


NEWS & NOTES

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS



Blessings! One of the activities the school has been involved in since the beginning of the school year is a health and wellness program. This program is run by a committee chaired by Anne Bebee. You are probably aware of the program even though you may not have known about it specifically. The state of Nebraska requires each district to have on file its wellness program. We have added additional physical education times for the elementary. The options for students in the Pepsi machine must include a certain amount of juices and milk products. The ladies in the office, in the sale of their candy must also have for sale a percentage of nutritional snacks. Some of the parents of our younger students may have been encouraged to bring nutritional offerings along with other snacks to celebrate their child's birthday. All of this is a part of the wellness program. It was decided that the teachers and staff would also participate by having a walking chart posted by the door of the Assembly room. Our students are able to see who is more active among the staff. Another part of the wellness program will be the Walk-a-Thon this Wednesday. It was suspected that the students would participate in this fundraiser activity and obviously walking is an activity that needs to be encouraged. It has come to my attention that some students believed that if they were not participating in the Walk-a-Thon as the fundraiser, they would not need to come to school. This is not the case. As announced to the students, even if they are not participating in the fund raiser, Wednesday is a regular school day, and the walking and other activities are a part of our wellness program and students are expected to participate regardless of their participating in the fundraiser. Thank you for encouraging your child to enjoy this time where they can enjoy the weather and their friends and a healthful activity. Perhaps you could start a family walk a couple times a week. It is healthful and it would give you some quality time with your children. By the way, this is Professional Administrative Assistant's Week. If you have an opportunity, say thanks to the ladies in the office for all they do to keep this school running efficiently.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK - A Week

- Apr 23 - TRP orders due at noon
 - BSO vs Brownell @ Concordia - 4:30 PM
 - GSO @ S Sioux City - 5:00 PM
- Apr 24 - Track @ Ft. Calhoun - 3:00 PM
- Apr 25 - Walk-A-Thon - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
- Apr 26 - GSO vs Auburn - 5:00 PM
- Apr 27 - Trinity Spring Festival
 - Junior/Senior Banquet
- Apr 28 - NFC: Track

NEXT WEEK - B Week

- Apr 30 - GSO vs Lincoln Lutheran - 5:00 PM
 - Worship Team to Chapel @ ODM - 7:00 PM
- May 1 - 4th-8th grade spring concert - 7:00 PM
- May 3 - BSO vs NE Luth. - 5:00 PM - Senior Night
- May 4 - Track @ NE City - 9:00 AM
- May 5 - MS Spring Fling - 5:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 7 - MS Track Meet @ Bergan - 3:30 PM
 - Drama Performance for drama parents/staff families - 7:00 PM
- May 8 - HS Performing Arts Concert - 7:00 PM
- May 10 - District Track
 - 5th Grade Music Recital - 1:30 PM
- May 11 - Elementary Track & Field
 - School Drama & Renaissance Meal
- May 12 - 6th-8th grade band to Adventurland
 - School Drama & Renaissance Meal
- May 14 - HS Sports Awards - 7:00 PM
- May 15 - Physics to WOF - 5:30 AM
- May 17 - Booster Club Meeting - 8:00 AM
 - Kindergarten Graduation - 7:00 PM
- May 18 - Elementary Awards
 - Last Day Elementary & Seniors
 - HS Awards - 7:00 PM
 - State Track Meet @ Burke
- May 19 - State Track Meet @ Burke
- May 21 - Board Meeting - 6:30 PM
- May 22 - Last Day Middle School
 - MS Awards & 8th gr. Promotion - 7:00 PM
- May 24-25 - HS Final Exams
- May 25 - Last Day HS
- May 26 - HS Graduation - 10:00 AM



WEEK OF 4/23 THRU 4/27

Apr 23	Fried Chicken Potato Salad Mixed Fruit Biscuit School Fuel	Salmon Salad Croissant Potato Salad Mixed Fruit Biscuit School Fuel
Apr 24	Pancakes & Sausage Potato Rounds Orange Wedges Cinnamon Crumb Calke	Picnic Box Potato Rounds Orange Wedges Cinnamon Crumb Cake
Apr 25	Hot Dog Chips Baby Carrots Dessert	Everyone will be given this lunch free of charge at the Walk-a-Thon.
Apr 26	Chicken & Gravy Oven Mashed Potatoes Tea Roll Strawberry Short Cake	Sal. Box w/ Salmon Sal. Tea Roll Strawberry Short Cake
Apr 27	Lasagna Broccoli w/ Ranch Applesauce Garlic Bun Toll House Cookie Bar	Chick. Caesar Sal. Box Broccoli w/ Ranch Applesauce Garlic Bun Toll House Cookie Bar

