

Ashley Public School

The Monthly Mustang

Coffee with the Principal!

Message from Mr. Doane

Happy Holidays!! I would like to say thank you to all of you for welcoming my family and I to the Ashley community. We are blessed to be in a place with great community members, and we look forward to many years of being a part of this community.

It's crazy to think that we only have 3 weeks left for this semester. I have been talking to our high school students about the importance of getting their grades at C or above to qualify for the ND State Scholarship when they graduate. There are other things that they will have to do to qualify but getting a C or better is the first step. When a student qualifies for the scholarship, they will receive \$750 a semester for up to 6 years of going to a ND college or university. I will keep pushing our students to do their best and ask that you keep telling them that they are doing a great job when they do so.

Thanks,

Mr. Doane

When: December 18

Time: 7:00 am

Where: Wild Rose Café

Mr. Doane would love to sit down with members of our community to talk about how things are going at school and answer any questions you might have.



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*"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating.
Education is the premise of progress, in every
society, in every family."*

Kofi Annan

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Caitlin Molter, daughter of Terry Molter and Lisa Gilstad, is a senior at AHS this year. Throughout her years in high school she has been actively involved in basketball, volleyball, track, FBLA, FFA, student council, and drama. Her favorite class is Ag class because Mrs. K is flexible and gives her more freedom than other teachers. When she was younger she dreamed of becoming a baker but now plans on attending UMary to earn her bachelors in respiratory therapy. In her many years at APS her biggest achievement is qualifying for National FBLA, and she is going to miss people who aren't mean and rude. Her top 2 items on her bucket list are to go bungee jumping off a bridge and to go traveling for a year. Along with these goals she is also trying to convince her mom to let her get another cat. With all her years of life so far, she admires her grandma the most because she overcame a lot in her life and went to beauty school when the odds were against her.

MS. SIMMONS



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Simmons is our new fifth grade teacher at Ashley Public School. She lived in many places growing up including: Venturia, Wahpeton, and Rosebud, S.D. She graduated high school from Todd County High and graduated college from Dickinson State University. She was inspired to become a teacher by her three goals in life. She has accomplished all three of these goals, which included having kids, becoming a teacher, and owning horses. Other than teaching, Ms. Simmons has also worked at Slumberland Furniture for two years and was a Girl Scout Council Regional Manager. Ms. Simmons has taught at many different schools including: Hague, Underwood, Culberston, Climax, Grand Canyon, and Fort Yates. One interesting fact is that she has worked with four Indian tribes. These tribes are the Navajo, Sioux, Apache, and Hopi. Ms. Simmons enjoys the Ashley German-Russian town because that is her heritage, and she has family in the area. Ashley was her parents' hometown, and her sister even graduated here in 1975. A change that Ms. Simmons has seen since beginning her teaching career is the advancement of technology, she comments, "These days some students use wikis and become 'experts'." We are very honored to have Ms. Simmons as one of our new teachers.

1ST GRADE NEWS

First Graders are THANKFUL for ...

Audrey – friends and family

Chloe – my brother and sister

Derek – my toys

Emma – friends and family

Austin – Jesus

Gabriel – McKinley

Aubrie – Mom got me a horse

Sarah – friends and family

McKinley – by Grandpa bought me four-wheelers

Oliver – family and God

Clara – my Mom & Dad giving me food

Autumn- friends and family

Mrs. Dockter – family & first graders 😊

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!!!

2ND GRADE NEWS

The 2nd graders are extremely excited. In two weeks, we are going to begin cursive hand-writing. Don't forget, December 3rd is our Elementary Christmas Concert. The kids have been practicing really hard, and are extremely excited to perform for all of you!! I have truly enjoyed having your children in my classroom. Thank you for sharing them with me!!!

VISITORS AT SCHOOL

Just a reminder that any visitor coming into the school building NEEDS to check into the office.

Our job as a staff is to educate our students, but it is also our job to do whatever we can to keep them safe. Parents, if you are picking your students up during the school day, please meet them in the office. If you have any questions or concerns with this policy please reach out to Mr. Doane.



4TH GRADE NEWS

We have been busy in 4th grade, but took a little time to reflect on things that we are thankful for. Here are the responses...

Noah: Having a family, a brother and sister, not having to live under a bridge, having a mom and dad, and having cousins

Eloise: My family, house, food, water, and friends

Patty: My family, a house, food, friends, and school

Jillian: My family, food, shelter, friends, and school

John: Having turkey, saying prayers for people that families lost, having a family, having a brother, and giving food to homeless people

Alyssa: My family, horses, Jenn, food, and animals

Mrs. Paulsrud: My family, my friends, and all the students who have enriched my life and touched my heart

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!!! ❤️🍴❤️

TITLE NEWS

The highlight this month for Title 1 was implementing the new program, Exact Path. The program uses the NWEA testing scores to start students at their own learning level. The students review lessons, practice problems, and complete a quiz. Once they have successfully completed that path, they earn a trophy of mastery. The kids are so motivated to earn the trophy that they ask to use the program every day.

