



# The WILDCAT REPORT

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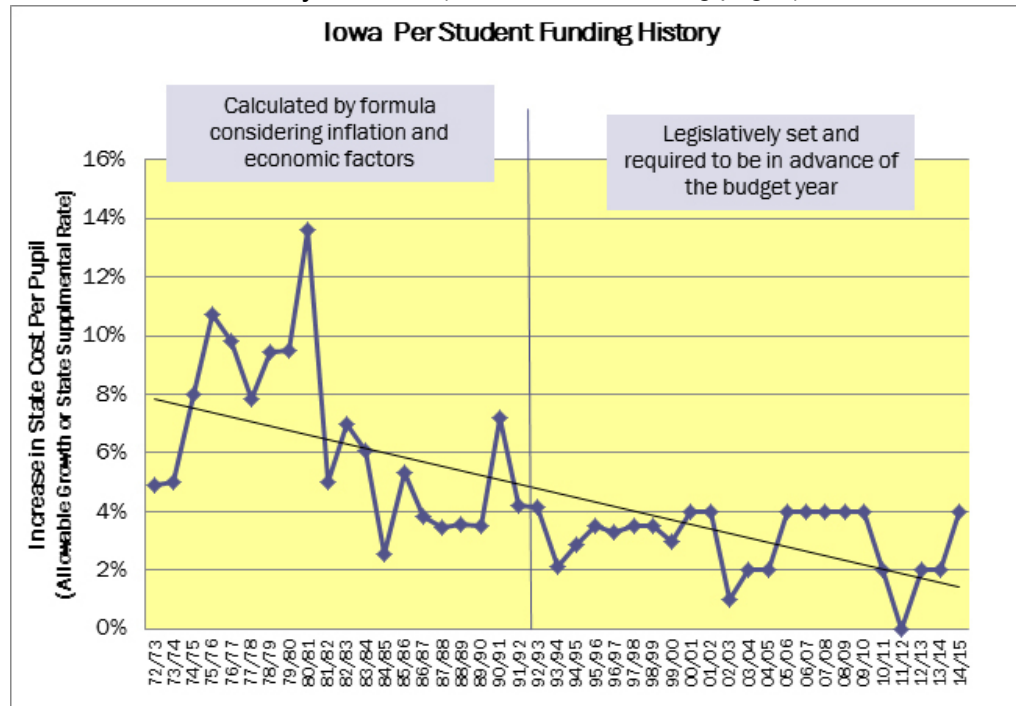
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## Education Funding Information

Maquoketa Valley Schools, as well as all other Iowa schools, is again facing another year in which funding proposals at the state level make it nearly impossible to deliver the high quality education that we all expect for our children. Two facts listed below support the negative impact on Iowa education in recent years:

- Iowa's percent change in spending per student, inflation-adjusted, from FY 2008 through FY 2014, is down **\$641** per student. Thirty-seven states have managed to do better for their schools and students despite a recovery from the recession less robust than Iowa has experienced. (Source: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, May 20, 2014, "Most States Funding Schools Less Than Before the Recession," <http://www.cbpp.org/cms/?fa=view&id=4011>)
- Currently Iowa ranks 35th in the nation in educational funding per student, which is **\$1,612** below the national average.

Iowa's commitment to increase education funding per pupil has plummeted, as evidenced by the history below, especially since 1993 when the legislature started setting the rate each year rather than an automatic increase based on economic and inflationary factors. (continued on following pages)



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

## Education Funding Information(continued)

In recent years, schools experienced record low increases in per pupil revenue that have not kept pace with cost increases of running Iowa schools. Those schools that have experienced declining enrollment, such as MV, and the lack of commitment and funding to our schools from our state has lead to teacher, associate and administrative reductions, increased class sizes and reduced bus routes, which has increased student riding time, and fewer course offerings at the secondary level.

But this doesn't have to be. We can appropriately fund education because Iowa's economy is strong. The states reserves are full. The CRF is full at \$522.3 million, EEF is full at \$174.1 million, the surplus for FY 2015 prior to vetoes was \$612.6 million and the Governor vetoed of SF363 added another \$140 million. To further support the notion that our state is in a very strong financial standing, the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC), estimate of general fund receipts, (which the legislature builds their budget based on this conferences future revenue estimates) that there will be an increase of 4.8% for FY 2015 and an increase of 5.1% for FY 2016.

