

THE BLUEJAY TWEET



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WHIZ-BANG SUPER SCIENCE SHOW COMES TO AGPS ELEMENTARY!

Preschool through Grade 5 students attended an assembly funded by the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation titled: The Whiz-Bang Super Science Show. This assembly was presented by The Omaha Children's Museum.



Students witnessed things that popped, banged, exploded and whizzed by them during the presentation. Participants were able to predict and suggest ways to conduct each experiment based on their prior knowledge. Active participation during the show allowed for a hands-on approach for students to internalize the end result of each experiment.

Thank you A-G Public Schools Foundation for this awesome opportunity for our elementary students.



Bluejay Marching Band

Marching Band Has Superior Season

The Ashland-Greenwood Bluejay Marching Band recently completed the most successful competition season in its history. On October 6, the Marching Bluejays opened the season at the Bennington Marching Band Invitational, where they received a Superior Rating, as well winning the Sweepstakes trophy as the best band of the day. On October 13, AGPS hosted the annual Oxbow Marching Band Invitational, and once again the Marching Bluejays received a Superior Rating. At both Bennington and Oxbow, the Bluejay Drumline was recognized as the Outstanding Drumline of the day. The band's competition season concluded October 20, at the State Marching Band Festival in Lincoln. The Marching Bluejays wrapped their season in style, receiving another Superior Rating while posting the school's highest score ever at the state event.

The 51-member marching band was led this fall by Drum Major Halle Starns, with Leadership Team members Clara Urwin, Ella Maack, and Alicia Bohlen.

The Senior High Band will now transition into concert band rehearsals, while at the same time preparing for performances at a variety of upcoming events.



Bluejay Breakfast ... Please Join Us!



As part of continued efforts to engage our community, patrons, and parents in the education of our children, we will be hosting a “Bluejay Breakfast” on the second Wednesday of each month during the school year. Our next “Bluejay Breakfast” will be held at 7:20 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14th, in the Middle School/High School cafeteria. A free breakfast will be served at 7:20 a.m. Following breakfast, an informative program will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m. EVERYONE is welcome to attend this event, and we are hoping for a large turnout of parents, grandparents, patrons, and members of our local businesses.

On November 14th, visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about the district’s athletic programs. Athletic Director, Randy Wiese, will provide information about the various sports offered and the benefits of student participation in extra-curricular activities.

The presentation will conclude at approximately 8:00 a.m. Feel free to park at the north end of the lot. You may use the sidewalk around the north side to access the northwest cafeteria entrance.

I am confident that attendees will find the presentations to be engaging, informative, and educational. This is our opportunity to build strong lines of communication with our constituents and to promote the incredible things happening within our district. And, as a reminder, it includes a FREE BREAKFAST! No RSVP is needed.





We hope to see you at the Middle School/High School cafeteria on Wednesday, November 14th, at 7:20 a.m.

Calendar Reminder: School policy directs that school is cancelled when Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools participates in a state tournament event that conflicts with school attendance. If AGPS teams qualify for their respective state tournaments, school may be cancelled. School cancellation may be determined by the number of remaining “snow days” on the school calendar. State Football Playoffs are on November **2nd, 9th, 20th**. State Volleyball is on November **8th, 9th, and 10th**. State Wrestling is February 14th, 15th, and 16th. Girls State Basketball is February **28th**, March **1st**, and 2nd. Boys State Basketball is March **7th, 8th, and 9th**. School days possibly affected are in **BOLD**. **Parents will be notified if school is cancelled.**

