## Hawk Happenings

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On Friday and Saturday, November 17th and 18th, the WG Drama Department took to the stage in their rendition of "Steel Magnolias". Pictured below are some moments from the play, as well as the cast / crew list:

Truvy - Paige Harlan
Annelle - Maggie Odegaard
M'Lynn - Alexis Bixler
Ouiser - Mackenzie Major
Shelby - Mia Milosevich
Clairee - Alex Frost



By Brad Anderson
W-G CSD Superintendent

## Season's Greetings

Every school year it amazes me how fast the holiday season approaches. Since 2006 I have been a proud member W-G CSD school district and every year I take time to reflect and appreciate the opportunity to serve our community. As part of this reflection, I would like to take the opportunity to wish each a everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season. I hope you all enjoy your family and friends as we look forward to serving all of you in 2018.

Some highlights to look forward to in 2018 include but are not limited to:

- Continued student achievement and success both in and beyond the classrooms
- More learning about a Growth Mindset
- Service Projects
- PTO Events/Family Activities
- Updated Security and Access to the MS/HS and ELC Buildings
- Community Food Bank Partnership/Expansion
- Concerts, plays and competitions along with Athletic, Music / Art events
- Graduation in May

We are looking forward to 2018 and all it has to offer. We continue to invite you to be a big part of it. Season's greetings to you and yours.


## Community Member Plays HUGE Role in Construction Process

When talking about building and new construction projects in a school district, the prospect can be very exciting yet highly anxious. The construction of the New 68,000 square foot Elementary building in 201415 was all of these things.

As a younger Superintendent with just enough construction and building background knowledge to be dangerous, I knew that it was in the district's best interest to find someone at the local level to help with oversight of the project while being the everyday eyes and ears on the ground during


Mr. Mike Wessels the project. This is where Mr. Mike Wessels came into the picture. Mr. Wessels, a longtime Granger community member came to the table with a number of experiences in the mechanical contracting field and was willing to work with the District in terms of time and compensation to be given towards the project. To make a long story short, it was a terrific match.

For approximately 18 months Mr. Wessels spent countless hours on the building site and in meetings related to the project. During this time he asked questions, challenged building techniques as related to plans and made sure we were getting a quality built project. He reported issues to me and would even troubleshoot with the various contractors directly. Throughout the project, he was even able pick up an occasional "soda can."

Mr. Wessel's work through this timeframe ensured that tax dollars were being spent appropriately and that we were getting what we paid for. His work was above and beyond anything that we originally anticipated and for that we would like to publicly "Thank" Mr. Wessels and recognize him for his service and support throughout this adventure.

We hope that he is as proud of his work and the finished product as we are.

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## WG School Food Pantry Program

This school year Nurse Blum and Mrs. Tweeten have taken an initiative to get more food available to all students and families in the WG District by opening a school food pantry program. Our school food pantry will be open twice a month, on the first and third Friday of the month from 3:004:00 PM at the Elementary Building. This is available to all students and families in the Woodward Granger District

to come in to acquire food for their families. Appointments to come in can also be made by emailing or calling Nurse Alex Blum or Mrs. Tweeten (Elementary school counselor). Students also have availability to the food bank during the day through their teacher for snack, breakfast and if students are unable to focus due to feeling hungry in the classroom. Please let them know if you have any interest or question in regards to the WG School Food Pantry Program!


## Elementary School Field Trip

On Tuesday, October 24th my psychology took a visit over to the ELC and elementary schools to work with students over there. Our high school class worked with Amanda Masker (preschool), Nadia Tyler (1st grade), Deana Smith and Kristen Soelberg (2nd grade), Erica Huneke (5th grade). The purpose was for my high school class to learn about kids behaviors and learning styles and how it relates to information that we did in class over early and middle childhood children. The students created a number of activities and asked the elementary students questions about things like friends, favorite activities, and things they would like to be when they grew up. My students then took their responses and completed an analysis paper where they had to explain why a student might have answered a question the way that they did or why they participated in one activity over another activity. It was great time for learning for both my high school kids and a chance for the elementary students to have some fun and work with the high school kids! (Pictures below)


## Veterans Day

WG's 5th graders continued honoring veterans at Texas Roadhouse on Saturday, November 11th. Mrs. Geerdes and the students stopped by for a visit and sang a compilation of Armed Services Songs and Proud to be an American. The effort by our students and Mrs. Geerdes were appreciated by all. This activity was an extension of an already successful event held at WG Elementary during the week. On Thursday, November 9th, the 4th and 5th grade students honored our veterans with a concert and luncheon. Thanks to the WG High School band for lending their talents to the cause as well.


