 8, 2018

5:30 PM

What’s happening: The first semester will be coming to a close on Thursday, January 11th. Semester test will run Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. There will be three tests on the first two days and two tests the last day. We continue to have common semester tests between common classes and now will have two years of semester test data to make decisions on where we need to make adjustments. Following the tests on Thursday, the National Guard is hosting the annual “I Hate Winter Days.” The will have many activities set up in the gyms for the students.

The second semester will start on January 16th when students return from a 4-day weekend and enter some new classes and some year-long classes. Students will have the first week to make changes to their classes. A couple new things we are implementing in the new semester is the opportunity for students to re-take or recover the first semester class they failed right away and to have a study hall. Having the ability to recover a class they failed the previous semester could possibly get them back on track earlier. In a year-long class, we have an A-half (first semester) and a B-half (second semester) and to allow students to take the first half during the second semester is our new thinking. Next year, we will offer the second half of the class during the first semester for student to finish up the year-long class in consecutive semester. The difficult part about this is scheduling, we don’t know who needs to re-take the class until the semester is over. Then we will adjust the students schedule to make it work for them.

We continue to have meetings with the department heads talking about new classes for the 2018-19 school year. Planning for the electives fair continues so students will be able to pick their classes when registration begins. We have been meeting with community members about the annual Career Fair, which is scheduled for February 21.

We are well into our winter activities. Our facilities are being used extensively from early mornings (6:00 AM) to well into the evening hours (8:30 PM) - Boys / Girls Basketball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Debate, Band, One-Act, Middle School Boys/Girls Basketball, AAU Wrestling (Sturgis, Whitewood and Piedmont), MS Dance/Cheer, Indoor Soccer, Scooper Club Basketball and Junior Scoopers are just a few of the activities that are actively using, practicing and performing throughout the winter in our facilities. During the month of January, our facilities will be used every night except 5 nights (Wednesday) and all 4 Saturday’s we will be hosting outside activities – Whitewood AAU Wrestling Tournament (Grunwald), Sturgis AAU Wrestling Tournament (West/East Gym), Scooptown Basketball Tournament (West/East Gym and Grunwald) and the Scooper Club Basketball Tournament (West/East Gym, Grunwald and Williams Gym).



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Ann Nonnast, Principal
David Olson, Asst. Principal

To: Supt.
From: Ann Nonnast
Subject: January Board Report
Date: January 4, 2018

The Challenge Day was held on Thursday, Jan 4th. Challenge Day is a program in which youth and adult participants are guided through a series of experimental learning processes. The overall goals of the program are to increase personal power and self-esteem, to shift dangerous peer pressure to positive peer support, and to eliminate the acceptability of teasing, violence and all forms of oppression. Challenge Day programs are designed to unite the members of the school and/or community and to empower them to carry the themes of the program back to the greater school population.

SWMS will be a recipient of a grant from the Sturgis Rally Charities foundation. This grant will be used to bring the Challenge Day event to SWMS again this year. The presentation will address setting goals and taking positive steps to achieve them.

Noetic Learning Math Contest is a national semi-annual problem-solving contest for students in grades 2-8. There are approximately 4,000 sixth graders in the US who competed this fall. Our students at Meade SD did very well and earned a team achievement award, meaning the team scored in the top 10% of all the teams! Grade 6 team included Piedmont Valley and SWMS 6th graders. Team winners were: Marty Jones and Jordyn Richter. National Honor Roll (top 10%): Marty Jones, Jordyn Richter, Max Evens, & Audrey Kaufman. National Honorable Mention (top 50%): Marah Ellis, Abby Johnson, Eva Liebert and Paige McNabb. Congratulations to all of the students who participated.

The Middle School Student Council was busy during the month of December. They headed up a fund raiser through the sale of chain links for the Giving Chain. The advisors Mrs. Jutting and Mrs. Cammack, took the student council members on a shopping trip to select and purchase gifts for students in need of assistance during the holidays.

The Middle School students participated in a Geography Bee Contest. The first written examine was given in December. The top ten finalists are Adam Wood, Beck Bruch, Marty Jones, Zach Ziegenbein, Owen Cass, Braelyn Juve, Waylon Jones, Sawyer Holzer, Chris Shuman and Chloe Hudson. These finalists will compete in an oral contest on January 17th. The school champion will take an online test the following week. The top 100 scores on that test will then be eligible to compete in the State Bee on March 31st. The National Geography Society will provide an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the state winners in May.

