

Superintendent's Notes

by Mike Davis

Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten Will Be Full Time in 2014-15

The Sterling preschool and prekindergarten will be full time five days a week with the same school day as the elementary. Ms. Jenna Garton has been hired to replace Mrs. Eilers, who is retiring after 46 years!

At their May meeting the State School Board is expected to approve the Sterling Pre-School Expansion Grant application. This funding will be \$60,000 per year for three years and will allow the school to offer this expanded program to 3 and 4 year olds. Space will be limited, so resident students will be given first priority with option students allowed if room is still available. Please spread this message and contact me ASAP.

Ms. Garton is a graduate of Beatrice High School and Peru State College. She did her student teaching at Lincoln Elementary in Beatrice the fall of 2011. Jenna graduated from Peru State College in December 2011. In addition to her student teaching experience, she has been an infant room teacher in Mitchell, SD; a nanny in College Station, TX; an instructor for SCC's summer camps in Beatrice; and a substitute teacher in the area schools. Jenna recently moved back to the area and is excited to call Nebraska home once again!



Air Quality Project

The Board of Education approved making some much needed improvements to the air quality of the school. Code calls for 15 cubic feet per minute (cfm) of outside air per person, the minimum for school classrooms, as established by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. You can find out more information at this site: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/schooldesign/hvac.html>

The original design for the 2005 High School Building called for a larger unit for the fresh air intake system. This project will increase the size of the fresh air unit which will increase the amount of fresh air that is needed for both the elementary and the high school, cool/dehumidify or heat this fresh air. Reducing the humidity will lower the risk of mold establishment and will make the classrooms more comfortable for students and staff. This unit will reduce the cycle run times of existing heat pumps in classrooms and thereby extending their life. This increase in fresh air quantity will then meet code.

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This project also updates the heating equipment for the gym, locker rooms, kitchen and cafeteria. The current boiler is 35+ years old and will be replaced with a more efficient and reliable new dual boiler system. To complete the fresh air requirements for the gym, locker rooms, kitchen and cafeteria a new duct system with fresh air intake in the gym will be installed. This new fresh air unit will provide air conditioning in the gymnasium and complete the entire building to establish a positive pressurization to not allow the infiltration of unconditioned outdoor air!

This summer is the time to do this project to take advantage of near record low interest rates and the cost can be spread economically over 10 years. The new equipment has 20-30 year expected useful life.

6th Grade Moving Back to Elementary

The 6th grade will be moving into the Elementary next fall. Plans are underway to departmentalize the 4th, 5th and 6th grades with Mr. Matt Markowski, Mrs. Kate Agena and Mr. Luke Boldt.

Title One Program

The K-6 elementary students will be getting extra assistance from the Title One Program next fall in the areas of reading and math. Teresa Trauernicht will be in charge of this program and will be getting help part time from Allison Zwygart, Jodi Krause and Karla Daehling.

Special Education Program

The special education program will be under the direction of Jodi Krause for K-6 and Sandy Weyers for 7-12. The para professionals who will be assisting them continue to be Trudy Hunt, DeeDee Phillips, Janet Heusman and Renae Kinney.

Sterling FFA Meats Team Placed 5th at the State Contest

Placing 5th at the State FFA Contests in Lincoln was the Sterling FFA Meats Team of Thomas Tucker, Austin Buss, Micah Erickson and Erika Eckhardt out of the 86 teams competing! Shown in the picture are the team members studying retail cuts of meat at the SunMart grocery store in Beatrice. There were 335 contestants and 178 received ribbons. The ribbon placing are purple, blue, red and white with the top 34 earning purple ribbons. Sterling FFA members receiving a purple ribbon and their placing were Erika – 14th, Micah – 20th and Thomas – 34th. Placing with one of the top blue ribbons was Austin – 44th.



From Principal Theobald's Desk



With another year almost in the books, this is a good time to reflect back on our school vision statement, which is: **All Sterling Public School students will achieve their full potential.** While this can be somewhat tough to measure, I can tell you that our students have been very successful this year in both the academic and extracurricular venues. This can be contributed to a great staff, hard working kids and a supportive community. The fact that we all have high expectations for our students can be partly attributed to our success. As we do close out the year, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve the district this past year and I hope that you all have a relaxing summer. With that being said, here are a few final items that I would like to emphasize.

