

# WILDCAT PAW PRINTS



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## From Dr. Wells

### Building Project

The Hamburg Community School District has continued to improve our facilities and make them a better place to work and learn. Our latest project is the front entry of our school building. As a result of the flood, our project is behind schedule. I wanted to provide you an update about the project in this issue of Paw Print.

The school board has been very aggressive the past 5 years to get our schools updated and to expand curricular offerings for our students. The Maker Space program was made possible with the addition of the Dr.

Fred Ashler Discovery Center. In the Discovery Center, we have a construction trades, woodworking, taxidermy, print shop, and CNC program. These programs would be impossible without this building, so we are very thankful to have it. Our latest project is a renovation/addition on the front of the building. Our parent survey indicated the number one concern of our community is school safety. The new addition will have a safe and secure entry which will require people to buzz into the office to enter the building. A school employee will have to release the door for people to come in. Everyone will be required to enter through the office and sign in. This will allow us to have better control of who is coming in and out of our building which will provide a safer school for everyone.

We will also have new offices with windows to the outside world. There will be a large meeting area that will have comfortable furniture for meetings and will create a great place for students to relax and read. We anticipate the project will be done by January 31, 2020.

Our facility committee will be discussing storage, transportation, and other program needs in the next four months. Future plans are being developed to address the lack of shortage of space. We are considering an outside building for storing school surplus. The second issue is our welding program. We will need to construct a wall in our current shop for welding or put up a small metal building. Lastly, we will discuss whether we need to have a building for our school vehicles. It is hard on school transportation to be outside all the time which results in vehicles always being dirty and leads to rust. We hope to construct a three-year plan to address these issues.

If you have not been to the school, I encourage you to come in and see all of the changes we have made over the past five years. I welcome any comments or suggestions you may have about our school system. I leave you with the words of Harriet Tubman, "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

## **Preschool - Mrs. Williams**

The Preschool classes would like to share what they are thankful for this year!

Here are their thoughts:

Josie- the new dolls at school and the Art center

Donald- my Mom and Dad, my brother, and my puppy

Brennen- my Mom and Dad and my laser gun

Nora- my dog, my bed, and camping

Sylas- my Mom and Dad, my brother and sisters, and myself

Easton- my Mom and Dad, my house, and my animals

Ryan- my Mom, my brother, and the new baby

Wyatt- my brother, my Mom and Dad, dogs and cows, and my toy combine

Archer- my Spiderman, Batman, and Ironman toys

Bristol- my family and my toys

Brynna- my parents, Grandma and Grandpa, and toys

Parker- my house, dogs, and my giant robot

Peyton- my parents, my puppies, and my toys  
Layla- toys, stuffed animals, and kitty cats  
Lilly- my house, my new bathroom, and my new toys  
Ryker- my Mom and Dad, and my robot  
Barrett- tigers, my shark shirt, my Mom and Dad, and school  
Hazel- my toys, dinosaurs, and my Mommy  
Jaxson- my chicken toy, my new house, and my bunk bed  
Ian- my toys, Batman, and Transformers  
Uriyah- kitty cats, dogs, and tigers  
William- my parents, Power Rangers, and monkey horse

## Kindergarten - Mrs. Brandt

November has been busy with talking about thankful things. Here are the Kindergarteners thoughts on what they are thankful for.

