

TROJAN UPDATE

Home of the Trojans

PRINCIPALS CORNER By Jennifer Berg

Happy 4th Quarter!

Q3 ended on Friday, March 4th. Welcome to the fourth quarter!

ISASP, Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress, is approaching. Students in grades 3rd-6th will begin testing on March 28th-April 1st. Each student in grades 3rd-6th will take a reading, math, and a Language Arts/Writing assessment. Students in 5th grade will also take a Science assessment. The Elementary schedule will be:

8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Monday-Reading

Tuesday-Math

Wednesday-Science

Thursday and Friday-Make up days

They are going to start testing from 8:45-10:45 a.m.

Students in grades 7th-11th will begin their testing window on Monday, April 4th-Friday, April 7th. All students will take the reading, math, and a Language Arts/Writing assessment. Students in grades 8th and 10th will also be taking a Science assessment. The Secondary schedule will be:

M. T. W

M: Reading

T: Math

W: LA/Writing

Th: Science in Andy, Penny, Sabrina's room

F: Make-ups with Ms. Berg and Mrs. Fisher

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Students will have a small snack available each testing day such as fresh fruit and a string cheese. Water bottles will be allowed in the classrooms pending students are quiet with them (no clanking, no banging them on desks, etc.)

Students are not allowed to have Apple watches, Fitbits, and cell phones of any sort. Cell phones should be replaced in student's lockers prior to entering the classroom.

Students must finish the test in one testing day. It is not suggested to start and stop tests during the testing window. During the two hour testing duration each day, the students will remain QUIET the entire testing period. Following their test completion and submission, they will only be allowed to read a book/magazine. They will not be allowed to be on their devices per test security guidelines. Students are expected to comply with this each testing day. This is an important test for our students and we want them to do their best. Reading and Math tests are adaptive this year which is a new change. Students must complete each screen and answer each question before moving onto the next session.

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The ISASP is aligned to the Iowa Core Standards and assesses students based on their performance in relation to the core standards. Student level outcomes are measured and reported upon. Student growth, proficiency, and readiness are all measured. You will receive a paper copy of your child's progress after the assessment reports are calculated.

We look forward to seeing how our students progress.

Thank you!

~Ms. Berg

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

By: Adrianne Thomas

Secondary students of the month are Erich Schwartz(11) and Peyton Icenbice(10). **Erich Schwartz** has made a major turnaround in his welding class and has been a positive impact on the ag mech class per Ms. Craig.

Peyton Icenbice is always pleasant and genuinely nice to those around her. She is always ready to learn and participate in any activities we have. She is a positive role model for other students.







Remy Ruggles (K); Brooklyn Linder (2); Nora Hall (1); and Oaklynn Van Patten (PK)



London Linder (4); Cloud Bunker (3); Bristol Ward (5); and Daiden Ward (6)



This month I asked Ms. Craig what some of the dress up days for FFA (Future Farmers of America) week would be. FFA week takes place from February 28th, 2022 and March 4th, 2022. There will be a school can drive for the entire week, and the grade that gives the most gets a pizza party!

ALL WEEK - School Can Drive Whoever Donates the Most Cans Gets a Pizza Party!

Monday - Western day (wear western clothes)

Tuesday - Hat day / staff breakfast

Wednesday - Drive tractor to school day / farmer day

Thursday - Anything but a backpack day (Don't bring a backpack)

Friday - Blue and gold / assembly day.

FFA GROUPS COMPETING

By: Wesley Davis

This month I interviewed some of the people who were competing in FFA groups. I asked them questions about their groups, what they do in it, and what they enjoy about it. I interviewed Ms. Craig, Reanna Robb, Sierra Meyer, Sadie McKain, Lauren Molyneux, Chloe Zittergruen, Erich Schwartz, and AJ Staley. There were a total of four different groups that were competing. These groups are; Radio Broadcasting, Job Interviewing, Prepared Public Speaking, The Chapter Program, and Welding. One person moved on from Sub-Districts to Districts where they will have the opportunity to advance to the State Competition.

