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Snow Days, Late Starts and Summer School

Here Comes the Sun

By Supt. Mark Egli

There's the old saying "When it rains it pours." We can now say "When it snows it blows—or blizzards." Either would be fitting for the winter of 09-10. It has certainly been a winter of excess, with education and activity schedules paying a price for the chaos. Two hours late may count as a day of school, but it is certainly not the same educational program as a full day. So, despite some exciting things going on at MNW, it has to be said that it's been a difficult year for everyone concerned.

At the time of this writing we have 12 snow days to make up, which would put the students in school through June 9, and we still have to finish February and get through March. Even I, who have always held that going to school on a nice day in late May beats a two-hour late start at 5 below in January, find it difficult to imagine a happy group of students (or teachers) in school the second week of June.

Our neighbors in Fort Dodge have elected to add 30 minutes to each school day beginning March 1. At that rate, a day can be made up every 11 days (5 1/2 hours equals one day of school). The board must determine that the additional time will add quality educational time for the students. This was presented to the board on Feb. 18 and approved. Beginning March 1, high school classes will increase from their current 42 minute length to 49 and 50 minutes. The elementary day will begin at 8:20 a.m. and run to 3:30 p.m. The high school day will run 8:10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day after Easter will tentatively be a school day unless this creates too many conflicts.

Nothing that we do will be as good as if so many snow days had not happened. However, the quality of education in June without adequate air conditioning in all of our facilities is highly questionable. How many early outs for heat would we be looking at in that case? Many summer college courses and seminars for teachers begin the second week of summer. One day we may be considering an extended school year, or it may actually be mandated. However, we will have schedules created for it and facilities prepared to withstand the heat of summer, neither of which is the case at the present time.

So we will get through the winter of 09-10. Hopefully we will have kept everyone safe and sound, and provided the best education possible. We have some really exciting things to look forward to. Our one-to-one computer program at the jr.-sr. high school is going to be exciting for students and teachers alike. If you missed the Fort Dodge Messenger article about us, go back and look in the Progress section of the February 14 Sunday issue. We are talking with Prairie Valley and Southeast Webster Grand about possible sharing relationships. In the words of the late George Harrison in the song "Here Comes the Sun:" "It's been a long, cold, lonely winter, seems like years since it's been clear—but here comes the Sun, and it's alright."

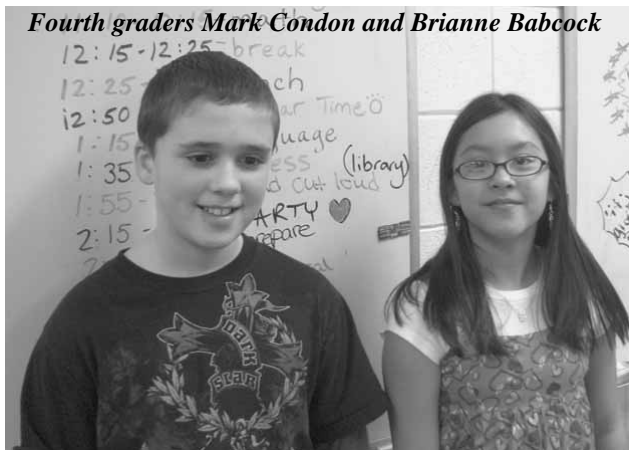
SNOW MAKE UP DAY PLAN

1/2 Hour will be added to each school day beginning March 1 with 10 minutes in the morning and 20 minutes in the afternoon. This will make up approximately 5 snow days.

Elementary classes will begin at 8:20 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.
High School Classes will start at 8:10 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Bus schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

The day after Easter, April 5, will tentatively be a school day unless this creates too many conflicts. Watch for notices.

Fourth Graders Advance in Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee



Fourth graders Mark Condon and Brianne Babcock

The Manson Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a spelling bee. Children choosing to participate and going to the finals in 4th grade were Mark Condon, Michalea Aber, Julia Jones, Kaitlyn McColley, Konnor Ferguson, Brianne Babcock, Julie Quade, Jacob Siepker, and Cameron Swanson.

After the spell down on February 12th, the two 4th graders who will represent MNW at the regional spelling bee will be Mark Condon and Brianne Babcock.

By Jodi Jacobsen

Third Grade Receives Items From National First Ladies' Library

Mrs. J. Nelson's Guided Reading Group learned about the United States First Ladies. In the process they wrote letters to the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, OH.

The group chose a specific first lady and asked for information. They also did research on the internet about first ladies.

To our surprise we received special gifts from the library. They sent us First Ladies Fandex Field Guides and an autographed book of *National First Ladies' Library and the Importance of First Lady History*.

We were so excited and will treasure our special gifts.

By Jan Nelson



Mrs. Jan Nelson's third grade class display some of the items sent to them from the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, OH.

Preschool Survey for All District Patrons

By Principal Rose Davis

Manson Northwest Webster School District is once again applying for the Voluntary Preschool Grant through the Department of Education. This grant will provide free preschool education and transportation for four-year-old children in our school district as well as provide for other improvements and benefits to the preschool program. In order to receive valuable input from our district patrons on how to address questions in the application process, we are asking our district patrons to answer the following three short questions. All of our elementary parents who have supplied an e-mail address will be receiving the questions via e-mail for a quick response. Thank you so much for your participation.

