



June 1, 2012

*From the Desk of Bob Newsum,
Superintendent*

Greetings:

Forty-seven senior students were graduated from Martensdale St. Marys on Sunday, May 20, 2012, and the graduation program was very dignified and respectful. Valedictorian for the Class of 2012 is Hailey Sweet and co-salutatorians are Robert Walker and Morgan Halverson. Josh Butcher and Morgan Halverson received the Betty Gibbons Sportsmanship Awards and Josh also received the Bernie Saggau Award from the Iowa High School Athletic Association. Thanks go to Mr. Randy Olson and our secondary band and Mrs. Susan Clark and our high school choir for providing the musical selections.

Two of our teachers were recently selected as Martensdale St. Marys Community School District Teachers-of-the-Year for the 2011-2012 school year. Congratulations to Mr. John Amfahr, secondary social studies teacher, and Mrs. Mollie Scrivner, second grade teacher. These honors are well-deserved and reflect favorably on the positive contributions that John and Mollie have made!

At the May 14, 2012, regular board meeting, your board of education voted to keep the 2012-2013 elementary, middle school, and high school registration fees; high school computer fee; and family and student activity pass fees at the same rates as the past two years.

On July 13, 2011, we received an official notification from Ms. Patti Harding, Administrative Consultant, with the Iowa Department of Education Bureau of Nutrition, Health, and Transportation Services regarding federally mandated hot lunch price increases. According to the calculator we were required to use, the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District is below the minimum federally mandated nutrition fee level. Unless the district increases our hot lunch food prices for elementary and secondary students by five cents per meal, we will lose the reimbursement we receive for the free and reduced-price meals we serve. Beginning on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, the first day of the school year, the price for an elementary student lunch will be \$1.70 and the price for a secondary student lunch will be \$1.90. We do appreciate your understanding with this mandated lunch meal increase, but the district cannot afford the potential loss of free and reduced-priced lunch federal reimbursement.

The Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District has relied on the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) for many, many years to provide important 'maintenance' funding to repair roofs, playgrounds, and sidewalks; purchase transportation vehicles like activity buses and vans; purchase musical instruments for our band program; support classroom technology; and more. Well-maintained school buildings, athletic facilities, and grounds are an essential part of our school community and you have been an important member of our school-community. We have listed several Frequently Asked Questions related to the renewal of the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy vote.

When is the community vote to renew the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL)?

On Tuesday, September 11, 2012, you will be asked to vote on a renewal of the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy.

How much does this levy generate and for how long?

Maximum length of the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program is ten years. The current levy expires on June 30, 2013. Our district voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program provided approximately \$80,000 per year for the past ten years.

Will the passage of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy raise my property taxes?

Renewal of this levy will not increase your property taxes. The district is asking you to continue the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy at the same rate (sixty-seven cents per \$1,000 of assessed property valuation) that has been in place for at least the last ten years.

Because of recent school district budget deficiencies, why hasn't the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program been used to offset the general fund?

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy revenues cannot be used for salaries, textbooks, or new educational programs. The requirements for use of Physical Plant and Equipment Levy funds are very specific and limited to maintenance, technology, and equipment.

What are examples of the types of things the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy revenues can be used for?

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy funds can be used for technology, such as computer purchase and replacement; musical instrument purchase and replacement; roofing repair and replacement; masonry repairs; energy conservation improvements; concrete and asphalt repairs and replacement; school grounds landscaping and improvement; and school transportation vehicle purchase.

What happens if the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy does not pass?

Some projects and purchases still need to be completed and would have to be funded by other revenue sources, such as the general fund, where approximately 80% is dedicated to salaries. Our district would struggle to meet the maintenance requirements for our facilities and grounds without the voter-approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy in place.

What is the difference between the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program and the state one cent sales and services tax program?

For the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District, the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program is used as a maintenance and facilities improvement fund and the state one cent sales and services program is used for major capital improvement projects, such as the new football and track complex.

