



The Bluejay Bulletin

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Board of Education Meeting Summary April 10, 2014

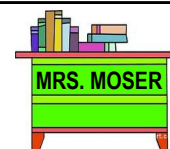
- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of Action Item 2.8 – Girls Softball 2014-2016.
- Minutes of the March 10th meeting were approved as printed.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- Claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$34,142.32 (General Fund), \$1,090.90 (Depreciation Fund), and \$7,391.00 (Building Fund).
- Heard annual report from Michele Schmidt on technology and computer education.
- Diplomas were signed for graduating seniors.
- Discussion was held on the grant being written to offset costs of a greenhouse project. Members agreed by consensus to apply for the \$25,000 grant with the balance of the project to be paid by the district and other sources.
- The summer maintenance list was reviewed. Repairs will be made to the gazebo this summer. Members approved replacement of the roof over the office (\$14,621 from Western Roofing).
- Approved the 2014-15 teaching contracts of Nolan Vandenberg (Language Arts) and Amanda Teten (Elementary).
- Approved the summer contracts of Danielle Amen, Shelley Dunlap, Erin Forre, Amy Nelson, Karla Patzel, Mark Seier and Kylie Sweeter.
- Approved the purchase of a new elementary reading series from McGraw-Hill, "Reading Wonders". Cost estimate is \$28,094.49. Additional technology purchases will be discussed at a later date.
- Discussed possible coop agreement with Boone Central in girls softball. Danielle Amen will be the new head coach.
- Due to fresh fruit and food prices, members approved an increase of 15 cents to all lunch prices for the 2014-15 school year, with seconds to be increased by 10 cents.
- Heard a report from Principal Neely Moser: FBLA students attendance at State Convention; CILT community meeting held on March 25th; NeSA testing underway with completion date set for May 9th; 2014-15 schedule being developed; and attendance at Marzano and ASD conferences.
- Received report from Superintendent Pokorny: Board's attendance at spring NRCSA Conference; basketball basket upgrades (have company provide estimate); and Becky Wallin was elected as the new Booster Club President (BC/NG).
- Entered into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss staffing needs.
- Returned to Public Session at 9:50 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Brooke Pieke who is a FFA State Star finalist.
- Alex Wiese, selected to play in the Northeast All-Star Football Classic on June 14th in Norfolk.
- Fall NSAA Academic All-State Honorees: Billy O'Brien (Football and Play Production), and Megan Nelson (Volleyball and Play Production).
- Winter NSAA Academic All-State Honoree: Billy O'Brien (Speech).
- The Speech Team on their 3rd place team finish at the District Contest. State Qualifiers include the OID Team (3rd - Jacob Haase, John O'Brien, Billy O'Brien, Andy King, and Joe O'Brien), Brett Weinman (3rd - Humorous Prose), Emily Strong (3rd - Poetry) and Alaina Rast (2nd - Informative Speaking). Other results include Duet Acting (6th - Billy O'Brien and Joe O'Brien); Emily Strong (9th - Humorous Prose); Mariely Estrada (5th - Serious Prose, 7th - Poetry); Brett Weinman (6th - Extemporaneous); Celine Dunlap (5th - Entertainment Speaking), and Alaina Rast (7th - Serious Prose). Great job!
- Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair Participants: Brooke Pieke- Top 2 Overall Sr. Division - Qualified for Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Las Angeles, CA), and Qualified for Stockholm Jr. Water Prize (Virginia); Mariely Estrada- 1st Place Chemistry, Special Award from the Air Force; Cheyenne Cleland- 1st Place Behavioral, Top 8 Overall Jr. Division - won a Calculator; Bridgette Borgheiinck- 2nd Place Chemistry; McKenzie Lloyd- 2nd Place Animal Science; Brady Sokol- 2nd Place Engineering, Special Award UNL; Abbie Pieke- 3rd Place Plant Science; Kala Rast- 3rd Place Behavioral & Social Science; Rebecca Stone- Honorable Mention; Bryton Fowlkes- Honorable Mention; and Breanna Borgheiinck- Honorable Mention.
- David Miller and Damian LeCompte who earned first-place finishes in the Norfolk Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Poster Contest.
- Our newest inductees into the National Honor Society: Kleo Edgell, Mariely Estrada, Esmeralda Arreguin, Steven Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson, Joe O'Brien and Nolan Wondercheck.
- Megan Nelson for earning honorable mention in both Job Interview and Personal Finance at the FBLA State Leadership Conference.
- NECC Scholastic Contest participants: Parker Wallin (1st - Biology), Billy O'Brien (3rd - Physics), and Celine Dunlap (2nd - Administrative Assistant). Newman Grove finished 25th in team scoring.
- Brooke Pieke who earned the following awards at the State Science Contest: NJAS Women in Biology, NJAS Scholarship for Outstanding Oral Presentation, Great Plains Research Science Award, Midwest Laboratories Award, and Top Overall Senior Division Science Research Project.
- Billy O'Brien, recipient of the Good Citizenship Award sponsored by the Nancy Gary Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).



***FROM THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL
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Dear Parents,

As I write this April edition of my newsletter article it is hard to believe that we are already at this point in the year. The seniors are busy making preparations for graduation and post high school plans. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know these seniors. It will be very difficult to see them leave Newman Grove Public School but I know they will do well and make this world a better place for all of us. The Class of 2014 will graduate from Newman Grove Public School on Saturday, May 10th. Baccalaureate is May 9th at 7:30 pm and Commencement is at 2:00 pm on May 10th. Our final day of school for the students will be May 20th. 9-11th grade students will take semester finals on Monday, May 19th and Tuesday, May 20th. School will be in session a full day on May 20th.

This time of year is always very busy finishing the school year and beginning summer activities. Sometimes it is easy to get overwhelmed with all of the excitement. I encourage you at this time to talk to your child about his or her school year. Talk about the goals your child had and has reached. Also discuss what kind of goals they may have for next year. Encourage your child to finish the school year strong. I wish you a wonderful May and as always, I encourage you to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns about your child's education.



FBLA State Leadership Conference

By Tim Rossow



Seven members of the Newman Grove FBLA Chapter attended the State Leadership Conference in Omaha April 3rd-5th. The conference consisted of keynote speakers, seminars, and competitive events. This is the first time in a number of years that members of our chapter have attended the State Leadership Conference.

The following students participated in SLC this year: Megan Nelson, Brooke Pieke, Kleo Edgell, Mariely Estrada, Celine Dunlap, Esmeralda Arreguin, and Destiny Johnson. They participated in the following events: Proofreading, Desktop Publishing, Business Communications, Agribusiness, Business Calculations, Job Interview, Personal Finance, Health Care Administration, Keyboarding Knowledge, Business Math, and Spelling, and Sports and Entertainment Management.

Megan Nelson received honorable mention in both Job Interview and Personal Finance. In the Job Interview competition, Megan made it to the semifinal round. Only forty interviewees out of over four hundred were selected for the semifinals. In Personal Finance, 4% of contestants receive Honorable Mention, so this puts Megan in the top 25 or so out of over six hundred competitors.

Congratulations to Megan and all of the girls on your efforts.



Pictured on left (l-r): Megan Nelson, Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson, Esmeralda Arreguin, Kleo Edgell, Mariely Estrada, Brooke Pieke.