1. What needs do you see in our community for preschool-aged children?
2. What barriers-inconveniences do you think preschool parents experience that a grant could address?
3. Can you think of any ways that the community and the preschool could partner to enhance early child care?

Kindergarten Visitation

(must be age 5 by September 15, 2010)

Monday, April 12

Student Visitation 9:00 -12:30
Parent Meeting - 9 a.m. in lunch-room.

Please call 515-542-3211 for registration and visitation details.

Kindergarten Health Clinic

Monday, April 19,
St. Thomas Catholic Church,
Manson

Services offered from area medical personnel to meet kindergarten medical registration requirements.

Please call 515-542-3211 to make an appointment.

Preschool Registration for 2010-11

Initial registrations are now being accepted for the three-year-old and four-year-old preschool programs for 2010-2011. We will again be offering classes two days a week for three-year-olds and every day half-day classes for four-year-olds. Shuttle transportation and a Before and After School Program are available. The class roster will be filled in the order that applications are received.

Please circle Four-Year-Old Program or Three-Year-Old Program

Child's name _____ Birth date _____

Parent's name _____ Parent's address _____

Parent's phone _____ Please circle preference: A.M. P.M.

MNW Notes from PK-6 Principal
Rose Davis

This past month, MNW elementary was notified that they will be part of a study which looks at different ways to teach science in the elementary school. The grant allows University of Iowa and Iowa State professors to field test a specific teaching approach in 48 Iowa schools. Each school receives \$10,000 for its science budgets and professional development for science teachers for their participation.

The teaching premise is that students who are simultaneously taught principles of science and writing ability together in an inquiry-based approach will improve writing skills and learn science principles at a higher level than those who are taught the two skills separately.

All MNW science teachers in grades 3-6 will participate in the study as a control group, which means that the school will provide assessment scores and teaching videotapes for the benefit of comparison to those teachers who will be trained in the methodology.

MNW teachers will be able to receive the training at the end of the two-year study. Meanwhile, the MNW teachers look forward to improving the current science lab and receiving other science professional development through the \$10,000 grant.

Fourth Grade Gets a Taste of Germany



The MNW 4th grade classes were visited by Dwane and Eileen Junkman of Manson on Jan. 29. The special occasion had to do with receiving a simple lesson about genealogy and some of the German heritage in Calhoun, Pocahontas and Webster County.

With the help of Mrs. Merritt, Eileen Junkman showed the students a power point presented on the new Smart Board in their classroom and then participated in an authentic German Tea Party. Eileen and Dwane shared about their trip to Germany as well as German tea and cookies.

News from Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

Shawn Holloway

Moving to Trimesters

A Proposed Schedule Change for 7-12 Students

At the last education meeting I made an initial scheduling change proposal to our school board. The proposal is to move to a six period academic day from the traditional eight period day and to trimesters from semesters. This recommendation will be studied by MNW leadership groups, with final approval needed from the board.

Why make this change?

In my opinion one of the most positive factors in this decision is our junior high students will spend more time with their core academic teachers. Core classes are language arts, math, science, and social studies. Each junior high student will gain approximately 30 contact hours with each core area teacher throughout the school year.

At the high school level, changing the schedule to a six period day allows for greater flexibility to the master teacher schedule. This trimester schedule also allows Manson Northwest Webster to continue to offer all of our current course offerings. Sixty minute class periods allow ample opportunity for project based learning and technology infusion, which has been our focus at the 7-12 building for teacher professional development. Each day there will be fewer transitions for passing between classes. The trimester schedule will also allow MNW to evaluate current graduation requirements, quite possibly raising the requirements from our prevailing standards. If you have any questions or comments regarding this proposal please contact me at the jr.-sr. high school, 712-469-2245.

Proposed Daily Academic Schedule

- 1st: 8:20-9:20
- 2nd: 9:23-10:23
- 3rd: 10:26-11:26
- 4th: 11:29-12:48
- AA: AA/12:49-1:04
- 5th: 1:07-2:07
- 6th: 2:10-3:10

Mrs. Schreier's Second Grade Partner in Education



Mrs. Schreier's second grade class enjoyed having an employee of their Partner in Education, Heartland Bank, come and read a book to the class. Linda Danglesler is shown with the class. Mrs. Schreier's class made winter mittens for the bank to display. They plan on meeting monthly for art activities, reading books and having fun.

Day 100 Activities

Day 100 was celebrated Thursday, Feb. 11. Various activities were completed throughout the day. Mrs. Schreier's 2nd graders each brought in a collection of 100 items. We took our collections to the gym and laid them out on the floor. We invited the preschoolers to help us count. Sixth grade students also helped with the Day 100 activity. We realized that the bigger the objects, the longer the line. It was a fun day.



Students enjoy counting 100 objects on Day 100 in Mrs. Schreier's class.



