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# From the Superintendent

This was a really successful year for McGregor School. I am proud to have such dedicated students and staff. Our students had many academic and athletic achievements. Our staff was fun, involved and dedicated to school activities throughout the year. The community is supportive and these things make our school a huge success.

It is time to recognize seven staff members who retired this past school year. Lois Holm retired from a position in the custodial and maintenance department. Bev Streeter, Shirley Maki and Sally Feucht retired from educational assistant positions. Patty Fisher and Peggy Baumgardt retired from elementary teaching positions and Lon Baumgardt retired from a high school science teaching position. Quite a few retirements for one year. All of these individuals have made many contributions to our school and students. They are very dedicated and were always available when needed. They will be missed and I thank them for all that they have done.

The school is going to be busy this summer with several projects. The projects include remodeling the kindergarten rooms, three new roofs, a new air exchanger, installing LED lighting in the performance gym, new concrete aprons for the bus garage, new windows and carpeting in the high school media center and new entry doors going out to the playground. We are purchasing new computers for the teaching staff and updating one elementary computer lab as well. These are really nice projects that will improve our school for the community. We expect to complete these projects before the start of school next fall.

Have a great summer.



**PAUL GRAMS**  
Superintendent/  
Principal



Salutatorian Address  
**Abigail Hawkinson**



Valedictorian Address  
**Rachel Sather**

# From the Principal

Another year has come to an end. I would like to congratulate the 22 graduates and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I have a few reminders for parents. If your contact information has changed recently, please let the office know. I know of several instances this past year where Instant Alert messages were not received or where parents were not able to be contacted because phone numbers had changed, and the school did not receive the contact information. We would also like to have as many email contacts for parents as possible. Given many busy schedules, sometimes this is an effective way for the school to communicate with parents as well.

I encourage parents to review their students' sched-



**BOB STASKA**  
Principal and  
Activities Director

ules and credits with them. We have sent out information on credit recovery for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as well as summer Alternative School opportunities for students who have classes to make-up. As always, feel free to contact me in the high school office if you have any questions on your students' progress toward graduation. I will be making contact with parents over the summer for those students that have make-up work to do in order to be on track for graduation. Our goal is to have a 100% graduation rate for our students!!

I would also like to remind parents to make appointments early for athletic physicals if your son or daughter is participating in a fall sport. Since practice starts before school starts, sometimes this sneaks up on us. MSHSL sports physicals are good for three years. A blank form can be obtained in the high school office or on the MSHSL website at <http://www.mshsl.org/mshsl/publications.asp#5>. Parents and athletes will receive letters letting them know the start dates, practice times, and game schedules for fall sports.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!!

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## McGregor Super Mileage Club

In the last 2013-14 school year, McGregor had their first ever Super Mileage Club. Throughout the year, several students along with the Industrial Arts instructor, Chris Pashina worked on building a High Mileage car from the ground up. The purpose was to build a car that would get the highest mileage possible on the set amount of gas given to race 2 laps around the BIR Racetrack. The car would have to make 2 laps each time and complete 6 total runs to qualify. In May of this year, 3 of the students on the team along with their advisor went to BIR Raceway to race the product of their labor. The 2 day competition was a huge success according to the students and their advisor. Their best run was 254.02 mph out of 13 completed runs. They exceeded their advisor's expectations and goals. The students had a great time competing against many other schools and were very proud of their accomplishments. They were not able to go home with a trophy but they were drawn for a new motor to possibly use in the years to come. There were many people that donated their time, money and energy in making this car and club a reality for the kids involved. The students and advisor of the club extend their most sincere THANKS to everyone for helping these kids accomplish a first at McGregor High School.



*Left to Right: JD Beasley, Devin Fredrickson, Bryan DeWitt, Advisor Chris Pashina*

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Class of 2014



Summer Rayne Amundson\*  
 John David Beasley  
 Martina Marie Bruchu  
 Lexus Maria Campbell  
 Breanna Pearl Carr\*  
 Andrew Burton DeMenge  
 Bryan Daniel DeWitt  
 Cheryl Lynn Dittoe\*  
 Delaney Nicole Eld\*  
 Gretchen Lee Grams \*~

Cody Timmothy Halvorson  
 Abigail Rose Hawkinson\*~  
 Seth Allen Irwin  
 Jordan Jerome Kliever  
 Clayborne Wing Laucamp Johnson



Sasha Jean Leibold  
 Kendra Kathleen Mickelson\*  
 Korinna Rae Mickelson\*  
 Jennifer Ann Rogers\*  
 Rachel Diane Sather\*~  
 Layne Richard Sprague  
 Stacia Ann Staska\*~

