## Hawk Happenings

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## District Participates in Healthiest State Initiative Walk

As part of lowa's Healthiest State Initiative, students at WG MS/HS participated


FCCLA is in full swing again this year at WoodwardGranger. A few of our chapter members had the opportunity to attend Fall Leadership Rally. These kids had the great opportunity to hear from some motivational speakers as well as discover even more options that are available to them by being members of FCCLA.


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# District Meets Board of Education Goals for Fiscal Year 16 Budget 

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In October of 2015 the Woodward-Granger Board of Education in a public work session sat down and analyzed the fiscal status of the district. From this analysis the board set specific financial goals related to the 2016 budget. These budget related goals were as follows:

| Goal | Steps/Strategies | Resources Needed |  | Outcome |  |
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| Financial Planning | 1. Utilize financial services (ISFIS/Grantwood/IASB) resources to improve decisionmaking. <br> 2. Conduct on-going financial education yearly for board. <br> 3. Create a 3-5 year comprehensive fiscal plan for the district <br> 4. District will maintain a min. of $10 \%$ solvency ratio | 2 | Rely on the various resources to improve the decision-making process. <br> Hold special work sessions for the board and the general public to learn more about the District's finances. <br> Provide time for the board to review financial data and to create a short-term (3-5 years) and long-term (5+ years) financial plan. <br> Do what is necessary in the budget to maintain a $10 \%$ solvency ratio. | 1. | 3-5 year financial forecasting document to be created. <br> Communication regarding district financials will increase for all patrons of the district. <br> Maintenance of a strong fiscal budget for the district. |

In creating these goals the board articulated a vision of how they intended to maintain and position the district financially for the future. These goals were established based on limits and recommendations of the Iowa Association of School Boards.

The district was able to utilize both local Grantwood accounting financial resources and information available from the Iowa Association of School boards (see 7 financial indicators attached) to improve the overall financial forecasting and decision-making. In addition, the board and Superintendent analyzed monthly revenues and expenditures available to the school's General Fund account. This allowed for adjustments to expenditures to be made on a monthly basis.

At the end of the 2015-16 school year the $\$ 11$ million dollar general fund budget ended $\$ 10,813$ to the positive ahead of the previous year. This minimal change indicated an overall balanced budget for the year. In addition the district solvency ratio (undesignated/unreserved general fund balance / actual total receipts of the district for the year) ended at the year at 10.75\%. In the end, the financial goals of the district were met for the FY16 School year.




## Foundation Grant to Benefit Sixth Grade Literacy Students

The Woodward-Granger Community School District Foundation's mission is to provide enrichment opportunities and scholarships for Woodward-Granger students and their families. With this in mind, W-G teachers at all levels were recently invited to apply for a $\$ 500$ grant to fund creative and innovative activities in the classroom and contribute to students' success.

Middle School teacher, Emily Perrin, a sixth grade literacy teacher, was announced as the recipient of the grant that will be used to purchase
classroom iPads. Ms. Perrin is excited to use the iPads for differentiating assignments for reading groups, for Daily Oral Language, for gathering relevant and reliable information, and for proofreading and editing students' work.

An additional cycle for grant applications will be available for any pre-K through twelfth grade teachers next year. The grant deadline is October 1. For more information, visit the Woodward-Granger Community School District Foundation website.

Congratulations to Ms. Perrin and her sixth grade students who will benefit greatly from this grant!


## ELEMENTARY

The beginning of the year is off to a great start in Kindergarten! After spending our first few weeks learning about each other and the school routine, the kids are anxious to learn to read! We have started by learning to recognize and write the letters of the alphabet. We are also working to master the sounds each letter makes. Next, we will begin putting those letter sounds together to make words.

During our science time we have been learning about the seasons, the life cycle of an apple, and the 5 senses. We have also enjoyed watching and charting the weather. We've noticed the leaves changing colors, and the temperature cooling down. The students have been very interested in the changes associated with the new season.

As a part of our apple study we took the kindergarten class to the Center Grove Apple Orchard. While we were there we were able to observe the apple sorting room, take a hayrack ride, play in a corn pool, go down the big slide and many other fun activities! It was definitely a great experience and the students have already been asking about our next field trip!

Our kindergarten class is full of enthusiasm and curiosity. The students are anxious and excited to learn about the world around us. We have a lot of fun, but we also practice our Hawk 5, and work to be the best we can be. It's definitely going to be a great year!


