

### **Martin County West**

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

### Dear Maverick Families,

May is an exciting month for our Mavericks! Prom, field trips, the end of testing, ball games and track and golf meets, and to top it all off: the last day of school! Into the fun and festivities of the busy month we are adding the adventure of a road construction along the main artery of our district, highway 4, and an election about our school buildings on May 14.

Much has been written and discussed about both the road construction and the special school election. Rather than share - again - where you can get details on both, I want to talk about what happens after these events.

The big trucks full of construction crews will be in our area for about three weeks before they move farther north to improve the next section of the highway. Eventually, it should be nothing but miles of smooth road running from the lowa border on up to St. James.

On May 15, the day after the special school election about the future of our school buildings, we will wake up to what I hope will be a warm, sunny Wednesday in May. The birds will chirp, the buses will run, the students will laugh and play and learn, and we will all still be Mavericks. No matter what the results are once the ballots are counted, we will all still be neighbors in this great

MCW community born from four of the best small towns in southern Minnesota.

One note: the work to position our schools for the future does not end on May 15.

Depending on the results, we will have to work together to either design a new school building or come up with another plan to ensure fiscal sustainability, quality learning spaces for all, and maximize operating efficiency. There will be opportunities for all of us who care so deeply about our schools to learn, study, discuss, and plan the way forward together. No matter which tasks are before us after the election, the best way to tackle them will be the same as it always is in a community: together.

Please take time on or before May 14 to get your questions about the proposed building project answered (martin.k12.mn.us) so that you can make an informed decision when you vote. You can be sure we will let you know how to get involved with whatever comes next for Martin County West Schools.

In partnership for our community, Cori Reynolds Superintendent

### **Important Dates:**

- > May 14—Election Day
- > May 27—Memorial Day— No School
- > May 30—Last Day of School K-12
- > May 31—1/2 Day Teacher Workshop

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### Trimont Elementary

May, 2024

### Dates to Remember:

May 1-2 - 5th Grade Science

May 1 - 6th Grade Field Trip to MN Capitol

May 15 - 4th Grade Field Trip to McGowan's Farm

May 16 - Track and Field Day 5<sup>th</sup>/ 6th Grade

May 17 - Track and Field Day 3<sup>rd</sup>/ 4th Grade

May 22 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Sioux Falls

May 27 - No School-Memorial Day

May 30 - Student's Last Day of School

May 31 - ½ Day Teacher Workshop

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

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Monthly Theme for MAY - We are excited to focus on Courage this month! One way to think about Courage is "choosing what is helpful, right, and kind even when it is hard or scary." Courage can look a little different for everyone. Get ready to explore as a family what Courage means to you! Courage is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students Be Strong. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting

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. Parents will receive official scores at their "Back to School" conferences in the fall. 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 make curriculum decisions and better prepare for their next year in school.

Stay Sharp this summer on IXL – We've used IXL to reinforce our curriculum this year, and your child will continue to have access to the online program over the summer. With thousands of skills, IXL is a fun way for your child to keep learning through the summer. Check with your child's teacher to get their log in information or email Mrs. Baker if you need a reminder of your child's log in information during the summer.



<u>Student Lockers</u> – Encourage your child to bring home those extra sweatshirts, boots, snow pants and other unneeded items that have collected in their lockers this year. This will alleviate those full bags of items students tend to carry home on the last day of school, which is May 30<sup>th</sup>!

<u>2024-2025 Classroom Assignments</u> - At this time, class lists for the Fall are in the works. 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 you register your student for the 2024-2025 school year in August.

### Sherburn Elementary May Newsletter 1.

### **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

### **CHARACTER STRONG**





## Sherburn Elementary May Newsletter %.

### FALL 2024 CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

At this time, class lists for the Fall of 2024 are being completed. We are using a new program this year so the process is a bit different. Final class assignments are decided by the building Principal by 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 interpersonal needs of all our learners.



### 2ND GRADE VISIT TO TRIMONT

Students in 2nd grade will visit Trimont Elementary for a school tour and fun activity on May 3. 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.

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### FIELD DAY

Sherburn Elementary will be having their annual Field Day for Kindergarten through 2nd grade May 10. 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 Zoo 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.



### KEEP IN TOUCH

District webpage,

https://www.martin.kl2.mn.us/

Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/sherburnelementary







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## Sherburn Elementary May Newsletter 1.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May I - Principal Appreciation Day

May 3 - Lunch Provider Day

May 3 - 2nd to Trimont

May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8 - School Nurse Appreciation Day

May 8 - Elementary Concert at Jr/Sr High 6:30PM

May 10 - Track & Field Day

May 16 - 2nd Grade Field Trip

May 17 - Law Enforcement Day

May 24 - Ist Grade Field Trip

May 27 - Memorial Day (No School)

May 30 - Last day for Students







### ~The Reading Review~ May Issue

### Tips to avoid the summer Slide in Reading!!

- I. Establish a routine for summer! Still make sure reading happens everyday!
- 2. Play games or do puzzles to keep the mind thinking!
  - 3. See what your local library has to offer for reading incentives!
- 4. Read the signs while riding in the car or going for a bike rides!
  - 5. Encourage kids to read in new places!

