



# The WILDCAT REPORT

Maquoketa Valley Community School District's newsletter

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## Be a strong, positive influence

Research has shown that those with high emotional intelligence have better attention skills and fewer learning problems, and are generally more successful in academic and workplace settings. We offer the following examples as a guide to help you continue to be a strong, positive influence on your child's social and emotional growth, and to reflect your own skills in the process.

Social and emotional intelligence involves understanding your feelings and behaviors, as well as those of others, and applying this knowledge to your interactions and relationships. Five concepts are based on CASEL's interrelated sets of competencies.

- **Self-awareness** is knowing yourself. It's about knowing your emotions, strengths, and challenges, and how your emotions affect your behavior.
- **Self-management** is knowing how to control your behaviors and moods, and setting working toward goals.
- **Social awareness** is the ability to understand and respect the perspectives of others, and to apply this knowledge to interactions with people from diverse backgrounds.
- Having good **relationship skills** involves knowing how to establish and keep rewarding and positive relationships with friends, family and others from a wide range of backgrounds.
- **Responsible decision-making** involves identifying the impact of your choices on yourself and others, and using empathy, relationship skills and self- and social awareness to make decisions.

Unlike IQ, social and emotional intelligence can be enhanced at any age through thinking about these competencies and putting them into practice. You are your child's greatest influence, no matter how young or old your child is. In order to help your child's social and emotional development, you can model skills you would like to see. Many social and emotional skills are developed over time, and some adults are stronger in this area than others, as is the case with children.

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**Maquoketa Valley Community School District  
Ensures High Levels of Learning to Empower All Students for  
Lifelong Success.**

# APRIL 2015

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
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| <p>ATTENTION PARENTS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP A <b>POSITIVE BALANCE</b> IN YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT AT ALL TIMES.</p> <p>MAQUOKETA VALLEY SCHOOL IS A EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.</p> | <p>ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME.</p> <p>EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK</p>   | <p>1<br/>CHICKEN FAJITAS<br/>REFRIED BEANS<br/>FIESTA SALAD<br/>RED PEPPER STRIPS<br/>GREEN BEANS<br/>RICE<br/>MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>FRENCH TOAST</p>                   | <p>2<br/>CHICKEN DINNER<br/>MASHED POTATOES<br/>CHICKEN GRAVY<br/>CORN<br/>FRESH PINEAPPLE<br/>TROPICAL FRUIT<br/>PUMPKIN BARS</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>    | <p>3 <b>NO SCHOOL TODAY</b></p>  |
| <p>6 <b>NO SCHOOL TODAY</b></p>  | <p>7<br/>PIG N 'BLANKET<br/>POTATO TRIANGLE<br/>SWEET POTATOES<br/>CORN<br/>BROCCOLI<br/>STRAWBERRIES &amp;<br/>BANANAS<br/>PEACHES</p> <p>COMBO LINK</p>                        | <p>8<br/>CHICKEN TETRAZZINI<br/>PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH<br/>PEAS<br/>ROMAINE LETTUCE<br/>PEARS<br/>APPLES</p> <p>WH. WHEAT CINNAMON ROLL</p>                               | <p>9<br/>SUB SANDWICH<br/>HASHBROWN<br/>CARROT STICKS<br/>CELERY STICKS<br/>PINEAPPLE<br/>BLUEBERRIES<br/>WH. GRAIN APPLE CRISP</p> <p>PANCAKE ON A STICK</p> | <p>10<br/>HAMBURGER ON A BUN<br/>CHEESE<br/>FRENCH FRIES<br/>BAKED BEANS<br/>WINTER MIX<br/>FRUIT COCKTAIL<br/>APPLES</p> <p>OMELET/TOAST</p>                                    |
| <p>13<br/>CHICKEN NUGGETS<br/>WH. WHEAT ROLL<br/>MASHED POTATOES<br/>CHICKEN GRAVY<br/>CORN<br/>BROCCOLI<br/>PEARS<br/>PEACHES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGELS</p>   | <p>14<br/>SPAGHETTI &amp; MEAT SAUCE<br/>WH. WHEAT FRENCH BREAD<br/>ROMAINE LETTUCE<br/>CUCUMBER<br/>STRAWBERRY<br/>APPLESAUCE<br/>MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BURRITO</p> | <p>15<br/>TURKEY BURGER ON A W/G BUN<br/>FRENCH FRIES<br/>CARROT STICKS<br/>BAKED BEANS<br/>KIWI<br/>ORANGES<br/>CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE</p> <p>WH. WHEAT CINNAMON ROLL</p> | <p>16<br/>TENDERLOIN ON A W/G. BUN<br/>NATURAL CUT FRIES<br/>CARROT STICKS<br/>BAKED BEANS<br/>PEARS<br/>BANANAS</p> <p>FRENCH TOAST</p>                      | <p>17<br/>GRILLED CHICKEN<br/>WH. WHEAT ROLL<br/>ROMAINE LETTUCE<br/>BROC. CHEESE RICE<br/>ORANGES<br/>APPLESAUCE</p> <p>SAUSAGE EGG MUFFIN</p>                                  |
| <p>20<br/>CHICKEN STRIPS<br/>CURLY FRIES<br/>ROMAINE LETTUCE<br/>CARROT STICKS<br/>BROCCOLI<br/>PEARS<br/>BLUEBERRIES<br/>PUMPKIN BARS</p> <p>BREAKFAST PIZZA</p>                                  | <p>21<br/>MAIDRITE<br/>NATURAL CUT FRIES<br/>SAVORY CARROTS<br/>CAULIFLOWER<br/>KIWI<br/>STRAWBERRIES</p> <p>PANCAKES &amp; SAUSAGE</p>  | <p>22<br/>HOT DOG ON A WH. GRAIN BUN<br/>FRENCH FRIES<br/>BAKED BEANS<br/>WINTER MIX<br/>ORANGES<br/>TROPICAL FRUIT</p> <p>BREAKFAST WRAP</p>                             | <p>23<br/>SOFT SHELL TACO<br/>REFRIED BEANS<br/>FIESTA SALAD<br/>RED PEPPER STRIPS<br/>GREEN BEANS<br/>RICE<br/>PEACHES</p> <p>COMBO</p>                      | <p>24<br/>SAUSAGE PIZZA<br/>BREADSTICKS<br/>ROMAINE LETTUCE<br/>TOMATOES<br/>CUCUMBER<br/>APPLES<br/>MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>PANCAKES &amp; SAUSAGE</p>                          |
| <p>27<br/>CHICKEN PATTY<br/>WH. WHEAT ROLL<br/>POTATO TRIANGLE<br/>WINTER MIX<br/>SAVORY CARROTS<br/>STRAWBERRIES<br/>APPLESQ</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGELS</p>  | <p>28<br/>MR. RIB<br/>POTATO PUFFS<br/>BAKED BEANS<br/>CALIFORNIA BLEND<br/>PEACHES<br/>ORANGES</p> <p>BREAKFAST WRAP</p>  | <p>29<br/>HAM<br/>WH. WHEAT ROLL<br/>BAKED POTATO<br/>SWEET POTATO<br/>APPLESAUCE<br/>APRICOTS</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>  | <p>30<br/>MEATBALL SUB<br/>FRENCH FRIES<br/>CARROT STICKS<br/>CELERY STICKS<br/>APPLES<br/>FRUIT PIZZA</p> <p>OMELET &amp; TOAST</p>                          | <p>31<br/>HAMBURGER GRAVY<br/>MASHED POTATOES<br/>WH.GR. BREAD &amp; BUTTER SANDWICH<br/>COTTAGE CHEESE<br/>CORN<br/>MANDARIN ORANGES<br/>MIXED FRUIT</p> <p>BREAKFAST PIZZA</p> |