3.0 Grade Point Average\*  
 National Honor Society~

## Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

### A HONOR ROLL

#### GRADE 4

Jayden Atkinson  
 Savannah Bidwell  
 Savannah Creighton  
 Seanna Donnelly  
 Gianna Farinella  
 Harlee Flannigan  
 Willie Glunz  
 Ava Horbacz  
 Jaylynn Maijala  
 Shane Oleson  
 Clara Oliver  
 Jordan Paquette

#### GRADE 5

James Dawson  
 Gillian Farinella  
 Lilly Hajec Maijala  
 Kiana Hawkinson  
 Haylee Kellermann  
 Hailey Luhmann  
 Harrison Nistler  
 Makenzie Taylor  
 Seth Watts

#### GRADE 6

Emma Arnold  
 Micah Barnaby  
 Karley Eld  
 Carson Ford

#### GRADE 6

Laine Horton  
 Tyler Horton  
 Logan Jackson  
 Emily Johnson  
 Grace Molitor Johnson

### B HONOR ROLL

#### GRADE 4

Summer Branchaud  
 Catrina Carter  
 Maddy Demenge  
 Morgan Koerber

#### GRADE 4

Jacob Metzen  
 Sydney Misquadace  
 Ouriyonna Serino

#### GRADE 5

Brooklyn Alt  
 Deja Bouvette  
 Mary Collins  
 Drew Dean  
 Trevor Gauthier  
 Grant Grams  
 Kylie Peter  
 Jazmine Serrano  
 Brittany Traplay  
 Maddy Wegleitner  
 Shane Whirwind Horse

#### GRADE 6

Catherine Hill  
 Robbi Hutchinson  
 Kathryn Jacobs  
 Jordan Misquadace  
 Sophia Mushkoob  
 Madi Niemeyer  
 Joe Oliver  
 Amelia Pagan  
 Marshall Passer  
 Nathan Scollard

A+



# And Away they Go!

It started with a countdown of 50 days. Each day, another number was removed from the senior corner of the Commons wall. Soon, they were down to single digits as they realized that graduation day was approaching much more quickly than they had imagined it would. And then, it was time for the senior class trip.

The seniors ( every single one of them!) went to Valleyfair. It was a great day because the weather was warm and the lines were short. Fun was had by all. A special thanks to our chaperones Angie DeWitt, Patty Bailey and Leigh Campbell.

The next day, the seniors' last day at MHS was Awards Day. The valedictorian and salutatorian were honored. Student Council and National Honor Society members were honored. Senior Stacia Staska received special recognition for perfect attendance from grade 1 -12.

Graduation day was all that the seniors could have hoped for. The audience was welcomed by class president Lexus Campbell. Salutatorian Abby Hawkinson and valedictorian Rachel Sather gave speeches filled with memories of their days at MHS, along with their hopes and dreams for the future.

The honorary speaker for the day was Dr. Lon Baumgardt. He inspired the students with sound advice stemming from his own experiences as a youth and as a teacher at MHS for the past 35 years.

As the graduates received their diplomas and threw their hats into the air, it was over. They had accomplished a major goal and were on to bigger things --- their futures.

***Congratulations for a job well done, graduates!***

# 14-15 SCHOOL CALENDAR

<b>August</b>	26	Tuesday	Teacher In-Service
	27	Wednesday	Teacher Workday
	28	Thursday	Teacher Workday - 11:30 to 7:00 Open House - 5:00 to 7:00
<b>September</b>	1	Monday	No School - Labor Day
	2	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School
<b>October</b>	16	Thursday	No School - Teacher Professional Mtg
	17	Friday	No School - Teacher Professional Mtg
<b>November</b>	7	Friday	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Early Release/Teacher In-Service
	17	Monday	No School - Conferences 11:30 - 7:00
	27 & 28	Thurs & Fri	No School - Thanksgiving
<b>December</b>	22	Monday	No School - Winter Break starts
<b>January</b>	5	Monday	School Resumes
	19	Monday	No School - Martin Luther King Day Teacher In-Service
	22	Thursday	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
	23	Friday	No School - Teacher Workday
<b>February</b>	16	Monday	No School - President's Day
<b>March</b>	27	Friday	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Early Release/Teacher In-service
<b>April</b>	2	Thursday	No School - Make-up day
	3	Friday	No School - Spring Break
	6	Monday	No School - Spring Break
	7	Tuesday	Conferences 4:00-7:30
	9	Thursday	Conferences 4:00-7:30
<b>May</b>	22	Friday	Seniors Last Day
	25	Monday	No School - Memorial Day
	29	Friday	Last Day for Students/End of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter
<b>June</b>	1	Monday	Teacher Workday

1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	47 days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	40 days
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	44 days
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	41 days

Graduation - Sunday, May 31, 2:00 pm

## Riverwood offers Sports Physicals at Reduced Rate

Riverwood Healthcare is offering sports physical exams at a special reduced rate of \$50 at its Aitkin, Garrison and McGregor clinics. No insurance will be accepted.

