

Our School



Our Children



Our Future

VIKING GALA



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Saturday, October 1, 2022

Welcome to the 2022 Viking Gala

Tonight is the 3rd annual Viking Gala! It is exciting to see what our community can do, when it comes together to support such an awesome cause - raising money for our FANTASTIC school district!

First, members of the Pelican Rapids School Foundation and Viking GALA committee would like to thank you for attending! Without your ticket purchase, this event would not be taking place!

Also, thank you to everyone who has made donations, helped with set-up, printed tickets, and sold tickets. THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts and from the bottom of the hearts of the children in our school and community.

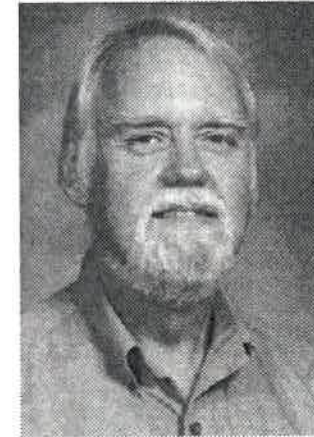
-Pelican Rapids School Foundation & Viking GALA Committee

2022 Viking Gala

5:00-6:30	Social Hour & Games
6:30-8:00	Dinner
7:30-8:30	Former Staff Recognition & Hall of Fame Inductees Honored
8:30-10:30	Games
10:30	Drawings

Teacher Honor Roll

Al Grothe



Al Grothe
1964-2004

Al Grothe grew up in Fort Ransom North Dakota, a village of approximately 200 people. Al attended school there and graduated in 1960 with a class of 7. To say that they were given a basic education would be an understatement. After high school, Al attended Valley City State College and graduated in 1964 with majors in English and Elementary Education. That same fall, Al signed a contract to teach in Pelican Rapids. Al was planning to teach for a couple of years to pay some bills and then go back to school. As you know, it didn't turn out that way.

During his first year of teaching, he was placed in a Sixth-Grade classroom with 38 students. Classrooms were completely self-contained that year and had very little help. Classroom teachers taught everything, had no prep period and shared playground duty. It was an interesting introduction. Al was also informed that he would be the advisor for the school patrol. Al was the guy that students went to when some student broke the rules. In Al's second year, a new teacher signed on and the teacher he had worked with moved away. Classes were divided at that time, so the school no longer had a self-contained classroom. That year it was discovered that very few students had ever seen the State Capitol, so a decision was made to start the Sixth-grade trip to the cities.

A couple of years into his career, Al was asked to take over as Scoutmaster for Troop 313. He worked with scouts, in various capacities, for 30 years.

It is amazing how fast time goes. Al married a local girl, Sandra Laugen and raised 4 children, Jennifer, Rebecca, Catherine, and Theodore. All of them graduated from Pelican Rapids High School. His family joined Faith Lutheran Church where they are still active. After 40 years in the classroom, Al retired but was asked to serve as a Lay Pastor. He spent one year at Central Lutheran Church as an interim Pastor and another eight and a half years as a visitation Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Al never intended to stay in Pelican Rapids, but he can honestly say that he doesn't ever regret his decisions. Pelican Rapids and School District 548 are wonderful, and Al still loves it here!

John McMillen



John McMillen
1969-2002

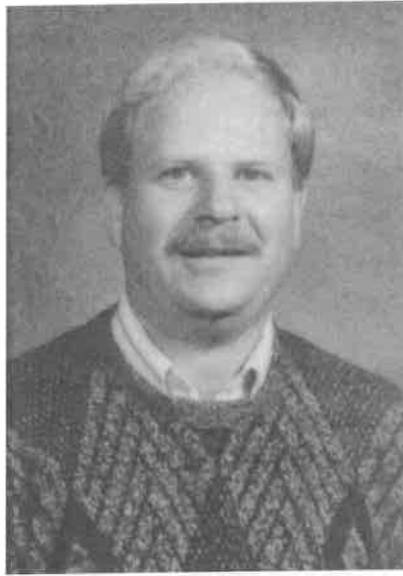
John McMillen grew up in Casselton, North Dakota. He was born in Moorhead, Minnesota December 24, 1945. He graduated from Casselton High School in 1967. He enrolled at Valley City State University that fall and was graduated in 1967 with a BS degree in Elementary Education. That summer he married Joan Ellen Marshall and both of them got teaching jobs in Great Falls, Montana. They taught there two years and he wanted to go back to school. John selected Moorhead State and was lucky to get a job in Pelican Rapids.

