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Superintendent

## District to Move Forward with Construction Updates

This summer the Woodward-Granger CSD will be taking on phase II of the voter approved General Obligation construction updates. Included in this phase of construction will be the addition of air conditioning in both the Early Learning Center and the Middle school along with some minor renovations to each of these facilities.

Both of these projects will go to bid sometime in March with a completion date for the fall of 2016 . School calendars may reflect a later starting date for the 2016-17 school year as contractors will need all the summer they can get to complete the estimated two million dollars plus worth of work that will be scheduled.

Once these projects are complete, the district will have satisfied all projects associated with the General Obligation language and will have one new and two updated buildings as a result. We thank the general public for supporting these improvements to our school district.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this article and / or the projects please contact Brad Anderson, Superintendent 1904 State Street Granger, Iowa 50109 PH: 515-999-8022 or at bradanderson@wghawks.school

## School Board Approves Extended Summer Daycare Program

At the regular school board meeting on January 18th the Woodward-Granger CSD Board of Director's approved the extension of the current Before and After School Program to include programming over the summer. The program will run from Tuesday May 31st with hours from 6:30a.m.-6:00 p.m. and will end prior to school beginning on August 29th.

No ages younger than 3 will be accepted and students will have had to participate in the W-G 3-year old program during the school year to be considered eligible. Additional ages accepted through 5th grade.

Cost for the summer daycare options will be $\$ 300$ for a half day, $\$ 600$ for the full day with drop-in rates of $\$ 20$ for halfday and $\$ 40$ for a full day respectively.

For more information please contact the Early Learning Center at (515) 999-8058 for details.

## Next Generation Science

## Standards to be Fully Implemented in 2018-19

The Next Generation Science Standards is the name of learning expectations in science for grades K-12 that all states can consider adopting and adapting to meet their needs. Twenty-six states, including Iowa, led the development of the Next Generation Science Standards, which refocus the way science is taught to help students truly grasp the subject and apply what they've learned.

In October 2014, the Iowa Department of Education convened a Science Standards Review Team in response to Gov. Branstad's Executive Order 83. The executive order called for a review of Iowa's academic standards, including public comment, to determine the content of, and to continually improve, the standards.

The team's charge was to review Iowa's science standards, as well as rigorous science standards from other states and organizations, and to make a recommendation for improvement. The team's recommendation followed six months of work in an open, transparent process that emphasized public input as well as the team's scientific expertise.

The board's vote was based on a state review team's recommendation that Iowa adopt the Next Generation Science Standards. The board accepted that recommendation and directed the Iowa Department of Education to develop a timeline and plan to help schools statewide put the new science standards into practice.

Iowa's implementation plan includes the current school year, in which districts are charged with developing a professional development plan to ensure all educators receive the training they need. By the 2018-19 school year, districts should have the science standards in place in the classroom.

The science standards reflect a change in both expectations and teaching practices. They allow students to think of science learning not as memorization of disconnected facts, but as a holistic understanding of integrated and interrelated concepts. Teaching practices are expected to connect scientific principles to real-world situations, allowing for more engaging and relevant instruction that clearly covers complicated topics. The science standards also build off one another from grade to grade.

To learn more check out: https:/ / iowacore.gov / content / iowa-core-science

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## High School

## DMACC Classes

Congratulations to our students who earn DMACC credit for first semester of the 2015-16 school year. 39 HS students earned 169 hours of college credit. A breakdown is below:

## \# of Students \# of Credit Hours

| 10th grade | 3 | 9 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 11th grade | 13 | 48 |
| 12th grade | 23 | 112 |

This means at least half of the senior class completed a college level course first semester.

## AED Donation

On Friday, January 22nd, representatives from John's Charity provided WGHS with two portable Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machines. John's Charity was founded by Steve and Jessica Gomke in honor of their son John. Over the past


6 years, John's Charity has provided 22 AEDs in schools in Dallas County, as well as surrounding counties. John's Charity host a golf tournament the 2nd weekend in June, as well as a 5 K race the 1st Saturday in October for financial support.

## Senior Parents

If you are the parent of a graduating senior, we need your help. In an attempt to honor the history of WGHS, if your son or daughter is a 3rd generation graduate of WGHS, we want to know. We would like to honor your senior and family at graduation. Here is an example:
Alyssa Bice
Class of 2018
Wayne Bice Bud Bice
Class of 1988 (Father)
Class of 1949 (Grandfather)

Kesley Bodensteiner Class of 2017 Allison Howell (Bice) Class of 1985 (Mother) Russell Bice Nylene York

Class of 1949 (Grandfather) Class of 1949 (Grandmother)

If your family lineage as graduates of WGHS goes back more than 3 generations, please include everyone. The hope is we have 3rd, 4th, 5th and further generations graduating from WGHS to celebrate.

