



The WILDCAT REPORT

Maquoketa Valley Community School District's newsletter

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Middle school and high school teachers collaborate to improve student learning

by the AIW coaches (Debbie DeVore, Jackie Moorman, Ali Scherrman and Diane Temple)

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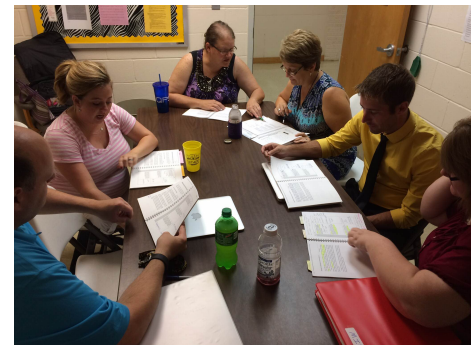
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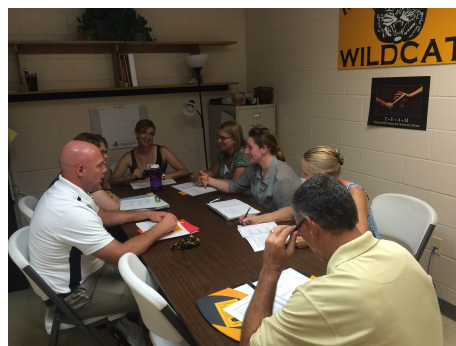
Board of Directors

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Chris Huber - Area 3
Mike Feldmann - Area 4
John Zietlow Area 5

What is AIW? AIW stands for Authentic Intellectual Work and provides a structure for teachers to analyze student assignments and assessments, student work, and, eventually, instruction. Teachers collaborate to provide feedback on the academic challenge and value beyond school of the student tasks. The groups also analyze student tasks to see if students are given the opportunity to expand their ideas and offer better evidence of learning.



How does the process work? During the lunch hour, teachers in grades 6-12 of all content areas meet in mixed content groups of six to seven teachers. Each week, a teacher brings a previously used or new assignment or assessment to be analyzed by the team which uses an AIW scoring rubric to provide feedback on the rigor, expectation of student evidence, and "real-life" value. Teachers then provide suggestions for improvement after scoring.



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Maquoketa Valley Community School District

Ensures High Levels of Learning to Empower All Students for Lifelong Success.

Organizational Board Meeting

September 21, 2015

The organizational meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent Tuetken at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Conference Room in Delhi, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. All board members were present, six staff members and one visitor were also present.

Official election results were read by Secretary Imler as follows:

For the seat of Director District 1, Donna Kunde received 87 votes and was duly elected for a term of four years;

For the seat of Director District 5, John Zietlow received 80 votes and was duly elected for a term of four years.

Secretary Imler administered the oath of office to the board members of Director District 1 and 5.

The first order of business was to elect the officers for the 2015-2016 school year. Supt. Tuetken called for nominations for President of the Board of Directors. John Zietlow was elected as President and Chris Huber was elected as Vice-President.

The meeting agenda was approved.

The consent items were approved.

The Board set the monthly meeting date and time for the 2015-2016 year as the third Monday of each month. Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

The District recently completed and certified the district's C-Plan. The C-Plan stands for "Consolidated Plan" which is a newly formed report required by the Iowa Department of Education in order to help simplify the submission of various annual reports .

A district-wide Preschool BBQ has been planned for Monday, October 5th to begin at 5:30 at Johnston Elementary.

The Board approved the districts 2014-2015 Annual Progress Report.

One open enrollment request out was approved.

The 2015-2016 fund raising activities were approved.

The Board approved filing the application to the SBRC for Modified Allowable Growth for negative 2014-2015 Special Education Allowable Growth of \$33,320.94.

The Board completed the Keystone AEA Board of Directors Election ballot and approved the election of Hilton.

The following personnel recommendation was approved:

Alli Weinke – employed as High School Trainer

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Language changes to board policy 803.020 – Disposition of Obsolete Equipment were reviewed. Language changes included adding: The Superintendent and/or the Building and Transportation Director have the authority by the Board of Directors to determine the process of disposition of obsolete equipment that does not sell or is not purchased. The Board waived the second reading and adopted this policy on the first official reading.