Where can I learn more about the district Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program?

If you have questions or want to learn more about our Physical Plant and Equipment Levy program, please call Bob Newsum, Superintendent, at school (641-764-2466), on his cell telephone (641-203-8893), by email at bob_newsum@mstm.us or stop into the district main offices for a visit.

Our summer sport seasons have gotten off to great starts. While the Blue Devil Baseball Team suffered its first loss in more than two years with the 4-3 defeat by Des Moines East, the team still holds the Iowa record for longest baseball winning streak in state history, with 88 straight wins. The Blue Devil Baseball Team was ranked as the preseason top-rated Class 1A Summer 2012 baseball team and we expect our Lady Blue Devil Softball Team to receive a preseason ranking at or near the top of Class 1A.

We are currently putting the finishing touches on the Summer Quarterly District Newsletter and you can expect it to be delivered to your residence by the middle of June. This newsletter will include the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year, schedules for our summer sports' teams, and an Alumnus Spotlight on a recent Martensdale-St. Marys graduate.

Home of the Blue Devils

From the Desk of Mr. Crozier, **Secondary Principal**

The Graduation ceremony on May 20, 2012 was a celebration for our community. I am very proud of these 47 students who completed the requirements for graduation. They are now ready to go out into the world. Some will continue their schooling at a post secondary school, some will enter the military, and some will enter the work force. I wish the best of luck to all the seniors who earned their diploma this year. Congratulations to all of you and your parents for a job well done.

I want to congratulate next year's class officers:

Seniors

President- Cassidy Phillips
Vice President- Katie Schrodt
Secretary/Treasurer- Carli Kenyon

Juniors

President- Eddy Kraber
Vice President- Dylan Gibson
Secretary/Treasurer- Luke Ancitil

Sophomores

President- Hailey Clark
Vice President- Dalton Knickerbocker
Secretary/Treasurer- Bethany Phillips

Freshmen

President- Gabe Haults
Vice President- Jack Murphy
Secretary/Treasurer- Reid Frederiksen

8th Grade

President- Andrew Shutt
Vice President- Matthew Holt
Secretary/Treasurer- Anthony Dahmen

7th Grade

President - Garrison Haults
Vice President - Haley Hart
Secretary/Treasurer - Sophia Dunahoo

These students will play a vital role in leading their class and the student body. They will also be involved in leadership activities.

Congratulations to the students of the year:

- Senior – Josh Butcher
- Junior – Katie Schrodt
- Sophomore – Laura Lacquement
- Freshman – Emma Johanson
- 8th – Megan Andrasko
- 7th – Lauren Noga

Have a great summer!

Michael Crozier, Secondary Principal
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From the Desk of Mrs. Sherwood,
Physical Education

The physical education department has been busy giving the president's physical fitness test. The test consists of five tests. Students 7-12 participate. The standards the students have to achieve are high. For instance a high school boy age 17 needs to run the mile in 6:06 or under. The students passing this year for 8th grade Ashley Kraber and Kyla Morris.

Some of the activities physical education classes have done include field trips. The junior high students had the opportunity to go skiing in February. A member of the community donated money, which was greatly appreciated by all junior high students. The 6th grade class went to Sleepy Hollow. This class was able to go from the donation made by the community member. The 4th and 5th grade students attended a Character Counts field trip to Hy-Vee Hall. There were speakers in the professional sports ranks that talked and made great speeches to encourage students to be active and character does matter. Hy-Vee donated money for transportation costs and each student was provided a free lunch as well.

Our elementary students participated in Jump-for-Heart and Hoops-for-Heart. We raised about \$800. Many students jump in memory of or in honor of family members who have heart disease. Leah Wolff was the top winner bringing donations of \$135. Following are students who had donations and jumped in honor of family members. Leah Wolff in honor of Duane Wolff, Josh Murray in honor of Grandpa Larry Murray, Madeline Myer in honor of Great Grandpa Hill and Pa and Great Grandma Myer and Skylar Tew in honor of Grandpa and Grandma. All donations are appreciated.

