

March 2025



Martin County West

Connected to the Past, Celebrating the Present, Cultivating the Future

Dear Maverick Families,

Last month in this space I shared how proud I am of all the hard work our elementary and English teachers are putting in as they learn about the science of reading. This month, I want to share the impressive work our high school and specialist teachers are doing in the area of technology.

Last summer, a group of staff at the junior/senior high school developed an implementation plan for a one to one device initiative where each of our high school students were issued a district iPad to use for school work, both in the classroom and for homework and studying. Thanks to a grant from the Federal Communications Commission, the school district had enough iPads on hand to do this. We had a management system to ensure those iPads were used safely and appropriately. We had a new Technology Assistant to prepare the iPads and the management system, coordinate distribution and use of devices, and to troubleshoot issues as they arise. Perhaps most importantly, we had time to provide our teachers with training on how best to embed the use of technology into their classrooms. While our elementary and English teachers are learning about the science of reading, our high school and specialist teachers are learning about technology in the classroom.

Our secondary teachers have been studying the SAMR model of technology integration into the classroom. This model was developed by Dr. Ruben Puentedura. SAMR stands for Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, and Redefinition.

Substitution means that we use technology tools in place of other tools. For instance, we type on a document rather than writing on paper. Augmentation is similar to substitution but it expands or improves on it. Now instead of just typing in a

document instead of writing on paper, maybe a student adds a photo or a video to their document. Both substitution and augmentation use technology to enhance what students can do in the classroom.

Modification and redefinition use technology to transform what students do or experience in the classroom. Modification means that technology changes how things work. For example, using Google Classroom to post and collect assignments rather than a paper syllabus and box for turning in paper assignments. Redefinition means students use technology to do things they could not have previously done. For instance, using virtual reality headsets to take a field trip to the pyramids of Giza or the Great Wall of China and then creating a Google Slides presentation with embedded photos and videos to share what they learned with their classmates.

These are very simple examples of what our teachers are studying as they explore the new options for teaching our students using technology but they mark an important step forward for our district. Using technology will be expected in nearly every professional and many social settings now and into the future. The technology experiences our teachers are providing students is invaluable as they graduate into life in the 21st century. It is exciting to watch it unfold in our classrooms!

For more information about the SAMR model, read "All About SAMR: A Teacher's Guide to the SAMR Tech Integration Model" at <https://edtech-class.com/2021/06/23/all-about-samr-a-teachers-guide-to-the-samr-tech-integration-model/>.

In partnership for technology,
Cori Reynolds
Superintendent

Important Dates:

- > March 6—K-12 Conferences 4-8pm
- > March 7—Teacher Workshop—No School
- > March 28—End of 3rd Quarter—Early Dismissal

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MCW JR/SR High School

March 2025 Newsletter

March Dates to Remember:

- Mar 3 - 9, School Social Worker Appreciation Week. Thank you Ms. Winter!
- Teacher Workshop Mar 7, no school
- Early Dismissal Mar 28
- End of 3rd Quarter, March 28

2025 Upcoming No School Days

- Spring Break Apr 18 - Apr 21
- Teacher Workshop May 23
- Memorial Day May 26
- Last Day of School May 30



Student Sick?

*Fever over 100.4, has diarrhea, is vomiting, or has a cough that disrupts normal breathing or activities = stay home.

*Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine, 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea = come to school

Stay Informed at the District webpage:

<https://www.martin.k12.mn.us/> and LIKE US! on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/mcwJHSHschool>

MCW Fan Gear - Help fund the prom!

