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Student Sportsmanship

By Mr. Al Steen

Several years ago student representatives from each War Eagle Conference school met to discuss sportsmanship, particularly how to improve sportsmanship within the conference. The student representatives came up with the following guidelines:

- Be a fan, not a fanatic.
- Negative chants and cheers against other schools are unacceptable.
- Cheer positive cheers for your team with the cheerleaders. Give them your support.
- Applaud injured players when they leave the floor.
- Dress in school colors. Support your team.
- Show respect for our nation during the National Anthem.
- Respect the game officials and their decisions. No booing.
- Abide by each school's building rules. No pop in gym means just that.
- Stand and applaud both teams after the game.
- Respect signs, banners, etc of other schools.
- Do not vandalize property of others.
- Do not single out players from opposing teams and harass them.
- Do not do anything to draw attention away from the game and onto you as a crowd.
- Dressing in such a manner to mock the other team or school is inappropriate.
- The players, cheerleaders, and pep band all deserve your utmost respect.

Our students have generally embraced these guidelines as evident by their actions at our ball games. We

may occasionally "slip" at individual games, however, we are very fortunate to have a great group of students that understand that sportsmanship is a quality our school values. After reviewing our expectations with our student body, our students always move forward and improve their sportsmanship at the next game. If you have the opportunity to visit with any of our students, be sure to let them know you appreciate good sportsmanship. Another way to show our appreciation is to demonstrate good sportsmanship ourselves.

Holiday Season

By Mr. Al Steen

We hope each and every one of you has a Happy Holiday Season! Hopefully your holiday season is filled with joy and happiness.

At the time of this writing, we have experienced both of our Christmas concerts. The talent displayed by our students is always incredible. Be sure to express your gratitude to our students and music instructors for the time and effort they have put forth for our concerts. Going to the Christmas concerts is always a highlight during the holiday season. The students are all dressed up, festive songs are sung, and the gym is packed with parents, grandparents, and friends. Your attendance at these performances is greatly appreciated.

We are very fortunate to have family and community members attending all of our activities. Hinton Community School truly is a "family." With your support we continue to be a "family" and strive to be **A Community Dedicated To Developing Responsible Life Long Learners Prepared For Future Challenges.**

Safe at School

By Mr. Pete Stuerman

Being safe at school is a priority at Hinton Community School. The administration and staff are always keeping safety a concern when students and community members are on school property. A few of the safety measures the school participates in include:

- **Fire and Tornado Drills:** Each year, the students and staff participate in fire and tornado drills. In the event of an actual fire or tornado, the students and staff would be educated in knowing what to do and where to go. All fire and tornado drills are recorded and reviewed by the administration to use as a learning tool.

- **Bus Safety:** Riding the bus should be a safe and enjoyable experience for the students. As part of the safe environment, no eating or drinking on the bus is allowed. Each bus driver is responsible for the students on their bus and they review with the students the proper procedures for riding and behaving on the bus.

- **Playground Safety:** Elementary students have scheduled recess times in which they can play on the playground equipment or engage in various outside activities. Your child's classroom teacher reminds students about using the playground equipment appropriately and making sure that they respect others and the school property.

- **Strangers:** Many children ride the bus home or walk to their house alone before or after school. Parents are encouraged to talk to their child about strangers. Parents are encouraged to have their child call when they arrive home from school. A web site that parents are encouraged to view and talk to their children about is www.iowasexoffender.com. Speak to your child about not talking to strangers or individuals they do not know.

Education is the key to safety. If you have any concerns about the safety of your child at school or on the bus, you are always welcomed to contact the elementary principal, Peter Stuerman at 947-4428, or the junior high/high school principal, Sue Martens at 947-4328.

After-Prom Can Cage

By Mrs. Becky Steen

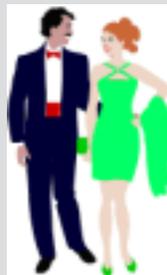
Did you know there is a can cage located behind the Silver Dollar where you can donate refundable plastic and metal cans and bottles? Each year, the proceeds from the can cage go to offset the costs of providing a **safe** and **substance-free** after-prom environment for the Hinton students and their prom dates. Many parents of this year's juniors and seniors have signed up to clean out the can cage on a monthly basis. However, we still have several more slots to fill.