## JUNIOR HIGH

My name is Skylar Wolf and I have had the opportunity to student teach for Mr. Wunschel over the past 8 weeks. During this experience I have built relationships that I will never forget and not only have I taught science, I have also learned endless amounts of information that you don't get from regular classes. I am a senior at the University of Northern Iowa studying middle level education dualed with elementary education. Upon graduation, I will be certified to teach 7th and 8th grade math, science and social studies along with an elementary certification. During my free time, I enjoy being outdoors and playing sports like golf and basketball. Though my time at Woodward-Granger is coming to a close, I have had the opportunity to take control over a middle school classroom and feel as if it were mine. I have also had the opportunity to volunteer and help out the coaching staff for the 7th and 8th grade football teams. This is an experience that I will never forget and I thank you all for letting me be a part of it.

## GRANDWOOD

October has come and gone already! Where has the time gone? October was a busy month at Grandwood. We have spent some time preparing for Special Olympics Bowling which took place on October 20th. All of the students did awesome!! We have also taken several Community Learning Experiences during October, including a play at the Civic Center. A big hit was Deals Apple Orchard. That is always a nice thing to look forward to this time of year. We also went to Courage League Sports to help us stay active. We ended our month with the October Hero Huddle to celebrate our PBIS values of patience, honesty, kindness, and trust. What a great month it has been full of fun and a lot of learning!


## Fall Play

On Friday, November 4th, and Saturday, November 5th, the drama department will perform Dracula. Showtimes are 7PM both nights. Come if you dare...



On Thursday, November 24th, as a way to show thanks for the generosity of the communities we serve, the Woodward-Granger High School/ Middle School will be hosting the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner will be served from $11 \mathrm{AM}-1 \mathrm{PM}$, and is free and open to everyone in the community. Come and enjoy turkey, mashed potatoes and all the trimmings. If you would like to request transportation services, please contact the WGHS office at (515) 438-2115.

## With Sincere Gratitude

I am old enough to know I do not know everything, and I would like to thank the following people for helping me this fall as I have assumed the concession stand duties.

- Shad and Angie Kirton - Thank you for your patience in "speed" teaching me the main points in managing the concession stands. Your ideas, continued support, and willingness to educate me has made our concessions stands more successful.
- Kathy Nixon - Thank you for your willingness to be the sponsor for the junior class and by keeping me organized during the fall seasons. While you thought you might have been bothering me with messages, you kept me informed and focused on improving what we offer. Plus I would have forgotten to "heat the cheese" many times with your support.
- Junior Parents and Anyone Who Worked at a Concession Stand - Thank you for your hard work and dedication. You handled the transition to the iPad era with ease, and increased our sales. Without you and your efforts, we would not have been as successful.
- David Combs and your Accounting Students
- Thanks for creating the dashboard for the iPads to allow our concession stands to accept credit cards. Additionally, the iPads have aided in tracking inventory.


| Breakfast Pizza | 14 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Or |  |
| Choice of Cereal |  |
| Graham Cracker |  |
| Vegetable |  |
| Fruit |  |
| Choice of Milk |  |



| Breakfast Pizza |
| :--- |
| Or |
| Choice of Cereal |
| Graham Cracker |
|  |
| Vegetable |
| Fruit |
| Choice of Milk |



## Woodward-Granger

Breakfast Menu
Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit Offered Daily



| Pancake on a Stick | 16 | Breakfast Loaf <br> Or <br> Choice of Cereal <br> Oraham Cracker |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
| Vegetable |  |  |
| Choice of Cereal |  |  |
| Graham Cracker |  |  |
| Fruit |  |  |
| Choice of Milk |  |  |


| French Toast/Sausage |
| :--- |
| Or |
| Choice of Cereal |
| Graham Cracker |
|  |
| Vegetable |
| Fruit |
| Choice of Milk |



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

FRIDAY

| French Toast/Sausage |
| :--- |
| Or |
| Choice of Cereal |
| Graham Cracker |
|  |
| Vegetable |
| Fruit |
| Choice of Milk |

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit

TUESDAY

| HOM Feature - Tomato (1) |
| :--- |
| Pepperoni Flat Bread |
| OR Deli Sandwich |
| Leafy Green Salad |
| Chicken Tenders |
| Dinner Roll |
| Or Deli Sandwich |
| Mixed Vegetables |


| WEDNESDAY |
| :--- |
| Cookie Monster's B-Day 2 <br> Chicken Nuggets, Dinner <br> Roll <br> Or Chef Salad <br> French Fries <br> Cookie Decorating Station |

