

MAY NEWSLETTER

2005

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, May 2 – JH B & G Track at Sidney
Girl Scouts 3:30-5:30
Senior Awards Night 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3 – HS Corner Conference B & G Track Meet at Red Oak 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4 – Rain Date for HS C.C. Track Meet

Thursday, May 5 – HS Spring Concert 7:00 p.m.
PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 6 – Girls' Varsity Track at Essex
Boys' Varsity Track at Bedford

May 7 – Large Group Contest at Sidney TBA

Sunday, May 8 – Baccalaureate at the Congregational Church in Farragut 6:00

Monday, May 9 – Boys' Varsity Track at Sidney
Elementary Track Meet 1:00 p.m.
Regular School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10 – Girls' Varsity Track at Sidney
Rain Date Elementary Track 1:00

Wednesday, May 11 – Senior Supper TBA
Preschool Round-Up 9:00 a.m.
Go the Distance Day 2:30

Thursday, May 12 – JH Corner Conference Track Meet at Red Oak 2:00

Friday, May 13 – Rain Date for JH C.C. Track Meet
Seniors Last Day ☺

Saturday, May 14 – Miss Farragut Practice 10:00, Pageant at 7:00 p.m. in the old gym

Sunday, May 15 – Speech & Drama Banquet TBA

Monday, May 16 – JH B & G Track at Essex

Tuesday, May 17 – Elementary Concert TBA

May 17-19 – Senior Trip to the Ozarks

Wednesday, May 18 – JH Highlights 1:30

Friday, May 20 – Senior Commencement Practice 10:00

Sunday, May 22 – Commencement 2:00 p.m.

Monday, May 23 – JV/V Baseball vs. Tri-Center Here 6:00

Tuesday, May 24 – JV/V Baseball vs. Lenox Here 6:00

Wednesday, May 25 – HS SB/BB Pictures 1:00

Tuesday, May 31 – JV/V Baseball vs. Stanton Here 6:00
End of 4th Quarter & 2nd Semester!!!!!!

JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 1 – JV/V SB vs. Glenwood Here 6:00

Thursday, June 2 – JV/V SB vs. Hamburg Here 6:00

Friday, June 3 – SB/BB vs. South Page Here 6:00

Saturday, June 4 – Varsity SB at Essex
BB at Greenfield

Monday, June 6 – JV/V SB vs. Bedford Here 6:00
JV/V BB at Fremont-Mills 6:00

Tuesday, June 7 – SB/BB at Essex 6:00

Friday, June 10 – SB/BB vs. Stanton Here 6:00

Saturday, June 11 – JV/V Baseball at Shenandoah 5:30
JV SB at Shenandoah (Tent.)
Varsity SB Tournament at Underwood

Monday, June 13 – Regular Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 14 – SB/BB at Clarinda Academy 6:00

Thursday, June 16 – JV/V SB at Griswold 6:00

Friday, June 17 – SB/BB vs. Villisca Here 6:00

Saturday, June 18 – Sidney SB Tournament TBA
Underwood Baseball Tournament TBA

Monday, June 20 – JV/V BB at Essex 6:00

Tuesday, June 21 – SB/BB at Malvern 6:00

Wednesday, June 22 – JV/V BB at Clarinda Academy 5:00

Friday, June 24 – SB/BB vs. Hamburg Here 6:00

Sunday, June 26 – Fundraiser for Audrey McGargill at the Elk's 11:00-1:30

Monday, June 27 – JV/V SB at Stanton 6:00

Tuesday, June 28 – SB/BB at Nishna Valley 6:00

JUNE 26TH FUNDRAISER FOR AUDREY MCGARGILL

Emmy and Mary Ann are cooking up one of their famous meals to help Audrey raise funds for her singing trip to Europe with the “Sound of America.” Serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Shenandoah Elk's Club. Thank you for your donation.

TOWN & COUNTRY FESTIVAL DAY

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, August 20, 2005 for Town & Country Festival Day “Come Alive in '05.” Many activities planned all day, including some new activities over and above last year's fun. The Community Club is always looking for new ideas and new members. Call 385-8303 for more information. Thanks.

