



BRANDING IRON

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Last Meeting: Common Core Standards



Melanie Kathrein, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development for Dickinson Public Schools, explained the new Common Core Standards being implemented in North Dakota and in the Dickinson Public Schools. The standards set grade-by-grade learning expectations for students in grades K-12 for mathematics and for English language arts and literacy.



While individual states have had standards for more than 15 years, this set of standards is more focused on preparing students for success in college and career. They set clear, consistent, and high learning goals. The standards are being adopted in most states, making it easier for students to transition between schools when families move from state to state.

Common Core Standards comprise three educational goals:

- 1) Focus: Spend more time on fewer topics.
- 2) Coherence: Learning is carefully connected across grades
- 3) Rigor: Depth of understanding and the ability to apply the concepts and skills learned.

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Today's Greeters Are:

Joe Frenzel & Alex Gates

Next Meeting:

Chris Gerving & Dennis Goebel

Give Thanks Today: Luther Brown

Next Meeting: Dennis Cannon

Heavenly Father, we offer you this day and all that we shall think or do or say. May our actions be worthy. Amen.

Your Program Today:

Scott Carroll—Spirit Lifeline

Coming Up:

April 2—Klayton Oltmanns, Arts on the Prairie

April 9—Pastor Ron Dazell, Homeless Shelter

Program Chair: Glenice Hansen Next Month: Peggy O'Brien

Birthdays

Mike Schatz 3/28

Jared Twogood 3/28

Announcements:

- Dickinson Rotary is sponsoring a book drive on Wednesday, April 2, and Wednesday, April 9, to collect books for the Ajara Library Project in Benin. Rotary members are encouraged to bring books to the regular meeting on these dates. Books for all ages are needed. No romance novels or magazines, please!
- The final public open forum to discuss the school district's facility planning for the future will be held March 20 at 7 p.m. at Hagen Junior High.
- A benefit dinner is planned for Matthew Jahner on April 4 at the Eagles Club. Matthew has leukemia and is awaiting a bone marrow transplant at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

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Parents are also encouraged to become a part of the Common Core Standards learning process. Being involved in a child's school work is extremely beneficial in their learning. Assisting children with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, as well as encouraging them to persist in solving a problem, and finding real world scenarios at home where they can apply what they have learned in school, are all great ways to help a child learn.

Welcome New Members!

Pat Hart and Mike Weflen received their membership packets. They are pictured here with club president Don Bares and their sponsor, Shirley Dukart.



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Last Meeting Visitors

- Marlo Mallery, guest of Sharon Kilzer
- Rita Ennen, guest of Yvonne Kroll
- Bev Haas, guest of Buck Haas
- Jim Longtin, guest of Stepheny Reger
- Christian Heston, guest of Brad Fong
- Scott Decker, guest of Todd Otto