<https://dstrophiesmn.com/mcw-schools/>

Hello MCW Families,

The school year is flying by! As we head into March, students may struggle with focus, attendance, and motivation. While it's natural to feel the need for a break, staying on track during these final months is critical for success. Attendance is especially important—missing even a day or two can make a difference. Here are a few tips to support your students:

- **Prioritize Rest:** Limit screen time before bed and set a device curfew to ensure better sleep.
- **Stay Positive:** A positive morning routine & encouragement can set the tone for a great day.
- **Set Goals:** Celebrate small achievements, like perfect attendance or completing assignments, with meaningful rewards.
- **Countdown to Break:** A visual reminder of an upcoming break can help with motivation.
- **Communicate:** Keep an open dialogue about how your student is feeling and let them know you're there to support them.

GO MAVERICKS! ~Autumn Welcome

E Learning Days - What You Need to Know for 7-12 Students

1. Students must join Advisory on Google Classroom at 10am to be counted present.
2. Students must complete assignments (Google Classroom) for excused attendance each period. Assignments are due 2 school days after an eLearning day, attendance then finalized.
3. Students unable to connect must have guardians email or call the office to be excused.
4. If and when possible, devices will be made available for students to check out (and return) prior to an eLearning day. Unfortunately, not all events are predictable. If your student is unable to connect and complete work due to a device issue on an eLearning day, please follow directions on #2 & #3 above.

ACT/ASVAB/Accuplacer Testing - March 26th ACT or ASVAB or Accuplacer (11th Grade) testing will take place. Students have chosen the test that best suits their future post-secondary plans.

K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences - Teachers will be available for parent/teacher conferences during the evening of Thursday, March 6th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you would like a conference time reserved, please call the office or contact the teacher directly to arrange a time.

Sr Class Trip Parent Meeting - Evening of Parent-Teacher Conferences (Mar 6th) to finalize itinerary & expectations for the trip (Apr 13-19), MANDATORY chaperone meeting will follow.

End of Quarter 3 - March 28th! Encourage students to keep working hard.

Teacher Workshop & Early Dismissal Days - March 7th is a no school day for students due to a scheduled teacher workshop. March 28th is an early dismissal for students. Students will be dismissed at 12:15 for shuttle buses and 12:30 for route buses.

Message from Mr. Neduzak, Academic Dean

- Dollars for Scholars applications due on March 15th!
- Seeking ACT prep materials, consult with Mr. Neduzak
- Students submitted 2025-2026 course choices, will be used to build next years' schedule.

Spring Sports Start Dates

- Junior & High School Softball & Track will start March 11th.
- Junior & High School Baseball & Junior & High School Golf starts on Mar 18th.
- Spring Trap Shoot (Clay Target) starts date TBD

World Down Syndrome Day - March 21, 2025 is the 20th anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day. To bring awareness to this day, wear and show off your colorful and mismatched socks!

Why socks? When looking at chromosomes under a microscope, a pair of chromosomes when stained look like a striped pair of socks.

Trimont Elementary

March, 2025

Dates to Remember:



March 6 – Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 p.m.

March 7 – Teacher workshop (No School)

March 27 - Early Dismissal

March 28 – End of Quarter 3

March 28 – Early Dismissal

April 18-21 - Spring Break (No School)



Trimont Elementary
School Office
Hours 7:30am - 4:00pm.

507-639-2081



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Principal
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March's Monthly Theme - Our *Character Strong* curriculum in March will focus on **Cooperation**. Cooperation is "working together to reach shared goals." Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution and leadership.

Spring MCA Assessments –Students will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments during April. These assessments are required by the state of Minnesota and help our district ensure that our curriculum meets the state standards. They also help teachers plan for instruction and learning and allow us to measure student performance against the state standard. These assessment results are used to help determine if students are mastering key content knowledge and attaining the skills necessary to be successful at the next level. The testing calendar is posted to the District website under "Parent Links". *Please try to avoid having your child miss school during their scheduled testing dates. We will make efforts to allow time to make up missed tests on the make-up dates scheduled, but that may mean they miss out of other activities scheduled for those days.*