So as a state, this is a strong indication that we are fiscally sound and we can and should invest in our children, which is obviously an investment in our future.

Because the Governor has chosen to not appropriately fund education the Education Coalition calls on our Governor and Legislature to prioritize the education of Iowa children and set a 6% growth rate per student for the 2015-16 school year. Setting the 2015-16 per pupil rate needs to be done very quickly. The 2016-17 rate should be set within 30 days of the release of the Governor's budget, returning to the practice required in Iowa law (Iowa Code 257.8). Setting the rate in advance demonstrates the priority of education, as explained by this Cedar Rapids Gazette Opinion, Feb. 6, 2014:

(<http://thegazette.com/2014/02/06/lawmakers-should-follow-laws/#ixzz2segdgF38>)

- "The not quite 20-year-old state law directs the Legislature to set state per-pupil funding two years in advance, and within 30 days of receiving a governor's budget. The goals are pretty simple. Make school funding a top priority, give school districts ample time to plan ahead and make it less likely that critical school bucks will get tangled up in all the budgetary horse-trading that happens late in a session."

Unfortunately, recent departures from the requirements of Iowa Code 257.8 have become the norm, which has had a negative impact on our schools. Note the following instances in which the cost per pupil hasn't been set timely as required by Iowa law:

- FY 2003, originally set at 4% timely, but lowered to 1% on 3/28/02
- FY 2012, the FY 2011 rate remained unchanged due to no Legislative Action
- FY 2013, the 2% increase was enacted 7/27/2011, providing 13 months' notice
- FY 2014, the 2% increase was enacted 6/3/2013, less than one month before the fiscal year took effect
- FY 2015, the 4% increase was enacted 6/3/2013, providing almost 13 months' notice.

Maquoketa Valley, as well as all schools across Iowa, need sufficient notice to anticipate revenue, make timely staffing and curriculum decisions and thoughtfully plan to invest the funds wisely for student learning. The future of Iowa's students and our state's continued success depend on a solid investment in the priority of public education.

## Education Funding Information (continued)

Although funding has not been a priority with our Governor and legislative body, all of our educators at Maquoketa Valley continue to work harder than ever with less. We have been able to produce significant results, but without a reasonable funding stream we cannot continue to expect the same results. To name a few of our accomplishments at Maquoketa Valley:

- The four-year cohort graduation rate for MV class of 2012 was 97%. For the 2013 MV cohort group, it was 100%. The state graduation rate for 2012 was 89% and for 2013 school year it was 89%. MV and Iowa continue to have one of the highest graduation rates in the nation.
- 2013 ACT data indicates again that Iowa students continue to score well on the ACT. Among 28 states for which ACT is the primary college entrance exam (greater than 50%), Iowa's average composite score (22.1) continues to rank second. MV's composite score is 22.2.
- Maquoketa Valley's concurrent (dual) enrollment courses, qualifying for community college credit, (college credit saving parents and students tuition payments later) continue to grow. Currently MV students have an opportunity to take advantage of up to 37 credits on-campus and 132 possible credits with our partnership with Kirkwood Community College located in Monticello.
- Maquoketa Valley's overall performance on the Iowa Assessments continues to excel. Listed below is our reading, math and science data:

### 2014 IOWA ASSESSMENT DATA – READING

3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
93%	90%	84%	91%	85%	74%	94%	90%	79%

### 2014 IOWA ASSESSMENT DATA – MATH

3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
93%	96%	88%	76%	92%	81%	85%	88%	74%

### 2014 IOWA ASSESSMENT DATA – SCIENCE

3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
93%	96%	88%	89%	92%	96%	87%	93%	89%

The Governors goal for education is to make Iowa schools world class. All of us strongly agree and want this as a goal. But with the Governors proposal of 1.25% for next school year and a 2.45% increase for FY 2016 and if it is passed by our legislators we cannot expect schools to be world class, let alone be tops in this country. Because of our values and work ethic Iowa's educational system is one of the best in the nation. But without adequate funding, this can no longer continue. The frustrating piece of all of this is the data clearly indicates that our economy is strong, state reserves are full, and future revenue estimates continue to increase. We can afford to invest in our kids. Now is the time to make education a top priority so we can continue the work to become world-class. If you believe that that our schools are underfunded and our children deserve better, it is imperative that you contact our local representatives, senators, and the Governor's office immediately. Without your voice being heard, education funding will not be a priority. The Governor can be contacted at <https://governor.iowa.gov/contact/> or a call can be made to 515-281-52211.

