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Public Schools

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## Board of Education Meeting Summary April 8, 2013

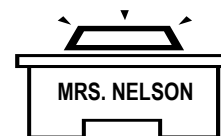
- Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:41 p.m.
- The agenda was approved as posted; minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as printed.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented; General Fund claims were approved for payment in the amount of \$16,848.26.
- Received comments concerning the Boone Central/Newman Grove athletic coop.
- Received check from the Brigitta Koerting Bock Trust. Mrs. Bock was a high school science teacher at Newman Grove in the 1930's. The \$22,000 gift has been designated for science department equipment.
- Heard a report from Activities Director Tim Rosow.
- Accepted the resignation of Board of Education member Zane Wondercheck.
- Accepted resignations from Becky Lindgren (math), Vivian Eucker (language arts) and Stacy Peterson (elementary language arts/media).
- Accepted resignation of Principal Beth Nelson. Mrs. Nelson has accepted a position with the Norfolk Public School system.
- Signed senior diplomas.
- Approved the summer contracts of Amy Nelson (reading program), Erin Forre (Title) and Karla Patzel (Title).
- Approved the teaching contracts of Coby Amen (elementary), Danielle Mowinkel (science), and Brittney Firley (elementary).
- Tabled action on 2013-2014 school calendar and hot lunch prices.
- Received written monthly report from Principal Nelson as she was attending the State FCCLA Convention.
- Received report from Superintendent Herb Pokorny: attendance at NRCSA annual conference, coop discussion (football, softball), appointment of new Board of Education member (ad in Reporter, newsletter, and on website), and principal interviews to be scheduled soon.
- Entered into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss 2013-2014 staffing requirements. Returned to public session at 9:13 p.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- The speech team for their 3rd-place finish at districts! Even though we finished behind Leigh and Clarkson, we had more entries in finals than 2012 state champions Leigh. Brett Weinman finished 2nd in extemporaneous speaking and qualified for the State Tournament. Several competitors just missed qualifying for state: Darienne Pokorny, 4th in entertainment; Demi Edgell, 4th in poetry; and Megan Nelson, 4th in persuasive. Others who made it to finals and earned medals were Jason Kaufman and Brooke Pieke in duet acting, Jacob Haase in extemp, Alaina Rast in informative and serious prose, Mariely Estrada in poetry, and Brett Weinman in humorous prose. The OID team of Darienne Pokorny, Megan Nelson, Brooke Pieke, and Parker Wallin earned superiors; Joe O'Brien and Nolan Wondercheck earned superiors for their duet acting; and several other entries earned excellent, including the other OID team of Nolan Wondercheck, Joe O'Brien, Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson, and Esmeralda Arreguin. Billy O'Brien earned excellent in entertainment; John O'Brien, excellent in informative; and Robin Repoli, excellent in persuasive. Way to go guys!
- The District FFA Champion Livestock Management Team-Alex Wiese, John O'Brien, Jacob Haase, Billy O'Brien, Joe O'Brien, Jason Kaufman.
- Darienne Pokorny, who earned girls basketball all-conference honorable mention honors.
- Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest Winners: Gabriel Sanchez (Grade 5 - 1st Place - Boys Division); Madison Friedrich (Grade 5 - 1st Place - Girls Division); and Leighann Miller (Grade 5 - 2nd Place - Girls Division). The contest was sponsored by the Norfolk Elks Lodge!
- Brett Weinman for earning excellent ratings in both prelim rounds at the State Speech Tournament!
- Those who participated in the Nebraska City Science Fair. Awards and special recognition went to the following: Payton Nelson- Honorable Mention Behavioral Sciences, Nebraska City Lions Club Award \$100 Savings Bond; Bridgette Borgheijnck- Silver Medal Chemistry; Alexis Malmkar- Gold Medal Health and Medicine, St. Mary's Medical Staff Award \$200; Parker Wallin- Silver Medal Chemistry, US Army Award; Garrett Flamme- Silver Medal Physics; Demi Edgell- Silver Medal Environmental Science; Brooke Pieke- Gold Medal Environmental Science, American Meteorological Society Award, US Army Award, US Navy Award \$50, Dr. & Mrs. Dee Griffen Award \$250, Charles and Suzan Holliday \$100.00, UNL Scholarship \$750. Brooke was chosen from the top finalists to represent the GNSEF at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, AZ in May. She was also nominated for the Stockholm Water Prize Award and is eligible to compete for a chance to go to Portland, OR in June.
- Brainard Music Contest participants: Gage Johnson (Clarinet Solo-I-); Tyson Haddix (Clarinet Solo-II+; Vocal Solo-II); Rebecca Stone (Piano Solo-I); Rebecca Stone and Vanessa Arreguin (Vocal Duet-II); Tyson Haddix, Rebecca Stone and Vanessa Arreguin (Vocal Trio-II); McKenna Haase (Vocal Solo-II+; Mallet Solo-II+); Camille Fowlkes (Vocal Solo-II); Evelyn Estrada (Mallet Solo-II+); David Plugge (Snare Drum Solo-I); Brady Sokol (Snare Drum Solo-II+); Kala Rast (Vocal Solo-I; Clarinet Solo-I); Vanessa Arreguin (Vocal Solo-II); Leighann Miller and Madison Friedrich (Trumpet Duet-II+); Leighann Miller (Trumpet Solo-I); Madison Friedrich (Trumpet Solo-I+); Courtney Fowlkes (Trombone Solo-I); Cheyenne Cleland (Trumpet Solo-I); and Sarah Johnson (Trumpet Solo-I). (I-Superior; II-Excellent; III-Honorable).
- Darienne Pokorny on earning all-state basketball honorable mention awards from the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal-Star.



**FROM THE OFFICE OF 7-12 PRINCIPAL  
BETH NELSON**



**Yes, We are In the Middle of NeSA Testing!**

Your child may have indicated to you that they are in the midst of state testing. Well, they are right. Although it is not the end of the world if students perform poorly, it is important that they perform at their best level. The NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability) tests are used to identify student performance levels individually and as a class and compare it to the rest of the students in the state. The Nebraska Department of Education uses these results to rank schools as well.

As educators, we accept every child at every level into our classrooms. The unique thing about NGPS teachers is that they make a pointed effort to help every student to learn and grow throughout the school year regardless of where they start. There are a few things you as parents can do to help your child do their individual best.

- Attendance-teachers can't teach students that aren't in school. Be sure to schedule appointments after school hours, avoid taking your child out of school for family trips and see to it that your child is getting to school on time.
- Good health-good scores-Breakfast helps your child to have nutrition before school. Adequate and regular sleep helps children to be refreshed.
- Expectations-let your children know that you expect them to do their best in school. High expectations from parents are proven to be a main factor to student success.

**COUNSELOR'S**

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- ◇Seniors should be done with or in the process of filling out the FASFA.
- ◇You should never pay to fill out the FASFA. Check the web address to make sure it ends in .gov
- ◇I have a booklet "Funding Education Beyond High School" that students or parents can pick up.
- ◇Northeast Community College is offering some free assistance in filling out the FASFA through their Financial Aid Office at the College Welcome Center on Fridays from 1pm -4pm between February and June 2013 with no appointment necessary. Number to call is 1-402-844-7285. You will need the following info: 2012 tax returns & W-2's and a PIN for both parent and student ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)). Parents do not need a new PIN if they have one from a previous child.
- ◇The Education Quest website ([www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org)) gives great tutorials for filling out the FASFA. It goes over each question and helps answer any questions you may have.
- ◇A link to the FASFA and Education Quest websites are posted on our school website.
- ◇An updated list of scholarships is available in the counseling office for students to pick up. A list is also posted on our school website.
- ◇Seniors should visit and then apply to colleges they are seriously considering.
- ◇Please notify Mr. Rudloff of any Scholarships or Awards earned so you can be recognized at graduation.



