



The Bluejay Bulletin

Newman Grove
Public Schools

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## Board of Education Meeting Summary January 12, 2015

- Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.
- Agenda approved as amended (Addition of Action Item 2.10 – Designation of Law Firm)
- Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented; approved payment of bills in the amounts of \$30,155.72-General Fund, \$1,090.90-Depreciation Fund, and \$13,749.22-Building Fund.
- Election of 2014 officers was held: President: David Fowlkes; Vice-President: John Krueger; Treasurer: Jeanie McCloud, and Secretary-Tom Haase.
- Appointed Janet Williamson as the recording secretary.
- President Fowlkes announced committee assignments.
- Approved the Newman Grove Reporter and the Bank of Newman Grove as the district's newspaper of record and financial institution, respectively.
- Approved bid of Frisch Electric (\$5,950.00) for electrical work on the greenhouse project.
- Approved revision of Policy 2002 – Organization of the Board.
- Designated KSB School law as the district's legal representative.
- Heard Principal's Report: Speaker for students and staff well-received; January 5<sup>th</sup> teacher staff development, faculty in-service in Norfolk on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, calendar changes; upcoming events; and NeSA and MAPS testing schedules; and Parker Wallin named to Academic All-State.
- Heard Superintendent's Report: Policy updates on February agenda; sick/vacation days update; preparation of 2015-16 calendar; safety/school zone discussion; and board planning/goal setting.
- Entered into executive session to discuss the Principal's Contract. Returned to public session and extended contract to Darrell Barnes for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Conducted evaluation of Mikal Shalikow, Superintendent of Schools.
- Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Kala Rast and Riley Montoya, selected to participate in the 2015 Wayne State College Symphonic Honor Band. This takes place on Saturday, January 31st.
- 7th grade girls basketball team on their 2nd place finish in the Elkhorn Valley Tournament.
- The 9th grade girls basketball team on winning the Norfolk Catholic Tournament.
- Omaha World-Herald All-State honorees: Football (All-State): Wyatt Mazour, Michael Lipker, Travis Kennedy, Zac Glidden. Football (Honorable Mention): Keaton Henry, Jacob Krings, Joe Brugger, Colton Pelster. Volleyball (Honorable Mention): Dana Pelster, Celine Dunlap, Elissa Slizoski.
- Lincoln Journal Star All-State honorees: Football (Super State): Wyatt Mazour (1st Team); Michael Lipker (2nd Team). Football (All-State/Class C1): Wyatt Mazour, Michael Lipker, Keaton Henry, Zac Glidden.
- The junior high girls basketball teams competing in the Norfolk Catholic Tournament: 7A - 1st Place (2-0); and 8A - 3rd Place (1-1).
- The girls varsity basketball team on the 2nd place finish in the Bennington Holiday Tournament.
- Parker Wallin on earning fall Academic All-State recognition in Play Production.

Nebraska School Board Member  
Week is **January 25-January 31**

**NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOLS  
WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:**

*David Fowlkes (8 years)*  
*Tom Haase (6 years)*  
*John Krueger (4 years)*  
*Jeanie McCloud (4 years)*  
*Scott Lyon (2 years)*  
*Scott Nelson (2 years)*

**FOR ALL THEIR TIME AND  
EFFORT IN MAKING  
OUR SCHOOL RUN SMOOTHLY!**

**If you see these people around town, please  
take the time to thank them for their  
service to the School District.**



**FROM THE OFFICE OF  
PRINCIPAL DARRELL BARNES**

MR. BARNES

The Christmas break is over and 2015 has welcomed us with snow and cold but the halls of Newman Grove Schools are full of excitement for the new semester!!

As students begin new classes this semester, it will be important for them to be well prepared for school each day. Sleep and nutrition are key to our students to be able to focus on their classes and homework. Also beginning this month is State testing which is how our school is in essence, 'graded' thus it needs to be a group effort of teachers, students, and parents to make sure we do all we can to be properly prepared.

Activities are still an important part of what the students are involved in and the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the seasons for girls and boys basketball and wrestling are coming to the forefront. Speech has been working to get ready to jump into their season and dance and music continue to work. It is always good to see students involved as it carries many benefits in the values they can learn that will be useful in the future!



**From the Desk of  
Superintendent Mikal Shalikow**

Happy New Year!! It is difficult to believe it is 2015, and January is blowing by. The seniors of 2015 only have a little over four months before they are set to graduate. These students should know what their plan is for next year and it is important for them to start preparing for the next phase of their lives. The administration, teachers and staff at Newman Grove are here to help students prepare for this transition. Please encourage your sons or daughters to come speak to any of us about these next steps in their life. As a previous guidance counselor, I truly enjoy visiting with students and sharing advice to help make this transition easier and, hopefully, help them avoid mistakes I made during my transition. This advice isn't just for the senior class, as the eight grade, Freshman, Sophomore and Junior students also have big decisions to make. The classes and activities they do during the early years of high school will directly affect their decisions late in life. The Newman Grove Students have a plethora of options to prepare for their future including exploratory course, as well as college credit courses.

**GRAB AND GO BREAKFAST**

The Newman Grove Public Schools is looking into providing a grab and go breakfast option for it's students in the future. Your input is crucial into this decision, please complete the short survey below and send back to school with your student.

**Why Kids Need Breakfast**

While adults need to eat breakfast each day to perform their best, kids need it even more. Their growing bodies and developing brains need regular refueling often, from food. When kids skip breakfast, they don't get what they need to be at their best.

Short on time? Eating a wholesome, nutritious morning meal will probably save you time in the long run. By recharging the brain and body, you'll be more efficient in just about everything you do.

Interestingly, studies show that kids who skip breakfast are tardy and absent from school more often than children who eat breakfast on a regular basis. Preparing a good breakfast can be as quick and easy as splashing some milk over cereal, or making oatmeal or a healthy smoothie.

**SOURCES:**

[www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com), Wahlstrom, K. *Topics in Clinical Nutrition*, December 1999. Albertson, A. *Journal of the American College of Nutrition*, 2003., De Castro, J. *The Journal of Nutrition*, Jan. 1, 2004. Song, W. *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*, September 2005. Wyatt, H. *Obesity Research*, February 2002.

My child/children

(Please list child/children)

\_\_\_\_\_ would participate in a breakfast program

\_\_\_\_\_ would not participate in a breakfast program

(Please check one of the options above)

Students would be able to apply for Free and Reduced Breakfast prices the same as they do for school lunches. The cost of breakfast would be around \$1.65.



## COUNSELOR'S

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Matt Rudloff  
K-12 Counselor  
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I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a happy new year. This month brings much excitement and many tasks to be completed by seniors planning on attending college. The first task that should be completed is obtaining a PIN number for the FASFA. This is done at the web-site [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Both the student and parents need a PIN. Your PIN is an electronic access code that serves as your personal identifier and can be used every year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your U.S. Department of Education records online. Parents, if you have already obtained a PIN for previous children, then you do not need another one. You can use the same one for all children. Students must have their own. Do not lose your PIN as you will need it through out your college years.

After receiving your PIN, you should apply for federal student financial assistance by completing the FASFA. Even if you do not need financial assistance, everyone should fill out the FASFA because colleges use this information in helping with many other things such as scholarships. Federal student loan interest rates are lower than any other loans so you are encouraged to fill out the FASFA to see what you qualify for. The fastest way to fill out the FASFA and to get results back is to do it online electronically. The web-site is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). A FAFSA on the Web Worksheet is available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) or [www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/pubs](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov/pubs) for you to print and write down your information prior to completing the online submission of the FAFSA. You can obtain printed copies of the worksheet by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). Apply for the FASFA between Jan. 1, 2015 and June 30, 2015. Be aware that colleges may have their own deadlines which usually can be as early as February. You do need to have your income tax information finished or close to finished to apply. There is a tool at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) called the FAFSA4caster that can help students and families prepare financially for college before officially applying for federal student aid. It provides an estimate of federal student aid eligibility by instantly calculating an estimated Expected Family Contribution\* - the indicator used to estimate a family's or a student's ability to contribute toward the cost of an education after high school.

Information that you will need to fill out the FASFA

- Social Security #
- 2014 W-2 forms and other records of money earned by student and parents, if you're a dependent student
- 2014 Federal Tax Returns and W2's
- A PIN number for both parent and student ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov))
- 2014 untaxed income records – examples include Social Security benefits, welfare benefits such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and veteran benefits.
- Current bank statements, business and investment mortgage information; business and farm records; and stock, bond and other investment records.
- Alien registration number (if you are not a U.S. citizen).
- 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.