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Re: January 2018 Board Report

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December News: 4th and 5th grade choir students went caroling at the retirement communities in Sturgis.

Dreambox Challenge: Classes will compete to get the highest percentage of growth during the month of January. Winning classes will receive a pizza party.

Upcoming Events:

4th Grade Geography Bee: January 24 at 9:00 a.m.; Sturgis Elementary Cafeteria

5th Grade Geography Bee: January 24 at 1:30 p.m.: Williams Gym

Dallas Chief Eagle, Artist in Residency Program, will be here January 16-19 to work with fourth grade students. The culminating activity will be an assembly put on for all students.

Spelling Bee Finalists: Regional Spelling Bee, TBD

5th grade: Brodie Gill, Scarlett Lowe

4th grade: Leah Mack, Madisyn Richter, Riley Carlson, Allyson Tish

Students of the Month: *(Students selected based on "Character Count" traits the student is exhibiting)*

KINDERGARTEN:

Noah Bergstrom
Liam Exienberger
Tuynee Donovan
Layne Johnson
Brighton Baum

FIRST GRADE:

Deacon Wilkens
Winn McVay
Piper Swenby
Destin Cornett
Elle King
Isabelle Burgess

SECOND GRADE

Zaila Baum
Masea Overweg
Morgan McNabb
Kobi Millar
Gunner Mailoux
Andie Williams
Joesive Bright

THIRD GRADE:

Maddison Shoun
Kayli Dahl
Ian Johnson
Emilie Reedy
Jaxon Dodson

FOURTH GRADE

Blake Williams
Olivia Legrand
Jeremy Johnson-Landoll
Ky'Asia Jones
Taycen Bertolotto
Ashley Standen

FIFTH GRADE

Brylee Dillon
Gracie Sauer
Ava Droppers
Devin Hatch
Jayden Chamley
Billy Gast

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Scripps Spelling Bee All School Finalists:

On Dec. 7th Piedmont Valley Elementary hosted the annual Scripps Spelling Bee All School Finals. This is always an exciting event as students get to show off their spelling skills in front of the student body. This year’s top three finishers are as follows:

- 1 Caeden Whealy-Rose
2. Brady Tryon
3. Skye Snyder

National Geography Bee All School Finalists:

On Dec. 8th Piedmont Valley Elementary hosted the annual Geography Bee All School Finals. Just like the Spelling Bee the students get excited and nervous to show their geography bee knowledge in front of their classmates. This year’s top three finalists are listed below:

- 1 Brady Zastoupil
2. Lucy Hamer
3. Zoie Berglund

Fall Music Program:

On Dec. 15th Music Teacher Shelby Bauer and Band Instructor Connie Feekes presented the annual Piedmont Valley Elementary Fall Music Program. The program consisted of Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students as well as 6th grade band. The students sang a number of popular Christmas and Holiday songs. The 6th grade band had the opportunity to show their parents in a program setting what they have learned so far in band. It was a great program that the parents seemed to enjoy!

Students of the Month:

During the month of November students are selected for Student of the Month based on Compassion.

<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Fourth</u>	<u>Fifth</u>	<u>Sixth</u>
Kohlee Herringer	Brennan Murphy	Alexa Fontenot	Morgan Shelton	Nakiah Thurman
Ryan Eisenbraun	Destiny Ownbey	Ali Diaz	Angie Nissen	Aniya Brady
Leila Kaur	Adalin Johnson	Miranda Horst	Kierra Williams	Desirae Ownbey
Faith Vanderpol	Grady Jobgen	Kaitlyn Brown	Mia Ponce	Dash Schuster
Elisheva Torpey	Jakobie Lepp	Collin Dunn	Emma Jobgen	Hannah Killinger
James Welch	Naveah Heid	Grace Keough	Aniyah Britton	Spencer Jones
Hailey Scott	Abigail Stietz		Jada Evans	
	Uriah Sammeli		Clara Nalley	

WHITEWOOD/RURAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

BEV ROSENBOOM, PRINCIPAL

January 2018
Board Report

Whitewood Wranglers of the Month are as follows: Remington Heidrich, kindergarten; Addie Redinger, first grade; Aubree Novak, second grade; Ancher Thompson, third grade; ShyAnn Mutchler, fourth grade; and, Jamin Davidson, fifth grade.

Students of the Month for the rural schools are as follows: Dawson Deering, grade 1, Hereford School; and, Jayden Peterson, grade 5, Atall School.

