

Martin County West

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

Dear Maverick Families,

This has been a very busy spring for all the typical reasons (spring sports, concerts, holidays, etc.) and because our work to fulfill our strategic plan goal of designing futureready facilities has continued. At the end of March, the school board held a series of community meetings to share what we have learned so far about our buildings and to hear what community members think about the information. I was thrilled with the strong turnout we had at each meeting, how carefully people listened to the information shared, and the fantastic questions asked. I was also impressed by the number of people who couldn't make it to a meeting but looked through the materials posted on the district's website and watched recordings of the meetings. I know the rumor mill is working overtime on this topic so I appreciate when people go right to the source to find the information for themselves. A link to all the information shared at the meetings, and about this entire process, is posted on the front page of the district's website at https://www.martin.kl2.mn.us/.

The school board studied the feedback they got from community members carefully. As a next step, they have commissioned a formal survey of the community to determine what the community as a whole is willing to contribute towards moving us from a three building school district to a one building school district.

This survey will be open to everyone in the school district community. Postcards will be

mailed to homes with a link to fill out the survey. There will also be paper copies available upon request. Please watch your mail in the next few weeks for this postcard and take the survey, either online or on paper. The more people we can hear from on this survey, the better data the school board will have to make important decisions about how to move forward with our school buildings.

Another step in the process that will take place in May is the hiring of a construction manager. As the school board reviews the results of the survey, the construction manager will help the ISG architects we have been working with get more details worked out so people will know exactly what the plan is for moving forward towards a vote

If you have questions about this process, you are welcome to submit them at tinyurl.com/
MCWBuildingQuestions, check out the website, call or email me at the Central Office, or ask school board members. Input from the community has been invaluable at every step in the process so far. It is even more important now as we determine which path forward will be supported by the community. Watch for the postcard with the Maverick on it coming soon and let us know what you think.

In partnership for education.

Cori Reynolds Superintendent

Important Dates:

- > May 5—Teacher Workshop—No School
- > May 6—Prom
- > May 8—Spring 5-12 Band Concert
- > May 15—School Board Meeting
- > May 29—Memorial Day— No School
- > June 2—Last Day of School
- > June 4—Graduation
- June 5—Half Day Teacher Inservice

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MCW JR/SR High School May Newsletter





Dates to Remember

May

5/5/23 - Teacher Workshop (No School for Students)

5/6/23 - Prom

5/8/23 - Spring 5-12 Band Concert

5/9 - 5/10 - 10th Grade Science MCAs

5/11/23 - Spring 7-12 Choir Concert

5/29/23 - Memorial Day, No School

June

6/2/23

Last day of school with students.

Student achievement awards recognition at 1PM in the gym.

6/4/23 - Graduation Commencement Ceremony at 2:00 at the MCW Jr/Sr High School.

6/5/23 - Half Day Teacher Inservice Hello MCW Families.

We are in the final stretch of the '22-23 school year. After 20 years of being in education, one always looks back on the year and thinks, "Wow, that went fast!" Now, that doesn't mean that some days and weeks seemed long, but in the end, I would say it was a "short-long time." In May, everyone is getting ready to make a leap forward whether it be to the next grade, the next year's schedule or the next chapter in life. This year, one of my own children will graduate. As an educator, this time of year has always felt special, but experiencing one of your own turning the page to the next chapter takes it to a whole new level. I plan to embrace the celebrations and special moments this spring in honor of those that are moving on up. Whether you look back on this school year or the last twelve, watching students or your own children grow and evolve is a short-long time. So enjoy the end of the year festivities; our MCW students have several more special moments to cherish this school year including career fairs, college visits, prom, spring concerts, ball games, award ceremonies and the grand finale, graduation. Bring on spring and GO MAVERICKS! ~Autumn Welcome

<u>MCA Testing Schedule</u> - The testing schedule for MCA's is almost complete! MCA's are MN state mandated tests for students. Last test will take place May 9-10 for 10th Grade Science

<u>Appreciation & Recognition of Staff</u> - Several of our staff are honored this month. We appreciate all that these members of our MCW team offer to each other and to the students.