## RESEARCH SHOWS FAMILY TIME IS PRIORITY FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Research shows that teens who spend time with their parents do better in school. Make spending time together a family priority and plan fun activities with your teen. You can:

- Spend Time with your teen's friends – and their parents. This way, your teen is still able to hang out with friends, just like he wants. And you're able to connect with their parents, which will help you understand their family's values. Stress how important school is to your family.
- Give your teen a choice of things to do with the family. If he would rather take a walk with you instead of helping you at the grocery store, that's okay! Give him flexibility in deciding how he wants to spend together time. You'll still be enjoying each other's company in the end.
- Eat together as a family. Strive to enjoy at least one meal as a family each day. Use this time to talk about everyone's day and to stay informed about each other's lives. Discuss events around your community and in your teen's school.
- Spend some time with your teen every day. Tell him how happy you are when he hangs out with you.

Source: B.H. Frazier and B. B. Tyler, "Spend Time With Your Teens," University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, <http://extension.umd.edu/publications/pdfs/1270.pdf>.

### Newman Grove

#### Independent Science Research

Awards and special recognition given at the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair in Nebraska City were:

Payton Nelson: Honorable Mention Behavioral Sciences, Nebraska City Lions Club Award \$100 Savings Bond  
 Bridgette Borgheiinck: Silver Medal Chemistry  
 Alexis Malmkar: Gold Medal Health and Medicine, St. Mary's Medical Staff Award \$200

Parker Wallin: Silver Medal Chemistry, US Army Award  
 Garrett Flamme: Silver Medal Physics  
 Demi Edgell: Silver Medal Environmental Science

Brooke Pieke: Gold Medal Environmental Science, American Meteorological Society Award, US Army Award, US Navy Award

\$50, Dr. & Mrs. Dee Griffen Award \$250, Charles and Suzan Holliday \$100.00, UNL Scholarship \$750. Brooke was chosen from the top finalists to represent the GNSEF at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, AZ in May. She was also nominated for the Stockholm Water Prize Award and is eligible to compete at Portland, OR in June.



### JR - SR High Pre-Contest Concert

Monday, April 15th

7:00 PM

in the Auditorium

Rootbeer Floats will be sold afterwards!



### Board of Education Vacancy

A vacancy exists on the Newman Grove Public Schools Board of Education.

An appointment will be made by the Board of Education.

If you are interested in this position, please contact

Board of Education

President David Fowlkes at 447-6093 or 741-1551.

or Superintendent Herb Pokorny at 447-6294.



## Deb Matson

Deb Matson was born and raised in Newman Grove, graduating from here with the class of 1970. She graduated from Kearney State College in 1974 and began a 35 year teaching career that included 3 years in Minnesota and 3 years in Columbus, NE as a special education teacher. She has taught in the Newman Grove Schools for 29 years. Her teaching assignments here have included special education, Title I, and 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade. For the past several years, her classroom has been the room in which she spent her first grade year back in 1959. It was that year that she began to dream of being a teacher because of a very compassionate influence in her life, Mrs. Ruth Buhl. To have spent these past many years in that very classroom, and to now retire from here, brings her journey in education “full circle.”

Deb has 4 children, Sam in Boise, Idaho; Pete in Newman Grove; Ellen in Warrensburg, MO; and Emily in Lincoln, NE. All are married and have blessed her life with 9 (soon to be 10) grandchildren. She is looking forward to the opportunity to share more time with them in the years ahead and hopes to do some traveling in their direction now.

Deb’s most memorable experiences in education include those moments in which students have touched her heart and life with kindness, compassion, and integrity. Her greatest passion for teaching has always been to do what she can, with what she has, right where she is, to make this world a better place through the students that have shared her classroom. She believes that the hope of our nation lives within the hearts and minds of our children, and will continue to be deeply committed to education and the children of our community.



## Keith Fuhrer

Keith Fuhrer graduated from Naper High School in 1971. After high school he attended Chadron State College and graduated in 1975 with a degree in elementary education. He taught 5th grade the first year and switched to 4th grade the next year. After several years of teaching 4th grade he changed to 4th-6th science and 5th grade language arts to the present time. Keith has enjoyed every year working with all the students, but now he is looking forward to retirement.

Keith has one son Adam, his wife Leonor and two granddaughters. He plans to play with grandkids, fish, help around the house, and do some woodworking.



## Mark Seier

Mark Seier grew up in Loretto, Nebraska, and graduated from Petersburg High School. He started teaching in Newman Grove in 1975 after earning a Bachelor’s degree and Master’s degree from Kearney State College. His entire teaching career has been at Newman Grove Public Schools as the High School science teacher. He has twin daughters (Lisa and Jill) who live and work in Columbus, Nebraska. He also has another daughter (Michelle) who works in Columbus and a son (Dan) who works in Omaha. He has three grandsons (Nate, Luke, and Henry).

Mark started school in 1958 and has been in school ever since. So the end of this year will conclude 55 years of continuous school. One would think he would know something by now but he is finding after all this time he still has a lot to learn. He is hoping that with his extra time he can concentrate on learning some of those things that he overlooked during those first 55 years of school. His philosophy of teaching has always centered on the idea that teaching was about “lighting the fires, not just chopping the wood” and his greatest satisfaction as a teacher has been when he has seen some of those fires ignite and turn into a passion.



## Vivian Eucker

Vivian Eucker graduated from the University of Nebraska in July of 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She taught her first year at Scribner Public Schools. In July of 1973, she married Carmen Eucker who was working as an Agricultural Engineer for the State of Nebraska. Vivian taught two years at Norris Public High School and served as the drama and speech coach.

The opportunity to farm near Newman Grove, Nebraska arose and they moved to outside of town. For eighteen years, Vivian stayed home to raise their three children: Tracy Eucker Jarosik, Jeffery Carl Eucker, and Amber Eucker Salwei. Vivian began substitute teaching while she recertified.

In 1994 Vivian took a job as the English teacher at Petersburg Public School. She also was the drama and speech coach at Petersburg. During her years at Petersburg the drama team went to state once and the speech team had members go to state every year while she coached. Vivian taught at Petersburg for seven years.

Vivian came to Newman Grove Public Schools in 2001. She was the drama coach for 11 of the 12 years at Newman Grove. One of her ambitions was to serve the community of Newman Grove. Carmen and Vivian currently have six grandchildren. Part of her retirement will be spent enjoying these children and spending more time with her in-laws Carl and Elaine Eucker. She also hopes to continue writing.



**ELEMENTARY CITIZENSHIP  
& ATTENDANCE AWARDS**



**KINDERGARTEN:** Good Citizenship: Brooke Forre, Zander Jarecki, Cole Lyon, Alee Luna, Aleeya Morris, Abigail Matson, Carley White. Good Attendance: Aleeya Morris, Halie Nelsen, Anthony Petersen.

