



SITE REPORT: MENDOTA

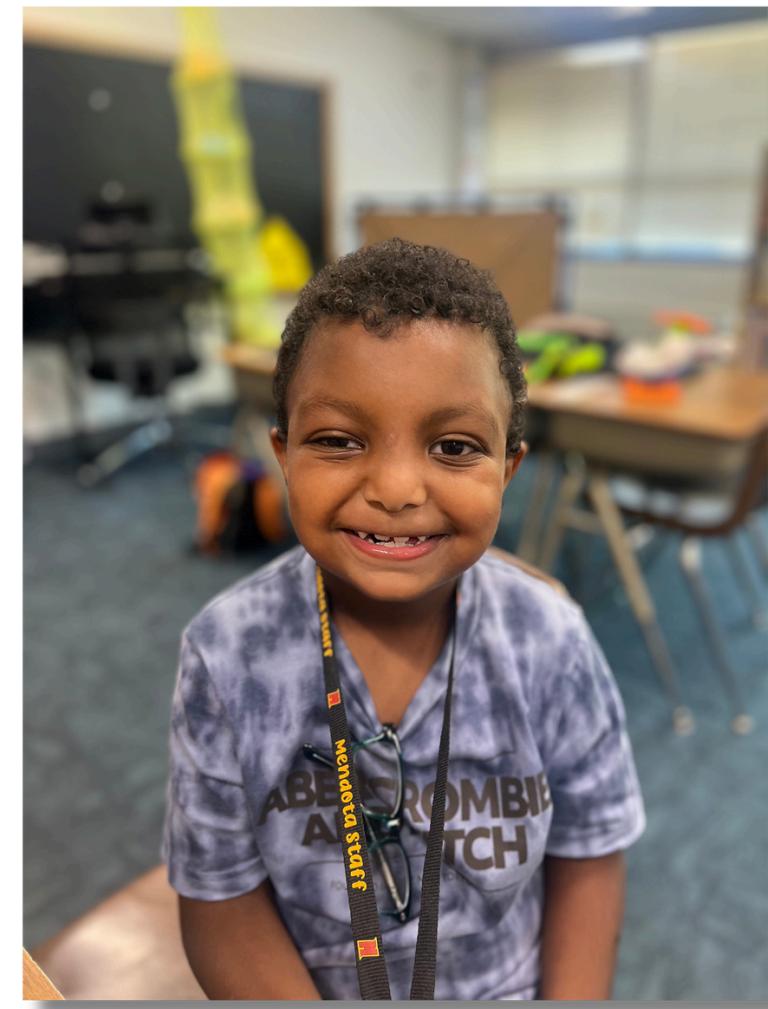
**Presented by: Steve Goldade, Principal
February 9, 2026 School Board Meeting**



WHO WE ARE

Mendota Belief Statement:

We hold that understanding the children we educate—in terms of their individual characteristics, cultural backgrounds, and developmental stages—is equally as important as mastering the content we deliver.



OUR MISSION

Our school aims to equip learners of all ages to think, to achieve, and to care in a supportive community of students, families, staff and community members.



POINTS OF PRIDE



POINT OF PRIDE: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY- OHEYAWAHI/PILOT KNOB HILL

- 2nd year bringing students in grades 2–4 on a walking field trip
- A Native American sacred place in our community
- Three stations, including traditional drumming, to explore the history of Indigenous People
- Community Partners (Chris Soutter) and Volunteers (Nicole McMahon, Jennifer Daul) Transportation (Chris Anderson) and Teachers (Sara Keane, Deb Krohn)