## Be a strong, positive influence

Examples to help parents continue to be strong positive influence on your child's social and emotional growth, and to reflect on your own skills in the process are available at <http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=4BDAEC30-337B-11E4-910C0050569A5318> or go to [www.casel.org](http://www.casel.org) and click on online SEL tool kit for parents.

Excerpts taken from [parenttoolkit.com](http://parenttoolkit.com), produced by Education Nation.

## Calendar Changes Due to Snow Make Up Days

We currently have 3 school days to make up that were lost due to bad weather. Those school days will be made up on the following days:

May 20

May 21

May 22

Therefore, at this time, the last day of school for students will be May 22. We will have an early dismissal that day - 1:05 pm.

## Regular Board Meeting

March 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by President John Zietlow at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Conference Room in Delhi, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. Five board members were present. There were five staff and three visitors present. The agenda and consent items were approved.

All kindergarten round ups are complete. There are currently 21 students in Earlville, 16 students in Johnston and 15 students in Delhi. There are also 12 students currently planning on attending JK next year. Preschool round ups will be held in May.

Iowa Assessment results are back and will be shared with parents during spring conferences.

The Board reviewed and approved the 2015-2016 budget estimate as presented for publication and set the budget hearing for April 8, 2015 at 7:15 a.m. in the Middle School Conference Room. The estimate sets the proposed tax levy rate at \$15.42140 which is an increase of \$0.12 from the 2014-2015 levy rate due to the State not setting the State Supplemental Aid rate for 2015-2016.

Two open enrollment requests in and four open enrollment requests out were approved.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Patty Wilson-resignation as Concession Coordinator

Janelle Parsons - employed as Concession Coordinator

Curt Feldt - employed as Assistant HS Boys Track Coach

The Board tabled approving bus bids.

The 2015-2016 Shared Personnel Agreement with Maquoketa Valley, North Linn, Springville, Center-Point Urbana and Alburnett for Jane Mais as Human Resource Manager was approved.

Supt. Tuetken took a few minutes to update the Board on the TLCS process.

Dr. Laura Bohrer will be the guest speaker for the Academic Excellence Banquet which is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

At 6:51 p.m. the Board entered into a closed session for a collective bargaining strategy session as provided in Iowa Code 20.17(3). Roll call vote was answered all ayes.

At 7:03 p.m. the Board entered into open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

## 4th Grade Writing Contest Winners

I would like to congratulate several of the Delhi Fourth Graders for stepping out of their comfort zone and entering a poetry and creative writing contest held by the Eastern Iowa Reading Council (EIRC). This contest included students from Maquoketa Valley, Western Dubuque, West Delaware, Anamosa, Independence, East Buchanan, Jesup, and Linn Mar. This was not mandatory, but anyone in the class was welcome to enter. I was extremely impressed by the number of students that decided to enter one or both of the contests. Each grade was judged separately and was put into either a poetry or creative writing category. The council had specific regulations the students had to follow in order to enter their piece. I am elated to announce that our class had three place winners this year. Emilee Supple was awarded 2nd place for her creative writing entitled, "The Day That My Sister Got Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes," McKenna Thompson was also awarded 2nd place in the poetry division for her poem, "Wildlife," and finally, Lexi Harbach was awarded 3rd place in the poetry division for her poem, "Beaches." If you see these budding authors in the community, please make sure you congratulate them on their awards!

**Your high school student has drama,  
don't you need some too?!**

### **MV Fine Arts Boosters,**

Welcoming ALL parents who want to be  
involved with their kids!

You are already a member and it is free!

Supporting kids from **Band, Choir, Speech,**

**Drama,**

and any other fine arts at Maquoketa Valley.

Wouldn't you love to help your child bring  
home The Eagle from Competition Speech, or  
win that State Jazz

Championship?