## Winter Sports

152 lb . Race Brant is a man on a mission this year, being a 2 time State Qualifier his Sophomore \& Junior Season he knows what its like to make it to Wells, but this year is different he has surpassed 100 career victories @ 110 career wins so far with several matches still to come.....record this year is 42-5 with 22 pins.... has had a couple big wins here in last couple weeks over \#5 ranked Graeson Dall of Solon \& an impressive win beating \#3 Preston Dunn of Sergeant Bluff-Lutton $6-2$......as far as losses Race has had this year all have come to ranked wrestlers and been really close matches that could have went either way. I consider Race one of the hardest workers on team which helps lead all my younger wrestlers.....I'm excited for the next few weeks to see how he completes his mission.


## Winter Sports



## Elementary

## Goods and Services

Second graders have been learning about goods and services and how products get from the farm to the stores. We were very fortunate to have one of our community members, Mr. Ben Saunders from Wabi Sabi Farms in Granger, come and share information about the goods and services he provides. We learned about the process he needs to go through to get the crops he has. He also shared with the students how he gets his goods to the consumers. The kids were impressed with his farm and the fact that it is located in Granger!


The Wilkins' family welcomed a new addition to their family last week. Brayden Michael-James Wilkins was born on January 20th, at Methodist hospital in Des Moines at 1:30 in the morning. He weighed in at 6 lbs 13 oz , and is 20 inches long. The family returned home from the hospital on Saturday afternoon and everyone is doing well! Brayden joins his 2 year old sister Alexis as Derek and Jill's two children. The kids are already keeping the two of them busy throughout the day and night, and Alexis is excited about being a big sister and helping out with Brayden. She already loves to feed him, and thinks that she needs to hold him all of the time!


## Library News

During January, February and March we start seeing a lot more research and inquiry driven lessons in our classrooms, from the elementary grades all the way up through high school. Our district is fortunate to be able to take advantage of a multitude of resources purchased by Heartland AEA. These include subscriptions to information databases, clipart, video and ebook resources. Heartland has their own physical library we can check materials out from, as well as ebooks they have purchased. W-G also has a powerful search engine in its online catalog, Destiny. Destiny now features Universal Search as its portal for the elementary and high school libraries. From this one search page, students can access books in our physical library as well as

ebooks and databases, including free sites vetted for quality and appropriateness for schools. You can access Universal Search through this website: W-G online catalog: wg.follettdestiny.com

Conferences are right around the corner, which means the Scholastic Book Fair will be at the Elementary School. Mark your calendars for March 1 and 3, and plan to stop in to see the huge selection of books for PreK through Adults. We will also have teacher wish lists available if you would like to help stock your child's classroom libraries. Last fall's book fair was a huge success and we want to make this one even better, getting even more books into the hands of our students!


The snow flies, the temperatures drops, and everything tends to slow down this time of year, except the students and staff at Grandwood! After a successful beginning to the year, the 2 nd semester has arrived. The students will be learning through Community Learning Experiences, extracurricular activities, and hard work in the classroom.
Grandwood offers Community Learning Experiences (CLE) as a way to generalize skills learned at school to the community. It is one form of learning that makes us unique and the learning relevant to the students we serve. This month we will be going to an Iowa Energy basketball game, continue to develop coordination and leisure skills at Courage League Sports, and engage in friendly competition at Tiger Bowl in Madrid. In addition, some our students will be attending two fine arts programs, the Iowa State University symphony and a play at Stephens Auditorium in Ames.

Grandwood students are also actively participating in extracurricular activities via Special Olympics. Last month's hard work culminated with the Rockets playing games against the Woodward-Granger Middle School and Des Moines East. This month the Rockets will host a tournament at the WoodwardGranger Middle School on February 19. Specific details will be provided by Coaches McIntosh, Wade, and Skinner as they become available.
Finally, our students are working hard in the classroom, and that will be aided by new curriculum. Grandwood has purchased a sequential and topical math curriculum called AbleNet. The program covers elementary through high school. New social skills materials have also been added. The staff is very excited about the upgrades in curriculum.

The students and staff are looking forward to a busy month!

## Woodward-Granger Baseball

The W-G Baseball program is aggressively looking to "ramp" up their facilities at the high school baseball field in Granger. Over the past three years the program has generated funds from the district, Major League Baseball, several fundraising opportunities, several local grants that are offered, Senior projects and donations to the brick wall.
We are continuing ahead in our efforts this spring and summer to pave and turf the batting cage area, put up a fence to help with admission, and also we are taking a stronger look to make our facilities handicap accessible.

