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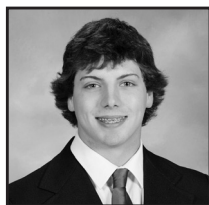
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"Preparing Productive Citizens that are College and Career Ready."

Congratulations to the ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Class of 2025! ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



**Kody
Bird**



**Mason
Casner**



**Nevaeh
Halvin**



**Gabryelle
Harper**



**Owen
Martin**



**Katelyn
Parman**



**Olivia
Renfro**



**Amy
Richards**



**Lakota
Rucker**



**Neveah
Smith**

Scholarship Recipients

Booster Club- Olivia Renfro, Lakota Rucker, Katelyn Parman
Dick Wallace Memorial- Katelyn Parman
Community Club- Katelyn Parman, Olivia Renfro
John T. Belcher- Katelyn Parman
Joshua Bix Memorial- Nevaeh Halvin
Lions Club- Katelyn Parman, Neveah Smith
Nodaway County Cattleman- Katelyn Parman
North Nodaway Alumni- Lakota Rucker
Richard Brand Memorial- Olivia Renfro
Russell Allen- Lakota Rucker
Tenaska- Olivia Renfro
Ron Houston- Olivia Renfro
Nucor Foundation- Katelyn Parman
NWMSU University Scholarship- Katelyn Parman, Olivia Renfro
A+ Scholarship- Olivia Renfro
Luke Skelton- Olivia Renfro

Seniors Plan for the Future

Kody Bird plans on attending Tarkio Tech and pursuing a degree in Wind Turbine Tech.

Mason Casner plans on joining the workforce.

Nevaeh Halvin plans on attending North Central Missouri College in Trenton with a goal of obtaining her associate's degree in nursing.

Gabryelle Harper plans to attend Missouri Western State University to obtain a degree in Education.

Owen Martin plans on attending SWCC in Creston and running track.

Katelyn Parman plans on attending Northwest Missouri State University and

majoring in Psychology.

Olivia Renfro plans on attending Northwest Missouri State University.

Amy Richards plans on attending St. Joseph Beauty University to obtain a cosmetology license.

Lakota Rucker plans to attend State Techni-

cal College of Missouri and major in computer application development.

Neveah Smith plans on attending Missouri Western State College or North Central Missouri College to obtain a degree in nursing.



Tales from Townsend

By Mrs. Heather Townsend, Elementary Principal

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what a truly wonderful year it has been for our students, staff, and families. I could not be more proud of the growth and progress we've seen across all grade levels. Our students have worked hard, risen to challenges, and are now ready for the next grade level. One of the things that makes our school community so special is the people who make it all happen. We have some of the finest teachers in Northwest Missouri—educators who show up every day with passion, professionalism, and heart. Our support staff work with integrity and dedication, ensuring everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. I also want to extend sincere apprecia-

tion to our support system at home. Your support, involvement, and partnership have been essential in helping our students reach their full potential.

As we look ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, I'm excited about the momentum we're building. We'll be continuing with our Character Strong program, which has made a positive impact on our school culture. Additionally, we'll be expanding training in our Positive Behavior Program to ensure consistency.

There are also a few items for next year that I want to share. All students will be required to use clear water bottles while at school. This helps us maintain a safe and secure learning environment, as well as, consistency throughout the District. The Lumen gradebook will be the primary source for checking student grades. Plan to use this system

regularly to stay informed about your child's academic progress. Please also be prepared to see homework coming home on a consistent basis. We believe regular practice at home reinforces learning and builds strong academic habits. Your support in creating a routine for homework completion will make a big difference.

But before we shift fully into planning for next year, I hope everyone takes some well-deserved time to relax and recharge. Enjoy the summer with your kiddos—make memories, have fun, and soak in the time together.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this year a success. I'm grateful to be part of such an incredible school community, and I'm already looking forward to what we'll accomplish together in the year ahead.

Fourth Quarter Awards



Celebrating their fourth quarter awards, the third grade pose for a picture. Front: Landon Frueh, Mae Hunter, Kynlee Titus; back: Oakley Wermelskirchen, Bailey Pickering, Bryslee Allen, Atty Stringer, Taylor Forney, Lucas Brown, Ryder Perkins, Lincoln Stringer, Kymber Farnsworth, Ryder Titus and Miss Trimble.

