



The Bluejay Bulletin

**Newman Grove
Public Schools**

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## Board of Education Meeting Summary March 10, 2014

- Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.
- The agenda was approved as published; minutes of the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as printed.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.
- Claims were approved for payment in the amounts of \$32,230.97 (General Fund), \$1,090.90 (Depreciation Fund) and \$610.00 (Building Fund).
- Received reports from Tami Texley (Music and ELL) and Karla Patzel (Activities Director).
- Science and Ag Education faculty were present to discuss applying for a grant from Monsanto. The grant, along with other funding, would be used to construct a greenhouse for various educational programs. The Board voted to approve the application for a \$10,000 grant.
- Approved the 2014-2015 school calendar.
- Approved a request by Karen Herchenbach for a local substitute teaching certificate.
- Approved the current summer maintenance projects list.
- Correspondence from Elba Schools was reviewed regarding request for unification. President Fowlkes will respond, declining this request.
- Accepted the resignation of Amy Nelson as elementary teacher, effective at the end of the current school year.
- Received a report from Principal Moser: Elementary teachers reviewing reading series for the 2014-15 school year, Department of Education Special Education file review (positive report), NeSA writing, math and science testing window extended due to computer difficulties at NDE, and working on meeting staffing needs for the 2014-15 school year.
- Received a report from Superintendent Pokorny: NRCSA Conference to be held March 20-21 in Kearney, tire recall on several Ford vans, legislation, and correspondence with St. Edward Schools regarding coop possibilities.
- Entered into Executive Session at 7:32 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 8:10 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Nolan Wondercheck and Joel Meyer on qualifying for the State Wrestling Tournament! Nolan and Joel finished third at Districts at 106 and 120 pounds, respectively. Great job, guys!
- Brett Weinman and Mariely Estrada on earning 6th place medals in Humorous Prose and Poetry, respectively, at the Lindsay Holy Family Invite.
- Mariely Estrada for earning the 4th place medal in Poetry and to Alaina Rast for her 6th place finish in Informative in Cedar Rapid's Invitational. Other team members also did a great job in preliminary rounds: Brett Weinman with superiors in humorous prose and extemporaneous speaking; Joe and Billy O'Brien, excellent in duet acting; and the OID team (John O'Brien, Billy O'Brien, Brooke Piek, Parker Wallin and Joe O'Brien), excellent.
- Members of the speech team on Newman Grove Invitational performances: Brett Weinman (3rd - Humorous Prose); OID Team (4th - Joe O'Brien, Billy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Andy King, Jacob Potmesil). Superior ratings went to Emily Strong (Humorous Prose), Mariely Estrada (Poetry and Serious Prose), Brett Weinman (Extemporaneous Speaking).
- John O'Brien on being selected into the 2014 Agriculture Issues Academy at the Nebraska State FFA Convention. John was selected from over 80 applicants to be one of the 30 participants.
- Brooke Piek on being selected as a FFA proficiency finalist at the Nebraska State FFA Convention.
- State FFA Degree Recipients: Jacob Haase, Megan Nelson, Billy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Brooke Piek, and Alex Wiese. These awards will be presented during the State Convention.
- CDE Contest Participants: Environthon Team - Brooke Piek, Megan Nelson, Kleo Edgell, Celine Dunlap - 1st Place (State Qualifiers); Livestock Management Team (Billy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jacob Haase, Alex Wiese, Joe O'Brien, Andy King) - 1st Place (State Qualifiers); Vet Science Results - Purple Ribbon - Joe O'Brien, Blue Ribbons - Sadie Wallin, Billy O'Brien, Andy King, and White Ribbon - Esmer Arreguin; Ag Mechanics Team (John O'Brien, Alex Wiese, Jacob Haase, Nolan Wondercheck) - 4th Place; Agriscience Team (Isiah Weverka-Haddix, Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase, Kyle Stone, Jacob Potmesil) - 4th Place (State Qualifiers); Individual Ag. Science Results - Purple Ribbon - Isiah Weverka-Haddix, Blue Ribbons - Mya Donelson, Jacob Potmesil, Hannah Haase, Kyle Stone; Floriculture Team (Esmer Arreguin, Savannah Wiese, Destiny Johnson, Crystal Salinas, Andrea Lloyd) - 6th Place; Individual Floriculture Results - Red Ribbons - Destiny Johnson, Crystal Salinas, Savannah Wiese, White Ribbons - Andrea Lloyd & Esmer Arreguin; and Individual Meats Ribbons - Red Ribbons - Andrea Lloyd & Mya Donelson, White Ribbons - Hannah Haase & Celine Dunlap.

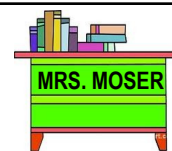


## No School Announcements

March 14 NO SCHOOL PK-12, State Boys Basketball  
April 18 NO SCHOOL PK-12, Good Friday  
April 21 NO SCHOOL PK-12



FROM THE OFFICE OF  
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tumblr,



instagram,



vine,



snapchat,



facebook,



cyberbullying:

Do you recognize the icons above?? If you don't, I guarantee that your kids do. If you have a facebook account, you are behind the times as it is being replaced by the above social media sites. Tumblr, Instagram and Snapchat are all sites that kids are using these days. You are supposed to be 13 years or older in order to be able to use these sites. Vine is another site, but a user is supposed to be 17 years or older to use this. Vine is an app that kids under 17 should stay clear of as it contains very adult content. There are many dangers regarding social media.

Recently I attended a session educating parents, teachers, and students about the dangers of social media. This presentation was given by school lawyer, Karen Haase. Haase told listeners that the actual cell phones are not bad, it is the decisions that people make with them that makes them bad. Karen told the kids that they need to make sure they are positive they know who they are talking to on a site and if they are not sure, they should take that person off of their list and no longer have any type of communication with them. The problem is, we have many young people who make all of their information public which allows "predators" to easily find children of a specific age. They then establish a relationship with that child and at some point in time may try to abduct or molest the child. As parents, you need to be taking your child's electronic device(s) and check them to be sure they are on appropriate sites and that they are not making all of their personal information "public". You also need to be sure that they are not posting pictures of themselves and making those "public" as well. Almost every app gives you the option of making your information public or private. You would be surprised how many kids do not use the privacy settings and many parents are not aware of it. Not only is this to protect them as children but to also help them understand that when they go to apply to potential employers someday, they don't want an employer to see some sort of inappropriate picture of them. Once a picture is sent to someone else, it is on the internet and there for all of the world to see, especially if that person decides to forward it on to four more people and so on and so forth. Parents need to know your child's usernames and passwords for all of the apps they use so that you can view the pictures they post to their site and also know what kind of information they are putting on their account. Just as you are entitled to walk into your child's room at home and check to see that they are making good decisions, this username and password opens up that door so that you can see that they are making good decisions in cyberspace. You do have every right to look through your child's electronic devices and need to do so on a regular basis. I encourage you to collect your child's electronic devices at night so that they are getting a good night's sleep. The kitchen table is a great spot for this. Many students stay up very late calling and instant messaging friends. This time could instead be better spent studying or sleeping. If a student is using their cell phone to bully another student, even outside of school hours, they can be subject to school discipline, including suspension. If the texting or imaging is causing a student to be unable to attend or concentrate in school, the sender of these messages, images can be subject to administrative consequences. Please contact me at school if you have any questions regarding this information, 402-447-6294, [nmoser@esu8.org](mailto:nmoser@esu8.org). Technology is changing our world and how we raise our kids. It's difficult to keep up with all of this, but monitoring and asking questions is half the battle!



## COUNSELOR'S

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

## REMINDER:

*Local scholarship application forms are available from Mr. Rudloff and most of them have an April 1st deadline.*

## LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are available through the Newman Grove Schools Bluejay Foundation:

**Bluejay Foundation Scholarship** - (1 boy and 1 girl), (\$500 each),

The top 5 girls and top 5 boys according to their GPA may apply.

**Qualset Family Agriculture Scholarship** - (\$500), Must be pursuing a career in agriculture.

**Randy Benson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** - (\$400), Pursuing a degree through any university, community college or technical school. Consideration given to Benson relatives.

**Jennevie (Froistad) O'Reilly Scholarship** - (\$400), Open to anyone with at least a 3.0 GPA. Financial need considered.

**Muller Family Scholarship** - (\$1,000), Open to anyone. Student's GPA, academic achievement, high achiever, and hard worker will be considered.

**Pauline Engelka** - (\$400), Open to anyone.

**Clarence and DeLoris Nelson Memorial Scholarship** - (1-\$1,000 or 2-\$500), Must have a farm background.

**Oscar "Buddy" and Delores Gustafson Family Scholarship** - (\$500), Open to anyone with at least a 3.0 GPA. Financial need taken into consideration.

**NECC/Bluejay Foundation/Wayne Gearhart Memorial Scholarship** - (Estimate \$600), Students pursuing a degree through NECC; must file on-line application and submit FAFSA to NECC.