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Matt Rudloff,
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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 FAFSA. 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 through June 2014 with no appointment necessary (excluding days the college is closed). Number to call is 1-800-844-7285.
- A PIN number for both parent and student (www.pin.ed.gov).
- The Education Quest website (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 counselor's office. A list is also posted on our school web-site.
- Seniors should visit and then apply to colleges they are seriously considering.
- **Please notify Mr. Rudloff of any Scholarships or Awards earned by bringing a copy of the award letter to be placed in student's file.**



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>.



Academic and Activities Award Night Thursday, May 1st



6:00 pm Social

6:30 pm Awards Program



ELEMENTARY CITIZENSHIP & ATTENDANCE AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN: Good Citizenship: Lesley Bell, Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya, Micah Cuevas, Riley Nelson, Kailey Patzel, Isaac Rudloff, Keira Voelker. Perfect Attendance: Micah Cuevas. Good Attendance: Lesley Bell, Owen Kaufman, Kailey Patzel.

FIRST GRADE: Good Citizenship: Brooke Forre, Zander Jarecki, Alee Luna-Cadena, Cole Lyon, Abigail Matson, Aleeya Morris, Halie Nelsen, Tony Petersen, Colton Wissenburg. Perfect Attendance: Zander Jarecki. Good Attendance: Brooke Forre, Cole Lyon.

SECOND GRADE: Good Citizenship: Christyan Anderson, John Bell, Giles Deeder, Jansell Enriquez-Lopez, José Luna, Carmen Montoya, Mason Nelson, Caden Nygren, Cora Patzel, Trent Patzel, Ian Salinas, Bruno Santarosa, Eli Tannehill, Austin Wiese. Perfect Attendance: Giles Deeder, Trent Patzel, Austin Wiese. Good Attendance: John Bell, Mason Nelson.

THIRD GRADE: Good Citizenship: Addy Donelson, Ronnie Fyfe, Kevin Haase, David Miller, Darren Petersen, Maci Pollard, Mara Ranslem, Natalie Salinas, Kaison Voelker. Perfect Attendance: Ronnie Fyfe, Autumn Patzel, Mara Ranslem. Good Attendance: Lucas Krueger.

FOURTH GRADE: Good Citizenship: Elizabeth Bell, Elyssa Cuevas, Jayson Johnson, Morgann Johnson, Damian LeCompte, Taya Morrison, Isaac Potmesil, Ellie Rankin, Madyson Zoucha. Perfect Attendance: Elyssa Cuevas, Isaac Potmesil, Madyson Zoucha. Good Attendance: Elizabeth Bell.

FIFTH GRADE: Good Citizenship: Bethany Borgheiinck, Chance Gullicksen, Beau Hawn, Emma Montoya, Paige Nelson, Aaron Saldana. Perfect Attendance: Aaron Saldana. Good Attendance: Paige Nelson.

SIXTH GRADE: Good Citizenship: Jayme Bollig, Tony Coleman, Kristian Cuevas, Courtney Fowlkes, Madison Friedrich, McKenna Haase, Logan Hodges, Leighann Miller. Perfect Attendance: Kristian Cuevas, Courtney Fowlkes. Good Attendance: McKenna Haase.

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 - Camille Fowlkes, Sarah Johnson.
Grade 8 - Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez, Cody Nelson, Payton Nelson, Caden Ranslem.
Grade 9 - Hannah Haase.
Grade 10 - Steven Arreguin.
Grade 11 - Emily Strong, Parker Wallin.
Grade 12 - Jacob Haase, Kevin Johnson, Megan Nelson, John O'Brien, William O'Brien, Alexander Wiese.

Distinction

Grade 7 -- Tyson Haddix.
Grade 8 -- Levi Krueger, Abbie Pieke, Rebecca Stone.
Grade 9 -- Mya Donelson.
Grade 10 -- Esmeralda Arreguin, Destiny Johnson, Joseph O'Brien, Nolan Wondercheck.
Grade 12 -- Brooke Pieke, Brett Weinman.

Honors

Grade 7 -- Cheyenne Cleland, Dominik Cuevas, McKenzie Lloyd, David Plugge, Michael Riedel, Maddison Steffensmeier.
Grade 8 -- Vanessa Arreguin, Dylan Bagley, Keaton McFadden, Riley Montoya, Connor Rankin.
Grade 9 -- Jacob Potmesil, Kyle Stone, Isiah Weverka-Haddix.
Grade 10 -- Celine Dunlap, William Dyer, Andrew King, Crystal Salinas.
Grade 11 -- Sandra (Mariely) Estrada-Gonzalez, Sadie Wallin.
Grade 12 -- Taylor Friedrich.





Science Class & Independent Science Research

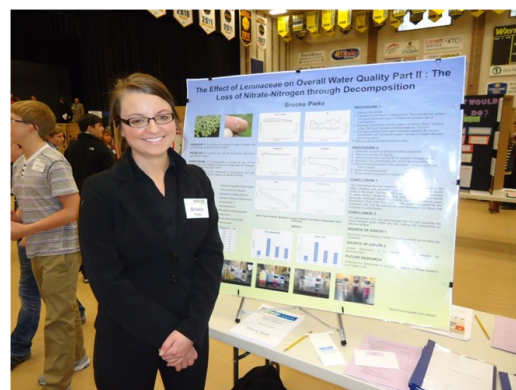
By Danielle Amen



Can't believe how fast this year has flown by, summer will be here before we know it! It has been a great year teaching in Newman Grove so many memories from the first year, and can't wait for more to come. This year our Science classes have been very busy. I will just tell you about a few of our biggest events. In October the Physics class built a six foot tall trebuchet catapult and entered it in the Pumpkin Chunkin contest in Petersburg and won the High School Division. Junior High students visited Morrill Hall in Lincoln and also made a scale model of the solar system. Anatomy and Physiology students have already dissected a sheep brain and are looking forward to dissecting an eye ball, heart, and a fetal pig. This year there were 19 students who chose to take part in ISR and complete their own science research. This being my first year with ISR I was so pleased with the number of students who wanted to be involved. Due to such busy schedules not everyone was able to compete at all the science fairs this year, but they were able to ask questions, complete the scientific process, collect data, and even draw conclusions to their questions, the main reason for research! Science Fairs can open doors to many opportunities our students have never done before such as traveling, public speaking, interview skills, sharing of research, even college scholarships and representing the United States. Below is a list of the award received at their Science Fairs.

Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair (Nebraska City) Senior Division Brooke Pieke- 1st Place Environmental Science, Best water related project Regional/ State Winner \$200, and Qualifier to the National Junior Stockholm Water Prize Competition in Virginia, Charles and Suzan Holliday \$200 special award. Top 2 Overall Senior Division Qualifier for International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California. Earlier in the year Brooke was selected to represent the United States of America at the third Sustaining Energy Workshop in Eilat, Israel, November 27-December 2, 2014.

Mariely Estrada- 1st Place Chemistry, United States Air Force Special Award. **Kala Rast-** Honorable Mention Behavioral Science and University of Nebraska Student Chapter of the Acoustical Society of America \$25 Special Award. **Bridgette Borgheiinck-** 2nd Place Chemistry **Junior Division** **Abbie Pieke-** 3rd Place Plant Sciences. **Rebecca Stone-** Honorable Mention Microbiology. **Breanna Borgheiinck-** Honorable Mention Microbiology. **Bryton Fowlkes-** Honorable Mention Microbiology. **Cheyenne Cleland-** 1st Place Behavioral Science, Overall Top 8 Junior Division won calculator. **McKenzie Lloyd-** 2nd Place Animal Science. **Brady Sokol-** 2nd Place Engineering, American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing \$50 special award.



Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair 183 students competed at the Northeast Nebraska Regional Science Fair, 136 juniors and 47 seniors. Top 5 from each division qualified to the Nebraska State Science Fair at Nebraska Wesleyan and they received a blue ribbon. 2nd place projects received a red ribbon, and 3rd place projects a white ribbon. **Brooke Pieke-** Blue Ribbon- Qualified for Nebraska State Science Fair. **Mariely Estrada-** Red Ribbon. **Kala Rast-** White Ribbon. **Bridgette Borgheiinck-** White Ribbon. **Abbie Pieke-** Red Ribbon. **Rebecca Stone-** Red Ribbon. **Breanna Borgheiinck-** White Ribbon. **Bryton Fowlkes-** White Ribbon. **Cheyenne Cleland-** Red Ribbon. **McKenzie Lloyd-** White Ribbon. **Brady Sokol-** White Ribbon. **Tyson Haddix-** Red Ribbon. **Sarah Johnson-** White Ribbon. **Matthew Rast-** White Ribbon.





Boone Central/Newman Grove High School Track

By Kris Pestel



Mansfield Invitational at Boone Central (April 5th) - No team scores were kept. Girls team members that placed: Celine Dunlap (1st - Pole Vault, 5th - Discus, 3rd - 400 Meter Relay); Mya Donelson (3rd - 400 Meter Relay); Jade Gottier (1st - 3200 Meter Relay); Miranda Ketteler (5th - Triple Jump, 4th - High Jump); Kaitlyn Stuhr (3rd - Long Jump); Sheldon Beierman (1st - 300 Meter Hurdles, 1st - 100 Meter High Hurdles); Olivia Slizoski (5th - 300 Meter Hurdles, 5th - Long Jump, 6th - 100 Meter High Hurdles); Kendra Gonzalez (2nd - 800 Meter Run, 3rd - 1600 Meter Run); Kaddee Harner (5th - 800 Meter Run, 1st - 3200 Meter Relay); Dana Pelster (1st - 200 Meter Dash, 1st - 100 Meter Dash); Christina Stopak (1st - 3200 Meter Run); Catherine Weeder (1st - 3200 Meter Relay, 2nd - High Jump); Ashlynn Baker (1st - 3200 Meter Relay, 1st - 1600 Meter Run); Karley Zoucha (5th - Shot Put, 2nd - Discus); Tessa Hedlund (6th - Discus, 3rd - 100 Meter High Hurdles); Aubrey Nygren (3rd - 400 Meter Relay); Jenna Kramer (4th - High Jump); Bailey Reigle (3rd - Pole Vault, 5th - 100 Meter Dash); Brandy Thieman (3rd - 400 Meter Relay); Jessica Weeder (4th - 1600 Meter Run). Boys team members that placed: Nolan Wondercheck (5th - 3200 Meter Run); Alex Hayes (2nd - Shot Put, 2nd - Discus); Jake Grundmayer (4th - Shot Put, 5th - 400 Meter Relay); Austin Zoucha (1st - Shot Put, 1st - Discus, 5th - 400 Meter Relay); Isaac Sullivan (5th - Shot Put, 5th - Discus, 5th - 400 Meter Relay); Jacob Krings (6th - Shot Put, 6th - Discus, 5th - 400 Meter Relay); Dalton Wagner (3rd - Discus); Zac Glidden (1st - Long Jump, 1st - 200 Meter Dash, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay, 1st - 400 Meter Relay); Scott Ketteler (1st - Triple Jump, 2nd - 100 Meter High Hurdles, 5th - 300 Meter Hurdles); Kyle Kramer (1st - High Jump, 4th - 200 Meter Dash, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay, 1st - 400 Meter Relay); Travis Kennedy (2nd - High Jump, 2nd - 200 Meter Dash, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay, 1st - 400 Meter Relay); Colt Mangus (4th - High Jump); Joe Brugger (1st - Pole Vault, 6th - 100 Meter Dash, 1st - 400 Meter Relay); Matt Brugger (2nd - Pole Vault, 2nd - 800 Meter Run, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Ethan Young (5th - 100 Meter Dash, 5th - 400 Meter Dash); Evan Struebing (5th - 100 Meter High Hurdles, 3rd - 300 Meter Hurdles); Andrew Rasmussen (4th - 1600 Meter Run, 3200 Meter Run); Johnny Case (6th - 1600 Meter Run); Thomas Hosford (6th - 800 Meter Run).

Wayne Invitational (April 8th) - This was a large meet with 4 schools we will see either at the conference and or our district meet. For early in the season, our kids competed with a great deal of heart. One of the best performances of the day was by Joe Brugger who tied the Boone Central school record in the pole vault with a vault of 12'6". We liked what we saw for the most part from the kids, but also know that there is a great deal of work and a lot of season left to get better. The girls team placed 4th out of 8 teams competing. The following girls placed: Celine Dunlap (1st - Pole Vault); Sheldon Beierman (1st - 300 Meter Hurdles, 1st - 100 Meter Hurdles); Olivia Slizoski (2nd - 300 Meter Hurdles, 2nd - 100 Meter Hurdles); Catherine Weeder (3rd - 800 Meter Run, 5th - High Jump, 1st - 4 x 800 Relay); Ashlynn Baker (2nd - 1600 Meter Run, 2nd - 4 x 400 Relay, 1st - 4 x 800 Relay); Kendra Gonzalez (5th - 1600 Meter Run, 1st - 4 x 800 Relay); Christina Stopak (5th - 3200 Meter Run); Dana Pelster (6th - Long Jump, 6th - 100 Meter Dash, 5th - 200 Meter Dash, 2nd - 4 x 400 Meter Relay); Tessa Hedlund (2nd - 4 x 400 Relay); Jade Gottier (2nd - 4 x 400 Relay, 1st - 4 x 800 Relay). The boys team placed 3rd out of 8 teams competing. Boys who placed are: Justin Herchenbach (3rd - Freshmen 4 x 400 Relay); Matt Brugger (4th - 800 Meter Run, 4th - Pole Vault, 2nd - 4 x 400 Relay); Andrew Rasmussen (1st - 3200 Meter Run, 4th - 1600 Meter Run); Travis Kennedy (5th - High Jump, 3rd - 200 Meter Dash, 6th - 4 x 100 Relay); Kyle Kramer (6th - High Jump, 6th - 4 x 100 Relay, 2nd - 4 x 400 Relay); Joe Brugger (1st - Pole Vault, 6th - 4 x 100, 2nd - 4 x 400 Relay); Austin Zoucha (1st - Shot Put, 6th - Discus); Alex Hayes (5th - Shot Put); Zac Glidden (6th - 4 x 100 Relay, 2nd - 4 x 400 Relay, 6th - 200 Meter Dash); Ethan Young (3rd - Freshmen 4 x 400 Relay); Scott Ketteler (4th - 110 Meter Hurdles); Johnny Case (3rd - Freshmen 4 x 400 Relay); Thomas Hosford (3rd - Freshmen 4 x 400 Relay).

