

# GARRETSON BLUE 



## What's Happening?



May 2017

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MEETINGS
The Board of Education meets the second Monday of every month in the Library. All regular meetings begin at 5:45 p.m. Agendas are available in the Superintendent's office on the Friday before any meeting. The Garretson Gazette publishes the minutes of each meeting.

## PRIDE Award and Graduation.

submitted by Mr. Guy Johnson, Supt.
Congratulations to Tad Heitkamp, the District's April PRIDE award winner. The School Board recognized Coach Heitkamp for his 14 years of successful coaching experience in the District. Over the course of those fourteen years, he has touched the lives of many students both on the football field and the basketball court. His positive attitude and devotion to helping kids to learn important life lessons through competition has an impact! We thank Tad for his other service-related work in the community as well. He is part of the Garretson Fire Department as well as an active volunteer on a number of different non-profit groups designed to benefit the young people of Garretson. Tad is truly one of those people in our community who is looking for ways that he can give his time to make things better. We applaud and thank him for his efforts!

Graduation is May 20th. The date always feels so far away through the entire school year, until we hit March, and then it seems that graduation is immediately upon us. We look forward to, and invite our public to the ceremony. We recognize that graduation from high school is a rite of passage marking the end of childhood and the beginning of the adult phase in these young men and women's lives. We are proud of our graduates and wish them the best as they begin this next phase
 of their lives.


## New Look this Summer!

Did you know that every summer, our maintenance crew works hard to renew our building? As soon as the kids and staff leave for the summer, the work of stripping floors, shampooing carpets and making repairs begins. This summer, our common areas and hallways will be getting a bit of a face-lift! Our plans include new paint, new colors and an effort to create an exciting learning environment for our kids! Even though it won't happen until the summertime, we're pumped up to be making some noticeable changes for our students and community. When fall comes, be sure to stop in to see the new color scheme and check it out!

## First Grade Footnotes

submitted by Mrs. Samantha Bruns \& Ms. Julie Hersom
Story writing every day
$\boldsymbol{U}_{\text {sing new books daily }}$
Music program May 4th at 7:00
Math fractions are fun
Exploring how plants grow
$\boldsymbol{R}$ eady for second grade!


## Fourth Grade News

submitted by Mrs. Angela Bly \& Mr. Francis Ruml The fourth graders have been busy preparing for many upcoming events this spring!
Students have been reading books to get ready for Book Battles vs. Baltic. We hope to bring home all 3 trophies again this year!
Preparing a declam poem to present in front of a judge makes us nervous, but we are doing a great job!
Really showed our patriotism by participating in the American Legion Auxiliary poppy poster contest.
In May, we will visit KSFY television and the Midco Aquatic Center for our field trip!
New songs for our concert are fun to learn and sound great. Come listen to us sing on May 4th!
Getting excited for summer break!

## MS Language Arts

submitted by Mrs. Kari Stoltenberg
The end of another school year can bring relief, but on the other hand, some anxiousness about the next phase of a student's academic career. For those of you that parent 5th graders, soon to be 6th and middle schoolers, I urge you to read an article by Cindi Rigsbee, the 2009 North Carolina Teacher of the Year and a National Teacher of the Year Finalist. A National Board Certified Teacher, she is also a member of the Center for Teaching Quality's Teacher Leaders Network. Her article titled My View: Parenting the secondary student: We're not in elementary school anymore, is an uplifting informative piece to parents of new middle school students. Instead of printing the entire article here, you can access it at the following website: cindirigsbee.com.

Have a wonderful summer break, and we look forward to welcoming the newest members to GMS in the fall.


## WASHINGTON DC - 2018

Sign up soon to lock in the price of $\$ 1,839$ for an exciting 4-day trip to Washington, DC. Price includes everything but noon meals. Contact Bob Bennett at BobBennett@alliancecom.net or 594-3930.
Students in next year's grades 6-12 and adults welcome. Trip will include an agenda similar to previous trips over 500 Garretson students and adults have taken dating back to 1992. More information at http://goo.gl/FHrCyf


## Reading: Easy as ABC, right? <br> submitted by Mrs. Karla Godbey, Title 1

Most kids learn to talk by talking with other people. They hear- they listen- they speak. Learning to read? That's harder.

