



The Bluejay Bulletin

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Public Schools

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## Board of Education Meeting Summary April 12, 2010

Meeting of the Newman Grove Public Schools Board of Education was called to order at 7:56 p.m.

The agenda was approved as amended; minutes of the March 8th and March 29th meetings were approved as printed.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as amended; claims in the amount of \$74,156.10 (General Fund) were approved for payment.

Cheer/Dance team members were present to request that cheer/dance be considered when qualifying for the Bluejay award.

Accepted the resignations of Mandy Nygren (head cook), Suzy Goedeken (7-12 Science), and Joan Nelson (elementary).

Approved the employment agreements and teaching contracts of Judy Tannehill (part-time hot lunch), Karen Malmkar (junior-senior high science) and Kylie Sweeter (7-12 ag education).

Approved the graduation waiver request of Jose' Sanchez for multimedia credits.

Tabled purchase of security systems and gym lighting.

Approved several summer maintenance projects; tabled action on tuck pointing bids until more information is received.

Board members signed senior diplomas.

Received written report from Principal Beth Nelson; received report from Superintendent Pokorny.

Entered into Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. to discuss a situation to prevent needless injury to the reputation of an individual in compliance with the law. Returned to Public Session at 10:45 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Sheldon Boschen, Ben Jacobson, Michael Woischnor, Ciera Afrank, Cheyanne Fowlkes, Kendra Nelson, and Lila Wondercheck on your induction into the Newman Grove National Honor Society.
- Winter Academic All-State selections: Katie O'Brien (speech), Darienne Pokorny (girls basketball), Alisha Dunlap (girls basketball) and Mark O'Brien (wrestling).
- Tiffany Jedlicka, who was named as one of the winners of the 13th annual Nebraska Young Artist Award. The award recognizes 11th grade students who are gifted and talented in the areas of visual art, dance, music and theatre.
- Audrey Wondercheck on earning 1st team all-conference girls basketball honors and to Jake Kaufman on earning honorable mention recognition.
- The following with their placings at the NJAS Science Fair: Alisha Dunlap (purple ribbon); Sabrina Herchenbach (purple ribbon); Parker Wallin, Brooke Pieke, Alex Wiese, Toni Rasmussen, Rachel Schroeter, Sage Robak, Emily Strong, Kendra Nelson, Ciera Afrank (blue ribbons); and Sadie Wallin, Sara Stone, Megan Nelson, and Demi Edgell (red ribbons). Everyone that participated placed in the contest.
- Brainard Music Contest Participants. Earning Superior Ratings: Joe O'Brien (vocal solo & baritone solo), Mya Donelson (trumpet solo & vocal solo), Isiah Weverka-Haddix (drum solo), Justin Herchenbach (drum solo), Hannah Haase (drum solo & mallet solo), Mya Donelson & Hannah Haase (drum/trumpet duet), Alexis Kopecky (trumpet solo), Brandy Roback (clarinet solo), Nolan Wondercheck (trombone solo), and Destiny Johnson (drum solo). Earning Excellent Ratings: Nolan Wondercheck (vocal solo), Esmeralda Arreguin and Celine Dunlap (vocal duet), William Dyer (vocal solo), Celine Dunlap (trumpet solo), Esmeralda Arreguin and Destiny Johnson (vocal duet), Brandy Robak (vocal solo), Esmeralda Arreguin (mallet solo & drum solo), Conner Johnson (alto sax solo), and Andy King (alto sax solo).
- The following students who attended the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair: Parker Wallin (Honorable Mention); Alex Wiese (Honorable Mention); Demi Edgell (Honorable Mention); Sage Robak (Honorable Mention); Sabrina Herchenbach (Honorable Mention); Darienne Pokorny (Honorable Mention); Sadie Wallin (3rd); Ciera Afrank (3rd); Toni Rasmussen (3rd); Rachel Schroeter (3rd); Emily Strong (2nd); Brooke Pieke (2nd); Kendra Nelson (2nd); Alisha Dunlap (2nd); and Megan Nelson (1st). Special Awards went to Rachel Schroeter (Lion's Club- Health and Diabetes Award- \$100 Savings Bond); and Alisha Dunlap (Runner up- Stockholm Junior Water Prize- \$50; Pulse of the Planet Award; Outstanding Science NOAA Award).
- Michelle Julsen and Esmeralda Arreguin who earned 3rd place in the State FFA Coloring Contest!



## From the Desk of Superintendent/K-6 Principal Herb Pokorny

### What Does the Future Hold?

The great Yogi Berra said, "predicting is hard, especially the future". Yet that is what we are attempting to do to prepare our school district for the future. With declining enrollments, although ours is beginning to stabilize, most of rural Nebraska is losing population, difficult economic times, and the Federalization of the school system, it is difficult at best to navigate a great school system that satisfies our local people, the state and feds.

One of the first things we have done so far is to coop some of our high school and junior high activities with Holy Family School. We will be extending our present cooperative agreement with Holy Family for the next two years. In the near future, we will be meeting with the Board of Holy Family to discuss more possible sharing between the schools and planning to meet with our public to exchange information and get your ideas about what the future of our school might look like.

So far, we have exchanged teachers on a limited basis. Mrs. Rother has taught Spanish I and II at Holy Family and over distance learning this year. In exchange we had Mr. Sweem and Ms. Gates teach speech and art, respectively. We will keep working on this to make sure we offer good programs for our students.

We wish good luck to these people as they will not be working at the school next year: Mrs. Goedeken has accepted a similar job in the Madison Public School; Mr. Krause will be going into private business and will probably do some coaching for us; Mrs. Joan Nelson will be retiring; Mrs. Mandy Nygren has resigned as head cook. We wish all of them good luck. Here is the list of their replacements: Mrs. Karen Malmkar will be the new Jr./Sr. High Science teacher; Mrs. Kylie Sweeter will be the new Ag. Ed. teacher; and Ms. Judy Tanehill will be the new hire in our kitchen as Ms. Chris Fossen will be the new head cook. We look forward and wish good luck to our new people.

### NOTE TO JUNIOR PARENTS!

Prom decorating schedule for ALL juniors!!!

#### Decorating Schedule

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:00 p.m. until done

(hopefully by 10:00---midnight at the latest)

#### Clean-Up Schedule

Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

2:30 p.m. until done

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

### Academic Awards Night Tuesday, May 4th

6:30 pm Social

7:00 pm Awards Program

Immediately following

Reception for

Joan Nelson



**COUNSELOR'S**

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Matt Rudloff,  
K-12 Counselor  
mrudloff@esu8.org

This day was a good experience for all participants as they competed and tested their knowledge in subject areas and had a college like experience going from building to building to find their test rooms.