CHARACTER COUNTS in Cougar Country

MNW Elementary celebrates the six Pillars of Character:

Citizenship, Caring, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Respect, Fairness



By Pam Blead, Guidance Counselor

Career Exploration

The third and sixth grade students have finished their units on career exploration. It was fun to listen to the third grade students share their job interviews from their parents.

The career awareness classes emphasized the importance of linking their hobbies and strengths to a job they would enjoy. Our sixth graders will skype another country for their culminating activity to see how students from another country get prepared for a career.

Love & Logic

Our Love & Logic team is hosting Parent Night classes. The first was Feb. 16 and the next will be April 13, in the Barnum cafeteria at 6:30 P.M. Love & Logic is a research-based discipline method that really works. It puts the problem solving to discipline problems back on the child.

The goal of Love & Logic is to have the student do the thinking so he/she can really learn from their own poor choices. To learn more you can Google: Jim Fay to read more about Love & Logic and you can listen and watch YouTube videos to access even more information on this program.

Service Learning Projects

Our elementary students raised enough money for our MNW school to purchase a puppy for the prison. Our puppy will be located in the Newton Prison Facility because of their need. We will get to meet our puppy on March 9th at our Character Counts Assembly at our elementary center in Barnum at 2:15 in the big gym.

The 6th graders have been working on planning a fund-raiser for the people of Haiti. We are calling it the **Haiti Project**. I had 4 girls approach me with an idea for a service learning project. I incorporated it into a guidance lesson for all the 6th graders to participate. The students were asked to select a team of 4 people. They sat together during guidance classes to develop ideas to present to the class on how to raise money for Haiti. The students were then asked to present their ideas to Principal Rose Davis, other classmates, and guidance counselor Pam Blead. In our next issue we will announce the winners who will go on to begin the implementation process of their fundraiser and start raising money to help the people of Haiti. Special thanks to Madison Swanson, Tori Spencer, Natasha Irwin, and Paige Mericle who got the ball rolling and cared enough about the Haitian people to work hard at getting this project started

Successful Outcome

By Alexandra Hanson

District large group speech has come and gone and all of MNW's speech teams are advancing to state competition on February 6, 2010, in LeMars, Iowa. Due to a power outage at Rockwell City, the event was hosted by MNW. With just a few hours to prepare, participants, teachers, and community members set up a concession stand, arranged rooms, and assigned events to rooms. Things were a little disorganized at first, but the contest consistently ran at least half an hour ahead of schedule. A special thanks goes out to all those who helped make this event a success. A brief description of the large group events are listed below as well as the students involved in those events.

Musical Theater: A group of 2-6 students performs a series of selections from a musical.

Group 1- Jamie Keil, Chloe Peterson, Daniel Sutter, Andrew Keller, and Jacob Pedersen.

Group 2- Weston Spedding, Kalib King, Kenzie Larson, Cassie Mae Langstaff, Jade Green, and Samantha Lyon.

Choral Reading: Group members recite a work from a script in unison, small groups, and individually; movements and voice changes are used for effect.

Jordan Reuter, Max Wood, Weston Spedding, Richard Butler, Hannah Pelz, Shelby Jurries, Allie Seavert, Alyssa Miller, Kennedy Spedding, Danielle Lang, Samantha Lyon, Nicole Haines, Megan Schreier, and Chelsea Brueschke.

Improvisation: A group of 2-6 people choose one topic from a list of three and are given two minutes to prepare a scene lasting five minutes or less.

Group 1: Lucas Martin, Jordan Reuter, and Josh Berg.

Group 2: Jordan Neumann, Maria Francois, and Emily Mallinger

Group 3: Jacob Pedersen, Max Wood, and Alexandra Hanson

Reader's Theater: A group performs a presentation of a work read from a script; there are no costumes or props besides chairs.

Richard Butler, Michael Lewis, Megan Byson, Alyssa Miller, Ashley Miller, Chelsea Brueschke, Jade Green, Christopher Keller, and Megan Schreier.

Ensemble Acting: A scene from a play is acted out and requires more than one participant. No costuming or props are allowed except for chairs.

Jenna Watne, Jordan Neumann, Maria Francois, and Emily Mallinger.

One Act Play: A group performs either one act from a longer play or a whole play consisting of only one act; there are no limits placed on costumes, cast size and scene changes.

Isaac Janssen, Lucas Martin, Angel Thornton, Samuel Wood, Christopher Keller, Hally Bergren, Caitlyn DeWall, Jenna Watne, Jacque Aden, Megan Byson, and Kerstin Sorenson.

Radio Broadcasting: A radio "broadcast" is prepared in advance by a group, either on tape or CD, and is played for judging. The "broadcast" includes news, weather reports, and commercials.

Michael Lewis, Andrew Keller, Lauren Twait, Karsyn Steib, Dylan Jones, and Daniel Sutter.

Remembering Winnie the Pooh Day

By Angel Thornton

Every year Mrs. Musselman tells a Winnie the Pooh story to kindergartners through fifth graders. She then gives them cookies and lets them skip around the tables. Mrs. Musselman started this tradition on January 18, 1991, which is A.A Milne's birth date. She has done so ever since then. She enjoys celebrating Winnie the Pooh stories and poems and hope the future generations will too. She even sings the poem "Busy" while the kids dance around. Most of the students here in the high school fondly remember that time.

