

The WILDCAT REPORT

Maquoketa Valley Community School District's newsletter

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What is a Revenue Purpose Statement?

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It is a ballot issue that describes the allowed uses for the 1-cent sales tax in the State of Iowa that is dedicated to all Iowa school districts. This \$.01 sales tax is known as SAVE (Secured an Advanced Vision for Education). Maquoketa Valley's current Revenue Purpose Statement was originally passed in May of 2003. Our district did this to outline the allowed uses for our SAVE fund, as required by law.

What do we currently do with the \$.01 sales tax revenue?

Over the past 10-years we have used this fund to pay down the debt levy on Delhi Elementary, Delhi Middle School and Earlville Elementary. We have used this revenue to pay for computers for our students and technology infrastructure for our buildings. The revenue has been used to purchase buses, update building security, classroom and entrance doors. It has also been used to purchase and install energy efficient lighting, update entryways and sidewalks into our buildings, make roof and brick repairs and replace the boiler at our high school.

Why is this important now?

Our district's current Revenue Purpose Statement sunsets, or ends after a fixed period of time, in 2022. We would like to extend our current Revenue Purpose Statement until 2029, which is allowed by Iowa law. With the extension, we can work with our local banks to structure revenue bonds against our current SAVE revenue. This will allow us to make much-needed repairs to all of the facilities in our district. Our high school was constructed in 1965. Although the "bones" of this facility are strong, after 51 years, it is in need of some significant repairs, updating and remodeling to bring it into the 21st century. Earlville Elementary, Johnston Elementary, Delhi Elementary and Delhi Middle School also need some upgrading and repair work.

Will this raise my taxes?

The answer to this is a definite **NO**. This will absolutely *not* raise your taxes. This is the primary reason we would like to extend our current Revenue Purpose Statement. By extending our Revenue Purpose Statement until 2029, we can generate the necessary funds to complete the remodeling without asking our patrons to pass a bond referendum and without raising our taxes. Without your support to extend our Revenue Purpose Statement, it will be extremely difficult to update our facilities to meet the 21st century needs of our children. (continued on next page)

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This is NOT a vote on the SAVE funding. This is NOT a vote to increase the SAVE \$.01 sales tax. The sales tax rate is set by the legislature. *This is only a vote to extend our current Revenue Purpose Statement language to 2029* The sole purpose of the Revenue purpose Statement is to describe and outline the uses for which the \$.01 sales tax may be used at Maquoketa Valley.

When will the Revenue Purpose Statement vote be held?

The vote is scheduled for April 5, 2016. I would encourage you to get out and vote on April 5th, or contact the Delaware County Auditors office at 563-927-4701 to vote by absentee ballot. It is an important decision for our district, our facilities and our kids. Listed below are additional frequently asked questions that will provide additional information regarding our Revenue Purpose Statement and the April 5th vote. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Doug Tuetken or Erika Imler at 563-922-9422.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Why does it require a vote?

Bringing the Revenue Purpose Statement to voters for approval was a requirement imposed by the Iowa Legislature in 2008. The requirements for a Revenue Purpose Statement election are specifically stated in Iowa Code 423E. This section of the law requires the Board of Directors to adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement, subject to the approval of the electors, listing the proposed use of these funds.

Do we currently have a Revenue Purpose Statement in place and in general terms, what uses will be allowed under the Revenue Purpose Statement?

The Maquoketa Valley Community School District currently has a **Revenue Purpose Statement**. The language outlined below identifies what is allowed under our current statement: Money received from the local sales and services tax for school infrastructure may be spent for any one or more of the following purposes: To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities. Monies may also be shared with other public bodies within the district, including cities, and unincorporated areas whose boundaries in whole or in part encompass the area of the district, pursuant to a revenue sharing agreement in accordance with Section 423E.5, Code of Iowa, as amended. Monies may be used for emergency repairs to respond to natural disasters, such as fire, wind damage, flood; unanticipated mechanical, plumbing, structural, roof, electrical system failures; environmental remediation; or to respond to changes in demographics that require construction of additions or improvements to school buildings or new school buildings. Monies may also be used for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings or equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment) as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities, procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings. Monies also may be used to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes; and any other authorized expenditures and purposes as permitted by law or hereafter authorized by law and designated by the Maquoketa Valley Community School District.