Grade 3 Reading - April 7-8

Grade 4 Reading - April 7-8

Grade 5 Reading - April 9-10

Grade 6 Reading - April 9-10

Grade 5 Science – April 23-25

Grade 3 Math – April 14-15

Grade 4 Math – April 14-15

Grade 5 Math – April 16-17

Grade 6 Math – April 16-17

Make up testing dates will be April 11, 23, 23 and 24

Ice Skating– All students in grade 3-6 will have the opportunity to go ice skating on Thursday, March 6. Students will ride a bus from Trimont over to the Fairmont Hockey with staff and return back to Trimont Elementary by grade levels. This is a great opportunity for students to experience a different type of skating that roller skating. We are blessed to have such a variety of activities to keep our students engaged in physical activity throughout the year. A big thank you to staff for helping with this activity and providing assistance with bus ride supervision, skate tying and trying something new.

March MATH Madness – Since we had so much fun celebrating reading in February, we didn't want to leave math "out in the cold". Stay tuned for details on how we plan to use IXL to challenge our students this month. Parents, did you know that your child has access to IXL from home? This personalized learning platform is at their fingertips with fun ways to sharpen reading, math and now science skills. Learn more about this amazing program by reaching out to your child's teacher!



Sherburn Elementary



COOPERATION

is working together
to reach shared goals

Conversation Starters:

- Can you share or show what Cooperation means?
- Why do you think it is important to show Kindness and practice Cooperation?



Color in Cooperation





Kindergarten Round-Up

Who's going to Kindergarten next year? Come and join us for Kindergarten Round Up on Thursday, April 27 from 5-7pm at Sherburn Elementary School. Please make sure to turn in paperwork you will receive by mail to the office! This will be a come and go open house. This will give you the chance to meet the administration, Kindergarten teachers and elementary staff and tour the building. Supper will be provided! To RSVP or receive mailed paperwork, reach out to the office at the Sherburn elementary office at 507-764-4461 or via email at nickolebowie@mcwmavericks.org



Upcoming Events

3/6/25 - Conferences 4-8pm

3/7/25 - No School

3/28/25 - End of 3rd Quarter

3/28/25 - Early Dismissal

4/4/25 - Report Cards Sent Home



Ice Skating

Each class will get to go ice skating. Information has been sent home. Shoe sizes are needed for every child. We are all excited to give them this opportunity.



I love to Read Month

We will be celebrating I Love to Read Month in March. Information will be coming home with all of the happenings for the month.



Field Trips

Field trips are being scheduled! Information will be communicated by the teacher to the families. If you have questions, please reach out to the classroom teacher.



Stay informed

<https://www.martin.k12.mn.us/> will serve as a hub for all things related to returning to school and changes in plans throughout the school year, please check in regularly for updates. Another informative connection point is our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/sherburnelementary> LIKE US!



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Flutter In to ECFE

Martin County West families with children ages birth to Pre-kindergarten are invited to join us for Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE). Flutter on in to celebrate spring and join other families in play and learning. Classes start March 31, 2025 and are held on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings. Program investment is \$45.00 per family. You are welcome to attend either morning or evening session or both if you want! The program will run through May 16, 2025. Additional information and registration can be found on SchoolPay or contact the CER office at 507-764-2336.



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY MARCH 20, 2025

Open houses will be located at both the Sherburn Elementary & Trimont Elementary!

This is a come & go event!

5:00 to 6:30PM



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An Update from the Red Bulls Youth Wrestling Program

