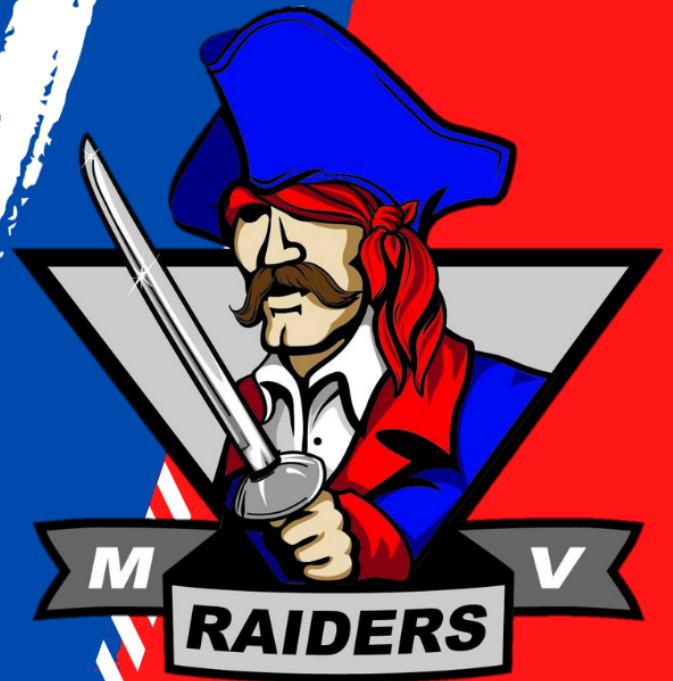


RAIDER REPORTER

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Serving You:

The Superintendent's Report to Families and Students

By Mr. Larson, Superintendent

Change - a six letter word who's meaning can have so many different connotations both positive and negative.

Maple Valley Public School is experiencing "Change" in 2024. From my view the "Change" Maple Valley Public School is experiencing is positive. In June we will experience the completion of a new preschool classroom, gym, and Community Fitness Center. Each of these by themselves would have been a great step forward for the district and community but the addition of all three at one time constitutes a huge leap forward. I am awed and amazed by the members of our school board, present and previous administration, and our community members who had the vision and commitment of "what could be" if we worked collectively towards a common goal. In the fall of 2024, we will see the planning and hard work come to fruition as our preschool students embrace their new learning environment, our Raiders engaged in competitive and school events in our new facility, and our community members maintaining and improving their health in an environment that promotes healthy activity and fitness.

In 2024 part of that change is consolidating our resources and continue to build and improve upon our educational and extracurricular facilities. Part of that process of change will be to dispose of our school holdings in Oriska and the property in Tower City which houses our Community Exercise Facility. The Maple Valley School Board has made the decision to offer the City of Oriska the first opportunity to purchase the Oriska school and grounds. If the City of Oriska does not purchase the property it would then be put up for sale. We will also be putting the property in Tower City that houses the current Community Exercise Facility up for sale. The property at 107 Maiden Lane, Tower City ND 58071 will be for sale through bids. The time frame for bids to be submitted for this property will be from now until to May 31st. **Continued on next page....**



SCHOOL NEWS
NEW STAFF INTROS
RAIDER READERS
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT
MUSIC CONTEST



Continued from first page.....We will be undergoing staff changes for the 2024/2025 staff year. This is also change but both positive and necessary. We have two of our current instructors who are changing their employment with Maple Valley Public School for the betterment of themselves and their families as they pursue opportunities that are beneficial to their personal and career goals. We are grateful for the contributions of Mrs. Brook Devitt and Ms. Tarryn Justesen to our school, community, and students over the years. We also have Mrs. Lindsey Johnson who will be taking on duties of K-12 Interventionist/Strategist along with some instructional duties. We will be giving them our best wishes and wholehearted support in their new endeavors. We also have a long time staff member Mr. Brett Kapaun who will be concluding his successful career in education to find time to pursue his own hobbies and interests as he enters into retirement. With those changes come new opportunities for educators that will be calling Maple Valley Public School their home base in the 2024 school year. We have included introductions for our new staff members in our newsletter.

As part of our changes for the 2024/2025 school year we will be reintroducing the availability for Art classes for our students in grades K-12. Maple Valley has been without an Art instructor since 2022. We welcome Kayla Triebold as our new Art instructor.

