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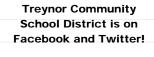
December, 2014

"District Details"...a few notes from Superintendent Elwood

Social Media

The Treynor Community School District is making a focused effort this school year to increase our presence in the area of social media. Studies indicate that in order to connect with our consumers (students, parents and community), we need to improve our ability to communicate in "real time" with those interested in school topics.

In this day of social media use, we recognize that many people get their news updates from a variety of sources. Therefore, to better connect with our consumers, the Treynor CSD has created a Facebook page and Twitter account. Please search for us on Facebook at http://



www.facebook.com/treynor.csd and on Twitter at http://www.twitter.com/treynorcsd. You can also visit our Social Media Links page on the school website under the District/Social Media tab. This page includes some classroom and athletic social media links that you may enjoy following.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Treynor Community School District increases its' presence in social media.
- Check us out on Facebook & Twitter.
- ✓ B & B's Again in Treynor assists in fundraising for student council groups.
- Have a plan in place in the event of an early dismissal or no school.
- Hy-Vee receipts are being collected through December 31st.

B & B'S AGAIN BENEFITS SCHOOL

Hungry? Eat at B & B's Again during their Sunday buffet. B & B's Again Restaurant in Treynor is assisting in fundraising for the Middle School and High School Student Council groups. On designated Sundays, B & B's Again will give \$2.00 per adult plate, \$1.00 per senior plate and \$1.00 per pizza plate (no pitchers) to the student council groups.

These are the dates that the money will go toward Treynor Student Council:

- Sunday, December 14, 2014
- Sunday, January 11, 2015
- Sunday, February 8, 2015
- Sunday, March 8, 2015
- Sunday, April 12, 2015
- Sunday, May 10, 2015
- Sunday, June 7, 2015

B&B's, Again

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Thank you for your support of our students, B & B's Again!

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CASH FOR STUDENTS



The "Cash for Students" program has begun. Hy-Vee cash register receipts dated from September 1 through December 31, 2014 will be collected in the Elementary, Middle School and High School offices. Hy-Vee gives back \$1.00 for every \$200 spent in any of the fourteen Omaha and Council Bluffs locations up to a maximum of \$2,000. Over 403,000 in much needed funds has been donated to area schools as a result of this program.

All of our proceeds go to the Athletic Booster Club. Remember to save your receipts and turn them in to any of the school offices!

CAUTION: Changes in weather arriving soon...

As the weather begins to change, school cancellations and early dismissals can occur at anytime. If severe weather causes school to be cancelled prior to the start of the day, we will try to have information to the media by 6:30 a.m. In addition to our school website, the media outlets that will carry our announcements this year are: KMA, WOWT, KMTV and KETV.



If weather or unforeseen circumstances (loss of power or water) should occur during the day and school is dismissed early, PLACE WITH
YOUR CHILD. When early dismissals occur during the day, we usually have limited time to get information out and many parents aren't aware that an early out has taken place. Also, we have over 750 students in the district and only a couple of phone lines in each building. Don't assume that your child will be able to call you if a decision is made to dismiss school during the regular day. Have a plan in place! The elementary has forms for each parent to keep updated outlining your family's specific plan to deal with this type of situation. Parents of middle school and high school students need to discuss with their child what plan of action they will take in the event of all early dismissal during the school day. Proper planning now will provide assurance to you and your child that all will be okay should we ever have an unforeseen early dismissal.

Our student information database, JMC, will be used for all school notifications (voice, email, text). Please check your contact information to ensure it is up-to-date so you will receive these messages for school closings, late starts or early dismissals. Use the JMC Parent Access portal to check your contact information and make any additions or corrections as needed and to indicate how you want to receive notifications.

JUNIOR TREYNOR WOMEN HOLIDAY EVENTS



On Sunday, November 30th from 5:00—7:00, Junior Treynor Women will be sponsoring a Treynor Community Christmas.

There will be a pancake supper by "The Pancake Man", Santa Visit, cookie decorating, games and crafts, along with a cookie walk. An opportunity to help other families at Christmas will be available with The Cardinal Tree. Come join the fun!

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FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S DESK



As the days have turned cold and continue to fly by, our students continue to perform well both in and outside the classroom. Much of the credit goes to you as parents as you continue to provide the necessary support for them to achieve success. Thanks for all that you do to make sure our students come to school ready to learn!

