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“Today’s Technology: How Do Adults Keep Up?”

By Tracy Morrison, Delhi Elementary and Middle School Principal

As the parent of two children, now 21 and 18, I have watched technology develop for many years through the eyes of a parent, and also, through my role as an educator. I have been completely amazed at how quickly children pick up on technology. They typically have “no fear” of how to manipulate a device, a game, a piece of software, or a website. They embrace the challenge and seem to have a keen awareness as to what button to push next or what they need to click on to advance to the next screen. They are excellent problem-solvers and will find ways to manipulate their devices, websites, apps, etc. without needing much, if any, adult assistance. This tends to leave many adults “in the dark” about what their children are doing with all of the technology they have available to them. Children are growing up in today’s world completely immersed in technology. While this can provide our children with wonderful learning opportunities, it can also be dangerous if not used responsibly. This abundance of technology leaves many parents feeling hard-pressed to keep up with the variety of devices, games, websites, and software their children are using.

I recently attended a meeting at the AEA in Elkader in which the website “Common Sense Media” (www.common sense media.org) was discussed with those in attendance. I immediately thought about the value of this site as an educator, but also as a parent. This site offers parents information about technology by a child’s age and by the source of media, including movies, games, television shows, books, apps, websites, and music. It addresses parental concerns in many areas including topics such as the amount of screen time by children; internet safety; and social media to name only a few. There is advice by age levels on this website including preschoolers (ages 2-4); little kids (ages 5-7); big kids (ages 8-9); tweens (ages 10-12); and teens (ages 13+) as to the top picks for movies, videos, software, apps, and websites. A few examples of the questions on the site include: “How much screen time is OK for my children?”; “How can I get my children to put down their phones?”; “What are some appropriate first websites for my young children to use?”; or “What do I need to do to keep my child safe on-line?” There is also a section for educators on this site including a curriculum. We have infused portions of this curriculum into our media literacy curriculum at school.