Other important information

- 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. Many parents have picked these up from previous meetings.

### Scholarships

- An updated list of scholarships is available in the counseling office for students to pick up and on our school website. Local scholarships should be coming soon.
- Many colleges have a February 1st or earlier deadline. For example, Northeast Community College's deadline is Feb. 1st. Please check with all the colleges you are applying to so you do not miss out on scholarship opportunities.
- Please notify me of any Scholarships earned so that proper recognition can be given at graduation. This includes all scholarships won, even those not accepted.

### College Visits

- Seniors should visit and then apply to colleges they are seriously considering.



If your son or daughter still doesn't know what to do, they can go to NCIS and explore careers, colleges, etc.



### Plan Your Career with Nebraska Career Information System (NCIS) via the Internet

- Check out more than 500 occupations.
- Match occupations to your interests.
- Learn about colleges and universities.
- Discover where to get an apprenticeship or degree.
- Find scholarships and financial aid.

Your access for the 2014-2015 school year is provided by Newman Grove High School. The CIS web-site address is : <http://necis.intocareers.org> Your user name is: 09newmanhs. Your password is: H021209 (Your Password is case sensitive). Enjoy exploring careers through CIS!

Junior High Students have the same opportunity with: Plan your career with the Countdown (612 for CAREERS) via the internet! The Countdown Web site address is: <http://necis.intocareers.org> Your user name is: 09newmanjh. Your password is: J105409 (Your Password is case sensitive). Enjoy exploring careers with Countdown!



## LIONS CLUB 27th ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Lions Club Alumni Basketball Tourney will be March 20th-22nd. Teams are being formed for both the men and women. One women's game is planned for Saturday evening. Please consider combining classes and teams wherever possible. Remember, your team must have at least five players on hand to start a game! Team entries are due by February 6, 2015. We will draw for team placement in the brackets the second week in February and announce the schedule after February 15th.

**Contact Gene Wissenburg at (402)447-2255 or Dennis McCloud at (402)447-6490 for more details.**



## FASFA Completion Days at Northeast Community College

Northeast Community College is offering free assistance through their Financial Aid Office at the College Welcome Center on Fridays from 1pm -4pm from February through June with no appointment necessary (excluding days the college is closed).

You will need to the following information:

- 2014 Federal Tax Returns and W2's
- A PIN number for both parent and student ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov))

### Preschool Registration NOW OPEN

### Little Jays Preschool Registration



We are accepting applications in March for next year. When registering, you will need the following items to complete the application: birth certificate (raised seal only), current immunization record, proof of income (tax return, public assistance, child support, etc.), birth dates of all family members, Medicaid/insurance info., and documentation of a disability (MDT, IFSP or IEP). Your child must be 3 by July 31, 2015. The AM/PM time slots will be filled based on completed applications. If interested please contact: Kathi McIntyre at 447-6051.



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to plan together what can be most beneficial for the child's education. Successful conferences result from teamwork between parents and teachers.

Newman Grove Public Schools will hold second term Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, February 4, from 3:00 PM—7:00 PM.

If you are unable to attend conferences on this date, please call the school to arrange a different time. (Elementary: 447-6051; Junior-Senior High: 447-6294).

## 2015 FFA Scholarship Application



**SENIORS** – Fill out the FFA scholarship now! One application for 1800 scholarships! Available for ALL students even those not in FFA. Scholarship application is due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit [ffa.org](http://ffa.org) or see Mrs. Sweeter for more information.





## WHAT'S BETTER THAN A COMPETITIVE SPIRIT?

By Dr. Tim Elmore – President of Growing Leaders (December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Blog) [www.growingleaders.com](http://www.growingleaders.com)

Oregon quarterback, Marcus Mariota, is one of the nicest college athletes you'll ever meet. His talent is unquestioned, as this year's winner of the Heisman trophy. His teammates talk, however, about how restrained he is; how he picks up his own and other people's trash on the ground; how he hands out food to homeless guys on the streets; how he encourages people; and how he volunteers at a Boys and Girls Club each week. He has a habit of holding the door open for strangers. Stories of his graciousness are ubiquitous. He thanks fans for appreciating him every single game. And to top it all off, when he gets sacked in a game, he often gets up and pats his tackler on the shoulder, saying, "Nice hit."

These character traits have scouts and others questioning whether Marcus has the "killer" instinct to play in the NFL. One anonymous pro scout even suggested in *Sports Illustrated* last month that Mariota might be "too nice."

All of this leads to a very important question: All talent being equal, is a killer instinct the most important trait an athlete can possess?



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### What's More Important Than a Competitive Spirit or "Killer Instinct"?

Please understand that I get the importance of a competitive spirit— or what some call the "killer instinct." I realize it can give one player an emotional edge over another who doesn't have it. And let's face it: emotions play a huge role, especially in college athletics. They can work for you or against you.

Which is exactly my point here. I believe Marcus Mariota might possess something even more important than an emotional killer instinct. If you watch him, you have no doubt he's a competitor. In fact, at one point this season, when he felt his teammates were not playing up to the standard of excellence they agreed upon, he got in their faces and challenged them in an unmistakably vocal way.

But Marcus possesses something more valuable than a killer instinct: **control**. In a world where few can control their emotions (and often become slaves to them), Mariota seems to have mastered his, which allows him to both pick up trash others have left on the ground, or stay poised late in the fourth quarter after he's been sacked and go on to throw a perfect touchdown pass. To master oneself is of utmost importance. Self-control in all situations is what Marines and Navy Seals teach their members. It's level-headed self-leadership at its finest, to keep your head in every circumstance. Consider this: to play with emotion can boost drive and performance, but it can also lead to behavior that's out of control. It's a crapshoot. The killer instinct can lead to scores—or it can lead to penalties, injuries, conflict, misbehavior and even crime.

So a *controlled* spirit is more valuable than a competitive spirit. It can fight and win... or it can contain itself when needed. Psychologists call it *emotional intelligence*—the ability to manage one's emotions. You see it in so many great athletes: Tim Duncan in the NBA, Peyton Manning in the NFL, and Derek Jeter in the MLB, who retired this year having never been ejected from a game. Each one of these players has the respect of teammates and opponents alike.

### The Four Ingredients in a Controlled Spirit

Athletes who develop a controlled spirit possess these four traits:

1. **Self-discipline**  
They can do what they must, even when they don't feel like it.
2. **Emotional Security**  
They're inwardly secure and don't need to compare or get defensive.
3. **Core Values or Principles**  
They live by a set of timeless principles that helps them make decisions easier.
4. **Clear Identity**

They have a strong sense of identity and know their strengths and weakness.

I have no doubt Marcus Mariota has a competitive spirit. You can't be ranked in the top five football teams in the country (or win the Heisman Trophy) without having one. I just believe his controlled spirit is what makes him most valuable.



## SECOND QUARTER ELEMENTARY AWARDS



**KINDERGARTEN:** Good Citizenship: Jayden Benson, Allyx Forre, Piper Jarecki, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Carter Lyon, Andrew Matson, Cloe McLaughlin, Kellan Morris, Victoria Rowley, Rachel Rudloff, Austin Schulz, Mariah Schumacher, Josh Tannehill, Isabella Santarosa. Perfect Attendance: Triston Du-hachek, Nate Fowlkes, Carter Lyon, Mariah Schumacher, Jacob Wiese. Good Attendance: Allyx Forre, Piper Jarecki, Kellan Morris, Austin Schulz.

**FIRST GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Lesley Bell, Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya, Micah Cuevas, Billy Fyfe, Owen Kaufman, Leynn Luna, Summer McKinzie, Riley Nelson, Kailey Patzel, Isaac Rudloff, Keira Voelker, Elise Witchell, Nevaeh Wright. Perfect Attendance: Micah Cuevas, Owen Kaufman. Good Attendance: Riley Nelson, Kailey Patzel, Elise Witchell.

**SECOND GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Brooke Forre, Zander Jarecki, Alee Luna, Cole Lyon, Abigail Matson, Leslie McIntosh, Aleeya Morris, Halie Nelsen, Tony Petersen, Colton Wissenburg. Perfect Attendance: Cole Lyon. Good Attendance: Brooke Forre, Alee Luna, Aleeya Morris, Colton Wissenburg.

**THIRD GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Christyan Anderson, John Bell, Giles Deeder, Javen Dorador,

Jansell Enriquez-Lopez, José Luna, Caitlyn Marchand, Carmen Montoya, Mason Nelson, Caden Nygren, Cora Patzel, Trenton Patzel, Ian Salinas, Bruno Santarosa, Eli Tannehill, Austin Wiese. Perfect Attendance: Christyan Anderson, Giles Deeder, Carmen Montoya, Trenton Patzel, Austin Wiese. Good Attendance: José Luna, Caitlyn Marchand, Mason Nelson, Eli Tannehill.

**FOURTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Addy Donelson, Ronnie Fyfe, Kevin Haase, Lucas Krueger, Darren Petersen, Mara Ranslem, Natalie Salinas. Perfect Attendance: David Miller, Mara Ranslem. Good Attendance: Ronnie Fyfe, Lucas Krueger, Natalie Salinas.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Good Citizenship: Madyson Zoucha, Ellie Rankin, Taya Morrison. Perfect Attendance: Elyssa Cuevas, Morgann Johnson, Damian LeCompte, Taya Morrison. Good Attendance: Ellie Rankin.

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



## What sort of flu season are we having?

Influenza A (H3N2) viruses are most common so far. H3N2-predominant seasons have been associated with more severe illness and mortality, especially in older people and young children.



Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have the flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever\* or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (tiredness)

Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

☐ *It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.*

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

How to avoid getting the flu, avoid close contact, stay home when you are sick. Use tissue when sneezing or coughing, best is to sneeze into your elbow. **WASH HANDS OFTEN**, use soap and hot water and scrub for 30 seconds; don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth as germs on your hands could infect you, use hand sanitizer when soap and water aren't available.



## FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

### High Distinction – All A – 4.00

Grade 8 -- Camille Fowlkes.  
Grade 9 -- Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez.  
Grade 12 -- Kleo Edgell, Parker Wallin.

### Distinction – Average Greater Than or Equal to 3.50

Grade 7 -- Courtney Fowlkes, McKenna Haase.  
Grade 8 -- Dominik Cuevas, Tyson Haddix, Sarah Johnson, Brady Sokol.  
Grade 9 -- Payton Nelson, Caden Ranslem, Rebecca Stone.  
Grade 10 -- Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase.  
Grade 11 -- Steven Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Andrew King, Joseph O'Brien.  
Grade 12 -- Marcela Estrada.

### Honors – Average Greater Than or Equal to 3.00

Grade 7 -- Madison Friedrich, Leighann Miller.  
Grade 8 -- Cheyenne Cleland.  
Grade 9 -- Vanessa Arreguin, Dylan Bagley, Cody Nelson.  
Grade 10 -- Guadalupe Estrada, Ignacio Pascual, Jacob Potmesil, Isiah Weverka-Haddix.  
Grade 11 -- Esmeralda Arreguin, Destiny Johnson, Crystal Salinas, Nolan Wondercheck.  
Grade 12 -- Sandra (Mariely) Estrada-Gonzalez, Andrea Lloyd, Sadie Wallin.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



## Happy New Year From 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!

By Angela Gaspers

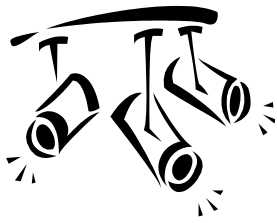
It is hard to believe we are now in 2015! Things have been busy in our second grade class and we are excited to see all of the new things that will come in our new year. Our reading series has taught us wonderful and useful vocabulary words, comprehension questions and writing skills. The stories are very educational and teach us a lot about different places on Earth and people's cultures. Many of our stories go along great with things we are going over in Science and Social Studies. So it helps us retain useful information. It has been a big jump from the old reading series, but we are doing great! We have been busy in math adding 2-digit numbers and regrouping. We also worked on subtraction with and without regrouping. Our daily Rocket Math is helping us with our addition problems and we will

soon be onto subtraction. In Science we have covered plants, food chains & food web, animals, habitats, soil and rocks, the Earth's crust, and soon we will be onto weather. In Social Studies we have covered citizenship, maps, timelines, government, rural, suburbs, and urban areas. In December we spent a lot of time on Christmas Around the World. The students only wished they could actually go to the countries to see how each place celebrates. Learning cursive handwriting has also been in our schedule. I am happy to announce we have some skilled writers. Our group is very creative so we have spent time decorating our classroom, doors, and hall with our awesome art work each month. Stop in anytime to visit with us and we will be happy

to show you how things work in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.







# Senior Spotlight



**Marcela Estrada**

Parents:  
Heriberto Estrada &  
Guillermina Mendoza

Other Family Members:  
Guadalupe Estrada,

Uncle Jose Estrada, Aunt Maria Gonzalez,  
Cousins - Evelyn, Mariely & Leslie Estrada-Gonzalez

Favorite Pastime:  
Reading and Drawing

Senior Activities:  
Track and Individual Science Research

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend UNL or NECC to study Art and/or Science

**Andrea Adams**

Parents:  
Jarod & April Adams

Other Family Members:  
Amanda, Aiden, McKenzie

Favorite Pastime:  
Shopping, Driving, and Hanging out with friends

Part-Time Employment:  
Mid-Nebraska Lutheran Home

Senior Activities:  
FFA, Yearbook Editor

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend NECC



## Winter Homecoming Candidates



Winter Homecoming ceremonies will be held on Saturday evening, January 24th at 7:30 p.m., in the Newman Grove High School gymnasium.

Queen candidates are Kleo Edgell, daughter of Danette & Larry Edgell; Sandra (Mariely) Estrada-Gonzalez, daughter of José Estrada & Maria Gonzalez; Shyanne McCuiston, daughter of Marion McCuiston & Barb Johnson.

King candidate is Jason Bollig, son of Pete & Rocki Bollig.

A dance will follow the coronation ceremonies. Tim Rossow and the FBLA organization are in charge of Winter Homecoming arrangements.





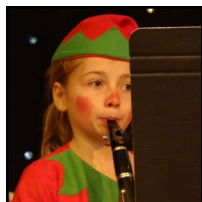
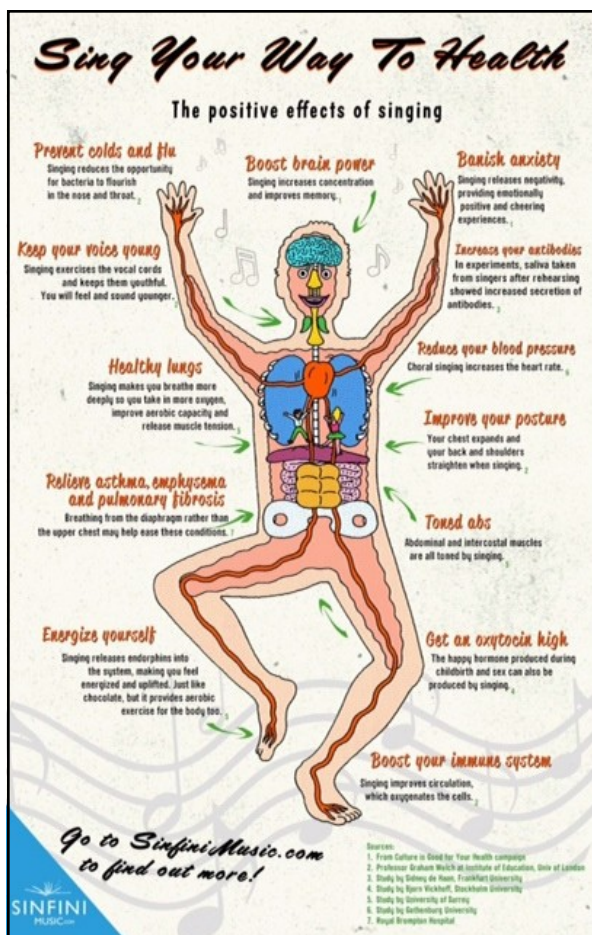
# Music Notes



by Tami Texley

## Santa's Holiday Hoedown December 12th

### K-5th Gr.





### Greetings from the technology department and those who call Room 100 home for a while each day!

By Michele Schmidt

It is hard to believe that we have completed our first semester and are starting our second. With so much to do and so much available to us, it sure seems like there isn't enough time to get everything done; but we definitely work hard to complete as much as possible. Let me tell you a little about what the students in first semester have completed and what is to come for those in second semester.

In **Yearbook**, we have planned the layout and cover for the book and are starting the process of working with a company artist to get it fine-tuned and looking just perfect. We have gathered and created as much of the following as possible for yearbook pages: titles, subtitles, photos, captions for photos, background images, and quotes for each of the 112 pages. We also have written interview questions, completed some of the interviews, and written stories where possible. The designing and organization of pages are probably things most people would expect out of this class; but there is much more. We also have contacted prospective advertisers and gone through the billing process; maintained the hallway display which shows announcements, shares photos, and displays current weather; taken photos at as many events and activities as possible; and something new for us this year, the online streaming of some of our activities and events. We currently are working on providing archives of the events and activities we have streamed. Please be sure to check frequently at <http://striv.tv/channel/newman-grove/> to see if an activity or event you may be interested in is being streamed live or has been archived.