POINT OF PRIDE: BLACK HISTORY MONTH CHOIR

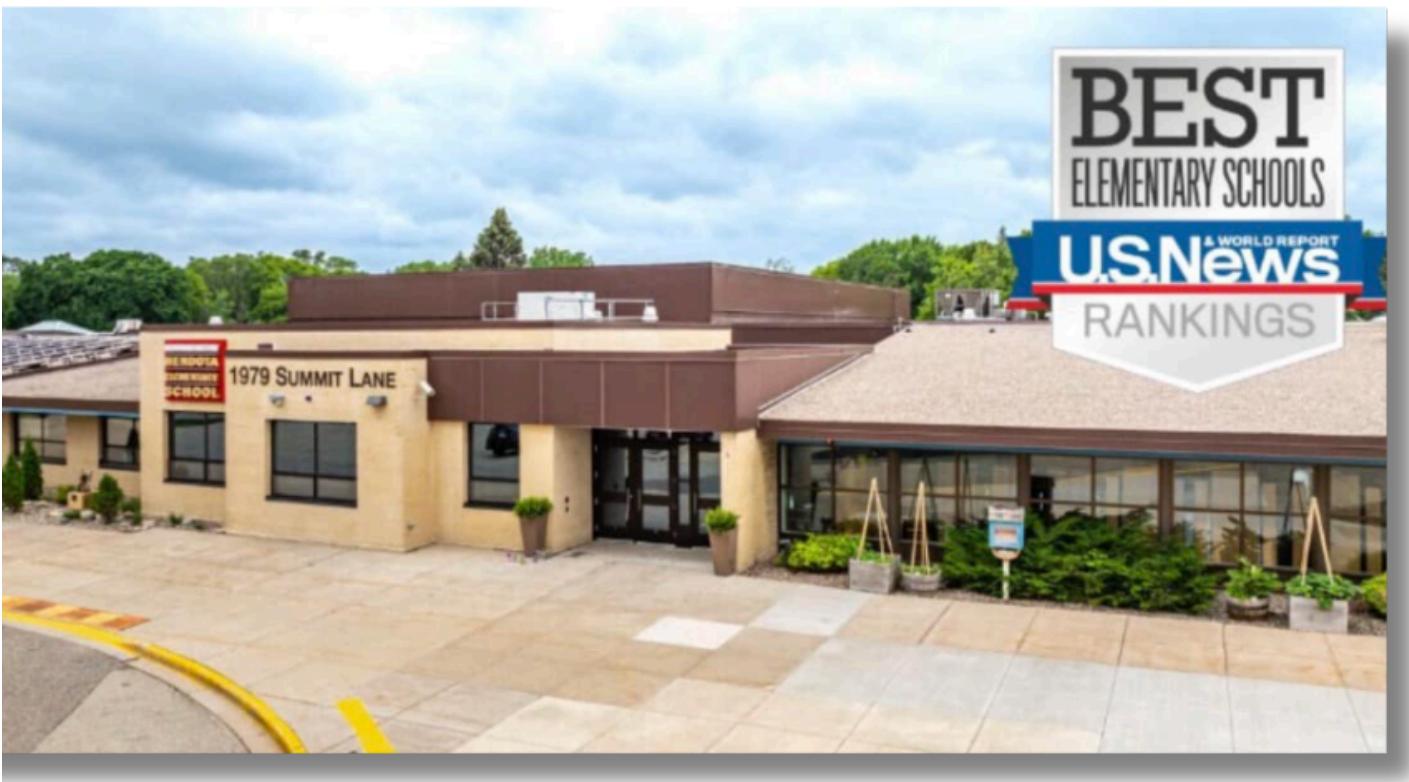
- Dr. Martin Luther King Day at Two Rivers High School
- Mendota Black History Month Lunch - Feb 21
- ISD 197 School Board Meeting - Feb 23
- Patrick Hayes, Mendota Music Teacher, Dominique Harness, Building Community Committee Chairperson, and Julie Seykora, Grandparent volunteer



POINT OF PRIDE

TOP 10 IN MN

- 10th best elementary school in Minnesota by U.S. News & World Report
- Student performance in reading and math
- Commitment of teachers, leadership, and families
- Showcases the school's pride in students' curiosity, kindness, and growth mindset.



