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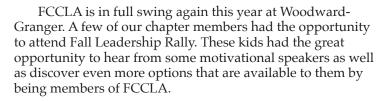
November 2016



District Participates in Healthiest State Initiative Walk

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







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District Meets Board of Education Goals for Fiscal Year 16 Budget

by Brad Anderson Superintendent



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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:

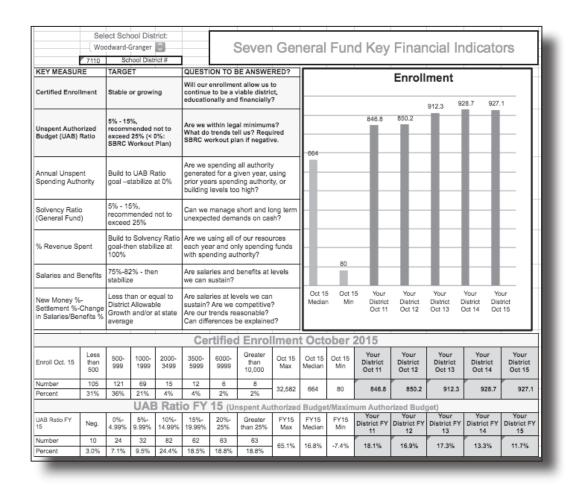
Goal	Steps/Strategies	Resources Needed	Outcome	
Financial Planning	1. Utilize financial services (ISFIS/Grantwood/IASB) resources to improve decision-making. 2. Conduct on-going financial education yearly for board. 3. Create a 3-5 year comprehensive fiscal plan for the district 4. District will maintain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

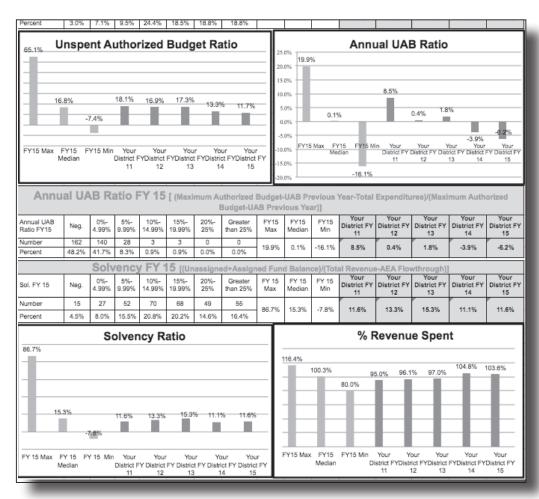
In creating these goals the board articulated a vision of how they intended to maintain and position the district financially for the future. These goals were established based on limits and recommendations of the Iowa Association of School Boards.

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.

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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

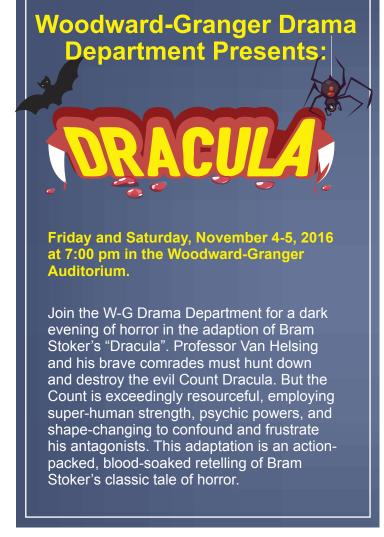
October has come and gone already! Where has the time gone? October was a busy month at Grandwood. We have spent some time preparing for Special Olympics Bowling which took place on October 20th. All of the students did awesome!! We have also taken several Community Learning Experiences during October, 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!



HIGH SCHOOL

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 11AM-1PM, 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.



Woodward-Granger

Breakfast Menu

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit Offered Daily

NOVEMBER

MONDAY



TUESDAY

Mini Pancake Or Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Juice Choice of Milk

WEDNESDAY

2

9

(16)

(23)

30

Pancake on a Stick Or Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk

THURSDAY

3

(10

(17

(24

Breakfast Loaf Or Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Juice Choice of Milk

FRIDAY

French Toast/Sausage Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk

Breakfast Pizza

Or

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk Donut Or

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Juice Choice of Milk 8 Pancake on a Stick

> Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruti Choice of Milk PopTart/Cheese Stick

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Juice Choice of Milk French Toast/Sausage

(11

(18)

25

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk

Breakfast Pizza

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable

Fruit Choice of Milk Mini Pancake

(14)

(21)