**Matthew London Memorial Scholarship** - (\$300), Open to anyone.

**NG Community Foundation/Bluejay Foundation Scholarship** - (1-\$1,000 or 2-\$500), Students pursuing a degree through a community college in an occupational or career field.

**Senator Tom Kennedy Memorial Scholarship** - (\$1,000), GPA of 3.0 required; intended for student who may not be eligible for other scholarships

**Donavon T. and Ruth (Romberg) Nelson Education Scholarship** - (\$500), GPA of 2.5 required; students pursuing a degree in science education, preferably in teaching

**Kenneth/Caroline Eng Scholarship** - (2-\$3,000), GPA of 2.5. 1 scholarship awarded to student planning on attending Wayne State, other to any other college: Any degree pursued.

**Newman Grove Senior Center Scholarship** - (1-\$1,000 or 2-\$500), GPA of 2.5. Low-Income family. Senior Center trustee to help with selection.

**R. Craig Nelsen Memorial Ag Scholarship** - (1- \$500), GPA of 3.0, farm background)

The following local scholarships are available:

**Newman Grove Education Association Study Grant**-(100), 3.0 GPA or upper 1/3 of the class. Entering the field of education.

**Newman Grove Ministerial Association**-(100), Planning a vocation in a service to the church, pick up application from the school counselor or a minister.

**Newman Grove Masonic Lodge #305**-( \$ amount TBD each year. 1-2 scholarships will be given), Two page application. On page one, include name and address of student and parents plus activities while attending NGHS. On page two, write a one page paper telling the lodge of post high school plans and ambitions for future.

**Newman Grove FFA Alumni Scholarship**-(1-\$200), Pick up application blank and return it to the Agriculture Education Instructor.

All scholarship applications are judged not only according to the above criteria but also on academic achievement, activity participation, student's work ethic, and personal integrity.

Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for applications is April 1. Unless otherwise stated, pick up application from the school counselor. Unless otherwise stated, return completed applications to the school counselor.

## Other important information

1. You should never pay to fill out the FASFA. Check the web address to make sure it ends in gov.
2. I have a booklet "Funding Education Beyond High School" that students or parents can pick up.
3. 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.
4. A link to the FASFA and Education Quest websites are posted on our school website.
5. Seniors should visit and then apply to colleges they are seriously considering.
6. Northeast Community College is offering some free assistance through their Financial Aid Office at the College Welcome Center on Fridays from 1pm -4pm starting February and going through June 2014 with no appointment necessary (excluding days the college is closed). They are also offering this same service on Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am-1pm by appointment only. Number to call is 1-800-844-7285. You will need to the following information: 2013 Federal Tax Returns and W2's and a PIN number for both parent and student ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov))
7. An updated list of scholarships is available in the counseling office for students to pick up. There is also a link on our school web-site. Bluejay Foundation and Local scholarship packets were distributed to all seniors. All these scholarships have an April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.
8. Please notify me of any Scholarships won so that proper recognition can be given at graduation. This includes all scholarships won from colleges, even those not accepted.



## Know the facts before having a discussion about peer pressure with your teen

In order to prepare your teen to combat peer pressure, you have to know what she is being pressured to do. A survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that teens are often being pressured on the topics of:

- **Smoking.** Nearly 25% of high school students smoke cigarettes.
- **Drinking.** A whopping two-thirds of teens between 14 and 17 have tried alcohol.
- **Drugs.** A little more than 25% of 14- to 17-year-olds reported that they have used illegal drugs.
- **Sex.** Just about one in every three teens aged 14 to 15 has had sexual intercourse.



Think about your family values regarding these issues. Then, rather than banning your teen from leaving the house, have a conversation with your teen about why you feel the way you feel. Knowing *why* you don't want her smoking, drinking or involved in other risky behaviors may be just enough to encourage your teen to say *no* to her friends.

**Source:** E. Heubeck, "Teen Peer Pressure: Raising a Peer Pressure-Proof Child," WebMD, [www.webmd.com/parenting/teen-abuse-cough-medicine-9/peer-pressure](http://www.webmd.com/parenting/teen-abuse-cough-medicine-9/peer-pressure).



### Local FFA Member Will Participate in Fourth Annual Agricultural Issues Academy

By Kylie Sweeter

John O'Brien, a member of the Newman Grove FFA Chapter, has been selected to participate in the fourth annual Agricultural Issues Academy

(AIA) on April 9<sup>th</sup> as part of the 2014 Nebraska State FFA Convention held in Lincoln. AIA is a leadership-based academy that focuses on providing participants with skills needed to become spokespeople for the agriculture industry. The day-long program will expose participants to current agricultural issues, develop communication skills, and provide an opportunity to meet with industry leaders and lawmakers.

John was selected from a pool of 80 qualified applicants from across Nebraska and were narrowed down by a selection committee to 30 participants. Selected candidates were charged with a task to research a current "ag" issue of their choice and be prepared to explain the issue at the academy. John's topic will be on the awareness of agricultural literacy.

### Freshmen attend 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day

On Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Rudloff took the freshmen to a 9<sup>th</sup> grade career day at Northeast Community College. Over 20 schools and 500 students were in attendance. This day consisted of an opening speech from the president of the college and then the students attended 5 career exploration sessions that they had previously signed up for. Lunch was also provided. This day was a good experience for our freshmen as it was very college like with having to walk across campus and meet many new people. It is good to see the freshmen start thinking about their future and what they will have to do to attain their goals.



### NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Newman Grove Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold their annual Induction Ceremony on Friday evening, March 28<sup>th</sup>, in the auditorium at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

New inductees to the organization are Kleo Edgell, Sandra (Mariely) Estrada-Gonzalez, Steven Arreguin, Esmeralda Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, Destiny Johnson, Joseph O'Brien, Nolan Wondercheck. Current members include Jacob Haase, Megan Nelson, John O'Brien, William O'Brien, Brooke Pieke, Alexander Wiese, Parker Wallin.

This year's guest speaker is Melissa Hernandez. She graduated from Newman Grove High School in 2005. Melissa is doing her residency at the University Nebraska Medical Center.

Please show your support by attending this year's National Honor Society Induction ceremony.



### Night of the Stars

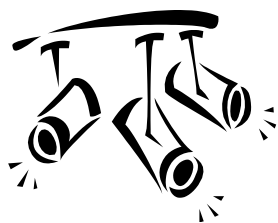
Come see the speech performances and the spring play...

Cliques and Cafeterias  
By Laura Toffenetti

**March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**

in the Auditorium





# Senior Spotlight



**Jacob  
Haase**

Parents:  
Tom & Nancy Haase

Other Family Members:  
Hannah, McKenna, Kevin

Favorite Pastime:  
Play hide and go seek and hang out with friends.

Senior Activities:  
Speech, Drama, FFA, National Honor Society

Part-time Employment:  
White Star Oil

Plans After Graduation:  
Go to SECC for Diesel Technology

**Kevin  
Johnson**

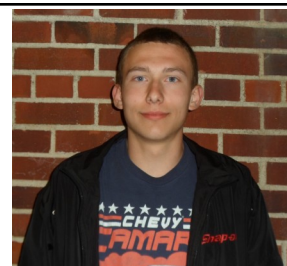
Parents:  
Tom Johnson & Kim Johnson

Other Family Members:  
Shayla, Tyler

Favorite Pastime:  
Hunting, fishing, and just hanging out with friends.

Part-time Employment:  
Johnson Pivots Repair

Plans After Graduation:  
Ag Land Electric & Irrigation in Ord,  
working on center pivots and electric motors.



**Alaina  
Rast**

Parents:  
Nathan & Heidi Rast

Other Family Members:  
Rebekah, Kala, Matthew, Leah

Favorite Pastime:  
Baking, Knitting, Crochet, hanging out with friends,  
and spending time with family

Senior Activities:  
Swing Choir, Band, Chorus, Basketball, Speech, Dance,  
Independent Science Research, Student Council, Piano

Plans After Graduation:  
Go to NECC then transfer to a University for a degree in  
construction or interior design

**Brett  
Weinman**

Parents:  
Michael Plugge

Other Family Members:  
Robert Plugge, Brittney Weinman,  
David Plugge

Favorite Pastime:  
Photography

Senior Activities:  
Speech, Drama, Bowling

Plans After Graduation:  
Attend New York Institute of Photography

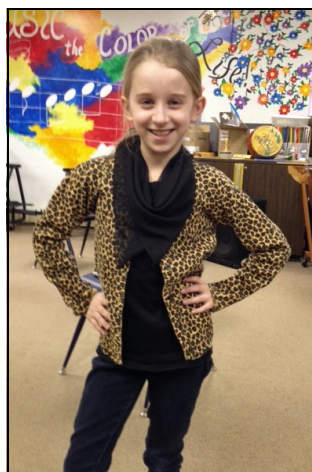




# Music Notes



by Tami Texley



Madyson Zoucha as Taylor Swift for dress like your favorite music performer.