Maple Valley has been selected for a Best In Class grant that supports Pre-K education in North Dakota. Under the conditions of the grant Maple Valley Public School will be receiving a grant for \$120,000 for the 2024/2025 school year to support a Pre-K program for 4-year old's. These funds will support the purchase of curriculum, professional development, classroom furnishings, and personnel costs. The program requires a 15% match from the school. This grant funding will allow us to implement the program that will best serve the needs of our students. The support of the grant coupled with the new Pre-K classroom that is currently under construction, is going to be a fantastic addition to our school system.



Back Row: Matt Olson, Katie Schuster, Nolan Kasel, Chase Peterson, Trygg Erickson, Lucas Kenney, Cindy Kapaun, Roger Kasowski. Front Row: Jack Richman, Conner Peterson, Nolan Rood, Christian Pilgrim, Joseph Bata

The Maple River Boys 4, 5 & 6 grade Basketball Team wrapped up their season with a wins versus the Enderlin Eagles. This game is not only significant for it being the last game of the season but also due to it being the last game that will be played by our Raiders at the Oriska gym. This gym has been an important part of our athletics program over the years where a majority of our students of all ages have had experiences in athletics practices/games over the years.

Raider Nation Updates

FROM THE MIDDLE
SCHOOL AND
HIGH SCHOOL

By Dr. Nygaard



Hello again Raider Nation!

Well, from the activity end in a school setting this has been a fantastic spring. We have been fortunate so far that none of the baseball, track, golf meets, and speech meets have had to be re-scheduled due to weather!

As we all know, with classes running full steam ahead daily and activities going full speed-days on the calendar flip quickly. Having just focused on so much movement in the school, before you know it, it will be time for Semester Exams and summer break!

Following is a list of upcoming events, other than schooled activities, you should be sure to mark on your calendars at home:

April 8 & 9 - State FCCLA

April 10 - Mock Car Crash-public invited

April 13 - Prom

April 18 - Make-up date for Jr. High dance @ Oriska

May 8 - Awards Program @ 2:40 in the Raider Dome-Public invited

As always, thank you for your continued support for all that we do here at Maple Valley.

Dr. Nygaard

Last day of school is
Wednesday, May 22nd
Graduation is
Sunday, May 26th @ 2:00



Mrs. Ausk's FACS class dyed some Easter Eggs!

Maple Valley Prom theme is.....



Maple Valley Prom will be held at Maple Valley School on Saturday, April 13th. Grand March will start at 7:00 pm with the dance to follow!

MAPLE VALLEY SADD
'NEON NIGHT' DANCE
Thursday, April 18 | 7-10 PM
All 6-8 Grade MV Students Welcome!

Where? **Gymnasium at Oriska School**

What? **Dress in white or neon attire and show your dance moves!**

Entry: \$2
Beverages: \$1

Note: No outside beverages will be allowed.

SADD
RAIDERS

Raider Nation Updates

FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

By Mrs. Storhoff



Happy April!

April showers bring Reading Month and North Dakota State Assessments Every week in April, your students are working toward weekly

tropical treats and a grand prize of going to watch a Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks game!

Students in grades 3-8 and 10 will start their North Dakota State Assessments on April 15th. This is a chance for students to show us everything they have mastered throughout their educational experience. Please make sure students are rested, fed, and here each day from April 15-26th.

Elementary boys' basketball is in full swing. It is hard to believe they will have their last game this Thursday, April 11th.

With the spring flowers popping up, are physical education kindergarten class for the fall will blossom with Stridor bikes. We have received a generous grant from Governor Burgum using the Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund as it is Governor Burgum's vision to place the All Kids Bike Learn-to-Ride Kindergarten PE Program into every elementary school in North Dakota. There is ZERO cost to the school for this program because the grant will completely cover the program cost! The program has an expected life span of 7-10 years to teach future generations. Kindergarten is the perfect age to teach kids to ride a bike focusing on gross motor skills, balance, and coordination. By teaching bike riding at the entry-level in a public school system, we are providing the knowledge and a positive foundation for a lifelong skill.

As always, please make sure your children are dressed for the ever-changing weather. It is time to trade out those winter boots for tennis shoes. Please make sure your children have a separate pair of shoes to take outside.

OUR LOST AND FOUND IS OVERFLOWING!

**IF YOU'RE KIDDO IS MISSING SOMETHING,
PLEASE COME TAKE A PEAK IN BOTH OF
OUR LOST AND FOUND AREAS!**



The MVP Group invites you to the:

2024 BUTTERFLY BALL

on Sunday, April 14th, 2024!