## THURSDAY



| Chicken Waffle Sandwich 9 |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Or Chef Salad |  |
| Carrots |  |
| Or Deli Sandwich Dog |  |
| Garden Green Beans |  |



No School



| Popcorn Chicken Bites <br> Dinner Roll |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Or Chef Salad |  |
| Mashed Potatoes \& Gravy | French Toast Day <br> Cinnamon French Toast (22 <br> Sticks, Sausage |
| Or Deli Sandwich |  |
| Breakfast Potato |  |

County Fair Corn Dog
Or Chef Salad
Garden Carrots

| Chicken Tenders | 29 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dinner Roll |  |
| Or Deli Sandwich |  |
| Mashed Potatoes |  |
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|  |  |

Walking Tacos
Or Chef Salad
Refried Beans
No School


Cranberries are one of the few fruits native to North America.

FRIDAY
Homemade Chili Cinnamon Roll

Or Chef Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Thanksgiving Meal
Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy,
Dinner Roll, Apple
Cranberry Crisp
Or Chef Salad

Mashed Potatoes


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TUESDAY
Soft Shell Taco
Refried Beans
Or
Sub Sandwich

| Nachos |
| :--- |
| Refried Beans |
| Or |
| Sub Sandwich |

Roasted Hot Dog Baked Beans

Or
Chef Salad

Popcorn Chicken Bites, 21
Mashed Potatoes \& Gravy,
Dinner Roll
Or
Chef Salad

| French Toast Day |
| :--- |
| Cinnamon French Toast 22 |
| Sticks \& Ham Slice |
| Breakfast Potato |
|  |
| Or |
| Sub Sandwich |

Pancakes, Syrup and
Eggs, Tri Tator
Or
Chef Salad

| Roasted Hot Dog <br> Baked Beans |
| :--- | :--- |
| Or |
| Chef Salad |


| Soft Shell Tacos <br> Refried Beans |
| :--- |
| Or |
| Sub Sandwich |

THURSDAY


| Crispito |
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| Ole's |
| Or |
| Sub Sandwich |
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Asian Chicken Noodle
Bowl
Or
Chef Salad

| Chicken Nuggets |
| :--- |
| Mashed Potatoes |
| Or |
| Sub Sandwich |
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| Italian Meatballs in Bread <br> Bowl <br> Garden Green Beans <br> Or <br> Chef Salad | Breaded Pork Sandwich <br> Mashed Potatoes |
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|  |  |
| Or |  |
| Sub Sandwich |  |

Chicken Ranch Flat Bread ${ }^{18}$
Or
Chef Salad

Thanksgiving Meal 11
Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Apple Cranberry Crisp

Or
Chef Salad
Thanksgiving Meal
Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, 11
Gravy, Dinner Roll,
Apple Cranberry Crisp
Or
Chef Salad


| King Ranch Cheesy |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Chicken over Rice and |  |
| Fresh Breadstick |  |
|  |  |
| Or |  |
| Chef Salad |  |


| Nachos <br> Refried Beans |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Or |  |
| Sub Sandwich |  |




Cranberries are one of the few fruits native to North America.
Pasta with Meat Sauce
Bread Stick
Or
Chef Salad

FRIDAY

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| PRICES |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Regular | $\$ 2.85$ |
| Reduced | $\$ .40$ |
| Adult | $\$ 3.65$ |
| Extra Milk | $\$ .50$ |

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## Woodward-Granger

Middle \& High School Lunch Menu
Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit Offered Daily on the Fruit \& Vegetable Bar

MONDAY



TUESDAY
Taco Bar
Refried Beans
Or Spicy Chicken (High
School Only)
Or Pizza

| Nachos |
| :--- |
| Refried Beans |
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| Or Spicy Chicken(High |
| School Only) |
| Or Pizza |

Walking Tacos
Refried Beans
Or Spicy Chicken (High
School Only)
Or Pizza

| French Toast Day |
| :--- |
| Homemade French Toast, 22 |
| Ham Slice |
| Breakfast Potato |
| Or Spicy Chicken (High |
| School Only) |
|  |
| Or Pizza |

WEDNESDAY


THURSDAY


FRIDAY




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North America.