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

MARCH 2015

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<p>2</p> <p>HAMBURGER ON A BUN CHEESE FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS WINTER MIX FRUIT COCKTAIL APPLES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGELS</p>	<p>3</p> <p>PORK ROAST & GRAVY MASHED POTATOES BREAD & BUTTER SANDWICH COTTAGE CHEESE GREEN BEANS TROPICAL FRUIT ORANGES</p> <p>SCR. EGGS/TOAST</p>	<p>4</p> <p>SUB SANDWICH HASHBROWN CARROT STICKS CELERY STICKS PINEAPPLE BLUEBERRIES WH. GRAIN APPLE CRISP</p> <p>PANCAKE ON A STICK</p>	<p>5</p> <p>TATER TOT CASSEROLE PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBERS PEARS BANANAS</p> <p>SAUS/EGG/MUFFIN</p>	<p>6 OUT AT 1 PM 6TH GRADE ASSISTED IN PLANNING THE MEAL</p> <p>CHEESE OMELET PANCAKES HASHBROWN CARROT STICKS STRAWBERRIES VANILLA YOGURT</p> <p>FRENCH TOAST</p>
<p>9</p> <p>CHICKEN NUGGETS WH. WHEAT ROLL MASHED POTATOES CHICKEN GRAVY CORN BROCCOLI FRUIT COCKTAIL PEACHES</p> <p>BREAKFAST PIZZA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>TURKEY BURGER FRENCH FRIES CARROT STICKS BAKED BEANS KIWI ORANGES CHOC. CHIP COOKIE</p> <p>BREAKFAST BURRITO</p>	<p>11</p> <p>SPAGHETTI WH. WHEAT FRENCH BREAD ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBER STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>	<p>12</p> <p>TENDERLOIN ON A WH. WHEAT BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES CARROT STICKS CAULIFLOWER PEARS BANANAS</p> <p>WH. WHEAT CINN. ROLL</p>	<p>13</p> <p>FISH NUGGETS WHOLE WHEAT ROLL POTATO PUFFS WINTER MIX APPLES BLUE JELLO</p> <p>OMELET/TOAST</p>
<p>16</p> <p>CHICKEN STRIPS FRENCH FRIES ROMAINE LETTUCE CARROT STICKS BROCCOLI PEARS BLUEBERRIES</p> <p>COMBOS</p>	<p>17 OUT AT 1 PM</p> <p>MAID RITE ON A BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES SAVORY CARROTS KIWI STRAWBERRIES WH. GRAIN APPLE CRISP</p> <p>PANCAKES/SAUSAGE</p>	<p>18</p> <p>HOT DOG ON A WH. WHEAT BUN FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS WINTER MIX ORANGES TROPICAL</p> <p>HAM/CHEESE/EGG/MUFFIN</p>	<p>19 OUT AT 1 PM</p> <p>SOFT SHELL TACO REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE PEACHES</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NO SCHOOL TODAY</p>
<p>23</p> <p>CHICKEN PATTY WH. WHEAT ROLL POTATO TRIANGLE WINTER MIX SAVORY CARROTS STRAWBERRIES APPLES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGELS</p>	<p>24</p> <p>MR. RIB ON A WH.WHEAT BUN POTATO PUFFS BAKED BEANS CALIFORNIA BLEND PEACHES ORANGES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BURRITO</p>	<p>25</p> <p>HAM WH. WHEAT ROLL BAKED POTATO SWEET POTATOES BROCCOLI APPLESAUCE APRICOTS</p> <p>FRENCH TOAST</p>	<p>26</p> <p>MEATBALL SUB FRENCH FRIES CARROT STICKS CELERY STICKS APPLES ORANGES CARNIVAL COOKIE</p> <p>PANCAKE ON A STICK</p>	<p>27</p> <p>SHRIMP HASH BROWN CORN CASSEROLE VANILLA YOGURT MIX FRUIT BLUEBERRIES</p> <p>BREAKFAST WRAP</p>
<p>30</p> <p>WEINER WINKS POTATO TRIANGLE CORN CARROT STICKS PINEAPPLE PEARS</p> <p>BREAKFAST PIZZA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>OPEN FACE TURKEY BREAD STUFFING SWEET POTATOES BROCCOLI RAW ORANGES FRUIT COCKTAIL</p> <p>WH. WHEAT CINN. ROLL</p>	<p>OTHER BREAKFAST CHOICES INCLUDE:</p> <p>CEREALS CEREAL BARS YOGURT BAGELS MUFFINS FRESH FRUIT</p>	<p>ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.</p> <p>PARENTS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP MONEY IN YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT.</p>	<p>MAQUOKETA VALLEY SCHOOL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER.</p> <p>EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK</p>

Regular Board Meeting

February 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. Four board members were present. There were nine staff and two visitors present. The agenda and consent items were approved.

The First Grade Team of Tracey Reicher and Dawn Bries presented the board the implementation of standards based grading in the first grade classroom this year.

Based on results of the winter testing, letters are being sent home to parents letting them know if their child is “proficient/not at risk” with literacy expectations for their grade level; “at risk” if they are performing somewhat below expectations; or “substantially discrepant” if they are performing well below expectations. Any student who is performing well below expectations requires the parents to come into the school for a meeting. School and home develop a contract as to what the school and the parents will do to assist the student as they work to improve their literacy skills.

Information received from preschool parents through the mid-year survey was reviewed. The Preschool Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, March 5th to review the survey results as well.

The Board adopted the budget guarantee as follows: RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Maquoketa Valley Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2015–2016 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Iowa Code section 257.14.

One open enrollment request in and two open enrollment requests out were approved.

Supt. Tuetken took a few minute to update the board with the districts TLC process as well as shared a TLC FAQ document that was recently shared with staff about the TLC positions.

Supt. Tuetken and Erika Imler attended a budget preparation workshop in Cedar Falls held on January 29th. Supt. Tuetken took a few minutes to share preliminary information for the workshop regarding the 2015–2016 budget.

Supt. Tuetken shared property valuation information for FY15 and FY16 as well as a history of property tax levy rates.

On Thursday, February 5th, an agent from the Iowa Homeland Security Office out of Des Moines toured the buildings and offered suggestions on how to improve the security of all centers.

At 7:14 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 8:00 p.m. the Board entered into open session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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“Today’s Technology: How Do Adults Keep Up?”

