

Hawk Happenings

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A PPEL “Thank You”

by Brad Anderson Superintendent



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Thank you to all of the Woodward-Granger CSD patrons that came out to vote in favor of the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) extension. The funding generated will be put to good use over the next several years as the district will pay down debt, purchase necessary equipment and maintain/build new facilities. We look forward to serving you and we Thank you for the opportunity to maintain the district’s current funding levels

Why the Change in Facility Use at W-G?

Over the past few weeks the District has been receiving many drop-ins and phone calls regarding the changes in the Facilities Use Policies. For those of you that are not as familiar with the terminology and/or policy, the premise of this policy is to essentially focus on the processes and procedures for any one person or group of people that wish to utilize school facilities and grounds.

This newsletter article will not attempt to persuade you to agree with the changes but moreover provide you with a few substantive reasons why the need was there to review and change the policy accordingly.

First, Board policies are designed to provide a set of governing principles or a way to conduct business for the local school. In the case of facility rental / facility usage there are certain liabilities that are associated with allowing the general public to use the facilities. With these liabilities comes attorney recommended language in policy that asks participants to provide proof of insurance and specific responsibilities of burden that maybe placed on the facility user prior to renting any school facility. These are required and an essential component to this policy.

Second, many groups both inside of and outside the community have inquired about using the facilities. A review of our previous policy put most every group (whether a local taxpayer or not) on the same playing field in terms of access to these facilities. With this notion we were concerned that based on the current policy we would have no way of keeping external groups from potentially monopolizing facility times and thus pushing our own students and communities out. Because of this, the new policy was developed to help classify groups into a more manageable structure and fee system.

Finally, I have had heard several times that taxpayers should be afforded the opportunity to use these facilities at little to no cost as they are already paying for it. Although I somewhat agree that these are community buildings and should be accessible, I would wholeheartedly disagree with the fact that they are open to anyone and everyone at the district’s expense. The priority of school funds is and always has been for the educational/ extracurricular components of the students throughout the school day and year. With that being said, the district has budgets in place to maintain and provide access to these facilities during designated school programming. It is the extension of the school day and the repeated use of the facilities/ activities beyond normal hours that has caused additional budgetary shortfalls (i.e. custodial, security, wear and tear/ maintenance). Due to the strain on the budget and the competing nature it has with staff salaries and benefits a change from our old policy was made to include a minimal fee structure based on the classification of user group. This fee structure is in no way a means for the district to make money but to cover the actual cost and investment put back into the facilities.

In the end, our intent is not to continue to dig at our taxpayers wallets but to provide more equitable access to all parties in a manner that does not compete with the original dollars set aside for education. The new policy is quite a change from our old system and we ask you please continue to provide feedback. We truly want to serve our communities in the best possible ways, with the best possible facilities. If you have further questions please contact the Central Office at 515-999-8022 or at bradanderson@wghawks.school.

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Music Soothes the Savage Beast, and Makes Him Smarter Too

Most of us know from our own experience how music can help to change our mood and scientific studies have proven that this is in fact the case. Scientists know that listening and playing music reduces chronic stress, can make you feel more hopeful, powerful, and in control of your life, and can even help you get in touch with your emotions to help you heal after going through tough times.

But more than making you feel better, advances in medical technologies and neuroscience are proving that music can help us learn and make us smarter. Brain scans show that the brains of professional musicians are different from non musicians. They are more symmetrical, areas of the brain responsible for motor control, auditory processing, and spatial coordination are larger, and they also have a larger corpus callosum, which is the part of the brain that allows both hemispheres of the brain to communicate with one another. Better symmetry and communication allows for more robust functioning in multiple activities of right and left brain activities.

Music helps us learn. Music education helps: improved language development, small increase in IQ, improved test scores, increased brain connectivity, increased spatial intelligence.

Students who have had musical training do better in subjects such as reading, language, and math and have better fine motor skills than their nonmusical classmates. Early music lessons help brain plasticity the ability of the brain to change and grow.



