



May 6, 2022

Walt Disney Elementary School

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Walt Disney Elementary, a diverse school devoted to each child, guarantees all students a world-class education through challenging, engaging, and innovative learning experiences. We will ensure students demonstrate academic excellence and social and emotional skills necessary for personal success in a global society.

Dr. Jim Sutfin, Superintendent

Stacy Jolley, President

Linda Poole, Vice President

Mike Kennedy, Secretary

Mike Pate, Treasurer

Amanda McGill Johnson, Board Member

Dave Anderson, Board Member



A note from the principal...

Dear Disney Families,

With sadness and excitement, I share some staffing changes for next year. Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Shiller, Mrs. Petro, Mrs. Siniard, Mrs. Meyer, and Mrs. Perrone will not be back next year. Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Shiller are moving to be closer to family. Mrs. Perrone and Mrs. Siniard are retiring after many years of teaching. Mrs. Meyer has taken a resource position in another district and Mrs. Petro is going to stay home with her children. We wish them the best of luck in their new ventures.

We are excited to introduce our new Disney teachers for next year:

Mrs. Graham will be the new second-grade teacher

Mrs. Dudley will be the new first-grade teacher as Miss Pickering is moving to fourth grade.

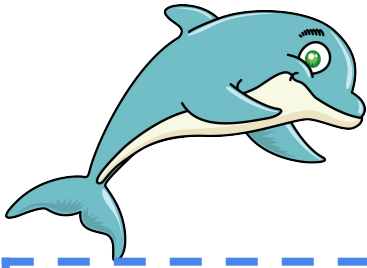
Mr. Behrends will be the new music teacher

Mrs. Zweedyk will be the new Kindergarten Core Knowledge teacher

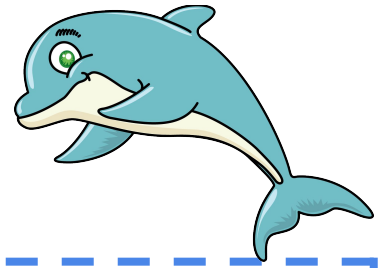
Mrs. Beck will be the new part-time math interventionist

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the sunshine-- FINALLY!

Mrs. Cindy Scharff



Mark Your Calendars for these Fun Days!



Fun Friday dress-up days will happen on the first of each month.

Disney Spirit Days will be at the end of each month.

May 13th- Future Day (Wear clothes from a school you might attend or job you want to have in the future)

May 20th- Disney Spirit Day

Parents, please remember to pick up any medications that you have at school for your child by noon on the last day of school Thursday, May 26, 2022 . **All medications that are left after the last day, including inhalers, Epi Pens and prescriptions, will be disposed of by the school nurse. We are not able to send medications home with your child. We are not allowed to hold medications for you for the next school year.** We get to start all over in August! Have a wonderful summer!

McKenna Hoffman, CNA

Kindalynn Mascarello , Health Room Para

Disney Elementary, 402-715-2351

PTO News

Hello Disney families! We are so happy with how the carnival turned out despite the last-minute changes of moving it inside due to the weather.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers for helping make the carnival a success! We could not have done it without you!!

It was so nice to see the kids with their families, and we appreciate you coming out and supporting Disney PTO by attending the event.

We have our PTO meeting on Wednesday, May 11th, at 5:45 pm at Disney Elementary in the conference room. We would love for you to attend the meeting if you can.

Announcement - PTO will have two positions on the board opening at the end of this school year.

I will be stepping down from the PTO President position. I have enjoyed being able to help plan events and fundraisers to benefit our school, but I am unable to move forward on the PTO going into the next school year.

Deidre Snow is currently the Co-President, but this will be her last year as her kid will be moving up to middle school in August. She has significantly impacted Disney's PTO for the past four years and will be greatly missed. She did a fantastic job keeping it organized, and she deserves to be recognized for all her hard work and dedication to this PTO. Thank you, Deidre!!!

Jill Vanbibber, who is currently our Treasurer, will be moving up and taking over the President role, which will open the Treasurer position.

Jen Prasch will also be stepping down at the end of this school year, opening up the Vice President position.

Libby McGuire is our Secretary, and she will remain in that position.

Jill and Libby are amazing ladies that will continue serving on the PTO into the next school year, and I'm confident they will do a fabulous job!