Kinslee A. – Mom, Dad, School, House, Clothes  
Bodie D. – Life, Clothes, School, Family, Pets  
Drayden F. – Helping my mom, Clothes  
Rylee G. – Sister, Family, Toys, Mommy, Dad  
Kyle G. – Presents, Toys, House, Family, Food, Cats  
Easton H. – Helping Mom, Cutting wood with Dad, Aunt, Baby Sister  
Thomas I. – Toys, My Teachers, Movies, Family  
Dawson K. – Riding In My Monster Truck, School  
Charlie M. – Mom, Dad, Food, Family  
Nadalyn M. – Mommy, Daddy, Family, Love  
Easton P. – Riding My Dirt Bike, Family, Food, House  
Kenzlie R. – Family, Mrs. Brandt, House, Food  
Rease R. – Family, House, Food, School  
Carly R. – Friends, Mom, Cat, Family, Presents, Zoo  
Christian S. – Candy, Tablet, Jeep at Shop, Family, Food  
Jesse S.-Food, Clothes, Family, Toys  
Mackayla S.- Family, School, Dog, Dr. Wells, Mom, Dad  
Ziggy T. – School, Playing With Baby Brother, Family, Learning ABC's  
Wyatt W. – Feeding My Chicken, Farming With My Dad, Shopping With Mom  
Joshua W. – Family, School, My Teachers, Toys

Please try to read the little books with your child and have them read to you. They are doing great with the sight words and reading the stories in their Reading book. Keep up the good work!

The students learned the 4th habit this week Think Win Win where everyone's a winner. Habit 1: Be Proactive the students played a game to be the one in charge. Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind they made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Habit 3 Put First Things First they made a plan and had to stick with it. Work then play! The students are very excited when we have our class meeting and discuss this. Hopefully they are talking about them at home.

Thank you everyone for coming to Parent Teacher Conferences. It was nice visiting with everyone and I appreciate you coming to the school to see how your child was doing. As always call or come in with any concerns.

## **First Grade - Mrs. Hendrickson**

The month of November has gone by quickly. Thank you to all the parents who came to conferences and helped out with our Halloween party! We had 100% participation!

Some of the first graders would like to share their Thanksgiving turkey recipes with you!

Carsyn - My dad cooks the turkey in the oven.

Spencer - My mom puts salt and sugar on the turkey. She puts it in a pan in the oven.

Addy - My mom puts stuffing and a turkey in the oven.

Myah - My daddy buys the turkey at the grocery store. My mom puts salt and flour on the turkey and cooks it at my house in the oven.

Shaye - My mom puts a special seasoning on it. She cooks it on the stove.

Taryn - My dad hunts for a turkey. We it in a skillet with salt and pepper.

Landon - My dad shoots a turkey and cooks it in the oven with green beans.

Callie - We make turkey chicken. We take the bones out and then we eat it.

Eden - We go to the store and buy it. We put it in the oven and make some stuffing.

Zach - We grill hamburgers and add salt and pepper to them for Thanksgiving.

Since Christmas is around the corner, the first graders thought they'd give some helpful ideas to family members. As students were asked what is their most wanted gift, here is what they said:

Shaye - a fortune toy

Taryn - a polaroid camera

Addy - a computer

Spencer - dinosaur toy

Carsyn - 164 Farm Shed

Myah - Unicorn slime

Landon - Spiderman wrist shooter

Eden - Calico Critters

Callie - a dolly with black button eyes

Zach- I wish I had a 3 microphones for my band.

Be looking next month for Christmas party letters coming home. In first grade, we buy stocking stuffers for each child in the classroom. Some examples from past years: pencils, chapstick, matchbox cars, candy canes, Christmas cups, little games etc. We have 10 students if you are wanting to get started early.

## 2nd Grade - Mrs. Gregg

Happy Thanksgiving from 2nd grade! In reading, the students have been reading a variety of nonfiction texts that emphasize fact and opinion. During our math class, we have been learning about fractions and had a fun time creating fractions with the Fraction Burgers.

The students have enjoyed working in groups and creating their own newspaper, The Gobbler Gazette. I asked each group to share their favorite article from their newspaper.

Bryn, Mia, AJ and Kowa: Favorite Dessert- Blow Up Pie; Interview with Rollie Roll and News Flash- Missing Turkey!

Kyler, Benny and Graysin: News Flash- Missing Turkey!