**NECC Scholastic Contest**

On April 12<sup>th</sup> Mr. Seier and I took 29 students to Northeast Community College to compete in the annual scholastic contest. Students competed in various subject areas' ranging from Calculus to Welding. Mr. Seier coached the quiz bowl team. The team lost to Stuart in the second round after a forfeit win over Bancroft Rosalie in round one. The day provided a wide range of activities for the students to participate in besides the tests they competed in. Karaoke, a movie, and NECC college booths were some of the activities that entertained the students between contests and the awards ceremony. Medals were given out for the top three places in each test. We did not have anyone place in the top three in any of the contests.

Students participating in contests were:  
*Manuel Faris, Adriana Lopez, Matt King, Katie O'Brien, Josh London, Jake Kaufman, Tania Arreguin, John Lorenzen, Derek Stone, Tony Wallin, Sheldon Boschen, Tanner Bollig, Tenee Kopejtko, Aubrey Strong, Kelly Labenz, Tiffany Jedlicka, April Ramaekers, Mark O'Brien, Scott Boettcher, Derek Wallin, Ciera Afrank, Darienne Pokorny, Rachel Schroeter, Toni Rasmussen, Demi Edgell, Matt Finkral.*

Quiz bowl members were: *Katie O'Brien, Olivia Wiese, Audrey Wondercheck, Ben Jacobson, Tania Arreguin, and Aubrey Strong.*

**Other important information:**

Seniors should be done with or in the process of filling out the FASFA.

I have a booklet "Funding Education Beyond High School" that students or parents can pick up. Many parents have picked these up from previous meetings

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 2010 with no appointment necessary. Number to call is 1-402-844-7285.

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. Updated pages have been given to the seniors. It is also available on the school website.

Seniors should have or be in the process of applying to colleges and narrowing down their choices.

Please notify Mr. Rudloff of any Scholarships or Awards won by bringing a copy of the award letter to be placed in student's file.



**Lost and Found**



Please check out the boxes at the Elementary and High School Offices. They are very full and will be donated at the end of the year if unclaimed.





## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY



This year's National Honor Society induction ceremony was held March 26. Our ceremony started with a welcome from president, Olivia Wiese. Current members then reviewed the four characteristics of the National Honor Society. Audrey Wondercheck talked on scholarship. Tania Arreguin reviewed service. Jake Kaufman talked about leadership. Katie O'Brien discussed character. This year's guest speaker was Kenneth Eng. He graduated from Newman Grove in 1954. He now lives in Texas and does research in animal nutrition. In his speech he talked about his ten secrets to success.

1. Find a vocation you like, love and have a passion for. Then learn to do it well so you will never have to work another day in your life.
2. Don't fear or resist change.
3. Be honest and work hard even when nobody is looking.
4. Don't associate with negative people.
5. Don't pass up an opportunity to see something new and see it first hand.
6. Return your phone calls.
7. Good luck and good timing are hard to beat. You need to realize your opportunities and take advantage of them.
8. As an individual or a small business man, don't underestimate your ability to compete with the "big boys or big corporations."
9. Take care of your personal health.
10. Once you have made some money, learn how to manage it.

He then finished his speech with a poem he had originally written for his mother.

After his address, Mr. Seier and Mrs. Nelson presented the new inductees with their certificates after signing the register. Once all the members received their certificates, they recited the pledge. This year's new inductees were: Sheldon Boschen, Ben Jacobson, Michael Woischnor, Ciera Afrank, Cheyanne Fowlkes, Kendra Nelson, and Lila Wondercheck. This year's honorary members were Bill Mimick, Colleen Albracht, and Brad Cox. Olivia then closed the ceremony with a quote from Eleanor H. Porter.

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| <p><b>PROM<br/>and<br/>POST-<br/>PROM<br/>SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>~ ~ ~ ~</p> <p><i>Help make<br/>this a safe<br/>Prom<br/>for everyone!</i></p> | <p><b>Prom is Saturday, April 24!</b></p> <p><b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b></p>                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Picture packets are distributed to seniors, juniors, and prom servers. They must bring the envelope with them to the auditorium <u>with payment</u>. <b>Checks made out to "Shine Photography."</b></p> <p>Once students arrive to have professional pictures taken, they will not be allowed to leave the school premises or YMCA until the return to the school in the morning.</p> <p>Students will have an opportunity to change clothes at the school between the dance and Post Prom.</p> <p>The school looks forward to a safe and successful spring season; and special thanks to the parents for their support!</p> |
|                                                                                                                                              | <p><b>5:00</b></p> <p><b>5:30</b></p> <p><b>6:30</b></p> <p><b>11:00</b></p> <p><b>11:30</b></p> <p><b>4:00</b></p> <p><b>5:00</b></p> | <p><b>Prom Server Picture</b></p> <p><b>Group &amp; Date Pictures take place in the auditorium. Casual pictures may be taken after professional are done.</b></p> <p><b>Banquet/Dance immediately following</b></p> <p><b>Dance Concludes</b></p> <p><b>Transported to Norfolk YMCA</b></p> <p><b>Activities end at YMCA</b></p> <p><b>Return to Newman Grove</b></p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



**ELEMENTARY CITIZENSHIP  
& ATTENDANCE AWARDS**



**KINDERGARTEN:** Good Citizenship: Olivia Connelly, Elyssa Cuevas, Gustavo Garzoria, Madyson Zoucha. Perfect Attendance: Olivia Connelly, Isaac Potmesil. Good Attendance: Elyssa Cuevas, Morgann Johnson.

**FIRST GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Bethany Borgheiinck, Nadia Garzoria, Emma Montoya, Paige Nelson, Brooklyn Ostrand, Alex Puls. Perfect Attendance: Bethany Borgheiinck, Alex Puls.

**SECOND GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Jayme Bollig, Courtney Fowlkes, Madison Friedrich, Christopher Gottsch, McKenna Haase, Logan Hodges, Gabriel Sanchez, Aaron Potmesil. Perfect Attendance: Courtney Fowlkes, Madison Friedrich, McKenna Haase, Leighann Miller. Good Attendance: Kristian Cuevas, Christopher Gottsch, Garrett Hansen, Gabriel Sanchez.

**THIRD GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Dominik Cuevas, Camille Fowlkes, Ben Gottsch, Tyson Haddix, Gage Johnson, Sarah Johnson, McKenzie Lloyd, David Plugge, Jareth Salinas, Brady Sokol. Perfect Attendance: Camille Fowlkes, Gage Johnson, Rickey Ostrand, David Plugge. Good Attendance: Dominik Cuevas, Ben Gottsch, Sarah Johnson, McKenzie Lloyd.

**FOURTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Dylan Bagley, Breanna Borgheiinck, Evelyn Estrada, Bryton Fowlkes, Michelle Julsen, Nick Leonard, Riley Montoya, Cody Nelson, Rebecca Ostrand, Alejandro Sanchez, Rebecca Stone. Perfect Attendance: Vanessa Arreguin, Breanna Borgheiinck, Caden Ranslem, Alejandro Sanchez. Good Attendance: Dylan Bagley, Evelyn Estrada, Peyton Farmer, Bryton Fowlkes, Michelle Julsen, Nick Leonard, Keaton McFadden, Cody Nelson, Payton Nelson, Rebecca Ostrand, Connor Rankin, Rebecca Stone.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Bridgette Borgheiinck, Leydy Chavez, Mya Donelson, Wyatt Funk, Hannah Haase, Jacob Potmesil, Maria Thompson. Perfect Attendance: Bridgette Borgheiinck, Joel Garcia, Alexis Kopecky, Jacob Potmesil. Good Attendance: Leydy Chavez, Mya Donelson, Wyatt Funk, Hannah Haase, Conner Johnson, Kyle Stone.

**SIXTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Steven Arreguin, Drew Funk, Andy King, Charles Leonard, Crystal Salinas, Nolan Wondercheck. Perfect Attendance: Steven Arreguin, Destiny Johnson, Andy King, Nolan Wondercheck. Good Attendance: Esmeralda Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Drew Funk, Charles Leonard, Savannah Wiese.

**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 - Emily Strong, Parker Wallin.
- Grade 8 - Megan Nelson, Billy O'Brien, Brooke Pieke.
- Grade 9 - Darienne Pokorny, Toni Rasmussen.
- Grade 10 - Cheyanne Fowlkes.
- Grade 11 - Mark O'Brien.
- Grade 12 - Katie O'Brien.

**Distinction**

- Grade 8 -- Kevin Johnson, Alex Wiese.
- Grade 9 -- Demi Edgell, Jason Kaufman, Braydon Kopejtko, Rachel Schroeter.
- Grade 10 -- Ciera Afrank, Alysha Bader, Alisha Dunlap, Kendra Nelson, Tom Thompson.
- Grade 11 -- Ben Jacobson, Michael Woischnor, Audrey Wondercheck.
- Grade 12 -- Tania Arreguin, Brian Dinh, Jake Kaufman, Matt King, Adriana Lopez, John Lorenzen, Derek Stone, Olivia Wiese.

**Honors**

- Grade 7 -- Kleo Edgell, Mariely Estrada-Gonzalez, Garrett Flamme, Sadie Wallin.
- Grade 8 -- Taylor Friedrich, Jacob Haase, Carter Johnson, John O'Brien, Brett Weinman.
- Grade 9 -- Leslie Estrada-Gonzalez, Matt Finkral, Nick Flamme, Caleb Fowlkes, Brittney Weinman, Josh Wiese.
- Grade 10 -- Elisabeth Backhaus, Caitlin Bennett, Troy McCuiston, Brooke Nelson, Derek Wallin, Spencer Wallin.
- Grade 11 -- Chelsea Benson, Yuliana Bernal, Tanner Bollig, Sheldon Boschen, Tatem Fowlkes, Jesse Johnson, Tenee' Kopejtko, Kelly Labenz, Tony Wallin.
- Grade 12 -- Josh London, Courtney Nelson, Ben Widhalm.





THE **J** REPORT



**Junior High Boys Track**

By Rob Rose

Boys junior high track is off and running. The Junior Jays have competed in two meets so far this year. The Jays traveled to Genoa for the Cedar Rapids track meet, where the Jays did very well. We had every Jay get a ribbon on this day. The Jays were short-handed on this day with a few students attending the State FFA Conference. Carter Johnson earned four ribbons: 1st in the High Jump, 1st in the Long Jump, 1<sup>st</sup> in the 200, then 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4x4 relay. Noe Camarillo placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1600, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 800, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 4x1, 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4x4. Parker Wallin and Tyler Becker earned a 4<sup>th</sup> place in the 4x4. Garret Flamme, Kevin Johnson and Tyler Becker earned a 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbon in the 4x1. The Jays placed 5<sup>th</sup> as a team out of 10 schools in this meet.

The Junior Jays traveled to Boone Central on the Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Carter Johnson placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Triple Jump, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 200, and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the High Jump. Noe Camarillo placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1600. Then Jacob Haase, Alex Wiese, John O'Brien, Tyler Becker placed 6<sup>th</sup> in the 4x1 relay. Noe Camarillo, Billy O'Brien, Parker Wallin, Carter Johnson placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4x4 relay. The Jays placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams on this day. Keep up the hard work, Jays, you are all doing very well.

**District Track Meet  
at  
Boone Central**

**May 12th**



**TRACK & FIELD**

By Tom Thrasher



The 2010 version of the Newman Grove Track team has been working very hard so far this year.

Coming into this season I was not sure what to expect from the kids, but they have shown that with a little hard work they can achieve a lot. The track team consists of only one senior this year in Katie O'Brien. Katie has been a good leader for us and a very pivotal part of our team. The rest of the team consists of eight juniors, fifteen sophomores, and five freshmen. Each one of these athletes has shown progress from day one up to now, and I hope they can continue to grow. The team is coached by me, Coach Thrasher, with the assistance of Coach Forre and Coach Nelson.

The track season started with the Wayne State College Indoor Invitational. After that we have made stops at the Cedar Rapids Invite, Boone Central Invite, our own Newman Grove Invite, and the Neligh-Oakdale Invite. Each one of these meets has been challenging for our athletes, and we have made great strides after each one. This year has gone very fast as we are in the home stretch now of meets. We have left the Twin River Invite, Conference Meet at Fullerton, Lindsay Holy Family Invite, Districts at Albion, and the State Track Meet. With where things are sitting now, I am hopeful that we can get some of our athletes and/or relay teams to the state meet with a good showing at the district meet in four weeks.