## Pre-Brainard Recital 5-8th Grade



March 20th

4:15 PM

in the  
Auditorium



March 22nd  
Brainard Music Contest  
5-8th Grade

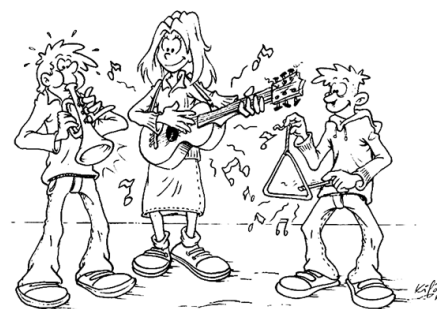
April 25th  
District Music Contest  
at Boone Central  
9-12 Grade  
Time to be announced

## Music in Our School Month March 2014

Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>....Wear Music Clothing (Clothes with Music notes, instruments etc.)

Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>...Give it a "Rest" Day....(Wear your PJ's to School)

Friday, March 28th...2 p.m.  
Talent Show



## RESEARCH HAS PROVEN THAT ACCESS TO A QUALITY MUSIC EDUCATION:



Engages students in the classroom and increases graduation rates



Improves early cognitive development, math and reading skills



Enhances learning in other core subjects



Develops critical thinking and leadership skills



Fosters self-esteem and the ability to work cooperatively in teams



**7-12 Grade**  
**April 22nd**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Auditorium**

## Talent Show

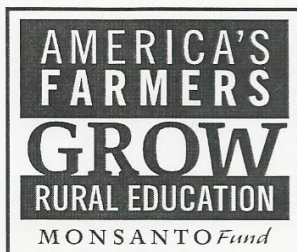
**March 28th**

**2:00 PM**

**K-6th Grade**







# —KEEP RURAL SCHOOLS— GROWING



Help our school district keep growing programs in math and science by nominating us for a grant of up to \$25,000. Spread the word with other farmers you know!

## —NOMINATE OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT TODAY—

Farmers can nominate public school districts for grants, and multiple farmer nominations for our school district help to strengthen our district's application.

Farmers can nominate by visiting [GrowRuralEducation.com](http://GrowRuralEducation.com) or calling 1-877-267-3332. Nominations accepted January 6 through April 6, 2014.

If you have any questions about this you may contact Mark Seier, Danielle Amen, or Kylie Sweeter at the high school 402-447-6294.





## National FFA Week By Andy King FFA Reporter



National FFA week was February 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> and our FFA takes this week to heart every year. During the National FFA week our FFA chapter had activities everyday of the school week for our entire school to be involved in. All week we had FFA trivia for all the students to take a part in and we also had a coloring contest for the elementary to have fun with. On Monday morning we had a breakfast for our teachers and staff at 7:40 AM. It was also the day that our FFA chapter members wore their official dress. On Tuesday, the theme of the day was to drive your tractor to school day or wear your favorite tractor gear. Students Alex Wiese, Nolan Wondercheck, Andy King, and Cody Nelson drove their tractors to school. On Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, the FFA chapter members dressed like a farm animal or a farmer for Barnyard Madness. During the lunch hour we also had an FFA officer team lunch. On Thursday, we had a petting zoo open to the community and elementary students that took place all day. Animals at the petting zoo included a miniature pony, donkey, mule, zebu, rabbit, guinea pig, goats, sheep, piglets, puppies, kittens, ducks, and several species of poultry. This day the FFA members also wore their FFA t-shirts. When the day was over we held the Ag Olympics competition. The Ag Olympics included contests such as milking a cow, loading feed bags, carrying eggs, and dressing up as a farmer. On Friday members Andy King, Joe O'Brien, John O'Brien, Billy O'Brien, Parker Wallin, Jacob Haase, Brooke Pieke attended MFE/ALD leadership conferences in Kearney. (Pictured on right is Alex Wiese with his tractor, staff breakfast, and the MFE/ALD Team.)



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## Newman Grove FFA Competition Results

By Andy King FFA Reporter

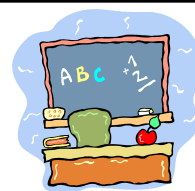
The Newman Grove FFA Chapter started off strong this month by qualifying six of our seniors for their State FFA Degree. The recipients of this degree are Jacob Haase, Megan Nelson, Billy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Brooke Piek, and Alex Wiese. Brooke Piek also qualified as a proficiency finalist in the area of Agriscience Research Plant Systems. These awards will be presented at the state convention held in Lincoln from April 9-11, 2014.

On Tuesday March 4, 2014 some of the Newman Grove FFA members went to Central Community College in Columbus and competed at our district CDE contest. We had a total of five teams qualify to compete at the State FFA Convention. These teams are the Envirothon Team of Brooke Piek, Megan Nelson, Kleo Edgell, and Celine Dunlap placing first in the district. The Livestock Management Team of Billy O'Brien, Joe O'Brien, Alex Wiese, Jacob Haase, Andy King, and John O'Brien also placed first in the district. The Vet Science Team placed second as a team and also qualified for state. Individual results for the Vet Science Team included Joe O'Brien getting a purple ribbon, Sadie Wallin, Billy O'Brien, and Andy King getting blue ribbons, and Esmeralda Arreguin receiving a white ribbon. The Ag Mechanics Team which consisted of John O'Brien, Alex Wiese, Jacob Haase, and Nolan Wondercheck placed fourth and received a spot to compete a state. The Agriscience Team of Isiah Weverka-Haddix, Mya Donelson, Hannah Haase, Kyle Stone, and Jacob Potmesil also placed fourth and will be competing at state convention in April. Individual results for the Agriscience team included a purple ribbon to Isiah Weverka-Haddix and blue ribbons to Kyle Stone, Mya Donelson, Jacob Potmesil, Mya Donelson, and Hannah Haase.

Other individual results for the day included red ribbons to Andrea Lloyd and Mya Donelson and white ribbons to Hannah Haase and Celine Dunlap for competing in the Meats contest. Also, red ribbons to Destiny Johnson, Crystal Salinas, and Savannah Wiese and white ribbons to Andrea Lloyd and Esmeralda Arreguin for competing in the floriculture contest. Pictured on the left is the Envirothon Team and on the right is the Livestock Management Team (missing is Alex Wiese and Jacob Haase).



## Kindergarten Roundup 2014-2015



An orientation meeting for parents of incoming Kindergarten students is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Kindergarten classroom. The teacher, principal, guidance counselor and school nurse will be available to answer questions parents may have concerning their child's enrollment.

Kindergarten Roundup has been scheduled for Friday, May 2nd from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. This is an important opportunity for parents and their future Kindergarten children to visit the classroom and school staff.

All children who reach the age of five by July 31, 2014 are eligible to enter Kindergarten this fall. Eligible students include Mark Bell (Mark), Jayden Benson (Derek/April), Ethan Donner (Enjoli), Triston Duhachek (Chris/Shelly), Allyx Forre (Dusty/Kim), Nate Fowlkes (Darvin/Cindy), Henry Hull (Howard/Kara), Piper Jarecki (Aaron/Kelly Schlee), Kaden Kohl (Tracy Finkral), Mariah Lipe (Neil/Mishelle Schumacher), Dylan Luetkenhaus (Terry/Angela), Carter Lyon (Scott/Deb), Andrew Matson (Pete/Jessica), Chloe McLaughlin (Stefan/Bufy), Kellan Morris (Dan/Andrea), Addyson Murray (Branden/Abbie), Jax Nelson (Daisy Scholl), Victoria Rowley (Karissa), Rachel Rudloff (Matt/Stephanie), Isabella Santarosa (Eric/Claudia), Austin Schulz (Ryan/Kortni), Joshua Tannehill (Joey/Christine), Jacob Wiese (Jason/Tami), Madysen Wiese (Scott/Tiffany). Please contact the school if your child should be included on this list.

Information regarding Parent Orientation and Roundup will be mailed soon to parents. However, if you should not receive this information, please contact the school office (447-6294). If you are unable to attend the parent meeting, please notify the office so that arrangements can be made for you to receive a Kindergarten information packet.



## Junior Varsity Boys end season with win and finish year with 16 wins and 1 loss

By Matt Rudloff

On Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the Junior Varsity Cardinals hosted Lutheran High Northeast. The game started out slowly with each team struggling to score, but the Cardinals gained momentum with each quarter and were able to win the game 49-37. The guys again showed great hustle and played solid defense to hold Lutheran High to 37 points. Score by quarter with Cardinals listed first went: 8-4, 10-12, 13-7, 18-14. Scoring for the Cardinals: Colton Pelster 3, Colt Mangus 8, Scott Kettler 18, Kyle Kramer 9, Keaton Henry 11. Other players contributing were: Blaine Kennedy, Will Dyer, Damian Backus, Tate Zwiebel.

