

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

## 2008

### NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 6 - National Honor Society Induction 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11 - Fall Activities Banquet - 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 17 - C.C. Vocal Festival at Hamburg

November 20-22 - All State Festival TBA

Monday, November 24 - Girls' Basketball Jamboree at Stanton TBA

Tuesday, November 25 - Boys' Basketball Jamboree at Villisca TBA

### DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, December 1 - JV G/B BB vs. Clarinda Academy Here 6:15/8:00

Tuesday, December 2 - Varsity G/B BB vs. Griswold Here 6:15/8:00

Wednesday, December 3 - Financial Aid Night Here 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 4 - JH Girls' BB vs. Sidney Here 4:00

JH Boys' BB at Sidney 4:00

JV/V Boys' BB vs. East Mills Here 6:15/8:00

Varsity Wrestling at Clarinda 5:30

Friday, December 5 - Varsity G/B BB vs. Riverside Here 6:15/8:00

Varsity Wrestling at Humboldt Tournament TBA

Monday, December 8 - Varsity G/B BB vs. Tarkio Here 6:15/8:00

Tuesday, December 9 - JH Girls' BB at Hamburg 4:00

JH Boys' BB vs. Hamburg Here 4:00

Varsity G/B BB vs. Hamburg Here 6:15/8:00

Wednesday, December 10 - Elementary Christmas Concert 1:30

Thursday, December 11 - HS Christmas Concert 7:00

Varsity Wrestling vs. Glenwood/Abraham Lincoln at Shenandoah 5:30

Friday, December 12 - JH Girls' BB at Essex 3:30

JH Boys' BB vs. Essex Here 4:00

JV Boys/Varsity G/B BB vs. Essex Here starting at 5:00

JV Girls' BB at Essex at 5:00

Saturday, December 13 - JV/V G/B BB at Fremont-Mills 4:30

Varsity Wrestling Tournament at Riverside 10:00 a.m.

Monday, December 15 - Varsity G/B BB at South Page 6:15/8:00

Tuesday, December 16 - JH Girls' BB vs. Fremont-Mills Here 4:00

JH Boys' BB at Fremont-Mills 4:00

Varsity G/B BB at Fremont-Mills 6:15/8:00

Varsity Wrestling vs. Atlantic/Kuemper at Shenandoah 5:30

Thursday, December 18 - JV/V Girls' BB at AHST 6:15

Friday, December 19 - JH Girls' BB at East Mills 4:00

JH Boys' BB vs. East Mills Here 4:00

Varsity G/B BB vs. East Mills Here 6:15/8:00

Jr. Class After Prom Soup Supper Fundraiser 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 20 - Shenandoah Wrestling Duals 9:30 a.m.

### FCCLA - MRS. McMAHON

FCCLA Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America have attended their District 13 South meeting in Shenandoah. Clinton Griffith serving as district secretary took roll call and read the minutes of the last meeting. Nicholle Blank ran for district office by giving a speech on how FCCLA inspires, serves and challenges the individual. Nicholle will be a district representative for the upcoming year. All those attending heard Rick Bender from Kentucky speak on the harmful effects on tobacco, specifically "spit" tobacco (smokeless). He calls it "spit" tobacco because it is not harmless. At age 26 he underwent surgery to remove a tumor that took his entire jawbone on one side of his face, a large portion of his tongue, and nerve damage to the right side of his body. Members heard a second speaker who gave them knowledge on how to not become a victim of HIV, the virus that can lead to AIDS. In the afternoon officers were installed and the members had an opportunity to listen to a local band. The district's outreach project is to donate to the local food pantry, so each member is bringing an item that will be matched using their fundraiser money.

On Tuesday, Oct. 28 the group is co-sponsoring the bloodmobile. On Wednesday, Oct. 29 the members will present CSI: Tobacco (Cigarette Smoke Investigation) to make the Farragut student body aware of the harm that smoking can do to the body. Mrs. McMahon, Advisor

### POP TAB UPDATE- FARRAGUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT

We currently have filled two 5-gallon Culligan water jugs full of pop tabs!!! PLEASE CONTINUE to help our friends at the Ronald McDonald House Charity by donating your pop tabs so they may redeem them to help defray expenses while families stay at the home. If we reach the 1 million

tab donor list, the Farragut School will be placed on the 1 million tab list at the Ronald McDonald House. Please keep saving your tabs for this very worthwhile cause. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

Currently the school has donated 110,000 tabs to date, and we hope to reach the million tab list by May of 2011, when these leadership students graduate. Thanks for your support - Farragut Leadership Students (Amanda Griffith, Colton Cooper, Janae Shough, and Chelsea Nebel).

