



The Bluejay Bulletin

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Board of Education Meeting Summary November 10, 2014

- Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.
- The agenda was approved as published; minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed.
- The Treasurer's Report was accepted as written.
- Claims in the amounts of \$33,111.01 (General Fund) and \$1,090.90 (Depreciation Fund) were approved for payment.
- Activities Director Report: Fall sports seasons have concluded with the exception of football, which continues in playoffs; winter sports practice begins next week; the one-act play cast/crew are preparing for district competition; speech team meeting was held; sale of old athletic uniforms; and purchase of a gym banner for the girls state cross country team.
- Curriculum reports received for Social Studies, Art and Media services. The Fine Arts night will include the one-act play as well as art and photography displays. Social studies students have completed veteran interview projects. Several students participated in County Government Day activities. The Media Center continues to see increased usage.
- The December 8th Board of Education meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.
- The audit report was accepted as presented.
- The materials for the greenhouse project have arrived. December 3rd is the scheduled start date for installation.
- Approved the amended 2014-2015 contract for Principal Darrell Barnes.
- Approved the bid of Applied Connective Technologies for the purchase of additional security cameras at a cost of \$8,908.95.
- Principal's Report: Review of NeSA testing, Veterans Day program, late start for K-12 on November 12th, and RTI meeting scheduled in Norfolk.
- Superintendent's Report: Sale of athletic uniforms, purchase of Vertimax machine for the athletic program/weight room, modified block schedule possibilities, and the State Education Conference.
- Entered into executive session at 8:32 p.m. for discussion of personnel and negotiations; returned to public session at 9:17 p.m.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Early Dismissal/No School Announcements

Wednesday, Nov. 26	Early Dismissal K-12 11:15 a.m.
	No Preschool
Thurs-Fri, Nov. 27-28	No School PK-12
Monday, Dec. 8	No School 6-12
Friday, Dec. 19	No School K-5
	Early Dismissal 6-12 11:15 a.m.
Monday, December 22—	No School PK-12
Monday, January 5	
Tuesday, January 6	School Resumes
Thursday, January 22	No School K-12

FINE ARTS NIGHT

**Friday
November 21st
7:30 PM**

School Auditorium

Admission: \$2.00

°Art Displays
°Photography Displays
°Dessert Bar
°One Act Play:
Breaking News
By Tim Kochenderfer

A funny comedy that is centered out of a news studio. Come and see what Breaking News is happening on Channel Eight Detroit!



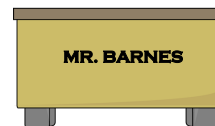
Christmas Caroling

Grades 2-6th
Monday, December 1st
4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meet in front of Post Office
(Pick up students in front of Post Office afterwards)
Parents Welcome to Attend!!!!



**From the Desk of
Mr. Darrell Barnes, K-12 Principal**



Greetings!

First I would like to thank everyone for their support while I was recovering from my surgery. I am on the mend, doing well and am so glad to be back at school. Thank you!!!

Fall is nearing, temperatures are dropping, cold and flu season is arriving, fall sports are wrapping up with great results as Cross Country girls won a State Championship and the Football team is working its way toward that goal also.

What all this means is that we are nearing the end of the first semester and it is important that students stay focused on their studies. In order for that to happen I encourage parents to make sure that their student(s) have a consistent time and place to work on homework each day, that their student(s) get enough sleep each night, and that their student(s) eat a healthy breakfast each morning.

If you have questions please feel free to call the school at 402-447-6294.

COUNSELOR'S

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**Matt Rudloff
K-12 Counselor**

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Wow! How fast does a month fly? It seems like yesterday that the October newsletter was being sent out. This month has provided a lot of excitement with many events. Congratulations to the cross country teams on their great year. The Girls team finished as State Champions! Congratulations to the girls' volleyball team on a solid year. The football team has won their first two playoff games and will be playing Kearney Catholic in the semi finals. One more win and they could be in the C-1 state championship game. Good Luck Cardinals!

On the counseling side of things, this month was very busy with testing. The eighth graders took the CAPS/COPES/COPS tests which will help them explore careers that match their interests. Mr. Rossow and I took the eighth graders to a career day at Northeast Community College in which college representatives went over their results and did some career and budgeting activities with them. They also had the opportunity to tour and eat at the college. After eating we went to tour Affiliated Foods thanks to Mr. Rossow setting up a tour there. This was a very neat opportunity for them to see work in action.

The PSAT/NSMQT test was given to juniors. This is a test to qualify for a national merit scholarship. The test is

similar to an ACT and gives students another testing experience to help them get ready for the ACT. Juniors also took the ASVAB test. The ASVAB program helps students learn about themselves and potential occupations in line with their skills and interests.

Red Ribbon Week was observed October 23-31. This week was dedicated to educating students about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Activities during this week included theme days, guidance lessons, poster contests, and decorating the playground fence. Students received red ribbons to help remind them to remain drug free.

Seniors are beginning the application process to colleges. I have sent many transcripts out and seniors are getting the ball rolling. See the key dates for suggestions and helpful hints on where juniors and seniors should be in the process. Seniors get two excused college visits to use and juniors get one. Just send a signed note saying which college your son or daughter will be visiting and they will not be counted absent on that day. If your junior or senior needs another day beyond that, just let us know. Visiting colleges is key in the decision making process. If your son or daughter is struggling in deciding on where they want to go, have them stop in and see me. I can help answer questions and direct them to some tools to help them decide. Again if you have any questions, please contact me and I will help as much as possible.

As November is upon us, and days seem to get even busier, it is good to take time out during the Thanksgiving holiday to spend with family. Remember to reflect on the things you are thankful for and enjoy the time with family.