Monies may be used for payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code section 297.36, sales tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code section 423E.5, and property tax relief.

Will passage of the Revenue Purpose Statement require a "super majority"?

No! Only a simple majority is (50% +1) is needed for passage.

What happens if the Revenue Purpose Statement is not approved?

Iowa law requires a minimum of six months to elapse before another Revenue Purpose Election can be held. If the original version is not approved, either the same or a revised Statement can be brought back to our voters.

Will voting by absentee ballot be possible?

Yes. Please contact the Delaware County Auditors office at 563-927-4701.

Additional Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact Doug Tuetken or Erika Imler at 563-922-9422.

Regular Board Meeting

January 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by President John Zietlow at 5:00 p.m. on January 18, 2016 in the Middle School Conference Room in Delhi, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. Four board members were present. There were six staff members and two visitors present. The agenda and consent items were approved.

lowa Assessment testing is scheduled for the week of February 8th for all students in third through eleventh grade.

A meeting is scheduled for February 4th for all sophomore students and their parents. The meeting focus will be career clusters that the sophomore students have chosen as their area of interest from Iowa, I Have a Plan. Discussion will also include upcoming ACT, Accuplacer testing, the College Fair, the Real Life Academy and job shadowing. Representatives from both NICC and Kirkwood will be present at the meeting.

The Board approved the

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ORDERING AN ELECTION ON THE REVENUE PUPOSE STATEMENT TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FROM THE STATE SECURE AND ADVANCED VISION FOR EDUCATION FUND (THE "REVENUES") IN THE FORMS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. A roll call vote was answered as follows: Feldmann, Huber, Kunde, Zietlow. All ayes.

Language to board policy 803.070 Payroll Periods and 805.040 were reviewed and approved. The board policy series 800 was also reviewed and approved.

The following personnel recommendation was approved:

Kendra Langel – employed as Delhi Food Service

In a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Kunde the Board approved the request of Mrs. Mueller to participate in the Vertical Vocal Festival in Rochelle, Illinois on March 12th. Carried.

The 2016-2017 High School Course Catalog was approved in a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Huber. Carried.

In a motion by Feldmann, seconded by Huber the Board approved the call for bids on a bus purchase to be purchased after July 1st using SAVE funds. Carried.

Our February 15th board meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Middle School Conference Room.

Ann Bries will be the guest speaker for the 2016 Academic Excellence Banquet which will be held on May 4th.

The next grade re-alignment parent meeting is scheduled for February 1st from 6:00-8:15 p.m. at St. John's.

Supt. Tuetken shared a rough draft of the 2016-2017 school calendar. Several revisions have been made and a final draft will be discussed at the February meeting.

Per Iowa Code 20.17(3) the Board of Directors met for a collective bargaining strategy session.