As the yearbook students left the classroom, they were greeted by 16 Freshmen who were coming to the lab for **Communications Technology**. This is the class where the students reviewed and refined their Internet surfing and searching skills; created a very simple web page by using HTML Code; explored current technology and looked into what technology may provide in the future; discussed security, privacy, safety, and ethics in relation to technology and its use; completed the digital citizenship training that was started in elementary and middle school; learned to create word processing documents that included headers and footers, merged fields, SmartArt graphics, and tables; experienced setting up database files to create, organize, and quickly recall information; and created spreadsheets where data could be expressed through various types of charts.

As the Freshmen headed to lunch, it was time for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to make their way in to the lab for **Keyboarding 7**. Since this was the first class that they had that was dedicated solely to learning how to operate various programs on the computer. They had set up their Gmail the end of their 6<sup>th</sup> Grade year, so this was a good place to start by reviewing how to get in to that account. Then, they learned how to use the Google Document part of their account to create a word processing document. Once their document was created, they learned to share it through electronic means; thus, no printouts. Once they became comfortable with that process; then it was time to plan, practice, and record their instructional video, which they eventually uploaded to YouTube. While students were working one at a time on their instructional videos, the rest of the class started to work their way through beginning word processing concepts ranging from copying, pasting, and formatting documents to preparing a full research paper with citations and references. After learning the basic word processing concepts and before creating the research paper, the students were introduced to using spreadsheets to present numerical data in a format that is easily interpreted, which is usually through charts. They were also introduced to creating formulas in the spreadsheets to make them more efficient. The students spent a little time each week keeping their proofreading skills sharp; and spent some time each week of the last month of class learning some of the basic concepts and components of game programming through a website called Gamestar Mechanic. These students accomplished a lot in their short 50 minutes each day!

During first quarter the lab was populated by the **Multimedia Technology** class consisting of the ten seniors as they learned concepts, software, and apps that involved image capture and editing, video capture and editing, audio capture and editing, web page construction, collage and/or comic strip construction, infographic creation, online poster, flyer, and presentation creation, changing a still image to a speaking image, avatar creation, and researching a technology topic of their choice. They have all shared their Web ePortfolio, which displays the 18 projects they created the software, website, or app that was used to create the project; and the steps they used to complete the project with me, their classmates, and a panel of two staff members. They also now have an ePortfolio that represents their technology skills that they can use for reference or to share with prospective employers.

As we are starting a new semester, the multimedia lab will now be filled with new combinations of students that will be taking one or more of the following classes: Computer Applications, where we will complete the creation of the 2014-2015 yearbook; Micro-computer Applications (formerly named Articulated Technology) that can now be taken for high school credit, college credit, or both; and another new adventure: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Computers.

This semester will also find me across the street training the elementary students in digital citizenship. We also plan to continue to integrate some programming or coding introduction through an iPad app named Kodable and maybe others.

Our students continue to use their technology skills they have gained and continue to gain in and out of school. They also use these skills as they navigate their MAPs tests both at the beginning and at the end of the year, take their statewide writing assessments the end of January, and take their NeSA tests the end of April.

Technology, like many tools, can be used for good and/or bad. We work hard to help your children, our students, understand how far-reaching inappropriate behavior through the many avenues of social media can be through digital citizenship training. We also hope to help them realize that technology can be a very productive tool in addition to a link to their social world.







## Boone Central/Newman Grove Junior High Wrestling

By Braxton Staack

The 2014 Jr. High wrestling season came to a close on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. The team consisted of 14 boys from Boone Central and Newman Grove. We set out one distinct goal which was to improve every day on all that we did. As coaches we challenged the boys to question themselves asking if I am better at the end of practices or meets than I was when the day began. If they can truthfully answer yes, then it was a successful day. The team was made up of some wrestlers with experience and some rookies. It was a good culmination of different personalities that made this team unique to me and Coach Fowlkes.

The season was unique for myself as the football team pushed far through the playoffs, so I wasn't able to join the team until after Thanksgiving. Luckily Coach Fowlkes along with Coach Bonge helped in conducting practices and meets. The team improved as a whole throughout the year. Wrestlers from the previous year, who struggled, brought back experience and used it on the mat. I could see the progress they had made as individuals and as a coach that is really all you can ask for. The team was led by a good group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. These wrestlers brought an attitude of hard work and dedication to the wrestling room and by years end you could see these traits being taken on by the 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

The team definitely improved throughout the year. Individual records were nice, but as wrestlers are goal was to face the toughest competition to improve ourselves for success down the road. Wrestling at this level is all about building for success at the high school level. We feel that if kids come out and get experience and valuable mat time, that it will present a better opportunity in their following years. Here are the final records for the team.

|              |      |                    |      |
|--------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Will Grape   | 12-5 | Michael Brengelman | 4-16 |
| Tyson Haddix | 13-8 | Cristopher Thiem   | 3-15 |
| Mike Oesch   | 6-10 | Matt Rast          | 7-12 |
| Ethan Dozler | 14-5 | Garrett Hansen     | 0-10 |
| Grant Buck   | 9-8  | Kristian Cuevas    | 0-7  |
| Jon Merten   | 6-13 | Landin Pribnow     | 1-18 |
| Joe Scofield | 7- 6 | Dominik Cuevas     | 3-15 |

## Bill & Kate Isles

February 15th

2 PM

## Newman Grove Community Center

Bill and Kate Isles are an acoustic singer/songwriter duo based in Duluth, Minnesota. Using a wide variety of musical styles, their performances carry audiences through a broad landscape of experiences from metaphorical worlds to small town family stories and to zany comedy.

Consummate performers, they are known for their catchy melodies and memorable songs. They have a deep-seated love for the audience, and each other, and it shines before, during, and after the performance. They tour nationally, presenting their profound songs for audiences large and small, from house concerts to festival stages and everything in between. Words like "Mesmerizing", "Transcendent", and even, "Hysterical" are common descriptions from audience reviews and audience members feel that they are listening to stories of their own lives, told by two of their best friends.

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## Boone Central/Newman Grove Wrestling

By Dale Bonge



### Creighton Dual Results 12/11/14

#### BCNG 34 Creighton 42

195: Ryan Thiem (BCNG) over (CREI) (For.) 220: Jacob Krings (BCNG) over (CREI) (For.) 285: Austyn Larsen (CREI) over (BCNG) (For.) 106: Ty Groth (BCNG) over (CREI) (For.) 113: Corbin Schollmeyer (CREI) over (BCNG) (For.) 120: Garret Zimmerer (CREI) over Andrew King (BCNG) (Fall 3:23) 126: Cody Shanno (BCNG) over Zachary Hazen (CREI) (Fall 3:58) 132: Kurt Wortman (CREI) over Steven Arreguin (BCNG) (Fall 3:37) 138: Joel Meyer (BCNG) over Colten Adams (CREI) (Fall 3:42) 145: Andrew Rasmussen (BCNG) over Brady Wortman (CREI) (MD 9-1) 152: Tyler Stubben (CREI) over Trey Schafer (BCNG) (Fall 1:02) 160: Connor Baldwin (CREI) over Levi Kruger (BCNG) (Fall 3:23) 170: Ean Stacken (CREI) over Jesse Osantowski (BCNG) (Fall 1:55) 182: Double Forfeit.

The final outcome was not what we wanted but the team effort, win or lose, was an improvement from Tuesday's dual. Two of our guys in particular, Andy King & Levi Kruger, showed a lot of heart despite eventually getting pinned by a pair of highly regarded Bulldog wrestlers. Trey Schafer, who bumped up two weight classes to fill an empty spot in our lineup, was in a back & forth scramble with each contestant putting the other in danger during the first minute. Unfortunately that match did not end well for us either.

In a rematch from a year ago, Cody Shanno battled from behind early to take charge of his match and eventually get a pin to avenge last year's outcome. A similar match had Joel Meyer turning around an early deficit, taking control, and pinning his man. Andrew Rasmussen was in command from get go and scored a major decision. Picking up forfeits were Ryan Thiem, Jacob Krings, and Ty Groth.

Injuries and illness caused 5 of our wrestlers to be unable to participate in the dual leaving us without a wrestler in 3 weight classes. We would like to get another crack at them with a fully healthy team.