Choose a convenient evening appointment at these locations:

McGregor Sports Clinic: Tues., July 29, 4-7 PM

Aitkin Sports Clinic: Wed., July 30, 4-7 PM

Aitkin Sports Clinic: Tues., August 5, 4-7 PM

Garrison Sports Clinic: Wed., August 6, 4-7 PM

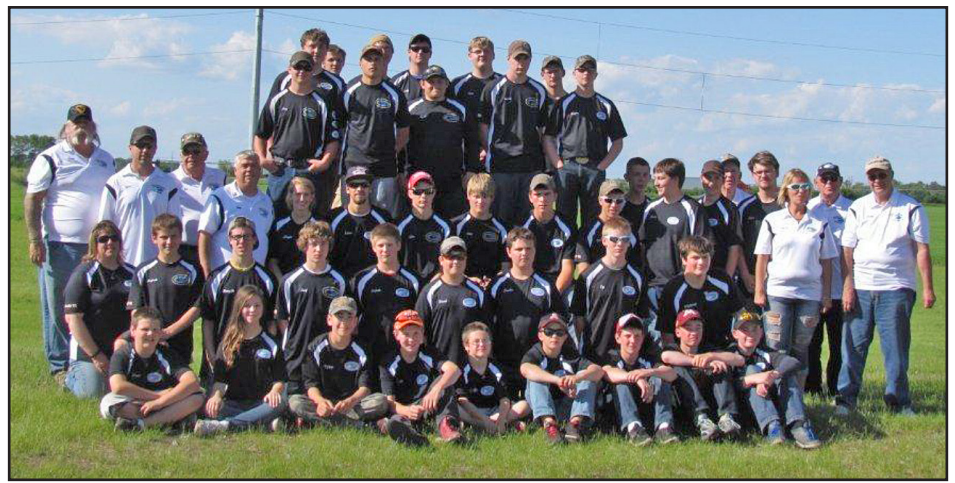
To make an appointment, call any Riverwood clinic toll-free at (888) 270-1882.



# M.A.C. Bird Busters High School Trap Team

Another successful year for the M.A.C. Bird Busters has come to an end. This year started out much like last year. The coaches had to do a lot of snow removal for the kids to even begin the competition this year. Morgan Kowitz's dad, Tony Kowitz also came to the trap range with his bobcat to help remove more snow on the first day of shooting. A few weeks into the season, we had a power outage. Tony Kangas came up to the trap range with generators so the kids could finish their rounds that night. The kids, parents and coaches extend a huge THANKS to both these guys for jumping in and helping out. This year the team doubled in size to 45 shooters with 38 kids attending the Championship Tournament in Alexandria on June 9th. Even though the kids had to battle snow, rain and windy conditions the whole season, the team was still able to earn 2nd Place in our Conference. Morgan Kowitz received a 3rd Place for the highest female average in our conference. At the Championship Tournament, Taylor Jatkola, Ryan Besch and Jackson Hargrove all shot a perfect 25 round. WAY TO GO GUYS!

It has been great seeing the kids for 3 school districts come together as 1 team and developing friendships. All this would not be possible without the numerous donations from generous organizations in the area, the coaches' dedication and time and the parents involved. Looking ahead, there will possibly be a Fall League offered in September and of course the Spring League will start again around April 2015. All the coaches want to wish the kids a fun summer and look forward to seeing the kids at the trap range in the Fall and/or Spring.



**CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT • 2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE IN OUR CONFERENCE**

## **SHOOTERS FROM MCGREGOR →**

*Front Row: Tyler Horton, Joseph Oliver, Justin Oliver, Joseph Heagle Middle Row: Carson Ford, Joey Glunz, Ben Muller, Morgan Kowitz Back Row: Bryan DeWitt, Matthew Warren, Harry Kruse Jr, Andrew Widseth Not Pictured: Griffin Bloom*



## **MCGREGOR • AITKIN • CROMWELL**

*First Row: Tyler Horton, Justin Oliver, Joseph Oliver, Carson Ford, David Aho, Cedrek Sworski, Drake Warner, Isaac Shelton, Joseph Heagle, Allison Rinta, Austin Teas, Luke Pelarski, Jack Gravelle, Ben Muller Middle Row: Coach Gary Vorlicky, Andrew Widseth, Bryan DeWitt, Matthew Warren, Coach Bob Dreger, Cy Sworski, Coach Ron Clasen, Derrik Holm, Cody Whiting, Taylor Jatkola, Tyler Kangas, Harry Kruse Jr, Aaron Rinta, Dan Nordean, Jonah Perrine, Ethan Croatt, Chris Jackson, Jack Braton, Cody Zebro, Joey Glunz, Morgan Kowitz, Andrea Hanson Back Row: Coach Dennis Petrick, Coach Tyson Warner, Coach Autumn Pool, Coach Mike Monson, Coach Dick Kush, Kyle Root, Spencer Jacobs, Brad Nelson Not Pictured: Coach Mike Kruse, Coach Randy Kuschke, Coach Jim Ryan, Griffin Bloom, Ryan Besch, Brody Considine, Jack Hargrove, Nick Koenig, Devon Moe, Steven Phipps, Austin Espeseth*

# Elementary 2014-2015 School Supply List

**KINDERGARTEN:** 10+ pencils (and as needed throughout the year); colored pencils; 1 pkg. glue sticks; 1 box crayons; 1 box Kleenex; 1 pair round tips scissors; \*watercolor paint set; 4-2 pocket folders labeled with name; 1 box washable crayola markers; 1 zippered back pack or bag labeled with name; 1 pair of tennis shoes labeled (to be left at school); 1 plastic resting mat (WalMart offers in the fall); 1 paint shirt labeled with name; 1 box sandwich or gallon size zip lock bags.



**1ST GRADE:** 1 box kleenex,; 1 pair of scissors; 1 glue bottle; large erasers; eraser tops; school boxes for supplies; 5 white board markers; 1 wide-lined notebook; 1 box of crayons; lots of #2 pencils; 5 folders; glue sticks are optional; zip lock baggies; pair of tennis shoes for PhyEd class; 1 backpack or bag to carry things home. Students should bring their own snack each day or for the week. Please be sure that all items are labeled with your child's name.

**2ND GRADE:** 24 #2 pencils; 1 box crayons; 1 box colored pencils; markers (optional); pencil box; 6 folders; 1 scissors labeled; 1 bottle Elmer's white glue; 1 boxes kleenex; 1 pkg. Expo dry erase markers; colored pencils; 1 pair of gym shoes to keep at school; 1 box ziploc bags (sandwich or gallon); backpack; daily healthy snacks.

**3RD GRADE:** 1 large box #2 pencils (please put name on box); 1 large eraser; erasers for the pencil top; 1 pair of scissors with name on it; 2 box of Kleenex to share; 4 folders; highlighter; 3 single subject notebooks-narrow width; crayons or colored pencils; 1 pack dry erase markers; 1 old clean sock for an eraser; 1 correcting pen; tennis shoes to leave at school for PhyEd. Please no trapper keepers or three ring binders- they do not fit in the desks.

**4TH GRADE:** 24 #2 pencils (and as needed throughout the year); colored pencils; crayons; fine tip markers; large markers; pencil bag or case; correcting pens,; highlighter; pencil top erasers or 1 large eraser; pencil sharpener; ruler with centimeters & inches; nice scissors- not rounded tip; 6- 2 pocket folders with prongs- 2 blue, 2 yellow, 2 red; 6 wide-lined notebooks- 2 blue, 2 yellow, 2 red; PE shoes with no-marking soles; 1 white 1" 3-ring binder for music; 2 Kleenex box; headphones for computer lab; backpack

**5TH GRADE:** 8 notebooks; 3 folders; 2 boxes pencils; scissors; jump drive; colored pencils or crayons; markers; highlighters; correcting pens; 3 ring binder; 2 boxes of tissues; 1 bottle of hand sanitizer; 1 pkg. erasers; headphones; tennis shoes will be needed on a daily basis for PhyEd.

**6TH GRADE:** 8 notebooks, 10 folders, 2 boxes pencils, scissors, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, correcting pens, 1- 2" hard-sided binder, 2 pkgs. 5-tab insert able color tab dividers, 2-3 boxes Kleenex, jump drive- may use the one from 5th grade (minimum 2 GB), headphones, backpack, band instrument (optional), tennis shoes will be needed each day for PE.

