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Spanish Class Helps to Bring Merry Christmas to Children in Need

by Mrs. Arlene Hermsen

After school, on December 6, the Spanish III and IV classes traveled to Sioux City to assist Goodwill Industries in their annual project of supplying shoes to children in need. Goodwill was pleased to have some volunteers able to communicate in Spanish to translate when needed.

Some students helped parents fill out forms, others guided the children through the foot measuring process, and some watched the door where the parents waited for their children and answered questions. It was a very eye-opening and fulfilling experience for the students.

One student said, "Let's do this again next year. If we don't, I'm going to do it by myself!"

Another student commented, "I'm glad we did this. It makes me feel good about myself." Of course, the two-hour project was topped off with a meal at "Navarrete's". Those students who participated were Bart Coffman, Katie Flannery, Rachel Hinrichsen, Beth Kovarna, Kayla Kovarna, Jennifer Kroeger, and Laura Pollard.



Calling All Parents of



Preschoolers



If you have an eligible child that will be attending kindergarten roundup on March 30, 2001, please call the office to register them. An eligible child must be 5 years old on or before September 15, 2001. Once your child is enrolled, a packet of information will be sent to you detailing the events of the day. You can call the Hinton School at 947-4328 and ask for Mrs. Janet Held to register your child.

Attention: Grades K-12 Parents & Students

by Mrs. Cyndi Boedeker

On February 5-12 from 8-8:30 AM and on February 7-8 from 5-8 PM (during conferences) the school will be having a book fair in the library. The last book fair was very successful. This book fair is very important for the students. There is a need to increase our seventh through twelfth grade book collection in the library. The profits from this book fair will go to buy the books for the seventh through twelfth grades to be put in the library, so please come and support the book fair.

JUNIOR HIGH SCIENCE REPORT

by Mr. Steve Diediker

With the end of winter break, the seventh and eighth grade science students are continuing their science studies. The seventh graders continue to study the field of life science, while the eighth graders explore the field of physical science.

The seventh graders spent part of the first semester learning the classification system scientists use in organizing living things. They also studied cells and how they make up all living things. They concluded the semester studying three of the scientific groupings, protists, monerans, and fungi. This semester will see the Hinton seventh graders studying the plant and animal classifications. The students will conclude their study of the animal groups by dissecting eight different specimens. The seventh grade will conclude their study of life science with a unit on ecology.

The eighth grade science classes spent their first semester of science studying simple physics. Topics studied ranged from motion to forces of nature including friction and gravity. The eighth graders then moved on to the study of simple machines and how they make work easier. The simple machine unit was culminated by lab work with a variety of simple machines. The second semester will be spent on chemistry. Students will be exploring the chemical makeup of mixtures, compounds, and elements. They will discover the makeup of atoms and study how atoms combine to make all of the different substances on earth. Each student will receive their own copy of the periodic table donated by the United States Navy to use during the second semester.

Sportsmanship

by Mr. Al Steen

Congratulations to our students and fans on the sportsmanship that is being demonstrated during our winter sports season!

Last week the Hinton Blackhawks traveled to our arch rival LeMars Gehlen for two key basketball games. Our students and fans did a fantastic job of rooting our teams on to victory and displayed outstanding sportsmanship. The Gehlen students did demonstrate several actions trying to “incite” our students into responding.

We are very pleased and proud to report that our students handled themselves with a great deal of dignity and integrity. Our students ignored the “pranks” from the Gehlen students and simply cheered our teams to victory.

Our mission statement reads: **A Community Dedicated To Developing Responsible Life Long Learners Prepared For Future Challenges.** The way our students conducted themselves at this ball game is a true indicator that our students are striving to become more responsible, life long learners. Our staff is diligently working to improve the responsibility and pride demonstrated by our students. You as parents, our staff, and our community should be very proud of the way our students conducted themselves at this emotional ball game. It is very apparent that our efforts are supporting our mission and are making a difference!

Mardi Gras Night

by Mrs. Minda Thompson

The vocal music department will be hosting “Mardi Gras Night” on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 PM. This night will feature a wide range of music and a chance to feast on some homemade desserts!

Featured groups for the evening will be the HS Chorus, HS Sound Waves, JH Show Choir, and the sixth Grade Show Choir. Other soloists and small groups will also perform.

One hundred and fifty reserved seats on the floor will be available for those people wishing to eat dessert and be seated around tables on the floor. Those seats will be \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students, and will go on sale on February 1 on a first-come, first-served basis.

General admission will be available in the bleachers for those people wishing to just watch the concert at a cost of \$2.00 per adult and \$1.00 per student. Please attend and support the vocal music department!



Facilities Committee

By Mr. Al Steen

Northwest Iowa Honor Choir

by Mrs. Minda Thompson

Eight students were chosen from the HS Chorus to represent Hinton Community School at the NW Iowa Honor Choir Festival. This concert will be held at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, on February 5 at 7:00 PM. There will be 300+ students from our schools participating in this event. Students from Hinton that will be singing are:

Soprano- Nicole Millard and Mikyla Hardersen

Alto- Kathleen Eddy and Danielle Hay

Tenor- Seth Diediker and Zach Lanning

Bass- Bart Coffman and Michael Oien

The concert is open to the public.