In JV matches Garrett Cornwell and Bryton Fowlkes each just missed getting wins in very even matches. Garrett lost by a 5-6. Bryton came from behind to score a late takedown and tie the match in regulation, but got taken down in overtime for a 4-6 loss.

### York Dual Results 12/18/14

#### York 76 Boone Central/Newman Grove 4

106: Deven Smith (YORK) over Ty Groth (BCNG) (Fall 1:14) 113: Jesse Harlow (YORK) over (BCNG) (For.) 120: Scott Fulsos (YORK) over Andrew King (BCNG) (MD 11-0) 126: Cody Shanno (BCNG) over Teagan Thorell (YORK) (MD 14-4) 132: Anthony Red (YORK) over Steven Arreguin (BCNG) (Fall 1:00) 138: Raymon Mastas (YORK) over Joel Meyer (BCNG) (Fall 1:06) 145: Devin Knight (YORK) over Andrew Rasmussen (BCNG) (Fall 3:31) 152: Jackson Coffin (YORK) over (BCNG) (For.) 160: Jameson Nickels (YORK) over (BCNG) (For.) 170: Braden Knight (YORK) over Jesse Osantowski (BCNG) (Fall 3:06) 182: Ethan Cradick (YORK) over (BCNG) (For.) 195: Chandler Brayton (YORK) over (BCNG) (For.) 220: Jamison Vanderheiden (YORK) over Jacob Krings (BCNG) (Fall 1:58) 285: Marvin Lazo (YORK) over (BCNG) (For.)

We knew coming in to the dual that York had a very good team and that we were decimated by injuries and illness giving up 6 forfeits. In fact, York is the #4 rated dual team in class B with a team full of solid wrestlers. If you make a mistake, they will make you pay, and that happened to us in a lot of matches. We did not wrestle very well tonight and will have to show some serious improvement to be competitive on Saturday. With the young men we have, that is likely to happen.

In the JV division we split 3-3 with a pair of pins by Trey Schafer and a decision by Isiah Haddix in Isiah's first action of the year. 126: Brett Novak (York) over Garrett Cornwell (BCNG) (Dec 12-5) 138: Isiah Haddix (BCNG) over Luke Robinson (York) (Dec 6-2) 138: Trey Schafer (BCNG) over Hayden Turner (York) (Fall 1:58) 138: Trey Schafer (BCNG) over Mason Linder (York) (Fall 3:27) 160: Tom Friend (York) over Logan Lawrence (BCNG) (Fall 0:56) 170: Chazz Hansen (York) over Logan Lawrence (BCNG) (Fall 3:16)

### Boone Central Duals Tournament 12/20/14

We were still not back at full strength as we had three wrestlers unable to participate due to illness or injury, but did get the services of three guys that were unable to go against York. We had a much improve performance. If we had turned around the outcome of one match in each of the two duals we lost, we win them both. We were that close to winning the event.

In actual matches contested in each dual – not including forfeits – we had mostly positive results for the day. Against Norfolk Catholic we won 6 and lost 4, but gave up 4 forfeits. We were 4-2 with Wood River, went 7-2 against Omaha South, and 5-3 with GICC. Boys Town was the only team to win more matches that were actually wrestled than we did at 2-4.

Andy and Isaac both went through the day with 5-0 records. Isaac looked really sharp with four first period pins and one forfeit. If we had a "gutsy effort of the day" award, it would go to Andy for his effort against his Omaha South opponent. In the first period he got thrown to his back and held there, nearly pinned, for over a minute but did not give up, kept from being pinned, and was down 0-5. After a scoreless second period Andy scored a reversal then turned his man late in the third period to tie the score at 5-5. In overtime Andy prevailed with the winning takedown in sudden victory 7-5. Steven also went unbeaten at 4-0. He tweaked his shoulder in his first match but held on for a 6-5 win. We held him out of the last dual after getting a pair of forfeits and a first period pin in between. Ty, Cody, and Andrew all ended the day 4-1. Ty avenged an opening day loss with a quick pin in his first match. After that he tagged on his first win by decision of the year. Andrew had his best outing of the year with a pair of pins, a major and a forfeit. Cody had similar results with three pins and a forfeit while battling a nagging injury. Finishing 3-2 were Joel, Jesse and Jacob. Joel had a slow start getting pinned by the Norfolk Catholic kid then later in the day Joel pins two guys that both beat the guy from Norfolk Catholic. Jesse scored a couple of pins and just missed out on a third one. Jacob's losses were to a pair of returning State medalist from last year. Our German exchange student, Nikolas Pohl, wrestled varsity for the first time this year going 1-4. Nikolas has some background in Greco-Roman wrestling – an Olympic style that you basically can't use your legs for anything except to stand on and you also cannot grab your opponent anywhere



## Wrestling Continued

below the waste. That is taking him some getting used to and he has not been able to practice since opening weekend until the last couple of days due to a fungal infection. With more practice time and our style of wrestling experience I am fairly confident that he would likely have won a couple of more matches at this meet. Logan Lawrence and Nolan Wondercheck each had one varsity match. Ryan Thiem helped out the team scoring by picking up a couple of forfeits. Our healthy JV wrestlers all gained at least 2 matches of experience.

### Boone Central Dual Tournament Results

Guaranteed Places: 1st Place - Norfolk Catholic 5-0; 2nd Place - Boys Town 4-1; 3rd Place - Boone Central/Newman Grove 3-2; 4th Place - Omaha South 2-3; 5th Place - Grand Island Central Catholic 1-4; 6th Place - Wood River 0-5.

**Round 1:** Omaha South defeated Wood River 54-30. Boys Town defeated Grand Island Central Catholic 42-36. Norfolk Catholic defeated Boone Central/Newman Grove 45-33. **Round 2:** Norfolk Catholic defeated Boys Town 60-21. Boone Central/Newman Grove defeated Wood River 54-24. Omaha South defeated Grand Island Central Catholic 42-33. **Round 3:** Boone Central/Newman Grove defeated Omaha South 46-24. Norfolk Catholic defeated Grand Island Central Catholic 48-34. Boys Town defeated Wood River 43-24. **Round 4:** Grand Island Central Catholic defeated Wood River 45-24. Norfolk Catholic defeated Omaha South 45-34. Boys Town defeated Boone Central/Newman Grove 42-36. **Round 5:** Boone Central/Newman Grove defeated Grand Island Central Catholic 48-24. Norfolk Catholic defeated Wood River 75-4. Boys Town defeated Omaha South 50-30.

### Newman Grove Holiday Tournament 1/3/15

Team Scores: 1st Place - Norfolk JV 1 (164.0), 2nd Place - Millard South JV (127.5), 3rd Place - Nebraska Christian (111.0), 4th Place - Fremont JV (107.5), 5th Place - Ponca (107.0), 6th Place - Norfolk JV 2 (79.0), 7th Place - McCool Junction (77.0), 8th Place - Boone Central/Newman Grove JV (75.0), 9th Place - Hay Springs (75.0), 10th Place - Stanton (62.0), 11th Place - Fullerton (46.0).

The Newman Grove Holiday Tournament has a nice mix of Class A & B Junior Varsity teams with Class D varsity teams. The larger schools send predominantly JV teams, but have a few of their varsity wrestlers mixed in who have missed some earlier meets due to injury & illness. That plus often there is not much difference between some teams varsity & JV wrestlers at some weight classes. A case in point for us is Nolan Wondercheck & Andy King. Both are solid wrestlers, very even in abilities and skills, and even better young men. Each of them has earned the varsity spot at different times. Unfortunately only one of them can be the varsity 120 pound wrestler at a time. Right now Andy has earned the varsity spot so Nolan is JV. We have a nearly identical situation one weight class up with Cody Shanno and Steven Arreguin.

Nolan had an excellent performance going 5-0 with 4 pins to win his weight class. Garrett Cornwell continues to show improvement, often as the match progresses he gets stronger and wrestles better. Garrett earned runner-up at 4-1 with 3 pins. Sam Stopak wrestled for the first time since opening weekend and earned 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 3-2 record on the day. Both of Sam's losses were to the same guy. The first was by 11-6 but Sam closed the gap in the second meeting - with the match tied 3-3 getting reversed in the final seconds to fall by two points. Trey Schafer and Ryan Thiem each captured 5<sup>th</sup> place with identical 2-2 records. Levi also had a 2-2 record for the tournament earning 7<sup>th</sup> place. Also wrestling and gaining experience were Bryton Fowlkes, Isiah Haddix, and Cody Marchand.