1. Student of the Month. Our high school student of the month for the month of March is Erika Goracke. Erika is the daughter of Brad and Rachel Goracke. Our middle school student of the month is Ben Hier. Ben is the son of Dan and Sara Hier. Our high school student of the month for the month of April Micah Erickson. Micah is the son of Jim and Mary Erickson. Our middle school student of the month is Carly Wenzl. Carly is the daughter of Jim Wenzl and Sonja Wenzl. These four students are great kids who always put forth their best effort, whether in the classroom or while they are participating in an extracurricular activity.

2. One School One Book. Students in grades K-5 completed their first cycle of the One School One Book program on Friday, May 2nd, by watching the movie version of the book, *Because of Winn-Dixie*. This program seemed to be very successful and we as an elementary staff are looking at continuing this program into next year. If you are a parent of an elementary student, your child should be bringing home a brief survey regarding this program. We value your input and will use that information as we proceed into next year. Please take the time to fill this out. You may send your completed survey back to school with your child.

3. Awards Night. The annual Awards Night will be held on Monday, May 5th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. This is a time for teachers, coaches and sponsors to recognize their students for their outstanding achievements from this past year. This night also doubles as the induction ceremony for those students who will be welcomed into the National Honor Society. The program will conclude with the coronation ceremony and a dessert bar. As this is a semi-formal event, I would ask that parents please encourage your student to dress as such. We as a staff would prefer not to see shorts, t-shirts and flip flops.

4. Graduation. Graduation will take place on Saturday, May 10, 2014. The ceremony will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. This group of students are ready to close yet another chapter in their book of life and are anxious to turn the page to the next adventure. Please come and help send this class off if your schedule will allow it. Good Luck and Best Wishes to the Sterling Senior Class of 2014!

5. End of the Year. Semester testing for students in grades 6-11 will take place on May 20th and 21st. The last day of school will be May 22nd, with a noon dismissal. This will be for all students in grades 1 through 11. We will not be serving breakfast or lunch on this day. The kindergarten class will be having a graduation ceremony on May 21st beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the gym. This will be the last day for kindergarten students.

As always, if you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

GO JETS!!!

The Class of 2014

Kody Benson

College: Northeast Community College Major: Agriculture

Bailey Bessey

*College: SCC-Milford Major: Precision Machining & Automation
Technology & Manufacturing Engineering Technology*

Tara Hestermann

*College: UNL
Major: Animal Science, with an emphasis in Pre-Veterinary Medicine*

Kale Heusman

*College: SCC-Milford Major: Diesel Truck Technology
& Diesel Ag Equipment Service Technology*

Terrell Hobbs

College: Undecided

Derek Julian

College: Peru State College Major: Exercise Science

Jordan Lempka

*College: Midland University
Major: Exercise Science, with minors in Business & Nutrition*

Chelsea McDonald

College: SCC-Beatrice Major: Human Services/Counseling

Stasia Nielsen

College: UNL Major: Pre-Dental Hygiene, with minor in Business

Jesse Phillips

*College: SCC-Beatrice or Peru State College
Major: Undecided at this time*

Kayla Reed

*College: SCC-Beatrice
Major: Academic Transfer (Animal Science)*

Brielle Salberg

Life Skills Transitional Program at ESU#4 Learning Center

Sarah Scamehorn

*College: Concordia University
Major: Elementary/Special Education*

Wendolyn Sterkel

College: SCC-Lincoln Major: Journalism, minor Cultural Studies

Trey Trauernicht

College: SCC-Beatrice Major: Welding/Agriculture

Christopher Wenzl

College: SCC-Milford Major: Energy Generation Technology

Matthew Wirthele

College: Peru State College Major: History

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE CLASS OF 2014
AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR
FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

From the Desk of the Athletic Director

by Brent Heusman

We are closing in on the end of the 2013-14 sports season. The weather has cooperated this spring and we have seen some outstanding results from our track athletes. Both the Junior High and High School track teams have finished in the top 3 at most of their meets. Look for individual and team results at the completion of the track season. The Junior High and High School quiz bowl teams have wrapped up their seasons, and vocal and instrumental students competed at the Mudecas and District Music competitions at JCC. The High School District track meet is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, in Auburn. Athletes qualifying for state will participate at the State Track Meet in Omaha at Burke Stadium on May 23-24.