Stay active this summer!
Mrs. Sherwood

From the Desk of
Mrs. Clark, Vocal Music Department

The end of the year always is a flurry of activity in the music department! High School and Junior High choruses presented their Spring Concert on Monday, April 30. The 5/6 grade Honor Choir also sang on this program. Seniors were recognized for their contributions to band and chorus. Seniors this year were Josh Butcher, Michaela McIlravy, Anthony Meier, Tayler Schad, and Deana Gyles-Smith. Thank you seniors for sharing your talents!

The following Friday night, the band and chorus participated in the Iowa High School Music Association Large Group Festival in Oskaloosa. We were the first chorus to sing and earned a rating of Good (III). Thank you to the parents that came and supported the chorus in the very hot gym!

Saturday, May 13, the Elementary and Junior High musicians chose to participate in the Solo/Ensemble Festival here at MStM. Both band and vocal performers were judged, earning a 1(Superior), 2(Excellent), or Honorable Mention. Students

were given a mini-lesson by our judge, Mr. Dan Chase after their performance.

Tuesday, May 15, the chorus students were honored and recognized at the Award Night presentation. Seventeen singers earned their letter this year in chorus! Mr. Olson and I presented two very talented seniors with the MStM Music Achievement Award. Those deserving students were Michaela McIlravy and Tayler Schad. These students have participated in the music program since elementary and have demonstrated music skills above and beyond our expectations! Thank you ladies for your contributions to the music groups here at MStM!

Friday, May 18, the 4th grade students performed with the 5/6 grade bands in an afternoon concert. Among the songs the 4th grade played were, Jingle Bells, Ama Lama, Go Tell Aunt Rhody, and our encore number was "Soft Kitty" from a popular television show. Learning to play the recorder lays the groundwork for more challenging music in band and chorus.

Monday, May 21, the 5/6 grade students shared their talents in the Talent Show. There were singers, dancers, a comedian, and a baton twirler. Thank you to our young performers!

Looking ahead as I write, the JH and HS band and chorus will be performing at Adventureland on Friday, May 25. We have fun entertaining music planned that will put a smile on your face!

Thank you to Daytona Ameigh and Kristi Spick for their generous donation of sheet music!

From the Desk of Mr. Olson
National Honor Society

National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes students for academics, leadership, character, and service.



Pictured from left to right are: Laura Lacquement, Paiten Gavin, Eddy Kraber, Riley Dunn, Madison Hall, Trista Thomas, Vicki Kordick, Elizabeth Gerdes, and KatyMae Moore.

On May 15, fifteen new members were inducted in the MSTM Chapter of National Honor Society.



Congratulations to all graduating NHS members. Best wishes for all in your future endeavors.

From the Desk of Mr. Wood,
Elem. Principal

Keep Kids Learning During the Summer

By forgetting about learning during the lazy days of summer, you're actually harming your child's education. Children lose a shocking amount of what they've already learned if they're allowed to "veg out" during the summer. That means that the kids who put forth just a little bit of effort are going to be way ahead come fall. You owe it to them—and to their futures—to incorporate learning activities into their summers.

• You've got to have "the talk."

Before the last school bell rings for the year, sit down with your children and let them know that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play and relaxation.

• Find activity books to exercise their minds.

There is a huge variety of activity books available, usually catered to specific age groups. Give your children their own activity book, and let them work at their own pace to finish it. (Set a "due by" date to keep them on track.) Crossword puzzles, math activity books, and number puzzles all keep children's brains in motion.

• Set a reading time every day.

Set aside a certain time every day where everyone turns off the computer, TV, music, and video games, and spends 15 minutes or more reading. (As busy as parents are, it's important that you participate as well, even if you just read the newspaper.)

• Get great recommendations on books for your child.

Check out the American Library Association's lists on Summer Reading and Learning for Children at www.ala.org.