District TAG students participated in the Noetic Learning Math Contest. Six of those students were from Whitewood. All of those students placed either in the top 10% or top 50% of all students across the nation who participated. Congratulations to Kameron Knodel, Grace Hill, Ava Chiller, Ryan Hale, Eeve Donnelly, and Jasmine Rose. The Whitewood group received the Team Achievement Award for the fourth grade division.

Students in the rural schools and Whitewood are to be commended for their demonstrations of compassion and generosity in the month of December. Many donated their time and money to different charities and organizations.

Students at Whitewood Elementary had the opportunity to make dream catchers and learn about Native American culture, history, and dance when the Wamblee Ska Drum and Dance Society came to the school on December 11.

Kudos to the students at Whitewood Elementary and the rural schools for sharing their musical and theatrical talents at the respective Christmas programs. Thanks to the staff and parents, too, for their support of these.

The fifth grade at Whitewood will complete its DARE program this month. Thank you to the Whitewood Police Department for leading that course with the students. The fifth grade DARE float won first place in the Whitewood Parade of Lights in December.

The 8th grade students from the rural schools will go to Pierre during the legislative session to visit the state capitol, meet their local legislators, and attend a session of the legislature.

Rural students in grades 5-8 will begin preparations for their oration contest in March. The topic is inventions that have had an important impact on the world.



To: School Board Members
From: Chrissy Peterson
Re: January 2018 Board Report

Happy New Year!

As we prepare for the Smarter Balance Assessment, it is still required that all students be tested regardless of their ability. Students with significant cognitive disabilities that have an IQ below 70 and require substantial supports to achieve measurable gains are tested with an alternative assessment called the Multi-State Alternate Assessment and the SD Science Assessment-Alternate. These tests are based on the CCC's-Core Content Connectors which are linked to the state standards. New special education teachers who teach in self-contained classrooms will be trained to give this assessment in Rapid City in February. Topics covered will be alternate assessment participation, MSAA setup and administration, training requirements, and SDSA-Alt administration. Participants will be introduced to the Science Core Connectors which will be used for science.

The Welch Allyn OAE (otoacoustic emissions) Screener was recently purchased for the Meade School District Nursing Department. The Medical Trust and Agency funds were used as the screener benefits many students in our district. The nurses are grateful to be able to screen hearing for all students ages preschool through 12th grade, including students with behavioral and developmental issues. The Welch Allyn OAE Screener is accurate and very efficient; results are obtained within a few minutes.

Ms. Anna Olson, Special Education teacher at the Middle School, is the new Special Olympics coach for Meade School District. She will continue to take our awesome athletes to the bowling and track and field events as well as the swimming competition! We are excited for this new venture for our Olympians. The Black Hills Area Swim Competition will be April 21, 2018 at the Donald Young Center, in Spearfish. Also, this year's state competition is West River and will be May 17-19 at Black Hills State University. This event incorporates swimming, track and field, soccer skills.

I have an opportunity to go to Pierre on January 30 and 31. I will attend the Delegate Assembly, the Outstanding Administrators Banquet, and a SDCASE meeting as well as go the Capitol since this time is during the legislative session.



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Re: Meade 46-1 School Board Report
From: Jeff Ward, Curriculum and Technology Director
Subject: January 2018 Board Report

Month in review:

January 2	School Resumes
January 3	PASS Team Training for In-service
January 4	Substitute Teacher Training
January 8	Admin Meeting Board Meeting
January 10	SD Curriculum Directors Meeting Technology Committee Meeting
January 11	ERATE Window Opens
January 12	In-service/Suicide Prevention Training
January 16	Stagebarn Construction Meeting
January 17	West River Curriculum Directors Meeting
January 25	College Preparatory Math Training
January 30	Stagebarn Construction Meeting

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December is always a busy month. We finished the installation of two exterior doors in the annexes at Hereford. A new water heater was also installed at Sturgis Elementary.

The cold weather has kept us busy replacing several heating motors in classrooms at the High School and Elementary School. Over the break we had a water pipe leak in the Ag Building at the High School causing five classrooms to be relocated for a week so that we may fix the problem. We also dealt with some frozen pipes in the well house at Hereford.

There will be a bid opening January 3rd for the Sturgis Brown High School Practice Field Well Project. We are hoping for a good turnout.

Maintenance workers have kept busy completing work orders. We continue to gather information for the upcoming capital outlay projects.

Central Copy was busy as usual with 258434 copies made for the month.