

CHARITON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Superintendent's Message *By Paula Wright*

Spring is here!

Columbus kindergarten teachers and Mr. Alan Miller, Columbus Elementary principal have scheduled 'kindergarten round-up' activities for Friday, April 18, 2008. The activities will be held at Columbus Elementary School. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten this fall, please call the Columbus Elementary School office for more information (774-4712). We encourage all prospective kindergarten students to come join in the fun!

The Chariton Community School District will be holding a series of **K.I.D.S. Committee** meetings with the next one to be held on **Monday, March 31, 2008 at 6:30** at the Middle School. **K.I.D.S.** stands for **Keep Improving District Schools**. Following this meeting, the **K.I.D.S. Committee** will meet on **Thursday, April 17 at 6:30** at Van Allen Elementary. At these meetings, we will be looking at all of the district's facilities and listing improvements that the group feels are important. I am encouraging all community members to attend and share your opinions regarding needed improvements for our facilities. Please plan on joining me at the Middle School on Monday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m. and again at Van Allen on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30.

The Iowa legislature has officially set an allowable growth rate for Iowa public school districts for the 2008-2009 school year at 4.00%. State law requires each Iowa public school district board of education to set the property tax rate for the following year by April 15. The Chariton Board of Education will hold a public hearing immediately before the regular April 14 board meeting. This public hearing is scheduled for 6:30 PM and is intended as an opportunity for patrons to make comments for the board to consider as the 2008-2009 budget is set.

Things will begin to get extremely exciting as the spring sports seasons get underway. It seems like every evening you could catch a track meet, tennis match, soccer match, or a golf meet. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and provide warm sunny days for all of the activities. If you are interested in helping with any of the spring sports events, contact Athletic Director, Mark Olmstead (774-5066). All help is greatly appreciated.

CCEA SCHOLARSHIP

The Chariton Community Education Association (CCEA) is offering a \$500 scholarship for a college junior or senior who is majoring in education and is a graduate of Chariton High School. The fundraiser for this scholarship was held last fall when dessert plates were sold following the high school musical and this will be the tenth year for the scholarship. Last year's scholarship winner was Amy Hayes who is a student at the University of Northern Iowa. The application deadline is May 20, 2008. Information and application forms may be obtained from Phyllis Bishop or the Chariton High School Office.

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Senior Parents! (Again)

For all of our Senior Parents, the coming of spring means that it's time to start thinking about Graduation. As a reminder, be sure you are checking with your senior students to make sure that all of their school business items are taken care of. This includes book fees, parking tickets, cap & gown rental fees, and any other miscellaneous items that may have been billed to them throughout their high school careers. It is important to get this taken care of now before May is here and Graduation week is upon us. Also, if you are applying for grants & scholarships to secondary schools, make sure that Mrs. Curnutte is aware of which scholarships you've received so that you can be recognized on Senior Awards Night.

Dates to Remember:

- Senior Clean Up Day: May 7th
- Senior Awards Night: May 14th, 5:30 pm
- Senior Semester Tests: May 13-15th
- Seniors Last Day: May 16th
- Graduation Practice: May 16th, 2:00 pm
- Graduation Ceremony: May 18th, 3:00 pm

WHAT WILL I TAKE NEXT YEAR?

Parents of next year's sophomores, juniors, seniors: Be on the look-out for your student's registration materials for the 08-09 school year. Mrs. Curnutte has been working diligently to put together our Course Catalog for our students to choose their courses of choice for next year's academic schedule. Remember, that we need to have the parent's approval as the schedule for next fall is set before students leave for the summer. The beginning of the school year is a hard time for students to change classes as some are full and some are added but a change in one class affects the other seven classes and their placement in the schedule. For additional information or questions regarding your child's schedule, please contact Mrs. Curnutte or Lois Dixon in the Guidance Office @ (641) 774-5066.

CHS STUDENTS' LITERARY SKILLS SHOWCASED

I have been both blessed and cursed with the job of sorting through two years (and sometimes more) worth of files and materials in the high school office this spring and recently, I came across a "pile" subconsciously labeled "to look at when you have time". In it were a few various, unrelated items, one of which was Mr. Basinger's 1st Semester Creative Writing Publication, entitled "Red Bud: A Celebration of Literature and Art of the Chariton High School Community". As I sat down to read it, I was virtually amazed at some of the work that our students put into this publication. Each student from the Creative Writing Class contributed at least one if not more piece of work that illustrates their inner feelings, sometimes joyous & celebratory and sometimes frustrated & angst-ridden. However, I commend both Mr. Basinger and his students for taking that socially risqué initiative to put into print doorways and windows to their inner selves. The prose & poetry is both heart-wrenching and thought-provoking and worthy of a good Saturday afternoon read.

Silver Cord Opportunities Abound!

