



The Wildcat Report

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February 2022

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With the first semester completed, we look forward to the second semester and we are also busy planning for next year. We have had a large number of student and staff absences in our first semester due to COVID, influenza and a number of other illnesses. I want to thank the parents for supporting the guidance given by our school nurses regarding student illness. It is so important that students and staff who are ill stay home until they are feeling better. I realize this is often inconvenient for parents but it is necessary to prevent larger outbreaks of illness in our school system. Some schools have been forced to close for a few days due to the large number of students and staff who are absent due to illness. This is something we are trying hard to avoid and we continue to encourage everyone to follow our guidance. You can always call our school nurses for more information.

Our principals are planning for the 2022-23 school year. There is more information in this newsletter for preschool and kindergarten registration. We strongly encourage parents who have students this age to begin the registration process so we know who is coming next year. There is a great deal of planning that takes place, especially with students in Preschool and Kindergarten. When we get our registration information early, we can more effectively prepare for next year. Please share this information with parents who have students that will be starting school next year.

I want to thank the parents, students, and staff for a successful first semester. Everyone has been willing to work together and support each other which helps to make Maquoketa Valley a great school district.

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

SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting
January 17, 2022

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by Vice President John Zietlow at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Library in Delhi, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. Five board members were present. There were two staff members present and one visitors present. The agenda and consent items were approved.

One open enrollment request in was approved.

The Board approved the voluntary early separation request from Kris Wilson at the end of the 21-22 school year. The Board, as well as Supt. Hoeger, expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Wilson for her years of service to the district and her dedication to the students of Maquoketa Valley. Mrs. Wilson will truly be missed by everyone.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

- Kris Wilson – resignation as Elementary Teacher
- Steve Lansing – resignation as Middle School Paraprofessional
- Mikayla Callan – employed as Special Education Teacher
- James Boeckenstedt – employed as High School Physical Education Teacher
- Jon Swisher – resignation as Middle School Paraprofessional
- Chelsey Klima – employed as Middle School Paraprofessional
- Amy Wilson – employed as Middle School Paraprofessional
- Jessi Ronnebaum – employed as Elementary Paraprofessional
- Noah Tiegs – employed as Fall Musical Director

The Board reviewed and approved the updated 2022-2023 High School Course catalog.

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 the fiscal year 2022-2023 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under Iowa Code section 257.14. Roll call vote was answered all ayes.

The Board reviewed and approved the proposed quote for the greenhouse renovation project from FarmTek in the amount of \$29,361.

The Board suspended the 403 board policy series and will enact these policies again only if a change in legislation dictates they become a requirement.

Preparation for negotiations with the Teacher Association is underway. Further discussion of this will take place at the February meeting.

The Board discussed possible speakers for the upcoming Academic Excellence Banquet.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Wanted:

Cotton or cotton blend fabric to be used in both middle and high school sewing projects. All patterns welcome as we are working on a variety of projects. If you have some you can donate, feel free to drop off at the high school or contact Karla Downs at the high school. 563-922-2091 or email at karladowns@maquoketa-v.k12.ia.us



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

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

Text Alert System

We will be using your information in Power School to alert you. It is important to have your current phone number and email updated. If you have any questions or issues, please call Sarah Lown in the high school office, 563-922-2091.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Kindergarten round-up is scheduled for February 17th. In order to start kindergarten next year, children must be five by September 15th, 2022.

The following date has been set for Kindergarten Round-up:

February 17th Earlville Center Only

Times are:

8:15 - 9:45

10:15 - 11:45

12:30 - 2:00

During Round-Up children will be scheduled to spend 90 minutes with our staff. One parent per child will need to attend a short meeting at the beginning with Mrs. Becker and at the end of the 90 minute period meet with teachers and pick up their child. Even if you will be requesting Junior Kindergarten, please plan for your child to attend Round-Up and attend the parent meeting. Letters will be mailed in February with specific information about round-up. If you have any other questions please call Earlville Elementary @ 563-923-3225.



