



Red Oak Schools May Newsletter 2018



Good News From Inman Primary



Congratulations

We are very proud of our elementary principal, Gayle Allensworth. The announcement has been made that she has been named the School Administrators of Iowa Elementary Principal of the Year for the state of Iowa. The announcement was made to the staff and students of Inman Primary School and Washington Intermediate School in an all school assembly. Through the cheers and applause, Mrs. Allensworth thanked everyone in attendance for making the honor possible.



Upcoming Events:

May 4th-Cinco de Mayo Celebration at IPS-

May 10th- Camp Read S'more and Swan Release at Viking Lake State Park- 3rd Grade

May 11th -PTO Carnival. If you would like to be a part of this exciting event, please let the Inman Office know. We could always use a few extra hands.

May 12th-PTO Flower Sale-

Zoo Trips- May 15th 1st/3rd grades and May 17th K/2nd grades

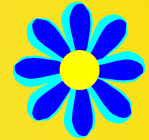
May 18th Ag Day -3rd Grade- Thank you FFA for your support!



Happy Secretaries Day Robin Jones and Lori Vanderhoof. We couldn't get through the days without you.



Good News From:



Washington Intermediate

Arbor Day-On Friday, April 27th Bill Drey spoke to the 4th graders on behalf of the Park and Tree board. He spoke about the importance of trees, that Red Oak has been honored and recognized as Tree City USA, and then gave a sapling to each 4th grader to plant in recognition of Arbor Day.



This past month the 5th graders participated in the first Battle of the Books to be held in Red Oak. They were up against some strong competition and ended the day with a second place finish. Congratulations, Tigers!



More News From Washington



Project Jack is a grant program funded by the Iowa Realtors Association of Iowa. It is open to 4th and 5th grade classrooms in Iowa. The grant of \$250 is awarded to classrooms who want to “Pay it Forward”. This year Washington Intermediate had three classrooms selected to participate in the project. Mrs. Kunze’s 4th graders donated the money to Christ’s Cupboard food pantry and then spent some time at the pantry cleaning shelves, organizing food, and hauling boxes of goods from the back of the building to make them more accessible to those who need them. Ms. Chelsvig’s 4th grade class donated their funds to the Red Oak Grand Movie Theatre and then spent time at the theatre cleaning, putting up pictures, and putting together snack pack boxes. The third project that was selected was Mrs. Viner’s 5th grade class. This class chose to donate their money to the Steed Family University of Iowa Children’s Hospital. Along with the donation they made “Good Day” cards for the nurses to hand out to the patients and their families. They also wanted to create their own “wave” video. “The Wave” started this past fall at the University of Iowa as a way to recognize those children and families who were at the newly build hospital that oversees the football stadium. At the end of the first quarter the fans, players, coaches and officials all stand and wave toward the windows that overlook the stadium. These kids gave a little history to why they chose their project, told jokes and inspirational quotes, and then ended the video with their class and then the whole school waving to the kids.



Good News From:

Red Oak Middle School

On April 5th, the Red Oak Middle School hosted the first Red Oak 5th and 6th Grade Battle of the Books. Attending were eight area school districts totaling 67 students, making up 14 teams. Those districts were; Red Oak, Treynor, Atlantic, Harlan, Logan Magnolia, C.A.M., Southwest Valley, and Fremont Mills. The Red Oak 5th grade team of: Abby Pedersen, Grace Goldapp, Nevaeh Sore, Marissa Williams, Landon Gigstad, and Brayden Sifford finished in 2nd place in the competition, and the Red Oak 6th grade team of: Abby Johnson, Cataya Barker, Cloie Bruce, Joshua LeRette, Max DeVries, and Cyrus Mensen finished 3rd. The Logan Magnolia 6th grade Team took home the 1st place honor. Congratulations to all who participated and to Mrs. Fellers for hosting such a successful event!



All participants in the 2018 Battle of the Books



3rd Place Battle of the Books Red Oak Team

On April 10, ten of Red Oak's sixth graders traveled to Logan, Iowa and participated in the 2018 Southwest Iowa Math Bee. Red Oak's ten students were among the 125 sixth graders from some of Southwest Iowa's area schools who competed in this highly challenging math competition. Our Red Oak students competed hard and represented our district proudly. Each student individually completed five, 10 question timed tests in the areas of number sense, statistics, expressions and equations, ratios and proportional relationships, and geometry. Then ending the competition with a timed 12 question collaborative team test. While Red Oak did not place in the competition, the students demonstrated hard work and determination. The ten Red Oak sixth graders competing were: Cataya Barker, Joshua LeRette, Max DeVries, Abby Johnson, Anderson Rhul, Bryton Bergren, Lainey Klepinger, Cloie Bruce, Cyrus Mensen, and Hunter Jarrett. We're proud of their hard work!