Say No to Drugs



Brailynn Colebank holds her award winning poster on "Say No to Drugs" sponsored by the Maryville Optimist Club. Lynn Beason (right), Maryville Optimist Club and Mrs. Whipple (left), stands with Brailynn.

Nurse Appreciation



The students and staff celebrated School Nurses Appreciation day by showering Mrs. Russell with gifts and praise. Thank you, Mrs. Russell, for being a great nurse

and for supporting the North Nodaway School District with all your heart.

Dr. Seuss Day



Crosby Bix, Khloe Scroggie, Aby Brittain, Kloie Titus enjoyed Dr. Seuss Day at the elementary by dressing up and participating in many activities.

Elementary Third Quarter Honor Roll Awards

A Honor Roll

Preschool- Elliott Messner, Paetyn Brittain, Vaideh Hansen
Kindergarten- Matthew Wilmes
Second Grade- Aby Brittain
Third Grade- Lucas Brown, Landon Frueh, Ryder Perkins
Fourth Grade- Camden Butler, Oliver Miller, Aiden Parman, William Wilmes
Fifth Grade- Lucus Hansen, Taylor David, Torrie Rader

A/B Honor Roll

Preschool- Brooklyn

Keever, Aurora Gilles-VanPatten
Kindergarten- Crosby Bix, Brynn Miller, Kash Titus, Lillian Young, Corbin Titus
Second Grade- Julian Bix, Emma Dougherty, Madden Hansen, Bentlee McClarnon, Khloe Scroggie, Dayne Smyser, Diana Snuffer, Kloie Titus
Third Grade- Bryslee Allen, Mae Hunter, Atty Stringer, Lincoln Stringer, Kynlee Titus, Oakley Wermskirchen
Fourth Grade- Ryder Everhart, Lucus Gray, Oakley Marriott, Rollie Martin, Skylar Pearson, Gunner Stricker

Fifth Grade- Ady Dailey, Bella Graham, Brysha Allen, Clell Clements, Corey Reeves, Jayneigh Lawson, Landon Turner, Lucien Rader, Marin Alexander, Tobyn Steinman-Gladman, Zaylnn Luke.

Cooperation Awards

Preschool- Brooklyn Keever
Kindergarten- Crosby Bix
First Grade- Karsyn Marriott
Second Grade- Bentlee McClarnon
Third Grade- Landon Frueh
Fourth Grade- Oliver Miller

Fifth Grade- Corey Reeves
Courage Awards
Preschool- Creed Drummond
Kindergarten- Kash Titus
First Grade- Allizay Laflin
Second Grade- Khloe Scroggie
Third Grade- Kymber Farnsworth
Fourth Grade- Oakley Marriott
Fifth Grade- Mylee Stringer

Respectful, Responsible, Safe Awards

Preschool- Max Gilliland
Kindergarten- Lillian Young
First Grade- Tryson Allen

Second Grade- Aby Brittain
Third Grade- Ryder Perkins
Fourth Grade- William Wilmes
Fifth Grade- Brysha Allen

Principal Awards

Marin Alexander

Golden Wastebasket Award

Third Grade

Golden Lunch Tray Award

Third Grade

ELEMENTARY SPRING CONCERT & FIELD DAY



From the Principal's Desk

by Mr. Roger Johnson,
MS/HS Principal

As the school year comes to a close, it's a perfect time to reflect on the many accomplishments we've achieved together as a learning community. Our seniors recently returned from their senior trip, celebrated graduation, and are now stepping into the next exciting chapter of their lives. We are incredibly proud of their achievements, dedication to community service, and the strong character they've displayed. We're excited to see what their futures hold!

April was a busy month filled with MAP and EOC testing, numerous activities and sporting events. Students also finalized their class schedules for the upcoming school

year. It's been inspiring to watch our sophomores and juniors look ahead—exploring future careers and college options while thoughtfully planning their coursework.