As an educator and a parent, I believe we need to continue to work together to keep a step ahead of the available technology so we can closely monitor our children using technology safely and appropriately. It is critical our children understand how to be safe when using the internet. It is imperative that parents and educators monitor children’s use of technology and have regular conversations about using technology responsibly. Educating children about technology is truly a partnership between home and school.

I hope that you find this website, and other sites similar to it, helpful to you. It would be my hope that by working together, we are able to keep every child who attends Maquoketa Valley confident in their abilities to utilize all of the wonderful technology available to them, but that they also understand the importance of using it in a way that keeps them safe.

Junior Kindergarten

JK has had an exciting year working on our letters, sounds, numbers, and so much more!! In the month of February, we finished learning all the letters and sounds, and now we are beginning to put those sounds together to sound out words! Each sound we learned has a fun song to help us learn easier and faster, and we LOVE it!! You may hear us singing these fun songs around the house or even in the community!

March will bring many fun activities to our classroom as well. We will be finishing up our participation in the Delhi Elementary reading celebration "Under the Sea", and working hard to see if we can read a record number of books at home with mom and dad! Unfortunately, in March, we have tiny, nuisance visitors called leprechauns, but we do our very best to build traps and catch those little stinkers. This fits right in with our unit called "Construction". Some traps are built at home and are extremely elaborate, and others are a simple piece of cardboard with a pool of sticky glue. I think this is the JK class that will finally catch one!!

Along with the start of rainy weather, our JK class will start discussing how people, animals, and plants "Grow and Change". This theme allows us to get our hands dirty while planting seeds and watching how they grow. Journaling helps us to see the changes that happen, and learn about this process!

As our year comes to an end, in May, JK students start their grow animal project. We put grow animals in water and watch the magic happen! Some animals grow to be five times their original size! We explore the why and how of this magic. Are these plastic animals from the store actually alive, or is there another explanation?

As you can see, JK students stay very busy. Whether it is, journaling, hypothesizing, brainstorming, building, or learning letters and numbers, we are always learning and preparing for our big Kindergarten adventure!

FFA NEWS

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

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) for more information.

Earlville Kindergarten

It is amazing how quickly the school year is going, especially in Kindergarten! The first half of the school year the students learned all of their sounds and how to blend those sounds together to read words. After Christmas we started doing Daily 5 rotations and Guided Reading groups. The children get to learn and practice many literacy and writing skills daily. Now they are all reading books and discussing the main idea, author's purpose, making predictions and drawing conclusions. In writing they are learning to write a complete sentence that includes a capital letter at the beginning and the correct punctuation at the end. Many of them are able to write 2-4 sentences about a topic. It is truly amazing to watch the progress they make during these next few months.

In math we have completed our chapters on Addition and Subtraction. The students had a lot of fun with the games and hands-on learning that went with these skills. We are now learning about numbers 11-20, and then will end the year with Shapes and Measurement.

Solfege...Sol...what?

'Do, a deer, a female deer. Re, a drop of golden sun...' May be you have heard this popular show tune from the musical, "The Sound Of Music", but what is this 'do re mi fa so la ti do' they sing of in the song, "Do, Re Mi"? It is called solfeggio or solfege. Solfege is a method of teaching sight singing and pitch to music students.

Instruments have holes to cover, keys, buttons and valves to push, and slides to move to help in the creation of pitch. Our voices do not have any of these and so we rely on our ears to help us in creating the proper pitches of a song. Solfege is a method of using hand signs and ear training to help in the reading and singing of music.

At Maquoketa Valley, students begin using solfeggio in late kindergarten and continue on up through high school. The lessons begin with simple two and three note patterns of so mi and la and gradually build from there. When the pitches and solfege hand signs are introduced, the students will follow the teacher's hand signs. They then read pitches from the board while using hand signs. At this point the students are ready to read and sing the notes from the actual music by singing the pitch syllables of the notes while hand signing.

With this method, the students can read a melody and sing it without having heard it (sight singing). The proof that solfeggio works is when the students are able to accurately read and sing new music without the help of the piano or a recording. When learning a new song in this way, they are asked, "Who taught you this song?", and then they can all say, "We taught ourselves!"