With the onset of Spring, there are plenty of opportunities for CHS students to gain numerous hours towards their Silver Cords. If you are interested in picking up some volunteer hours, please contact Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Rea, Mr. Deatz, or Mrs. Baer. We will also be offering some hours for students to help with yard clean-up for those people around town who are unable to clean up outside of their houses in the aftermath of a hard winter. Please contact CHS @ (641)-774-5066 for more information.

Other Notes

- * Please see the April Activities calendar for spring sporting events as there are too many to list on this page!
- ** Parent advisory committee members, please be patient as I am trying to nail down my spring schedule around our pre-natal classes on Monday nights – more info. to follow.

Chariton Middle School

News from Sixth Grade

In 6th grade there are many things going on. Social studies and reading classes have finished their interdisciplinary unit on ancient civilizations. Reading students are getting ready for their 4th quarter book reports. The books will all revolve around a WWII theme.

Mrs. Lazear took several young writers to the Young Writer's Conference at William Penn University, Oskaloosa, Iowa on March 7th. The following students attended the conference where they participated in mini-lessons and lectures connected to writing. Brett Braida, Rachelle Crabb, Jon Lazear, Kelsey Wood, Phillip Masters, Johnny Young, Cole Graves, Tyler Nance, and Josie Hitt all enjoyed the day celebrating writing.

Mr. Smith has been busy working with his math bee team. The following students will be participating in the math bee sponsored by Great Prairie AEA at Fairfield on April 11th: Ben Morrett, Steve Zinchenko, Phillip Masters, Sierra Pruet. Alternates are: Cole Graves, Jordan Aadnes, Jordan Kent, Danielle Kanour, and Alyssa Terrell. Excited and ready, the 6th grade math bee team is proud to represent Chariton Middle School.

News from 7th Grade

Literature.....Seventh grade students have been reading for information. They have read passages from Text and Workbook in the History of Iowa by Carl H. Erbe, Ph.D., discussed the early history of Iowa, took notes and wrote a paper summarizing the information, and included this piece in their Iowa History projects.

Students will be traveling to Antler, Texas, the most "boring" place in the world. "Absolutely nothing ever happens in Antler, Texas." Sounds like a typical teen problem. Some truly exciting things happen to the characters in this novel. Be sure to have your student tell you about When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Willis Holt.

Students are continuing to work on fluency and will be taking the spring Basic Reading Inventory test on April 30. These scores are recorded and will be sent on to Mrs. Goldsmith for your comparison with their 8th grade scores.

I am making my annual pleas, that as you are doing your spring cleaning, PLEASE, check for any books that may be under or behind beds, in closets, or bags, or added to your own library that have my last name or room 310 written in black on the outside edges of the book. I am missing hundreds of dollars worth of books from my classroom library. My current students are missing out on some extremely great literature. They may be returned to the middle school office and Sherri or Denise will see that they are returned to me.

PLEASE CHECK!!!!

Yours in education,
Marcia Fenton

Students at Chariton Middle School continue to work on developing the six traits of character from Character Counts, and throughout the school year, seventh grade students are acknowledged on a hallway bulletin board for exhibiting the character traits. Periodically names are drawn from those displayed on the board, and those students are treated to a lunch of personal pan pizzas donated by Pizza Hut. The grade 7 teaching team thanks Pizza Hut for their generous support of this program and congratulates the following students whose names were drawn for January and February:

Sergey Kopytko (trustworthiness), Austin Peterson (responsibility), Taylor Sherrick (caring), Taylor LaFollette (citizenship), Kellie Lahart (respect), Travis Morr (fairness).

News from the Media Center

The Chariton Middle School Media Center is the recipient of a generous book donation. The books were donated by the family and friends of Dorothy Masters in her memory and were selected by Mrs. Masters's daughter, Marcia Fenton, CMS 7th grade reading instructor. Mrs. Masters was an avid reader and would be pleased to know our CMS students will have access to these books. The books included recommendations from both teachers and students. Topics included were sports, science fiction, agriculture, biography, realistic fiction, historical fiction, and fantasy. On behalf of faculty and students, I thank the Masters family for their kind donation.

Theresa Voss - CMS Media Specialist

2008 Chariton Jr. Class
After Prom Party



"A Night to Treasure"

Dear Supporter:

Over the past twenty two years, a committee of Chariton High School junior parents have provided an "After Prom Party" for the Chariton Community High School students that have participated in their annual Prom. This party is intended to provide a controlled and safe environment for the students to finish their evening activities once the dinner and dance have ended. A variety of activities are provided for the students, such as games, food, prizes and entertainment.

In order to keep this tradition alive and going, it takes a lot of community involvement, volunteer hours as well as cash donations. This letter is being presented to you as a request for a donation for this event. All donations collected are used to purchase the food, gifts, prizes and entertainment for the students.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated. You may make a donation in cash or by check to the co-chairpersons listed below or any other After Prom fundraising committee member. The checks need to be made payable to After Prom Party Committee.