Since parents have to sort through the cans and bottles and place them into separate bags, please make sure the donations be as clean as possible. **Only** refundable plastic 20 ounce and 2 Liters bottles and 12-ounce cans are acceptable donations. Please do not place glass containers in the can cage. Off brands such as Fareway, Hy-Vee and Sam's Choice are not acceptable donations.

The after-prom committee has been meeting bi-weekly for the last 2-3 months. The committee members would like to encourage the parents of **all** juniors and seniors to get involved in this very important endeavor. Please check your Hinton Times for the date and time of the next after-prom meeting.

We're Having a Ball!

Come join the fun for the second (almost) annual Hinton Ball. Get all dressed up and join us for an elegant dinner and dance on Saturday, January 29. Tickets are \$50 per couple and can be purchased by contacting Annette Lake at 947-4412, or any member of the Hinton After Prom Committee. Dinner will be catered by the Long Branch of Hinton. Proceeds from the event go towards the Hinton After Prom Party in April.



Fourth Grade Students Will Blow Their Tops

By Mrs. Darcy Kuchel

The fourth graders are currently studying how volcanoes work as part of our science curriculum. As a culminating activity, the students will be creating models of volcanoes to demonstrate the steps of a volcanic eruption. They will then travel to classrooms to explain an eruption and then blow their tops with their volcano!

Because of the active parents in our district, projects like these are possible. Students brought in the materials necessary to build the models, with help from their parents. Also, thanks to the generous donations to the "apple tree" at the beginning of the school year, we have all the supplies needed.

Thank you for helping to make learning fun!

A Tisket, A Tasket...A Special Valentine Gift Basket!



That's right. The Hinton After Prom Committee is looking for thoughtful individuals, couples, or even groups to pool their ideas and creative talents in designing and donating a gift basket to be auctioned off at the home basketball game on Feb.11. The gift baskets can be assembled with anything you like, from one that would make a chocoholic's heart melt or a basket designed for your favorite sports fan, to a basket filled with all the essentials for new parents, old neighbors, or an upcoming graduate. Baskets are needed in various sizes and price ranges, so set your mind free and surprise us!

Proceeds from the sale of these baskets will go towards the Hinton After Prom party in April. If you would like to donate a basket, please contact Jan Dehner at 947-4163 before Jan. 30. Thank you!

A Look Back

By Ms. Jessica Koedam

It is December already, and the Holidays are upon us. What a busy year it has been for us here in Junior High!

Already this year, these students have had their first big junior high dance, donated goods to the Florida hurricane victims, taken the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, worked hard toward developing their character, and collected food and monetary donations for less fortunate families around Siouland.

On top of all that, they have really learned a lot, too! One of the biggest accomplishments the seventh graders have had in Language Arts stems from something new we tried. We decided to implement a three week long Reader's and Writer's Workshop. The students set reading and writing goals for themselves and, through this process, they really produced some tremendous pieces of writing. The amount of growth that took place in just three weeks was awesome!

While the seventh graders have been refining their writing talents and working on the English curriculum, the eighth grade Language Arts students have been spending their time reading and reflecting on many kinds of literature. The stories we have read range from the classic horror stories written by Edgar Allen Poe, all the way to the modern-day science fiction stories written by Ray Bradbury.

Of all the wonderful things the junior high Language Arts students have been working on this year, one of the most rewarding things has been the Accelerated Reader program. This program allows students to earn points for reading books of their choice. Many of the students have gone beyond the requirements; some of them have even been challenging each other to point races!

Time has really flown by! It is a terrific feeling to look back on the many things we have done so far this year; and to think, it is only half over! I am really looking forward to second semester, and the wonderful things it has to offer.