28

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Juice

Choice of Milk

Pancake on a Stick

(15)

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk Breakfast Loaf

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Juice Choice of Milk French Toast/Sausage

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk

Breakfast Pizza

Or Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit

Choice of Milk

French Toast Day French Toast/Sausage

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Juice Choice of Milk No School

Happy Thanksgiving No School

No School

Breakfast Pizza

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk

Extra milk

Mini Pancake

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Juice Choice of Milk Pancake on a Stick

29

Choice of Cereal Graham Cracker

Vegetable Fruit Choice of Milk

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

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

\$1.70 Regular Reduced \$.30 \$2.45 Adult

\$0.50

HARVEST OF THE MONTH



Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch. Entree Salads are served with Dinner Roll For questions or comments, contact meladeesteele@wghawks.school or 515-438-2115



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WG ELC and Elementary Lunch Menu

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

NOVEMBER 2016

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



HOM Feature - Tomato 1

Pepperoni Flat Bread

OR Deli Sandwich

Leafy Green Salad

Cookie Monster's B-Day 2 Chicken Nuggets, Dinner

Or Chef Salad

French Fries

Cookie Decorating Station

Pulled Pork Sandwich

OR Deli Sandwich

Creamy Coleslaw

Homemade Chili Cinnamon Roll

Or Chef Salad

Mixed Vegetables

Pancakes, Syrup and Omelet

Or Chef Salad

Breakfast Potato

Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll

Or Deli Sandwich

Mixed Vegetables

Chicken Waffle Sandwich 9

Or Chef Salad

Carrots

8

(15

Corn Dog

Or Deli Sandwich

Garden Green Beans

Thanksgiving Meal Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Apple

Cranberry Crisp

Or Chef Salad

Mashed Potatoes

Pizza Parlor Pizza

Roasted Hot Dog

Or Chef Salad

Savory Baked Beans

Chicken Wings Variety of Sauces

Or Deli Sub

Corn

(14)

(28

Italian Meatballs with Penne Noodles

Or Chef Salad

Garden Green Beans

Build Your Own Burger

Or Deli Sub Green Peas

OR Chef Salad

24

(10

Garlic Herb Broccoli

(18)

25

Popcorn Chicken Bites

Dinner Roll

Or Chef Salad

Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

French Toast Day Cinnamon French Toast Sticks , Sausage

Or Deli Sandwich

Breakfast Potato

(23)

(30)

(16

No School

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Happy Thanksgiving No School

No School

County Fair Corn Dog

Or Chef Salad

Garden Carrots

Extra Milk

Chicken Tenders Dinner Roll

Or Deli Sandwich

Mashed Potatoes

Walking Tacos

Or Chef Salad

Refried Beans

Thought

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Food Service Office.

PRICES

 Regular
 \$2.70

 Reduced
 \$0.40

 Adult
 \$3.65

\$0.50

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

29



EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate
Skim is included with lunch.
Entree Salads are served with Dinner Roll
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Grandwood Lunch Menu

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

NOVEMBER 2013

TUESDAY FRIDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY MONDAY (2) 1 Homemade Chili Crispito Pasta with Meat Sauce Soft Shell Taco Bread Stick Refried Beans Mixed Vegetables Ole's Or Or Or Or Sub Sandwich Chef Salad Sub Sandwich Chef Salad Choose My Plate.gov Thanksgiving Meal Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, 8 (10) Pancakes, Syrup and Asian Chicken Noodle Nachos Chicken Nuggets Eggs, Tri Tator Refried Beans Bowl Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Dinner Roll, Apple Cranberry Crisp Or Or Or Or Chef Salad Chef Salad Sub Sandwich Sub Sandwich Chef Salad (14 (15 Italian Meatballs in Bread 16 Breaded Pork Sandwich 17 Soft Shell Tacos Chicken Ranch Flat Bread 8 Roasted Hot Dog **Baked Beans** Refried Beans Bowl Mashed Potatoes Garden Green Beans Or Or Or Or Chef Salad Chef Salad Chef Salad Sub Sandwich Sub Sandwich Popcorn Chicken Bites, 21 French Toast Day Cinnamon French Toast 22 (23 (24 25 Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Sticks & Ham Slice Dinner Roll **Breakfast Potato** Happy Thanksgiving No School No School No School Or Or Chef Salad Sub Sandwich (28 29 (30) King Ranch Cheesy Nachos Philly Flat Bread Free & Reduced Price Chicken over Rice and Refried Beans Corn Meal Benefit Fresh Breadstick information & application can be Or Or Or obtained by Cranberries are one of contacting the the few fruits native to Chef Salad Chef Salad Sub Sandwich Food Service Office. North America.