Radio Broadcasting

Let's begin with Radio Broadcasting, there is one person who was competing in Radio Broadcasting, Reanna Robb. Congratulations for getting first place at Sub-Districts and advancing to Districts. They will have a chance to advance from Districts to State. Radio Broadcasting is a competition where contestants talk on a radio for a limited amount of time and go over the news, weather, and stocks. Contestants have only 30 minutes to construct a radio broadcast about agriculture that must stay under five minutes. Contestants are also required to make a commercial that is at least 30 seconds long. Once their time is up they have to perform in a room separate from the judges and audience. Reanna said she likes it despite the fact there is a lot of pressure to perfect and perform her piece. She says the best thing about it is that you do not have to worry about performing in front of an audience. She also enjoys the freedom to construct her own piece instead of having to read from a previously made piece.



Chapter Program

The people that are in the chapter program are Lauren Molyneux, Chloe Zittergruen, and Macy Schmidt. Congratulations for getting a silver, you will alternate to Districts. I got responses from Ms. Craig, Lauren Molyneux, and Chloe Zittergruen. After asking them about the Chapter program, they stated that the Chapter Program is where a group of people must put on a presentation over what FFA has done throughout the year. The Chapter Program contains three major categories; Growing Leaders; Building Communities; and Strengthening Agriculture. Each of the main categories contained subcategories that the contestants were required to list what they did for each of them during the year. Here are some of the subcategories:

They stated that the subcategories contained in the main category known as Growing Leaders included: Leadership, Healthy Lifestyles, Scholarships, Personal Growth, and Career Success.

They stated that the main category known as Building Communities included the subcategories that were: Environmental, Human Resources, Citizenship, Stakeholder Engagement, and Economic Development.

The subcategories contained in the main category known as Strengthening Agriculture included: Chapter Recruitment, Safety, Agricultural Advocacy, and Agricultural Literacy.

Lauren said the thing she liked about the chapter program was that she enjoyed spreading the word as a whole, and that she was passionate about FFA. Lauren took charge, making sure that each piece of the contest was prepared fully for the competition. Chloe helped Lauren with making sure we had all events listed in each sub-category while Macy was in charge of making sure the SlideShow was completed for each piece.

Job Interviewing

The only person that is in Job Interviewing is Sierra Meyer. Great job to Sierra for achieving gold in Job Interviewing. She stated that Job Interviewing is where you must answer questions based on the job you chose like it is a real job interview. While job interviewing, you have to make a resume as well as a cover letter. Contestants are also required to write an application. Then, contestants must go into a room where a judge will ask them questions. They will ask questions about their strengths and weaknesses, why they want it, and why they would be good for the job. Sierra likes it because it teaches people how to fill out an application which is fantastic for a realistic job, so it is great practice for anyone

Prepared Public Speaking

The only person in Prepared Public Speaking is Sadie McKain. Congratulations to Sadie for getting silver, she will be an alternate to State. She stated that Prepared Public Speaking is where contestants have to write a six minute speech related to agriculture and read it in front of three different judges. Sadie likes it because it is easy to do.

Welding

The people that are in welding are AJ Staley, and Erich Schwartz. Good job to AJ and Erich for getting a bronze in welding. They stated that welding is where contestants have to weld two different items that will be judged by two different judges. Contestants have only fifteen minutes to weld both items, one vertical and one that is horizontal and that sits on the table. Contestants get a total of eight pieces of metal to practice with before they weld. Erich said he always focuses on his rod while welding to make sure his welds look neat. It is one of Erich's and AJ's favorite hobbies.

March Food Pantry

Tuesday March 22nd: 4:30PM to 5:30PM

Located at the What Cheer Methodist Church. Food Pantry is open to all Tri-County and Delta residents who need a little extra help right now.

Please Note:

We are in the church basement. We will ask you to come in the main door of the church and exit up the ramp on the West side of the church to help us maintain social distancing.

Please remember to bring bags/boxes to carry grocery items from the church.

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March Food Truck

Tuesday March 8th: 3PM to 4:30PM

Located at the What Cheer Methodist Church.

The Food Truck is open to all Keokuk County residents who need a little extra help right now.

Due to the winter weather we will have the food truck items in the church basement.

Please park on the West side of the church and enter through the front door. You will gather your items and exit on the west side of the church using the ramp.

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