MUDECAS Music Competition

Division I

Piano Solo – Hannah Jasa
Vocal Solo – Megan Barber
Vocal Solo – Wendy Sterkel
Vocal Solo – Erika Goracke

Division II

Vocal Solo – Kari Hansen
Vocal Solo – Marah Hestermann
Vocal Solo – Jordan Lempka
Vocal Solo – Trisha Vermeer
Girls Duet – Megan Barber/Sarah Scamehorn
Girls Duet – Becky Williams/Sarah Scamehorn
Girls Duet – Megan Barber/Jordan Lempka
Girls Trio – Megan Barber/Jordan Lempka/
Tara Hestermann
Mixed Duet – Meri Hietbrink/Ben Logston
Girls Misc. Ens. – Sophomore Girls
Piano Solo – Micah Erickson
Piano Solo – Austin Buss
Band

Division III

Concert Choir

District Music Competition

Division I

Tuba Duet – Micah Erickson/Thomas Tucker
Girls Vocal - Freshman
Vocal Solo – Jordan Lempka
Vocal Solo – Wendy Sterkel
Vocal Solo – Megan Barber
Girls Duet – Megan Barber/Sarah Scamehorn
Piano Duet – Micah Erickson/Austin Buss

Division II

Concert Band
Concert Choir
Vocal Solo – Erika Goracke
Vocal Solo – Kari Hansen
Vocal Solo – Marah Hestermann
Vocal Solo – Trisha Vermeer
Mixed Duet – Meri Hietbrink/Ben Logston
Girls Duet – Becky Williams/Sarah Scamehorn
Girls Misc. Ens. – Sophomore Girls
Girls Trio – Megan Barber/Jordan Lempka/
Tara Hestermann

Scale: I – Superior, II – Excellent, III – Good,
IV – Fair, V – Poor

The **LAST ACT TEST DATE** of the
2013-14 school year will be the following:

Saturday, June 14th.

Registration deadline is Friday, May 9th.

Ag Econ Trip

The Sterling High Ag Econ Class - Matt Wirthle, Jesse Phillips, Kody Benson, Trey Trauernicht and Derek Julian - made their annual trip to Chicago on March 20-22. This activity is designed for the students to see how agricultural prices are set by the CBOT as they actually get to be on the floor of the exchange due to our relationship with FC Stone LLC.

Our trip began with an early morning flight to Chicago and the experience of riding the subway to our hotel in downtown Chicago. The students then directed our way to the Museum of Science and Industry where they toured a WW II German sub and various other exhibits. We then checked into our hotel and enjoyed a traditional Italian meal at VOLARE.



The second day was all about the CBOT as we were on the exchange floor at 8:30 am for the opening bell. It is not quite as hectic as it was 10 years ago as electronic trading has taken many of the jobs of the over 10,000 traders which is now numbered at about 3,000. It is FC Stone's prediction that electronic trading will become the norm in the near future. Our hosts always look forward to the students from Nebraska and as you can see by the pictures these young men made our school proud by how they dressed and conducted themselves!

The group then toured the Federal Reserve after which we went to the Signature Room atop the Hancock Building for lunch. This restaurant is on the 95th floor so it was lunch with a view. The remainder of the day was spent enjoying the city of Chicago at the Navy Pier and seeing the many unique buildings. We returned home on Saturday. We would like to thank Greg Carpenter and Pioneer International for helping to sponsor our trip as it is a once in a lifetime experience for our students at Sterling High.

Arlo Wusk Sponsor

Capitol Forum

Jordan Lempka, Tara Hestermann, Ben Logston and Meri Hietbrink were selected to attend the 16th Annual Capitol Forum on America's Future. 25 schools throughout Nebraska are selected each year to participate in mapping out the future direction our Federal Government should take in the coming year in dealing with international relations.

