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Post-Secondary Enrollment Option

By Mr. Daniel L. Hudek 7-12 Guidance

The post-secondary enrollment option is an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors, along with the ninth and tenth grade students who are part of the Talented and Gifted program, to expand their curriculum. Students are able to enroll, attend, and receive college credit at post secondary institutions. The classes must be in course work not provided in our school. The credits the students earn will count toward both high school graduation and the post-secondary institution course requirements.

Students and parents interested in this opportunity should visit the guidance office or call 947-4328 for details.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

By Mr. Daniel L. Hudek 7-12 Guidance

The Hinton Community Scholarship, Hinton Education Association Scholarship, Mac Fleckenstein Scholarship, and the Math Club Scholarship applications are available in the guidance office. These local scholarships, along with others, are available in the guidance office. In addition, if senior parents were unable to attend the financial aid meeting provided this year by the guidance office, please call for any questions you have concerning financial aid. (947-4328) Financial Aid applications are available in the guidance office. It is recommended that applications be made as soon as possible.

Career Day March 26

By Mrs. Mary Daniels

On the morning of March 26, students in Discovergarten through grade twelve will be engaged in special activities relating to career awareness. As students move toward adulthood, they begin making decisions not only about career planning, but also about lifestyles in general. In class, they often ask, "Why do we need to know this?" To help answer that question, more than fifty parents and community workers will be presenting occupational information and engaging students in activities that demonstrate how skills they acquired in school are used in their work.

Career Day is being planned by the Guidance Department and is the result of discussions about how to help students become future-oriented in their thinking. Career development is a major component of the guidance curriculum, along with academic development and social/personal skill acquisition. Parents interested in sharing information about their careers with students on March 26 are asked to call Mrs. Daniels (D-6) or Mr. Hudek (7-12) at 947-4328.

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.

Statewide Sales Tax for School Infrastructure

By Mr. Al Steen

Are you tired of helping pay for the new schools in Sioux City? Did you know every time you shop in Woodbury County you pay a local option sales tax that supports Woodbury County Schools? Do you know that over 65% of all sales in the State of Iowa already pay the once cent sales tax for school infrastructure? Are you aware that Plymouth County Schools receive no funds from local option sales taxes collected?

Several years ago Woodbury County passed a local option sales tax, adding a one-cent tax on sales of goods. The revenue from this tax is given to each Woodbury County School on a per pupil basis. Even if Plymouth County passed a local option sales tax, the per pupil amount distributed to school districts would be drastically lower than Woodbury Counties as they generate more sales countywide. Is this equitable? The Hinton Community School Board feels it is not equitable and needs your help.

Please write a personal letter to the legislators listed urging them to support a statewide sales tax for school infrastructure. A statewide sales tax is the most equitable solution to the inequitable local option sales tax. When writing your legislator be sure to identify yourself, be polite, be specific, ask them for their support, and thank them for their consideration. Comments to include in your letter are:

“I live in district # ___” — This tells the legislator you are politically savvy.

“A statewide sales tax will generate between \$238,00-\$357,000 for our school district” — This tells your legislator you know the specifics.

Senate

Kenneth Veenstra – District #2
216 Arizona Ave. SW
Orange City, IA 51041

Serves the following townships:

Perry, Sioux, Liberty, Plymouth,
Stanton, Hancock

Ron Wieck – District #27
4362 Old Lakeport Rd
Sioux City, IA 51106

Serves the following townships:

Hungerford, Lincoln

Stew Iverson — Senate Leader
3020 Dows-Williams Rd
Dows, IA 50071

House of Representatives

Ralph Klemme – District #3
13191 Hickory Ave
LeMars, IA 51031

Perry, Hancock, Sioux, Liberty, Plymouth,
Stanton,

Dan Huseman – District #53
6144 Y Ave
Aurelia, IA 51005

Hungerford, Lincoln

Christopher Rants — House Leader
2740 Glass St
Sioux City, IA 51106

Superintendents and board members from Plymouth County met with the Plymouth County legislators on February 8. The legislators stated to the Hinton Board and Administration that your letters **are** making a difference and they hope to pass a bill to correct the inequity this legislative session.