Madison Triangular (April 9th) - This meet was postponed from it's original scheduled day and only three teams were able to participate. The kids were tired and a little sore from the Wayne Invite, but they were able to win both the boys and girls division of the Madison Triangular. We were missing several kids due to State FFA, and didn't have many PR's but the kids competed well. This was a good early test for our athletes because if the qualify for the state meet they may have to run back to back days. The work has to continue in practice and we must get several of our kids healthy. The Cardinals were able to place 1st in both girls and boys divisions with a score of 86 points. The girls results are: Karley Zoucha (2nd - Discus, 2nd - Shot Put); Tessa Hedlund (5th - Discus, 4th - 100 Meter Hurdles, 2nd - 300 Meter Hurdles, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Miranda Ketteler (1st - High Jump, 3rd - Triple Jump, 3rd - 200 Meter Dash); Jenna Kramer (2nd - High Jump, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Kaitlyn Stuhr (1st - Long Jump, 2nd - 100 Meter Dash); Olivia Slizoski (2nd - Long Jump, 2nd - 100 Meter Hurdles, 1st - 300 Meter Hurdles); Dana Pelster (6th - Long Jump, 2nd - 200 Meter Dash); Jade Gottier (1st - Triple Jump, 1st - 800 Meter Run); Jessica Weeder (4th - Triple Jump, 3rd - 1600 Meter Run); Sheldon Beierman (1st - 100 Meter Hurdles, 1st - 400 Meter Dash); Cheyenne Mangus (8th - 100 Meter Hurdles); Kendra Gonzalez (1st - 1600 Meter Run, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Christina Stopak (2nd - 1600 Meter Run, 2nd - 3200 Meter Run); Kaddee Harner (2nd - 800 Meter Run, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Brandy Thieman (10th - 200 Meter Dash). Boys results are: Justin Herchenbach (8th - 200 Meter Dash); Alex Hayes (2nd - Discus, 1st - Shot Put); Jacob Krings (3rd - Discus, 6th - Shot Put); Kyle Kramer (1st - High Jump, 4th - 100 Meter Dash, 2nd - 400 Meter Relay); Isaac Sullivan (5th - Discus, 3rd - Shot Put); Travis Kennedy (2nd - High Jump, 1st - 100 Meter Dash, 2nd - 400 Meter Relay); Colt Mangus (3rd - High Jump, 3rd - 110 Meter Hurdles); Zac Glidden (1st - Long Jump, 3rd - 110 Meter Hurdles, 2nd - 400 Meter Relay, 2nd - 200 Meter Dash); Evan Struebing (4th - Long Jump, 4th - 110 Meter Hurdles, 3rd - 300 Meter Hurdles, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Scott Ketteler (1st - Triple Jump, 1st - 110 Meter Hurdles, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Joe Roseboom (6th - Triple Jump); Joe Brugger (1st - Pole Vault, 2nd - 400 Meter Relay); Matt Brugger (2nd - Pole Vault); Andrew Rasmussen (1st - 1600 Meter Run, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Johnny Case (2nd - 1600 Meter Run, 1st - 1600 Meter Relay); Ethan Young (1st - 400 Meter Dash, 5th - 200 Meter Dash); Andrew Mousel (2nd - 400 Meter Dash); Thomas Hosford (1st - 800 Meter Run).



Boone Central/Newman Grove Junior High Track



The junior high began their track season with the Boone Central Invitational on April 7th. The girls placed first with 186 points. The following girls placed in their event: Camille Fowlkes (5th - 200 Meter Dash, 6th - 195 Meter Hurdles); Sarah Johnson (5th - 100 Meter High Hurdles, 4th - 4 x 400 Meter Relay); Haley Greek (2nd - Shot Put, 6th - 800 Meter Run); Taylor Olnes (1st - Discus); Hanna Seier (3rd - Shot Put, 2nd - Discus); Kylie Tisthammer (4th - Shot Put); Karli Tisthammer (3rd - Discus); Anna Hamling (6th - Discus); Mariah Olson (3rd - Long Jump, 2nd - Pole Vault); Nicole Woebbecke (4th - Long Jump, 1st - Triple Jump); Carsen Grape (5th - Long Jump, 3rd - High Jump); Paige Ketteler (3rd - Triple Jump, 4th - High Jump); Kelsey Thompson (2nd - High Jump, 1st - 400 Meter Dash, 1st - 800 Meter Run); Shanae Baker (1st - Pole Vault, 4th - 100 Meter Dash, 2nd - 200 Meter Dash); Katie Daniels (6th - 100 Meter Dash, 3rd - 100 Meter High Hurdles); Stephanie Wright (6th - 100 Meter High Hurdles); Katie Goodwater (1st - 1600 Meter Run, 3rd - 800 Meter Run); Kylee Rasmussen (6th - 200 Meter Dash).

The boys team also placed first with strong lead of 218 points. The boys placing were: Caden Ranslem (1st - Shot Put, 4th - Discus, 2nd - 4 x 400 Meter Relay); Levi Krueger (1st - Triple Jump, 1st - Pole Vault, 1st - 100 Meter Dash, 1st - 4 x 100 Meter Relay); Cody Nelson (2nd - High Jump, 1st - 110 Meter High Hurdles, 1st - 4 x 100 Meter Relay); Tyson Haddix (6th - 1600 Meter Run); Jessie Sullivan (3rd - Shot Put, 3rd - Discus); Matthew Schmitz (6th - Discus, 5th - 100 Meter Dash, 6th - 800 Meter Run); Dylan Gentrup (2nd - Long Jump, 1st - High Jump, 4th - 100 Meter Dash, 1st - 4 x 100 Meter Relay); Tyler Schriver (3rd - Long Jump, 2nd - 100 Meter Dash, 1st - 200 Meter Dash, 1st - 4 x 100 Meter Relay); Michael Murcek (4th - Long Jump, 2nd - 400 Meter Dash, 1st - 800 Meter Run); Trustin Sicard (5th - Long Jump, 3rd - Pole Vault); Brenden Beierman (5th - Pole Vault, 3rd - 800 Meter Run); Logan Kohl (6th - Pole Vault, 2nd - 4 x 400 Meter Relay); Grant Buck (6th - 100 Meter Dash, 3rd - 195 Meter Hurdles, 5th - 200 Meter Dash); Walker Stuhr (4th - 110 Meter High Hurdles); Garrett Cornwell (3rd - 1600 Meter Run, 5th - 800 Meter Run); Trey Schafer (5th - 400 Meter Dash, 6th - 200 Meter Dash, 2nd - 4 x 400 Meter Relay); Zach Nissen (6th - 400 Meter Dash, 2nd - 4 x 400 Meter Relay); Ty Nissen (6th - 195 Meter Hurdles).

The next track meet will be April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at Boone Central and the team would welcome anyone to come and show your support.



Newman Grove PE/Health Track and Field Day

The annual K-6 Track and Field Day will be held on Friday, May 16, 2014, starting at 1p.m. (Rain date: Monday, May 19) Students should dress accordingly. (Check weather forecast) Their PE shoes can be worn if needed. Also they may want to bring water bottles and sunscreen. Students will return to school and be dismissed from school.