If you are interested in the Vice President and/or Treasurer position on the PTO board, please email Deidre or me. Just let us know if you have any questions regarding these positions. This would be a one-year commitment for the 2022-2023 school year. I have listed below the duties for each of these positions.

Vice President - Assists the President and chair meetings in the absence of the President. Prepares agendas for official PTO meetings. Oversee the committee system of the PTO and be present at any PTO event for Walt Disney Elementary.

Treasurer - Serve as custodian of the PTO's finances, collect revenue, pay authorized expenses, follow all financial policies and hold all financial records. Present a financial statement at every meeting and other times when requested by the board. Make a full report at the end of the current school year and be present at any PTO event for Walt Disney Elementary.

2022 Variety Show



Save the Date!
Tuesday, May 24th
9:15AM @ Disney Gym



2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders
may audition to be in the show.

Auditions will be held the week of May 9th. More info
to come about how to sign-up for an audition!

Variety show acts **MUST** follow these guidelines:

- ❖ All acts should be a maximum of three minutes.
- ❖ **Vocal soloists must sing by themselves (a cappella), with instrumental accompaniment, or with a Karaoke accompaniment**
(Karaoke CDs contain only the instrumental accompaniment and do not include the vocal track. They are available at many local music stores and on iTunes.)
- ❖ **No lip-syncing will be allowed.**
- ❖ **No Tik-Tok dances will be allowed.**
- ❖ Please be sure the content of your act is appropriate for the school performance.
- ❖ Any costumes and/or props are the responsibility of the performer and should be brought to the audition.
- ❖ Auditions will be held the week of May 9th. A sign-up sheet will be sent home at the end of April.
- ❖ All questions can be directed to Mrs. Walker: eewalker@mpsomaha.org

Start practicing for your act now! We can't wait to see
the many talents of our Disney Dolphins!

If you have an incoming kindergartener or new student entering Millard Public Schools for the 2022-23 school year, please register your student NOW

You can register your **NEW STUDENT** on the registration link found at www.mpsomaha.org.

By completing your child's registration as soon as possible you help us place students sooner and communicate with your family in a timely way.

**Please note, the new student registration window is for
NEW STUDENTS ONLY!**

Existing student updates will occur between June 6 and July 31, 2022.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **February 10:** Kindergarten & New Student OLR Application Window Opens
- **February 15:** Within District Transfer Application Window for 22-23 closes
- **March 1:** Notification goes out to all approved transfers & PreK acceptance notification
- **March 15:** Option Enrollment Application window closes
- **April 1:** Notification goes out to all approved option enrollments
- **April 22:** Disney Kindergarten Round Up 9:00 to 11:00
(Online registration required prior to attending round up)
- **June 6:** Existing Student/Family Annual Update OLR Window Opens
- **July 31:** Existing Student/Family Annual Update OLR Window Closes



2022-23 KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION OPENS Feb. 10th

GO TO: MPSOMAHA.ORG TO REGISTER



Looking for a flexible work week? Become a Local Substitute Teacher!



Millard Public Schools
#SHINewithMPS

- *Choose the days you work!**
- *\$165 a day to work with kids!**
- *Family Friendly environment!**
- *Rewarding work!**

Nebraska Dept. of Education Local Sub Permit Requirements:

- + Completion of 60 semester credit hours of college coursework
- + Completion of a Professional Education Course **and/or**
- + Completion of the Human Relations Training Requirement

For more information on the NDE Local Substitute Teacher requirements go to
<http://www.education.ne.gov/tcert/>



Come Shine with us!

\$165
daily rate

Apply today
online @ careers.mpsomaha.org



Rock'in 50's Field Day is Coming Soon!

All students will participate in Walt Disney Field Day on May 23rd. This year's all day event is all about the music of the 50's. In order for this day to be successful, parent volunteers are needed to run each of the stations. No experience necessary, directions and equipment will be

set-up for you. Please consider signing up for a half day or full day of FUN! If you are able to sign up for a full day, please consider signing up for the same station. Volunteers should meet in the gym at their scheduled time.

Use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F44ABA82AA02-rockin>

Volunteers are encouraged to purchase a field day shirt. T-shirt order forms will be going home with students, and can be found in the Disney newsletter.

Thank you in advance for all your help to make this day great for the kids!