Representative Hein can be emailed at [lee.hein@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:lee.hein@legis.iowa.gov) or you can place a call to the House Switchboard and leave a message at 515-281-3221. Senator Zumbach can be emailed at [dan.zumbach@legis.iowa.gov](mailto:dan.zumbach@legis.iowa.gov) or a message can be left for the senator at 515-281-3371.

## Regular Board Meeting

January 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Chris Huber at 6:00 p.m. on January 19, 2015 at Johnston Elementary in Hopkinton, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. Four board members were present. There were five staff members and two visitors present. The agenda and consent items were approved.

Iowa Assessments are scheduled for the week of February 9<sup>th</sup> for grades 3–11.

The Earlville United Parish made a generous donation to Earlville Elementary. The donation was used to purchase six copies of 40 different books that covered ten different reading levels to add to the Earlville book room. The board expressed their appreciation to the Earlville United Parish for their generous donation.

Maquoketa Valley has been awarded Teacher Leadership and Compensation Grant for the 2015–2016 school year. Final budget numbers will be announced in February. A committee has begun working on the details necessary for implementation of the teacher leadership system.

Language to board policy 502.040 Good Conduct Policy/Code and 504.070 Emergency School Closings were reviewed and approved. The board policy series 500 was also reviewed and approved.

The 2015–2016 High School Course Catalog was approved.

The board approved the call for bids on a bus to be purchased after July 1<sup>st</sup> using SILO funds.

The discussion on property valuations for FY16 was tabled and will be discussed at the February meeting.

Laura Bohrer will be the guest speaker for the 2015 Academic Excellence Banquet which will be held on May 3rd.

The next parent grade re-alignment meeting will be held February 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the high school commons.

Possible start and end dates for the 2015–2016 school year were discussed.

At 6:55 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 8:24 pm. the Board entered into open session. Roll call vote was answered all ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



## TESTING WEEK



During the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 3–11 will be taking the Iowa Assessments. These tests are important to our district as they are one indication of how we are doing in meeting our goals. Parents, we appreciate your efforts in avoiding appointments during school whenever possible, but especially during this testing week! Thank you for your help!





