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Learn by Doing!



Ashley Public School had 74% attendance for conferences on March 22.

A Look Ahead

April 1: April Fool's Day

April 3-5: FBLA State

April 7: Preschool Screening

April 9: Small groups @ Edgeley

April 13: Long range planning

mtg. 7:00 pm

April 15: NO SCHOOL

April 18-22: Missoula

Children's Theater
practice

April 23: MCT performance

3:00 & 6:00



THE ACA WHAT?

The area of biology devoted to the study of fungi is known as? Or, which of the Great Lakes has the largest surface area? If you can answer these questions, then you could be a member of the Acalympics team at Ashley Public School! What exactly is an Acalympics team? The Acalympics team is a group of students from grades 7-12 who have been selected by staff members representing top

academic grades in various areas. If you've ever played Trivial Pursuit, that would give you a good idea of what an Acalympics tournament is like.

Wishek held the Region V Acalympics March 15, hosting 22 teams from around the state. There were two divisions: Junior High, made up of the following students - Faith Dockter, Caitlin Molter, Jacob

ACALYMPICS....CONTINUED.

Entzie, India Bender, Hunter Gallagher, and Nicole Schmidt. High School Division - Jennifer Melom, Chloe Hauth, Brooke Gilstad, Morgan Gallagher, Katie Schmidt, and Addie Schnabel. Ashley's Junior High team squeaked out a one point championship victory, bringing home the gold, while the High Schoolers finished in the middle of the pack. It most certainly is impressive to see what our students know! Next time you're in a Trivial Pursuit tournament, be sure to call on one of these folks!



Team	Long A	Long B	Long C	Long D	Long E	Long F	Long G	Long H	Long I	Long J	Long K	Long L	Long M	Long N	Long O	Long P	Long Q	Long R	Long S	Long T	Long U	Long V	Long W	Long X	Long Y	Long Z	Total	Place
Ashley H-M-B	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kulm	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Medina	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Montpelier	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Kidder C. Tappen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wing	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Zealand	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Gackle-Streeter	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Strasburg	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
McClusky	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

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PARENTING WITH LOVE & LOGIC

Some people say, "Kids these days are wimps!" We hear it again and again in the news: "Too much coddling, too much hovering, and too much over-protection have created a generation of young adults who can't get dressed each morning without parental intervention."

Before elaborating on some solutions to the hovercraft crisis, I'd like to applaud the many parents who are still raising kids with common sense, self-control, and grit. Kudos also to the wonderfully responsible young adults I meet every day. They are still out there!

Yep...hovering has reached a zenith. So are vague notions about what we ought to do instead. Some authors suggest giving children free rein to run with scissors, roam dark streets at night, and wire 220-voltage appliances unsupervised. A totally hands-off approach is their motto.

Going to extremes is never healthy. Instead, wise parents consider each specific situation and ask themselves the following questions:

What are the real risks?

Too frequently, we forget that we cannot eliminate all risk from our lives or our children's. We can only ask ourselves, "Is this really a life-and-death issue?"

Am I removing the joy by trying to remove the risk?

A life lived with no risk is a life not lived.

Has my child been allowed to blow it when the "price tags" were small?

If a child has a history of being over-protected, a parent may want to start by giving more freedom over smaller issues...instead of suddenly giving great freedom over much larger ones.

Have I provided the training required for my child to handle this risk safely?

For example, if I allow my children to use the lawnmower, have I shown them how to do so safely? Have we practiced using the mower together? Offering training helps our children experience the joy of conquering risks independently.

What is my characteristic style of parenting?

Great parents do their best to allow their children the freedom to make mistakes, experience the consequences, and solve the problems they encounter. Great parents also protect and rescue from time to time. How might you answer the following?

Do I protect or rescue most of the time, or do I tend to err on the side of allowing my kids to experience life and learn from it?



The Ashley School will be having a strategic planning meeting on April 13, at 7:00 PM to determine the plan for the school during the next 2-5 years. This is a standard plan required by the state that just insures that the district is looking at enrollment, costs and building and grounds on a regular basis with a plan in place for improvements. This will be held in the high school gym. The monthly school board meeting will follow the strategic planning meeting.



