

# Superintendent Update

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# At the forefront of educational excellence



## **WHAT WE INTEND TO CREATE**

*Inspire dreams, build integrity and instill hope  
in our students, our staff, our families and our communities.*

## **OUR PURPOSE**

Partner with students, staff, families and communities to challenge all students to achieve their greatest potential and become informed and engaged citizens.

# Sharing Viking Talents



Mattias Bigbear brought his now famous hoop dancing skills to the Ed Center on Tuesday for a special performance for preschool and kindergarten students.

- Mattias wanted to come dance for the students here and was especially proud to show off his dancing to his former preschool and kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Johnson



# Mission to Mars



5th grade students in Mrs. John and Mrs. Peters' classes are working on Mission to Mars STEM kits.

- Kits have kids apply math and science skills in exciting and innovative ways.
- Students designed a mission base, energy system, explored touch sensor technology, launched a communication satellite, designed a lander and conducted a variety of hands-on experiments.
- Part 2 will have students conducting experiments on Mars and planning for the return trip.



# Hands-on Learning is AGmazing

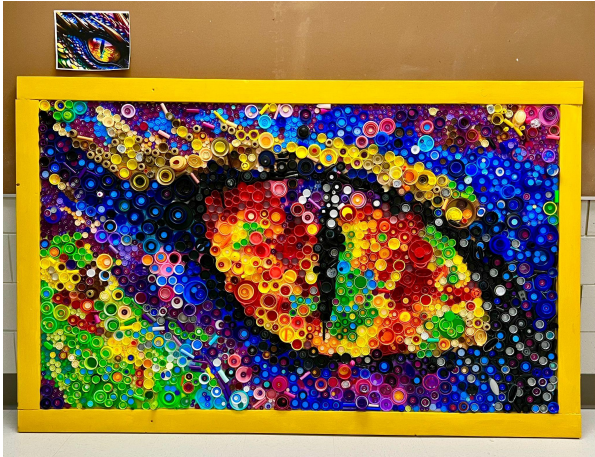


NBAMS students in AgMazing have been diving into animal science by incubating and hatching chicks in the classroom. This hands-on experience has sparked great discussions about animal care and sustainable agriculture.

- From monitoring temperature and humidity to handling the new chicks with care, students are gaining practical knowledge and a deeper appreciation for life sciences.
- These real-world learning moments go beyond the textbook and our students are rising to the challenge with curiosity and care!



# Eye of the Dragon



Over 35 7th and 8th grade Art Club students and helpers just finished a HUGE project!

- It took THOUSANDS of plastic caps to fill this 4' by 8' framed board. This project is loosely based on a dragon's eye so it could incorporate the widest variety of colors possible.
- Students glued smaller caps inside of larger ones to create a great deal of depth, color variety, visual interest and balance.
- The caps come from a wide variety of sources and containers, including: pop bottles, condiments, Play Doh, markers, lotions, milk, spices, peanut butter, glue sticks, medicine vial lids from the ICU department at HCMC and even the nozzle of a garden hose.
- This project was truly a labor of love and the results are incredible!

# The Win-Win of Partnerships



The automotive program has received a generous donation of a 2012 Ford Taurus from Anderson & Koch Ford!

- This contribution will provide students with valuable, hands-on learning opportunities in the field of automotive repair.
- We are so grateful to Anderson & Koch Ford for their support of our program and their commitment to student learning and career readiness.





# Adaptive Bowlers to to State



Four high school adaptive bowlers qualified for the team competition and two middle schoolers qualified for the singles competition! They are:

Team competition:

- Ben Elliott (second from right, back row)
- LeeAnn Otterson (third from left, front row)
- Madelyn Phillips (second from left, front row)
- Noah Bodsberg (Left most front row)

Singles competition:

- Ian Gilkerson (Left most, back row)
- Danica Nelson (Second from left, back row)

The state competition was May 9. The team finished in 10th place, Ian in 19th, and Danica in 24th place in individual competition.



# JROTC Annual Awards Ceremony



Academic Achievement – Recognizes cadets with outstanding classroom performance and GPA

Leadership Excellence – Awarded to cadets who demonstrated initiative, responsibility, and command presence

Community Service – Honors cadets with significant volunteer hours and civic engagement

Drill & Marksmanship Awards – Given for performance and precision in competitive team events

Physical Fitness – Recognizes cadets who meet or exceed military fitness standards

Citizenship & Conduct – Presented to cadets exemplifying respect, discipline, and dedication to JROTC values



# Norse ALC MAAP Stars



Congratulations to Norse ALC students, Savannah Alger, Ada Stone, and Rae Dykhoff, for taking first place in the Community Service Project category at the MAAP STARS competition in Mankato last week.

- Besides winning the Community Service Project, all three students earned a Gold rating in Employment Interview, Savannah Alger earned a Silver rating in Public Speaking, and all three created Art for the Art Display category.



# Vikings awarded over \$157,000 Scholarships\*



We are incredibly proud of our outstanding students who have been awarded scholarships for academic achievements, leadership, and dedication.