A hearing was set for October 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of approving a start date for the 2016-2017 school year.

John Zietlow was elected as the 2015-2016 Maquoketa Valley designee on the County Conference Board.

The first day count of students was 696 as compared to August 2014 of 698.

Supt. Tuetken took a few minutes to update the Board on the progress of the facility needs assessment. Mr. Worm from OPN will attend the October or November board meeting to give an update on the process.

Representative Hein and Senator Zumbach will attend the November board meeting.

The Board will be attending the 2015 IASB Convention in Des Moines on November 18th and 19th.

Supt. Tuetken has been elected to represent AEA 1 Superintendents on the Department of Education's Superintendent Advisory Council for the upcoming year.

The Board discussed the sharing incentives for sharing a Superintendent. Supt. Tuetken has been asked to discuss the possibility of him also serving as Superintendent for the Starmont School District beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. An initial meeting will be scheduled to continue discussion. John Zietlow and Donna Kunde volunteered to attend this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

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Middle school and high school teachers collaborate to improve student learning

Why is the faculty engaged in this learning process? The MV faculty is committed to doing whatever they can to improve student achievement and make classes as meaningful as possible. Teachers are now in their second year of the program, and the AIW coaches are in their third year. The faculty has noted the value of this professional development opportunity. Teachers have noticed a greater focus on higher-level thinking and more opportunities for students to be problem-solvers in and outside of MV's walls. "At the heart of the matter, AIW is about collaboration," stated math teacher Matthew DeVore. "Time spent with my colleagues to better my assessments and instruction is at a premium in today's educational setting. I truly appreciate the feedback from my peers." Teachers appreciate the scheduled opportunity for collaboration and sense of unity in the school, the professional feedback on instruction, and the awareness of what's going on in other teachers' classrooms. "As a single person department I enjoy the fact that my AIW group is cross curricular and can provide feedback in the stem areas with my Ag classes to push MV students even further! It's a good sounding board for everyone to learn from," stated Dawn Mausser. Spanish teacher Jen Ries added, "AIW has helped me look outside of what I usually do and allowed me to use my co-workers to my advantage to use new and different strategies I wouldn't have thought of alone in my room. As the only foreign language teacher here, I wouldn't have the opportunities to work with or get help from others. AIW has provided that." Teachers also appreciate how the AIW process supports and enhances other professional development concepts.

Changes in musical tickets

This year for the musical, tickets will not be able to be reserved. We will be selling tickets for assigned seating. In the past the tickets were general admission, meaning you could sit anywhere in the auditorium. This year the tickets will have an assigned seat and row on them. So if you purchase tickets you will not be able to return them. We will have a diagram of the auditorium so you will be able to see where the tickets are located and which seats are sold.

More information will follow concerning the fall musical, GREASE.

7th Graders Travel to Farm Safety Day

By: Annie Trenkamp, Claire Krapfl, and Mrs. Grimm

On September 1, the Maquoketa Valley 7th graders traveled to Farm Safety Day. It was held at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Manchester. They learned about many things including bus evacuations, ATV safety, and how to use a fire extinguisher. Some of the favorite things the 7th graders did were putting out fires, trying to pull a piece of wood that was stuck in corn, telling their stories about ATV crashes, and practicing a bus evacuation. All kids received a complimentary bag. It had candy, beef stick, notepads, a pen, a pencil, and a t-shirt. There were seven sessions including, seatbelt safety, emergency exits on buses, ATV safety, electricity danger, farm equipment safety, lawn mower safety, and a helicopter that provides safety services. It was a very fun day for the kids, and they would love to go back!

