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School Board Recognition Week May 8-14, 2005



Your school board is making a difference
for students. Take time to say thanks!

School District Recognizes Board Members

The Hinton Community School District is joining with other communities throughout Iowa to honor its elected school board members during Iowa School Board Recognition Week, May 8-14. This year's theme—"Making a World of Difference"—recognizes that Iowa's school board members are local leaders making a difference for students and for their communities.

Serving on the local school board are

- Michelle Rodgers
- Rob Held
- Steve Eddy
- Kenny Hoefling
- Lynette Blanchard.

"These men and women volunteer countless hours of unpaid time providing the best possible education for our students," said Superintendent Steen. *"As your elected leaders, they represent you in their continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision-making for our public schools. Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded."*

"Even though May 8-14 is designated, School Board Appreciation Week, we recognize our school board's contributions reflect a year-long effort. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and to striving for the best for all of our students," said Steen.

Your local school board member has many roles in their position, including the following:

VISION: The school board keeps student achievement as their primary focus.

STRUCTURE: The school board employs a superintendent, adopts policies and plans, and ensures that human and financial resources are allocated to accomplish the vision.

ACCOUNTABILITY: The board monitors student achievement, evaluates progress toward district goals, and reports progress to the community through the Annual Progress Report.

ADVOCACY: The school board serves as the key advocate on behalf of students and public education and builds partnerships with others to support student learning.

The Hinton Community School Board is focused on student achievement by embracing the school's mission of being **A Community Dedicated To Developing Life Long Learners Prepared For Future Challenges.**

Attention all losers:

By Mrs. Sue Popken

Hinton School staff members recently competed in a weight challenge program. The program was designed to challenge and motivate the staff to eat healthier and exercise more. The program ran for 9 weeks, from January 10 to March 14. We had teams of five members each with 45 staff members participating. Total weight loss for the program was an impressive 567.5 pounds.

We had a lot of fun in the challenge with inspirational e-mails, positive encouragement, and great prize incentives.

I want to extend a big THANKS to the following individuals who donated prizes: Holton Chiropractic, Heartland Chiropractic (Dr. Poss), Ampride, Walmart, Scheels, K-Mart, Shopko, and the Siouxland YMCA. I would also like to thank Chesterman's for their donation of bottles of water.

Thanks to all of you for your participation. We hope to include this program again next year.



Tag – It Isn't Just For Recess

By Mrs. Becky Steen

The fifth grade TAG students recently performed a play based on the historical event known as the "Boston Tea Party." The play was presented to their classmates as part of the social studies unit on the American Revolution. The photograph shows Katie Clausen, the narrator, questioning Nolan Crees, Nolan Field, and Allan Hamil, dressed as Mohawk Indians.

There were four separate acts in the play, and the students played various roles in each act. Act I depicted some the hostilities between the British and the Colonists that led up to the Boston Tea Party. Karen Grigsby and Emily Culver played the parts of British Soldiers. Allan Hamil, Nolan Crees, and Nolan Field represented a few of the men who called themselves the "Sons of Liberty."

In Act II, Katie Clausen interviewed Governor Hutchinson, played by Nolan Field. The Governor had just received a request from the Sons of Liberty to return to the ships without unloading the tea. Governor Hutchinson refused to the send the ships back and called the actions of the Sons of Liberty, treasonous.

In Act III, messenger Katie Clausen, brought news of the Governor's decision to a meeting of the Sons of

Liberty. Samuel Adams, played by Allan Hamil, told the other members that the time for discussion had ended, there was no choice left but to take drastic action.

In Act IV, the Sons of Liberty dressed up like Mohawk Indians. They boarded the ships and dumped the bales of tea over the sides of the ship.



Appreciation Shown

By Mr. David Attrill

One of the themes for our students this past month was showing appreciation for the hard work that our support staff do at Hinton Community School. The technology class of Mr. Attrills' choose two cooks on our staff, Barb McKenney and Tammie Milbrodt to so honor.