We appreciate all donations.

Thank you for your help and support.

Becki Neer
409 East Grozier Str.
Russell IA 50238
535-4801 or 203-1387

Cindy Laing
625 Auburn Ave
Chariton IA 50049
774-4405 or 203-1031

Schedule of Events for the Prom:

Prom - April 26th
Prom Walk - 7pm
Dinner 7:30
Dance to follow until 11:30
After Prom to follow the dance

Boys: Tux or Suit with Shirt and Tie
Girls: Dresses have to cover their midriff

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 13-19, 2008

National Library Week will be observed April 13-19, 2008, with the theme, "Join the circle of knowledge@ your library." In its 50th year, National Library Week serves as a special time to emphasize the contributions that library media centers make to schools and to the community.

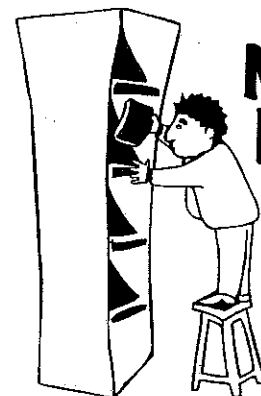
Mrs. Theresa Voss, Chariton High School and Middle School media specialist, encourages students and learners of all ages to take advantage of the many resources offered in our school library media centers. Research shows that the highest achieving students develop the information searching skills they need to succeed both in school and throughout their lives. And our schools' library media centers are the places where students can come together with new ideas, their favorite books, and to study with friends.

While visiting the library media centers, please notice the improvements to the facilities in both the middle school and the high school.

10 WAYS TO MOTIVATE YOUR CHILD TO READ

1. Read aloud daily, even if your child knows how to read. For older children, pick something slightly above their ability.
2. Chat about what you've read. Share what you liked about your books and what you learned from them.
3. Keep a wide variety of reading materials handy. Some examples are picture books, activity books, beginning chapter books, colorful magazines and comic books.
4. Create a family book chart where you can write down the books you've read and rate them from one to five stars.
5. Make visits to the library fun family outings. Stop for a treat afterwards and show each other your books when you get home.
6. Have your child read the book before seeing the movie version of it.
7. Find books that tie in with your child's interests. For a car lover, for example, check out books on cars.
8. For reluctant readers, choose books a couple of grade levels below their grade. If a book is too challenging, your child might get frustrated and give up.
9. Tie in reading with family activities. For example, before going to the beach, get a book about fish.
10. Encourage your child to reread favorite books as many times as he or she wants.

REMEMBER: Motivating your child to read 15-30 minutes daily helps to build future success.



**National
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Week**

April 13-19

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 6 | 7 Boys Golf @ Davis County (Bloomfield) 4:15 (2:15) JV/Var Girls Soccer w/ Winterset 5:30 Girls Tennis w/ Pella Christian 4:15 Boys Soccer @ PCM (Monroe) 5:30 (3:30) Boys Tennis @ Trenton 4:00 (2:20) 7/8th Boys Track @ Clarke 4:30 (3:30) | 8 7/8th Girls & Boys Track @ Clarke 4:30 (3:30) Charger Relays 5:00 SCC Junior High Music Festival 1:00—TBA | 9 | 10 Girls Track @ E-B (Eddyville) 5:00 (3:15) Girls Soccer w/ Newton 5:30 Girls Tennis @ Indianola 4:15 (3:00) Boys Tennis w/ Indianola 4:15 (3:30) Boys Track @ Clarke, Osceola 5:00 (3:30) Girls Golf w/ Centerville & E-B 4:15 | 11 Boys Tennis w/ Ballard-Fluxley 4:15 | 12 Var Boys Golf @ Knoxville 8:00 (7:00) Var Girls Golf @ Winterset 8:00 (6:45) |
| 13 | 14 Boys Golf @ Centerville 4:15 Girls Tennis @ Albia 4:15 Boys Tennis w/ Albia 4:15 JV/Var Boys Soccer w/ Pella Christian 5:30 School Board Meeting 6:30 | 15 Girls Track @ Eddyville 5:00(3:15) Boys Track @ Ankeny 5:00 (2:30) JV/Var Girls Soccer w/ Creston 5:00 CMS Band Concert 7 pm | 16 | 17 Girls Golf @ E-B 4:15 (2:20) Girls Tennis @ Davis County (Bloomfield) 4:15 (2:30) 7/8th Boys Track @ Knoxville 4:30 (3:30) | 18 Conference Art Day @ Indian Hills, Ottumwa 10am—2pm 7/8th Girls Track @ PCM 4:00 (2:30) | 19 Girls & Boys Track @ Oskaloosa 8:30 (6:45) |
| 20 | 21 Golf @ PCM 4:00 (2:20) Girls Tennis w/ Oskaloosa 4:15 JV/Var Boys Soccer @ Albia 5:30 (4:15) 7/8th Girls Track @ Pella 4:30 (2:55) Boys Tennis @ Grinnell 4:15 (2:15) Girls Golf w/ Albia 4:15 | 22 Girls Golf @ Davis County (Bloomfield) 4:15 Boys Golf @ Pella 4:15 (2:45) Boys Tennis w/ Davis County 4:15 Lady Charger Relays 5:00 Boys Track @ Carlisle 5:00 (3:20) Girls Soccer @ Knoxville 5:30 (4:00) | 23 | 24 Boys Golf @ Pleasantville 4:15 (3:00) 7/8th Boys Track CMS Relays 4:30 Girls Golf w/ Creston 4:30 7/8th Girls Track @ Knoxville 4:15 (3:15) Girls Track @ Osceola 5:00 (3:45) Drake Relays | 25 7/8th Girls Track @ Winterset 4:30 JV/Var Boys Soccer w/ Carlisle 5:30 Drake Relays | 26 Drake Relays HS Prom Prom Walk 7pm Dinner 7:30—8:30 pm Dance 8:30—11:30 pm |
| 27 | 28 JV/Var Girls Soccer @ Creston 5:30 (3:00) Baseball Practice Begins 7/8th Boys Track @ Pella 4:30 (2:55) 7/8th Girls Track CMS Relays 4:30 | 29 Girls Tennis @ Creston 4:30 Boys Tennis w/ Creston 4:30 JV B & BG Var Soccer @ Centerville 4:00 (2:15) Girls Track @ Knoxville 5:00 (2:30) Boys Tennis @ Pella 5:00 (3:20) | 30 | | | |