**FIRST GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Christyan Anderson, John Bell, Giles Deeder, Jansell Enriquez-Lopez, Cayden Johnson, Eli Jones, José Luna, Carmen Montoya, Mason Nelson, Caden Nygren, Cora Patzel, Trenton Patzel, Bruno Santarosa, Austin Wiese. Perfect Attendance: Christyan Anderson, John Bell. Good Attendance: Mason Nelson, Caden Nygren.

**SECOND GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Addy Donelson, Ronnie Fyfe, Kevin Haase, Lucas Krueger, David Miller, Miguel Ortiz, Darren Petersen, Mara Ranslem, Kaison Voelker, Seth White. Perfect Attendance: Kevin Haase. Good Attendance: Ronnie Fyfe, David Miller, Seth White.

**THIRD GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Elizabeth Bell, Myriam Cisneros, Maria Cortes, Elyssa Cuevas, Elli Rankin, Madyson Zoucha. Perfect Attendance: Elizabeth Bell, Elyssa Cuevas, Jayson Johnson. Good Attendance: Isaac Potmesil.

**FOURTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Bethany Borgheiinck, Emma Montoya, Paige Nelson, Aaron Saldana, Dalton White. Good Attendance: Dalton White.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Kristian Cuevas, Courtney Fowlkes, Madison Friedrich, McKenna Haase, Logan Hodges. Perfect Attendance: Kristian Cuevas, Courtney Fowlkes, McKenna Haase. Good Attendance: Madison Friedrich, Leighann Miller.

**SIXTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Cheyenne Cleland, Dominik Cuevas, Camille Fowlkes, Tyson Haddix, Gage Johnson, Sarah Johnson, McKenzie Lloyd, David Plugge, Brady Sokol. Perfect Attendance: Cheyenne Cleland, Dominik Cuevas, Camille Fowlkes. Good Attendance: Tyson Haddix, Sarah Johnson, Brady Sokol.

**GOOD JOB!**

**THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL**

**High Distinction (All A-4.00)**  
**Distinction (Average Greater Than or Equal to 3.50)**  
**Honor (Average Greater Than or Equal to 3.00)**

**High Distinction**

Grade 7 - Rebecca Stone.  
Grade 8 - Sarah Wood.  
Grade 9 - Steven Arreguin.  
Grade 10 - Parker Wallin.  
Grade 11 - Megan Nelson, William O'Brien.  
Grade 12 - Matthew Finkral, Jason Kaufman, Braydon Kopejtka, Darienne Pokorny, Rachel Schroeter, Brittney Weinman.

**Distinction**

Grade 7 -- Dylan Bagley, Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Payton Nelson, Caden Ranslem.  
Grade 8 -- Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase, Alexis Malmkar, Kyle Stone.  
Grade 9 -- Esmeralda Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson.  
Grade 11 -- John O'Brien.  
Grade 12 -- Demetria Edgell, Leslie Estrada-Gonzalez, Caleb Fowlkes, Amelia Fyfe, Jonathan Peterson.

**Honors**

Grade 7 -- Breanna Borgheiinck, Bryton Fowlkes, Levi Krueger, Cody Nelson, Abbie Pieke.  
Grade 8 -- Alexis Kopecky, Jacob Potmesil, Isiah Weverka-Haddix.  
Grade 9 -- Mario Cortes, William Dyer, Ruben Garcia, Andrew King, Joseph O'Brien, Savannah Wiese, Nolan Wondercheck.  
Grade 10 -- Kleo Edgell, Garrett Flamme, Andrea Lloyd, Robin Repoli, Sadie Wallin.  
Grade 11 -- Taylor Friedrich, Jacob Haase, Kevin Johnson, Brett Weinman, Alexander Wiese.  
Grade 12 -- Arthur J. Boettcher, Nicholas Flamme, Juan Sanchez-Maldonado.





## The Last Harvest

By Vivian Eucker

You just never know when you'll find yourself in the last harvest season. I was surprised when my last harvest arrived during the year of a drought. There may be a little situational irony in that. Never the less, in my heart this last year would be my best.

Just as my husband was surprised with a better harvest than he had expected, I also reaped many benefits during this last season. I watched students step out of the mold expected and pursue the fine arts and writing. I heard laughter and saw learning as Julia returned to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. I witnessed a paranormal "para" on her knees guiding students. I could always rely on her view to enhance my teaching.

I saw a senior class step up and merge into excellence. Then there were the juniors who always made me smile and feel valued as we passed in the hallway. I wasn't surprised when the tenth graders used those persuasive techniques I'd taught them... on me! Shakespeare one final time with the ninth graders, the Bard will never be the same.

The seventh graders through the Greek "Olympics of the Mind" discovered they could use their minds. Even those students who were slow to come to the table could be heard with a still small voice, "Thank you." What an asset this school has in its teachers. I reaped the rewards of working with one of the finest with the seventh graders.

It's been a treasure to work with the entire staff at Newman Grove Public Schools. The harvest of friendships made in and out of the classroom is immeasurable. It's been a privilege to plant the seeds of knowledge and nurture them the past twelve years.

"Mrs. Eucker, you're my favorite teacher!" one of my students said.

I replied, "What about your mom?"

"She's my favorite mom!"

The harvest has been bountiful.

## News from Room 105

By Theresa Krueger



Welcome, Spring, to Room 105.

It's been a busy, challenging year for everyone and quickly drawing to a close. Students from grades 3-11 are preparing for the MAPS and NESAs tests that are coming up, so please be sure your child gets plenty of rest and give lots of encouragement to do his/her best on these.

This school term, I've been providing interventions for some students in grades K-3. Working from 15-30 minutes most days, we focus on reading fluency, fine motor skills with writing, letter formation, coloring, cutting, sorting, etc., and basic math concepts. The majority of my time is spent with the older students providing individual assistance in areas of reading fluency and comprehension, improving writing skills, working on math skills needed after graduation, and helping with classroom assignments when needed. My schedule is different this year than in the past because I provide more support in the classroom instead of pulling students out to work in my room. Daily, I am in one of the English classes where students work on vocabulary, grammar, writing, and literature, and I provide help with whatever is needed. 7<sup>th</sup> grade math students have covered many concepts since the beginning of the year, from working with fractions, decimals, percents, integers, figuring area, perimeter, volume, to geometry and the many skills involved in working with shapes, angles, degrees, theorems, etc. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences in these classrooms, with the opportunity to watch how students work and grow in their abilities, and my abilities/skills have also been improved and refreshed.

Sharon Lapka continues to be the 7-12 paraprofessional and spends the majority of her day in the classroom working with students. She keeps them on track, focused, and doesn't hesitate to get on someone when needed. Thank you very much, Mrs. Lapka, for all you do.

## Date Change

### Night of the Stars



**Pirates** By Kristi Theilen  
**May 2nd at 7:30 P.M.**

Old Gym  
Dessert Bar will follow

The play is about two bands of pirates, one girls and one boys. They end up on the same island with a third of a treasure map. In the end they find out they are searching for the same treasure, the rest you will have to see!



## Calendar Change

Due to school cancellations because of weather there will be one day added at the end of the year.

Last day of school is:  
**K-6 Grade- May 15th**  
**7-12 Grade- May 16th (11:15 am)**  
(Subject to Change)



# Music Notes



by Tami Texley

"It's All About.....Music"

K-6 Music Program

April 25th

7:00 PM



Rootbeer Floats will be sold afterwards!