John Baylor ACT Test Prep



Newman Grove School has again purchased the John Baylor Test Prep (JBTP) curriculum. This curriculum is designed specifically towards helping students score higher on the ACT test. We are again offering this test prep free to all students. Students typically take the ACT test their junior and senior years. According to John Baylor, students who take the ACT, should take it four times; once during the fall of their junior year, once during the spring of their junior year and then twice during the fall of their senior year. He recommends that seniors take the December ACT test, since statistics show that it is usually their highest score and it is the last score that colleges will accept. Anyone who is planning on taking the December 13th ACT test should start the JBTP course on November 17th. We will offer the class again in January before the February 7th ACT test. Students must register by January 9th for this test. Registration is done online at www.actstudent.org. We will again offer the class to all students who will be taking the April and/or June ACT test. Students here at Newman Grove will have had the opportunity to take this class several times, thus giving them the best opportunity for a high ACT score.

So many opportunities ride on ACT scores: many colleges require a certain ACT score to be admitted, ACT scores are related to many scholarships and an ACT score of 25 or above could equal free college. Not all colleges require the ACT. Many four-year colleges and universities do require a minimum ACT score of around an 18-20. Two-year schools in Nebraska usually do not require an ACT score, but will accept a COMPASS or ASSET test score instead. The COMPASS and ASSET are similar to a mini-ACT adjusted for two year colleges. Two-year colleges will accept ACT, ASSET, or COMPASS scores. Many two-year schools may offer tuition assistance awards to students who score above a 20 on the ACT.

The JBTP is a great opportunity that our school is providing to our students. Like most things in life, the students will get out of it what they put into it. Student must complete the whole course if they want to see the full benefits of it. The average JBTP student increases their ACT score by two points. The curriculum is designed as 12, forty-two minute video sessions where John Baylor is instructing the students. He goes over actual ACT test questions, strategies, and what the test is like. He does assign around 20-40 minutes of homework each session, so the students are expected to do the work in order to be ready for the actual ACT. This course is not graded and does not give academic credits to the students. It is solely designed to help raise ACT scores for the desiring student. Again, it is an opportunity for students to take advantage of to better themselves. This course can be taken anywhere the student has internet access. We have purchased rights for the student to do this at home, which is very convenient for our students. Please encourage your child to take advantage of this curriculum. Have them see me three-four weeks before their ACT test date. I have indicated on the school calendar when JBTP starts for each ACT test.

Attention Junior and Senior Parents:

On Tuesday, December 2nd, there will be a financial aid meeting at 6pm in the High School media center at Newman Grove High School to help with the any questions regarding the financial aid process. All parents whose children will be attending college should attend. Northeast Community College will present information on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). This presentation applies to all colleges and not just Northeast Community College.

CALENDAR DATES

Senior Careers Class Friday's Nov. 14th, 21st & Dec. 5th (Per. 4)
John Baylor Test Prep Mon. Nov. 17th for those who are taking Dec. ACT test. Course can now be done at home. Students need to see me to get binder and password.
Senior Class Meeting Wed. Nov. 19th 11:20-11:50 am (lunch)
THANKSGIVING Thur. Nov. 27th
ACT Test Sat. Dec. 13th
Senior Class Meeting Wed. Dec. 17th 11:20-11:50 am (lunch)

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.

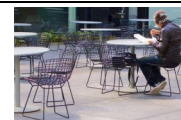
Your access for the 2014-2015 school year is provided by Newman Grove High School. The CIS web-site address is : <http://necis.intocareers.org> Your user name is: 09newmanhs. Your password is: H021209 (Your Password is case sensitive) Enjoy exploring careers with Countdown!

Junior High Students have the same opportunity with: Plan your career with the CIS (612 for CAREERS) via the internet! The CIS 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!



A NEW TREND THAT AFFECTS OUR STUDENTS' FUTURE (PART 1)

BY DR. TIM ELMORE



The numbers are in, and they reveal that America continues to shift as a modern society. Americans now eat most of their meals alone, a new study finds, with families finding it more difficult to find time to eat together and a dramatic increase in the number of single-person households.

The NPD Group, a market research firm, reveals that a majority of meals (57%) are eaten by solo diners. Snacks have the highest percentage of lone diners (72%), followed by breakfast (61%) and lunch (55%). (Solo lunches include workers eating at their desk.) Although many families make an effort to eat dinner together, it's becoming increasingly difficult to do so in light of busy soccer schedules or karate practices among kids and working late or workouts among adults. Hmmm. Would this make Ward Cleaver proud—or not? “A generation ago, the ‘Leave it to Beaver’ television family ate dinner together,” says Warren Solocheck, vice-president of client development for NPD’s food service practice. “Today, that traditional eating arrangement is much harder to achieve.”

Although this was the first time NPD carried out the survey, experts say the trend of people cooking for just themselves or requesting tables for one will continue. Single-person households jumped from 17% in 2008 to 27% in 2012, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. “People are marrying later in life and starting families later in life,” says Andy Brennan, a lead analyst at research firm IBISWorld. “A lot of restaurants are accommodating single diners with more bar space. There isn’t the stigma there once was to dining alone.”

The Factors

As I reflected on these trends, I asked myself what factors could be contributing to these changes. In a matter of moments, I came up with a list:

1. A rise in technology has fostered a social corrosion. We do life on a screen.
2. More people live alone, making social contact more work after a busy day.
3. An increase in activities has meant diminished family meals together.
4. Social media on a screen is less taxing than face-to-face interaction.
5. Crowded calendars and bigger goals create a decline in human contact.
6. The expansion of media has left us lethargic, seeking entertainment over engagement.

Oh, we may not *feel* alone. We have our portable device in our hands as we sip our soup—surfing, texting, scrolling our contacts. It masquerades as a social device, and in a sense, it is. However, screens cannot replace what happens when we are face to face with individuals, reading facial and body language, listening as we observe, mirroring emotional tone and empathizing with the person in front of us.

