Hawk Happenings

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by Brad Anderson Superintendent

Final Days of the School Year

After 20 years in education, it never ceases to amaze me how fast the school year goes. With the end of the year also comes many priceless memories and some valuable learning experiences along the way.

This year Woodward-Granger is proud to present the Senior Class at its 2017 graduation ceremonies. This year's class has accomplished wonderful things not only in the classroom but also on the stage, in the fields and throughout the various activities they have been a part of during their time at Woodward-Granger. Because of these accomplishments, we are looking forward to hearing more about their successes in the very near future. Please come us help celebrate this group as we honor their achievements on Sunday May 21st at 2 p.m. in the High School Gym in Woodward.

In addition to the senior class, all other Woodward-Granger students have represented themselves, their families and the district with immense confidence, pride and accomplishment. System achievement scores have once again increased and students have maintained consistent growth over time. We continue to match up achievement deficits with available resources while balancing our student growth with the values of our communities. In addition, the district maintains a 94%+ graduation rate with attendance rates for each building averaging 90% or greater.

In addition to student achievement, many kudos and thanks goes out to our community for providing the district with enough resources via bonding, voted Physical Plant and Equipment Levies and supporting the Penny State Sales Tax to help us build and maintain high quality facilities for the District. Because of this community support and backing the public school district has been able to keep ahead of the growth demands while maintaining the integrity of a class 1A/2A school district. For this support, we thank you. Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't take the opportunity to thank our staff members. These fine educators have given many hours above and beyond to assist students in a variety of different ways. For this, we cannot thank them enough.

Summer school will once again be an option for students who need the extra support. Please note that you will receive more information at the elementary and middle school levels if your child/ren qualify for these services.

Thank you for a wonderful school year, enjoy your summer and we will look forward to your return this fall.

If you have questions about this article and/or any additional questions pertaining to Woodward-Granger CSD please contact Superintendent, Brad Anderson, (515) 999-8022 or bradanderson@ wghawks.school at your convenience.

Note: Can you also get this info in the newsletter somewhere?

Online Registration is Now Open...go to www. wghawks.school for more details

New to the District? Stop by Central Office from 8-4 M-Thrs. and 8-3:30 on Fri. to learn more about W-G CSD and how to enroll or e-mail BrandeMilosevich@ wghawks.school

Last Day of School for 2016-17 is May 26th with an 11 a.m. dismissal. No Lunch Served this Day.

Now taking enrollment for Summer Daycare. Please call 515-999-8058 for details or e-mail

First Day of School for 2017-18 is Wednesday August 23rd, 2017.

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Elementary School

The Second Grade Scoop

The Fifth grade Art ELP students have been meeting on Tuesday afternoons to study about native Iowa plants and animals. The group of 15 fifth graders, who are very talented in visual art and interested in science, were invited to join the ELP class. They have made sketches of Oxley Creek and it's banks, they have studied about monarch butterflies and their migration to Mexico each fall, and they have looked for information about native Iowa plants online.

Mrs. Kruger, the PK-5th grade art teacher, wanted to continue the ELP Art program this year as an after school class. She chose Iowa plants & animals as the theme so that she & the ELP Art students could plant a butterfly garden near Oxley Creek and beautify the area after the creek was re-channeled last year. The ELP Art students planted some milkweed seeds in planters in February, but only 2 seeds sprouted. They are now applying for some free milkweed plants from Monarch Watch. Monarch Watch is a cooperative organization of students, teachers, volunteers and researchers that is dedicated to the study of Monarch Butterflies and helping them continue to thrive. Monarchs have been declining in number in recent years, due to lack of habitat.

Mrs. Kruger and the fifth graders would like the banks of Oxley Creek to become a Monarch Waystation, so they are making a map of a butterfly garden, pricing fences and sketching native Iowa plant life in their sketchbooks. With support from Mr. Anderson, Mr. Brummond, & Mrs. Kruger, this group of young artists will soon create what they have sketched about all winter!



