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Hello Everyone,

This letter was available at our open house, so some of you may have already read this information. There is a bit of new info sprinkled in as well though.

With many retirements and folks moving on last year, North Star Schools looks a bit different this year. New faces or faces in new places this year include:

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| Kaine Berardinelli | <i>Social Studies</i> | Kendall Greer | <i>Para</i> |
| Rachel Humphreys | <i>English</i> | Brandy Knudson | Elem. Asst. Cook |
| Sarha Lockridge | <i>6th Grade</i> | Chris Lockridge | HS Asst. Cook |
| Val VanWechel | <i>3rd Grade</i> | Catalina Carlon | Elem. Head Cook |
| Mackenzie Jenkins | <i>Kindergarten</i> | Chase Rambo | Title I |
| Terica Schaumloeffel | <i>SPED</i> | Dana Donovan | Elem. Office Asst. |
| Elizabeth Campbell | <i>Library/Music</i> | Davilyn McCormick | KinderOne |
| Jessica Myers | <i>Para</i> | | |

Other changes for this year include some big improvements to our heating and air handling over the summer, a half-time Kindergarten for students as young as 4 years old, 6th grade students moving to Rudyard, and an ICU program (check the student-parent handbook for information, parents) in Rudyard. I'm excited for all that we have going on, with the sincere hope that we are doing our best to provide for the children of our communities.

One departure from the summer is Shanna Williams. As last school year ended, we were uncertain if Shanna would be back with us in any capacity this year, but as we begin the new year, I want to wish her the best in her new endeavors. Mrs. Williams' efforts with our Special Education students over the last 22 years have been fantastic, and have touched the lives of all her students.

I wish everybody a happy new school year, and look forward to seeing everyone in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Bart K. Hawkins, Superintendent
North Star School District 99M
bhawkins@nsschools.org





North Star Events and Activities

September 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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|------------------------|--|---|-----------|---|--|---|
| | | | | | | <p>1 *JHFB v. Big Sandy-10a, Rud. *HSFB v. Big Sandy-1p, Rud. *JHVB@Big Sandy-1p *HSVB v. Sunburst-5p, Rud</p> |
| 2 | <p>3 *Labor Day  No School</p> | <p>4 *School Pictures with Helmbrecht Photography</p> | 5 | <p>6 *JH/JV/V VB in Chinook-4:30</p> | 7 | <p>8 *JHVB Showcase in Box Elder-1p *JV/V VB in Valier-6p</p> |
| 9 | <p>10*Booster Club @ 4:30p in Gildford</p> | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | <p>15 *JH/HS FB v. Sunburst-10a, 1p, Rud *JH/JV/V VB v. Big Sandy-4:30p Rud.</p> |
| Homecoming Week | | | | | | |
| 16 | 17 | <p>18 *Soph. Field Trip-Fresno, 7:30a *JHFB @ Big Sandy-6p</p> | 19 | <p>20 *Mid-Quarter</p> | <p>21 *JH/JV/V VB v. Box Elder – 4:30p, Gild</p> | <p>22 *JHVB Showcase in Gildford-9a *JH/HS FB v. DGS-Denton-10a *JV/V VB@Great Falls Central/MSDB-6p</p> |
| 23 | <p>24 *JHFB v. Geraldine/Highwood@Highwood-4p</p> | 25 | 26 | <p>27*JV/V VB @C-J-I-Chester, 6p</p> | <p>28*JHVB 9C District Tourney-Havre, TBA *JV/V VB in Sunburst-4p</p> | <p>29*JHVB 9C District Tourney-Chinook, TBA *VB Mid-Season Showcase-Rud. *JH/HS FB v. PDB in Power-10a</p> |
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New Staff Members

North Star welcomes new staff members this year.



Kaine Berardinelli: I was born and raised in Bozeman, MT. My father was a Professor of Animal Physiology and Endocrinology for over 37 year and just recently retired. My mother works in the cafeteria of my old elementary school of Anderson. After I graduated college, I served 7 years in the

U.S. Army and served two deployments to Afghanistan and was an instructor at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, OK. After I left the Army, I went back to school and obtained by teaching certificate in social studies broadfield.



Rachel Humphreys: I grew up in Denver, Colorado but I have been living in Montana for the past five years. I attended MSU Bozeman and just graduated in May, 2018 and this will be my first year teaching. I am teaching English 8-12. When I'm not at school I can usually be found at home reading or cooking. I

also love to spend time outside. My favorite outdoor activities are hiking and skiing, but I'm willing to try anything once.



