

## SNOW much FUN!



Mrs. Garner's 2nd grade students had SNOW much fun building a snowman!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Project Graduation is selling BEEF STICKS for the next couple of weeks to help raise money for their end-of-school celebration! Find a senior and ask them about how you can get some!

Feb 17—Teacher PD, no school for students

March 24—Student Dismissal at 12:15 PM

March 25—Student dismissal 12:15 PM

Teacher Conferences

March 26—April 2—SPRING BREAK

## Off to the MOON we go!

1st graders traveled to the moon during their Virtual Reality field trip! The kids were excited to walk on the moon, just like astronauts!





## Next Round of Construction

About a year ago we were able to move into the new connector that was built as the first phase of the construction project. As we approach spring the preparations have started for phase two of the construction project. This portion of the construction project is much larger and has impacts on all buildings.

This construction project is happening due to the support of the community when they passed the bond in the May 2018 election. The project was separated into two phases to maximize tax payer dollars by reducing capitalized interest that would have been incurred if bonds were sold at one time. The first phase was the construction of the “connector” that brought together both buildings and also included Central Office administration, elementary classrooms and a fitness center.

Construction for phase two will begin during spring break (end of March) and will last for 18 months due to the amount of work that needs to be completed. Listed below are the projects and the approximate completion time frames.

**Approximate completion date of August 2021:** renovated Elementary office\*, 2 renovated elementary classrooms\*, new playground, technology upgrades to jr/sr high, new jr/sr classroom furniture, band storage room addition, new parking and driveway behind buildings, and new bus canopy.

**Approximate completion date of March 2022:** renovations to 10 elementary classrooms\* and gross motor room.

**Approximate completion date of August 2022:** new elementary gym, renovated media center, 4 renovated elementary classrooms\*, new lower elementary playground, new monument sign.

*\*Technology upgrades and new furniture are included with each classroom or office renovation. Mechanical upgrades and roof upgrades will take place as new spaces are completed.*

There is a lot to look forward to with this exciting face lift for our district. There certainly will be challenges over the next year as we try to balance construction efforts and instruction simultaneously. Once everything is done the final product will be worth the challenges. What a great time to be a Mustang!

## Mustang Marching Band One Last March

Mr. Gormley celebrated his senior marching band members on November 6th with one last performance on the football field. Senior marching band members are: Madison Burggren, Parker Burggren, Conner Byrne, Maycee Chaney, Megan Collins, Ashley Davis, McKeegan Ferguson, Jonathan Gormley, Abigail Hadley, Brenna Hunt, Makenna Jensen, Eder Lopez-Morales, Natalie Lutz, Cole Quackenbush, Camron Renne, Mya Scott, Helena Snyder, and Hannah Willis.



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# JR/SR Student of the Month Recipients



## October

*Kenzie Karcher (7), Jaylie Newcombe (8), Sydney Boyer (9), Jonathon Hubble (10), Madison Hubble (11), Hunter Wonsey (12)*



## November

*Kenzie Karcher (7), Brendan Rameau (8), Kaydenn Aggas (9), Harmony Simon (10), Hailee McElhane (11), Natalie Lutz (12)*



## December

*Ashlyn Binge (7), William Fate (8), Ella Harris (9), Alissa Smith (10), Trista Perkins (11), Kyle Russell (12)*



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Students in Art 2 partnered up with Lisa Hicks and the food service staff to create fall tree paintings using acrylic paint and FOOD as paint brushes. Onion greens were used to paint the trunk of the trees. Students then used broccoli and cauliflower to paint the leaves and grass of their landscape scene.



Grayson Halliwill



Brooklynde Cox



Finley Foster



Peyton Sansote



Kinleigh Bailey



Sapphire Snyder



Jaxon Devlin



Corynne Nixon-Stephens



Addison Nielson



Alyssa Helmer



Reese Pitts



Oakley Gatehouse



Braydon Halliwill



Carter Allbee



Carson Mayer



Hunter Cornell



Alana Hill



Lewis Davidson



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Kody Dalrymple



Matthew Gotwalt



Jase Yoder



Holly Snyder



Zander Peterson



Jack Moody



Christopher Parker



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Patyn Recker



Tripp Eldred



Lesley Burggren



Mason Davidson



Brooklyn Rauch



Raelynn Koehn



Leah Stratton



Caroline Darling



Addi Arganbright



Clayton Shappee



Paisley Cassel



Kaila Darnell



Caylee Decker



Eden Snyder



Nicholas Pifer



Raylan Eldred



Lillian Wilkinson



Aiden Fletcher



Christian Pranger



Callen Eldred



Shawn Walker



Samantha McAllaster



Joshua Arganbright



Katelyn Pifer



Brayden Snyder



Noah Carlson



Wade Hanshue



Lynn Larson



Ms. Mel



Mrs. Graham



We are going to try something new! We are adding QR codes within the Mustang News.

