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Early Dismissal

*By Mrs. Jane Krehbiel
Curriculum Coordinator*

Before the Christmas break, staff members will participate in an effective schools survey. The purpose of the survey is to identify school characteristics the staff has determined to be of importance and concern in the school district. The results from the survey will be used to establish goals and priorities to continue to improve our school. On Wednesday, January 17, students will be dismissed at 1:30 PM. Teachers will review the results from the survey and identify areas of strength and set improvement goals. Teachers will also analyze results from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Iowa Test of Educational Development to determine attainment of 2000-2001 annual improvement goals.

Hinton Sound Waves

By Mrs. Minda Thompson

The HS Show Choir, the Sound Waves were extremely busy with performances during the month of December. On Monday, December 11, they performed at the Q West Holiday Music Festival at the Mall of America. Forty-five minutes of music was performed with several members of the group performing solos.

Then on Friday, December 15, the Sound Waves performed in Des Moines. They were entertainment for the Iowa Department of Agriculture's Holiday Luncheon. More than 250 employees of the Dept. of Agriculture were in attendance.

Good work Sound Waves!

Hinton Showcases Technology

*By Mrs. Jane Krehbiel
Curriculum Coordinator*

The Iowa Association of School Boards held their annual "Show and Tell" on November 17 in Des Moines, Iowa. This year the Hinton Community School participated by showing other school districts how technology is utilized in the district. Exhibit viewers enjoyed samples of newsletters, the school web page, digital camera footage, and a pamphlet of information. Mr. David Attrill, Technology Coordinator, was on hand to answer questions concerning technology. You may access the Hinton home page at:

<http://www.hinton.k12.ia.us/hinton/home>



National Honor Society Induction Banquet

By Mr. Daniel Hudek

The Hilltop Chapter of the National Honor Society held their annual banquet and induction ceremony on November 9, 2000. The ceremony is one of solemnity, recognizing students who meet the high standards of the organization. Induction into the society is based upon four criteria: service, leadership, character, and scholarship. The induction ceremony was preceded by banquet where eighty-five people were served. The ceremony was then followed by a presentation by Mr. Pete Stuerman the elementary principal. It concluded a very special evening where students were recognized for their high accomplishments.

The Hilltop Chapter of the National Honor Society is made up of the following members: Mary Casper, Kathleen Eddy, Elissa Erickson, Katie Flannery, Kim Foss, Shannon Greene, Lynn Hageman, Rashel Hageman, Mikyla Hardersen, Danielle Hay, Matt Held, Rachel Hinrichsen, Beth Kovarna, Jennifer Kroeger, Nicole Millard, Sarah Orwig, and Abby Smith. The members of the senior class were joined by the following inductees, members of the junior class; Ashley Bramstedt, Bart Coffman, Bryan Diediker, Ashley Eickholt, Danica Held, Kyle Held, Katie Huggenberger, Kayla Kovarna, Laura Pollard, Allison Quandt, Heidi Ructi, Ashley Schoenrock, Jacob Stocking, Cassandra Whitney and John Zevenbergen.



Hinton Blackhawk Backers

By Mrs. Jodi Cook

On Saturday, December 2, the Blackhawk Backers spent the morning in the gym to learn the fundamentals of volleyball and basketball. The morning started with Coach Jodi Cook instructing the Backers of four basic skills needed to play volleyball. Coach Matt Leary then taught the group techniques to become a better basketball player. The Backers also spent time learning the appropriate times to enter and exit the gym at home games. The coaches together have instructed the Backers where they are expected to sit. Therefore, when you come to the next home game, you should be able to see a sea of Backer shirts sitting in the southeast corner of the gym cheering on the Blackhawks! Thanks to all who have participated in the first Blackhawk Backers program. See you at the games!