The students in the 5th grade ELP Art class are: (back row, left to right) Katie Stender, Blake Tuel, Sophie Thomas, McKenna Carroll, Dillon Limoges, Abby Rosen, & Gabby Griffin

(front row, left to right) Sterling Parkinson, Molly Cue, Avery Smith, Libby Grell, Georgia Simmons, Cadence Klocke, Maddie Sus and Ella Bearbower. *Photo by Mrs. Kruger*

Elementary School

American Legion Visited Woodward-Granger Elementary School

On April 21 members of the Woodward American Legion visited Woodward-Granger Elementary school to announce essay contest winners. 5th grade students participated in an essay contest "What the Flag Means to Me". **Katie Stender** and **Libby Grell** were the contest winners.





Thursday, April 13 was a busy, active day for students. 4th and 5th students traveled downtown to participate in Hy-Vee's Character Counts event. Students listened to inspirational speeches about setting goals by Olympic Gold Medalist Laurie Hernandez, WNBA all-star Elena Della Donne and Vikings football player Adam Thielen. 5th graders are hard at work preparing for the Junior Achievement BizTown experience on April 28. Students have been learning about the stock market, taxes and balancing a checkbook. Students have interviewed for their positions and are ready to successfully run their business. Some of the businesses students are going to be working at include a health center, bank, farm store, city hall, publishing center, technology store and bookstore.



Middle School

Makerspace in the Middle School

A makerspace can support innovation, creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills in our students. As a part of our Hawk Time, makerspace was a new club option. There has been a steady group of students throughout the year creating things out of household materials. We have seen airplane models, launchers, painted crafts, popsicle stick creations, a tin can robot, snap circuits, and more. We hope to continue and grow a makerspace at the middle school. We would love any donations of craft materials, random household materials that you no longer use, legos, or anything else you could think of. We appreciate any items before the end of the year or any items you can save up over the summer to donate next fall. Thanks to those that have already contributed this year. Please contact Mrs. Nygaard if you have any donations. Let's see what our students can dream up!



Middle School

6th Grade to Springbrook State Park

Despite the Springbrook Educational Center closing its doors due to funding this spring, the State Park still offers some outdoor programming. The W-G 6th grade class was able to have an educational, fun-filled day of survival activities. Monday, April 17th, was a beautiful day to be enjoying the outdoors, especially as we walked about 6 miles throughout the day, to and from our activities!

The 6th grade students enjoyed the challenge of some new skills as they rotated through four different stations. Students were able to test their skills in archery. Everyone did a great job of following directions and many hit the targets on their first try. The students also worked together in small groups to build shelters in the woods. They were asked to use materials on the ground to build a shelter that one person or your whole group could spend the night in. While thinking about possible weather conditions and their cardinal directions, they were asked to justify how they chose to build their shelters. The kids should also be ready for camping season, as they all were able to build a campfire in their groups. The fourth session was GPS. They learned how to use a GPS unit and used it to find 3-4 waypoints in the woods and meet back at the starting points. Only a few students got off course, but don't worry, we didn't leave anyone behind.

Springbrook is one Iowa's wonderful state parks, that isn't too far away. The 6th grade students had a great time on their field trip and would certainly recommend we go again.



High School

FCCLA traveled to Des Monies to take part in State Leadership Conference this past month. Students were able to hear from many speakers, and learn more about leadership opportunities available through FCCLA. Briley Bermel accepted an award for planning the spaghetti supper earlier this year. During this event our FCCLA chapter raised over \$750 for the FCCLA State Outreach program, donating funds to Blank Children's Hospital. As a result of her hard work the Woodward-Granger Chapter was one of 16 chapters to earn this award for raising over \$200. Mallory Burkhart was honored for completing three Peer Education projects in the area of Public Relations, and she also earned a silver on her STAR Event in Life Event Planning. Additionally the Woodward-Granger FCCLA Chapter was awarded for increasing their enrollment of affiliated members by over 30%.