No doubt, it's important to distinguish between happily alone and lonely, says Susan Cain, co-founder of Quiet Revolution (a mission-based company to celebrate intro-

verts) and author of *Quiet: The Power of Introverts*. She says a lot of people look forward to time alone. “There’s a new trend of restaurants, particularly in Europe, that are designed for dining alone,” she says. While some hosts still greet solo diners with the question, “Just one?” there’s been some progress: BBC online recently featured a restaurant in Amsterdam, *Eenmaal*, which only has tables for one. Cain says that’s why there’s more solo than family dining restaurants. The Le Pain Quotidien restaurant chain has large tables aimed at solo diners. “One of the much unheralded pleasures of café life is the ability to be alone together,” she says.

Different Relationships in a Digital World

In light of these thoughts, however, my concern is that many of us don’t even realize we are, indeed, lonely. Our social world today enables us to be with people and still be lonely. We may not even know how to be authentic, vulnerable, and empathetic, so we opt for the less stressful route of no companionship. It’s less work. Further, even when interacting with people, it’s different now. Our culture pushes for relationships to be:

1. **Superficial** -We don’t go deep, in our reading or relationships, like people once did. Too much is going on, too much information is being transmitted. We stick to the surface.
2. **Virtual** -As I mentioned, we prefer screens to genuine, face-to-face conversations. Yet the interaction is artificial—we talk to real people via pixels and flat surfaces.
3. **Temporary** -We’re so mobile that life-long friendships only last on Facebook or Instagram. Friends come and go, but enemies accumulate. We get bored too quickly.
4. **Lazy** -This sounds judgmental, but it seems we don’t want to work at relationships like we did before. As we realized texting was available, we made less phone calls. Because our lives are crowded, we often have time for people who can do something for us. Connections are transactional: to buy, sell or exchange.
5. **Disposable** -We now understand how to “unfriend” in social media; delete, stop following and log off. We quit relationships much faster than earlier generations. I don’t believe this is how humans are wired to live. There’s great evidence for the fact that we are social creatures, hard-wired to be close to one another, to work at the connections we have with those closest to us and not walk away.

I will demonstrate this in *Part Two* of this series. This article is from Dr. Elmore September 16th, 2014 blog - See more at: http://growingleaders.com/blog/new-trend-affects-students-future-part-1/?utm_source=Master+List+%28Monthly%2C+Weekly%2C+Daily%2C+Events%26+Offers%29&utm_campaign=fed34a015c-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b8af65516c-fed34a015c-304344633#sthash.IT9PkSDJ.dpuf



FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

High Distinction -- (ALL A - 4.00) Grade 8: Tyson Haddix, Brady Sokol. Grade 9: Evelyn Estrada-Gonzalez. Grade 12: Marcela Estrada, Parker Wallin.

Distinction -- (AVERAGE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.50) Grade 7: Courtney Fowlkes, McKenna Haase, Leighann Miller. Grade 8: Dominik Cuevas, Camille Fowlkes, Sarah Johnson. Grade 9: Cody Nelson, Caden Ranslem, Rebecca Stone. Grade 10: Hannah Haase. Grade 11: Steven Arreguin. Grade 12: Kleo Edgell.

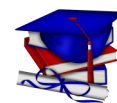
Honors -- (AVERAGE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 3.00) Grade 7: Madison Friedrich, Logan Hodges. Grade 8: Cheyenne Cleland, David Plugge.

Grade 9: Dylan Bagley, Payton Nelson. Grade 10: Mya Donelson, Guadalupe Estrada, Ignacio Pascual, Jacob Potmesil, Isiah Weverka-Haddix. Grade 11: Esmeralda Arreguin, Celine Dunlap, William Dyer, Andrew King, Joseph O'Brien, Crystal Salinas, Nolan Wondercheck. Grade 12: Sandra (Mariely) Estrada-Gonzalez, Andrea Lloyd, Sadie Wallin.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Seniors...it's time to start the admissions process!



College may still seem far off, but admission deadlines will start hitting this fall. Follow these steps to stay on track:

- 1) **Contact your top college choices NOW** and ask about deadlines and the process for applying for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid.
- 2) **Apply to your top 3-4 colleges before the deadline.** Along with your application, the colleges will require your high school transcript, class rank, GPA, and ACT score. They may also request a list of your extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an essay and an interview.
- 3) **Update your Activities Resume.** Because extracurricular activities are an important part of the admissions application, keep them up-to-date.
- 4) **Contact your admissions representative periodically** to stay informed about deadlines and campus activities.
- 5) **Meet with College Representatives.**

Juniors...start researching colleges! If you can narrow your choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful.

- 1) **Review College Profiles at EducationQuest.org** for information about Midwest colleges.
- 2) **Use NCIS website** to explore interests and colleges.
- 3) **Meet with college representatives** when they visit our school.



Parents must encourage their children to develop self-respect

Kids who are disrespectful often lack something they desperately need: self-respect. If they don't value themselves, they will find it hard to value and respect other people. They will also have trouble following rules.

But what exactly is self-respect and how does it develop? Self-respect comes from:

- **Competence.** It feels great to be good at things. Give your child plenty of chances to learn and practice new skills-- everything from reading to playing sports to doing chores.
- **Accomplishments.** Notice and compliment your child's progress. "You've read three books this week. Impressive!"
- **Confidence.** It helps to have parents who stay positive through challenges. Display a "You can do it" attitude. Help your child see mistakes as opportunities to learn.
- **Freedom.** Give your child some independence. Let her make age-appropriate choices, too. For example, "Would you like to organize your closet today or tomorrow?"
- **Support.** Show that you accept, appreciate and love your child for who she is and what she believes. Ask about her day. Listen to her answers. Help her solve problems.
- **Imitation.** If you have self-respect, your child is more likely to have it as well. Be kind to yourself and believe in your worth.

