



# The WILDCAT REPORT

Maquoketa Valley Community School District's newsletter

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## **A Little Good News**

Ann Norton, School Improvement Coordinator

We hear a lot of negative news...problems in the world, budget issues in the state, violence in our cities. It is easy to let ourselves become discouraged about the world we live in. As we wrap up another school year, we wanted take a minute to focus on what's GOOD in our world, and we have a **lot** of good things happening at Maquoketa Valley!

We begin each professional development day by taking a minute to share positive news submitted by staff. Sometimes it's a shout out about students, a pat on the back for a fellow teacher, or a thank you to an administrator. Here are just a few of the things that we celebrated this year, and we hope you find them worth celebrating as well.

- Our NHS sponsor received the following note about NHS students: "I had the privilege of working with your students that morning at Camp Courageous Pancake Breakfast. I wanted to let you know they were FANTASTIC, AWESOME, WONDERFUL!!!!!! They were excellent, stepping up and doing what needed to be done. They were all very friendly and understanding to those they were serving as well as those of us they were working with. I have worked before at this breakfast and been assigned college students. Needless to say, they did nothing. Your students took the responsibility very seriously and did a fantastic job. I wanted to personally let you know that they represented your school at a top notch level. You have great students to be very proud of."
- Successful extra curricular events such as football, wrestling, fall musical, All-State auditions, State speech qualifiers, All-State speech qualifiers, Smooth Harmony's one rating (the 16th straight one rating at IHSMA contest), FFA members on the ballot for district officer, the dairy judging team earning two titles...to name just a few!
- In the area of writing, a junior at MV expanded her writing from *The Wildcat Echo* to covering MV sports for the *Manchester Press*. Comp 1 students submitted letters to the editor to share their work with the world beyond school. Two elementary students placed 2nd and 3rd in the Eastern Iowa Reading Council poetry contest.
- Family Consumer Science students sold T-shirts made with their new heat press and used the proceeds to fund field trips & 5 new pizzaz machines.
- Following a trip to Gallagher-Bluedorn Theater in Cedar Falls, K-4 students were leaving Hartman Reserve (where they had eaten sack lunches) when an employee commented how impressed he was with all of our students. He had never seen such a large group of students behave so well, use their manners, and wait their turn.
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**Maquoketa Valley Community School District**  
**Ensures High Levels of Learning to Empower All Students For**  
**Lifelong Success.**

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- On a related note, MV kitchen staff put together 290 sack lunches for the K-4 elementary field trip to Gallagher-Bluedorn - not an easy task!
- To date, our elementary students have received over \$18,000 for field trips and special events through Target Corporation, Big Yellow Bus Program, Kids in Need Foundation, and Walmart.
- Earlville 4th graders ran a business called "Dance for Those Who Can't" and raised \$160 for the U of I Dance Marathon that assists families affected by childhood cancer. The donation was accepted by MV alumni, Kate Huber.
- 53 juniors and seniors scheduled job shadows during the first semester to learn more about a career of interest.
- Elementary students made and delivered Valentine's Day cards and May Day baskets to local residents, and K-12 students participated in a community clean-up day.
- Teachers in grades 7-12 used the Authentic Intellectual Work process to collaborate with each other. This has been an effective way of working together to focus on continually improving instruction. A few comments shared were: "I'm really enjoying AIW. I feel comfortable sharing anything with my team and know that, as professionals, they will help me" and "I'm amazed at the insight my PLC team members have into scoring of tasks, how professional they are in sharing, and what great ideas they have. Looking forward to learning so much from them!"
- Nurse Mary and Erika Imler offered workout classes before and after school so staff could take steps to become healthier & less stressed.
- Staff commented on how they appreciated administration's calm, measured approach to decision-making, looking at all sides, taking time to think about things, while considering input from the team. They noted how counselors, principal and staff worked together to problem-solve ways to help students meet behavior expectations, meeting challenges head-on with a positive attitude.
- A note from staff included "a big shout out to the administrative team at MV for always supporting our teachers. It is not like that at every district, and we are very fortunate that we have that at Maquoketa Valley."
- A team of K-8 teachers, counselors, and administrators have been attending training and brainstorming ideas for our district to become consistent with behavior expectations and provide additional support for students who need it.
- Our students did very well on the winter literacy screening. 98% of kindergarten students, 98% of 1st grade students and 100% of 2nd grade students scored in the proficient range on the winter literacy screening assessment.
- Iowa Assessments results showed high levels of proficiency. Just a few examples include grade 4 with 91% of students proficient in reading, 93% in math, and 98% in science; grade 5 students with 92% proficient in reading, 98% proficient in math, and 96% proficient in science; junior students with 88% proficient in reading, 92% proficient in math, and 92% proficient in science.

