



Southwest 'Rider News



From The Office Of The Superintendent - Dave Hendricks

Board of Education Holds Special Meeting to Discuss Occupation of New Building

At a November 24th Special Meeting, the Board of Education discussed and made tentative plans for the move into the new building facility in Bartley. Final approval of all aspects of the move will be approved later, but the administration was given the following concepts to consider:

1. The new facility in Bartley will house grades 7-12, with grades PK-6 being held in Indianola.
2. The 2009-2010 school year for the junior/senior high will begin in Bartley using the old facility if needed and then moving into the new facility when the project is complete.
3. Prepare a junior/senior class schedule to

assist in determining certified and non-certified staffing needs for the 2009-2010 school year.

4. Fall sports practice sites are still to be determined depending on the availability of the new facility.
5. Most of the move from the current high school site to Bartley will be done at the end of the current school year and early summer by staff and volunteers.
6. The disposal of the old sites will not be determined until the move into the new facility is complete. An auction to dispose of no longer needed items will occur in the fall of 2009.

Board of Education Continues to Consider Providing Day Care

After reviewing parent survey results and dis-

cussing the advantages and disadvantages of providing day care at the elementary site in Indianola, the board of education has given their initial approval to begin a program during the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Hendricks, superintendent, and Mrs. Rasmussen, elementary principal, have begun the process of making application for state approval through Health & Human Services, as well as the State Fire Marshall's office. After their licensing approval, the board will determine such things as hours of operation, hourly cost per child and basic program rules and regulations. It is hoped to have final board approval in April and begin taking applications in May.

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Special points of interest:

- Jan. 5 - Classes Resume
- Jan. 12 - School Board Meeting 7:30 PM
- Jan. 19 - Early Dismissal 12:30 PM
- Jan. 21 - RPAC Art Contest @ Camb. 1:30 PM
- Jan. 26 - UNK Honor Band/Choir



Counselors Corner - Jim Manker

Wow!! Can you believe it? Second semester is almost here and students are starting to make minor changes in their schedules. The last day for schedule changes is December 17. Any change requests that may/could affect graduation status will not be made. Mr. Springer is already working on next year's class schedule and it won't be long before that will be consuming a large portion of our time.

Parents of seniors need to be focusing on getting their 2008 income taxes completed as soon as possible this year. This information is needed before you can fill out your FAFSA. This form is required if you want to compete for certain financial assistance in college as well as the Pell grant.

The form is on-line at www.ed.gov. Remember, Ted Fellers will be putting on a financial aid workshop on Jan 21, 2009 in the lunch commons area of the high school at 6:30 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend but senior parents should certainly try to attend.

A Southeast Community College representative was here on December 5, to meet with seniors. A representative from Colby Community College will be here on Jan 22, and Fort Hays will be here on Jan 20. This is the time for seniors to be making some commitments on what they will be doing after graduation.



I will be attending an LB 1184 meeting in McCook on Jan 23. This meeting consists of area professionals who gather once a month to brainstorm and discuss prevention/intervention methods, for the purpose of helping troubled students and parents in the area. Truancy is a major focus as well as home issues. I have found this to be very valuable in meeting the needs of some students. The meeting is directed by Paul Wood (County Attorney) and other members include guidance counselors, law enforcement, health and human services, etc. It is the consensus of the group that prevention/remediation before intervention is good for everyone involved. Have a nice Christmas and drive safely, defensively and responsibly. Ho... Ho... Ho



Thank You
The Friends of Southwest Musicians
would like to thank
students, parents and teachers
for all your help in serving, making desserts,
setting up and taking down tables and chairs
for the dessert Theatre and
for supporting the Red Apple Fundraiser.
Thank you!

Nebraska School Board Recognition Week set for January

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Nebraskans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children. That is why Jan. 18-24 has been designated Nebraska School Board Recognition Week. It is part of January's National School Board Recognition Month.

The school board's job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals and other information to read and study; and a host of difficult decisions to make.

Everyone can use an encouraging, "Good Job" once in awhile. In Nebraska, Jan. 18-24 has been set aside just for the purpose of recognizing our statewide volunteers who step up to serve their communities on their local school boards. Take this opportunity to show your appreciation for the commitment they give to your district.

Thank you for the service you provide our communities!

School Boards Lead Locally

**National School Board
Recognition Week
January 18-24, 2009**

FBLA News by Abby Houghtelling

Christmas time is just around the corner, and the Southwest FBLA chapter is getting in the Christmas mood. On December 11, we went to the National Guard Armory after school and helped wrap toys for the



toy box. It was a great way to get involved in the community, and I think everyone enjoyed it. Another way we got ready for Christmas was by selling candy canes. We sold them the week of December 8 through December 12. They will be delivered to the students on December 18.

Upcoming Events: We will be having a cake raffle on January 10 during the Wauneta-Palisade game.

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