- 1) Open the camera app (QR scan must be enabled)
- 2) Focus camera on QR code
- 3) Follow instructions on phone to enjoy "bonus" content



The PPE items that were ordered for band have all arrived. The band was able to begin inside practice with all safety precautions in place. With snow on the ground, the band is excited to have the opportunity to hone their skills in a warm and dry place.

## R.E.A.L. Mustang Pride

The R.E.A.L. Pride Honor Roll recognizes JR/SR students every six weeks who have maintained a C or higher in all of their classes and not had a discipline write-up. **Congratulations** to those students who showed REAL Mustang Pride.



### 2020-2021 3rd Six Weeks R.E.A.L. Mustang Pride Honor Roll Respect--Explore--Achieve--Lead



These students have a "C" or better grade in all classes and have not had any discipline referrals for the 3rd six weeks.

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Ashlyn Binge	Keilon Adams	Kaila Adams	Sydney Adgate	Ryan Cook	Clara Baumans
Addyson Bouwkamp	Alayna Foster	Kaydenn Aggas	Ryan Binge	Sara Courser	Kendall Bolton
Isabell Darling	Justin James	Cooper Bolton	Ayden Capobianco	Riley Daily	Madison Burggren
Lillien Fuller	Tyler Koons	Morgan Bondie	Hana Deal	Sierra Luedtke	Parker Burggren
Annaliese Harris	Jaylie Newcombe	Sydney Boyer	Mackenzie DeLong	Hallee McElhane	Conner Byrne
Hayden Helmer	Elicia Peterson	Chase Burggren	Dakota Dykhuis	Trista Perkins	Eric Chaffee
Kenzie Karcher	Eli Rathka	Brady Carlson	Stanley Fitzgerald	Zachary Peters	Maycee Chaney
Chase Keller	Peyton Webb	Kaylee Cook	Kase Jerome	Austin Recker	Megan Collins
Brady Kieff	Cavin Willis	Austin Foster	Alexis Jordan	Julie Spohn	Ashley Davis
Natalie Ludwig		Savannah Germain	Andrew Kelsey	Mark Stanley	PaJe Deal
Zaidan Myers		Genika Gray	Kyle Lloyd	Riley Walkington	Jonathan Cormley
Ayden Perkins		Ella Harris	Lily Lobert	Madison Wood	Abigail Hadley
Blake Snyder		Josephine Houghton	Kaitlynn Miller		Emma Hatton
Leia Webb		Zaylee Huntoon	Jac Papendick		Anna Himebaugh
Mason White		Madison Jordan	Chloe Petersen		Kennen Huber
Braydon Williamson		Rebekah Mayer	Logan Peterson		Brenna Hunt
Harmony Wood		Emma Murray	Sadie Quackenbush		Makenna Jensen
		Kiana Nickerson	Payton Sheldon		Kooper Jerome
		Kylie Pifer	Justin Smith		Eder Lopez-Morales
		Katie Spohn			Natalie Lutz
		Jaden Vizineau			Roman Nickerson
		Kassandra Voorhees			Cole Quackenbush
		Savannah White			Camron Renne
					Mya Scott
					Helena Snyder
					Hannah Willis
					Xavier Wood



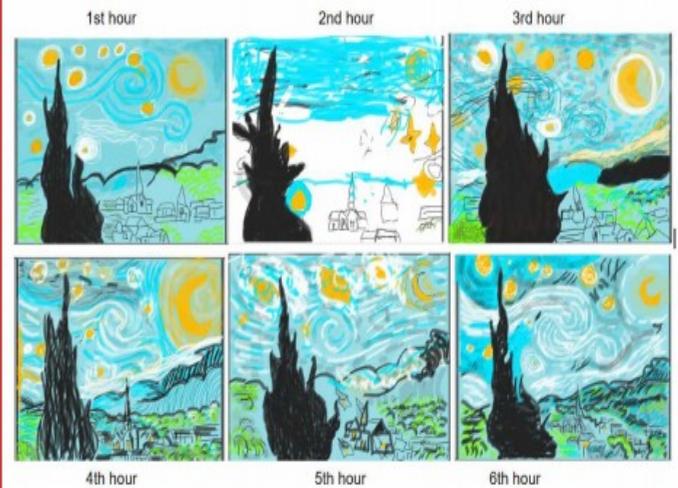
### 2020-2021 4th Six Weeks R.E.A.L. Mustang Pride Honor Roll Respect--Explore--Achieve--Lead



These students have a "C" or better grade in all classes and have not had any discipline referrals for the 4th six weeks.

