



SITE REPORT: MENDOTA

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

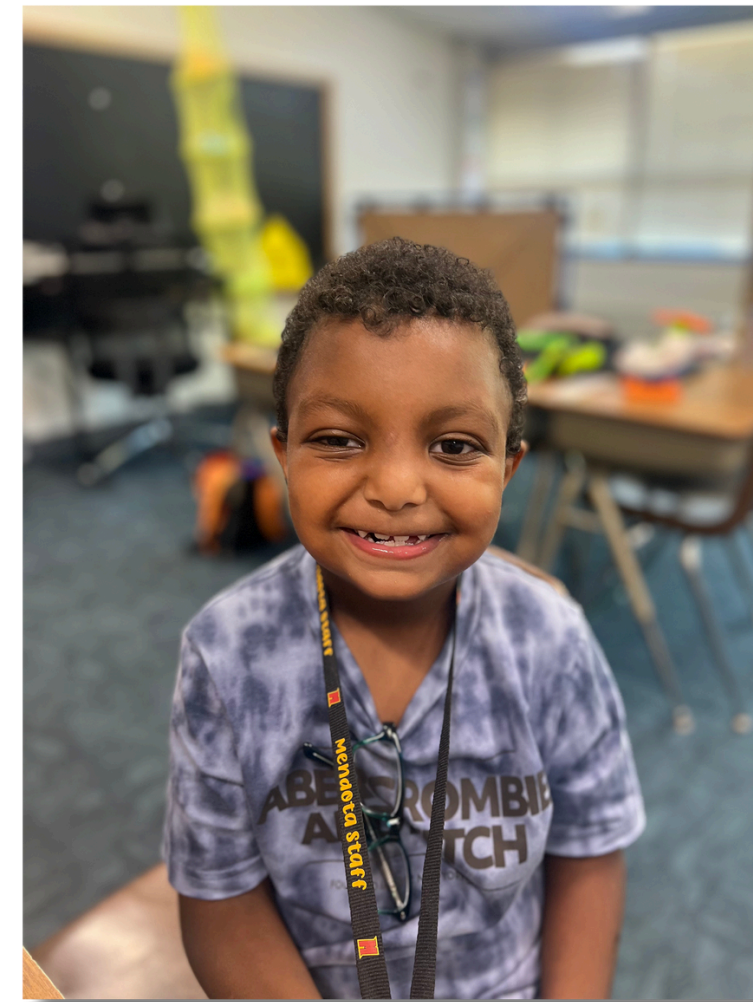


WHO WE ARE



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.





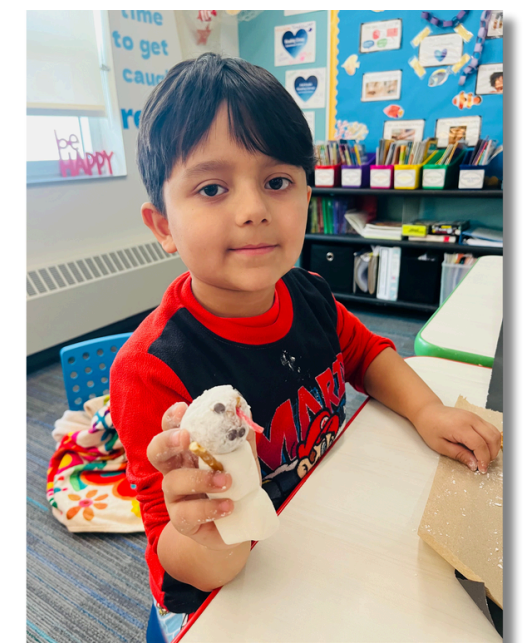
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MULTILANGUAGE STUDENTS (ML)

- 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

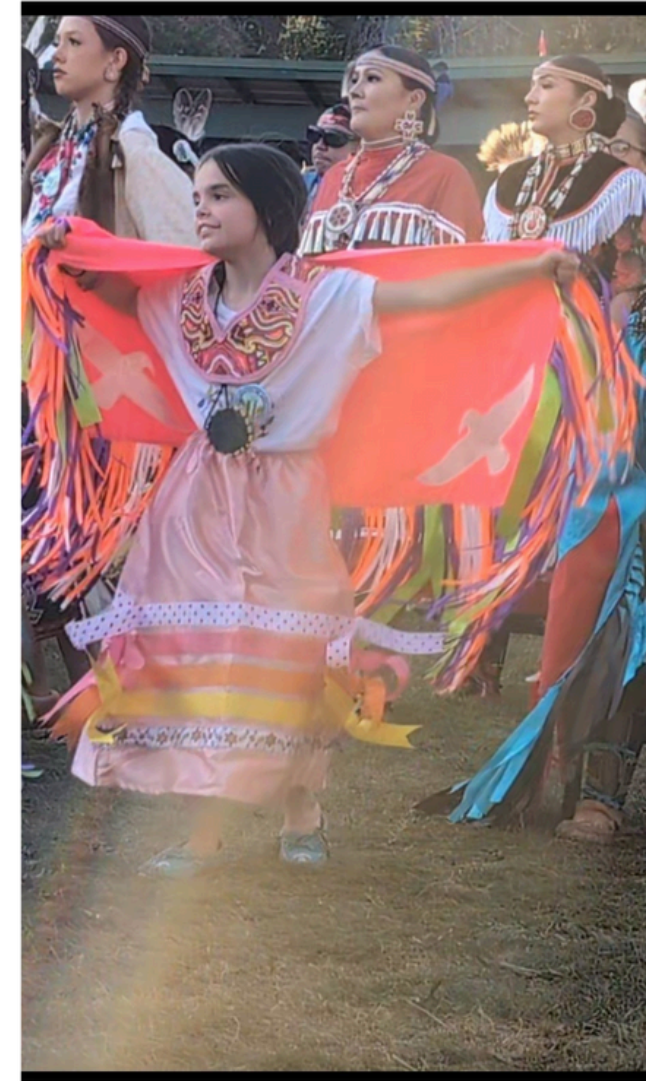
- We will celebrate creativity and student interests on April 9th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - All students have art work displayed in the gym/hall way
 - Some students enter a student friendly, interest based project into the project fair.



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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!