When the older students were asked what they remember most about Pooh Day, most of them replied that they liked dancing around the tables in the library.



For example, Jesse Partlow said, "Running around in circles with Mrs. Musselman singing a creepy song." Austin Rasch said, "I like the vanilla wafers and dancing to Mrs. Musselman singing 'round about round about round about we go, all around the tables, the tables in the nursery'." Others remembered the eating treats. "Eating the honey cookies was my favorite part," Caleb King said. While others like John Thomas and Ronnie Allbee said "The vanilla wafers and whip cream were awesome." And Ashley Markert said, "I remember eating the vanilla wafers with the frosting stuff the most." But only Breann Harman and a few others remembered the story being told, and as she said, "Mrs. Musselman told it with lots of excitement."

Pink Jerseys and Potatoes

By Hannah Pelz



Left to right: Dani Lang, Nicole Haines, Allie Seavert, and Ben Butcher help serve baked potatoes

Students involved in National Honor Society held their annual baked potato bar on February 2 in the high school commons before the girl's basketball game against the Pocahontas Maidens. Students brought the supplies, served the food, and cleaned up after everyone was done eating. A wide variety of condiments including ham, taco meat, broccoli, cheese, sour cream, and homemade

bars were served. The money made from the baked potato bar goes to the NHS senior trip that the students will be taking to Minnesota in March.

The game against Pocahontas was also the pink out game. Many Cougar fans wore pink to not only support the girls but to support breast cancer survivors. After raising money from selling T-shirts the girls were given their uniforms from Nike and all the money raised went to the Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation. The pretty in pink lady Cougars raked in a victory against the Maidens, 70-37. Overall the night was a total success.



National History Day 2010

By Kaylea Green

Every year for NHD, five students from MNW are selected to attend the Regional National History Competition. This year the event takes place on March 11 at BVU in Storm Lake. Group exhibit participants are Lauren Twait, Blair Miller, and Jill Rosendahl. Group performers are Emily Mallinger and Jordan Neumann. The theme for NHD is Innovation in History. The NHD participants have been working on this year's theme since summer. Jordan Neumann said, "I enjoy



Jordan Neumann and Emily Mallinger

because National History Day because Emily and I get to show others what happened in history by acting out the event like a play. Last year we had fun because we portrayed the life of Kate Shelley, and this year we are acting out the importance of the Chautauqua Circuit." The students who participate in NHD choose a historic topic that's related to the annual theme and then conduct primary and secondary research. After students analyze and interpret their sources, they present their work in one of the five ways: as a paper, an exhibit, a performance, a documentary, or a web site.

Donating Blood: Lifesaving

By Jillian Merritt

National Honor Society held its annual blood drive in the high school commons on February 2, 2010. All the donated blood was given to the Red Cross. The students who donated blood in November during the Student Council blood drive were also allowed to donate to the NHS blood drive because by law they only have to wait 56 days before donating again. Certain requirements are also stipulated for students to give blood. They must be at least 17 years old and in good health and weigh the minimum of 110 pounds. Students also must go through a physical health history review. This information is gathered by technicians. Kellina Goodwin, a senior who gave blood stated, "It's a very fulfilling experience for me because I am helping save people's lives one pint at a time." Because many students took the time to donate blood and make a difference, the NHS blood drive was a success.

Upcoming Physics Event

By Lucas Martin-Flores

The District Physics Olympics will take place on March 24th at Iowa Central Community College. There are a total of five different events with two members per event. The events include these categories: Optical Slalom, Problem Solving, Student-Powered Water Heater, Self-Propelled Catapult, and the Mouse Trap Car. The top two groups that do the best in each category will go to Des Moines to compete at the State competition. Mr. Lynch is the advisor for the groups and helps them get prepared for the competition. "Learning formulas, practicing problems, thinking on your feet, and prior experience really helps when competing," said Daniel Sutter, who is participating in the problem solving event. Good luck to the students who are participating in the Physics Olympics. Pictures and updates will come in a following issue.

Junior High Dance

By Chelsea Brueschke

The junior high dance took place January 9th from 7:30 to 10:00. It was one of the four dances the French Club is sponsoring this year. Pop and suckers were sold during the dance. French Club members were in charge of chaperoning the dance along with handing out door prizes. Ethan Netz and Ben Sonntag were hired as the DJ's and played a mixture of music. "Going to the dance is still a good way to get out of the house, otherwise there is nothing to do," said Katie Smothers. "It was a decent dance," said Bre Heiter. "It would be more fun for the 7th and 8th graders if they would invite 5th and 6th graders, too. This way there would be more people to talk to," said Hunter Jud.