OCTOBER 2015

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>ATTENTION PARENTS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP A POSITIVE BALANCE IN YOUR CHILDS ACCOUNT AT ALL TIMES</p> <p>MAQUOKETA VALLEY SCHOOL IS A EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER</p>	<p>ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME.</p> <p>EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK</p> <p>WG= WHOLE GRAIN</p>		<p>1</p> <p>TENDERLOIN ON A WG BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES MIXED VEGETABLES BAKED BEANS GRAPES PEARS</p> <p>FRENCH TOAST</p>	<p>2</p> <p>TURKEY DRESSING SANDWICH HASHBROWN SAVORY CARROTS WINTER MIX PINEAPPLE TURNOVER BARS</p> <p>BREAKFAST BURRITO</p>
<p>5</p> <p>CHICKEN STRIPS CURLY FRIES ROMAINE LETTUCE BROCCOLI PEACHES PUMPKIN BARS</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGEL</p>	<p>6</p> <p>MAIDRITE ON A WG BUN NATURAL CUT FRIES SAVORY CARROTS CORN KIWI STRAWBERRIES</p> <p>SAUS EGG MUFFIN</p>	<p>7</p> <p>HOTDOG ON A WG BUN FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS PEAS & CARROTS PEARS APRICOTS</p> <p>PANCAKE ON A STICK</p>	<p>8</p> <p>SOFT SHELL TACO REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD GREEN BEANS RED PEPPER STRIPS RICE MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>BREAKFAST WRAP</p>	<p>9 HOMECOMING</p> <p>SAUSAGE PIZZA GARLIC BREADSTICKS ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBER PEARS PEACHES</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>
<p>12</p> <p>CHICKEN PATTY WH. WHEAT ROLL POTATO TRIANGLE WINTER MIX SAVORY CARROTS STRAWBERRIES APPLES</p> <p>BREAKFAST PIZZA</p>	<p>13</p> <p>MR RIB ON A WG BUN POTATO PUFFS BAKED BEANS CALIFORNIA BLEND PEACHES ORANGES</p> <p>SCRAM. EGGS & TOAST</p>	<p>14</p> <p>HAM WH. WHEAT ROLL BAKED POTATO SWEET POTATOES BROCCOLI APPLESAUCE APRICOTS</p> <p>COMBO</p>	<p>15</p> <p>MEATBALL SUB FRENCH FRIES CARROT STICKS CELERY STICKS HUMMUS APPLES TROPICAL FRUIT CARNIVAL COOKIE</p> <p>WH WHEAT CINN ROLL</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1HAMBURGER GRAVY MASHED POTATOES WG BREAD & BUTTER COTTAGE CHEESE CORN PEACHES STRAWBERRY APPLESAUCE</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGEL</p>
<p>19 NO SCHOOL TODAY</p>	<p>20</p> <p>WEINER WINKS POTATO TRIANGLE CORN CARROT STICKS HUMMUS STRAWBERRIES PEARS</p> <p>COMBO</p>	<p>21</p> <p>MACARONI & CHEESE WH WHEAT CINN. ROLL ROMAINE LETTUCE PEAS APPLESAUCE KIWI</p> <p>PANCAKES & SAUSAGE</p>	<p>22</p> <p>CHICKEN FAJITAS REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE PEACHES</p> <p>SAUS EGG MUFFIN</p>	<p>23 OUT AT 1 PM</p> <p>HAMBURGER ON A WG BUN CHEESE FRENCH FRIES BAKED BEANS WINTER MIX FRUIT COCKTAIL APPLES</p> <p>BREAKFAST CHOICE</p>
<p>26</p> <p>PIG N BLANKET POTATO TRIANGLE SWEET POTATO FRIES CORN BROCCOLI STRAWBERRIES PEACHES</p> <p>BREAKFAST BAGEL</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CHICKEN TETRAZZINI WG PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH PEAS ROMAINE LETTUCE PEARS APPLES</p> <p>WG CINNAMON ROLL</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BBQ PORK SANDWICH CHEESY POTATOES MIXED VEGETABLES COLESLAW GRAPES APPLESAUCE</p> <p>OMELET/TOAST</p>	<p>29 OUT AT 1 PM</p> <p>TACO SALAD REFRIED BEANS FIESTA SALAD RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE MANDARIN ORANGES</p> <p>BREAKFAST PIZZA</p>	<p>30</p> <p>CHEESE PIZZA GARLIC BREADSTICKS ROMAINE LETTUCE CUCUMBER TOMATO FRESH PINEAPPLE MIXED FRUIT</p> <p>BREAKFAST BURRITO</p>

Mrs. Porter's Room Title I Reading/Resource Room

GRANDPARENTS and SPECIAL FRIENDS:

**Thank you to all of our
grandparents and special friends
for spending some time with us -
We love having you visit our
schools!!**

First Grade Johnston Elementary

First grade students at Johnston Elementary are experiencing an atypical and extraordinary classroom set-up this year. Mrs. Reicher teaches the boys and girls in the morning, and students return after lunch to be taught by Miss Brauer in the afternoon.

