MAGAET NEWSLETTER





ELEMENTARY NEWS

- The Nugget Nest Birdhouse project wrapped up with 500+ beautiful birdhouses that lined the hallways. Thank you to the art department & all involved who helped make this enjoyable for the kids.
- This year's themed rotation day is "Art Day", featuring special guest presentations & engaging projects for our students throughout the day. It will be held Friday, April 12th.
- The preschoolers enjoyed a Rainbow Week to celebrate the arrival of spring. They delved into lessons about rainbows, weather, and other spring things.
- The 5th grade organized a book celebration event, inviting families to join and share insights & facts about their favorite books.
- Kindergarten Readiness information is out. If you have a child starting kindergarten next year please check your email or our website.
- The elementary musical, Matilda Jr., was a huge success. Over 50 students were part of the production & both evenings had a full house!
- The Read-a-Thon concluded last week, & preliminary numbers indicate that we raised nearly \$20,000 for our AR store and library. A big thank you to everyone who contributed their support!
- The PTO fundraiser launched this week with students selling cards.
 Our PTO generously donates 100% of its proceeds back to our school, benefiting both staff and students.
- 6th grade Math Masters competed in Moorhead earlier this month & had three teams place in the top five (out of 16 teams).

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- Winter sports wrapped up on a high note. Boys basketball beat Roseau in the play-in game, but lost to #2 Park Rapids. Girls basketball had a great play-off run making it to the final four with an overtime loss to Pelican Rapids. Dance made it to the state tournament placing 11th in Kick & 8th in Jazz.
- Spring sports are underway & we're happy to see an increase in our numbers across the board!
- Speech continues to have impressive meets each weekend & placed second at subsections.
- Band and Choir delivered outstanding performances at solo/ensemble competitions earlier this month. Additionally, the Jazz Band & Pop Singers are in Chicago for their trip this week.
- Middle School Robotics had a great showing at the state tournament with two
 of the teams qualifying for the elimination round. Syntax Error brought home
 the 2nd place trophy.
- Science Olympiad traveled to the state tournament the beginning of March.
 The Division B team earned 3rd place.
- FFA had regional competitions throughout the past month. Ag Mechanics, Horse Judging, & Companion Animals all qualified for the state tournament.
- Knowledge Bowl finished their season on a high note with 'Hawley Heat'
 placing 4th at Regions. Congrats to Wyatt Laux whose design was chosen to
 be on the State T-shirt.
- The Hawley Art Department is flourishing on multiple fronts. Ellie Sommerville's design has been chosen for the upcoming skateboard deck. Hattie Jackson and Emma Sannes have been awarded scholarships through the LRAC Mentorship Program. Furthermore, Catherine Tuton & Zach Cross's digital photographs have been selected to represent our district in the MN Senate Building.
- Student Council hosted their annual pizza package lunch raising \$300 for REACH's food pantry.









FACILITY UPDATE

- The middle school bids were approved on March 7th. 100 were received & contracts were issued March 11th.
- Elementary music addition is nearing completion. Next steps include installing casework, flooring, windows, & remaining finishes for inspection. Scheduled for completion in April.
- High School addition is enclosed & roofing is almost complete. Exterior brick & metal panels
 will be starting soon with scheduled completion June 2024. The remodel work to begin as the
 school year ends.
- Middle School construction start is dependent upon permit & land purchase, with a tentative start of early May for site clearing.
- This summer, we anticipate significant changes & flexibility with our facilities due to ongoing construction. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time.

DITCHING THE DEVICES

Have you ever considered making a Family Media Plan?

Why is this important? Creating a Family Media Plan allows you to create rules about screen time and technology that are in line with your family's values.



On the plus side, screen time:

- -Allows your child to stay in touch with family and friends no matter where they live.
- -Can expose your child to new ideas and information.
- -Can help them raise awareness about current events.
- -Can enhance access to valuable support networks.



WHERE TO START?

Start with making small changes:

- -Set screen-free zones like at the dinner table to strengthen family face-to-face connections.
- -Set screen-free times such as while doing homework and before bed.
- -You could even work up to a weekly family screen-free afternoon or day.
- -Set privacy settings on your child's devices.
- -Have regular, open-minded discussions as a family about online activities and social media.
- -Ensure your kids know they can come to you about their online experiences even if they are embarrassed or worried.

REMEMBER, MODERATION
IS THE KEY WHEN IT
COMES TO SCREEN TIME
USAGE!

Revisit and revise your Family Media Plan frequently
Think about looking at your plan at the beginning of each school year,
during the summer, and before holiday breaks are great times to review
your plan

READY TO GET STARTED?

REMEMBER TO INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY, INCLUDING YOURSELF IN YOUR FAMILY MEDIA PLAN.