Longest Tail Feather Contest

By BreAnn Harman

Mr. Harman has been holding the longest tail feather contest for 17 years. Every year approximately 17-29 people participate in this activity. The contest lasts about 2 weeks, and the top 5 people with the longest tail feathers get a prize. Mr. Harman gets the awards by contacting Target, Walmart, and Pheasants Forever and asks them if they would like to donate certificates. These certificates are then used to buy hunting equipment, which is awarded as prizes. This year's winners were Cody Anderson-5th place, Trenton Meiners-4th place, Rachel Pugh- 3rd place, Avery Birchard- 2nd place, and the 1st place winner was Kyler O'Brien. Tail feathers range in length 21.5 inches to 25.5 inches.



Kyler O'Brien, the 2010 longest tail feather winner.



Left to right: Cody Anderson, Trenton Meiners, Rachel Pugh, and Avery Birchard.

Paging Update

By Josh Berg



Five weeks into session, things are still going great at the capitol. The senators are expecting a hectic schedule because they only have an eighty day legislative session. Before the pages got the swing of things, everyone was great at helping us survive the chaos. My favorite part of paging is running the microphone and voting systems during debates. Senators keep forewarning us about the upcoming crazy debate nights that can last for what they think is forever. A rivalry always seems to exist between the "Housies"(House Pages) and "Awesome..ies" (Senate Pages). To settle the unanswered question as to who is more successful, as well as more attractive, we want to handle things like adults with a laser tag battle. The pages' weekend activities and nightlife usually consist of trekking to downtown coffee shops, hitting the mall, attending movie nights, going to concerts, and on occasion going ice skating, as well as whatever thirty-two creative minds can materialize.

"We like the dances, but would like 5th and 6th graders invited, too, It's nice the French Club has the dances for us, but more people would be better."




The next junior high dance on February 20th will be reported by an eighth grader in the next Cougar Tracks.

Happy Birthdays


March Birthdays

By Allie Seavert


Breana Heiter Hunter Jud Keyton Strutzenberg Connor Alne Alex Larsen Alexander Odom Jordan Ukena Jennasee Sankey Tanner Dawson Justin Moody April Ritts Kylie Wendland Jacob Poldervaart Caitlin Poppen Dillon Hart Alexandra Hanson Danielle Lang Tymathie Caldwell Michael Heun Madeline Richardson Caleb Smothers Weston Spedding Taylor Markert Earl Witham	March 1 March 1 March 1 March 2 March 6 March 6 March 7 March 10 March 11 March 11 March 12 March 18 March 19 March 19 March 26 March 28 March 28 March 29 March 29 March 29 March 29 March 29 March 30 March 31 March 31
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Alex Odom



Dani Lang



Alex Hanson



Fun Facts about St. Patrick's Day!!

By Keegan Janeski

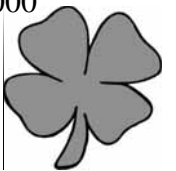
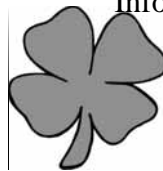


- St. Patrick wasn't even Irish, some say he was born in Wales, and others say he was born in Kilpatrick, Scotland.
- At age 16 St. Patrick considered himself a pagan; he converted to Christianity while enslaved by a sheep farmer. When he was enslaved, he was captured by brigands, escaping at age 22.
- He later returned to Ireland a dozen years later because he believed the Irish were calling him back.
- When he returned, he used the shamrock to teach pagans about Christianity. He used the 3 leaves to show the holy trinity to them.
- The meaning of this day is that it's a day for spiritual renewal and for praying for missionaries around the world.

Fun Facts about March!!

- Winter ends at the beginning of March and spring comes at the end of March!
- In March, animals come out of hibernation and plants and grasses start to grow.
- Usually the first day of March is often stormy, and the last day is mild and calm, which originated the saying that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb.
- A saying says that the first three days of March are "blind days" because they are "unlucky." If rain falls on these days, farmers supposedly will have a poor harvest.

Information taken from World Book Millennium 2000



Advanced Foods Cuisine

By Nikki Nelson and Shailan Clark

Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich

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| 8 slices bacon | 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves |
| 2 teaspoons poultry seasoning | 4 slices of pepper-jack cheese |
| 4 hamburger buns | 4 leaves of lettuce |
| 4 slices of tomato | ½ cup thinly sliced onions |
| 12 slices of dill pickle | ½ cup ranch dressing |

1. Preheat broiler
2. While broiler preheats, place bacon in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook until browned on both sides. Remove from the pan and drain on paper towels.
3. Rub the poultry seasoning onto the chicken pieces and place them under the boiler. Cook for six minutes per side or until chicken is no longer pink in the center. Top each piece of chicken with two slices of bacon and one slice of pepper-jack cheese. Broil for two or three more minutes to melt cheese.
4. Place each piece of chicken on a bun, top with lettuce, tomato, onion, and pickle slices before serving with your favorite condiments.



Ronnie Albee and Trey Anderson serving and attending to guests at one of the Fall luncheons.

It's been a long winter, so get ready for spring by making reservations for the Spring Grill luncheons.

It's All About the Shoes



Winter Riddles:

1. What do elves do after school?
2. Why do birds fly south in the winter?
3. Where do snowmen keep their money?
4. What do you call fifty penguins in the Arctic?
5. What kind of math does a snowy owl like?
6. What vegetable was forbidden on the ships of Arctic explorers?
7. What did the big, furry hat say to the warm, wooly scarf?
8. How do you tell the difference between a walrus and an orange?