LOOKING AHEAD

LOOKING AHEAD MULTILANGUAGE STUDENTS (ML)

- We have seen an increase in the number of Multi-Language students at Mendota. We love adding this diversity to our school!
- Some of the languages students speak in addition to english: Spanish, Pashto, Amharic, Oromo, German, and more
- We are focusing teaching strategies successful with ML students and all students
 - Visuals
 - Vocabulary instruction
 - Hand gestures

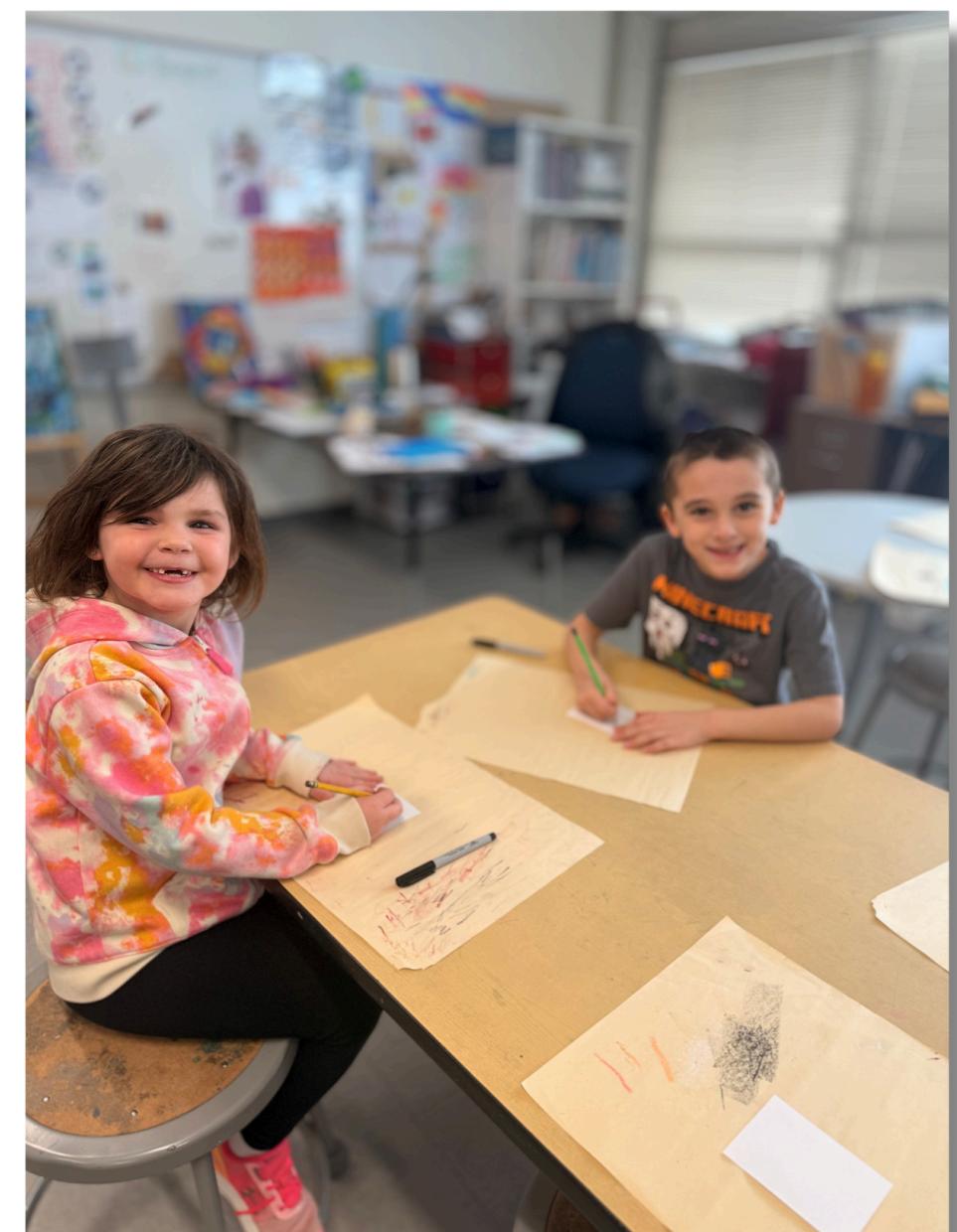


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ART SHOW AND

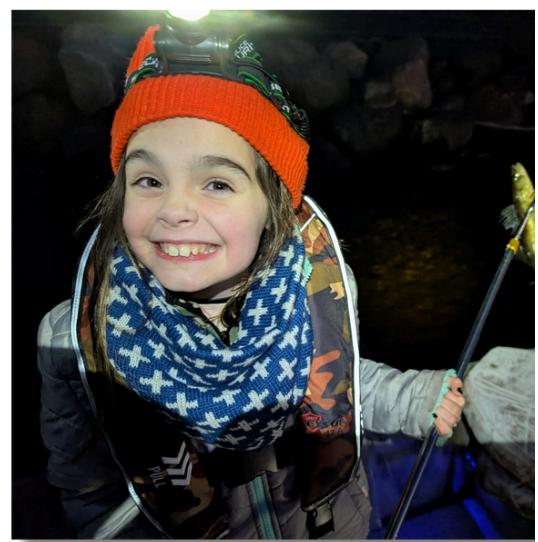
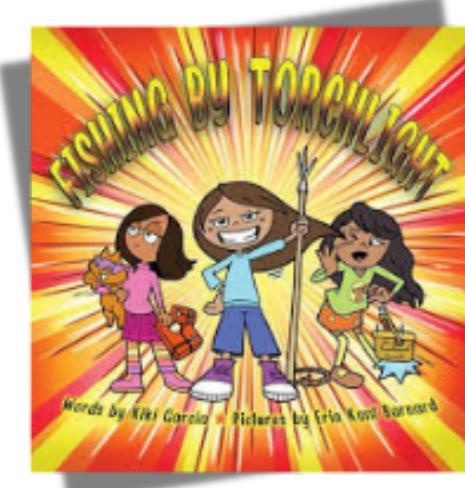