So far, the Red Bull Youth Wrestlers are having another great year. We had 107 total kids signed up this year and as of today have competed in a total of over 800 matches between all the kids. Not every kid goes to the tournaments and that's alright too. We encourage our parents to let the kids do those things at their own pace. Some kids want to do them all the time and some kids want to only do a few or none and just have fun at practice. Wrestling is different than most youth sports we offer because it is really an individual sport first. It takes a lot of courage to walk out on the mat by yourself and wrestle another boy or girl. Speaking of girls, we have 14 girls signed up in our youth program this year. Women's wrestling is currently the fastest growing sport in High School across the country right now and we hope to help that continue. Last year we had one of our Girls place 2nd at the MN USA State tournament. We also had a 2nd Place finisher at MN USA for the boys. At the NYWA State Tournament, we had a 3rd and a 4th place finisher on the main side of the tournament and a 2nd place finisher on the Invite side of the tournament. All 5 of those wrestlers are returning this year and next year to our youth program so

we hope to see big things out of them in the next few years. We encourage all kids to give wrestling a try, it truly is a sport where there is a place for everyone no matter what your weight, height, or gender there is a place for you.

Gavin Wubbena 2nd Place MN/USA State

Jaylee Castillo 2nd Place MN/USA State Girls

Cable Schumann 3rd Place NYWA State

Gannon Faber 4th Place NYWA State

Isaac Howard 2nd Place NWYA Invite



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*Tech Classes by
Nickie Welsh*



*Parents with Littles - Your
Technology Safety Toolbox*
3/13/25

*Create Social Media Content
Without Panicking*
3/18/25



Canva for Awesome Beginners
3/20/25

*\$50 each
Via Zoom*



Register on SchoolPay

GUITAR LESSON

2 LESSON AND 4 LESSON PACKAGES
REGISTER ON SCHOOLPAY

CONVENIENT SCHEDULING
AVAILABLE AT
JAKESGUITARLESSONS.COM

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LEARNING
STARTS MAY 1

- ~ USING AMAZON'S KINDLE DIRECT TO SELF-PUBLISH YOUR BOOK FOR FREE
- ~ COMEDY WRITING: HOW TO BE FUNNY ON PAPER AND STAGE
- ~ WRITE YOUR FIRST NOVEL IN 90 DAYS

REGISTER NOW ON SCHOOLPAY

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ◆ **KinderCamp**
- ◆ **Gymnastics**
- ◆ **Noah's Arc (build a stuffed animal)**
- ◆ **Dance Recital is May 3**
- ◆ **Storybook Theater— July 21-25**



MCW FFA and Ag Department

Chapter FFA Banquet

The FFA banquet will be held on Sunday, March 9th in the Jr/Sr High gym. The banquet will start promptly at 5:00, with a social time at 4:30 pm. RSVP's for the event are due to Mrs. Wohlhuter by March 4th.

State FFA Convention

The State FFA Convention will be held at the University of Minnesota from April 27th-29th. Due to prom the night before, we will leave around 4 pm on the 27th. All FFA members that have qualified for the State Convention will meet with advisors in early April to get a schedule, hotel information and permission slips.

Notes about official dress: All students attending the convention will wear Official FFA dress at all times while at the convention. Official dress for an FFA member includes:

- An official FFA jacket zipped to the top
- Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons
- White collared blouse or white collared shirt
- Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf
- **Black** dress shoes with closed heel and toe

Special notes:

- Official garb of recognized religions may be worn with Official Dress
- No white t-shirts will be allowed
- If skirts are worn, they must be of knee length at a minimum
- **No black capris, yoga pants, leggings, athletic pants, etc are allowed.**
- Students are not allowed on stage with incorrect official dress.
- **Students that do not have Official Dress that meets the standards outlined above will have to purchase the correct official dress at their own expense before being allowed to attend/compete in events.**
- If you have any questions about Official Dress, please contact an FFA advisor.