Mrs. Reicher teaches literacy in the mornings. Literacy includes phonics, spelling, reading, and writing. In Kindergarten, students built a solid foundation of letters and sounds and how they work. In first grade, we continue that learning and apply it to spelling and writing. For reading, students work on skills and strategies as a whole class, then practice using those skills and strategies at their "just right" reading level in guided reading groups. The growth students make in first grade is truly amazing! Now that we've finished all of our beginning of the year assessments, we are ready to start learning new things!

Miss Brauer teaches math, science, and social studies in the afternoon. In math class, first graders are learning various strategies to become fluent in addition. These students are enjoying using cubes, blocks, pictures, and more to make addition a real and tangible thing. This deep understanding will help them excel with increasingly difficult math concepts. In Social Studies, students have been learning about different types of families, cultures, and communities. We look forward to using VAST kits for science in the near future!

Wow! Another summer has flown by, and we have started another school year. The students have been working in their rooms to get adjusted to their schedules, routines, and expectations in the classroom. We are setting high goals for this year.

Reading is a very important subject at all grade levels. It is important to practice reading to improve. Improved reading helps in all subject areas. It would be wonderful if you could read to your child, read with your child, and/or listen to your child read a few minutes each night. Let your child know how important to read each night. Parents, let your children catch you reading in front of them.

At the beginning of the year it is essential to find students' current reading levels. This includes Fountas & Pinnell testing to determine appropriate reading levels and DIBELS testing, which allows us to determine the speed at which each child reads. After this has been determined, correct individual reading levels can be determined. Then students are taught at their level. They can also read books at their level.

In the early elementary grades the students are learning to recognize the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they stand for. Older children are learning more about rhyming words and how to decode words. Some nights students in the elementary grades in this room will bring home books to read in their "Take Home" folders. The child needs to return the folder each day. This practice helps fluency and decoding skills improve. You may want to ask your child questions about what they have read to improve comprehension. Parents, please keep encouraging your child to read.



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:

October 6
November 3
January 5
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.

Volunteers Welcome

Maquoketa Valley is always in need of kind, caring adults who want to give their time to help the children at school. If you are interested, please contact any Administrator listed on the cover of this newsletter.



FFA Hog Raffle

Maquoketa Valley FFA annual homecoming hog raffle tickets are now on sale. The pig has been donated by the Bob & Sharon Goedken Family and the basic processing has been donated by the Dan's Earlville Locker. Winner would pay for the smoking and/or seasoned meats if wanted. The drawing will be held at halftime of the homecoming football game on October 9th. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10 and can be purchased during all home varsity games or from any FFA member. Any questions or to purchase ticket contact

Mrs. Mausser via email at dawnmausser@maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us

Welcome Back!

I can hardly believe that we are already back in school and it has definitely been a great start! Even though it has been warm outside, the 4th graders have started off the school year just as hot! We have been getting our routines in place, learning about our first units in each area of study, and beginning guided reading groups.

There is no question how important establishing these new routines, learning the new rules and expectations, and understanding our new "Wildcat Way" behavior system is to a successful school year. However, as teachers, we recognize the importance of having a routine for the students at home is vital to their success at school. Many families build in a daily "quiet time" when the T.V., video games, phone, etc. is turned off. This quiet time provides students the opportunity for completing schoolwork or for recreational reading if there is no homework. During this quiet time a specific place, somewhat free of other distractions, should be available. The routine of a daily quiet time provides an opportunity to develop responsibility, self-discipline, and enhance homework or reading skills.

Routines can also make other things easier as well, such as completing chores. If children are consistently expected to complete specific household duties at the same time on the same day, they soon begin to develop a responsibility for their commitment and contribution to the family.

That being said, as families establish routines for the new school year, it is helpful to keep in mind that childhood is a special time of learning and growth. Children also need their free time to run, play, and have fun! This time is just as important a part of a child's routine as chores, reading, and homework.