@ the Maple Valley Gym

Grand March:
1:00 - 1:30 pm
&
Dance:
1:30 - 3:00 pm

Get ready to groove!

Scholastic BOGO Book Fair
Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26
Open 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday
12:00 p.m. - 3:35 p.m. Monday - Friday
Open house - Thursday, April 25 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (During the MVEA Burger Bingo Event)

BURGER BINGO

LOLLAPALOOZA

When: Thursday, April 25th 5:30 - 7:30
Where: Maple Valley School Commons
Burgers, hotdogs, beans, chips and BINGO

Free Will Offering

Event Sponsored by the Maple Valley Education Association

Scholastic BOGO Book Fair will also be open from 5:00 - 7:00

New Teacher Intros!

Jaye Fike - Elem/Middle School Teacher

Where did you complete your education and training?

Valley City State University

What degrees or certifications do you hold?

Bachelor's in Elementary Education and Kindergarten Endorsement

How many years have you been teaching?

In my first 1st year.

What subjects and grade levels have you taught in the past?

ELA, Reading

What inspired you to become a teacher?

My mom and the teachers I had growing up.

How would you describe your teaching philosophy or approach to education?

I am committed to giving all students a safe environment for learning.

I am invested in supporting their individual needs and implementing engaging and meaningful experiences in the classroom.

What are some of your interests or hobbies outside of teaching?

Watching and playing sports, traveling, and being with friends and family

What are some goals you have for your first year at Maple Valley Public School?

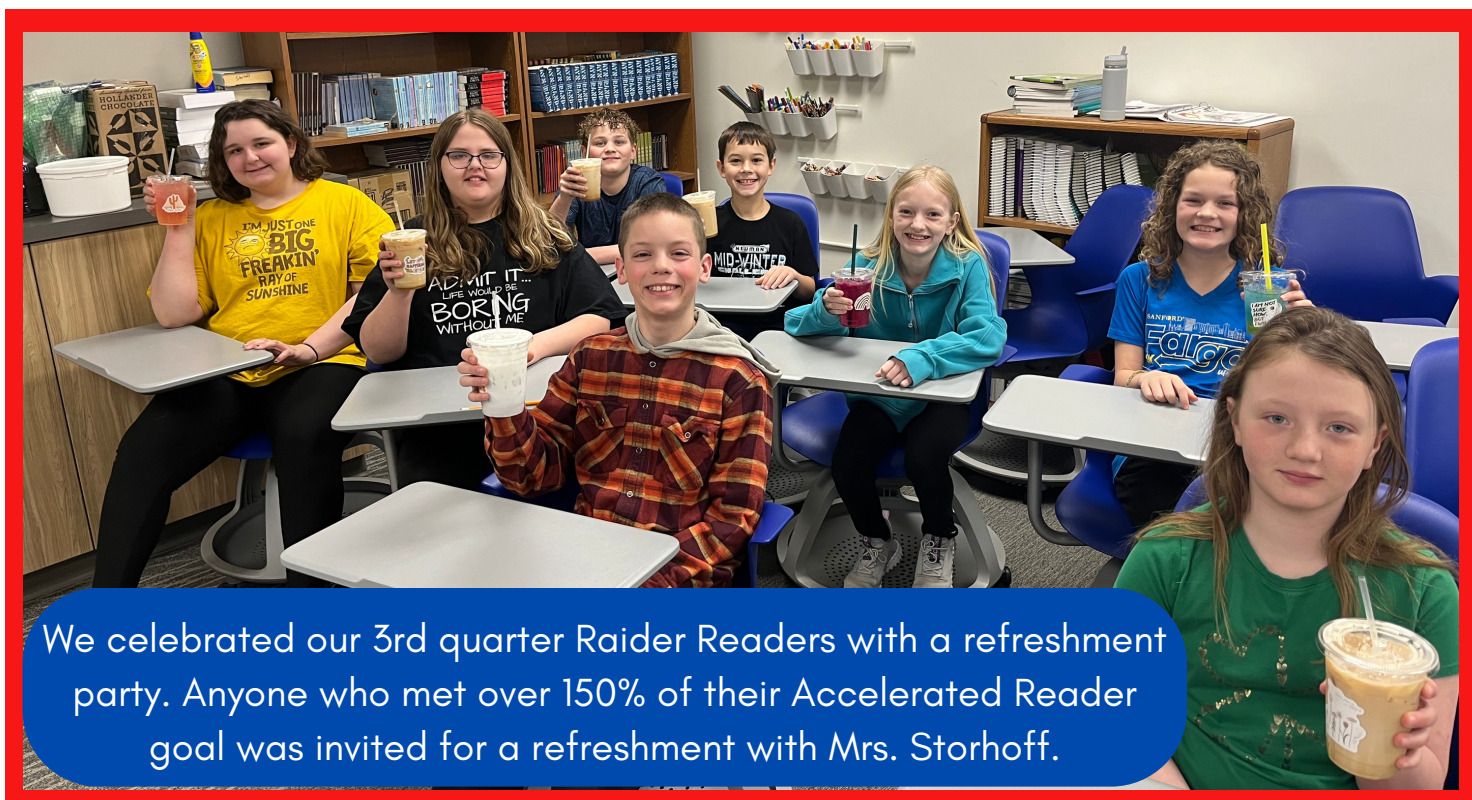
My goals for this year are to get to know my students and to challenge them to grow throughout the year.