The Junior Varsity Cards traveled to Crofton to play the Warriors on Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Both teams struggled to score and at the end of the first quarter the Cards were ahead 9-6. The struggles continued into the second quarter with the Cardinals only scoring 1 point and the Warriors 5. Score at half was 11-10 in favor of Crofton. Both teams came out in the third quarter with the Warriors winning this quarter 13-12 as the Cards found themselves down 24-22 going into the fourth quarter. The Cards battled back in the fourth quarter and were able to tie the game 32-32 with about 12 seconds to go. Colt Mangus grabbed an offensive board off a missed free throw and the Cards then called a timeout with 2.9 seconds left. The Cards set up a side out of bounds play for a last second shot and Scott Kettler drained the 3-pointer at the buzzer for the Cardinal win. The guys did an excellent job fighting to win this game down the stretch. It was an exciting finish to the year; a very successful year. As coaches, we are very proud of the effort and work ethic these guys had all year long. The Junior Varsity squad has played a major role in the varsity's success this year as they practice against the varsity to get them ready for each game. They are well deserving of all the wins this year and much development took place as many of these players will be playing key roles on the varsity team next year. Scoring for the Cards: Colton Pelster 1, Colt Mangus 3, Scott Kettler 15, Damian Backus 5, Tate Zwiebel 2, Kyle Kramer 5, Keaton Henry 4. Other Cardinals contributing: Will Dyer, Jose Campos.



## Freshmen Boys Basketball

By Arnie Johnson

Our 9th grade boys dropped two games in our 9th grade tournament on February 15th. In our first game we were defeated by Central City 44 to 26. In our second game we fell to Fullerton in overtime 33 to 34 in the 3rd place game to finish out our season.



## Varsity Boys Cardinal Basketball

On February 11th the Cardinals hosted the Spalding/Spalding Academy Knights. The Knight's ability to press and push the ball presented a big challenge of our team. While the Cards were able to put a good number up in the first quarter, they were able to answer. There was only a one point difference on offense in the 2nd quarter to send the Boone Central/Newman Grove Cardinals into the locker room with a 38-29 point lead.

The 3rd quarter was one of the best shooting quarters of the year for the Cardinals. They were 7 out of 8 for threes and that gave them a big boost. In addition to their ability to force some turnovers to change the momentum of the game. In the fourth, they continued to force turnovers and were able to convert on some of them. The Cards came away with a 82-51 win.

Boone Central/Newman Grove hosted the Lutheran High Northeast Eagles on Friday, February 14th. The Eagle's point guard is a very good player and their post has some good size. Their zone defense slowed down the offense and the Cards were not able to convert the threes. The Cardinals led 24-22 going into the half.

After being down by three at the end of the 3rd quarter, the Cardinals were able to gain a little momentum in the fourth. They were able to hit three big three pointers in the 4th quarter. They were also able to get several free throws that they did not do in the first half. Boone Central/Newman Grove won the game 56-51.

The Cardinals got off to very good start in the first half against the Crofton Warriors. They were able to force Crofton into 17 turnovers and were able to convert those into points. The second half was somewhat different than the first. They were not as efficient on offense. The Cards were able to hold their lead into the 4th quarter but only hit 5 of 13 from the foul line to prevent them from extending the lead. The Cardinals came away with a 65-50 victory.

Sub-Districts began on February 24th at Norfolk High School. Defensively, the Cardinals did really well in the first half against the O'Neill Eagles. O'Neill's plan was to slow things down in the half court and they were fairly effective. Offensively, they missed several shots that could have gotten the momentum that they needed. In the 3rd quarter, they connected on 4 threes and that always helps. The final score was 51-45 with the Cardinals on top.

Boone Central/Newman Grove was matched up against the Norfolk Catholic Knights in the next round. The Cardinals defense in the first quarter wasn't very sharp and they didn't shoot well. In the second half, the challenge was to play much better and whittle away at the 10 point deficit. The 3rd quarter was much better on both ends of the floor. They managed to cut the lead to 4 points. In the 4th they were able to tie the game and then go up by 2 points, but Norfolk Catholic hit another 3 pointer, which was 1 of 2 field goals in the quarter. In overtime, the Cards forced a few shots and then had to foul. They were 3 of 4 from the foul line and the Knights were 9 of 12. The Cardinals played 3 very good quarters, but were able to overcome the first quarter.

The Cardinals were able to make it to the State Playoffs with their power points and will be playing on Thursday, March 13th at 3:45 p.m. in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Good Luck Boys!





## Varsity Cardinal Girls Basketball

By Mike Kennedy

On February 17th, our girls' basketball team ended their season with a loss to Norfolk Catholic in the C1-8 sub-district tournament. It is an abrupt ending to something that we all take very seriously and it hurts all of us, however this team has much to be proud of, the most important of which is that this team is a family. I am proud of each of them for what they have sacrificed to be a part of Lady Cardinal basketball.

Score by quarters:

|       |    |    |    |    |          |
|-------|----|----|----|----|----------|
| BC/NG | 12 | 16 | 19 | 10 | Total 57 |
| NC    | 11 | 19 | 11 | 24 | Total 65 |

Scoring for BC/NG - Jade Gottier 23, Marissa Beierman 9, Sadie Wallin 7, Kaity Stuhr 6, Rebecca Reicks 5, Miranda Ketteler 4, Dana Pelster 2, Elissa Slizoski 1.

Final season record for BC/NG - 15 wins, 9 losses



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

By Kris Pestel

In the game against the O'Neill Eagles, we were able to get off to a good start by pressing, creating turnovers and getting several good looks at the basket. We were able to rebound very well to get several offensive looks at the basket and defensively only allowed O'Neill one shot per trip down the floor.

During this short season, this group of 7th graders has made great strides. We hope that they continue to develop their individual skills along with playing together as team. They have been a great group to coach and watch grow and develop in the area of basketball.

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|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Score:  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Total |
| BC/NG   | 7   | 11  | 11  | 7   | 36    |
| O'Neill | 0   | 4   | 2   | 6   | 12    |

Scoring: William Frey 5, Brenden Beierman 2, Carter Henry 17, Jon Merten 1, Ethan Dozler 4, Westen Choat 7



## Junior Varsity Girls

By Justin DeWitt

In our last game of the season, the girls JV team defeated Lutheran High NE 47-33. They packed in their zone and we shot very well from the 3-point line, especially in the 3rd quarter when we made 5. We showed good discipline in our full court defense, and were able to pressured their ball handlers very well. We ended the season with a record of 13-4.

Scoring: Sadie Wallin-9 Ashlynn Baker-6 Tessa Hedlund-6 Esmer Arreguin-5 Karley Zoucha-5 Celine Dunlap-4 Catherine Weeder-4 Bailey Reigle-2 Elissa Slizoski-2 Destiny Johnson-2

Assists: Celine-3 Esmer-3

Rebounds: Tessa-6 Kaddee-3



## Dance Team State Runner Up

The Newman Grove High School Dance Team competed in the Nebraska State Dance Championship in Grand Island on February 21st. They brought home the State Runner Up trophy in the Hip Hop Dance division with a superior rating. Dance Team members (L to R): Hannah Haase, Sadie Wallin, Alaina Rast, Shyanne McCuiston, Kleo Edgell. In front row Kala Rast and Mariely Estrada. They are coached by Susan King.



## Freshmen Girls Basketball

At the Boone Central 9/10 Basketball Tournament on February 15th, the girls defeated the Central City Bison 29-24 and the Ord Chanticleers 32-18 to win the tournament. The freshmen girls finish their season with a 6-6 record. Good job girls!



### Wrestling

By Dale Bonge



#### District Tournament at Adams Central

Team Scores: 1st-Adams Central 193.5, 2nd-Columbus Scotus 155.0, 3rd-York 153.0, 4th-Northwest 137.0, 5th-Seward 113.0, 6th-Aurora 92.5, 7th-Crete 78.0, 8th-Boone Central/Newman Grove 68.5, 9th-Schuyler 64.0, 10th-Columbus Lakeview 61.0, 11th-Milford-Dorchester 36.0, 12th-Fairbury 28.0.

To qualify for state, a wrestler has to place in the top four at their district tournament. Coming in to the district meet we had 2 guys seeded in the top four. We ended up with that number of qualifiers, but wanted and came close to several more.

First, congratulations goes out to Nolan & Joel for their third place finishes and earning their way to the state tournament. Nolan had a great first match – scoring a tech fall, Started out well in his semifinal jumping out to a 5-0 lead before things went south & he got pinned in the final period. He came back strong in the heartbreak round with a controlling 6-1 win to punch his ticket to state. In his medal round match Nolan battled his way to a 4-2 win. Joel literally held on for a 7-6 win in his first and key match. After a semifinal loss to the top seed Joel insured extending his season an extra week in dominating style building a lead before scoring a pin. In his medal match Joel met up with his first match opponent. In this second meeting Joel parlayed a 4-2 lead mid-way through the match to a pin.