The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

FEBRUARY 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 PIG N BLANKET POTATO TRIANGLE SWEET POTATO FRIES CORN BROCCOLI STRAWBERRIES PEACHES BR. BAGEL	2 CHICKEN TETRAZZINI WG PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH PEAS ROMAINE LETTUCE PEARS APPLES WG CINNAMON ROLL	3 OUT AT 1:00 PORK BBQ SANDWICH CHEESY POTATOES MIXED VEGETABLES COLESLAW GRAPES APPLESAUCE FRENCH TOAST	4 TACO SALAD REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE MANDARIN ORANGES SAUSAGE EGG MUFFIN	5 PEPPERONI PIZZA WG GARLIC BREADSTICKS ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBERS CARROTS BLUEBERRIES PEACHES PANCAKE ON A STICK
8 TATER TOT CASSEROLE WG PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBERS FRESH PINEAPPLE BLUEBERRIES VANILLA YOGURT COMBO	9 SUB SANDWICH HASHBROWN CARROT STICKS HUMMUS CELERY STICKS TROPICAL FRUIT ORANGES WG APPLE CRISP BR. BURRITO	10 MACARONI & CHEESE WG CINNAMON ROLL ROMAINE LETTUCE PEAS APPLESAUCE BANANAS	11 HAMBURGER ON WG BUN CHEESE FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS WINTER MIX MIXED FRUIT APPLES PANCAKES & SAUSAGE	12 SHRIMP WG P. BUTTER SANDWICH HASHBROWN BROCCOLI SAVORY CARROTS STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE PEACHES STRAWBERRY JELLO WG CINNAMON ROLL
15 CHICKEN NUGGETS WH. WHEAT ROLL MASHED POTATOES CHICKEN GRAVY CORN BROCCOLI FRUIT COCKTAIL PEACHES BREAKFAST PIZZA	16 SPAGHETTI WG FRENCH BREAD ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBERS STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE PINEAPPLE SCR. EGGS & TOAST	17 TURKEY BURGER WG BUN FRENCH FRIES CARROT STICKS HUMMUS BAKED BEANS KIWI ORANGES WG CINNAMON ROLL	18 TENDERLOIN ON WG BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES MIXED VEGGIES GREEN BEANS APPLES GRAPES CARNIVAL COOKIE BREAKFAST CHOICE	19 NO SCHOOL
22 CHICKEN STRIPS CURLY FRIES ROMAINE LETTUCE BROCCOLI APPLES ORANGES BROWNIE COMBO	23 MAID RITE ON WG BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES CORN CASSEROLE SAVORY CARROTS KIWI STRAWBERRIES FRENCH TOAST	24 HOT DOG ON A WG BUN FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS PEAS & CARROTS PEARS APRICOTS SAUSAGE EGG MUFFIN	25 WG SOFT SHELL TACO REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD GREEN BEANS RED PEPPER STRIPS RICE MANDARIN ORANGES PANCAKE ON A STICK	26 CHEESE PIZZA WG GARLIC BREADSTICKS ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBERS TOMATO FRESH PINEAPPLE MIXED FRUIT OMELET & TOAST
29 CHICKEN PATTY WH. WHEAT ROLL POTATO TRIANGLE WINTER MIX SAVORY CARROTS STRAWBERRIES APPLES BREAKFAST PIZZA			ATTENTION PARENTS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP A POSITIVE BALANCE IN YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT AT ALL TIMES MAQUOKETA VALLEY SCHOOL IS A EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER	ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK WG= WHOLE GRAIN



Elementary/6th Grade Art Mrs. Knott



It has been a truly inspiring first half of the school year.

Art is such a basic form of visual communication. When you combine that with words and numbers we've given our students a complete set of tools for problem solving and exploring. The first half of the year we spent learning the basic 'how to' of many different types of materials. Now as the second half begins we become curious about what could be. We begin asking more questions, developing unique ideas, and working cooperatively. We try to relate what we are making to history, literature, math and science.

I had a funny remark from a second grade student as he related what I was teaching to his life. I was teaching about Van Gogh's rich flowing brush strokes. I wanted them to deposit plenty of paint from one side of the paper to the other. It shouldn't be just dabbed here and there. Suddenly I hear that 'Aha' moment when a child gets it. His words were, "I got it! It is just like driving the honey wagon." I hope it was about the paint and not what I was saying.

Now as the second half of the year begins, students are now ready to put their own spin on any project. They still have to use the elements and principles of art. They still have to produce a project that is well crafted, but now we work on making it a story that reflects their individual lives. It is a time I really enjoy because I become so connected to their lives and ideas.

This year I have made a camera available to students that they may capture what they feel is important. So enjoy some pictures of how our MV students see the art room.



Your high school student has drama, don't you need some too?
Because of a conflict the February Fine Arts Meeting has been moved to February 3rd at 5:30 in the high school commons.

Thank you!

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.

SOUP SUPPER

Who: Maquoketa Valley Speech and Drama Where: Maquoketa Valley High School Cafeteria

When: February 2nd, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost: Adults- \$5

Children 5-11- \$3

Under 5- FREE



- 1. Chili
- 2. Chicken Noodle
- Cheddar Broccoli
- 4. Maidrites
- 5. Desserts



TESTING WEEK



During the week of February 8th thru 12th, students in grades 3-11 will taking the lowa bе 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. especially during this testing week! Thank you for your help!

