

Fordville-Lankin School Newsletter

OCTOBER 2023



**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

Mission Statement

Be Kind.

Be Respectful.

Be Better Every day.

Vision Statement

Every Student will gain
knowledge, achieve success,
and continue to grow.

Entrepreneurship Class Field Trips

On September 25th, Mr. Schmuck took his Entrepreneurship class to tour the **Oxbow Orchards** outside west of Grafton. It is a multi-product orchard that specializes in mums, grafted apples, and honey. The students had the opportunity to discuss the many facets of being an entrepreneur with Trevon Unruh, the owner and operator of Oxbow Orchards. Trevon shared his many experiences in growing the business and the challenges he faced doing so, as well as providing great insight into what is demanded for an entrepreneurial lifestyle. The students learned of the highs and lows, the pivots, the adaptation needed to overcome obstacles, and the sacrifices required to operate a successful business and to obtain what many do not possess, a fulfilling and self-derived livelihood.



On October 11th, they also toured **The Lights** in Fargo; the purpose was for Community Development Importance. The students had an incredible opportunity to tour The Lights in West Fargo, ND. The tour was conducted by Mike Amundson, the Executive Director of West Fargo Events. Mike provided the students with insight into the importance of community development and community driven mindset. He explained that people are now calling “home” a place that creates a special feeling, rather than the place people simply reside in. Home is a thriving community and filled with amenities. The Lights project is ambitious and awe-inspiring, and the students learned that the project is only partially completed. Mike expressed that development does not just end, it is a continuous implementation a community must invest in to achieve growth and longevity.



THANK YOU, **AGCOUNTRY**, FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION

AgCountry, located in Grafton, has generously donated \$1800 to the school. \$1200 will go towards the 10th-12th grade Washington DC trip and the remaining \$600 will go towards the Elementary School's new reading curriculum.



AgCountry Members: Dana Smestad, Esten Beneda & Janelle Skibicki with Supt. Mitch Jorgensen



High School 10th – 12th grade, Elementary students, and AgCountry members

NOVEMBER 2023

FORDVILLE-LANKIN

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>6 B: Assorted Cereal Toast L: BBQs, chips, baked beans, pasta salad</p>	<p>7 B: Breakfast pizza L: Polish sausage, mashed potatoes, cream corn</p>	<p>8 B: Waffles L: Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, salad bar</p>	<p>9 B: Scrambled eggs Toast L: Pepperoni pizza, salad bar</p>	<p>10 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>13 B: Fried eggs Toast L: Chili, breadsticks, cheese slices</p>	<p>14 B: Cereal Raised donuts L: Chicken Alfredo, garlic toast salad bar</p>	<p>15 B: Grilled cheese L: Taco in a bag assorted toppings salad bar</p>	<p>16 B: Pancakes L: Turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, stuffing</p>	<p>17 B: Cereal Toast L: Chicken nuggets, French fries, coleslaw</p>
<p>20 B: Waffles L: Cream of potato w/bacon soup, sandwiches, crackers, salad bar</p>	<p>21 B: Scrambled eggs Toast L: Crisptos, assorted toppings, taco or cheese sauce</p>	<p>22 B: Cereal Chocolate chip muffins L: Hamburgers w/ toppings, curly fries, salad bar</p>	<p>23 NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>24 NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>27 B: Fried eggs Toast L: Taco casserole, buns salad bar</p>	<p>28 B: Grilled cheese L: BBQed meatballs, diced potatoes, green beans, coleslaw</p>	<p>29 B: Breakfast sandwich L: COOK'S CHOICE</p>	 <p>30 B: English muffins Cereal L: Chicken fajitas, toppings, Chicken flavored rice, salad bar</p>	 <p>GIVE THANKS</p>

**BREAKFAST SERVED WITH MILK,
FRUIT and/or JUICE**

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**LUNCH SERVED WITH MILK,
FRUIT and/or VEGETABLES**

School Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Fordville-Lankin School Board was held in the library on Monday September 11th, 2023 @ 7:45 p.m.

Attendance included President Grant Skibicki, Jen Carlson, Gary Brintnell, Kylie Moen, Jacy Whaley, Superintendent Mitch Jorgensen, High School Principal Albert Irvine, and Business Manager Augusta Ramsey.

President Skibicki called the budget meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

The board welcomed any guests.

Jorgensen presented the tax levy information.

Motion to approve mill levy, M: Brintnell, S: Carlson, all in favor, MSC.

Budget hearing adjourned at 8:03 pm.

President Skibicki then called the regular meeting to order at 8:03 pm.

A motion to approve the agenda with a fitness room discussion as an addition, M: Carlson, S: Moen, all in favor, MSC.

Motion to approve August minutes, M: Brintnell, S: Whaley, all in favor, MSC.

The board welcomed any guests.

Principal report included a short recap of the High School activities over the month.

The Superintendent's report covered important dates and meetings, curriculum updates, and upcoming important dates.

Motion to approve bills as presented, M: Moen, S: Carlson, all in favor, MSC.

Upper Valley Special Education budget was presented and a motion to approve the projected budget was made, M: Moen, S: Whaley, all in favor, MSC.

A short discussion was made about the upcoming NDSBA annual convention in October.

A discussion was held about the fitness room. The current balance in the fund is \$3900 with little to no revenue coming in. It was agreed that changes need to be made. No action taken.

Next meeting is October 11th, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.