## Hawk Happenings

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W-G Mock Trial


## (Physical Plant and Equipment Levy)

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## When can we expect a PPEL Vote?

The District is proposing a PPEL vote in September of 2016. This gives the district ample time to provide the community with important facts and to answer further questions related to the continuation of the levy.

What is the Physical Plant \& Equipment Levy (PPEL)?
This is not a new Levy (tax) and an extension of what is already in place. The voter approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) is $\$ 1.34$ per $\$ 1,000$ taxable assessed valuation.

School districts may use the voter approved Physical Plant and Equipment Levy only upon a majority approval of the voters of the school district. The maximum length of the levy may not exceed ten years and must be stated in the resolution prior to the election. (Source: School Administrators of Iowa)

## How does PPEL fit into the district's financials?

The Woodward-Granger Community School District (WGCSD) has relied on the PPEL for many, many years to provide important maintenance funding. Well maintained school buildings, athletic facilities, and grounds are an essential part of our school community.

The insured value of the physical plant our community has instructed the District to care for is in excess of \$31 million ( 4 student attendance centers, 1 district office, 2 bus garages, wrestling room, industrial technology shop and misc. outbuildings at various athletic facilities ). To be responsible stewards the District needs funds to maintain this community investment in our students. The annual revenue from the voted PPEL only represents $1.1 \%$ of this physical plant investment. The General fund is not a sustainable option for these projects since it responsible for delivering our instructional programs. Our Statewide Penny is already being utilized to pay for new buildings and infrastructure needs and the capacity of this funding is already in question as the Governor has proposed to divert some of this funding for water quality issues in the state.

How much does this levy generate and for how long? The maximum length of the voter-approved PPEL program is 10 years. The current levy expires June 30, 2018 Our district voter-approved PPEL program is projected to provide between 300 K and 425 K per year for the next 10 years. The Woodward-Granger Community School District has had the
voter-approved PPEL in place at the $\$ 1.34 / \$ 1,000$ assessed valuation since 2008.

## How does the passage of the PPEL affect me?

Renewal of this levy will not increase your property taxes. The district is asking for approval to continue the voterapproved rate that has been in effect for the past 10 years so that we may continue to use the funding in our maintenance and upgrades plan. The current rate is $\$ 1.34$ per $\$ 1,000$ of assessed property valuation. The district wants to keep the rate at the $\$ 1.34$ level for the next 10 years.

## Can the PPEL program be used to offset shortages in the district's general fund?

No, the PPEL revenues cannot be used for salaries, textbooks, or new educational programs. The requirements for the use of the PPEL funds are very specific and limited to maintenance, technology, and equipment.

## What are some examples of how the PPEL revenues can be used?

PPEL Fund Uses:

- Safety \& Security Enhancements
- Athletic Fields \& Playgrounds
- Exterior Hard Surfaces, such as asphalt \& concrete
- Building Roof Replacement
- Building Envelope, to include windows \& masonry tuck pointing
- Painting \& Asbestos Abatement
- Heating, Mechanical, Electrical \& Plumbing Life Cycle Replacements
- Mechanical Equipment Upgrades
- Carpet \& Flooring Replacement
- Furniture Replacement
- Locker Replacements
- Large Musical Instruments
- Relocation of Modular Classrooms
- Building Leases
- Vehicle \& Equipment Purchases
- Technology Infrastructure and Computers
- Building Leases

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What happens if the PPEL vote does not pass?
Some projects and purchases still need to be completed and would have to be funded by other revenue sources, such as the general fund, where approximately $70 \%$ is dedicated to staff salaries/benefits. Our district would struggle to meet the maintenance requirements for our facilities and grounds without the approved PPEL funds in place.

## What is the difference between the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) and the State One Cent Sales and Service Tax Program?

 PPEL funds maintain or replaces what we currently have, and SAVE manages growth by funding major building renovations and building new facilities. If we used SAVE for maintenance, we would remove the much needed funding for the new building and renovations projected under our long-range facility plans.

## Mock Trial

Congratulations to the participants of W-G's first ever mock trial. Thank you to all the adult volunteers that made this possible and to the students for your hard work.