Please take the time to write a brief, personal letter to the above legislators. The Hinton Community School Board has decided **not** to pursue a Physical Plant and Equipment Levy. The priority is to place our efforts towards the passage of a statewide sales tax for school infrastructure, replacing the local option sales tax now in effect in over 29 counties in the state.

Your letter will make a difference. It will help ensure we have equity in school infrastructure funding and it will help ensure we keep property taxes from rising.

Hinton Soundwaves

By Mrs. Minda Thompson

The Hinton Soundwaves received three I (Superior) ratings at State Show Choir contest held in LeMars on February 3. These are the highest ratings ever by a Hinton Show Choir!

The Soundwaves will be competing at the following events in March:

Westwood Jubilation- Saturday, March 8 at Sloan

Performance time: 1:30 AM

Heelan Show Choir Invitational- Saturday, March 15

Performance time: 10:30 a.m.

(JH Show Choir is performing at 8:00 AM)

National Show Choir Invitational- March 21, 22- Branson, Missouri

The students have been fund-raising all year for their trip to Branson. Besides competing in the National Show Choir Invitational, they will watch all the other groups from the United States, see two shows, and attend a dinner show on the Branson Belle. The following people and/or businesses are sponsors of the Soundwaves.

Bronze Club (\$10-\$50)

Lasting Image, LeMars

Orange City Sanitation

Orange City

The Glass House

Sioux City

Performance Tire

LeMars

Weinrich Trucking

Hinton

Udell Trucking, Sioux City

Silver Club (\$51-\$149)

Northern IA Telephone

Sioux Center

Bak Honda, Sioux City

NW IA Power Coop.

LeMars

Wells Dairy, LeMars

Metcalf, Thompson,

& Phipps, Kingsley

Gold Club (\$150 & up)

Fremont Tire, Sioux City

Prairie State Bank

at Hinton / Brunsville

Chris and Laura

Hinton Municipal Electric

Hinton

American Legion, Hinton

American Letter

North Sioux City

Kermit & Mari Dahlen

family, Hinton

Hinton Civic Club, Hinton

Mrs. Thompson and the students are deeply grateful to the above sponsors for contributing financially to their trip.

The members of the 2002-2003 Sound Waves are:

Amanda Andersen, alto

Becky Book, soprano

Kris Dahlen, tenor

Tyler Eddy, tenor

Colleen Gerow, alto

Kayla Hansen, alto

Lisa Held, alto

Didi Jarmakani, soprano

Brandie Johnson, alto

Sarah Meis, soprano

Blythe Mycka, soprano

Margarita Ruelas, soprano

Annie Sitzmann, alto

Colette Vondrak, soprano

Mikelle Wankum, alto

Brooke Wilson, soprano

Jonathan Youtzy, trumpet & tenor

Shawn Bak, tenor

Megan Brown, soprano

Cassie DeRocher, alto

Tyler Erickson, bass

Alyssa Grigsby, trombone

Delainye Hardersen, soprano

Andrew Huggenberger, tenor

Meagan Jarmakani, alto

Phillip Millard, guitar and bass

Daneill Moser, soprano

Nicole Rolling, soprano

Marrisa Schoenrock, soprano

Onna Behan, alto

Trent Brown, drums

Meghan DeRochie, soprano

Ali Finch, alto

Scott Guthmiller, bass

Amy Held, soprano

Tom Gerking: choreography

Mrs. Minda Thompson:

Director, accompanist



What is happening with Hinton FCCLA?