On Monday, each cook was given a thank you card signed by everyone in the class. On Tuesday, a bouquet of fresh cut flowers was given to each one. On Wednesday, the class made a balloon bouquet (see picture). On Thursday, a small green plant was given to each one, since this was green St Patrick day, and finally on Friday a personal note from the class that was wrapped in an Mm-azing candy bar was their gift for that day.

Not only to these two, but also to all of our support staff, thank you for a job well done.



Hepatitis B Vaccine

By Mrs. Sue Popken

All students entering college require Hepatitis B vaccinations. Public health personnel gave students the three dose series of Hepatitis B vaccines in our schools in the mid 1980's. This was a special program funded by the state that has since been discontinued.

Most students in grades 7 – 12 have not been immunized against Hepatitis B. I have been in contact with our public health departments who have informed me that due to budget concerns they are unable to give the vaccine at the schools. Students will need to go to their physician or public health department to receive the Hepatitis B vaccinations.

The vaccination series schedule is as follows:

- Vaccination # 1
- Vaccination # 2 is given 30 - 60 days after # 1
- Vaccination # 3 is given 5 – 18 months after # 2

All students will need to have this vaccine prior to entering college. All seniors need to begin the series as soon as possible. Feel free to call me if you have questions or concerns.

Thank-you.

Sue Popken, RN

School nurse

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Community Clean-Up Service Project Is A Success

By Ms. Sue Martens

Community was one of the four themes explored in this year's Got Character program in grades D-12. The students in grades 6-12 gave back to our community by organizing a community clean-up day. On April 8, the students brought rakes and gloves to school, divided into multi-grade groups, and spread out all over Hinton for the clean up. Community members had been asked to call the school if they would like to have their yards picked up and raked. Although only a few people responded to our request in the Hinton Times and the Blackhawk, we managed to clean and rake approximately 20 private yards. We also spruced up the school grounds, the community ball fields, Marlin Park, the frontage road, C-60, the churchyards, the Community Center, Held Sports Complex, and several other areas.

The students who participated had fun and received a good feeling from helping improve our community. Community members, who were recipients of the students' work, responded with a big "Thanks."

Our thanks also go out to Les Schindel and Keegan Richards for going around after the clean up to pick up all of the many, many bags that were filled.

We plan to continue our community service project next year and hope to have more community members requesting our help.

Jr. High Wrestling, 2005

By Mr. Rich Kallsen

The Hinton Jr. High wrestlers recently completed their season, all boys having great success this year. Wrestling for the Blackhawks were seventh graders Riley Pierce, Cameron Pierce, Steve Koithan and Bobby Bradham, and eighth graders Mitchell Shoenrock, Ethan Bak, Ryan Chamberlain, David Becker, Kyle Huggenburger, Dale Timmerman, Eric Held, Steven Kramer, Haddy Jarmakani, Aaron Book. All wrestlers competed well, picked up various victories throughout the season, and most importantly, improved over the course of the season. Individuals who racked up pins included Riley Pierce, Steve Koithan-3, Bobby Bradham-5, Dale Timmerman-2, Ryan Chamberlain-3, Dave Becker-3, Mitchell Shoenrock-3, Kyle Huggenburger-7, and Eric Held-10.

