## Hawk Happenings

## A monthly publication of the Woodward-Granger Community School District

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By W-G Superintendent Brad Anderson

## ELC/Elementary Playground

On behalf of the District I would like to take the opportunity to Thank the Elementary PTO, parents and community members in helping to financially support the Early Learning Center (ELC)and Elementary playgrounds. Your contribution to this project will go far in making this project a more functional and safer environment for students.

Below is an outline of some of the more common questions we have received about the plans and progress of the ELC/ Elementary playground areas.

## Why isn't the school paying for this?

The Woodward-Granger School Board committed \$35K towards the project in the summer of 2018. With this initial investment old equipment was taken out and new concrete poured for students to play on during winter months. This investment expensed $\$ 28 \mathrm{~K}$ of this investment. The Board will continue to look at potential additional contributions towards this project as plans continue to take shape.

## Why have the PTO fundraising dollars not been spent?

The PTO has been meeting with both the Elementary Principal Mr. Brummond and myself to inquire about plans to utilize the fundraising dollars. The lack of progress is no fault of the PTO's but one that is undergoing investigation by the District from a capacity and demographics vantage point. This study is important to the master planning of the playground as a whole because of the long-term investment in placement of equipment and overall playground structures.

## Is there a master plan? What's included?

There is a concept of a master plan that includes added green space, alternative locations for equipment and an all-inclusive fence. However, this plan will not be finalized until the District has thoroughly reviewed data from a recent demographics study. Once the data is available the Board can make a decision on the long-term direction of the facility and a master playground plan will be completed.

## Why is this process taking so long?

Because we want to get this right the first time around the process (which is based on demographic growth data) is being taken into consideration. This is causing a slight delay in the process but in the end we are confident the correct decision will be made.

## Are we getting a fence on the ELC portion of the playground?

Yes, the conceptual plan calls for a fully fenced in playground. Dimensions will be determined as the amount of green space becomes more clearly defined.

## What new equipment has been talked about?

Most recently basketball hoops and painting for the cement pad have been discussed. However, there are plans in the making for additional equipment, green spaces and additional play areas for students.

## When can we expect to see progress?

Data from the District demographics study is scheduled to be in the hands of the District sometime in later March. Once an overall plan can be determined the PTO in combination with the District will move swiftly to try and secure needed bids for the summer of 2019. The goal is to have phase I of the project (however that is defined) finished for the start of school in August of 2019.

## What can we do to help?

Keep supporting the PTO and know that the processes will be moving rather quickly this summer. If needed please volunteer your time to assist with any further PTO projects or fundraising efforts towards this monumental task.

If you have any further questions about this article please contact Brad Anderson, Superintendent at 515-999-8022 Ext. 1101 or at bradanderson@wghawks.school Thank you for your continued support.

## YOU are invited to SPRING SIAC

On Tuesday April 16th from 6-8 p.m. in the Middle School / High School media center (Woodward) the WoodwardGranger CSD will host its Spring School Improvement Advisory meeting. All community members are invited and encouraged to attend. During the meeting the community will be informed of the results of the Iowa Youth Survey, Anti Bullying and Harassment Task Force updates, be informed of the District's Curriculum plans for the fall of 2019 and will delve into student achievement growth data for the 2018-2019 school year.
We encourage you to come out and provide your input on the direction you would like to see our district go as this information will be directly shared with the WG Board of Education.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there!

## Preschool Class



Miss Van Houten's preschool class visited the nursing home in February. The students and residents worked together to make a torn paper craft. The kids and adults spent the entire time talking and sharing stories and even helped each other with their work! The preschoolers enjoyed sharing the stories they heard with their classmates and teachers when they returned to school!


## Library News

Don't forget that the 2019 Spring Scholastic Book Fair will again be held in the Elementary Library during conferences! Help support literacy at the ELC and Elementary by purchasing books for your students. You will also be able to help out your child's teacher by purchasing books for their classroom libraries.


## Celebrating our 100th Day!



Second graders celebrated their 100th day by bringing in 100 items for the Granger Food Pantry. It made us feel good knowing we are helping other families. Thank you to all the kids who brought items in.


