



HOPPY Easter



April 2018

Red Oak Community School District Newsletter

Inman Primary Good News

- **On Wednesday March 7th a consultant from Everyday Math 4 spent the day at IPS and WIS. She meet with grade level teams. Questions were answered and many new things were shared with the teachers. This way great continuing education for our teachers, as this is the 2nd year of implementation.**

- **Dr. Seuss' Birthday was celebrated with activities centered around Literacy, Science, and Math. There were also some great Dr. Seuss inspired treats in the building.**



- **A Dentist and Hygienist with the I-Smile program were at IPS placing sealants on the teeth of 2nd and 3rd students.**

- **We will soon start collect funds for "Pennies for Patients", because Every Hero Needs a Squad. Prior to Spring Break, Students heard a presentation from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the importance of raising funds to help local cancer patients.**





Good News from Washington



WIS "You Can't Hide Our Tiger Pride!"

April 9th-20th students at Washington and Inman will be collecting change as part of our Pennies for Patients fundraiser. If you know a child in PK-5th grade and you have some spare change, please consider donating to help us fight Leukemia and Lymphoma!

In ELO the 4th grade students have been studying the effect of the size of valve used to release air on the distance and accuracy of travel on a homemade car. Here are a few pictures of them testing the cars.

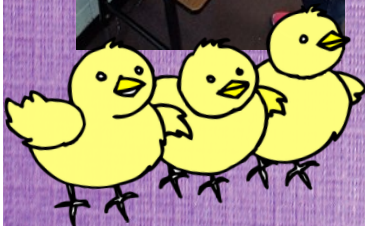
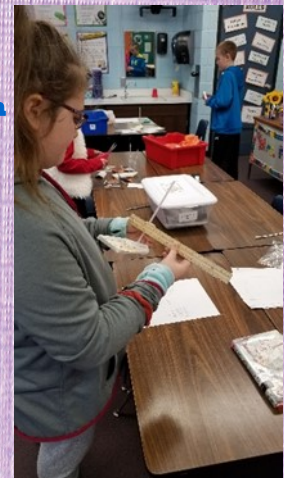


PD Preview—the month of April will be spent looking deeper into what Standards Based Grading is, the process to review current practices and action planning for future steps. We will also work on priority standards and proficiency scales.

The 5th grade students in ELO have been creating homemade boats with sails and skimmers and everything must be created using recycled materials. They are testing how the wind is caught and used as well as how different materials are fused together. In addition to this, a group of students have been working diligently to complete all the books on the reading list for this year's Battle of the Books competition. The students will participate in this competition on Thursday, April 5th at the ROMS Auditorium. Good luck, Tigers!



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Good News from Red Oak Middle School



Mr. Perrien and Mrs. Fluckey, along with Mrs. Erickson and Mrs. Vannausdle from the HS, completed lifetime certification training with Ruby Payne for *“A Framework for Understanding Poverty.”* They were fortunate enough to get the training straight from Ruby via online video classes through Adobe Connect. Part of the training focused on research-based strategies targeted at under-resourced students. John Hattie’s work on effect size related to student achievement figured prominently in the text that was presented. Participants in the training were encouraged to practice parts of the presentation with a few staff, which has proved to be quite enlightening and useful. After being guinea pigs for Mrs. Fluckey, Mr. Gelber and Mrs. Iles implemented a mental model for written expression to help students in the 6th grade compressed class evaluate and expand their sentences. Using a visual model for sentence structure, students were taught to expand the predicate by answering how, when, where and why for the action. They will soon implement the hamburger model for persuasive reasoning. Miss Sondag used the question making strategy to help students create questions over the book *I Am Malala*. Students were encouraged to write questions that required them to think outside of the box and were extremely thoughtful in their work. Questions included, “How did Malala become the hope of Pakistan?” “Why was education so important to Malala?” Students have responded well to instruction and we look forward to implementing more instruction during professional development next year.



Red Oak Police Department interns Caden Rea and Luke Mellott completed a t-shirt project this year to get out in the community and raise funds for various organizations. Caden and Luke are seniors at ROHS and are interning with the police department through the MOC program at the HS. Our PBIS Store benefitted from their generosity and received items for middle school students to purchase with the points they earn for showing good character. We appreciate Caden and Luke’s support!



More Good News From Middle School

Mr. Hewett

and the middle school bands gave fantastic
performances in
March!



Good News From Red Oak High School



Wash Assist Program

The Wash Assist program is up and running! The Wash Assist Program was able to help wash 11 loads on March 17. We hope that word will spread and more and more families will use this program for their family washing needs. The hygiene product drive for this program was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated items for this cause. Bags will be handed out to families in need when they come to use the washing facilities.

Imagine standing in front of an audience of strangers (or people you know) to give a speech you have memorized or written yourself. For most people, this may be their biggest fear. For 38 Red Oak High School students, this simply means that it's speech season!

This year, ROHS saw great success with both Large Group and Individual Speech. Large Group had 36 students participate at the District contest. Of those 36 students, 19 went on to compete at the State contest. Two students, Abby Pendleton and Brianna Clemons, qualified for State in both their events.

Our Individual team was a bit smaller but had even greater success than Large Group. Twenty-four students competed at the District contest in 33 events. Twenty students went on to compete at the State contest in 25 events. The highlights from the State contest was that we had 12 straight one ratings and that five of the students qualified for State in both of their events. Double-qualifying for Individual were: Jadeynn Collins, Lainie Edie, Brianna Clemons, Brittney Clemons, and Alexa McCunn.

Rounding out the Individual season is All-State Speech, which occurred on Monday, March 26 at the University of Northern Iowa. All-State is a huge honor and is not easy to achieve. First, there are three judges at State. Two of those judges must nominate a student as an "Outstanding" performer. These judges see hundreds of kids throughout the day. There are thousands of kids at each State contest (Iowa is split into four quadrants – Southwest, Northwest, Southeast and Northeast) and only about 400 students total are nominated for All-State. Red Oak has been fortunate to have had at least one student attend All-State for almost each of the past 13 years. This year, we had two! Abigail Pendleton performed her Literary Program and received her medal on Monday. Brianna Clemons performed her Acting and received her medal on Monday, but she was also recognized during the Opening Ceremony as a double-qualifier (she was nominated in Poetry as well). There were 49 total double qualifiers in the entire state. Brianna is the third double-qualifier Red Oak has had in the thirteen years I have been speech coach.

Ms. Kelsey Mangold and I are very proud of all the students who participated in Large Group and Individual Speech. We had terrific senior leadership, and we thank those seniors for their commitment over the past four years. We also had a very large sophomore and freshman group, so we look forward to building on what was achieved this year.

More Good News From High School



Large Group State Qualifiers



Individual State Qualifiers



All State

Abby Pendleton and

Brianna Clemons



ROHS Band



This year for the Instrumental Music Fundraiser our fundraising representative, Scott Sievers, set a goal of selling 600 items within two weeks. (These numbers were gathered based on other 2A band programs our size that he has worked with.) About 1 week into our selling, we had only sold 20% of our goal. A few students had asked if they could make a bet with me to motivate the band to work together and have a little fun. We had agreed that if we met our goal, I would let them dye my beard and shave it. With the numbers we were pulling in, I never thought it would happen. The last day we were about 50 items short, but by 3:30 I was confronted by a few students with the remaining number. Our goal was reached and I had to hold up my end of the bargain... it was well worth the extra teamwork and fun that the band family had together.



Our band recognitions for this semester thus far:

SWIBA District Jazz Festival: 3rd Place

Solo/Ensemble festival will be held on April 7th at Clarinda High School