Ms. Alison Klatt

Hinton FCCLA has had a very busy semester. During the month of January, members completed projects and competed at districts in Ida Grove. Onna Behan, Amy Held, and Staci Smith competed in the Focus on Children Event, with their project titled, "Listen with Your Heart." Their project focused on teaching elementary students basic sign language. Molly Jongma, and Nicole Rolling competed in the Chapter Service Event, with their project titled, "Collecting for a Cure". Molly and Nicole's project involved the junior high raising money for the Sioux City Cancer Center. The junior high classes competed against each other and the class who raised the most money was rewarded a pizza party. Onna, Amy, and Staci will move on to state competition in April. **GOOD LUCK GIRLS!**

February has been a busy month for the chapter. Once again, the members sold cupcakes for Valentine's Day. This year the chapter tried something new by selling Hershey roses. On February 11, members organized "Orange Day" to show school support for Nicole Smith. During the week of February 10-14, jars were placed in the lunchroom and in the office to collect money to help the family of Nicole Smith to defer medical costs.

March will be busy with getting ready for state meeting and polishing up projects. It has been a great year for Hinton FCCLA, and I look forward to what may come this year and in the future.

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 to Coach Wilson.

(wilsonm@hintonschool.com)

Spanish Classes Study Culture

By Mrs. Arlene Hermsen

In high school Spanish classes, students learn more than just the language. Geography, history, and culture of Hispanic countries are also studied. Since the closest Spanish-speaking country is Mexico, three Mexican holidays are studied.

One holiday is on November 2 called "El Día de Los Muertos" or "The Day of the Dead." On that day, the Mexicans remember those who have died in their family with altars in their homes and picnics at the gravesites, which are cleaned and decorated with gold-colored flowers. Decorations, toys, sugar candies, and breads are in the shape of skulls and skeletons. It is a joyous day, not at all sad or spooky.

Of course, the Christmas season is another important time. There are many Christmas traditions. One is the "posadas" which is the reenactment of Joseph and Mary's search for a place to stay. It begins nine days before Christmas. Each evening they parade from house to house asking for a place to stay; finally arriving at a prearranged house where they are admitted for a party. Another tradition is the "nacimiento" or nativity scene, which every home has. There are also pastorelas (plays about the shepherd's travels), piñatas, fireworks, midnight mass, poinsettias, liminaries, tamales, and much more. The three wise men bring gifts on January 6. It is a time filled with activities.

The third holiday is "Cinco de Mayo" on May 5. This is the celebration of the victory of a battle by a small-inexperienced Mexican army over the

large forces of Maximilian and Napoleon in the town of Pueblo. It is more a celebration of the Mexican heritage.

The importance of family, a girl's 15th birthday, how names are derived, bullfighting, and schools are also some of the cultural topics discussed.

Therefore, Spanish involves more than learning to say "¿Cómo estás?" and "Muy bien, gracias."

Second Annual Drill Team Night

By Mrs. Janell Heimgartner

The Hinton All-Stars Dance Team is getting ready for their second Annual Dance Team Night on Tuesday, March 25. Everyone is invited to attend. We promise you a night filled with fun and excitement. This year there will be routines performed by the Moms, Dads, High School Boys, Jr. High as well as the Hinton Minis and the Hinton Danz and Drill. The All-Stars will be performing several new routines. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend!

Discovergarten Round Up

By Mrs. Diane Joanning

Discovergarten Round Up will be held on Friday, April 4, 2003 in the Discovergarten classroom. There will be a morning session, 9:00-11:00 AM and an afternoon session, 1:00-3:00 PM. Both sessions will have a parent meeting in the library, 9:00-9:30 and 1:00-1:30, respectively. Children that are five on or before September 15, 2003 are eligible for the program. Please call Janet in the elementary office at 947-4428 to register or get more information about this program.

Planning Ahead

Hinton Community School Summer 2003 Driver Education

Registration Procedures / Due Date: May 1, 2003

Hinton Community School will be offering Summer Driver Education this summer in the months of June and July. The class consists of thirty (30) classroom hours and six (6) hours of behind the wheel instruction for each student. These hours are state guidelines, and must be met in their entirety to complete the course. Mr. Bruce Held will be the lead instructor, and Mr. Dewey Hupke will assist with driving hours.

