FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT’S DESK

WHAT A WAY TO END THE SCHOOL YEAR

And that is an understatement!

At the time of publication, plans for the late spring/summer are still very much up in the air. School buildings have been closed through May 31 by order of the Governor and the Nebraska Department of Education. Further guidance concerning when they may be reopened and under what conditions is expected prior to that date. While some limited reopening of businesses appears to be occurring here and elsewhere, it is too soon to tell whether that will cause another ‘spike’ in the COVID-19 transmission.

The school district will continue to provide online instruction and meals through the scheduled last day of the 2019-20 school year which is Thursday May 21. Course work for Seniors will end earlier and diplomas will be ready for distribution after May 9 which was the originally scheduled date for Baccalaureate and Commencement. These events have been tentatively rescheduled for Saturday June 13; however, that date could be further postponed if the current directive to keep our buildings closed is not lifted at the end of May. The Prom has tentatively been rescheduled for June 6 but is also subject to further restrictions when they are announced. Other ‘year end events’ such as concerts, award and activity banquets as well as the FFA banquet have all been cancelled for this year.

Once information is received from the Nebraska Department of Education and/or the Governor’s office regarding when schools may reopen and under what conditions they may do so, communication will be sent to parents via “Remind”.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation for the way the students, parents, staff and community have handled these unprecedented events. Teachers have ‘migrated’ their program to an online based delivery model and students are taking advantage of those opportunities to complete the critical course content necessary for graduation and/or promotion to the next grade.

The staff has pitched in to help with a number of cleaning/maintenance tasks in the buildings and families, students and community patrons have honored and respected the mandatory closure by refraining from coming in the building to use the weight facilities/gymnasiuems’, etc.

We have certainly appreciated all this effort and cooperation and offer our sincere thanks to all.

Dr. Dale V. Rawson, Superintendent

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Principal’s Point of View

Ending an Unusual Year

In my April article, I wrote that I wished I had answers for students and parents regarding such events as graduation, prom, and other year end events. Unfortunately, we don’t have much more definite information a month later. As you may know, we have scheduled graduation for Saturday, June 13, with Baccalaureate at 1:30 and Commencement at 2:00. But, of course, that date is dependent on the Directed Health Measures that public health and government officials have in place at those times. We hope to have definitive information from those officials no later than May 31.

The Post-Prom Committee has taken the initiative to plan Prom for a similarly tentative date. If circumstances allow, Prom will be held at the Heartland Country Barn on June 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. The meal, dance and Post-Prom activities will all be held at this location. Updates will be provided whenever available.

Here are some things I do know. Friday, May 15 will be the last academic day for students in both the elementary and junior-senior high. No new assignments will be given on that day, but it will be the last day for work to be due. Because of the unusual circumstances, the comprehensive semester tests normally assigned at the junior-senior high will not be required.

Junior-senior high students who passed 3rd Quarter will receive credit for Second Semester if they meet at least the minimum requirements for 4th Quarter. Junior-senior high students who do not meet the minimum requirements for 4th Quarter may fail Second Semester if the Second Semester grade is not a 70% or above.

Elementary students’ progress has been based more on the satisfactory completion of assignments than traditional percentage grades during online learning, but students are still expected to complete work and make progress. As was stated in the April Newsletter, doing nothing is not appropriate at any level.

We will use the week of May 18 to check in materials. As we did for materials check out, we will provide an alphabetical schedule for students and families to check in materials. Right now, we plan to use May 18-20 for this process. Teachers will use May 21 to inventory materials. We are currently working on the details of the process to make it as efficient as possible and will share those details via Remind and the school website.

Though the closure of school buildings has reduced the number of awards to be handed out at the end or the year, there are still some certificates we will need to hand out. For example, high school athletes have participation and letter winner certificates. We will have all certificates in an envelope and provide to students during check in.

If there is one thing we’ve learned about online learning, it’s that students and families have had very different experiences with it. We’ve received some feedback indicating that the online environment has worked very well for some students and families. We’ve also received feedback that it has not worked well at all for others. As I suspected, a few students who tend to struggle in the traditional school setting are absolutely thriving in the online format, and a few who tend to do fine in the traditional setting are struggling online. Most fall somewhere in between.

Sometime in May, I plan to send out a survey regarding online learning. The surveys were developed by the organization that provides us our accreditation. While it won’t be tailored exactly to our situation, it should provide important information, especially if building closures occur next year as some have predicted.