### 46th Annual High Plains/Clarks Invitational 1/9/15 & 1/10/15

Team Scores: 1st - David City (193.0), 2nd - Battle Creek (181.5), 3rd - Columbus Scotus (178.0), 4th - Adams Central (135.5), 5th - Madison (109.5), 6th - Centennial (104.0), 6th - Schuyler (104.0), 8th - Wahoo (93.5), 9th - Kearney Catholic (88.0), 10th - Tekamah Herman (86.5), 11th - Oakland Craig (83.0), 12th - Doniphan Trumbull (55.5), 13th - Boone Central/Newman Grove (54.0), 14th - Howells/Dodge (47.5), 15th - Archbishop Bergan (45.5), 16th - Palmer (43.0), 17th - High Plains Community (41.0), 18th - GI Central Catholic (39.0), 19th - GI Senior High (22.0), 20th - Harvard (16.0), 21st - Columbus JV (9.0).

As it always is this was once again a very competitive meet with several top ten ranked teams and individuals. With 21 teams and only 8 individuals at each weight class making it to the second day you have to bring your "A" game to survive to day #2. Four of our guys managed to do that.

Isaac lead the way for the Cardinals earning 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 4 wins against 2 losses. Isaac had a solid weekend - both of his losses were to rated wrestlers. He also came from behind to win in the third place match. Cody was our next highest place winner at 6<sup>th</sup>. His first loss was to the #2 rated Class "B" wrestler, his second was to the #1 rated wrestler in all-class rankings. He also had 4 wins and one other loss. Jacob and Andy both placed 7<sup>th</sup>. Andy scored two pins and two major decisions to account for his four wins against 3 losses. Jacob had 3 pins to his credit. Steven, Joel and Andrew were 2-2 on the first day. Steven lost in overtime to Cody with his other loss to the same #2 rated guy Cody lost to. Joel's losses were to the eventual champ and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher. Andrew's were to a pair of rated kids. Steven and Joel scored two pins each while Andrew had a pin and a major decision. Levi also picked up a win by pin. There were too many matches we had opportunities to win but could not finish the deal.





## Boone Central/Newman Grove 7th Grade Girls Basketball

By Kris Pestel



BCNG vs. Twin River 12/11/14

We got off to a very good start in this game. Our full court press caused Twin River some difficulties and once again we rebounded very well. We still need to work on better developing our team defense. We are very happy with how the girls played at both ends of the floor.

| Score: | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| BCNG   | 11  | 8   | 9   | 14  | 42    |
| TR     | 4   | 2   | 3   | 12  | 21    |

Scoring: Emily Groeteke 2, McKenna Haase 2, Lauren Hedlund 19, Erin Reynoldson 2, Natalee Luettel 2, Mattie Young 8, Leighann Miller 7.

Elkhorn Valley Tournament 12/13/14

We were able to finish runner-up to the champion Elkhorn Valley. We didn't start out the day playing very well against Madison, but we were able to defend and rebound well enough to win defeating Madison 23 to 17.

In the second game vs. Elkhorn Valley, we turned the ball over way too much in the first quarter. Give credit to EV, they played good defense and took advantage of our mistakes and scored several easy baskets. In the second half, we were able to settle down, cut our turnovers and played pretty well defensively. At one point, we cut the lead to 6 points but couldn't make up the deficit from the first quarter. We are very proud of the girls and how hard they worked. We have made some great strides, but we still have room to keep improving.

| Score:  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| BCNG    | 7   | 8   | 8   | 0   | 23    |
| Madison | 1   | 8   | 2   | 6   | 17    |

Scoring: Emily Groeteke 3, McKenna Haase 2, Lauren Hedlund 13, Erin Reynoldson 2, Natalee Luettel 3.

|      |    |   |   |   |    |
|------|----|---|---|---|----|
| BCNG | 4  | 5 | 9 | 6 | 24 |
| EV   | 12 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 36 |

Scoring: Emily Groeteke 2, McKenna Haase 2, Lauren Hedlund 15, Mattie Young 3, Brooke Groth 2.



Norfolk Catholic Tournament 12/20/14

Against Pierce, we were able to get off a great start. We were able to force Pierce to turn the ball over with our full court press and pressure defense. On offense we were able to move the ball to get some very good looks at the basket.

| Score: | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| BCNG   | 8   | 10  | 5   | 4   | 27    |
| Pierce | 1   | 0   | 6   | 1   | 8     |

Scoring: McKenna Haase 2, Lauren Hedlund 14, Erin Reynoldson 2, Mattie Young 4, Leighann Miller 5.

In the championship game against Wayne, once again we were able to get off to a good start. We really played well in our half court defense. We forced a few things on offense, but we were able to get some open shots and get to the free throw line.

|       |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------|---|---|---|---|----|
| BCNG  | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 24 |
| Wayne | 3 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 14 |

Scoring: Lauren Hedlund 14, Natalee Luettel 3, Brooke Groth 2, Leighann Miller 5.

I am very proud of this group of 7th grade girls. They ended the season 7-3. We started out the season pretty raw, but with their work ethic, they were able to make great strides. I challenge each of them to continue to develop their individual skills to be able to improve as a team.







## Boone Central/Newman Grove 8th Grade Girls Basketball

By Jeff Hayes



BCNG vs. Twin River 12/11/24

We started well this game and really competed hard the first quarter. We built an 8 to 4 lead. The second quarter the shots wouldn't fall and we had too many turnovers and only scored one point in the quarter. The team fought back in the second half but just couldn't get the deficit back into striking range. We are definitely playing better basketball at this point in the season but we still need to improve on the amount of times we turn the ball over to the opponents.

| Score:     | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Final |
|------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG       | 8               | 1               | 9               | 8               | 26    |
| Twin River | 4               | 10              | 14              | 9               | 37    |

Scorers: Grace Slizoski 10, Kelsey Thompson 3, Carsen Grape 2, Kylee Rasmussen 4, Ashley Mewhirter 2, Stephanie Wright 2, Keiley Tisthammer 2, Anna Hamling 1.

Norfolk Catholic Tournament 12/20/14

We took 3 teams to the Norfolk Catholic tournament this year. We had one team that played in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division. We took two teams that played in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division.

BCNG 7<sup>th</sup> grade B team vs. Wayne (Mix of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

This game was fairly close the first half. We put together a good second quarter to tighten the game. We could not keep up with Wayne's scoring the second half. The team gave a good effort throughout the game.

| Score: | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Total |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG   | 3               | 6               | 3               | 4               | 16    |
| Wayne  | 10              | 3               | 10              | 6               | 29    |

Scorers: Tricia Cleveland 2, Tayleona DuBray 2, Ashley Mewhirter 6, Autumn Imus 2, Curtysia DuBray 4.

BCNG 7<sup>th</sup> Grade B Team vs. Pierce Consolation Game 4<sup>th</sup> place

We could not keep pace with Pierce this game on offense. We really struggled the second half to score. The team did a great job of competing in the tournament. The coaches really appreciated their effort.

|        |   |    |   |   |    |
|--------|---|----|---|---|----|
| BCNG   | 2 | 6  | 0 | 2 | 10 |
| Pierce | 8 | 12 | 4 | 9 | 33 |

Scorers: Tricia Cleveland 2, Tayleona DuBray 6, Ashley Mewhirter 2.



BCNG 8<sup>th</sup> vs. Wayne

This first round game was very competitive. The game was close throughout but we just didn't score on enough of our possessions. Wayne had two players that did the bulk of the scoring.

| Score: | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Total |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG   | 4               | 10              | 6               | 5               | 25    |
| Wayne  | 7               | 10              | 6               | 10              | 33    |

Scorers: Karlie Tisthammer 2, Grace Slizoski 2, Kelsey Thompson 4, Carsen Grape 6, Kylee Rasmussen, Anna Hamling 7.

BCNG Consolation Game vs. Norfolk Catholic 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish

We played Norfolk Catholic in the Consolation game. We got off to a great start and had an 9 to 0 lead after the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Our scoring tapered off in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the game got much closer. We steadied ourselves in the second half and won the game to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the tournament.

|      |   |   |   |   |    |
|------|---|---|---|---|----|
| BCNG | 9 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 25 |
| NC   | 0 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 19 |

Scorers: Karlie Tisthammer 7, Grace Slizoski 6, Kelsey Thompson 2, Carsen Grape 6, Kylee Rasmussen 2, Anna Hamling 2.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finishes the season with a 5-3 record.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Season Scoring: Karlie Tisthammer 35, Keiley Tisthammer 14, Grace Slizoski 35, Kelsey Thompson 20, Carsen Grape 20, Kylee Rasmussen 24, Anna Hamling 28, Tayleona DuBray 10, Ashley Mewhirter 10, Stephanie Wright 2, Tricia Cleveland 4, Autumn Imus 2.