Our students had a great month and were able to be involved in a multitude of activities. Included were Pottawattamie County Conservation Programs, student deposits in Cardinal Branch Bank, Lunch with Mr. Larsen, K-3 Ready, Set, Know Program, 5th Grade to Financial

Literacy Assembly "Crash Course: Learning about Earning", 4-P Great American Magazine Ice Cream Party, 5th Grade Veteran's Day Music Program, 3rd Grade Cognitive Aptitude Testing, Cards for Success Drawings, and the 5-R Class of the Month Pizza Party. Our 4th and 5th Graders also had the opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal of the high school musical, "Krazy Kamp". December will provide more of the same, plus 5th Grade Band Concert, 4th Grade Music Concert and classroom parties.

December also ushers in the arrival of winter and the change in seasons so many of us dread. Please remind your children to dress warmly and make sure they are equipped with mittens, stocking caps, and boots on those treacherous days. Also, students are not allowed in the building until after 8:05 a.m., so please make an effort to see they are not here too early. FYI....our rule for indoor recess is 10 degrees or below when you factor in the wind chill.

Finally, in an effort to increase communication to our parents, students and community, the Treynor Community School District has a Facebook page and Twitter account. In this day of social media use, we recognize that many people get their news updates from these sources. Please search for us on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/treynor.csd and on Twitter at http://www.twitter.com/treynor.csd. You can also visit our Social Media Links page on the school website under the District/Social Media tab. This page includes some classroom and athletic social media links as well. The link to the Social Media page can be found at: http://www.treynorschools.org.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns on happenings here at the elementary school!

Mr. Larsen

January 5

Treynor Elementary School

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

December 8 School Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

December 8 5th & 6th Band/6th Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00 in

High School Auditorium

December 10 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal—Teacher Inservice

December 11 4th Grade Music Program @ 7:00 in

High School Auditorium

December 19 Classroom Christmas Parties @ 12:30 p.m.

End of 2nd Quarter—2:00 p.m. Early Dismissal

December 20—Jan. 4 No School—Christmas Vacation

School Resumes





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NOTES FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MRS. BERENS

Dec. 10 Teacher Inservice—1:00 Dismissal

Dec. 17 & 18 Semester Tests

Dec. 19 End of 2nd Quarter—2:00 Dismissal

Dec. 22-Jan. 4 Christmas Vacation

Jan. 5 School Resumes & Start of 3rd Quarter



Middle School students participate in "Random Acts of Kindness"!

The month of November is going by very quickly and Christmas vacation is just around the corner. The past few weeks, students have been bringing in food items for "Random Acts of Kindness" during our Cardinal Pride. The food items were specific to providing a Thanksgiving Meal to needy families within our community.

Students also made a \$1 donation that went toward purchasing turkeys for this meal from our local grocery store, The Pickle Barrel. The meals were all placed in decorated boxes from each Cardinal Pride group and students also made their own cards to go along with the meal.

During the month of December, middle school students have been challenged to complete random acts of kindness. They can complete these acts individually or as small groups. They have been asked to document their acts by taking a photo of themselves completing

the task(s) and then they will send those pictures to their Cardinal Pride teacher so all acts can be displayed in our middle school commons. Please talk to your kids about the importance of doing for others and how it will not only bring joy to others, but also the joy that it brings to the one doing the act. Let's all get on board with spreading kindness to others in a world that is so full of hurt and despair!

On a final note, please mark your calendars for the upcoming concerts. The 5th grade band/6th grade band and chorus Christmas Concert is scheduled for Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The following Monday, December 15th, will be the 7th & 8th grade band and chorus Christmas Concert set to start at 6:30 p.m.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Berens

Middle School Principal





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THOUGHTS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL..... MR. NAVARA

First semester is coming to an end on Friday, December 19th with a 2:00 p.m. dismissal. To conclude the first semester of the 2014-2015 school year, the high school will conduct semester exams on Wednesday, December 17th with periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 testing and periods 2, 4, 6, and 8 testing on Thursday, December 18th.

Once everyone comes back to the high school after a well-deserved winter break, we begin the spring semester. Within the spring semester, we will add a new concept, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP). The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is the most researched and best-known bullying

prevention program available today. Having over 40 years of research and successful implementation all over the world, OBPP is a whole-school program that has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying in schools. It is used at the school, classroom and individual levels and includes methods to reach out to parents and the community for involvement and support. During our last 30 minutes of every Monday during Card Pride time, each classroom with a facilitator/teacher will conduct class meetings. The purpose of class meetings is to build class cohesion and community, teach the four anti-bullying rules, help students understand the consequences of bullying and their role in bullying situations, and help students and adults know how to address bullying issues as they arise. At first, class meetings will focus on various aspects of bullying; however, teachers will use these meetings to address a broader range of related topics with the intention of improving peer relationships and overall school climate.