Join us at the next Fine Arts Booster Meeting,

**April 13th, @ 5:30 PM** in the HS Cafeteria

and see what we are all about!!

## FFA NEWS

**MV Greenhouse** - The **FFA** will be operating the greenhouse. Plants will be available to purchase after May 1st.

## Athletic Boosters Need YOU!!!

The Maquoketa Valley Athletic Boosters are looking for members who would like to be involved in helping organize and run our events. The Athletic Boosters meet the **first Wednesday of every month** (except July) at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Please consider sharing your time & talents so that we may continue to provide the needed assistance to our athletic programs.

### **MV Fine Arts**

MV Fine Arts is sponsoring \$100 scholarships for band/vocal camps. You can pick up your application from your instructor. Please return to MV Fine Arts Boosters by May 1, 2015.

## PRESCHOOL ROUNDUP

Children who will be four years old by September 15th are eligible for our state-funded preschool. If you have a child who will be eligible or know of one, please call Brenda Becker (923-3225) or at (926-2701).

**Preschool Roundup days**

**Johnston - April 22**

**Earlville - April 29**



Each day has two sessions: 8:30-9:45 and 10:15 to 11:30.



## Putting the S.T.E.A.M in S.T.E.M

### Elementary Middle School Art

S.T.E.M refers to the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math and a push in schools for students achieve higher in these areas. Yet innovation remains tightly coupled with these subjects in order to proceed. Adding art and design to the s.t.e.m equation sets students up to transform life in the 21st century.

Along with exploring the basics of composition, design and material use, elementary artists are playing with some s.t.e.m ideas.

6th grade just finished designing 2 demential symmetrical robots. Looking for necessary moving parts and forms of attachment. They drew their robots then experimented with metallic paint attempting to create the look of modern materials. When all the art was done we set up a simple circuit allowing the robots eyes to light up.



Early outs mean 20 minute classes in the art room. To hold their attention art needs to be fun, but it also needs to be a meaningful learning moment. Give them 1 marshmallow, a yard of tape, a yard of string, and 20 pieces of spaghetti, and a challenge to build the tallest free standing tower.



## M.V. 6th Grade

On January 30, 2015, head lunch lady, Karlene Sellner, came to talk to the 6th grade classes about the food the school serves.

A couple of months ago, Mrs. Jurgens' homeroom was discussing what was for lunch that day. That discussion had turned into a list of things we have wished for lunch and someday hope to see on the menu. This is what we had listed but what Karlene thought could be possible out of our list: chicken rice casserole, popcorn chicken, lettuce salad, soup, edamame, goulash, and maybe breakfast for lunch.

Also when Karlene was talking to us, she told us how many kids that the cooks have to prepare for, what they have to serve, ... The government has to agree on what we have and what we can't. The cooks also have to watch calorie counts, sodium levels, and Karlene has to email Nurse Mary if the lunch gets messed up to notify the kids with special dietary needs that there is a change.

The whole MV district would like to thank our lunch ladies for all that they do for us. Even when some don't agree, we still thank you. Special thanks go to Karlene for taking time out of her schedule to talk to our class.



By: Annie Trenkamp and  
Emma Ritz



**“A person really doesn’t become whole, until he becomes a part of something that’s bigger than himself.” -Jim Valvano**

Many times through the course of a school year, our students have the opportunity to learn life lessons that extend beyond their books and actual grades. The fourth grade class at Earlville Elementary took advantage of such an opportunity recently, learning that the most important aspect of anyone’s life is the impact you have on other people’s lives.

The class accomplished this by running a business called: Dance for Those That Can’t, with the profits going to the University of Iowa Dance Marathon. This organization earns money to donate to families whose child is suffering from childhood cancer to pay for extra expenses, such as parking, gas and meals. The fourth graders were very thrilled to have made a profit of \$160 to donate to this amazing cause. Mrs. Huber’s daughter, Kate, participated in the University of Iowa Dance Marathon and was so honored to donate the profits to the organization. Kate visited the fourth graders and gave a presentation of how their hard work helped young children and their families who are going through this extremely difficult time in their lives. The fourth grade class appreciates the support that this business received from the students and staff at Earlville Elementary!

As Jackie Robinson was quoted as saying, “A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives.” These young people have definitely made an impact on others through this endeavor.

Mrs. Jane Huber



## Not New ... but **BALANCED!**

Melissa Bush, Middle School Math

The “new math” seems to be a popular topic lately in the news, around dinner tables, and across social media. As a middle school math teacher for the past 9 years, I can honestly say that **what** I teach is not “new.” It is **how** and **when** I teach existing math skills and concepts that has changed. Maquoketa Valley recently adopted a new math series at the 6th-8th grade levels titled Big Ideas. The textbook takes a more balanced approach, not new approach, to teaching mathematics. We have found that students who memorize and follow procedures without understanding the math behind them often do not understand **what** they are doing, **why** they are doing it, or **when** to apply these skills. Students have difficulties applying their learning to new types of problems. We still want our students to be fast and accurate in computing, but know it cannot be our only goal in math. Students need to have conceptual understanding, procedural fluency, and be able to apply new math skills and concepts when problem solving. In order to attain this goal of a “balanced curriculum,” students must be provided time to practice and develop different strategies and representations (pictures, tables, diagrams, etc) of new concepts. They need time to make sense of the mathematics, have rich conversations, and make connections. Students who can **explain what** they are doing and **why** they are doing it, become more confident to use math in everyday life. In our fast changing world, the need for students with strong mathematical and technological skills is rapidly increasing. There is a need for deeper understanding and higher levels of problem solving. The math we are learning in the middle school is not new ... just better balanced!