- May 1 5 is teacher appreciation week.
- May 5 is school lunch provider appreciation week.
- May 10 is school nurse appreciation day.

Adjustments to Schedule

- May 5th Teacher Workshop, no school for students.
- May 29th Memorial Day, no school for students or staff.
- June 2nd Snow day make up day and last day of school for students.

Prom - The annual MCW prom will be on May 6th at 7:30PM. The theme this year is Diamonds are Forever. Doors open to the public at 6:45PM with a free will donation that helps support the event.

Spring Band and Choir Concerts

- May 8th, 5-12 Band Concert at Jr/Sr High School at 7PM
- May 11th, 7-12 Choir Concert at Jr/Sr High School at 7PM

<u>Blood Drive</u> - The Jr/Sr High School is hosting a blood drive on May 11th from 8a - 2p. Please contact Ms. Hornick if you are interested in donating.

<u>Graduation</u> - Graduation is set for Sunday, June 4th at 2:00 p.m. this year. The ceremony will take place in the high school gymnasium. We congratulate and celebrate all of our 2023 graduates and their accomplishments.

Reminders

- Please call the school to update contact phone numbers if they change.
- If your student is absent, please call or email Molly or Lisa in the office ASAP
- If a student is sick, they must be FEVER FREE for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Have a concern? Please notify the teacher first, if not resolved then notify the principal.

<u>Stay Informed</u> - The **District webpage**, 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/mcwJHSHschool LIKE US!

Trimont Elementary

May, 2023

Dates to Remember:

May 4 - Field Trip 5th Grade

May 4 - Trimont Elem. Music Concert

May 5 - No School, Teacher Inservice

May 17 - Field Trip -6th Grade

May 17 - O'Scoops Treat

May 18 -Field Days 3rd_4th Grade

May 19 - Field Days 5th -6th Grade

May 23 –Senior's Walk through Trimont Elementary

May 24 - Field Trip 4th Grade

May 26 – 2nd Grade Tour Trimont Elementary

May 31 - Field Trips 3rd and 6th

June 2 - Student's Last Day of School

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May's Monthly Theme —Get ready for some fun as we focus on Creativity this month! One way to think about Creativity is "using your imagination to create something new or solve a problem."

Opportunities to be Creative are all around us!

How can you find ways to be Creative as a family this month? Creativity is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Well. Throughout the school, students will be developing skills like emotion regulation, positive self-talk, and stress-management.



End of the Year Assessments – Students have completed the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's) in reading, math and science (5th grade only) and we have received "tentative" scores on student performance. However, parents will receive an official mailing in late August with results for each student that tested. During this last month of the school year, students will be taking FASTBRIDGE assessments as well. These important tests will give us information on how far students have come this year as well as help us better prepare for their next year in school.

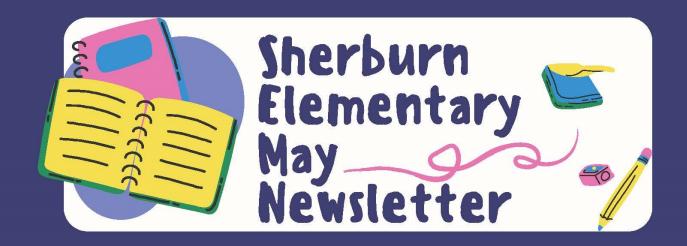
2023-2024 Classroom Assignments - At this time, class lists for the Fall are being completed. Input has been gathered from teachers for classroom placement for the upcoming school year. Final class assignments are decided by the building principal using a multitude of different resources. Teacher input, testing scores, academic interventions and academic history are some of the resources used in order to help create class rosters. The goal is always to provide students with the best learning environment by balancing building resources with the needs of all our learners. Students and parents of elementary aged students will receive classroom assignments for next year when report cards are sent home on the last day of school.