The upper elementary students used their math skills to measure the Title room. They found the area and the perimeter of the room, measured the furniture I said was a must have, and used their creativity to redesign the room. They needed to keep in mind the safety and practicality of the space. Using their math skills, they needed to prove their layouts worked. The focus this month has been on time, money, place value, and math facts.

In Title 1 reading, we have read many different books. We are working on recognizing words, chunking, predicting, and reading comprehension. We played Inference, Around the World (Getting the Main Idea), and Cause and Effect to practice the skills we are working on in the classroom. The younger students played sight word bingo and practiced forming sentences.



Saturday Matinee
December 7th
at 2:00



Ashley Public School
Little Gym

Bring your blankets and pillows
for a fun family movie!

Concessions will be available

Free will Donation for
Missoula Children's Theatre

ASHLEY FBLA

Ashley FBLA was named North Dakota's Chapter of the Month for October!

On Friday, November 15th, the FBLA Chapter, staff and students lit the school up in purple! Staff and students were asked to wear purple for World Prematurity Awareness Day, which was Sunday, November 17th.

Also in November, FBLA members teamed up with the local Lions Club to help serve their steak supper at the Legion. Each year, our members enjoy working side by side with the local Lions members.

Congratulations to Jacey Lippert, selected as the Local Member of the Month for October.

A look ahead at December:

- Candy Cane sales for \$.25 each – forms will be sent home the first week of December.

Happy Thanksgiving!



School Library News

20-Book Challenge

Grades 5 & 6 are exploring the different genres for their book selections. By choosing books of different genres, the students can participate in the challenge while meeting their classroom book expectations. Each student is graphing the genre of the books he/she has read, and giving each book a rating. In the spring for completing the challenge, students will be rewarded.



Be Reading @ Your Library

- **Online catalog?** www.ashley.k12.nd.us Click on Academic to locate the library page.
- **New books?** New books are every quarter in various reading levels and genres.
- **What is the age of the collection?** The library collection age is 19 years old. Currently, the collection has 6200 titles to choose from.
- **Interested in a book that is not in our collection?** Visit with Mrs. Bender for an Interlibrary Loan.
- **Online resources?** Yes, there are various databases that students are able to access at school and home. For your home, please visit with Mrs. Bender for the access code.

Save The Date

Scholastic Book Fair

February 7-14, 2020

3RD GRADE NEWS

Happy Thanksgiving from the third graders! We wanted to share just a couple of things that we are truly grateful for.

Mason Bertsch said, "I am thankful for food and my toys. I am thankful for my friends, doctors, and my family. I am thankful for water and drinks."

Aiden Goehring said, "I am thankful for my mom, my dad, and my sister. I am thankful when my dad takes me out hunting, and I am thankful that my mom feeds us. I am thankful for what my family does for me. I am thankful for God. I am thankful for my whole class and my teacher, she is nice!"

Jay Goehring said, "I am thankful for my mommy, daddy, brother, sister, and the roads that I drive on. I am thankful for the world I live in. I am thankful for God. I am thankful for my cats and my dogs. I'm thankful for my class and my school. I like my school and my teacher. My favorite subject is math!"

Tammy Goldade said, "I am thankful for everything. I am thankful for my mom, dad, house, my family, and my clothes."

Ava Litsey said, "I am thankful for my friends, my mom, and dad. I am thankful for my house, my bedroom, and my family. I am thankful for my clothes."

Tristan Schauer said, "I am thankful for the Bison, our farm, my house, food, the hay that we hauled, and our cows. I am thankful for my family and maybe the woods by my house."

Calli Schaunaman said, "I am thankful for my whole family, my cows, and my farm. I am thankful for my school and my class. I am thankful for my dogs and my grandma's cat. I am thankful that I can show pigs. I am thankful that my dad lets me go to a lot of fairs and that my mom works for the Tri-County Fair. I love school and my favorite subject is math!"

Mrs. Schmidt said, "I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my wonderful class! They truly make everyday fun!"



Ashley and Wishek School Boards adopted the below Sportsmanship Guidelines.

SPORTSMANSHIP GUIDELINES

South Border believes fans should be positive role models for our youth and respected communities. Each fan is expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner during South Border events home and away. The following are recommendations from the Sportsmanship Committee.

- Fans that engage in disruptive behavior at games can be evicted from event by Referees or Administration on duty. Coaches can make recommendations to administrator on duty if they wish a fan to be ejected, but final decision rests with administration on duty.

Should a fan be evicted from an event (first strike) they may be required to sit out the next home game of that sport (with carry over to next year if applicable). If fan is evicted from another event (second strike) they may be banned from all South Border home events for one fiscal year from date of second eviction.