Third Place Winner

By Mrs. Minda Thompson

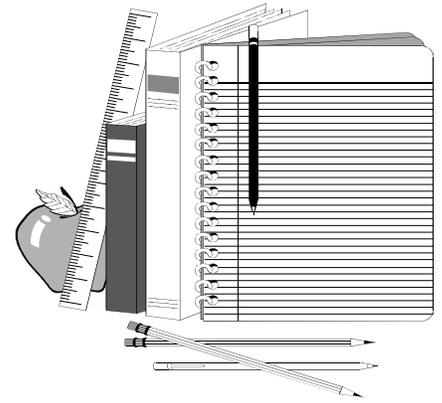
A group of girls from the HS Chorus were third place winners at the Southern Hills Mall School Cents music competition. This was held on Saturday, November 11. Any schools participating in the School Cents program were invited to participate. The girls performed two numbers and won a new Fender electric guitar for the music department as well as a small cash prize. The girls that participated were the following:

Soprano I - Nicole Millard, Andrea Nielsen, Colette Vondrak, Daneill Moser, and Jennifer Kroeger

Soprano II - Katie Huggenberger, Sarah Lohafer, Mikelle Wankum, Danielle Hay, and Kathleen Eddy

Alto- Colleen Gerow, Ashley Schoenrock, Tia Iddings, Amy Held, and Shannon Greene.

Thank you girls for being such great representatives of Hinton School!



The Resource Room Lives On

*By Ms. Peg Larsen
Resource Room 7-12*

The resource room has survived a move from the junior high wing to the second floor. We are now in the old study hall room – 206. The school put in an air conditioner to make it bearable when it is hot and with curtains, furniture, and computers it soon took on the look of a livable classroom.

What do we do in the resource room? It varies from day to day and minute to minute. The students who come are here to get support in their academics. In addition, some of them come into the resource room for their full instruction in certain areas. The program is different for each student and depends on what is decided by the parents, students, teachers, and area education agency (AEA) team at the individualized education program (IEP) meeting.

Students also are allowed, if their IEP dictates to come into the resource room to take tests. I also help them study for the tests and we are working on different strategies to help them learn. We also work on study skills and encourage the use of a planner. This enables the student to keep track of their assignments. If one is prepared for class then it is easier to pay attention and understand the material being taught.

We also have access to the Internet on two of the student computers. These enables the students to do research and written reports as we are now hooked up directly to a printer.

As you can see, we do a lot in the resource room and encourage any and all to stop in and visit us.

Hinton Community School Standardized Test Results

By Mrs. Jane Krehbiel
Curriculum Coordinator

In the past, all students in grades two through eleven have taken the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills or the Iowa Test of Educational Development. The Department of Education suggests school districts to report testing in grades four, eight, and eleven using three levels of performance. Along with the Iowa tests, the district's school-wide assessment plan contains multiple forms of assessment such as norm referenced, criterion referenced, and performance-based assessment that monitor the progress of students in kindergarten through grade twelve. In October, the standardized Iowa tests (ITBS, ITED) were administered to students in grades four, eight, and eleven. Tests are administered annually to help the school district evaluate curriculum strengths, needs, and set annual improvement goals. These reports show how well our students performed when compared with students nationally. Student performance is categorized into three levels:

Low Performance	1-40 th percentile
Intermediate Performance	41-89 th percentile
High Performance	90 th percentile or above

As the district moves forward with efforts to improve the school, the Board of Education, Community Advisory Committee, and the Hinton staff will analyze the results to set improvement goals in specific areas. The numbers below indicate what percent of students at Hinton scored in each of the three achievement levels based on the results of the October 2000 administration of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Iowa Tests of Educational Development.

READING	Low	Intermediate	High
Grade Four	20.8%	60.4%	18.9%
Grade Eight	14.6%	64.6%	20.8%
Grade Eleven	4.1%	71.4%	24.5%

MATH	Low	Intermediate	High
Grade Four	18.9%	58.5%	22.6%
Grade Eight	14.6%	66.7%	18.8%
Grade Eleven	8.2%	71.4%	20.4%

The Achievement Levels report is not available in the area of Science. In order to evaluate our students' performance in Science, we use the narrative stanine report to derive three levels of performance.