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 as two sessions: 8:30-9:45 and 10:15 to 11:30.

Parade of Bands Concert

The band students are busy preparing for the upcoming Parade of Bands Concert. The concert will be held Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the middle school gym. This concert will feature of the Maquoketa Valley Bands in grades 5-12. The final number of the night will feature all of the band students playing together in a large group setting.

Admission is \$3 per adult, \$2 per student. Please come out and show your support, while enjoying an evening of great music!

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!

Khloe Glew
Tyler Mineart
Dallas Paul
Caden Ries
Maddy Gilles
Jena LeGassick
Easton Tucker
Jeremy Weber
Allison Hogan
Luke Richter

Ava Goldsmith
Nicholas Otting
Caden Ronnebaum
Kael Engelken
Brianna Fischer
Sheri Mast
Jefferson LeGassick
Holli Hogan
Emerson Whittenbaugh
Harold Mohr

Maquoketa Valley Dollars for Scholars

Spring Gala Fundraiser

Hopkinton Community Center
March 29, 2015

4:00 p.m. Social Time
4:30 p.m. Performances
5:00 p.m. Dinner

Chicken, Red Potatoes,
Green Beans Almondine,
Spinach Salad with Fresh Strawberries
and Dessert

Entertainment by

Maquoketa Valley Fine Arts Dept.

Door Prizes

Get your tickets now from any board member
All profits go for scholarships in 2015

Cost \$50.00

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Thursday, March 12th, the Maquoketa Valley National Honor Society will host a community blood drive!

The drive will be held at the Middle School Gym from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come help save lives!

For more information contact Becca Besler at 563-922-2091.

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.streetsmartsdriversed.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).

Calendar Changes Due to Snow Make Up Days

We currently have 2 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

Therefore, at this time, the last day of school for students will be May 21. We will have an early dismissal that day - 1:05pm.



Vocal Jazz Concert March 9

Smooth Harmony and **Jazz X-Press** will present their home concert at 7:30 PM on Monday March 9 in the high school auditorium. Also performing on the concert will be one of Southwestern Community Colleges outstanding vocal ensembles **Harmonic Convergence**.

Harmonic Convergence is a select six member vocal jazz ensemble focusing primarily on harmonically complex vocal jazz literature. **Harmonic Convergence** performs extensively throughout the United States and Canada and has shared the stage with such groups as **m-pact**, **The Four Freshman** and **The Real Group**. **Harmonic Convergence** also serves as the featured ensemble in residence at the School for Music Vocation's vocal jazz workshops held each summer in Winnipeg, Manitoba and Creston, Iowa. The music director of this group, Lucas Mattson has performed at Carnegie Hall, The World Choral Symposium and the IAJE Conference. Mr. Mattson is active throughout the U.S. as an arranger, performer and clinician.



The students in **Harmonic Convergence** all study Jazz Piano, Classical Piano, Jazz Voice, Classical Voice, Music Theory, Ear Training, Arranging/Composition, Conducting, Recording Studio Techniques, and Vocal Improvisation. Graduates of this ensemble have gone on to the heights of the vocal ensemble profession, performing in groups like The Four Freshmen, m-pact, Vocology, Toxic Audio, and The Fault Line.

Smooth Harmony members are Vicky Agromayer, Matthew Lansing, Riley Sternhagen, Taylor Guthrie, Shaylyn Trenkamp, Lawson Roof, Cassie Schwandt and Patick Hansen. **Jazz X-Press** members are Selena Ramirez, Hannah Clemen, Zach Smith, Megan Beaman and Raven Dietiker.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

**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, **March
9, @ 5:30 PM** in the HS Cafeteria and see what we
are all about!!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The dates for the second Parent-Teacher Conferences of this school year are **Tuesday, March 17** and **Thursday, March 19**, from 3 PM - 7 PM both evenings.

These times are the same for all three elementary centers, the Middle School and High School.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, March 20**.

All Jr. Kindergarten. through 6th grade conferences will be scheduled by appointment, and letters have already been sent home to parents to confirm the appointment. These grades will meet for conferences in their respective classrooms.