Our school's facility committee has been diligently working during the first semester. The committee was given the task to complete an in-depth study of our facility and to make a report and/or recommendation to the school board by the May or June board meeting.

At the last meeting sub-committees reported on enrollment trends, technology trends, and economic trends for the Hinton community. During the discussions it was apparent that the committee needed and wanted additional input from some type of educational/facility consultant. With this in mind, we took the time to contact Mr. Milt Wilson, the Department of Education Facility Expert. He referred us to Mr. Jerry McCall, Educational Consultant, specializing in community and facility needs.

Our school board president, the chairperson of our facility committee and I met with Mr. McCall to discuss our needs and to determine if he could help us. It was very apparent that his services would be of great value to our facility committee and to the school board. At a special board meeting on January 4, 2001 the school board approved contracting with Jerry McCall to work with our community and us as we complete this in-depth study of our facilities.

If anyone ever has any questions relating to the facility committee, they can contact the superintendent's office, Lori Lorenzen (chairperson), or any of the following members of the committee: Peg Becker, Kermit Dahlen, Mari Dahlen, Dena Johnston, Rob Held, Gloria Eddy, Steve Eddy, Amy Bak, Penny Hofer, Nadine Binneboese, Dan Hudek, Diane Joanning, Katie Huggenburger, Kevin Hart, Leathen Richards, Lori Doeschot, Mark Wilson, Ray Edgington, Diane Hay, Esther Coffman, Barry Dittmer, Loren Field, Wanda Veltkamp, and Gregg Gesche.



Hinton Summer Ball Program



by Mr. Robert Held

With the basketball and wrestling seasons still in full swing, it's hard to believe that the baseball and softball seasons are just around the corner!

In order to provide adequate time to determine total participation, equipment needs, scheduling and so on, the Board of Directors of the Hinton Summer Ball Program have established March 17 as the final registration deadline for all summer ball programs. **Registrations received by February 24 are eligible for a discounted "early-bird" registration fee.** Included in this newsletter is a registration form for your use. Each student in grades K-8 will also be provided registration forms at school.

The registration cost for T-

ball, coach-pitch and baseball programs is the same as last year. As a result of increased registration fees at Siouxland Youth Athletics, we have been forced to increase the registration fee for softball by \$10.

It is important that you are aware that in addition to the registration fees paid for participation, many costs for all divisions of the Hinton Summer Ball Program are paid through financial donations. We have worked hard to keep our costs to each player as low as possible and still maintain a quality program.

In addition to player registration, we are seeking any individuals that are interested in helping with any aspect of the summer ball program. We are able to provide a

low-cost, high-quality program only through the volunteer efforts of many individuals. Please refer to the volunteer registration form included in this newsletter for ways in which you can provide assistance to the Hinton Summer Ball Program. If you have any questions, you can contact any of the Board members listed on the form.

We are looking forward to another successful summer ball season and we thank you in advance for any support you are able to provide.



February 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 JV G/B BB vs Kingsley Pierson	2 G/B BB vs. Akron Westfield Mid-term	3
4	5 HS Honor Choir- Dordt College JV BB vs. MMC WT @ West Monona; JH WT vs. MMC & WC C BBB vs. MMC	6 G/B BB @ Unity Christian	7 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8 PM	8 Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-8 PM	9 No School G/B BB vs. Remsen St. Mary's Parents Night	10 WT Sectionals Noon @ Moville
11	12 School Board Meeting 7 PM	13 JV/V B BB @. West Monona JH WT @ Hawarden	14 Girls BB District Semi-finals vs. SBL 7PM 	15 Vocal Music Concert 7 PM	16 JV/V B BB vs Remsen Union	17 WT Districts Noon @ Rock Rapids Girls BB District Finals JH Dance 7-10 PM
18	19 No School Presidents Day Boys BB Districts TBA	20 JH WT @ Akron Girls Regional Semi-final TBA	21 HPA Skating Party Boys BB Districts TBA	22 State WT Tournament JH WT @ Sergeant Bluff Boys BB Districts TBA	23 State WT Tournament Girls Regional Finals TBA	24 State WT Tournament East HS Show Choir Invit.
25	26	27 JH Choral Clinic @ Westwood	28			

Industrial Arts Update

by Mr. Arie Reekers

The start of the second semester brought new classes to the industrial arts area. The students who were taking the computer aided drafting class are now in general woods. This class is one semester long, and the students will be able to build a small to medium-sized project.

Project ideas could include bookcases, small entertainment centers, gun cabinets, or small desks. We also start with a new group of exploratory students.

The seventh graders are now building clocks from scratch. Towards the end of second semester, the eighth graders will be building shelves or coat racks. Students also are involved in metals and advanced woodworking, both of which are yearlong classes.

At the end of the school year, there is always a fine arts display where the art and industrial arts depts. exhibit the students' work. Watch for this date in the May newsletter.