The kids have been able to bring home many medals this year in almost all of their events. Gold medal performers include Katie O'Brien (2<sup>nd</sup>-3200 Meters; 3<sup>rd</sup>-Pole Vault); Sheldon Boschen (6<sup>th</sup>-Triple Jump); Tatem Fowlkes (2<sup>nd</sup> - 400 Meters; 5<sup>th</sup> - 200 Meters); Ben Jacobson (4<sup>th</sup> - 100 Meters); April Ramaekers (1<sup>st</sup> - 1600 Meters; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3200 Meters); Audrey Wondercheck (1<sup>st</sup>-High Jump; 2<sup>nd</sup>-100 Meter High Hurdles); Anthony Carter (3<sup>rd</sup>-High Jump); Alex Johnson (4<sup>th</sup>-High Jump); Cristina King (5<sup>th</sup> - Shot Put; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Discus); Troy McCuiston (1<sup>st</sup>-100 Meters; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 200 Meters; 1<sup>st</sup> - Triple Jump); Brooke Nelson (4<sup>th</sup>-Triple Jump); Tom Thompson (2<sup>nd</sup> - 400 Meters); Spencer Wallin (6<sup>th</sup>-Discus; 3<sup>rd</sup> Pole Vault); Lila Wondercheck (4<sup>th</sup>-200 Meters; 3<sup>rd</sup> - High Jump); Liz Backhaus (5<sup>th</sup>-100 Meter High Hurdles); Caleb Fowlkes (6<sup>th</sup> Place - 800 Meters); Sabrina Herchenbach (3<sup>rd</sup>-400 Meters); Darienne Pokorny (2<sup>nd</sup>-Long Jump; 2<sup>nd</sup>-300 Meter Hurdles; 2<sup>nd</sup>-400 Meters). The boys' relays have placed as follows: 4x100-1<sup>st</sup> (Troy, Tatem, Sheldon, Ben); 4x400-1<sup>st</sup> (Tatem, Tom, Sheldon, Ben). The girls have also placed in many relays, and they are: 4x100-2<sup>nd</sup> (Liz, Audrey, Darienne, Sabrina); 4x400-2<sup>nd</sup> (Darienne, Brooke, April, Sabrina); 4x800-2<sup>nd</sup> (April, Anahi, Joan, Katie).



### Junior High Girls Track

By Karla Patzel

The junior high girls track season is off to a spectacular start. We have now competed in two meets and have placed well. In the first meet all six girls placed in the Cedar Rapids Invite at Genoa. The team earned 35 points total, scoring were Emily Strong with 5th in the High Jump, 4th in the 800. Brooke Pieke got 3rd in shot and 2nd in discus. Megan Nelson placed 2nd in the 400 and 5th in long jump. Sadie Wallin got 3rd in the 300 hurdles. Emily Strong, Sadie Wallin, Taylor Friedrich, and Alaina Rast received 6th in the 4x400.

In the second meet at Boone Central the girls scored 32 points total. Scoring for Newman Grove Lady Jays were Megan Nelson with 4th in triple jump, 2nd in high jump, and 3rd in the 200. Brooke Pieke received 4th in shot put. Emily Strong got 1st in high jump. Megan Nelson, Brooke Pieke, Sadie Wallin, and Emily Strong got 2nd place in the 4x400.

### Sportsmetrics

**Every year, 1 in 100 high school female athletes will sustain a serious knee injury. Female athletes are 2-10 times more likely to suffer a non-contact knee ligament injury than male athletes.**

Sportsmetrics™ is the first scientifically proven program designed by Cincinnati Sports Medicine and Orthopaedic Center that can decrease knee injuries in female athletes *and* enhance athletic performance. Sportsmetrics™ focuses on developing overall leg strength and perfecting jumping and landing mechanics. The goal of Sportsmetrics™ is to decrease the risk of knee injuries allowing athletes to spend less time on the sidelines.

- 6-week program
- Focus on balance, strength and proper jumping techniques
- Open to all female athletes who will be in grades 7-12 next fall
- There is no cost for this program**

In conjunction with this program, a strength program is an important part of the success of this program. Kim Ranslem, ATC, Newman Grove High School Athletic Trainer, will be in charge of the program again this summer. Please contact her if you have questions. 447-9403. Dates will be announced later.

### NSAA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

Each year the Nebraska School Activities Association recognizes students who have been nominated by their schools, based on their individual academic excellence and significant contributions made to their NSAA activity. A nominated student must be a varsity player or organizational leader who has played a significant role on the team or in the organizational activity during the seasons for which nominations are accepted. A nominated student must have a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average in all curricular subjects of 93% or 3.7 on a 4.0-point scale or the equivalent.

Katie O'Brien, daughter of John and Doris O'Brien; Mark O'Brien, son of Ed and Ruth O'Brien; Alisha Dunlap, daughter of Bryan and Shelley Dunlap; and Darienne Pokorny, daughter of Herb and Teri Pokorny received the award for Newman Grove High School.

### FCCLA STATE RESULTS



Chelsea Benson and Brooke Nelson received a silver medal for their performance on Health and Wellness at the State FCCLA Convention on April 12 and 13th.

### Conference Art Show Winners



The Newman Grove High School Art students participated in the conference art show this last week. Courtney Nelson got a gold medal and purple ribbon for computer art, blue ribbon for graphic design, and a white ribbon for pencil drawing. Adriana Lopez received a blue ribbon for computer art and a red ribbon for graphic design. Cheyanne Fowlkes achieved a blue ribbon for print making and a white ribbon for graphic design. Josh London got a white ribbon for his pastels and chalk.



## ASTHMA ATTACK OR SYSTEMIC ALLERGIC REACTION PROCEDURE



State regulation requires that our school be prepared to implement an emergency treatment plan, called a protocol, anytime a student or staff member experiences a life threatening asthma attack or systemic allergic reaction (anaphylaxis). Our school is ready!

The protocol requires that 447-2345 is called first. After that call is made, an EpiPen injection will be given and then albuterol is provided through a nebulizer. An EpiPen is a small pre-filled, automatic injection device that resembles a highlighter. It is used to deliver epinephrine. Epinephrine is a medication that is used to bring quick relief by improving breathing and lung function. Albuterol is another medication that is used to bring breathing relief (commonly found in metered-dose inhalers). The nebulizer is a machine that mixes the albuterol with air to provide a fine mist (aerosol) for breathing in through a mask or mouthpiece.

The protocol steps are designed to provide quick, effective care in order to prevent death from occurring due to a severe asthma attack or anaphylaxis. Staff members have been trained to recognize signs and symptoms of a life-threatening “breathing” emergency and to properly administer the medications. The protocol is a standing medical order that has been signed by Dr. Tony Kusek.

If you know that your child has asthma or a known allergy, it is critically important that you communicate this information to our school staff. You may contact Teresa Wondercheck, school nurse, at 447-6051. For each child with a known allergic condition or asthma, you must provide the school with (1) written medical documentation, (2) instructions, and (3) medications as directed by a physician. In the event that your child experiences a life threatening asthma attack or systemic allergic reaction, we will refer to the specific documents and medication that you have provided. If you do not have medical documentation and instructions on file with the school for your child, we will refer to the regulatory protocol described above. If, for whatever reason, you do not want your child to receive the life-saving emergency treatment under the protocol, you must file your written objection with the school.