Mrs. Smith

402-715-2350 or amsmith@mpsomaha.org



LUNCH MENU CHANGE

May 17th- 25th the kitchen will be serving sack lunches in lieu of the normal menu.

Students may choose from these options:

Choice 1) Turkey and Cheese


Choice 2) Ham and Cheese

Choice 3) Sunbutter and Jelly



DISNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM




Join us for weekly book checkouts,
guest readers, and fun!



Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30
Fridays from 10:00-11:30



Program Runs
June 1st-July 23rd



Disney Elementary School Library
5717 S 112th Street
Omaha, NE 68137



MILLARD SOUTH PATRIOT SWIMMING

LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM SUMMER 2022

Servicing Millard residents since 1979, Producing over 68 High School State Champions, 65 High School All-Americans, and 34 Top-10 Nebraska High School State Championships.

REGISTRATION: SATURDAY MAY 14th 8:00 A.M. TO 9:30 AM
 TUESDAY MAY 17th 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

****REGISTRATION IS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS****

WE WILL TAKE SIGN-UPS UP TO THE START OF EACH INDIVIDUAL SESSION!!!

LOCATION: Millard South 14905 Q STREET (USE SOUTH ENTRANCE)

COST: Millard Residents \$ 60.00
 Cash/Check Only Non-Residents \$ 80.00

REFUNDS: Any refund requests must be submitted by noon on the first day of classes for that session. No refunds will be given after that day.

DATES: Classes meet weekdays Monday through Thursday (8 lessons total)
 Each session is 2 weeks long.
 Session 1 Tuesday May 31 – Friday June 3rd & Monday June 6th – Thursday June 9th
 Session 2 Monday June 13th – Thursday June 16th & Monday 20th - Thursday June 23rd
 Session 3 Monday June 27th – Thursday June 30th & Tuesday July 5th – Friday July 8th
 No Lessons July 4th, Make-Up day Friday July 8th

SUMMER LEARN TO SWIM SCHEDULE

Preschool	Level 1, 2, 3	Level 4	Level 5,6
9:00 / 9:15	9:00	9:00	9:45
9:30 / 9:45	9:30	10:30	11:15
10:00 / 10:15	10:00		
10:30 / 10:45	10:30		
11:00/11:15	11:00		
11:30/11:45	11:30		
These classes are 15 minutes long	These classes are 25 minutes long	These classes are 45 minutes long	These classes are 45 minutes long

Questions about Swimming Lessons or our Competitive Swimming Programs

Tyler Hammond, Head Swim Coach/Aquatics Director

Office: 402-715-8489 **Email:** tthammond@mpsomaha.org **Website** www.millardsouthswimming.com

Thank you for supporting Millard South Swimming and Diving!

Prior to Registration, all families must fill out a digital demographic form. You can do this at registration, or prior to registration at the link below OR using the QR Code.



<https://forms.gle/MNM7RjK5HUaYn2Zf8>

Are you or someone you know looking for a rewarding job? Do you love kids? Want to do something meaningful each day? We are hiring for most positions!

Things to like: Flexible hours – great for parents/students, variety of hours, no weekends, great pay, summers off for many positions, family-first place to work.

Come SHINE with us at Millard!

#SHINEwithMPS



**The Watch D.O.G.S. and Super M.O.M.S.
Volunteer Calendar is now online!**



Please sign up today for your spots on the new volunteer calendar:

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1)Go to: [WatchDog/SuperMom Sign Up](#)**
- 2)Enter your email address: you will not need to register an account on SignUp.com**
- 3)Choose your spots- SignUpGenuis.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!**

SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address please contact Ms.Cramer directly.

Please try to sign up at least a week in advance to allow time for schedules to be made.

Contact Ms. Cramer with any questions
jmcramer@mpsomaha.org



LIMITED
AVAILABILITY

spark

Don't Miss Out On This
Epic Summer!

Childcare Millard Students & Parents Love

May 31 – August 5

**OUR SPARK & SPARK UP
PROGRAMS INCLUDE:**



- Breakfast, lunch and snack
- Fresh fruit available all day
- Summer reading program
- Weekly artist spotlight
- iPad based learning opportunities
- Weekly field trips (on and off site)
- Daily STEAM-based exploration
- Register by the week
- Licensed by the State
- Summer Locations: Abbott, Disney, Harvey Oaks, Upchurch and Wheeler
- Weekly Rate: \$210
- Check out our new Spark UP program for incoming 5th and 6th graders exclusively at Black Elk.