On Thursday, November 2nd, the ELC students earned an incentive day. The students earned this incentive day by showing HAWK 5 expectations (Respect, Caring \& Sharing, Responsibility, Honesty and Safety) and earning HAWK 5 tickets. Our ticket bin was over halfway full!!! The teachers at the ELC thought it would be fun to switch up classes, so each teacher pulled a class name from a hat and then planned fun activities, games or centers for the students. All the children LOVED being in a different classroom and spending time with a different teacher for the afternoon. Some classrooms played Bingo, others sang and danced and the kids who visited the preschool classrooms were just excited to spend some time playing at all the different centers! Everyone had a fun story to share at the end of the day! Thank you to all the teachers at the ELC for their positive attitudes and flexibility and a big congratulations to all the students at the ELC for working so hard to earn such a fun reward! at 7 pm in the Auditorium

9-12 Music Concert is December 18th at 7pm in the Auditorium

6th Grade A Honor Roll
**Ella Bearbower
McKenna Carroll
Molly Cue
Caelan Daniels
Hayden Farmer
Tatum Greenough
**Libby Grell
**Gabby Griffin
Nikki Halferty
Garrett Hansen
Kairi Hanson
Cela Hill
Jacob Hultman
Kiara Jackson
Andrew Jacob
**Bryan Jesse
Ethan Jones
**Cadence Klocke
Danika Leuenberger
Dylan Major
Taylor Noah
Oliver Potter
**Claire Praska
Tanner Ramsey
Nicholas Rees
Caleb Renshaw
Abigail Rosen
Jaden Schmitt
Samuel Sejnoha
Georgia Simmons
**Avery Smith Samantha Smith Juliet Sorteberg Madeline Sus
Cooper Theilen
Brock Tiernan
Breonna Tolle
Blake Tuel
Breiden Van Broekhuizen
Gabrielle Younts

6th Grade B Honor Roll
Gavin Backous
Sadie Burk
Abel Castro
Tyler Clark
Jace Emery
Sawyer Genkinger
Tanner Heaberlin
Holden Heard
Madison Hiner
Bryce Hockenson
Dillon Limoges
Greyson Mehrhoff
Sterling Parkinson
Katie Stender
Aidan Topalavich
7th Grade A Honor Roll
**Jenna Achenbach
Elijah Bell
Nicholas Bermel
Brylee Bice
Landon Bogardus
**Kiley Brandsfield
Clayton Campidilli
Sophia Clark
Kara Crouse
Gracelyn Deputy
Mason Dorenkamp
**Alayna Dunlavey
**Ryan Fitch
**Finley Fitzgerald
Kolby Fogart
**Kailey Galbraith
**Hailey Greiner
Gretta Hansen
**Joshua Hultman
Taryn Jackson
Katelyn Jacob
Benjamin Jesse
Madeline Mahoney

Dylan McCaulley
Elleana Meier
Lindsay Mescher
Ethan Moats
**Carter Moran
Brody Nardini
Alexandra Orr
Dane Polich
Gavyn Rothfus
Makenna Schmitt
Nickolas Schuldt
Madison Schuler
Kaden Seeman
Audrey Simmons
Lilly J. Smith
Lily A. Smith
Phoenix Swinton
**Marissa Trees
Trevor Tuel
**Carsten Wright
Hailey York

## 7th Grade B Honor Roll

David Clark
Isabelle Coffin
Jayden Flugge-Smith
Eliana Gregory
Kaleb Jessen
Isabella McDivitt
Zachary Morgan
Collin Nardini
Peyton Nixon
Aydin Sholley
Brayden Simons
Jarrett Stucker
Abigail Weaver

8th Grade A Honor Roll
Emma Anderson
Brayten Ashman
Klare Brittain
Taylor Buckman
Paden Drake
**Makenzie Dresback
**Katherine Grell
Sydney Grell
**Makayla Hanna
Aidan Honkomp
**Chloe Houge
Cole James
**Rian Jamison
Alexandra Mehrhoff
Hannah Miller
Nathan Moser
Samuel Pitman
**Kaitlyn Smith
Samantha Volz

8th Grade B Honor Roll
Corbyn Atwell
Kaydee Bennett
Don David
Alex Evans
Alexander Foster
Lucas Hansen
Dustin Harney
Joel Harney
Kylie Limoges
Macy Lisle
Ethan Mahoney
Devon McNear
Jack Meusberger
Darby Nixon
Annabella Pauley
Alexia Segovia
Tjaden Smeltzer
Zachary Swinton


