

# Ashley Public School

## The Monthly Mustang

### Family Fun Day!!

We will be having a Family Fun Day on Sunday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 – 4:00pm at Ashley Public School. This is a free event and we are asking that all students who would like to attend be accompanied by an adult. That same day we will be having our Book Fair from 1:00 – 4:30pm. Come on out have some fun and do some book shopping at the same time!!



Check us out on Facebook. Our Facebook page is Ashley Public School K-12.

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*“Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.”*  
*Margaret Mead*

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Kylee Thiery is the daughter of, Kyle and Teresa Thiery, Nancy and Tim Pfaff. She has one brother, Kaleb Thiery, and three sisters, Amelia Thiery, Josy Anderson, and Chelsea Pfaff. This fall, Kylee plans to go to North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton to pursue an associates degree in auto mechanics. Her hobbies include fishing, tinkering with cars, and reading. Her favorite part of school is in the afternoon. Kylee is an officer in FFA and a girls basketball stat. She will miss the small community environment when she leaves for college in the fall.

## TITLE NEWS

Title Math students in the lower elementary grades have been studying different addition and subtraction strategies. They have also been working on place value and expanded notation. The upper elementary students have been working on decimals and fractions. We continue to improve our math facts recall in all grades. We enjoy using playing cards and dice in the classroom to practice our math skills.

Title Reading students have been working on context clues to figure out meanings of unknown words, identifying the speaker of the story, main idea, and idioms. Our focus has been reading non-fiction passages in the upper elementary grades. We have been learning strategies to do better on comprehension tests, such as re-reading, carefully reading the questions to figure out exactly what they are looking for, writing in complete sentences, and to glance over the assignment to make sure all questions are answered.

**ASHLEY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**

**SECOND NINE WEEKS 2019-20**

**3.0-3.49 GPA**

**Nathan Hakanson-7**  
**Isabell Klipfel-7**  
**Kaden Bader-8**  
**Andy Croker-8**  
**Colin Goettle-8**  
**Kolen Klein-9**  
**Damian Bender-10**  
**Trent Brokaw-10**

**3.50-3.99 GPA**

**Grace Fuchs-7**  
**Brody Hoffman-7**  
**Shane Nitschke-7**  
**Brylee Fast-8**  
**Cheyenne Lindgren-8**  
**Jace Nitschke-8**  
**Cora Schaunaman-8**  
**Trevor Schmidt-8**  
**Daniel Schumacher-8**  
**Keeda Beach-9**  
**Marshall Lindgren-9**  
**Christopher Pfeifle-9**  
**Aaron Fuchs-10**  
**Dani Gilstad-10**  
**Michayla Hakanson-10**  
**Gracie Hoffman-10**  
**Jackson Meidinger-10**  
**Blake Meyer-10**  
**Baxter Sand-10**  
**Hannah Schauer-10**  
**Kebba Beach-12**  
**Christina Kloster-12**  
**Grant Schneider-12**  
**Kylee Thiery-12**

**4.00 GPA**

**Macy Monson-7**  
**Alli Engelhart-8**  
**Kathryn Schneider-9**  
**James Schumacher-9**  
**Zach St. Aubin-9**  
**Colton Martz-10**  
**Hunter Gallagher-11**  
**Trey Haugom-11**  
**Alexis Kempf-11**  
**Jacey Lippert-11**  
**Nelson Meidinger-11**  
**Nathan Schauer-11**  
**Nicole Schmidt-11**  
**Emily St. Aubin-11**  
**Schuyler Utecht-11**  
**Faith Dockter-12**  
**Sean Fuchs-12**  
**Caitlin Molter-12**

## 4TH GRADE NEWS

Happy New Year from Grade 4!

We are back in the swing of things after a wonderful Christmas break! Two fun projects we have been working on are our inventions for the 4th Grade Annual Invention Convention which will be held on January 31. Also, we finished learning about different types of volcanoes and decided to make our own...complete with what we hoped would be a good eruption! We used mentos and diet coke, and concluded that we needed more mentos for the gigantic eruption. Pictures are from our first attempt, and we'll show our second attempt next month. We learned the phrase "If at first you don't succeed, try try again!"

Until next time...



# FFA News

During Jan. 4 and 5, FFA members from all over the state traveled to Bismarck, ND to experience the ND FFA Winter Leadership Conference. The Ashley FFA Chapter sent 17 members to the conference. Caitlin Molter, Christina Kloster, Kylee Thiery, Schuyler Utecht, Hunter Gallagher, Alexis Kempf, Jackson Meidinger, Danielle Gilstad, Chris Pfeifle, Cora Schaunaman, Keeda Beach, Kaden Bader, Colin Goettle, Trevor Schmidt, Brylee Fast, Macy Monson, and Eva Meyer.