## Brainard Music Contest

On Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade Music Students traveled to Brainard, NE to participate in the East Butler Middle School Music Contest. Students perform a piece of music for a judge and our scored on how well they know the piece, their interpretation of the piece, as well as tone and other music qualities. The students then meet with the judge on ideas how to improve on the piece they have performed. They are ranked: I = Superior II= Excellent III= Honorable

- Gage Johnson Clarinet Solo I-
- Tyson Haddix Clarinet Solo II+
- Tyson Haddix Vocal Solo II
- Rebecca Stone Piano Solo I
- Rebecca Stone & Vanessa Arreguin Vocal Duet II
- Tyson Haddix, Rebecca Stone, Vanessa Arreguin Vocal Trio II
- McKenna Haase Vocal Solo II+
- Camille Fowlkes Vocal Solo III
- McKenna Haase Mallet Solo II+
- Evelyn Estrada Mallet Solo II+
- David Plugge Snare Drum Solo I
- Brady Sokol Snare Drum Solo II+
- Kala Rast Vocal Solo I
- Vanessa Arreguin Vocal Solo II
- Kala Rast Clarinet Solo I
- Leighann Miller & Madison Friedrich Trumpet Duet II+
- Leighann Miller Trumpet Solo I
- Madison Friedrich Trumpet Solo I+
- Courtney Fowlkes Trombone Solo I



March was Music in our Schools Month and the pictures show all the fun activities used to celebrate the music. We had students and staff wearing musical notes for Note Worthy Day, students singing Karaoke one day, and a talent show put on by the elementary students for anyone who wanted to come and see it.





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REPORT

**District Track Meet  
at Columbus Scotus  
May 9th**



**High School Track**

By Tim Rossow



After a chilly start to the track and field season, it looks like maybe the weather will cooperate and give us some nice days for track and field. We are looking forward to a very successful season this year. This is the first year of our coop with Boone Central, and so far things are going very well. There are seven student-athletes from Newman Grove on the team. Overall, there are a little over sixty athletes on the track team. We have had two meets so far. The Madison Relay meet was cancelled due to weather.

The results from the first two meets are as follows:

Mansfield Invitational Results: There were no team scores kept at this meet. Placing in the top 3 for the girls were: Ashlynn Baker 2nd/Long Jump, 2nd/4 x 100, 1st/4 x 400; Kaitlyn Stuhr 3rd/Long Jump, 3rd/100; Catherine Weeder 2nd/High Jump, 1st/Triple Jump, 1st/800, 1st/4 x 400; Miranda Ketteler 3rd/High Jump; Dana Pelster 1st/100, 2nd/Pole Vault, 2nd/4 x 100, 1st/4 x 400; Terri Molt 2nd/100, 2nd/Triple Jump, 3rd/400; Hannah Schmitz 1st/1600, 1st/3200; Kendra Gonzalez 2nd/1600, 1st/4 x 800; Jade Gottier 3rd/Triple Jump, 2nd/800, 1st/4 x 800; Sheldon Beierman 1st/100 Hurdles, 3rd/300, 1st/4 x 400; Olivia Slizoski 2nd/100 Hurdles, 1st/300, 2nd/4 x 100; Celine Dunlap 3rd/100 Hurdles, 3rd/200; Kaddee Harner 1st/4 x 800; Anna Goodwater 1st/4 x 800; Esmeralda Arreguin 2nd/4 x 100. Placing in the top 3 for the boys were: Michael Lipker 2nd/Shot Put, 2nd/Discus; Alex Hayes 3rd/Shot Put; Blake Slizoski 1st/Long Jump, 1st/100, 1st/200; Logan Olson 2nd/Long Jump, 1st/400; Derek Gentrup 1st/High Jump, 3rd/Pole Vault; Travis Kennedy 3rd/High Jump, 2nd/200, 3rd/200, 3rd/4 x 400; Trevor Salber 3rd/1600, 2nd/4 x 800, 1st/4 x 400; Damian Backus 1st/Triple Jump; Hallick Lehmann 2nd/Triple Jump; Nick Paulson 1st/110 Hurdles, 3rd/300 Hurdles; Scott Ketteler 3rd/110 Hurdles, 1st/4 x 400; Matthew Brugger 1st/800, 3rd/4 x 400; Andrew Rasmussen 2nd/4 x 800; Nolan Wondercheck 2nd/4 x 800; Jonathan Wood 2nd/4 x 800; Keaton Henry 2nd/4 x 100; Austin Zoucha 2nd/4 x 100; Zach Roberg 2nd/4 x 100; Justin Rasmussen 2nd/4 x 100; Fabian Hohnert 3rd/4 x 400; Kyle Kramer 3rd/4 x 400; Billy O'Brien 1st/4 x 400; Zac Glidden 1st/4 x 400.

Wayne Invite Track Results: The girls finished 4th overall and the boys finished 5th overall yesterday at the Wayne Invite. Placing in the top 3 for the girls were: Olivia Slizoski 1st/300 hurdles; Hannah Schmitz 3rd/3200; Catherine Weeder 3rd/High Jump; Dana Pelster 2nd/Pole Vault; Celine Dunlap 3rd/Pole Vault; 2nd/4 x 400 Relay; 2nd/4 x 800 Relay; Sheldon Beierman 1st/100 hurdles and Dana Pelster 3rd/200. Placing in the top 3 for the boys were: Nick Paulson 2nd/300 hurdles; Matt Brugger 3rd/800; Trevor Salber 3rd/1600; Andrew Rasmussen 3rd/3200; Logan Olson 3rd/Long Jump; 3rd/4 x 400 Relay and Nick Paulson 2nd/110 hurdles.

The following is the remaining schedule for track and field:

- April 18 @ GI Northwest 2:00 p.m.
- April 22 @ GI Central NE Classic TBA
- April 27 @ Conference Meet @ Madison 10:00 a.m.
- April 30 Seier Quad @ Albion 4:00 p.m.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Districts @ Scotus TBA
- May 17-18 State Track Meet @ Omaha Burke



**ALUMNI BASKETBALL**

March 15-17th was the Alumni Basketball Tournament. This year was the 25th Anniversary and a large number of Alumni from some of the first tournaments played came home for this tournament. The combined classes of 1975 through 1990 team includes Brady Anderson, Chad Buhl, David Fowlkes, Rick Haave, Andy Huerta, Greg Huerta, Tony Huerta, Jay C. Johnson, Bart Johnston, Brent Kamrath, Brian Kleveland, Jeff McWilliams, Mark Motl, Jim Nathan, Jay Nelson, Doug Nygren, John Ramaekers, Brad Wallin, and Bret Wallin. Brian Kleveland received recognition as the

most “mature” player in the tournament. Tony Huerta was recognized for traveling the farthest to be with the team in 2013. Tony drove over 600 miles to be with his team-mates in the tournament. Over 100 Alumni players participated this year.

**Boone Central/Newman Grove Junior High Track**



The Junior High track team is made up of 19 athletes from Newman Grove and 55 from Boone Central to make the total of 74 for all the kids. We had only one track meet so far but our kids did very well. We had 11 athletes place in the first meet. Cody Nelson, Caden Ranslem, Levi Krueger, Ed Cisneros, Joel Garcia, Alexis Malmkar, Jacob Potmesil, Kyle Stone, Isiah Weverka-Haddix, Mya Donelson, Vanessa Arreguin. The next track meet will be April 16th at 4:00 in Albion. Then April 22 at Norfolk Catholic.