Upcoming Events

March 9th - Chapter FFA banquet

March 11th - FBM, Ag Sales, Crops, BIG, Ag Mechanics

March 28th - Little International @ SDSU, Brookings, SD

April 3rd - Region Floriculture & Nursery Landscape CDE

BREAKFAST

*Elementary
**High School

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Menu is subject to change without notice. Sorry for any inconveniences.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Muffins 3 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Breakfast Pizza 4 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	French Toast Sticks 5 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Scrambled Eggs/Toast 6 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	No School 7
Yogurt Parfait Granola 10 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Breakfast Sandwich 11 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Pancakes 12 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Banana Bread 13 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Cook's Choice 14 Fruit Choice Juice Choice
Cereal 17 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Omelet/Toast 18 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Pancake on a Stick 19 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Cinnamon Roll 20 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Ham & Egg Croissant 21 Fruit Choice Juice Choice
Frudel Bar 24 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Blue Berry Bubble Bread 25 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	**Waffles 26 *Pancakes Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Biscuits & Gravy 27 Fruit Choice Juice Choice	Strawberry Bagel 28 Fruit Choice Juice Choice
Cereal 31 Fruit Choice Juice Choice				

Breakfast is free to all students if they take the required items. Breakfast include choice of fruits/veggies, meat/ meat alternates, grain, & milk. **Must choose 3 items, one being fruit or veggie, to count as a complete breakfast.** Grains are at least 51% whole grain. Milk is low-fat or fat free plain or fat free flavored. Fresh and canned fruits and 100% fruit juices are offered every day. Cold cereal is offered every day.
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Monday

Popcorn Chicken 3
 Mashed Potatoes
 Gravy
 Corn
 Fruit
 Dinner Roll

Orange Chicken 10
 Fried Rice
 Veggie Choice
 Mandarin Oranges

Corn Dog 17
 Baked Beans
 Sun Chips
 Fruit Choice

Chicken Fajita 24
 Tortilla Shell
 Red/Green Pepper
 Spanish Rice
 Fruit Choice

Nachos 31
 Seasoned Beef
 Cheese Sauce
 Assorted Toppings
 Fiesta Beans
 Fruit Choice

Tuesday

Taco in a Bag 4
 Seasoned Beef
 Cheese, Onion, Lettuce, Tomato
 Fiesta Beans
 Fruit Choice

Sub Sandwiches 11
 Sun Chip
 Baked Beans
 Veggie Salad
 Fruit Choice

Chicken Patty/Bun 18
 **Broccoli Salad
 California Blend
 Fruit Choice

Hotdog/Bun 25
 Baked Beans
 Sun Chips
 Fruit Choice

Wednesday

Italian Dunkers 5
 Dipping Sauce
 Cooked Carrots
 Fruit Choice

 Ash Wednesday

Hamburger/Bun 12
 Oven Fries
 Green Beans
 Fruit Choice

#Fiesta Tots 19
 Tots, Seasoned Beef, Cheese
 **Spanish Rice
 Corn Chips
 Fiesta Beans
 Fruit Choice

Spaghetti 26
 Meat Sauce
 Garlic Bread
 Broccoli
 Fruit Choice

Thursday

Chicken Alfredo 6
 Rotini Noodles
 Bread Stick
 Steamed Broccoli
 Fruit Choice

Chicken Strips 13
 Mashed Potatoes
 Country Gravy
 Corn
 Dinner Roll

Hot Ham & Cheese 20
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Corn
 Fruit Choice

Chicken & Gravy 27
 Mashed Potatoes
 Biscuits
 Peas
 Fruit Choice

Friday

No School 7

#French Toast Stick 14
 Syrup Cup
 Sausage Patty
 Cooked Carrots
 Yogurt Cup
 Fruit Choice

Cheese Pizza 21
 Green Beans
 *Potato Salad
 Fruit Choice

Bosco Sticks 28
 Dipping Sauce
 Cooked Carrots
 Fruit Choice

 Early Out



Lunch Notes: All breads are a minimum of 51% whole grain. Salad dressings are all fat free or light if available. Milks are low fat or fat free. Fresh and/or canned fruits are available every day. Fresh veggie bar available every day. Meals are free for students ONLY if they take the required components. A complete meal consists ½ C of fruit or veggie plus 2 more full meal components. If not taking a complete meal you will be charged ala carte prices.

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