Events

Kindergarten – First Grade

1st	Softball Throw	Football Kick
2nd	Football Kick	Soccer Kick
3rd	Soccer Kick	Tug of War
4th	Tug of War	50/100 Yard Dash
5th	50/100 Yard Dash	Long Jump
6th	Long Jump	Softball Throw

Second—Third Grade

1st	Soccer Kick	Tug of War
2nd	Tug of War	50/100 Yard Dash
3rd	50/100 Yard Dash	Long Jump
4th	Long Jump	Softball Throw
5th	Softball Throw	Football Kick
6th	Football Kick	Soccer Kick

Fourth—Sixth Grade

1st	Long Jump	50/100 Yard Dash	50/100 Yard Dash
2nd	Softball Throw	Long Jump	Long Jump
3rd	Football Kick	Soccer Kick	Soccer Kick
4th	Soccer Kick	Football Kick	Football Kick
5th	Tug of War	Soccer Kick	Soccer Kick
6th	50/100 Yard Dash	Tug of War	Tug of War



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY



On March 28th the National Honor Society held its annual induction ceremony. The new inductees were Kleo Edgell, Sandra (Mariely) Estrada-Gonzalez, Esmeralda Arreguin, Steven Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson, Joseph O'Brien, and Nolan Wondercheck. Current members include Jacob Haase, Megan Nelson, John O'Brien, William O'Brien, Brooke Pieke, Alexander Wiese, and Parker Wallin.

Melissa Gasper was the guest speaker. Melissa was born and raised in Newman Grove. She graduated from Newman Grove High School in 2005 where she participated in a number of athletic teams, school clubs and other extracurricular activities. She received an RHOP scholarship and attended Wayne State College where she majored in Chemistry/Health Science in the Rural Health Opportunities Program. She graduated Summa cum laude from Wayne State College with a bachelor of Science. Then she attended UNMC College of Medicine and completed her doctorate in Medicine in 2013. She is currently in her first year of Internal Medicine residency at UNMC and planning to do primary care. Her parents are Don and Deb Gasper. She is married to Herman Hernandez, who is also a resident at UNMC.

Melissa spoke of her upbringing in Newman Grove and the strong influence it has had on her career. She also stressed the importance of mentoring our youth and how we can impact their lives. A reception in the auditorium followed the ceremony to conclude the night.





Technology – A Constant Part of our Student's Lives

By Michele Schmidt



When many of us think of technology, we have a tendency to think of what we can produce, who or what we can find, the games we can play, the photos we can share, and much, much, more. Yes, all of that and more is technology; but something many of us may not think of is: With the many opportunities technology provides, comes responsibility. This responsibility is quite often referred to as digital citizenship.

Learning to be a digital citizen needs to start at a young age, just like learning to be a good citizen in society. Like a citizen in society, a lot of it is common sense; but it doesn't stop there. We not only have to learn to be a good digital citizen ourselves, but also how to recognize and deal with someone who isn't.

With the need for digital citizenship so strong, we start working with our students at the first and second grade level. We discuss ways to stay safe online, what is happening when we are sending and receiving emails (as well as what to send and what not to send), and showing respect for others online. Our fifth grade students get a turn also. We focus on talking safely online (and what information to divulge online); how powerful and hurtful words can be; and we ultimately develop a digital citizenship pledge to abide by for their class. Next up are the sixth graders where we talk about scams and schemes that may be encountered online; how to keep ourselves safe as we communicate online; and a very hot topic, cyberbullying and it's effects. The next level where we address digital citizenship is the ninth grade, where the topics get a little more controversial; but yet are things that definitely need addressed in our digital age. We talk about posts that we make being private, but before we know it they are public; what risky online relationships are and how to deal with them; how our "digital footprint" may help or hurt us as we enter the work force or apply for college; and lastly, look at cyberbullying from different perspectives – from the person who is being bullied as well as from the bully themselves.

In my opinion, becoming a good digital citizen is not much different from becoming a good citizen in society. We just have to know what is right and wrong and how to protect ourselves.

Now that we are all good digital citizens, let's see what else is happening with technology within our school walls. Of course, most of our academic progress (MAPS) and statewide (NeSA) testing is done online and Grades 3 – 11 will have these completed by May 2.

Along with digital citizenship and testing, we have introduced some basic programming concepts in the fifth grade and will soon to the sixth grade through an iPad app named Kodable. The sixth grade has been very busy fitting refined searching techniques, evaluating web sources, setting up Google accounts, learning to access our school's technology system using their personal logins and passwords, and preparing a research report that incorporates multiple sources, of which the Internet needs to be a part into their already busy schedule.

Now let's cross the street and see where the junior/senior high students are going in regards to their technology instruction. While technology integration happens in most of the classrooms, let's focus our attention on Room 100, the multimedia lab. Here we find the seventh grade learning how to share work with Mrs. Schmidt through Google Drive; using the Angel system to take their tests; creating their own tutorial videos and uploading them to YouTube; and continue to improve their proofreading, word processing, and spreadsheet skills. We also see the seventh and eighth grades starting to learning programming skills through a website called Gamestar Mechanic and through the use of a small, 2" X 3" Arduino circuit board. Who knows, one of them might give Bill Gates a run for his money some day!

During the first semester the seventh graders share the lab with students enrolled in Articulated Technology and Multimedia Technology. Let's talk about what is keeping the students in Articulated Technology busy. Whoa, they have the machines in the lab torn apart! They must be learning to clean them and make minor adjustments to keep them running at full capacity. We also see them learning to use the flatbed scanners so they can capture images and data to use as they work through their desktop publishing, advanced word processing, intermediate database, advanced spreadsheet, and web page construction units. What's that? Are they talking to their computers? I thought that only happened on TV! Nope. They are training their computer to recognize their voice so that it will type what they are saying in their speech recognition unit. Cool!

So what are we going to see next? It must be the seniors working to construct their own electronic portfolio that will display all the projects they complete in Multimedia Tech. This electronic profile will showcase their skills in web page construction; video creation, capture, conversion and editing; image and audio capture, conversion, and editing; online posters; online journaling; online infographics; online desktop publishing; and online presentations. Now they have something that they can use to demonstrate their technology skills to prospective employers and/or college admission officers.

It's after Christmas and second semester and we find two different classes occupying the multimedia lab: Computer Applications and Communications Technology. We know that Computer Applications has a busy semester ahead of them because they will be responsible for taking photos, writing stories and captions, adjusting layouts, and compiling all that into the color, 112-page, 2013-2014 yearbook that everyone will look forward to seeing in August. They are not only responsible for the production of the yearbook, but they also have to become sales and business people as they secure ads from the merchants in the area and market the upcoming book to the students. It sure is a good thing they have iPads to keep their submission schedule straight, keep a record of the sales they have made, and to email back and forth with the area merchants.

One busy class is over and now we see the Communications Technology class make their way into the lab. These students bring the skills they learned in junior high with them as they work to understand the history of the Internet and also try to look into a crystal ball and predict it's future. Through creating an online poster, creating a web page, creating an online presentation, and blogging, they are able to share what their predictions are for the future of the Internet, their reactions to security issues that relate to the Internet, their research on issues related to security, and to blog about their advice in relation to identity theft. They also now know what to look for as they look to purchase their own computer in the future. They definitely could use that computer to demonstrate their expanding technology skills as they learn intermediate word processing, beginning database skills, and end the semester with intermediate spreadsheet skills.

As you can definitely see, technology is a constant part of a Newman Grove student's life!



