

Ashley Public School

The Monthly Mustang

Reading Month!!

Reading month is here! The theme this year is from the movie UP! The elementary students will be bringing home a schedule of all the “UP” days. Our goal this year is for each student to read 600 minutes for the month of March, that is only 20 minutes per day! We are also doing a fundraiser this year to go with our reading month, its called Read-A-Thon. The Read-A-Thon is a great way to get family and friends from outside our community to donate. If you or someone you know would like to donate please go to the website below. All of the money raised will go to support our special events that we have that are outside of our normal budget, for instance End of the Year Carnival. Family and friends our students are excited to read, please encourage them as much as you can to read at least the 20 minutes a day or more!!

https://www.read-a-thon.com/school/Ashley-Public-School_31900



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

“Its not about what it is, it’s about what it can become.” Dr. Seuss

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Sean Fuchs, son of Douglas and Laura, is in his last year here at AHS. Sean has 6 siblings, two of which, Grace and Aaron, also attend AHS. Sean plans to further his education at NDSU to become a doctor of pharmacy. Sean has been a part of student council, FBLA, basketball, track, cross country, and football in various years throughout his high school career. He plans on joining golf this year. He wants to finish the school year by doing well in science fair, qualifying for national FBLA again, and finishing the year with good grades. Sean's favorite food is calzones, and he would choose flight if he could choose any superpower. He says he won't miss much about high school, but says that underclassman should do their homework, brush their teeth, and use deodorant.

ASHLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTICE OF ELECTION

School Election—JUNE 2, 2020

Filing Deadline—MARCH 30, 2020 at 4:00pm

The Ashley Public School District #9 will hold its annual election on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in the Ashley High School lobby. Polls will be open from 11:00am to 7:00pm.

The board members whose terms are expiring are Gwyn Schumacher, who represents the city and Trisha Schneider, who represents the at large position of the Ashley school district. Any person residing within the Ashley city limits is eligible to run as the city representative. Any person residing within the boundaries of the Ashley school district is eligible to run as the candidate at large. Candidates for the board must file a statement of candidacy and statement of interests with the business manager before 4:00pm on the thirtieth (30) day of March, 2020. There are no petition signatures required for school board candidacy.

Teresa Dockter, Business Manager
Ashley Public School District #9

Letter from a Parent

As I drove home from my son's basketball game, I couldn't help but think about how fast time will go these last months of school. The remainder of my boy's sports careers will come to a close soon. Hunter's wrestling will end next week as I am writing this. We hope that he can end on a high note. If that doesn't happen, we as parents have to stop and realize these years of sports are just a small part of what is shaping our young men and women for the future.

Sometimes I think we get caught up in living our dreams through our children we forget that sports are there for enjoyment and to teach how to work as a team. It also teaches students to work hard because nothing in life comes easy. The most valuable lesson teaches them to accept losses graciously and winning even more graciously. All too often we are forgetting this as parents, and we are not teaching our kids that sports are a small part of what they need to accomplish in their school years. They are students first and then an athlete.

As a parent, I find myself realizing these things a little too late. One of my children has already graduated and in a matter of two years the other kids will also move on. Everyone wants to blame the kids or the coaches for the shortfalls we endure in these sports. Do we ever really stop and think maybe we as parents have dropped the ball?

How we are parenting as a society is changing and kids are having to live with this change, sometimes on their own. Change is hard. Change can be good, but some things should never change. Like what sports are truly supposed to be teaching our children. All too often a parent will call a coach and state their disagreement. Have we ever counted to 10 and then assess the situation? We as parents are not at practice so we can't see all aspects of what the coach sees or what he/she wants to get out of the athlete. My point I am getting at is let the coaches coach and the players play.

We are supposed to be their "life coach" and help them to succeed and become successful adults. There is a small percentage of kids that go on and play college sports and maybe on to the NBA or NFL. Our job is to make sure kids know what the real world and work is about. As a parent that is our job and not coaching from the stands.

If you think coaching sports is your thing, and if you would like to try and take a stab at coaching a school sport, apply. When there is a coaching opening, apply if you are up to the job. We can all sit in the stands or in the aisle at the grocery store and criticize the coach. In all actuality are they really doing that bad of a job? A job that is thankless when being screamed at. They are coaching "kids" not professionals.