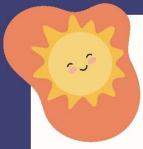
<u>Final Count-Down-</u> As you can tell by the list of events on this newsletter, our staff have been very busy planning fun and engaging ways to celebrate the end of the school year.

- On Wednesday, May 17, O'Scoop's will be at Trimont Elementary. A generous donor has sponsored this and all students will enjoy ice cream that day, free of charge.
- Parents and families are welcome to join us for the May 18-19 for Field Days at Trimont Elementary as fun activities will be taking place around the Trimont school grounds.



 The graduating class of 2023 will be doing their final walk through the hallways of Trimont Elementary on May 23 at 11:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us for this walk down memory lane!!





Spring has Sprung

Hello MCW families,

The weather is starting to turn and the sun is shining more and more. It is getting harder and harder to keep students in their coats during playground and recess time because they say they are HOT from running around! We all love the warmth, bring on more spring and summer days!

We are continuing to work hard wrapping up this school year making sure every last bit of reading, math, science and all the other good stuff gets squeezed in. Teachers are also planning some fun end of the year events, like building tours (2nd grade), field days and field trips. With that being said, we are also looking forward to next year by creating new class lists and schedules.

Know that we are grateful for your families and all that you do to support your students and our school.

~Nickole Bowie





field Day

Sherburn Elementary will be having their annual field Day for Kindergarten through 2nd grade May 12. Mrs. Eilliott will be sending information home with all of the details.

field Trips

The 1st and 2nd Grade will be going on field trips this Spring. 1st Grade will be going to the Sioux Falls 100 and 2nd Grade will be going to Mankato to go to the Museum. Classroom teachers will be sending out more information about the trips very soon.





O'Scoops Icecream

O'SCoops Icecream will be bringing the Prek-2nd Grade icecream treats on the afternoon May 19. There will be an alternative for students with dairy allergies.



Upcoming Events



- May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 1 Principal Appreciation Day
- May 5 Teacher Workshop Day (No School for Students)
- May 5 School Lunch Providers Appreciation Day
- May 10 School Nurse Appreciation Day
- May 12 Track & Field Day
- May 18 2nd Grade field Trip
- May 19 O'Scoops Ice cream
- May 25 1st Grade field Trip
- May 26 2nd to Trimont
- May 29 Memorial Day (No School)
- June 2 Last day for Students



2nd Grade visit to Trimont

Students in 2nd grade will visit Trimont Elementary for a school tour and fun activity on May 26. 6th grade students will partner up with the 2nd graders and be tour guides. This will be a short visit to familiarize students with the building and get to meet teachers for next year. Trimont staff and students look forward to their visit.

District webpage, https://www.martin.k12.mn.us/

facebook page
https://www.facebook.com
/sherburnelementary



Fall 2023 Classroom Assignments

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Character Strong Theme for May!



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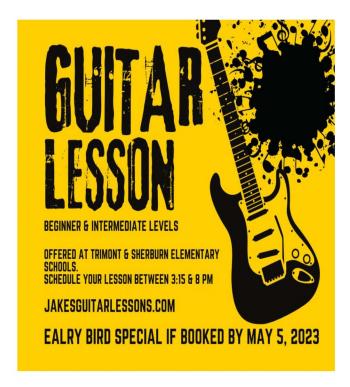
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2023-2024 Preschool Registration is now open!

Martin County West Community Education and Recreation would like to invite our 3 and 4 year old community members to apply for our 4-Star Parent Aware Preschool Program for the 2023-2024 school year.

The registration process includes a Google form, a SchoolPay deposit payment and an application. All of these pieces are available on our CER tab on the MCW Website. Check it out, classes fill quickly, get signed up early!!