*Field trips and activities are subject to change

 **spark** ^{UP}

Spark UP is our new summer program designed exclusively for incoming 5th and 6th graders. We have an epic summer planned, jam-packed with creative adventures, technology challenges, awesome outdoor games, chilling with your friends in the Nest and ice cream Fridays.

**JOIN US FOR A SUMMER
TO REMEMBER!**

Scan
for more
information



**Millard
Public Schools
Foundation**

www.mpsfoundation.org

Don't Miss Out On This Epic Summer!

Are you looking for **full day** fun for your student this summer? Spark (formerly Kids Network) is a program provided by the Millard Public Schools Foundation and this summer we have great adventures planned for your child. Weekly registration is available, themed activities and weekly field trips!

New this year – Spark UP is our new summer program designed exclusively for incoming 5th and 6th graders.

Join us for a summer to remember! Don't delay – we have limited spots available.
Register Today!

www.mpsfoundation.org

The Millard Public Schools Foundation supports the school district by providing funds to **all** 35 schools to support strategic initiatives.



4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Millard Summer Show Choir Camps!!!

(For Kids GOING into 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade in the 22-23 School Year)

Does your child love to sing and move?

Get them on the sign-up list today!!!

Students going into grades 4th, 5th, and 6th:

(TWO camps to choose from or DO THEM BOTH!!!)

May 31st-June 3rd – 8:30-4:00 and June 4th – 8:30-NOON

***Beadle Middle School (18201 Jefferson Street)

Directed by Kelly Whisinnand and Eric Engstrom

Email Kelly Whisinnand to get on the sign-up list: klwhisinnand@mpsomaha.org

June 6th-June 9th – 8:30-4:00 and June 10th – 8:30-NOON

***Millard North HIGH School (1010 S. 144th Street)

Directed by Lori Brown and Kailyn Townsend

Email Lori Brown to get on the sign-up list: lbrown@mpsomaha.org

This Full-Day Camp includes:

- ~ Daily Snacks
- ~ Performance T-Shirt
- ~ A Pizza Lunch

Students will:

- ~ Sing and Move
- ~ Put on a Full Show for Family and Friends
- ~ Understand Stage Directions
- ~ Get Audition Tips
- ~ Learn Choreography Terminology
- ~ Work with Middle and High School Show Choir Counselors
- ~ Get fun surprise treats and activities!

Cost for the Week:

\$200 per student

Beadle Camp:

18201 Jefferson Street

*May 31st-June 4th

*Tues-Fri 8:30-4:00

*Saturday 8:30-NOON

11:30 am performance on Saturday, June 4th

Millard North Camp:

1010 S. 144th Street

*June 6th-June 10th

*Mon-Thurs 8:30-4:00

*Saturday 8:30-NOON

11:30 am performance on Friday, June 10th

MILLARD SUMMER ORCHESTRA CAMP

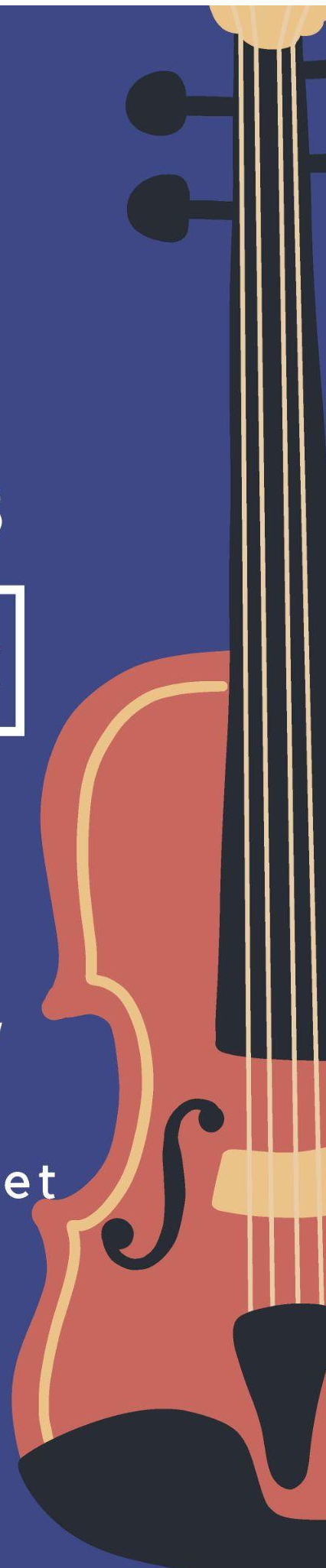
GRADES ENTERING 5-8

JUNE 27th-JULY 1st

RUSSELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
1-4PM

Only \$50 for orchestra fun,
remembering how to play
your instrument, and a sweet
t-shirt.

