

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

2007

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, October 1 - JH/JV Football vs. Sidney Here 4:00/6:00
No football practice

October 1-4 - Corner Conference Volleyball Tournament TBA

Tuesday, October 2 - No football practice

Wednesday, October 3 - Sheltered Reality Assembly 10:00 a.m. 7-12

Thursday, October 4 - Cross Country @ Atlantic TBA

Saturday, October 6 - Farragut Volleyball Invitational TBA

Monday, October 8 - JH/JV Football at Essex 4:00/6:00
Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 9 - Varsity Volleyball vs. Stanton Here (Fr-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)
(Parent's Night)
JH Volleyball s. Stanton Here 4:00

Thursday, October 11 - Varsity Volleyball @ South Page (Fr-5:30, JV-6:30, V-7:30)
JH Volleyball at Clarinda Lutheran 4:00
Hawkeye 10 Cross Country Meet @ Creston TBA

Friday, October 12 - Varsity Football vs. Hamburg Here 7:30
Jr. Class Tailgate Party prior to game

Saturday, October 13 - State Marching Band TBA
Elementary Volleyball Game 9:00-2:00

October 15, 17, 23, 25 - District Volleyball TBA

Tuesday, October 16 - NHS Induction 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 18 - Cross Country Districts TBA

Friday, October 19 - End of 1st Quarter
Varsity Football vs. Essex Here 7:30 (Parent's Night)
Jr. Class Tailgate Party prior to game

Monday, October 22 - Late Start - Staff Development 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m-8:00 p.m. - NO SCHOOL

Friday, October 26 - NO SCHOOL
Varsity Football at Sidney 7:30

Saturday, October 27 - State Cross Country @ Fort Dodge TBA
Elementary Volleyball Tournament 9:00-3:00

Monday, October 29 - Late Start - Staff Development 9:30 a.m.
JH Music Workshop 12:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 30 - Farragut School Bloodmobile 12:00-6:00 p.m.
1A Regional Volleyball TBA

Wednesday, October 31 - HALLOWEEN☺☺☺

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, November 1 - History Quiz Bowl for Junior

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

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

Wednesday, November 14 - SEEDS - NO SCHOOL

November 15-16 - All-State Festival

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; JH Girls' BB @ Stanton 4:00

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

FARRAGUT BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile at Farragut Community Schools will be held on October 30, 2007, from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. Please call 385-8131 to make an appointment. Donors are needed to achieve our goal of 56 pints. Sponsored by the National Honor Society and FCCLA members

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

The formal induction ceremony and installation of officers will be held on October 16, 2007, in the Concourse at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to the ceremony—parents, students, relatives and friends.

POP TABS

Last year's Leadership students (Colton Cooper, Amanda Griffith, Janae Shough and Chelsea Nebel) have set a goal for themselves which includes collecting 1,000,000 pop tabs before they graduate in 2011. These tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Omaha to help fund their electricity and other expenses the Ronald McDonald House incurs. To date, the Farragut School has donated 110,000 pop tabs and would like your help in meeting this goal. The Ronald McDonald House turns these in by the pound and are then paid by the pound. If we meet this goal, the Farragut School will be added to their 1,000,000 tab donor list. So, if you have any of these tabs you would like to donate, please drop them by the school any time. The Leadership Students thank you in advance for your help in this very worthwhile cause!

From the Helm of the Ship

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Technology

I just left a high school classroom where groups of students were busily working in cooperative groups. Those students were researching information and supplying it to a group member with a laptop computer. They were saving the information on our school's server through a wireless connection.



What was the best part about this situation? Was it students from 9-12th grade working together (cooperative

learning)? Was it watching students gathering information rather than the teacher instructing it from the podium? Or was it the students using technology to record and demonstrate their learning progress? I think all of the above.

The managers of our country's workforce and our colleges are claiming that the secondary education institutions, our high schools, are not preparing kids for the reality of today, let alone tomorrow. That's right, they say our graduates can't work-together, learn for themselves, or use technology properly. I am proud to say that during this classroom session, our students were on top of their game.

Now that I am done patting the school on the back, I must say we need to see more of that type of teaching behavior. It doesn't have to take over every lesson, but it needs to be infused into the

curriculum. We have the teachers, the technology, and the professional development to get the job done. Very few of our graduates will walk out of high school without the need for continued learning and technology skills. In fact, I doubt any of our graduates will be a castaway on a deserted island.

Elementary

In Mrs. Bredensteiner's absence, Mrs. Hilding and I have worked together to meet the needs of the elementary on a daily basis. Please let either of us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Band

Once again our band is in tip top shape! Mrs. McCall has done an excellent job of making these youngsters sound and look great while marching. The band took first place in the Shenfest Parade last weekend and I have no doubt they are looking to take the top prize this weekend in Clarinda. Keep up the superior work Mrs. McCall, and all the students that make up the Admiral Band!



The Sailor's Wharf @

www.farragutschools.org

I encourage you to check out the school store on the website for all your school needs; lunch and breakfast tickets, clothes, yearbooks, and even thumbdrives for as little as \$14. Purchases can be made online by check, debit card, or credit card. It is safe, secure and easy to use. The store has had \$3,700 in sales and it isn't a year old yet!