Be sure to sign your kids up for library summer book clubs, too!

• Be "international."

Set aside one or two nights during the summer to have an international evening. Together, find recipes from a different nation and put together a special meal. Learn a few basic words in that country's language and find a children's book or an encyclopedia article that gives information on what life is like in that country. Get out a world map or a globe and show them where the country is and talk about what you'd want to visit if you could go there.

• Incorporate "thinking" into traveling.

If your family is able to take a vacation during the summer, include stops at a few places that sneak in learning, along with fun. Zoos, children's museums, and historic sites are educational as well as entertaining. For bonus learning, have your children help you plot out the trip using maps or an atlas. Older children can tally up the miles, keep track of expenses, or figure out gas mileage.

• Participate in sports/exercise.

With hours of free time every day, there's always time to build in some physical activity. Even if your child can't participate in a local sports league or community-based team, there are plenty of ways to get exercise—from jumping rope to family walks. There are wonderful resources available through schools, libraries, and on the Internet to help families keep their children's brains "alive" during the dog days of summer. Even though it takes a little bit of effort on your part, the payoff, in terms of their education, is beyond measure.

From the Desk of Mrs. Noga,
Ms. DeWaard and Mrs. Halverson

Summer is a great time for children to want to take a break from all school work. But it is important that students are still reading over the summer so they don't lose the skills that have learned and can become more fluent readers in the fall. Make reading a family activity this summer and share your love for reading with your children. Below are 10 easy activities that you can do with your children this summer to encourage them to read.

1. Have your child read for 15 minutes per day.
2. Get involved in the local library program. Many libraries have special programs during the summer to keep kids reading and give some great prizes for those children who keep up their reading.
3. Encourage your children to play educational games on the computer.
4. Create an incentive program at home to reward your child/children to keep reading.
5. Ask your children about what they are reading. Showing your own interest will encourage your children to be interested in what they are reading too.

6. Set a good example! Enjoy a good book yourself so your children can see that reading is fun for everyone.
7. Let your children choose their own books. Encourage them to pick books that look interesting to them.
8. Buy books on tape for your children to listen to. It is great for children to listen to reading too!
9. Look for reading opportunities everywhere you go-reading billboards and signs along the roads or even let your children read the map.
10. Read aloud with your children every day.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

APRIL 9, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District met in regular session, pursuant to law, on April 9, 2012.

Members Present: President, Nicole Bunch; Wade Gibson, and Dean Furness; together with Superintendent Bob Newsum and Business Manager Jill Gavin.

Members Absent: Vice President; Dave Shutt and Amy Harper

I. Welcome – Board President

Bunch called the public hearing for the Budget 2012-2013 Budget to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

Mr. Furness motioned to close the public hearing for the Budget 2012-2013 at 6:45, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 3 ayes.

Bunch called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and welcomed all guests.

II. Consent Items

- A. Approval of Minutes Board President
- B. Approval of Agenda Board President
- C. Approval of Bills and Secretary's Report Board President
- D. Approval of Hot Lunch and Activity Reports Board President

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve the consent items, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll Call: 3 ayes.

III. Celebrations

Mr. Crozier announced that the projector and screen are set up in the high school gym for graduation.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the special education teachers have been meeting about trying to align our services and to be more consistent. They are showing good progress and everything is coming together under one umbrella of qualified learning.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Moser are very excited about moving forward with the qualified learning for next years' professional development days.

IV. Public Comments - none

V. Old Business

A. Reports Supt. Newsum

- 1) MStM Music Booster Minutes – March 6, 2012 minutes were provided.
- 2) MStM Athletic Booster Minutes – were not provided.
- 3) MStM PTO Minutes –were not provided.

B. Reports Supt. Newsum

1) Principal's Report Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood announced that there was a 97% parent attendance rate for Spring Conferences. Mr. Wood and the elementary staff have started discussions regarding grading procedures, consistency, and standards-based grading.