Hinton High School Math Club

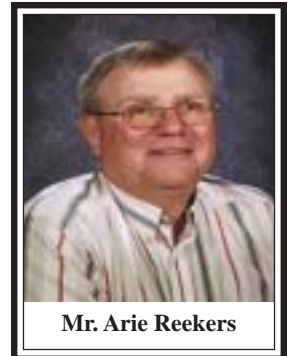
By Mrs. Krista Nelson

I am proud to say that this year's group is the largest I have had in the math club since I began in 1998. Being a member of the Hinton Math Club automatically makes the student a member of the Math League Press, the group that provides the contests. The following students were members of the Hinton Math Club and Math League Press: Sara Baldwin, Isaac Birocci, Tara Christensen, Katie Coffin, Cheree Coffman, Shannon Cowan, Jessica DeRocher, Meghan Derochie, Stephanie Dittmer, Marcus Edgington, Kyle Foss, Cassie Frerichs, Alyssa Grigsby, Heidi Hageman, Delainye Hardersen, Megan Hawthorne, Maha Jaramakani, Kyle Kovarna, Roman Laube, JaMaine Mauer, Hayley Milton, Zora Murff, Ashley Nashleanas, Ehi Oamen, Jenni Popken, Kyle Rodgers, Annie Sitzmann, Kaylee Small, Adam Teut, Hans VanderPlaats, Darin VanHolland, Travis VanHolland, Bridget Yoerger, Jonathan Youtzy, and Rebekah Youtzy. We ended up having a great year, competitively. Ehi Oamen was our points leader, but Jonathan Youtzy and Cheree Coffman were nipping at his heels. The students were aware of the amount of points they had earned more than ever before. The students earn points when they take a 6-problem test at every math club meeting. They receive one point per problem correct. The problems range in difficulty covering Algebra to Trigonometry. This is an obvious advantage for the juniors and seniors, but I encourage freshmen and sophomores to join the math club to get the experience so that when they reach senior status, they know the usual tricks that are common for the Math League Press to pull. So, as this year winds down and math club is officially in the books, be thinking of joining next year if you are in grades 9 – 12. It is a great learning experience and we make math fun!



Industrial Arts Last Show!

By Mr. Arie Reekers



Mr. Arie Reekers

After 32 years of teaching at Hinton, my final display of projects will be May 16, 2005.

Be sure to come and look at the students accomplishments for the school year. Thanks to everyone in the Hinton Community School district.

(Editor Note: Stop and give Mr. Reekers a hand shake and tell him "thank you" for making our industrial arts program one of the best in the state.)

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Hinton DECA chapter participates in State Career Development Conference

By Mrs. Amy Brighton

"Worlds of Opportunity Salutes Iowa" was this year's theme for Iowa DECA. Hinton DECA members attended the state competition on Feb 28-March 1 at AIB in Des Moines. Chapter members did an outstanding job of participation and competition throughout the conference.

Sara Baldwin, chapter vice-president, received honors in food marketing. She earned top honors on her written test, as well as honorable mention on two separate role-plays. This is Sara's second year of competition. She attended the Leadership Development Academy in Nashville, TN at last year's International Career Development Conference. Sara has done an exceptional job in DECA this year and received Hinton DECA's "Most Outstanding Member" award. "Sara puts a little extra effort into anything she does, including DECA. I look forward to her leadership next year," stated Amy Brighton, chapter advisor.

Ashlee Smith, newest senior member of the Hinton DECA chapter also competed well at the state conference. Ashlee competed in apparel & accessories and faired quite well. She received high scores on both role-plays in her category. Ashlee has added a bit of pizzazz to our chapter. "Ashlee brings creativity as well as a little humor to our chapter organization. I will miss her enthusiasm and excitement for marketing next year," Brighton said. Ashlee plans to attend a fashion merchandising school next year in Chicago.

Next year's DECA calendar is full of new activities and ideas. Iowa DECA will be hosting the Central Region Leadership Conference in Des Moines. This conference will replace the fall conference that is normally held in Sept. The CRLC will take place in November. District DECA moves back to Ft. Dodge in January and the state CDC falls on Feb 27-28. The international CDC will be held in Dallas, TX April 29-May 2.

Any student inquiring about DECA should contact Advisor Amy Brighton at school 947-4483 or by email: brightona@hintonschool.com. "We are excited about what we accomplished this year and look forward to next year's activities," added Brighton.

DARE Essay

By Coral Milbrodt

Dare has been an experience to me in many ways. I have learned not to do drugs.

A couple of people in my family do drugs so DARE really encouraged me to not do drugs.

DARE has given me the courage to say no, walk away, ignore them, and make friends that don't smoke.

