

# THE BLUEJAY TWEET



Awakening...Developing...Enhancing

## You are invited: AGPS Foundation Dinner



### Ashland-Greenwood Public School Foundation

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Dear Ashland-Greenwood Schools Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Supporters and Friends:

Each year we share how the Ashland-Greenwood Public School Foundation impacts our students. Over the past few years, the Foundation has helped improve our facilities, purchase equipment, send students on special field trips, and bring in nationally recognized speakers! The Foundation has provided \$80,000 towards the elementary playground renovation. This year the Foundation has committed to funding Teacher Grants once again. The Foundation pledged \$10,000 towards different grants! It is through your support, that the Foundation can continue to impact both the school and the community. We believe in Excellence in Education!

The Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation will once again hold its annual dinner that celebrates students with scholarships, faculty and staff who are retiring and honors the Outstanding Alumnus and Young Alumnus of the Year. The Recipient of the Alice Raikes Distinguished Teaching award is also named. A live and silent auction will also be held. **The Dinner will be held on Friday, April 26th at Round the Bend Steakhouse with a**

**6:00 PM social hour and dinner at 7:00 PM.** Tickets will be available for purchase at the Ashland-Greenwood District Office or at Farmers & Merchants Bank of Ashland.

The Foundation is currently seeking donations of auction items or monetary donations. Your support is valued and will assist us greatly in attaining our goal. Please contact any Foundation board member to make a tax-deductible donation today. Inquiries may also go to [jason.libal@agps.org](mailto:jason.libal@agps.org). Monetary donations can be sent to Ashland Greenwood District Office, 1842 Furnas Street, Ashland, NE 68003.

Thank you for your consideration in this important matter. We sincerely appreciate your support and investment in the future of our students and schools. Please contact Pat Timblin at 402.789.7475 or Mary Ziegenbein at 402.944.2306 with questions.



### ALICE RAIKES DISTINGUISHED TEACHING

The Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation is searching for nominations for the Alice Raikes Distinguished Teacher Award for 2019. The award annually honors one active teacher in the Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools. A nomination form can be found at the district office or on-line at [www.agps.org](http://www.agps.org). Click on "Administration" then "AGPS Foundation." You may return the nomination form to the district office or email it to [jolene.wagner@agps.org](mailto:jolene.wagner@agps.org). They are due by March 8, 2019.

The award was established by the family of Alice Raikes as a tribute to their mother who taught in the Ashland-Greenwood Schools. The winner is also chosen by the Raikes family members.

### Last Chance to Nominate Alumni of the Year

The Ashland-Greenwood Public Schools Foundation is accepting nominations for outstanding alumni. If you know someone who you believe is deserving of the award please see the school website or email [jason.libal@agps.org](mailto:jason.libal@agps.org). Nominations due by February 8th.



## 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, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 February 13<sup>th</sup>, visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about the district's student support team at the middle/high school level, Team BLUE. Team members will be present to share the purpose of the group, what supports they provide to staff and students, as well as some future plans for the program. The work of Team BLUE is critical as the district continues to find new interventions to address both the academic and social/emotional needs of our students.

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, February 13<sup>th</sup>, at 7:20 a.m.

Professionally Yours,  
Jason Libal – Superintendent  
Ashland-Greenwood Schools



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### The Built Environment Class "Get's To Work!"

The Built Environment Classes spent two weeks building toy cars for the Toys for Tots charity. The students were put into teams to produce the cars. Each team organized a production line to produce the cars efficiently. Each team was able to build 15 cars for a total of 135 cars. The students also raised \$50 to be donated to the charity by asking teachers and family members for donations.

The Construction Class is looking for 2nd semester projects. We are looking for larger scale projects such as a shed, playhouse, playground equipment, outdoor furniture, etc. If you are interested please contact Mr. Erbst by email [tate.erbst@agps.org](mailto:tate.erbst@agps.org) or by phone 402-944-2114 Ext. 2409



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### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair 2019




The annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade science fair was held January 28<sup>th</sup> in the Ashland-Greenwood Commons. The public viewing was packed with many family and friends to view the students' projects. Students started these projects by finding their topic back in September. Then they did research, designed their experimenting procedures, and ran their experiment at least three times controlling all the variables except their one independent variable. Next, they analyzed their data and verified if their hypothesis was supported or not supported. The students presented their projects in front of their peers, and their peers helped critique the presentation to help make the project better for the local judging. Judges from the Ashland Rotary and students from AG High School had the difficult task of picking the top projects to go on to the Southeast Regional which will be held at the University of Nebraska Lincoln on March 29<sup>th</sup>. The top projects moving on to the 2019 Junior Science Academy of Nebraska Southeast Regional Science Fair are: Will Bergsten-Ice Ice Maybe, Alayna Brown-Olsen-No Pain Lots of Game, Kate Clark-Do you Hear What you See?, Jaycee Fangmeyer-Deer Delights, Tristan Harms-Punt Me in Coach, Carver Konzem-Forces of Flight, Logan McVay-Mouse In the Maze, Justin Mills-Amazing Plant Growth, Eboni Simpson-Say Cheese, Thomas Spears-Electrifying Electrolytes, Ellie Stein-A Girl and Her Beanstalks, Audrey Whitehead-Cover Crop Conservation.

Students pictured: from back to front, left to right:

Audrey Whitehead, Ellie Stein, Jaycee Fangmeyer, Kate Clark, Eboni Simpson, Tristan Harms, Logan McVay, Justin Mills, Will Bergsten, Thomas Spears, Carver Konzem. Not pictured: Alayna Olsen-Brown



# February-2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1 Wr Varsity Dual Trny Home 4:00 PM</p> <p>GB/BB JV/V at DC West JV- 4:30 PM GBB-6:00 PM &amp; BB-7:30 PM</p>	<p>2 GB/BB C-Team at Bennington HS 9:00 AM Speech at Crete</p> <p>FFA State Degree Interviews 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</p>
3	<p>4 GB C-Team at Mercy HS 4:30 PM</p>	<p>5 Girls JV /V BB at Conestoga 5:30 PM</p>	<p>6  Early Dismissal Staff In-Service Elem.-1:00 PM MS/HS-1:10 PM</p>	<p>7 MSGB at Yutan 4:15 PM (ELEM) Preschool Mom's Day Girls JV/V BB vs Mercy Home 6:00 PM BB JV/V at Nebraska City 6:00 PM</p>	<p>8 Wrestling District Tournament at GI Northwest 3:30 PM Speech at Omaha Marian</p>	<p>9 Wrestling District Tournament at 9:00 AM Speech at David City MSGB Basketball Trny Home 9:00 AM Reserve Girls Basketball Trny at Louisville HS 9:00 AM BB JV/V at Wahoo HS 3:00 PM</p>
10	<p>11 Girls BB Sub-Districts at Weeping Water BB C-Team Home v Yutan 5:00 PM Elementary PTO Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>12 Girls BB Sub-Districts at Weeping Water MS Wrestling Triangular at Syracuse 4:30 PM BB JV/V Home v Wahoo Neumann 6:00 PM</p>	<p>13 Elementary Valentine's Day Parties Bluejays Breakfast 7:20 AM</p>	<p>14 NO SCHOOL Staff Inservice Girls BB Sub-Districts at Weeping Water Wrestling St Trny TBA at CHI Health Center MSGB at Elmwood Murdock ELEM 4:00 PM</p>	<p>15 NO SCHOOL Wrestling St Trny TBA at CHI Health Center BB JV/V Home vs Malcolm 6:00 PM</p>	<p>16 Wrestling St Trny TBA at CHI Health Center NCC Speech at Raymond Central MSGB Home v Fort Calhoun 9:00 AM</p>
17	<p>18 Boys BB Sub-Districts at Weeping Water National FFA Week Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM</p>	<p>19 Boys BB Sub-Districts at Weeping Water National FFA Week MSWR Triangular at DC West &amp; Wahoo 4:00 PM MSGB Home v Arlington 4:15 PM</p>	<p>20 National FFA Week Booster Club Conf. Room 6:30 PM Post Prom Conf. Room 7:30 PM</p>	<p>21 Boys BB Sub-Districts at Weeping Water National FFA Week MSGB at Platteview 4:15 PM</p>	<p>22 Girls Basketball District Finals TBA National FFA Week 3rd Gr Friends and Family Day 1:45 PM</p>	<p>23 High School Musical 2:00 PM 2nd Perf. 7:00 PM National FFA Week</p>
24	<p>25 Boys Basketball District Finals TBA MSGB Home v Raymond Central 4:30 PM HS Spring Practices Begin</p>	<p>26 MSWR Nebraska City Invitational 4:15 PM MSGB at Wahoo Elem. 4:30 PM</p>	<p>27 5th Gr Friends &amp; Family Family Day</p>	<p>28 Girls State Basketball TBA</p>	<p>Girls State Basketball TBA MSWR at Ft. Calhoun 4:30 PM Speech at Kimball Hall HS Band at Kimball Hall Lincoln 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Girls State Basketball TBA Speech at Waverly</p>