# FEBRUARY 2015



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>2</p> <p>CHICKEN STRIPS FRENCH FRIES ROMAINE LETTUCE CARROT STICKS BROCCOLI PEARS BLUEBERRIES</p> <p>COMBO</p>	<p>3</p> <p>MAIDRITE ON A BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES SAVORY CARROTS KIWI STRAWBERRIES WH. GRAIN APPLE CRISP</p> <p>OMELET/TOAST</p>	<p>4 OUT AT 1 00 PM</p> <p>HOT DOG ON A WH. WHEAT BUN FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS WINTER MIX ORANGES TROPICAL FRUIT</p> <p>PANCAKES &amp; SAUSAGE</p>	<p>5</p> <p>SOFT SHELL TACO REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE PEACHES</p> <p>BREAKFAST WRAP</p>	<p>6</p> <p>SAUSAGE PIZZA GARLIC BREADSTICKS ROMAINE LETTUCE TOMATO CUCUMBER APPLES FRESH PINEAPPLE</p> <p>SAUSAGE/EGG/MUFFIN</p>
<p>9</p> <p>CHICKEN PATTY WHOLE WHEAT ROLL POTATO TRIANGLE WINTER MIX SAVORY CARROTS STRAWBERRIES APPLES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGELS</p>	<p>10</p> <p>MR. RIB POTATO PUFFS BAKED BEANS CALIFORNIA BLEND PEACHES ORANGES</p> <p>WH. WHEAT CINNAMON ROLL</p>	<p>11</p> <p>HAM WH. WHEAT ROLL BAKED POTATO SWEET POTATOES BROCCOLI APPLESAUCE APRICOTS</p> <p>PANCAKE ON A STICK</p>	<p>12</p> <p>MEATBALL SUB FRENCH FRIES CARROT STICKS CELERY STICKS APPLES GRAPES CARNIVAL COOKIE</p> <p>BREAKFAST BURRITO</p>	<p>13</p> <p>HAMBURGER GRAVY MASHED POTATOES BREAD &amp; BUTTER SANDWICH COTTAGE CHEESE CORN PEACHES STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>
<p>16</p> <p>WEINER WINKS POTATO TRIANGLE CORN CARROT STICKS PINEAPPLE PEARS</p> <p>BREAKFAST PIZZA</p>	<p>17</p> <p>OPEN FACE TURKEY BREAD STUFFING SWEET POTATOES BROCCOLI RAW ORANGES FRUIT COCKTAIL</p> <p>FRENCH TOAST</p>	<p>18</p> <p>MACARONI &amp; CHEESE WH. WHEAT CINNAMON ROLL ROMAINE LETTUCE PEAS APPLESAUCE ORANGES</p> <p>OMELET/TOAST</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CHICKEN FAJITAS REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>TEXAS TOAST SANDWICH</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NO SCHOOL TODAY</p>
<p>23</p> <p>PIG N BLANKET POTATO TRIANGLE SWEET POTATOES CORN BROCCOLI STRAWBERRIES &amp; BANANAS PEACHES</p> <p>COMBO</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CHICKEN TETRAZZINI PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH PEAS ROMAINE LETTUCE PEARS APPLES</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>	<p>25</p> <p>BBQ PORK SANDWICH ON WH. WHEAT BUN CHEESY POTATOES MIXED VEGETABLES COLESLAW STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE FRUIT PIZZA</p> <p>SAUSAGE/EGG/MUFFIN</p>	<p>26</p> <p>TACO SALAD REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>PANCAKE ON A STICK</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CHEESE PIZZA GARLIC BREADSTICKS ROMAINE LETTUCE TOMATO CUCUMBER APPLES PINEAPPLE</p> <p>SCR. EGGS/TOAST</p>
			<p>ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME.</p> <p>PARENTS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP MONEY IN YOUR CHILDS ACCOUNT.</p>	<p>MAQUOKETA VALLEY SCHOOL IS A EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.</p> <p>EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK</p>

## 5th Grade Math

The 5th graders at MV have been working extremely hard in math this year. The whole first semester the students worked with whole number and decimals. Using multiple tools they can efficiently add, subtract, multiply and divide these types of numbers. The students have been empowered to learn at their own pace and are doing very well at it. We are now moving to fraction work. The students will be challenged to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers. Once we have finished with fractions we will then move on to geometry and the concept of volume. We will examine how to find the volume of different shapes eventually working our way up to identifying the formula used to find volume.

Jason Helle

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

Join us at the next **Fine Arts  
Booster Meeting, Feb 9th @  
5:30 PM** in the HS Cafeteria  
and see what we are all about!

## 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.



Did you know that tomatoes are in the fruit family, but they are served and prepared as a vegetable? They are one of the most popular vegetables eaten by Americans.

## 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!

Anthony March  
Teagan Langel  
Taylor Mullis  
Brenyn Robinson  
Marley Wagnor

Emma Doyl  
Ava Cole  
Dylan Knipper  
Kyle Engelken  
Jayden Schwandt

Kendra Hillers  
Jocelyn Kelchen  
Braden Ronnebaum  
Landin Frasher  
Breece Hoisington

Amada Mohr  
Lukas Chesnut  
Dustin Damico  
Kade Freiburger

## “Why do we have to learn this?”

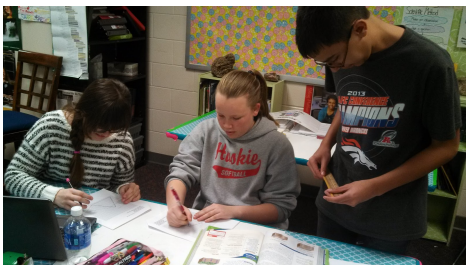
This is a question that is common in school classrooms. It can be greeted with contempt and scolding, countered with, “It’s important because I said so.”

In middle school science at Maquoketa Valley, the answer is always, “Because it’s COOL!” The world around us is affecting us and affected by us. Exploring how it works is a great adventure for us. In our classroom, it’s all about the questions raised and the journey to find answers.



Why do bacteria make us so sick? We explored this question when we cultured it off common surfaces like cell phones. We discovered through graphing that it only takes 6 and a half hours to reach 1 million bacteria!