## Individual Speech

This year, Woodward-Granger sent 19 students in a total of 33 events to District Speech Competition on February 27th, at Ames High School. This includes two teams, the high school team (10th-12th grade) and a freshman team. This group of students has worked incredibly hard this year and has been
extremely dedicated to their participation in speech. Pending the results of District Competition, students will move on to State Competition, which will be March 12th at Des Moines, North High School with All State to follow.

These are the students who are participating in Individual Speech:

## FRESHMAN

Briley Bermel - Storytelling \& Prose
Mackenzie Major - Storytelling \& Lit Program
Josie Noland - Musical Theater \& Original Oratory
Sophie David - Poetry

## SOPHOMORES

Erin Kamp - Acting \& Prose
Kayla Crouse - Acting \& Original Oratory
Paige Harlan - Storytelling \& Lit Program
Maggie Odegaard - Prose
Alex Frost - Reviewing
Alexis Bixler - Storytelling \& Lit Program
Andrea Sommer - Acting \& Original Oratory
Cheyenne Anderson - Lit Program \& Original Oratory

## JUNIORS

Elizabeth Weyers - Improvisation \& Prose
Cami Cochran - Poetry \& Acting
Kilei Gunderson - Improvisation \& Spontaneous Speaking
Breanna Blair - Improvisation \& Spontaneous Speaking
Nate Devick - Acting

## SENIORS

Malorie Hudspeth - Poetry
Meredith Williams - Poetry \& Storytelling

The Woodward-Granger Speech Team would like to give a special shout out to everyone who has helped support us this season through attending our events, participating in our Soda Shoots, and by listening to us read our pieces over and over again. We would also like to give an extra special shout out to Mr. Tim Clay (HS Social Studies) who has kindly donated his time and energy to helping us practice and prepare for competitions. Our team would not be successful without the patience and support of our families, friends, teachers, and community members! Thank you everyone!

For more up-to-date information on our competition, please check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wgspeech

## Grandwood

February was a great month for us here at Grandwood for our Special Olympic Basketball team. We have had a great season this year the basketball team went undefeated. We were able to get some great wins over the W-G Middle School and Des Moines East High School Team. After the season we had a Staff vs Students game. This was a game that was very competitive and fun. The gamed
ended in a 54-54 tie after four 12 minutes quarters. This was a great way to cap off a great season! We would like to give out a special thanks to all the teammates that participated on the basketball team this year!! Our team was lead by our coaches, Terry McIntosh, Carson Skinner, and Taylor Wade. A special thanks to our coaches!!

Woodward-Granger

## OTHER

SELECTIONS

Cheese and Pepperoni
Served
Tuesday and Thrusday
Sold by the Slice

Made Daily
Chef Salad
Choice of Toppings

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

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

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Ole's
Carrots
Kidney Beans
Tomatoes
Fruit

| Cheese Calzini |
| :---: |
| Roasted Broccoli |
|  |
| Celery |
| Baby Carrots |
| Cauliflower |
| Fruit |


Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes
WG Bread Slices
Peas
Carrots
Radishes
Fruit
Chicken Ranch Melt 28 Sweet Potato Fries
Carrots
Celery Sticks
Cauliflower Fruit

TUESDAY
Stromboli with
Marinara
Peas

| Walking Taco |
| :--- |
| Refried Bean |
|  |
| Shredded Lettuce |
| Tomatoes |
| Celery Sticks |
| Fruit |

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Taco Bar
Refried Beans
Pepper Medley
Cauliflower
Celery Sticks
Fruit
Buffalo Chicken
Calzini
Refried Beans
Romaine Lettuce
Baby Carrots
Tomato Slices
Fruit

Mashed Potato Bar 23
Dinner Roll

WEDNESDAY
Philly Burger
French Fries

Pepper Medley
Tomato Slices
Celery Sticks
Fruit
Hot Dog on WG Bun 9 ( 9 Cheese
Macaroni \&
Broccoli
Celery Sticks
Pepper Medley
Fruit


