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Contact Legislators

By Mr. Al Steen

The Iowa legislative session is “in season.” We need your help. The school board and the citizens committee working with the school on a physical plant and equipment levy have decided to concentrate on the successful passage of a statewide sales tax for school infrastructure, replacing the local option sales tax for school infrastructure.

We all know that every time we shop in Woodbury County we pay a one-cent sales tax for school infrastructure. We are helping to pay for the new schools being constructed in Sioux City. Our legislators need to address the inequities created by the local option sales tax and replace it with a statewide sales tax that will treat all school districts equitably. Why should the Hinton Community School be penalized because we are a rural school district? Why should urban schools receive millions of dollars just because they are “home” to shopping malls?

Please write a personal letter to the following legislators letting them know you are in support of a statewide sales tax for school infrastructure. This will not be a new tax to us; we are currently paying the local option sales tax on all of our purchases in Woodbury County where most of us do our shopping.

Please contact your legislator reminding them of the benefits of a statewide sales tax for schools. Four key benefits include:

- 1) Offers property tax relief.
- 2) Provides equitable funding for school infrastructure needs.
- 3) Attracts and retains quality teachers, administrators, and staff.
- 4) Improves student achievement.

Legislators to contact include:

Senators

Kenneth Veenstra
216 Arizona Ave. SW
Orange City, IA 51041

Ron Wieck
4362 Old Lakeport Rd
Sioux City, IA 51106

Stew Iverson
3020 Dows-Williams Rd
Dows, IA 50071

House of Representatives

Ralph Klemme
13191 Hickory Ave
LeMars, IA 51031

Dan Huseman
6144 Y Ave
Aurelia, IA 51005

Christopher Rants
2740 S Glass St.
Sioux City, IA 51106

NW Iowa HS Honor Choir

By Mrs. Minda Thompson

Eight HS Chorus students will represent Hinton at the NW Iowa Honor Choir Festival on Monday, February 10. The festival will be held at the Dordt College Chapel in Sioux Center, Iowa. Students will rehearse during the day and will perform at the 7:00 PM. concert. The following students will be participating:

Soprano- Sarah Lohafer and Daneill Moser

Alto- Mikelle Wankum and Colleen Gerow

Tenor- Kris Dahlen and Shawn Bak

Bass- Tyler Erickson and Andrew Huggenberger

Along with this 300-voice HS choir, a men's a cappella ensemble from the University of Iowa will be singing. The concert is open to the public. Congratulations to these Hinton students!

Show Choir "season"

By Mrs. Minda Thompson

Although the HS Show Choir (Soundwaves) has been rehearsing for most of the school year, the competition schedule is about to begin! The Soundwaves will be singing at State Show Choir contest on Monday, February 3 at LeMars Community High School. (A performance time was not available by "press time").

These 30 students along with a five piece back-up band will be sporting new outfits this year made by Mrs. Sue Geddes. Choreographer for the group is Tom Gerking, vocal music instructor at Westwood-Sloan. This year's "show" consists of the following numbers: Steppin' Out with My Baby, Turn the Beat Around, We Got the Beat, Someone Like You (from Jekyll and Hyde), I Feel the Earth Move, Ain't No Mountain High Enough, and Pinball Wizard.

The students will also have the following competitions in March:

March 8- Westwood Sloan Invitational

March 15- Heelan Invitational
March 20-23- National Show Choir Invitation in Branson, Missouri
March 27- Mardi Gras Concert
Look for a story (and picture) next

month concerning the March competitions and the Branson trip.

The JH Show Choir (Sound Explosions) with 57 members has begun rehearsing for their upcoming performances. Their upcoming performances include the following:

February 25- JH Choral Clinic at Sloan

March 15- Heelan Show Choir Invitational

March 27- Mardi Gras Concert

As you can see by the above dates, the Mardi Gras concert has been changed to the "end of the show choir season." It has been moved from February 13 to Thursday, March 27 at 7:00 PM. Please mark your calendars accordingly.



Kindergarten Round- Up

By Mrs. Laurie Bird and Mrs. Jodi Cook

This year's Kindergarten Round-Up is scheduled for April 4 and we are very excited to meet our upcoming students. Two sessions will be offered with the morning session taking place from 9:00-11:00 AM and the afternoon gathering will occur from 1:00-3:00 PM.

We suggest that when you call to register that you give your child's full name making sure that it is spelled correctly and, if the situation warrants, the name your child goes by. Early registration is essential to reserve the session you prefer.

If your child is 5 years of age on or before September 15, 2003, please call the Hinton Elementary office at 947-4428.

Students Share for the Holidays

By Mrs. Mary Daniels

Hard economic times have hit many families in Plymouth County, and the Elementary Student Council decided to help make Christmas brighter for one needy family. Mid Sioux Opportunities matched a family with small children to the Elementary Student Council. Then during the week of Dec. 2-6, money donations were collected from students and staff members in Discovergarten through sixth grade.

After school on Monday, Dec. 9, twelve kids and two adults piled into two vans and shopped in Le Mars for gifts for the family. The students learned quickly to select wisely to stretch their dollars as far as they could. They used mental math to keep a running tally, and when the gifts were totaled at the check-out, they were only over their limit by 33 cents! The gifts were delivered to Mid Sioux on Dec. 16. Pictured below, as they wrapped gifts, are Student Council members Austin Schwaderer, Jenna Riediger, Shelby Ream, and Jaci Dehner.



Discovergarten Round Up

By Mrs. Diane Joanning

Parents interested in enrolling your child in Discovergarten, for the 2003-2004 school year, should call Janet at 947-4428 to register. Round up will be held on April 4, 2003 to coincide with Kindergarten round up. Children that are five before September 15 are eligible for the program. More information will be given next month.