School and home, as well as teachers and parents, can work together to build skills and knowledge, reinforce values, develop a sense of responsibility, and help the children learn to give their best effort. Communication is key to working together!

THE WILDCAT WAY

Expectations for EMERGENCIES / DRILLS

Be RESPECTFUL

- Voice level: 0
- Listen to & obey adults



Be RESPONSIBLE

- Be serious
- Follow directions carefully

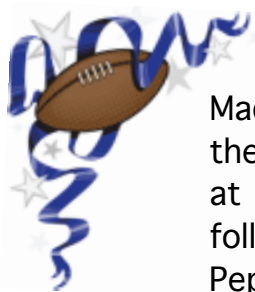
Be SAFE

- Stay in your spot
- Keep hands & feet to self
- Walk



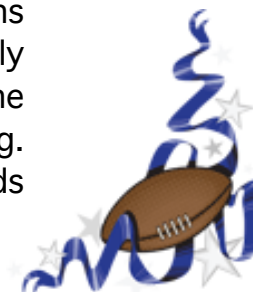
"The Wildcat Way"

"The Wildcat Way" is transforming our district in grades K-8 this year! This year we have established consistent expectations for students in all three elementary schools as well as the middle school that are focused around the areas of Respect, Responsibility, and Safety. These expectations are implemented and practiced in many different areas within the school: playground, hallways, classrooms, drinking fountain, restrooms, lunchroom, busses, etc. During the first week of school, staff, including teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, and kitchen staff, taught each of the expectations in the given areas to all students. The expectations are reinforced each day and students are verbally acknowledged by staff when the expectations are being met. This is an example of the posters that are posted around the buildings.



HOMECOMING 2015

Maquoketa Valley High School will celebrate Homecoming during the week of October 5 - October 10, 2015. The Parade begins at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9th, with the Pep Rally following. The 2015 Homecoming King will be crowned at the Pep Rally. A dance will be held to celebrate the Homecoming. Any business or group interested in being in the Parade needs to contact Barb Hollinrake at the high school at 922-2091.



**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!

Join us at the next Fine Arts Booster Meeting,
October 12, @ 5:30 PM in the HS Cafeteria
and see what we are all about!!

Weather Calls

MV reports their school closings and cancellations to 3 TV stations: KGAN (2), KWWL (7), and KCRG (9) by 6:25 am. They also report them to these radio stations: KMCH and KDST. When bad weather hits, please turn to one of these TV or radio stations. Please DO NOT call the school. Their lines will be busy contacting personnel, other schools, bus drivers, etc. If you would like to be added to the MV Text alert, contact Cheryl Gates at 563-922-9411.

HALLOWEEN PARADES



Students in the elementary will be parading in their Halloween costumes on Friday, October 30th. As Halloween nears, we will determine whether the parade will be held indoors or out when we know the weather forecast.

Parade times

Johnston	12:45
Earlville	1:15
Delhi	1:45

Parents are always invited to join us for the fun!

5-8 Music Informance

The 5th and 6th grade music classes and the 5th-8th grade band students will be presenting an 'informance' on October 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the middle school multipurpose room. An informance is an informal program in which each group will be sharing what they have been working on in their music classes. All students in 5th and 6th grade, and all band students in grades 5 -8 will participate in this informance. Everyone is welcome to attend!

ART Off To A Great Start

The art department is off to a great start this 2015-16 school year. The students have come back from summer break refreshed and enthusiastic and ready to get their creative juices flowing. The results have been fantastic with the students creating some wonderful projects.

To start, my Ceramic class has been busy producing Native American style pinch pots with some elaborate designs. They're great to look at. They are also having some success on the kick wheels throwing bowls and tea cups. They will be doing slab pots, coil pots, ceramic bust and masks this semester.

We have three different photography classes this semester. These students are working on figuring out their cameras and photoshop, as well as taking a ton of photos. They are learning some rules for shooting photos and what makes a great photo composition. This semester they will be making a photo lettering project, motivational posters, collages and senior photos.

Our other art classes are Drawing I and Fundamentals of Art. In drawing the students are sketching objects using one, two and three point perspective. They will be using perspective to draw interior and exterior building designs and a city scape. This semester they will draw body gestures, and facial contour drawings as well as portraits.