This semester, the Advanced Culinary classes have been hard at work creating take and bake meals and marketing these meals around the school. This is a new direction for this class. Our goals for this class are to get students to start thinking about preparing food for other people rather than for just themselves. By adjusting our way of thinking about food production, I'm hoping students will begin connecting what we are learning in the classroom to the food industry. Although some students may not have their sights set on working in a restaurant, it is reported that almost $70 \%$ of "first-time jobs" are in the food industry. Hopefully, these students will walk away with some real-world knowledge of how the food industry operates!

How do we operate our "business"? It's a bit complex but designed to get students experience in every aspect of the process. Our semester will be broken into 4 units, each unit will represent a separate take and bake meal. Students were placed in 2 different groups - a kitchen group that they cook with and a committee group that they execute part of the process with. The committees are made up of one person from each kitchen. The purpose of this was two-fold, one so that students can experience working with different teams and two so that our business is cohesive across all 4 kitchen groups. The 4 committees are: Marketing and Evaluation, Selling Process, Planning Process, and Recipe Development.

To say we are all learning is quite the understatement, I am learning right along with the students in this course! Luckily, our high school instructional coach, Mindy Buck, has been there anytime I need a sounding board to bounce ideas off of. She has even observed in our classroom to help me figure out how to get this complex system off the ground. My intentions are for this to be a student-run business, I'm hoping that as we work through the process, the students will need less and less direction from me. We are in the last week of our first unit, we just collected orders for our first take and bake meal. For the first round, the students selected Manicotti, Lasagna, Chicken Taquitos, Chicken Pot Pie, Loaded Baked Potato Soup, Three Cheese Potatoes and Chicken, Baked Mac n Cheese, and Creamy Whole Wheat Pasta. The meals are made to feed 6 people and were $\$ 15$ each. We collected 35 orders for the first round! We are excited to begin our second round and perfect our process. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at melissamccord@wghawks.school

## FIRST LEGO League

There were two teams of WG Middle School students that participated in FIRST LEGO League competitions. One team went to the Waukee competition and another chose to compete at the Science Center. Competitions took place in early December. Neither team advanced to State competition, but both did a great job!

Each team built robots, programmed them to complete different tasks to earn them points in competition, and had to complete a project. The theme this year was Into Orbit. There were space themed challenges on a mat for their robots to complete. They built their own robot designs and they did their own programming. Through lots of trial and error they determined which of the challenges they thought they could make their robot complete in competition.

Each team also had to complete a project. They were challenged with coming up with a problem in space and find a possible solution to their problem with research. The teams are encouraged to reach out to an expert. One team was able to have a conference call with an astronaut Loren Shriver. It was a great experience for them to hear from someone that has been in space.

The FIRST LEGO League promotes many great team skills that they call their Core Values. Some of the Core Values are discovery and innovation as they design their robot and are creative with their programming. Impact is another core value that they work on as they come up with a real-world problem to solve. Through the whole experience, they learn how to work as a team, include and respect others, and have fun.


## GRANDWOOD NEWSLETTER

Grandwood will provide functional and transitional learning experiences in a positive and structured environment while advancing student independence.

-Hand Sanitizer
-Dry Erase Markers
-Notecards
-Plastic Silverware
-Binder clips
-Glue sticks

## MARCH REMINDERS

Please contact your student's teacher for specific details.

## Conferences:

March 12th- 4:00pm-8:00pm
2:15 Early Out:
March 12th \& 14th
No School:
March 15th

## Spring Break:

March 18th-March 22nd
Please contact your students teacher or call Grandwood to schedule a conference time.


WHAT'S GOING ON AT GRANDWOOD

## Th Valentine's Day

"I really like that each of the kids picked a class and everyone got a valentine!"- Mrs. T

The Grandwood Gold Team got together this year to celebrate Valentine's Day. At the Valentine's party the students made Valentine boxes and bags. They were able to prepare the Valentines and hand them out to their classmates. Students were able to make a heart craft that they could turn into a cat or dog. They also were able to do activity sheets. The students had a great time and definitely enjoyed all of the candy! It was a great way to celebrate the day and to spread kindness and joy!