## Honor Squad

The Woodward-Granger High School Cheer squad sent two representatives to the 2017 Iowa Cheer Honor Squad. Senior Kayla Crouse and junior Cierra DeHoet participated with over 250 other junior and senior cheerleaders from all across the state. All of these athletes came together in Ames on Sunday, November 12th for an eight hour practice during which they learned a five minute cheer-dance routine. The squad then gathered on Thursday, November 16th for a five hour practice to finalize formations and clean up the routine in Cedar Falls. These many hours of practice were all working toward the two performances on Friday during the halftimes of the 1A and 2A Championship Football Games. Participants received a t-shirt, bow, certificate, and medal. WGHS is proud to have been represented by Kayla and Cierra. Their effort and dedication to cheerleading were evident during their execution of the routine. Way to go, ladies!



By: Tommy Teague, 7 th Grade


## Speech Camp Performance Night



Speech Camp Attendees


Camp Attendees and Speech Veterans

For the second year in a row, the Woodward-Granger Speech team hosted a camp to teach students about different aspects of being on the speech team. Seventeen students, from 8th to 11th grade, signed up for the camp. They were each coached in three different events, both large group and individual, by veteran speech students.

Speech camp shows off the skills of students in a variety of areas including teamwork, acting, interpretive reading, and public speaking. Many of the students participating in speech have spent little time on a stage and had to step outside of their comfort zones. Many successes were celebrated at the camp. Some students were terrified to perform on the stage; they overcame their fear. Some students were unsure of their ability to put together successful performances; they all found success. Being part of speech is about much more than learning to speak in public; it is about learning to conquer fear, learning to work with a team, and learning to develop characters. All of the performers should be proud of the work they put in and the growth they gained over the two weeks of camp. Mr. Clay and Miss McDaniel are
thrilled with the potential discovered during camp and are looking forward to a successful season!


Reader's Theater Performance

On Monday, November 13th FCCLA traveled to Boone to attend the Fall District meeting. We had a great day learning more about things we can do in FCCLA this year. Our day was capped off by our chapter member Briley Bermel being elected the 2017-2018 District 5 President!


## Random Acts of Kindness Club Rocks!

The W-G RAK Club recently completed their sticky note locker project. Over 400 sticky notes with motivational or complimentary statements on them were distributed to every student's locker in high school and in middle school this past week. We wanted to reach each one of the students with an uplifting note.

We have started our "rock" project. We are painting rocks and either putting a small cheerful scene on them or a motivational / complimentary
 statement on them.
It is our goal to make many of these and distribute in obvious spots in our communities. If you find a rock, please take a picture of it and send it to patverrips@ wghawks.school. We also welcome positive statements about how you felt when you found a rock. POSITIVE ONLY PLEASE. We will share any pictures of the rocks that we get. Enjoy our RAK rocks!

In December we will again have holiday trees on display in the Commons at the high school and elsewhere in our MS/HS/ELC/Elementary buildings. Organizations/ classes "rent" a tree and decorate it. Proceeds go to our "help others" funds. We also have a 9 -foot holiday tree that will have socks, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves on it. Please stop by and help us "decorate" it! The goods will be distributed to those needing winter warmth.



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## Woodward-Granger <br> Elementary and ELC

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


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## Grandwood <br> Lunch

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily


FRIDAY






## EXTRA INFO

Milk choice of $1 \%$ White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
Entree Salads are served with a Dinner Roll. For questions or comments, contact Meladee at 515-438-2115 ext 5129 or meladeesteele@wghawks.school


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# Woodward-Granger Middle School Lunch Menu 

 Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered


Classic Cafe Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Green Peas

Diner Station<br>"Fry Friday", Hamburger on a Bun, Golden French Fries

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad


Milk Choice of 1\% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
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# Woodward-Granger High School 



Classic Cafe Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Green Peas

Diner Station "Fry Friday", Hamburger on a Bun, Golden French Fries

Grab and Go Deli Sandwich, Chef Salad

Milk Choice of 1\% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim is included with lunch.
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| Activity | Time | Versus | Location | Location Detail |
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| FRIDAY, DEC 01, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | 4:30pm | Des Moines Christian | Des Moines Christian School |  |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | 6:00pm | Des Moines Christian | Des Moines Christian School |  |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | 7:30pm | Des Moines Christian | Des Moines Christian School |  |
| SATURDAY, DEC 02, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| Wrestling: Varsity Invitational | 9:00am | Multiple Schools | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym |
| MONDAY, DEC 04, 2017 |  |  |  |  |
| Basketball: Boys Middle School Game | 4:00pm | Woodward-Granger Middle School vs. West Central Valley Middle School | Woodward-Granger High School |  |
| Basketball: Boys JH Game | 4:00pm | West Central Valley | Woodward Granger Middle School |  |
| Basketball: Girls JH Game | 4:00pm | West Central Valley | West Central Valley Middle School |  |
| Basketball: Girls Middle School Game | 4:00pm | West Central Valley Middle School, Woodward-Granger Middle School | West Central Valley Middle School |  |
| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | 4:30pm | Saydel Community Schools | Woodward-Granger High School |  |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | 6:00pm | Saydel Community Schools | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | 7:30pm | Saydel Community Schools | Woodward-Granger High School | High School Gym |