Team members from Newman Grove are: Cody Nelson, Caden Ranslem, Bryton Fowlkes, Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Abbie Pieke, Rebecca Stone, Vanessa Arreguin, Riley Montoya, Levi Krueger, Payton Nelson, Dylan Bagley, Joel Garcia, Kyle Stone, Ed Cisneros, Mya Donelson, Jacob Potmesil, Alexis Malmkar, Isiah Weverka-Haddix, Sarah Woods.

**NOTE TO JUNIOR PARENTS!**

Prom decorating schedule for ALL juniors!!!

**Decorating Schedule**

Friday, April 19th  
3:00 p.m. until done  
(hopefully by 10:00—midnight at the latest)

**Clean-Up Schedule**

Sunday, April 21st  
4:00 p.m. until done

If you have questions, please call  
Deb Matson or Amy Nelson  
447-6051 (school #)



**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY**

The Newman Grove Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold their annual Induction Ceremony on April 26th, in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. New inductees to the organization are Matthew Finkral, Braydon Kopejtka, Jacob Haase and Parker Wallin. Current members include Demetria Edgell, Jason Kaufman, Darienne Pokorny, Rachel Schroeter, Megan Nelson, John O’Brien, William O’Brien, Brooke Pieke, Alexander Wiese.

Tony Kaufman, son of John and Suzanne Kaufman will be the guest speaker. Tony graduated from Newman Grove High School in 1993 and currently lives in Minnesota. Please show your support by attending this year’s Induction Ceremony.



### STATE FFA CONTEST PERFORMANCES

Congrats to the following individuals for earning ribbons at State FFA Convention April 3rd-5th

- Crystal Salinas - Blue - Agriscience
- Braydon Kopejtka - Red - Agronomy
- Livestock Management Team (John, Jacob, Billy, Alex, Jason, Joe) - Red
- Billy O'Brien - Blue - Livestock Judging, John O'Brien - Red - Livestock Judging, Alex Wiese - Red - Livestock Judging
- Darienne Pokorny - Red - Meats
- Megan Nelson - Red - Meats
- Natural Resources Team (Darienne, Megan, Demi, Kleo Edgell) - Blue
- Darienne Pokorny - Purple - Natural Resources
- Megan Nelson - Blue - Natural Resources
- Brooke Pieke - 1st Place Environmental Science Agriscience Fair (Will advance to Nationals), Gold Medal Job Interview, 2nd Place Agriscience Plant Systems Proficiency
- Demi Edgell, Kendra Nelson & Jason Kaufman received their State FFA Degrees



Also pictured is the Junior High Quiz Bowl Team



### Help the Newman Grove FFA Plant 125 Trees In Honor of Our Q125 Community Celebration

The FFA Chapter will be providing 125 trees to be planted in and around Newman Grove



Currently taking tree orders (limit is 3 trees per household)  
Trees available include the Red Maple, Quaking Aspen, Eastern Redbud, & Lacebark Elm

Contact FFA Advisor Kylie Sweeter at 447-6294 or any local FFA member  
Orders must be submitted by Friday, April 19th

Trees planted on city property will be planted by FFA members. All other trees will be delivered by members but NOT planted. All trees will come with a pamphlet on how to plant and general care of the tree.



### Kylie Sweeter Awarded Nebraska State Honorary FFA Degree

By Demi Edgell

Our FFA Chapter has always been a very prominent chapter in the state. Being the oldest running chapter in the state left Mrs. Sweeter with some big shoes to fill. She has filled these shoes with ease bringing back state placing teams and getting students their degrees and proficiencies. Students identify and learn well through

Mrs. Sweeter's hard work and dedication to each student's success.

This year we felt that Mrs. Sweeter should be recognized for all that she does for our school and FFA Chapter. A few of our members took the initiative to nominate Mrs. Sweeter for the highest FFA degree one can hold. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Mrs. Sweeter was one of few Agricultural Educators and FFA Advisors to receive the Nebraska State Honorary FFA Degree. If you see Mrs. Sweeter please thank and congratulate her for all of her hard work and dedication towards each students' success.



### The Newman Grove FFA Chapter's Annual Labor Auction

**When:** Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013

*\*\*\*Please note the date change\*\*\**

**Where:** Newman Grove High School  
Auditorium

**Time:** Approximately 7:45 PM  
(Following the Annual Banquet)

**30 FFA Members to be auctioned off  
for one 8 hour workday**

Proceeds are used for Chapter Activities,  
WLC Trip, State Convention, and Leadership  
Workshops

### UNL Beef Lab Comes to Visit

On Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Newman Grove High School agriculture and science students got to experience a neat "hands-on" experience. The UNL Beef Lab traveled from the Agricultural Research and Development Center near Mead, and made a stop at the Newman Grove High School to teach students scientific principles through a ruminant animal. The trailer had a ruman-fistulated steer inside, allowing students to explore what the inside of a ruminant stomach felt like. Monte Stauffer and Steve Tonn, both UNL Extension Educators, facilitated lessons on the importance of ruminant animals and Nebraska agriculture worldwide.



### Newman Grove FFA Chapter Tours Case International Plant

By Billy O'Brien

On Monday March the 18<sup>th</sup> the Newman Grove FFA chapter sent ten students to Grand Island for a tour of the Case IH plant. The students that attended the tour were Demi Edgell, Brock Donelson, Jason Kaufman, Alex Wiese, Jacob Haase, Billy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Joe O'Brien, Andy King and Nolan Wondercheck. The students learned some interesting facts. Many of the students were amazed by the fact that almost all the parts started out as just a sheet of metal. The plant assembles 29 combines a day. They make the New Holland combines in the same assembly line as the Case combines. New Holland windrowers are also assembled in the plant which the tour showed a glimpse of also. One third of the combines produced in the plant go directly overseas right out of the factory. And every combine is made to meet exact orders from the customer. The plant that we toured is the only plant in North America that makes Case combines. The tour was very educational and gave the group some knowledge to walk away with.



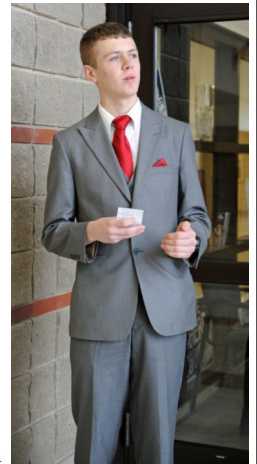
## Speech Season's Strong Ending

By Rhonda Rother

The Bluejays Speech Team ended the season on an updraft, after taking a full team to districts for the first time in the team's history. The team finished third, behind 2012 state champs, Leigh, and Clarkson. Coach Rhonda Rother said she was "very excited that we got to take 18 competitors to districts" and that her team had worked hard to get ready. "We had quite a few novice competitors on the team this year, and I'm thrilled with how well we did in spite of our relative inexperience."

A new school record was also set in the number of speakers who brought home medals for their performance in finals. Of these, Brett Weinman qualified for state by earning 2<sup>nd</sup> in extemporaneous speaking. Others who brought home medals but didn't qualify for state were Jason Kaufman and Brooke Pieke in duet acting, Darienne Pokorny in entertainment speaking, Demi Edgell in poetry, Megan Nelson in persuasive speaking, Alaina Rast in serious prose and informative, Jacob Haase in extemporaneous speaking, and Mariely Estrada in poetry.