4.00 Average

Nicole Schmidt-7
Faith Dockter-8
Caitlin Molter-8
India Bender-9
Bryce Goettle-9

Tanner Kempf-9
Tiffany Engelhart-10
Katie Schmidt-10
Morgan Gallagher-12
Brooke Gilstad-12
Chloe Hauth-12

3.5 - 3.99 Average

Hunter Gallagher-7
Trey Haugom-7
Alexis Kempf-7
Emily St. Aubin-7
Christina Kloster-8
Grant Schneider-8
Kylee Thiery-8

Collin Martz-9
Sara Melom-9
Riley Molter-9
Nick Paulsrud-9
Abby Petersen-9
India Bercier-10
Rachel Rueb-10
Elena Rusu-10
Addie Schnabel-10
Jennifer Melom-11

3.00 - 3.49 Average

Nelson Meidinger-7
Kebba Beach-8
Jacob Entzie-9
Anthony Richter-9
Thea Entzie-10
Matthew
Schlichting-10
Tristan Lippert-11
Jessica Melom-11
Matt Rueb-12





One quarter left and then another school year in the books. I keep saying how fast this year has gone, but I really can't believe how fast it *has* gone. With this being our last quarter, students need to finish strong. Parents, make sure your child/children are bringing books home. I see a lot of students just getting by, not giving a 100% effort. As I watch in the halls after school, not a lot of books going home. REMEMBER... we have one quarter left - don't get that spring fever until May 20.

April will be busy with the usual spring testing and for our students, it is a priority. Some testing has been done already. Please remember when you receive those notices regarding testing, work with

us to make certain that your child has plenty of rest and a healthy breakfast to insure they are ready. This is very important. I was reading an article not too long ago, and it talked about how

parents should do the following to help their child succeed during standardized testing: first, the parent should explain how these tests will show learning growth. Next, limit activities the night before the test, making sure the child gets plenty of sleep. The last piece of advice from this article is giving them a high energy breakfast with proteins *and* carbohydrates. These tips would be a big help to both your child and the school.



We have put this in the newsletter before, but I feel we need to again. If you are coming to the school please check in with the office. I have seen a few people come out and just head

to a teachers classroom. We don't want the classrooms interrupted at any point. When the classroom teacher is in the middle of teaching and someone comes in, it throws all the students off. The teacher then has to spend the next few minutes getting students back on task. If you have something to drop off to your child bring it to the office, Teresa, Mr. Hauth, or myself will make sure the student will get it. We have a great group of teachers at our school that want to help every student achieve at their highest level. Please help our teachers achieve this. Thanks for your cooperation on this matter.



Student of the Month



Matthew Schlichting, son of Doug and Debra Schlichting, has been selected for student of the month. This month, Matthew has grown as a student and has had a positive attitude. He has demonstrated a good and improved-work ethic this past quarter, with the results of becoming an honor roll student. Matthew is a kind individual and willing to help out, always greets people in the hallway, and treats students and teachers with respect. He has shown a lot of motivation to be successful in his academics and is putting in the hard work it takes to do so. His success in science fair is a great example of the active approach he has taken towards learning.

Congratulations



Missoula Children's Theatre

Save the Date

April 18-23, 2016

In April our Ashley students and MCT will be presenting "Alice in Wonderland". MCT is such a wonderful experience for our students. This year will be our seventh year with MCT. Over the years MCT has always been funded with grants and donations. MCT is a wonderful experience for all of our students involved. If anyone would like to make a donation to MCT please contact Jessica Schmidt 701-288-3257 or Teresa Dockter 701-288-3456, so we can continue to have MCT come to Ashley School. Thank you to everyone who has helped make MCT such a huge success in Ashley!



We have really enjoyed celebrating Reading during the month of March. The activities have been fun and we loved the popcorn. Some of our other favorite days were: joke day, cereal box reading, where is our teacher, read to our stuffed animal and guest reader day.

