

MARCH NEWSLETTER

2010

MARCH CALENDER OF EVENTS

Monday, March 1 - JH Music Festival @
Sidney High School 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 4 - Spring Pictures
8:30 a.m.

Monday, March 8 - Regular School Board
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16 - Sophomore Career
Day in Clarinda 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 18 - C.C. Instrumental
Music Festival in Sidney TBA
Craig Hillier Assembly 7-12 in
Hamburg 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 20 - Pre-Contest Vocal
& Instrumental 8:00 a.m.

Monday, March 22 - CC JH Science Fair
at East Mills TBA

March 22-23 - State FCCLA Convention
in Des Moines

Tuesday, March 23 - JH Honor Choir at
Treyvor TBA

Wednesday, March 24 - Sr. Supper
Planning Meeting in concourse 6:30

Monday, March 29 - Elementary Spring
Concert 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 30 - FFA Banquet 6:30
p.m.

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 1 - JH B/G Track at
East Mills 4:00

Friday, April 2 - No School - Easter
Break

Sunday, April 4 - HAPPY EASTER☺

Monday, April 5 - No School - Easter
Break
Boys' Varsity Track - Jerome
Howe Relays @ Treyvor TBA

Tuesday, April 6 - Girls' Varsity Track
at Fremont-Mills 4:30

Friday, April 9 - Boys' Varsity Track at
Clarinda TBA
Girls' Varsity Track at Red Oak

Monday, April 12 - Regular School Board
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13 - Boys' Varsity Track
at Shenandoah TBA
Girls' Varsity Track at Griswold
TBA

Thursday, April 15 - Boys' Varsity Track
at East Mills 4:30
Girls' Varsity Track at Shenandoah
TBA

**Saturday, April 24 - Elem./JH Solo
Contest TBA**

**Saturday, April 17 - HS Solo/Small
Ensemble Contest TBA
JH B/G Track at Stanton TBA**

**Tuesday, April 27 - Girls' Varsity Track
at East Mills 4:30
JH B/G Track at Hamburg 3:30**

**Monday, April 19 - Varsity B/G Track at
Stanton TBA
JH B/G Track at Sidney 4:00**

**Wednesday, April 28 - Senior Supper at
the Elk's 6:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, April 20 - Boys' Varsity Track
at Hamburg 4:30**

**Thursday, April 29 - Girls' Varsity Track
at Hamburg 4:30**

**Thursday, April 22 - Boys' Varsity Track
at Sidney 5:00**

**Friday, April 30-CC Art Fair at F-M
TBA
Varsity B/G Track at F-M 4:30**

FARRAGUT KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held Tuesday, April 13, for all children who will be attending kindergarten next year. If you have a child starting school next year, please call Farragut Elementary School (385-8131) to set up a time to visit.

During the session there will be a readiness test, speech screening, hearing screening, and other services available for each child. The parents will receive information for next year. Remember to bring the birth certificate and immunization records if we do not have them from preschool.

We look forward to meeting you and hope this is the start of a very successful educational experience for your child.

If you know of anyone that has a child ready to start Kindergarten in the Fall, please pass on this information.

FARRAGUT SPELLING BEE

Congratulations Spelling Bee participants. Everyone did an excellent job. The top three spellers in each class advanced to the County Spelling Bee at Hamburg February 24.

The following students were the winners in their respective classes: 4th Grade-1st Blu Ossian, 2nd Ashley Rakes, 3rd Logan Lutz, and alternate Zoe Moores; 5th Grade-1st Johnathon Manchester, 2nd BriAnna Davis, 3rd Madison Moores, and alternate Christine Rost; 6th Grade-1st Martha Dykstra, 2nd Kenna Voyles, 3rd Ben Phillips, and alternate Chad Blank; 7th Grade- 1st Joshua Davis and 2nd Caleb Kimpel.

ELEMENTARY UPDATE - MRS. PENNY BREDENSTEINER

This is really going to be a busy month with the end of the quarter, concerts, and special events.

The month kicks off with Read Across America day in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday March 2. Kelly Carey will be reading to the elementary students.