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

- Congratulations to the following students who met their December Reading Goals in Mrs. Kingston's class: Jaymi Armbrust, Hazel Capp, Jake Cormier, Keegan Dostal, Ainsley Flynn, Elsa Fujikawa, Taylor Konen, Bennett Kush, Mollie Lambert, Libby Ann Lancaster, Sophia Mortensen, Ethan Dipietrantonio
- Congratulations to Mrs. Starns' Classroom for meeting their January Book-It 100% and completing the Holiday Reading Challenge over break, Adiel Argueta, Kolby Bain, Ainsley Barry, Ellis Charles, Keller Dostal, Knox Einspahr, Maddox Ferguson, Jessie Flynn, Jaycee Grotefuschen, Penny Jacobs, Haley Johnson, Addison Judy, Reed Kucera, Linas Makaitis, Crew Miller, Kinsley Nicholson, Clara Onwiler, Carter Perillo, Damien Reed, Lydon Stephenson, Ava Welch, Izzy Williams and Eli Wolf!
- Congratulations to all the students in Mrs. Nygren's Kindergarten class who completed the Holiday Reading Challenge! Awesome! Also, congrats to the following students who have completed their January Book-It: Coraline Roberts, Maci Kolar, Nolan Hoferer, Sawyer Stephenson, Kyla Lewandowski, Ian Schmidt, Bentley Spurlin, Kayla Wissink, Matti Chesley, Julianne Greenwade, Wyatt Gotch and Adiyson Collins.
- The following students have been recognized as Bluejay Way Role Models in Mrs. Cooper's class in the month of January: Danielle Billings, Afton Graham, Ellie Queen, Olivia Smith, Asher Wasalaski, and Rylie Schwinn
- Every student in Mrs. Murphy's room met their reading goal for the month of December!
- Thank you to Paxton Beranek and Rose Queen in Mr. Nygren's class for help Mrs. Nissen with counting and organizing receipts for the Direct Your Dollars program.
- Congratulations to the following students in Mrs. Lawley's class who met their reading goal for the month: Maddox Bailiff, Eliza Capp, Olivia Keith, Ella Kolar, Zander Lauritsen, Alyssa Lee, Mason Mohs, Sarah Mumm, Joseph Onwiler, Paizlee Strode, Grady Turner, Olivia Williams, Logan Winder, Ranger Zimmerman, Jaycee Downing.
- These 2nd Grade students have read 1,000 minutes or more already this year: Blake Bird, Afton Graham, JessePaul Heitman, Bryson Mattila, Elizabeth Poell, Olivia Smith, Grant Beranek, Amelia Rhine, Chase Carson, Brooke Luetkenhaus, Conley Thies, Carsen Beranek, Allie Ewell, Landyn Garza, Brigham Lindley, Silvija Makaitis, Felicia Schofield, Quinten Stein, Zane Taylor, and Drew Tonjes! Way to go readers!
- Mrs. Gude-Rung's class has earned over 1,500 Blue Jay Bucks since the beginning of the school year.
- Congrats to the following students in Mr. Nygren's 5th grade class for meeting their December reading goal: Breleigh Mech, Rose Queen, Matthew McConnell, Megan Gerdes, Cael Smith, Landon Mohs, Charlie Earnest, Grace Turner, Gracie Hofmeister, Paxton Beranek, Logan Fangmeyer, Amelia Onwiler, Kade Brauckmuller, Sofia Dill, and Lillie Ludlow.
- Andrew Kwarcinski has earned a Regents at UN-Lincoln.
- Boys basketball - Capitol Conference Tournament Runner-up
- **Academic Decathlon Results: 2019** On January 19th, Ashland-Greenwood students participated in an Academic Decathlon regional competition at Pius X High School. The following students medaled. **Top Team Scorer:** Halle Starns **Honors:** Elizabeth Malousek - 3rd place Math; Halle Starns - 2nd place Math **Scholastic:** Zekeil Jackson - 3rd place Art; Claire Kresak - 3rd place in Language and Literature, Math, Economics, and Science **Varsity:** Ella Sparks - 3rd place Math **Alternate Honors:** Annalise Placek - 2nd place Economics, 3rd place Language and Literature, Art, Music, Science; Nick Starns - 3rd Math **Alternate Scholastic:** Caden Bottorff - 2nd place Language and Literature, Art, 3rd place Economics; Clara Urwin - 1st place Language and Literature, 2nd place Economics, 3rd place Art, Math, Science

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