### ELEMENTARY UPDATE-MRS. BREDENSTEINER

The first quarter is complete and we are well into the second quarter as November begins. The month will find several grades testing and various activities throughout the month.

Elementary students will be taking the Gates MacGinitie Reading tests which test over comprehension and vocabulary the first week in November. This test gives teachers a better picture of the growth of the students from last year to this year. It is a test that will be given again in the spring to make comparison for this year's growth as well. The third and fifth grade students will take the Cognitive Ability tests which includes a verbal battery, quantitative battery, and nonverbal battery. The test gives insight into abilities other than just reading.

Please send students in warm coats, hats, and mittens now that winter is fast approaching. They go outside whenever possible for recess. You can always send a sweatshirt to have a school for the few days that still get warm enough them.

The Elementary Staff is continuing vocabulary and comprehension instruction strategies at SEEDS this year. Students will not have school on Wednesday, November 12, for the SEEDS Professional Development. The emphasis in reading continues for the elementary with our theme this year of Feed Your Mind.....Read. Encourage your child to read at home, too.

This is a month of several special observances. Students will be observing National Education Week November 16-22. For Veterans Day, there will be a program at 1:30 with the American Legion presenting the program. The public is welcome to attend this observance at Farragut.

The 4 year old Pre-K class will have Thanksgiving dinner with their grandparents November 20 and entertain them with a short program. All the students look forward to having their grandparents join them for lunch. This will be the first time the students get to eat school lunch this year. For Thanksgiving dinner on November 20, the Kindergarten and First Grade students look forward to wearing the dress of the first Pilgrims and the Native Americans as they eat lunch together.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and will get to celebrate with family and friends this year.

### Secondary Principal

I would like to congratulate the Farragut Marching Band for all their success in winning numerous parades, and their performance at state. Also congratulations to the Lady Ad Volleyball team and the Admiral Football team for their accomplishments and successes they have had this season. I would like to give a special thank you to all the volunteers who have helped out this fall season with sporting events. Without your help, our students would not be able to enjoy the opportunities they have at Farragut Community Schools.

Upcoming events for November: November 6 we will have the National Honor Society Induction at 7:00pm. On November 11<sup>th</sup> we will have the Veteran's Day program at 1:30 in the gymnasium. Also that night on November 11<sup>th</sup> we have tentatively scheduled the Fall Activities Banquet at 6:00pm in the

concourse. Girls' Basketball begins November 10<sup>th</sup> and Boys' Basketball and Wrestling start on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

## KINDERGARTEN and FIRST GRADE - MISS LESLIE & RS. MARTIN

The Kindergarten and First Grade students would like to share their holiday recipes with you. We hope that you will enjoy them!

Sam Hummel - Pumpkin Pie - Get a pumpkin and slice it in half. Then cook it and make the crust. Then eat it!

Cheyenne Anderzhon - Turkey - Go to Wal-Mart and buy a turkey. Cook the turkey for 10 minutes. Take it out of the oven and eat it!

Mathew Powell - Turkey - Go outside and catch a turkey. Cook it on the grill for one minute. Put salt and ketchup on your turkey and eat.

Brody Owen - Blueberry Cookies - Get some blueberries, baking soda, and powder and mix them up. Turn on the oven. Then put the cookies in the oven. Set the timer for one minute. Then we take the cookies out and they're all done. Then we can eat them!

Anna Rakes - Pumpkin Pie - Put a pumpkin in the pie and put it in the stove. Get it out after 9 minutes. Just eat it when it is done!

Chase Price - Chocolate Chip Cookies - Get some cookie mix and chocolate chips and put them in the oven for 5 minutes. Then take them out and put them on another tray and let them cool off. Put some foil on them to keep them fresh and then you can take them anywhere you want.

Kai Czaplewski - Turkey - Hunt for a turkey at home. Take it inside and cook it for 7 minutes. Take it out and eat it!