Do you have a favorite quote or philosophy that inspires your approach to education?

"The teachers we remember from growing up cared about much more than just grades."

What message would you like to share with your students as they start the year in your class?

I am looking forward to meeting all my new students and can't wait to see how far each of them will grow this coming year!



We celebrated our 3rd quarter Raider Readers with a refreshment party. Anyone who met over 150% of their Accelerated Reader goal was invited for a refreshment with Mrs. Storhoff.

Cassidy Hoyt - Secondary English

Where did you complete your education and training?

I completed my education and training at Valley City State University.

What degrees or certifications do you hold?

Bachelor of Science in English Education, and a minor in Communications (Concentration in Speech, Theatre, and Communication for teachers).

How many years have you been teaching?

This will be my first full year as a contracted teacher, since I graduated college in December 2023; however, I had a long-term subbing position during the winter/spring of 2024, with teaching experiences beforehand as an undergraduate student.

What subjects and grade levels have you taught in the past?

While I have done substitute teaching for grades 5-12 (primarily for English and History) the grades I have had the most experience teaching are 8th, 11th, and 12th grade English, and 5-6th Grade (all subjects).

What inspired you to become a teacher?

My inspiration for becoming a teacher is the opportunity teaching provides me to share my love for reading and writing with others—in this case, students. The ability to spark an appreciation for reading and writing in young people, that could potentially make them lifelong readers, is something I am deeply passionate about.

How would you describe your teaching philosophy or approach to education?

As a teacher, my primary goal is to foster an appreciation for English language and literature; to do so, I plan to maintain a positive and inclusive classroom environment. I will have high expectations for my students, as I believe every student is capable of success, and I plan to provide them with effective tools to help them reach those learning milestones.

What are some of your interests or hobbies outside of teaching?

My biggest hobby outside of teaching (no surprise here) is reading and watching TV shows/movies; I could spend countless uninterrupted hours reading a book or sitting in a movie theater. I also love music, whether it be performing, musical theatre, or singing in the car. While I try to be crafty and creative, the only real “crafty” thing I can do with a marginal amount of skill is cross-stitching. In terms of sports, I love watching basketball and volleyball; however, volleyball is by far my favorite sport to both watch and play. Another significant interest of mine is ranching, working, and showing cows, since my family raises and sells Black Angus cattle.

What are some goals you have for your first year at Maple Valley Public School?

While they are still developing, some preliminary goals I have for my first year at Maple Valley Public School include the following: develop relationships with the students, faculty, and school staff; implement a new English curriculum; connect with parents and guardians; and create a welcoming, inclusive classroom environment.

Do you have a favorite quote or philosophy that inspires your approach to education?

“The content of a book holds the power of education, and it is with this power that we can shape our future and change lives.” —Malala Yousafzai

I like the double meaning of this quote, as it could mean books as in textbooks, which we directly associate with education, or it could mean books as in literature, which also holds the power to educate both in a classroom and in daily life. As an English teacher, I naturally prefer the latter interpretation, since books play a direct role in the learning had within an English classroom.

What message would you like to share with your students as they start the year in your class?

I’m excited to meet you! As you start the year in my class, the most I can ask of you is to always give your best effort for every assignment and class activity, as learning is a lifelong endeavor that will take you in many directions.



Kayla Triebold - Art Teacher

Where did you complete your education and training?