Tim Navara High School Principal

"SOUPER BOWL" FOOD DRIVE

Treynor High School Junior Optimist Club students will conduct a "Souper Bowl" food drive on Sunday, January 25th for the Treynor area food bank. This is part of a nationwide drive being held one week before the football Super Bowl. Items may be left at the front entrances to homes to be collected by students between noon and 3:00 p.m. Residents in rural areas are asked to bring their items to the local churches on the same Sunday.



HOLIDAY MUSIC CONCERTS



Fifth and sixth grade band students will be in concert on Monday, December 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Following their concert, sixth grade students will entertain parents, family and friends, also in the high school auditorium.

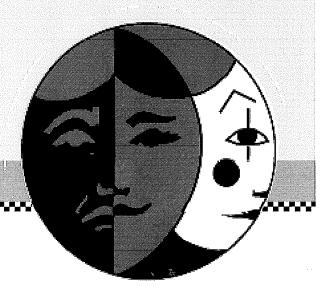
The 4th grade vocal concert will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 in the high school auditorium.

On Monday, December 15th, the junior high choir and concert band will have their concert at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. There will be a short break and the high school will present their concert at 8:00 p.m. Music Boosters are sponsoring a Bake Sale also. Stop and pick up some goodies for your family, friends and coworkers.

SPEECH!

73 THS students will be performing in 19 different pieces in 7 different categories this Large Group Speech season!

Notes from the coach, Lori Burton



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Upcoming Speech Events:

Saturday January 24th District Large Group Competition at Glenwood

High School

Saturday February 7th State Large Group Competition at Ankeny

High School

Saturday February 21st All-State Speech Festival at Iowa State University

Thursday February 26th Community Speech Night at Treynor High School, performances by a variety of students and categories.

What we've been up to:

Speech season is in full swing and we're excited to showcase what we've been working on! Parent and community members can see performances at district competition in Glenwood January 24th. Our Community Speech Night will highlight the best of our high school group and individual speeches on Thursday, February 26th and is the only opportunity to record performances. This year our students are writing many of their own scripts which address topics they find more meaningful. The Freshman Choral Reading team will be performing an original script about bullying and how all people can be empowered to stop it. One of the Varsity Short Film teams are recreating their own take on a classic teen film, "The Breakfast Club". Small groups of students are hard at work on Ensemble Acting, Musical Theatre and Mime pieces as well! We hope that you will have an opportunity to come out and see what hard work, creativity and talent have gone into this year's Speech performances.

Thank You!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Marilyn Abbott who dedicated herself to coaching Speech at THS for many years. Marilyn continues to support the Speech program as a new coach learns the ropes. This will be my, Lori Burton's, first year as head coach and I am grateful to have assistant coaches, Travis Graham and Julie Showalter working with the Improvisation and Musical Theatre students.

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FINANCIAL LITERACY UPDATE



Education Debt vs. Earning Potential



When asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" children for generations have answered that question based on things like: a parent's occupation, their favorite sport, their love of a family pet or simply something they like to do. Rarely does the idea of making a living or supporting a family seriously enter into a young child's dreams of the future.

But as the cost of a college education increases, tying career selection and future earnings potential to the cost of the education can help add a layer of information to the decision process - especially if there is a large gap between earnings and expense.

According to a report by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), nearly half of all undergraduates take out student loans to help pay for their education. This includes nearly two-thirds of students who attend private nonprofit four-year colleges and about 90 percent of students enrolled in forprofit institutions. On its credit card blog, NerdWallet.com reports that the average student loan debt is \$33,607.

While student loans improve access to post-secondary education for many students, repaying them has become increasingly difficult for those who earn a limited income or have trouble finding a job. According to a recent TransUnion study, more than half of student loans are in deferred status where the loan payment has been temporarily delayed - this represents nearly 44 percent of all student loan balances.

Luckily, there are numerous resources that provide information on how much a college student can expect to spend on post-secondary education costs in his or her efforts to earn a specific degree. Many of these resources also provide forecasts about how much he or she can expect to earn upon entering the working world.