Alban, Deane. "How Music Affects the Brain for the Better" Be Brain Fit: Better Mind. Better life. Be Brain Fit & Blue Sage, LLC, 2012, <http://bebrainfit.com/musicaffectsbrain/>. Accessed 16 September, 2016

Students Have Fun with CyHawk Game

Mr. Clay's US History Classes engaged in some playful banter the week of the Iowa/Iowa State football game as Hawkeyes and Cyclones tried to establish which team was better. The first few minutes of class were spent building community in the room by exchanging jokes and artwork about both schools. Mr. Clay drew a picture poking fun at Iowa State's inability to make it to a bowl, and several Cyclone students drew a picture poking fun at Iowa's fate in their last bowl game. (There were also allegations made about the quality of the Hawkeye Marching Band, of which Mr. Clay was a member.)

The Cyclone fans of 5th Hour took the banter a step further by making a little deal. If the Cyclones won, the students wanted to decorate Mr. Clay's door with Iowa State signs. If the Hawkeyes won, they agreed to wear Tigerhawk temporary tattoos. Nine students agreed to the deal and their names were recorded. On Monday,

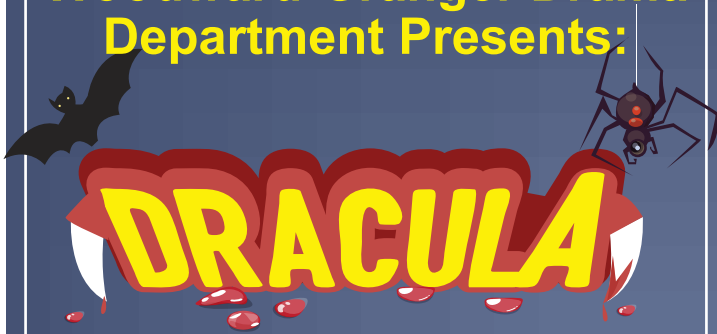


The students were instructed to say, "Go Hawks!" on three, and true to form they all said, "Go State!" which put a big smile on Mr. Clay's face.

after the 423 Hawkeye victory, Mr. Clay readied the tattoos. The students proudly bore the Tigerhawks, as it

showed their confidence and pride in their own school.

Woodward-Granger Drama Department Presents:



**Friday and Saturday, November 4-5, 2016
at 7:00 pm in the Woodward-Granger
Auditorium.**

Join the W-G Drama Department for a dark evening of horror in the adaption of Bram Stoker's "Dracula". Professor Van Helsing and his brave comrades must hunt down and destroy the evil Count Dracula. But the Count is exceedingly resourceful, employing super-human strength, psychic powers, and shape-changing to confound and frustrate his antagonists. This adaptation is an action-packed, blood-soaked retelling of Bram Stoker's classic tale of horror.

Woodward-Granger Speech Camp!

For the first time ever, the Woodward-Granger Speech Team is hosting a camp!

Who: Any student in 8th or 9th grade, plus any students interested in speech who have never participated before

What: Learn what Speech is all about and create your own performance with the help of the speech coaches and speech veterans

When: 6:30-8:00pm on Monday, Oct. 31st, Thursday, Nov. 3rd, Monday Nov. 7th, and Thursday Nov. 10th
Nov. 10th at 7:00pm there will be a performance for parents to come watch.

Where: WGHS- Miss McDaniel's Room

Why: To learn, to perform, to have fun!

Cost: \$10.00 per student

*Registration forms will be available in the MS and HS offices starting Oct. 3rd and will be due by Oct. 24th

Questions? - See Miss McDaniel or Mr. Clay

New Teacher Leadership Program

Woodward-Granger is ever striving to improve in all ways possible to help students achieve. In this regard, W-G is implementing the first year of the Teacher Leadership Compensation System (TLC program). The Iowa legislature bipartisanly created and funded this new program. According to the Iowa Department of Education's website:

The overriding philosophy of the system is multipronged, but boils down to this: Improving student learning requires improving the instruction they receive each day. There is no better way to do this than to empower our best teachers to lead the effort.

Woodward-Granger formed a team to discuss the needs of the district, developed and submitted a proposal to the State of Iowa, and has now received funding from the state to implement this plan.

The plan for Woodward-Granger called for the hiring of 2 full-time instructional coaches (1 prek-5, 1 6-12), a part-time instructional coach for Grandwood and 2 full-time technology infusionists/ data coaches (again 1 prek-5, 1 6-12). It also called for the hiring of mentor teachers at the elementary and secondary levels who would continue to serve as classroom teachers while also serving in leadership roles.

