

May 2013

THE BLUEJAY TWEET



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Commencement Planned for Class of 2013



The Ashland-Greenwood High School is planning Commencement Ceremonies for members of the graduating class of 2013 at 2:30 PM on May 19th. Graduation will be held in the high school gym. The Ashland Ministerial Association has announced that they will be holding a Baccalaureate Service at 7:00 PM on Wednesday evening, May 15th at the United Methodist Church of Ashland. Congrats to the Class of 2013!

Last Day of School is Set for May 23rd.

The last day of school for students has been set for May 23rd. A full day of school is planned that day with a regular dismissal of students. The last day for members of the teaching staff is May 24th. Contact your child's school if you have questions about summer school.

Senior's Last Day is May 8th

(May 7th for seniors that do not participate in a "skip day.")

The Senior class will have their last official day of school May 8th.



2013 FOUNDATION DINNER

The Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation Annual Dinner proved to be a huge success in 2013. The dinner was held on Friday, April 26th and more than 200 people were in attendance. The alumni of the year winners Randy Beranek and Kim Thomas were featured guests for the evening.

This year marked the second year of holding a silent and live auction at the event. The Foundation and Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools thank everyone that contributed to the event. In total, the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation was able to raise nearly \$13,500!!

Thank you!

Special thanks to the Foundation Board Members:

Mary Bohn, Daryl Erickson, Nancy Maack, Kent Kingston, Leslie Krings, Suzanne Sapp, Pat Timblin, Tom Walsh, Earl West, Mary Ziegenbein, Jeff McGill, Melanie O'Brien, and Amy Whitehead

Census Time in Ashland –Greenwood Public Schools

During the month of June, the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools will be taking a census of children in the school district from birth through age 18. Kent Rung will be conducting the count for the school district. The census is used for reporting a count of all children to the State of Nebraska by ages and is also used by the district for program planning. Please complete the form below and either mail or return to the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools District Office: 1225 Clay Street; Ashland, NE 68003. For questions you may contact Kent Rung at 402-944-2128.



Complete for Children Ages 0-18, including newborns, not currently enrolled in the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools.

CENSUS FORM:

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Children Names: _____ Date of Birth: _____

ATTENDANCE AND ACADEMIC INCENTIVE PROGRAM







Encouraging regular school attendance and strong academic achievement is a great way to promote positive life skills in students! In an effort to support students in these areas, the Ashland-Greenwood Elementary PTO and area businesses sponsor the Attendance and Academic Incentive Programs. The goals of the programs are to encourage and reward good attendance and academic achievement and improvement. Each quarter, students have an opportunity to put tickets into their grade level container. In 4th-5th grade, students can earn tickets for good grades and/or improvement of their grades. All students, K-5th grade, can earn tickets for good attendance. At the end of the school year, students will have a chance to win great prizes through a raffle drawing. Students in 4th and 5th grade who earn 4.0 GPAs and K-5th grade students with perfect attendance are also recognized. The AAIP and recognition assemblies will take place on May 22nd.



Kristi Bundy wins Alice Raikes Distinguished Teaching Award.

Mrs. Kristi Bundy was awarded the Alice Raikes Distinguished Teacher Award at the Foundation Dinner held on Friday, April 26th. The award, presented by Ms. Helen Raikes on behalf of the Raikes family was established in 2003 as a way to recognize distinguished teachers for their hard work and dedication in the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools.

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Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Senior Tribute 2:35 PM 1st /2nd Grade Track & Field 12:45 PM	2 1st Grade Field Trip MSTR @ Arlington Invite 4:00 PM HS Vocal & Instrumental Concert 7:00 PM NCC Boys Golf Trny Fremont Golf Club 8:30 AM	3 District Baseball Site TBA HS Track @ Arlington 2:00 PM	4 District Baseball Site TBA 
5	6 District Baseball Site TBA 3rd-5th Gr Presidential Physical Fitness Awards 2:30 PM 6th Gr Field Trip Schram PK MS Vocal & Instrumental Concert 7:00 PM	7 District Baseball Site TBA AGMS Track Invite Home 4:00 PM Last Day of School for Seniors not participating in "Skip Day"	8 Seniors Last Day 3rd/4th Grade Track & Field 11:45 PM	9 District Track Waverly 10:00 AM 	10 5th/6th Grade Track & Field 10:30 AM	11 State Baseball Trny Lincoln
12	13 Boys Golf Districts Woodland Hills 9:30 AM State Baseball Trny Lincoln Elementary PTO Meeting Cafeteria 7:00 PM	14 5th Grade Friends & Family Day State Baseball Trny Lincoln	15 Kindergarten Fitness Frolics 2:00 PM Commencement Prac. State Baseball Trny Lincoln 5th Grade Field Trip Baccalaureate at Methodist Church 7PM	16 State Baseball Trny Lincoln Activities Banquet 7:00 PM	17 State Track Meet Burke Stadium	18 State Track Meet Burke Stadium 
19  Commencement HS Gym 2:30 PM	20 5th Gr Middle School visit Board of Education Meeting 7:30 PM	21 Boys State Golf Trny 	22 Boys State Golf Trny Elem Awards Program K-3rd: 10:00 AM 4th-5th: 1:30 PM	23 Last Day of School Regular Dismissal Elementary Class Picnics	24 Staff In-Service	25
26  Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools School Activity Calendar	