Second Grade News

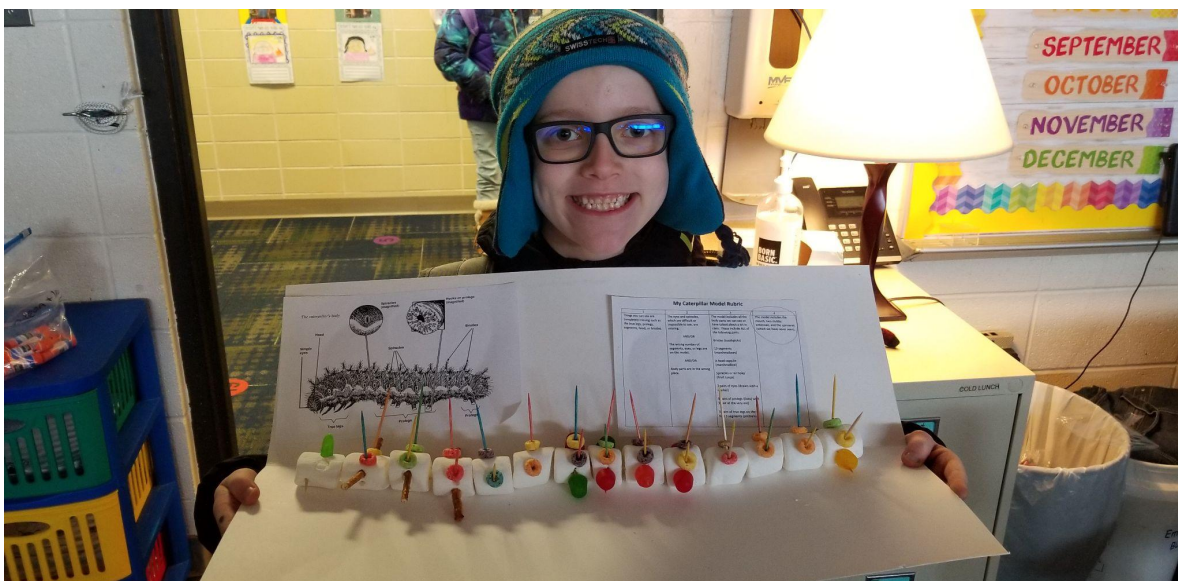
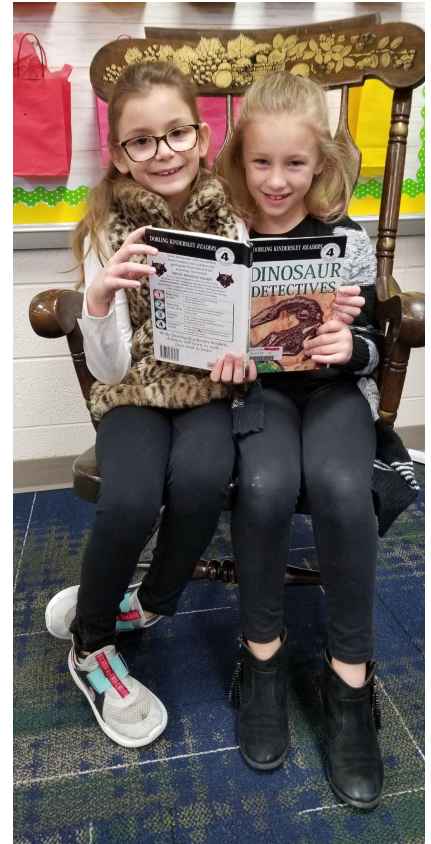
In Second Grade we have started the year 2022 with a lot of excitement! In **language arts** we have been learning how to retell stories by recalling the most important things that happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story. We also are learning how to use details from the story to answer questions about the text. Some of our favorite books include *Dinosaur Detective* and *Stone Girl, Bone Girl*. One student went home talking about the story *Stone Girl, Bone Girl* so much that her parents even bought her her own copy of the book!



Kaia, Brenek, Kaylee, and Lakin are so excited as they make text-to-text connections!

Science has been pretty exciting lately! We are studying life cycles by observing changes in our Brassica plants, Painted Lady Caterpillars, and our mealworms. Our caterpillars are all in their chrysalises now. We can't wait for the butterflies to emerge!

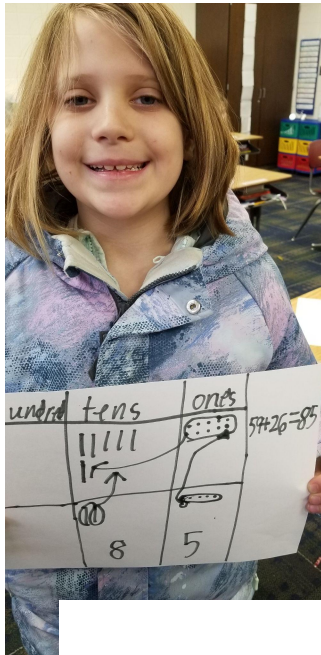
Lukas made a candy model of our caterpillars, with all the visible body parts represented.