This semesters fashion students were able to attend Iowa State's Behind the Scenes Day. They were able to test out several classes that are offered through the program, hear from current students, and discover career opportunities available in the fashion industry!



High School

FCCLA celebrated Earth Day this year by reading The Lorax and creating a poster during Hawk Time to spread awareness to all about the importance of taking care of the earth! They also want to encourage all of you to get outside and celebrate Earth Day!

"We did not inherit the land from our ancestors, we are borrowing it from our children."

~ Native American Proverb







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Woodward-Granger

Middle School/High School

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

2017

May

THURSDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY MONDAY **Daily Fresh Choices Diner Station** Pizza Parlor Variety of Hot Sandwiches Served Entree Salad & Dinner Roll Tuesday and Thursday Available to Middle School Fresh Made Sandwich Monday, Wednesday, Cheese Friday Pepperoni Sausage Available to High School Choose**MyPlate.**go Monday-Friday Senior Pick 1 2 3 Senior Pick 4 Lunch Lady Hero Day (5 Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Nacho Bar Loose Meat Sandwich Crispito Potatoes, Dinner Roll Refried Beans (AKA Maidrite) Potatoe Oles Philly Flat Bread Or Fresh Choice Or Diner Station Or Pizza Parlor Or Pizza Parlor 12 Senior Pick 8 **Teacher Appreciation** 9 (10) 11 Pasta Bar Chicken Pot Pie w/Biscuit Taco Bar Chili Chicken Bacon Ranch Alfredo & Red Sauce **Refried Beans** Cinnamon Roll Mashed Potatoes Flatbread Meatballs & Chicken Or Fresh Choice Or Diner Station Or Pizza Parlor Or Pizza Parlor 19 Senior Pick 15 16 17 18 Breaded Pork Sandwich Salisbury Steak Chicken Cordon Bleu Walking Taco Hot Ham and Cheese (Chicken Patty, Ham, Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes Fries Cheese and Cream Or Fresh Choice Dinner Roll Sauce) Or Fresh Choice Or Fresh Choice Fries Or Diner Station Or Fresh Choice Or Fresh Choice Or Diner Station Or Pizza Parlor Or Pizza Parlor Or Diner Station Or Diner Station No Diner Station 22 25 23 24 26 Hot Dog Baked Beans Pizza Stromboli Chicken Fiesta Mixed Vegetables Or Fresh Choice Or Fresh Choice Or Fresh Choice 11:00 Dismissal No Lunch Served Or Diner Station No Diner Station No Diner Station PRICES HARVEST OF THE MONTH EXTRA INFO Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate \$2.85 Regular Skim is included with lunch. \$0.40 Entree Salads are served with Dinner Roll Reduced Adult \$3.65 For guestions or comments, contact Extra Milk RHUBARE \$ 50 Meladee Steele at 515-438-2115 ext 5129 or ENUGRIE \$2.40 Extra Entrée email meladeesteele@wghawks.school CARA CARA

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Woodward-Granger Multiple Activities Schedule (as of 04-28-2017)