If you have questions or concerns about the protocol or your student’s health issues, please contact Teresa Wondercheck at 447-6051.

El estado de Nebraska tiene una regulacion que requiere que nuestra escuela este preparada para implementar un plan de tratamiento de emergencia, llamado protocolo, en cualquier momento que un estudiante o miembro del personal experimente un ataque de asma o reaccion alergica sistematico (anaphylaxis) como amenaza de vida. Nuestra escuela esta lista.

El protocolo requiere que primero llame 447-2345. Despues de hacer la llamada, le dara una inyeccion de EpePen a la victima, luego le proveera albuterol a traves del nebulizer. El tratamiento EpiPen es una pequena inyeccion automatica pre-llenada que se parece a un marcador.j Se usa para administrar epinephrine. Epinephrine es un medicamento que se usa para alivio rapido, mejorando la respiracion y la funcion de los pulmones. Albuterol es otro medicamento que se usa para aliviar la respiracion, (comunmente se encuentra en dosis medidas en los inhaladores). El nebulizador es una maquina que mezcla el albuterol con aire para proveer un fino vapor (aersol) para normalizar la respiracion por medio de una mascarilla o una pieza bucal.

Los pasos del protocolo estan designados para proveer cuidada rapida y efectiva para prevenir una muerte debida a la severidad de un ataque de asma o de anaphylaxis. El personal ha sido entrenado para reconocer los signos y sintomas de una amenaza de muerte o emergencia “respiratoria” y para administrar propiamente el medicamento. El protocolo es una orden excepcional medica que ha sido firmado por el Dr. Tony Kusek.

Si usted sabe que su hijo tiene asma o una alergia conocida, es criticamente importante que le comunique esta informacion al personal de la escuela. Usted puede comunicarse con Teresa Wondercheck, enfermera de la escuela (447-6051). Por cada hijo con asma o una condicion alergica conocida, usted debe proveer la escuela con (1) documentacion medica por escrito, (2) instrucciones, y (3) medicamentos prescritos como lo indica el doctor. En el evento de que su hijo experimente una amenaza de vida, ataque de asma, o reaccion alergica sistematica, nos dirigiremos a los documentos especificos y a los medicamentos que usted ha proveido. Si usted no tiene ninguna documentacion medica e instrucciones en los records de la escuela para su hijo, nosotros vamos a referir al protocolo regulatorio antes descrito. Si, por cualquier razon, usted no quiere que su hijo reciba el tratamiento de emergencia salvavida bajo el protocolo, usted debe llenar una forma escrita, rechazando este tratamiento.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o preocupacion acerca del protocolo de los temas de salud de su hijo, favor de llamar a la enfermera de la escuela, Teresa Wondercheck, 447-6051.



Pictured are back row (left to right): Ciera Afrank, Kendra Nelson, Sage Robak, Demi Edgell, Megan Nelson, Brooke Pieke, Darienne Pokorny, Toni Rasmussen. Front row: Emily Strong, Alex Wiese, Alisha Dunlap, Parker Wallin, Sadie Wallin, Rachel Schroeter, Sabrina Herchenbach.

## Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair

On March 26-28th Mrs. Suzy Goedeken took her science students to Nebraska City to participate in this year's Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair. They were each questioned and scored by several different judges about their project they had to present. Sunday it ended with an award ceremony, where each of the contestants received an award. Congratulations to the following students who attended: Parker Wallin (Honorable Mention); Alex Wiese (Honorable Mention); Demi Edgell (Honorable Mention); Sage Robak (Honorable Mention); Sabrina Herchenbach (Honorable Mention); Darienne Pokorny (Honorable Mention); Sadie Wallin (3rd); Ciera Afrank (3rd); Toni Rasmussen (3rd); Rachel Schroeter (3rd); Emily Strong (2nd); Brooke Pieke (2nd); Kendra Nelson (2nd); Alisha Dunlap (2nd); and Megan Nelson (1st). Special awards went to Rachel Schroeter (Lion's Club - Health and Diabetes Award - \$100 Savings Bond) and Alisha Dunlap (Runner up - Stockholm Junior Water Prize - \$50; Pulse of the Planet Award; Outstanding Science NOAA Award).



# Music Notes



by Tami Texley



## Sing Across Nebraska Festival

Sing Around Nebraska is sponsored by the Nebraska Choral Directors Association and is for students in grades 4-6. Students are selected by auditioning before their music teachers. Students are chosen based on being able to sing on pitch consistently, maintain a musical part, willing to spend extra time learning the music for the festival, exhibit self-discipline and sing in the treble vocal range. "The purpose of it is to give talented singers in fourth, fifth and sixth grades an opportunity to sing challenging, good repertoire and work with a great music technician."

Carolee Curtright, a professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Music, worked with the students in Columbus. Students prepped for the performance for several months. They were expected to have the six songs they performed memorized by the day of the event. That day, they then got to work directly with Curtright before performing the concert later in the day.

Newman Grove students who participated were Abby Pieke, Hannah Haase, Celine Dunlap, Esmeralda Arreguin, Will Dyer, Rebecca Stone, Michelle Julsen, Mya Donelson, and Andy King.

## Brainard Music Contest

Congratulations to the Brainard Music Contest Participants. Earning Superior Ratings: Joe O'Brien (Vocal Solo & Baritone Solo), Mya Donelson (Trumpet Solo & Vocal Solo), Isiah Weverka-Haddix (Drum Solo), Justin Herchenbach (Drum Solo), Hannah Haase (Drum Solo), Mya Donelson & Hannah Haase (Drum/Trumpet Duet), Hannah Haase (Mallet Solo), Alexis Kopecky (Trumpet Solo), Brandy Robak (Clarinet Solo), Nolan Wondercheck (Trombone Solo), and Destiny Johnson (Drum Solo). Earning Excellent Ratings: Nolan Wondercheck (Vocal Solo), Esmeralda Arreguin and Celine Dunlap (Vocal Duet), William Dyer (Vocal Solo), Celine Dunlap (Trumpet Solo), Esmeralda Arreguin and Destiny Johnson (Vocal Duet), Brandy Robak (Vocal Solo), Esmeralda Arreguin (Mallet Solo and Drum Solo), Conner Johnson (Alto Sax Solo), Alexis Kopecky and Leydy Chavez (Vocal Duet) and Andy King (Alto Sax Solo). (Not pictured are Hannah Haase and Brandy Robak.)



## Elementary Music Program

Monday, May 3rd—7:00 p.m.