The opening for the Forum was held in the



Capitol Forum continued

Warner Chambers in the State Capitol as the group was welcomed by Governor Dave Heineman and Secretary of State John Gale. Students were then directed to their break-out sessions where they deliberated on the topics of nuclear proliferation, terrorism, immigration, global environment and international trade. The next session was the preparation for the four futures in deciding which path our nation should take in the upcoming year. The outcome of that the students decided upon was that the USA should be more cooperative with other nations of the world.

The final event of the day was a question and answer session with our Congressmen Adrian Smith and Lee Terry via video conference. The day concluded with a tour of the Governors Mansion.

Arlo Wusk, Sponsor



Sterling SkillsUSA State Winners

Ben Logston Becomes State Officer and Nine Qualify for Nationals.



Do you need some work done?

SkillsUSA would be happy to help. From Odd Jobs to Special Jobs this group of young people would like to help. If you are interested please contact Chris Salberg or the school office at 866-4761 .

Sterling's Girls State Representative



Rebecca Williams of Sterling, sponsored by the Sterling Women's Auxiliary will join other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Girl's State, June 1-7, 2014, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Sandoz Residence Hall.

Becky is a junior at Sterling Public Schools. She is involved in band, vocal music, SkillsUSA, competitive speech, volleyball, basketball, track, and National Honor Society. She has been a consistent Honor Roll student through her junior high and high school years. She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic of St. Mary, Nebraska. She is the daughter of Jim and Susan Williams of Sterling.

The American Legion Auxiliary developed a citizenship training program based on the formation of the American Legion's Boys State program. This program offers training in the positive processes of self-government and good citizenship as practiced in democratic societies.

Girls State began as one and two day sessions in the late 1930's. In 1939, Girls State was altered to make it a week-long government education program. Since 1948, it has been a regular part of the Auxiliary's Americanism curriculum.

The program is funded by the American Legion Auxiliary with some additional support coming from other civic and non-profit organizations. Little or no expense is required of the delegates and her family.

Each summer approximately 25,000 young women participate in Girls State sessions across the nation. At Girls State, the delegates study local, county, and state government. The girls do this by setting up their own miniature city, county, and state governments and administer them according to the rules and procedures set by Nebraska's laws.

After arriving at Cornhusker Girls State, the citizens are divided into 12 towns named after the Presidents of the United States. The citizens are also divided into two political parties -- the Federalists and the Nationalists. These parties do not reflect the two major political parties in today's system of government. The parties allow citizens to gain knowledge of how a two-party system operates.

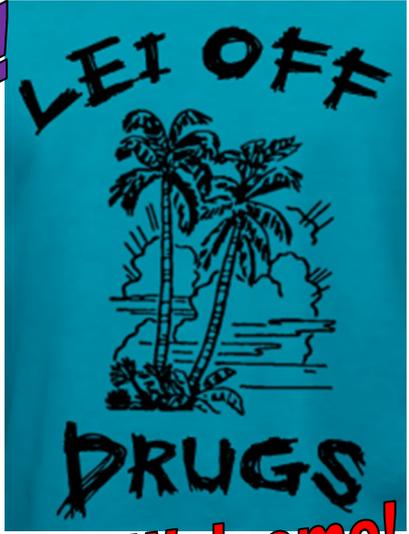
Girls State citizens participate in these mock political parties and elections are held to fill city, county, and state positions. Other activities include legislative sessions, campaigning, party rallies, mock trials, and debating. The citizens also receive instruction in Parliamentary Procedure.



Meri Beth Hietbrink of Sterling, will be representing Unit 334 from Dav-enport, Nebraska and will join other high school juniors from across Nebraska participating in the American Legion Cornhusker Girl's State, June 1-7, 2014, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Sandoz Residence Hall.

Meri is a junior at Sterling Public Schools. She has been a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 16 years. She is involved in band, vocal music, SkillsUSA, competitive speech, C.A.N., and National Honor Society. She has been a consistent Honor Roll student through her junior high and high school years. She is a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Burr, Nebraska. Meri is the daughter of Ruth and Dan Hiet-brink of Sterling.