## TUESDAY, DEC 05, 2017

| Basketball: Boys JV Game | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Woodward Academy | Woodward-Granger High <br> School |  |
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| Wrestling: Varsity Duals | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Away vs. Multiple Schools | Perry High School |  |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | $\mathbf{7 : 3 0 p m}$ | Woodward Academy | Woodward-Granger High | High School Gym |
|  |  |  | School |  |

THURSDAY, DEC 07, 2017

| Basketball: Boys JH Game | 4:00pm | Panorama | Panorama High School |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basketball: Girls JH Game | 4:00pm | Panorama | Woodward Granger Middle School |
| Basketball: Girls JV Game | 6:00pm | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School |
| Basketball: Girls JV Game | 6:00pm | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School |
| Basketball: Boys JV Game | 7:30pm | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School |
| Basketball: Boys JV Game | 7:30pm | West Central Valley | Woodward-Granger High School |

## FRIDAY, DEC 08, 2017

| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Van Meter | Van Meter High School |
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| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Van Meter | Van Meter High School |

MONDAY, DEC 11, 2017

| Basketball: Boys JH Game | $\mathbf{4 : 0 0 p m}$ | Southeast Valley MS | Woodward Granger Middle <br> School |
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| Basketball: Girls JH Game | $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Southeast Valley MS | Southeast Valley |
| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Des Moines Christian | Des Moines Christian School |
| Basketball: Boys JV Game | $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Des Moines Christian | Des Moines Christian School |

TUESDAY, DEC 12, 2017

| Wrestling: JH Meet | $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Saydel Middle, Woodward- <br> Granger Middle School | Woodside Middle School |  |
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| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | $\mathbf{4 : 3 0 \mathrm { pm }}$ | Ogden | Woodward-Granger High <br> School |  |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | $\mathbf{6 : 0 0 \mathrm { pm }}$ | Ogden | Woodward-Granger High <br> School | Wigh School Gym <br> Wchoolward-Granger High |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | $\mathbf{7 : 3 0 \mathrm { pm }}$ | Ogden |  | High School Gym |

THURSDAY, DEC 14, 2017

| Wrestling: Varsity Triangular | $5: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Away vs. Multiple Schools | Ballard High School |
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| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Southeast Polk | Southeast Polk |

FRIDAY, DEC 15, 2017

| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | $4: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Madrid | Madrid High School |
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| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | $6: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Madrid | Madrid High School |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ | Madrid | Madrid High School |

SATURDAY, DEC 16, 2017
Wrestling: Varsity WCAC Meet $\quad$ 9:00am Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center $\quad$ AC/GC Junior High School

MONDAY, DEC 18, 2017

| Wrestling: JH Triangular | $4: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Away vs. Multiple Schools | AC/GC Junior High School |
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| Basketball: Girls JH Game | $4: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ | Ankeny Christian Academy | Ankeny Christian Academy |
| Basketball: Boys JH Game | $5: 15 \mathrm{pm}$ | Ankeny Christian Academy | Ankeny Christian Academy |
| Basketball: Girls JV Game | $\mathbf{6 : 0 0 p m}$ | Van Meter | Woodward-Granger High <br> School |
| Basketball: Boys JV Game | $\mathbf{7 : 3 0 p m}$ | Van Meter | Woodward-Granger High <br> School |

TUESDAY, DEC 19, 2017

| Basketball: Boys Freshman Game | 4:30pm | Panorama | Woodward-Granger High <br> School |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wrestling: Varsity Duals | $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ | Away vs. Multiple Schools | Des Moines Lincoln High School |  |
| Basketball: Girls Varsity Game | $\mathbf{6 : 0 0 p m}$ | Panorama | Woodward-Granger High |  |
| Basketball: Boys Varsity Game | 7:30pm | Panorama | School <br> Woodward-Granger High | High School Gym |

THURSDAY, DEC 21, 2017

Wrestling: Varsity Duals $\quad 6: 00 \mathrm{pm} \quad$ Multiple Schools | Woodward-Granger High |
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| School |

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