The classroom instruction will be held at the school from 8:00 - 10:00 A.M. for fifteen (15) days starting June 4, 2003. There will be two (2) makeup days offered for those who miss a class. The driving instruction will be in three (3) hour shifts with three (3) students in a group. Each student will be required to drive six (6) times. Our goal is to have everyone done with the classroom instruction by June 30, 2003 and the driving by July 10, 2003. Certificates of completion will be issued after July 14th. Enrollment will be limited to sixty (60) students, on an age priority basis.

Requirements of the class:

- 1.) Students must be at least 14 years of age
- 2.) Students must hold a valid Iowa driver's instructional permit

(when going to get your permit, you must take along a state of Iowa birth certificate, not a hospital

one. They will not let you use a hospital birth certificate)

- 3.) Students must pay a fee of \$250.00 before June 4, 2003
- 4.) Students must pass the classroom portion of the class with at least a C- (72%) grade
- 5.) Students must pass the driving portion of the class with at least a C- (72%) grade

To preregister, fill out the following form and send \$125.00 (half fee) or \$250.00 (full fee) to:

Bruce Held
Hinton Community School
Driver's Education Program
315 W. Grand St.
PO Box 128
Hinton, Iowa 51024-0128

Make checks payable to: "Hinton Community School"
(If you pay \$125 to preregister, the other half of the fee is due June 4, 2003)

*****Detach Here, and return to Bruce Held*****

Student's Full Name: First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone #: _____
Driver's Permit #: _____ - _____ - _____
Birth Date: ____/____/____

DECA students compete at the State Career Development Conference.

By Mrs. Amy Brighton

The Hinton DECA chapter, a professional organization for students interested in business and marketing, will be competing at the Iowa State Career Development Conference in Des Moines on March 4-5. Students have the opportunity to compete in an individual series event, management team decision making events, marketing research events, written chapter team events, business management and entrepreneurship events, marketing representative events or within one of three "special activities". The individual series events include apparel & accessories marketing, business services marketing, food marketing, full service marketing, marketing management, quick serve restaurant marketing, retail merchandising, and vehicles and petroleum marketing. Most of the students from Hinton are currently enrolled in the individual series events. Those competing in individual series will take two 100-point exams and complete two role-plays. Once completed, those who earn one of two top place finishes in their respective categories will automatically qualify for the International Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida April 26-30. Hinton DECA chapter members competing include Tia Iddings and Steph Sherwood – Food Marketing, Anthony Schroeder – Business Services Marketing, Darin Marks-Vehicles & Petroleum Marketing, Brittaney Yoerger and Brittney Westphal – Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team #1, Tyler Milton and Brandon Bollmeyer – Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team #2. Good luck to these students as they compete with others in the state of Iowa.

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.

Winter Reading Challenge

The staff at Hinton Community School believes that reading is extremely important and is fundamental to all ages and stages of life. To model this belief for our students, we organized a reading challenge. Forty-nine interested staff members (teachers, administrators, teacher aides, cooks, custodians, and secretaries) signed up to form seven teams. Each team chose a name for their group - e.g. Blackhawk Page Turners, Readsters, etc.- and charted the pages they read each week for eight weeks. February 14 was the end of the challenge and pages were totaled for each team. A celebration was held after school on February 19, recognizing the winning team and all participants. Total pages read and recorded by all team members during the challenge was a whopping **115,554**. Now that's a lot of books and a lot of fun!

From the Nurse's Office

Mrs. Lisa Christoffel, School Nurse

I would like to take this time to encourage seniors, who have not received the hepatitis B series, to strongly consider doing so as soon as possible. Most colleges are recommending that students complete the hepatitis B series. You need to complete the series "prior" college entrance. We also would encourage all other students who have not received the series, to do so. Floyd Valley Community Health, located in the lower level of Floyd Valley Hospital in LeMars, has informed us of the availability of the vaccine in their office. There is no charge to student, however, donations are accepted. Thank you for keeping our children healthy.

Yearbook Sales

**Yearbooks are on sale
through March 31
for \$25
Prices go up to \$30 April 1
Delivery - Fall 2003**