The 7th & 8th graders will also have scheduled fifteen minute conferences. Parents will be assigned to one of your child's teachers who will have all information about your child and their grades from their other classes and teachers. If you feel that you need to talk to any other teachers about your child, we will post conference schedules outside of each classroom. Therefore, if a teacher is not conferencing, feel free to talk with them. If this doesn't work we will be more than happy to have a staff member call you or set up a time to meet with you.

High School teachers will be set up in the High School gymnasium, and parents are invited to speak with any or all of their child's teachers at their convenience during the time allowed. High School report cards will be given to parents by the secretaries in the front foyer of the building. Any High School report cards not picked up during the conference times will be sent home with the students.

2015 Regional Medical Center PHOTO CONTEST

For Professional, Youth, and Casual Photographers



Whether you consider yourself a photographer or someone who just enjoys taking high-quality snapshots for fun, we want your photos!



Selected photos will be displayed in Regional Medical Center's new expansion facility.

**ENTRY
DEADLINE**
June 30, 2015

**FOR MORE
INFORMATION VISIT**
regmedctr.org/photocontest

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— 2015 RMC Photo Contest —

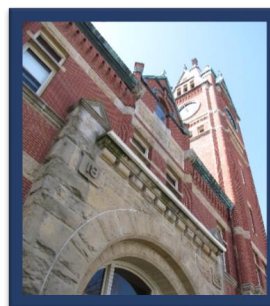
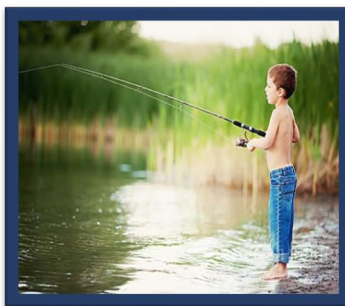
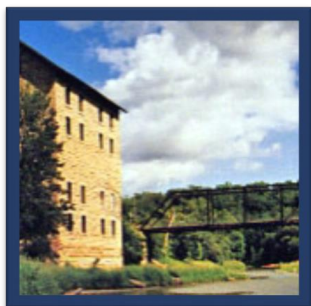
—For Professional, Youth, and Casual Photographers—

Whether you consider yourself a photographer or someone who just enjoys taking high-quality snapshots for fun, we want your photos!

ABOUT THE CONTEST

A Community Showcase in your Local Hospital

At Regional Medical Center, we understand the importance of creating a healing environment for our patients and their families. We are excited to bring more of our service area communities inside the hospital. We will do this by showcasing selected entries in our new expansion facility. These images may include private or public: landscapes and nature, buildings and structures, parks and landmarks, or people and still life photography from any season. See below for examples:



In order to further represent our service area, entries submitted to this contest should represent the following communities and surrounding areas:

- Arlington
- Aurora
- Coggon
- Colesburg
- Delaware
- Delhi
- Dundee
- Earlville
- Edgewood
- Elkader
- Elkport
- Greeley
- Holy Cross
- Hopkinton
- Lamont
- Manchester
- Masonville
- New Vienna
- Oneida
- Petersburg
- Quasqueton
- Ryan
- Sand Springs
- Strawberry Point
- Volga
- Wadena
- Winthrop
- Worthington

Our Northern Neighbors, Money and Achievement

You have recently seen or heard reference to Iowa's 35th in the nation ranking and \$1,612 expenditure gap compared to the rest of the nation. These statistics are extremely concerning because we know an adequate investment in education is a necessary condition to improve outcomes and opportunities for all of our students. With discussion of school start date limitations, there have been conjectures that starting school later either does not impact or might even improve student achievement, since Wisconsin and Minnesota start later than Iowa and "their achievement is better."