In Fundamentals of Art the students are doing a variety of paintings and printmaking projects. They started with a couple of water color paintings and will soon be doing an oil painting. They will also have a guest speaker (Corwin Dunlap) come in and demonstrate some oil painting techniques.

The 36th annual
CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW
sponsored by the
MV Athletic Booster Club
will be
Sunday, October 25th
from 9:00 AM to 2:00PM

For information, please call
Brandi Fjelstul 563-608-5611

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.

REAL LIFE ACADEMY FOR SENIORS

On Thursday, November 5, Maquoketa Valley and Ed-Co seniors will have the opportunity to participate in the Real Life Academy at Maquoketa Valley High School. The Real Life Academy is sponsored by the Delaware County School to Work Committee and introduces high school seniors to the real world of day to day finance--making choices, paying bills and dealing with whatever "fate" may hand you.

Participants are assigned one of their chosen professions, their marital status, and whether or not they have children and/or pets. They are also given their monthly salary and a credit card with no outstanding balance. Most students also have a student loan payment. Students are given a checkbook and register and are required to pay taxes, buy or rent housing, purchase vehicles, insurance, fuel, groceries, clothing, make investments and charitable contributions, pay for child care, pay the phone bill, utilities, etc.

Local business people will be at tables that the students visit to pay for their monthly expenses. There will also be a "Fate" table, where students draw two cards of chance. Sometimes these are positive or they might be negative. There is also a roaming nurse and police officer who hand out fate cards. In order to exit the Real Life Academy students must meet with a banker who reviews the check register to make sure that the student is on track and has between \$0 and \$200 left in their account.

This is the eighth year for the Real Life Academy in Delaware County and it is an excellent opportunity for seniors to experience what budgeting is like in the real world. For more information please contact Barb Hollinrake at the high school at 563-922-2091.

ACT TESTING

Registration

Iowa colleges prefer students submit an ACT score upon applying for admission. The SAT may be required by out-of-state colleges.

It is recommended that students planning to attend a vocational, two-year, or four-year college take the ACT or SAT during the spring of their junior year. Students may take tests on any of the nationally scheduled dates and may retest as often as they choose. It takes approximately four weeks for test results to be received in the Career/College Center.

Test registration forms and information about which test colleges prefer are available in the Career/College Center. Students are to complete registration forms directly with the testing company. The Maquoketa Valley High School code or CEEB code is 161-143.

Preparation

Students preparing for an admissions test should:

1. Select high school courses that include the recommended core curriculum: 4 units of English, 3 units of math (Algebra, Geometry, and Advanced Algebra), 3 units of social studies, 2 units of science (one must be a laboratory course), 1 unit of fine arts, and 3 additional units of any courses previously listed or foreign language (2 units strongly recommended).
2. Study the current and descriptive preparation materials, including the practice test published by ACT or SAT available free of charge in the Career/College Center.
3. Explore the test preparation materials available in the school and public libraries and in book stores.
4. Review areas where the practice test showed a weakness.
5. Enlist the help of teachers in those areas to answer questions and clarify concepts. (Consider making an appointment before or after school to work with a teacher.)
6. Retest if, after taking the test the first time, you found you were not familiar or comfortable with the test procedures, or if your score was lower than your reasonable expectations.
7. Juniors can prepare for the SAT by taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) which is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

2015-2016 TEST SCHEDULE

PSAT/NMSQT

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be given on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. The cost is \$15. Juniors wanting to prepare for the SAT and interested in the National Merit Scholarship competition must take the PSAT/NMSQT.

ACT

The ACT is given on the dates listed below. Maquoketa Valley High School is a test center for the April test date. The regular registration cost is \$39.50 without the Writing Test or \$56.50 with the Writing Test. Late registration is an additional \$25. Registration may be done online at www.actstudent.org.