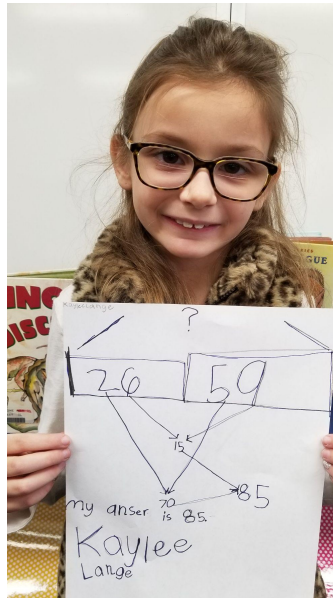
In **math** students are playing math games to become fluent as they quickly apply mental strategies to find the answer to the basic facts. If you are interested in playing games to help your child learn their math facts, you may want to check out the website www.PEPhonprofit.org. Navigate to free downloads>mathematics>Acing Math: One Deck at a Time. It has some great games and all you need is a deck of cards!

Students are also learning how to use strategies to fluently solve multi-digit addition and subtraction problems. Check out all of the different strategies that these students used to solve the same problem.

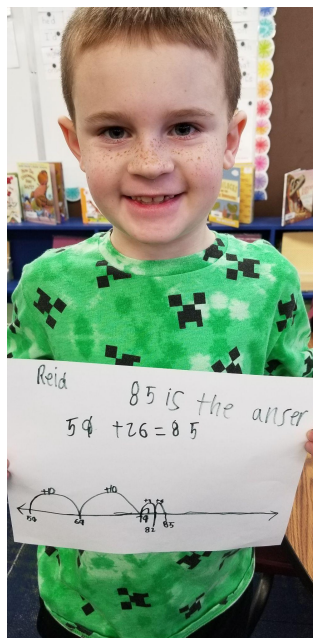
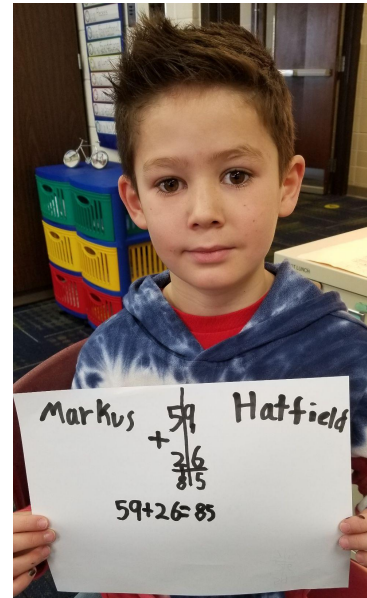
Brenek is using drawings of dots and sticks to represent tens and ones.



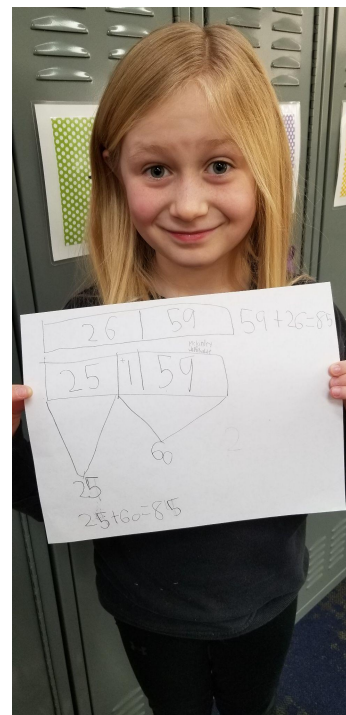
Kaylee is using a bar diagram and partial sums.



Markus is using the standard algorithm.



Reid is using a number line. McKinley is using a bar diagram and compensation.



McKinley is using a bar diagram and compensation.

Greetings from Miss Hoeger's third-grade classroom!

This school year has flown by! It's hard to believe it is already February! The third-graders have been very busy learning about many different cool topics!

Math: The major focus in third-grade math is multiplication, and students have been practicing and studying their facts daily! I have seen great progress. We are also in the progress of learning about fractions!

Literacy: Students are reading Peter Pan. This is such a fun book to read with the kiddos! Students will analyze characters, compare and contrast two different versions of the story, and write a book review.

Science: The most exciting part of third-grade right now might be our science unit! Students have been learning a lot about the structures of life. We currently have crayfish in our classroom that students are able to observe and learn about.

Social Studies: Students have learned a lot about immigration and why people chose to leave a country to go to a new one. They have also learned about forced migration and slavery in the United States.

