

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## 2007

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 1 - History Quiz Bowl for Juniors & Seniors

Friday, November 2 - Soup Supper Fundraiser at the Admiral Inn 5:00 p.m. to ???

Monday, November 5 - HS Girls' BB practice starts

Tuesday, November 6 - Falls Sports Banquet - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 7 - Mark Jewell Winter Sports Pictures 10:00 a.m.

Veteran's Assembly 1:00

Jr. Class Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m.

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

C.C. Music Festival at Malvern High School

HS Boys' Basketball practice starts

Wednesday, November 14 - SEEDS - NO SCHOOL

November 15-16 - All-State Festival

Sunday, November 18 - Jr. Class Parent Fundraiser for After-Prom at

Emmy's 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Monday, November 19 - Varsity Girls' Basketball Jamboree at Stanton TBA

Tuesday, November 20 - Varsity Boys' Basketball Jamboree at Villisca TBA

Wednesday, November 21 - Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving 2:30

November 22-23 - No School - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

Monday, November 26 - Late Start - Professional Development 9:30

JH Boys' BB vs. Stanton Here 4:00; JH Girls' BB @ Stanton 3:30

Tuesday, November 27 - Varsity B/G Basketball at Griswold 6:15/8:00

**Wednesday, November 28 - Financial Aid Meeting 7:00 TBA**

**Thursday, November 29 - JV/V Boys' BB at East Mills 6:15/8:00**

**Friday, November 30 - Varsity B/G Basketball at Riverside 6:15/8:00**

## **DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, December 1 - JV/V Boys' BB at Hamburg 6:15/8:00**

**Monday, December 3 - JH Boys' BB @ Hamburg 3:30; JH Girls' BB vs. Hamburg Here  
4:00**

**Tuesday, December 4 - JV/V G/B BB @ Falls City, Nebraska 4:00 start**

**Thursday, December 6 - JH G/B BB @ Clarinda Lutheran 4:00**

**Friday, December 7 - JH Girls' BB @ Sidney; JH Boys' BB vs. Sidney Here 4:00  
Varsity G/B BB @ Sidney 6:15/8:00**

**Saturday, December 8 - JV/V G/B BB vs. Fremont-Mills Here 4:30 start**

**Monday, December 10 - Late Start - Professional Development 9:30 a.m.  
JV G/B BB vs. Essex Here 6:15  
Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday, December 11 - Varsity G/B BB vs. East Mills Here 6:15/8:00  
JH Girls' BB vs. East Mills Here; JH Boys' BB @ East Mills 4:00**

**Wednesday, December 12 - PK Christmas Program 10:00 a.m.  
Elementary Christmas Program 1:00**

**Thursday, December 13 - HS Christmas Concert 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 14 - JH Girls' BB @ Fremont-Mills 3:45; JH Boys' BB vs. F-M Here  
4:00  
Varsity G/B BB @ Fremont-Mills 6:15/8:00**

**Monday, December 17 - Late Start - Staff Development 9:30 a.m.  
Varsity G/B BB @ South Page 6:15/8:00**

Tuesday, December 18 - JH Boys' BB vs. Essex Here; JH Girls' BB @ Essex 4:00  
Varsity G/B BB vs. Essex Here 6:15/8:00  
Jr. Class Parent Supper

Thursday, December 20 - JV/V Girls' BB vs. AHST Here 6:15/8:00

Friday, December 21 - End 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. & 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
Early Dismissal at 2:30

## 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE - THE LAND OF THE PRE-JUNIOR-HIGH STUDENT

We have come into 6<sup>th</sup> grade with a smile and a hope that all will go well. We have found that all does go well but that it is only done by an effort on our part to adapt to a different teacher and to start thinking in terms of what is to come.

Our first lesson was to learn the class rules. The most important rule in my rule book applies to the atmosphere of the classroom:

No student will be allowed to disrupt the educational  
experience of any other student.

Our first quarter math was review, with additional new concepts being added. We will continue this trend throughout the year but the review will become less and the new additional information will continue to descend upon us. We must apply our past learning to expand our knowledge in order to get ready for algebra and beyond.

Our Social Studies is a study of world history. We are learning that technology was a fact of life in the New Stone Age, these discoveries brought us to the advances in technology today. The discovery of the wheel was technology at its highest level. If we learn about the beginning of civilization and the conflicts of the times, maybe, just maybe, we will be able to understand our world and the conflicts of modern times.

Having a pre-test in Spelling on Fridays has become a favorite activity. It frees the student up to not have to study for the regular Spelling test four days away. And besides that, a perfect score on the pre-test yields a prize!