The coach is trying to teach his team life skills, cooperation, responsibility, integrity. I know for a fact that my kids think I am not so smart, but I have hope. That like myself when I got older, I realized how truly smart my parents were. High school is just a snapshot when it comes to learning about "real life".

All in all everyone is doing the best they can, whether it is being a parent or a coach. We do not always have the tools to do either job, but we make use of what we have. My final thought is, are you a better parent or coach? There are times you can't be both. The choice is yours.

4TH GRADE NEWS

Our annual Invention Convention was held on January 31, 2020!

The students did a fabulous job on their inventions as well as their presentations!

Patty Bender: The Geometric Cat House

Noah Bader: The Carrier

Alyssa Nitschke: The Double Horse Hook

John Hauff: The Pringles Can Car

Eloise Jenner: The Recycling Water Dish

Jillian Engelhart: The Car Carrier

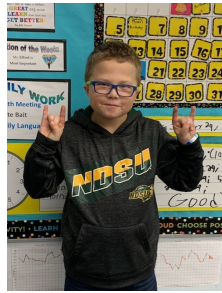
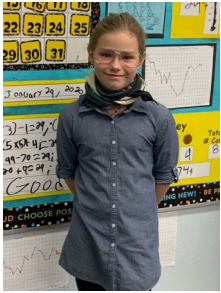
Oh...and we decided with our volcanoes that we needed ALOT of mentos to make it explode! Instead, we put a whole tube of Mentos in a 2 liter bottle of Diet Coke and THAT WORKED!!!

Until next time...



3RD GRADE NEWS

The third graders completed their recycling projects this month. I am always amazed with the different projects the third graders and their parents make each year. They are excited to share them with you! Thank you to all of the third-grade parents for helping your child. The third graders wanted to remind all of you to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!



TITLE NEWS

In Title Math we have been working on time, decimals, fractions, and math facts. We have been playing a Math Map game. Students go on a hunt for post it notes, solve the equations on that note, and then meet as a group to compare answers. I have also been having them think about how much they use math every single day by giving me examples.

In Title Reading the focus has been on short story reading comprehension, both fiction and non-fiction. We have also spent some time determining the types of texts there are, the different points of view, and comparing/contrasting various stories. The younger group is working on rhyming, blends, and sight words.

ASHLEY FBLA

Ashley Public School Recognizes National Wear Red Day!

Friday, February 7th was National Wear Red Day to bring awareness to heart disease. Ashley FBLA asked students and staff to wear red to show their support. We had excellent participation! This year, the North Dakota FBLA has teamed up with the American Heart Association to raise funds and awareness for heart disease research. Throughout FBLA Week (February 2nd – 8th), we held a school-wide Coin Drive competition between the classes. The winning class was rewarded with an ice cream party. Ashley Public School raised \$1,018.50 for the American Heart Association!! Thank you to all who donated and to those who participated in Wear Red Day! Way to go, Ashley Public School!!



First Grade Shows Lots of Heart!

Congratulations to Mrs. Dockter and her First Graders – they won the Coin Drive Competition for the American Heart Association! The class raised \$224.03 throughout the week! They celebrated with an ice cream party full of toppings and sprinkles on Monday, February 17th. We all appreciate their generosity.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Faith Dockter, North Dakota's Region IV Member of the Month! The state director and team selected Faith Dockter, daughter of Jason & Kelly Dockter, as January's Member of the Month. Faith is an excellent leader and advocate for FBLA. We can't wait to see how she applies her leadership skills in the future!