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, August 20, 2005 for Town & Country Festival

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

The Hot Lunch Program provided by the Farragut Community School is sponsored by both State and Federal agencies. Because they sponsor the program, they require that the school district follow certain guidelines concerning the operation of the program. Both state and federal guidelines strongly discourage schools from charging meals to students.

District Policy

Students will bring home notes when their account reaches \$3.25.

1. The superintendent will send out a letter when the account reaches \$0.00.
2. The district recognizes, however, that everyone forgets their money on occasion and we will provide a meal in those cases. If an individual reaches three unpaid meals the kitchen will not provide meals to that individual. When the district will do is provide milk and a peanut butter sandwich so the students do not go without something to eat.
3. Parents are encouraged to check with their children concerning notes from the school concerning their school lunch accounts. You might even check their book bag for notes.

To assist families in keeping track of their lunches, the front page of our website has a tab on the upper right hand side for parent access. Your sign in name is just your last name and the password is whatever you give to Becky or Pam to use. This program will give you the status of your child(ren)'s account up to the minute.

We would encourage parents/guardians to work with us so that we can continue to provide a quality Hot Lunch Program to district children without violating the guidelines of the state and federal agencies that fund the program. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support. Jay D. Lutt, Superintendent

ELEMENTARY UPDATE – PENNY BREDENSTEINER

We are entering the last month of school, hard to believe! There will be many activities winding up the school year.

The testing to be completed this month includes CBMs and Gates MacGinitie testing. The CBM's will be given the first week of May and Gates reading testing will be the second week.

The 4th through 6th grades are able to participate in an after school program to help with schoolwork. Elementary students may stay on Thursdays after school from 3:30-4:30 if they have incomplete work or need help in a particular subject. Snacks will be provided and transportation for students living in the Farragut School district will be provided. We ask that parents call or write a note by Thursday morning if a child is staying for this program.

The Elementary Track Meet for 4th through 6th grade will be held May 9, at 1:00 P.M. at Hackett Field. May 10th will be the rain date.

There will be Preschool Round Up Wednesday, May 11, at 9:00 A.M. The students will have an opportunity to play while the parents receive information on the program. If you know of someone that has a preschooler that will be 4 by September 15, 2005, and does not receive the newsletter, please let them know about Round Up. We welcome calls to 385-8131 by anyone wishing to enroll a preschooler for next year.

The Elementary Music Program will be held Tuesday, May 17, at 7:00 P.M. in Plummer Gymnasium. Plan for an enjoyable evening of musical entertainment.

Kindergarten Graduation will be held Friday, May 27, at 2:00 P.M. in the Old Gym.

Planning is still taking place for the summer reading program. If you wish to donate any books or money toward the project, please bring them to the elementary office. Our goal is to have books in the hands of every child to enjoy during the summer.

FARRAGUT PRESCHOOL ROUNDUP

Farragut Community School is planning a Preschool Roundup, Wednesday, May 11, from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. It will be an opportunity for next year's preschoolers and their parents to visit preschool and receive information about our preschool program. This would be an opportune time to bring in a copy of the birth certificate and immunization records.

FIRST GRADE – MRS. MARTIN

The First Graders have been busy the past few weeks learning many new things! We have been reading new books, learning how to count money, and learning how to tell time.

We have been writing stories and illustrating them. We also spend time each week practicing our spelling words.

In Science, we are studying plants and animals. We have learned the parts of plants and what they need to grow. We are learning about different types of animals and where they live.

We had a great time on our Lewis & Clark field trip to Nebraska City. We specially liked seeing the live prairie dog! It was a fun and interesting day!

We will be busy the last few weeks of school testing and finishing up the year. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over!

