



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—May Board Report
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Great Place to Learn

April/May Highlights

Building Transitions for Students

Current 8th grade students had their “Becoming a BHS Bobcatt” at the High School to preview their fall admission to BHS. Students heard from administration, the counseling department, and other students. They got a tour of the building and have opportunities to ask questions. This time gave students to the opportunity to see what BHS has to offer them in the fall.



Current 5th grade students have been touring MMS to get a lay of the land for their upcoming fall transition. Students were led by the counseling department, exploring the common areas in the building while having the opportunity to ask questions and become familiar with their new academic adventure.

Great Place to Work

Teacher Appreciation Week



Mickelson Middle School Celebrated our teachers during the week of May 5-9, 2025. Each day had something special for the staff.

- Monday—Bagels for breakfast serves with cream cheese and jam, along meat and cheese trays from School Board (Thank You, Thank You, Thank You)
- Tuesday—PTSA provided staff with lunch. PTSA also provided gift cards

to some local businesses as a way of saying Thank You.

- Wednesday—Hot Dogs, Nachos, and SDSU Ice Cream. We also were lucky to have Cottonwood Coffee provide us with some specialty coffee drinks for staff. We celebrate our four retirees after school with a cake for each of them, snacks and punch, and some good memories of the four ladies.
- Thursday— Pop, Gatorade, Hot Dogs, Nachos, Popcorn and candy treats in the lounge to give them the energy to finish up the school year.
- Friday— Donuts compliments of HyVee on Friday morning and we had Midwest Fresh food truck outside MMS from 10:45 am to 1:15 pm. day. Everyone was entered into a drawing for sixteen coupons for lunch that day, and some movies tickets were given out as well.

Business Support Teacher Appreciation Week:

In celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, a few generous local businesses offered special deals to thank you for all you do! Just needed to show school ID to take advantage of the following offers:

- ✓ Kool Beans Coffee + Roasterie – 50% off one drink
- ✓ Zesto's – 20% off your order with school ID
- ✓ Cubby's Sports Bar & Grill – \$3.00 off a regular priced menu item with school ID
- ✓ Buffalo Wild Wings—20% with valid Employee ID—Dine in and Take Out Only—5/5—5/11
- ✓ DQ—Show your work ID, get a free small blizzard from 5/5 to 5/11
- ✓ Taco Johns—**May 7**—Small #1 or #2 Combo with Valid ID
- ✓ The Valley Restaurant—Volga—Thursday, May 8th from 7:00 am—8:00 pm—Free Meal and Beverage—Dine in, Carry Out, or Curb Side Available
- ✓ Coupon specials at Dunham's

A big thank-you to these businesses—and an even bigger thank-you to each of you for all you do every day.



MMS Retirees

Mickelson Middle School has four employees retiring at the end of the 2025 school year. We have been lucky to have the following staff members be a part of the Mickelson Family:

Patsy Hendrick—6th Math



Vicki Folkerts—Library/Media Center



Patty DeYoung—Child Nutrition



Dawn McCarthy—Child Nutrition



Lions Club Good Citizens Award

Each quarter the Brookings Lions Club honors selected 8th grade learners as the Lions Club Good Citizens. Learners are 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.



Pops Concert

The Mickelson Middle School Pops Concert was held on Monday, May 5. There were 90+ choir



students who participated with many outstanding solos. The MMS Cats' Café was a full house with some awesome performances.

Great Place to Collaborate

State Civics Bee

The first ever State Civics Bee will be held on June 6th at the OLPAC on the campus of SDSU. There will be 5 students from Mickelson Middle School and 5 students from Rapid City competing to see who the South Dakota Representative will be at the National Contest this upcoming fall in Washington, DC.

2025 South Dakota State Civics Bee Finals

Date: June 6, 2025 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM CDT

Location: Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center, South Dakota State University

Date/Time Details: 5:00 PM: Registration
6:00 PM: Welcome & State Finals Begin
Round 1: 10 Multiple Choice Questions
Round 2: 10 Multiple Choice Questions
Round 3: Judge Q&A
Winner Announcement & Awards Ceremony

Upcoming Events:

May 12	MMS Girls Golf
May 12	MMS Track @ BHS
May 13	MMS Jazz Concert--MMS
May 15	6 th Grade Track Meet
May 16	MMS Track—ESD @ Pierre
May 19	6 th Grade Track Meet (Rain Date)
May 20	MMS Girls Golf—ESD Meet
May 23	Last Day of School—8 th Grade Graduation
May 23	MMS Track—Big 4 @ Watertown
May 27	8 th Grade DC Trip