This past month has also been full of exceptional student events and performances. From choir, band, and art showcases to academic competitions, our students shined. Several students earned spots at state-level competitions in FFA, Band, and Track. Prom gave everyone a chance to relax and celebrate! A special highlight was our Academic Banquet, where many high school students were recognized for their academic success, leadership, service, and involvement. Thank you once again to our parents and community members for

your continued support. Your partnership is vital in helping our students grow into responsible, successful citizens.

This school year has gone extremely fast and we can look back now and see all of the great things our students and staff have accomplished this year! On a personal note, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support over the past five years as I move into retirement. I look forward to seeing how things continue to grow and develop for the Mustang Family in the future! Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!



MS StuCo Officers



Middle School Student Council Officers for next year are: Gannon Stricker, President; Zoey Pearson, Vice-President; Sophee Clapp, Secretary and Ava Steinman, Treasurer.

Lunch Hero Week



The kitchen staff was celebrated for their amazing dedication to keeping our students and staff healthy with their awesome cooking. Thank you Chariza

Gladman, Corey Everhart and Cristi Fountain for your commitment to North Nodaway!!

MORP 2025



Morp attendees had a blast during the MS dance. Pictured are front: Cade Miller, Tristen Wray, Sam Jenkins; back: Lila Miller, Ava Steinman, Arianna Owens, Zoey Pearson, Dustie Rader and Gannon Stricker.

NN Presented "The Audition"



The play cast of "The Audition" included front: Lacy Riley, Jackie Wray, Olivia Renfro, Amy Richards, Katelyn Parman, Arianna Jimenez, director Mrs. Bix; back: Trynzlee Ebrecht, Taccoa Moyer, Gannon Volner, Casey Wray, Sadee Clapp, Addalea Barcus, Pyper Smith and Draven Rader.

MS/HS Third Quarter Honor Roll Awards

Middle School Honor Roll Awards

6th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Arianna Owens, Kayden Snuffer
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Braxton Dougherty, Kamden Reynolds, Avary Volner
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Jacobie Edington

7th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Sophee Clapp, Zoey Pearson
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Samuel Jenkins, Reed Martin, Cade Miller, Ava Steinman, Gannon Stricker, Chandra Wyllie
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Hudson Alexander, Dustie Rader, Trenton Roberts, Ethan Wilmes, Tristan Wray

8th Grade

Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Eliza Clements, Jaycie Edington, Journi Farnsworth, Jackson Keho, Hayden Marriott, Conner Pearson, Zoey Phillips, Marek Stevens
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Luke Clements

Perfect Attendance

Luke Clements, Jaycie Edington, Zoey Phillips, Marek Stevens, Sophee Clapp, Reed Martin, Trenton Roberts, Tristen Wray, Jacobie Edington, Arianna Owens, Kayden Snuffer

Student of the Quarter
Sam Jenkins

Leadership

Hayden Marriott

Mustang Award
Gannon Stricker

Achievement
Zoey Pearson

High School Honor Roll Awards

9th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Laney Turner
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Weston Alexander, Taccoa Moyer, Draven Rader, Lena Richards, Pyper Smith
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Trynzlee Ebrecht, Savannah Rucker

10th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Lily Blane, Mya Hansen, Ridge Harger, Tequilla Miller
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Wyatt Emery, Aiden James, Keith Riedel
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Monica Castillo

11th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Addalea Barcus, Blaine Clements, Lacy Riley, Gannon Volner
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Sadee Clapp, Jordan DeLeon, Emily Keho, Kaeden Nave, Casey Wray, Jackie Wray, Trevin Wyllie
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Aryianna Jimenez

12th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Mason Casner, Nevaeh Halvin, Owen Martin, Lakota Rucker

Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Katelyn Parman, Olivia Renfro, Neveah Smith
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Kody Bird, Gabrielle Harper, Amy Richards

Perfect Attendance
Blaine Clements, Lacy Riley, Ridge Harger, Keith Riedel, Trynzlee Ebrecht, Draven Rader, Conner Reeves, Savannah Rucker

Student of the Quarter
Amy Richards

Leadership
Sadee Clapp

Citizenship
Tequilla Miller

Achievement
Lakota Rucker, Kaeden Nave, Ridge Harger, Kaeah Edington

Students of the Month



March students of the month were Kila Miller, Lena Richards, Ava Steinman and Jaycie Edington.