Cockroaches are disgusting!!! Can they harm us? The Madagascar Hissing cockroaches we study are completely harmless, and even useful as decomposers, like many other creepy-crawly organisms that surround us. And, yes, those are babies!!!



Earthquakes only happen in California, how does it affect me? While they are very frequent along the San Andreas Fault in California, students were surprised to chart where quakes occurred around the world, and their frequency. Students were then challenged with designing and building an earthquake resistant building out of spaghetti, toothpicks, and marshmallows.

How can something as small as a millimeter create an unintended result? Students built their own skimmers using precise measurements. They launched them down the hallway and made modifications to help them fly further. Being off on measurement even a millimeter could mean their skimmer wouldn’t even make it a millimeter!

Why are we learning a foreign language in a science class? Our students know that coding is the language of the future! By learning to code and program robots, our students are preparing for a future economy that will have one million open computer science positions by 2020, and it’s one of the highest paid jobs in the world.

We’ve been asking a lot of questions and finding the answer through the scientific process, but we won’t stop there. Students know that the more we discover, there is just another question yet to be answered!



# KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Parents of our 2015-2016 kindergarten students, please complete and send a registration form for your child (found in this newsletter) to one of our elementary schools. In order to start kindergarten next year, children must be five by September 15th, 2015.

The following dates have been set for Kindergarten Round-up:



**February 24 ..... Johnston Elementary Round-Up**  
**February 26 ..... Earlville Elementary Round-Up**  
**March 3 ..... Delhi Elementary Round-Up**



During Round-Up children will be scheduled to spend a two-hour period either in the morning or the afternoon. Parents will need to attend a short meeting and then return to pick up their children at the end of the two-hour period. Even if you will be requesting Junior Kindergarten, please plan for your child to attend Round-Up in his or her normal attendance center. Additional information will be coming your way as the Round-Up dates near.

Attendance center placements will be finalized following round-ups. At this time we have grouped the children **for Round-Up purposes only**. In doing so we considered one or more of the following: mailing address; location to the closest school; and bus routes.

If you feel we have listed your child in the wrong location for Round-up, please let us know. As of January 23, we have the following children listed for Round-up:

## EARLVILLE

Jameson Britcher	Dallas Burkett	Breanna Bush	Cael Cannon	Chase Cannon
Mileea Damico	Mason Domeyer	Kael Engelken	Jena Hoefer	Kayla Hoeger
Morgan Hoeger	Teagan Langel	Jefferson LeGassick	Kien Leppert	Eva Mensen
Wyatt Mullis	Danuel Poe	William Schollmeyer	Easton Tucker	Alison Schulte
Rylan Paulsen/Schultz	Jordan Rawson	Vincent Schollmeyer	Rylan Rausch	Rylee Reed

## DELHI

Aubrie Althoff	Jaelyn Butikofer	Audra Burbridge	Aidin Frasher	Kennick Robbins
Xander Goedken	Morgan Hoeger	Mileena Lonewolf	Khloe Glew	Cailey Reth
Chloe Reth	Taylor Salow	Brayden Schuster	Owen Smith	Trent Timmer
David Vandepol				

## JOHNSTON

Mallori Ambundo	Cole Beitz	Olivia Begle	Tyler Beitz	Lylah Billmeyer
Saige Freeze	Dominic Gray	Sawyer Kemp	Tuckyr Kemp	River Kraus
Knox Lewin	Abram Nolan	Allison Porter	Ella Recker	Adaline Wilson
Aliya Weitnauer	Karl Zumbach	MaryEllen Smith		

If you know of a child eligible for kindergarten who is not listed, please call Brenda Becker (923-3225), or at (926-2701), or Tracy Morrison (922-9411).



## Post Prom Fundraisers

### Family Fun Night & MS Dance

Attention all Maquoketa Valley Elementary and Middle School students and their families: the MV Post Prom Committee is sponsoring a “**Fun Night**” for JK-6th grade students, staff, and their families, and a “**Middle School Dance**” for grades 7th-8th. There will be games, prizes, dollar dance and lots of fun!

The Fun Night and Middle School Dance will be held on February 13th at the Delhi center. Both events start at 6:30 PM and go until 9:00 PM.