Valarie VanWechel: Hi there! I'm from Eastern Montana originally and have also taught in Wyoming before coming back to Montana. This is my 10th year of teaching and it's great to be a part of the North Star family. I have a great 3rd grade classroom and I also teach K-5 Music. I'm really

enjoying the challenge and our awesome group of kiddos! I can't forget our awesome staff!

My husband Josh, daughter Maci, and myself live in Rudyard and farm North of Rudyard.



Mackenzie Jenkins: I grew up on a farm 25 miles south of Rudyard, went to school in Big Sandy, and graduated from Big Sandy High School. I moved to North Star in 2014 to coach high school volleyball. Ever since then, I have loved being here and being a part of the community. This season is my 5th season & I am very excited about it. I recently

graduated from MSU-Billings with an Early Childhood minor and Elementary Education major. I am currently teaching kindergarten, and I love it! It's going to be a great year!



Chase Rambo: I was raised in Gildford, Montana and graduated from KG High School in 2003. I am currently teaching Title 1 K-8 and 3rd grade Science. I enjoy watching, playing, coaching, and reffing sports. I also enjoying spending time outdoors and working on the family farm. My wife Aaran and I have 5 kids, Nathaniel and Lily

have graduated from North Star in the past two years, Garret is a sophomore, Avery is a Kindergartner and Jenesis is not quite old enough for school yet.



Kendall Greer: I am from Portland, Oregon but more recently I was living in Bozeman Montana. I just moved to Rudyard with my fiancé in July and have begun work as a paraprofessional at the high school and will be the ICU Supervisor. I have a love for games and all things creepy crawly.



Brandy Knutson: I grew up in Billings and have 2 kids, one in first grade and one in KinderOne. My husband and I moved to Rudyard more than a year ago. Proud to say that Rhonda Olson is my Mom! I work as the assistant cook at the elementary.



Jessica Myers:

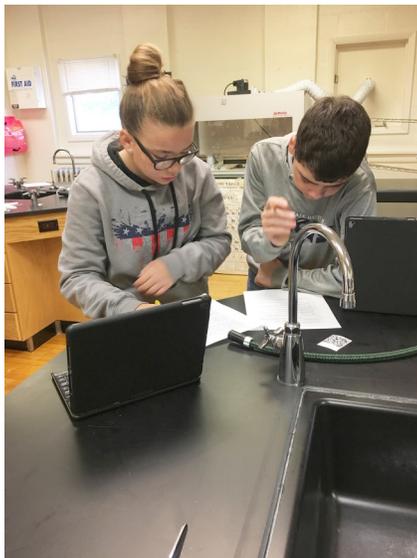
In 2017 we moved to Hingham to help with the family farm. I grew up in a large city so I am still learning about farming, small town life and how to drive on bad roads. I am currently at the Elementary School working as a Para.

science madness

Another year in Science has started and the 7th grade is ready and raring to go! They



have been learning the safety rules in the lab and familiarizing themselves with the Science equipment they will be using during their experiments. The game is called "Science Treasure Hunt." The object of the game is to recognize the piece of equipment from reading its function from the worksheet. They will then look for said object around the lab room. Once they think they have the correct piece, they will read the QR code with their iPad to check their answer. It is a great way to get them familiar with the equipment while at the same time helping them to become comfortable with working in the lab room.



The students are also gearing up for Science Fair by finding projects to work on for the year. They will use the Scientific Method to help them solve the problem they are researching. If everything goes well, we will be starting our projects around the 1st of October, but there is plenty of work to do before then! Our school Fair is scheduled for the week of Feb. 19, 2019. That may seem like the distant future, but time goes fast with all of our activities! The projects they have selected look amazing, so it's sure to be a great Fair. I will keep you posted on their progress from time to time in the Newsletter.



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I think it will be a FANTASTIC YEAR! They already LOVE Science, and that's AWESOME!!!



The Buddy Bench

Girl scout troop 3219 has donated a buddy bench for the elementary school.



The buddy bench is for students who are lonely and want someone to play with. When a student sits on the buddy bench another student is suppose to go ask them to come play with them. This is to prevent loneliness and unhappy children at school.

Our troop is very excited for the buddy bench to finally be done and on the playground.

We would like to thank Steve Simonson for making the bench for us. We have a pretty big group of girls but always willing to welcome more. The girls in the troop are:

Alyssa Lavery
Ashleigh Howendobler
Savannah Schaumloeffel
Hedy Kessel
Adrina Sterner
Alee Lockridge
Madison Bjornstad
Kynzie Clawson
Aurora Moore
Kamryn King
Kaia Kessel
Josie Stevenson
and not pictured is
Ecko Fraser



North Star FCCLA, **Inspired** in Atlanta



Five North Star FCCLA members joined over 8,000 members and advisers from across the United States at the 73rd annual Family Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA, the end of June. Members listened to inspiring speakers, attended workshops and competed at the national level in events related to Family Consumer Sciences education.

