



Prom is this weekend with Grand March taking over the gym tomorrow night. Look in this week's issue for more info.

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Be the Change Week

Kindness displayed, focused on this week, shouldn't end today but continue throughout life



by **Heather Huether**
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April 3rd-6th Garretson had its first "Be the Change" week. The week was full of many different activities and was open to both middle and high schoolers. The week was focused on giving back to the world and caring for others.

The week was a follow up to when the middle schoolers did their challenge day. Plus with all the school shootings it was time for things to change. Mrs. Pliska said "We knew we wanted to do something and with the school shootings down in Florida we heard student voices, and wanted to do something about it."

The week was set to encourage people to stop waiting for things to change, and to start making them change yourself. The week was full of ways to show random acts of kindness. The goal is for students not to just show love and support this week, but to continue it for the rest of the year and even after that.

On Tuesday there was an assembly which showed that mean words hurt and instead of saying insults we should say things to build people up,

not tear them down. With the shooting in Florida the student council wanted to make that the theme of the week. They decided Tuesday would also be a good time to give out 17 compliments.

Wednesday students were encouraged to smile and say hi to 17 people they don't usually talk to. Thursday students put up sticky notes on peoples lockers and on posters to encourage others and to give out compliments throughout the day.

The week ended 17 blue and white balloons being released in memory of the Stoneman Douglass shooting. Middle and High school students had the opportunity to sign a balloon and the student council members will then release them into the sky. Friday also was the prize drawing. Students who completed all the tasks for the week, and turned in their challenge cards will have their name put in a drawing for prizes.

Be the Change week was led by both middle and high school student

council members, and a big help came from Peyton Sage, Sylvia Larson, Mrs. Pliska, Mrs. Gloe, and Mr. Long. In an interview Mrs. Pliska said "Instead of walking out we agreed that it would be better to do some more positivity led opportunities."

Many people hope to get all sorts of positive outcomes from this week. Mrs. Pliska said, "I'm hoping to have positive change in the school and students reaching out to each other and feeling good about themselves."

Be the Change week has pushed many people to love one another and to be more caring. Hopefully it will be able to last more than just the one week.



A prom night to remember, and the moment students have been waiting for

Fancy corsages, elegant boutonnieres, an evening of dancing...that's right; it's prom

by **Peyton Sage**
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April showers bring May flowers, but April also brings prom night! Tomorrow afternoon, prom goers will begin getting ready for a night full of rustic romance. Girls will get their hair and makeup done, and the boys will get dressed up to the nines.

By 5:00PM, everyone and their dates will be showing up to their dinner reservations at Minerva's, Crave, Olive Garden, or any of the other five-star restaurants in the Sioux Falls area.

Around 6:30PM, juniors and seniors will gather in the gym for class photos, and grand march will begin at 7:30PM, where the girls and boys will show off their lavish dresses and 3-piece suits.

After grand march, students will have half an hour to take pictures with family and friends, and then the 8 hours of fun begins!

Students will hit the dance floor for approximately 3 hours and show off their astonishing moves (or lack thereof), and then watch the great Danny Nehok hypnotize some suitable contestants until 1:45AM.



If prom attendees are still full of energy, they will bounce around in inflatables, participate in a casino-like game night, and stick around to win some cool prizes! At 4:00AM, students will either head home to get some much needed sleep, or head out for an early breakfast.

All in all, prom night is seemingly the most exciting night of high school, and the Garretson High School hopes that everyone makes it a night to remember

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: On *Scooby-Doo*, Shaggy's real name is Norville Rogers.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Squeeze a lemon or lime into shampoo to stop frizzy hair.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Why can't you give Elsa (from *Frozen*) a balloon?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: Arnold Schwarzenegger has a long one. Michael J. Fox has a short one. Madonna does not use hers. Bill Clinton always uses his. The Pope never uses his. What is it?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 6

- FFA CDE @ Lennox

Saturday, April 7

- Prom: Grand March (7:00)

Monday, April 9

- School Board Meeting (5:45)

- PTO Meeting (6:45)

Tuesday, April 10

- Track @ Fighting Cougar Invite in Salem (3:00)

Friday, April 13

- Middle School Dance (7:00)

- K & 1st Grade Field Trip @ Children's Museum in Brookings

Saturday, April 14

- Track @ Jesse James Invite (9:30)

Worth Mentioning

Congratulations to Ryan Fick for taking first place in the Garretson Pride Pool for March Madness. Ryan correctly predicted three of the final four teams, including both Villanova and Michigan to make the final. Ryan was one of four student to predict Villanova as the champion.

Garretson School Board approved the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The first day of school will be August 23. The school calendar is now available on the school website or can be accessed via this [link](#).

JOKE: Because she will "Let It Go"

BRAINTEASER: Last Name