Reading doesn't come naturally. You have to learn it. The sticks and circles we call letters are symbols. Basically, letters stand for sounds. In the big picture, they help us communicate when we can't talk face to face. If we couldn't read, we'd never know the wisdom of William Shakespeare, Langston Huges, or Yogi Berra.

Our alphabet has only 26 letters, but it's one of the most powerful tool kits on the planet. When you put letters together, into syllables, words, sentences, and paragraphs, you get the script for Star Wars, a Martin Luther King speech, The Grapes of Wrath, a letter or instructions for how to build a tricycle.

Reading lets us into the whole world. It gets us in the game. Reading is power. And, let's face it, good readers make more money.

Teaching someone to read is complex. But while teachers are doing their thing in the classroom, parents can do things to make time with their children pay off in big ways.

Reading with your child every day certainly helps, whether it is a book, a street sign, or a cereal box. But teachers have found that parents can help even more by building five skills that kids need to become readers.

1. Spoken Words. Before your child ever sees a word on the page, he or she will hear thousands and thousands of words - spoken words. Every spoken word is a series of sounds. This is called phonemic awareness.
2. Written Words. The leap from talking to reading happens when a child starts to see how written letters stand for the sounds of speech. It's like learning a code. It's called phonics.
3. Word Power. If your child lives to the ripe old age of 100 , she could learn more that 20 new words a day and never know them all. Of course, no human being knows every single word of English. But the more words a person knows, the better he can read and speak. It's called vocabulary.
4. Reading Smoothly and Easily. Remember when you first tried driving a stick shift? How the car stalled? The jerky motion you thought would tear the engine apart? That's what early reading is like. You might have heard your son or daughter trying to read a page, getting stuck on words. That's normal for young readers but, like driving, the goal is to move ahead smoothly and easily. It's called fluency.
5. Knowing What It All Means. We read for a reason. To get swept away by a great story or find out what happened in last night's game. Or to figure out how to put together a bicycle. There is no point to reading if it doesn't help us understand something. It's called comprehension.

Taken from National Institute for Literacy, The Partnership for Reading


## 2017 Art Show

Be sure and mark your calendars to attend the 2017 High School Art Show! Come and see what the High School students have been working on this school year.


Middle School Social Studies
submitted by Ms. Samantha Blake

## 8th grade: U.S. History

Over the past couple months the 8th graders have been researching the build-up to the Civil War. We recently concluded our comparison of the North and South, including the rising tensions over slavery. The students are ending the year by breaking down the causes and main events of the Civil War, followed by an understanding of the reconstruction period in America.

## 7th grade: Geography

The 7th grade students recently finished a large unit on Europe and Russia. They loved learning about the various histories and interesting facts that make all of the countries unique. The highlight of this past quarter was our heritage and culture day. The students were encouraged to bring in a cultural artifact to share with the class, as well as a dessert that reflects their heritage. This was a great day for everyone, enjoying food and sharing pieces of what makes everyone unique. Upon a class vote, the 7th graders will end the year by studying The US, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Oceania.

## 6th grade: World History

The 6th grade students recently finished the largest section of the year, early civilizations. This was wrapped up with an opportunity for all students to show their creativity by creating their own civilizations, showcasing their knowledge of what is necessary to have a civilization. Over the past month, the students have been researching early empires. We will conclude the year by looking at the great revolutions and discoveries of recent times.

## Music Notes

by Ms. Kelby Robinson

It's already May and we're wrapping up our school year with many exciting activities here in the music department. The elementary spring concert is Thursday, May 4 at 7:00pm in the new gym. The theme goes along with the elementary theme this year of empathy. We hope you will join us in our goodwill project and an evening learning how we can make a difference. The middle and high school choir concert is May 16 at 7:00pm. Each choir will sing their contest songs, a couple other choral songs, and their show choir pieces. You won't want to miss it! The past couple months have been full of music events. The choirs have been in contest season. I
 am proud of the work they have put into their contest music and am excited for what's to come.

In March some high school students took their solos and duets to contest at Augustana and all left with division I and II ratings! The middle school chorus traveled to Chester for large group contest at the end of the month and received a superior rating. The high school choir will compete in Harrisburg on April 26th and are busy preparing for that. A few middle school chorus students are preparing for their solo contest as well. We are enjoying working on our show choir songs and our final songs of the year.