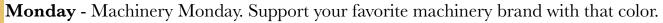


FFA NEWS

FFA WEEK will be celebrated

February 22nd - 26th.





State FFA Officers will also be in the building

Tuesday - Official Dress Day and Subdistrict FFA contest at Manchester.

Wednesday - Work Clothes Wednesday.

Thursday - Blue & Gold Day.

Friday - Flannel and Five Buckle Friday and the FFA will host the annual Ag Olympics to close out the week.

Greenhouse - FFA will have the greenhouse open again this year.

High School Family and Consumer Sciences:

We are excited to announce that this year we are able to have the third-level (seniors only) Foods Class as part of the Family and Consumer Science classes. The Restaurant Management Class (aka Club 109) is a student run business focusing on the preparation and marketing of food items. We have three students in the class and are excited to serve you, the public. Requirements for the class include coming up with ideas for us to make and market food while keeping track of profits and expenses. All proceeds from the business will help to support the FCS program to purchase needed supplies, equipment and help in sponsoring field trips. We are looking for your help in supporting this class throughout this entire semester. Currently, we have plans to have occasional bake sales after school, take and bakes and are looking for more ideas. Due to timing of the class, we are unable to hold the tea room as we have in the past but we are able to do special orders. If you have any ideas about business opportunities for us or if you would like to make a special order, feel free to contact Karla Downs, Austin Stogdill, Kaleb Handel or Mason Hermanson at the high school. karladowns@maquoketa-v.k12.ia.u or 563-922-2091.



What We Do!

Framed on the wall of our middle school math classroom hangs the schools' vision statement, "Maquoketa Valley Community School District ensures high levels of learning to empower all students for lifelong success."

What does that mean in 7th and 8th grade math? First, it means that we focus on knowing and understanding math concepts that deal with numbers & operations, geometry, measurement, algebra, and probability & statistics. The 7th graders spent the 1st semester developing and applying rules to add, subtract, multiply, and divide positive and negative numbers. Then we applied these rules to solving equations and inequalities that represented real-world or math problems. The 8th graders focused the 1st semester on understanding probability models, how to use and apply more complex equations, and explored what happened to figures when they were turned, slid, or reflected on a graph.

In order to "ensure high levels of learning," math at the middle school is more than simply knowing how to do the math we are learning. We spend a great deal of time focusing on what high level learning looks like and sounds like. We expect all members in the room to know and respect each other. Students are expected to value each others' differences and unique ideas or strategies shared in the room. The 7th and 8th grade math students have learned that everyone in the room is a teacher and a student. Our thinking is made transparent by taking the time to explain how or why we do something in writing or out loud. We are often surprised how many different methods can be used to solve a problem! The students have learned that making mistakes is an important tool in learning math. The students are encouraged to take risks (try something) and make mistakes with a growth mindset, "I don't know how to do this ... yet!" We try to stretch our thinking during whole class activities and when working in small groups or independently. Our goal is to work towards independence and taking responsibility for our own learning.

The math focused conversations, the students' willingness to take risks and make mistakes, and to be transparent about their thinking are driving the learning to higher levels in 7th and 8th grade math!

Melissa Bush 7th/8th Math

Don't Toss 'Em...Clip 'Em!

Earn Cash for Our School!

Maquoketa Valley is one of the many schools across America that collects

Box Tops for Education. Box Tops for Education is one of the largest school earnings loyalty programs in the United States. For each Box Top that is donated, Maquoketa Valley receives 10 cents. MV can then use this money to buy whatever is needed for our school. It's easy to find Box Tops. In fact, you may have some in your home right now. Box Tops are found on hundreds of your favorite products-including paper products and school supplies! Just look for the Box Tops for Education symbol and cut it out. Maguoketa Valley collects Box Tops all year long. Simply send them to school with your child to give to their classroom teacher. Once the Box Tops are collected at Maquoketa Valley, they are counted and submitted. Box Tops earnings are then sent out to MV twice a year -once in December and once in April. This is a great way for our school to earn extra money and it's so easy. Clip some Box Tops and turn them into our school today! For more information about Box Tops for Education and a full list of participating products, visit www.boxtops4education.com. Maquoketa Valley appreciates your support!