The list could go on, but hopefully you see what we see from this partial listing. Maquoketa Valley has a lot of positive things happening, and we consider ourselves fortunate to be a part of it! We hope you have a wonderful summer, and we are looking forward to another positive and productive school year beginning in just a few months.

## Clean Up Day

On Friday, April 17th the Maquoketa Valley students and staff spent the afternoon raking leaves and preparing various grounds for spring. Students worked in various locations in Delhi, Hopkinton and Earlville under the direction of city workers and volunteers. Students raked leaves, bagged them, and picked up garbage around the track, at cemeteries, at Lenox College, and at area parks.



**Have a GREAT summer!**  
**See you in the fall!**



## **Regular Board Meeting**

May 18, 2015

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

The Earlville elementary library will be open weekly in June and July this summer to allow students to check out books and take Reading Counts quizzes.

The School Improvement/Iowa Core Advisory Committee met on May 6<sup>th</sup>. District progress on implementation of the Iowa Core was shared. Local and state indicators from the Annual Progress Report were shared, as well as this year's district achievement data regarding proficiency and growth on the Iowa Assessment. The 2015 – 2016 SIAC committee recommendations and goals were reviewed by the Board and no additional suggestions or changes were made.

One open enrollment request in was approved.

The Board approved the request for several students to attend the FFA Washington Leadership Conference in Washington D. C.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Brad Tucker – employed as Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Jessica Wessels – employed as .5 FTE 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher

Melanie Seier – employed as .625 FTE High School English Language Arts Teacher

Language changes to board policy 402.060 Employee Benefits, Licensed Personnel and 408.040 Classified Personnel Insurance were reviewed and approved.

Supt. Tuetken presented the Board with “Action Priorities” from the Iowa Association of School Boards. Further discussion of these priorities will take place at the June and July meetings.

Supt. Tuetken presented the Board with a projected list of PPEL and SILO projects and costs for the 2015–2016 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.





## Farm Safety Day

The Maquoketa Valley FFA recently hosted **Farm Safety Day** on Tuesday May 5, for kids in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade. It was a great day to showcase the ag department and teach many kids the safety and dangers of agriculture.





## **ELEMENTARY LIBRARY OPEN THIS SUMMER!**

Maquoketa Valley will be opening the Earlville elementary library to our current K-5 students .

While visiting the library, students may check out a book as well as take Reading Counts quizzes. Students can use whichever library is most convenient for them as they can now access Reading Counts from any school computer.

There is no registration required for this program and we hope all students will participate as much as possible!

We encourage students to continue to visit their town libraries and participate in the excellent reading programs provided each summer!

The school libraries will be open on the following Wednesdays from 4:00 - 6:00 pm:

**June - 3, 10, 17, 24**

**July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**



Reading throughout the summer helps children be better prepared for their next school year! We hope to see you this summer!

### **Delhi JK-8th Grade Service Activities**

The Delhi Elementary and Middle School students participated in a couple of service learning day activities this spring for several residents in Delhi. In mid-April, the middle school students cleaned up the track; the playground area at school; the flowerbeds in front of the middle school; and went to seven residents' homes to rake leaves, pull weeds, and clean up flowerbeds. Then on May Day, the students in JK through 5th grade took a flower and a May Day basket filled with candy, notes, cards, and/or poems to these residents. It was a great opportunity for all students in JK through 8th grade to help out residents in our community!

## **For 2015 -2016 School Year**

### **Using E-Registration and Online Payment of Fees**

Once again the parents will be able to pay their 15-16 school year student fees, submit lunch money and update contact and emergency information on Powerschool. Student registration will take place August 5, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Delhi center only.

Parents may do the registration from home or welcome to come to the school on the dates listed to complete registration and pay all fees. Parents are also being encouraged to pay all student fees using an online payment system. Student fees and hot lunch deposits may be paid this way, charging fees using debit or credit accounts. School personnel will be on hand to assist with the registration process or assist with E-Registration. The E-Registration has been updated that you may now update information in one child and will transfer to all children enrolled in school. It is important for parents to update e-mail addresses, as notices are sent via email notifying parents of early dismissals, makeup information, etc.