Math Bee Contestants



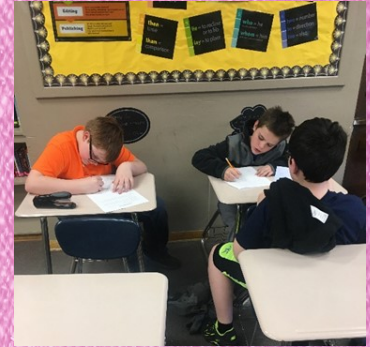
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More Good News

From Middle School



Students in Miss Sondag's class have been working on commercials to hone their persuasive skills.



April 18th in Harlan, Iowa the Red Oak Middle School took three qualifying teams to the Southwest Iowa 7th & 8th Grades "Ultimate Battle of the Books" literacy competition. Competing were 21 qualifying teams in the Ultimate Battle from an online qualifier of 42 teams. The team of Nora Dougherty, Lainey DeVries, Jonah Wernhoff, and Landon Couse proudly bring home the 2nd place honors, after competing in a tie breaking round for first place.



Also proudly representing and competing for Red Oak were 2 teams made up of Ashley Wilkins, Isabelle Glassel, Sam Fields, and Michelle Grass. A second team was comprised of Sebastian Vasquez, Aedynn Graham, Lindsey Porter, Lennon O'Neal, Gannon Sallach, and Tessa Rolenc. These 14 students proudly represented our school district and demonstrated outstanding team work and diligence in preparing from this competition. Red Oak Schools have built a strong reputation as tough competitors in this literacy competition over the years. Congratulations to all participants and Mrs. Fellers for such outstanding work!



A PBIS raffle was held in April at the middle school. Students used PBIS points to enter chances for lunch with Mr. Perrien and a friend of their choice at a restaurant of their choosing. Mrs. Rea reported that the raffle was a huge success, selling over 400 chances! Who knew Mr. Perrien would be so popular!?! Mattie Stephens won the raffle and chose to take Shelbie Heitman to lunch at Casa. What a great reward for demonstrating positive character!



More... Red Oak Middle School

Mrs. Sims 6th grade science class took the classroom to an entirely different level with a CSI field trip.

Students learned about crime scene preservation and observation, microscopic evidence, finger printing, witness accounts, tire track analysis, ballistics and other important scientific components of crime scene investigations.

A big thank you to all that helped out and especially Anderson Conservation for hosting!



Mrs. Marsden directed the best musical yet! *Once Upon a Mattress* was presented in the ROMS Auditorium on April 20th and 21st and was a rousing success! Fantastic performances by all who participated! Congratulations on another success, Mrs. Marsden!

Meteorologist Brad Sugden of Channel 6 News visited ROMS students on April 26th to talk about tornadoes. Miss Sondag's 6th Graders are reading Night of the Twisters and learning about how tornadoes form and the impact they can have on families and communities. What a great way to learn from an expert! The photo of all students with Brad will air April 27th, on WOWT 6 News after the first commercial break.



Good News From Red Oak High School

Career Day at Red Oak High School

Career Day was held April 11th at the Red Oak High School. We had numerous community members speak to our students. Junior students took 4 different tours around town: Red Oak Fabrication, Agri-Vision, United Farmer's Coop and Montgomery County Memorial Hospital.

The Career Day had two parts. Juniors toured four of our town's main employers. At the end of the tours, the juniors were addressed by Katie Lewis from SWCC concerning training options after high school.

Our freshmen and sophomores stayed in our building and listened to speakers representing careers in the six career clusters.



More.. News From High School

Red Oak High School seniors recently had Damon Clark (Zion Recovery) present part of his program, "Prime for Life" to them during seminar.

Prime For Life® is an evidence-based motivational prevention, intervention and pretreatment program specifically designed for people who might be making high-risk choices. This includes young adolescents and college students.. It is designed to change drinking and drug use behaviors by changing beliefs, attitudes, risk perceptions, motivations, and the knowledge of how to reduce their risk of alcohol and drug related problems throughout their lives.

The feedback we received back from the seniors was mostly positive. Damon Clark is a dynamic presenter who was able to get their attention and deliver some important information to our senior students. We are hopeful that by providing information like this to our kids we can help deter the possibility of lifelong addiction problems and other harmful life choices that go along with substance abuse.

The Red Oak Extension office has been collecting hygiene products to distribute to any kids or families that are in need of items and cannot afford to buy them. They brought in many bags, and we are so grateful. We have shared products with quite a few students, and we still have some on hand if any student needs something.

Shakespeare returned from the grave to visit the 9th Grade English/Language Arts Classroom on Thursday, April 12. The purpose of his visit provided a unique learning opportunity about the life and times of William Shakespeare. The classes are currently studying *Romeo and Juliet*.

In this mock interview, the setting is a "talk show" with Stephens as the interviewer and Shakespeare played by Larry Brandstetter. The two played out the interview with a specially created script. Stephens and Brandstetter opened up questions from the "studio audience". The day was fun, with a great deal of good questions and answers from each of the 9th grade classes.