## Behavior Expectations

This school year a group of teachers and administrators have been working to update current building wide behavior expectations across the district. This team has attended several AEA training sessions to build background on research based behavior implementation strategies. Several things have been developed from these training sessions. We have established expectations for students among various school settings such as out for recess, at the drinking fountain, in the bathrooms, and in the hallway. To support these expectations lesson plans and reminder charts/posters have also been created. Currently the team is working on creating a plan for acknowledging students’ positive behaviors. Also, a system to support teachers and students when these behavior expectations are not being met. Our goal is to establish consistent expectations across the district. It will be exciting to begin rolling out these updated behavior expectations and acknowledgements!



Fuel up with fruits and veggies:  
Soar through your day like a  
rocket ship!



## MV Students Selected for Honor Choir

Eight students from Maquoketa Valley were selected to participate in the Northeast Iowa Choral Director's Association Elementary Honor Choir Festival, to be held in Oelwein on April 28. This event will bring together around 160 fifth and sixth grade singers from several schools in northeast Iowa. The fifth grade students selected to participate were Kriya Atwell, Noah DeVore, Kendra Hillers, and Brock Trenkamp. The sixth grade students selected were Layla Crippen, Tim Harmon, Alec Stogdill, Annie Trenkamp.

The choir will be directed by Guest Director, Charissa Lambert, 7/8th grade vocal director at Waverly Shell-Rock Schools. The mass choir will work in intense rehearsal during the day and will then present a final concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Williams Performing Arts Center in Oelwein. Congratulations to these students!



## MV Elementary Spring Programs

The elementary students at Maquoketa Valley are busy preparing for their upcoming music concerts, entitled, "America, Of Thee I Sing". All students in grades Preschool through Fifth grade will participate in these concerts. The Delhi concert will also include our Fifth Grade Band.

The Earlville Elementary concert is April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Earlville gym. The students at Johnston Elementary will perform April 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lenox College Campus gym. The Delhi Elementary concert is scheduled for April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Delhi Elementary gym. All are invited to come and enjoy this musical celebration of our nation.

## Calling Track Athletes!



### *It's time once again to lace up your sneakers for the* **MAQUOKETA VALLEY BOOSTER CLUB TRACK MEET**

**When:** Sunday, May 3, 2015

Check-in starts at 11:00 AM

Field Events begin at Noon.

**Where:** Maquoketa Valley High School Track

**Who:** Students in 1st - 6th grade. Competition will be divided into Boys & Girls in each grade.

**Awards:** Medals awarded for 1st - 3rd place in each division. Ribbons for 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> place. Participation ribbons will be given to anyone not receiving a medal/ribbon for the day.

**Entry fee:** \$10.00 - Registrations must be received by Thursday, April 30th, 2015

\$12.00 - Walk-in registration on day of event for **field events only**.

Registration forms will be available at Delhi, Earlville & Hopkinton schools and will also be sent home with all elementary students.

Admission: Adults: \$3.00; Non-participating students - \$1.00; 5 & under - free

Food: A concession stand will be available.  
*Please no carry-ins.*

Please call Brett or Barb Wall @ 563-920-6244 or 319-480-0543 or email [bwall1@iowatelecom.net](mailto:bwall1@iowatelecom.net) with any questions.

Please plan to attend to support your booster club & MV athletics!



## Rising Star Award



The Rising Star Award recognizes students' strengths in employability skills necessary to be successful in all aspects of life such as working well with others, being prepared for class, and taking responsibility for their own actions. This award may also recognize students that demonstrate strong civic responsibilities. We are proud of these students who have demonstrated these important life long skills! Congratulations!

Brooklin Ante  
Maya Smith  
Brielle Kuhns  
Avery Holtz  
Eva Mensen  
Tessa Intorf  
Mitch Heims  
Haydin Flannagan

Ryan Roquet  
Carter Heidt  
Trevor Grimm  
Lucas Orcutt  
Dalton Africa  
Ella Imler  
Paige Panosh

Skyler Christianson  
Lexi Ries  
Kody Bush  
Carson Less  
Ava Knipper  
Owen Mensen  
Camran McAreavy

Brady Wall  
Ayden Hook  
Taylor Jones  
Breanna Bush  
Tracy Reth  
Tim Harmon  
Mason Rowan

### Interested in Hosting an International Student?

Many families in eastern Iowa become host families for a variety of reasons. It may be to learn more about a foreign country and its culture. It may be an opportunity to open your homes and hearts for other children in order to be a part of a great experience in our great state and in our community. For whatever the reason you may chose to host an international student, the International Cultural Experience Service (ICES) program is available to families in the Maquoketa Valley Community School District. The international students that participate through the ICES program have their own medical insurance and adequate spending money to cover all personal expenses, such as school fees, clothing, entertainment and travel. If you are interested in finding out more regarding the ICES program, please contact Linda Deutmeyer ([ldeutmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:ldeutmeyer@gmail.com)) for more information.

### Drivers Education

July 6-17, 2015  
Monday- Friday 7-10 am  
Location: Manchester Regional Education Partnership  
Register at [www.nicc.edu/solutions](http://www.nicc.edu/solutions)  
or call the MREP Center at [563-822-1016](tel:563-822-1016)

