## Hawk Happenings

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Iowa author Katherine Hannigan visited our K-5 students.


## HAWK HAPPENINGS

At the beginning of every school year there is a lot of discussion centered on establishing goals for the upcoming year. Parents give careful consideration to the goals they have for the children as they enter a new school year. Teachers are focused on establishing a learning community that supports the needs of every child in their classroom. Likewise, principals evaluate the overall condition of learning and develop plans for continuous improvement within their buildings. Even the board of education spends time discussing what they want to accomplish in a new academic year. November is a great time of year to pause and reflect on the progress of our goals and ensure efforts are aligned to the priorities we established at the beginning of the year. The Woodward-Granger Board of Directors worked closely with the lowa Association of School Boards to identify our goals for the 2019-2020 school year.

## Board Goal A: Cultivating support that ensures strong, successful student learning

To accomplish this goal, learning must become personalized for each and every student. It becomes personalized when teachers know what students can and can't do in the classroom and respond with appropriate and timely instruction. This demanding work can not be done in isolation. Teachers organize themselves in professional learning communities (PLC) and develop common formative assessments to conduct frequent checks for understanding. This allows for a flexible, responsive approach to teaching and learning. To be successful in this endeavor, principals and teachers must participate in a continuous improvement cycle to grow the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the individual needs of all students.

## Board Goal B: Growing a culture of ongoing development of staff

Our greatest asset as a school district is our staff and faculty. We have a lot of talented educators currently in our system. Additionally, we need to continue to attract other talented educators to join our district and contribute to our efforts in becoming a premier school district in the metro area. Retaining our talent is equally important. We want to make
sure we provide staff with the resources and supports necessary to do their jobs at high levels. Resources and supports can come in the form of supplies and materials, professional development or even emotional support. I believe teaching is the toughest job on the planet and we need to make sure we are recruiting and retaining a talented workforce to meet the demands of the job.

## Board Goal C: Exploring, prioritizing and implementing programs to meet the full range of student needs

In today's schools we are preparing students for jobs that currently do not exist. We need to expose our students to a wide variety of experiences and opportunities. When we consider 'building futures one student at a time' we must recognize every student may choose a different path to that future. The challenge is providing programming that meets the needs of students regardless of the chosen path. In preparation of our changing, dynamic society we must provide programming that will enhance their experience beyond high school.

## Board Goal D: Advancing a strong community-school partnership (emphasis on strengthening trust)

We're proud of our school district and we have a great story to tell. The parents and families of Woodward-Granger CSD entrust the school district with their most valued possession- their children. We want to work in partnership and recognize the value of harnessing our collective resources to accomplish our goals. We are better together. We want to create a safe and welcoming environment for all of our stakeholders and invite participation. We also want to share the Woodward-Granger story with our community.

Throughout the 2019-2020 school year these goals will be driving our efforts. If you attend a future board meeting you'll probably see various presentations from the buildings. One common theme in the presentations is a strong focus on the board goals. These goals help us focus our energy and efforts. We're off to a great start at W-G and I look forward to continued successes in our classrooms and buildings!

Dr. Matt Adams, Superintendent


On October 14, lowa author Katherine Hannigan visited our K-5 students In the Elementary Library. She shared with them her inspiration for her stories, her writing and illustrating process, and a little about her life and pets in Fayette, lowa. Students were able to purchase books which she then signed and personalized for each of them. If you missed the chance to purchase her books, they will be available at the Scholastic Book Fair during conferences.

## Counselor Corner

The topic for this month is to discuss what it means to be a good friend. Students will have an opportunity to discuss what a good friend is, says, does and examples of not being a good friend. As part of this discussion, students will also learn about the basics of bullying and how to handle conflict.

At home discussion:
A good friend is kind, friendly, respectful ...
A good friend says please, thank you, I am sorry ...
A good friend does work hard, helps others, shares ...
A good friend is not mean, impatient, rude ...
Be on the lookout for information about our monthly topics and information from our district-wide initiative on bullying/harassment.

Feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns.
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## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

The spotlight is on Jenae Jones! Eleven students participated in a pumpkin painting contest where staff were invited to vote for their favorite pumpkin. Jenae won first place, but her dedication to the art room goes beyond just this contest. Jenae shows up everyday to her design studies class and gives her all. Through patience and perseverance she creates art that is not only appealing to her, but art that makes other students stop in the hall to admire her work.

Great job, Jenae!


## WOODWARD-GRANGER Homecoming Court



## HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES



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What a great start to the 2019-2020 school year in the WG Business Program! As the program has evolved over the last 9 years, we have strived to create as many authentic learning experiences as we can to make student learning real. This fall, students in Personal Finance, Business Computer Applications, Marketing, Sales/Workplace Communications, and Accounting have already had chances to work with and visit a number of businesses in the community including:

- Minburn Communications
- E-Bank
- Picket Fence Creamery
- Casey's Corporate
- Sassy Ensembles

We look forward to even more opportunities throughout the school year and I can't thank these community partners enough for their support for the WG Business Program! As a show of our program's gratitude, we established a community partner "Logo Wall" in the high school to
 demonstrate the value of these community partnerships to our program and student learning.

