



BOXHOLDER Spring 2018 Newsletter

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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

A big thank you to the student coordinators, the LEO Club, Student Council, IGHS students, IGHS staff and community members for yet another successful blood drive on Wednesday March 14th. We were able to collect 64 units. We have collected 135 units for this school year and have potentially saved 405 lives. At the next blood drive, we are hoping to collect at least 66 units to reach our goal of obtaining \$2,500 in scholarship monies from the Red Cross.

Iowa-Grant hopes to see you at the next blood drive which is scheduled for May 9th from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Thank you once again for sponsoring this life-saving cause!

FRIENDLY REMINDER!

The Iowa-Grant School District offers a healthy breakfast at each school daily for our students and staff! Cost: \$1.50 for Early Childhood and 4K-Grade 4; \$1.60 for Grades 5-12; \$.30 for students who qualify for reduced meals; Free to students who qualify for free meals; \$2.30 for Adults



Did you know that you may already be a member!? That's right, if your student is in band or choir you ARE a Music Parent. Let your voice be heard!

Consider giving a hand to your student's music program. We need new faces! Any way you look at it, your child's music program is a force for good: for students, the school, the community and beyond.

Meetings are held the third Monday of most months at 6 PM in the HS Band room. Our next meeting will be April 16th! See you there!

Dear District Residents:

This year seems to have fown by. We are entering the spring sports season and are already planning for summer school. We have our fingers crossed for no more snow and ice! We also hope that baseball, softball, and golf can get through their seasons with a minimal number of cancellations and postponements.

Thank you for your support of the Iowa-Grant School District. This is shown in so many ways: through parent organizations and fundraising events, adult volunteers in school activities, support of the referendum last year, and the continuing support of our students at home and in their school work. We are lucky to have such supportive communities.

In terms of our district facility projects for the summer, we really only have two...the IGEMS roof resurfacing and security door installations. We have preliminary quotes for the door system and will receive updates soon. We hope to have installation completed by mid-summer. We expect to receive bids for the roof work by April 9th with a start date of July 2. Asphalt and drainage projects will be the facility maintenance priorities for 2019.

Switching to recent state budget issues, the Governor has approved an increase in the revenue limit increase for districts currently spending \$9100 per student. The bill also included a \$100/student increase in sparsity aid. Iowa-Grant will be a recipient of the sparsity aid increase. Thank you to our assembly and senate representatives, Howard Marklein, Travis Tranel, and Todd Novak, for advocating for this to benefit rural districts. This will create a state aid additional benefit for

the IG district of \$400/student or about \$300,000 for next year.

The governor and legislature are currently working on a school safety bills to address security needs of Wisconsin schools. The proposal is currently at \$100M. This is made possible due to the revenue surplus that exists this year. Provisions and parameters are being discussed with some proposals being prescriptive in that the money could only be used for certain things or as a categorical aid that could be used as a district sees fit given their particular security needs. This is only a one year provision at this point. Districts really need an ongoing commitment of funds to address larger building renovation issues or to address a series of needs that could take several years to accomplish. Many schools in Wisconsin and the country were built prior to security concerns and must be structurally renovated to provide secure and separated entries, zone locking systems, cameras, etc. We hope that the federal education department will provide some ongoing support for these endeavors.

As most of you are aware, I will be retiring at the end of June. I could not have asked for a better place than Iowa-Grant to end my nearly 40-year career in education. When I first accepted this position as the superintendent, I promised that board of education that I would commit to a five-year tenure. It will, in fact, be seven years that I have served as the District Administrator for Iowa-Grant. Within the first few weeks of being on the job here, it already felt like home. The teachers, the Board, and the staff have been wonderful to work with. I have always looked forward to coming to school, and I will miss the opportunity to interact with such fine people on a

daily basis.

I would also like to thank all of the board members who have served since 2011. These board members have always been supportive of the students, teachers, staff, parents, and administrators. They have taken their roles seriously and have given unstintingly of their time to do their best for this district.

Teachers and staff have given generously of their time and hearts to see that all of students and families feel welcomed and cared for. Iowa-Grant has a reputation of providing an atmosphere that is accommodating and supportive. This is not an easy reputation to live up to, but teachers and staff members have done it consistently. Through them we have been able to actually live the "Whole Child Philosophy" which is so necessary to achieving our mission of having every child achieve to their potential.

