



Brookings School District

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MICKELSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Todd C. Foster, Mickelson Middle School Principal
RE: Administrative Report
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October Highlights:

Great Place to Learn

Upcoming Wax Museum



Mickelson Middle School will have some special guests show up to visit during the upcoming Wax Museum that will be taking place in the upcoming week. The 6th Red team will hold the Wax Museum on Thursday, November 14th and the 6th Black team will hold theirs on Monday, November 18th. Both events will take place from 6:30 pm until 7:30 pm at Mickelson Middle School. The money will be donated to the Kelly McGeough Foundation, which was established in 1983 in honor of ten-year-old Kelly McGeough who fought a valiant fight against leukemia.



6th Grade Ancient Egyptian Civilization

The 6th-grade students at MMS have recently been discovering the Ancient Egyptian Civilization. Mr. Jeff Olson as King Tut and Mr. Travis Engebretson as Ramses the Great made history come alive for class on Halloween this year.

Veterans Day Program

Mickelson Middle School will host their Veterans in the Classroom on Tuesday, November 12th. Different speakers will be talking to students about their experiences and the 8th grade class will get a presentation from a group of Vietnam Veterans from Watertown of American 4 Vietnam Veterans to share personal stories and a video.

Great Place to Work

Sheri Holt—30 Years of Service



Mickelson Middle School Chorus Teacher, Sheri Holt was recognized for 30 years of service to the South Dakota Music Educator Association. The SDMEA supports music educators in all areas at all levels and advocates for music education as an essential component in the education of all students. The SDEMA sponsors events that provide quality musical experiences for students and professional development opportunities for music educators.

Mrs. Holt was chosen for the position of ACDA Repertoire and Resource Chair. Her responsibilities will be to select repertoire and introduce/teach those to other music directors at the upcoming conference in January out in the Hills area.

Natural High

The following Natural High students sang the National Anthem at a recent Sioux Falls Stamped Hockey on October 27th.



Child Nutrition at MMS

Our child nutrition team enjoys making the lunch program fun for the students as they come through the serving on special occasions. Below is team as they dressed up for Halloween.



Great Place to Collaborate

Natural Helpers



On October 28 and 29, the annual Natural Helpers training was conducted for the 25 nominated students from Mickelson Middle School. The 25 students were nominated by their classmates who identified their natural skills of listening and problem solving. Dodi Haug of the Northeast Prevention Resource Center in Watertown led the training at the Boys and Girls Club of Brookings. The two-day training develops the skills of listening, of identifying problems, of seeking solutions, of knowing when a problem is too big for a teenager to handle, and of referring to a professional for additional help.

The school counselors, Chad Adamson and Dannica Hoffman also assisted with the training. Adamson says that this is the 27th training that he has helped coordinate and believes that it had been going on for years before he started. The Natural

Helpers are a group of students prepared to be the eyes and ears available to the concerns of the student body. MMS always attempts to have 10% of the 8th grade trained before they enter high school. We are proud of these students, and we thank them for their service to their fellow classmates.



Lions Club Good Citizens Award

Each quarter the Brookings Lions Club honors selected 8th grade learners as the Lions Club Good Citizens. Learners are nominated by the faculty and selected for demonstrating self-discipline, a commitment to health, respect for others, compassion, good judgement, responsibility, honesty, scholarship, trustworthiness, and involvement. The Lions Club holds four meetings throughout the year at Mickelson Middle School. This is an excellent collaborative effort working with the Brookings area Lions Club. The following learners were named the first nine weeks Good Citizens.



National Civics Bee

The Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce and Platinum Sponsor Teesdale Law are proud to be one of the first communities in South Dakota to launch the National Civics Bee. Mickelson Middle School has been working with Kelsey Doom, Director of the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce are working to bring this competition to the Brookings Community. Students who participate in the National Civics Bee strengthen their civics, writing, and public speaking skills. More information to follow as we continue this journey with the Chamber.