Each additional evictions may result in an automatic ban of one fiscal year from eviction.

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Approved 11/2019





Elementary Computer Literacy

Kindergarten exploring a manual typewriter and comparing it to a keyboard. The moveable parts on the typewriter were fascinating. Kindergarten has been learning simple keyboard commands and using the Paint program.

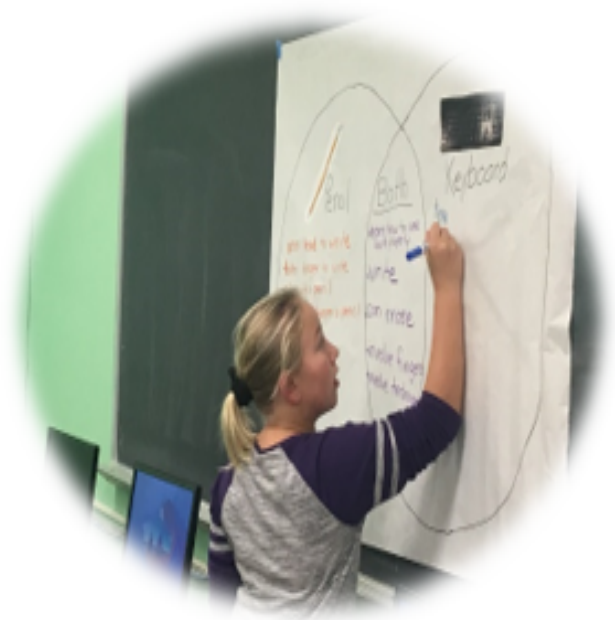


Grade 1 sorting a keyboard by letters, numbers & symbols, punctuation, and action keys. Besides strengthening their keyboard knowledge, they are using MS Word Art tools to create holiday pictures and utilizing simple keyboard commands.



Grade 6 experimenting with simple robots and coding program. The robots were on loan from the North Dakota State Library. This unit was fun!

Currently, they are designing a slideshow using MS PowerPoint.



Grade 5 critically thinking the pencil and the keyboard using a Venn diagram. While strengthening their keyboarding skills, they are using MS Word table tools, picture tools, and text tools.

Pre-Kindergarten is identifying the mouse cursor and how to read a screen.

Grade 2 has been strengthening their mouse and keyboarding skills. They have been using MS Word to practice cut, copy, and paste.

Grade 3 has been strengthening their keyboarding skills. They are using MS Word to insert page borders, online pictures, callouts, and word processing sentences.

Grade 4 has been strengthening their keyboarding skills. They are using MS Word table tools, picture tools, and text tools.

Ashley FFA

From October 27th to November 2nd members of the Ashley FFA Chapter made their way to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 2019 National FFA Convention. The members attending were Caitlin Molter, Grant Schneider, Hunter Gallagher, Nelson Meidinger, Alexis Kempf, Danielle Gilstad, Aaron Fuchs, Jackson Meidinger, Keeda Beach, Christopher Pfeifle, and finally Kathryn Schneider.

During the trip to Indianapolis, we spent the night at Eau Claire, Wisconsin and our hotel had a waterpark, arcade, and trampoline park that we all thoroughly enjoyed. We also stopped at Janesville, Wisconsin and toured Seneca Foods. On this tour, we saw the whole process of preparing, packaging, labeling, and storage of all the cans and packets of food that Seneca Foods produces.

When we arrived at Indianapolis, we went to the National FFA Center. There we saw some of the history of FFA, specifically the history of women in FFA because this year it was the 50th anniversary of women being granted full membership in FFA.

Once the convention itself had started, we all went around the expo center, which had a ton of agricultural related booths of businesses that support FFA. Throughout the week, we also attended different workshops. They taught us about different aspects of agriculture, leadership, and FFA. The opening session had Bob Goff as our keynote speaker. We also went to another general session that had awards and one of the National Officer Retiring Addresses. One of the nights we went to an Old Dominion concert too!

The whole reason we were there was for Kathryn Schneider. She competed in the Agriscience Fair CDE. She was in the Environmental Services/Natural Resource System Division 1 category. She went through an interview with judges who asked her numerous questions about her project. The Agriscience Fair expo was open for visitation for two days so she got to explain her project to anyone who walked through there. After finding out the results, Kathryn earned 9th place individually!

It was an amazing trip for everyone to experience. The expo, workshops, sessions, and the food were all great!



PRE-K NEWS



Sheriff Laurie and a deputy visited our classroom. Sheriff Laurie visited with us about when to call 911, how to dial 911, and about her job as a community helper. We learned they are our friends and will be there to help us. After our visit, Sheriff Laurie provided an ID card to each child, and placed his/her fingerprints on the card for parents to keep.