Our restroom facilities and bleachers are a main concern and we are looking to improve them to match our already great baseball field.
Please see our Brick Order form or contact the Hawks Dugout Club if you are interested in hearing more about our plans.
Email us at: hawksdugoutclub@gmail.com
Coach Evans


## Bricks for the Future and a Celebration of the Past

We would like to invite you to share with us in becoming a part of Woodward-Granger Hawks baseball history. To commemorate and celebrate our rich WG baseball history and tradition, we have constructed a wall of bricks which is a part of the baseball backstop at Woodward-Granger Hawks Field.

A commemorative $\mathbf{4 "} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{8}$ " single engraved brick is $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 0}$. They are a great way to recognize children, grandchildren, past players, families and friends. The bricks leave a lasting memory for those who follow.

An order form is provided below:
$1^{\text {st }}$ Line:
Option 1 (check one of the boxes): Gift By In Honor of In Memory of None

## OR

Option 2 (maximum of 14 characters):
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2nd Line (maximum of 14 characters):
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3rd Line (maximum of 14 characters):
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## Please make checks payable to: Woodward-Granger Baseball

Please return this order form with payment to:
Woodward-Granger Baseball
Atten: Eric Evans
306 W 3rd St
Woodward, IA 50276

## Woodward-Granger Baseball



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## District Speech Recap

On Saturday, January 23rd, 7 Woodward-Granger Speech Groups performed at Ballard High School for District Competition. 3 of the Groups were improvisation groups, who perform a random situation. All of the groups received division 2 ratings. 3 More of the groups were ensemble acting, which prepares and memorizes a script. They are not allowed to use costumes or props during the performance. The group "Taking It Off" received
a division 2 rating. Both the "Doctor and Kidney" and the "Ghost Hunters of Route 666" groups received a division 1 rating. Our last group was Readers' Theater, who performed "Magic Theater". They received a division 1 rating. The Three groups who received a division 1 rating will move on to state competition, which will be held at Waukee on February 6th. Congratulations and good luck!

State Qualifiers


Doctor and Kidney


Ghost Hunters of Route 666


Magic Theater



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Fill up on colorful fruits and veggies

Woodward-Granger Early Learning Center

In addition to our daily entrée choices, we also offer a sandwich and/or salad

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | VEDNESD | THURSD | FRID |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| French Toast Sticks (1) Warm Cinnamon Apple Slices Ham Slice, Corn <br> Chef Salad <br> Tomato Slices Celery Sticks Fruit |  | Hamburger on WG Bun <br> French Fries <br> Chef Salad <br> Broccoli <br> Celery Sticks <br> Fruit |  | $\substack{\text { Dippers with Marinarara } \\ \text { Sauce } \\ \text { Brocoli }}$Chee SaladBaby Carrots <br> Garbanzoroeans <br> Fruit |
| $\substack{\text { Chicken Tenders } \\ \text { Mashed Potatos } \\ 2 \text { WG Bread Slices }}$ <br> Chee Salad <br> Broccali FIorets <br> Radishes <br> Fruit | Corn Dog <br> Peas <br> Sub Sandwich <br> Peas <br> Baby Carrots <br> Cualiflower <br> Fruit | $\substack{\text { Grilled Cheese Sandwich } \\ \text { Tomato Soup } \\ \text { (10) }}$ <br> Chef Salad <br> $\substack{\text { Baby Spinach } \\ \text { Pepper } \\ \text { Fruitley }}$ | WWalking Taco Spiced Pinto Beans $\substack{\text { Sub Sandwich } \\ \text { Spiced Pinto Beans } \\ \text { Tomato Slices } \\ \text { Celery } \\ \text { Fsicks } \\ \text { Frit }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Pizza Parlor Cheese Pizza } 12 \\ & \text { Roasted Cauliflower } \\ & \text { Chef Salad } \\ & \text { Baby Carrots } \\ & \text { Broccoli Florets } \\ & \text { Fruit } \end{aligned}$ |
| No School | Hot Dog on WG Bun <br> Oven Fries <br> Sub Sandwich Oven Fries <br> Romaine Lettuce Baby Carrots Beets Fruit |  |  |  |
| Crispy Chicken Sub <br> Tri Tator <br> Chef Salad <br> Broccoli Florets Cherry Tomatoes Fruit | Hamburger on WG Bun <br> Baked Beans <br> Sub Sandwich Baked Baked <br> Baby Carrots Cauliflower Fruit |  |  | Cheesy Flatbread <br> w/ Dipping Sauce <br> Garlic Herb BroccoliChef SaladCelery Sticks <br> Tomatoes <br> Fruit |
| Popcorn chichen <br> Mashed Potatoes <br> WG Dinner Roll <br> Chef Salad <br> Babad Carrots <br> Caulifiower <br> Fruit | Cabbages are 90\% water. |  | Free \& Reduced Price <br> Meal Benefit <br>  <br> application can be <br> obtained by <br> contacting the <br> Food Service Office. |  |
| PRICES  <br> Regular $\$ 2.60$ <br> Reduced $\$ 0.40$ <br> Adult $\$ 3.55$ <br> Extra Milk $\$ 0.50$ | VESTOFTH | NTH | TRA INFO <br> White, Skim or Chocolate ncluded with lunch. tions or comments, ood Service Manager at: ele@wghawks.school 5-438-2115 ext 256 |  |