There were different sessions to go to based on grade. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Eva Meyer, Macy Monson, Colin Goettle, Kaden Bader, Cora Schaunaman and Brylee Fast went to the 101 Conference. The State FFA Officers facilitated this conference. Students were in large and small group settings learning how to get out of their comfort zone and meet people.

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders Chris Pfeifle, Keeda Beach, Jackson Meidinger, and Danielle Gilstad went to the 212 Conference. They talked about parts of growth like social growth, mental growth, and emotional growth. Their theme was based off of the movie Up.

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders Christina Kloster, Kylee Thiery, Schuyler Utecht, Hunter Gallagher, and Alexis Kempf went to the Blue Conference. During the Blue Conference, the participants learned about having P.O.W.E.R, which stands for positivity, optimism, willingness to learn, and resilience.

Anyone who would be interested in applying for state office went to the Gold Conference. Caitlin Molter was the only participant. In the Gold Conference, the participants learned from past state and national officers about leadership skills, teamwork skills, time management, and what it's like to be a state officer. They also helped lead the Meals of Hope food packaging event.

During the conference the 1,100+ FFA members helped package 201,384 meals. They were pasta and oatmeal meal packs. These were dispersed across North Dakota to different food pantries and shelters for people in need.

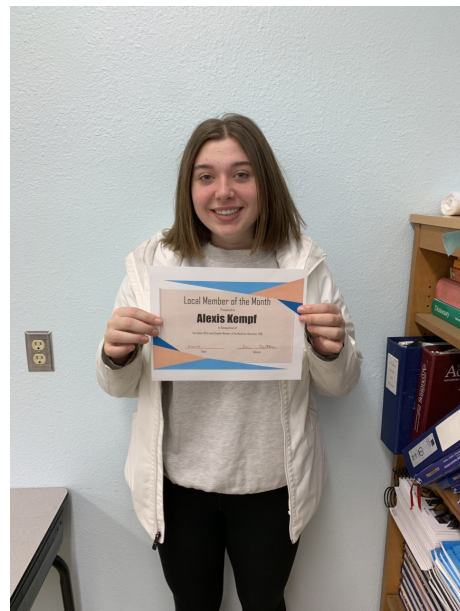
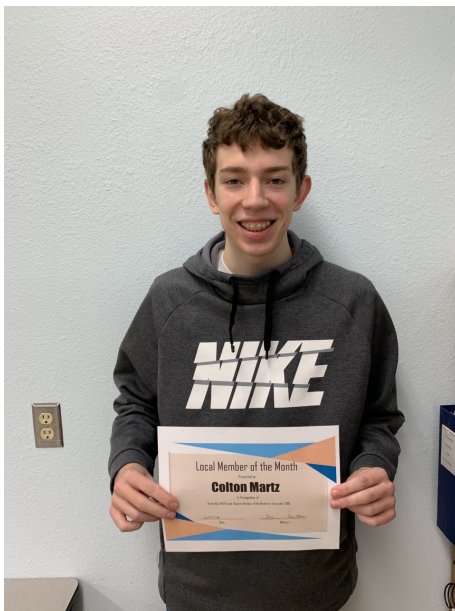


# ASHLEY FBLA

## National Wear Red Day!

Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> we ask all students and staff to **Wear Red** to recognize **American Heart Month**.

Congratulations to Alexis Kempf and Colton Martz! Alexis was selected as November's Local Member of the Month and Colton as the December Local Member of the Month.





## Elementary Computers

Mrs. Bender

For the month of January, the focus for Grades K-6 is to increase their keyboarding skills. Pre-Kindergarten is focusing on correct mouse usage and reading a computer screen. The following is an excerpt from *Keyboarding Without Tears*:

### Why Handwriting & Keyboarding Are Important

*Both handwriting and keyboarding are skills students need to master in order to produce effective written work. These two skills work together in the classroom to create an engaged, balanced, and successful learning environment. Handwriting is taught in the beginning of elementary school and is mastered toward the end of the elementary years. Keyboards are introduced in the elementary environment with fluency expected in Junior High. Both handwriting and keyboarding are essential, lifelong skills that develop through proper instruction over time.*

*There are numerous research studies and articles that establish the relation between writing and keyboarding. These two skills require very different forms of instruction. The techniques and timing for teaching them is critical in order to adhere to developmentally appropriate instruction in the classroom.*

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## Pre-Kindergarten

The PreK class has been learning about their 5 senses and how each are used. We are beginning to use our 5 senses to be able to understand stories on a higher level. This is our shared writing senses poem for the story *Owl Moon* by Jane Yolen.