The elementary students are busy preparing for their spring concert. Kindergarten is currently working on songs about transportation and enjoy moving to the steady beat. First grade wrote their own version to the song "Highway \#1" and are perfecting their quarter and eighth note reading skills through notation and playing them on classroom instruments. Second grade is working through half note rhythms and MRD pitch patterns. They also are excited when we make children's literature and music connections and do folk dances. Third grade is finishing up sixteenth notes and SLMRD patterns. We are currently finishing up a Star Spangled Banner unit with a variety of center activities. Fourth grade learned about the instruments of the orchestra and Haydn and Beethoven and attended the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra concert to hear their music. Fifth grade is working on speaking parts for the spring concert and enjoys using the Interactive Now music games on the Smartboard. They also enjoy playing the music game, concentration. We will be doing bucket drumming this spring with all classroom levels. With the school year wrapping up quickly, I want to take a moment again to say thank you for supporting your child's music education. I encourage them to keep making music throughout the summer!

## High School Math

submitted by Mr. Jason Bohl
Algebra I: The Freshman just began a chapter where they are multiplying, dividing, adding, and subtracting polynomials. They will also be using polynomials to describe the areas of geometric figures.

Algebra II: The Algebra II students have working on a chapter involving exponential and logarithmic functions. They are finding the composites and inverses of functions and learning how logarithmic functions are related to exponential functions.

Geometry: The Geometry students just finished a chapter where they had to find the area of several different geometric shapes and solved problems involving geometric probability. The students will continue learning about three-dimensional figures where they will find the lateral areas, surface areas, and volume of solids.

As the year nears its end, we will be focusing on the Semester tests in each class. Look for the study guides for these tests as the time approaches. Have a great summer!

## GHS (9-12) SEMESTER TEST SCHEDULE(May 16-19)

| Date: | 1" Period | $2^{\text {a }}$ Period | $3^{314}$ Period | $4{ }^{\text {T }}$ Period | $5^{\text {m }}$ Period | 12:47-1:17 | $7{ }^{\text {² }}$ Period | $8^{\text {es }}$ Period | $\begin{gathered} \text { ICU } \\ {[3: 06-3: 26]} \end{gathered}$ |
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| Tuesday, May 16 | Normal- <br> Period1 <br> Test | $\begin{gathered} \text { Period1 } \\ \text { Test } \end{gathered}$ | NormalPeriod 3 Test | Period 3 Test | Normal | L | Normal | Normal (SENIORS TEST $8^{\prime \prime}$ ) | ICU |
| Wednesday, May 17 | Periods periods Test | $\begin{gathered} \text { Periods } \\ \text { Test } \end{gathered}$ | Period7 7 Period 7 Test | Period7 Test | Period 4 <br> (SENIOR iPad Check In-Room 173) | N | Normal Athletic Physicals | Period2- <br> Athletic <br> Pirysicals | ICU |
| Thursday, May 18 | Period 4 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Period } 4 \\ \text { Test } \end{gathered}$ | Period2Period 2 Test | Period 2 Test | Periods | C | H5 <br> Assembly9.11 iPad Check In Old Gym | $8^{5}-9-11$ <br> iPad Check- In = oid <br> Gym | ICU |
| Friday, May 19 | Period s/icu Graduation Practice (Band) | Periods Test | Period 8 Test | ICU | ICU |  | 1:30pm Dis | issal |  |

## Driver's Education

submitted by Mr. Chris Long
The classroom portion of the class is scheduled for May 31-June 2, 7 and 8 . Class runs from 8 a.m. to $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. which will be held at the Garretson School. Driving times for each student will be determined during the class. Students must be in attendance the full 30 hours of classroom instruction to pass the class. Students need to bring their own lunch as a short break will be provided.

We are asking you to remit to the Garretson School District a payment in the amount of $\$ 210.00$ if you attend the Garretson School District or $\$ 260.00$ if your child does not attend the Garretson School District.

The due date for registration and payment for the class is May 2. Please sign the permission slip and return it with your payment. The instructor for the driver's education class will be Mike Satter. If you have any questions please contact Chris.
 Long@k12.sd.us or call 594-3452.