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Ashlyn Binge	Keilon Adams	Kaila Adams	Sydney Adgate	Tristin Almanza	Zoev Barnes
Aaron Brown	Ethan Anderson	Cooper Bolton	Ryan Binge	Matthew Barney	Clara Baumans
Conner Cluley	Jaden Bailey	Sydney Boyer	Hana Deal	Ethan Buccieri	Kendall Bolton
Isabell Darling	Tyler Koons	Brady Carlson	Dakota Dykhuis	Ryan Cook	Elijah Buccieri
Annaliese Harris	Landyn Lane	Jlyn Chapman	Stanley Fitzgerald	Sara Courser	Madison Burggren
Hayden Helmer	Jesse Nessen	Kaylee Cook	Kase Jerome	Riley Daily	Parker Burggren
Kenzie Karcher	Jaylie Newcombe	Alexis Czarnnecki	Andrew Kelsey	Sierra Luedtke	Conner Byrne
Chase Keller	Elicia Peterson	Erika Esch	Lily Lobert	Hallee McElhane	Jayden Carson
Zaidan Myers	Jamison Stockwell	Austin Foster	Jac Papendick	Trista Perkins	Maycee Chaney
Alden Sprague	Addyson Strohl	Amber Friedrich	Chloe Petersen	Gracie Rasmussen	Megan Collins
Leia Webb	Jennifer Swanson	Andrew Fuller	Logan Peterson	Julie Spohn	Ashley Davis
	Peyton Webb	Savannah Germain	Sadie Quackenbush	Riley Walkington	McKeegan Ferguson
		Genika Gray	Payton Sheldon	Madison Wood	Jonathan Cormley
		Zaylee Huntoon	Justin Smith		Abigail Hadley
		Madison Jordan	Christopher Young		Emma Hatton
		Madison Knapp			Anna Himebaugh
		Rebekah Mayer			Kennen Huber
		Emma Murray			Brenna Hunt
		Kiana Nickerson			Makenna Jensen
		Jalren Olger			Gavin Kent
		Kylie Pifer			Eder Lopez-Morales
		Josselyn Porter			Taylor Lambert
		Katie Spohn			Natalie Lutz
		Savannah White			Roman Nickerson
					Cole Quackenbush
					Kyle Russell
					Mya Scott
					Helena Snyder
					Hannah Willis

Mr. Sprau had a competition between his classes trying to re-create the painting, "Starry Night." The students worked on this recreation during the first week of the semester (during remote learning). Mr. Sprau had the staff vote on the best re-creation and the winning class was 6<sup>th</sup> hour, in a tightly contested competition with the 4th-hour team.



Mr. Gibson's Pre-Engineering class has been working on a variety of projects. Most recently, students had to design soccer balls using geometric shapes (made from geometry nets). Students were required to plan and draw out the ball on a 2 dimension piece of paper and then cut out the design. Students then put together the three dimensional shape from their design. The picture below is of a life size paper soccer ball created by **Kendall Bolton** (on the left) next to an actual soccer ball. Mr. Gibson said it is one of the best ones he has seen a student create from the many years he has taught the class.



# Mustang Stampede



‘Our cup runneth over’ with Mustang PRIDE! An idea sparked by an anonymous donation of \$1000 and the hope to “reach as many families as possible,” turned into a STAMPEDE! Kids were learning at home, away from friends and family during a time that usually is full of celebrations and togetherness. In a normal year, we would have a Christmas concert and some type of holiday theme would fill the school, but everything was canceled this year...except for Mustang spirit. The Mustang Stampede was a welcome distraction, one that brought countless smiles to faces, filled families with Christmas spirit, and brought us back together as a community! The movement started with the delivery of seven gift baskets, dropped off at different homes throughout the community with the direction to pay-it-forward to two different families. Let's put this into a better perspective, an enthusiastic Mustang Sally dropped off the gifts! She