SCIENCE –using the narrative stanine report	Low	Intermediate	High
Grade Four	23.0%	54.0%	23.0%
Grade Eight	19.0%	54.0%	23.0%
Grade Eleven	0%	50%	50%

NWEA Levels Testing

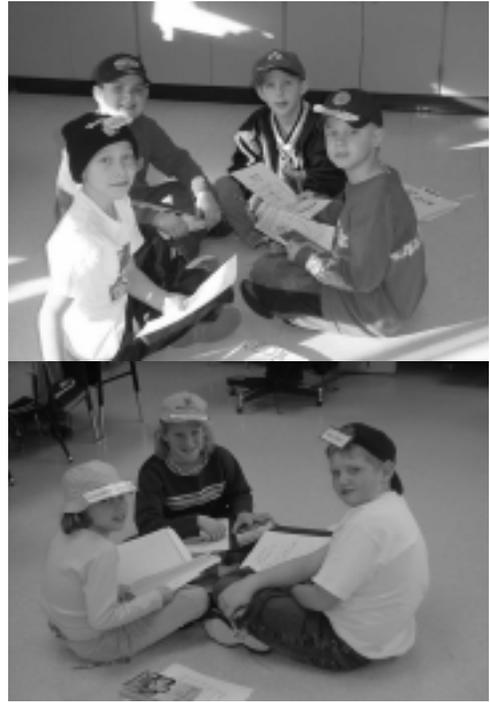
NWEA tests are a series of achievement tests that have been developed to match the district's goals in each subject area. The tests are administered in the fall and spring of the year in order to measure student growth. The scores are reported in "RIT Scores". A RIT score is an equal-interval score, like feet and inches; therefore, scores can be added together to calculate accurate class or school averages. RIT scores range from approximately 150-260 in reading and somewhat higher in math. Students typically start at a RIT score of about 170-190 in the third grade and progress to the 230-260 range by high school. The chart below illustrates the Hinton class averages in each subject area compared to the NWEA national average. The average scores for the students at Hinton are above the national averages. In the spring, teachers will administer the Spring Levels test and be able to chart the growth individual students and classes have made throughout the school year.

Grade / Subject	Hinton	NWEA
3/Reading	189	188
3/Language Usage	197	191
3/Math	193	188
4/Reading	207	199
4/Language Usage	209	201
4/Math	206	199
5/Reading	209	206
5/Language Usage	214	207
5/Math	212	207
6/Reading	213	211
6/Language Usage	217	212
6/Math	212	213
7/Reading	222	215
7/Language Usage	225	216
7/Math	229	219
8/Reading	224	220
8/Language Usage	227	219
8/Math	235	226

Literature Circles

*By Mrs. Katie Galvin
and Mrs. Ann Mosher*

Third graders are learning to share chapter books with each other with the use of literature circles! These are very similar to adult book groups as seen on Oprah! In literature circles, small groups of students gather together to discuss a piece of literature in depth. Through discussion, students are able to strengthen their ability and their motivation to read. Literature circles provide a way for students to engage in critical thinking and reflection as they read, discuss, and respond to books. This is just another technique that should help keep kids interested in reading for enjoyment



School Cents

By Mr. Terry Dahlquist

Once again, Hinton Community School is participating in the "School Cents" campaign at the Southern Hills Mall. Hinton is in the Total Points category, and we receive points for every dollar we spend at the mall and surrounding businesses that are within the parking area there. This also includes the Hy-Vee at the mall in which every dollar sent there will gain us two points as we are farther away than some other schools. Receipts should be turned in the collection boxes in center court at the mall. You can also bring them to school and I will see that they get there. If you wish to keep your receipt, you can stop by customer service and they will give up a dupli-

cate for you to turn in.

This year's sponsors in this \$50,000 contest are Pepsi-Cola, Hy-Vee, Star 102.3, KMEG-TV, and Avery Brothers (We get more points for this article if I mention the sponsors.) The contest ends on December 31. Currently we are very close to fifth place with over 100,000 points. We have collected \$450 so far and could collect much more in January if we do well. The prize money this year will be divided between the speech/drama and music departments along with the drill team and wrestling cheerleaders. We thank you for your past and future support. In the past three years, we have collected over \$3,000.

During January through March, we will again participate in speech

contest. At this point, I am hoping to use the second act of the school play, "Up the Down Staircase" as a one-act entry into the contest. If everything goes well, we hope to perform on January 20 at Heelan High in Sioux City.