[Click here to register!](#)



P.A.C.E. SOCCER

Spring & Summer League

FREE-No Cost

Teams for
Beginners(in
house/school
teams) and for
Advanced players
(Nebraska League
games vs select
clubs)

Play with friends and meet kids
from all over the city

Fun Training-Focus on skill
development

- LICENSED COACHES
- NO TRAVEL
- UNIFORMS PROVIDED
- ALL GAMES AT CAMPOS FIELDS
(33RD & Q ST)

More Information:

Email: coachtim@paceomaha.org

Phone: (402)630-0603

Spanish:(402)880-6315

P.A.C.E.
POLICE ATHLETICS
FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
OMAHA, NE



PARENT *Cafe*

JOIN via ZOOM:

<https://mpsomaha-org.zoom.us/j/95423067472?pwd=RmhGMERTT3NIUVIOcIRiem9FTzhsUT09>

Meeting ID: 954 2306 7472

Passcode: 302742

Friday,

May 6, 2022

Pop in anytime
between 11:30-12:30
PM

Join me, Rye McIntosh, Elementary School Social Worker, along with other parents of the Millard Public School Community each month for my virtual office hours to discuss common challenges of parenting a school-aged child, learn best practices, address barriers to getting your child to school, and connect with community resources all from the comfort of your home.

So grab your lunch and pop in anytime between 11:30-12:30 PM!

For more information, please feel free to contact me at

rlmcintosh@mpsomaha.org

See you zoom,

Rye McIntosh LMHP, LCSW, MPA

Elementary School Social Worker



Big Brothers Big Sisters

ENROLL A CHILD

By enrolling your child in Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands, they will have the opportunity to experience new things, increase their confidence, and grow as individuals. Your child will be matched with a volunteer mentor in our program and meet **IN PERSON** or **VIRTUALLY*** and spend time in the community or online doing activities they both enjoy.

**Must follow NE & BBBSM guidelines.*



HOW DO YOU GET YOUR CHILD STARTED?

Matching

When matching your child with a mentor, we take into account the needs, personality, interests, and goals of both the child and the adult volunteer.

Activities

We host two free activities a month for all of our matches. We also have many partners in the community who provide activities for our matches for free and/or at a discounted cost.

Staff Support

Each match is supported by an assigned BBBS Match Support Specialist who will provide resources, guidance, and assurance for your child's match.



HOW DO I GET MY CHILD STARTED?

- Reside in the BBBSM service area
- Be between the ages of 7 and 14 at the time of enrollment
- Show a desire to be matched in the program
- Have a custodial parent/guardian that will demonstrate a supportive and cooperative attitude toward BBBSM and abide by the Agency's policies and guidelines
- Be in the area for at least 12 months to make a commitment to the program
- Be able to meet with their mentor 2-4 times per month for a total of at least 4 hours per month

APPLY ONLINE AT [BBBSOMAHA.ORG](https://bbbsomaha.org)

Questions? Contact us at enroll@bbbsomaha.org.



INSCRIBA A SU HIJO

Al inscribir a su hijo en Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands, tendrán la oportunidad de experimentar actividades nuevas, aumentar su confianza, y crecer como individuos. Su hijo será emparejado con un mentor voluntario en nuestro programa y se podrán reunir **EN PERSONA** o **VIRTUALMENTE**.^{*} Pueden pasar tiempo en la comunidad o en línea haciendo actividades que ambos disfruten.

^{*}Debe seguir las reglas de NE y BBBSM.

¿CÓMO INICIA EL PROCESO DE SU HIJO?

Emparejamiento

Al emparejar a su hijo con un mentor, tomamos en cuenta las necesidades, personalidad, intereses y metas del niño como del voluntario adulto.