### Summer Driver Education



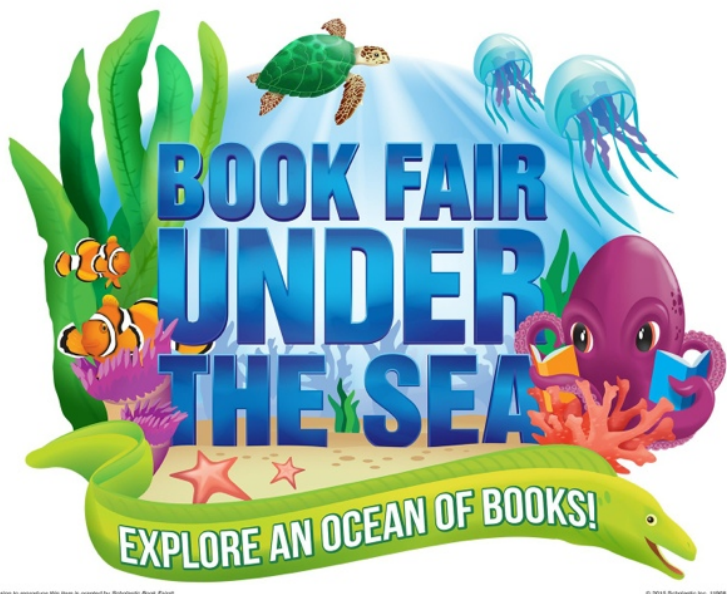
Street Smarts will be the vendor providing Driver Education this summer. Students wishing to take Driver Education at Maquoketa Valley must be 14 years of age by **APRIL 2, 2014.**

Classes are anticipated to begin mid-May; they are expected to end in late June. Students will be scheduled to drive at least 2-3 times per week for one to two hours at a time. Class will be held at Maquoketa Valley in the high school auditorium. Once students are done signing up, a schedule will be sent by mail to all parents listing their child's driving time and class schedule.

The fee for this course is **\$330** paid to Street Smarts by check or money order, or **\$340** by credit card. This payment is due when signing up for the class. Any family that is eligible for free/reduced meals will be eligible for a waiver/reduction of this fee. Students may either be signed up online at: [www.streetsmartsdriversed.com](http://www.streetsmartsdriversed.com) or may pick up a paper form at the high school office. Deadline to register is **Tuesday, April 11, 2014.**

Students must have their permit before the first day of Driver Education. Any questions, please free to call the high school (563-922-2091).





**Thank you for supporting our  
Scholastic book fairs  
this year!**

Our elementary libraries each hosted a book fair during this school year. We are so thankful to all of the parents, students, grandparents, teachers, and community members who supported these book fairs by purchasing books. Our school libraries earn between 40%-60% profit on all sales. This allows us funding to enhance the number and quality of books Maquoketa Valley students have access to in our school libraries.

Book fairs held at Johnston Elementary and Earlville Elementary during fall conferences and a book fair held at Delhi Elementary and Middle School during spring conferences had a combined  
**profit of \$3444.25!**

All of this was used to purchase great books for our students to read. Our students and teachers thank you! --Mrs. Jill Besler, K-12 Teacher Librarian

## **Coins for BOOKS**

Delhi Elementary held a "Coin War" the week prior to the book fair. Classrooms collected coins to raise money for new books. All of the money collected was used to purchase books for classroom libraries. A total of 312 books were purchased with the \$2003 that was raised from the coin drive.



Stacks of books that will be added to classroom libraries.

## JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

Maquoketa Valley's Junior-Senior Prom is Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. It will be held in the high school gymnasium. The Grand March is held in the auditorium from 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. The doors will open for the Grand March at 6:30 p.m. for parents, students and patrons to enjoy. A \$1 fee will be charged for admission to everyone wishing to view the grand march. The Prom will also be open to everyone to view until 8:15 p.m.

## Post Prom News

The **next Post Prom meeting** will be April 9 @ 6 in HS Commons.

Even if you can not attend the meeting please mark your calendar for Friday, April 24 after 3:00 pm to decorate and Saturday, April 25 at 11:30 pm - Sunday, April 26, 3:00 am for the post prom event. It will take many hands to make this a memorable event for all.

We hope you can join us in the fun!

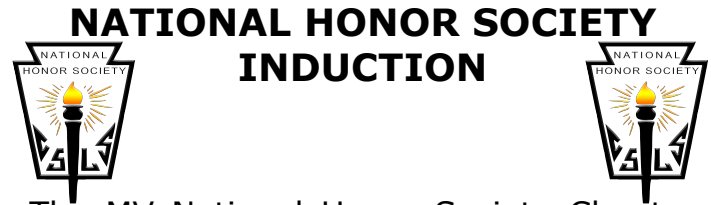
If you have any questions call Ann Grant 563-920-6788.

## Clothing

We are running discounted specials on post prom clothing/decals, contact Jayne Hogan 563-920-9606 for more details.

## Post Prom Contracts

A reminder to students attending Post Prom the contracts must be signed and returned, to the MV office by **Wednesday, APRIL 8th**.



The MV National Honor Society Chapter inducted nine new members on Thursday, March 26. These new members were selected for membership in National Honor Society because they have demonstrated the four pillars of Character, Leadership, Service, and Scholarship.

### New Members

|                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| Alec McDowell  | Colin Wendt    |
| Mikayla Callan | Clint Krapfl   |
| Amanda Fortman | Brianna Mensen |
| Nichole Winter | Audrey Sheehy  |
| Mikaela Reth   |                |

### Current Members

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Annie Fjelstul  | Tiffany Hoeger    |
| Ashley Holtz    | Steve Huber       |
| Matt Lansing    | Bailey Lubben     |
| Zach Salow      | Morgan Manternach |
| Emily O'Connell | Heather Sabers    |
| Derek Salow     | Dylan Salow       |
| Abby Jay        | Riley Kloser      |
| Macy Anderegg   | Sienna Becker     |
| Kristin Brehm   | Jeremy Fischer    |
| Caitlin Gibbs   | Kristi Goedken    |
| Ryan Goedken    | Taylor Guthrie    |
| Shawnae Hoeger  | Megan Hogan       |
| Emily Krapfl    | Emily LaGrant     |
| Nichole Lucas   | Briana March      |
| Megan Mensen    | Colton Nefzger    |
| Kalvin Orcutt   | Brooke Snyder     |
| Kelsey Snyder   | Riley Sternhagen  |
| Angie Wilson    | Shaylyn Trenkamp  |
| Whitney Wilson  | Dylan Wright      |

Congratulations to all the Maquoketa Valley High School National Honor Society members!