 Regular
 \$2.85

 Reduced
 \$.40

 Adult
 \$3.65

 Extra Milk
 \$.50

HARVEST OF THE MONTH



EXTRA INFO
Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate

Skim is included with lunch.
Entree Salads are served with Dinner Roll
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Woodward-Granger Middle & High School Lunch Menu

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

NOVEMBER 2016

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY MONDAY Homemade Chili in a Taco Bar Cripsito's Pasta Bar Refried Beans Bread Bowl Potatoe Ole's Mixed Vegetables Or Spicy Chicken (High Or BBQ Riblet Or Breaded Pork Or Chicken Patty School Only) Patty(High School Only) Or Pizza Or Pizza Choose My Plate. **Thanksgiving Meal** Turkey 8 (10 (11 Pancakes, Syrup and Nachos Asian Chicken Noodle Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Eggs, Tri Tator Refried Beans Bowl with Lemongrass Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Stuffing, Dinner Or BBQ Riblet Or Breaded Pork Roll, Apple Cranberry Or Hamburger Or Spicy Chicken(High Patty(High School Only) Crisp School Only) Or Pizza Or Pizza Or Chicken Patty 14 (15 (17 Italian Meatballs in Bread 16 Chicken Ranch Flat Bread 8 Roasted Hot Dog Walking Tacos Mashed Potato Bar **Baked Beans** Refried Beans Bowl. Green Beans Or Hamburger Or Spicy Chicken (High Or BBQ Riblet Or Breaded Pork Patty Or Chicken Patty School Only) (High School Only) Or Pizza Or Pizza French Toast Day Homemade French Toast (23 (24 (25 Popcorn Chicken Bites with Soft Pan Roll Ham Slice Mashed Potatoes & Gravy **Breakfast Potato** Happy Thanksgiving No School No School No School Or Spicy Chicken (High Or Hamburger School Only) Or Pizza (28) (29 (30) King Ranch Cheesy Nacho Bar Philly Flat Bread Chicken over Rice and Free & Reduced Price Refried Beans Corn Meal Benefit Fresh Breadstick information & Or Spicy Chicken (High Or BBQ Riblet application can be Or Hamburger School Only) obtained by Cranberries are one of Or Pizza contacting the the few fruits native to Food Service Office.

Fresh Choices

Served Daily

Chef Salad

Sub Sandwich



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Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate
Skim is included with lunch.

Entree Salads are served with Dinner Roll
For questions or comments,

North America.

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

Activity	Time	Versus	Location	Location Detail	Comments
THURSDAY, NOV 03, 2016					
Elementary	4:00pm-8:00pm				Parent/Teacher Conferences.
Early Learning Center	4:00pm-8:00pm				Parent/Teacher Conferences.
FRIDAY, NOV 04, 2016					
WGCSD					End of First Quarter
Drama	7:00pm		MS/HS Auditorium		Fall Play
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	2:15pm				Early Dismissal before district- wide conferences.
Basketball: Girls JH Game	4:00pm	Woodward-Granger Middle School vs. Des Moines Christian	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.
Middle School	4:00pm-8:00pm				Parent/Teacher Conferences.
Basketball: Boys JH Game	4:00pm	Des Moines Christian, Woodward-Granger Middle School	Des Moines Christian School		7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over.
High School	4:00pm-8:00pm				Parent/Teacher Conferences.
Elementary	4:00pm-8:00pm				Parent/Teacher Conferences.
Early Learning Center	4:00pm-8:00pm				Parent/Teacher Conferences.
MONDAY, NOV 14, 2016					
Basketball: Boys JH Game	4:00pm	Van Meter	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	Van Meter	Van Meter High School		7th Grade will start at 4:00. 8th Grade will play after the 7th Grade game is over.
FUESDAY, 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, Iowa
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, Iowa
HS Instrumental Music					All State Music Festival Ames, Iowa
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, Iowa
HS Vocal Music					All State Music Festival Ames, Iowa
MONDAY, NOV 21, 2016					
Basketball: Girls JH Game	4:00pm	Earlham, Woodward- Granger Middle School	Earlham High School		

Basketball: Boys JH Game 4:00pm

Woodward-Granger Middle School vs. Earlham

Woodward-Granger High 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
Basketball: Girls JH Game	4:00pm	Earlham	Earlham High School		game is over. 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	5:00pm				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.
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, Woodward- Granger	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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