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SOfit

Developed by Special Olympics Minnesota, SOfit offers individuals with intellectual disabilities a journey toward improved health through comprehensive wellness education and regular physical activity. Participants leave each session with the knowledge and skills to make healthy lifestyle choices. This three-week wellness program will provide an opportunity to learn, discuss and practice physical activity, nutrition, social and emotional wellness. Participant can bring 1 staff/person to assist them free of charge.

Classes will run 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Summer Session will include activities such as Yoga, Bowling, Fishing, Mlni Golf, Nutrition, Yard Games and More!

The first session will be held at the Auditorium at the Southern Minnesota Educational Building in Fairmont. 115 S. Park Street

Regisrter at fairmont.k12.mn.us Community Education Page





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MCW Pool

Martin County West offers a six lane heated indoor pool with an easy accessibility ramp.

<u>Fitness swims:</u> Monday-Wednesday-Friday 6:00-8:00 AM & 5:30-6:30 PM Saturday 12:00 -1:00 PM.

Self directed swim laps or exercise, including water aerobics.

Open swim:

Saturday & Sunday 1:00-4:00 PM

Open for all to swim and play!

Special needs swim:

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 PM

Anyone with physical, mental or emotional disabilities are welcome.

If you are interested in Private Swimming Lessons, give us a call, arrangements can be made!

The pool is available for rental time to host a fun birthday party, company bounding, youth activity, or family event! Call 507-764-2336



Learning Unlimited is a program that provides services, both activities and recreation to adults with disabilities. We are lucky to be a consortium to receive State Aid and Local Levy to support this adult population. There are very few places across the state that are lucky enough to be part of this program. St. James, is the fiscal host that serves these area school districts: Butterfield, Madelia, Martin County West, St. James and Truman. The program is delivered through Community Education and hopes to once again be able to provide services to our adults with disabilities population. If you know of someone who would be interested in participating in this program or volunteer for the program please contact Glenda Becthold at gbecthold@isd840.org or one of our participating schools Community Education office (MCW, 507-764-2336).

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Yoga Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:15 pm in the Sherburn Elementary Music Room. 1-hour class for all levels (modifications will be given throughout). Yoga is a full-body practice that can improve strength, flexibility, balance, mindfulness, and more. \$5 per class. Please bring your own mat and water. You may also want to bring (optional) a blanket, blocks, and strap if you have them and wish to use them.

Martin County West Community Education & Recreation

Information and helpful tips:

Check out www.martin.k12.mn.us under the Community Education tab for program updates.

Use "School Pay" to submit payments for CER programs, school lunches, and many other school programs.

Pool Hours are posted on the website; you can request a Pool Rental on our website

Are you interested in learning something? Let us know what your interests are!

News & Upcoming Programs

- ★ Watch for summer fun:
 - ★ Coach T's Ball Camp
 - ★ Summer Ball
 - ★ Park Play
- ★ Prairie Fire Children's Theater
 - ★ and so much more!