Rebecca Besler, Sponsor



# Looking for high-quality literacy resources to use at home with your children?

The Iowa Reading Research Center offers a variety of resources to support literacy learning at home!

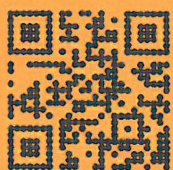
Easy-to-use online resources including:



- ✓ Videos
- ✓ Articles
- ✓ Activities
- ✓ Parent Guides
- ✓ Links to Other Websites
- ✓ And much more!

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**Quality you can trust**  
Reviewed by educators and parents



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# Looking for high-quality resources for students

to use at home, but don't have  
hours to spend searching the web?



The Iowa Reading Research Center and AEA Online offer a variety of easy-to-use resources to support literacy learning at home.

The Iowa Reading Research Center (IRRC) website offers a collection of high-quality web-based resources for families to support literacy development with children at home. They include videos, activities, parent guides, and easy-to-use articles that highlight important literacy skills to use with children from birth to sixth grade. **These resources are free and no log-in is required.**

All resources available on the IRRC website have been carefully reviewed for quality by a team of trained educators and parents, and can be sorted by literacy skill, age group, and resource type. Find these free resources at [iowareadingresearch.org/resources](http://iowareadingresearch.org/resources)

**Iowa's Area Education Agencies (AEAs)** provide a variety of services and resources that support students, families, and communities and also provide access to high-quality web-based resources. Find your regional AEA at [iowaaea.org](http://iowaaea.org).

**In addition to online literacy resources, the IRRC website also offers tools for educators:**

- ✓ Iowa's Early Literacy Initiatives and Legislation
- ✓ Instructional Practice Guides
- ✓ Assessment Administration Guides
- ✓ Downloadable parent letters and parent checklists
- ✓ Research from the field of education
- ✓ Resources for families with children from birth through sixth grade
- ✓ Links to other websites and literacy resources
- ✓ And much more!

**Iowa AEA Online** is a virtual library providing no-cost access to 14 high-quality, web-based resources for accredited public and nonpublic PreK-12 schools throughout Iowa. These resources include the AEA Digital Library, BookFLIX, TrueFlix, Learn360, Britannica Digital Learning, and many more. Visit AEA Online at [iowaaeaonline.org](http://iowaaeaonline.org).



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## Maquoketa Valley Spring Activity Schedules 2015

### High School Golf

|      |                |                        |      |
|------|----------------|------------------------|------|
| 3/30 | Easton Valley  | H-Hartridge/Manchester | 4:00 |
| 3/31 | Oelwein        | A-Backbone GC          | 4:00 |
| 4/10 | Central City   | A-Meadowview GC        | 4:00 |
| 4/7  | East Buchanan  | H-Hartridge/Manchester | 4:00 |
| 4/13 | North Linn     | A-Three Elms GC        | 4:00 |
| 4/18 | Ed-Co (B)      | A-Lone Pine GC         | 8:30 |
| 4/21 | Alburnett      | A-Rolling Acres GC     | 4:00 |
| 4/24 | Springville    | H-Hartridge/Manchester | 4:00 |
| 4/27 | Monticello (B) | A-Monticello GC        | 4:00 |
| 4/27 | Bellevue (G)   | A-Bellevue GC          | 4:00 |
| 5/4  | Conference (B) | Pin Oak/Manchester     | 9:00 |
| 5/11 | Conference (G) | Pin Oak/Manchester     | 9:00 |

### High School GIRLS Track

|      |                  |                         |      |
|------|------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 3/10 | Wartburg         | Indoor-Wartburg College | 2:30 |
| 3/20 | Conference       | Indoor-Cornell College  | 4:45 |
| 4/2  | West Delaware    | A - Manchester          | 4:30 |
| 4/7  | Jesup            | A - Jesup               | 4:30 |
| 4/14 | Anamosa          | A - Anamosa             | 4:30 |
| 4/16 | Starmont         | A - Arlington           | 4:45 |
| 4/20 | MV Wildcat       | H - Maquoketa Valley    | 4:30 |
| 4/23 | West Delaware    | A - Manchester          | 4:45 |
| 4/27 | Center Point/Urb | A - Center Point        | 4:45 |
| 4/28 | Anamosa          | A - Anamosa             | 4:30 |
| 4/30 | Cascade          | A - Cascade             | 4:30 |
| 5/4  | Independence     | A - Independence        | 5:00 |
| 5/7  | Conference       | H - Maquoketa Valley    | 4:00 |
| 5/11 | Central City     | A - Central City        | 4:30 |

### High School BOYS Track

|      |                  |                         |      |
|------|------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 3/10 | Wartburg         | Indoor-Wartburg College | 2:30 |
| 3/20 | Conference       | Indoor-Cornell College  | 4:45 |
| 3/31 | West Delaware    | A - Manchester          | 4:30 |
| 4/7  | Anamosa          | A - Anamosa             | 4:30 |
| 4/9  | Independence     | A - Independence        | 5:00 |
| 4/14 | Jesup            | A - Jesup               | 4:30 |
| 4/16 | West Delaware    | A - Manchester          | 4:45 |
| 4/21 | Center Point/Urb | A - Center Point        | 4:45 |
| 4/23 | Monticello       | A - Monticello          | 4:30 |
| 4/27 | MV Wildcat       | H - Maquoketa Valley    | 4:30 |
| 4/30 | Cascade          | A - Cascade             | 4:30 |
| 5/4  | Marion           | A - Marion              | 4:45 |
| 5/7  | Conference       | H - Maquoketa Valley    | 4:00 |
| 5/11 | Central City     | A - Central City        | 4:30 |