**MRS. DEMENGE'S ROOM:** 1 or 2 boxes kleenex; 1 box cookies or crackers for snack to share; 1 pencil bag or box; 1 pkg. notebook paper

**MUSIC:** 3rd & 4th grade need a 3-ring binder for music class, with a hard cover and a plastic protective outside that you can slide a paper in to.

*Glue sticks will be provided this year by community support in the My Coke and Campbell's programs. Thank you and keep collecting!*

## HOW TO REGISTER

1. CALLING: 218-768-2111 x233
2. FAX: registration form to 218-768-3901
3. MAIL: registration form to  
ISD #4/Community Education  
PO Box 160, McGregor, MN 55760
4. DROP BOX: outside CE office
5. E-MAIL: llkruse@mcgregor.k12.mn.us

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 FEE \_\_\_\_\_ CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK \_\_\_\_\_  
 CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
 YOUTH \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT \_\_\_\_\_ 55+ \_\_\_\_\_

# Community Education



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### SILVERSNEAKERS® CLASSIC

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activity for daily living skills. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and a ball are offered for resistance, and a chair is used for seated and/or standing support.

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 - 10:15am

Darlene Saba, Instructor

Classes held in the high school auditorium stage (check in - fitness center) \$3/class or no charge to SilverSneakers eligible members

### BEGINNING WHEEL POTTERY CLASS

Learn to throw your first mugs, bowls, vases, etc. in this beginning wheel pottery class. No experience required. Both electric wheel and kick wheels are available.

When: Monday, July 28, August 4, 11 & 18 from 5:30 - 8:30pm

Cost: \$40/four sessions. Must attend all four sessions.

What to bring: Old cloths & old towel

Where: Raspberry Island Pottery - meet at the dock landing at 50569 218th Place, McGregor, MN for a short pontoon ride to the island. (Please be prompt as there will only be one crossing at 5:30pm and a return trip at 8:30pm.)

Register early as this class is limited to 4 people.

### WHEEL POTTERY CLASS - TEACUPS & TEAPOTS

A class for those who have some prior experience and would like to get back into clay work by focusing on making a tea set. Clay, glazes and firing are included.

When: Monday, July 28, August 4, 11 & 18 from 1 - 4pm

Cost: \$40/four sessions. Must attend all four sessions.

What to bring: Your clay tools (if you have them), old cloths & old towel

Where: Raspberry Island Pottery - meet at the dock landing at 50569 218th Place, McGregor, MN for a short pontoon ride to the island. (Please be prompt as there will only be one crossing at 1:00pm and a return trip at 4:00pm.)

Register early as this class is limited to 4 people.

### OPEN STUDIO

For those with prior wheel experience or hand building experience. No class structure, instruction or requirements. This is open studio time to throw or hand build. We will bisque fire and glaze fire your work after you have glazed your pieces.

When: Monday, July 28, August 4, 11 & 18 from 9 - 11:30am

Cost: \$10/session and materials at \$15 for a 25 lb bag

What to bring: Your clay tools (if you have them), old cloths & old towel

Where: Raspberry Island Pottery - meet at the dock landing at 50569 218th Place, McGregor, MN for a short pontoon ride to the island. (Please be prompt as there will only be one crossing at 9:00am and a return trip at 11:30am)

Register early as this class is limited to 4 people.

### BEGINNING BLACKSMITHING CLASS

A beginner course in the principles of blacksmithing using a coal fired forge. Includes starting and maintaining a coal fire in the forge, tapering, upsetting, hot cutting, fullering, swaging and forge welding techniques.

When: All day Saturday, August 2 from 9:00am - 4:00pm

Cost: \$40; includes all materials

What to bring: Bag lunch, safety glasses, boots, ear protection, leather gloves and cotton clothing.

Where: Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island - meet at the dock landing at 50569 218th Place, McGregor, MN for a short pontoon ride to the island. (Please be prompt as there will only be one crossing at 9:00am and a return trip at 4:00pm). This class will take place rain or shine.

Register early as this class is limited to 4 people.



### FORGING ON 18TH CENTURY TRADE AXE

A course involving forging a small belt hatchet or "Trade Ae" in the traditional manner. Prio forging experience is desired, but not essential for this course as it will be limited to a specific project.

When: All day Saturday, August 16 from 9:00am - 4:00pm

Cost: \$60; includes all materiels. Each person will complete a small axe.

What to bring: Bag lunch, safety glasses, boots, ear protection, leather gloves and cotton clothing.

Where: Sandy Lake Forge on Raspberry Island - meet at the dock landing at 50569 218th Place, McGregor, MN for a short pontoon ride to the island. (Please be prompt as there will only be one crossing at 9:00am and a return trip at 4:00pm)

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