In Math we have been learning comparison symbols and doing really well. We have practiced a lot with the website, www.starfall.com (Math Journey activity) and www.sheppardsoftware.com.



The McIntosh County Spelling Bee took place in Ashley on February 24th, 2016. Ashley, Wishek and Zeeland sent their best speller from each grade 5-8. These top dogs competed against one another to find two spellers tough enough to participate in the State Spelling Bee. The Ashley students, Zach St. Aubin (5th), Colton Martz (6th), Emily St. Aubin (7th), and Caitlin Molter (8th) were the representatives of each class from Ashley. Three of them made it to the Top 8, taking them to the high-intensity oral round. With deep concentration and powerful articulation skills, the students used all of the alphabet to prove themselves as worthy oral spellers. Though the Ashley students spelling and vocabulary skills were superb, two Wishek students will be the ones to represent McIntosh County at the State Spelling Bee. Emily unofficially took 3rd place, being just one point behind the 2nd place winner. Caitlin unofficially took 5th, and Zach unofficially took 6th. We are very proud of our spellers who put forth their best effort!

CAN YOU SPELL HIEROGLYPHICS??



Ms. Eszlinger

Putting words
On paper to
Express in part,
Thoughts from me
Right to
Your heart

Best Of Me

When all thoughts are gone and my mind is blank, I stop to wonder and think. Think about the people on this planet, I see my friends all the time and can't even stand it. When we get older is the time, when we reach the end of our rope, run out of rhymes. Everyone in the world has a destiny, so after reading this poem, ask yourself:

Is this the best of me?

By Zach St. Aubin

"Redeye"

Big creamy eyes,
Soft red hide,
As beautiful as the sunset.
I doodle on my paper all day long.
My teacher asks me why are there horses
on your paper.
I say I don't know.
But I know. I can't wait until the day is
over.
I run off the bus. I meet her at the fence.
We ride off into the sunset
With her hide blending into the setting
sun.

By: Cheyanne Lindgren

"Good Things"

Somewhere you will find yourself doing
good things.
Doing good things, call it a deed giving
things that they really do need.
They smile, they laugh, they like you.
They really are glad that you are being
true!
Good things happen when you help out.
Go around tell everyone give it a shout!

By Keeda Beach

"Deep Below"

Swimming deep below.
The bubbles express through my nose –
rising, popping, bubbling, shooting, flying,
happily rising within the diamond blue water
carrying them up and away.

Until Pop!
It is all over.
The fun, the happiness, the enjoyment.
I rise up now.
I must be that Pop, that flowing
excitement,
that Bubble, that ever-rising
Life....

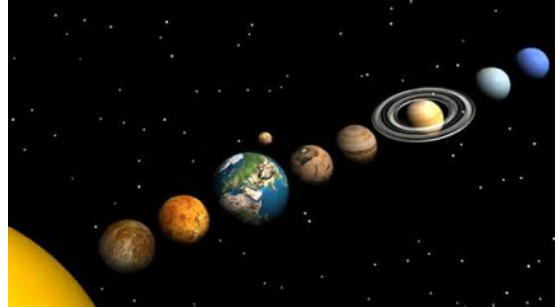
By Kathryn Schneider



This month the third graders have been learning about our solar system. The third graders each researched a planet and wrote a research paper about their planet. Then they created solar systems. I am so proud of the third graders! They did an awesome job looking up information and writing their reports. Some of their favorite facts were that Neptune

switches orbits with Pluto and it has six rings made of dust, Uranus spins on its side, Mercury is filled with craters, Jupiter's red spot is a storm, and there is a gap in between Saturn's rings. They also enjoyed learning that Venus is Earth's sister planet, Earth is the ocean planet and our atmosphere protects us from meteoroids, Pluto has an oval orbit, and Mars was named for the god of War.

The third graders have been enjoying our reading month activities. Some of their favorite days have been pajama day, bring a stuffed animal day, mustache Monday, fortune cookie day, tongue twister Tuesday, Wild Wacky Wednesday (bring a joke), and flashlight day. The third graders also really enjoyed our movie day even though we didn't make it to Jamestown they made the best out of the day!