Woodward-Granger 2019 Multiple Activities Schedule (as of 02-21-2019)

| Activity | Time | Versus | Location | Location Detail | Comments |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SATURDAY, MAR 02, 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
| HS Instrumental Music |  |  |  |  | JAZZ BAND at the Hoover Jazz Festival at Hoover HS in Des Moines |
| MS Instrumental Music |  |  |  |  | MS Jazz Band to Hoover Jazz Festival at Hoover HS in Des Moines. |
| MONDAY, MAR 04, 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
| MS Instrumental Music | 7:00pm |  |  |  | JR HIGH BAND <br> - WCAC <br> Conference Band Festival at Des Moines Christian. <br> Concert open to the public starts at 7:00 PM |
| TUESDAY, MAR 05, 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
| High School | 5:45pm |  |  |  | College <br> Planning night. <br> This <br> presentation is geared toward Sophomores and Juniors. Parents and students should attend. |
| High School | 7:00pm |  |  |  | Financial Aid night. This presentation is geared toward Juniors. Parents and students should attend. |

## WEDNESDAY, MAR 06, 2019

Early Dismissal 2:15pm

| THURSDAY, MAR 07, 2019 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HS Instrumental Music | 7:00pm | BAND - 5th12th Grade Band Concert at HS Gym |
| MS Instrumental Music | 7:00pm | BAND - 5th12th Grade Band Concert at HS Gym |
| Elementary | 7:00pm | BAND - 5th12th Grade Band Concert at HS Gym |


| HS Speech | State Individual <br> Speech <br> Competition at <br> Nevada |
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| TUESDAY, MAR 12, 2019 |  |
| WGCSD | $2: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ |
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|  |  |
|  | $2: 15$ Early |
| Dismissal. |  |
| Parent/Teacher |  |
| Conferences |  |
| $4: 00-8: 00$ PM |  |

## WEDNESDAY, MAR 13, 2019

Early Dismissal $\quad 2: 15$ pm

THURSDAY, MAR 14, 2019

| WGCSD | $2: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ | $2: 15$ Early |
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|  |  | Dismissal. |
| Parent/Teacher |  |  |
|  | Conferences |  |
|  | $4: 00-8: 00$ PM |  |
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FRIDAY, MAR 15, 2019
WGCSD $2: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ No School $\quad$ N

MONDAY, MAR 18, 2019
WGCSD
SPRING
BREAK - No
School

TUESDAY, MAR 19, 2019
WGCSD
SPRING
BREAK - No
School

WEDNESDAY, MAR 20, 2019
WGCSD
SPRING
BREAK - No
School

THURSDAY, MAR 21, 2019
WGCSD
SPRING
BREAK - No
School

FRIDAY, MAR 22, 2019

| $\substack{\text { WGCSD } \\ \text { SPRING } \\ \text { BREAK - No } \\ \text { School } \\ \hline}$ |
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| HS Speech | All-State <br> Individual <br> Speech <br> Destival at UNI |
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TUESDAY, MAR 26, 2019

| High School | National Honor |
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|  | Society |
| Induction |  |
|  | Ceremony in |
|  | the Auditorium. |

## WEDNESDAY, MAR 27, 2019

Early Dismissal 2:15pm

FRIDAY, MAR 29, 2019

| Track: Boys JV/Varsity Meet | 4:30pm Winterset | Dan Meter High School to <br> construction, <br> this meet will <br> be held at Van <br> Meter High |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| School |  |  |

SATURDAY, MAR 30, 2019

| HS Instrumental Music | BAND - State |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | Solo and |
| Ensemble |  |
| Contest at |  |
| HS Vocal Music | Guthrie Center |
|  | HS CHOIR - |
|  | State Solo and |
|  | Ensemble |
|  | Contest at |
| Guthrie Center. |  |



## Don't Forget

 to Eat Your Vegetables
## Woodward-Granger Breakfast

> Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily on the Fruit and Vegetable Bar




## Woodward-Granger <br> ELC and Elementarv

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## MONDAY


Walking Taco
Chef Salad
Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa
Black Beans
Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

TUESDAY


WEDNESDAY


THURSDAY



| Lasagna Rollup with Sauce <br> Bread Stick |  |
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| Deli Sandwich <br> Caesar Salad <br> Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch | 13 <br> Chef Salad <br> Potato Wedges <br> Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch Dog on a Bun |



| Fried Chicken | French Toast Sticks <br> Cherry Vanilla Yogurt |
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| Chef Salad <br> Mashed Potatoes <br> Muffin <br> Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch | Warm Cinnamon Apples <br> Wheese Sandwich Sack Lunch |