Murrin, Laynee and Cash: Wanted Ads- Tim Turkey's Costume and the Wanted Poster

Sam, Mark and Leland: The Interview with Rollie Roll

## 3rd Grade - Mrs. Welch

The third graders are continuing to read daily at school their Accelerated Reading books. Our goal is to be to 25 points by the end of second quarter which is December 21st and be to 50 points by the end of the school year. Please make sure your child reads to his/her goal daily and remembers to bring the A.R. book back to school the next day.

A website that the students can go to at home to practice their spelling words is [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com). Each week our classroom spelling list will be posted on this site so the students can play games and take a test with the spelling words. When you are at the site, go to find a school and type in Marnie Simons Elementary. Then click on the school name and then a list of teachers' names will appear. The third grade list is under Lisa Welch. Then when spelling list come up, look for the third grade list that is for that week. Another site that third graders can use is called Bookflix. It is a site that has several different books that can be read or program will read the books read aloud to the student. This web site can also be accessed by logging on to [www.iowaonline.org](http://www.iowaonline.org) using the same username, 2772hamel and password, greenhills. Hopefully your child can find some time to visit these web sites in the days to come.

Just A Reminder: The weather is getting a lot cooler, so please make sure your child has a coat, gloves, hat, and boots daily. Most days we go outside for recess. Thanks!

What are your thankful for?

Jozie - my family and my house

Marley - my family, my house, and my food

Konnor - my family, my food, and my house

Jaraiya - games, movies, and toys

Kooper - games, food, and my family

Taytin - our world, my family, and my house

Kullen - my entire family, clothes, and my house

Larry - my family, my animals, and my house

Gunner - my dog Scruffles, clothing, and T.V. with a remote

## 4th Grade - Mrs. Duncan

With Thanksgiving and Christmas soon approaching, I asked the 4th graders two questions: What are you thankful for, and what would you like for Christmas?

### I am thankful for:

Keagan:

My family

Caylee:

My friends

Savanna:My friends

Hailee:My School

Emily:My Teacher

Rebecka:The Earth

Kyra:The House I live in

Cole:My Family

Jaxson:The stuff my mom bakes at home.

Ava:My new house since the other got flooded.

Hannah:My family

Lucy:My home

Owen:Our semis because if we didn't have them we wouldn't have anything.

Alexa:My family

Emmy:My family and my house

Noah:My family

Bram:My family

Xavier: My teacher and my family

Jayla:My family

### For Christmas I would like:

Keagan:Money

Caylee:Roblox Gift Cards

Savanna:slime

Hailee:A big fluffy pillow

Emily:Clothes

Rebecka:Hydroflask

Kyra:A Bouncy Ball

Cole:Headphones

Jaxson:Minecraft action figures

Hannah:Toy Tractor

Ava:A Hoverboard

Lucy:A toy cat

Owen:Carhartt Bibs

Alexa:A Hoverboard

Emmy:An art set

Noah:A PS4 Gift card

Bram:A Phone

Xavier:An iPad

Jayla:A hoverboard

## 5th Grade - Mrs. Fann

Winter is approaching. The colder weather is already here. Students will be going out for recess as long as the temperature allows. 5th graders have a 30 minute recess every Monday - Thursday. Please make sure your child(ren) have appropriate clothing for outdoor recess. If you would like, students are able to leave their snow gear at school during the weekdays. \*If we are blessed with enough snow to sled, students will be required to wear snow pants and boots to participate.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the fifth graders would like to share what they are thankful for!

David: Spencer!