News, Thank You's & Upcoming Dates:

- ♥ Members participated in a professional dress day this month.
- ♥ To kick-off FBLA –PBL week, members shared their FBLA stories on social media and participated in a webinar with the National President.
- ♥ Thank you to Michelle Kempf for coming in and presenting to the Marketing class during FBLA-PBL Week. Michelle, a profession member, discussed the importance of good/bad credit and identity theft.
- ♥ Ashley FBLA held their annual Valentine's Craft hour with Pre-K through 2nd grade on Thursday, February 13th. We always enjoy being able to work hands-on with the young children! This year we made zoo animals and emoji-hearts!
- ♥ Ashley FBLA sold Valentine Hugs (Hershey Kisses) this year in early February. Thank you to all who showed support and sent a "hug" to someone!
- ♥ Professional Dress Day: March 4, 2020
- ♥ Chapter Meeting: March 4, 2020 at 8:10 am
- ♥ State Leadership Conference: March 29th-31st – Bismarck, ND



FFA NEWS

Winter CDE season is in full swing! Students are busy studying in practice for Ag Sales, Agronomy, and Livestock Judging. Students have gone to contests at Napoleon, Lisbon, Little "I" in Fargo, Kindred, and Beulah, and Wyndmere. They will finish with contests at Turtle Lake, Carrington, and finally the State Winter CDE in Minot on March 23rd. Everyone has greatly improved with each contest!

FFA Week was February 24th- 28th. We celebrated with a pep rally, dress up days, cupcakes for community businesses, and elementary games.

Save the date for the 2nd Annual Ashley FFA Banquet that will be held on April 7th at the school. Look for more information coming soon!



**Screen early. Developmental checkups
help your child learn and grow.**

Developmental Skill Screening

Ashley School District offers free developmental screening for children ages 3-5 years old. The screening is to address parental concerns of suspected developmental delays in the areas of:

- Communication (Speech & Language)
- Learning (concepts)
- Physical development (motor skills)
- Social/emotional skills
- Self-help skills

Vision and hearing screening will be available. Screening information is used to determine if a child needs further evaluation.

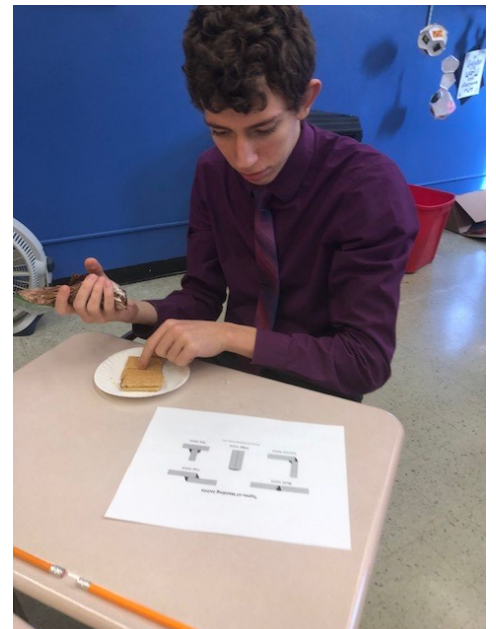
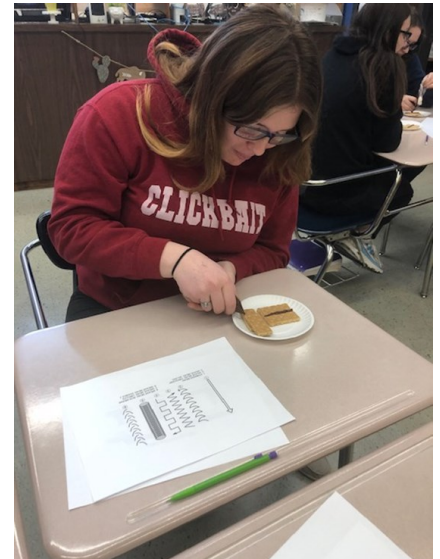
When: April 24, 2020

Where: Ashley Public School

Contact: Teresa Dockter @ 701-288-3456 to schedule a time

Ag Education News

Ag classes have been busy learning new and exciting topics! The 7th graders have been learning about different aspects of agriculture. They recently made their own flour and compared the differences between rice and wheat flour. After they made the flour, they were able to taste the differences with gluten and non-gluten by making their own bread. They also learned about pollinators and honey production. They were even able to try different flavors of honey, thanks to Kristy Glaesman! The 8th graders have started the process of learning about SAE's and the benefits of them. 10th graders are starting to learn about welding and career options with it. They tested their welding techniques by "welding" graham crackers and frosting. This helped with learning the 5 basic joints and welding patterns. The World Ag class is learning about sustainable vs conventional agriculture and are currently working on making their own farm layouts. The Botany/Horticulture class is working hard making greenhouses. They plan to start plants in them for vegetable produce next fall!