High School English<br>submitted by Mr. Tim Hughes

It is hard to believe the year is nearly over! Our seniors have been actively counting down the days and the other students are looking forward to becoming seniors, juniors and sophomores!

American Lit - The students just finished a unit on the Transcendentalist/Dark Romantics. Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Edgar Allan Poe, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Herman Melville were covered during this unit. The students enjoyed learning most about the Dark Romantics (Poe, Hawthorne and Melville), who are considered the forefathers of modern horror and suspense. Without these people, Michael Myers (Halloween) and Jason Voorhees (Friday the 13th) would not exist. Not to mention authors like Stephen King, Dean Koontz and Clive Barker who have made a living on the best sellers list. As the school year closes, we begin our Memoirs unit and finishing our Project Based Learning activities for our final exams.

General Lit - We did it! The man, the myth, the legend that is William Shakespeare has been conquered! The freshmen completed Romeo and Juliet in the third quarter and as difficult as it was to comprehend, they persevered. The have now turned their attention to our second unit of short stories and finishing our Project Based Learning activities for our final exams.

Hope everyone has a great spring and summer!

High School English \& Journalism submitted by Mrs. Kelsey Buchholz

END is in sight and everyone seems to be excited. However, the cooler weather has helped us stay focused on our academics, which is sometimes tricky this late in the year.
OF course we are still having fun in English (as much as you can at least). The sophomores are in the middle of Shakespeare's Julius Caesar which takes place as a historical drama. They are doing an excellent job deciphering the language and meanings from 400+ years ago.
THE seniors are keeping busy with their final preparations. In AP we are completing our last push before the AP test, which will earn them college credit with a passing score, at the beginning of May. In Brit Lit we are taking a different approach and reading some science fiction, The Hobbit. This is a stark contrast to our mystery unit that consisted of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Agatha Christie but is fun and engaging in a different way.
YEAR in review will be coming from the journalism students. Once again we had a successful year. This is the fourth year of the Blue Ink and each group finds a way to make their issues their own. In April the journalism students attended the State Journalism Convention where they listened to speakers on a variety of topics including social media integration, photography, and headline writing. Students came back with multiple awards as well for their writing and photography that they have contributed to this year's Blue Ink.

## Blue Dragon School Store

The Blue Dragon School Store has new inventory in! In addition to the Garretson G, there is a new Dragon Nation design as well. We have a variety of items including sweatshirts, long-sleeve t-shirts, tank tops, and hats.

Pricing is as follows:
T-Shirts: \$11
Long-Sleeve: \$17
"G" Hooded Sweatshirt (limited supply): \$24
"G" Crewneck Sweatshirt (limited supply): \$19
Dragon Nation Hooded Sweatshirt: \$30
Baseball Tee: \$25
Baseball Hat: \$20
Basketball Shorts: \$32
Tank Top: \$20
Contact Mrs. Buchholz for sizing and to reserve your apparel.


## Soundtracks to your life

Memories made
Immortalize this year with a GARRETSON YEARBOOK

Order now to guarantee a book.
Books will be delivered in the fall.

## YEARBOOKS

## NOW on sale

Features snapshots from 6-12 grade including academics, athletics, and fine arts.

Only $\$ 45$

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## Project:

 "Supply Our Students"
## FOR ALL STUDENTS

Free school supplies for families with IImIted resources.

## PROJECT: SOS DISTRIBUTION DAY

## Bring Child \& Identification for Child*

Saturday, August 19, 2017
9:00 am to 4:00 pm Whittier Middle School 930 E. 6th Street (East Gym Door) Please do not arrive before 7:00 am.
This is the only date supplies will be distributed

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- CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
$\checkmark$ CHILD MUST HAVE ONE \{1\} FORM OF IDENTIFICATION
Approwed forms of identifization displaying the child's name:
- Social Security Card
- Medicaid Card
- Birth Certificate
- Passport
- Library card



## GARRETSON BLUE DRAGONS 2017 ATHLETIC PHYSICALS

## May 17, 2017 1 pm



## WHERE

## Garretson School

 [605]594-3451The American Athletic Association requries athletes to have a screening each year. Screenings are performed by licensed medical practitioners.

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Medical Group

COST
\$25.00 per student
Pick up forms in the office or print from our school wehsite.