Braden: Pizza

AJ: Family

Ashlyn: Family

Chloye: Bella

Hunter: Family

Aiyana: Her dogs

Ely: Food

Nevaeh: Family and Food

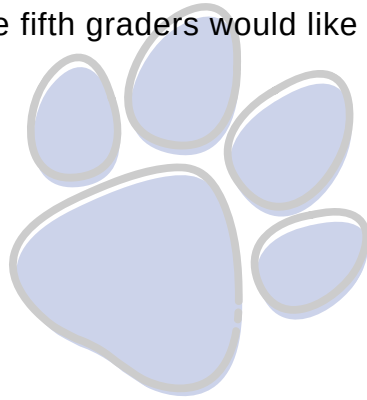
Bryan: Family, Hawkeye, and Zippy

Reilly: Family

Hannah: Family and her house

Isara: Family

Bella: Family





## 6th Grade - Mr. Peters

Where do I start when I talk about being thankful? I am thankful beyond words for my family, my jobs, my students, and my friends. When our class started talking about all the wonderful things and people that we are thankful for, our list kept growing and growing. This is some of what they came up with:

Kara Ingram – I am thankful for my family because they mean everything to me. I love them so much. I am thankful for Chris because she lets me see my Mom.

Katie Ingram – I am thankful for my family and friends.

Kaydence Kimpston – I am thankful for my Mom, Dad, sisters and unborn brother. I am especially thankful for the people who helped during the flood.

Brooklyn Michel – I'm thankful for my family. I'm thankful for food and my friends. I am thankful for all the stuff I have because other people don't have all the stuff that I have.

Mason Peeler – I am thankful for my family and friends and I'm really thankful for my Mom, Dad and Aunt Jessica and Uncle Zack and Grandma Shell. I am also thankful for my Dad for getting me dirt bikes and four-wheelers.

Camren Riggs – I am thankful for my family, my Mom, brother, sister and Dad. I am thankful for a nice home and a loving family.

Martin Rodriguez – I am thankful for my dog, my own room and Dad and Mom. I am thankful for our house and how it is "Up and Running" now.

Tessa Scoville – I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for getting into my new house and not sleeping in the camper. I am thankful for my family helping my Mom, Dad, sisters with the flooding, also Mike and the people who helped other than my family. Thank you!

Hilda Thompson – I'm thankful for my friends and family for being there for me and helping me get through tough times. I am thankful for my grandma and grandpa because they get me a lot of stuff. I'm thankful for my Mom and Dad because they also get me lots of stuff.

Kamui Thompson – I'm thankful for having a house and electronics.

Keith Thompson – I am thankful for grandma and grandpa and my parents, my sister and also my brothers and my friends at the golf course. I am also thankful for Doug Webber for keeping the golf course open.

Hailey Woolard – I am thankful for being in our new house. I also love Mom cooking for our family in our kitchen.

## Teaching Thankfulness in November- Resource Room, Mrs. Shull

No matter what your age, two little words go such a long way. Thank you. November is the perfect time to teach the meaning of thankfulness.

All this month my students have been learning thankfulness, not only the words, but the actions. Thankfulness has so many benefits from character development to overall well-being. When kids can show appreciation for what they have and for those around them, they'll feel happier.

This past month my students wrote happiness lists. They had to think of all the people and things in their lives that make them happy. They were happy about ice cream, grandparents and school! My students also wrote thank you notes of appreciation to people who have influenced them in a positive way or made a difference in their lives. We decided that not only did thank you notes show appreciation and made others feel good, they also make the giver feel great too!

One of my students, Kowa, decided she wanted to show her whole classroom how much she appreciates them- by making them cookies! She enjoyed the process of making the cookies, taking them to her classroom, telling her friends she appreciated their friendships, and then sharing her cookies with them! It was also a great time to tell my students how grateful I am for them, as well! Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving!



## English - Mrs. Dovel

Argumentative writing is the task students are mastering in English classes. Thesis statements, topic sentences, cohesive paragraphs, believable claims, and good transitions are our top goals. In addition, students continue to work on the 6 TRAITS of WRITING paying special attention to conventions.

In school ,only formal writing is accepted, so everyone needs to be careful not to let the informal texting, social media bug take control! Happy writing!

## Algebra - Mrs. Hall

As we get closer to our Thanksgiving Break, the Pre-Algebra students are still solving linear equations. The equations they are now solving require several steps, and they also use linear equations to solve word problems

.Algebra I students will soon complete a unit in solving systems of linear equations. They have used three different methods: graphing the equations and seeing where the lines intersect, the substitution method, and the addition method. These students will then start a unit in solving and graphing inequalities.