The WG Business program is constantly looking to further these community connections and if you, your business, or your employer want to become part of these authentic experiences, we would love to hear from you! These connections become incredible experiences for students and a tremendous opportunity to authenticate student learning!

Specifically during the second semester, THE BUSINESS EXPERIENCE students participate in a completely project-based learning experience where community partners provide the learning experiences and students get the opportunity to apply their skills in completing these authentic tasks!

If your business or your employers have any projects that you just can't get to on your to do list, need a fresh perspective or would be a great challenge for high school business students, we would love to the opportunity to take it on!

Thanks again to all our community partners and stop by the high school to see our "Logo Wall" continue to grow!
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## 6th Grade Bike Ride

How does 80 6th grade students and 10 adults all on bikes at one time on the High Trestle Trail sound to you? For Woodward-Granger Middle School, it sounds like an annual fun time! On October 4th, the 6th grade teachers, along with parent volunteers, took a bike trip with the 6th grade class from W-G middle school all the way to Madrid and back. The total trip was 13 miles - maybe the farthest some of these kids (and adults!) have ever biked in one day!

6th grade math teacher Katie Nygaard is the mastermind behind the trip. She has done this bike ride every year since she has been at W-G. The bike ride promotes outdoor recreation on one of the best bike trails in the state of lowa, healthy activity, and proper biking etiquette on a trail along with safety.
 Thankfully, we had parent volunteers at each road passing to help direct students and traffic making for a safe ride.

The students stopped at the overlook of the river (pictures attached) for a group picture, and then again in Madrid for a snack and hydration. We made it back in time for the end of the school day where we loaded all the bikes to be transported back to the elementary for kids who live there to be picked up while Woodward students were picked up at the middle school. A HUGE Thanks to all the teachers and parents who made this day possible! Bike on!


## 2nd Grade Butterfly Garden

The second-grade teachers were the lucky recipients of a $\$ 500$ grant from the W-G Foundation last fall. Our grant proposal was written for money to be used for a field trip to watch a play about butterflies and to design and construct a butterfly garden for the second graders (and butterflies!) to enjoy. Due to the weather last spring, we had to put our plans on hold. This past summer the teachers designed and constructed the garden and the students have enjoyed watching the many butterflies come and enjoy the flowers. One day we counted 15 out there at once! We are extremely fortunate to have received this and will be able to enjoy it for many years to come.

This is our second year raising Monarch caterpillars from egg to adult and we have been very successful We have loved watching the tiny caterpillars hatch from their eggs and go through all the stages in their metamorphosis as we fed them milkweed. The students watched the chubby caterpillars change into their emerald green chrysalis and then emerge as beautiful butterflies. We have learned so much about these insects and hope that we can help to rebuild their population.



Woodward-Granger 2019-20 Multiple Activities Schedule (as of 10-18-2019)

| Activity | Time | Versus | Location | Location |
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FRIDAY, NOV 01, 2019

| FFA |  |  | National FFA Convention and Expo at Indianapolis, IN |
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| HS Drama | 7:00pm | MS/HS Auditorium | HS Fall Play: <br> The Odd Couple (Female Version) |

SATURDAY, NOV 02, 2019

| FFA |  |  | National FFA Convention and Expo at Indianapolis, IN |
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| HS Drama | 7:00pm | MS/HS Auditorium | HS Fall Play: <br> The Odd Couple (Female Version) |

TUESDAY, NOV 05, 2019

| MS Instrumental Music | 6:30pm | SCIBA MS Honor Band at Ankeny Centennial High School. Concerts start at 6:30 (Red Band), 7:00 (White Band), 7:30 (Blue Band) |
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WEDNESDAY, NOV 06, 2019

| Early Dismissal $2: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ | Early |
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| Dismissal |  |

THURSDAY, NOV 07, 2019

| High School | Open Parent Teacher Conferences. Drop in to see teachers as they are available. |
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| Middle School | Scheduled <br> Parent - <br> Teacher <br> Conferences. <br> Families will <br> be contacted <br> if their <br> student will <br> be scheduled <br> for a <br> conference <br> with the <br> teaching <br> team. |


| Activity | Time | Versus | Location | Location Detail | Comments |
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| WGCSD |  |  |  |  | Parent - <br> Teacher Conferences |
| Early Dismissal | 2:15pm |  |  |  | Early Dismissal |
| FRIDAY, NOV 08, 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Middle School | 6:00pm-8:00pm |  | MS/HS Cafeteria |  | MS Dance in the Cafeteria. Sponsored by the MS Student Council. |
| MONDAY, NOV 11, 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Elementary | 10:30am |  |  |  | 4th \& 5th Grade Veterans' Day Concert during school. 10:30 AM in the Elementary Gym. |
| MS Instrumental Music | 3:00pm |  |  |  | 8th Grade Band Veterans' Day Concert during Hawk Time in the auditorium. |