NEWS FROM THE SIXTH GRADE – MRS. GARDNER

In about four and a half weeks, these fine young people will officially be labeled “Jr. High Kids”. I can’t believe how much this class has grown and thrived. The month of May brings teachers a tough job; the kids think that school is over and we think that there is so much left to be taught in so little time. As I sit here and look at their class picture, the first thing that pops into my head is “They look so different now”. It’s amazing to me how much kids change, physically, in a school year. They all look so much older than when they first walked through those doors in August. This class has brought new and interesting challenges into my life as a teacher. Some students have gone, and some new ones have come. Some have matured and for some it will happen later this summer, “I hope!!”, but all have progressed and grown throughout the year for the best. I wish all of your children the very best next year entering a whole new lifestyle of Jr. High. No longer are they the big fish in a small pond, but a small fish in a big pond! Thank you for letting me teach your child, and for allowing me to learn from them!

Here are some memories/thought the class would like to share as they leave elementary behind during their last month of school as a sixth grader:

- 1. I liked the games we played that made the hard stuff fun.**
- 2. The way we would get Mrs. Gardner to lecture on and on about something so we wouldn’t have to have an assignment.**
- 3. My most memorable moment was when I went a whole week WITHOUT getting a ticket!!**
- 4. When we went to Gifford Farms, it was a blast and we learned to work together, and Mrs. Gardner made the year fun.**
- 5. I’m the only guy who never got a ticket or got into any kind of trouble.**
- 6. I will miss the history lessons and the teachers.**
- 7. Going into Jr. High will be fun because you get all new teachers and you get to go out for sports.**
- 8. When we were at Gifford Farms and during the team challenges Tiffany, Aaron, and Tyler were on the board squished together.**
- 9. When we got a new student, and I got a new friend.**
- 10. The funniest thing is when the teacher is working a problem and she messes up, we have to tell her what to fix.**
- 11. When Mrs. Gardner always forgets to give us our vocab test, she never has those things ready!**
- 12. I liked the math games and that we were the oldest in the building**
- 13. I liked that Mrs. Gardner let us listen to the radio sometimes while we worked, even though it was the “BEE” 99.3.**
- 14. I remember my first day at this school. Everyone was so nice and gave me time to fit in.**
- 15. The best moment of the 6th grade was the story Colton told during reading, he took up the whole period. It was hilarious!!**
- 16. I will not miss those long assignments!!**
- 17. My most embarrassing moment was during flag football when my pants fell down!**

SUMMER READING

As parents and teachers, we all know how important it is for students to continue reading during the summer break. In an effort to facilitate helping your child read this summer, there will be a summer reading program, which we are in the process of formulating.

It will involve checking books out from the library, free books for students, and reading incentives for returning books when school starts and for completing several books during the summer months.

Watch the monthly newsletter, The Helm and special letters sent home to you with students to find out more about what is planned.

Above all, we need your help with this program both for helping students to complete their reading pledge and to remind them to return books in the fall.

If you have books to donate to the summer reading program, please leave them at the school anytime. We still need good useable books that your family has outgrown or no longer uses.

Any help you can give will be appreciated. Together we can make a difference in your child's reading progress.

NEWS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Rigor in High School

On May 2, Sandy Hilding, Bob Lynn (Board Vice-President) and I will be meeting in Sidney with fellow representatives from the Fremont County schools to meet with Judy Jeffery, Chief Administrator for the Iowa Department of Education. Judy is meeting with all the school districts in the state about providing rigor in the high school setting. I believe that our district is providing that rigor and here is what we are planning for next year:

Next Year will be the first to have Chemistry, Physics, and Chemistry II taught in the same year on-site!

ICN Class: English Composition taught from Iowa Western Community College (IWCC). Dual Credit

IWCC/Shenandoah: Statistics, English Composition I & II, Human Growth and Development, College Algebra, General Biology I & II, Public Speaking, Psychology, Western Civics, American History, College Trigonometry, Introduction to Sociology, American Literature, and Calculus.
Dual Credit

Graceland Web-Classes: World Civilization, United States History, Introduction to Psychology, Introduction to Literature, and Introduction to Criminal Justice. Dual Credit

Iowa On-line: Iowa Learning Online is designed to help local Iowa school districts expand learning opportunities for their high school students through courses delivered "at a distance" using

technologies such as the Internet and interactive video classrooms connected to the Iowa Communications Network (ICN). There are more classes offered here than I have space to list, but to give you an example, Farragut will offer an alternative foreign language besides Spanish that we have here at school. You can see more information and lists of classes at:

<http://www.iowalearningonline.org/>

Sharing: Providing instruction for four other districts in the following subject areas: Chemistry II, Family Consumer Science, Art, Industrial Technology, and Automotive Technology.