The Council on Graduate Schools has launched an online platform called Grad Sense.org. This site provides federal data on the cost of getting a degree in specific areas of study, along with the median salaries graduates can expect to earn upon receiving their degree. Data is based on the specific degree level they plan to pursue (bachelor's, master's, doctorate, or professional). Grad Sense also provides information on repayment plans and how to evaluate and negotiate job offers.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau website also offers information on comparing costs and helping students make smart decisions about paying for college (consumerfinance.gov/payingfor-college). This site provides tools and resources that will help students assess college costs and financial aid offers, as well as advice on repaying student debt.

The U.S. Department of Education also provides students with information on the affordability of specific colleges. Access the data through its College Scorecard. This online resource allows students to select specific schools or research additional options by searching for colleges that might be a good fit, based on location, size, their area of interest and those that offer distance education.

In addition to the cost of tuition, when planning a college budget, students and their parents should also consider the cost of room and board, books and supplies, and any other anticipated living expenses. The NCES College Navigator provides more detailed information on these expenses for individual colleges, along with more specific demographic information about each school.

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Merry Christmas!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	JH Boys BB Riverside Here 4:15 9th G & B BB @ ISD 6:00/7:30	2 Wrestling Here @ 6:00 JV & Var B BB @ A.L. 6:00/7:30	3	4 JH Boys BB Griswold Here 4:15 State Dance Team Competition	5 G & B JV/Var BB @ Mo Val- ley 6:00/7:30	6 Treynor Wrestling Tourney 10:00
7	8 JH Boys BB AHST Here 4:15; 5/6 Band & 6th Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00 in Auditorium School Board Meeting @ 6:30	JH Boys BB Shen Here 4:00 9th B BB T-C Here 4:30; G & B JV/Var BB Tri-Center Here 6:00/7:30	1:00 Early Dismissal Teacher Inservice	JH Boys BB @ Audubon 4:15 4th Grade Concert @ 7:00 in Audito- rium	G & B JV/Var BB Audubon Here 6:00/7:30	Wrestling Tournament @ Lence 10:00
14	JH Christmas Concert @ 6:30 HS Christmas Concert @ 8:00	JH Boys BB Underwood Here 4:15; Wrestling Here 6:00; G JV @ 4:30 & G & B Var BB @ Riverside 6:00/7:30	17	9th B BB AHST Here 4:30 Girls JV/V BB & Boys Var BB AHST Here 6:00/7:30	19 Elem. Parties @ 12:30; 2:00 Dismissal; End of Quarter; 9th B BB @ Griswold 4:30; G & B JV/Var BB @ Griswold 6:00/7:30; Wres- tling @ Mo Valley	20 Wrestling @ Missouri Valle 10:00
21	Christmas Vacation	23 Christmas Vacation	24 Christmas Vacation	25	26 Christmas Vacation	27
28	29 Christmas Vacation	30 Christmas Vacation	31 Christmas Vacation			

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January 2015 Happy New Year!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 HAPPY NEAR	2 VACATION	Wrestling @ Shen andoah 10:00 G JV/Var BB @ Red Oak 6:00/7:30 Booster Club BB Tournament
4	5 School Resumes	G & B JV/Var BB Lo-Ma Here 6:00/7:30	7	8	9th B BB @ Underwood 4:30 G & B JV/Var BB @ Underwood 6:00/7:30	10 Wrestling @ Tri- Center Wrestling @ Lo- Ma
11	K-5 FAST Testing Begins Wrestling @ Missouri Valley 5:30 School Board Meeting @ 6:30	HS Honor Band @ Red Oak; 9th B BB @ IKM-M 4:30 G & B V BB @ IKM-M 6:00/7:30	14	15 JH Girls BB Sidney Here 4:15	9th Boys BB Mo Valley Here 4:30 G & B JV/V BB Mo Valley Here 6:00/7:30	Bluffs Jazz Festiv @ CB A.L. Wrestling @ Gris wold 10:00
18	NO SCHOOL TEACHER INSERVICE HS Honor Band @ Atlantic 9th G & B BB @ TJ 4:00/5:30	20 9th B BB @ Tri-Center 4:30 G & B JV/V BB @ Tri- Center 6:00/7:30	21	Jazz Choir & Jazz Band @ Audubon JH Girls BB @ Underwood 4:15; Wrestling @ Underwood 6:00	JV Wrestling @ Glenwood 5:00 G & B JV/Var BB @ Audubon 6:00/7:30	24 District Large Group Speech
25	26 Girls JH BB @ Mo Valley 4:15 9th B BB Glen- wood Here 6:00 G JV/Var BB @ Atlantic 6:00/7:30	27 G & B JV/Var BB Riverside Here 6:00/7:30	28	29 JH Wrestling @ Audubon 4:15;JH Girls BB Lo-Ma Here 4:15 Wrestling@ Carroll Kuemper 5:30 SWI Honor Choir @ IWCC; 9th B BB @ Harlan 6:00	30 9th B BB @ AHST 4:30 G & B JV/Var BB @ AHST 6:00/7:30	31 District Jazz Band Festival G & B JV/Var BI @ St. Albert 5:00/6:30