Mrs. Paulsrud

Here is our Top Ten List for what went on in March:

1. Reading Month began and we enjoyed all the different activities.
2. We tried going to Jamestown for a movie, but Mother Nature had other plans!
3. We celebrated National Pig Day on March 1 and did every subject with a "Pig" theme!
4. We learned about the Midwest states and enjoyed doing state reports.
5. We know how to convert mixed numbers into improper fractions and visa versa for math and IT'S FUN!!!
6. Our class rocks when it comes to spelling tests. We've done a great job this year...
7. We are going to make terrariums for science...
8. We celebrated Colin and Allison's birthday!
9. We LOVE to read stories with the books Mrs. P. has given us! Our favorite right now is called "The One and Only Ivan" by Katherine Applegate.
10. WE CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S APRIL...



*Mrs. P. told us the finish line is coming...but we can't see it yet so we continue to work the best we can!!!

Until next time...

Grade 6

The students created People Posters to help them present book report projects about famous women in history. Molly Pitcher, Sally Ride, Sacagawea, and Harriet Tubman were just a few of the women who visited our classroom and told their life stories.

The class colored Easter eggs in a traditional way using natural dyes such as beet, red cabbage and blueberry juices, and boiled onion skins. Another art project for the month was creating a Coat of Arms to represent them and their family as they had learned in their Social Studies unit on The Middle Ages.

The fifth and sixth graders enjoyed a presentation by Tom Gibson on water conservation.

Recent birthdays celebrated include Jackson, Blake, and Gracie.



Colton Martz reads to Jillian Engelhart for Dr. Seuss Day



Landon Doll shows off his Cat in the Hat treat.



Katrina Gojkovich helps Tom Gibson during the conservation presentation.



Jackson Meidinger sports a cool mustache on Mustache Day



Brenden Lear helps Dylan Herron make his treat.

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YOU A QUESTION





Book memorials were given in memory of Myron Schlepp by Karlyle and Kathy Erickson to our school library. Thank you for the memorial!



Pre-School SCREENING



WHEN? Thursday, April 7, 2016

WHERE? Ashely Public School Library

AGES? 3,4, & 5 years old

CONTACT: 288-3456 to schedule an appointment

When you call the office to schedule an appointment, you will need to provide the following:

your child's full name

- date of birth
- age
- gender
- parent's name
- phone number
- address

You will also be mailed a questionnaire. This questionnaire assesses your child's self-help skills, social-emotional skills, and their transition skills. It is important for you to fill out the questionnaire as accurately as possible. It will assist in gaining accurate scores for your child.

After you child completes the screening, it will be scored by the Preschool Consultant from Tuttle. She will explain any questions that you may have. The entire process may take from 60-90 minutes. To save some time for you, if your child is currently in enrolled in PreKindergarten, we will pick him/her up in the classroom, and call you when your results are ready.



"Children are made
readers on the
laps of their
parents."
Emilie Buchwald



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Tractor Safety School



**May 31, June 1, 2,
2016**

**ND 4-H Camp,
Washburn, ND**



All Registrations can be sent to :

*Oliver County Extension/
Tractor Safety School
PO Box 166
Center, ND 58530*

*Checks are payable to:
Oliver County Extension*

For more information contact :

*Rick Schmidt at the Oliver County
Extension office, 701.794.8748,
Cell: 701-207-0010*

Email: rick.schmidt@ndsu.edu

** Camp will begin at 10 am the first
day and end at 5 pm June 2 .*

Individuals with disabilities are
welcome to request
accommodations to participate
in NDSU sponsored programs
and events. Requests can be
made by calling the Oliver
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Dr. Gallagher!

Calling All Super Heroes!

Sprint into Summer with the Superhero Scramble

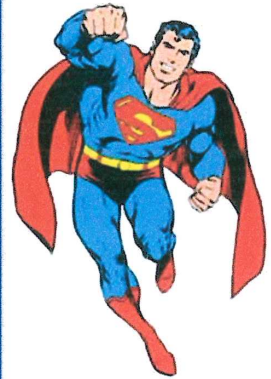
5K Run/Walk/Bike

Ashley Centennial Park, Ashley, ND



Dress up as your favorite superhero, or create your own superhero and you could win a gift certificate for best costume!

