



Brookings School District

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MICKELSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Todd C. Foster, Mickelson Middle School Principal
RE: Administrative Report—April Board Report
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8th Grade Good Citizen Luncheon—3rd Quarter



Each quarter the Brookings Lions Club honors selected 8th grade learners as the Lions Club Good Citizens. Learners and nominated by the faculty and selected for demonstrating self-discipline, a commitment to health, respect for others, compassion, good judgement, responsibility, honesty, scholarship, trustworthiness, and involvement. This year we are hosting the Lions Club member Izzy Collazo, who spoke on “Living Blind in a Seeing World”. Izzy has been blind since his 20’s due to Type 1 Diabetes. He had an amazing story about not letting obstacles life can throw at you prevent

meaningful accomplishments that can be achieved. Izzy has a degree in culinary arts and currently has a success woodworking business in Brookings.

MMS Science Olympiad Team



Mickelson Middle School Olympiad Science team competed in the state competition on March 23rd at USD in Vermillion. There were 11 students in grades 6-8 that participated. They finished 2nd overall as a team. Team members were Sinan Briddick, Virnichi Janaswamy, Tyson Springman, Kerrick Zhang, Eli Ellsworth, Charile Butzin, Madeline Enderson, Sanhita Tummala, Elizabeth Saunders, Catie Michna, and Katie Richter.

State Spelling Bee Competition



Three Mickelson Middle and one Camelot students participated in the State Spelling Bee Competition on March 23rd at USD in Vermillion. There was a total of 14 competitors vying for the title as state champion. Rayaan Ahmad, a MMS 7th grader

outlasted all the other competitors and was crowned the state champion! Rayaan also had the top score in the written portion of the test and claimed that top prize. Rayaan's championship word was "vicissitudes." Amanuel Gemechis, another 7th grade student at MMS, also placed third overall as MMS had two of the top three place winners.

Rayaan will now travel to Washington, DC for the National Spelling Bee which will be held May 26-June 1.



Smarter Balanced Testing

Mickelson Middle will be doing their Smarter Balanced state testing over the course of four days. We will be doing ELA on April 15th and 16th for two hours each morning. Math will be April 22nd and 23rd during the same time. 8th grade will do their science test during this time as well. We will be testing in the mornings and then running a two-hour schedule for those days to be able to have all of our classes.

Chorus

March was a busy month for the MMS Choir students. March 4th was the spring concert. The had a “water” themes so each song consisted of river, ocean, or lake songs.

On Mach 21st MMS hosted the 46th annual Festival of Young Voices. 25 Natural High students attended this event. There were 9 different schools participating in this event.



Upcoming Mickelson Middle School Activities

April:

- 1 April's Fools Day
- 2 Willie Mac Tournament
- 6 Oral Interp—MMS
- 8 School Board Meeting—5:15 PM @ Dakota Prairie
- 8 MMS Track @ Mitchell
- 8 MMS Oral Interp at Lennox
- 11 MMS Track @ BHS
- 15 Oral Interp at Florence
- 18 MMS Track @ BHS
- 21-22 FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Sioux Falls
- 26 MMS Track Meet @ Huron