Actividades

Organizamos dos actividades gratuitas al mes para todos nuestros emparejados. Nosotros también tenemos muchos negocios asociados en la comunidad que ofrecen actividades para nuestros emparejados gratis y / o a un costo reducido.

Personal de Apoyo

Cada emparejado será apoyado por un Especialista de Apoyo asignada por BBBS que brindará recursos, orientación y certeza durante el emparejamiento de su hijo.



¿CÓMO INSCRIBO A MI HIJO?

- Su hijo debe de vivir en el área de servicio de BBBSM.
- Su hijo debe de tener entre 7 y 14 años al momento de la inscripción.
- Su hijo debe mostrar un deseo de ser emparejado en el programa.
- Su hijo debe de tener un padre/tutor con custodia que demuestre una actitud de apoyo y cooperación hacia BBBSM y cumplir con las políticas y directivas de la Agencia.
- Su hijo debe de mantenerse en el área para poder comprometerse al programa por lo menos un año.
- Su hijo debe de poder reunirse con su mentor de 2 a 4 veces al mes.

APLIQUE EN LÍNEA AL [BBBSOMAHA.ORG](https://bbbsomaha.org)

¿Preguntas? Contáctenos en onavedo@bbbsomaha.org.



Community Corner

“HELP!!! My child is in need of help and I need help where to help them next...!”



...sound familiar...?!? You're not alone! There are lots of parents out there that feel this same way. Schools today are recognizing that mental health is becoming a vital part of student support systems. As the stigma for seeking out mental health support declines, the opportunities and community resources available for students to receive treatment for mental health issues increase, thus parents are seeking to know more about their students' options. Below are some potential community partners with whom we collaborate with to enhance the academic success of individual students. These partnerships have been found to help reduce students' truancy and discipline rates, behavioral and emotional concerns, as well as to increase the rates of high school graduation, and help create a positive school environment in which a student can learn and be successful in school and in the community.

KVC Nebraska Outpatient Therapy; KVC's outpatient therapy program provides in-home services to children ages 0 to 19 and their caregivers to promote mental wellness, social and emotional well-being, and positive caregiver-child relationships. They work to meet the needs of children, adolescents and adults so they feel safe and connected to each other and their communities. Currently accepting Medicaid and self-pay. Contact Taylor Cambridge for more information at (402) 880-4926.

Connections; Connections is a voluntary program and referrals are based on parent consent. The Connections program offers low- or no-cost professional therapy to students needing preventative mental health care at a convenient location and time in an individual or group setting. Connections works closely with parents and the child's school to find the right therapist to help each child build confidence, resilience and coping skills. Contact Connections at (402) 595-1059 to request more information.

GOALS; The mission of GOALS is to address absenteeism and at-risk behavior through encouragement of coordinated efforts to improve student attendance and learning. Simply put, it is to improve student attendance and learning by offering assistance to youth and families. Contact your school social worker for more information.

Region 6; Region 6 offers a team-based process called Wraparound. Trained advocates help families identify a vision for the future by utilizing natural supports and community resources to develop strength-based strategies. Their role is to partner with the family team and empower parents to be in the driver's seat of their child's services. Contact Amy Wolf for more information at (402) 996-8377.

If you want more insights, information and practical tools and tips for mental health assistance feel free to contact me. You can reach me by phone at (402) 715-8774 or e-mail me anytime at rlmcintosh@mpsomaha.org

Respectfully,

Rye McIntosh LCSW
Elementary School Social Worker

Disney's Birthday Board

Celebrate your child's birthday by purchasing a spot on the Disney's Birthday Board.

Your message will be posted on our Birthday Marquee on the day you request on a first-come/first-served basis. We will also post summer birthdays during the school year, on the school day you request. If your day is already taken, we will post your message on the nearest day available.

There is a fee of \$10.00 per day for this service.

This order form and money (made payable to Disney Elementary) is due at least five (5) working days before your requested day. Please submit to the Disney office.

Student Being Honored: _____
Desired Posting Date: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Your message: Write one letter per box, spaces count as one letter. We reserve the right to adapt as need.

Line 1										
Line 2										
Line 3										
Line 4										
Line 5										
Line 6										
Line 7										

Order purchased by: _____

Paid: Cash _____

E-mail address: _____

Check _____

Phone Number: _____

Office Use: Date received: _____

Time received: _____

Date to Post: _____