Several other competitors distinguished themselves by turning in excellent and superior ratings, even though they did not get into the finals round. They were Joe O'Brien and Nolan Wondercheck in duet acting; Esmer Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson, Joe O'Brien and Nolan Wondercheck in oral interpretation of drama; Billy O'Brien in entertainment; John O'Brien in informative; Robin Repoli in persuasive speaking; and Parker Wallin, along with Darienne Pokorny, Megan Nelson, and Brooke Pieke in another oral interpretation of drama performance.



Brett Weinman warming up for State Speech Performance.





## Little Jays Preschool



Planning for the fifth year of Newman Grove Little Jays Preschool is underway. The program will again work in partnership with the Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership – Head Start Program. For those who have children entering their second year of the program, we hope that the first year was a great experience for your child. We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have to improve the program.

A few notes for the 2013-2014 program:

- The preschool calendar will be set to follow the regular school calendar as closely as possible in regards to dismissal times, vacation days, etc. Projected start date is August 26th.
- The time schedule will be 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. for the morning session and 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. for the afternoon session. The two groups will eat lunch separately. Lunch prices will be published in the August newsletter and free/reduced lunch applications will also be available to parents.

Transportation will once again be available to rural students. Morning session students may receive transportation to school on our regular morning route. Afternoon students may receive transportation home after school. We will not provide transportation at noon for either group.

Application Process: If you have not already been contacted, parents/guardians are asked to please call Kathi McIntyre at the Newman Grove Elementary School to arrange an appointment to complete the necessary paperwork for their child. Parents/guardians of second-year preschool students are reminded that you will have a shorter application to complete as well. Kathi may be reached at 447-6051 from 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mrs. McIntyre will require the following items to complete the application:

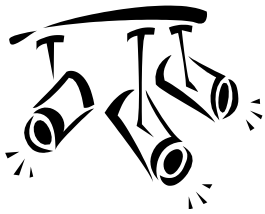
- Proof of Birth: State birth certificate (raised seal only)
- Child's current immunization record, including documentation of varicella and Prevnar (PCV)
- Proof of income – income tax return, public assistance award documentation, child support
- Birth dates of all family members
- Medicaid and/or insurance information
- If applicable: documentation of your child's disability (MDT and/or IFSP/IEP)

### QUILT RETURNED TO NEWMAN GROVE



A quilt top was received from the Brigitta Koerting Bock Trust. Mrs. Bock was a high school science teacher in the 1930's at Newman Grove. We are somewhat unsure of its history. The quilt has 24 blocks, each identical with a basket of flowers. The individual blocks have the embroidered names of the ladies that made the block. Those names are Mrs. T. Olson, Helen Nelson, Gladys Robinson, Mrs. O.G. Austin, Inga Strand, Mary Larson, Isobel Olson, Nora Olson, Agnes Olson, Caryl Larson, Doris Robinson, Clara Jeulson, Della Schlanbusch, Clara Poulsen, Marie Johnson, Iola Robinson, Brigitta Koerting, Caryl Olson, Julia Olson, Mrs. John Skillstad, Frances Price, Fredricka Johnson, and Irene Schlanbusch. Another block says, "Newman Grove Friends 1935".

The quilt top will be displayed at Newman Grove's Q125 quilt show. We hope that you find the time to view the quilt. The quilt top was received by Rose Wissenburg, co-chair of the Q125 quilt show. Presenting the quilt top was Doris Meyer, Trustee of the Brigitta Koerting Bock Trust.



# Senior Spotlight



**Arthur (AJ)  
Boettcher**

Parents:  
Brent & Tammy Boettcher

Other Family Members:  
Scott

Favorite Pastime:  
Four wheeling with Matt

Senior Activities:  
Warlight

Part-time Employment:  
Madison Nursing Home

Plans After Graduation:  
Have enrolled in the Army



**Joshua  
Wiese**

Parents:  
Ken & Marilyn Wiese

Other Family Members:  
Scott, Jamie, Angie

Favorite Pastime:  
Hunting

Part-time Employment:  
Wiese Farms, Wiese Waterworks

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend NECC



On April 7-9, the Family, Career and Community Leader of America State Leadership Conference was held in Lincoln. Those attending the conference from Newman Grove were Darienne Pokorny, Megan Nelson, Brooke Pieke, and Celine Dunlap.

Darienne Pokorny and Megan Nelson received a silver medal for their Interpersonal Communications presentation. Brooke Pieke competed in the Job Interview category and also came away with a silver medal. Celine Dunlap did a great job on her Health and Wellness presentation and received a gold medal for it. Congratulations, girls!

## STATE FCCLA





**SCIENCE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GIFT**

At the April 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting, a \$22,000 gift was received from the Brigitta (Koerting) Bock Trust. Mrs. Bock was a high school science teacher in Newman Grove in the 1930's. She had designated these funds to be used for high school science equipment. Accepting the check were David Fowlkes, Board of Education President, and science instructors Karen Malmkar and Mark Seier.

Mrs. Bock received her education at the University of Nebraska. Her first teaching position was at Newman Grove. She lived with the Olson sisters who, at the time, owned the photography studio.

According to her trustee, Doris Meyer, Mrs. Bock became a biology teacher at the City College of San Francisco, California, but continued to think of Nebraska as "home". Her last visit to Newman Grove was in 1988 during Newman Grove's centennial celebration. Mrs. Bock passed away in California on January 25, 2012 at the age of 102 years.



**Got Character? Building Your Character  
"BYC Camp"**

**Boone County Fairgrounds July 24-25**

Kids teaching kids (with adult supervision) - about

honesty ~ cooperation ~ respect ~ sportsmanship ~ kindness ~ self control ~ courage ~ loyalty ~ perseverance ~ pride ~ honor ~ citizenship ~ forgiveness ~ vision ~ empathy ~ teamwork ~

making a difference ~ caring for others ~ equality ~ integrity ~ diversity

bullying issues: knowing yourself, facing peer pressure, understanding bullies

Actual camp for 3rd-8th grade students (2013-2014 school year)

**Camp Counselors 9th grade and older - taking applications -check with school counselor**

Event sponsored by the Boone County C-A-R-E (Community Advocates Reaching Everyone)



**Academic and Activities Award Night  
Tuesday, May 7th**

**6:30 pm Social**

**7:00 pm Awards Program**



**Immediately following is a Retirement Reception for  
Keith Fuhrer, Deb Matson, Vivian Eucker and Mark Seier**



**RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2011-2012)**

**Part I: Organization and Finance**

**General Information:**

Pre-K through 12 Enrollment (3/20/2013) 176

Teachers' Experience: 18.7 years average

Administrators' Experience: 27.5 years average

Master's Degrees (or BA+36 equivalent) 17

Total Staff (based on full-time status):

Administration 2.00

Teachers (including SpEd, Title I): 22.00

Counselor 1.00

Aides (Regular, SpEd, Title I, ESL, Preschool): 4.00

Family Service Worker (Preschool) 1.00

Secretaries: 2.00

Bookkeeper/Business Manager: 1.00

Custodians: 2.50

Food Service 3.00

Bus Drivers (Regular & Sp.Ed.): 4.00

Specialists from ESU #8

(includes Special Education, Technology, Staff Development, Media, Etc.)