Tag – It Isn't Just For Recess

By Mrs. Becky Steen

On Monday, November 8, the Talented and Gifted students held their annual Night of the Notables Presentation. The Presentation was a culminating activity to a project the students had been working on since early in September. Each of the TAG students chose to research a famous person, whom they found to be inspiring. There was a wide variety of notable people chosen by the students. Some students selected well-known athletes such as Mario Andretti, Josh Beckett, Michael Vick, and Jesse Owen. Others chose famous Americans from different eras of history, such as William Clark, Edgar Allan Poe, Rosa Parks, and Harriet Tubman. Still other students chose legendary people from around the world such as Albert Einstein and Jane Goodall.

Each student prepared a written report detailing the life of his or her notable person. After writing the report, the students created a pictorial display. The displays included pictures, quotes, diagrams, maps, and other artifacts depicting important events in the life of their notable person. This year's displays were outstanding and involved a great deal of creativity and imagination. To add authenticity to their display, many students also chose to dress like their notable person. Helen Keller, Francis Scott Key, Benjamin Franklin, and Steve Irwin were all represented by students dressed in clothing from the appropriate place and time.

Each of the students also prepared a food item, which somehow related to their notable person. Can you determine the relationship for these famous people? Ronald Reagan had a bowl of jellybeans, Albert Einstein handed out German Chocolate cupcakes, Jim Davis had puppy chow, Walt Disney had popcorn, and Brett Favre had cheese and crackers.

In addition to the written report, the display, and the food, the students also had to design an activity, which characterized their notable person. A

few activities included a putting game for Phil Mickelson, signing of the Declaration for Thomas Jefferson, Indian sign language for Sacagawea, Morse code for Samuel Morse, creating a word list for Alexander Graham Bell, and a football quiz for Ahman Green.

The twenty-five TAG students who participated in the Night of the Notables Presentation put in many hours of work to accurately depict a famous person whom they considered "inspiring." They enjoyed displaying their efforts to the students in grades 1-8 during the afternoon and to family and friends during the evening presentation.



Free Hearing Screenings

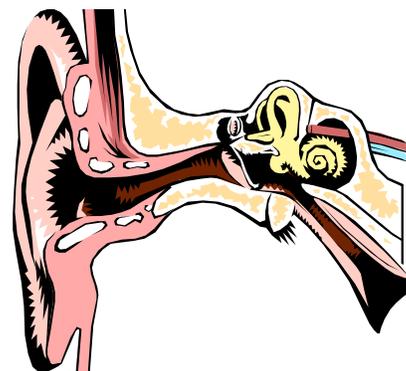
By Mrs. Sue Popken, RN

School Nurse

Hearing is very important to a student's ability to listen, learn, and progress in school. For this reason, the school takes a special interest in the hearing ability of all students.

AEA will be conducting free hearing screenings to all students in discovergarten through sixth grade. They will also be checking students in seventh through 12th grades that have a history of concern. Students will be screened on January 20 and 21.

Parents will be notified of any abnormal findings. Please feel free to call if you have questions or concerns. Thank-you. 947-4328



Blackhawks Reap Honors

By Mr. Steve Diediker

The Hinton Blackhawk football team recently wrapped up the 2004 season with a 4-5 record overall and a 4-3 record in the district. Several Blackhawks received individual honors being named to All District and All State teams.

The Blackhawks played in Class 1A District #2. The District coaches vote on first, second, and honorable mention teams. Five Blackhawks made the District 1st team. Kurtis Hoefling led the way being named to the first team at two positions, kicker, and linebacker. Michael Vondrak was also named to the team at the linebacker position. Keegan Richards gained first team status as an offensive lineman. Nate Sessoms was named to the first team as a running back, while Tregg Fay earned honors on the first team squad at defensive back. Two Blackhawks made the second team. Kyle Kovarna was named to the second team at offensive lineman and Grant Lake made the second unit at linebacker. The honorable mention team had two more Blackhawks among its members. Andrew Huggenberger and Adam Teut both achieved honorable mention status as offensive linemen.