Mr. Wood discussed the Initial Proficiency Rates for Iowa Assessments. There is still work to be done and cautioned the Board about comparing this year's data with last year's data. He then informed the Board about the upcoming Quality Learning Performance Seminar being held June 11-14. Kim Burns, Kara Burns, Brenda Halverson, Jodi Noga and Dianne Reynolds will be attending with Mr. Wood to the seminar. Mr. Wood informed the Board about the Math Acceleration Policy. The intent of the policy is to improve the services we provide for our high achieving students. The existing policy is being updated to include current indicators that are available to us. Sample policies and current research have been studied during this process and a final policy will be in place by next school year.

2) Principal's Report Mr. Crozier

Mr. Crozier announced that 3rd annual Student Council Retreat will be April 18, 2012. The students will go through leadership activities, discuss changes they would like to see and review the handbook. He discussed the Iowa Assessment Proficiency Rates. Mr. Gibson was concerned about the reading scores and asked if we could compare with other schools. Mr. Crozier will be having the teachers analyze the data and discuss what can be done about the deficiencies. Mr. Crozier announced the following secondary teachers will be attending the Iowa 1:1

Institute: Marcy Roff, Beth Grafft, Alison Condon, Josh Moser and Amanda Skellenger. Mr. Crozier updated the Board about the Industrial Arts position. He interviewed 5 candidates and offered the position to Chris Lee. Mr. Crozier announced the JH/HS Band and Vocal Concert will be held April 30th, the Academic Fine Arts Awards Night will be May 15, and Baccalaureate will be held at I-35 on April 25th. The NHS Blood Drive received 21 units of blood; which is up 9 units from last year.

March Students of the Month

7th Grade – Lauren Noga
8th Grade – Megan Andrasko
9th Grade – Dalton Knickerbocker
10th Grade – Elizabeth Gerdes
11th Grade – Cody Harvey
12th Grade – Megan Streyffeler

3) Curriculum Director's Report Mr. Moser

Mr. Moser reviewed again what was previously discussed regarding special education, professional development, elementary math curriculum update, Iowa Assessments update and grading and assessment practices study group.

4) Superintendent's Report Supt. Newsum

Mr. Newsum announced that the School Board Appreciate Week will be May 6-12. He informed the Board that they will need to approve a resolution regarding redistricting and he will have that available at the May board meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Approve 2011-2012 Budget Amendment
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the 2011-2012 budget amendment published in the *Record Herald & Indianola Tribune* on March 21, 2012 seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 3 ayes.

B. Approve 2012-2013 Budget Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson moved to be remembered that on this 9th day of April 2012, the Board of Directors of Martensdale St. Marys Community School District met in regular session for the purpose of a hearing upon the budget estimate as filed with the Board. There was found that the notice of the time and place of the hearing was in accordance to the *Code of Iowa* and as directed by the Board was published on the 21st day of March, 2012, in the *Record Herald & Indianola Tribune*. Thereafter and after hearing all taxpayers desiring to be heard, the Board took up the estimate for final consideration and determined that the said estimate be corrected and completed so that

when completed it should be in words and figures as stated herein. The vote upon final adoption of the budget with a tax levy of \$17.45042 was seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 3 Ayes.

The Secretary was thereupon directed to forward the adopted budget and tax levy to the county auditor as provided by law.

I certify the above to be a true and the correct copy of the proceedings of the Board relating to the consideration and final adoption of the within budget of expenditures and levy of taxes on the 9th day of April, 2012.

C. Approve Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Tax-Exempt Obligations seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 3 ayes.

D. Approve Resolution Appointing Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent, Supt. Newsum

Approving the Paying Agent, Bond Registrar and Transfer Agent Agreement, and Authorizing the Execution of the Same

Board Member Mr. Wade Gibson introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION APPOINTING BANKERS TRUST COMPANY OF DES MOINES, IOWA TO SERVE AS PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT, APPROVING THE PAYING AGENT, BOND REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAME" and moved its adoption. Board Member Mr. Dean Furness seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was Ayes: Mr. Wade Gibson, Mr. Dean Furness and Mrs. Nicole Bunch. The President declared the Resolution adopted.