## Boone Central/Newman Grove Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

By Matt Rudloff



On Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, the Cardinal Junior Varsity team traveled to Central City. Central City came out firing three's in the first quarter and hit four of them to take 23-12 advantage after one quarter. In the second quarter the Bison cooled down and the Cards made a small run to win the quarter 13-8 but still found ourselves down by 7, 32-25. The third quarter was near even with the Bison winning the quarter 7-6. The Cardinals came out in the fourth and scored 16 points to the Bison's 9. The cards took the lead by one with just under a minute in the game but the bison answered to regain the 1 point lead. The Cards got off a long three at the buzzer but it fell short. Final score was 48-47.

On Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Junior Cardinals hosted Pierce. Score by quarter went 15-12, 7-10, 8-9, 19-12 with the cards score listed first. The Cards battled the first three quarters finding themselves down by one going into the fourth quarter. The Cardinals turned up the defensive pressure and won the fourth quarter by 7 points to win the game 49-43. The Cardinals showed a lot of grit as they pushed themselves physically through the game, but especially in the fourth quarter to pull out the win. The win put the Cardinal JV squad at 2-2 for the season.

On Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> the Junior Varsity Boys basketball team hosted Twin River. The Cards were outscored 14-9 in the first quarter but bounced back in the second quarter and outscored the Titans 10-5 to tie the game at half 19-19. The Titans again outscored the Cardinals 17-12 in the third quarter but the Cards again bounced back with outscoring the Titans 11-6 including two free throws with .4 seconds to go by Derek Stuhr to tie the game and force overtime. In overtime, the Cards outscored the Titans 7-2 to win the game 49-44. It was an exciting game in which the guys never gave up and were able to come back and get the win. Free throws were key as the Cards hit 23 of 37 free throws including 11 of 18 in the fourth quarter.

On Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> the JV squad hosted the Norfolk Catholic Knights. In quarter one, the Knights outscored the Cardinals 16-11. In quarter two, the Knights went on a scoring barrage in which they outscored the Cards 22-12 to take a 38-23 lead into the half. The Knights outscored the Cards 12-9 in the third quarter but then the Cardinals made a run in the fourth quarter outscoring the Knights 21-11 and pulled within 5 points at one point in the fourth quarter. As the Cards struggled to contain the scoring by the Knights they never gave up. The guys kept fighting and made it a game. We were proud to see them keep fighting. With the loss the Junior Varsity Cardinals moved to 3-3 going into Christmas break.

On Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> the Cardinal Boys Junior Varsity team hosted O'Neill. The Eagles outscored the Cardinals 20-16 in the first quarter. The second quarter was even at 17 each for a 37-33 halftime score in which the Cards found themselves down but close. In the third the Eagles extended their lead with 19 points to the Cardinals 16. The Cards came out with a burst in the fourth quarter and scored 25 points to the Eagles 7 to win 74-63. The Cards defense stepped up in the fourth to hold the Eagles to 7 points. It was a fast paced exciting game in which the Cardinals had to fight hard to win.

On Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, the Cardinal JV boys traveled to Wayne to play the Blue Devils. The first quarter was slow in with the Blue Devils scoring 10 to the Cards 5 points. In the second, the Blue Devils again outscored the Cards 16-12. Halftime score was 26-17 in favor of the Blue Devils. The Cards found a spark in the third cutting the 9 point deficit down to around 3 or 4 points at on point and outscored the Blue Devils 15-13 in the third quarter. Wayne outscored the Cards 15-12 again in the fourth to win 54-44. The Cardinal JV squad never gave up and fought back to make it a very competitive game. The Cardinal Junior Varsity team is now 4-4 on the season with games this Friday at Stanton and Saturday vs West Point Guardian Angels in Newman Grove.







## Junior High Boys Basketball

BCNG vs Pierce 1/13/15

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

By Jeff Hayes



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team came out very strong in this first game against Pierce. We moved the ball well, which created scoring opportunities. The team built a 16 to 0 first quarter lead. We did a good job on defense and kept Pierce from getting many second shots. A great start to the season for the team.

| Score: | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Total |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| BCNG   | 16              | 4               | 15              | 9               | 44    |
| Pierce | 0               | 6               | 2               | 5               | 13    |

Scorers: William Frey 8, Carter Henry 13, Jett Stuhr 2, Brenden Beierman 6, Trey Zoucha 1, Ethan Dozler 4, Zach Reicks 6, Weston Choat 4.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade

By Kris Pestel

Pierce was very athletic and basketball savvy. They moved the ball well and were able to get good looks at the basket. Defensively, they were able to pressure us into several turnovers. We need to continue to work at ball handling and the team concepts on offense and defense. With only having 4 practices before this game, we do not yet understand offensive rotation and defensive teamwork. We know the boys will work hard to continue to improve in all areas.

| Score: | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| BCNG   | 0   | 5   | 4   | 2   | 11    |
| Pierce | 13  | 12  | 13  | 12  | 50    |

Scorers: Tommy Case 3, Logan Hodges 6, Chase Thieman 2.

## Girls Varsity Basketball



The Lady Cardinals hosted the O'Neill Eagles on Friday, January 9th in Albion. The girls had a slow start and just couldn't make up any ground. The final score was 57-25. On Saturday, they traveled to Wayne and played a very competitive game. The Lady Cards ended the first quarter with a 10 point lead but couldn't keep the Blue Devils from scoring in the second. The Cardinals went into the locker room at the half with a 2 point lead. Both teams came out strong to start the second half and battled back and forth. Boone Central/Newman Grove was able to maintain a 3 point lead going into the last quarter but the Blue Devil's went on a run and out scored the Lady Cardinals 16-6 to give them another loss with a score of 46-39. The Lady Cards season record is now 4-6.





# FEBRUARY 2015

| Sun                                | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Tue                                                                                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thur                                                                                                                                                                                    | Fri                                                                                                                                                                       | Sat                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1                                  | 2<br>GBB: Mid-State<br>Tourney @<br>NECC/N Catholic<br><br>7:15am: Show<br>Choir Practice                                                                                                                                       | 3<br>Honor Society Mtg<br>(lunch)<br><br>BBB: Mid-State<br>Tourney @<br>NECC/N Catholic<br><br>7:15am: CILT Mtg<br><br>7:15am: Play<br>Practice<br><br>3:45pm: Speech<br>Team Practice | 4<br>7:00am: Dance Team<br>Practice<br><br>8:00am: Speech:<br>Cedar Rapids Invite<br><br>12:40pm: K-12<br>Dismissal<br><br>12:50pm: Show<br>Choir Practice<br><br>3:00pm: Parent-<br>Teacher Conf (to 7<br>pm) | 5<br>GBB: Mid-State<br>Tourney @ NECC/N<br>Catholic<br><br>7:15am: Show Choir<br>Practice<br><br>3:45pm: Speech<br>Team Practice<br><br>4:30pm: JHBBB:<br>Fullerton (@<br>Newman Grove) | 6<br>BBB: Mid-State<br>Tourney @<br>NECC/N Catholic<br><br>7:15am: Show<br>Choir Practice<br><br>3:50pm: Show<br>Choir Festival<br>(Central City)                         | 7<br>ACT Tests<br><br>FFA Degees &<br>Proficiency<br>Reviews @ David<br>City<br><br>BBB: Mid-State<br>Tourney @ NECC<br><br>GBB: Mid-State<br>Tourney @ NECC<br><br>9:30am: WR:<br>Creighton Reserve<br>Tourney<br><br>10:00am: WR:<br>Conference<br>Tourney (at<br>Norfolk Catholic) |
| 8                                  | 9<br>G/BBB: Conf<br>Tourney (snow<br>date)<br><br>3:45pm: Speech<br>Team Practice<br><br>4:30pm: JHBBB:<br>Central City (at<br>Petersburg)<br><br>6:00pm: Board of<br>Ed Mtg<br><br>6:30pm: 9th<br>G/BBB: Twin River<br>(at NG) | 10<br>7:15am: Play<br>Practice<br><br>4:15pm: G/BBB:<br>GINW (A)<br><br>7:30pm: FFA Mtg                                                                                                | 11<br>Student Council Mtg<br>(lunch)<br><br>7:00am: Dance Team<br>Practice<br><br>6:00pm: Level II<br>Driver Training<br>(ESU 7)                                                                               | 12<br>Jr Class Mtg (lunch)<br><br>7:15am: Show Choir<br>Practice<br><br>3:45pm: Speech<br>Team Practice                                                                                 | 13<br>WR: Districts @<br>Aurora<br><br>8:00am: Speech:<br>Holy Family Invite                                                                                              | 14<br>Valentine's Day<br><br>MathCounts -<br>CCC/Columbus<br><br>WR: Districts @<br>Aurora<br><br>9:00am: 9th<br>G/BBB: Boone<br>Central Tourney<br>(Albion)<br><br>1:00pm: G/BBB:<br>Ainsworth (A)                                                                                   |
| 15                                 | 16<br>Presidents Day<br><br>GBB: Subdistricts<br>@ Norfolk High<br><br>4:30pm: JHBBB:<br>O'Neill (at<br>Petersburg)                                                                                                             | 17<br>FBLA Mtg (lunch)<br><br>GBB: Subdistricts<br>@ Norfolk High<br><br>7:15am: Play<br>Practice<br><br>3:45pm: Speech<br>Team Practice                                               | 18<br>Ash Wednesday<br><br>Sr Class Mtg (lunch)<br><br>7:00am: Dance Team<br>Practice                                                                                                                          | 19<br>WR: State<br>Tournament<br>(Omaha)<br><br>GBB: Subdistricts @<br>Norfolk High<br><br>7:15am: Show Choir<br>Practice<br><br>3:45pm: Speech<br>Team Practice                        | 20<br>WR: State<br>Tournament<br>(Omaha)<br><br>No School PK-12<br><br>State Dance<br>Championships<br>(GI)<br><br>5:00pm: BBB:<br>Crofton (at Albion)<br>(FR/JV/Varsity) | 21<br>WR: State<br>Tournament<br>(Omaha)<br><br>State Dance<br>Championships<br>(GI)<br><br>Singing Youth of<br>NE Choral Festival<br>(@ GICC)<br><br>9:00am: JHBBB:<br>Boone Central<br>Tourney                                                                                      |
| 22<br>National FFA<br>Week (21-28) | 23<br>BBB: Subdistricts @<br>Norfolk<br><br>6:00pm: Speech<br>Team Practice                                                                                                                                                     | 24<br>BBB: Subdistricts @<br>Norfolk<br><br>7:15am: Play<br>Practice<br><br>3:45pm: Speech<br>Team Practice                                                                            | 25<br>No School PK-12<br><br>Newman Grove<br>Speech Invite<br><br>PK Home Visits                                                                                                                               | 26<br>No Preschool (home<br>visits)<br><br>BBB: Subdistricts @<br>Norfolk<br><br>7:15am: Show Choir<br>Practice<br><br>3:45pm: Speech<br>Team Practice                                  | 27<br>GBB: District<br>Finals<br><br>Sr Careers Class<br>(Per 2)                                                                                                          | 28<br>8:00am: Speech:<br>Pope John Invite                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



# NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

(milk served with each meal; fruit bowl or salad bar available to 6-12 students)

| MONDAY                                                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                      | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                    | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                    | FRIDAY                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>January 26</b><br>Taco Soup<br>WG Corn Chips<br>Baby Carrots<br>Peaches<br>WG Cinnamon Roll<br>Milk                  | <b>January 27</b><br>WG Chicken Alfredo<br>Green Beans<br>Orange Pepper Strips<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Fruit Slushy/Banana<br>WG Biscuit/Milk | <b>January 28</b><br>Swedish Meatballs<br>Brown Rice/Peas<br>Grape Tomatoes<br>Frozen Strawberries<br>WG Bread Slice<br>Milk | <b>January 29</b><br>Breaded Chicken Patty<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>w/Gravy/Broccoli<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Cauliflower/Milk | <b>January 30</b><br>Pizza Burger/WG Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>French Fries<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Applesauce<br>Milk              |
| <b>February 2</b><br>Ham Patty<br>WG Pancakes<br>Tri Taters<br>Red Pepper Chunks<br>Juice/Peaches<br>Milk               | <b>February 3</b><br>Chicken Strips<br>Baked Beans<br>Baby Carrots<br>Fruit Slushy/Pears<br>WG Bread Slice<br>Milk                           | <b>February 4</b><br>Tater Tot Casserole<br>Green Beans<br>Tomato Wedges<br>Banana<br>WG Breadstick<br>Milk                  | <b>February 5</b><br>Breaded Beef Patty<br>Mashed Potato/Gravy<br>Broccoli<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                    | <b>February 6</b><br>Beef Taco/Doritos<br>Refried Beans<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Diced Tomatoes/Salsa<br>Applesauce/Cake<br>Milk |
| <b>February 9</b><br>Cavatini/WG Pasta<br>Carrots<br>Broccoli/Cauliflower<br>Applesauce<br>WG Breadstick<br>Milk        | <b>February 10</b><br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Cheesy Calif. Blend<br>Orange Pepper Chunks<br>Fruit Slushy/Pears<br>WG Bread Slice<br>Milk         | <b>February 11</b><br>Beef Stroganoff<br>Baby Carrots<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Peaches<br>WG Biscuit/Jelly<br>Milk             | <b>February 12</b><br>Flying Saucers<br>Green Beans<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Frozen Strawberries<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                     | <b>February 13</b><br>Ham Sub/WG Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>Sliced Tomatoes<br>Radishes<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk                |
| <b>February 16</b><br>Chicken Noodle Soup<br>Baby Carrots<br>Green Pepper Strips<br>Pears<br>WG Bread Slice<br>Milk     | <b>February 17</b><br>BBQ Meatball<br>Sandwich /WG Bun<br>Baked Beans<br>Tomato Wedges<br>Fruit Slushy/Banana<br>Cookie/Milk                 | <b>February 18</b><br>Egg Patty<br>WG Pancakes<br>Tri Taters/Juice<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk            | <b>February 19</b><br>Chunky Chicken Gravy<br>over/Mashed Potatoes<br>Mixed Veggies<br>Mixed Fruit<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                | <b>February 20</b><br><br><i>NO<br/>SCHOOL</i>                                                                                |
| <b>February 23</b><br>BBQ Rib Sandwich<br>WG Bun/Tater Tots<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Tomato Wedges<br>Mixed Fruit<br>Milk | <b>February 24</b><br>Corn Dogs<br>Baked Beans<br>Baby Carrots<br>Cauliflower<br>Fruit Slushy/Peaches<br>Milk                                | <b>February 25</b><br><br><i>NO<br/>SCHOOL</i>                                                                               | <b>February 26</b><br>Au Gratin Potatoes<br>& Ham/Peas<br>Red Pepper Strips<br>Pears<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                              | <b>February 27</b><br>Pizza/WG Crust<br>Green Beans<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Broccoli<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk                |

(menus are subject to change without notice)





**No School/Late Start  
Announcements**  
(Subject to Change)



Thursday, January 22 NO SCHOOL K-12  
Wednesday, February 4 EARLY DISMISSAL K-12, 12:40 PM  
Parent-Teacher Conferences,  
3:00 PM —7:00 PM  
Friday, February 20 NO SCHOOL PK-12  
Wednesday, February 25 NO SCHOOL PK-12  
Friday, March 6 NO SCHOOL PK-12  
Thursday, March 12 NO SCHOOL K-5  
Friday, March 13 NO SCHOOL PK-12

*Thanks to all of our  
community volunteers  
who helped with our  
wrestling tournament on  
January 3rd. We truly  
appreciated all the help!*



**SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS,  
AND UPC'S!**

**Box Tops for Education**

Newman Grove Schools continues to  
collect Box Tops for Education

Coupons. Coupons are redeemed for items  
such as computer software. **Deadline for  
this year is February 17th.** You may continue to save for next  
year after that date.



**Campbell's Soup**

Be sure to clip the UPC as shown from  
the Campbell brand products. You may  
also save the UPC codes from Franco-  
American, Pepperidge Farm, and  
Swanson products. Save the lids from  
Prego and V8 products. You may bring them to the school  
office.



**THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING!**



**WINTER  
SCHOOL  
CLOSING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following radio and television stations will be  
contacted should it become necessary to cancel school  
due to inclement weather:

Television: Channel 8 or Channel 10/11 (Lincoln)  
Website: [www.newman.esu8.org](http://www.newman.esu8.org)

Radio: 94 Rock (94.7 FM) US 92 (92.7 FM)  
WJAG (780 AM) KEXL (106.7 FM)  
KZEN (100 FM) KKOT (93.5 FM)  
KLIR (101 FM) KJSK (900 AM)  
KTTT (1510 AM) KPNO (90.5 FM)

**NOTE:** Little Jays Preschool will follow the K-12 weather  
related time changes.  
Late Start-NO MORNING  
Early Out-NO AFTERNOON.  
Cancelled Preschool will be made up on a Friday.

**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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