Finally, a big thank you to the Mead PTO and individuals who contributed their time and effort into creating the appreciation signs that were posted in front of the schools and in seniors’ yards! Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn’t allow the signs at school to be visible for very long thanks to an April snowstorm. Before the snow, I did record a video of the signs at school, complete with some really bad narration, and sent it to staff members. They were very appreciative of the signs!
Fun and Free Educational Websites for Kids

Scholastic
Scholastic is one of the more unique educational websites for kids. This site, from the publishers of the educational books you find in schools, contains activities broken up by grades. Pre-K learners all the way up to seniors in high school can find learning activities geared toward them.

PBS Kids
Each of the educational shows your children watch on PBS has its own learning section through PBSKids.org. Try sing-a-long songs, sorting and counting games, watch videos, and more.

CoolMath
CoolMath.com calls itself "an amusement park of math and more." Children can play online math games that help them with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, decimals, money and more. CoolMath is geared toward ages 13 and up, but sister site CoolMath4Kids.com is appropriate for ages 3 through 12. CoolMath-Games.com includes math games for preschoolers.

TIME for Kids
From the publishers of TIME magazine, TIMEforKids.com is loaded with interesting articles, photos, and videos. Politics, the environment, entertainment, sports, and health are just some of the topics covered. TIME for Kids isn't as interactive as most of the other website on this list of educational websites for kids, but the site does tackle subjects that are in the news now while being written for an audience of children.

National Geographic Kids
Watch animal cameras, learn interesting tidbits about animals, see and share photos of nature, learn about different countries and try science experiments on Kids.NationalGeographic.com. These activities don't even begin to scratch the surface of the National Geographic Kids website. There's also a "Little Kids" section for the younger explorers in your home.

How Stuff Works
When your child wants to know why the sky is blue, how a tornado forms, or any number of other questions they can come up with on a daily basis, head on over to How Stuff Works. The articles break down subjects like autos, culture, entertainment, science, money, technology and more. Games, quizzes, and videos also round out your children's learning experience.

Exploratorium
It's hard to narrow the list of science websites because there are so many great resources. But San Francisco's Exploratorium at the Palace of Fine Arts showcases a website that teaches kids about science and art in new ways. The departments let kids tinker with gadgets, go below the sea, rocket into the galaxy and also learn about the science of gardening, animals, and cells, to name a few.

Board Meeting Minutes
A regular Meeting of the Board of Education, District 72, Mead Nebraska, was held Monday April 13, 2020 via Zoom. President Langemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Kevin Hough, Janeen Felty, Brenda Halbmaier, Stephanie Langemeier, Rich Kuhr and Nate Mongan.

The following is a condensed version of the minutes. A complete copy is available for inspection in the Mead Elementary Office.

Principal Quinn reported on the status of on-line instruction, cancellation of all normal year end activities.

The following other action was taken by unanimous vote: approval of the minutes, bills, financial reports, consent agenda and staff contracts.

President Langemeier declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.
Football Camp

- Athletes entering grades 5-12
- 5th-8th Grade Camp: July 14th to July 16th from 9:00 am—10:30 am at the Practice Field.
- High School Camp: July 20th to July 24th from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm at the Practice Field.
- IF the camp cannot be held as planned, clothing will be distributed at a later time following appropriate health directives.
- Questions?: Contact Coach Hickman at thickman@esu2.org, On Twitter @MeadRaiderFBall, or through the Mead Raider Football Facebook page.
- Note about the shirts: the last time we ordered this style of shirt, they ran small. It would be recommended to order a size above what you would normally, unless you want a tight fit.

Cost: $20
(Includes C2 Sleeveless Performance T-Shirt & Shorts)

Focus: Individual skills, team concepts, games/contests of skill.

What to bring/wear: Cleats, shorts, t-shirt, sun protection, drinks (water provided).

Participant: ___________________________ Parent/Guardian: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________ Grade: ______
Shirt/Short Size: YS / YM / YL / S / M / L / XL / XXL.
Extra Clothing Orders (Additional $20 Each): ___________________________
Payment: Cash or Check (Payable to MPS) Amount: _______

Parental Release Agreement
I hereby request that you accept the application of the above for the 2020 Mead Raider Football Camp during the dates set forth in this application. I hereby release Mead Raider Football Camp and the Mead School District and all of their employees and agents from all claims on account of any injuries which the above applicant may sustain while attending the 2020 Camp. I hereby certify that the above applicant is physically fit to participate in a football camp and that I know of no physical impairments which would in any manner limit his participation in such a program.