The DesMoines Register names an All State team. Kurtis Hoefling was named to the Class 1A second team as a kicker.

The Iowa Newspaper Association also honors athletes by naming an All State team. Kurtis was named to this team once again as a second team kicker.

The Sioux City Journal names an All Northwest Iowa football team with no class designations. Kurtis was named to Journal's elite team as a first team kicker. Michael Vondrak was also named to the All Northwest Iowa team as a fourth team linebacker.

Congratulations to these Blackhawk football players on their honors.

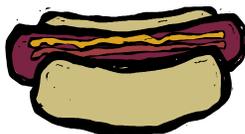
Planning A Chili Supper.

By Mrs. Sheila Smith

RIF or Reading Is Fundamental is planning a chili supper for Jan 18 before the Hinton vs. LeMars Gehlen Basketball Game. Supper will be served from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. RIF is raising funds to buy books to be distributed to the discovergarten thru the sixth grade. RIF Book give away will happen three times this school year. The first was in November, the second will be in February, and the third will be in April. This is a great way to encourage our students to keep reading. The money raised is then matched by the federal RIF Program. We need to raise enough money to buy approximately 1000 books.

Please come and enjoy a bowl of chili, a hot dog, veggies, dessert, and a drink. All of this for a low price of \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 for a family of four. Then enjoy the basketball games.

Anyone interested in helping with the RIF Chili Supper please contact Sheila Smith at 239-6115. Donations are welcome.



Thank You

By Mrs. Sheila Smith

The family of Sgt. Kori Smith would like to send a huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Jordt's sixth Grade Class. The Sixth Grade have been writing letters to the 915th Transportation Company stationed in Mosul, Iraq. Kori is a 1995 graduate of Hinton Community School. She is now serving in the U.S. Army Reserve Unit from Council Bluffs, IA. Kori and the soldiers of the 915th would like to express their appreciation to Mrs. Deb Jordt and all the students in her 6th grade class for sending letters from home.

Kori has a brother and a sister that are in elementary school here at Hinton. She also has a brother that graduated in 2000. We, her family, want to let everyone know that we appreciate Mrs. Jordt's sixth grade class for their thoughtfulness to our daughter and her unit. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Michael,
Sheila, Brandon,
Isaiah,
and
Reahlynn
Smith



Sgt. Kori Smith



<http://www.915tc.com/index.html>

Bienvenido



Sinceramente

Hola, News From The Spanish Classroom

By Mrs. Arlene Hermse

nHinton has four levels of Spanish in high school and the seventh and eighth grades have a four and half week exploratory class.

The seventh grade learns to greet each other and use some polite phrases. They learn classroom objects, which “the” and “a” to use, and how to make words plural. They also count up to 29.

The eighth grade learns colors, animals, and days of the week. They describe things in simple sentences and ask or tell where they are going.

In the first level in high school, students are learning to use present tense. They are able to describe

people and things, list school courses, tell time, and discuss school and after school activities. In October, they explored the Mexican celebration of “The Day of the Dead” and decorated skeletons for that day.

The Spanish II students have expanded their Spanish vocabulary discussing warm weather activities, cultural activities, train travel, foods, table settings, and clothing. They are learning to use the past tense.

The third level class had explored the vocabulary related to the mail, accidents, hospitals, cars, hotels, and air travel. They are learning to tell what will happen, what would

happen, and what has happened. They worked several hours creating Spanish alphabet books.

In the fourth year, they have used vocabulary necessary to discuss camping, banking, laundry, and weddings. They wrote and video taped a news broadcast.

They also have been working on expressing wishes, emotions, doubts, requests, and opinions, and talking about what may or may not occur.

All levels continue to expand their vocabulary, learn about culture, and use the language to communicate.

Hasta pronto

Saludos

Gracias

Mission Statement

A Community Dedicated To Developing Responsible Life Long Learners
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Hinton Vision Statement

Hinton Community School students and staff are respectful, responsible, honest, and have school pride.