State Qualifier



Owen Martin placed third at Sectionals in the high jump and will compete in the State Track Meet held in Jefferson City. Congratulations to Owen!

Senior Trip Fun



The Seniors and their sponsors posed for a photo outside of Dolly Parton's Stampede in Branson. Pictured are front: Nevaeh Halvin, Ms. Pedersen, Neveah Smith, Olivia Renfro, Katelyn Parman; back: Mr. Schoonover, Kody Bird, Owen Martin, Amy Richards, Lakota Rucker and Mason Casner.

A Year to Remember - Celebrating Our Successes Together

by Mr. Chris Turpin,
Superintendent

As another school year comes to a close, I find myself amazed at how quickly the time has passed—especially these last five years. It feels like we blinked, and now another graduating class is walking across the stage, ready to begin the next chapter of their lives. This year was not only successful, but ran smoothly overall, thanks to the efforts of our students, staff, families, and community members.

While things move quickly once the school year ends, a moment during graduation gave me pause and encouraged me to reflect. One of our seniors shared something simple yet powerful: “Don’t forget where you came from—and don’t forget each other.” That comment really stuck with me. It reminded me just how special our school and communities are, and how fortunate we are to raise families in such caring environments. It’s a strong reminder of the value of community, connection, and shared history.

As a school leader, I was filled with pride hearing that sentiment. It reinforced the importance of our mission: “Preparing Productive Citizens that are College and Career Ready.” This year’s graduating class exemplifies

that mission, with many students heading into the workforce and others pursuing post-secondary education. It’s clear we are preparing students not only academically, but for life beyond the classroom.

As we continue working to improve outcomes for all students, we must emphasize something crucial: high parental expectations are the number one factor in student academic success. When parents expect their children to work hard, take responsibility, and strive for excellence, those students are far more likely to succeed. We need every family in our district to help set the bar high—for behavior, effort, and learning. We’ll meet those expectations at school, but the support

at home is what truly makes the difference.

This year also marks the retirement of two outstanding staff members who have made lasting contributions to our school and community. As the year wound down, it became clear how lucky we’ve been to have Mr. Johnson, our principal, as part of our school for the past eight years. During the last five, he has served as our instructional leader—instituting meaningful traditions and helping to define what it means to be part of our “Mustang Family.” Under his leadership, we’ve implemented programs like WIN (What I Need) Time, Grade Watch, testing incentives, data teaming, collaboration time, and a dedicated

focus on raising student achievement. His impact on both students and staff is immeasurable. Personally, I’m not only losing a colleague, but a trusted friend. We are grateful for his service and wish him the very best in retirement.

Stepping into the role of principal will be Mr. Jenkins, our current Athletic Director. I have the utmost confidence in him as he builds on the foundation that’s been laid, bringing his own perspective and energy to the position. He is deeply committed to our mission and vision, and I know he’s excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for our students and staff.

Also retiring this year is Mr. Victor West, who has served this district faith-

fully for 16 years. Mr. West is an outstanding educator. His methods may be unorthodox at times, but they are incredibly effective—his students love him for it. His presence in the classroom and around the building will be greatly missed. We wish him nothing but the best in the next chapter of his life.

We’re proud to share that over the past five years, we’ve secured over \$1 million in grant funding to support our district. Most recently, we were awarded the Comprehensive Literacy State Development Grant, a five-year grant totaling \$250,000, which will enhance literacy instruction and provide staff training at the elementary level. We

Birthday Book Club



The Birthday Book Club had a breakfast celebration with Mrs. Martin. Thank you to all the parents who donated a book to our library in honor of your student and their birthday. Pictured are front: Malia Butler, Rhettlynn Lett, Remington Perkins, Ryker Colebank, Brailynn Colebank, Ryder Everhart, Austun Law, Mrs. Martin; middle: Brynn Miller, Crosby Bix, Paetyn Brittain, Embree Brown, Enzela Lett, Karsyn Marriott, Madden Hansen, Bennett Roberts, Riley Perkins; back: Cash Roberts, Camden Butler, Rollie Martin, Oliver Miller, Lucas Hansen, Ryder Perkins, Landon Frueh, Emma Dougherty, Marin Alexander, Oakley Marriott, Bentlee McClarnon, Julian Bix and Landon Turner.

know that ensuring every child can read, write, and speak effectively is critical—these are life skills every graduate must carry forward.