Music Notes



by Tami Texley



Kindergarten "gives it a REST day" for music in our school month by wearing their pajamas to school on Wednesday, March 26th.



TALENT SHOW

On March 28th the elementary music students put on a talent show to celebrate music in our schools month. There were many group acts as well as solos. Some of the them are pictured here.





Piano Extravaganza

Rebecca Stone, Madyson Zoucha & Mrs. Texley traveled to Peru State College on Saturday, April 5th to participate in the 25th annual Piano Extravaganza directed by Dr. Thomas Ediger. Dr. Ediger was Mrs. Texley's piano professor from 1983-1987 at PSC.

There were 15 pianos on stage with 4 hands at each piano. Pianist were divided into eight groups according to levels. Madyson played in group 3. Rebecca played in group 6 & 7. Mrs. Texley performed in groups 3, 6, 7 & 8.



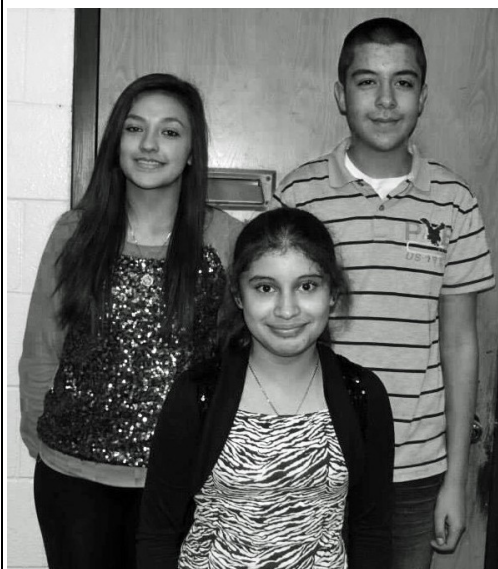
Alaina Rast was selected to the Class D All State Band.

Brainard Music Contest Results

Superior Ratings (I): Vanessa Arreguin (Vocal Solo), Matthew Rast (Vocal Solo), McKenna Haase (Vocal Solo), Paige Nelson (Vocal Solo), Leah Rast (Vocal Solo), McKenna Haase & Madison Friedrich (Vocal Duet), Leah Rast & Bethany Borgheiinck (Vocal Duet), Evelyn Estrada (Drum Solo), Riley Montoya (Baritone Solo), Tyson Haddix (Clarinet Solo), Gage Johnson (Clarinet Solo), Sarah Johnson (Trumpet Solo), Madison Friedrich (Trumpet Solo), Bethany Borgheiinck (Flute Solo), Emma Montoya (Clarinet Solo), and McKenna Haase & Paige Nelson (Percussion Duet).

Excellent+ Ratings (II+): Tyson Haddix & Matthew Rast (Vocal Duet), Evelyn Estrada (Bell Solo), and Leah Rast (Flute Solo).

Excellent Ratings (II): Tyson Haddix (Clarinet Solo), and Beau Hawn (Trumpet Solo).





Speech

By Megan Zingler



We had a fantastic Speech season this year! Mrs. Rother and I couldn't have asked for a better team. The students worked hard, put in the hours, and it certainly paid off. I could tell that the team was going to do well at District Speech due to the amount of time and work that they put into their speeches. The team practiced approximately two times a week for three hours at a time. Hammering out every little detail and fixing the tiniest of errors. The team really started to gear up before Districts.

The night before Districts was intense. We stayed late helping out one of the members of the team finalize their speech. I was proud of the team for rallying together to help out this individual when they were tired and fully aware that they were going to have a long day ahead of them tomorrow. Small moments like these are worth the lack of sleep!

The next day at Districts was busy. I remember being constantly on the go. I moved from one room to the next while checking scoring sheets and sharing a quick pep talk. The students performed very well, and remained calm when giving their speeches. I am sure that I would not have been that at ease! After a short wait, the finals were posted and a quick celebration was had, and then the students were off to their final round. The next wait for the final results was not as quick. We waited for about two hours, which I can tell you felt significantly longer on the hard bleachers. During this time, the students wanted to know if they were going to State Speech, and I did not have the slightest clue, so I was waiting in suspense as well. After a while longer, the speech officials called a coaches meeting to discuss a tie. I learned at this meeting that the OID team was on the teams that had a tie, and the ruling to go to State came down to the judges' preferences. I also learned that Jacob, Alaina, Emily, John, Billy, Andy, Joe, and Brett were going to State Speech! I could hardly stand still during the meeting, and when I walked back to the students I tried to keep my best poker face. It was really hard to not crack a smile. Watching the surprised and ecstatic faces of the team was worth the wait! We were going to State!

District Speech was held on March 19, 2014 in Leigh, Nebraska. Newman Grove was one of the nine teams that participated in this event. The Speech Team placed third overall at the district contest. State qualifiers include the OID Team (3rd - Jacob Haase, Andy King, Billy O'Brien, Joe O'Brien, and John O'Brien), Brett Weinman (3rd - Humorous Prose), Emily Strong (3rd - Poetry), and Alaina Rast (2nd - Informative Speaking). Others results include the following: Duet Acting (6th - Billy and Joe O'Brien), Emily Strong (9th - Humorous Prose); Mariely Estrada (5th - Serious Prose, 7th - Poetry); Brett Weinman (6th - Extemporaneous), Celine Dunlap (5th - Entertainment Speaking), and Alaina Rast (7th - Serious Prose).

We had about a week to practice and get ready for Speech, which included awesome team shirts! The entire team watched each other practice to provide each other with some constructive criticism. We discussed the items that we needed to bring for Speech, which included plenty of junk food! Mrs. Rother helped the students figure out their rooms and printed maps. We were finally ready to go, or at least I thought we were.

The next day we loaded up the van and I reminded the teams to bring everything with them that they needed and asked a couple of times if we had everything. The weather was windy, rainy, and we almost made it to Albion when one of the students asked if I had their speech binders. The answer was no, and we had to turn around and go back. After this small set back, it was smooth sailing to Kearney.

The next day we had to get up really early and head to UNK campus. There were students everywhere and we were excited and nervous to be there. After another busy day, we learned that we did not make finals in any category. As a team we were slightly disappointed, but Mrs. Rother and I assured the students that we were so proud of them and they should be proud of themselves for getting to experience State Speech. After some group photos we packed up our vans and headed back to town. This was truly a wonderful experience that I will not be forgetting anytime soon. Our Speech journey reminds me of the saying that the journey is more important than the destination, because this season had quite the journey to State Speech!





Little Jays Preschool



Planning for the sixth 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 2014-2015 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
- 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 8:00 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 – tax return, W2's, public assistance, 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)



PROM and POST-PROM SCHEDULE

Help make this a safe Prom for everyone!

Prom is Saturday, April 26!

SCHEDULE

5:30	Prom Server Pictures
5:50	Junior Pictures
6:10	Senior Pictures
6:20	Class Pictures
6:45	Prom Procession/Parade
7:00	Banquet/Program
8-12:00	Dance
12:00	Change Clothes/Post Prom Party
4:00	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 to go home and change or to visit their vehicles during the dance or between Prom and the Post Prom Party. Students will have an opportunity to change clothes in the designated areas at the school between the dance and Post Prom. A phone call will be made to parents if their child leaves prior to or during Post Prom.