John was hired by Bill Stutsman and given a fourth grade position. They were excited about their new home, the trailer court. They had great neighbors, Mel Zierke, Dave Gilberson, Korfs, and Gary Olson. They started out with great friends and that pattern continued. John continued teaching fourth grade for 30 plus years and enjoying this wonderful community. John did receive his Masters degree and later started his Specialist Degree. John's family loves this great community, it is Awesome!!

Thank you for all your years of service and dedication to the students, ISD 548, and the Pelican Rapids community!

Teacher Honor Roll

Mike Douglas



Mike Douglas
1978-2010

Mike Douglas attended Dilworth K-12 and graduated in 1970. He went to Moorhead State for a year and one quarter then was drafted into the Army for two years. After leaving the Army, he attended three more years at MSU and graduated in 1976. Mike applied to 100 Minnesota schools for a job and couldn't even get an interview. He was advised to try North Dakota because Minnesota schools only interviewed you if you had teaching experience. Mike applied to nine schools in North Dakota and seven of them offered him a job. He took the job in Oakes, ND and taught social studies and coached three sports there for two years. He applied for a job in Pelican Rapids and was hired in 1978. Mike came back to Minnesota from Oakes along with four other Minnesota native teachers after they got their teaching experience in Oakes. He taught Earth Science and Geography at first. Then Mike taught Senior Economics and 8th grade Geography for the next 29-30 years. Mike coached Junior High football for 31 years, basketball, and track for 17 years straight. Mike retired in 2010 and has been a substitute teacher since 2010. Mike is happy to live in Pelican Rapids. In his 32 years of teaching in Pelican Rapids, Mike never once wished he was in a different school. GO VIKINGS !!!

Jim Fletcher



Jim Fletcher
1973-2003

An author and artist, Jim Fletcher taught high school art, computer graphics, and video production for thirty years. Teaching, creating art, and playing music have been his lifelong passions. He continues to present at young writers and artists conferences around the state, and early on, he helped to establish the Minnesota State High School for Arts (now the Perpich Center for Arts Education) in Golden Valley, MN. His biggest joy was teaching and working with the extraordinary students at Pelican Rapids High School. So much talent! He feels blessed to have been associated with the very best administration, faculty, staff, and students education has to offer. It's definitely a school extraordinaire that's united with a community of diverse and beautiful people. He feels privileged to call Pelican Rapids his home.

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Game Information

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| Games: | - \$100 Bison Meat Bundle-Otter Tail 23 Meats |
| 1) Split the Pot | - \$100 Bison Meat Bundle- Otter Tail 23 Meat |
| 2) Rip A Card | - HOL Meat bundle-HOL Meats |
| 3) Plinco | - iPad- Ripley's |
| 4) Blackjack | - Choice of DeWalt radio OR Bose speaker-Jessica's Family Daycare |
| 5) Stretch Raffle | - Booze Cooler-Kelly Funk Construction |
| 6) Ping Pong Roll | - Larry's Gift Certificate-Larry's Supermarket |
| 7) Pong | - Fire Pit- Envy Salon |
| | - Bean Bag Boards-Alan Martinson |
| | - Golf Punch Card-Birchwood |
| | - Pelican Area baskets-various businesses |
| | - \$200 Gift Card to Lakes Area Detail-Lakes Area Detail |
| | - \$200 From Where I Come GC-FWIC |
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| | - iPad mini-Shada Seed |

Games 1 & 2 will be drawn during the meal. Games will be open during social hour and after the meals. Prizes will be drawn at 10:30.

Hall of Fame

2019
1983-84 Boys Basketball Team
Rex Haugen
Ki Gohdes
Al Siegle
Robert Schultz

2021
1966-67 Wrestling Team
Erling Kelting
Dale Robley
David Robley

Teacher Honor Roll

2019
Jack Couture
Keith Klein
John Matheson
John Nordstrom
Jerry Polley

2021
Ruth Holmgren
Van Holmgren
Hazel Hovde
Bob King

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