In terms of facility improvements, we’ve made a few key updates this year that directly support student and staff experience, including:

- Refinishing the stage
- Installing new basketball hoops in the gym
- Asphaltting the agricultural lot behind the high school and the elementary school parking lot in Pickering
- Providing new teacher desks at the high school (to match those the elementary staff received earlier this year)

We also have some exciting news for students and families: thanks to a recent grant, we will be able to sponsor several summer outings, including trips to the movie theater, bowling

alley, and skating rink. These fun opportunities are designed to keep students engaged and connected over the summer months. Stay tuned to our district Facebook pages for more information and participation details in the coming weeks.

None of this progress would be possible without the incredible support of our communities. Hopkins and Pickering are filled with proud, hardworking individuals who want to see their towns and schools thrive. The synergy right now is real—and inspiring. From packed school events to community-driven projects, the support is everywhere.

We’re grateful for the small businesses and organizations that create jobs and support our school, including River Valley Ag, JL Houston’s, Rick’s Country Shoppe,

the Smoke Shop, M & M Pub and Grub, Agri-land, O’Tax LLC, Heide-man Painting and Blasting, our local churches, and Wray Salvage. Our volunteer fire departments are dedicated and well-equipped. The Ball Association and Community Betterment groups continue to make tremendous improvements through grants and fundraising. The Roxy Theater restoration, city sidewalk repairs, park upgrades, and home revitalization projects are all a reflection of the community’s commitment to progress.

This summer, we’ll come together again at the Hopkins Picnic, August 7-9, with events hosted by the Community Club, including their famous beef and noodle dinners. Pickering continues to enhance its park and host cher-

ished events such as the Pony Pull in June, Horse Show in September, and the Poker Run for Brad Peve in July. These efforts keep our traditions alive while building a stronger future.

Looking around, it’s easy to feel proud of what we’ve built and continue to build. Our school remains committed to supporting and growing the connection between school and community. I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of this team and community.

Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall!

Award Recipient



Trynzlee Ebrecht displays her “Newcomer of the Year” award presented to her at the Academics Awards Banquet by Mrs. Bix for participating in the high school play “The Audition” for the very first time.

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• *Thank you to the North Nodaway* •
• *Board of Education, PTO, Students,* •
• *Community Members and everyone who* •
• *showered us with food, gifts and praise* •
• *during Staff Appreciation Week.* •
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Staff Service & Retirement Awards



Mr. Turpin, Superintendent; Mr. Johnson, Principal, and Mr. Nally, Ag Teacher; congratulate Mr. Johnson upon his retirement from the Missouri School system. Mr. Johnson has been the MS/HS Principal for the last five years and will be greatly missed.



Victor West proudly displays his retirement gift. Mr. West has been teaching at the MS/HS for the last 16 years in various subjects and will be missed by all.



Staff members receiving years of service awards were: Emily Bix, 5 years; Cody Bix, 5 years; Teresa Thompson, 20 years; Cody Jenkins, 5 years; Chris Turpin, 5 years; and Emily Higgins, 5 years. Not pictured: Dustin Stringer, 5 years; Chariza Gladman, 5 years.

NN Prom and Graduation Celebrations



Board member Jennifer Clements presents Amy Richards with her diploma while Mr. Turpin (left) and Mr. Johnson (right) look on.



Mason Casner and Neveah Smith enter the gymnasium before commencement..



Mason Casner and Addalea Barcus pose for the camera.



Prom King Kody Bird and Prom Queen Olivia Renfro.



Lakota Rucker and Nevaeh Halvin proudly show off their diplomas.



Alanis Wray and Katelyn Parman smiles for the camera at prom.



Lacy Riley and Kila Miller strike a pose.



The Junior Class gather for a quick photo before prom. Pictured are front: Gannon Volner, Lacy Riley, Sadee Clapp, Emily Kehoe, Addalea Barcus, Jackie Wray, Aryianna Jimenez, Casey Wray, Laythen Ebrecht; back: Trevin Wyllie, Blaine Clements, Jordan DeLeon and Draven Rowland.