### Junior High GIRLS Track

|      |               |                      |      |
|------|---------------|----------------------|------|
| 4/14 | West Delaware | A - Manchester       | 4:00 |
| 4/20 | Cascade       | A - Cascade          | 4:15 |
| 4/21 | Starmont      | A - Arlington        | 4:30 |
| 4/23 | MV Wildcat    | H - Maquoketa Valley | 4:15 |
| 4/27 | Monticello    | A - Monticello       | 4:00 |
| 5/5  | Central City  | A - Central City     | 4:15 |
| 5/12 | Conference    | A - Central City     | 4:00 |

### Junior High BOYS Track

|      |               |                      |      |
|------|---------------|----------------------|------|
| 4/14 | Clayton Ridge | A - Guttenberg       | 4:00 |
| 4/21 | West Delaware | A - Manchester       | 4:00 |
| 4/23 | Starmont      | A - Arlington        | 4:30 |
| 4/30 | Monticello    | A - Monticello       | 4:00 |
| 5/4  | MV Wildcat    | H - Maquoketa Valley | 4:15 |
| 5/5  | Central City  | A - Central City     | 4:15 |
| 5/12 | Conference    | A - Central City     | 4:00 |

### Activities in Life of MV

|      |                            |                  |       |
|------|----------------------------|------------------|-------|
| 3/9  | HSVocal Jazz Concert       | Auditorium       | 7:30  |
| 3/12 | NHS Red Cross Drive        | MSMPR            | 1-6   |
| 3/14 | Individual State Speech    | Starmont         | 8:00  |
| 3/14 | District FFA               | Van Horne        |       |
| 3/17 | Parent Teacher Conferences |                  | 3-7   |
| 3/19 | Parent Teacher Conferences |                  | 3-7   |
| 3/24 | FFA Awards Banquet         | HS Gym           | 6:00  |
| 3/26 | NHS Inductions             | Auditorium       | 6:30  |
| 3/27 | MS "Spectrum"              | Auditorium       | 7:00  |
| 3/29 | DFS Gala                   | Hopkinton CC     |       |
| 3/30 | All-State Ind. Speech      | UNI/Cedar Falls  |       |
| 4/9  | Earlville Spring Concert   | Earlville Gym    | 7:00  |
| 4/11 | HS Solo/Ensemble Contest   | Cascade          |       |
| 4/14 | Johnston Spring Concert    | Hopkinton Gym    | 7:00  |
| 4/16 | Delhi Spring Concert       | MSMPR            | 7:00  |
| 4/18 | ACT Testing                | MSMPR            | 8:00  |
| 4/19 | FFA State Convention       | Ames (4/19-4/21) |       |
| 4/21 | 7-8 Honor Choir            | Oelwein          |       |
| 4/23 | 10th Career Fair           | West Delaware    |       |
| 4/25 | Prom                       | HS Gym           | 8:00  |
| 4/26 | Post Prom                  |                  | 12:00 |
| 4/28 | 7-8 Honor Choirs           | Oelwein          |       |
| 4/28 | FFA Dist. Ag Mechancis     | Calmar           |       |
| 5/2  | HS Conference Art Fair     | Alburnett        | 10:00 |
| 5/3  | AB Mini Cat Track          | MVHS Track       |       |
| 5/3  | Academic Excellence Banq.  | HS Cafeteria     | 6:00  |
| 5/4  | FFA Senior Farewell        | MVHS             | 7:00  |
| 5/5  | HS Spring Concert          | MSMPR            | 7:00  |
| 5/8  | Spring Play                | Auditorium       |       |
| 5/9  | Spring Play                | Auditorium       |       |
| 5/9  | HS Large Gr. Music Contest | Cedar Falls      |       |
| 5/10 | Baccaulaureate             | Auditorium       | 1:30  |
| 5/10 | DFS Senior Awards          | MSMPR            | 3:00  |
| 5/12 | MS Spring Concert          | MSMPR            | 1:30  |
| 5/13 | Commencement               | HS Gym           | 7:30  |
| 5/14 | Preschool Spring Bash      | MS Commons       | 6:30  |
| 5/15 | HS Speech Awards           | Auditorium       | 7:00  |
| 5/16 | AB Softball Tourney        |                  |       |