nimbly stumbled (yes you read that correctly) to do her drop-and-dash of gifts. Students waved from the windows as their eyes lit up with excitement that the Mustang made it to their house! Mustang Sally even donned the Santa suit for some of the deliveries! She took on the role of Santastang! The Mustang Stampede was on the move for approximately five weeks. We sent out over 1500 certificates and know that there were some copies that circulated without numbers. It even made its way to Ohio, Comstock Park, Midland, Shepherd, Barryton. Let's not forget to mention, there was also a little challenge thrown out to a few surrounding elementary schools to keep the stampede moving, and they did not disappoint us! When we set those first baskets down on the front porch we hoped for a couple of hundred families to be touched, but never truly anticipated the number of people that were so excited to keep it moving. A special message that encouraged us to keep going, “I was so touched to get a mustang stampede. I have never been included in something like this before and I am so thankful!!!!” School districts adopted our stampede and kept it moving, #MustangStampede moves through #WarriorNation! The stories filled our inbox with parents, and kids, cheerfully giving and receiving. It worked! The



Mustang Stampede made an impact on many families, and for that we are grateful! The Mustang Spirit was alive during the holiday season! Today, and every day, is a great day to be a Mustang!  
~Wendy Binge

## Edmore “Band of Brothers” become Eagle Scouts submitted by Mr. Danial Caulkett

Since 1931, when the Edmore Troop 78 presented its first Eagle Scout, there have only been thirteen young men to join the lofty list. That was until 2021 when five Edmore Boy Scouts from Troop 78 joined the small list. Scoutmaster, Dan Caulkett calls these five a “Band of Brothers”. Ethan Smyth, Landon Erickson, Seth Davidson, Jakob Perkins, and Corey Rohn have stayed together, completed the requirements, proved to beat the odds, and reach the highest achievement in Scouting. Considering that only four out of every 100 youth that joins Scouting becomes an Eagle Scout, the fact that these five come from a troop that only had eight boys in 2020 makes it even more amazing.

Together they have earned more than 110 merit badges; completed nearly 400 hours of community service, and each completed a special Eagle Scout service project. The five have a friendship that goes back to early elementary school. All five are currently Juniors at Montabella High school.

The five Scouts have attended a week-long Scout Camp at the Cole Canoe Base in 2017, 2018, and 2019. All five completed youth leadership training at the Hiawatha Sportsman club in Naubinway, Michigan. Each earned the required merit badges that include Citizenship in the Community, Nation, and World, Environmental Science, Cooking, Camping, Hiking, First Aid, Communications, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, and Family Life. All five also earned additional merit badges in fingerprinting, Indian Lore, Leatherworks, Backpacking, and more.



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### Eagle Scouts on a 7 day backpacking trip from August 2020 to Picture Rock National Park

From left to right: Max Flaga (Lansing) Ethan Smyth, Jakob Perkins, Landon Hendrickson, Grant McQueen, Corey Rohn, and Seth Davidson.



HELLO  
EVERYONE!

Mornings have  
been a little more  
fun with our new  
Mustang greeter!



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The students are loving the NEW emoji shaped ChatSnax that Ms. Hicks from Montabella Food Service ordered for the kids!



Meetings held Third Monday of the Month  
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As always, we thank the Sons of the American Legion Post 240, from Blanchard, for making sure we have flags to fly at the Central Office, Jr/Sr High and our Elementary.

**School Closing Information**

In the event that school is closed or delayed due to inclement weather, the information will be broadcast to the following television and radio stations.

**TV Stations**

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 WWTV 9&10 Cadillac  
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## Congratulations

### Montabella Mustang MSAC All-Conference

**Volleyball**

**Makenna Jensen, Senior**

2nd Team

**Alexis Jordan, Sophomore**

Honorable Mention

**Madison Jordan, Freshman**

Honorable Mention

**Cross Country**

**Dakota Dykhuis, Sophomore**

1st Team

**Riley Daily, Junior**

2nd Team

**James Wilson, Sophomore**

2nd Team

**Sadie Quackenbush, Sophomore**

Honorable Mention

**Football**

**Elijah Buccieri, Senior**

1st Team

**Conner Byrne, Senior**

1st Team

**Dakota Dykhuis, Sophomore**

1st Team

**Kyle Russell, Senior**

1st Team

**Caleb Theisen, Junior**

1st Team

**Parker Burggren, Senior**

Honorable Mention

**Gavin Kent, Senior**

Honorable Mention

**John Row, Sophomore**

Honorable Mention

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