Kaylee Noland - Apple Pie - Get some apples off the tree and put them in the stove. Then put them in the microwave for 10 days. Take them out and put some frosting on them.

Mya Johnson - Turkey - Go to the store and buy a turkey. Make a sandwich with it and eat it.

Brynn Smyser - Pumpkin Pie - Get a pumpkin at the pumpkin patch. Take it home and clean it off. Cut it up and put it in a pan. Put it in the oven and cook it for 5 minutes. Take it out and you put it on the table and eat it!

Preston Bateman - Turkey - Go to the woods and get some turkey. Take it home and put some seasoning on it and some barbecue sauce. Put it in the oven for 3 minutes. Then eat it with some milk.

R.J. Rost - Apple Pie - Put some crust in the pan. Cut the apples and put them in the oven for 7 hours. Put some crust on top of the apples and make little holes and then eat it.

Reagan Nicholas - Strawberry Cookies - Put strawberries and whipped cream in a bowl and mix them up. Then put them in the oven for 8 minutes. Take them out and put some more whipped cream on them.

Morgan Cotten - Turkey - Go to the store and buy a turkey. Cut it up and put ketchup on it. Cook it for 10 minutes and eat.

Charlayne Czaplowski - Chocolate Chip Cookies - Get some chocolate and put them in the cookies with the cookie dough. Cook them for 25 minutes. Then you eat!

Hunter Jennings - Turkey - Go out in the woods and shoot a turkey. Bring it home and put it in the oven. Take it out and put ketchup on it and then eat it!

Kelvin Huntley - Apple Pie - First you get a pie pan. Put some dough in it. Then have grandma cut up some apples. Then put some dough on top of the apples. Put it in the oven for 3 minutes. Then eat it!

Danica Laumann - Muffins - Get some muffin mix and 2 eggs. Take a cup of milk and some chocolate chips. Stir it up and put it in a muffin tray. Let it cook for 1 hour. Then eat them up!

Kaylee Mattes - Cheesecake - First get some flour and some dough. Get some strawberries and bananas. Stir it up and put it in a pan. Take a spoon and a fork and poke holes in the top with the fork in the shape of a star. Cook it for 10 minutes. Wait until it is cool and then blow on it. Then eat it!

Quentin Shehan - Turkey - Get a turkey from the grocery store. Take it home and put it on a basting plate. Baste it with a spoon. Put it in the oven for 83 minutes. Then when it is done, baste it again. Then you can eat it. It tastes like ham!

Natalie Gutschenritter - Pumpkin Pie - Put milk and pumpkin stuff in a bowl. Stir it up. Put it in the pan. Make the crust and put it all over it. Bake it for 30 minutes. That's it!

Jayden Lutz - Cookies - Put some sugar and powder in a bowl. Then stir it up. Put it in the oven for 12 seconds. Take it out and let the cookies cool off. I think that is all!

Seth Varellas - Cupcakes - Get some sugar and flour and stir it up. Then put 2 eggs in. Set those little deals in the circles and pour the dough in. Put them in the oven for 14 minutes. Take them out and eat them!

Jed Whitehead - Cookies - First you need some dough and chocolate chips. Stir it all up and put the cookies on a tray. Then bake them for 30 minutes. Take them out and you can eat them!

Rylie Maliszewski - Chocolate Cake - First get a bowl. Take some sugar and 2 eggs. Crack the eggs and put them in the sugar. Take some of that brown stuff called vanilla and put it in. Take a pan and pour all of that

in it. Put it in the oven for 10 minutes. Then I would put the Hannah Montana stuff that was from my birthday on it. Cool and eat. That's all!

Ethan Grogan- Ham- I would buy a ham at the store. Then I would put it in a pan and put some seasoning on it. I would put it in the oven for 18 minutes. Then I would take it out and eat it!

Ashton Dunkle- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy- I would get a potato. Then I would get my smasher and smash it. I would get a pan and cook it for 3 minutes. Then I would put gravy on it and eat it!

Brett Gruber- Shepard Pie- Get lots of vegetables like carrots. Make a crust with dough. Make the crust like a slide thingy. Put it in the oven for 100 seconds. Let it cool down and eat it!