We had a pretty good first day with four guys advancing to the semifinals - Nolan, Joel, Jackson, and Jacob. In addition all but 2 advanced to day 2 of the competition. Jacob scored a big upset over a returning state medalist with a 3-2 win in the ultimate tiebreaker to get to the semis.

The semifinals were not kind to us. Jackson got headlocked & pinned by a guy he had beaten earlier in the year. Nolan and Joel were pinned. Jacob had our best showing in the semis with an 8-4 loss to the eventual champ.

Along with our 4 semifinalists, three others – Cody, Scott, and Isaac made their way to the heartbreak round through the consolation bracket. Cody went 3-2 with 3 pins. In the heartbreak round with the score knotted at 2-2 Cody got caught in a cradle & pinned. Scott went 2-2 with 2 pins. In his last match Scott was behind by 3 when he reversed his opponent to his back but somehow he was not given back points which would have won the match for him. Isaac also went 2-2 with 2 pins. Isaac showed a tremendous amount of improvement in the final few weeks of the season.

Jacob had 3 hard fought matches against solid competition. In his last match Jacob scored what appeared to be the go ahead takedown at a pivotal point in the match but it was ruled out of bounds and not allowed. Jackson had a stellar start with a pin over a quality opponent. He just could not get in sync after that. Ethan helped out the team score with a pin but got out of position a couple of times in his other matches. Sam scored one pin and had a pair of hard fought losses. Steven jumped out to a 9-1 lead in his last match against a guy that had hammered him earlier in the year. Unfortunately he got out of position and pinned.

This team has shown a great deal of improvement throughout the year and have been a real pleasure to coach. They have conducted themselves with dignity and been a positive reflection on our schools and communities.

#### NSAA - Class B - District 3 Results

106 - Nolan Wondercheck (25-8) placed 3rd and scored 13.50 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Nolan Wondercheck (BCNG) 25-8 received a bye (Bye). Quarterfinal - Nolan Wondercheck (BCNG) 25-8 won by tech fall over Deven Smith (York) 18-22 (TF-1.5 4:12 (16-1). Semifinal - Devin Gilliland (Adams Central) 18-16 won by fall over Nolan Wondercheck (BCNG) 25-8 (Fall 3:54). Cons. Semi - Nolan Wondercheck (BCNG) 25-8 won by decision over Bryan Haines (Northwest) 16-20 (Dec 6-1). 3rd Place Match - Nolan Wondercheck (BCNG) 25-8 won by decision over Mario Venzor (Schuyler) 6-6 (Dec 4-2).

113 - Steven Arreguin (14-15) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Steven Arreguin (BCNG) 14-15 received a bye (Bye). Quarterfinal - Andrew Schilke (Adams Central) 32-2 won by fall over Steven Arreguin (BCNG) 14-15 (Fall 1:08). Cons. Round 2 - Steven Arreguin (BCNG) 14-15 received a bye (Bye). Cons. Round 3 - Jesse Harlow (York) 31-15 won by fall over Steven Arreguin (BCNG) 14-15 (Fall 2:55).

120 - Joel Meyer (21-16) placed 3rd and scored 16.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Joel Meyer (BCNG) 21-16 received a bye (Bye). Quarterfinal - Joel Meyer (BCNG) 21-16 won by decision over Peyton Brodrick (Adams Central) 26-18 (Dec 7-6). Semifinal - Mason Brandenburg (Columbus Scotus) 40-6 won by fall over Joel Meyer (BCNG) 21-16 (Fall 0:53). Cons. Semi - Joel Meyer (BCNG) 21-16 won by fall over Anthony Moyer (Fairbury) 16-19 (Fall 2:23). 3rd Place Match - Joel Meyer (BCNG) 21-16 won by fall over Peyton Brodrick (Adams Central) 26-18 (Fall 4:11).

#### State Wrestling Tournament

Nolan got off to a rough start facing the eventual runner-up at his weight in the first round. He came back in the first consolation round to pick up the lone win for the team. In his third match he fell to another medalist.

Joel also had a tough draw as he too started off against an eventual medalist. His second opponent came up just short of the medals.

Both young men represented their schools well and gained valuable experience with which they can use to better themselves and our team for next year.

#### 2014 NSAA Championships Results for Boone Central/Newman Grove

B106 - Nolan Wondercheck (26-10) place is unknown and scored 1.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Riley Berg (West Point-Beemer) 40-5 won by fall over Nolan Wondercheck (BCNG) 26-10 (Fall 0:55). Cons. Round 1 - Nolan Wondercheck (BCNG) 26-10 won by decision over George Hernandez (Scottsbluff) 4-7 (Dec 5-3). Cons. Round 2 - Preston Jurgens (Beatrice) 36-6 won by fall over Nolan Wondercheck (BCNG) 26-10 (Fall 3:33).

B120 - Joel Meyer (21-18) place is unknown and scored 0.00 team points. Champ. Round 1 - Salem Harsh (Scottsbluff) 38-14 won by fall over Joel Meyer (BCNG) 21-18 (Fall 0:51). Cons. Round 1 - Justin Williamson (Plattsmouth) 10-9 won by fall over Joel Meyer (BCNG) 21-18 (Fall 2:05).





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

By Jeff Hayes



BCNG vs. Central City 2/10/14

The team started well and never looked back in this game. We built a 23 to 10 halftime lead and pulled away further in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. We continue to play well on defense. We limited the open looks for Central City. We are getting better at delivering the ball to our post players and the posts are taking advantage of that with scoring opportunities. With just a couple of games left we seem to be playing as well as we have all season.

This was a close game the 1<sup>st</sup> half. We talked about getting to their shooter and not giving open looks at halftime. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter we outscored Ord 9-0 and pulled away from them. When we work together teams have a difficult time scoring on this team. This win put the team in the championship game.

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Score:       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Total |
| BCNG         | 13              | 10              | 10              | 10              | 43    |
| Central City | 4               | 6               | 0               | 6               | 16    |

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|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Score: | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Total |
| BCNG   | 12              | 8               | 9               | 13              | 42    |
| Ord    | 9               | 6               | 0               | 10              | 25    |

Scorers: Caden Ranslem 6, Dylan Gentrup 16, Trey Schafer 2, Cody Nelson 5, Jessie Sullivan 6, Mike Murcek 3, Tyler Shriver 4.

Scorers: Caden Ranslem 11, Dylan Gentrup 10, Matthew Schmitz 2, Cody Nelson 5, Jessie Sullivan 4, Mike Murcek 4, Tyler Shriver 7.

We also played two extra quarters that ended in a 6 to 6 score. We played a 2 minute overtime but neither team was able to score so the game ended in a tie. We had some chances to win but just couldn't get the ball to drop in the basket.

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|-------|
| Score:       | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | OT | Total |
| BCNG         | 4               | 2               | 0  | 6     |
| Central City | 2               | 4               | 0  | 6     |

Scorers: Zach Nissen 2, William Thompson 2, Walker Stuhr 2.

BCNG vs O'Neill 2/17/14

This first game was our 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade B game. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders played the 1<sup>st</sup> half and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders put great pressure on O'Neill the 1<sup>st</sup> half. We created many turnovers but just could not find the basket on too many occasions. We had many more shots and the team's defense was very good. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade built a 13 to 3 halftime lead. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade found a few more ways to score but gave up more points on defense. They were able to create some good shots and finished off with a win.

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| Score:  | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Total |
| BCNG    | 4               | 9               | 13              | 4               | 30    |
| O'Neill | 3               | 0               | 6               | 8               | 17    |

Scorers: Garret Niewohner 2, Grant Buck 2, Ty Nissen 3, Tyson Haddix 6, Zach Nissen 6, Trey Schafer 2, Logan Kohl 7, Walker Stuhr 2.

BCNG vs. Ord 2/22/14  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tournament in Albion 1<sup>st</sup> Round

BCNG vs Battle Creek 2/22/14  
Championship game – Tournament

The team came out very strong in the championship game against Battle Creek. We played well throughout the game on offense and defense. We moved the ball around the perimeter and got open looks at the basket. We rebounded well and got many second shots at the basket. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders finished the season with a record of 7-3 and took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the tournament.

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|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Score: | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | Total |
| BCNG   | 13              | 12              | 17              | 14              | 56    |
| Ord    | 8               | 4               | 6               | 2               | 20    |

Scorers: Zach Nissen 2, Caden Ranslem 10, Dylan Gentrup 14, Trey Schafer 2, Matthew Schmitz 2, Cody Nelson 10, Jessie Sullivan 4, Logan Kohl 2, Mike Murcek 6, Tyler Shriver 4.