March 2020 Menu

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Chicken Chow Mein Rice Chinese vegies Fruit _____ Cereal French toast sticks Fruit Juice/Milk	3 Hotdogs Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Boiled eggs Fruit Juice Milk	4 Meatballs/Gravy Noodles Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Donuts Fruit Juice/Milk	5 Crispitos Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8	9 Tacos Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Combo Bars Fruit Juice Milk	10 Hot Ham&Cheese Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Mini-Cinni Buns Fruit Juice Milk	11 Sweet&Sour Chicken Rice Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice/Milk	12 Spaghetti Meat Sauce Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Sausage links Fruit Juice/Milk	13 Cheese Pizza Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast taco Fruit Juice Milk	14
15	16 Creamed Chicken Rice Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Tornado Fruit Juice/Milk	17 Pulled Pork Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast cookie Fruit Juice Milk	18 Chili Soup Breadstick Fruit _____ Cereal PB&J Rounds Fruit Juice Milk	19 Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Noodles Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Bacon Fruit Juice/Milk	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 Lasagna Cottage Cheese Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Cheese omelet Fruit Juice/Milk	24 Pork Rib Sandwich Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Belvita Wafers Fruit Juice Milk	25 Chicken/Rice Casserole Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Breakfast pizza Fruit Juice/Milk	26 Hamburger French Fries Fruit _____ Cereal Banana Bread Fruit Juice Milk	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 French Dip Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Pancakes Fruit Juice Milk	31 Sluggers Seasoned Noodles Vegetable Fruit _____ Cereal Smoothies Fruit Juice/Milk			Served Daily: PB&J or cold meat Sandwich Cucumbers, broccoli Cauliflower, beets Carrots 1% white or Chocolate skim milk	

March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Dist BBB @ Linton	3 ACT Test Acalympics @ Linton JH-4pm/HS-7pm	4	5 STATE PWWR @ Napoleon	6 GBB @ NO SCHOOL PWWR @ Lamoure	7 GRAND FORKS FFA @ Turtle Lake
8	9 Reg BBB @ Jamestown	10 Reg BBB @ Jamestown ASVAB test-8:30-noon	11 School Board Meeting-7pm	12 Reg BBB @ Jamestown	13 End of 3rd Quarter Region Science Fair PWWR pics @ 2pm PWWR @ Linton	14 FFA @ Carrington Region 1 PWWR @ Lisbon
15 PWWR @ Lisbon	16 Grades entered & Verified by 3:30pm Co-op meeting @ Wishek-6pm	17 Large Group Music @ Oakes Elem VB @ Steele	18 Report Cards	19 STATE PWWR @ Ashley-5pm	20 BBB @ NO SCHOOL	21 BISMARCK
22	23 State FFA @ Minot	24 PWWR @ Wishek Career Discovery Day Grades 7-12 from 6-9pm	25	26 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-9:30 Elem VB @ Wishek	27 NO SCHOOL	28 PWWR @ Ellendale
29	30 School board candidate Filing deadline-4pm State FBLA	31 Elem VB @ Linton PWWR @ Kulm State FBLA				

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“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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MARCH HOLIDAYS & HAPPENINGS

Holidays

- 8 Daylight Savings begins at 2:00 a.m. - date varies
- 8 International Women's Day
- 10 Purim begins at sundown
- 15 Ides of March
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19 Spring (Vernal) Equinox
- 20 International Earth Day - also called Sun-Earth Day
- 25 Feast of the Annunciation

Symbols of March:

- Birthstone: Aquamarine, Bloodstone
- Flower: Daffodil, Jonquil
- Zodiac signs: Pisces and Aries

History:

The name March comes from the Roman god of war, Mars. For many years, March, being the start of spring, was also the start of the New Year. Much of Europe used March as the start of the year. Britain used March 25th as the beginning of the New Year until 1752.

Fun Facts about March

- It is the first month of Spring which begins between March 19-21.
- In the Southern Hemisphere, March is the same as September in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Each year March and June end on the same day of the week.
- It is the time of year when animals start to wake up from hibernation.
- March Madness is a basketball tournament played by the NCAA.
- Easter is sometimes celebrated in March.