Parents make the difference! November 2014, www.parent-institute.com



FIRST QUARTER ELEMENTARY AWARDS

KINDERGARTEN: Good Citizenship: Jayden Benson, Allyx Forre, Piper Jarecki, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Carter Lyon, Andrew Matson, Cloe McLaughlin, Victoria Rowley, Rachel Rudloff, Isabella Santarosa, Austin Schulz, Mariah Schumacher, Joshua Tannehill. Perfect Attendance: Piper Jarecki, Dylan Luetkenhaus, Andrew Matson, Kellan Morris, Rachel Rudloff, Austin Schulz, Mariah Schumacher, Jacob Wiese. Good Attendance: Jayden Benson, Ethan Donner, Nate Fowlkes, Henry Hull, Isabella Santarosa.

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, Serenity Strong, Keira Voelker, Elise Witchell, Nevaeh Wright. Perfect Attendance: Summer McKinzie, Kailey Patzel, Isaac Rudloff. Good Attendance: Lesley Bell, Shawn Brixter-Hagnaya, Micah Cuevas.

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

THIRD GRADE: Good Citizenship: Christyan Anderson, Giles Deeder, Javen Dorador, Jansell Enriquez-Lopez, José Luna, Caitlyn Marchand, Carmen Montoya, Mason Nelson, Caden Nygren, Trenton Patzel, Ian Salinas, Austin Wiese. Perfect Attendance: Christyan Anderson, Giles Deeder, Trenton Patzel, Austin Wiese. Good Attendance: John Bell, Javen Dorador, Caitlyn Marchand, Mason Nelson, Caden Nygren.

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

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

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



Life in the Social Studies room, Art room and the Library

By Laura Nelson

The Art students are starting to prepare for the holiday season. They carved wooden ornaments under the instruction of John Williamson, who volunteers his time to teach woodcarving to them. They also used colored pencil to create a picture of Santa. Other projects that they have been working on include watercolor painting, pottery (both slab work and the potter's wheel), pencil drawing and acrylic painting. Many of their projects will be on display during Fine Arts Night on November 21st.

The American History Class has been studying about WWI, the Great Depression, WW II and are currently studying the post-war era involving the Korean War, the McCarthy Era, the Space Race, Civil Rights and many other topics. They have just completed their interview projects, where they had to interview someone involved in an aspect of American History. Some have interviewed veterans of Iraq, Korea and other conflicts. Others interview people who remember the Great Depression, the Home Front during WWII and the Winter of '48-'49. They also create a scrapbook of the topic using primary sources such as photos, news articles, letters and documents of the time period or from the person they interviewed.

The Library has been a very active place this fall. Several of the classes have been checking out books for book reports. The Junior High students have been in the library a great deal while finding books to read for their Language Arts Lab. We have been focusing our book purchases on the middle school level to encourage more reading by them.

In October, six Newman Grove students attended County Government Day in Madison and are currently working on their essays for the American Legion essay contest. The students enjoyed the tour of the jail and detention center, watching the drug dog at work and many other things.

Please support the Newman Grove Junior Class!! Place an order with Schwan's by November 19th and a portion of your order's proceeds will go to the Junior Class. Place the order by going online to Schwans-Cares.com or call 1-855-870-7208. The campaign ID# is 15415. Place your order or buy eCertificates and Schwan's will deliver it straight to your door. Friends and Family from all over the country can place an order and help the Newman Grove Junior Class raise money for prom and graduation expenses.

Please help support the
Class of 2016!!!!

Campaign ID#15415 or
search Newman Grove
Junior Class



FUNDRAISING



2014 Veterans' Day Program

Community members, students and local veterans were present at the Veterans' Day program on Tuesday, November 11th held in the gymnasium. The American Legion Post #73 opened the program by advancing the colors. The 1st and 2nd grade classes played the National Anthem on the bells. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. The 4th and 5th grade students then explained the Veteran's Seal and acted out a story, "What is a Veteran?" The song "Patriotic Salute" was sang by the 6th-8th graders after recognizing each of the five branches of service men and women in attendance. Darrell Barnes, Principal introduced the speaker Kenneth Potmesil, retired Navy Chief Petty Officer. He talked about his "Tour of Duty." There was a video shown and poems read by Celine Dunlap, Esmeralda Arreguin and Caylee Saul. The closing song was "This is my Country" sung by the 3rd-5th graders. Mrs. Tami Texley and Madison Friedrich sounded TAPS and the American Legion Post #73 retired the colors.

Veterans' Day is reserved to honor those who have bravely served this country. America is founded on the principles of freedom, justice, and liberty for all. Our nation's soldiers serve every day to protect our country and its ideals. On Veterans' Day, it's important that we make a point to remember those who sacrifice their lives to achieve peace and democracy.

A special thank you goes out to Retired Navy Veteran Kenneth Potmesil, American Legion Post #73, Charlie Borg, Ray Flood, Duane Chilson, Verne Buhl, Ivan Herchenbach, Ralph Pieke, Newman Grove Schools Music Department and Mrs. Tami Texley, Mrs. Rhonda Rother, Mrs. Karla Patzel and students for helping with the program.