### Recommended Books!

### **May Picks:**

"Nacho and Lolita" by: Pam Ryan

"The Wall" by Eve Bunting

"The Bad-News Report Card" by Nancy Poydar

"The Night Before Summer Vacation" By Natasha Wing

### Character Strong: Creativity

"Beautiful Oops" by Barney Saltzburg

"The Dot" by: Peter H. Reynolds

"Pens, Pencils, and Brushes" by Mindy Johnson

Questions or Comments?

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### **Community Education & Recreation**

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### **Preschool Registration**

MCW Preschool Open Hou**se** was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at Sherburn Elementary and Trimont Elementary. We had a great turn out of up and coming Preschool students!. Parents had a

chance to meet teachers, get information on Preschool and register for Preschool. Kids had a great introduction to the learning space driving trucks and whipping up a snack in the ply kitchen after stopping at the shopping center for groceries!

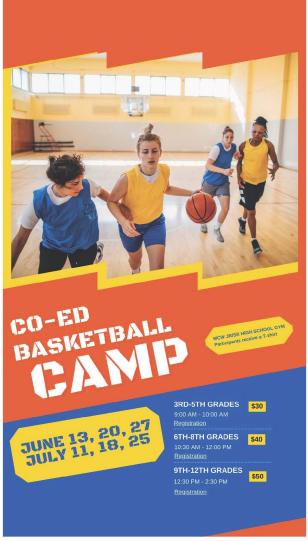
Registration will remain open through the month of August. Children must be three years old by September 1, 2024 and be FULLY toilet trained (no pull-ups). Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Contact CER for information.



Information & registration on SchoolPay

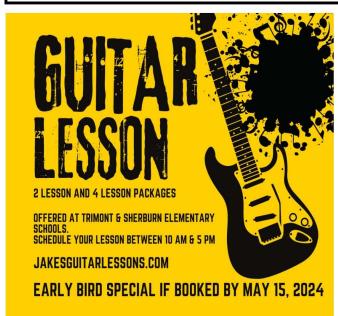
WONDAY NIGHT
WRESTLING
CAMP
13- July

May 13-July 8
6:00-8:00 PM
4th to 12th Grade Wrestlers



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### Three Little Pigs Theatre Camp

Presented by Storybook Theatre
(previously Prairie Fire Theatre)
July 21-27, 2024
Sherburn Theatre
\$40
Sign up on SchoolPay!







## 2024 MCW FFA - State Convention Results

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Sam Borntrager – Gold Talen Kettner – Silver Levi Koons – Gold

Connor Pope - Bronze

## Best Informed Greenhand - 19th, Gold

Aaliyah Bolstad - Silver

Hannah Cole - Silver

Morgan McCorkell – Gold Stella Rohman – Silver

Gavin Schoen - Silver Clare Striemer - Gold Jonah Striemer - Bronze

## Companion Animal - 18th, Gold

Ryelynn Forsberg - Silver

Maddison Lyon - Gold Morgan McCorkell - Bronze Lillie Schultz - Silver

## Dairy Evaluation - 19th, Gold

Luke Curtis - Silver Brock Lange - Gold Isaac Olson - Gold Jeremiah Olson - Silver

## Farm Business Management - 3rd, Gold Forestry - 3rd, Gold

Riley Ebeling - Silver Michael McCorkell - 10th place, Gold Teya Schmidtke - Gold

Gabriel Striemer - 14th, Gold

Katie Hartke - 10th, Gold

Alyx Stahl - 8th, Gold

Barret Scholl - 7th place, Gold

### Soils - 2nd, Gold

Talon Ebeling - 2nd, Gold Katelynn Kennedy - 13th, Gold Harrison Rathman - 16th, Gold Colby Schwichtenberg - 17th, Gold

## Mik Quality - 29th, Silver

Cami Clow - Gold Callie McCorkell - Gold Icesis Wright - Bronze

## Nursery Landscape - 12th, Gold

Courtney Anderson - Silver Ivy Olson - Silver Ida Rohman - Silver Clare Striemer - 30th, Gold

# 2024 MCW FFA - State Convention Results, Continued

Talent

Braelyn Faber - 4th, Gold

State FFA Chorus

Braelyn Faber

State FFA Band

Ryelynn Forsberg Hayden O'Connor

Ava Scarfpin

Alyx Stahl

State FFA Degrees

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Gabriel Striemer

Advance to the National FFA competition in October!

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Ryelynn Forsberg Katie Hartke Brock Lange Jerome Koons Callie McCorkell

Isaac Olson

Horse - 1st place, Gold

Evelyn Curtis - Bronze

Ellie Nelson - 2nd, Gold

Jocelyn Lange - Gold

Lily Truesdell - 15th, Gold