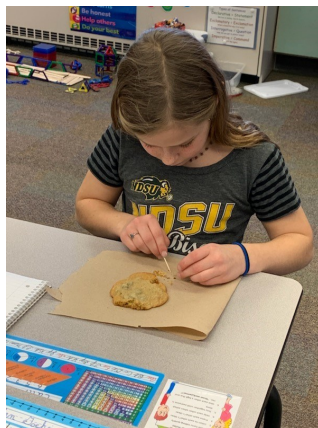
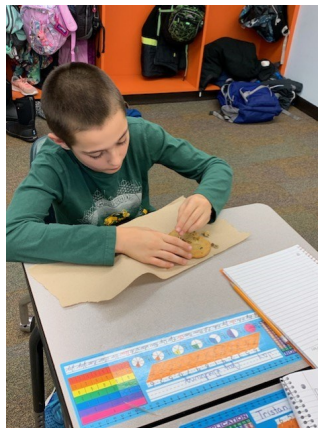
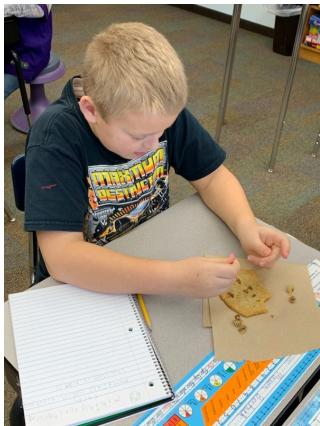
*We hear owls hoot.  
We see the bright moon.  
We taste the snow.  
We smell the fresh air.  
We feel the bumpy trees.*

**APS PreK class**



## Third Grade News

The third graders have been learning about natural resources this month. We have discussed renewable, reusable, and nonrenewable resources. As a class we all know it is important to take care of our earth and conserve our natural resources. In science, the third graders have also been learning about mining. They were able to mine for chocolate chips during a fun science experiment. Each third grader was given a chocolate chip cookie and a toothpick. They were supposed to mine for the chocolate chips without destroying their cookie. They had a lot of fun with this experiment while discovering it wasn't as easy as they thought. The third graders have also been working on recycling projects with their parents. I am excited to see what they are creating. I will share their projects in next month's newsletter.



## Dear Parents and Families:

Reading increases knowledge and vocabulary, lowers stress, and supports your child's emotional growth. But perhaps the best benefit is the lasting bond you create with your child when you read with them.

Visit the Book Fair with your child to discover new books together!

### Save the date!

Book Fair dates: **Library Book Fair Feb. 16**

**Online book fair Feb. 9-22**

Shopping hours: **1:00-4:30PM in the Library**

Special activities: **Family Events 2:00-4:00**



Now our school community can shop from over 6,000 items, including books, educational products, games, and more! All orders ship directly to your home and all orders over \$25 ship free. And every purchase earns rewards for your school – all year long! Visit our homepage to access online shopping.

**<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/ashleyschool>**

To learn more ways you can connect academic growth and social-emotional development, visit [scholastic.com/parents](https://www.scholastic.com/parents).

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair!

Sincerely,  
Kristi Bender, LMS



Kids & Family Reading Report 7th Edition

## MUSTANG WRESTLING PIN CLUB

Whether you are a longtime fan or just beginning your journey into the wonderful world of wrestling, we invite you to join in the fun and support a **Mustang Wrestler**! Just pick a wrestler and at the end of the season make a donation (suggested \$1.00) for each time your wrestler pins his opponent throughout the season. Official stats will be used to determine the amount of pins. In March of 2020 the Wrestling Booster Club will calculate the suggested amount due and send you a statement.

It's easier than getting out of a double chicken wing  
and more fun than a takedown in the last two seconds of the third period!

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Circle the wrestler or wrestlers of your choice (you can choose more than one)

Lewis Goehring Jake Herr Mark Jochim Grant Schneider Hunter Wolf Tristan Fahlsing Jonathan Shockley Lucien Peterson Nathan Schauer Ashton Peterson Baxter Sand Matthew Wolf Damian Bender Jasper Roth	Trent Brokaw Ben Schroeder Charlie Herr Marshall Lindgren James Schumacher Herman Kauk III Rylan Walth Carson Glaesman Tristan Lepp Bella Jace Nitschke Daniel Schumacher Aidan Bertsch Brody Hoffman Shane Nitschke Cole Stock
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Or drop off at, Zeeland Public School, Wishek Public School, or Ashley Public School.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH BORDER MUSTANG WRESTLERS



# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 WR tour @ New Salem BBB/GBB @ Leola-1pm FFA @ Napoleon
2	3 GBB @ Zeeland-6pm JHBBB-Linton @ Wishek-5pm	4 BBB @ BCN-6pm	5 Mathcounts @ Wishek-9:30	6 BBB @ Medina-6pm JHBBB @ Medina-4pm	7 GBB-Lamoure @ Wishek-6pm JHBBB @ Napoleon-4:30 BBB @ Lisbon-6pm	8 Region Dual WR @ Ashley GBB @ Lisbon-7pm (varsity only) FFA @ Lisbon
9	10 JHBBB @ Zeeland-4:30	11 BBB-Strasburg @ Ashley-6 JHBBB @ Tappen-5pm	12 School Board Meeting-7pm	13 Dist GBB @ Napoleon	14 Dist GBB @ Napoleon FFA @ Fargo 	15 Region Individual WR @ Lamoure FFA @ Kindred JHBBB tour @ Kidder Co
16 Family Fun Day 2-4pm Book Fair 1:00-4:30pm	17 Dist GBB @ Napoleon	18 BBB-Napoleon @ Wishek- 6pm	19 Spelling Bee @ Zeeland-9:30	20 STATE  BBB-Lamoure @ Ashley-6	21 WR  NO SCHOOL	22 @ FARGO  FFA @ Beulah
23	24 Reg GBB @ Jamestown	25 Reg GBB @ Jamestown	26 Science Fair—AHS gym Public can view from 2-3pm	27 Reg GBB @ Jamestown	28 Dist BBB @ Linton	29 Dist BBB @ Linton FFA @ Wyndmere

# February 2020 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Creamed Chicken Rice Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Pancakes Fruit Juice/Milk	4 Hot Ham&Cheese Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Sausage&Cheese Omelet Fruit Juice/Milk	5 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit _____ Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	6 Pizza Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Sausage Links Fruit Juice Milk	7 Hamburger French Fries Fruit _____ Cereal PB&J Rounds Fruit Juice Milk	8
9	10 Knepple Soup Chicken Nuggets Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Bacon Fruit Juice/Milk	11 Sluggers Seasoned Noodles Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal French Toast Sticks Fruit Juice/Milk	12 Chef Salad Breadsticks Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast Biscuit Fruit Juice Milk	13 Pork Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Belvita Wafers Fruit Juice Milk	14 Meatballs/Gravy Noodles Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Toast Fruit Juice/Milk	15
16	17 Noodle Soup Chicken Strips Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast Taco Fruit Juice/Milk	18 French Dip Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Ham Patty Fruit Juice Milk	19 Dakota Nachos Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	20 Chicken Patty Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Mini-Bagels Fruit Juice Milk	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Tator Tot Hotdish Dinner Roll Fruit _____ Cereal Pancake Wrap Fruit Juice Milk	25 Corndogs Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Blueberry Muffin Fruit Juice Milk	26 Fish Fingers Noodles Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice/Milk	27 Orange Chicken Rice Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast Fritter Fruit Juice/Milk	28 Cheese Quesadilla Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Smoothie Fruit Juice Milk	29 Served Daily PB&J or cold meat Sandwich Carrots, Cauliflower Broccoli, Cucumbers Choice of 1% white Or Chocolate skim milk

## Ashley Public School

“Reaching full potential  
through seeing, doing, ap-  
plying”

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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### Board of Education

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## FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS & HAPPENINGS

### Holidays

Chinese New Year  
National Freedom Day  
Groundhog Day  
Valentine's Day  
President's Day  
Mardi Gras  
Ash Wednesday  
Black History Month  
American Heart Month  
Chocolate Lover's Month  
National Bird Feeding Month  
National Dental Month

### Symbols of January:

- Birthstone: Amethyst
- Flower: Primrose
- Zodiac signs: Aquarius and Pisces

### History:

February was added to the Roman calendar in 713 BC. The length of the month changed over time and, at one time, it had as few as 23 days. When Julius Caesar remade the Roman calendar, the month was assigned 28 days during normal years and 29 days during leap years which occurred every four years.

### Fun Facts about January

- It is the shortest month of the year.
- The Welsh call February "y mis bach" which means "little month".
- It is the third month of winter.
- In the Southern Hemisphere February is a summer month the equivalent of August.
- The month is named for the Latin word februum which means purification.
- Together with January, it was the last of the months added to the Roman calendar.
- The largest American sporting event of the year, the Super Bowl, is held in February.
- The Saxon term for the month, Sol-monath, means "cake month". This is because they offered cakes to the gods during this month.