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MCW FFA and Ag Department

2023 MCW FFA - State Convention Results

Ag Mechanics - Silver

Matthias Bliesmer- Bronze

Sam Borntrager - Silver

Levi Koons - Gold

Isaiah Winter - Bronze

Best Informed Greenhand

Aaliyah Bolstad - Bronze

Kaytlin Faber - Bronze

Jocelyn Lange - Gold

Lily Truesdell - Bonze

Jocelyn Schmidtke - Gold

Clare Striemer - Gold

Jonah Striemer - Gold

Addy Wohlhuter - Gold

Companion Animal, Silver

Ryelynn Forsberg - Silver

Aspen Kosbab - Silver

Emma Omvig - Bronze

Cade Williamson - Bronze

Dairy Evaluation - Silver

Bella Lange - Silver

Brock Lange - Gold

Jocelyn Lange - Silver

Isaac Olson - Silver

Extemporaneous Speaking

Kylar Larson - Silver

Livestock Evaluation

Riley Ebeling - Gold

Farm Business Management -8th, Gold

Anna Bachenberg - Gold

Kylar Larson - 23rd, Gold

Brianna Morrow - Silver

Barret Scholl - 20th, Gold

Floriculture - Silver

Aaliyah Bolstad - Silver

Hayden O'Connor - Silver

Ava Scarfpin - Gold

Jocelyn Schmidtke - Silver

Forestry - 2nd, Gold

Kylan Andersen - Silver

Katie Hartke - 6th, Gold

Nick Matejka - 7th, Gold

Alyx Stahl - 5th, Gold

Horse - Silver

Braelyn Faber - Silver

EllieRose Nelson - Gold

Kadyn Owens - Silver

Lily Truesdell - Bronze

Milk Quality - 13th. Gold

Liv Borchardt - Gold

Ella Carlson - Silver

Cami Clow - Gold

Callie McCorkell - Silver

Nursery Landscape - 17th, Silver

Bailey Larson - Bronze

Ivy Olson - Silver

lda Rohman - Gold

Clare Striemer -Silver

Poultry - 24th, Silver

Destiney Bolte - Silver

Sydney Borntrager - Silver

Jerome Koons - Silver

Teya Schmidtke - Silver



MCW FFA and Ag Department

2023 MCW FFA - State Convention Results

Soils - 4th, Gold

Talon Ebeling - Gold

Katelynn Kennedy - Gold

Harrison Rathman - 4th, Gold

Colby Schwichtenberg - 23rd, Gold

<u>Talent</u>

Braelyn Faber - 3rd, Gold

State FFA Chorus

Riley Ebeling

Braelyn Faber

Ryelynn Forsberg

Kylar Larson

Alyx Stahl

Gabriel Striemer

State FFA Degrees

Bella Lange

Ben Matejka

Kari Matejka

Nick Matejka

Brianna Morrow

Raef Omvig

Kadyn Owens

Proficiency Awards

Raef Omvig - 3rd place, Environmental & Natural Resource Management

Nick Matejka - 3rd place, Agricultural Services

Chapter Awards

National Chapter Award, Superior and Gold Rankings

Land of Service Award

Ag Literacy Award



MAY 2023 Martin County West Schools

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

	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	Cereal Juice Choice Fruit Choice	1	Biscuits/Gravy Juice Choice Fruit Choice	Breakfast Sandwich 3 Juice Choice Fruit Choice	Muffins Juice Choice Fruit Choice	No School 5
	Cereal Juice Choice Fruit Choice	8	Egg/Toast Juice Choice Fruit Choice	Pancakes Juice Choice Fruit Choice	Breakfast Pizza Juice Choice Fruit Choice	Banana Squares Juice Choice Fruit Choice
	Cereal Juice Choice Fruit Choice	15	French Toast Sticks 16 Juice Choice Fruit Choice	Fruit & Yogurt Graham Cracker/Granola Juice Choice Fruit Choice	Cook's Choice 18	Cook's Choice
	Cereal Juice Choice Fruit Choice	22	Cook's Choice 23	Cook's Choice 24	Cook's Choice 25	Cook's Choice 26
	No School SchoolPay Payment Center	29	Cook's Choice 30	Cook's Choice 31	June 1st Cook's Choice	June 2 nd Cook's Choice

Breakfast include choice of fruits/veggies, meat/ meat alternates, grain, & milk. Grains are at least 51% whole grain. Milk is low-fat or fat free plain or fat free flavored. Must choose 3 items, one being fruit or veggie, to count as a complete breakfast. Students not taking3 items will be charged ala carte prices.



Lunch Notes: All breads are a minimum of 51% whole grain. Salad dressings are all fat free or light. Milks are low fat or fat free. Fresh and canned fruits are available every day. 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. Menu subject to change without notice. Sorry for any inconvenience. MCW is now accepting credit or debit cards for school lunch payments. https://www.schoolpay.com/login