

# Tidbits

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## Connie's Celebrations

October is a beautiful month with colorful leaves, geese and ducks organizing in flocks, pumpkin patches around the area, and the programs at NDSD in full bloom. We continue to take precautions to keep the staff and students safe while participating in as many community events as possible.

Students who are deaf or hard of hearing learn best when they receive direct instruction from staff who are highly qualified. We have mastered virtual teaching but know the students' acquisition of new skills is greater when they are physically present in the classroom with their peers and teacher. We are making school attendance a priority this year and are recognizing our "Attendance Heroes" each month at a school wide assembly. In September we celebrated with an apple theme at which students completed a favorite apple graphing exercise lead by our creative librarian. Then we had a tasting party with multiple toppings for apple slices. I am excited to see the creative celebration we have at the end of October to recognize our "Attendance Heroes". A big thank you to the parents and NDSD drivers who make sure our students are at school and ready to learn.

The dorm is fully staffed and has enjoyed taking the students out to community activities. The students have been excited about the opportunity to learn the basics of golfing. They have been out for walks, bike rides, and even had a ride in the search and rescue boat on Devils Lake. I hope the weather continues to cooperate for outside activities. The Parent Infant Outreach specialists have been facilitating groups enjoying the various North Dakota pumpkin patches. This has been a great way for families with children who are deaf or hard of hearing to meet each other and share stories. The adult outreach has been busy assisting younger deaf and hard of hearing adults in accessing safety devices as they move into new apartments.

Enjoy the fall weather we are having.

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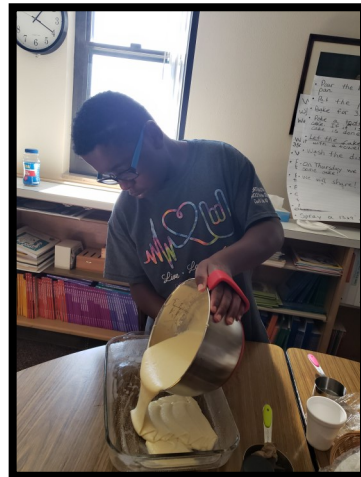
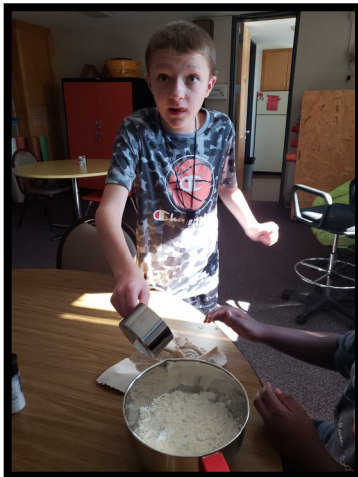
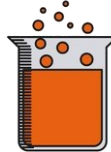
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Mad Scientist at work...



Mmm...NACHOS



Baking a cake was fun and delicious!



# Dorm Happenings:



Webster Fall Carnival was a blast!



Is it really fall? This weather is beautiful.

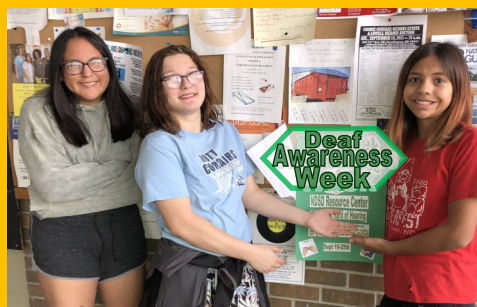


We tried our luck with distance hitting at the driving range.

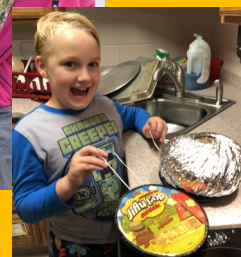
MINI GOLF



A visit to the Sheriff's House and Museum. We didn't realize we would be put in jail.



Students display posters for Deaf Awareness Week.



Yummy, Jiffy Pop.



Tech Tips



## Halloween Apps for Kids



Check out this link for **15 Halloween Apps for Kids** that are **FREE!!!** Yes, that's right 15 FREE fun apps that will bring lots of enjoyment for your kids as they get excited for Halloween. Best of all, these apps are fun AND educational. Can't go wrong with that!