The main focus of both instructional coaches and technology infusionist/ data coaches will be to collaborate with teachers to improve their instructional practices. These teacher leaders will be coplanning, coteaching, modeling lessons, gathering resources, consulting, analyzing data and reflecting with teachers to help them refine their craft. They are none evaluative partners for teachers, available on a consistent and regular basis; able to provide their undivided attention to what teachers need in order to be better everyday.

Mentor teachers will be assisting the instructional coaches and technology infusionists/ data coaches by modeling best practices, helping lead and implement professional development, acting as liaisons, and supporting and encouraging the professional growth of others.

The Teacher Leadership Team is very excited about this new program. While there is no such thing as a magic bullet or instant improvement, the team is confident these new roles will bring about significant improvements in student achievement.

Teacher Leadership Team Members:

Diane Erickson:	Instructional Coach PreK-5
Jamie Peterson:	Technology Infusionist/Data Coach PreK-5
Christine Schaefer:	Instructional Coach 6-12
Barry Brill:	Technology Infusionist/Data Coach 6-12
Eric Pagel:	Instruction Coach Grandwood
Becky Bengard:	Mentor Teacher Prek-5
Jill Trainum:	Mentor Teacher Prek-5
Brittany Winkel:	Mentor Teacher Prek-5
Nicole Geerdes:	Mentor Teacher Prek-5
Deana Smith:	Mentor Teacher Prek-5

New Teacher Leadership Program

Jen McDaniel:	Mentor Teacher MS/HS
Mindy Buck:	Mentor Teacher MS/HS
Mandy Gleason:	Mentor Teacher MS/HS
Bryan Willer:	Mentor Teacher MS/HS

Woodward-Granger Breakfast Menu



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast Pizza OR Choice of Cereal -Graham Crack	Breakfast Loaf OR Choice of Cereal-Graham Cracker	Pancake on a Stick OR Choice of Cereal-Graham Cracker	Mini Pancakes OR Choice of Cereal-GrahamCracker	French Toast and Sausage OR Choice of Cereal-Graham Cracker
Vegetable Selection Canned Fruit Choice of Milk	Vegetable Selection Apple Juice Choice of Milk	Vegetable Selection Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Vegetable Selection Orange Juice Choice of Milk	Vegetable Selection Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk

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Regular physical activity helps the body to function better.

WG Elementary and ELC

Lunch Menu

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

OCTOBER 2016

MONDAY

HOM -Local Apple

3

Roasted Hot Dog Sandwich

OR Entree Salad

Baked Beans
Fruit

TUESDAY

Walking Taco(elementary)
Soft Shell Taco (ELC)

OR Deli Sandwich

Refried Beans (Elem)
Carrots (ELC)
Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Spaghetti With Italian Meat
Sauce & Garlic Toast

OR Entree Salad

Garden Green Beans
Fruit

THURSDAY

Chicken Nuggets & Soft
Pan Roll

OR Deli Sandwich

Golden French Fries
Fruit

FRIDAY

Pizza Parlor Pizza

OR Deli Sandwich

Garlic Herb Broccoli
Fruit

School Lunch Weel

10

Cinnamon French Toast
Sticks & Sauge

OR Entree Salad

Breakfast Potatoes
Fruit

Popcorn Chicken Bites &
Dinner Roll

OR Deli Sandwich

Carrots
Fruit

Invite Family to Lunch

12

Turkey in Gravy (Elem)
Hot Dog (ELC)

OR Entree Salad

Potatoes
Fruit

Sloppy Joe

OR Deli Sandwich

Baked Beans
Fruit

Cheese Bread with
Marinara Sauce

OR Entree Salad

Steamed Broccoli
Fruit

County Fair Corn Dog

OR Entree Salad

Garden Carrots
Fruit

HOM - Parsnips

18

Tasty Chicken Tenders

OR Deli Sandwich

Mashed Potatoes with
Parships
Dinner Roll
Fruit

Toasted Cheese Sandwich

OR Entree Salad

Tomato Soup
Fruit

Breaded Chicken Patty
Sandwich

OR Deli Sandwich

Green Peas
Fruit

Pizza Parlor Pizza

OR Entree Salad

Roasted Cauliflower
Fruit

HOM - Tomato

24

Build Your Burger (elem)
Hamburger (ELC)

OR Entree Salad

Sweet Potato Fries
Fruit

Mini Corn Dogs

OR Deli Sandwich

Baked Beans
Fruit

BBQ Rib Sandwich

OR Entree Salad

Garden Green Beans
Fruit
Brownie

Cheese Sticks

Or Deli Sandwich

Garden Green Beans
Fruit

No School

Pancakes and Sausage

OR Entree Salad

Potatoes
Fruit



Apples contain no fat, sodium or cholesterol and are a good source of fiber.