Pictured in back row (l-r): John Wyant, Dennis Fowlkes, Ed Ramaekers, Pete Matson. Fifth row: Fred Fehringer, Don Wyant, Dan Dempsey, Verdell Nelson, John Kaufman, Dan Morris. Fourth row: Bob Flood, Dave Scheffler, Charlie Flood, Karen Cleland, Ray Herbert, Gene Wiese. Third row: Steve Johnson, Harry Greek, Ralph Pieke, Loren Eng, Glen Wedekind. Second row: Kenny Potmesil, Dennis Lee, Keith Jacobson, Dave London, Elliott Broberg, Clifford Branson, Leon Nelson. Front row: Ivan Herchenbach, Raymond Flood, Duane Chilson, Charlie Borg, Verne Buhl.





Music Notes



by Tami Texley

Festival of Winds

On November 1, 2014, Doane College at Crete, NE hosted the 21st Annual Festival of Winds. Two hundred 10-12th grade High School Band students from across Nebraska gathered at Doane College to combine their talents and love for music. Three bands, Tiger, Merrill and Honor Band, practiced throughout the day and performed later that afternoon for directors, parents, relatives and friends.

Kala Rast sophomore Clarinet player at Newman Grove Public Schools participated in the Tiger Band.



Women in Song

On Thursday, October 30, 2014 three Newman Grove High School vocal students traveled to Morningside College in Sioux City, IA to participate in the Men and Women in Song Choral Day. Students involved were Guadalupe Estrada, Emily Strong and Kala Rast.



INCREDIBOX

By Mrs. Texley



Has your student mentioned the word "incredibox?" What is this word? Where did they learn such a word? Is it a good word? I am here to answer these questions for you.

Incredibox is a free Garageband style interactive Flash website which allows you to make a cappella music with an animated group of beatbox singers. Your student learned this word in Music Class. Technology has become an important part of the music world. So YES, Incredibox is an awesome, wonderful word.

I am inviting you and your students to try this at home. Go to www.incredibox.com. There are three versions you can choose from to start your composing. Add in Beats, Effects, Melodies, & Voices to make your own sound. You can delete and add in sounds. Change around and until you love your composition. Then record the composition, name and share it on Facebook, Youtube, Tweet or through email with friends and family.

A great family music activity to enjoy on family night! Make Music and SMILE!

Junior-Senior High Winter Concert



Tuesday
December 2nd
7:00 PM
In the Auditorium



Santa's Holiday Hoedown

A Christmas Jamboree by Roger Emerson and John Jacobson
Presented by 2nd -5th grade Friday, December 12th 1:30 p.m.

Santa's Toyshop is in Danger of going bust! No money for materials means no presents. This means no Christmas! What's the gang going to do?

Join the fun as the entire toyshop crew goes on the road to Branson, Missouri to raise the needed funds with a down-home country music jamboree. With the reindeer masquerading as horses, the lovely "Dolly Holiday" and even elves that rock and roll. This clever show will have you "yee-hawing" for more.



Elkhorn Valley Junior High Choral Clinic

The 44th annual Elkhorn Valley Junior High Choral Clinic was held Friday, November 7, 2014. Newman Grove's 1975 graduate Mrs. Kathy (Huerta) Simpson, was the Guest Clinician. Mrs. Simpson is in her tenth year as a Director of Vocal Activities at Millard West School in Omaha, NE, after serving in that position at Scottsbluff High School for 10 years.

Newman Grove 6th, 7th & 8th grade music students joined Music students from Battle Creek, Bloomfield, Boone Central, Clearwater, Elkhorn Valley, Humphrey St. Francis, Lindsay Holy-Family, Neligh-Oakdale, Norfolk Catholic, Norfolk Junior High, Pope John, Randolph, Schuyler, St. Michael's-Albion, Wayne Middle School and Wheeler Central.

A concert was performed at 5:30 p.m. for family, friends, community members and teachers.

Pictured in the top right photo is Camille Fowlkes and Emma Montoya practicing with small group at Elkhorn Valley Junior High Choral Clinic, for the song "We Shall Over Come."



NEWMAN GROVE FFA FUNDRAISER

Currently selling
Fruit, Meat, Cheese,
Candy, and Godfather's Pizzas

*Orders will make great Christmas gifts!
Sales will take place Oct. 20th-Nov. 24th
Expected delivery will be Dec. 15th-19th*

Help support the Newman Grove FFA Chapter by contacting a local member or Advisor Kylie Sweeter @ 447-6294

NMEA All-State Middle Level Boys Barbershop Chorus

Tyson Haddix, Matthew Rast and Taylor Matz, eighth grade students at Newman Grove Public Schools have been selected to participate in the 2014 Boys Barbershop Chorus to perform at the Lied Center in Lincoln, NE on Wednesday, November 19, 2014. Their music teacher is Mrs. Tami Texley.



200 6th-9th grade boys, from across the state of Nebraska, will sing in a barbershop experience directed by Adam Scott of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

The concert will be held at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door.



Newman Grove's 23rd ANNUAL YULETIDE FEST

Monday, December 1, 2014

4:00-7:30 PM

Team of Horses & Wagon Rides

4:00-7:30

Located by Community Center
for all ages (Sponsored by NG Lions Club)



SANTA

5:00-7:00 PM



Newman Grove Community Center

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Sack of Goodies

Disney Christmas Movie

Photographs with Santa (Bring your camera)



Scavenger Hunt

4:00-7:30

All ages, list at the Library

CAROLING

On Main Street
4 - 4:45 PM
2-6th Grade
Elementary Students
Tami Texley, Director



NG Dance Team BAKE SALE

Bank
Lobby



4:00-7:00 PM
Or Until Gone

Pie Eating Contest

4:30 pm

**NG Family
Foods**

Sign Up by
November
21st



FIRE PIT

4:00-7:30 PM
Roast Marshmallows
By FFA
(Next to Betz's)



SPECIALS

**Merchant Drawings
and Specials**

4:00-7:30 PM

Support your local
Businesses
and merchants!