Planning Ahead

Junior High Boys Basketball Wrap up Season

By Mr. Joel Small

The seventh and eighth grade boy's basketball teams have been working hard since early November honing their basketball skills. The War Eagle Conference went to a split season this year for Junior High Basketball. This means our nine-game season concluded just before Christmas. The split season has allowed us to use the main gymnasium for all of our practices and allows the Junior High girls the same advantage after Christmas.

Twenty-five boys came out for basketball this year, thirteen eighth graders and 12 seventh graders. Members of the eighth grade team were Kent Muth, Travis Smith, Joel Vondrak, Josh Solma, Jamie Smith, Tim Ryan, Geoff Fay, Jeremy Schindler, David Young, Brennen Landenberger, Brandon Robinson, Ryan Held, and Adam Freed. The seventh grade team consisted of Jacob Treirweiller, Bryce Bollmeyer, Douglas Koithan, Brady Struve, Andrew Quandt, Cameron Wankum, Michael Mehrer, Zach Schoenrock, Ryan Wenzel, Nathan Freed, Cory Westphal, and Eli Kroll.

In terms of wins and losses both teams were extremely successful. The seventh graders finished the season at 7-2, while the eighth graders posted an 8-1 record. The eighth grade team posted an impressive 15-3 Junior High record. The future of Hinton basketball appears to be a bright one.

I would like to say thanks to the boys for working hard, working together, and for trying to do the things I asked of you. It is my hope that you will continue to enhance your basketball skills once our season is over. Practice, practice, practice! Thanks parents, for encouraging your sons to compete in Junior High athletics and for allowing me the opportunity to work with your child; they are a great group of kids. I see the potential for a strong group of student-athletes in these young men. A special thanks to Diane Fay for keeping the book all year, Steve Diedeker for running the score clock, and to Arie Reekers and Mark Wilson for driving us safely to all of our games.

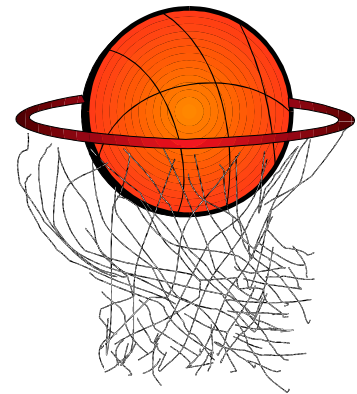
Season Summary

7th Grade

@ MMC 47-17
v. SBL 38-22
v. AW 41-30
@ LeMars 32-36
v. MMC 43-3
v. West Sioux 39-37
@ SBL 46-30
@ AW 50-38
v. St.Mary's 34-43

8th Grade

@ MMC 38-16
v. SBL 51-27
v.AW 51-11
@ LeMars 32-42
v.MMC 54-17
v. West Sioux 45-43
@ SBL 55-28
@ AW 47-6
v.St.Mary's 26-24



Farmers Coop Donates to Baseball Lights

By Mr. Al Steen

A special thanks to Farmers Coop/Ampride for donating \$3,000 towards the baseball lights capital fund campaign drive.

Farmers Coop also received a grant from the Land of Lakes Foundation for \$2,229 for the baseball lights campaign.

Currently the baseball fund campaign drive has generated \$52,227! The drive is almost half way towards its goal of having baseball lights for this season. Due to pledges and donations from individuals and businesses, such as Farmers Coop, baseball lights for this season may be a reality.



Mars Projects

By Mr. Matt Allner

These pictures were taken from a few group projects that were done in Mr. Allner's Earth Science class. Students have been studying planets and stars in the universe this fall and finished their learning with a 3-week unit over Mars. In this unit, they worked in teams of four and had to colonize an area of land on Mars. Each student had a specific role and job in the mission and had to work together with other people with similar roles in the class.

The collaborative project tested their knowledge of the red planet, as well as helping them develop proper social and presentation skills. Here are some of the projects that a selected few groups created to represent their countries and cities.



Notice

Parents of nonpublic school students seeking transportation reimbursement must submit a form to the public school district in which they reside. The deadline for these requests is December 1 for first semester claims and May 1 for second semester claims. Parents in the Hinton Community School District may obtain forms by contacting the superintendent at PO Box 128, Hinton, Iowa 51024.



Sweat Suit Sale

By Mr. Mark Wilson

I realize that basketball tournaments are several weeks away but with the arrival of March winds and the coming of April Showers, Boy and Girl tracksters might want to consider purchasing a lined windbreaker sweat suit. All runners are provided cotton sweats for their respective sports, but additional layering might be considered.

The Black windbreaker consists of a hooded, zippered jacket with a heavy sweatshirt lining. The front of which sports a Hinton Track and Field logo and the back a tackle twill Hinton track design. The bottoms are the black windbreaker material with a lighter weight lining. The Hinton Track and Field logo is placed on the upper right leg.

These windbreakers are available to anyone (**including parents**). The full suit maybe purchased or just the jacket. Inquiries should be directed at Coach Wilson.

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Winter Sports Scoreboard On The Web

By Mr. Bruce Held
Athletic Director

Another reminder, we now have a Scoreboard Page on the school website where you can access all the latest scores from all the games this winter. Varsity, JV, and C basketball scores, as well as wrestling results will be published on the web. You can access this page by going to the school's home page (hintonschool.com), then clicking on "Athletics" at the left of the page. Now a link called "Sports Scores" will show on the right of athletics. Click on that, and then scroll down until you find the appropriate score.