1. Gnomework.
2. It is too far to walk.
3. In a snowbank.
4. Lost, really lost; penguins live in Antarctica.
5. Owlgebra!
6. Leeks.
7. You hang around while I go ahead.
8. Put your arms around it and squeeze; if you don't get orange juice, it is a walrus.

Winter Riddles' Answer Key

Answer Key: Blair Miller, Kim Keller, Hunter Ramthun, Austin Rasch

Senior Spotlights



Name: Alex Odom
Parents: Larry Odom and Carla Lentsch
Siblings: Kyle Odom

My goal is to be: Rich and own the town of Clare.
My role model(s) is: Kyle Odom
Three people I would like to have dinner with are: Me, myself, and I. Okay, God.
Place I would like to visit: Amsterdam
Favorites:
 Movie – All action movies
 Food –Anything but Mexican
 Kind of music – anything but country
 Teacher – Mrs. Sweet
 Class – LA I
Quote: “You’re going to die someday, so live life to the max.”



Name: Hannah Marie Pelz
Parents: Joe and Janelle Pelz
Siblings: Chelsea

My goal is to be: A journalist or lawyer.
My role model(s) is: My sister.
The three people I would like to have dinner with are: Edward Cullen, Harry Potter, and Grandma Melva.
Place I would like to visit: Greece
Extracurricular activities: Golf, Speech: large group and individual, Fall Play, NCYL, Drama Club, French Club, Concert Choir
Favorites:
 T.V show – Gray’s Anatomy
 Movie – Twilight/New Moon
 Food- Anything Italian
 Kind of music –Everything
 Specific song –Livin’ on a Prayer
 Teacher – Madame, Ms.Gerke, and Mrs. Allen
 Class -French
Quote: “The past can hurt. You can either run from it or learn from it.” –The Lion King



Name: Caleb Weimer
Parents: Jim and Angie Weimer
Siblings: Catie

My goal is to be:A diesel mechanic.
My role model(s) is: My Grandfather Mike.
Extracurricular activities: 4-H, FFA
Favorites:
 T.V show – CMT
 Movie – *Eight Seconds*
 Food- Pizza
 Kind of music – Country
 Specific song – Any songs by Jason Aldean
 Teacher –Mr. Gaul, Mrs. Allen, and Mr. Richman
 Class – Building Trades
Quote: “Life is good when you work.”



Name: Alexandria Hanson
Parents: Jody and Dave Hanson
Siblings: Bradley Hanson and Kasey Ford

My goal is to be: A nurse
My role models are: My grandma Claudia and my mom Jody.
Extracurricular activities: Mock trial, TAG, choir, speech, and drama
Place I would like to visit: Africa
Favorites:
 T.V show – *Grey’s Anatomy, House,* or anything medical
 Movie- *Beaches*
 Food – Italian, Chinese, and Mexican
 Kind of music – anything and everything
 Teachers – Mrs. Larson, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Keller, Mr. Willer, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Freed, Madame, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Zinnel in no particular order
 Class- French
Quote: “We know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character.” Romans 5:3-4



Name: Brooke Elizabeth Birkey
Parents: Gary and Alison Birkey
Siblings: Bryce, Brandt, Brenna

My goal is to be: A physical therapist or an equine massage therapist.
My role model is: My mom.
Extracurricular activities: Band, choir, drill team, flags, volleyball, quantum, musical, FFA, and wrestling manager
Can’t go a day without: Mountain Dew
Three people I would like to have dinner with are: George Strait, Lane Frost, and Reese Witherspoon.
Favorites:
 T.V show – *House*
 Movie – *8 Seconds*
 Food- Chinese Food
 Kind of music – Country
 Teachers – Mr. Gaul and Mr. Willer
 Class – Band and Ag Mechanics
Quote: “Life moves pretty fast, if you don’t stop to look around once in a while you could miss it.”



Name: Kellina Ruth Goodwin
Parents: Dan and Beth
Siblings: Daniel and Joey

My goal is to be: Dental hygienist.
My role models are: My mom and Aunt Shelly.
Extracurricular activities: Volleyball, track, individual and large group speech, wrestling manager, fall play, choir, senior variety show
3 People I would like to have dinner with: Great-Grandpa Goodwin, Great-Great-Grammie Miles, and Great-Grandpa Anderson.
Place I would like to visit: Ireland
I can’t go a day without: Pop or my cell phone.
Favorites:
 Song – *Joey-* by Sugarland
 Teacher – Madame and Mrs. Keller
 Class – French IV
Quote: “The loving is the easy part; it’s the liking that’s hard.” -Madame



Name: Kerstin Sue Sorenson
Parent: Teri Sorenson
Siblings: Tyler, Taylor, and Jordyn Anderson