### Season Scoring – Record 7-3

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Caden Ranslem    | 63  |
| Dylan Gentrup    | 107 |
| Matthew Schmitz  | 23  |
| Cody Nelson      | 49  |
| Jessie Sullivan  | 61  |
| Nicholas Pelster | 15  |
| Logan Kohl       | 3   |
| Mike Murcek      | 30  |
| Tyler Shriver    | 33  |
| Trey Schafer     | 4   |
| Zach Nissen      | 2   |

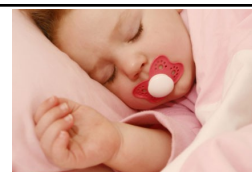
### Season Scoring – Extra games/quarters – Record 3-0-1

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| Zach Nissen      | 13 |
| Trey Schafer     | 9  |
| William Thompson | 6  |
| Nicholas Pelster | 7  |
| Walker Stuhr     | 4  |
| Logan Kohl       | 7  |



## Do Pacifiers and Sippy Cups Cause Speech Delay?

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### People often ask me, “Should I use a pacifier with my child?”

As a speech pathologist and a new mom to my first child, I had resolved to never use a pacifier with my son. I didn’t want to have to worry about weening him off of it knowing the effects pacifiers can have on speech development. A few weeks after he was born he became a very fussy baby. He cried around the clock. All resolutions I had made previously were out the window. I just wanted some sleep! I tried everything, even pacifiers. I was so desperate to calm him. Unfortunately for me, they didn’t work either. It did however give me a new perspective on what mothers go through and how at times it’s just about survival.

Understand that pacifiers are perfectly appropriate for infants the first year of their life. They can also make life a lot easier on mom and dad at first. Don’t feel guilty if your baby loves the “binky”. Do however try to limit his or her use of the pacifier after 6 months of age and work toward weening them completely off the pacifier by 12 months. When you give your baby the pacifier try to always give a soft toy or blanket with it. This helps when it comes time to ween the baby off the pacifier. Your baby girl or boy will still have the comfort of the toy or blanket when the pacifier is taken away.

### What about sippy cups?

I don’t recommend sippy cups because sippy cups can prevent the tongue from moving into a more natural position for speech development. Children suckle the sippy cup just like they would a pacifier or bottle. When it comes time to ween off the bottle try moving to a straw cup instead.



### Why a straw cup?

As a mother I know we all like the spill proof cups so I recommend the spill proof straw cup as a transition cup from the bottle or nursing. This will help position your children’s tongue correctly for speech and give them the strength necessary to be more successful communicators. Of course before you introduce a straw cup you need to make sure your child can drink from a straw.

### How do I teach my child to drink from a straw? □

If your child is having difficulty learning to drink from a straw try using a Capri Sun or juice box to teach your child the concept of straw drinking. With a Capri Sun you can squeeze the juice up the straw to teach your child that this new tool is used for drinking. Before you know it your child will be suckling the straw and drinking on his/her own. The downfall with this approach is that you will have to hold the Capri Sun the whole time unless you are o.k. with juice everywhere. Another less messy method would be to use a honey bear with a reusable plastic straw.

### What straw cup do you like best?

My favorite cups are the “Munchkin” cups (shown above), which are sold at stores like Wal-Mart or Costco. You can also get these from [Amazon.com](#). I like these cups the best because of the shape of the straw and the location of the anti-spill mechanism. The shape of the straw promotes good lip rounding which is beneficial for the /w/ and “oo” sounds. The anti-spill mechanism is located inside the cup rather than in the straw itself so when you begin cutting the straw down, which I’ll explain below, you won’t cut it off.

### If children learn to drink from a straw by suckling how is it different from a sippy cup?

A straw cup can be used as a tool to train the tongue into the right position. These are the steps you will want to follow. Once you have purchased a straw cup allow your child several weeks to get used to the new cup. Keep in mind they are now drinking all their liquids from this cup. After the child is really comfortable with the new cup cut 1/4” off the top of the straw. This will make it so the child will have less straw to put in their mouth while drinking. A few weeks later, when your child is really comfortable drinking from this cup cut another 1/4” off the top of the straw. Every few weeks repeat this step until your child only has about 1/4” of straw left they can put in their mouth. This assures that they cannot suckle the straw and their tongues will be in the proper position for good speech development.

### “Why have my other children done just fine on sippy cups?”

There are many children out there that can drink from sippy cups without affecting their speech. But, if you can set your children up for success from the beginning why wouldn’t you? If you have already gone the route of sippy cups and your child substitutes /t/ for /k/, /d/ for /g/, -th- for /s/ or /z/, or has a lateral lisp your child will benefit from moving their tongue back with the help of a straw cup. Excessive drooling can also be an indicator that your child needs the strengthening that can come from drinking through straws. As a rule, my children only use straw cups as opposed to sippy cups and I encourage my clients to do the same.

### “What about drinking from a normal cup?”

Drinking from a normal cup will also promote appropriate tongue positioning. Introduce normal cups as soon as you feel your child is ready. If you want to teach your child to drink from a normal cup make sure they are not supporting the cup with their tongue. If they seem to lose a lot of fluid while drinking help them practice by giving them single sips while you hold the cup.





## Developmental Milestones for Communication

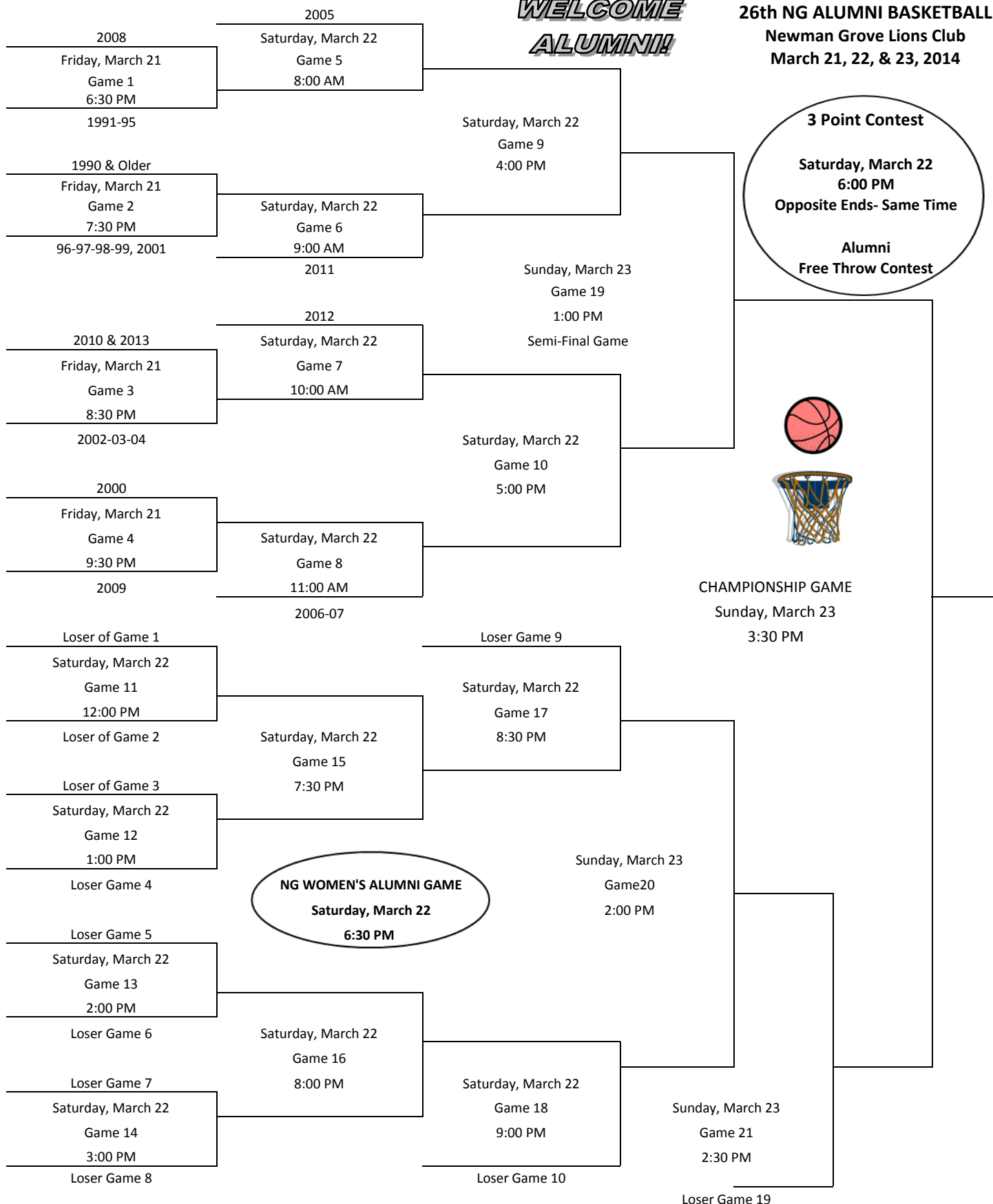
Every child is unique and has an individual rate of development. This chart from <http://asha.org> represents, on average, the age by which most children will accomplish the listed skills. Children typically do not master all items in a category until they reach the upper age in each age range. Just because your child has not accomplished one skill within an age range does not mean the child has a disorder. However, if you have answered no to the majority of items in an age range, seek the advice of an ASHA-certified speech-language pathologist or audiologist.