6TH GRADE NEWS

The 6th grade have been working on Power Point presentations in computer class with Mrs. Bender. They have been working hard for 4 weeks, and they are finally ready. Mrs. Bender and I would like to invite the parents of the 6th graders in on Tuesday, December 3rd at 1:30 for their child to present what they have put together.

Kindergartners How to catch a Turkey



Kaelan Olson

First, we set a trap.

Next, we keep one turkey as a pet.

Last, we eat another turkey.

Otto Schlepp

First, he falls in the whole. Then we shoot the turkey.

Next, cook the turkey and cake.

Last, we eat the turkey and cake.

Matthew Rohrich

First, you set a trap

Next, you put food in the trap.

Last, you keep it as a pet.

Aleah Zimmerman

First, shoot the turkey.

Next, cook the turkey.

Last, eat turkey.

Ashley Sports Club

Membership Dues:

\$15 Yearly

\$100 Lifetime Membership

If you have any questions contact
Gwyn Schumacher or Jessica Schmidt.



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 GBB @ Oakes-6pm JHGBB-Strasburg @ Ashley-4:30 BBB practice starts	3 PK-6 Christmas Concert 7pm	4 BBB sports pics in Wishek	5 GBB-Strasburg @ Ashley-6pm WR @ Linton-7pm JHGBB @ Linton-4:30	6 GBB @ Ellendale-6pm	7 WR tour @ Napoleon JHGBB tour @ HMB
8	9 JHGBB-Ellendale @ Ashley-5pm	10 7-12 Christmas Concert 7pm	11 School Board Meeting-7pm	12 GBB Sulsman Co Tour @ Jlyn WR @ Oakes-7pm JHGBB @ Tappen-5pm	13 GBB Sulsman Co Tour @ Jlyn	14 GBB Sulsman Co Tour @ Jlyn WR tour @ Lamoure
15	16 JHGBB @ Ellendale-4pm BBB @ Ellendale-6pm JHBBB starts	17 JHGBB-Medina @ Wishek 4pm GBB-Medina @ Wishek-6	18	19 BBB-Eureka @ Ashley-6	20 Dismiss @ 1:30 End of 2nd Quarter WR tour @ Linton	21 WR tour @ Linton GBB @ Moberge
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

December 2019 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Dakota Nachos Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Mini-Cinnamon Roll Fruit Juice Milk	3 Chicken Nuggets Seasoned Noodles Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Cheese Omelet Fruit Juice/Milk	4 Hamburger French Fries Fruit _____ Cereal Belvita Wafers Fruit Juice Milk	5 Quesadilla Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Ham Patty Fruit Juice Milk	6 Taco Salad Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Pancake Wrap Fruit Juice Milk	7
8	9 Pulled Pork Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Apple Sticks Fruit Juice Milk	10 Fish Sticks Vegetable Dinner roll Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast Biscuit Fruit Juice/Milk	11 Pizza Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	12 Hotdog Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Mini Bagel Fruit Juice Milk	13 Chicken Chow Mein Rice Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Combo Bar Fruit Juice/Milk	14
15	16 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit _____ Cereal Blueberry Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	17 Sluggers Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	18 Ham Slice Scalloped Potatoes Dinner roll Fruit _____ Cereal Scrambled Eggs Fruit Juice/Milk	19 Comdog Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast Cookie Fruit Juice Milk	20 Pork Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal PB&J Round Fruit Juice/Milk	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31			Served Daily: PB&J or cold meat Sandwich Carrots, cucumbers, Broccoli, cauliflower, Beets Choice of 1% white Or chocolate skim milk	

Ashley Public School

“Reaching full potential through seeing, doing, applying”

We believe that

- ◆ Learning is a life long process
- ◆ Our students have the right to learn in a safe, healthy, and non-coercive environment.
- ◆ In the value of communication
- ◆ The entire school community (teachers, students, parents) share in the responsibility for learning.

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DECEMBER HOLIDAYS & HAPPENINGS

December 6 is [Saint Nicholas Day](#). St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, inspires traditions around the world from hunts for presents to stockings or shoes filled with sweets.

December 7 is [National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day](#).

December 13 is [St. Lucia's Day](#), which has long been associated with festivals of light. Before the Gregorian calendar reform in 1752, her feast day occurred on the shortest day of the year (hence the saying “Lucy light, Lucy light, shortest day and longest night”).

December 15 is [Bill of Rights Day](#).

December 21 is the [Winter Solstice](#)—the astronomical first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and first day of summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

[Hanukkah](#) begins at sundown on Sunday, **December 22**, and ends at sundown on the 30th.

December 25 is [Christmas Day](#), a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Learn more about [American Christmas traditions](#).

December 26 is [Boxing Day](#) (Canada, UK) and the first day of [Kwanzaa](#).

On the last evening of the year, **December 31**, kiss the person you hope to keep kissing!



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