K-6 Presenting:  
**Heart of a Cowboy**

After program Rootbeer Floats \$2.00



### Music Department Goes to Wizard of OZ at the Lied

On Saturday, April 10th the music department went to see the wizard. They traveled to Lincoln and enjoyed a meal at Spahetti Works before going to the play. Those who participated were back row (left to right): Ivan Herchenbach, Karen Herchenbach, Pat Flamme, Donna Schroeter, Mikala Farrier, Brandy Robak, and Emily Strong. Front row: Teacher Tami Texley, Justin Herchenbach, Rachel Schroeter, Sabrina Herchenbach, Garrett Flamme, and Marisol Hernandez. There were a dozen others who went with the music group but traveled separately.

### Tiffany Jedlicka Receives Art Award



Tiffany Jedlicka, has been named as one of the winners of the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Nebraska Young Artist Award. She received the award on March 29 at the University of Nebraska Lincoln. The award recognizes 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who are gifted and talented in the areas of visual art, dance, music and theatre. Seventy-eight high school juniors from across the state were selected as award recipients. Tiffany submitted an original drawing to the UNL Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, where the selections were chosen by the faculty for the award. Honored students took tours of the arts facilities, attended classes, met faculty and college students, and had lunch. Their parents were also invited, and they also took part in tours and received information on careers in the arts and college curriculum.



The students received a certificate of the award, as well as an original piece of artwork commissioned for this event made by David Knox and Ella Weber, two undergraduate students in the Department of Art and Art History.

### District Music Contest

Friday, April 23rd  
at Boone Central



Parent Sponsors  
are still needed.

### Jr - Sr High Concert in the PARK



Tuesday, May 11th  
7:00 PM



Rootbeer Floats will be sold afterwards!



## Little Jays Preschool



Planning for the fourth year of Newman Grove Little Jays Preschool is underway. The program will again work in partnership with the Goldenrod Hill Community Action – 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 2010-2011 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.
- The time schedule will be 8:10 – 11:40 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 Karen Herchenbach 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. Karen may be reached at 447-6051 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mrs. Herchenbach 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 Pevnar (PCV)
- Proof of income – income tax return, public assistance award documentation
- Birth dates of all family members
- Medicaid and/or insurance information
- If applicable: documentation of your child's disability (MDT and/or IFSP/IEP)



## Activities to Promote Learning

By Donna Miller



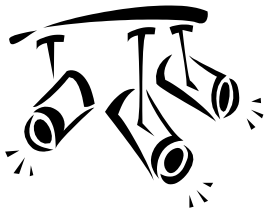
Learning can occur anywhere and at anytime! There are so many learning opportunities for our students and children during school and out of school. The extra things that we do as parents are so beneficial to the learning of our students. Sometimes it is hard to come up with ideas so I decided to create a list of different activities. Summer is just around the corner and what a better time to do some fun activities with your child.

We all travel somewhere, whether it be to go shopping, visit relatives, or to an athletic event, etc. Activities that can be done while traveling for younger students: look for items of different colors, count items, look for shapes, look for letters of the alphabet, rhyming words, say the name of a letter and think of all the things that you can that start with that letter. Activities that can be done with older students: read the signs, practice math facts and spell words. Activities help make the travel time go faster as well.

Everyone has had to wait in a restaurant for their order to arrive. Activities that you can do while waiting are: take all the change out of your purse or your pocket and have your child count it, then keep giving them different amounts, read the menu, look around the restaurant for different letters or numbers, play the game "I Spy", look for shapes or colors. Say a word and count the syllables in that word or say a number and they have to come up with a word that has that same amount of syllables.

Reading to your child or having your child read to you. Ask questions along the way to see if they understand what they read. When they are reading to you, have them ask you questions. Kids think it is fun to play the teacher, even make a mistake or two to see if they can catch you. If you have access to the internet, there are several excellent websites to promote learning.

Kids grow up way too fast, treasure the time that you have with them. The most important thing to remember is to have fun and be creative!



# Senior Spotlight



### Tania Arreguin

Parents:  
Maria Arreguin

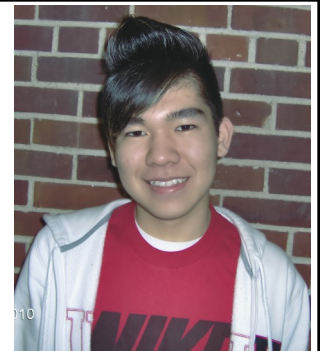
Other Family Members:  
Eric & Steven Arreguin

Favorite Pastime:  
Going on crazy adventures!

Senior Activities:  
National Honor Society, FCCLA, Drama

Part-time Employment:  
Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend Wayne State College to  
study Pre- Pharmacy



### Bao (Brian) Dinh

Parents:  
Bich Hong Pham Thi  
Host Family:  
Wes & Beth Barthel

Other Family Members:  
Giang Dinh

Favorite Pastime:  
Listen to music, reading books, and riding horses.

Senior Activities:  
Band, Swing Choir

Plans After Graduation:  
Study in Lincoln, be a business man  
and have fun the rest of my life.

### Congratulations!

**Michelle Julsen  
and  
Esmeralda Arreguin**

Earned 3rd Place in the  
State FFA Coloring Contest

### 9-12th Pre Contest Concert



**Tuesday, April 20th**

**7:00 p.m.**

### APRIL IS "SAFETY ON THE INTERNET" MONTH

#### *Internet Resources for Parents*

[www.isafe.org](http://www.isafe.org) - Isafe focuses on all age ranges and safety on the Internet

[CleanSurf.com](http://CleanSurf.com) - A filtered search engine

[CyberAngels.com](http://CyberAngels.com) - A non-profit organization dedicated to Internet safety

[A Family Guidebook to the Internet](#) - A detailed site with good descriptions different parts of the Internet

[Child Safety on the Information Highway](#) - A wealth of information on Internet Safety

[Family Internet Guide](#) - About.com's collection of resources for Families and the Internet

<http://www.cybersmartcurriculum.org/> - A free K-8 curriculum empowering students to use the Internet safely, responsibly and effectively.

For more information, contact:  
Consumer Protection Division at (800)727-6432  
or by visiting [www.ago.state.ne.us](http://www.ago.state.ne.us).



## What's Happening in the Spectacular 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom

By Karla Patzel

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom has had many things going on. At the beginning of the year the students were surprised to find out that their classroom was no longer downstairs. It took a little bit of adjusting, but in no time at all they remembered where the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom was. In the first part of the year the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders went to the Olson Nature Preserve. **Hunter Steinbach** said his favorite part of the ONP was seeing the puzzle sticks. **Garrett Hansen's** favorite part was seeing all the animals, and seeing a beaver dam was **Leighann Miller's** favorite part. During October we had a pumpkin unit. On Halloween, we brought pumpkins in. They had to estimate weight of the pumpkin and how many seeds each pumpkin had. The students also had to measure the height and circumference of their pumpkin. After all this was done, they were able to carve their pumpkins. **Chris Gottch's** favorite part was cutting the mouth out. **Madison Friedrich, McKenna Haase and Logan Hodges's** favorite part was digging everything out of the pumpkin. **Aaron Potmesil's** favorite part was counting all the seeds to see how many there were in each pumpkin.