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

- Mr. Mencke’s class averaged a 90% as a class on their last Reading Test
- Mrs. Murphy’s class had everyone turn in their home reading log for the month of September!!!!
- 100% of Mrs. Onwiler’s students met their reading goal in the month of September!
- Thank you Laura Capp, Patti Schofield and Marilyn Wright for inviting 4th grade students to Postscript to see and use an antique printer and to the Ashland Historical Museum to learn about the many resources it has available.
- The following students in Mrs. Gutierrez class met their reading goal in September: Olivia Allison, Ysabelle Ceder, Archer Ferguson, Alex Haschke, Brandon Pfeiffer, Hazel Rice, Caleb Schinck, Everett Trygstad, Rosa Valentin, Camden Welch, Avery Whaley
- Congratulations to Mrs. Starns classroom for meeting their October Book-It 100%, Adiel Argueta, Kolby Bain, Ainsley Barry, Liam Cowsky, Keller Dostal, Knox Einspahr, Jessie Flynn, Jaycee Groteluschen, Penny Jacobs, Addison Judy, Reed Kucera, Linas Makaitis, Crew Miller, Clara Onwiler, Carter Perillo, Lydon Stephenson, Ava Welch, Izzy Williams and Eli Wolf!
- The following students from Ms. Barent’s class received their October Book-Its: Lainie, Aniston, Alex, Ryan, Aubree, Hawkins, Rory, Korey, Kasen, Maggie, Adella, Reagan, Brystal, Annabella, Brynlee, Reed, and Kazilee
- These students achieved their September reading goals in Mrs. Kingston’s third grade class: Jaymi Armbrust, Hazel Capp, Jake Cormier, Keegan Dostal, Ainsley Flynn, Elsa Fujikawa, Taylor Konen, Bennett Kush, Mollie Lambert, Libby Ann Lancaster, Sophia Mortensen, Antonio Valentin. Students in Mrs. Kingston’s class that won a prize from Moby Max’s Get Crackin’ Fall Kickoff are Hazel Capp, Jake Cormier, and Ayden Gordon-Schutz.
- All 19 students in Mrs. Gude-Rung’s class met their September reading goal.
- The following students in Mrs. Lawleys class have met their September reading goals: Maddox Bailiff, Eliza Capp, Gabe Christner, Seanna Horn, Olivia Keith, Ella Kolar, Alyssa Lee, Mason Mohs, Sarah Mumm, Joseph Onwiler, Paizlee Strode, Grady Turner, Logan Winder, Ranger Zimmerman, Jaycee Downing
- The following students in Mrs. Nygren’s Kindergarten class have met their Book-It Reading goal for October: Ellis Charles, Matti Chesley, Adi Collins, Maddox Ferguson, Wyatt Gotch, Julianne Greenwade, Nolan Hoferer, Hailey Johnson, Gabe Kennedy, Maci Kolar, Kyla Lewandowski, Kinsley Nicholson, Coraline Roberts, Ian Schmidt, Bentley Spurlin, Sawyer Stephenson, and Kayla Wissink. Congrats to all!
- On Sept. 25th, 5th grade teacher Brandon Nygren and elementary Media Specialist Jerry Wendelin took a group of 5th graders to ESU2 for a state wide symposium on digital citizenship. There, the AG team learned about the importance of being safe online with the theme of the day being #bekindbesafe. The 5th grade team was made up of Zoe Lindley, Easton Roeber, Derek Tonjes and Matthew McConnell. During National Digital Citizenship week, Oct 15-19, our student team made a short digital citizenship announcement at the beginning of each day, they hung posters around the school with information about digital citizenship, they had a presentation running in the cafeteria each day during lunch, they had an article in the Ashland Gazette, and they put an article on the school website.
- Thanks to the A-G Public Schools Foundation for funding The Whiz-Bang Super Science Show for grades PK-5.
- The A-G Booster Club would like to thank Mr. Emanuel’s Life Skills class for stocking all the pop in the concession stand when needed.
- Mary Holt & Nolan Kasuske were named the 2018 Homecoming Queen and King!
- Halle Starns and Logan Thomas both have earned Regents Scholarships to UN-Lincoln, UN-Omaha and UN-Kearney.
- Softball Awards: 2nd Team LJS All-State: Kiara Libal, Honorable Mention LJS All-State: Averi Goff, Fiona Walker, 1st Team All-Conference: Kiara Libal, 2nd Team-Fiona Walker, Honorable Mention-Averi Goff, Camryn Ray, Katrina Terry. 1st Team All-Area: Kiara Libal. Softball Letter Winners: Hannah Keith, Kiara Libal, Chloe Bergsten, Jaiden Tweton, Fiona Walker, Mackenzie Mayer, Camryn Ray, Averi Goff, Danielle Tonjes, Devin Rogerson, Katrina Terry, Piper Boggs
- FBLA award winners from the WSC contests: The AG Cat team (Danielle Tonjes, Mollie Konen, & Hannah Keith) won the 2nd Place Team Excellence Award. (Teamwork of the students while they were making the products in assembly line fashion.) The AG Black team (Malysa Cool, Leah Levin, Devin Rogerson, & Tayla Rinschen) won the 1st Place Hinder the Heist Award. (Related to how to protect inventory products from shoplifters and how to prevent common mistakes affecting the purchase and payment for inventory.) The AG Wild team (Jesse West, Miya Carson, Alexa Meyer-Bundy, Darren Hill, & Tori Holt) won the 2nd Place Risky Business Award. (Based on their decisions regarding setting a financing strategy and using debt to finance their business.)