This race is to help the Sophomores at Ashley High School raise money for their class.



May 14, 2016

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m.

Run starts at 9:30 a.m.

Ashley Centennial Park, Ashley ND

Early Registration Fee: \$10

Day of Registration Fee: \$15

Early Registration deadline is May 7th

Children ages 0-6 free

Registration forms are at Ashley Supervalu or contact Ashley Public School. For more information contact Wendy Eszlinger at 701-288-3456 or at wendy.eszlinger@k12.nd.us

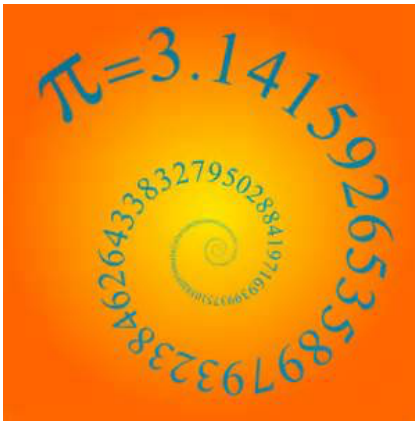
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Roost - \$50

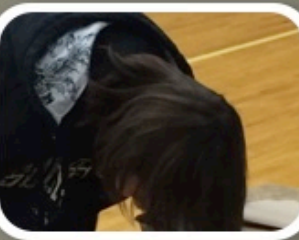
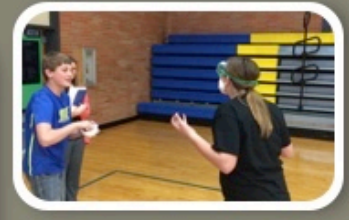
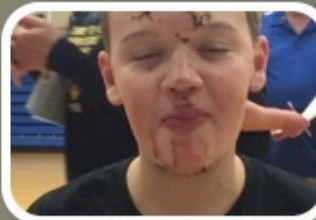
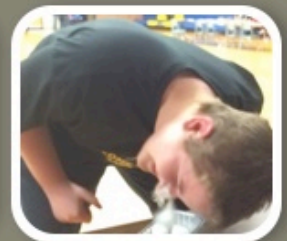
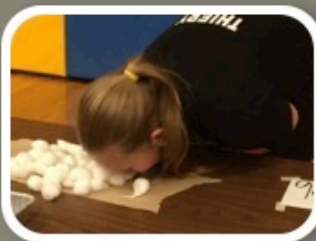
Shed Cafe - \$25

Supervalu - \$25

Cenex - \$25



HAPPY π DAY!



April 2016 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pizza Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Toast Fruit Juice Milk	2
3	4 Chef Salad Corndog Fruit ----- Cereal Omelet Fruit Juice Milk	5 Chicken/Rice Casserole Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Sweet Bread Fruit Juice Milk	6 Tacos Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	7 Crispitos Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Eggwrap Fruit Juice Milk	8 Hamburger French Fries Fruit ----- Cereal French Toast Sticks Fruit Juice Milk	9
10	11 Pork Rib Sandwich Potato Fruit ----- Cereal Bacon Fruit Juice Milk	12 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Boiled Eggs Fruit Juice Milk	13 Chili Breadsticks Fruit ----- Cereal Combo Bars Fruit Juice Milk	14 Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Noodles Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Toast Fruit Juice Milk	15 NO SCHOOL	16
17	18 Chicken or Beef Fajitas Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Fritter Fruit Juice Milk	19 Hotdog Mashed Potatoes Fruit ----- Cereal PB&J Rounds Fruit Juice Milk	20 Creamed Chicken Strudels Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk	21 Tator Tot Hotdish Dinner Roll Fruit ----- Cereal Breakfast Taco Fruit Juice Milk	22 Dakota Nachos Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Egg&Ham Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk	23
24	25 Popcorn Chicken Noodle Soup Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Breakfast pizza Fruit Juice Milk	26 French Dip Potato Fruit ----- Cereal Donuts Fruit Juice Milk	27 Taco Salad Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Toast Fruit Juice Milk	28 Pulled Pork Sandwich Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Belvita Wafers Fruit Juice Milk	29 Orange Chicken Rice Vegetable Fruit ----- Cereal Breakfast pocket Fruit Juice Milk	30 Served Daily: PB&J or Cold Meat/ Cheese Sandwich Carrots, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Celery Cucumbers 1% White or Chocolate Skim Milk