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

PRICES

Regular	\$2.60
Reduced	\$0.40
Adult	\$3.65
Extra Milk	\$0.50

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
For questions or comments, contact meladeesteele@wghawks.school or 515-438-2115 ext 256





Woodward-Granger Middle School Lunch Menu

October
2016

03

MONDAY

Classic Cafe Orange Chicken
Lo Mein Noodles

Diner Station Hamburger

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sandwich

04

TUESDAY

Classic Cafe Chili in a Bread Bowl

Pizza Parlor Pepperoni
Cheese

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

05

WEDNESDAY

Classic Cafe Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes adn Gravy
Dinner Roll

Diner Station Riblet

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

06

THURSDAY

Classic Cafe BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich
Creamy Coleslaw
Kale Craisin Salad

Pizza Parlor Pepperoni
Cheese

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

07

FRIDAY

Classic Cafe Pasta Bar

Diner Station Chicken Patty Sandwich

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

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Grandwood

Lunch Menu

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

OCTOBER 2016

MONDAY

HOM -Local Apple

3

Orange Chicken
Lo Mein Noodles

OR Entree Salad

TUESDAY

Chili
Dinner Roll

OR Deli Sandwich

WEDNESDAY

Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll

OR Entree Salad

THURSDAY

Pulled Pork
ColeSlaw

OR Deli Sandwich

FRIDAY

Pasta with Meatsauce
Bread Stick

OR Deli Sandwich

School Lunch Week

10

Hamburger
Mashed Potatoes

OR Entree Salad

Beefy Nacho
Refried Beans

OR Deli Sandwich

Invite Family to Lunch

12

Popcorn Chicken
Mashed Potatoes

OR Entree Salad

Chicken Philly Sandwich

OR Deli Sandwich

Apple Crunch

French Toast
Ham Slice

OR Entree Salad

King Ranch Cheesy
Chicken, Rice
Bread Stick

OR Entree Salad

HOM - Parsnips

18

Meatloaf, Mashed
Potatoes and Gravy,
Dinner Roll

OR Deli Sandwich

BBQ Riblet

OR Entree Salad

Eating at High School
Asian Bar

OR Deli Sandwich

Chicken Divan
Roasted Cauliflower
Garlic Toast

Or Chef Salad

HOM - Tomato

24

Pasta with Meat Sauce
Bread Stick

OR Entree Salad

Baja Fish Taco
Lime Cilantro Rice

OR Deli Sandwich

BBQ Rib Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes

OR Entree Salad

Roasted Vegetable
Foccacia
Tomato Soup

Or Deli Sandwich

No School

Hamburger

OR Entree Salad



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PRICES

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Adult	\$3.65
Extra Milk	\$0.50

HARVEST OF THE MONTH



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Woodward-Granger High School

Lunch Menu

03

MONDAY

Classic Cafe Orange Chicken
Lo Mein Noodles

Diner Station Hamburger

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

04

TUESDAY

Classic Cafe Homemade Chili in a Bread
Bowl

Pizza Parlor Cheese Pizza
Pepperoni Pizza
Sausage Pizza

Diner Station Spicy Chicken Patty
Sandwich

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

05

WEDNESDAY

Classic Cafe Salisbury Steak
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Dinner Roll

Diner Station BBQ Riblet

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

06

THURSDAY

Classic Cafe BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich
Creamy Coleslaw
Kale Craisin Salad

Pizza Parlor Cheese Pizza
Pepperoni Pizza
Sausage Pizza

Diner Station Cheeseburger

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

07

FRIDAY

Creation Station Pasta Bar

Diner Station Chicken Patty Sandwich

Fresh Choices Chef Salad
Deli Sub

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Woodward-Granger 2016 Multiple Activities Schedule
(as of 09-20-2016)