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/76228/15-spooktacular-halloween-apps-for-kids/>

# HEARING LOSS AND CELL PHONES



Communicating with a cell phone can be challenging for individuals who have a hearing loss. Today's technology has made it possible to stay connected with others.

1. If hearing others while talking on your cell phone is a problem, consider a HEAR ALL. It pairs to smart phones using Bluetooth and up to 40dB amplification, with volume and tone controls.
2. Do you miss calls because you cannot hear the cell phone ring? Never miss a call again with the Serene Innovations RF-200 Cell Phone Signaler/Flasher. This signaling device for landline and mobile phones, notifies you of incoming calls by phone, Skype, FaceTime and text messages.
3. Purchasing hearing aids that are Smartphone compatible allows you to connect hearing aids directly to your smartphone. You can stream calls and audio from your smartphone to your hearing aids.
4. If your hearing loss is severe, increased amplification may not help. There's an App for that! InnoCaption provides free, real-time captioning of phone calls through a mobile app, available on both iOS and Android devices

You may be eligible for the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Services (TEDS) program. This program is designed to provide specialized telecommunications equipment for North Dakota residents. Contact Adult Outreach for more information or contact ND Assistive <https://ndassistive.org/> to see if you qualify.



Contact Adult Hearing Outreach Services

(701)665-4401 or 1(800)887-2980

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## Parent-Infant Program/ School Age Outreach Specialists (Statewide Services)

Meet me at the  
**Pumpkin Patch** 



Cottonwood Forest, Williston, September 27, 2021



Berry Acres, Minot, September 26, 2021



Patch on the Point, E. Grand Forks, October 2, 2021



Papa's Pumpkin Patch, Bismarck, October 2, 2021



Lil' Bitz, Fargo, September 26, 2021



Hope Christian Academy Pumpkins in the Patch,  
Dickinson October 9, 2021

### Halloween Safety for children with a hearing loss

1. **Take a flashlight.** Shine on signing hands or talking faces for lipreading.
2. **Wear removeable masks or no masks.** Remove masks when talking or use face paint.
3. **Make sure everything works before going out.** Cold air shortens the life of a battery so bring spares.



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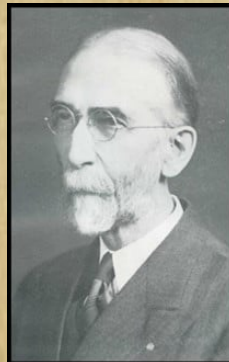
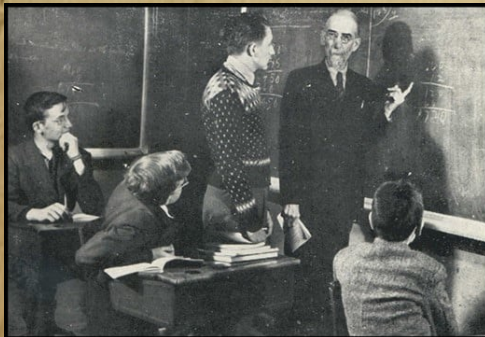
# Banner Flashback, 1908

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In 1908, a young deaf man by the name of **Thomas Sheridan** came to the *North Dakota School for the Deaf* to teach in the high school department. From **1908 to 1947** (for 39 years), Mr. Sheridan taught math courses. Sheridan was well-loved by his students and highly respected by his colleagues. He was known, nationwide, as a pedagogue in the profession of deaf education and was recognized by his colleagues as a great schoolmaster.

*Interesting note: Sheridan was an adept magician and often mystified his students with his magic tricks.*



Each day, for 39 years, Thomas Sheridan walked from his home to school. Even in the stormiest weather, he rarely missed a day in his classroom. In 1994, the *ND Association of the Deaf*, in his honor and memory, named the road that leads onto the school campus the **Thomas Sheridan Road**.

**Banner Flashback, 1948:** upon Thomas Sheridan's death the Superintendent wrote condolences; *"Thomas was a gentleman and a scholar. Our school is the better for his having lived and loved and labored in it, and his memory will be an inspiration to all who knew him."*

## What's Happening



**NO SCHOOL**  
October 21 & 22  
NDCEL Days

**NO SCHOOL**  
November 11 & 12  
Veterans Day

## September Attendance **H.E.R.O.**es

• Here  
• Everyday  
• Ready  
• On time



We will celebrate our **October H.E.R.O.**es on the 28th of October.