A link is located on the school website for payment of registration fees and the Powerschool link to update student information. These will be active beginning August 3, 2015.

More information will follow in the August newsletter.

## **2015-16 School Supplies**

Just a reminder to parents that the list of school supplies needed by all M.V. students in all grades for next school year will be in the August newsletter.

## **Big Nights at School**

Parents and students: please mark your calendars for these nights and plan to be at MV -

### **Thursday, August 19, 2015**

5:30 – 6:30 Delhi Elementary and 6th Grade  
6:30 7th Grade Orientation  
7:30 9th Grade Orientation

### **Friday, August 20, 2015**

5:30 – 6:30 Johnston Elementary  
5:45 – 6:45 Earlville Elementary



## 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!

Grace Rowan  
Brady Davis  
Michael Schnittjer  
Natalie Ries  
Charlie Schultz  
Meleah Burr  
Daniel Glass  
Arion Rave  
Levi Steil

Lexi Harbach  
Maddyx Kemp  
Amberlyn Farrell  
Breanna McShane  
Preston Salow  
Kenyon Baker  
Landyn Haas  
Lacy Reth

Jeorgia Harmon  
Devin Meeks  
Griffin Honkomp  
Lena Lewin  
Ian Krogmann  
Jameson Britcher  
Alexis Halverson  
Jalynn Ross

Nia Burnett  
Rylan Schultz  
Seth Dugan  
Willow Shroyer  
Nolan Honkomp  
Dallas Burkett  
Jordan Hatfield  
Matthew Schaul

Keylee Cole  
Cameron Osterkamp  
Chase Krogmann  
McKayla Weber  
Emma Gilles  
Danuel Poe  
Tate Intorf  
Eric Schollmeyer

## Make the Most of Summer!

### IOWA PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK 2015 - AUGUST 3rd THROUGH AUGUST 7th

A quick assignment before you play.

While you're scouring the city for a summer job, consider blocking out August 3-7th to work on your future. For one exclusive week, Iowa's 28 private colleges and universities roll out the red carpet for you and your family to show you all the benefits colleges and universities offer.

They have:

Loads of majors with great post-college job placement.

Smaller campuses that keep the focus on you.

Active campuses that entertain you in your free time.

Professors that want to train you for your future, not trick you on tests and homework.

Scholarships and tuition grants that make tuition ultra competitive with public institutions.

Sports programs that actually put you in the game.

On-campus employment opportunities.

Community-minded campuses that encourage volunteering and involvement.

Study abroad and enrichment programs to power you with experience.

**Get Registered today at [www.thinkindependently.com](http://www.thinkindependently.com)...then go enjoy your summer!**

See you at [Iowa Private College Week!](#)

**Iowa's Private Colleges...**

**Where You Matter!**

# Next School Year

2015-2016

## Summer Hours

The Maquoketa Valley Administration will be working throughout the summer. Hours will be 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM each week, Monday through Thursday. The school office will be CLOSED on Fridays during the summer. This will begin the week of June 1st and run until the week of July 27th.

The Maquoketa Valley school calendar for next year is now available on our website at : <http://www.maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us>.

The first day of school for 2015-2016 is

August 24th, 2015

Mark your calendars for August 5th.

This will be the only day for registration. It will be at the Delhi center from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

## 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.

## Report Cards

Report cards for students in grades 7-12 will be available to students or their parents beginning June 1st. You may pick these items up from the Administration at the Delhi Elementary / Middle School Building. If you do not wish to take the time to come to school or do not wish to drive to Delhi, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the school's address (P.O. Box 186, Delhi, IA 52223) and the report card will be mailed to you after June 1st. This is the best way to get your child's report card.

## MV Weight Room and Fitness Room Summer Plan

### BEGINNING DATE

**Monday, June 1st, 2015**

#### Benefits

- Get bigger, faster & stronger
- Stay fit, get toned & keep in shape
- Learn proper weight training techniques
- Build yourself into a compete athlete to better your performance in all sports and prevent injuries
- Build team spirit and community togetherness & have some fun while exercising
- Opportunity for all students and community members, not just athletes
- Positive influence and qualified assistance at all time
- Chance to lift and walk or run on track afterwards

### Hours of operation for public use of facilities

#### Weight Room

Monday - Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

#### Fitness Room

6:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Monday thru Thursday, closed Friday's

#### FEE

There is NO FEE to use these facilities. Donations towards the upkeep and maintenance of the weight room would be accepted.