WEEK OF 4/30 THRU 5/4

Apr 30	Corn Dog Baby Carrots Cherries Dirt Cake	Chicken Salad Pocket Baby Carrots Cherries Dirt Cake
May 1	Chicken Parmesan Fresh Asparagus Pears Garlic Bun White Cake/Pink Frost.	Turkey/Cheese Sand. Fresh Asparagus Pears Garlic Bun White Cake/Pink Frost.
May 2	Meatball Sub Sandwich Peaches Frosted Brownie	Italian Lettuce Salad Peaches Frosted Brownie
May 3	Open Face Turkey Sand. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Grapes Oatmeal Scotty Bar	Smart Box Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Grapes Oatmeal Scotty Bar
May 4	Cheeseburger on Bun Potato Rounds Watermelon Sugar Cookie	Hummus & Veggies w/ Pita Triangles Potato Rounds Watermelon Sugar Cookie

*Students may choose yogurt & cheesestick as a main dish alternative.

Milk will be served with all meals.

Cost: \$2.40 (K-4); \$2.55 (5-12); \$1.00 Extra Entrees

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

GUIDANCE CORNER

The Assistance League of Omaha is offering an ACT Review Course at Westside High School. The course consists of two classes with an optional third class for the writing portion of the test. Both classes must be attended to receive full coverage. The first class will be held on Monday, June 4 or Tuesday, June 5 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The optional third class will be held on Thursday, June 7 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fee for two classes is \$30 and \$40 for all three classes. Registration forms are available in the guidance office.

- Calendar:**
- April 23 - College Fair at Millard North HS, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - April 27 - SAT Registration Deadline for June 2 Test
 - May 2 - Dordt College Rep Visit
 - May 4 - ACT Registration Deadline for June 9 Test
 - May 9 - Late SAT Registration Deadline for June 2 Test
 - May 18 - Late ACT Registration Deadline for June 9 Test

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING FLING

Spring has Sprung. It's time to be outside having fun. Middle Schoolers come join the fun at Grandpa's Farm on Saturday, May 5 from 5 to 9 p.m. For just \$2 we will give you supper, homemade ice cream, kettle corn, hay rack rides, and a chance to play football, basketball, and more.

Parents may stay at the farm and enjoy the time as well. However, we ask that you do not bring siblings who are not in middle school.



DRAMA PRODUCTION

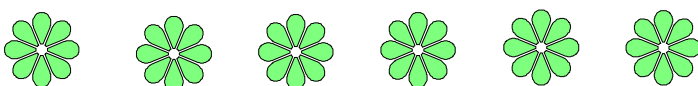
"An evening in the forest of Arden" our drama department's spring production is on the calendar for May 11 & 12. This year's drama is a full evening of renaissance fun, food, and festivity. Character portrayals are rich both in improvisation as well as in script. The students' performances will delight and entertain you. A hearty renaissance meal will be served, and then we will be presenting "As You Like It" by William Shakespeare as the centerpiece of our "evening in the forest." Tickets for the May 11 and 12 performances will go on sale April 25 at the Walk-a-Thon.

*There will be a no-meal performance on May 7 for drama parents and staff families.



TUITION AID FOR 2007-2008

Tuition Assistance applications are available in the office for pastoral families & families who qualify for assistance. All applications need to be returned to the office by May 31.



NEWSBOWL CONTEST RESULTS

The 5th, 6th, and 7th grade students participated in the Newsbowl 2007 NAT Contest. NAT stands for News Achievement Test. The NAT is a 50 question multiple choice quiz over news events that occurred in January and February of 2007.

The 7th grade class scored 18th on the National level and 3rd on the state level. They competed against 165 teams.

The 6th grade class scored 62nd on the National level and 7th on the State level. They competed against 271 teams.

The 5th grade class scored 47th on the National level and 7th on the State level. They competed against 253 teams.

OCA STUDENTS EXCEL AT THE STATE SCIENCE FAIR

Shannon Neal and Meredith Roberts attended the Nebraska State Science Fair in Lincoln this past Friday. In the Junior Division students are not awarded prizes based on their place, rather they just recognize those students who have made it into the top 10.

In addition many specialty awards are given. Shannon received an award for the best science fair board design in the Junior Division. Meredith received an award for excellence in geoscience from the Association for Women in Geosciences, and an award from the US Metric Association for the best use of the metric system. Meredith also received the Grand Prize from the specialty judges - the top award given in the Junior Division.

In competition with 7th and 8th graders from across the state Shannon and Meredith did an excellent job. Congratiaons to them and their parents.

ACSI MATH OLYMPICS

Congratulations to the OCA students who placed in the ACSI Math Olympics by mail. This year's Olympics included 8 schools with a total of 222 students participating. Alia Brown, sixth grade, placed first in reasoning. She earned a medallion for scoring 85% or higher. Josh Roberts, sixth grade, placed fifth in reasoning. Sarah Reinholz, seventh grade, placed first in reasoning.

