

# KINDLE'S KORNER

Dr. Wayne Kindle, Superintendent

Yankton School District

## **Yankton School District Teacher of the Year Candidates**

There were a total of 17 teachers nominated. The 17 teachers were voted upon by YSD staff and narrowed down to the top 10 vote recipients. Congratulations to the 10 finalists for the 2018 YSD Teacher of the Year.

Todd Carr	Yankton High School
Cody Lukkes	Stewart School
Doug Haar	Yankton High School
Cody Garvey	Beadle School
Michelle Andrews	Yankton Middle School
Jamie Van Winkle	Lincoln School
Ginny Moser	Webster School
Dan Slowey	Stewart School
Dena Den Herder	Lincoln School
Gwen Wenisch	Yankton Middle School

Based on the outcome of staff voting and the South Dakota Department of Education criteria, the selection committee determines Yankton School District Teacher of the Year. The selection committee will be meeting soon and the announcement will be made at the YSD Recognition Social on April 26.

## **School Safety Message**

The safety of our students, staff, and school is extremely important to all of us. There are many things we have done and will be doing to improve safety in our schools. One of the most effective ways to deter an incident from happening is to report concerns to the school or law enforcement.

We have begun branding the following message through-out the school district. We encourage all students, parents, staff, and community members:

**IF YOU  
SEE SOMETHING**

**SAY SOMETHING**

**TO A SCHOOL OFFICIAL OR  
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**Keeping our students, staff, and school safe!**

**Elementary Students Get Sneak Preview! - Seussical: The Musical!**

Yankton School District Elementary school students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> will get a sneak preview of *Seussical* in April!

Students will be bussed to the Yankton High School Theater for this special event. We are excited to provide our elementary students with this experience. We want to expose these young kids to another terrific Fine Arts event. Our hope is we inspire our young children to not only enjoy the Fine Arts, but to become active participants in the many opportunities offered.

"The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many 'thinks.' Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the less-than-responsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, kidnapping, and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family, and community are challenged and emerge triumphant." ([mtishows.com](http://mtishows.com))

Public performances will be held on April 12, 13, 14, and 16 at the YHS Theater. Performances begin at 7:00 pm each night and are free to anyone with an Activities Pass! Otherwise, the cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

### **School Board Agenda - Public Request for Agenda Item**

The Yankton School District welcomes public input and request for an agenda item. In last month's edition of the Kindle's Korner, information was provided to the public regarding public input. This month we take a closer look at agenda items pertaining to the public.

Requests to place items on the agenda: Requests for items to be placed on the agenda shall be submitted in writing to the superintendent no later than five business days prior to the scheduled Board meeting. The request shall state the name and address of the individual or group submitting the request, the precise topic to be addressed, and the specific purpose for the request. A form for the purpose of requesting an item be placed on the agenda is available at the District office or on the District website and must be used to make a request.

The superintendent will confer with the president of the Board concerning approval to place the requested item on the agenda. The president makes the ultimate decision regarding agenda items, but items may not be excluded due to the viewpoint of the speaker, or due to the subject matter proposed except as provided in this policy. All agenda items must address a matter directly related to Yankton Public Schools. The Board will not permit in public session any complaints about school personnel, a student or any person connected with the District. Persons with complaints regarding individuals will be directed to the Board policy regarding the proper procedure for such complaints. If the proposed agenda item is not directly related to the Yankton Public Schools or relates to a student or personnel issue, it will not be placed on the agenda.

The requesting party will be advised of the meeting at which the item will be part of the agenda.

### **Academics + Activities = Excellence!**

The Yankton School District has a remarkable history of success in our Academics, School Activity programs, Fine Arts, and Club Activities such as bowling, hockey, baseball, Trap Club, etc. Our students are fortunate to have terrific coaches, directors, sponsors, and the best supporters!

While any type of activity should be enjoyable, there are also very valuable skills and lessons that can be taught to students participating. Goal setting, communication, organization, decision making, team work, conflict resolution, and many other valuable attributes related to activities are learned by those who are involved.

Many of these are often considered leadership skills, but they are also real life skills that can be practiced through-out life and also complement what is being taught in the classroom. School activities can often play a significant role in creating a positive school climate and keeping communities connected to their school.

### **Faithful Readers- Writing Ideas Are Welcome!**

I want to thank those of you who are reading the monthly Kindle's Korner. A special thank you to our retired folks and those who do not have children in school for staying connected. It is very easy to feel disconnected from the school with no children in the school. However, many of you have commented about the monthly article and feeling connected to the school district.

I would ask folks to please contact me if there is a topic they would like for me to write about in the Kindle's Korner. I am always looking for topics and want to make sure I am providing our parents, grand-parents, and community members with information they would like to know more about.

Please feel free to contact me regarding any topics you would like me to write about by calling me at 665-3998 or email [wkindle@ysd.k12.sd.us](mailto:wkindle@ysd.k12.sd.us)

### **Superintendent Presentations**

As Superintendent, I would be happy to visit with you personally or speak to your group/organization. I am also willing to host your group at our Administration Building or one of our school buildings. I would also come to your facility or meeting place.

As Superintendent, I have spoken to several groups through-our community and have hosted groups at our Administration Building. Please feel free to contact me at 665-3998 to arrange a time to visit.

Let's continue to have a great year!

Henry Ford stated, **"Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a process. Working together is a success."**