Games! **Johnson County** **Prizes!**
CAN Coalition
2014 Drug-Free Walk
Sunday, May 18, 2014
Sterling Park
1:00-3:00 pm



Free Food! **Everyone is Welcome!**

Middle School & High School Honor Roll
Third Quarter

HONOR ROLL OF DISTINCTION

(students receiving an overall average of 93% or above, with no grade lower than 90%)

<u>6th Grade</u>	Cameron VanGroningen	<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>11th Grade</u>
Joel Rathe	Carly Wenzl	Austin Buss	Jasmine Eickhoff
Colby Thies	Malayna Wingert	Taylor Cockerill	Benjamin Logston
Torie Tucker		Micah Erickson	Tanner Shea
MaKayla Vermeer	<u>8th Grade</u>		Nathan Thies
	Heidi Eckhardt	<u>10th Grade</u>	
<u>7th Grade</u>	Zachary Scamehorn	Erika Eckhardt	<u>12th Grade</u>
Caleb Dolbow	Daniel Schwenneker	Erika Goracke	Bailey Bessey
Morgan Haner	Mae Stark	Hannah Jasa	Tara Hestermann
Nicole Harms	Talia Vermeer	Thomas Tucker	Derek Julian
			Sarah Scamehorn

HONOR ROLL

(students receiving an overall average of 90% or above, with no grade lower than 85%)

<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>10th Grade</u>
Tristan Dirks	Benjamin Hier	Alisha Fisher	Marah Hestermann
Logan Jasa	Sheanna Stolz	Sydney Goracke	
		Valerie Keim	<u>11th Grade</u>
			Rebecca Williams



Prom Royalty 2014

*Queen Brielle Salberg
& King Trey Trauernicht*

Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday

May 21

2:00 p.m.

School Gym



2014 STERLING HIGH ALUMNI BANQUET

Sterling High School Gymnasium

May 25, 2014

5:00p.m. Social Time * 5:30p.m. Banquet

For advanced registration, please mail this registration form and your payment to the following address no later than May 19th:

Sterling Alumni Association

c/o Ann Parrish

380 Greenwood Ave, Sterling, NE 68443

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Sterling High Class of: _____

Number of Advanced Meal Ticket (s): _____ at \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Tickets available at the door for \$12.00 each.

storytime At the LIBRARY

Dates: Tuesday - July 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd

Times: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Ages: 4 – 10 year olds

Place: Town Library on Main Street

Hosted By: Abby Heusman



Each time we meet, we will plan to share a few books and do a small craft related to the stories. We will also learn a little bit about the library. Parents do not have to stay for this hour but please be prepared to pick them up at 3:00.

Please use the below portion to RSVP your spot for supply purposes, but drop-ins are welcome. Please return your RSVP to your classroom teacher.

Child's Name

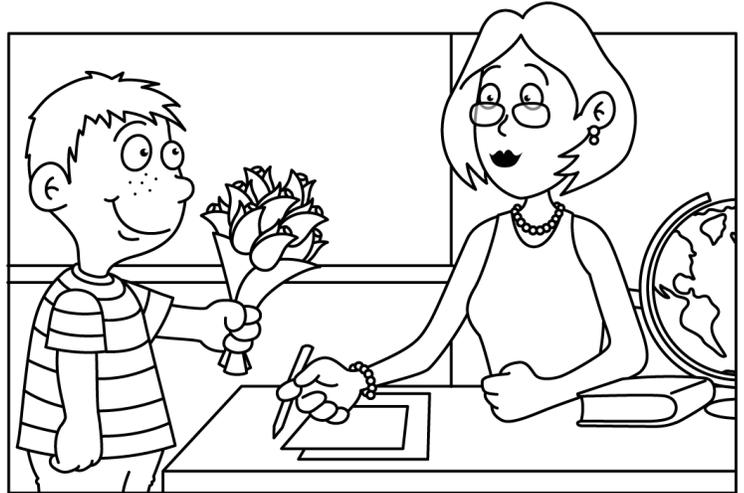
Parents Signature

My son/daughter is _____ years old and they will be attending summer story hour at the town library.

ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>The calendar is subject to change.</i>				1 5th Gr. Safety Field Trip to Tecumseh 6-12 Vocal/Band Large Groups Spring Concert 7:00 p.m.	2 FFA Spring Banquet 6 p.m.	3 Pioneer Conf. TR HS. @ Auburn 9 am
4 <i>C.A.N. Fun Walk City Park</i> 1-3 p.m.	5 Spanish Fiesta in gym 4th Gr. Field Trip to Lincoln - Capitol Awards Night 7:00 p.m. in gym	6 Freeman Invite @ Crete - Doane 9 a.m.	7	8 <i>Seniors Last Day</i>	9	10 JH Pioneer Conf. TR @ Pawnee City 9 am GRADUATION 4 p.m. in Gym
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 <i>Rescheduled</i> Lewiston JH Track Meet @ Pawnee City 9:30 a.m.	13 Elementary Spring Concert - 7 p.m.	14 D1- DISTRICT TRACK @ Auburn 11 a.m.	15 K-2nd Grade Field Trip to Lincoln Children's Zoo	16	17
18	19 School Board 7:30 p.m.	20 SEMESTER TESTING	21 SEMESTER TESTING Kindergarten Graduation - 2 p.m.	22 <i>End of 4th Qtr.</i> Students Last Day of School NOON Pre-School Graduation 7:30 pm	23	24
25 Alumni Banquet 5 p.m. Social Hour 5:30 p.m. Banquet	26 Memorial Day Dinner in the school gym and cafeteria	27 Mary Lou's Recital School gym Dress Rehearsal 3-4 pm Recital - 7:30 pm	28	29	30	31
Drivers Education Class - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.						

MAY 2014 MENUS



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

<p><i>Menus subject to change without notice.</i></p>	<p>WG - whole grain Swt. ff - sweet potato french fries</p> <p>Extra whole sandwich .90 Half a sandwich .45</p>	<p><i>A variety of fruits and vegetables are offered with every meal</i></p>	<p>1 B-Toaster Pastry or Cereal/WG Muffin, fruit, milk L-Nachos w/cheese sauce or bean dip, peas, celery w/peanut butter, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>2 B-Scrambled Eggs, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast juice, milk L-Pork Rib Patty or BBQ Shredded Pork, ff and/or swt. ff., broccoli w/cheese, pears</p>
<p>5 B-French Toast Sticks, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L-Tacos, peas, celery w/peanut butter, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>6 B- Cereal, WG Toast, juice, milk L-Chicken Nuggets or Chicken Tenders, mashed potatoes w/gravy, corn, peaches</p>	<p>7 B-Omelet, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast, juice, milk L-Spaghetti, green beans, wg garlic bread, pears</p>	<p>8 B-Waffles, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, fruit, milk L-Submarines, glazed carrots, gelatin, applesauce</p>	<p>9 B-Breakfast Bar or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Sloppy Joes, ff. and/or swt. ff, romaine lettuce salad, mixed fruit</p>
<p>12 B-Egg Taco or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, breadsticks, pineapple tidbits</p>	<p>13 B-French Toast Sticks, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, fruit, milk L-Chicken & Noodles, peas, bread & margarine, peaches</p>	<p>14 B - Cereal, WG Toast, juice, milk L-Hamburger, ff and/or swt. ff, tomatoes, pears</p>	<p>15 B-Omelet, WG Toast or Cereal/WG Toast, fruit, milk L-Potato Bake, ham or tuna salad sandwich, string cheese, mandarin oranges</p>	<p>16 B-Toaster Pastry or Cereal/WG Muffin, juice, milk L-Burrito or Chicken Fajita, corn, chips w/salsa, applesauce</p>
<p>19 B-Bagel, Cream Cheese or Cereal/Bagel, juice, milk L-Cook's Choice, peas, tator gems and/or swt. tator gems, peaches</p>	<p>20 B-Sausage Gravy Over Biscuits or Cereal/Sausage, fruit, milk L-Goulash, green beans, wg tea rolls w/jelly, applesauce</p>	<p>21 B-WG Pancakes, Sausage or Cereal/Sausage, juice, milk L-Mini Corn Dogs, corn, romaine lettuce salad, mixed fruit</p>	<p>22 NO MEALS SERVED Last Day</p>	<p><i>USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer</i></p>

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*Please Note That Any Changes or
Updates of Schedules will be
Posted on the School Website*

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Upcoming Events

Monday, May 5 - Awards Night - 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 - Graduation - 4 p.m.