Before registering for the ACT, students can find out specific colleges' requirements regarding the Writing Test by visiting www.actstudent.org. The website features a searchable list of colleges and their Writing Test decisions. While at the website, students can take advantage of test prep aids, including free sample test questions at www.actstudent.org/testprep/. Test day tips, a list of items to bring to the test and details on what type of calculator you can use on the Math Test can also be found on the website.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Postmark Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Postmark Deadline</u>
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	September 19-October 2, 2015
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7-20, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9-15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5-18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016

ACADEMIC AWARDS PRESENTATION

Academic Awards will be presented on Friday, October 16, at 11:00 a.m. in the high school auditorium to 71 Maquoketa Valley High School students who met the cumulative grade point average requirements. To receive the Awards, sophomores need to have at least a 3.600 cumulative grade point average. Juniors and seniors need to have at least a 3.400 grade point average. The following students will receive awards.

ACADEMIC LETTERS

Amanda Engelken
Trent Reeves
Josie Harmon
Danielle Schuman
Macy Hoeger
McKenna Wenthe
McKenzie Lansing

Kara Orcutt
Heath Gibbs
Caitlin Schuman
Brock Hillers
Tyson Tucker
Madison Imler
Josie Young

Ryanne Flanagan
Brittany Sabers
Eric Heims
Brody Severt
Abby Holtz
Carson Wright
Mitch Neuzil

SECOND YEAR AWARD

Jacob Bonert
Megan Mensen
Danica Fjelstul
Lea Ries
Rebekah Hill
Angie Wendt
Clint Krapfl
Nichole Winter

Brianna Mensen
Destiny Clayborne
Kendra Ries
Chance Franck
Caleb Thompson
Carter Klostermann
Cassy Wilson
Megan McNamara

Mikayla Callan
Cody Ries
Amanda Fortman
Lawson Roof
Megan Hogan
Colin Wendt
Alec McDowell

THIRD YEAR AWARD

Macy Anderegg
Colton Nefzger
Kristin Brehm
Andrew Palmersheim
Caitlyn Gibbs
Kelsey Snyder
Kaleb Handel
Angie Wilson
Emily LaGrant

Briana March
Rob Bockenstedt
Kalvin Orcutt
Jeremy Fischer
Brooke Snyder
Taylor Guthrie
Shaylyn Trenkamp
Emily Krapfl
Dylan Wright

Sienna Becker
Natalie Neuzil
Cassie Burkle
Alex Richter
Kristi Goedken
Riley Sternhagen
Shawnae Hoeger
Whitney Wilson
Nichole Lucas

Congratulations to all the Maquoketa Valley High School Academic Award winners!!
Barb Hollinrake, Counselor

Winter Wonderland Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 21st, 10-Noon, High School. More details will be sent home with students in October.



National Honor Society

National Honor Society (NHS) is a privilege students have the opportunity to earn when they excel in the areas of academics, character, leadership, and service. Once inducted into National Honor Society, the students work at various service projects to help out the school and community. Some service projects they have arranged in the past include a blood drive in the spring, and a bake sale at the basketball "Pink Out" game to help raise money towards breast cancer awareness and research.

In order to become eligible as a member of this elite group, students must maintain a GPA of 3.5. From there, they submit an application that includes their leadership experiences, extra-curricular activities, work experiences, and an essay explaining what being a member of the National Honor Society means to them. They will also fill out a community service verification form.

From here, the faculty reviews the applications and scores them using a rubric. If students receive an average of 3.5 overall, they are inducted into the National Honor Society. NHS is a wonderful group to be a member of, and I encourage all students to try and meet the requirements, so they too can become members of NHS.

Items for Sale

Maquoketa Valley Community Schools has the following items for sale:

Health Textbooks
Hardbound Dictionaries

If you are interested in any these items please send a SEALED bid to Doug Tuetken at the Administration Office, P.O. Box 186 Delhi, IA 52223 by Thursday, October 15th, 2015. The sealed bids will be opened on Thursday, October 22, 2015.

We reserve the right to reject any or all bids.