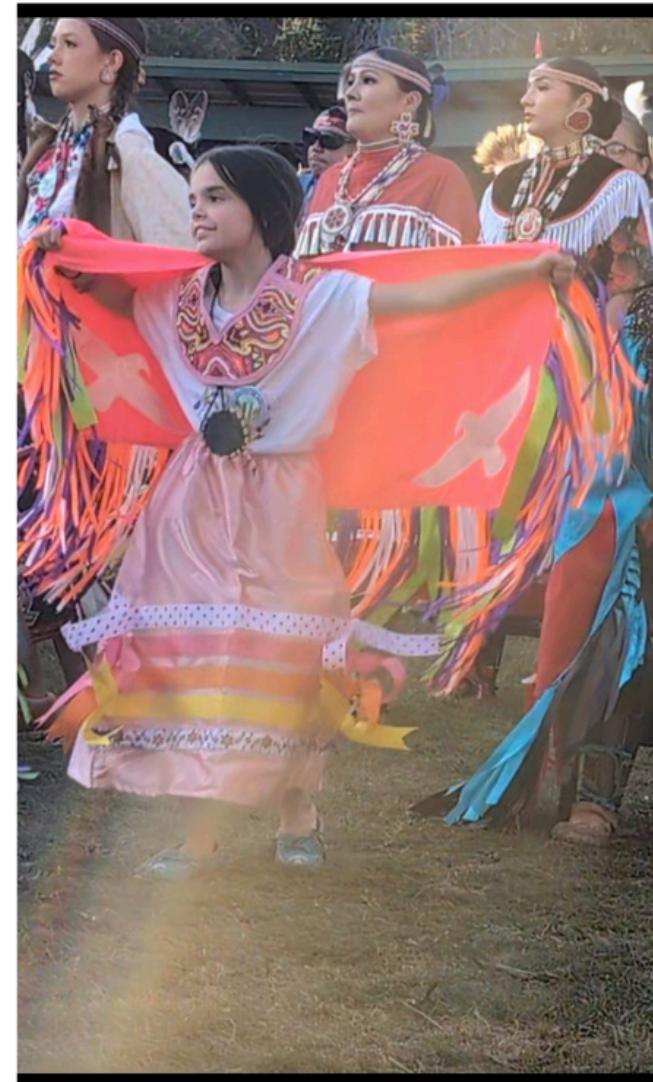
PROJECT FAIR

- We will celebrate creativity and student interests on April 9th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - All students have art work displayed in the gym/hall way
 - Some students enter a student friendly, interest based project into the project fair.



LOOKING AHEAD I LOVE TO READ/SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

- Kiki Garcia- 10 year old local author
- Llamas visit school
- Mystery Readers
- Drop Everything and Listen
- Theme Days: School Shirt with fishing attire, jersey day, Bling/Drip





THANK YOU!