Advisory/Facilities Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 9, 2001
7:00 PM

Committee members present: Loren Field, Penny Hofer, Mark Wilson, Gregg Gesche, Rob Held, Katie Huggenburger, Al Steen, Nadine Binneboese, Deana Johnston, Kevin Hart, Ray Edgington, Diane Joanning, Kermit Dahlen, Wanda Veltkamp, Barry Dittmer, Lori Lorenzen

Committee members absent: Diane Hay, Peg Becker, Steve Eddy, Gloria Eddy, Lori Doeschot, Amy Bak,

Mari Dahlen.

*A brief review was held of the sub-committee reports presented at the November meeting.

*The school board has approved the use of a consultant to work with the facility committee. Jerry McCall, Educational Consulting Services, will be working with the committee and school board. Mr. McCall was recommended by the Iowa Department of Education and has twenty-five years experience in the educational planning profession. A handout showing the process that Mr. McCall uses when working with facility committees was distributed and discussed.

*The facility committee needs to identify 16-20 community-input groups that will discuss the school's programs and facilities with Mr. McCall. These groups should be composed of 3-6 people and will have about 45 minutes with Mr. McCall.

*The facility committee will need to schedule the times these groups will meet with Mr. McCall during the month of February.

*The committee identified preliminary groups including: music boosters, athletic boosters, school age and rec league age, home school representatives, ministerial association, special education parents, city council members, police/fire safety members, business representatives, legislators, past and present, county conservation board members, media members; county supervisors, chamber of commerce (Woodbury Co.), college representatives, senior citi-

zens, agriculture representatives, student groups, Hinton Parents Association, health services, service clubs, open enrollment parents, substitute teachers, American Legion, Auxiliary, and alumni (5 years out).

*The committee discussed the need for an open forum for any individual to visit with the consultant, if they were left off of one of the identified groups.

*The committee had several questions for Mr. McCall including:

-Will each group have the same set of questions?

-Will each group have the opportunity to discuss subjects outside of their topic "group area"?

-Does he recommend an open forum?

-How do we communicate this ongoing process with the community?

-What is the specific role of the facility committee with Mr. McCall?

-Do we want individuals to volunteer for various groups or do we recruit and appoint?

*The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM in the school library. The committee will meet with Mr. McCall to give him reports from each sub-committee and to discuss the above questions, plus any other topics that may arise.

**Have A
Happy
Valentines
Day!**



February Lunch

			<p><u>1</u> Scrambled Eggs and Ham Juice and Milk Hot Dogs French Fries Pineapple Corn Milk</p>	<p><u>2</u> Cereal Donuts Juice and Milk Goulash Green Beans Applesauce Blueberry Muffin Milk</p>
<p><u>5</u> Ham and Cheese Juice and Milk Crispito Chips Mixed Fruit Chocolate Cake Milk</p>	<p><u>6</u> French Toast Sticks Juice and Milk French Dip French Fries Fresh Fruit Donuts Milk</p>	<p><u>7</u> Breakfast Pizza Juice and Milk BBQ Strips Cheesy Mashed Potatoes Pears Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>8</u> Cheese Omelet Juice and Milk Baked Potato w/ Chili and Cheese Lettuce Salad Peaches Roll Milk</p>	<p><u>9</u> No School</p>
<p><u>12</u> Cinnamon Pastry Juice and Milk Tacos w/ Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Pears Ice Cream Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>13</u> Scrambled Egg and Bacon Juice and Milk Vegetable Soup Carrot Sticks Cheese & Crackers Blueberry Muffin Milk</p>	<p><u>14</u> Muffins and Cereal Juice and Milk Tavern Tator Tots Applesauce Peanut Butter Cookie  Milk </p>	<p><u>15</u> Breakfast Sausage on a Stick Juice and Milk Chicken Patty Tri Tator Pineapple Milk</p>	<p><u>16</u> Ham and Egg Biscuit Juice and Milk Mac and Cheese Peas Applesauce Jell-O Cake Milk</p>
<p><u>19</u> No School</p>	<p><u>20</u> French Toast Sticks Juice and Milk Pizza Green Beans Applesauce Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>21</u> Breakfast Burrito Juice and Milk Hot Dogs Potato Wedge Baked Beans Ice Cream Sandwich Milk</p>	<p><u>22</u> Cereal Donuts Juice and Milk Spaghetti Corn Pears Garlic Bread Milk</p>	<p><u>23</u> French Toast Sticks and Sausage Juice and Milk Chicken Wings Mashed Potatoes Corn & Roll Milk</p>
<p><u>26</u> Cinnamon Pastry Juice and Milk Cheeseburger French Fries Pumpkin Bars Peaches Milk</p>	<p><u>27</u> Egg and Cheese Biscuit Juice and Milk Fish Sandwich Chips Green Beans Applesauce Milk</p>	<p><u>28</u> Breakfast Pizza Juice and Milk Turkey Chow Mein Peas Pineapple Cinnamon Roll Milk</p>		

Transitional Kindergarten Survey

Do you have a child who will be five by September 15, 2001 but may benefit from an additional year of preschool or transitional Kindergarten? If so, please fill out the information below and send it to school office or call 947- 4428

Parent/Guardian _____

Child _____

Date of Birth _____

Preschool: No Yes

If yes, please list preschool attended: _____

Special needs or concerns: _____