Thank You Manchester Dairy Queen

The Manchester Dairy Queen has been a supporter of Maquoketa Valley in multiple ways for many years. The first Tuesday of every month they donate 10% of all sales from 3:00 PM to close to Maquoketa Valley.

The dates for this year are:
February 2
March 1
April 5

Please support your school with a cool treat from Dairy Queen on these evenings. In addition, they have supported all the elementary centers and the Rising Star Award. For the last three years, they have donated a small ice cream cone to each student that is recognized for this award. We truly appreciate their continued support of our students.

Glam the Jam

Strut Your Stuff Dance Camp and Performance 2016

What? A dance camp put on by the Maquoketa Valley Dance Team

Who? Students in grades K-8

When? Camp - Saturday, February 13th from 8:00AM to 11:00AM

Performance - Saturday, February 13th from 5:30PM to 8:00PM (campers will need to be at the school by 5:15)

Where? Maquoketa Valley High School Gym

Cost? \$15 per camper (includes T-shirt, camper admission to the performance)

Please make checks out to MV Dance Team.

The 2015-2016 Maquoketa Valley Dance Team would like to invite you to their annual dance showcase. This event will feature the dance team's routines from this year and the camper's routines from camp. Please join us on Saturday, February 13th in the morning for camp and in the evening for the performance at "Strut Your Stuff." There will be a small entrance fee of \$2 for children and \$4 for adults that will go to the dance team.

Please call Christina Rudd with any questions at 563-495-2831.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Parents of our 2016-2017 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, 2016.

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



February 23	Johnston Elementary Round-Up		
February 25	Earlville Elementary Round-Up		
March 1	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 <u>for Round-Up purposes only</u>. 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

Dallas Burkett	Alaina Connolly	Maverick Domeyer	Evan Goldsmith
Gracin Harris	Kourtney Hatfield	Jackson Heims	Landon Helmrichs
Jena Hoefer	Blake Knipper	Kyra Knipper	Gabriel Long
Carly Miller	Ryleigh Petesche	Danuel Poe	Rory Leppert
Owen Salow	Rylan Paulsen Schultz	Carson Sprague	Oliver Steines
Easton Tucker			

DELHI

Gwendalynne Bauers Harper Flanagan		Saige Freeze	Colin Hillers
Brylin Hoisington	Ava Holtz	Alex Lewin	Miles Mead
Cailey Reth	Ryan Sands	Parker Vorwald	

JOHNSTON

Mallori Ambundo Anna Feldmann	Tyler Beitz Maleah Freiburger	Ethan Borunda Ty Gearhart	Ethan Crowley Kaen Goodman
Lily Howard	Tuckyr Kemp	Brayden Klaren	William Krapfl
Taylor Lansing	Nicholas Lewin	Jace Leytem	Charlotte Ludovissy
Abram Nolan	Allison Porter	Mallory Porter	Braxton Recker
Maggie Recker	Jaxyn Weber	Aiden Werner	Jade Young
Karl Zumbach	-		J

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

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE
GRADES 6th, 7th & 8th
FEBRUARY 12, 2016
6:30pm-9pm in HS Commons

\$3.00 PER STUDENT SNACKS 50¢ All Kids Preschool-5th Grade



When: Friday, February 12, 2016 Where: Delhi Middle School Gym

Time: 6:30pm to 9:00pm

What: Games, Prizes and Lots of FUN

Fish Pond Duck Pond Tattoos/Nail Polish Guess Candy Jar Cake Walk Raffle Table

Bean Bag Toss Bowling Football Throw Basketball Free Throw Baseball Speed Throw Pop Ring Toss

\$2.00 per Child
Tickets 25¢ each or 25 for \$5.00 for Games. Snacks & Drinks



Post Prom 2016 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!