Paradise Band Playing

6:00 & 7:00
Bank Lobby



Coloring Contest



Pick up picture at the Library
By November 26th
Winners will be posted in Library
On December 1st



Mid Nebraska Lutheran Home

Gifts for Kids
Drawings for Men & Women
Meat & Cheese

Pie Eating Contest Registration

Name: _____

Age: _____

Everyone is welcome to compete.

Return to
NG Family Foods
by November 21st



RAISE YOUR HAND FOR STUDENT SUCCESS American Education Week November 17-21

Please take time to say
"Thank you" to your student's teachers
and school staff.





Life in First Grade

By Erin Forre

What a busy fall we have had. This year we introduced a new reading series in the elementary. This has been a positive change and I am happy with how first grade is doing. They are READERS!!! It is exciting to see them grow in their reading throughout the whole year, but a lot of progress has happened already.

We have also been busy working on our math skills. We have been improving our addition and subtraction skills as well as working on number sense. They have been using these skills to read and understand different types of graphs. Collecting data and putting them into graphs is a lot of fun.



The first graders hard at work during math time.
I have a great group of students, and we are busy learning new things and getting smarter!



NGEA would like to invite anyone to a free cup of coffee on

**Tuesday, November 18th
7a.m. - 11 a.m.**

**at the Grove, City Café and Bowling Alley in honor of American Education
Week**





BC/NG JH Volleyball

By Karla Patzel

The Boone Central/Newman Grove Lady Cardinals traveled to Columbus and were ready and eager for a win. The 7B team was able to set the pace for the evening as they battled back and forth with the Discoverers. We were able to win the first set 25-19, but Columbus rallied back in the 2nd set to force a third set. Ace passes seemed to be a key factor in the game and kept Columbus on their toes. The 7B came out strong and put a W in the column for the Lady Cardinals. Abby Reicks lead the way with 6 ace serves and 9 points, Casidy Baumgartner also contributed with 5 aces and 6 points. 7A were ready to set it up and put the hammer down as they were able to again run an offense. Consistent serving and passing enabled the girls to run an offense that was enjoyable to watch. The girls won the first match 25-7, but dug themselves a hole in the 2nd set. The girls fought back hard and won 25-22. Mattie Young lead the offensive attack with 4 assists, 2 ace passes, 1 kill and 6 points. Lauren Hedlund's strong serving proved to hinder the opponents serve receive as she collected 9 aces, 14 points, and 3 kills. Rileigh Maple, Emily Groeteke, and McKenna Haase also contributed to the serving phenomenon with 4, 2, and 2 aces respectively.

8A had a come from behind victory after losing the first set 16-25. Offensively things started to swing in the Lady Cardinals favor. The 2nd set swayed back and forth, but in the end the Lady Cardinals won 27-25. It came down to the third set. Serving errors on the oppositions end enabled the Cardinals to gain the edge they needed to win. Patricia Cleveland led the way with 4 aces and 8 points, Brenda Loughman had 3 aces and 6 points. Stephanie Wright also added 2 aces and 5 points. In the 8A match the Lady Cardinals found themselves in a 12-2 deficit with nowhere to go but up. The girls dug deep and worked themselves out of the hole and won 25-22. The 2nd set the Lady Discoverers' were not ready to give up. Communication errors at crucial times were all the opponent needed to win the 2nd set. The back and forth battle in the third set left everyone on the edge of their seat. Smart placement of the ball and court awareness was all the Lady Cardinals needed to win the final match. Leading the way for the Lady Cardinals were Carsen Grape with 5 points 7 kills, Kelsey Thompson with 5 points 7 assists, Grace Slizoski with 7 points and 4 assists, and Haley Greek with 4 points and 3 kills.

BC/NG 7B vs Columbus Middle School 25-19, 23-25, 15-6
 BC/NG 7A vs. Columbus Middle School 25-7, 25-22
 BC/NG 8B vs. Columbus Middle School 16-25, 26-24, 15-9
 BC/NG 8A vs. Columbus Middle School 25-22, 17-25, 15-13



The National Honor Society, FFA, and FBLA organizations would like to thank everyone who donated to the food pantry of Newman Grove on October 26, 2014. The students met first for pizza and pop, then scoured the town for donations. It was a fun with many interesting costumes. Again, your thoughtfulness is appreciated.



From the school nurse, Teresa Wondercheck



Celebrate National Sleep Comfort Month

November is the annual celebration of sleep. Welcome to National Sleep Comfort Month!

Healthy sleep habits can make a big difference in your quality of life. Having healthy sleep habits is often referred to as having good "sleep hygiene."

Try to keep the following sleep practices on a consistent basis:

- Stick to the same bedtime and wake up time, even on the weekends. This helps to regulate your body's clock and could help you fall asleep and stay asleep for the night.
- Practice a relaxing bedtime ritual. A relaxing, routine activity right before bedtime conducted away from bright lights helps separate your sleep time from activities that can cause excitement, stress or anxiety which can make it more difficult to fall asleep, get sound and deep sleep or remain asleep.
- Avoid naps, especially in the afternoon. Power napping may help you get through the day, but if you find that you can't fall asleep at bedtime, eliminating even short catnaps may help.
- Exercise daily. Vigorous exercise is best, but even light exercise is better than no activity. Exercise at any time of day, but not at the expense of your sleep.

Visit the National Sleep Foundation website for more tips on healthy sleeping!