As in past years, all students and their dates will be required to take a breathalyzer before being admitted into the dance. It is important to deter students from using alcohol on this night and to keep them as safe as possible.

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



Spring Is Here!

By Karla Patzel

Spring marks the busiest time of year for the 4th grade. We have been working extremely hard to accomplish all our goals that we have set. NeSA has been a major focus in the elementary, and the 4th grade found out that with a little extra work and drive, we know we will do our best. We took the NeSA writing test in February and we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our results. The 4th grade has also been learning about all the many kinds of things that beef, pigs, soybeans, and corn provide for us other than food. For example did you know that cattle play a part in the making of lipstick? How about the fact that a pig helps make violin strings? We personally loved when Joy Ullstrom from the soybean board told us that last years' soybean production could fill Memorial Stadium 25 times! Way to go farmers!

In May, the 4th graders will take their annual trip to Lincoln. It is an eventful day with lots of things to see that have gone along with our Nebraska studies all year. We start off with a stop at Memorial Stadium for a fantastic tour that ends with them posing on the 50 yard line for an unforgettable picture opportunity. From there we stop at Morrill Hall for a step back in time. Here, there is so much to see about animals of the past and other things that evolved through time. From there we have the privilege of going to the Nebraska State Capital where they are reminded of how "cool and unique" our legislature is. It is always a fantastic day with many opportunities for the students test their knowledge of all the things they worked so hard on to learn throughout the year.



7-12th Grade Spring Concert

Thursday, May 8th
(Change in Date)

6:30 PM

School Auditorium



We Sing!

Elementary Program

Thursday, May 8th

7:30 PM

(Note time change)

School Auditorium

We sing into your living room, the three judges tell you what they think and you the audience decide who wins. Hosted by Tutti Treble. Special appearances by, The Beach Girls and The Blues Brothers.

NOTE TO JUNIOR PARENTS!

Prom decorating and clean up schedule for ALL juniors!!!

Decorating Schedule

Friday, April 25th

3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

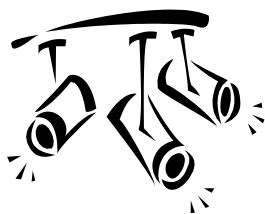
(If decorating concludes sooner, sponsors will call home.)

Clean-Up Schedule

Sunday, April 27th

5:00 p.m. until done

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



Senior Spotlight



**Taylor
Friedrich**

Parents:
Lisa & Dan Friedrich

Other Family Members:
Madison

Favorite Pastime:
Drawing and writing

Part-Time Employment:
NG Family Foods

Senior Activities:
FFA, Drama, 4H, Yearbook

Plans After Graduation:
Attend Northeast Community College
and mastering in Graphic Design

**Alexander
Wiese**

Parents:
Steve & Melissa Wiese

Other Family Members:
Tim & Olivia

Favorite Pastime:
Colorado trip, hanging with family & friends,
and also pulling calves

Senior Activities:
Football, National Honor Society, FFA,
Shell Creek Watershed

Plans After Graduation:
Attend NECC to take Agribusiness & Diversified Ag
and then come back to farm.



5th Grade

By Coby Amen

This has been such a great year for my wife, Danielle, and I here in Newman Grove. The school year has just flown by but here are a few things that we have done this year. We've learned a lot about geography and the history of the United States. We've studied cells, life, models, rock and minerals, matter, the scientific method, and human body systems in science. We've read and read and written and written. What an extraordinary year it has been! In science this year we have observed, classified, discussed changes, researched, organized and investigated. I hope the students continue to use their awesome scientific minds to observe and discover the world around them this summer. As for language arts, the students have read many novels this year. Fluency and comprehension have improved throughout the whole year, the 5th grade class is one great group of readers! For writing we have covered the spectrum from personal letters to poetry, and the students are doing great!

Coming up in the beginning of May the 5th grade class will be heading to Aurora for our field trip to the Edgerton Explorit Center. It will be a great experience for the students to get to see and physically handle many exciting and educational hands on science experiments. With the year winding down it is a good time to do some reflecting on what a great year it has been here in Newman Grove, and I know I speak for Danielle when I say this, we really appreciate all of the support that our new home town has given us, thank you!





RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2013-2014)

Part I: Organization and Finance

General Information:

Pre-K through 12 Enrollment (4/11/2014)	177
Teachers' Experience:	14.7 years average
Administrators' Experience:	25.5 years average
Master's Degrees (or BA+36 equivalent)	13
Total Staff (based on full-time status):	
Administration	2.00
Teachers (including Sp Ed, Title I):	20.50
Counselor	1.00
Aides (Regular, Sp Ed, Title I, ESL, Preschool):	3.00
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):	3.00
Specialists from ESU #8 (includes Special Education, Technology, Staff Development, Media, Etc.)	

Budgeted Revenue Sources:

General Fund:

Revenue from Local/County Sources:	88.7%
Revenue from State Sources:	6.1%
Revenue from Federal Sources:	5.2%
Reserve, Local, County:	\$1,027,902
Property Taxes:	\$2,234,166
State, Special Education, Grants:	\$206,046
State Aid (net student option funding):	\$23,806
Federal:	\$197,916
Total:	\$3,779,836

Budget of Expenditures:

General Fund:

Instruction, Support:	\$1,967,066
Business, Admin., Board of Ed.:	\$591,220
Maintenance/Operation of Plant:	\$253,660
Transportation (regular):	\$96,300
Federal Title I:	\$47,910
Other Federal Programs:	\$73,680
Special Education (all programs):	\$455,000
Necessary Cash Reserve/Transfers	\$295,000
Total:	\$3,779,836

Levies (calculated to 6 places):

General Fund:	0.541417
Special Building:	0.017471
Bond Fund (non-affiliate):	0.007569
Bond Fund (affiliate):	0.029522
Total District Levy:	0.595979
Total Affiliate Levy:	0.588410

Valuation - August 20, 2013:

\$433,610,788

2013-2014 BUDGET: State Aid for the 2013-2014 fiscal year is \$23,806, an increase of \$11,064 from the previous year.

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 2013-2014 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; John Krueger, Vice-President; Tom Haase, Secretary; Jeanie McCloud, Treasurer; Scott Lyon and Scott Nelson, Members.

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; 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.



RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2013-2014) Continued

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.



FFA State Convention

Mrs. Sweeter and thirty one Newman Grove FFA members traveled to Lincoln on April 9th to participate the FFA State Convention. The Newman Grove chapter came away with several awards and had 6 seniors receive their State Degrees. The participants and their awards were:

- Vet Science (Billy O'Brien, Sadie Wallin, Andy King, Joe O'Brien) - Team finish of 14th (White Ribbon) - Billy Blue Ribbon, Sadie Red Ribbon, Andy Red Ribbon.
- Livestock Management (Alex Wiese, Billy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jacob Haase, Joe O'Brien, Andy King) - Team finish of 8th (Blue Ribbon) - 2nd in Dairy and 5th in Swine Overall.
- Livestock Judging (John O'Brien, Jacob Haase, Billy O'Brien, Alex Wiese) - 9th place team finish (Blue Ribbon) - Billy purple ribbon (3rd place finish overall), Alex red ribbon, John red ribbon.
- Ag Mechanics (Jacob Haase, Alex Wiese, Billy O'Brien, Nolan Wondercheck) - 2nd place team finish (Purple Ribbon) - Jacob purple ribbon (3rd place finish overall), Alex purple ribbon, Nolan purple ribbon, Billy blue ribbon.
- Agriscience (Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase, Isiah Weverka-Haddix, Jacob Potmesil) - Team earned white ribbon - Mya blue ribbon, Hannah blue ribbon, Isiah red ribbon.
- Extemporaneous Speaking - Billy O'Brien received bronze medal.
- Job Interview - Brooke Piekie received gold medal.
- Agriscience Fair - Brooke Piekie 1st place in Plant Systems (National Qualifying).
- Plant Systems Agriscience Proficiency Winner - Brooke Piekie.
- State Agriscience Star - Brooke Piekie.
- 2nd place Chapter Booth
- The Chapter also received the Governor of Excellence Award and Nebraska Feed Nebraska Award.





NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
April 28 BBQ Rib Sandwich WG Bun/Tater Tots Sliced Cucumbers Tomato Wedges Honeydew Melon Milk	April 29 Corndogs Baked Beans Baby Carrots Fruit Slushy WG Turnover Milk	April 30 Hamburger Rice Casserole Corn Celery Sticks Apple Slices WG Biscuits/Butter Milk	May 1 Mandarin Orange Chicken w/Brown Rice Green Beans Broccoli/Pears WG Bread Stick Milk	May 2 Sloppy Joes WG Bun Potato Wedges Romaine Lettuce Red Pepper Stips Mandarin Oranges Milk
May 5 Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Fresh Veggies Apple Slices WG Sliced Bread Milk	May 6 BBQ Rib Sandwich WG Bun Baked Beans Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushy/Peaches Milk	May 7 Tacos on WG Tortilla Refried Beans Fresh Veggies Pears Milk	May 8 Baked Chicken Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy/Strawberries Fresh Veggies WG Dinner Roll Milk	May 9 Pulled Pork Sandwich WG Bun French Fries Fresh Veggies Mandarin Oranges Milk
May 12 Chicken Fajitas WG Torilla Brown Rice Fresh Veggies Peaches Milk	May 13 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Fresh Veggies Fruit Slushy Mixed Fruit Milk	May 14 Teriyaki Chicken Brown Rice Carrots/Apricots Fresh Veggies WG Bread Stick Milk	May 15 Chicken WG Noodle Casserole/Pears Green Beans Fresh Veggies WG Dinner Roll Milk	May 16 Sausage Links WG Pancakes Tri Taters Fresh Veggies Strawberries Milk
May 19 Chicken Strips Baked Beans Fresh Veggies Pears WG Sliced Bread Milk	May 20 Cook's Choice			

(menus are subject to change without notice)

**HAPPY
SUMMER**



MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Preschool Family Activity 7:15am Swing Choir Practice 9:00am Golf: Lakeview Invite (@ Elks CC) 10:00am JV Golf: St. Francis Invite (A) 6:30pm Academic/Activities Awards Night (displays @ 6 pm)	2 Grade 4 Field Trip (Lincoln) Grade 6 "Jump Up" Day Pass/NP Deadline (Srs) Grade 3 Field Trip (Ashland) 12:00pm 14-15 Kindergarten RoundUp 4:00pm Golf: Boone Central Triangular (A) 6:30pm FFA Banquet & Labor Auction	3 9:30am Conference Track Meet @ Norfolk Catholic 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)
4 Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5-9)	5 Grade 5 Field Trip (Aurora) NTI Honor Society Mtg (lunch) 4:00pm 7/8 Track: Central City Triangular (@ Albion) 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel) 4:30pm Golf: Spalding Triangular (A)	6 NTI Teacher Recognition Day 4:00pm Track: Seier Quadrangular @ Albion	7 9-11 Class Mtgs (lunch/officer elections)	8 7:15am Swing Choir Practice 9:00am Golf: Wayne Invite (A) 6:30pm Jr-Sr High Spring Concert 7:30pm K-6 Spring Concert	9 ACT Registration Deadline AM/PM Preschool Makeup Day 8:00am Grade 6 Field Trip (Omaha) 7:30pm Baccalaureate Services	10 2:00pm Graduation
11 Mother's Day	12 John Baylor Test Prep Begins 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel) 7:00pm FFA Mtg 7:30pm Board of Ed Mtg	13 Preschool Last Day Pass/NP Deadline (Jrs) 10:00am Golf: Fullerton Invite (A)	14 St Council Mtg (lunch/officer elections) 2:30pm Jr High Awards Program	15 Track: District Meet @ Lakeview 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)	16 8:10am Gr 6-11 Activities Mtg 1:00pm K-6 Field Day	17 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)
18 No Elementary Guidance (May 19-20)	19 Boys Golf: District Meet 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)	20 Boys Golf: District Meet Last Day K-11	21 Weather Makeup Day TBD CILT Mtg	22 Teacher Workday to Noon Weather Makeup Day FFA COLT Conference 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)	23 Track: State Meet Weather Makeup Day FFA COLT Conference	24 Track: State Meet FFA COLT Conference 6:30pm Alumni Banquet
25	26 Memorial Day 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)	27 Boys Golf: State Tourney High Achievers Program (Elem) 8:00am Gr 3-8 GBB Camp @ Albion 9:30am Gr 3-8 BBB Camp @ Albion 11:30am High School GBB Clinic (Albion) 2:00pm High School BBB Clinic (Albion)	28 Boys Golf: State Tourney High Achievers Program (Elem) 8:00am Gr 3-8 GBB Camp @ Albion 9:30am Gr 3-8 BBB Camp @ Albion 11:30am High School GBB Clinic (Albion) 2:00pm High School BBB Clinic (Albion) 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)	29 High Achievers Program (Elem) 8:00am Gr 3-8 GBB Camp @ Albion 9:30am Gr 3-8 BBB Camp @ Albion 11:30am High School GBB Clinic (Albion) 2:00pm High School BBB Clinic (Albion) 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)	30 High Achievers Program (Elem) Class of 2016 - Concessions at Boone County Races 4:00pm Auditorium Rental (K Patzel)	31 6:00pm Auditorium Reserved (K Patzel)



END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES



Saturday, April 26

Prom-6:30 p.m.

Golf Conference Meet at Wayne- 9:00 a.m.

Jr. High Conference Track Meet at Hartington
CC-9:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 1

Academics/Activities Awards Night- 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 2

Jump Up Day- Grade 6

Kindergarten Dismissal- 11:30 a.m.

Kindergarten Round-Up- 12:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, May 3

High School Conference Track Meet @ Norfolk
Catholic- 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 8

Jr. - Sr. High Spring Concert - 6:30 p.m.

Elementary Spring Concert- 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9

Baccalaureate Services—7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

Graduation -2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 13

Last Day Preschool

Wednesday, May 14

Jr. High Awards Program— 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 15

District Track Meet at Lakeview

Friday, May 16

K-6 Track & Field Day- 1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 19 & 20

District Boys Golf Meet

Tuesday, May 20

Last Day K-11

Semester Tests/Check Out

Friday & Saturday, May 23 & 24

State Track Meet

Saturday, May 24

Alumni Banquet—6:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 27 & 28

State Boys Golf Tournament

Looking Ahead to 2014-2015

Tuesday, August 14: First Day of School!



ALUMNI BANQUET May 24, 2014—6:30 p.m.

Tickets on Sale—\$15.00 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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