Our reading series has had various themes this year. We have talked about animals, bravery, kindness, and exploring. One of our themes was "Around the Community". We spent a lot of time talking about things in Newman Grove and what our community does for us. We took a trip to the Newman Grove Bank where Mr. Jeff Gerhart graciously gave us a tour of the bank. Seeing the money was **Jayme Bollig's** favorite part. **Tony Coleman's** favorite part was going and seeing the bank vault. **Kristian Cuevas's** favorite part was getting a balloon. **Carlos Salinas's** favorite part is when they showed us currency from other countries.

December our class grew from a baker's dozen to 14. **Gabriel Sanchez** graced us with his presence. He moved to Newman Grove from Arizona. What a shock to come to wintery Nebraska! We asked Gabriel what his favorite part of being in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is, and he said that we have our own jobs to do in the classroom.

This winter has brought the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders with mounds of snow to play in at recess. I asked a few of them "What is their favorite part of playing in the snow?" **Chris Gottch** said, "They can build snow slides and play tag." **Gabriel Sanchez** said, "Playing in the snow is great!" Building snowmen was **Courtney Fowlkes's** favorite part.

This year in math the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have been working hard on regrouping with addition and subtraction. They have been also working to get better at reading and answering story problems. With a little work they have been improving every day on this. We are currently working on counting money amounts. In the next couple of weeks we will move into measurement and fractions.

Spring is just around the corner, and our field trip is soon in sight. This year the students will be traveling to Norfolk to see the Norfolk Daily News, US92 Radio Station, Norfolk Police Department, and the Norfolk Fire and Rescue.

Pictured are back row (left to right): Aaron Potmesil, Courtney Fowlkes, McKenna Haase, Madison Friedrich, Tony Coleman. Middle row: Logan Hodges, Garrett Hansen, Carlos Salinas, Hunter Steinbach, Jayme Bollig. Front row: Leighann Miller, Kristian Cuevas, Christopher Gottsch, Gabriel Sanchez-Maldonado.





## Joan Nelson Retires

Joan Bennett Nelson was born at Oakdale, NE, the daughter of Boyd and Mary Emma Bennett and graduated from Tilden High School in 1965. She graduated with a BAE from Wayne State College in 1968. After teaching in Genoa Public School she became a substitute teacher which allowed her to be home to raise her four sons. She also worked as the insurance clerk for the Newman Grove Medical Clinic until the birth of her youngest son. She had substituted in area schools for 20 years before joining the staff of Newman Grove Elementary in 1991.

Joan was hired as the extra teacher for the largest classes so that meant she had a different level each year before finally becoming the fourth grade teacher. She has taught grade four language arts and social studies in the departmentalized 4, 5, and 6th Grades.

Joan and her husband, Verdell, look forward to the time to travel and spend time with their four sons and eight grandchildren. Their sons and families are Mitch and Bev Nelson, Butte; Steve and Chellee Nelson, Schuyler; Scott and Cody Nelson, Newman Grove; Kristin Didier, Omaha; Paul and Erin Nelson, Chino Hills, CA.

There will be a reception for Joan immediately following the awards on May 4th in the auditorium. Please plan to attend and share your memories.

The Healthy Communities Initiative (HCI) Coalition

requests the pleasure of your company at

### “Mapping the Route for Our Youth”

An event to inspire parents and adults to become positive role models for youth,

featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Tom Osborne.

**Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

At seven o'clock in the evening  
Johnny Carson Theater – Norfolk Sr. High School  
801 Riverside Blvd., Norfolk, Nebraska

Additional parking will be available on the west side of the school



**RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2009-2010)**

**Part I: Organization and Finance**  
**General Information:**

|                                                                          |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pre-K through 12 Enrollment (4/1/10)                                     | 218                |
| Teachers' Experience:                                                    | 18.2 years average |
| Administrators' Experience:                                              | 24.5 years average |
| Master's Degrees (or BA+36 equivalent)                                   | 15                 |
| Total Staff (based on full-time status):                                 |                    |
| Administration                                                           | 1.875              |
| Teachers (including SpEd, Title I):                                      | 23.125             |
| 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                                                             | 3.25               |
| 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:      | 85.0%       |
| Revenue from State Sources:             | 8.8%        |
| Revenue from Federal Sources:           | 6.2%        |
| Reserve, Local, County:                 | \$796,186   |
| Property Taxes:                         | \$2,238,939 |
| State, Special Education, Grants:       | \$177,000   |
| State Aid (net student option funding): | \$136,582   |
| Federal:                                | \$220,160   |
| Total:                                  | \$3,568,867 |

**Budget of Expenditures:**

**General Fund:**

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Instruction, Support:           | \$1,838,415 |
| Business, Admin., Board of Ed.: | \$453,560   |
| Maintenance/Operation of Plant: | \$223,460   |
| Transportation (regular):       | \$116,600   |
| Federal Title I:                | \$66,002    |

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Other Federal Programs:           | \$97,031    |
| Special Education (all programs): | \$488,800   |
| Necessary Cash Reserve            | \$275,000   |
| Total:                            | \$3,568,868 |

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

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| General Fund:              | 0.888308 |
| Special Building:          | 0.015077 |
| Bond Fund (non-affiliate): | 0.014060 |
| Bond Fund (affiliate):     | 0.055731 |
| Total District Levy:       | 0.973176 |
| Total Affiliate Levy:      | 0.959116 |

**Valuation - August 20, 2009:**

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| District #13 Valuation: | \$254,565,863 |
|-------------------------|---------------|

**NET STUDENT OPTION FUNDING:** The district saw a decrease of \$7,775 in net student option funding for the 2009-2010 budget year (from \$144,357 to \$136,582).

**2010-2011 BUDGET:** State Aid for the 2010-2011 fiscal year has been certified at \$126,977, down \$9,605 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 2010-2011 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.



**RULE 10 ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION (2009-2010) Continued**

**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 Brian Wallin, President; Roger Lyon, Vice-President; David Fowlkes, Secretary; Brad Cox, Treasurer; Colleen Albracht, Member; and Tom Haase, Member.

**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, physi-

cally, 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 contest 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.