Attending from North Star were Katelyn Hansen and Paij Peterson who competed in "Sports Nutrition" where they received a gold medal and placed 8th in the nation for their efforts. They tracked an athlete for a week and then made suggestions for improvement based on the research of basic needs and best practices for optimal success. These ideas were then tailored to the athlete they studied and a comprehensive improvement plan was developed. "I could not be prouder of these girls' effort and their success!" said Marjorie Chinadle, North Star FCCLA Adviser.



Also attending, was Hali Kapperud who was asked to sit on the Nominating Committee for the National Officer team which was quite an experience and an honor. Hali also accepted the Montana award for membership increase at a general session. Grace Farinas and Peytan King, both four-year members, and past national competitors were given the opportunity to be evaluators of projects that came to National Leadership Conference this year. It was a learning experience for them and a wonderful opportunity to see the evaluation side of competitive events. North Star also had a little fun in Atlanta. Our hotel was across the street from the Georgia World Convention Center on one side and next to Olympic Park on the other. We were also connected to CNN Center and had the opportunity to tour CNN and see how worldwide events become the news stories we see and hear every day. Most impressive was the fact-checking and research that goes into each news story. In the evenings, we were able to visit the International headquarters of Coca-Cola, the Georgia Aquarium, and the Martin Luther King Memorial. Students also participated in a bus tour of the historic parts of Atlanta and visited a boutique mall housed in an abandoned factory that was part of the city revitalization project.

The North Star FCCLA group was accompanied by Marjorie Chinadle, North Star FCCLA Adviser as well as Kathy Preeshl and Linda Lett who joined the group as chaperones. A huge THANK YOU to Hill County Electric, Triangle Communications, Northwestern Energy, North Star Foundation and North Star Booster Club as well as many area businesses for their generous support of this trip.





North Star School Season Passes

Activity Season Passes for the 2018-2019 school year are now on sale.

**Prices: Family \$250.00, Adult \$125.00, Student \$25.00 K-12,
Senior Citizen 65 and older admitted free
Preschool age children free**

All students in grades 5-12 will be required to purchase an activity pass if they are participating in football, volleyball, basketball, track. Participants will not be able to play in any games until this fee is paid. Students whose families purchase a family pass will not be required to purchase a student pass.

This covers all North Star Athletic REGULAR season competitions, EXCLUDES but not limited to the following: Volleyball Showcases Tournament, All Tournament Games- High School and Jr. High, High School Football Playoff Games. Family Season Passes DO NOT INCLUDE COLLEGE AGE CHILDREN.

Anyone caught abusing this policy will lose Season Pass admittance and money will be non-refundable.

Attention Parents: There will be no Lifetouch Photos this year at North Star.



**Congratulations to the
2018-2019 North Star
Student Body Officers!**

President: Paij Peterson

Vice-President: Kenidee Wolery

Secretary/Treasurer: Bailey Spicher



Student Spotlight

NAME – Adrina Sterner

GRADE – 5th Grade

FUTURE PLANS – Become a teacher and live in a nice house

BEST MEMORY – Getting a makeup set for my birthday

FAVORITES

CLASS – Math

FOOD – Stuffed Shells

DRINK – Mango smoothie

SPORT/ACTIVITY/HOBBY – Volleyball, coloring, swimming





North Star Booster Club

Dues

\$25.00 per family
\$50.00 business membership
Funds support school activities K-12



Send checks to either school in care of North Star Booster Club. Thank you for your support.

Check the North Star Google Calendar for Upcoming Events.

On the school website at www.northstar.k12.mt.us

Who: HEDAs Attic

What: selling gently used items, clothes, housewares, toys and more

Where: Hingham School, north entrance

When: 1st & 2nd weekend each month, 9 -12pm

Why: To help our community center

How: Repurposing your generous donations

THANK YOU! The HEDA board.

For more information, contact Sharon Pester

...Meal money...Infinite Campus...Meds...

Grades, attendance, pay for meals all on the Infinite Campus Portal which is located on the right hand side of the school website at www.northstar.k12.mt.us. If you have forgotten or need your Infinite Campus username or password, contact either office and speak to Katie or Carol. Students can drop off their money for breakfast and lunch at either office as well. Cash and checks accepted. Credit card payments for meals can be made via the Infinite Campus Portal.

Parents/Guardians, remember that the school does not provide any medications for students. If your child requires pain relievers (Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Aleve, antacids, etc.) or any other medicine, the parent/guardian must provide a supply to the office with the student name and dosage.