Achievement and Demographics

Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin are very similar in many aspects of student performance and not surprisingly, demographics. Missouri, Iowa's neighbor to the south, is also included for comparison purposes, in the following table:

Indicator	Iowa	Minnesota	Wisconsin	Missouri
Children below 100% federal poverty level	16%	15%	18%	23%
4 th grade NAEP reading score	224	227	221	222
4 th grade NAEP math score	246	253	245	240
8 th grade NAEP reading score	269	271	268	267
8 th grade NAEP math score	285	295	289	283
4 year adjusted cohort graduation:				
All students	89%	78%	88%	86%
Black students	74%	51%	64%	73%
Limited English Proficient	74%	51%	66%	67%
Low-income (FRL) eligible	80%	59%	75%	79%
Total Expenditures per Pupil	\$9,761	\$11,929	\$11,630	\$10,419

Iowa's achievement is relatively close to our neighbors in terms of NAEP scores and outperforms our neighbors in graduation rates even though we are funded significantly lower. The following details relate to per pupil expenditures, where Iowa clearly lags our neighbors to the north, by \$2,168 in Minnesota to \$1,869 in Wisconsin and to the south, Missouri, which spends \$658 more per pupil.

Expenditures per pupil: Without adequate funding, Iowa schools will continue to tread water. If we want Iowa schools to be world-class, all of us need to remind our state leaders about our inadequate inputs for education, such as per pupil expenditures. It is clear from the data, the school start date does not effect achievement, it is the correlation between adequate funding and student achievement.

Investing in Continued Success

Imagine what would be possible if Iowa students were funded at the national average, an additional \$1,612 more per pupil than is currently spent. Most educators believe that 6% is necessary to provide a world-class education and to move Iowa children beyond the national average, but we do recognize that the current budget situation makes that difficult to provide in FY 2016. The Legislature and Governor need to move quickly to reach an agreement to provide 4% growth in school funding for the FY 2016 school year. The 2016-2017 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).

If there is going to be a change in the status of our funding for next school year, our state leaders need to hear from you and your concerns about the obligation they have to adequately fund our future, our children.

Schools need sufficient notice to anticipate revenue, make timely staffing decisions, and thoughtfully plan to invest 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.

Per Pupil Expenditures

- \$7,143 - \$9,000
- \$9,001 - \$11,000
- \$11,001 - \$12,000
- \$12,001 - \$16,000
- \$16,001 - \$21,004

National Average: \$11,373

State	Per Pupil Expenditure (\$)
WA	\$10,175
MT	\$10,635
ND	\$8,733
OR	\$10,427
ID	\$8,722
WY	\$16,103
SD	\$9,496
MN	\$11,929
WI	\$11,630
MI	\$14,621
VT	\$21,004
ME	\$10,046
NH	\$18,225
MA	\$16,315
NY	\$20,428
PA	\$15,081
RI	\$18,627
CT	\$15,362
DE	\$17,039
MD	\$15,759
VA	\$10,766
NC	\$8,496
SC	\$9,652
GA	\$9,392
FL	\$9,009
TX	\$8,399
OK	\$7,943
MO	\$10,419
IL	\$13,372
IN	\$11,496
OH	\$10,097
PA	\$15,081
MD	\$15,759
VA	\$10,766
NC	\$8,496
SC	\$9,652
GA	\$9,392
LA	\$10,472
MS	\$8,649
AL	\$8,841
TN	\$8,900
AR	\$9,459
KS	\$9,783
NE	\$9,787
IA	\$9,761
CO	\$10,946
UT	\$7,476
NV	\$8,693
AZ	\$7,143
NM	\$11,321
CA	\$9,892
AK	\$19,244
HI	\$12,060

Rank Per Pupil

- 1 - 12
- 13 - 25
- 26 - 38
- 39 - 51

State	Rank
WA	29
OR	26
CA	32
NV	45
AZ	51
MT	24
WY	9
CO	22
NM	21
ND	43
SD	37
NE	33
KS	34
TX	48
LA	25
AR	38
OK	49
MN	18
WI	19
MI	13
IL	15
IN	20
OH	30
IA	35
MO	27
KY	28
WV	16
VA	23
NC	47
SC	36
GA	39
AL	42
MS	46
TN	41
FL	40
ME	31
NH	8
VT	1
MA	7
RI	5
CT	6
DE	11
MD	10
PA	12
NY	2
DC	14
AK	4
HI	17

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Calling all students interested in Agricultural and Life Sciences at Iowa State.