| Hearing and Understanding                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Talking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Birth-3 Months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Startles to loud sounds.</li> <li>Quiets or smiles when spoken to.</li> <li>Seems to recognize your voice and quiets if crying.</li> <li>Increases or decreases sucking behavior in response to sound</li> </ul>                                                                       | <b>Birth-3 Months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes pleasure sounds (cooing, gooing).</li> <li>Cries differently for different needs.</li> <li>Smiles when sees you.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>4-6 Months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moves eyes in direction of sounds.</li> <li>Responds to changes in tone of your voice.</li> <li>Notifies toys that make sounds.</li> <li>Pays attention to music.</li> </ul>                                                                                                               | <b>4-6 Months</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babbling sounds more speech-like with many different sounds, including <i>p</i>, <i>b</i> and <i>m</i>.</li> <li>Vocalizes excitement and displeasure.</li> <li>Makes gurgling sounds when left alone and when playing with you.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>7 Months-1 Year</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enjoys games like peek-o-boo and pat-a-cake.</li> <li>Turns and looks in direction of sounds.</li> <li>Listens when spoken to.</li> <li>Recognizes words for common items like "cup", "shoe," "juice."</li> <li>Begins to respond to requests ("Come here," "Want more?").</li> </ul> | <b>7 Months-1 Year</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Babbling has both long and short groups of sounds such as "tata upup bibibibi."</li> <li>Uses speech or non-crying sounds to get and keep attention.</li> <li>Imitates different speech sounds.</li> <li>Has 1 or 2 words (bye-bye, dada, mama) although they may not be clear.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>1-2 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Points to a few body parts when asked.</li> <li>Follows simple commands and understands simple questions ("Roll the ball," "Kiss the baby," "Where's your shoe?").</li> <li>Listens to simple stories, songs, and rhymes.</li> <li>Points to pictures in a book when named.</li> </ul>      | <b>1-2 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Says more words every month.</li> <li>Uses some 1-2 word questions ("Where kitty?" "Go bye-bye?" "What's that?").</li> <li>Puts 2 words together ("more cookie," "no juice," "mommy book").</li> <li>Uses many different consonant sounds of the beginning of words.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>2-3 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understands differences in meaning ("go-stop," "in-on," "big-little," "up-down").</li> <li>Follows two requests ("Get the book and put it on the table.").</li> </ul>                                                                                                                       | <b>2-3 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has a word for almost everything.</li> <li>Uses 2-3-word "sentences" to talk about and ask for things.</li> <li>Speech is understood by familiar listeners most of the time.</li> <li>Often asks for or directs attention to objects by naming them.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>3-4 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hears you when call from another room.</li> <li>Hears television or radio at the same loudness level as other family members.</li> <li>Understands simple, "who?", "what?", "where?," "why?" questions.</li> </ul>                                                                          | <b>3-4 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talks about activities at school or at friends' homes.</li> <li>People outside family usually understand child's speech.</li> <li>Uses a lot of sentences that have 4 or more words.</li> <li>Usually talks easily without repeating syllables or words.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>4-5 Years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pays attention to a short story and answers simple questions about it.</li> <li>Hears and understands most of what is said at home and in school.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                | <b>4-5 years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voice sounds clear like other children's.</li> <li>Uses sentences that give lots of details (e.g. "I like to read my books").</li> <li>Tells stories that stick to topic.</li> <li>Communicates easily with other children and adults.</li> <li>Says most sounds correctly except a few like <i>l</i>, <i>s</i>, <i>r</i>, <i>v</i>, <i>z</i>, <i>ch</i>, <i>sh</i>, <i>th</i>.</li> <li>Uses the same grammar as the rest of the family.</li> </ul> |



**WELCOME  
ALUMNI!**

**26th NG ALUMNI BASKETBALL**  
Newman Grove Lions Club  
March 21, 22, & 23, 2014





# Bluejay Foundation

PO Box 370; Newman Grove, NE 68758  
(402) 447-6294



## 2013 Annual Summary

### 2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Bluejay Foundation Scholarships
Braydon Kopejtka—\$500
Rachel Schroeter—\$500
~~~~~

Jennevie (Froistad) O'Reilly Scholarship  
Leslie Estrada—\$400  
~~~~~

Muller Family Scholarship
Jason Kaufman—\$1,000
~~~~~

Pauline Engelka Scholarship  
Jonathan Peterson—\$400  
~~~~~

Randy Benson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Finkral—\$300
~~~~~

Clarence & DeLoris Nelson Scholarship  
Jason Kaufman—\$1,000  
~~~~~

Gearhart/Foundation/NECC Scholarship
Matthew Finkral—\$575
~~~~~

"Buddy" & Delores Gustafson  
Family Scholarship  
Rachel Schroeter—\$500  
~~~~~

Matthew London Memorial Scholarship
Braydon Kopejtka—\$300
~~~~~

Bluejay/Community Foundation  
Career Scholarship  
Matthew Finkral—\$500  
Leslie Estrada—\$500  
~~~~~

Senator Tom Kennedy Memorial Sch
Braydon Kopejtka—\$1,000
~~~~~

Qualset Family Ag Scholarship  
Demetria Edgell—\$500  
~~~~~

Donavon/Ruth Nelson Family
Science Education Scholarship
Rachel Schroeter—\$500
~~~~~

Dr. Kenneth and Caroline McDonald Eng  
Foundation  
Darienne Pokorny—\$3,000  
Rachel Schroeter—\$3,000  
~~~~~

