

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MV
the week of OCTOBER 13, 2003

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2003

1. NO SCHOOL - Teacher Inservice
2. HS Tri-Rivers Conference Honor Choir at Central City - 2:00 PM (Vans Leave at 1:00 PM)
3. JV Volleyball - HOME - Beckman, Dyersville - 5:30 PM
4. 9th Football - HOME - Starmont - 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003

- ** 1. Earlville Elementary 5th Grade Band First Performance - Earlville Gym - 2:30 PM
2. HS Volleyball at Anamosa - 5:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 4:15 PM)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2003

1. HS Natural Resources Class Fishing Trip to Guttenburg (Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM)
2. HS Football Cheerleader Practice - HS Cafeteria - 3:30 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2003

- ** 1. HS Academic Awards Assembly / Dollars for Scholars Information for Seniors - Auditorium - 8:20 AM
2. Delhi Elementary 5th Grade Band First Performance - MS Multipurpose Room - 10:30 AM
3. Johnston Elementary 5th Grade Band First Performance - Multipurpose Room, Hopkinton - 2:30 PM
4. HS Conference Cross Country at Cascade (Fillmore Golf Course) - 4:30 PM (Bus Leaves at 3:00 PM)
5. S.T.A.T. Meeting - MS Conference Room - 4:00 PM
6. JH Football - HOME - Cascade - 4:30 PM
7. MV Quarterback Club Meeting - HS Room 307 - 6:00 PM
8. HS Drill Team Practice - HS Music Room - 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2003

1. HS JV/V Football - HOME - Center Point / Urbana - *,5:15 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2003

1. HS FFA to World Food Prize Competition in Des Moines - 8:00 AM (Van Leaves at 4:30 AM)
2. HS Tri-Rivers Conference Volleyball at Monticello - 9:00 AM (Bus Leaves at 7:45 AM)

Four 4s: A Mathematical Contest

If you think you're a math whiz, here's your chance to prove it. Mr. DeVore and Mrs. Lewin are coordinating a math contest to promote problem solving using mathematical concepts.

The first entries were turned in Thursday. Mr. DeVore said he estimates the contest will take about six weeks. At the end of the contest, winners will be eligible for a drawing for prizes such as gift certificates and cash.

Students are finding the contest to be challenging. "It's hard to get some odd numbers," said freshman Kelli Kregel.

Here are the guidelines:

This contest involves the use of four fours and various mathematical operations. Using all of these in various ways, you will be able to arrive at each of the whole numbers from 1 to 100!

The following symbols, operations and concepts are the only ones that are allowed: addition, subtraction, multiplication, parentheses, factorial, square roots, fourth roots (the fourth root counts as one of your fours), exponents (you may use only fours in your exponents), decimals that involve only four(s), repeating decimals that involve only four(s).

You may use **ONLY** four fours in your mathematical statement and that is it! Once you have arrived at a particular number from 1 to 100, put your full name on it, along with the date, and hand it to Mr. DeVore. He will put the exact time at which you hand it in on the paper to avoid confusion. You may turn in **ONLY ONE** statement a day. Mr. DeVore will not accept more than one a day. Your statement will be checked, and if it is the first correct equation for that particular number, it will be put on the display along with your name. Keep in mind that there are many ways to arrive at some numbers so plan accordingly. The contest will continue until all of the numbers have been found. Every time you hand in a correct response that is put on the board your name will be entered into a drawing.

Obviously the more correct responses you have, the better the chances are of winning. If there are some mathematical terms or operations that you are not familiar with or you need some assistance, see Mr. DeVore or Mrs. Lewin. This contest is open to **EVERYONE**. Good luck!



Brian Wolf points out his winning number on the bulletin board in the upper hallway. (photo by Kelli Kregel)

Marching Band Receives a Close Second

by Jessica Krogmann

Last Saturday the marching band traveled to Cedar Rapids to Kingston Stadium to compete once again. All the schools were good, and they all knew it would be close. However, Maquoketa Valley was able to receive second place and were behind Cascade by a mere 1.5 points! It was a disappointment, but gives them all something to strive for next time.

The colorguard was also disappointed, by also being beat by Cascade by a single point. However, it's well known that they can all achieve their goals if they put their mind and heart into it.

This year isn't just another normal marching band season, it's a patriotic one. "Battle Hymn" is about pride in our country and is followed by "Battle Cry" which is a song that leads the soldiers into war and is a heartfelt song. "Boogie Woogie" is then a celebration for all the soldiers who did make it home and is a fun song as well. Finally, "Simple Gifts" celebrates everyone's right to be free, have liberty and to be simple.

Mr. Smith said, "It's nice to see that the band has progressed so far in three years and have gone from competing to being competitive."

They performed at 4:30 and didn't get home until nearly 11 that night.

Tomorrow they will go back once again to Kingston Stadium, only this time it's for State and it gets really hard core and personal. They perform their same show only with more pride and spunk this time and are ready to take what they deserve. They go on the field in the late morning, but everyone is invited to come to see other schools and show their school spirit and pride!