E. Approval of form of Tax Exemption Certificate
Supt. Newsum

Board Member Mr. Wade Gibson moved that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate be place on file and approved. Board Member Mr. Dean Furness seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was Ayes: Mr. Wade Gibson, Mr. Dean Furness and Mrs. Nicole Bunch. The President declared the motion adopted.

F. Approve of Continuing Disclosure Certificate
Supt. Newsum

Board Member Mr. Wade Gibson moved that the form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate be place on

file and approved. Board Member Mr. Dean Furness seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was Ayes: Mr. Wade Gibson, Mr. Dean Furness and Mrs. Nicole Bunch. The President declared the motion adopted.

G. Resolution for the Issuance of Bonds
Supt. Newsum

Board Member Mr. Wade Gibson introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2012, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,995,000, AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF," and moved its adoption. Board Member Mr. Dean Furness seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was Ayes: Mr. Wade Gibson, Mr. Dean Furness and Mrs. Nicole Bunch. The President declared the motion adopted.

H. Discuss/Approve Open Enrollment Requests
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the open enrollment request from Miranda Kerr to attend Martensdale St. Marys in the 2012-2013 school year, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 3 ayes. Mr. Furness motioned to deny the open enrollment request from Arianna Conner to attend Winterset School District because it was filed after the March 1st deadline, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 3 ayes.

I. Approve Personnel Recommendation
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Gibson motioned to approve Reba Rios as new kitchen helper, Justin Stoullil as Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, and Chris Lee as Industrial Arts Teacher, seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 3 ayes.

J. Approve Supplemental Resolution – ISCAP
Supt. Newsum

Mr. Furness motioned to approve the Supplemental Resolution with the Iowa School Cash Anticipation Program AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE AND DELVIERY OF WARRANTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2013, AND AMENDING THE MASTER RESOLUTION, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Roll call: 3 ayes.

K. Confirm – Next Meeting Dates
Supt. Newsum

05/09/12 – Agenda subcommittee by e-mail
05/10/12 – 5:00 p.m. Board Agenda Meeting

05/14/12 – 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Gibson motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Furness. Roll call: 3 ayes. Time: 7:54 p.m

APPROVED


Board President


Business Manager

It is the policy of the Martensdale-St. Marys Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices.

There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's Equity Coordinator.

MStM's Equity Coordinator is Mike Crozier, secondary principal. His address is MStM Community School, 390 Burlington, Martensdale, Iowa 50160. His phone number is 641-764-2686 and his email address is: mike_crozier@mstm.us

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The newsletter is available for pickup in the Superintendent's office, City State Bank and the Jiffy station, all located in Martensdale.

You may also view it on the <http://www.mstm.us> website. Questions or concerns may be addressed to:

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Des Moines Art Center's Nurturing a Student's Vision: Celebrating Artists K-12

Hubbell Homes, Des Moines Art Center and Des Moines Arts Festival are proud to host Nurturing a Student's Vision: Celebrating Artists K-12 student art exhibition (NSV) at the Des Moines Arts Festival on June 22-24, 2012, in downtown Des Moines' Western Gateway Park! NSV is a program that spotlights the creativity of children K-12 attending schools in central Iowa through a special exhibition on-site at the Festival and the six weeks after at the Des Moines Central Library.

The chosen work to be on display representing Martensdale-St. Marys:



Maggie Girardi, 3rd Grade; Isaac Gavin, 4th Grade; Shelby McCasland, 5th Grade; Jessica Defenbaugh, 6th Grade



Bridgette Ouimet, 7th Grade; Alexis Herron, 7th Grade, Madison Hall, 10th Grade; Vicki Kordick, 10th Grade