Spring Pictures will be March 4. This is a fun and casual portrait and not a prepaid program. Non-school age children can have their pictures taken from 8:00-8:30. PreK-11th grade students will come down with their classes.

Students have reached a midyear reading goal and will be going bowling during March supporting our theme of *Team Up With Reading*. The activity is in the process of being scheduled.

The fifth grade students will receive a letter to "Take Five on March 5th" that encourages parents to talk to their students about drugs. It is sponsored by The Partnership for A Drug-Free Iowa.

Elementary students in grade 2-6 will attend an assembly entitled Simply Electrifying. The program is presented free of charge to schools by the Iowa Center for Science with MidAmerican Energy paying the costs. The will present to the students March 8.

Plan to attend Parent Teacher Conferences, March 25. Parents and guardians need to sign up on the Farragut website by March 10. After March 10, Becky will schedule times for people who have not requested a time online. Conferences are a very important time to talk about each child's progress. We look forward to seeing you March 25.

The Spring Concert will be Monday, March 29, at 7:00 P.M. in Plummer Gymnasium. Plan to attend for a wonderful evening of entertainment.

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held Tuesday, April 13. Parents can sign up for a time during Parent Teacher Conferences or call the school at 712-385-8131.

Board Bits.....by Bob Lynn

There's a commercial on TV right now that asks "Years from now, when we look back at today, what will we see?"

Today is a moment in time that is going to be remembered! It is a time when the rich history of athletics at Farragut is sadly coming to an end. And though many don't realize it, it is a bittersweet time for me, much like it is for many of you. My mother, her twin sister and her older sister went to the state tournament in the late forties as guards on Orin Mann's basketball team. I grew up in Farragut during the Plummer Dynasty, when the question wasn't if the girls would go to state, but how far would they go after they got there. My sister was on Leon's last state tournament team in 1976 and my oldest daughter was on the basketball team the last time they made it to Regionals a few years back.

Our boys' basketball team went to state in the 80's and everybody remembers our success in volleyball and football just a few years ago. These and many

others I failed to mention, are all a proud part of our community's history and can't be taken away!

But we can't survive on the achievements of the past. We have lost the numbers we need to continue to have boys programs of our own. The girls still have fairly decent numbers, but it is hard to schedule games without having a girls and boys team in baseball and basketball. The board has decided to share these with Hamburg along with football and track in the coming seasons. It was also approved to share volleyball, which was not a popular decision.

Now I'm hearing rumors of families open enrolling out and even moving because of the board's action. As important as athletics are to the community we must remember the board's first responsibility is to educate every child. When the board is looking at items such as this we must keep in mind our long-term goals for the district and how our decisions work towards those objectives. Sometimes we have to make decisions, which are not popular.

Such is the case with our vote to share volleyball. I won't attempt to sway opinions in this article because everyone has pretty much decided where they stand. But I must say there are community members on both sides of the issue and the board vote reflected that. We heard from both sides even though the ones opposed were the most vocal.

In life we seldom get the opportunity to control the events around us. Snow, sleet, rain, floods, tornadoes, falling leaves, growing grass, sickness, injuries, fluctuating markets, taxes, dead batteries, flat tires and sometimes school board decisions aren't what we hoped for. Remember there is only one thing we can actually control. That would be our reaction to the things that happen around us and to us.

So, "Years from now, when we look back at today, what will we see?" Will we see a community that in spite of their differences rose to the occasion and did what was best for its students? Did we look at our children, smile, and explain that sometimes life gives us something other than what we want but we can still make the best of it. Or did we let our differences block the path to cooperation and success for the program and students. What will you do? Will you build up or tear down? Only you can make that decision!

FREMONT COUNTY SPELLING BEE CHAMPS

Farragut students did well at the Fremont County Spelling Bee in Hamburg February 24. In 4th grade Blu Ossian finished 1st and Ashley Rakes came in 2nd; in 5th grade Madison Moores was 2nd; in 6th grade Kenna Voyles was 3rd; and in 7th grade Caleb Kimpel was 3rd. Caleb Kimpel also received 3rd place in the overall spelling round between the top 7th and 8th grade spellers. Congratulations on a great job!