### Post Prom 2015 Update

Attention Junior Class Parents:

Post Prom fundraising efforts are in the planning stages & are coming together! We need volunteers...even for an hour here or there, any help you can give is greatly appreciated!

We are getting down to our last meetings before the event so if you want to get involved now is the time to attend the meetings.

The **next Post Prom meeting** will be Feb 15th @ 6 in HS Cafeteria. We hope you can join us in the fun!

Please contact Ann Grant @ 563-920-6788 with any questions.

#### Homemade Pies

Post Prom will be selling apple pies for \$10 and strawberry-rhubarb pies for \$12. These are frozen and ready to bake. Pecan pies are ready to serve for \$15. Please get orders to Ann Grant at [anndan@yousq.net](mailto:anndan@yousq.net) or 563-920-6788. Order forms will be available in HS office too.

#### Post Prom Apparel

We still have some apparel on hand that can be purchased. Contact Ann Grant for information.

### Wildcat PE Fitness and Fun!

The Maquoketa Valley Wildcat students in grades K-12 have been busy all year working on core fitness and having fun at the same time. Physical Education is not the same as it used to be as there is an emphasis on fitness and awareness of ones heartrate. Students need to raise their hear rate levels to 160-180 for a period of twenty minutes to gain optimal benefits for heart health. Students have been working on the core exercises of push-ups, sit ups or crunches, and the kids favorite in the elementary grades burpees! Along with the core exercises each class has been working on aerobic exercise which simply for our purposes means jogging. We are trying to work on core strength for each and every one of our students in grades K-12. We have been doing a lot of ball handling skills and other eye hand coordination activities to increase our students' coordination. Just because we are working on fitness and heart health does not mean we are not having fun. We are still doing activities that that the kids enjoy but at the same time we are developing strong heart healthy students!





## Summer Driver Education

Street Smarts is the vendor providing Driver Education at Maquoketa Valley. Students wishing to take Driver's Ed at MVHS must be 14 years of age by **April 1, 2015**.

Classes will begin in Mid-May and should be completed toward the end of June. Students receive a schedule with class times and driving groups/times listed. Class time is usually 3-4 days per week for two hours each date; driving time is 3-4 times per week for an hour and half per driving date. Classes are held in the high school auditorium. Once students have completed the signup, a schedule will be sent by mail to all parents listing their child's driving group, driving times and class schedule.

The fee for the course is **\$330** if paid by check or money order to Street Smarts; if paying by credit or debit card the fee is **\$340**. The fee is due when signing up for the class. Any family that is currently receiving free or reduced meals will be eligible for a waiver/reduction of this fee.

Students **MUST** signup online at: [www.streetSMARTSDRIVERS.ED.COM](http://www.streetSMARTSDRIVERS.ED.COM). The deadline to signup is **Tuesday, April 14, 2015**. Students must have their permit by the first day of Driver Education. Any questions, please feel free to call the high school (922-2091).

## Winter is Here

With winter and the cold weather upon us, we remind you that our building temperatures are set at 65 degrees. Parents are encouraged to dress your children appropriately. It is perfectly acceptable for your child to wear a sweater or sweatshirt in class in order to stay comfortable.

MV reports their school closings and cancellations to 3 TV stations: KGAN (2), KWWL (7), and KCRG (9) by 6:25 am. They also report them to these radio stations: KMCH and KDST. When bad weather hits, please turn to one of these TV or radio stations. Please DO NOT call the school. Their lines will be busy contacting personnel, other schools, bus drivers, etc.

If you would like to be added to the MV Text alert, contact Cheryl Gates at 563-922-9411.



## FFA NEWS

**FFA WEEK** will be celebrated

**February 22nd - 28th.**

Watch the announcements for more details.

**MV Greenhouse** - The FFA will be operating the greenhouse again this year.

## Manchester Regional Partnership Center is offering Drivers Education, February 26 - March 19, 2015

This class teaches novice drivers the knowledge, driving skills and attitudes necessary to become safe, low-risk, responsible drivers. The class satisfies the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements, and includes 30 hours of classroom instruction and 6 hours of behind-the-wheel driving experience.

Students must have an Iowa Driver Permit before the first class. Times listed are class times only. A driving schedule will be set up at the first class. We offer a smaller group setting, which allows for a driving schedule that can be customized to fit your personal schedule.