Day	Date	Activity	Time	Versus	Location	Location Detail	Comments
Mon	05/01/2017	Golf: Girls Varsity WCAC	9:00am	Van Meter, AC/GC, Des Moines Christian, Earlham, Madrid, Ogden, Panorama, West Central Valley, Woodward-Granger	Van Meter High School		Girls Only. WCAC Conference Meet. Played in Winterset.
Mon	05/01/2017	Track: Girls Middle School WCAC Meet	4:00pm	West Central Valley Middle School	West Central Valley High School		
Mon	05/01/2017	Track: Boys Middle School WCAC Meet	4:00pm	West Central Valley Middle School	West Central Valley High School		Coed. Held in Stuart.
ue	05/02/2017	Track: Girls HS WCAC Meet	4:30pm	Madrid	Madrid High School		Coed Meet at Madrid. Rain date will be 5/4 if needed
ue	05/02/2017	Track: Boys HS WCAC Meet	4:30pm	Madrid	Madrid High School		Coed Meet at Madrid. Rain date will be 5/4 if needed
ue	05/02/2017	HS Dance Team	5:30pm		MS/HS Cafeteria		Informational Meeting
Wed	05/03/2017	Golf: Boys Varsity WCAC	9:00am	Panorama	Panorama High School		Boys Only. WCAC Conference Meet
Гhu	05/04/2017	MS Vocal Music	4:00pm		MS/HS Media Center		6th Grade Solo Contest
hu	05/04/2017	MS Instrumental Music	4:00pm		MS/HS Media Center		Sixth Grade Solo Night in the library.
hu	05/04/2017	Track: Boys Middle School Meet	4:30pm	Martensdale-St Marys	Martensdale-St Mary's Jr-Sr High School		Coed
ſhu	05/04/2017	Track: Boys HS WCAC Meet	4:30pm	Madrid	Madrid High School		RAIN DATE ONLY! Coed WCAC HS Meet will only be ran on this date if it was rained out on 5/2.
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Гhu	05/04/2017	Track: Girls Middle School Meet	4:30pm	Martensdale-St Marys	Martensdale-St Mary's Jr-Sr High School		
Fri	05/05/2017	Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	4:00pm	Ogden, Madrid, Woodward-Granger	Ogden High School		Coed Meet
Fri	05/05/2017	Golf: Girls Varsity Meet	4:00pm	Ogden, Madrid, Woodward-Granger	Ogden High School		Coed Meet
ri	05/05/2017	Track: Boys HS Meet	4:30pm	Ogden	Ogden High School		Coed Meet
ri	05/05/2017	Track: Girls HS Meet	4:30pm	Ogden	Ogden High School		Coed Meet
Sat	05/06/2017	Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	9:00am	Gilbert, Adel DeSoto Minburn, Ballard, Boone, Dallas Center-Grimes, Woodward-Granger	Gilbert High School		Boys Only. Played at the Ames Golf and Country Club.
Sun	05/07/2017	FFA	4:00pm		MS/HS Cafeteria		Annual Banquet. Open to FFA Members and their families and Friends of the FFA Members

Mon	05/08/2017	Golf: Boys Varsity Meet	TBD	Dallas Center-Grimes	Dallas Center - Grimes High School		
Mon	05/08/2017	Track: Boys HS Meet	4:30pm	Central Decatur	Central Decatur High School		Coed Meet
Mon		Track: Girls HS Meet	4:30pm	Central Decatur	Central Decatur High School		Coed Meet
Tue		Track: Girls Middle School Meet	•	Madrid	Madrid High School		
Tue	05/09/2017	Track: Boys Middle School Meet	4:30pm	Madrid	Madrid High School		Coed
Tue	05/09/2017	HS Vocal Music	7:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		Modern Music Concert - Theme is ``A Black Tie Affair``
Tue	05/09/2017	HS Instrumental Music	7:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		Modern Music Concert - Theme is "A Black Tie Affair"
Wed	05/10/2017	HS Instrumental Music					Jazz practice in conjunction with the Iowa Band Masters Convention WG has one student selected for this honor
Thu	05/11/2017	HS Instrumental Music	4:00pm				Iowa All State Jazz Public Concert in conjunction with the Iowa Band Masters Convention WG has one student selected for this honor
Thu-	05/11/2017	High School	6:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		(Cancelled) Mock Trail Performance: Open to the public. Free Admission.
Thu	05/11/2017	HS Fellowship of Christian Athletes	6:30pm		High School Gym		FCA Dodgeball Tournament
Fri	05/12/2017	Golf: Boys Varsity Sectional	9:00am	Carroll Community	Carroll High School		
Mon	05/15/2017	Golf: Girls Varsity Regional	9:00am	ТВА	ТВА		
-		HS Vocal Music	7:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		6-12 Choir Concert
Mon		MS Vocal Music	7:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		6-12 Choir Concert
Tue		HS Instrumental Music	7:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		HS Band Concert
vved	05/17/2017	High School	6:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		Baccalaureate in the Auditorium. 6:00 PM
Wed	05/17/2017	High School	7:00pm		High School Gym		Senior Awards Night in the HS Gym. 7:00 PM
Fri	05/19/2017	High School					Seniors' last day.
Sun	05/21/2017	High School	2:00pm		High School Gym		2017 Graduation Ceremony
Mon	05/22/2017	Baseball: Freshman Game	4:00pm	Des Moines Roosevelt	Woodward-Granger Baseball Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game one of a double header.
Mon	05/22/2017	Baseball: Freshman Game	6:00pm	Des Moines Roosevelt	Woodward-Granger Baseball Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game two of a double header.