My goal is to be: A successful business woman.
My role models are: My mother, aunts, and great-aunt.
Extracurricular activities: Speech, play, musical, golf.
Favorites:
 T.V. show - *Roseanne* and *NCIS*
 Movie- *Tommy Boy*
 Food - spaghetti
 Kind of music - eclectic
 Specific song - “Tears Don’t Fall”
 Teachers - Mr. Knobbe, Mrs. Welander (Pomeroy- Palmer)
 Class - Vocal
Quote: “Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.” Dr. Seuss



Name: Brittany Taylor
Parents: Kellie Fitzsenry & Tony Taylor
Siblings: Cameron and Evie Taylor
 Step- Colin and Lauren Underwood and Nic Fitzsenry

My goal is to be: A psychiatrist.
My role models are: My parents.
Extracurricular activities: Cheerleading, choir, Quantum, musical, play, Physics Olympics
Favorites:
 T.V. Show: *Unwrapped* and *Family Guy*
 Movie: *Life as a House, P.S. I Love You, Saw* movies, and *The Time Traveler’s Wife*
 Food: Crab legs, Chinese, or porcupine meatballs
 Songs: “Second Chance” and “Not Meant to Be”
 Teachers: Mrs. Gerke and Mrs. Langstaff
 Class: Math
Quote: “Anyone who takes him/herself too seriously always has the risk of looking ridiculous; anyone who can constantly laugh at him/herself does not.” Vaclav Havel

News From Mrs. Skop's Art Room

Congratulations to three art students who won National Awards in the Glue Dots Contest! Morgan Walsh, a kindergarten student, Miranda Jud, a fifth grader, and Madison Moser, a sixth grader. Morgan created a black cat with patterns, Miranda made an animal from a 45 record, and Madison created a self-portrait reading a book! Each student will receive monetary awards along with art supplies. Congratulations students!



Madison Moser, Morgan Walsh, Miranda Jud

Two other art students have place amongst the top 150 student oil pastel artists in the United States. Riley Thompson, a second grader and Ashley Grady a fifth grader were chosen from amongst thousands of entries. Congratulations students on the beautiful work submitted.



Ashlee Grady and Riley Thompson

Our Kindergarten students have been busy learning about patterns, shapes, and painting. The students have created clowns, colorful snowmen, and creative heart shaped creatures. We've learned about the artist Henri Matisse and his fascinating shapes and patterns.

The first graders have used paint and various materials to create collages and paintings. We also created heart shaped animals for Valentine's Day. We looked at work by the artist Robert Rauschenberg and saw how he combined various colors and patterns to create his works of art.

Second graders created snowmen from various materials while studying textures. Many famous artists worked with the component of texture in their art. We found that there is actual texture and visual texture in work. Actual texture is texture that you can feel and visual texture is what the texture looks like when you look at a work of art.

Third grade students painted CD covers with acrylic paint and used them in combination with many other materials to create snowmen. These assemblages were very unique works of art that dealt with color, line, shape form and texture. We also have been studying good dental health by designing posters with dental health tips.

Fourth graders have been experiencing forming fire clay objects. They are learning how to wedge clay and work the air bubbles out of it. Then, clay forms are made and textures stamped into the clay to make patterns. These clay forms will be fired in our new kiln and then glazed and re-fired.

Fifth graders drew feathers in a repeated design on 12" by 18" paper and then photo-copied them. They colored one copy and we did a comparison of the black and white copy to the colored version. Next, using the feather as subject matter, a linoleum block was prepared, cut, and printed. Various colors of ink were mixed to create unique and colorful prints. We learned how master printmakers created their prints before printing presses were invented. The art of printmaking still flourishes today in the art realm.

Sixth graders heard the words fluted entablatures and Roman columns during our study of architecture. The students drew buildings or sections of them on 12" by 18" paper and then proceeded with their project like the fifth graders. We also created linoleum prints using architecture as the theme. When these works of art were hung in the hallway, we received many flattering comments from people viewing them and even a few offers to purchase them!

It's been a busy month in the art room!

4th Grade High School Helper



Zach Steinhoff is a high school helper in 4th grade. He helps students with their math. He listens to students read, and helps them study their spelling words. Zach works with the fourth graders on their community service projects with cutting and counting Box Tops for Education. We are excited to have him be part of our team!

Clay Projects in the Making. . .



Fourth graders, Sydney Colshan and Morgan Byson work on their clay projects in Mrs. Skophammer's art room.

Kindergartners and Third Graders Make Snowmen Inside

Mrs. Larson's kindergarten class got together with Mrs. Nelson's third grade class to make powder sugar

doughnut snowmen. We have had our fill of snow outside, but this snowman tasted wonderful.



Tate Bianchi, A.J. Caldwell, Brodie Anderson



Kate Schreier and Paige Kaufman

Kindergartners Have a Whale of a Time Learning About Whales

The kindergarten classes had a whale of a time learning about whales during the month of January.

The students got together and drew whale murals with other animals they might find in the ocean.



Sean Peters, Tristan Hood, Kierra Birkey, Jaxon Bush.



Morgan Walsh, Jaynie Wiese, Levi Tucker, Adam Stange.