I would be remiss if I did not express my appreciation and respect for the very supportive communities that make up the Iowa-Grant School District. Of the three districts in which I have worked, the Iowa-Grant communities stand out in their avid support for the schools.

I can positively say that we at Iowa-Grant strive to provide the best possible education for the students in this school district. We do not believe that enjoying a rural life should be a limiting factor in a child's education or in their future. While I am looking forward to retirement, I know that I will miss the students, staff, and all of those with whom I have worked over the last seven years.

Linda Erickson
Superintendent

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Principals Corner:

We are quickly moving towards the end of the year and we have a lot of things going at the high school. As the third quarter winds down and the fourth quarter begins April 2nd, we must stress the importance of finishing strong academically. Requiring good student attendance, insisting on punctuality, supporting teacher expectations and monitoring class work are significant ways parents help to ensure student success. Great communication is a necessity so please contact your child's teachers or myself if you have any questions. Parents are key elements in a student's success in school. Attendance often becomes an issue when spring weather rolls around. We need to work together to keep our students in school and focused on learning. Please stress the importance of attendance and continually check on your child's attendance, grades and schedule on PowerSchool. The students have accomplished a lot this school year and the district, parents, students and community members should be very proud.

I am very proud to announce our 2018 Valedictorian, Paul Connolly, and our Salutatorian, Easton Dobson. Please take time to congratulate these two individuals for their hard work and determination. As a class, the seniors have pushed themselves academically and in extra and co-curricular events. The seniors have a lot to be proud of and I will miss their leadership and character in the building next year. Also, the juniors just finished taking their ACT plus Writing and Workkeys exams on February 27th and 28th. Students and staff worked very hard preparing our students for this test and I would like to thank the students and staff for all the hard work they put in leading up to these exams.

On the sports side of things, the win-

ter sports season has wrapped up and spring sports have started. The girls' basketball team under the direction of Coach Dan Liddicoat finished their season in Kickapoo in the first round of the WIAA playoffs. They fought very hard and never quit. The season did not end how anyone would have liked but the girls finished strong and I am looking forward to next year. The boys' basketball team under the direction of Coach Ryan Hill also finished their season in Kickapoo. The boys played hard and gave everything they had. Coach Ryan Allan had 3 athletes qualify for the state wrestling tournament. These individuals were Brady Peat, Clayton Kite and Max Maylor. We had a very strong showing at State with both Brady and Max claiming state championships. Brady is the division 3 State Champion at 182 pounds and Max is the State Champion at 160 pounds. Congratulations to both of them and their accomplishments. The wrestling team had a great year and worked very hard. The cheerleaders under the direction of Mrs. Marcie Harwick finished up a great year and did a wonderful job cheering on our teams. The girls put a lot of time and effort into the season and should be commended for their hard work and dedication.

I want to also thank our pep band under the direction of Mrs. Heather Gile. They have done an outstanding job supporting our teams and bring that extra "something" to the games played. They sounded fantastic each night and helped make games special. Thank you to Mrs. Gile and the band students. I believe we have the best pep band in the area. Furthermore, I want to thank the student body and community members for attending our home and away games. The student and community support in the stands helps motivate those participating. Thank you to the athletes for all of your hard work and dedication.

Spring sports are on their way. Hopefully, the weather allows for the games/matches to be played in a timely fashion. Coaches Fulton, Riemenapp and Johannesen are working hard to prepare our athletes for the end of the year. I hope to see everyone this spring at our home softball and baseball games and also to see you at the area golf courses supporting our golf team.

Forensics and Solo-Ensemble are well on their way. We have many students that partake in these activities and it is a great representation of our school. These students put in many hours preparing for their events. Mrs. Rolli and Mrs. Richmond work very hard with our Forensic students and Mr. Zwick and Mrs. Gile have done a great job with our band and choir.

I would like to take this time to thank the Booster Club/Organizations and all those supporters of the District. Without the generosity of great organizations and people many projects would not be completed.

As the school year comes to an end, the calendar is full of events. Please make sure to pay attention to our website and Facebook page to keep up to date with all of the sporting events, banquets, ceremonies and senior events that are happening.

Please continue to be part of your child's education and stress the importance of respect, communication, integrity, attendance and working beyond capabilities and expectations. My office door is always open and please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Every day is a great day to be a Panther!