The next Post Prom meeting will be February 7 @ 4:00 in HS Cafeteria. We hope you can join us in the fun!

Homemade Pies

Post Prom will be selling apple pies for \$10 These are frozen and ready to bake. Please get orders to Vicki Fortman @ <u>563-608-2210</u> or <u>563-927-2211</u>. Or Sandy Mensen <u>563-920-3732</u> or email <u>smensen21@gmail.com</u>. Order forms will be available in HS office too. Turn forms into Pam and I will pick them up from her.

Contact Sandy Mensen <u>563-920-3732</u> or <u>smensen21@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

Maquoketa Valley's Summer Driver Education Class



Maquoketa Valley's summer Driver Education class will begin May 12 and will be scheduled until mid-June. The class is held at the high school. Cost for the class is \$335 if paying by check/money order or \$345 if paying by credit/debit card. To sign up for Driver's Ed at Maquoketa Valley, please go to the following link to sign up:

streetsmartsdriversed.com

Schedules for class and driving times will be mailed at a later date. Any questions, please do not hesitate to call the high school at 563-922-2091.

Thank You

American Education Week was celebrated in the Maquoketa Valley district during the week of November 16th - 20th. Each day, teachers were entered into a raffle for various surprises that were generously donated by the following local businesses:

Dairy Queen of Manchester

Finery Bridal and Boutique - Natalie Mormann

Pizza Hut of Manchester

Burger King of Manchester

American Family Insurance - Tadd Moorman

Castle Theatre

Pin Oak

Scentsy - Shaina Gearhart

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. <u>Please DO NOT call the school.</u> 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.

Certified Nurse Aide Classes – Manchester

Classes start February 22, 2016

This class is the first step toward a career helping others in healthcare settings. It prepares students for employment as a nurse aide and may be a prerequisite for admission into nursing programs. The fast-paced combination of classroom, handson lab and off-site clinical experience addresses basic nursing and personal care skills, patient rights and communication.

Register on-line at nicc.edu/solutions or by calling the Manchester Regional Education Center (MREP) at 563-822-1016

High School Driver Education – Manchester Regional Education Center

Classes start on February 25, 2016

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-thewheel driving experience.

Register on-line at nicc.edu/solutions or by calling the Manchester Regional Education Center (MREP) at 563-822-1016

MAQUOKETA VALLEY CONTEST SPEECH HELP

WE ARE HOSTING CONTEST THIS YEAR!!

February 2016

Dear Members of our Communities,

On **Saturday, February 27**, Maquoketa Valley will be hosting a District Individual Speech Contest. Approximately 25 schools and hundreds of students and family members will be descending upon Delhi for this wonderful event that will allow us to showcase our school, our community, and the amazing talent our students possess. We are writing to you to ask for your assistance during the day. If you would be able to help out in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. Below, we have created a list of jobs that need to be filled. Please indicate which jobs you might be interested in and how much of the day you would be able to assist.

We are/will be sending this out to all parents/guardians of large group and individual speech members, as well. We also expect your child to assist us during the day, if they are involved in the contest speech program. Please keep in mind that if your child is performing that day, we WILL work it so that you will be able to watch! After completing, please send the bottom portion with your child to school and have them return it to a speech coach or just drop it off in the high school office. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Debbie & Matthew DeVore, Chris Hadley, Diane Temple, Ann Grant Name _____ Phone Number _____ I will be able to help out: in the morning only...about 7:00 to 12:00. in the afternoon only...about 12:00 to 5:00 for the entire day...This is the BEST deal!! Areas that I would be able to assist: Room Chairperson (in room announcing performers) Room Timer (in room timing event) Door Monitor (monitoring outside room) Runner (delivering info to rooms) I am so multi-talented that I would be willing to do just about anything you would like!! (PICK ME!) My child/children will be performing that day! Name(s) of child/children performing

