

*Medford 7-12 Schools
School Board Report
May 04, 2026*

- 1) **April Students of the Month:** [April Medford Students of the Month](#)
- 2) **MCA/ACT tests-** completed. No major hiccups. We also had the privilege of having several speakers, including Mike Huneke, VP of Energy at Knobelsdorff who spoke about the need for workers and how to access good jobs in the trades, a representative from Big Bros/Big Sis to explain the importance of volunteers for that program here at Medford, as well as some college reps on college and career planning for students who were not testing. Additionally, Knobelsdorff co. donated very nice tool sets to all of our seniors. Very generous.
- 3) **Prom-** This weekend. Weather looks great. On the boat in Stillwater again this year.
- 4) **Click it or Ticket -** SADD's annual event. We had a great variety of dress up days and activities including the driving simulator and obstacle course.
- 5) **FFA WEEK and Banquet-** coming up the 3rd week of May.
- 6) **MS field trips -** to JA finance park to put into practice the skills and ideas they learning in intro to business about budgeting, cost of living etc. as well as trips to Como Zoo for Science, the annual Trip to Valleyfair to celebrate the end of the year.
- 7) **Code of Conduct-** I'm finishing up some PD regarding high school code of conduct and will be making changes to Medford's to update it to include responsive practices and additional information to make it more robust and reflective of current best practices.
- 8) **Filling open positions:** We have been really lucky to have some great applicants for our early openings. We interviewed for the high school counselor position and high school band position. Both had excellent candidates. I am happy to report that Trista Rudstrom, from Elk River, has accepted the High School Counselor position. She comes very highly recommended with over 4 years of direct experience in the field. Additionally, Kaylee Swenson, from Worthington, has accepted our open band position. We are looking forward to adding them both to our staff this fall!
- 9) **Graduation-** reminder this is fast approaching 7PM on May 29th. Just over 50 graduates. No major changes this year. Mr. Havumaki will be the main speaker. Final details are in the works.

Thanks!

Jen Ford

Providing quality education while preparing our students and community for the future.