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TREYNOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL



December, 2014 Breakfast & Lunch Menus

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
1 Juice or Fruit (1/2 c. required) Choice of Cereal NutriGrain Bars	2 Juice or Fruit WG French Toast Sticks w/Syrup	3 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Toast	4 Juice or Fruit WG Breakfast Square	5 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Granola Bar	
Corn Dog Steamed Broccoli Cheese Sauce Pears Pudding	Beef Taco Lettuce/Cheese/Tomato Refried Beans Pineapple/Oranges Graham Cookie	Beef & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Peas Applesauce Whole Grain Roll	Deli Turkey Sandwich Romaine Lettuce Tomato French Fries Yogurt Cups Fruit	Chicken Shapes Tri Taters Fresh Veggies Fruit	
(6-12 Salad Bar)	(4-12 Salad Bar)	(4-12 Salad Bar)	(4-12 Salad Bar)	(No Second Choice)	
8 Juice or Fruit (1/2 cup required) Choice of Cereal Poptart	(1/2 cup required) Biscuits/Gravy 6-12 Choice of Cereal Breakfast Bagel K-5		10 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Granola Bar 11 Juice or Fruit WG Pancake Stick Syrup		
Chicken Wrap Comaine Lettuce Comato-Cheese Iteamed Carrots Applesauce Meatball Sub 6-12 Hot Dog K-5 Potato Puffs Fresh Veggies Pears 6-12 Salad Bar) (4-12 Salad Bar)		Walking Taco WG Corn Chips Salsa Mexican Corn Cinnamon Puff Fruit (4-12 Salad Bar)	Roast Pork Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Mixed Vegetables Strawberry Cake Fresh Fruit (4-12 Salad Bar)	Orange Chicken 6-12 Chicken Shapes K-5 Savory Rice Green Beans Pineapple/Oranges (No 2nd Choice)	
Juice or Fruit (1/2 c. required) Choice of Cereal NutriGrain Bar	16 Juice or Fruit Egg Omelet WG Bagel	17 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Poptart	18 Juice or Fruit Pancakes & Syrup Sausage Links	19 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Toast	
Fiestada Pizza Tossed Salad w/Spinach Green Beans Peaches (6-12 Salad Bar)	Chicken Pattie French Fries Seasoned Peas Applesauce (4-12 Salad Bar)	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fresh Broccoli Bread/Margarine Pears (4-12 Salad Bar)	Mostaccioli 6-12 Beefy Mac K-5 Garden Salad Green Beans Strawberries/Bananas (4-12 Salad Bar)	Hot Dog on Bun Whole Grain Chips Baked Beans Pineapple (No 2nd Choice)	
22	23	24	25	26	
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL		NO SCHOOL	
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	(We reserve the right to make changes or substitutions as necessary.)				

Elementary: \$1.20 Breakfast—\$1.95 Lunch; Extra Milk \$0.50 MS-HS: \$1.20 Breakfast—\$2.10 Lunch; Extra Milk \$0.50 Breakfast includes 100% juice or fruit (1/2 cup required) and a milk choice. All lunches include a fruit choice available each day, whole grain bread and buns are served along with a daily milk choice. It is the policy of Treynor Community School not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, or religion in its' programs, activities or employment practices as required by the Iowa Code Section 216.7 and 216.9. If you have questions or grievances related to compliance with this policy by Treynor Community School, please contact the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th St., Des Moines, IA 50319-1004; phone number 515-281-4121, 800-457-4416; website; http://www.state.ia.us/government/crc/index.html.



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CHRISTMAS VACATION



School will be dismissed on Friday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2014.

From the administrators, teachers and staff, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you and yours!