April

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| LUNCH MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE | All lunches served with ½ pint milk. | <u>Pancake</u> Hamburger French Fries Corn Peaches | <u>Biscuit & Gravy</u> Chili Crispito Lettuce Salad Pears Cookie | <u>French Toast</u> Corn Dog French Fries Green Beans Mix Fruit | <u>Cereal</u> Ham & Cheese Sand. Chips Carrots Apple | 5 |
| 6 | 7 <u>Cereal</u> Pizza Lettuce Salad Mix fruit Cookie | 8 <u>Egg & Biscuit</u> Chicken Noodles Potatoes Bread & Butter Cherry Crisp | 9 <u>Pancake on Stick</u> Pork Fritter Potato Wedges Green Beans Pears | 10 <u>Breakfast Pizza</u> Soft Shell Taco Lettuce & Cheese Peaches Cake | 11 <u>Cereal</u> Pizza Dippers Marinara Sauce Lettuce Salad Mix Fruit | 12 |
| 13 | 14 <u>Cereal</u> Chicken Nuggets French Fries Corn Peaches | 15 Breakfast Burrito Rib Sandwich Tater Tots Green Beans Mix Fruit | 16 <u>Sausage & Biscuit</u> Spaghetti Lettuce Salad Peaches Garlic Bread | 17 <u>French Toast</u> Walking Taco Lettuce & Cheese Apple Crisp | 18 <u>Cereal</u> Turkey Sandwich Carrots Chips Orange | 19 |
| 20 | 21 <u>Cereal</u> Hot Dog Mac & Cheese Peas Mix Fruit | 22 <u>Pancake</u> Chicken Drumsticks Potato Wedges Corn Peaches | 23 <u>Breakfast Pizza</u> Hay Stack Green Beans Pineapple Bread & Butter | 24 <u>Sausage & Biscuit</u> CK. Fried Steak Potatoes Gravy Pears Bread & Butter | 25 <u>Cereal</u> Chicken Fajitas Lettuce & Cheese Tropical Fruit Cake | 26 |
| 27 | 28 <u>Cereal</u> Beef Burger French Fries Peaches Cookie | 29 <u>French Toast</u> Nacho Grande Lettuce Salad Cherry Cobbler | 30 <u>Pancake on Stick</u> Chicken Sand Tater Tots Corn Pears | | | Breakfast is served at each building. Milk & fruit or juice is served with breakfast. M.S. & H. S. also have a salad bar. |

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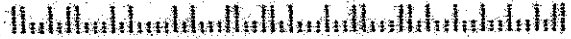
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Public School Volunteer Week



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Kindergarten Announcement PROSPECTIVE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS FOR THE 2008 - 2009 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have a child or know of a child that will be five years of age on or before September 15, 2008, please call the Columbus Elementary School at 774-4712 or return the form below. By registering, your child will receive an invitation to the kindergarten roundup. The kindergarten roundup screening will be held April 18th at Columbus Elementary.

Prospective Kindergarten Student

Child's Full Name: _____ Boy/Girl _____ Birthdate: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____