Valley City State University

What degrees or certifications do you hold?

Degrees - Elementary Education and Art
Minor in Digital Design and Graphic Design Certificate

How many years have you been teaching?

2 years

What subjects and grade levels have you taught in the past?

2nd grade and RTI strategist

What inspired you to become a teacher?

My teachers and I love helping others understand and figure things out

How would you describe your teaching philosophy or approach to education?

Be open to exploring, be creative and learn through the process.

What are some of your interests or hobbies outside of teaching?

Art and crafts, paddle boarding, roller blading, tennis, and board games

What are some goals you have for your first year at Maple Valley Public School?

To build up the art program and get to know all the students

Do you have a favorite quote or philosophy that inspires your approach to education?

"Creativity is intelligence having fun" ~ Albert Einstein

What message would you like to share with your students as they start the year in your class?

Everyone is an artist, don't forget this as you try new and hard things.



Chloe' Nelson - Elem/Middle School Teacher

Where did you complete your education and training?

I attended Valley City State University from 2020-2023.

What degrees or certifications do you hold?

I graduated with a degree in elementary education and certificates in reading and middle school.

How many years have you been teaching?

This is my first year of teaching.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

I come from a long line of educators, but being a principal's kid growing up and watching my dad was what inspired me to become a teacher.

How would you describe your teaching philosophy or approach to education?

Students before content. I have learned that students who are stable physically, emotionally, and socially, maximize their ability to learn, which is why relationship building is my highest priority.

What are some of your interests or hobbies outside of teaching?

Outside of teaching I enjoy reading, spending time in Minnesota with my family, and working in the family business in Sitka, AK.

What are some goals you have for your first year at Maple Valley Public School?

My main goal for this year is to make new connections and begin making relationships with students, parents, and faculty.

Do you have a favorite quote or philosophy that inspires your approach to education?

"Never follow a leader who is more in love with power than people." -Native American Proverb





Name: Emily Curtis

Parents: Kelsey Curtis & Casey Heinze

Interests Outside of School: Painting, being with friends, & Scarlet

School Activities: FCCLA, SADD, Student Council

Favorite Memory at Maple Valley: Mrs. Ausk parking in handicap parking crooked and saying "I don't care!"

Future Plans After Graduation: Mayville for Childhood Education

Advice for Fellow students: Don't take high school too seriously, make good connections, and have fun.



MMV Senior Spotlight 2024



Name: Rudi Wendel

Parents: Linda and Dan Wendel

Siblings: Meyer and Dani

School Activities: Volleyball, Science Olympia, SADD

Interests Outside of School: 4-H, showing livestock, raising goats

Favorite memory at Maple Valley: Winning Write It, Do It! at Science Olympia with Bailey. After watching Alex's and Dylan's bottle rocket almost explode from too much psi of air.

Future Plans After Graduation: Major in Animal Science at either NDSU, ISU, or SDSU

Advice for Fellow students: If you get the chance to skip a grade, do it!



DON'T FORGET!

No School April 19th.

The Maple River Speech Team has a total of 7 students qualified to compete at the state tournament on April 27 at Mandan High School.

Evelyn Lloyd/William Lloyd - Humorous Duo
 Solomon Burchill/Micah Thompson - Humorous Duo
 Klaus Gemelke/Hunter Phelps - Serious Duo
 Raelynn Anderson - Dramatic Interpretation (Region 2 champion)

The coaches this year are Stacey Lilja and Darcie Besette. The team has worked hard and made progress throughout the season. Good luck at state Maple River Speechies!



APRIL 2024 Breakfast & Lunch Menu



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Easter Sunday	No School Easter Monday	2 B: French Toast Sticks L: Pizza	3 B: Oatmeal L: Corndogs w/ Fries	4 B: Cheese Omelet L: Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Sandwich	5 B: Pancakes L: Burger's w/ Fries	6
7	8 B: Sausage & Eggs L: Cheese Dunkers	9 B: Cereal & Toast L: Chicken Bacon Ranch Hotdish	10 B: Cheese Omelet L: Tatar Tot Hotdish	11 B: Biscuits & Gravy L: Pulled Pork w/ Chip	12 B: Muffins L: Chicken Nuggets w/ Fries	13
14	15 B: Oatmeal L: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham	16 B: Cereal & Toast L: Meatball Dinner	17 B: Oatmeal L: Rib Sandwich w/ Fries	18 B: Raider Burgers L: Spaghetti Hotdish	19 NO SCHOOL Professional Development Day	20
21	22 B: Pancakes L: Chicken Gravy	23 B: Cereal & Toast L: Walking Tacos	24 B: Cooks Choice L: Cooks Choice	25 B: Bacon & Eggs L: Chicken Dinner	26 B: French Toast L: BBQ's & Chips	27
28	29 B: Malt-o-Meal L: Hamburger Hotdish	30 B: Cereal & Toast L: Chicken Patty w/ Fries				