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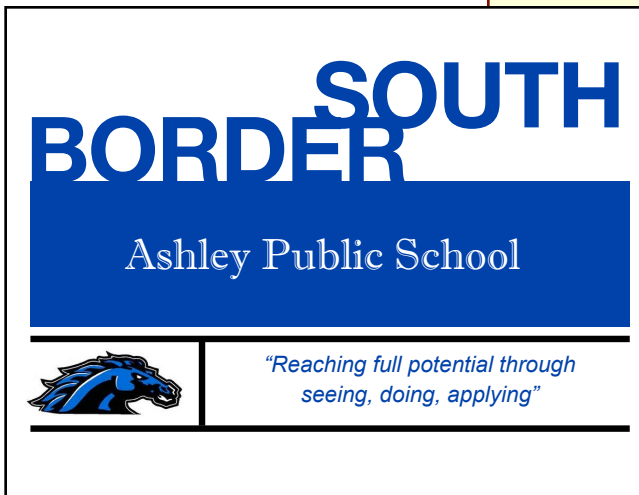
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 State Science Fair @ Grand Forks PWWR @ Oakes	2 VTR @ Fargo VB Golf @ Forman
3 State FBLA	4 JHTR @ Oakes-4pm State FBLA	5 State FBLA VG Golf @ Forman	6	7 Preschool Screening	8 VTR @ Oakes-4pm VB Golf @ Lisbon	9 Small group music @ Edgeley PWWR @ New Salem VB/G Golf @ Napoleon
10	11 VTR @ Lisbon-3:30	12 Progress Reports JV Golf @ Forman- Leave 11:30	13 Sports pics: Golf & PWWR-2:30 Long-Term Planning Meeting-7pm School Board Meeting to follow	14 VTR @ Linton-3pm VB Golf @ Linton	15 No School	16 Mustang BB Camp @ Ashley-9am-3pm Grades 3-8
17	18 MCT auditions-3:30 JHTR @ Oakes-4pm	19 VTR @ Fessenden- 3pm VG Golf @ Milnor	20	21 JV Golf @ Linton- leave noon	22 JHTR @ Eureka-3:30	23 MCT performances 'Alice In Wonderland' 3:00pm & 6:30pm
24	25 VB/G Golf Dual @ Napoleon-leave 3pm	26 SCC JHTR @ Linton 3pm JV Golf @ Napoleon Leave 12:30	27	28 VTR @ Linton-3pm	29 VB/G Golf @ Ellendale	30 VTR @ Ellendale- 11am

ASHLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL
NOTICE OF FILING DEADLINE
School Election—JUNE 7, 2016
Filing Deadline—APRIL 4, 2016 at 4:00pm

The Ashley Public School District #9 will hold its annual election on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 in the Ashley High School Lobby. Polls will be open from 11:00am to 7:00pm.

The board members whose terms are expiring are Lucy Meidinger, who represents a Rural At Large position of the Ashley school district and Lyle Fey, who represents a City position. Any person residing outside the city limits of Ashley but within the rural area of the Ashley School District may file for the Rural At Large position. Any person residing within the city limits of Ashley may file for the City position. Candidates for the three-year term must file a statement of candidacy and statement of interests with the business manager before 4:00pm on the fourth (4) day of April, 2016. There are no petition signatures required for school board candidacy.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager
Ashley Public School District #9



School Board

Lucy Meidinger-President
Lyle Fey-Director
Kevin Nitschke-Director
Trisha Schneider-Director
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