What: Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni and Prospective Student Meet and Greet

Who: Alumni of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Agricultural Educators and high school students (and their parents) interested in Iowa State University

Where: Starmont High School, 3202 40th Street, Arlington

When: Monday, March 30th with a 6 pm social, 6:30 pm supper and 7 pm program highlighting majors/curriculum, study abroad, scholarship and other campus opportunities. We will also be having a panel of current students (Jenna Lansing-Beckman) and alumni (Including Mrs. Mausser) who will share their stores and clarify any questions that the audience might have.

Why: The College wants to bring alumni and prospective students together for an evening to learn about Iowa State University, the opportunities through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and answer any questions the students or their parents may have.

Link for event registration:

https://iastatecal.saz1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_2hQVy1FZAQKDKZv

REGISTRATION due by MARCH 15th!!

THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU from the Post Prom committee for a successful MS Dance and Fun Night. A thanks to all who helped and participated. And thank you for purchasing pies/apparel this year, they were a huge success also.

Schwan's

MV Post Prom 2015 has a campaign set up that every time you, order 5% will come back to MV. Type in campaign code 17420 Schwan's Cares.

Post Prom News

The **next Post Prom meeting** will be March 12th @ 6 in HS Commons.

If you are interested in helping at the Post Prom event on Sunday April 26th from 12:00 - 3:00 AM. Please contact Ann Grant @ 563-920-6788 with any questions.

We hope you can join us in the fun!

The Post Prom contract is included in this newsletter

~ March 2015 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 3rd 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 HSGT @ Wartburg Indoor 2:30 pm HSBT @ Wartburg Indoor 2:30 pm	11	12 National Honor Soc. BLOOD DRIVE 1:00-6:00 pm MS Gym FFA Monthly Mtg 7:00 – MVHS Post Prom Mtg @ 6:00 HSCafe	13	14 FFA District Convention – Van Home 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
29 DFS Gala	30 Individual Speech All-State @ UNI/CFalls HSGolf – Easton Valley 4:00 - Home	31 HSBT @ WDelaware 4:30 pm				


All items on this calendar are subject to change. Please check the school website for all updated information.
www.maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us

DE=Delhi Elem. EE=Earlville Elem. JE=Johnston Elem. MS=Middle School JH=Junior High (7/8)
 HS=High School

TR = Track JV = Junior Varsity V = Varsity

AB = Athletic Boosters FAB = Fine Arts Boosters PP = Post Prom DFS = Dollars for Scholars

~ April 2015 ~

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

Maquoketa Valley Post Prom Party

The annual Post Prom Party will be held for all Junior and Senior Maquoketa Valley students and their dates on **Sunday, April 26, 2015 from 12:00 - 3:00 AM** at the high school. It will be an entertaining night filled with many fun and memorable moments.

The goals of the post prom party are to give our young people a night of safe and legal entertainment. The night will include entertainment, a photo-booth, a hypnotist, refreshments and more.

The doors will open at 11:50 PM with no admittance after 12:15 AM. **Anyone leaving or who does not show up by 12:15 AM will have their parents called.**

There is NO FEE to attend.

The Post Prom Contract is drawn up to help parents, students, and party workers understand what is expected of each other. Every person coming to the post prom party, including all guests, must have a signed contract turned in to attend. All attendees who have handed in a signed contract by the deadline of **Wednesday, April 8th, 2015** will be guaranteed a t-shirt. The contract will be the attendee's ticket for entry into the party.

Students will be allowed to sign up for the post prom party after April 8th, but may not be guaranteed a t-shirt. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Wilson-Grant at 563-920-6788.

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Post Prom Party Contract **Sunday, April 26, 2015 12:00-3:00 AM**

The doors will open from 11:50 PM to 12:15 AM with no admittance after this time.

The following student/guest plans to stay for the entire Maquoketa Valley Post Prom Party. If for some reason he/she decides to leave early or does not show up, the parents will be contacted at the phone number listed below.

By signing this contract, it is understood by both the student and parents that Maquoketa Valley's drug and alcohol policy will be followed and enforced.

Student Name (print) _____ **Jr.** _____ **Sr.** _____ **Guest** _____

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

Parent Contact #: _____ **Student Cell No:** _____

T-shirt Size: _____ **S** _____ **M** _____ **L** _____ **XL** _____ **XXL** _____ **XXXL**

This contract must be signed and returned to Maquoketa Valley High School office by **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8.**