Technology: We try to incorporate a lot of different fun engaging technology into our classroom. A favorite in my room is Kahoot! This is a website that allows students to be super competitive when answering any given questions.

I like to use it in my classroom to practice basic multiplication facts!

We look forward to finishing off the year strong! Go Cats!

Hello from Mrs. Kluesner's students

Mrs. Kluesner's students have been reading machines this month. They have been warming up with a cup of hot chocolate and a good book! After they finish reading a book, they write up a summary of the book on a marshmallow and place it in the cup of hot chocolate hanging on Mrs. Kluesner's door. The cup is overflowing with marshmallow summaries, and students are proud of their reading progress!

Greetings from Mrs. Dever's third-grade class!

We have been fortunate to enjoy many things throughout the Fall, and we anticipate more great memories to be made this Winter. Students are wrapping up their four-paragraph essays about frogs. Each third-grader chose one frog to research in-depth. Through this research, we discovered that every frog has their own unique physical and behavioral adaptations that help them survive. For example, a class favorite, the Glass Frog, is so transparent that you can see its heart beating in its chest! That makes it tough for any predator to spot it. This survival technique is just one of the many amazing adaptations that we have studied throughout the second quarter.

Stop and Think Before you Post

In this day and age, we have so many options for communication. We can have face to face conversations, write a letter or send a card, e-mail, text, call and utilize social media sites. Choosing the best option based on the content of the conversation can be difficult. No matter what needs to be communicated, it is important to stop and think before we speak or post.

Common Sense is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to helping kids and families navigate the digital world. Below is a top ten list of things they recommend we think about before we post. Take the time to review these things with your children to ensure their online presence is a positive one!

1. **Remember the golden rule-** If you wouldn't want it said about you, don't post it about someone else.
2. **Don't Brag-** If the purpose of your post is to brag and/or get people to envy you, delete it.
3. **Avoid TMI (Too Much Information)** Stop and think, is it necessary to post personal information?
4. **Think about the reader-** Think about the reader when you are sharing. Will they think this is interesting? Am I posting too much?
5. **Keep relationship details to yourself-** A moment is meaningful even if you do not post about it.
6. **Don't be cryptic-** Be up front with what you are posting about. This eliminates the readers need to guess or fill in with their own thoughts.
7. **Quit complaining-** By posting a complaint, will it help me feel better or make the problem worse?
8. **Curate your photos-** Don't post pictures you would not want a loved one to see aka grandma, parent etc. Be cautious if you are posting pictures that include friends too.
9. **Change your settings-** Make sure only people you know and want can see your posts.
10. **Post Smart!** Spread kindness and friendship with what you post!

Top 10 list taken from www.commonsense.org

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Maquoketa Valley Activity Calendar

This can be found on the website. Please check that for all activities. Cancellations will be updated on the Maquoketa Valley Website.



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.

Join us at the next Fine Arts Booster Meeting,

Wednesday, Feb 8th, @ 6:00 PM in the HS

Cafeteria and see what we are all about!!

Athletic Boosters Need YOU!!!

The Maquoketa Valley Athletic Boosters are looking for members who would like to be involved in helping organize and run our events. The Athletic Boosters meet the **first Sunday of every month** at 6:30 p.m. in the high school commons. Please consider sharing your time & talents so that we may continue to provide the needed assistance to our athletic programs.

Use of Video Cameras

The Maquoketa Valley Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior to maintain order on the school buses to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary for use in a student disciplinary proceeding or other matter as determined necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

LOOKING for KINDERGARTNERS

We ask your assistance in compiling our list of children that will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2022. Remember a child must be five years old on/before September 15, 2022 in order to be eligible to attend Kindergarten or Junior Kindergarten next fall. All of our Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten students attend school at Earlville Elementary. Please list your own youngster and those of any of your friends or neighbors you believe may have not received this newsletter form. Please complete the form and drop it off or mail it to Maquoketa Valley Schools, 226 Prospect Street Earlville, IA 52041. Thank you!

Child's first name _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Boy or Girl (circle one)

Date of Birth _____ Daycare provider _____

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Email _____



LOOKING for 4-Year Olds

We also need your assistance in compiling a list of children that will be FOUR years old on/before September 15, 2022 in order to be eligible for Maquoketa Valley's Pre-School program to start next fall. All of our Pre-School students attend school at Earlville Elementary. Please list your own youngster and if you know of any other families that have a 4-year-old, please contact them. Simply complete this form and drop it off or mail it to Maquoketa Valley Schools, 226 Prospect Street, Earlville, IA 52041. Thank you!