Parent or Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________
Emergency contact and phone number: ___________________________

Return form to the high school office by mail or in person (when it is socially appropriate to do so)
Mead High School, 114 N Vine St, Mead, Ne 68041
-or-
Return form to thickman@esu2.org or by fax to 402-624-2069 AND use the school’s e-funds link to pay

**REGISTER BY June 15th**
Mead Jr's Volleyball Camp

Cost: $15.00 Grades 1-6  $20.00 Grades 7-8

Where: Mead High School Gym  Date Due: June 1st, 2020

Times: '20-21 Grades 1-3 July 14 & 15th 1:00 - 2:00

  '20-21 Grades 4-6 July 14 & 15th 2:30 - 3:30

  '20-21 Grades 7-8 July 14 - 16th 8:00 am - 11:30 am

This is a camp designed for Elementary and Junior High students. We will work on basic volleyball fundamentals. If you have any questions feel free to contact Keshia Havelka at 402-624-2255 or kmselko@windstream.net. Your student may turn their slip & payment in to either school office, or Coach Havelka at the bank. We will be sending an email reminder to all registered participants two weeks prior to camp, please include your email on the registration slip.

Deadline: June 1, 2020

Camper’s Name: ___________________________ 2020-21 Grade: _______

Parents Name & Phone #:___________________________________________

Email Address: _________________________________________________

Emergency Name & Phone #:________________________________________

T-Shirt Size (circle one):

Youth M  Youth L  Adult S  Adult M

Please include payment with registration, checks can be made payable to Mead Volleyball.
Yearbook Sales Info

$45.00 Each
Name imprint is not longer available.

The three ways to pay:
1. Send check or cash to Mrs. Kruse
2. Online - school website, order yearbook Link
3. School eFunds link

2020-2021 SPORTS PHYSICALS

The NSAA has waived the requirement for a new sports physical for students entering 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade in 2020-21, provided they already have a physical on file at the school from the 2019-20 school year.

Students entering 7th and 9th grade will still need to have physical dated May 1, 2020, or later, to participate in sports for the 2020-21 school year.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Hickman at thickman@esu2.org or message the Mead Public Schools Facebook Page.

Methodist Fremont Health has cancelled their free sports physical nights for this year.

Sports physicals can still be scheduled on an individual basis with primary care providers.

In summary 7th and 9th grade students must have sports physical on file with the athletic director, and for that physical to be valid for the 2020-21 school year, it must take place AFTER May 1, 2020.

One additional note: ALL 7th grade students need to have a physical on file regardless of whether or not they plan to participate in athletics.
VILLAGE OF MEAD BOARD OF TRUSTEES HOLD REGULAR MEETING ~
The Village of Mead Board of Trustees met in a regular meeting on April 14 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference. Answering roll call were Chairman Thorson; Trustees Felty, Guyle, Wielage and Wimer. Also present were Clerk Moline and Utility/Maintenance Superintendent Raver. Guest was Jordan Spatz.

The consent agenda was adopted.

SCHEDULED GUEST: Jordan Spatz, owner of the apartment complex located at 210 E. Fourth St. requested meter changes to the apartments. Clerk will contact several municipalities to find out their billing procedure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Action was taken to adopt Ord. No. 741 Waste Connections, 742 Roadrunner Transportation and 743 S-2 Refuse and Recycling for non-exclusive franchises to collect garbage. Second readings were approved for Ord. No. 747 Certain vehicles prohibited and exceptions and Failure to pay within five days and Ord. No. 748 Fireworks: Timeframe.

NEW BUSINESS: The declaration for possible reimbursement of eligible expenses dealing with the prevention, control, response and recovery of the COVID-19 pandemic was signed. Resolution 20-04 Suspend late fees and disconnections of water/sewer services until May 31, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Resolution 20-05 Amend Employee Handbook PTO and comp time, and Ord. No. 749 Municipal water department; installation expense were adopted

REPORTS: Utility/Maintenance Superintendent - Raver announced the Fire Department plans to install a repeater on the water tower, concerns at the dumpsite and of a commercial building. Raver was instructed to place a camera at the dumpsite.

Action was taken to waive any fees to the Fire Department associated with the placement of the repeater. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

DO NOT FLUSH wipes, paper towels, diapers, feminine pads, moist towelettes or cloths down your toilet. Even when these items make it through the drainage pipes in a person’s home, they can wreak havoc with the filtering and cleaning system at the village’s wastewater plant.

VILLAGE STORM WARNING PROCEDURES

In case of severe weather, the fire siren will be sounded and go up and down a few times. This is only to alert members of the Fire Department to be on the watch. It is also a good idea to keep tuned to a local tv channel/radio station if we are in a watch area. Residents can also receive updates and follow the storm’s path on their cell phones, laptops, or computers.

If a funnel is actually spotted, the Fire Department will sound a steady blast on the siren. This is your signal to take cover at once. For those residents or businesses without basements, go to the Alma Lutheran Church basement, 219 W. Fifth Street. A member of the Fire Department will have the door open if we are in a storm warning.