WALK-a-THON

*Twos two days before Walk-a-Thon and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The water was ordered, the t-shirts were too,
And I was wondering what I had left to do.*

Greetings everyone and thanks for reading.

The Walk-a-Thon is indeed two days away, and besides a rather concerning weather prediction, all has been made ready. A warm thank you to all the people that have volunteered. Volunteers will know by Tuesday afternoon where they will be volunteering. Those calls are being made today and tomorrow (Monday & Tuesday).

Please let your students know that shorts (knee length) have been approved for that day and that they will get their event t-shirt Wednesday morning first hour. A hat and some sunblock would also be great to toss in the backpack.

I am looking forward to this event. Thank you again for your support and encouragement. It has been a pleasure coordinating this event. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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P.S. The motto for the day will be "Muddle Through The Puddle". Pack a poncho for your students. The event will continue even if there is a light drizzle.

Reminder: Kindergarten students will have school on Wednesday so they may participate in Walk-a-Thon.

CUBSCOUT CORNER

Mark you calendars for the next Pack Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Fellowship. We will be planning our May campout. See you there!

TRACK MEET RESULTS

Several school records fell as the Eagles track teams enjoyed the spring weather at the Irish Invite on Tuesday. The girls' and boys' 4 x 800 Meter Relay Teams both shattered the previous marks. Matt Tulsie smashed the 300 I. Hurdles record with a run of 43.7 seconds and Stephanie Thompson broke her 800 record in 2:41.3. Julia Warnke (Triple Jump & Long Jump) and Tabitha Hamilton (Shot) won events for the Eagles. The girls were 4th out of 14 teams while the boys finished 8th.



Boys who placed for OCA		
Matt Tulsie	300 Hurdles - 43.7	3rd
	School Record	
Andrew Minich	Shot - 49.1	2nd
Chris Rozema	4x800 - 9:06.8	5th
Ben Deaver	School Record	
Robert Sweeney		
Alex West		
Matt Tulsie	4x400 - 3:47.3	5th
Chris Rozema		
Alex West		
Kevin Shaw		
Andrew Minich	4x100 - 47.7	6th
Matt Tulsie		
Jared Parsons		
Kevin Shaw		
Girls who placed for OCA		
Julia Warnke	High Jump - 4-8	3rd
Julia Warnke	Long Jump - 16-3.5	1st
Julia Warnke	Triple Jump - 34-4	1st
Tabitha Hamilton	Shot - 37-7	1st
Tabitha Hamilton	Discus - 109-3	2nd
Stephanie Thompson	800 - 2:40.3	6th
Danielle Gingrich	3200 - 13:38.3	4th
Katie Arant	4x400 - 4:41.2	6th
Stephanie Thompson		
Laura Henkenius		
Pam Zimmerle		
Stephanie Thompson	4x100 - 55.6	3rd
Julia Warnke		
Katie Arant		
Pam Zimmerle		
Stephanie Hamilton	4x800 - 12:03	
Laura Henkenius	School Record	
Lauren Strasser		
Beth Stone		



TRACK MEET RESULTS

OCA's track team had another great meet on Saturday at the Cedar Bluffs Invitational in Yutan. The girls' team finished 4th overall and the boys' team finished 6th overall. More school records were broken, as well as meet records. Below are the results of team members who placed.

Boys who placed for OCA		
Andrew Minich	Shot - 49-5	1st
	Discus - 141-6	1st
	100 M - 11:3	5th
	School Record	
Alex West	400 M - 54.7	4th
Matt Tulsie	300 Hurdles - 45.4	3rd
Chris Rozema	4x800 Relay - 9:41.4	4th
Ben Deaver		
Robert Sweeney		
Alex West		
Andrew Minich	4x100 - 48.2	4th
Matt Tulsie		
Alex West		
Jared Parsons		
Girls who placed for OCA		
Julia Warnke	Triple Jump	1st
	35-10 3/4 - Meet Record	
	Long Jump	1st
	17-1 3/4 School/Meet Record	
	High Jump - 4-8	5th
Tabitha Hamilton	Discus - 114-5	1st
	School Record	
	Shot - 39-0	2nd
	School Record	
Danielle Gingrich	3200 - 13:44.5	4th
Beth Stone	1600 - 6:32.4	6th
Stephanie Thompson	800 - 2:43	5th
Stephanie Thompson	4x100 - 56.6	4th
Katie Arant		
Pam Zimmerle		
Julia Warnke		
Katie Arant	4x400 - 4:51-5	4th
Stephanie Thompson		
Beth Stone		
Pam Zimmerle		

LEWISTON INVITATIONAL

The OCA girls' track team came in 3rd overall and the Boys' team came in 6th overall.

ShotPut: Tabitha Hamilton - 33-10 1/2

Long Jump: Julia Warnke - 15' 9 1/2

400 M: Pam Zimmerle - 68.4 seconds