Woodward-Granger Multiple Activities Schedule (as of 03-31-2017)

Day	Date	Activity	Time \	/ersus L		ocation Co Detail	mments
Tue	05/23/2017	Baseball: JV Game	5:00pm	Ogden	Woodward-Granger Basebal Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game one of a JV/V Double Header.
Tue	05/23/2017	Softball: JV Game	5:30pm	Ogden	Woodward-Granger High School		JV/V Double Header.
Tue	05/23/2017	MS Instrumental Music	7:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		MS Spring Concert Band only at 7:00
Tue-	05/23/2017	MS Vocal Music	7:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		(Cancelled) MS Spring Concert Choir at 7:00
Tue	05/23/2017	Softball: Varsity Game	7:30pm	Ogden	Woodward-Granger High School		JV/V Double Header.
Tue	05/23/2017	Baseball: Varsity Game	7:30pm	Ogden	Woodward-Granger Basebal Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game two of a JV/V Double Header.
Wed	05/24/2017	Baseball: JV Game	5:00pm	Webster City	Woodward-Granger Basebal Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game 1 of a JV/V Double Header
Wed	05/24/2017	Baseball: Varsity Game	7:30pm	Webster City	Woodward-Granger Basebal Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game 2 of a JV/V Double Header
Thu	05/25/2017	Baseball: JV Game	5:00pm	AC/GC	AC-GC		Game one of a JV/V Double Header.
Thu	05/25/2017	Softball: JV Game	5:30pm	Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center	AC-GC		
Thu	05/25/2017	Softball: Varsity Game	7:00pm	Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center	AC-GC		
Thu	05/25/2017	Baseball: Varsity Game	7:30pm	AC/GC	AC-GC		Game two of a JV/V Double Header.
Fri	05/26/2017	WGCSD					Last Day of School. End of Quarter 4. End of Semester 2.
Fri	05/26/2017	WGCSD	11:00an	n			EARLY DISMISSAL
Fri	05/26/2017	Baseball: JV Game	5:00pm	Southwest Valley	Woodward-Granger Basebal Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game one of a JV/V Double Header.
Fri	05/26/2017	Baseball: Varsity Game	7:30pm	Southwest Valley	Woodward-Granger Basebal Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game two of a JV/V Double Header.
Sat		Softball: Varsity Classic	TBD	Centerville, TBA	Centerville		
Tue	05/30/2017	Baseball: JV Game	5:00pm	Madrid	Woodward-Granger Basebal Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game one of a JV/V Double Header.
Tue	05/30/2017	Softball: JV Game	5:30pm	Madrid	Woodward-Granger High School		JV/V Double Header.
Tue	05/30/2017	Softball: Varsity Game	7:00pm	Madrid	Woodward-Granger High School		JV/V Double Header.
Tue	05/30/2017	Baseball: Varsity Game	7:30pm	Madrid	Woodward-Granger Basebal Field	Baseball Field (Granger)	Game two of a JV/V Double Header.
Wed	05/31/2017	Baseball: Varsity Game	7:00pm	Iowa Christian Academy	 Woodward-Granger Basebal Field 	Baseball Field (Granger)	



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