High School Vocal Showcase

October 3, 2015

6:45-8:30 PM

High School Cafeteria and Auditorium

Appetizer Bar open at 6:45 PM

Live Music in Cafeteria 7:00 PM

Musical Performances In Auditorium
from 7:30-8:30 PM

High School Music Students

Dessert Bar Immediately Following

In Cafeteria

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HS = High School MS = Middle School JH = Junior High DE = Delhi Elem. EE = Earlville Elem JE = Johnston Elem	CC = Cross Country FB = Football VB = Volleyball			1 JHVB - Alburnett - Home - 4:00 JHFB - Lisbon - Home 4:30 HSVB @ EBuchanan 5:15	2 HSFB @ North Linn 5:00	3 HS Choir "MV's Got Talent" 7:00 HS Aud
4	5 Preschool BBQ @ JE - 5:30 pm	6 JHVB - CV Christian Home - 4:00 HSCC @ WDelaware 4:30 HSVB -CV Christian Home - 5:15	7 Athletic Boosters Mtg 6:30 HS Cafe FFA Greenhand Fireup @ Wapsie Valley	8 11th @ Business/ Industry-Manchester JHVB @ Springville 4:00 JHFB - Starmont Home 4:30 HSVB @ North Linn 5:15	9 HOMECOMING HSFB - Starmont - Home - 5:00	10 FFA State Soils Contest HSCC @ North Linn 9:00
11	12 JHFB @ Alburnett 4:00 Fine Arts Boosters Mtg - 5:30 HS Cafe 7-12 Vocal Concert St. John's 8:00	13 HSVB - Alburnett Home - 5:15	14 11th - PSAT Testing - HS Lib - AM	15 5-8 Band Informance MSMPR 1:30 JHFB @ North Linn 4:30 HSCC @ TRC Meet/ Bellevue Golf Club 4:30 HSVB @ TRC Tourney 5:00 - TBD	16 Varsity Football - Easton Valley - Home - 7:00	17 HSVB @ TRC Meet/ Lisbon - 10:00 7-12 Boys Choir @ Real Men Sing/ Wartburg
18	19 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Learning JV Football - MFL Mar Mac - Home - 6:00	20	21	22 FFA Monthly Mtg @ Beckman HSCC @ Districts	23 Early Dismissal @ 1:30 End of 1st Qtr. TEL/Red Ribbon Tailgate - WIN Varsity Football @ Postville - 7:00	24
25 Athletic Boosters Arts & Crafts Show MSMPR	26	27 FFA @ National Convention (10/27 - 10/30)	28	29 Early Dismissal @ 1:05 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 7:00	30	31

November 2015

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1	2	3 Early Dismissal @ 1:05 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 7:00	4 Athletic Boosters Mtg @ 6:30 - HS Cafe	5 12th @ Real Life Academy - MVHS JHGBB - Ed/Co - Home - 4:00 JHWR @ Midland 4:30	6 Fall Musical "GREASE" 7:30 pm - HS Aud	7 AB Boys BB Tourney - HS Gym Fall Musical "GREASE" 7:30 pm - HS Aud
8 Fall Musical "GREASE" 2:00 pm - HS Aud	9 JHGBB - EBuchanan - Home - 4:00	10 JHWR - CC/EC/MV - Home - 4:00	11	12 Preschool @ "Peter Rabbit Tales" - UNI JHGBB @ Nlinn - 4:00 JHWR @ Nlinn - 4:30 FFA Greenhand Nite	13 JHGBB - WDelaware - Home - 4:00	14 AB Girls BB Tourney - HS Gym
15	16 HSChoir @ TRC Fest - Marquette JHGBB - Lisbon - Home - 4:00 5-12 Band "Bonding" - MS Gym - 6:30 Fine Arts Boosters Mt @ 5:30 HS Cafe	17 JHGBB - Monticello Home - 4:00 JHWR @ Alburnett - 4:30	18	19 JHGBB @ CCity - 4:00 JHWR - MV/CC/EB - Home - 4:30	20	21 HS Speech "Winter Wonderland" 10:05-12:00 HS Gym
22	23 JHGBB - Starmont Home - 4:00 JHWR @ Lisbon 4:30	24 Early Dismissal @ 1:05 (Thanksgiving) HSGBB - Prince of Peace - Home - 6:15	25 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	27 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving	28
29	30 JHGBB @ Alburnett 4:00 JHWR @ Monticello 4:00 HWR @ Nlinn 5:30 (JV Tourney)	<div> <div> HS = High School MS = Middle School JH = Junior High DE = Delhi Elem. EE = Earlville Elem JE = Johnston Elem </div> <div> GBB = Girls Basketball WR = Wrestling </div> </div>				