

MAMS NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF SCOTT LEMPKA

MAMS Families,

It feels like spring is right around the corner and there is much going on here at Minnewaska Area Middle School. There is a lot going on at school this time of year. Below are some interesting happenings to make you aware of.

Conferences:

I would like to thank all of those who attended our Winter Conferences and 8th grade registration last week. If you have not yet had an opportunity to meet with your child's teachers, we will be hosting conferences again tomorrow, March 7th from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

MCA Testing:

During the month of April, students in grades 3-11 in Minnesota will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA). These state required assessments provide us with valuable feedback on your child's progress and help schools to make important decisions about how to best serve students academic needs. Specific testing dates for Minnewaska Area School District are as follows.

Science April 9 - 10

Reading April 16 - 17

Math April 23- 24

Please help us to plan a successful testing environment for all students by avoiding scheduling appointments or absences during the testing windows. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact our main office at 320-239-1320. We will be happy to serve you!

Author Visit:

Author John David Anderson visited Minnewaska Area Middle School on February 21st. He met with students in grades 3-8 in our auditorium and shared fun strategies for writing engaging stories. He was very engaging and feedback from students and staff alike was very positive. John even took time to sign books for students. What a fun and informative way to celebrate I love to Read Month.

Principal's Reading Challenge:

During the month of February, I challenged students in grades 4-8 to read 300 minutes to celebrate I Love to Read Month. The results were off the chart! A total of over 150 students read well over 50,000 minutes during the month! I am beyond proud of our students for their participation and dedication to reading! All who participated and completed the challenge will be invited to cookies and cocoa with the principal to celebrate their work.

Parent Feedback:

Parents of students in grades 4-6 who wish to provide feedback for use during classroom placement can do so by completing [Classroom Placement Input Form](#). We do not honor requests for specific teachers, however, we do consider input from parents about how your child learns best when making placements for the coming school year.

MARCH 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

March 7th- Conferences
3:30-7:30

March 14th-
End of Quarter 3

March 15th- No School,
Teacher Inservice

March 18th & 19th-
No School, Spring Break

March 21st- Career Day
7th-9th Grades

March 29th- No School

April 1st- No School

April 7th- District Art Show

April 19th- Mid-Quarter 4

April 29th- 7th & 8th Grade
Band Concert 8:00PM

April 30th- 5th & 6th Grade
Band Concert 7:00PM

May 1st- 7-12 Day of Caring

May 2nd- K-6 Day of Caring

May 7th- 4th Grade
Concert 7:00PM

May 8th, 9th, & 10th-
5th Grade Long Lake Trip

May 10th- 6th Grade Twin
Cities Trip

May 13th -7th & 8th Grade
Choir Concert 7:00PM

May 14th – 5th Grade
Choir Concert 6:00PM

May 14th-6th Grade Choir
Concert 7:00PM

May 23rd- Last student day
of 2023-2024