Beefy Nachos \& Homemade
Cheese Sauce
Deli Sandwich
Black Beans
Lettuce and Tomato
Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch
Pi Day
3.14 Personal Pizza
Deli Sandwich
Broccoli Florets
Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch

Chili
Cinnamon Roll
Chef Salad
Steamed Carrots
Cheese Sandwich Sack Lunch


| Prices |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Regular |  |
| Reduced | $\$ 2.85$ |
| Adult | $\$ .40$ |
|  | $\$ 3.70$ |
| Extra Milk | $\$ .50$ |





## Classic Cafe Chicken Alfredo w/Pasta, Bread Stick

Diner Station Fry Friday- Fries with your Chicken Patty Sandwich

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad


Classic Cafe Italian Stromboli, Glazed Carrots

Diner Station Breaded Pork Sandwich

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Beefy Nachos \& Homemade Cheese Sauce, Refried Beans

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Breakfast Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Sloppy Joe on a Bun, Coleslaw

Diner Station Fish Sandwich with Cheese

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Popcorn Chicken, Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, Whole Grain Dinner Roll

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza
Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

## Classic Cafe Chicken Wings with Choice of

 Sauces, Peas and Carrots, Slice of BreadDiner Station Pizza Roll

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Milk choice of 1\%, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
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## Woodward-Granger Middle School / High School <br> Lunch Menu <br> March

Your Fruits
\& Vegetables


Classic Cafe Sweet n Sour Chicken Bites, Brown Rice, Fortune Cookie

Diner Station BBQ Rib Sandwich

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad


Classic Cafe Tex Mex Bowl, Churro

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Breakfast Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Diner Station
Mini Corn Dogs

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

## Classic Cafe Breakfast Sandwich, Hashbrown <br> Potatoes, Apple Crisp



Classic Cafe Corn Dog, Baked Beans, Homemade Brownie

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad


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Remember to eat
Your Fruits
\& Vegetables

Woodward-Granger Middle School / High School

## Lunch Menu

## Classic Cafe Crispito with Chili and Cheese, Potato Oles, Whole Grain Dinner Roll

Diner Station Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Walking Taco, Refried Beans

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza,
Pepperoni Pizza, Breakfast Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Cheese Calzone, Corn

Diner Station Mini Corn Dogs

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad


Classic Cafe Pulled Pork on a Pretzel Bun, Coleslaw

Pizza Cheese Pizza, Sausage Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Paella, Churro

Diner Station Fish Nuggets

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

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## Small Changes Matter

When it comes to being physically active and eating right, small changes matter. Don't feel like you need to go all out to see results; taking positive gradual steps goes a long way in becoming healthy.

Keep it simple. Eating right doesn't have to be complicated:

- Eat, don't drink your calories
- Make the first meal of your day the biggest
- Choose whole foods rather than processed
- Don't bother with the "diet" or "low fat" version of the foods you love
- Eat in moderation

Find activities that you enjoy and be physically active most days of the week. Any activity is better than none; daily activities count such as shoveling snow, gardening, and climbing stairs.

Benefits of being physically active include:

- Feeling more energized
- Better sleep
- Increases concentration and focus
- Mood booster
- Decreases blood pressure and improves blood sugar


## Go ahead and leap toward health...

 one small step at a time.Melanie Wirth, RDN, LD, MBA, Corporate Dietitian, Taher, Inc.

## HARVEST OF THE MONTH RECIPE—MARCH

## Strawberry Spinach Mint Feta Salad

Yield: 3 servings

DRESSING
1
3 Tbs
2 Tbs
$1 / 2$ Tbs
orange, juiced
olive oil
apple cider vinegar
honey
salt
pepper
SALAD
6 oz bag baby spinach
1/4 cup chopped mint
1/2 cup strawberries, quartered $1 / 4$ cup feta cheese crumbles

For Dressing: Juice the orange. Whisk together the ingredients and set aside.

For Salad: In a bowl, combine spinach, mint and strawberries.
Whisk the dressing just prior to serving and toss with the spinach, mint and strawberries. Sprinkle the feta cheese crumbles on top.

## NUTRITION SNAPSHOT ~ 1 serving

215 calories, 17 g total fat, 4 g sat. fat, 305 mg sodium, 12 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber 17 mg cholesterol, 5 g protein, 8 g sugar

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2nd Graders conquering the snow at recess.

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