Activity	Time	Versus	Location	Location Detail	Comments
MONDAY, OCT 03, 2016					
Volleyball: Girls JH Match	4:00pm	Panorama	Panorama High School		7th grade will play at 4:00. 8th grade will play when 7th grade is done.
Cross Country: Varsity Meet	4:30pm	Nodaway Valley	Nodaway Valley		
Cross Country: JH Meet	4:30pm	Nodaway Valley	Nodaway Valley		
Football: JV Game	6:00pm	A dair-Casey/Guthrie Center	Woodward-Granger High School	Hawk Stadium (Woodward)	
TUESDAY, OCT 04, 2016					
Volleyball: Girls Freshman Match	5:00pm	Panorama	Panorama High School		
Volleyball: Girls JV Match	6:00pm	Panorama	Panorama High School		
Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match	7:00pm	Panorama	Panorama High School		
THURSDAY, OCT 06, 2016					
Volleyball: Girls JH Match	4:00pm	Panorama	Woodward Granger Middle School	Middle School Gym	7th grade will play at 4:00. 8th grade will play when 7th grade is done.
Football: JH Game	4:00pm	Collins-Maxwell-Baxter	Woodward-Granger High School		8th Grade game will be played at 4:00. 7th Grade will play as soon as 8th Grade has finished.
Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational	4:30pm	Perry Community	Perry High School		
FRIDAY, OCT 07, 2016					
Football: Varsity Game	7:00pm	Mount Ayr	Mount Ayr High School		
SATURDAY, OCT 08, 2016					
FFA					FFA State Soils
MONDAY, OCT 10, 2016					
Volleyball: Girls JH Match	4:00pm	Van Meter	Woodward Granger Middle School	Middle School Gym	7th grade will play at 4:00. 8th grade will play when 7th grade is done.
Football: JV Game	6:00pm	West Central Valley	West Central Valley High School		
TUESDAY, OCT 11, 2016					
Volleyball: Girls Freshman Match	5:00pm	Van Meter	Van Meter High School		
Volleyball: Girls JV Match	6:00pm	Van Meter	Van Meter High School		
Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match	7:00pm	Van Meter	Van Meter High School		
THURSDAY, OCT 13, 2016					
Cross Country: Varsity WCAC Meet	4:00pm	Panorama	Panorama High School		
Cross Country: JH WCAC Meet	4:00pm	Panorama	Panorama High School		
Football: JH Game	4:30pm	Madrid	Madrid High School		8th Grade game will be played at 4:30. 7th Grade will play as soon as 8th Grade has finished.
Volleyball: Girls Freshman Match	5:00pm	Ogden	Woodward-Granger High School	High School Gym	
Volleyball: Girls JV Match	6:00pm	Ogden	Woodward-Granger High School	High School Gym	
Volleyball: Girls Varsity Match	7:00pm	Ogden	Woodward-Granger High School	High School Gym	
FRIDAY, OCT 14, 2016					
HS Dance Team					Performs at half-time of the Varsity Football Game with the WG Cheer Squad
HS Cheerleading					Performs at half-time of the Varsity Football Game with the WG Dance team
Football: Varsity Game	7:00pm	Pleasantville	Woodward-Granger High School	Hawk Stadium (Woodward)	Senior Night & Pink Out. Dance Team and Cheer Squad perform together at half-time.

SATURDAY, OCT 15, 2016**Volleyball: Girls Varsity Invitational****8:30pm TBA****Woodward-Granger High School**

High School Gym

Norm McCune Invitational

MONDAY, OCT 17, 2016**Football: JV Game****6:00pm Ogden****Woodward-Granger High School**

Hawk Stadium (Woodward)

TUESDAY, OCT 18, 2016

Football: JH Game

4:00pm Panorama

Panorama High School

8th Grade game will be played at 4:00. 7th Grade will play as soon as 8th Grade has finished.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 19, 2016

FFA

FFA National Convention in Indianapolis

THURSDAY, OCT 20, 2016

FFA

FFA National Convention in Indianapolis

FRIDAY, OCT 21, 2016

FFA

FFA National Convention in Indianapolis

Football: Varsity Game

7:00pm Pella Christian

Pella Christian High School

SATURDAY, OCT 22, 2016

FFA

FFA National Convention in Indianapolis

HS Instrumental Music

All State Auditions Held at Atlantic HS. Time TBD

HS Vocal Music

All State Auditions Held at Atlantic HS. Time TBD

High School

8:00am

ACT Testing held at WG MS/HS



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Thank You
to these individuals who serve our district.