**Budgeted Revenue Sources:**

**General Fund:**

Revenue from Local/County Sources: 85.3%

Revenue from State Sources: 5.6%

Revenue from Federal Sources: 9.1%

Reserve, Local, County: \$1,042,000

Property Taxes: \$2,232,666

State, Special Education, Grants: \$140,697

State Aid (net student option funding): \$12,742

Federal: \$248,055

Total: \$3,676,160

**Budget of Expenditures:**

**General Fund:**

Instruction, Support: \$1,914,325

Business, Admin., Board of Ed.: \$518,770

Maintenance/Operation of Plant: \$235,660

Transportation (regular): \$88,500

Federal Title I: \$59,224

Other Federal Programs: \$107,831

Special Education (all programs): \$456,850

Necessary Cash Reserve/Transfers \$295,000

Total: \$3,676,160

**Levies (calculated to 6 places):**

General Fund: 0.645183

Special Building: 0.021673

Bond Fund (non-affiliate): 0.009787

Bond Fund (affiliate): 0.038614

Total District Levy: 0.715257

Total Affiliate Levy: 0.705470

**Valuation - August 20, 2012:** \$349,546,855

**2012-2013 BUDGET:** State Aid for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is \$12,534, down \$44,344 from the previous year. An estimate is not available yet for 2013-2014.

The Board of Education continues to strive to provide a strong educational program for the students of our district.

**PROPERTY TAXES AND VALUATION:** Property taxes still account for the largest share of revenue for schools. Property taxes are based on two factors: property valuation, which is set by the county assessor; and the property tax levy, which is a factor one multiplies with the valuation to come up with the tax. The Nebraska State Legislature continues to set the limit on which districts can set their levies. The limit set for the 2012-2013 fiscal year is 1.05. Some exclusions are allowed to exceed this levy lid.

After the County Assessor has certified valuation figures on August 20th, the budget is then completed and presented to the Board of Education in September for their approval. Final levy figures are then verified by the County Treasurer's office.

**BUDGET:** Newman Grove Schools has a total of seven active budgets or funds which they use during the year. They are the General Fund (which includes the Depreciation and Petty Cash Funds), Employee Benefit Fund, Student Fees Fund, Activities Fund, School Lunch, Bond Fund, and Special Building Fund. Of these, taxes are collected this year for the General, Building and Bond Funds. The remaining funds are mostly self-supporting.

**GOVERNANCE:** Governance is through an elected six-member Board of Education, with all members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Candidates for the Board of Education must file according to state law in Madison County, the county of record. Current officers are David Fowlkes, President; Tom Haase, Vice-President; John Krueger, Secretary; Jeanie McCloud, Treasurer; and Scott Lyon, Member.



**RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2011-2012) Continued**

**BLUEJAY FOUNDATION:** The Bluejay Foundation is a separate entity made up of the members of the Board of Education and four patrons. Officers are Dan Patzel, President; Brian Wallin, Vice-President; and Janet Williamson, Secretary-Treasurer. The Foundation works toward providing opportunities for our students through scholarships, donations, and special projects. The Foundation is supported by tax deductible donations and fund-raising activities. No tax dollars are involved. Anyone interested in donating toward the mission of the Bluejay Foundation may contact the Central Office or any member of the Foundation. A donation through the purchase of a commemorative mug, a brick from the old high school, or a portrait sketch of the old high school goes towards the Foundation objectives.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Newman Grove Public Schools is to provide a safe environment where all students can develop academically, socially, physically, and emotionally. Students will be provided the opportunity to acquire the skills needed to participate in, and contribute to, society.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

- We believe students must achieve a basic literacy in language, math, science, history and geography.
- We believe students must be able to access information through the utilization of technology.
- We believe students must develop a framework of how knowledge is organized in specific disciplines and how those disciplines are interrelated.
- We believe students must have knowledge of the consequences and options for avoiding risks to health and life.
- We believe students must be producers, mastering the proficiency to write, speak, compute, solve problems and create a variety of intellectual outcomes which reflect high-quality standards.
- We believe students must learn how to work independently and schedule their own time.
- We believe students must know how to continue their own education and retraining.
- We believe students need to cope with uncertainty and develop flexibility.
- We believe family and community participation in a student's learning must be strengthened.
- We believe students must learn how to work effectively in groups and manage interpersonal relationships.
- We believe students must learn to exercise their individual choices within the context of the needs of the larger society.
- We believe students need to have knowledge of the historical values of the United States, as well as an appreciation for, and understanding of, multicultural diversity.
- We believe students must be able to think and reason, solve problems, and make wise decisions.
- We believe students must create positive core values and a strong self-concept.

Prom is Saturday, April 20!

***PROM
and
POST-
PROM
SCHEDULE***

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***Help make  
this a safe  
Prom  
for everyone!***

**SCHEDULE**

- 5:00** Group & Date Pictures take place in the auditorium. Casual pictures may be taken after professional are done.
- 6:15** Procession/parade
- 6:30** Banquet/Dance immediate following
- 11:45** Dance Concludes
- 12:00** Post Prom
- 3:30** Activities end

Picture packets are distributed to seniors, juniors, and prom servers. They must bring the envelope with them to the auditorium with payment. **Checks made out to "Shine Photography."**

Once students arrive to have professional pictures taken, they will not be allowed to leave the school premises until the conclusion of Post Prom. Students will have an opportunity to change clothes at the school between the dance and Post Prom. A phone call will be made to parents if their child leaves prior to Post Prom.

The school looks forward to a safe and successful spring season; and special thanks to the parents for their support!



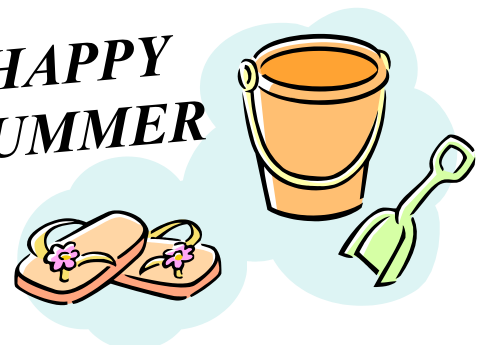
## NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

*(milk served with each meal; fruit boat or chef salad available to 7-12 students)*

| MONDAY                                                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                                                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                 | THURSDAY                                                                                                                     | FRIDAY                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>April 22</b><br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Baby Carrots<br>Green Pepper Strips<br>Pears/Mac & Cheese<br>WG Muffin<br>Milk    | <b>April 23</b><br>BBQ Meatball Sand/<br>WG Bun/Curly Q's<br>Sliced Tomatoes<br>Fruit Slushy<br>Banana<br>Milk | <b>April 24</b><br>Nachos/w Gr. Beef<br>WG Tortilla Chips<br>Refried Beans/Salsa<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Red Beans/Milk | <b>April 25</b><br>Chunk Chicken Gravy<br>Over/Mashed Potatoes<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Mixed Fruit<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk     | <b>April 26</b><br>Pep Pizza/WG Crust<br>Green Beans<br>Broccoli<br>Cantaloupe<br>Cookie<br>Milk                             |
| <b>April 29</b><br>BBQ Rib Sandwich<br>WG Bun/Tater Tots<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Tomato Wedges<br>Honeydew Melon<br>Milk | <b>April 30</b><br>Corndogs<br>Baked Beans<br>Baby Carrots<br>Fruit Slushy<br>WG Turnover<br>Milk              | <b>May 1</b><br>Hamb/Brown Rice<br>Casserole/Corn<br>Celery Sticks<br>Apple Slices<br>WG Biscuits/Butter<br>Milk                          | <b>May 2</b><br>Au Gratin Potato/Ham<br>Green Beans<br>Broccoli<br>Pears<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                           | <b>May 3</b><br>Sloppy Joes/WG Bun<br>Sweet Potato Fries<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Red Pepper Strips<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk |
| <b>May 6</b><br>Roasted Chicken<br>Peas/Peaches<br>Tortilla Rolls<br>Broccoli<br>Cucumbers<br>Milk                      | <b>May 7</b><br>Ham Subs<br>Potato Wedges<br>Fruit Slushy<br>Banana/Tomatoes<br>Spinach Lettuce<br>Milk        | <b>May 8</b><br>Goulash<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Pears/Radishes<br>Green Pepper Strips<br>Bread Sticks<br>Milk                                 | <b>May 9</b><br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Cheesy Green Beans<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Red Peppers<br>Cauliflower<br>Sliced Bread/Milk | <b>May 10</b><br>Hotdog on WG Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>Baby Carrots<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Turnover<br>Milk                          |
| <b>May 13</b><br><br>Cook's<br>Choice                                                                                   | <b>May 14</b><br><br>Cook's<br>Choice                                                                          | <b>May 15</b><br><br>Cook's<br>Choice                                                                                                     | <b>May 16</b><br><br><i>EARLY<br/>                     DISMISSAL</i>                                                         |                                                                                                                              |