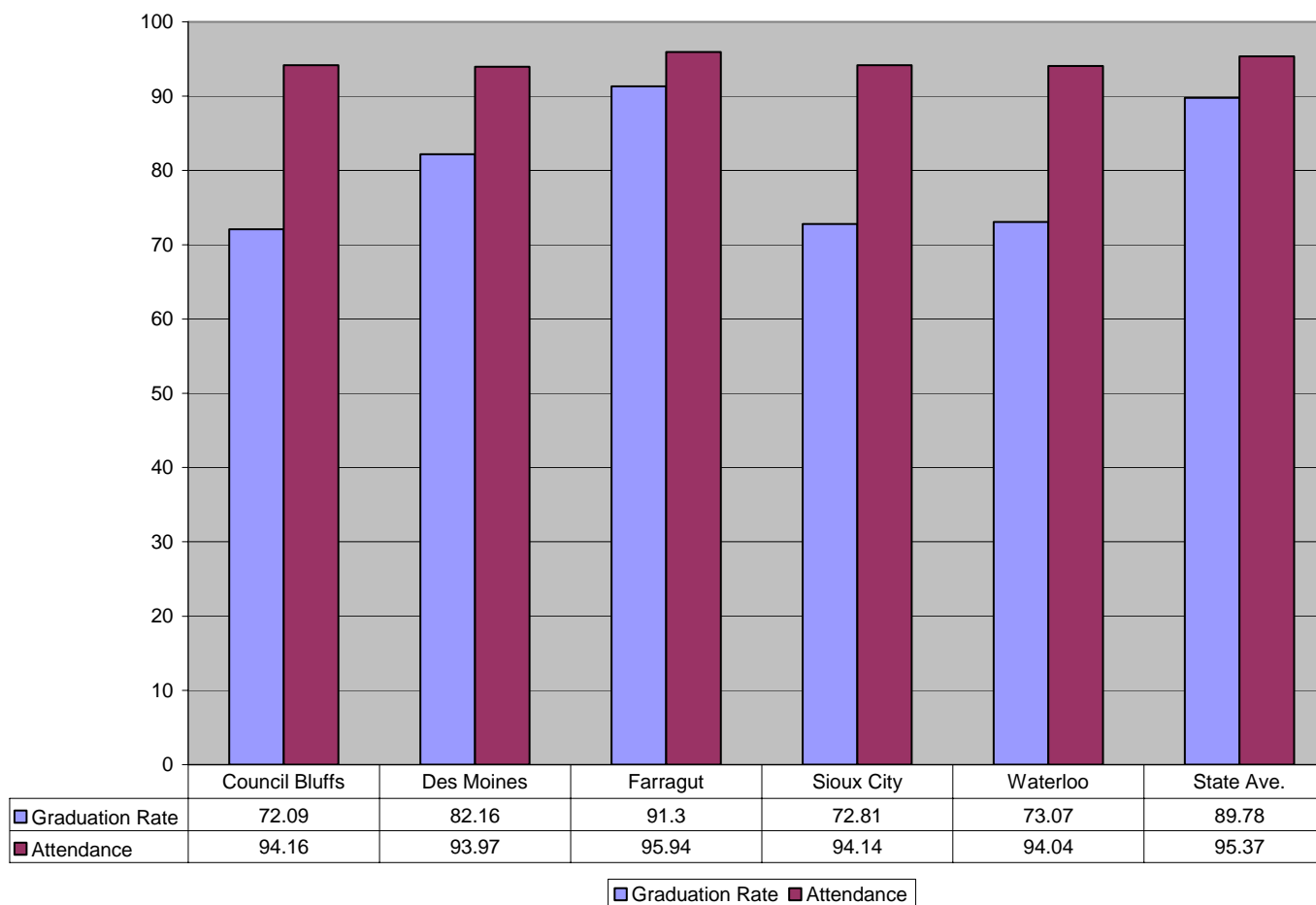
School Website

One of the great things about our website is the feature that allows the computer class or the administration to put polls on the website. The district has been having a weekly poll on the front page. There are other polls all around the website. It has been a fun experience to get student and public ideas on all kinds of subjects. It gives us an idea of what people are thinking, but we don't necessarily act on each item. Click on the webpage at www.farragutschools.org to view the latest poll.