Chris Gotto
Principal/Athletic Director

BADGER BOYS/BADGER GIRLS SELECTION

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated as primary and alternate delegates to attend Badger Boys State at Ripon College and Badger Girls State at UW-Oshkosh Campus. Also a big thank you to the sponsors for their support to this program!

- Cobb – Sponsored by Royal Bank - **Nathan Daniels** (Primary) – Parent(s): Jarred Searls and Laura Daniels; **Ashton Miura** (Alternate) – Parent(s): Michael and Teri Spink
- Linden – Sponsored by Linden American Legion - **Hunter Silvers** (Primary) – Parent(s): Galen Silvers and Jamie Silvers; **Keaton Durni** (Alternate) – Parent(s): Jon Durni and Tracy Lawinger
- Livingston – Sponsored by Livingston Community Improvement Organization - **Alec Zimmer** (Primary) – Parent(s): Aaron and Rachel Zimmer
- Montfort – Sponsored by Montfort VFW – Post 9298 - **Parker Velte** (Primary) – Parent(s): Tim Velte and Lori Velte; **Ethan Rundell** (Alternate) – Parent(s): Ryan Rundell and Tisha Love-Godspeed
- Rewey – Sponsored by Community First Bank - **David Foust** (Primary) – Parent(s): Ben and Minetta Foust
- Cobb – Sponsored by Cobb American Legion Auxiliary and Cobb Lions Club – **Samantha Richards** (Primary) – Parent(s): Kyle Richards and Val Richards; **Trinity Spurley** (Alternate) – Parent(s): Jeremiah Norton and Shannon Spurley
- Linden – Sponsored by Linden American Legion Auxiliary - **Allyson Cullen** (Primary) – Parent(s): Ron Cullen and Tammy Rickard-Cullen; **Jasmine Wills**

(Alternate) – Parent(s): Daniel Palmer and Kourtnei Palmer

- Livingston – Sponsored by Collision Specialist SSE, Inc - **Haylee Casper** (Primary) – Parent(s): Doug and Shelly Casper
- Montfort – Sponsored by Montfort Public Library and Haase Service & Towing, LLC – **Lauren Harmening** (Primary) – Parent(s): Craig Jenkins and Kate Adametz-Jenkins
- Rewey – Sponsored by Iowa-Grant Lions Club - **Herolyn Klosterman** (Primary) – Parent(s): Lee and Shirley Klosterman; **Hope Grimm** (Alternate) – Parent(s): Jay Grimm and Rachele Juedes



SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to our 17-18 Second Quarter Honor Roll students for all your hard work!

Distinguished Honors Freshmen

Nicholas Connolly Ryan Esser
Luke Fillback Isaac Hill
Hazel Klosterman Elly Lindner
Lauren Linscheid Mya McCarthy
Taylor Runde Sage Soman
Brena Straka Brie Straka

Sophomores

Carter Christianson Sawyer Dobson
Olivia Liddicoat Sydney Lundell
Samantha McLeer Colin Steff

Juniors

Alexis Busse Haylee Casper
Madelyn Hunt Herolyn Klosterman
Samantha Richards Parker Velte

Seniors

Paul Connolly Easton Dobson
Rebecca Gorsline Andrew Johnson
Bailey Lindner Hannah Lindner
Kathryn Olson William Spurley

High Honors

Freshman

Avery Barrett Tatum Kite
Hannah Maughan Lucas Oyen

Sophomores

Isaac Albaugh Kenzie Oakes
Matthew Phillips Keagan Pilling
Jay Schaefer Joanna Spurley
Gabriel Vivian Matthew Winders

Juniors

Sarah Buckhaus Carter Grim
Lauren Harmening Dakota Kohlenberg
Thomas Maughan Alexis Miura
Kendall Peterson Ethan Rundell
Hunter Silvers Grayson Stivarius
Kylie Washburn

Seniors

Matthew Hill Brady Peat
Callie Rickard Carley Rider
Timothy Stoney

Honors

Freshmen

Grace Kite Jordan Shores
Andrew Winders

Sophomores

Faylea Cartwright Isabelle Harwick
Lane Shemak Michael Winders

Juniors

Sawyer Gough Parker Roth
Alec Zimmer

Seniors

Clayton Kite Kaleb Liddicoat
Shae McIntyre Rose Webster