Newman Grove Senior Center Scholarship
Demetria Edgell—\$500
Jonathan Peterson—\$500
~~~~~

Dan Forre Memorial Scholarship  
Matthew Finkral—\$500

### 2013 MEMORIALS

The Bluejay Foundation Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges gifts given in memory of the following:

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Burt Belgium       | Larry Bennett      |
| Mary Alice Branson | F. Dwayne Dannelly |
| Larry Edgell       | Dan Forre          |
| Cindy Gipson       | Lucille Herbert    |
| Fern King          | Lloyd Long         |
| R. Craig Nelsen    | Aline Pfeifer      |
| Allen Schroeder    | Marlyn Schumacher  |
| Charlotte Tuel     |                    |

### OTHER GIFTS

Class of 1948  
Class of 1953  
Class of 1963  
In Honor of Retiring Teachers  
Brigitta Bock Estate (Science Dept)  
Donald Hansen  
Donations/Memorials to the  
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### FUNDRAISERS

Alumni Golf Tourney  
\$615.00

### MEMORABILIA

\$35.00

### HISTORY BLUEJAY FOUNDATION

The Bluejay Foundation was established in January, 1991 as a non-profit, tax exempt corporation.

The Foundation's goal is to provide a source for scholarships and other educational programs above and beyond those provided by the regular tax-supported academic programs of Newman Grove Schools.

### 2013 Board of Directors

David Fowlkes  
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Superintendent of Schools  
(non-voting)

### ~~ CONTRIBUTION ~~

To make a contribution to the Foundation, complete and mail the following to:  
Bluejay Foundation; PO Box 370; Newman Grove, NE 68758

My gift is as follows:  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Equipment  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Improvements  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



# APRIL 2014

| Sun                                                          | Mon                                                                                                                                                               | Tue                                                                                                                                                             | Wed                                                                                                             | Thur                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Fri                                                                                    | Sat                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                   | 1<br>Local<br>Scholarship<br>Deadline<br>12:30pm TR:<br>Madison<br>Relays (A)                                                                                   | 2<br>3:45pm CILT Mtg                                                                                            | 3<br>FBLA State<br>Conference<br>7:15am Swing Choir<br>Practice<br>5:45pm Jr. Wrestling<br>Practice<br>7:00pm FFA Mtg                                                                                  | 4<br>FBLA State<br>Conference                                                          | 5<br>FBLA State<br>Conference<br>10:00am TR:<br>Mansfield<br>Invite @ BC                                                            |
| 6<br>Auditorium in Use                                       | 7<br>8:15am NECC<br>Scholastic<br>Contest<br>3:00pm 7/8 TR:<br>Boone<br>Central Meet<br>3:45pm Jr. Wrestling<br>Practice                                          | 8<br>1:00pm TR: Wayne<br>Invite (A)<br>4:00pm Golf: Ord<br>Dual (A)                                                                                             | 9<br>FFA: State<br>Convention<br>Junior Class<br>Mtg (lunch)<br>Grade 2 Field<br>Trip (Omaha)<br>3:45pm RTI Mtg | 10<br>FFA: State<br>Convention<br>7:15am Swing Choir<br>Practice<br>5:45pm Jr. Wrestling<br>Practice<br>7:00pm Foundation<br>Mtg<br>7:30pm Board of Ed<br>Mtg                                          | 11<br>FFA: State<br>Convention<br>10:00am Golf: Ord<br>Invite (A)                      | 12<br>ACT Tests                                                                                                                     |
| 13<br>Palm Sunday<br>State Data<br>Conference (Apr<br>14-15) | 14<br>Nt'l Honor<br>Society Mtg<br>(lunch)<br>State Data<br>Conf<br>(Kearney)<br>3:45pm Jr. Wrestling<br>Practice<br>4:00pm FFA Easter<br>Egg Hunt<br>(City Park) | 15<br>State Data<br>Conf<br>(Kearney)<br>7:30am FBLA Mtg<br>3:00pm 7/8 TR:<br>Boone<br>Central Invite<br>(A)<br>4:00pm Golf: Boone<br>Central<br>Triangular (A) | 16<br>Senior Class<br>Mtg (lunch)<br>Junior Class<br>Mtg (lunch)<br>Mid-Term<br>2:15pm Highway<br>Cleanup       | 17<br>7:15am Swing Choir<br>Practice<br>9:00am Golf: Boone<br>Central Invite<br>(A)<br>2:00pm Track: Central<br>City Invite (A)<br>5:45pm Jr. Wrestling<br>Practice                                    | 18<br>Good Friday<br>No School PK-12                                                   | 19                                                                                                                                  |
| 20<br>Easter<br>District Music<br>Contest Week<br>(21-26)    | 21<br>No School PK-12                                                                                                                                             | 22<br>6:00pm 14-15<br>Kindergarten<br>Parent Mtg<br>7:00pm Jr-Sr High<br>Spring<br>Concert                                                                      | 23<br>Junior Class<br>Mtg (lunch)<br>7:00am FFA Officer<br>Mtg                                                  | 24<br>No Preschool<br>NETA Conf<br>(Omaha)<br>7:15am Swing Choir<br>Practice<br>9:00am Golf: Scotus<br>Invite (@ Quail<br>Run)<br>2:00pm Track: GINW<br>Invite (A)<br>5:45pm Jr. Wrestling<br>Practice | 25<br>NETA Conf<br>(Omaha)<br>TBD District Music<br>Contest<br>7:00pm Opera<br>(Omaha) | 26<br>9:00am Golf:<br>Conference<br>Meet @<br>Wayne<br>9:00am 7/8 Track:<br>Conference<br>Meet @<br>Hartington<br>CC<br>6:30pm Prom |
| 27<br>MAPS Testing<br>Window (Apr 28-May<br>9)               | 28<br>3:00pm 7/8 TR:<br>Norfolk<br>Catholic<br>Quad (A)                                                                                                           | 29<br>FBLA Mtg<br>(lunch/officer<br>election)<br>3:00pm 9/10 TR:<br>Pierce Invite<br>(A)                                                                        | 30<br>Nt'l Honor Society Mtg<br>(lunch/officer election)<br>Grades K/1 Field Trip                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                     |

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Children up to 3rd Grade



**April 14th**

**4:00 PM**

**at  
City Park**

**Sponsored by FFA & Community Club  
(In case of rain it will be moved to the  
high school auditorium.)**

## Pictures Needed

**We are looking for some pictures of  
students of the past to complete our alumni  
composite display. If you would have one of  
these and wouldn't mind sharing it with the  
school we would greatly appreciate it.**

**Cindy Tift**

**Tony Hemmer**

**Inez Nygren**

**Heather Duhachek**

**Gina Flood**

**Michelle Kleveland**

**Class of 1984**

**Class of 1986**

**Class of 1994**

**Class of 1996**

**Class of 1996**

**Class of 1996**



# NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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

| MONDAY                                                                                                                  | TUESDAY                                                                                                                | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                                                                                                 | FRIDAY                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>March 31</b><br>Taco soup<br>WG Corn Chips<br>Baby Carrots<br>Peaches<br>WG Cinnamon Roll<br>Milk                    | <b>April 1</b><br>WG Chicken Alfredo<br>Green Beans<br>Fruit Slushy<br>Banana<br>WG Biscuits/Jelly<br>Milk             | <b>April 2</b><br>BBQ Pulled Pork<br>Baked Beans<br>Frozen Strawberries<br>Grape Tomatoes<br>WG Bread/Butter<br>Cucumbers/Milk     | <b>April 3</b><br>Breaded Chicken Patty<br>Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy<br>Broccoli/Cauliflower<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk | <b>April 4</b><br>Cheese Pizza<br>Corn<br>Spinach Lettuce<br>Orange Pepper Strips<br>Strawberries/Banana<br>Milk        |
| <b>April 7</b><br>Ham Patty<br>WG Pancakes<br>Tri Taters<br>Juice/Peaches<br>Red Pepper Strips<br>Milk                  | <b>April 8</b><br>Chicken Strips<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Carrots<br>Fruit Slushy/Pears<br>WG Muffin<br>Milk             | <b>April 9</b><br>Tater Tot Casserole<br>Green Beans<br>Sliced Tomatoes<br>Banana<br>WG Sugar Cookie<br>Milk                       | <b>April 10</b><br>Baked Chicken<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>w/Gravy/Broccoli<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                    | <b>April 11</b><br>PBJ Sandwich<br>String Cheese<br>Baked Beans<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Applesauce<br>Milk                |
| <b>April 14</b><br>WG Cavatini<br>Corn<br>Broccoli/Cauliflower<br>Applesauce<br>WG Breadsticks<br>Milk                  | <b>April 15</b><br>Popcorn Chicken<br>Baked Beans<br>Cheesy Calif. Blend<br>Pears/Fruit Slushy<br>PBJ<br>Milk          | <b>April 16</b><br>Beef Taco<br>Doritos<br>Peas<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Peaches<br>Milk                                             | <b>April 17</b><br>Breaded Pork Patty<br>Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Frozen Strawberries<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk     | <b>April 18</b><br><br><i>NO</i><br><i>SCHOOL</i>                                                                       |
| <b>April 21</b><br><br><i>NO</i><br><i>SCHOOL</i>                                                                       | <b>April 22</b><br>BBQ Meatball Sandwich<br>Curly Q's/Banana<br>Sliced Tomatoes<br>Fruit Slushy<br>Baked Beans<br>Milk | <b>April 23</b><br>Nachos w/Ground Beef<br>WG Tortilla Chips<br>Refried Beans/Salsa<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk | <b>April 24</b><br>Chicken Nuggets<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Peas<br>Mixed Fruit<br>WG Dinner Roll<br>Milk                                   | <b>April 25</b><br>Beef Pizza<br>WG Crust<br>Green Beans<br>Broccoli<br>Cantaloupe<br>Milk                              |
| <b>April 28</b><br>BBQ Rib Sandwich<br>WG Bun/Tater Tots<br>Sliced Cucumbers<br>Tomato Wedges<br>Honeydew Melon<br>Milk | <b>April 29</b><br>Corndogs<br>Baked Beans<br>Baby Carrots<br>Fruit Slushy<br>WG Turnover<br>Milk                      | <b>April 30</b><br>Hamburger Rice Casserole<br>Corn<br>Celery Sticks<br>Apple Slices<br>WG Biscuits/Butter<br>Milk                 | <b>May 1</b><br>Mandarin Orange Chicken<br>w/Brown Rice<br>Green Beans<br>Broccoli/Pears<br>WG Bread Stick<br>Milk                       | <b>May 2</b><br>Sloppy Joes WG Bun<br>Potato Wedges<br>Romaine Lettuce<br>Red Pepper Strips<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Milk |

(menus are subject to change without notice)



**Brooke Pieke chosen to represent USA**

Israel's Eilat-Hevel Eilat Renewable Energy Company and the Eilat campus of Ben-Gurion University is sponsoring the third Sustainergy Workshop in Eilat, Israel, November 27-December 2, 2014. The goal of Sustainergy is to encourage the interest of young scientists in sustainability, renewable energy, alternative fuels, and energy efficiency. Students compete on teams to develop proposals for projects and models of sustainability.

The United States was invited to send one student representative. Brooke Pieke, was selected to represent our country.

Brooke is a senior at Newman Grove (Nebraska) Public School, graduating in May 2014. As a member of a third-generation farm family, sustainability is extremely important to her, and she has been doing environmental research for the past four years.

Following her award of the Gold Medal for Environmental Science at the Greater Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair, Brooke was one of two Nebraska students selected to attend the 2013 International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). At ISEF, she was awarded a full scholarship to Drexel University for her research on "The Effect of Lemnaceae on Nitrate Levels in the Shell Creek". In addition to her achievements at ISEF, Brooke has also received awards for her research from the American Meteorological Society, the United States Army, and the United States Navy, among others.

The Sustainergy III website is:

<http://www.renewable-energy-eilat.org/content/sustainergy-2014>

**Newman Huskers 4H Group will provide concessions at the  
ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, March 21 6-10 PM (Approx.)**  
**Saturday, March 22 8 AM to 10 PM (Approx.)**

**Some items available will be Pork Loin Sandwich, Chips, Baked Goods**

**— DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING —**

**CAMPBELL'S SOUP UPCs Due April 25th**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE PROGRAMS!**

**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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