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Woodward-Granger 2016-17 Multiple Activities Schedule
(as of 10-24-2016)

| Activity | Time | Lersus | Location <br> Detail |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- |
| THURSDAY, NOV 03, 2016 |  |  | Comments |
| Elementary | $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}-8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Parent/Teacher <br> Conferences. |  |
| Early Learning Center | $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}-8: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Parent/Teacher <br> Conferences. |  |

FRIDAY, NOV 04, 2016

| WGCSD |  | End of First <br> Quarter <br> Drama |
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SATURDAY, NOV 05, 2016

| Drama | 7:00pm | MS/HS Auditorium | Fall Play |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TUESDAY, NOV 08, 2016 |  |  |  |
| HS Vocal Music |  |  | WCAC High School Honor Choir Location and time to be determined. |


| THURSDAY, NOV 10, 2016 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| WGCSD | $2: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ |  |  |

Basketball: Boys JH Game $4: 00 \mathrm{pm} \quad$ Van Meter $\quad$ Woodward Granger Middle | Middle School |
| :---: |
| Gym |

| Basketball: Girls JH Game | 4:00pm | Van Meter | Van Meter High School |  | 7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over. |
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| TUESDAY, NOV 15, 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |
| HS Instrumental Music |  |  |  |  | WCAC High School Honor Band Location and time to be determined |
| THURSDAY, NOV 17, 2016 |  |  |  |  |  |
| HS Instrumental Music |  |  |  |  | All State Music Festival Ames, Iowa |
| HS Vocal Music |  |  |  |  | All State Music Festival Ames, lowa |
| Basketball: Boys JH Game | 4:00pm | AC/GC | AC/GC Junior High School |  | 7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over. AC/GC MS is in Casey. |
| Basketball: Girls JH Game | 4:00pm | AC/GC | Woodward Granger Middle School | Middle School Gym | 7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over. |
| MS Instrumental Music | 6:30pm |  |  |  | South Central Jr. High Honor Band Held in Afton, Iowa Concert at 6:30 PM |

FRIDAY, NOV 18, 2016

| HS Vocal Music |  |  |  |  | All State Music Festival Ames, lowa |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HS Instrumental Music |  |  |  |  | All State Music Festival Ames, lowa |
| Basketball: Girls JV Game | 6:00pm | Collins-Maxwell-Baxter | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym | JV will play at 6:00 with the Varsity to follow. |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | 7:15pm | Collins-Maxwell-Baxter | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym | JV will play first with Varsity to Follow. |

SATURDAY, NOV 19, 2016

| HS Instrumental Music | All State Music |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Festival Ames, |
| HS Vocal Music | Iowa |
|  | All State Music |
|  | Festival Ames, |
|  | lowa |

MONDAY, NOV 21, 2016

| Basketball: Girls JH Game | $4: 00$ pm | Earlham, Woodward- <br> Granger Middle School | Earlham High School |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Basketball: Boys JH Game | $\mathbf{4 : 0 0 p m}$ | Woodward-Granger <br> Middle School vs. <br> Earlham | Woodward-Granger High <br> School |


| Basketball: Boys JH Game | 4:00pm | Earlham | Woodward Granger Middle School | Middle School Gym | 7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basketball: Girls JH Game | 4:00pm | Earlham | Earlham High School |  | 7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over. |

TUESDAY, NOV 22, 2016

| HS Instrumental Music | $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Jazz Preview |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |
| Night in HS |  |  |
| Auditorium |  |  |

WEDNESDAY, NOV 23, 2016

| WGCSD | NO SCHOOL |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | Staff Comp |
| Day. |  |

THURSDAY, NOV 24, 2016
WGCSD NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, NOV 25, 2016
WGCSD NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, NOV 28, 2016

| Basketball: Boys JH Game | 4:00pm | Ogden | Ogden Middle School |  | 7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over. |
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| Basketball: Girls JH Game | 4:00pm | Ogden | Woodward Granger Middle School | Middle School Gym | 7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over. |

TUESDAY, NOV 29, 2016

| Wrestling: HS Meet | TBD | Colfax-Mingo, East Union, Pleasantville, WoodwardGranger | Colfax-Mingo High School |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | TBD | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School |  |  |
| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | 4:30pm | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym |  |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | 6:00pm | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym | Girls play at 6:00 with boys to follow. |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | 7:30pm | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym |  |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | 7:30pm | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym | Girls play at 6:00 with Boys to follow. |

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