Tobacco and marijuana can do a lot of damage to your body in many ways. It can cause brain loss, stomach and liver infections. Beer and alcohol can give you bad breath and you can lose your self control such as wetting your pants or vomiting. Drugs practically by your brain cells or they could kill you and that wouldn't be nice.

Second hand smoking is when a person is smoking and you're by that person, but you are not the one smoking. You can be seriously damaged even though you're not smoking. You can be diagnosed with lung disease or lung cancer, and you could possibly die.

Like I said, DARE has been such an experience. Thank you so much.

DARE Essay

By Brady Lund

I have learned many things in DARE. Drugs and alcohol can hurt you in many ways, which include physically, mentally, and emotionally. Physically they can ruin your health. Mentally, they can destroy brain cells. Emotionally, they can break apart families. In this essay, I am going to explain what I learned in the DARE education program as well as my personal experiences with the effects of drugs on a person and family.

Drugs and alcohol can hurt you in many ways like bad breath, yellow teeth, sickness, and it can be addictive. Worse effects on your body include heart damage, lung damage, and cancer. Drugs and alcohol can also prevent you from making good decisions, because you forget what's right and what's wrong.

I personally know the effects of drugs on a person. My dad, Eric, started out just smoking cigarettes. Then he started smoking marijuana and then he started using methamphetamines. When I was around four years old, my dad started smoking cigarettes. This quickly became an addiction, and he was smoking more and more each day. From there, he started experimenting with marijuana, which quickly became an every weekend thing with his friends. Besides the problem with drugs, he started lying, stealing, and formed another addiction, gambling. My dad's drug addiction kept getting worse. He was using more harmful drugs. He got hooked on meth, and that's when things really got bad. My dad moved out of our family's house, and that was the last time I've lived with him.

My dad has been through drug treatment twice, which were very expensive, and there were times when I could not see my dad. There was a year's time where I couldn't spend any time with him alone and not spend the night at his house.

My dad's health has greatly been affected by his use of drugs. He has bad teeth and has had many pulled. He gets a lot of colds, headaches, sore throats, and has battled pneumonia a few times. He will have these effects for the rest of his life.

As you can see, drugs not only affect the person using them, they also affect other people as well. I will never know what it's like to live with my dad. DARE has taught me to resist peer pressure, and that it's OK to say NO. DARE is good for schools because it teaches kids not to go down the same path as my dad.

DARE Essay

By Haley Hall

This is a paper over what I learned in DARE. I have learned where drugs affect your body and why they affect it. I have learned that I am making my own decisions and I have to make the right choice. I have also learned how to say no to drugs, how to resist peer pressure when it is really hard to say no. I also know

that anger isn't the right way to say no to drugs. I have learned that prevention is the only long term answer to drug abuse. Prevention comes from knowledge about drug abuse, the consequences of abuse, and learning skills for resisting peer pressure to experiment with drugs, alcohol and tobacco. I have seen the effects of alcohol abuse with families I have met while I was at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. One father was at the clinic with his three year old son. He was so sad. My mom and I got to know him. His wife and eleven year old son had been hit by a drunk driver. His wife was killed and his eleven year old son had been in intensive care for twenty one days. They were on their way to visit his three year old son in the hospital. His three year old son has leukemia. The driver was an eighteen year old. Even though the teenager survived the crash, he was destroyed two families. You cannot drink and drive. I will never forget this Dad. I will never ever drink and drive.

DARE Essay

By Sarah Koithan

DARE stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education. So why do we even think about using them? It's because we think they will help us feel better. Well, that's just the opposite thing. Drugs mess up your whole body. Even though you think something's right doesn't mean it always is. In DARE class I learned that it messes up your brain, your lungs, and every part in your body. It gives the brain short term memory loss and that you won't have control but the drug will. It gives you slow reflexes and poor judgment. It messes up your lungs by giving you breathing problems, colds, and some drugs even give you lung cancer. Drugs also give you dry skin, and make your teeth yellow. Peer pressure is something else I learned. Sure, your friends might give it to you, but you don't have to take it. I know that there are other ways to spend days than taking drugs. So now I know you will make the right choice.