Child's first name _____ Middle _____ Last _____ Boy or Girl (circle one)

Date of Birth _____ Daycare provider _____

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1st Annual MV Athletic Booster GALA Wildcat Athletics Fundraiser

Event Location; Rustic Creek .

5:00 -6:00 Happy Hour.

6:00-7:00 Meal and Trivia.

7:00 - 8:00 Speakers; The Voices of the Hawkeyes.

8:00 - 9:00 Silent and Live Auction.

9:00- 11:00 DJ/Drinks/Dance.

MENU

Five course meal,
featuring carved
roast beef or
roasted chicken.
Specialty cupcakes
for dessert.

Featured Speakers:

Gary Dolphin
Bobby Hansen
John Swisher

Semi-Formal Dress

April 9th, 2022



\$40 - Seat and Catered Meal.

\$240 - Table of 6 and Catered Meals.

\$320 - Table of 8 and Catered Meals.

Tickets can be purchased online, hs office, or
concession stand.



FEBRUARY 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 MAC & CHEESE WG CINNAMON ROLL YOGURT LETTUCE PEAS APPLES BLUEBERRIES SAUSAGE/EGG/BISCUIT	2 OUT AT 2:05 PM PANCAKES SAUSAGE SMILEY POTATOES ORANGES PANCAKE ON A STICK	3 CHICKEN NUGGETS WG DINNER ROLL (9-12) MASHED POTATOES CHICKEN GRAVY CORN PEACHES LONG JOHN	4 PIZZA WG BREADSTICK MARINARA LETTUCE TOMATOES STRAW. APPLESAUCE COMBO ON WG BUN
7 CHICKEN PATTY ON WG BUN POTATO TRIANGLE CORN PEARS PANCAKES/SAUSAGE	8 TACO SALAD REFRIED BEANS GREEN BEANS TOMATOES RICE MAND. ORANGES WG CINNAMON ROLL	9 OUT AT 2:05 PM MAIDRITE ON WG BUN STEAK FRIES BAKED BEANS PEACHES COOKIE FRENCH TOAST	10 PIZZA POCKET LETTUCE CHEESY BROCCOLI FRESH PINEAPPLE SAUSAGE EGG BISCUIT	11 MEATBALL SUB CURLY FRIES CARROTS/CELERY SIDEKICK BREAKFAST CHOICE
14 TETRAZZINI WG GARLIC BREADSTICK LETTUCE PEAS STRAWBERRIES COOKIE PANCAKE ON A STICK	15 DELI HAM/CHEESE SUN CHIPS CARROTS TOMATOES/CUCS APPLESAUCE COMBO ON WG BUN	16 OUT AT 2:05 PM BBQ PORK ON WG BUN CHEESY POTATOES BAKED BEANS COLESLAW APPLESAUCE OMELET CROISSANT	17 WG PIG IN BLANKET POTATO SMILES SAVORY CARROTS TROPICAL FRUIT BREAKFAST PIZZA	18 LASAGNA SOUP BOSCO STICK CARROTS/CELERY PEARS WAFFLES
21 NO SCHOOL TODAY	22 CHICKEN POPPERS WAFFLE FRIES CORN MIXED FRUIT CHERRY TURNOVER BAR LONG JOHN	23 OUT AT 2:05 PM GARLIC CHEESE BREAD LETTUCE PEAS & CARROTS STRAWBERRIES PANCAKES & SAUSAGE	24 CHICKEN FAJITA REFRIED BEANS RED PEPPER STRIPS GREEN BEANS RICE MAND. ORANGES SAUSAGE EGG BISCUIT	25 PIZZA WG. BREADSTICK MARINARA LETTUCE TOMATOES PEACHES BREAKFAST CHOICE
28 SUB ON WG BUN FRENCH FRIES CARROTS/CELERY CRAISINS APPLES COMBO ON WG BUN		PARENTS: YOUR CHILD CAN RECEIVE 1 FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH EVERYDAY THIS SCHOOL YEAR. STRING CHEESE, EXTRA MILK AND SECONDS (EXTRA LUNCH ENTREE) COST YOU THE PARENT.	ATTENTION PARENTS: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP A POSITIVE BALANCE IN YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT AT ALL TIMES. (9-12) = HS ONLY WG= WHOLE GRAIN	THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER EVERY MEAL IS SERVED WITH A 8 OZ. MILK ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANYTIME.

DUE TO SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS, ITEMS ON MENU MAY CHANGE AT ANYTIME. THANKS FOR UNDERSTANDING.