Woodward-Granger High School Lunch Menu
OTHER

## SELECTIONS

Made Daily
Sub Sandwich
Choice of Toppings
Made Daily
Chef Salad

Milk choice of 1\% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
For questions or comments, contact meladeesteele@wghawks.school or call 515-438-2115 ext 256
www.taher.com


Monday- Hamburger
Tuesday- Chicken Patty
Wednesday- Cheeseburger
Thursday- Spicy Chicken
Friday- BBQ Riblet

## THURSDAY

| French Toast Sticks 1 |
| :--- |
| Cinnamon Apples |
| Ham Slice |
| Carrots |
| Tomato Slices |
| Celery Sticks |
| Fruit |

Meatballs and Gravy 8 Mashed Potatoes WG Bread Slices


| Turkey BLT |
| :--- |
| Flatbread |
| Corn |
| Cauliflower <br> Baby Carrots <br> Beets <br> Fruit |


| Chicken Cacciatore (9) |
| :---: |
| Noodles |
| WG Breadsticks |
| Green Peas |
| Baby Carrots |
| Cauliflower |
| Fruit |


| Crispito |
| :---: |
| Potato Ole' |
| Romaine Lettuce |
| Celery |
| Tomatoes |
| Fruit |

Grilled Cheese 10
Sandwich with
Tomato Soup
Baby Spinach
Black Beans
Pepper Medley
Fruit

## WEDNESDAY

| Spaghetti \& Meat |
| :---: |
| Sauce |
| Garlic Bread |
| Broccoli |
| Garbanzo Beans <br> Celery Sticks <br> Fruit |


| Walking Taco |
| :--- |
| Mexican Rice |
| Spicy Pinto Beans |
| $\quad$ Carrots |
| Tomato Slices |
| Celery Sticks |
| Fruit |


| Chicken Bacon |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ranch Melt |
| Sweet Potato Fries |$\quad$| Chicken Fajitas |
| :--- | :--- |
| Lettuce / Cheese |
| Refried Beans |
| Carrots |$\quad$| Broccoli |
| :---: | :---: |
| Baby Carrots |
| Beets |
| Fruit |$\quad$| Garbanzo Beans |
| :---: |
| Celery Sticks |
| Fruit |


| Hot Dog |
| :--- |
| Mac n' Cheese |
| Baked Beans |
| Broccoli Florets |
| Baby Carrots |
| Cauliflower |
| Fruit |

Turkey and Noodles 29 Garlic Toast Broccoli
Broccoli Florets
Baby Carrots
Cauliflower Fruit


| Chili |
| :--- |
| Cinnamon Roll |
| Fruited Gelatin |
| Green Peas |
| Baby Carrots |
| Garbanzo Beans |
| Fruit |

Cheese Bread
Marinara Sauce
Roasted Cauliflower

Roasted Cauliflower
Broccoli Florets Baby Carrots Cauliflower

Fruit

## Cheese Calzini 19

 with Italian Roasted VeggiesRomaine Lettuce Celry Tomatoes Fruit
Parmesan Fish
French Fries
WG Dinner Rolls
Broccoli
Celery Sticks
Cherry Tomatoes
Fruit

French Fries WG Dinner Rolls

Celery Sticks Fruit
Crispito
Potato Ole'
Chopped Lettuce
Cherry Tomatoes
Celery Sticks
Fruit

Sweet \& Sour 5 Chicken over Fried Rice

Green Peas Baby Carrots Garbanzo Beans Fruit



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## Woodward-Granger Board of Education

These are the Board members who represent the stakeholders in our district:

Becky Carroll-President Jennifer Benbow- Vice President Dan Jamison- Director

## Thank You

to these individuals who serve our district.