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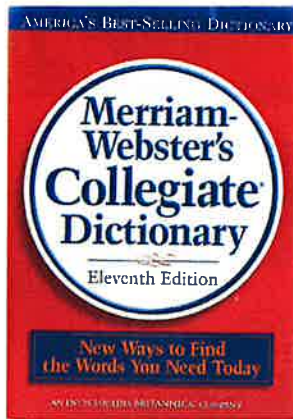
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  3 | | | Preschool Dad's Day | Football Playoff Quarterfinals vs. Ord 7:00 pm | VB District Final TBD | |
| 4 | NCC Vocal Clinic @ Syracuse - Concert 6:30 PM  Boys MSBB Home Ft. Calhoun 4:30 PM | Picture Retake Day Kindergarten Friends & Family Day 1:30 PM Athletic Boosters 6:30 PM HS Conf. Room | Boys MSBB Home Wahoo 4:30 PM National Young Reader's Day at Elementary State VB Tournament Lincoln | Football Playoff Semi Finals: AWAY TBA State VB Tournament Lincoln | State VB Tournament Lincoln | |
| 11 | HS Winter Practice Begins Elem Book Fair Week Boys MSBB Home Platteview 4:30 PM Veterans Day Program 8:45 MSHS, 9:30 Elem Elementary PTO Meeting 7:00 PM | Night of One Acts 7:00 PM | Bluejay Breakfast 7:20 AM HS Cafeteria NE Music Educators State Conference | Boys MSBB at Louisville 4:15 PM NE Music Educators State Conference | 1st Grade Friends & Family Day 1:30 PM NE Music Educators State Conference | NE Music Educators State Conference |
| 18 | NCC One Act @ Wahoo Performance 2:00 PM Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM | State FB Finals Mem. Stadium-Lincoln C-1 2:45 PM Boys MSBB at Raymond Central 5:00 PM | Thanksgiving Break No School Staff Inservice | Thanksgiving No School  Happy Thanksgiving | Thanksgiving Break | |
| 25 | Boys MSBB at Yutan HS 5:00 PM Preseason Jamboree Varsity GB/BB at Logan View 5:00 PM | |  District One Act Midland | Boys MSBB at Syracuse 4:30 PM Varsity WR at Wahoo with Ft. Calhoun 6:00 PM | C Team GB/BB @ Louisville 5:00 PM | |

REMINDER: Per school policy, school may be canceled when a team plays in a state tournament game that interferes with the regular school day.

Ashland Rotary Club Delivers Dictionaries To Third Grade Class

On Tuesday, October 2nd, the Ashland Rotary Club delivered dictionaries to all 3rd grade students at Ashland-Greenwood Elementary School. The personalized dictionaries will be utilized within the classroom and the students will be allowed to take them home as well. In addition, the Rotarians gave a brief overview of their organization and the importance of putting others before oneself, and giving. The Rotarians greatly enjoyed delivering the dictionaries to the students and seeing the students' excitement as well.

A huge thank you to Ashland Rotary Club!



Once again, the Ashland-Greenwood Foundation is asking for nominations for the 2019 Alice Raikes Teacher of the Year Award. Nominations may be made by accessing and completing the nomination form found on the school website and submitting it to the district office. The form is located under ADMINISTRATION > FOUNDATION. Nominations are due by March 8th, 2019. Forms may be emailed to jason.libal@agps.org or hand deliver to the district office. Please take the time to nominate and recognize those that positively impact the learning of our students on a daily basis.

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Office Tweet: Looking for Outstanding Alums

The Ashland-Greenwood Schools Foundation is accepting nominations for outstanding alumni. Each year the Foundation honors alumni for outstanding contributions they have made to society. These awards are intended to highlight the significant impact that AGPS alumni are having!



If you know of someone who you believe should be considered for the award please complete the online application form that is located on the district website: news.agps.org > Administration > Foundation

The winners will be announced at the Foundation Dinner set for Friday, April 26th.

Mark your calendar

**Nominations due by:
January 1st, 2019**

**** Nominations will be kept active for 3 years.**

Recent Ashland-Greenwood Public School Foundation Alumni of the Year

- 2012: Jill Hull
- 2013: Randy Beranek
- 2014: John Nygren
- 2015: Sherry Dean Rush
- 2016: Jeff Kuhl
- 2017: Kristi Bundy
- 2018: Tom Wheeldon

Recent Young Alumnus of the Year

- 2012: Ryan Torpy
- 2013: Kim Thomas
- 2014: Dr. Amy Clark
- 2015: Matt Starr
- 2016: Greg Timblin
- 2017: Taylor Sliva
- 2018: Rob Bundy