TUESDAY, NOV 12, 2019

| HS Vocal Music | 7:00pm | WCAC Honor Choir at Des Moines Christian School. Concert at 7:00 PM. |
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| WEDNESDAY, NOV 13, 2019 |  |  |
| HS Vocal Music | 9:30am | HS Band and Choir Veterans' Day Concert during Hawk Time (9:39 $A M$ ) in the auditorium |
| HS Instrumental Music | 9:30am | HS Band and Choir Veterans' Day Concert during Hawk Time (9:39 $A M)$ in the auditorium |
| Early Dismissal | 2:15pm | Early Dismissal |

WCAC HS Honor Band Hosted at WG. Concert
in the MS
Gym at 7:00.

| Activity | Time | Versus | Location | Location Detail | Comments |
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| WEDNESDAY, NOV 20, 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Early Dismissal | 2:15pm |  |  |  | Early Dismissal |
| FRIDAY, NOV 22, 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basketball: Girls JV Game | 6:00pm | Collins-Maxwell | Collins-Max |  |  |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | 7:30pm | Collins-Maxwell | Woodward |  |  |
| TUESDAY, NOV 26, 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |
| HS Instrumental Music | 5:00pm |  |  |  | HS Jazz Preview Concert WG Auditorium. |

WEDNESDAY, NOV 27, 2019
WGCSD No School

THURSDAY, NOV 28, 2019

| WGCSDNo School - <br> Happy <br> Thanksgiving! |
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$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Classic Cafe } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Buffalo Chicken Wrap, } \\ \\ \text { Roasted Broccoli }\end{array}\end{array}$
Diner Station
Cheeseburger on Bun, Golden French Fries

Grab and Go Ham Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

Milk choice of 1\%, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
For questions or comments, contact the Food Service Director at deannaeiteman@wghawks.school, or call 515-438-2115 ext 5129

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# Woodward-Granger Middle School / High School 

Lunch Menu

Classic Cafe Mexican Street Tacos, Mexican Corn, Mini Rice Krispie Treat

Diner Station Chicken Bacon Ranch Melt, Tri Tater

Grab and Go Turkey Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Sweet and Sour Chicken, Brown Rice, Fortune Cookie

Pizza Parlor Cheese Pizza/Sausage Pizza

Grab and Go Ham Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Carnita Nachos, Minted Fruit Salad

Diner Station
Spicy Chicken Patty on Bun, Golden French Fries

Grab and Go
Ham Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

# Woodward-Granger Middle School / High School 

| Classic Cafe | Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, <br> Peas \& Carrots, French Bread |
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| Diner Station | Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Tri <br> Tater |
| Grab and Go | Turkey Deli Sub Sandwich, <br> Chef Salad |

Classic Cafe \(\begin{aligned} \& Grilled Cheese Sandwich,<br>\& Beef Vegetable Soup\end{aligned}\) Pizza Parlor Cheese or Sausage Pizza Salad

Classic Cafe BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Green Beans<br>Pizza Parlor Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza<br>Grab and Go Ham Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Cheesy Italian Flatbread, Green Beans<br>Diner Station BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Golden French Fries<br>Grab and Go Turkey Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Ham n' Egg-wich, Tator Tots

Diner Station Cheeseburger on Bun, Golden French Fries

Grab and Go Turkey Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad


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Lunch Menu

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Classic Cafe | Pancakes, Strawberry |
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| Topping, Tri Tater |

Diner Station | Turkey Cranberry Wrap |
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Grab and Go | Ham Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef |
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| Salad |

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## Classic Cafe Roast Turkey \& Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Whole Grain Dinner Roll

Pizza Parlor Cheese/Sausage Pizza

Grab and Go Turkey Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Beef Chili, Mini Saltine Crackers<br>Diner Station Cheeseburger on Bun, Golden French Fries<br>Grab and Go Ham Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

Grab and Go Turkey Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Classic Cafe Chicken Crispito, Refried Beans

Diner Station Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Tator Tots

Grab and Go Chef Salad, Ham Deli Sub Sandwich

# Woodward-Granger Middle School / High School 

Lunch Menu

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| Classic Cafe | Chili Dog, Seasoned Ranch |
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| Wedges |  |
| Diner Station | Turkey BLT Wrap |
| Grab and Go | Turkey Deli Sub Sandwich, |
|  | Chef Salad |

Classic Cafe Walking Taco, Lettuce, Tomato and Cheese, Black Beans<br>Pizza Parlor<br>Cheese/Sausage Pizza<br>Grab and Go<br>Ham Deli Sub Sandwich, Chef Salad

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Ashley Brandt - President Jennifer Benbow - Vice President Tim Bogardus - Director

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