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	JHBoys BB @ Lisbon 4:00 PK-3 informational Parent Mtg – St. John's 6:00 pm	JVBB – North Linn Home – 4:45 VBB – North Linn Home – 6:15 Speech Soup Supper HS Café 4:30	3 Early Dismissal @ 1:05 Fine Arts Boosters Mtg HS Café – 5:30 Athletic Boosters Mtg HS Café – 6:30 FFA District Review @ Monticello	JHBoys BB – Central City - Home – 4:00 10 th GR. Career Fair Auditorium – 6:00 DFS Senior/Parent Mtg - Auditorium – 7:00	JVBB – Alburnett Home – 4:45 VBB – Alburnett Home – 6:15	HSWR Sectionals @ Starmont – 12:00 St. Large Group Speech @ West HS Waterloo
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Post Prom Mtg HS Café 4:00	IHSMA State Vocal Jazz – Home – 4:00 JHBoys BB @ Starmont 3:45	JHBoys BB @ Monticello - 4:00 JV/V Boya BB – Prince of Peace - Home – 6:15		FFA Monthly Mtg @ Beckman JHBoys BB – Alburnett – Home 4:00	Vocal Jazz @ Washington HS/ Cedar Rapids PP Fun Night – MSMPR 7-9 pm PP MS Dance HS Café 7-9 pm	HSWR Districts @ Jesup - 12:00 Dance Camp – HS Gym 8-12 Strut Your Stuff HS Gym 5:30
14	JHBoys BB – CV Christian – Home 4:00 PK-3 informational Parent Mtg – St. John's 6:00 pm	16	17	Kdg – 4 th GR @ "Three Little Birds" Bluedorn/UNI JHBoys BB @ Springville – 4:00	NO SCHOOL (Prof. Develop)	All-State Large Group Speech @ ISU/Ames
21	TRC Individual Speech @ Central City JHBoys BB - Ed/Co Home – 4:00	JE Kindergarten Roundup FFA Subdistrict Contest	24	25 EE Kindergarten Roundup 8th GR Parent Registration Mtg HSAud – 6:30	26	27 District Individual Speech @ MVHS
28	TRC MS Vocal Fest @ Easton Valley/Central City	HS = High Sch MS = Middle Sc JH = Junior Hig DE = Delhi Eler EE = Earlville E JE = Johnston	chool WR gh AB mentary DFS Elementary	= Basketball = Wrestling = Athletic Boost S = Dollars for So		

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		DE Kindergarten Roundup Parade of Bands MSMPR 7:00	Early Dismissal @ 1:05 Athletic Boosters Mtg HS Café – 6:30	3 Vocal Jazz @ Kirkwood/CR	4 MS Athletics Fish Fry HS Café – 5-8 pm	5
6	7	8 NHS Community Blood Drive – MSMPR – PM	9	10 FFA Monthly Mtg Officer Elections MVHS	11	12 State Individual Speech @ Senior Dubuque District FFA Convention @ Midland
13	14 Fine Arts Boosters Mtg – HS Café – 5:30	HSGT Indoor @ Wartburg – 2:30 HSBT Indoor @ Wartburg – 2:30	PK-3 informational Parent Mtg – HS Cafe 6:00 pm	17 Vocal Jazz Concert Auditorium – 7:00	18 Early Dismissal @ 1:05 (End of Qtr) TRC HSGT Indoor @ Cornell – 4:45 TRC HSBT Indoor @ Cornell – 4:45	19
20	5th Gr. Band "Open Stand" Nite 6:30	Early Dismissal @ 1:05 (Conferences) Parent-Teacher Conferences – All Ctrs 3:00 – 7:00	23	Early Dismissal @ 1:05 (Conferences) Parent-Teacher Conferences – All Ctrs 3:00 – 7:00	NO SCHOOL	26
27 Easter	NO SCHOOL Spring Break FFA Banquet HS Café/Gym 6:00	NO SCHOOL Spring Break Vocal Jazz Championships @ West Des Moines HSGolf – Springville – Hart Ridge – 4:00 HSBT @ WDelaware 4:30	30	HSGT @ WDelaware 4:30	HS = High School MS = Middle School JH = Junior High DE = Delhi Elementary EE = Earlville Elementary JE = Johnston Elementary GT = Girls Track BT = Boys Track	