

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

2009

OCTOBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, October 1 - VB @ Villisca
(JH/FR/JV/V 4:00/5:30/6:30/7:30)
CC Meet @ Shenandoah 4:30

Friday, October 2 - Varsity FB at East Mills
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 3 - Clarinda Band Day 9 am

Monday, October 5 - JH FB @ Hamburg 4:00
JH FB @ Sidney 4:00
C.C. VB vs. Hamburg or Cl. Academy
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 6 - C.C. VB Tournament TBA
(Winners of Monday's contests)

Thursday, October 8 - C.C. VB Finals TBA
CC Meet @ Atlantic 4:30
Fire Dept. Spaghetti Fundraiser 5:00-
8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 9 - Varsity FB vs. South Page
Here 7:30 (Homecoming & Parent's
Night)

Saturday, October 10 - Farragut VB
Invitational 10:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, October 13 - VB @ Hamburg
(JH/FR/JV/V 4:00/5:30/6:30/7:30)

Thursday, October 15 - VB vs. Essex Here
(JH/FR/JV/V 4:00/5:30/6:30/7:30) -
Parent's Night
Hawkeye 10 CC Meet @ Glenwood 4:30
Picture Retakes TBA

Friday, October 16 - Varsity FB @ Villisca
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 17 - State Marching Contest
TBA

Monday, October 19 - Regional VB Begins

Thursday, October 22 - CC District Meet TBA

Friday, October 23 - Varsity FB @ Essex 7:30
p.m.

Monday, October 26 - JH Vocal Festival @
Stanton TBA

Saturday, October 31 - State CC Meet @ Fort
Dodge TBA

NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 3 - National Honor Society
Induction 7:00 p.m. in the concourse

Monday, November 9 - Regular School Board
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12 - NHS Bloodmobile
12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 16 - C.C. Vocal Festival @
Farragut

Monday, November 23 - Boys' BB Jamboree @
Villisca TBA
Girls' BB Jamboree @ Stanton TBA

ELEMENTARY UPDATE-Mrs. Bredensteiner

The month of October sees a variety of activities. There are special week observances for Fire Prevention and for Drug Awareness. We also kick off the reading program with our theme, "Team Up With Reading" this month.

Elementary students will be attending a Character program at South Page School October 1. Sherriff Quick Draw, AKA Lyle Farquhar, will give the program, "Cartoons of Character" promoting the character traits of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

Homecoming Week is October 5-9. We ask that students wear their royal blue elementary t-shirts or a blue t-shirt on Friday October 9 as all students Pre-K through 6th will march in the Homecoming Parade at 1:00. Students will return to class after the parade to the end of the school day.

Fire Prevention Week will be observed October 12-16. The Farragut and Riverton Fire Departments have worked cooperatively to get materials and present information to the lower elementary students. The firemen will visit with students October 16.

The school will observe Drug Awareness Week October 26-30. The committee is completing plans with a theme of "Join the Fight Against Drugs." The Halloween walk and parties will be held October 30 since Halloween falls on Saturday this year. The Parade of Characters will begin at 2:30. Parents are welcome to come to the Concourse to see the parade.

Everyone is getting excited about starting our reading activities this week. Our kick off will be October 2, literally! The students will learn about this year's program and everything will be based around team ideas. Students can wear their favorite team shirts, sweatshirts, and caps that day. The number of minutes has increased so we want to continue to increase our expectations. Students will read with team players and have our own sports activity to begin the program.

Sometime during the month the Pre-K class will be scheduled to go to the Pumpkin Patch. This is always a highlight for this group.

We miss Mrs. Schaaf while she is overseeing her daughter's care after her accident. Mrs. Dreyer and Mrs. Jones are helping fill that position right now. We also wish Mr. Peters a speedy recovery from his back surgery. He has several people filling in to cover the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes.

This is the month we take the first Gates MacGinitie Reading Tests for Vocabulary and Comprehension. Students in grades 2nd through 6th take the tests this time of year. The students will be taking the tests sometime during the last week of October.

I think we are going to have a packed October with all the new things students are studying and all the activities in between.

From the Helm of the Ship

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Shared Superintendent

September was the first month of the sharing arrangement for a superintendent between Farragut and Hamburg. By doing this I have learned a lot about each district and myself. But the most amazing thing I have learned is the fact that these two school districts can work together and build a better educational program for their students.

The most common question I am asked has to do with the drive. My answer will probably change when the weather starts to get bad, but for right now I am enjoying the 18 mile drive. It gives me enough time to think about what I am going to do when I get there and allows time to process the day on the way home. Most days Denise Stevens, Business Manager for each district, joins me on the trip.



Board Elections

The board elections are over and the measure for eliminating districts and reducing the amount of board members from 7 to 5 passed. Due to current legislation, school board elections are every other year in the State of Iowa. In 2011 there will be four board members up for election but only three will be replaced. In 2013 there will be three board members and only two will be replaced.

Anyone living in the district can vote at either election.

After School Education Help

Don't forget, the state of Iowa pays for the best websites for students and parents to use at Iowa AEA Online (link below). This wonderful resource can help you with almost any homework assignment. Login: farragutes or farraguths Password: aeal3

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

Corner Conference Music Festival

Due to the Corner Conference Music Festival, there will not be a late start on November 16th but students will be released at 1:30 p.m.

Security Cameras

Like most schools, we want our campus to be as safe as possible. Students should not fear coming to school. This summer the school board made the decision to install 13 cameras around the district. As you can imagine, this was quite the news to students. Now that they are installed, students have mentioned to Mr. Swenson that they like having the cameras installed. It is a comfort for this generation to know that we are looking out for their wellbeing. Remember, this is a generation that only knows shopping in Wal-Mart under camera. As an elementary student I would shop at Ben Franklin's 10 cent shop and the owner's mother would follow us around each aisle. There has always been security, but I would take cameras over a grandmother stalking me any day!



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