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## Godspell To Be Presented

*By Mrs. Minda Thompson*

The musical, Godspell, will be presented by the vocal music department in the Hinton school gym on ***November 7 and 8, at 7:00 PM.*** Reserved seats (chairs on floor) are now on sale for \$5.00 each (both adults and children). Bleacher seats can be obtained at the door for \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

The musical is directed by Mr. Hess Roorda and Mrs. Minda Thompson. Over forty-five vocal music students are involved in the production. Kris Dahlen plays the lead, Jesus, as he leads the cast into the formation of a community through the playing of games and the absorption of lessons. Other cast members include Jonathan Youtzy, Levi Frerichs, Andrew Huggenberger, Brandie Johnson, Mikelle Wankum, Onna Behan, Megan Brown, Sara Meis, and Amy Held. Blythe Mycka and Colleen Gerow are featured as a duet singing "On the Willows." Members of the chorus include the following: Shawn Bak, Samantha Beeck, Becky Book, Katie Coffin, Cheree Coffman, Sara Dehner, Meghan DeRochie, Cassie DeRocher, Nikki Dreckman, Nikki Fairfield, Ali Finch, Colleen Gerow, Alyssa Grigsby, Heidi Hageman, Kayla Hansen, Rachel Hawthorne, Lisa Held, Ryan Held, Alyssa Jackson, Maha Jarmakani, Molly Jongma, Rachael Moravek, Blythe Mycka, Brooke Nelson, Melissa Nicks, Ehi Oamen, Jessica Oregon, Kyle Rodgers, Nicole Rolling, Jeremy Schindler, Marrisa Schoenrock, Annie Sitzmann, and Samantha Timmerman. Members of the back-up band are Mrs. Thompson- piano, Phillip Millard- guitar, and Trent Brown- trap set.



***Reserved seats may be obtained by calling Hinton School – 947-4328.  
Come support the vocal music department and see this great show!***

## Fire Prevention Education

By Mrs. Janet Held

Fire Prevention Education is one of the most rewarding programs you could participate in, whether you are a resident, child, parent, teacher or firefighter. The knowledge gained, "knowing what to do," through attending or teaching these programs could save your life or the life of someone near and dear. Once a fire starts... there is no time to develop a plan!

The National Fire Protection Association estimates that approximately 80 percent of all fire deaths in the United States and Canada occur in the home. Roughly, 11 people per day, die in home fires in the U.S and Canada. Many lives can be saved if people react immediately when a fire alarm sounds. Once a fire starts, there is no

time to develop a plan. The National Fire Protection Association urges everyone to "know where to go."

At Hinton Community School, Fire Prevention Week (October 5-11) was observed by inviting our local fire department to the school. Fire Chief, Chad Beeck, along with Assistant Fire Chief, Nick Hartman and Public Information Officer, Jeff Wiese spoke to the students in grades D-6 on the importance of fire safety and prevention. Mr. Hartman visited with the students about making sure that everyone in their family practiced escape routes from every room in their home, the "stop-drop-roll" method if their clothing caught on fire and staying low to the ground in a burning room until they were able to escape or until the fire department could reach them. The firefighters also brought along

one of the fire trucks and Mr. Wiese put on the fire gear to show the children what the firefighters look like when they go to fight a fire. For the fifth and sixth grade students, the firefighters demonstrated a new piece of equipment that the Hinton Fire Department just recently received called a thermal imaging camera. Mr. Hartman explained to the students the value this piece of equipment has to the fire department and showed them how they used it. The students also were able to experiment with it.

Hinton Community School would like to thank the Hinton Fire Department for their continued support to the school and for providing the students with valuable information about fire safety and prevention.



Police Chief, Chris Conlin, was also present. The Hinton Police Department, along with the Hinton Municipal Electric, provided the students with finger printing ID kits. Parents play an important role in keeping their families safe. The kit that the students brought home is a tool to help protect their children in the event of an emergency. Thanks goes out to the police department and the town of Hinton for this kit.





## Landscapes

By Ms. Chris Johnson

One part of the art curriculum is learning about famous artists and their work. Students in junior high exploratory art have been doing just that. The artist we studied was the famous Dutch artist, Vincent van Gogh. Students looked at a number of his paintings and studied his style. They then made a drawing of a landscape using a photograph as a reference. The drawings were completed in the style of van Gogh, using oil pastels. All of the students were very

successful with their drawings. Pictured here with their drawings are Mitch Schoenrock, Kendall Wingert, James Lochner, and Charlie Oregon.

## HPA Fall Fundraiser

By Mrs. Janet Held

The Hinton Parents Association will be having a fall fundraiser starting November 21, 2003. The fundraiser will be a spelling bee. Discovergarten and Kindergarten students will be given a letter recognition test. First grade through eighth grade will be given a spelling test.

Each child from Discovergarten to eighth grade will be given a pledge sheet that they can ask family and friends to pledge money for every word or letter they get correct on the test. Each student that participates will receive a Hinton Blackhawk pencil. Prizes will also be awarded to the top collector and first runner-up of the school and top collector and first runner-up in each grade. Only one prize per student will be awarded. A pizza and pop party will be awarded to the grade that raises the most money on a per student basis.

A spelling bee is a very simple way to raise money and is very educational for the children. We hope you will help and support our students in our fundraiser. The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the playground teachers, and school requests and needs.

Hinton Parents Association

## Picking Up Students at School Dismissal Time

By Mr. Al Steen

Parents we need your help! At school dismissal time, our students riding busses exit the building through the south exit. Our busses are loaded south of the building.

Please do not drive around to the south to pick up students. For safety reasons we must restrict the traffic on the south side of the building during dismissal time. Any student that is being picked up should exit from the front of the building.

Parking spaces are available in the front of the building for parents that are picking up their children. Please use these spaces and instruct your children to exit from the front of the building when they are not riding the bus.

With your help, we will be able to ensure that we have a safe and orderly dismissal for all of our students.

## Hats off to reading

Mrs. Lori Minnard, Librarian

The theme of this fall's book fair was Hats Off to Reading. Scholastic's goal is to provide books for students at a reasonable cost. The book fair is also beneficial to the school library and classroom teachers. The library earns free books or cash based on the total sales of the book fair and the teachers are able to get some books for their classrooms through the teacher wish list program. Teachers fill out slips of paper with the titles of the books that they would like to have for their room. Individuals visiting the fair can then choose to purchase the books and donate them to the teacher.

This fair's total sales were \$3,300.00. The library earned \$1,200.00 worth of books and \$500.00 in cash. The books vary in reading level from primary to high school. The cash that was earned will be used to purchase books for the library as well.

It is nice to be able to visit with parents during the fair and to see the students so excited about purchasing books. I would like to thank everyone who visited the fair this year! The sales were the highest ever and it is a joy to put the new books on the shelf. See you at the next fair in February!



## Early Dismissals

By Mr. Al Steen

The Hinton Community School will have nine two-hour early outs during the 2003-2004 school year. During these early outs, the teaching staff will be working on curriculum development. Our curriculum development process has created Content Standards and Benchmarks in all subject areas, however time is needed to continually work on revisions and updates. The nine two-hour early outs will give curriculum committees time to:

- Create Content Area Vision/Philosophy/Purpose statements
- Review and update Content Standards and Benchmarks.
- Create performance descriptors or objectives for benchmarks
- Continue to focus on standards and benchmarks in unit planning
- Develop a K-6/course specific learning chart
- Align their teaching with their assessments

The two-hour early outs will be on:

November 5  
 December 10  
 January 21  
 February 11  
 April 21  
 May 12