Required:
Please wear shorts and a short sleeve t-shirt to your athletic screening.

## Student Reminders:

1. Bring the Athletic screening form - filled out and signed.
2. Bring glasses if necessary.
3. Bring check for $\$ 25.00$ payable to Garretson School District.
4. Females: Ask if you would like a nurse in the room with a male physician.
5. Exludes College Physicals.

Many Insurance Companies cover Annual Wellness Exam/ Physicals. Check with your Insurance Provider prior to your apointment. If you would like the screening to he submitted toyour Insurance, you will need to make an appointment during regular office hours. 605-594-3432



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Look for the Farmer's Market Logo FARMERS on this month's menu for the fea- MAMERS tured Farmers Market selection. Learn more about this month's Selec- SELECTIONS tion on the poster in the dining area or tion on the poster in the dining area or
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Other Entrée Choices Available Daily: C. Sub/Sandwich Entrées M-Th Sub Sandwich

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Choices vary. See menu board for details.

## LINCh Meal Prices \& Extras

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Questions or comments: Contact Christina Crow at
(507) 360-2715 or christina@lunchtimesolutions.com
Applications for Free and Reduced Price meals are available in the school office.
Menus are subject to change without notice.

LS] Lunchtime

## S. Solutions, Inc.

[^0]Fruit \& Veggie Bar \& Milk Choices Unlimited fruits and vegetables and choice of milk are everyday.
Each student is required to Each student is required to
have $1 / 2$ cup of fruits or vegetables on their tray.
Look for the Farmer's Market Logo FARMERS on this month's menu for the fea-
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Learn more about this month's Selection
on the poster in the dining area or at:
http://server.lunchtimesolutions.com:81/farmersmarket.pdf
Other Entrée Choices Available Daily:

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Cheese Plate

## Lunch Meal Prices


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or christina@lunchtimesolutions.com

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|  | 12:30 JH Golf: Big East Conference Tournament at Salem <br> 2:30 Dell Rapids Track Invitational <br> 5:45 School Board Meeting | 10:00 Golf: ColmanEgan Invitational at Colman <br> Whispering Winds Poetry at Baltic <br> 3:00 JH Big East Conference Track Meet at Howard |  | 8:30 Bookmobile Book Pick Up <br> 4th Grade Field Trip to KDLT/Midco Aquatic Center <br> 7:00 FFA Banquet in the Old Gym | 10:00 J G Golf @ Chester <br> II:OO JH Golf @ Dell Rapids <br> 12:00-3:00 K-5 PTO Sponsored Carnival <br> 2:00 Big East Conference Track Meet at Flandreau | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 8:00 MS Band Solo } \\ & \text { Contest } \\ & 13 \end{aligned}$ |
| 14 | Pre-K Promotion and Family Day <br> 9:00 Golf: Sioux Valley Invitational at Volga <br> 3rd-5th Grade Field Day in the Afternoon | LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL <br> 7:00 MS/HS Vocal Music Concert <br> 89 <br> K-2nd Grade Field Day in the Afternoon | Athletic Physicals: Dick Up Forms In The Main Office or Print Them Off of Our Home Page | 1:00 Region 3A Track Meet at Madison | 7:30 Golf Pre-Region Play at Prairie Green Golf Course <br> Dismiss at $1: 30$ <br> 8:30 Graduation Practice <br> 7:00 Athletic Banque | gRADUATION 1:OO in the New Gym |
| Have a great - Emnê <br> Vacation! | Staff Inservice ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 8:00 Region B Golf Tournament at Prairie Green Golf Course | 24 | 25 | 9:30 State A Track Meet at Tea | 9:00 State A Track Meet at Howard Wood Field in Sioux Falls |
| hovera sate summer | Memorfal Day $29$ | 30 | Driver's Education 8:00-2:00 | Looking Anead. <br> TVTVTTMTT <br> June 5-6 State B Golf Tournament, Boys at Spring Creek/Girls at Prairie Green <br> June 26-30 9:00-3:30 Camp Invention for K-6th Graders: If Interested, Call the School for More Info <br> Starting July II: Enrichment Reading Drogram: If Interested, Call the School for More Information <br> August 24 First Day of School |  |  |


[^0]:    This Institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