Varsity Football



On October 17th, the Boone Central/Newman Grove Cardinals hosted the Wayne Blue Devils. Wayne had first possession of the football and worked their way down the field eating up 3 1/2 minutes off the clock until Scott Ketteler intercepted a pass from Wayne quarterback Zach Keating and three plays later the Cardinals were on the scoreboard. The Blue Devils began to work their way down the field again with a couple of first downs when Colton Pelster caught an interception followed by a 44 yard pass from Wyatt Mazour to put the Cards in scoring position. The next play Joseph Brugger runs 12 yards for the touchdown. The Cardinals were able to add two points with a pass by Scott Ketteler to Travis Kennedy to make the score 14-0. Boone Central/Newman Grove's defense continued to cause havoc and intercepted the ball a third time by Wyatt Mazour and ran it in for another 6 points on the scoreboard. Just 4 plays later Joseph Brugger intercepts the Blue Devils again but the Cardinals were unable to produce a score off of it. In the second quarter, Boone Central/Newman Grove was able to score 2 more touchdowns and extra points to give the Cardinals a 34-0 lead at halftime. In the third quarter, the Cardinals were able to score one more touchdown and extra point to make the score 41-0 and give the second and third string players a chance to finish out the game and keep the Blue Devils from putting points on the scoreboard.

The last game of the regular season was against our rival Norfolk Catholic on October 23rd. Both teams were undefeated and came out to prove themselves. It was a defensive battle through the whole first quarter. The first score of the game came with just 52 seconds left on the clock to Boone Central/Newman Grove on a Wyatt Mazour pass to Kyle Kramer for 15 yards. The Knights worked hard on their running game and made it to the Boone Central/Newman Grove's 4 yard line but couldn't get it in the end zone and had to settle for a field goal. The Cardinals received the ball back and worked their way down the field and was able to score a touchdown on a Joseph Brugger run of 10 yards. The point after was kicked by Kyle Kramer to make it 12-3. The Knights were not going to give up easily though. They marched down the field and scored a touchdown with 52 seconds left in the first half. It was just a 3 point difference and could be anybody's game to end the first half. Norfolk Catholic received to start the second half, and worked their way down the field to score a touchdown with 6:51 left in the third quarter. The point after was good and that gave the Knights their first lead of the night with the score 16-12. The Cardinals were not going to let them lead for long. The Cards alternated between the passing game and running game and was able to add 7 more points on the scoreboard with 3:20 left in the third quarter. Both teams continued to battle and changed possessions a couple of times before the Boone Central/Newman Grove Cardinals were able to score another touchdown and extra point to give them a 10 point lead 26-16. The final score of the game came with 13 seconds left, with a 1 yard run by Joseph Brugger and extra point by Kramer to bring the final score 32-16.

The first round of state playoffs brought the Milford-Dorchester Eagles to Albion. In the first quarter the Eagles and the Boone Central/Newman Grove Cardinals each had two possessions. The Cardinals were able to make good use of theirs but the Eagles could not. The second quarter was dominated by the Cardinals and they scored 3 more touchdowns to make the score 35-0 heading into the locker rooms at the half. BCNG was able to score two more in the third quarter and only allowed one to the Eagles in the fourth. Final score was 48-7.

On November 7th, Boone Central/Newman Grove played Norfolk Catholic in Albion for the second round of the state playoffs. The Knights came in hoping to upset the undefeated Cardinals. It was a hard fought battle with the Cardinals first possession ending 4 and out and the Knights turning it over after six plays. The Cardinals were the first to score with 2:35 left in the first quarter. The Knights didn't give up though and continued to run down the field. They scored their first touchdown at the start of the second quarter but missed the extra point. Each team went 4 and out on their next possession. The Cardinals got good field position after a bad punt and rushed for the next 43 yards to score a touchdown and point after kick good by Kyle Kramer to make it 14-6. Boone Central/Newman Grove got the ball back after just 4 plays and was able to kick a field goal after being stopped by Norfolk Catholic's defense. The second half was extremely windy and made it impossible for either team to do much passing. Both teams were able to score one more touchdown each to make the score 23-14. After a bad punt by the Cardinals, the Knights had good field position but were unable make a touchdown and had to settle for a field goal. The Cardinals got the ball with 7:29 left in the game. They managed the clock and made short consistent runs to get close to the end zone but unable to get another score. The final score of the game was 23-17. Boone Central/Newman Grove will play Kearney Catholic in Kearney on November 14th. They are undefeated and have a good chance to move on to the Championship game at Memorial Stadium. Go Cardinals!

DECEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 4:00pm: Yuletide Fest (to 7:30 pm) 5:00pm: JHWR: Neligh-Oakdale Invite (A)	2 Honor Society Mtg (lunch) 7:15am: CILT Mtg 10:30am: District One-Act Contest @ Leigh 3:05pm: Student Council Mtg 6:00pm: Jr/Sr Parent Financial Aid Mtg 7:00pm: 6-12 Concert 7:30pm: FFA Mtg	3 7:00am: Dance Team Practice 8:40am: ASVAB Test Review (Jrs)	4 7:15am: Show Choir Practice 11:50am: Joseph's College of Cosmetology Rep 3:05pm: Student Council Mtg 3:30pm: GBB Practice 3:45pm: Speech Work Night (to 8 pm) 6:30pm: WR: Aquinas Dual @ BC (postponed) 6:30pm: Grades 3/4 BB Practice	5 Sr Careers Class (Per 4) 4:30pm: G/BBB: Hartington CC (A)	6 9:15am: WR: O'Neill Invite (A) 10:00am: JHGBB: David City (at NG) 12:15pm: G/BBB:Lakeview (at Albion)
7 6:30pm: Grades 3/4 BB Practice	8 No School 6-12 9:00am: FFA: District LSE Contest at Newman Grove 4:30pm: JHGBB: Fullerton (A) 6:00pm: 9th G/BBB: Riverside @ Cedar Rapids 6:30pm: JHWR: BC/NG Triangular (at Petersburg) 7:00pm: Board of Ed Mtg	9 5:00pm: GBB: Crofton (at NG) 6:30pm: WR: Grand Island NW Dual (at Albion)	10 Play Production State Contest (Norfolk) 7:00am: Dance Team Practice	11 7:15am: Show Choir Practice 4:30pm: G/BBB: Central City (A) 4:30pm: JHGBB: Twin River (at Petersburg) 6:30pm: WR: Creighton Dual (at Albion) 6:30pm: Grades 3/4 BB Practice	12 Pass/No Pass Deadline (Jrs/Srs) Sr Careers (Per 4) 1:30pm: K-5 Concert 5:00pm: G/BBB: Pierce (at Albion)	13 ACT Test 9:00am: 9th G/BBB: Norfolk Catholic Tourney (A) 9:00am: JHGBB: Elkhorn Valley Tourney (A) 9:30am: JHWR: Boone Central Invite (Albion)
14	15 FFA LSE Contest (snow date) 4:00pm: JHGBB: Madison (A) 7:00pm: Speech Team-Parent Meeting	16 FBLA Mtg (lunch) 4:30pm: G/BBB: Twin River (at Albion)	17 Senior Class Mtg (lunch) Junior Class Mtg (lunch) 7:00am: Dance Team Practice	18 7:15am: Show Choir Practice 6:30pm: 9th G/BBB: Central City (at Albion) 6:30pm: WR: York Dual (A) 6:30pm: Grades 3/4 BB Practice	19 No School K-5 (1/2-Wkday; 1/2-Staff Dev) End of 1st Term 11:20am: 6-12 Dismissal 6:15pm: BBB: Norfolk Catholic (at Albion)	20 9:00am: 9th G/BBB: Stanton Tourney (A) 9:00am: JHGBB: Norfolk Catholic Tourney (A) 9:00am: JHWR: Seward Invite (A) 9:30am: WR: Dual Tourney (at Albion)
21	22	23	24 Practice/Competition Moratorium	25 Christmas Practice/Competition Moratorium	26 Practice/Competition Moratorium	27 Practice/Competition Moratorium
28 Practice/Competition Moratorium	29	30	31			



NEWMAN GROVE SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
November 17 Chicken Nuggets Cheesy Green Beans Broccoli Baby Carrots Mixed Fruit Milk	November 18 Ham Sub/WG Bun Baked Beans Green Pepper Strips Grape Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges Fruit Slushy/Milk	November 19 Tater Tot Casserole Peas Romaine Lettuce Pears WG Breadstick Milk	November 20 Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Cauliflower/Peaches WG Dinner Roll Milk	November 21 Pizza/WG Crust Corn Orange Pepper Strips Sliced Cucumbers Strawberry/Banana Milk
November 24 Hotdog/WG Bun Baked Beans Celery Sticks Green Pepper Chunks Applesauce Milk	November 25 Sliced Turkey Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Broccoli Mandarin Oranges WG Dinner Roll Milk	November 26 <i>K-12 DISMISS @ 11:15 AM</i>	November 27 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> 	November 28 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> 
December 1 Chicken & Brown Rice Casserole Red Pepper Chunks Green Beans WG Bread Slice Mixed Fruit/Milk	December 2 Cheeseburger/WG Bun Baked Beans Romaine Lettuce Sliced Tomatoes Fruit Slushy/Banana No Bake Cookie/Milk	December 3 Chili/Crackers Baby Carrots/Cheese Sliced Cucumbers Mandarin Oranges WG Cinnamon Roll Milk	December 4 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy/Applesauce Broccoli/Cauliflower WG Dinner Roll Milk	December 5 Ham Patty Tri Taters WG Pancake Baby Carrots Juice/Peaches Milk
December 8 Chicken Strips Carrots Cauliflower Cantaloupe WG Breadstick Milk	December 9 Mini Corndogs Baked Beans Tomato Wedges Sliced Cucumbers Fruit Slushy/Applesauce Milk	December 10 Cheeseburger Casserole WG Pasta/Pears Green Beans Green Pepper Strips WG Bread Slice Milk	December 11 Breaded Chicken Patty Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy/Broccoli Peaches WG Dinner Roll Milk	December 12 Beef Taco WG Tortilla Diced Tomatoes Romaine Lettuce Refried Beans Frozen Strawberries Milk
December 15 Chicken & Brown Rice Casserole/Peas Broccoli Mixed Fruit WG Breadsticks Milk	December 16 Pizza Burger Baked Beans Tomato Wedges Sliced Cucumbers Fruit Slushy/Peaches Milk	December 17 Spaghetti/WG Pasta Green Beans Baby Carrots Cauliflower/Cantaloupe WG Garlic Bread Milk	December 18 Breaded Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy/Peas Red Pepper Chunks WG Dinner Roll Milk	December 19 <i>NO PK-6 7-12 DISMISS @ 11:15 AM</i> 

(menus are subject to change without notice)



**NGHS Post-Prom Fundraiser
Sunday, November 24, 2013
NGHS Auditorium 5-7 PM**



WINDSOR LOIN SUPPER

Windsor Loin, baked potato bar,
macaroni salad, dinner roll, dessert and beverage

DOOR PRIZES & ENTERTAINMENT

**\$20.00 per ticket
Walk Ins Welcome**

**Reminder to Parents of Juniors & Seniors
Don't Forget To Support Our Kids!
Be sure to bring your items to
donate and to Work Your Shift!!**

SAVE YOUR LABELS



Box Tops for Education—Newman Grove Schools continues to collect Box Tops for Education Coupons. The box top coupons are still worth 10¢. Coupons are redeemed for items such as computer software.

Campbell's Soup Labels—We redeem these labels for products to be used within the school system. Please send labels to the school.



**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 (Lincoln); Channel 11 (Lincoln)
Website: 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)

*Happy Thanksgiving
from the
Students and Staff
of the Newman Grove
Public Schools!*



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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