**Take advantage of our great facilities - and equipment!!**

Please park in the Middle School parking lot and enter through the Middle School front entrance. (facing north).

## Maquoketa Valley Summer Events 2015

All items on this calendar are subject to change. Please check the school website calendar for all updated information.

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May 27	JVSB - North Linn JVBB - North Linn VBB - Kee	Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm Away 5:30 pm	•	June 15	JHSB @ Central City JHBB @ Central City	Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am
May 28	VSBB @ Central City VBB @ Central City	Away 5:00 pm Away 5:00 pm	•	June 16	JVSB - Central City JVBB - Central City VSBB @ Monticello	Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm Away 5:30 pm
May 29	JVSB @ East Buchanan JVBB @ East Buchanan	Away 5:00 pm Away 5:00 pm	•	June 17	JHSB @ Marquette Catholic VBB - MFL Mar Mac	Away 10:00 am Home 5:00 pm
May 30	VBB Tournament	Home 9:00 am	•	June 18	JHSB - Lisbon JHBB - Lisbon	Home 10:00 am Home 10:00 am
May 31	HS Track Awards	Cafe 5:00 pm	•	June 19	JVSB - Cascade VSBB Tourney @ WDelaware	Home 10:00 am Away 9:00 am
June 1	JVSB - WDubuque VSBB - North Linn VBB - North Linn	Home 10:00 am Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm	•	June 20	VSBB Tourney @ WDelaware	Away 9:00 am
June 2	JVSB @ Springville JVBB @ Springville	Away 5:00 pm Away 5:00 pm	•	June 22	JHSB @ North Linn JHBB @ North Linn JVSB @ Easton Valley JVBB @ Easton Valley VSBB @ Lisbon VBB @ Lisbon	Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am Away 5:00 pm Away 5:00 pm
June 3	JHSB @ Springville JHBB @ Springville JVSB @ CtPt/Urbana JV/VBB @ North Fayette VSBB @ Cascade	Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am Away 11:00 am Away 4:00 pm Away 5:00 pm	•	June 24	JVSB @ Jesup JVBB @ Jesup	Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am
June 4	FFA @ State Meet JHBB - North Linn VSBB - Cal/Wheatland VBB - Cal/Wheatland	Des Moines Home 10:00 am Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm	•	June 25	JHSB @ East Buchanan JHBB @ East Buchanan VSBB @ Easton Valley VBB @ Easton Valley	Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am Away 5:00 pm Away 5:00 pm
June 5-6	VSBB Tourney @ NFayette	Away 9:00 am	•	June 26	JHBB @ CtPt/Urbana VBB - Cascade	Away 10:00am Home 5:00 pm
June 6	JVBB Tourney @ EBuchanan	Away 9:00 am	•	June 29	JHSB - Alburnett JHBB - Alburnett VSBB - Midland VBB - Midland	Home 10:00 am Home 10:00 am Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm
June 8	JHSB - Ed/Co JHBB - Ed/Co JVBB @ Clayton Ridge VSBB @ Springville VBB @ Springville	Home 10:00 am Home 10:00 am Away 10:00 am Away 5:00 pm Away 5:00 pm	•	June 30	JV/V Baseball @ Don Bosco	Away 5:00 pm
June 9	JVSB - Alburnett JVBB - Alburnett	Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm	•	July 1	JHSB @ Jesup JHBB @ Jesup JVSB - Marquette Catholic JVBB - Marquette Catholic VSBB @ Ed/Co	Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm Away 5:30 pm
June 10	JHSB - Marquette Catholic VSBB - East Buchanan VBB @ Ed/Co	Home 10:00 am Home 5:00 pm Away 5:30 pm	•	July 2	JHSB @ Midland JHBB @ Midland VSBB - Alburnett VBB - Alburnett	Away 10:00 am Away 10:00 am Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm
June 11	JHSB - Starmont JHBB - Starmont VSBB - Marquette Catholic VBB - Marquette Catholic	Home 11:00 am Home 11:00 am Home 5:00 pm Home 5:00 pm	•	July 6	VBB @ Prince of Peace	Away 5:00 pm
June 12-13	VSBB Tourney @ Jesup JVBB @ Cascade	Away 9:00 am Away 10:00 am	•	July 7	VBB - East Buchanan	Home 5:00 pm