February 26 - March 19, 2015 Tuition: \$349.00

ClassRoom

2/26/2015-3/19/2015 Weekly -Thu, Mon 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

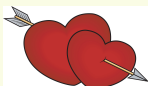
Manchester, Manchester Regional Education Partnership Room: Mtg Room Cynthia Ehrlich

2/28/2015-3/14/2015 Weekly -Sat 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Manchester, Manchester Regional Education Partnership, Room: Mtg Room Cynthia Ehrlich



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 JHBoysBB – Lisbon Home 4:00	3 JVBB @ North Linn 4:45  VBB @ North Linn 6:15  HSWR @ Ed-Co 6:00 pm	4 <b>Early Dismiss @ 1:05 (Prof Develop)</b>  Athletic Boosters Mtg 6:30 pm HSCafe  District FFA Review/ Officer Interviews @ Midland	5 JHBoysBB @ CCity 4:00  FFA Officer Mtg – 7:00	6 Kdg – 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade @ “Skipperty Jones” UNI/Cedar Falls  JVBB @ Alburnett 4:45  VBB @ Alburnett 6:15	7 VWR @ Sectionals North Linn – 12:00  Lg Gr State Speech @ Decorah
8	9 JHBoysBB – Starmont Home 4:00  Vocal Jazz State Fest Home – 4:30  Fine Arts Boosters Mtg 5:30 pm HSCafe  <b>Iowa Assessments</b>	10 JHBoysBB – Monticello Home 4:00  JV/VBoysBB @ Easton Valley 6:15	11     <b>Grades 3 - 11</b>	12 JHBoysBB @ Alburnett 4:00    <b>February 9th - 13th</b>	13 PP FUN Nite MS Gym  PP MS Dance HS Cafe	14   VWR @ Districts Jesup – 12:00  FFA Beef Expo (Des Moines)
15 Post Prom Mtg @ 6:00 HSCafe	16 JHBoysBB @ CV Christian 4:00  School Board Mtg 6:00  FFA Monthly Mtg - Beckman 7:30	17 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band “Open Stand” Performance @ 6:30 MS Gym	18	19 JHBoysBB – Springville Home 4:00	20 <b>NO SCHOOL (Staff Prof Develop)</b>	21 Lg Gr All-State Speech @ ISU/Ames
22	23 JHBoysBB – Ed/Co Home 4:00  Individual TRC Speech @ Lisbon	24 JE Kindergarten Roundup  FFA @ Subdistrict Contest  <b>FFA Week February 22 - 28</b>	25	26 EE Kindergarten Roundup	27 Vocal Jazz @ SWCC Fox Fest/Creston	28 Individual Speech @ Districts – Independence

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1	2 MS TRC Honor Choir @ Midland/Alburnett	3 DE Kindergarten Roundup  Parade of Bands 7:00 pm - MS Gym	4 Athletic Boosters Mtg 6:30 pm - HSCafe	5 FFA Officer Mtg – 7:00	6 7-8 Career Fair (per. 1-2)  End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr  Dismiss @ 1:05	7
8  Daylight Savings Time Begins  	9 Fine Arts Boosters Mtg 5:30 pm – HS Café  SWCC Harmonic Convergence & Smooth Harmony & Jazz X-Press Concert 7:30 pm Auditorium	10	11	12 National Honor Soc. BLOOD DRIVE 1:00-6:00 pm MS Gym  FFA Monthly Mtg 7:00 – MVHS	13 HS Vocal Jazz Concert Aud	14 FFA District Convention – Van Horne  Individual State Speech @ Starmont
15	16 School Board Mtg 6:00 pm	17 Dismiss @ 1:05  Parent-Teacher Conferences All Ctrs 3-7 pm	18	19 Dismiss @ 1:05  Parent-Teacher Conferences All Ctrs 3-7 pm	20 NO SCHOOL  HSGT @ Cornell Indoor 4:45 pm  HSBT @ Cornell Indoor 4:45 pm	21
22	23	24 FFA Awards Banquet 7:00 pm – HS Gym	25	26 National Honor Soc. Induction Ceremony 6:30 pm - Auditorium	27 MS Choir “Spectrum” 7:00 pm - Auditorium	28 DFS Gala
29	30 Individual Speech All-State @ UNI/CFalls  HSGolf – Easton Valley 4:00 - Home	31 HSBT @ WDelaware 4:30 pm				

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