## Middle School Science - Miss Martin

Both the 7th and 8th grade science students are getting ready for the Corner Conference Science Fair on Monday the 25th at Fremont Mills. We have a couple students that are inventing devices while others are designing experiments through physical science. Most of our students have completed their hypothesis, materials needed, and background information. The students are either using Google Slides or Canva to use as a template for their gathered information. Some students have decided to enhance there presentation by having things printed for their boards from our schools print shop. Such enhancements include; borders, letters, and pictures. The students will continue to work on designing the layout of their boards and completion of their science project. They are all working very hard and I am excited to see how their projects turn out.

## **Middle School Math - Mrs. Wright**

The 7th grade class has just finished their unit on Integers and will be starting a unit on ratios and proportions after Thanksgiving. The 8th grade class is finishing up a unit over the Pythagorean Theorem. They have really enjoyed being able to find patterns in numbers. They will be starting a unit on exponential functions and equations after Thanksgiving. They are continuing to use graphing as a way of seeing the relationships in their data.

The 7th graders are really enjoying their Financial Literacy class. They have recently started a project called "That's Life", which has them creating a resume to apply for a job. Each student will then be getting a paycheck for this job as well as creating a monthly budget that would include paying for everything they will have to pay for when living alone. They will be writing checks and keeping track of their bank account. Students will also be given random daily cards that will either give them money or subtract money from their account. The goal of this activity is to give students a taste of adult financial responsibilities to better prepare them for the real world.

## **Elementary Music - Mrs. Emberton**

The week after Halloween the elementary students jumped right into Christmas music in preparation for their Christmas concert on December 5th. The program will start at 7:00 and is a "Santa's Workshop" theme. This program is for Pre-K through 6th grade. The 5th/6th grade band and the 4th grade recorders will also perform holiday selections. Keep encouraging your beginning band and recorder students to practice at home!

## **MS Band & Chorus - Mrs. Emberton**

The JH conference vocal music festival was held on Monday, October 28th. The festival took place in Essex this year with students from all of the corner conference schools. The students rehearsed all afternoon and then presented a concert at 5:00 in the Essex gym.

The mass choir performed four pieces: "Furaha," "American Folk Rhapsody," "Let the River Run," and "Dem Dry Bones." Each individual school also performed one selection. The Hamburg choir sang "We Are the Champions" and featured a wonderful solo by Aiden!

The JH band and chorus are both busy rehearsing the music for their annual Christmas concert. Their performance is Thursday night, December 12. It starts at 7:00. Hope to see you there!

## Art - Mrs. Wells

We have been working on a fun printmaking unit! There are many printmaking techniques. One of the simplest kinds of prints to make, is an object monoprint. Students experimented dipping objects into paint and then stamping them on paper; making a one-of-a-kind print.

Students also made relief prints. A relief print is made by scratching or carving away from a surface or by building up part of a surface by attaching something to it. Elementary students scratched designs into styrofoam, rolled paint over the surface, and then pressed their painted surface onto paper. Middle school students used styrofoam as well, but also had the experience of carving into linoleum and wood to make a printing surface.



### **Non-discrimination Policy**

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### **Statement of Assurance Related to Highly Qualified Teacher Assignments**

*If, due to circumstances out of the districts control, a substitute or replacement teacher will be assigned to your students classroom or class for a period of time of four or more consecutive weeks and that teacher is not highly qualified in accordance with federal and state laws then the district will notify you of the situation. It is the intention of the Hamburg Community School District to provide 'highly qualified' teachers in all areas to the best of the district's ability throughout the school year. Hamburg: Parents or guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling 382-2017 or sending a letter of request to Office of the Superintendent, 309 "S" Street, Hamburg, Iowa 51640.*