All-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles and golf car vehicles are required to be licensed within the Village of Mead. Contact the village office or the Police Chief to obtain or renew your permit. Permits were due APRIL 1. The permits expire annually on March 31.
WANTED—
PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

1) Must live inside the corporate limits of the Village of Mead
2) Willing to learn zoning regulations
3) Concerned about the community
4) Terms are for three years

Please contact the Village Office at 402-624-2495 or meadclerk1@hotmail.com, a member of the Mead Board of Trustees, or a member of the Mead Planning Commission if you are interested in filling this position.

Thank you for your cooperation during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are sorry we have had to cancel the Pet Vaccination/License Day, Easter Egg Hunt, Garage Sale Day, and Mead Clean-up Day. Hopefully we will get back to normal living soon. Everyone stay safe and follow the guidelines established for your safety.

All dogs and cats residing within village limits are required by law to be licensed annually by May 1.

Please provide the document with your pet’s recent rabies vaccination along with the required fee of $4.00 altered or $6.00 in-tact animal. You may leave this in the drop box located by the office front door or mail to Box 46, Mead, NE 68041. I will deliver the tag and return the paperwork to your house.

The Board of Trustees approved suspending late fees and disconnections for non-payments of water and sewer bills through May 31, 2020. We encourage you to keep your payments current. As of June 1, 2020 Municipal Code will once again apply to late fees and disconnections.

TRASH HAULING RATES - MAY 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021

Annual trash hauling rates were approved at the April 14 board meeting. These rates are in place from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. The amounts listed are the maximum the provider is allowed to bill a customer. If you find they are in error please contact your service provider.

ROADRUNNER TRANSPORTATION: (1) 35-gallon mini cart $11.50 per month; (1) 95-gallon cart $16.00 per month; (2) 95-gallon carts $21.00 per month; (3) 95-gallon carts $27.00 per month; (1) 95-gallon cart and (1) can $18.00 per month; (1) can (not over 35 gallons) $13.50 per month

S2 RECYCLING AND REFUSE: (1) 96-gallon container $25.00 per month; (2) 96-gallon containers $33.00 per month; (1) 300-gallon container $75.00 per month; Recycling 96-gallon container $15.00 bi-monthly

WASTE CONNECTIONS: (1) 95-gallon toter $16.00 per month picked up weekly; (1) 95-gallon toter $16.00 per month picked up every other week; (2) 95-gallon toters $22.00 per month picked up weekly; Residential recycle service every other week (1) 95-gallon cart $17.25 per month

AGAIN, THIS IS THE MAXIMUM THESE PROVIDERS ARE ALLOWED TO BILL YOU THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, NOT NECESSARILY THE RATES THEY ARE CHARGING YOU!
All swimming pools containing at least 18” of water, spas and hot tubs must be enclosed at ground level by a fence with a minimum height of 4’ and a maximum height of 6’. There shall be no opening in the fence that permits passage of an object 4” in diameter or larger. Hot tubs and spas are not required to have fencing if they have locking tops and are kept locked at all times when not in use. All gates must have locking hardware to prevent access when not in use. This includes the one-mile zoning jurisdiction of Mead and required submission for a Building Permit.

BUILDING PROCEDURES ~ If you are planning a building project or removing a building you must obtain a permit from the Village. Items not requiring a permit are concrete (unless it involves the street curve), building less than 150 square feet (still must meet zoning setbacks), or a temporary dog kennel. The Planning Commission approves all residential zoning requests, all other zoning district requests must then be approved by the Board of Trustees.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS
Village Board: Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 pm
Planning Commission: Monday, May 18, 7:30 pm
Library Board: Monday, May 18, 5:30 pm
Fire/Rescue: Monday, May 11, 7:30 pm

THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL MEET MONDAY, MAY 18 DUE TO THE FOURTH MONDAY FALLING ON MEMORIAL DAY.

The Village Board & Planning Commission meets at the Village Office, Library Board at the Library and Fire/Rescue at the fire station.
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Any child who is five years old by July 31, 2020 is eligible to attend Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. You will need to provide the following items:

* Your child’s birth certificate
* Immunization Records
* Physical Exam
* Information Sheet from School
* Vision Exam (which can be completed during physical exam)

To register your child for Kindergarten, call the Elementary School at 402-624-6465 and ask for Shelly or Jessica. Once you have registered, you will receive an Informational packet. Kindergarten Parent Meeting will be in August.

Children who are 3 years old by July 31, 2020 are eligible to attend morning preschool. And Children who are 4 years old by July 31, 2020 are eligible to attend afternoon preschool for the 2020-2021 school year.

You will need to provide the following items before school starts:
* Official Birth Certificate
* Mead Public Schools Student Enrollment Form
* Immunization Records

To start the registration process, call the elementary school at 402-624-6465 and ask for Shelly or Jessica. A preschool information letter will be sent to all registered students at the beginning of summer.