We kicked off our reading program "Reading in the Wildest Places" and are looking forward to the activities for each quarter and the time we are given to read silently in our classroom. Our schedule is pretty full. We really have to work to find time for the "Wild" places and times to read. We have finished A Long Way from Chicago, which was a teacher read and are hoping to have Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse finished by Thanksgiving. These group minutes count on our reading program as well as the individual minutes.

Thank you, to all the parents for coming to conferences. It is a good thing to talk directly to the parents and let you know the good things that are happening in the classroom each day and how your student is progressing.

We hope everyone had a happy Halloween. Thanks to the parents who furnished those treats for the Halloween party. If you do not have a party list, let me know and I will send one home with your student.

Come and see us any time. We welcome your input about your students. I appreciate the "million or less words" article you sent back to school about your student. It is wonderful to hear about their accomplishments out of school as well.

We, as a class, wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, that being the next holiday and as we move into the very busy months of November and December let's keep the students focused on the tasks at hand in school and continue to see progress. Mrs. Poptanycz

## NOVEMBER 2007 SECONDARY PRINCIPAL NEWSLETTER

Second quarter has begun! As you visit with your child about his or her grades, please remember that many of your child's teachers put grades on line. If you need help or would like more information please call us at school. You will need access to the internet. If you ever have questions or concerns about grades or assignments please don't hesitate to call school.

Mr. Wilson will be taking Juniors and several Seniors to a History Quiz Bowl in Sidney on November 1<sup>st</sup>. These students will be competing against other students in our area. Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, we will hold the annual Veterans' Day Assembly at 1 PM in the gym. You are all invited to attend. The Corner Conference Vocal Festival will be held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Our students will spend the afternoon at East Mills High School in Malvern and will perform that evening at 7 PM. Mrs. Zavadil and the Farragut Choir have been working diligently in preparation for this concert. Congratulations to Emily Linder who will play French horn at the All State Festival November 15-17.

As the fall sports and activities wind down, we'd like to thank all of you who have helped support High School Cross Country, Football, Volleyball, Marching Band, Cheerleading and Dance Team. We appreciate all of you who have taken the time for all the various volunteer jobs that need done. We couldn't do it without you! Those students involved in these fall activities, as well as Baseball and Softball, will be honored at our annual Fall Activities Potluck on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. in the concourse. Spring participants in Track and Golf will also be recognized. Please bring a dish or two to share. Drinks and table service will be provided.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M., a financial aide meeting will be held for parents of juniors and seniors. This is an informational meeting to help you get ready as your child graduates and heads off to post-secondary education. This meeting will be held in the library.

Finally, as we head to the winter sports, we are once again asking for your help for basketball season. If you would like to learn how to run the clock or take stats please let Mrs. Hilding know. We are so fortunate to have wonderful volunteers at Farragut - we couldn't do it without you!

## **JUNIOR CLASS PARENT AFTER-PROM FUNDRAISER**

The Jr. Class parents are hosting an After-Prom Fundraiser on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Elk's in Shenandoah. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. and run until 1:30 p.m. Emmy will be doing the cooking and serving will consist of Fried Chicken or Beef & Noodles, Salad Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert and Drink, all for a donation of \$10.00 for adults, children 5-10 \$5.00, or children under 5 free. Come enjoy and help this worthwhile event.

## **KINDERGARTEN PODCASTS**

During October, the Kindergarten Class learned about Fire Safety and had the Farragut and Shenandoah firemen as guest speakers. The students then brainstormed a list of fire safety rules they had learned during Fire Prevention Week. Each student chose a rule they wanted to share to present through the internet by podcast. Mr. Lutt brought the snowball (the big microphone you speak into) to our classroom and the students each took a turn telling their fire safety rule. The students really enjoyed this experience and also sang one of their fire songs we had learned. You can check this out on the school website.

## **FUNDRAISER**

The Admiral Inn will be hosting a fundraiser on Friday night, November 2 from 5:00-? p.m. The Admiral Inn needs help raising funds for wall & roofing repairs. Come, enjoy and help. Thank you!!

## **JUNIOR SLAVE AUCTION & POTATO & SPAGHETTI DINNERS**

Junior parents are auctioning their children to the highest bidder to do odd jobs around your house. The bid book will be available at HS Sporting events and at Christmas Tree Lane. If you would like to bid on a Junior to do house cleaning, raking leaves, cleaning automobiles, and etc., you can call Patty Bredensteiner to place a bid. The Juniors will be sold to the highest bidder at a Varsity Basketball game. This is a fundraiser for the Junior-Senior After Prom Party. If you have any questions please feel free to call Patty Bredensteiner.

The Junior Class Parents will be serving a Potato Bar and a Spaghetti Dinner at two home Basketball games this year. Information about these dinners will be posted on the web page and flyers will be hanging around school and town.