BLUEJAY HIGHLIGHTS...Congratulations and thank you to the following:

- Elementary teacher Connie Willadsen for being selected to attend the Mickelson Exxon-Mobile Teacher's Academy in Jersey City, New Jersey in July. The Academy is a math and science national workshop and all expenses are paid!
- 1st grade students meeting their reading goal every month in the Book-It Program: Elliot Gossin, Clint Mumm, Alivia Pike, and Cody Pluta.
- Second grade students reading 1,000 minutes at home: Makenna Larsen, Grant Johnson, Sarah Spears, Emely Chairez, Jenna Grell, Autumn Vandeman, Saraah Davison, Max Henry and Aidan Beckenhauer.
- Second grade students reading 2,000 minutes at home: Carson Hofferber, Nathaniel McVay, Logan Sobota, and MaKaylee Kassebaum
- **Students completing the Book-IT Reading Program:** Alyssa Baker, Lane Ballard, Riley Kasuske, Hannah Keith, Kalkiska Kelley, Anna Reisen, Devin Grant, Megan Ruhter, Heaven Simpson, Carter Washburn. Mason Fortney, Angel Henry, Cadence Minnick, Brooke Loftus, Tatum Gossin, Sarah Wallingford, Shon Cote, Drake Zimmerman, Hunter Hoefler, Holly Campbell, Sarah Bundy, Gabe Holtz, Cale Jacobsen, Mollie Konen, Braxton Mech, Ruby Meylan, Meredith Ruyle, Derek Buller, Lauren Gerdes, Kealie Riecken, Hayley Pfeiffer, Luke Konen, Aidan Washburn, Aiden Krumwiede, Taylor West and Raeghan Craven
- Students Annalise Ptacek and Brayden Roberts completed all 17 levels of Symphony Math.
- District Music Results: **Receiving Excellent (II) ratings:** Boys Vocal Ensemble, Trumpet Duet-Jessica Pinkman and Logan Garber, Clarinet Duet-Ella Moran and Danae Welling. Trumpet Solo-Jessica Pinkman, Flute Solo-Elizabeth Yunker, Vocal Solo-Amy Reisen, Vocal Solo-Emilie Wilson. **Receiving Superior (I) ratings:** Samantha Moran-Oboe Solo, Ellie Luebbe-Piano Solo, Girls Vocal Ensemble, Bo Kitrell and Jessica Buller-Vocal Duet, Danae Welling and Shelby Nethercot-Vocal Duet, Ellie Luebbe-Vocal Solo, Celina Elliott-Vocal Solo, Savannah Kissel-Vocal Solo, Danae Welling-Vocal Solo, Wyatt Johnson-Vocal Solo. **Receiving Superior "Plus" Ratings:** AGHS Concert Band (4th year in a row!!!); AGHS Concert Choir. ****Superior means that all 3 judges scored the group with a superior rating. ***AGHS was the only Class B school to have both band and choir receive 1+ ratings!*****

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FBLA Student Leadership Conference Awards

The Ashland-Greenwood Chapter of FBLA took 29 students to the 2013 State Leadership Conference in Omaha, NE, where the students spent three days competing in business competitions, attending leadership seminars, listening to keynote speakers, and networking with other local chapters across the state. The trip was a complete success for both the chapter as a whole, and many of our current members. The chapter earned all of the seven possible ribbons for its efforts throughout the school year. Some of the ribbons included the statewide Feed Nebraska project, the Go Green Project, and the Sweepstakes award. Students made goals throughout the year to raise money and canned goods for the Ashland Food Bank. They also promoted the Go Green Project at the high school by maintaining a recycling program, participating in a school grounds clean up, and facilitating a middle school go green poster contest to create awareness for the issue. Finally, the chapter earned the most prestigious award at state, the Sweepstakes Award, by completing a variety of tasks, some of which include two chapter reports, writing articles for *The Pledge*, the FBLA state newsletter, creating and maintaining social network sites, and participating in a variety of community service and business linkage projects.

The conference was a success for many students as well. Jeb Vavak received third place and Tyler Craven received sixth place in Spelling out of 463 students taking the exam. Bryce Chudomelka received honorable mention, top 18, in Business Math out of 450 students. Finally, Tyler Craven and Jackie Kasuske were honorable mention, 9th place in the Business Ethics Case Study, and Shaina Lusienki and Isabelle Judy were honorable mention, 9th place in Website Design.