Also new on the web page are the student individual pages. Students in Mrs. Maxine's class are doing web pages on themselves. They have been very creative and fun to look at. To visit their pages, hover your mouse icon over the high school link on the left side of the page. Click on the link to student pages.

Comparing Our District

For the three years I have been at Farragut there has been talk on the state level that small schools do not do enough for their students. On the page previous to this one I let you know the many courses we will offer next year to our students. Many of those options have been available to our students in the past. Our current legislators approved two committees to be formed that will impact our small school. The first will decide how much money schools will be allowed to keep to help them during rough economic times. This report will be crucial to our longevity and will be publicized in October. In December, the second committee will focus primarily on the minimum amount of students they will allow in a high school. Is bigger better? I compared, as you can too at www.iowaschoolprofiles.com, our school to some of the larger schools in the state. In Reading and Mathematics for the 2004 Biennium scores that are available, Farragut outscored the following districts in Reading and Mathematics; Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Des Moines, and Waterloo. **Some of these scores showed a 15-22% difference!** Below are some other interesting graphs.





MAY 2 (B)Br. Bar & Toast (L)Grilled Cheese Baked Beans Corn Chips Fruit Pudding	MAY 3 (B)Omelet & Toast (L)Tenderloin w/bun Oven Fries Pears Pickle	MAY 4 ** (B)French Toast (L)Nachos w/meat Chips Corn Pineapple Trail Mix	MAY 5 ** (B)Biscuits & Gravy (L)Beef & Noodles Gr. Beans or Broccoli Fruit P. Butter Sandwich	MAY 6 (B)Cereal & Toast (L)Chicken Nuggets M. Potatoes & Gravy Applesauce Roll & Butter
MAY 9 (B)Cinnamon Tastries (L)Egg, Ham & Cheese on Bun Tri Tators Juice Gr. Cracker	MAY 10 (B)Omelet & Toast (L)Rib on Bun Corn Mixed Fruit Pickle	MAY 11 ** (B)French Toast (L)Sloppy Joe w/bun Green Beans Pears Br. Motz. Stick	MAY 12 ** (B)Biscuits & Gravy (L)Ch. & Noodles M. Potatoes Peaches Muffin	MAY 13 (B)Cereal (L)Pizza Lettuce or Corn Frozen Fruit P. Butter Bar
MAY 16 (B)Pancake on Stick (L)Ch. Pattie on Bun Green Beans Pineapple Pasta	MAY 17 ** (B)Omelet & Toast (L)Taco Salad w/chips, lettuce & cheese Corn Fruit	MAY 18 (B)French Toast (L)Hoagie Sandwich Slaw or Carrots Corn Chips Pears Jello	MAY 19 (B)Biscuits & Gravy (L)Corn Dog B. Beans or Carrots Mixed Fruit Gr. Cracker	MAY 20 ** (B)Cereal (L)Burrito w/chili & cheese Corn Fruit Trail Mix
MAY 23 (B)Pancake on Stick (L)Hamburg on Bun (Cheese opt.) Oven Fries Peaches Ice Cream	MAY 24 ** (B)Cinnamon Tastries (L)Silli Spaghetti w/meat Lettuce or Corn Pears Cheese Stick	MAY 25 (B)French Toast (L)Hot Dog on Bun Cheesy Corn Fruit Pretzels	MAY 26 (B)Biscuits & Gravy (L)Pizza Lettuce or Corn Applesauce Cookie	MAY 27 (B)Cereal (L)POT LUCK
MAY 30 NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 31 NO BREAKFAST (L)Sack Lunch Hoagie Chips Roll-Up Cookie			
	Chocolate Milk Served on M & F.	Menu subject to change.	**P.B. Sandwiches Available K-12.	