Winnie the Pooh's Birthday Celebrated

Even with all of the snow days interrupting the week, Winnie-the-Pooh's birthday was celebrated in the elementary school. January 18 is the birthday of A. A. Milne who wrote the Pooh books, and every year the celebration of his birthday goes on in the library. This year students were treated to a "Pooh cookie" and a story about the game "Pooh Sticks." Then they all got to skip around the tables with a poem "Busy." It was great fun!



Mrs. Musselman reads a Pooh story in the library. The kindergarten, below, surround Pooh Bear.



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Jr. High A/A's Decorate Cookies



For Valentine's Day, the junior high students gave the residents at Golden Meadows decorated sugar cookies. In each A/A, the students volunteered to bring sugar cookies, frosting and sprinkles. The students enjoyed decorating the cookies with white, pink and red frosting.

SCHOOL CALENDAR
For Up-to-Date School Calendar, go to www.mnwcougars.com.
If you do not have access to a computer, please call a school office and ask for a print-out of the months you are interested in.

Drill Team Members Selected for All-Iowa Honor Drill Team



Top left, Allyssa Miller; top right, Kennedy Spedding; right, Christine Condon.
Far right in next column, Brooke Birkey.

Congratulations to three senior members of the MNW Drill Team that have been selected to perform with the All Iowa Honor Drill Team, March 5 & 6 at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. They are some of the 276 dancers that have been selected from auditions held in Sept. at the Ames High School. Over 500 dancers from Iowa high school auditioned for these positions.

There will be two performing groups. Kristine Condon and Alyssa Miller will be among 224 dancers performing a pom and kick routine. This group will perform during the halftime of the 3A Championship game on Sat. night, March 6. Kennedy Spedding will perform the pregame with basketballs and the state flags with a patriotic salute leading into the National Anthem. She will perform pregame both Friday and Sat. night, March 5 & 6.

Brooke Birkey, senior member of the MNW drill team, performed with the halftime entertainment at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas in December. Brooke was chosen by audition at the Marching Auxiliaries and Dance camp held for the drill team in August at Manson. Brooke traveled with her family during Christmas break to dance with this halftime entertainment group. The Alamo Bowl is a major American College football game played annually since 1993 in San Antonio, Texas at the Alamodome. The MNW drill team sponsors are Mary and Katie Fitzgerald.

Menu - March 2010

	Breakfast			Lunch		
	K-6	7-12	Adult	K-6	7-12	Adult
Daily	1.00	1.30	1.60	1.80	2.00	2.50
Weekly	5.00	6.50	8.00	9.00	10.00	12.50
Monthly	20.00	26.00	32.00	36.00	40.00	50.00

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	Breakfast Burrito, Cereal & Toast	2 Pop Tart, Cereal & Toast	3 Cereal & Toast	4 Omelette, Cereal & Toast	5 Long Jon & Cereal
	Rib Patty Peaches Green Beans	Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Pineapple Apple Crisp Carrots	Chicken & Noodles Applesauce Lettuce Salad Dinner Roll	Taco Corn Pears Cookie	Macaroni & Cheese Peas Mixed Fruit Peanut Butter Sandwich
8	Egg Patty, Cereal & Toast	9 Waffle Stick, Cereal & Toast	10 Cereal & Toast	11 French Toast & Cereal	12 Breakfast Sandwich, Cereal & Toast
	Corn Dog Peaches Green Beans Bar	BBQ Pork Sandwich Tator Tots Pineapple	Spaghetti Applesauce Lettuce Salad Garlic Bread	<i>Student Choice</i>	Cheese Pizza Carrots Mixed Fruit Peanut Butter Sandwich
15	Cereal & Toast	16 Donut, Cereal & Toast	17 <i>Early Dismissal</i> Cereal & Toast	18 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal & Toast	19 Coffee Cake, Cereal & Toast
	Hamburger on bun French Fries Peaches	Lasagna Pineapple Lettuce Salad French Bread	Hot Dog Applesauce Carrot Stix	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Cinnamon Apples Corn Jello	Fish Peas Mixed Fruit Seasoned Noodles Corn Bread
22	Breakfast Stick, Cereal & Toast	23 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal & Toast	24 Cereal & Toast	25 Sausage Gravy on Biscuit, Cereal	26 French Toast Sticks, Cereal & Toast
	Wiener Wink Baked Beans Peaches Bar	Maidrite Pineapple Au Gratin Potatoes	Chili Apples Carrot Sticks Cinnamon Roll	Italian Sub Sandwich Strawberries & Bananas Green Beans	Tuna & Noodles Peanut Butter Sandwich Peas Mixed Fruit
29	Breakfast Sandwich, Cereal & Toast	30 Waffle Stick, Cereal & Toast	31 Cereal & Toast	All meals subject to change and may be different at each center.	
	Chicken Patty Peaches Green Beans Pudding	Deli Sandwich Broccoli w/cheese Pineapple	Turkey Gravy w/Mashed Potatoes Apple Sauce Dinner Roll	At lunch, five food group items are offered. Students must choose at least three of the following to be considered a lunch meal: entrée, vegetable, fruit, milk, or bread (bread is generally included with the entrée).	
				Juice or Fruit and milk served daily at breakfast. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.	

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