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| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
|   |  |   | 1<br>Athletic Booster Mtg<br>6:30 pm – HS Cafe | 2<br><b>Dismiss @ 1:05<br/>(Spring Break)</b><br><br>HSGT @ WDelaware - 4:30 pm  | 3<br><b>NO SCHOOL<br/>(Spring Break)</b>  | 4  |
| 5<br> | 6<br><b>NO SCHOOL<br/>(Prof. Develop)</b>  | 7<br>HSG – EBuchanan (H)<br>Hartridge - 4:00 pm<br><br>HSGT @ Jesup - 4:30 pm<br><br>HSBT @ Anamosa - 4:30 pm<br><br>FFA Officer Mtg – 7:00 pm                            | 8  | 9<br>EE Spring Concert - 7:00 pm<br><br>HSBT @ Independence<br>5:00 pm<br><br>FFA Monthly Mtg @<br>Beckman – 7:00 pm   | 10<br>HSG @ Central City<br>4:00 pm   | 11<br>HS Band & Choir<br>Solo/Ensemble<br>Contest @ Cascade                    |
| 12  | 13<br>Fine Arts Boosters<br>5:30 pm - HSCafe<br><br>HSG @ North Linn<br>4:00 pm  | 14<br>JE Spring Concert - 7:00 pm<br><br>JHGT @ WDelaware - 4:00 pm<br><br>JHBT @ Clayton Ridge<br>4:00 pm<br><br>HSGT @ Anamosa<br>4:30 pm<br><br>HSBT @ Jesup – 4:30 pm | 15   | 16<br>DE Spring Concert - 7:00 pm<br><br>HSBT @ WDelaware - 4:45 pm<br><br>HSGT @ Starmont - 4:45 pm   | 17<br>MS/HS Community<br>Service Day (PM)   | 18<br>HSG @ Ed-Co<br>8:30 am (Boys)<br><br>ACT Testing @ MV<br>8:00 am - MSMPR |
| 19<br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><br><b>FFA State Convention @ Ames</b>          | 20<br>HSGT Wildcat (H) – 4:30<br><br>JHGT @ Cascade - 4:15 pm<br><br>School Board Mtg – 6:00   | 21<br>HSG @ Alburnett -4:00 pm<br><br>JHGT @ Starmont - 4:30 pm<br><br>JHBT @ WDelaware - 4:00 pm<br><br>HSBT @ CtPt/Urbana<br>4:45 pm<br><br>7/8 Honor Choir @ Oelwein   | 22<br>JE Preschool Roundup                     | 23<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Gr. @ WDelaware<br>Career Fair<br><br>JHGT Wildcat (H) 4:15 pm<br><br>HSBT @ Monticello – 4:30<br><br>HSGT @ WDelaware - 4:30 pm<br><br>JHBT @ Starmont – 4:30 pm | 24<br>HSG – Springville (H)<br>Hartridge - 4:00 pm  | 25<br>PROM<br>(8:00 – Midnight)  |
| 26<br>Post Prom<br>12:00-3:00 am  | 27<br>HSBT Wildcat (H) – 4:30<br><br>HSGT @ CtPt/Urbana<br>4:30 pm<br><br>JHGT @ Monticello – 4:00<br><br>HSG @ Belleveue (Girls) –<br>4:00<br><br>HSG @ Monticello (Boys) –<br>4:00 | 28<br>5/6 Honor Choir @ Oelwein<br><br>FFA @ District Ag<br>Mechanics @ Calmar<br><br>HSGT @ Anamosa - 4:30 pm  | 29<br>EE Preschool Roundup                     | 30<br>10 <sup>th</sup> Gr. @ John Deere/DBQ<br><br>HSG @ Oelwein - 4:00 pm<br><br>JHBT @ Monticello – 4:00 pm<br><br>HSGT @ Cascade - 4:30 pm<br><br>HSBT @ Cascade – 4:30 pm            | DE = Delhi Elementary<br>EE = Earlville Elementary<br>JE = Johnston Elementary<br>JH = Junior High (7 & 8)<br>HS = High School<br><br>G = Golf<br>GT = Girls Track<br>BT = Boys Track |  |

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| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|--|---|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |   |   |  |   | 1  | 2<br>TRC Art Show @<br>Alburnett  |
| 3<br>AB Mini Cat Track<br><br>Academic Excellence<br>Banquet<br>6:00 pm HSCafe | 4<br>TRC Boys Golf @<br>Pin Oak 9:00 am<br><br>JHBT Wildcat – 4:15 pm<br><br>HSGT @ Independence<br>5:00<br><br>HSBT @ Marion – 4:45<br><br>FFA Mtg – 7:00 pm | 5<br>JK/1 <sup>st</sup> Gr. FFA<br>Farm Safety Day<br><br>JHGT @ CCity<br>4:15 pm<br><br>JHBT @ CCity<br>4:15 pm<br><br>HS Band/Choir<br>Senior Concert<br>7:00 MSMPR | 6<br><b>Dismiss @ 1:05<br/>(Prof. Develop)</b><br><br>Athletic Booster Mtg<br>6:30 HSCafe        | 7<br>TRC HSBT @ MVHS<br>4:00 pm<br><br>TRC HSGT @ MVHS<br>4:00 pm                 | 8<br>Spring Play   | 9<br>HS Band/Choir<br>Lg. Group Contest<br>@ Cedar Falls<br><br>Spring Play<br><br>AB Baseball<br>Tourney |
| 10<br>Baccalaureate<br>1:30 pm Aud<br><br>Senior Awards<br>3:00 MSMPR          | 11<br>TRC Girls Golf @<br>Pin Oak 9:00 am<br><br>HSGT @ CCity – 4:30<br><br>HSBT @ CCity – 4:30<br><br>Fine Arts Boosters<br>5:30 pm HSCafe                   | 12<br>MS Spring Concert<br>1:30 pm MSMPR<br><br>TRC JHGT @ CCity<br>4:00 pm<br><br>TRC JHBT @ CCity<br>4:00 pm  | 13<br>Commencement<br>7:30 pm HSGym  | 14<br>HSGT/HSBT @<br>Districts<br><br>Preschool Spring Bash<br>6:30 pm MSCCommons | 15<br>HS Speech & Drama<br>Awards 7:00 pm<br>Aud & HSCafe          | 16<br>AB Softball<br>Tournament   |
| 17   | 18<br>School Board Mtg<br>6:00 pm   | 19  | 20   | 21  | 22<br><b>Last Day of School<br/>Dismiss @ 1:05</b>                 | 23  |
| 24   | 25<br><b>Memorial Day</b>   | 26<br>VSB-CtPt/Urbana<br>H – 5:00   | 27<br>JVSB – North Linn<br>H – 5:00<br><br>JVBB – North Linn<br>H – 5:00<br><br>VBB @ Kee – 5:30 | 28<br>VBB @ Central City – 5:00<br><br>VSB @ Central City – 5:00                  | 29<br>JVBB @ EBuchanan -<br>5:00<br><br>JVSB @ EBuchanan -<br>5:00 | 30<br>VBB Maquoketa<br>Valley Tourney – 9:00  |
| 31   |   |   |  |   |  |   |