**All menus are subject to change due to delivery.
 "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Congratulations to Brielle Killoran on her state qualifying triple jump!
 She jumped 34'4.5"!

MUSICAL UPDATES

Contest Results

Maple Valley music students competed at Region 2 Vocal Contest on Monday, March 8 and Region 2 Instrumental Contest on Thursday, April 4. Between the two days, we had 21 entries. The students performed in front of judges who gave them feedback and suggestions on how to improve in their musicianship. Both days were quite successful and we earned two stars! Congratulations to Dylan Zaun, who earned a star on his vocal solo, and to Luke Schroeder, who earned a star on his alto saxophone solo! Both students will be advancing to the state music competition, which will be held at Bismarck State College on Saturday, May 4.



Elementary Musical

The 1st-3rd grade students will be performing the musical *The Bear Went Over the Mountain* for their spring concert on April 30. They are doing great work on preparing for their concert, but to really sell the story, we will need help with costumes and decorations. The students are portraying woodland animals, including owls, mice, bluebirds, cardinals, deer, bunnies, turkeys, squirrels, raccoons, skunks, bats, foxes, and of course, Da Bear. If you would like to help with costumes or decorations for this musical, please reach out to me at rochelle.jimenezek12.nd.us.

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, April 30 – Spring Concerts
6:00 Elementary Concert
7:00 High School Concert
- Saturday, May 4 – State Music Contest
- Tuesday, May 14 – Variety Show at 7:00

FCCLA UPDATES



State FCCLA Convention was held in Bismarck April 7-9.

Ethan, Kiana and Adyson were student evaluators for State STAR event competition! Kiana and Adyson were also voting delegates.



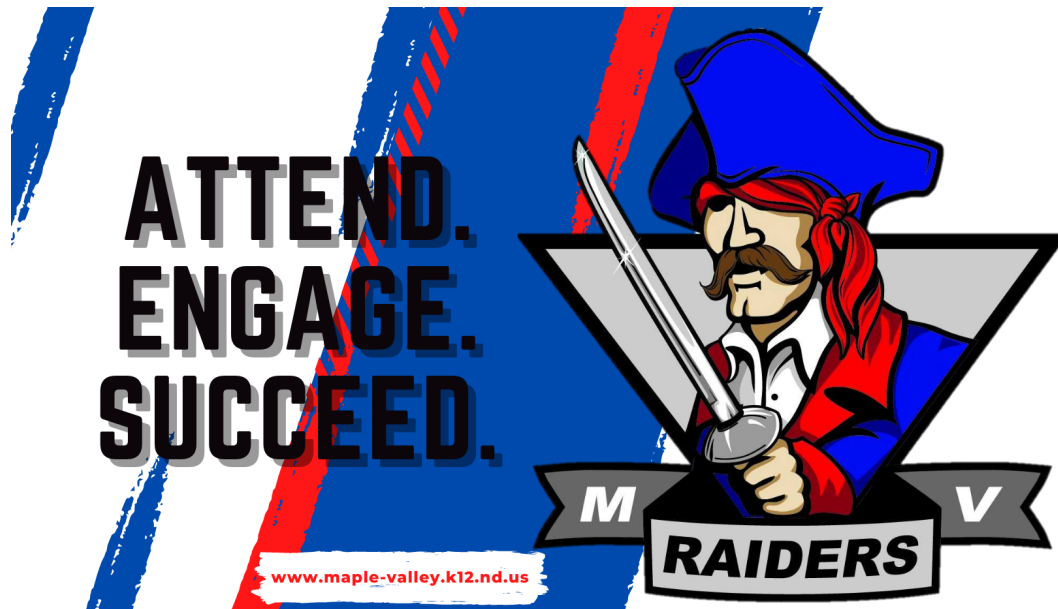
Raelynn Anderson received a Silver for her STAR event –professional presentation!





Coming to you in 2024!





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