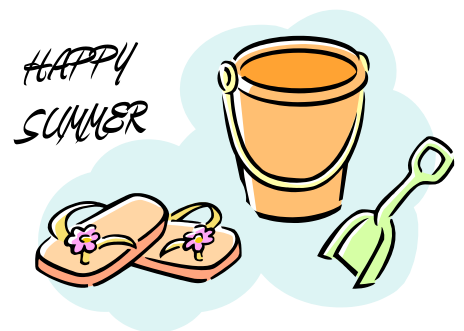


## NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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

| MONDAY                                                                      | TUESDAY                                                                               | WEDNESDAY                                                             | THURSDAY                                                                    | FRIDAY                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>April 26</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets<br/>Tator Tots</p> <p>Cake</p>           | <p>April 27</p> <p>Beef Stew<br/>Biscuit</p> <p>Pudding</p>                           | <p>April 28</p> <p>Chicken Rice<br/>Casserole</p> <p>Dinner Rolls</p> | <p>April 29</p> <p>Pizza Burger<br/>French Fries</p> <p>Animal Crackers</p> | <p>April 30</p> <p>Hot Dog<br/>Baked Beans</p> <p>Brownie</p>            |
| <p>May 3</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets<br/>French Fries</p> <p>Rice Krispy Bar</p> | <p>May 4</p> <p>Salisbury Steak<br/>Mashed Potatoes<br/>w/ Gravy<br/>Dinner Rolls</p> | <p>May 5</p> <p><i>NO<br/>SCHOOL</i></p>                              | <p>May 6</p> <p>Chicken Alfredo<br/>Lettuce Salad</p> <p>Bread Sticks</p>   | <p>May 7</p> <p>Turkey Noodle<br/>Casserole<br/>Green Beans<br/>Cake</p> |
| <p>May 10</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken<br/>Veggies w/Cheese</p> <p>Cookie</p>     | <p>May 11</p> <p>Breaded Pork Patty<br/>Baked Potato</p> <p>Cake</p>                  | <p>May 12</p> <p>Cavatini<br/>Green Beans</p> <p>Garlic Bread</p>     | <p>May 13</p> <p>Chicken Fajitas<br/>Rice<br/>Lettuce/Salsa<br/>Jello</p>   | <p>May 14</p> <p>BBQ Pork<br/>Sandwich<br/>Macaroni Salad<br/>Bar</p>    |
| <p>May 17</p> <p>Chef's<br/>Choice</p>                                      | <p>May 18</p> <p>Chef's<br/>Choice</p>                                                | <p>May 19</p> <p>Chef's<br/>Choice</p>                                | <p>May 20</p> <p><i>EARLY<br/>DISMISSAL</i></p>                             |                                                                          |

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



# MAY 2010

| Sun                | Mon                                                                                      | Tue                                                                                                                         | Wed                                                                                       | Thur                                                                                                                                                                                            | Fri                                                                          | Sat                                             |
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| 2                  | 3<br>3:05 PM Student Council Mtg (officer elections)<br>7:00 PM K-6 Spring Concert       | 4<br>8:10 AM Grade 2 Field Trip/Norfolk<br>3:05 PM Swing Choir<br>6:30 PM FFA Mtg<br>7:00 PM Academic/Activity Awards Night | 5<br>No School K-12<br>Staff Development to Noon<br>8:15 AM TR: Holy Family Invite @ BC   | 6<br>7:15 AM Swing Choir<br>8:00 AM Grade 5 Field Trip/Aurora<br>8:00 AM Grade 3 Field Trip (Grand Island)<br>11:00 AM Conf Exec Mtg @ Humphrey<br>3:05 PM 8-11 GBB Mtg<br>3:05 PM 8-11 BBB Mtg | 7<br>ACT Registration Deadline<br>8:10 AM Grade 4 Field Trip/Lincoln         | 8                                               |
| 9<br>Mother's Day  | 10<br>2:30 PM Jr High Awards Program<br>7:30 PM Board of Ed Mtg                          | 11<br>7:00 PM Park Concert                                                                                                  | 12<br>TBD TR: District Meet @ Albion                                                      | 13                                                                                                                                                                                              | 14<br>7:30 PM Baccalaureate Services                                         | 15<br>Armed Forces Day<br>2:00 PM Graduation    |
| 16                 | 17                                                                                       | 18<br>Elementary Last Day<br>Last Day PreSchool                                                                             | 19<br>No School K-6<br>7-11 Semester Tests                                                | 20<br>No School K-6<br>End 2nd Term<br>7-11 Semester Tests<br>Faculty Workday to 4 pm<br>11:15 AM 7-11 Dismissal                                                                                | 21<br>Track: State Meet<br>Faculty Workday<br>Weather/Make-up Day (possible) | 22<br>Track: State Meet                         |
| 23                 | 24<br>Summer Gifted Reading Program<br>Swing Choir to Kansas City<br>Shell Creek Project | 25<br>Summer Gifted Reading Program<br>Swing Choir to Kansas City<br>Shell Creek Project                                    | 26<br>Summer Gifted Reading Program<br>Swing Choir to Kansas City<br>Beaver Creek Project | 27<br>Summer Gifted Reading Program<br>COLT Conference                                                                                                                                          | 28<br>Summer Gifted Reading Program<br>COLT Conference                       | 29<br>COLT Conference<br>6:30 PM Alumni Banquet |
| 30<br>Memorial Day | 31<br>Memorial Day (observed)                                                            |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                              |                                                 |



### END OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES



**Tuesday, April 20**

Junior-Senior High Spring Concert—7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, April 22**

Twin River Track Invitational—1:00 p.m.

**Friday, April 23**

Jump Up Day— Grade 6

**Saturday, April 24**

Prom-6:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 26**

FFA Banquet/Auction—6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 30**

Jr. High & High School Conference Track Meet at Stanton —9:00 a.m.

**Monday, May 3**

Elementary Spring Concert—7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 4**

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

**Wednesday, May 5**

No School K-12— Staff Development  
Track- Holy Family Invite— 8:15 AM @ Boone C.

**Monday, May 10**

Jr. High Awards Program— 2:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 11**

Junior-Senior High Concert in Park- 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 12**

District Track Meet at Boone Central

**Friday, May 14**

Baccalaureate Services—7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 15**

Graduation -2:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 17**

Elementary Track and Field Day-2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, May 18**

Last Day of School K-6

**Wednesday, May 19**

Semester Tests, Periods 3 &4

**Thursday, May 20**

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

**Friday & Saturday, May 21 & 22**

State Track Meet

**Saturday, May 29**

Alumni Banquet—6:30 p.m.



**ALUMNI BANQUET**      *May 29, 2009—6:30 p.m.*

*Tickets on Sale—\$12.50 per person*

*Tickets available at: Barnes Mini Mart—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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