(menus are subject to change without notice)  
 Fruit or juice served daily!

**HAPPY  
 SUMMER**



# MAY 2013

| Sun                                              | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                  | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                                            | Thur                                                                                                                                             | Fri                                                                                                                                              | Sat                                                                                              |
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|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1<br>No Afternoon<br>Preschool<br>1:30 PM K-12 Early<br>Dismissal (staff<br>development)                                                       | 2<br>St Council Mtg<br>(officer election)<br>(lunch)<br>7:15 AM Swing Choir<br>9:00 AM Golf: Wayne<br>Invite (A)<br>7:30 PM Spring Play          | 3<br>Grade 6<br>"Jump Up"<br>Day<br>ACT Reg<br>Deadline<br>Gr 2/3 Field<br>Trip<br>12:00 PM 13-14<br>Kindergarten<br>Roundup                     | 4<br>9:00 AM JHTR:<br>Conference<br>Meet (at<br>Hartington)<br>9:00 AM Auditorium<br>Rental (KP) |
| 5<br>Teacher Appreciation<br>Week                | 6<br>FCCLA Mtg<br>(lunch)<br>2:30 PM Jr High<br>Awards<br>Program<br>6:00 PM Auditorium<br>Rental (KP)                                                                               | 7<br>Ntl Teacher<br>Recognition Day<br>7:30 AM Faculty/Staff<br>Appreciation<br>Breakfast<br>10:00 AM Golf: Fullerton<br>Invite (A)<br>7:00 PM Activities/Athletics<br>Awards Night<br>(displays @ 6:30) | 8<br>7:40 AM FFA Mtg                                                                                                                           | 9<br>Grade 5 Field<br>Trip (Aurora)<br>Preschool Last<br>Day<br>TBD TR: District<br>Meet @ Scotus<br>6:00 PM Auditorium<br>Rental (KP)           | 10<br>Gr 4 Field Trip<br>7:30 PM Baccalaureate<br>Services                                                                                       | 11<br>2:00 PM Graduation                                                                         |
| 12<br>Mothers Day<br>No Elem Guidance<br>(13-14) | 13<br>John Baylor<br>Test Prep<br>Begins<br>Golf: Districts<br>@ Columbus<br>(Quail Run)<br>2:00 PM K-6 Field Day<br>6:00 PM Auditorium<br>Rental (KP)<br>7:30 PM Board of Ed<br>Mtg | 14<br>Golf: Districts @ Columbus<br>(Quail Run)<br>Semester Tests                                                                                                                                        | 15<br>Last Day K-6<br>Semester Tests                                                                                                           | 16<br>Weather<br>Make-up<br>Day/Faculty<br>Workday<br>11:15 AM 7-12 Dismissal<br>12:00 PM Staff<br>Luncheon<br>5:00 PM Auditorium<br>Rental (KP) | 17<br>TR: State<br>Meet @<br>Omaha<br>Weather<br>Make-up<br>Day/Faculty<br>Workday<br>5:00 PM Auditorium<br>Rental (KP)<br>7:00 PM Dance Recital | 18<br>TR: State Meet @<br>Omaha                                                                  |
| 19                                               | 20<br>Weather Make-up Day                                                                                                                                                            | 21<br>Weather Make-up<br>Day<br>Golf: State Meet @<br>Grand Island<br>9:00 AM Gr 5-8 GBB Future<br>Stars Camp                                                                                            | 22<br>Weather Make-<br>up Day<br>Golf: State<br>Meet @ Grand<br>Island<br>Shell Creek<br>Project<br>9:00 AM Gr 5-8 GBB<br>Future Stars<br>Camp | 23<br>Shell Creek<br>Project<br>9:00 AM Gr 5-8 GBB<br>Future Stars<br>Camp                                                                       | 24<br>Beaver Creek<br>Project<br>9:00 AM Gr 5-8 GBB<br>Future Stars<br>Camp                                                                      | 25                                                                                               |
| 26                                               | 27<br>Memorial Day                                                                                                                                                                   | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 29<br>Biology II Trip<br>(Niobrara)                                                                                                            | 30<br>Biology II Trip<br>(Niobrara)                                                                                                              | 31<br>Biology II Trip<br>(Niobrara)                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |



### END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES



**Monday, April 15**

Early Dismissal, K-12-3:00 p.m.  
Jr./Sr. High School Concert- 7:00 p. m.

**Saturday, April 20**

Golf-Mid-States Conference Meet-9:00 a.m.  
at Battle Creek  
Prom- 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 25**

13-14 Kindergarten Parent Meeting-6:00 p.m.  
Elementary Spring Concert—7:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 26**

National Honor Society Induction-7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 27**

Mid-State Conference Track Meet-10:00 a.m.  
at Madison

**Sunday, April 28**

FFA Banquet/Auction - 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 1**

Early Dismissal K-12-1:30 PM— Staff Dev.

**Thursday, May 2**

Spring Play-7:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 3**

Jump Up Day- Grade 6  
Kindergarten Dismissal- 11:30 a.m.  
Kindergarten Round-Up- 12:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 6**

Jr. High Awards Program— 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 7**

Academic & Activity Awards Program— 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 9**

District Track Meet at Columbus Scotus

**Friday, May 10**

Baccalaureate Services—7:30 p.m.  
Retirement Reception to follow

**Saturday, May 11**

Graduation -2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 15**

Last Day of School K-6  
Elementary Track and Field Day-2:00 p.m.  
Semester Tests, Periods 3 &4

**Thursday, May 16**

Last Day 7-11—Dismiss 11:15 a.m.  
Semester Tests/Check Out

**Friday & Saturday, May 17 & 18**

State Track Meet

**Saturday, June 8**

Alumni Banquet—6:30 p.m.

**Looking Ahead to 2013-2014**

Tuesday, August 13: First Day of School!



**ALUMNI BANQUET June 8, 2013—5:00 p.m.**

Tickets on Sale—\$12.50 per person

Tickets available at: NG Family Foods—Bank of Newman Grove

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a safe environment where all students can develop academically, socially, physically, and emotionally. Students will be provided the opportunity to acquire skills needed to participate in, and contribute to, society.

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