## Dinner Roll

    Pinto Beans
    Pinto Beans
        Baby Spinach
        Baby Spinach
        Pepper Medley
        Pepper Medley
            Fruit
            Fruit
    FRIDAY

| Rotini with |
| :--- |
| Meat Sauce |
| Green Beans |
| Baby Carrots |
| Broccoli Florets |
| Cauliflower |
| Fruit |



THURSDAY

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Broccoli
Tomato Slices
Celery Sticks
Fruit

| Cheese Quesadilla 25 |
| :---: |
| Roasted Cauliflower |
|  |
| Pinto Beans |
| Baby Carrots |
| Broccoli Florets |
| Fruit |

Crispito
Ole's
Pepper Medley
Baby Carrots Broccoli
Fruit

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# Woodward-Granger Breakfast Menu 



## Woodward-Granger

## Get moving! Early Learning Center Lunch Menu Be active

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


## THURSDAY



FRIDAY













| Cheese Sticks |
| :---: |
| Steamed Broccoli |
| Chef Salad |

Fruit


Free \& Reduced Price
Meal Benefit
information \&
application can be
obtained by
contacting the
Food Service Office.

| PRICES |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Regular | $\$ 2.60$ |
| Reduced | $\$ 0.40$ |
| Adult | $\$ 3.55$ |
| Extra Milk | $\$ 0.50$ |



Grandwood Lunch Menu

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

FRIDAY




WEDNESDAY


THURSDAY



Crispito
Ole's
Sub Sandwich
Carrots
Tomatoes
Fruit





Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Deli Sandwich
Broccoli
Celery Sticks
Fruit
BBQ Riblet
Roasted Cauliflower
Chef Salad
Baby Carrots
Broccoli Florets
Fruit



| Crispito |
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| Ole's |
| Sub Sandwich |
| Baby Carrots <br> Pepper Medley <br> Fruit |

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Food Service Office.




## EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of $1 \%$ White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch. For questions or comments, contact the Food Servie Manager at: meladeesteele@wghawks.school or call 515-438-2115 ext 256

Woodward-Granger High School

## OTHER

## SELECTIONS

Made Daily
Sub Sandwich
Choice of Toppings
Served
Tuesday and Thursday

Sold by the Slice
Milk choice of 1\% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
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Made Daily
Chef Salad

## WEDNESDAY

| Stromboli |
| :--- |
| w/ Marinara |
| Peas |
| Black Beans |
| Radishes |
| Chopped Lettuce |
| Fruit |

THURSDAY

| Rotini with |
| :--- |
| Meat Sauce |
| Green Beans |
| Baby Carrots |
| Broccoli Florets |
| Cauliflower |
| Fruit |


| Crispito Ole's |
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| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Carrots } \\ & \text { Kidney Beans } \\ & \text { Tomatoes } \\ & \text { Fruit } \end{aligned}$ |



FRIDAY

Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes WG Bread Slices

Peas
Carrots
Radishes Fruit

Buffalo Chicken Calzini Refried Beans

Carrots
Celery Sticks
Cauliflower Fruit

| Taco Bar <br> Refried Beans | Mashed Potato Bar <br> Dinner Roll |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |
| Pepper Medley | Pinto Beans |
| Cauliflower | Baby Spinach |
| Celery Sticks | Pepper Medley |
| Fruit | Fruit |

Grilled Cheese
Tomato Soup
Broccoli
Tomato Slices
Celery Sticks
Fruit

| Cheese Quesadilla 25 |
| :---: |
| Roasted Cauliflower |
|  |
| Pinto Beans |
| Baby Carrots |
| Broccoli Florets |
| Fruit |

[^0]Pork and Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
WG Slice of Bread
Peas
Broccoli
Celery Sticks
Fruit


| Pancake |
| :--- |
| Sausage |
| Tri Tator |
| Carrots |
| Cauliflower |
| Baby Spinach |
| Fruit |


| Walking Taco |
| :---: |
| Refried Beans |
| Shredded Lettuce |
| Tomatoes |
| Celery Sticks |
| Fruit |



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

## Thank You

to these individuals who serve our district.


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    Pepper Medley
    Baby Carrots Broccoli Fruit