Braydon Barton- Turkey- I would have my Dad go hunting and shoot a turkey. Then we would skin it and put it in a pan. Then we would put that thing in that shows how hot the turkey is. We would cook it for 1 hour. Then eat it!

## Board Bits by Bob Lynn

At the IASB (Iowa Association of School Boards) Convention later this month the Corning Iowa school board will receive the T. E. Davidson Award of Excellence. This is presented annually to an Iowa school board that demonstrates educational leadership. I think it's fantastic that a district of 550 students in southwest Iowa can be accomplishing these types of things while dealing with the issues of declining enrollment and budget cuts.

A short list of the Corning board's accomplishments include:

- A mandatory after-school reading class for struggling readers.
- Creating a bilingual program with the goal of every graduate being fluent in English and Spanish.
- Raising graduation requirements from 48 to 60 credits - the highest in Iowa.
- Increasing the budgets for professional development and technology in the classroom.
- Utilizing resources and programs outside of the district to increase student achievement.
- Development of an eight week scuba diving program students can take for PE and college credit.
- Continuous learning by board members such as attending conferences and a yearly book study within the board.

As a result of these and other initiatives Corning has graduated 100% of its senior class over the last three years and ITBS and ITEDS scores are among the best in the state. In 2006 the elementary school received the National Blue Ribbon Award for academic excellence and in 2008 the high school was named one of the top 300 high schools in the country by U.S. News and World Report.

This is great for the students and entire community of Corning but what about our district?

Here in Farragut we have raised our graduation requirements as well. This year's junior class is the first being required to have 54 credits to graduate including 8 credits or four years of math, English, science and social studies.

If you have children in our school you know we have regularly scheduled professional development times or SEEDS where the teachers meet to hear guest speakers or learn and share the latest techniques in teaching methods. It's been proven that professional development for teachers is best way to increase student learning,

For years we have been offering classes to our students and sharing teachers over the ICN (Iowa Communications Network). It may not be as effective as having a live teacher in the classroom but allows us to offer upper level classes to those students that want or need them without the cost of hiring a teacher, if we could find one.

Our board invests in new technology every year. In society it's becoming less important to know information like the capitals of all 50 states than to know where to find this and other information online. We all know how computers have changed the way we live and we must train our young people to be able to take advantage of current and future advances in this and other means of communication, research and entertainment. That's why we continually update our computers and server system.

The Corning board has set the bar for inspiring student achievement in southwest Iowa. We need to continue to strive for the same kind of success in Farragut. Students, teachers, parents, and the entire community should support our efforts and expect results. We only have one chance to give every child the education they need and deserve.



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**November and Thanksgiving**

No matter how you voted, everyone can take a sigh of relief that the elections are over. These issues are always important, but one item during the election season that I read and heard about is how America will position itself in a global economy and how our students will fair competing with kids around the world.



One of my missions has been to lead our district with the use of technology. I believe we have one of the finest networks with computer access for students in the region. I am going to stress to continue utilizing funds for these measures plus putting in a mobile laptop lab and Promethean boards for most classrooms. But technology is not all of what our students need to be complete in a global society.

We need to align our curriculum with the state's new Core Curriculum and 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. Every one of our students need the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that will increase their marketability, employability and readiness for citizenship. These goals include thinking critically and making judgments; solving complex, multidisciplinary, open-ended problems; creativity and entrepreneurial thinking;

communicating and collaborating with people across cultural, geographic and language boundaries; making innovative use of knowledge, and taking charge of financial, health; and civic responsibilities.

We have a long way to go to complete this task, but we are well on the way!

**Marching Band**

Congratulations to Cindy McCall and the Farragut Marching Band. Their performances all year have been superior. Their performance at state was the best yet. All their hard work paid off for a superior ranking!

**New School Board Director**

Welcome Jenny Varellas new District 5 director for the town of Riverton. I appreciate her taking the time to help the school move forward!

**Possible Changes to School Elections**

This fall the school board approved a measure for me to work with the school attorney to change from seven member director districts to a five member at-large board. After reviewing that measure, the board will vote on it this winter. Please give board members input on this very important issue.

**School Alerts: Weather**

With November here, bad weather can strike at any time. Please take a few minutes to sign-up at Iowa School Alerts (listed below) to have an email sent to you or a text message sent to your phone. This is a free service provided by the state!

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