We will also have individual speech contest on February 24. There are many categories students can participate in including storytelling, radio news announcing, poetry and prose reading, acting and many others. Students who have competed before will tell you that it can be hard on the nerves, but it is fun especially when you can watch students from other schools. I hope this year that I can have some boys join us, so I encourage them to watch for announcements in January if they are at all interested.

January Lunch

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<p align="center"><u>8</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Cereal and Muffin</i> Juice and Milk Taco Lettuce,tomato,cheese Pears, Cookies Bread and Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>9</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Sausage on a stick</i> Juice and Milk Hot dog French fries Pineapple Corn Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>10</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Scrambled eggs and bacon</i> Juice and Milk Spaghetti Green Beans Mixed Fruit Garlic Bread Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>11</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Cinnamon Pastry</i> Juice and Milk Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Peaches Jell-O Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>12</u></p> <p align="center"><i>French toast</i> Juice and Milk BBQ Sandwich Tater Tots Applesauce Baked Beans Milk</p>
<p align="center"><u>15</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Ham and Cheese Pocket</i> Juice and Milk Chili Cheese & Crackers Carrots Apple Crisp Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>16</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Sausage egg buscuit</i> Juice and Milk Fistada Mix Vegetables Applesauce Bread Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>17</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Sausage bites</i> Juice and Milk Baked Potato Bar Lettuce Salad Pears Roll Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>18</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Cereal and Donut</i> Juice and Milk French Dip Tri Tater Pineapple Donuts Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>19</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Pizza</i> Juice and Milk Taverns French Fries Peaches Corn Milk</p>
<p align="center"><u>22</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Scram Egg and Bacon</i> Juice and Milk Chicken Patty Tater tots Fresh Fruit Gr. Beans Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>23</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Cinnamon Pastry</i> Juice and Milk Macaroni & Cheese Peas Applesauce Cookies Bread Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>24</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Fr toast Sticks</i> Juice and Milk Lasagna Corn Apples w/Cinn. & Sugar Bread Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>25</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Pancakes Sausage</i> Juice and Milk BBQ Strip French Fries Mixed Fruit Pumpkin Bar Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>26</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Cereal and Muffins</i> Juice and Milk Pizza Green Beans Peaches Bread Milk</p>
<p align="center"><u>29</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Sausage on a stick</i> Juice and Milk Taco Sald Let, Tom.Cheese Pears Ice Cream Bar Bread Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>30</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Pizza</i> Juice and Milk Hot Ham Sand Tater Tots Fresh Fruit Cookie Milk</p>	<p align="center"><u>31</u></p> <p align="center"><i>Egg and Cheese Biscuit</i> Juice and Milk Turkey Noodle Soup Cheese & Crackers Carrots Jell-O Cake Milk</p>		

January 2001

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 CLASSES RESUME JV BB @ Remsen- Union	5 G/B BB @ Gehlen JH BBB @ Akron-Westfield JH GBB vs. Akron Westfield	6 G/B BB vs. W-C HS Honor Band- Morningside WT @ West Sioux Tournament C-BB vs. Gehlen
7	8 JV BB vs. Westwood JV WT @ West Sioux	9 G/B BB @ West Sioux JV BB @ West Sioux	10	11 WT @ Kingsley- Pierson JV BB vs. Remsen St. Mary's	12 G/B BB vs. South O'Brien JH GBB vs. MM-C After Prom Chili Supper 5-7 PM	13 C-BB @ SB-L Mat-Hawks Wrestling Tournament
14	15 JV BB @ Akron-Westfield	16 G/B BB vs. Gehlen Early Childhood Screening	17 Early Dismissal- 1:30	18 JV BB vs. Lawton-Bronson	19 G/B BB @ Spalding	20
21	22 JV BB vs. SB-L	23 G/B BB @ SB-L JH GBB @ West Sioux WT vs. A-W & L-B JH WT vs. West Sioux	24	25 JV BB @ Woodbury Central JH WT vs. A-W WT vs. West JV	26 G/B BB vs. West Sioux	27 C-BB vs. West Sioux
28	29 JH WT vs. LeMars	30 G/B BB vs Spalding WT @ Westwood	31			

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