



June 9, 2021

Dear Redfield Pheasant Families:

Thank you for walking through this school year with your students and our middle school and high school staff. Many times throughout the year we received your support through positive emails, phone calls and helpful suggestions. We appreciated your input as we made decisions we felt were best for families, kids and our educators. As we look into the 2021-2022 school year we will maintain communication with our community's health care providers and school/community team should any COVID-19 concerns rise.

As our staff closed this school year, we took time to discuss data we gathered throughout the year from local testing, state-wide testing, classroom/hallway observations and behavioral data. Based on data and observations, we've focused on some areas we feel will help promote a positive environment.

**-Consistency in classroom expectations regarding cell phones.** High school students will place their phones in a safe container provided by the classroom teacher until the end of the class period. One classroom observation showed that students were disrupted 110 times during the class period with phone calls and texts/snaps. Middle school students will continue to keep their phones locked in their lockers during the school day.

**-Backpacks are allowed to be in the building to carry items to lockers, however, they will not be allowed in classrooms.** Middle school students are asked to use a zipper binder and carry their computer bags. All middle school and high school students are expected to utilize their lockers to place their backpacks. Computer bags may be used throughout the school day.

**-Open Lunch** for high school students will remain, however, only seniors will be allowed in the parking lot to leave campus for lunch. The school will provide picnic table areas near the activities entrance if students would like a place to eat their lunch during warm weather. The Bird Feeder is also available if a student would like to bring their lunch back to school.

**-Grants** were written and awarded to Redfield Middle/High School! The Spink County coalition and I worked on a wellness grant for K-12 teachers. Mrs. Falk and I filled out a grant to start building a technology program. We were awarded \$10,000 to start our Introduction to Computer Science and Cyber Security program. Mr. Kyle Falk will be in training this summer to teach these programs.



**-Middle School/High School Updates** include additional math and grammar and writing support for middle school students. We'll have additional math support for eighth and ninth grade students.

**Our new academic staff includes:**

Mrs. Lyza Bixler.....6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies/FLEX  
Miss Cassie Bottum.....K-12 Art  
Mrs. Mara Fredrick.....Chemistry, Anatomy, Physiology, Physics  
Mrs. Laurel Kaiser.....K-12 Math Specialist  
Mrs. Elizabeth Maunu.....6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA/FLEX  
Mr. Dalton Mogck.....High School English  
Mr. Masen Oltmanns.....Physical Education/Health  
Miss Miranda Schultz.....MS/HS Guidance Counselor  
Mr. John Cassens.....6-12 Band

**Dates:**

Dual Credit and Spanish student's computer pick-up.....Monday, August 16  
Tuesday, August 17  
High School Spanish & Dual Credit classes begin.....Wednesday, August 18  
Open House & Elementary Block Party.....Thursday, August 19  
1pm-6pm  
6<sup>th</sup> grade parent and student transition meeting.....Thursday, August 19  
5:30pm  
First day of school.....Wednesday, August 25

We look forward to a productive and healthy school year! In the mean-time, have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,



Miss Kendra Becker  
MS/HS Principal