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School closing information: If School is canceled due to weather you will find this information posted on KMA, Local Omaha Channels, our schools website, Facebook and an email and text message will be sent out through JMC. So please make sure all of your information is up to date on JMC including email and cell phone numbers so you will receive the information in a timely manner.

Thursday, Feb 28 – Dr. Seuss Trivia Night 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the gym – sign up information will be sent home at a later date.

Saturday, March 2 – Music Carnival in the school gym – Doors & Games open at 5:00 p.m.

Iowa Testing the week of March 4th!

Tuesday, March 5 – Spring Picture Day!! Return your student's picture packets before picture day!!

Colonial Theatre – Phone 712-382-1524 **Please "like" our Facebook page: Colonial Theatre of Hamburg to see updated information on all upcoming movies and for a chance to win with our giveaways!!

February 22-23-24 "Glass" Rated PG-13

March 1-2-3 "Lego Movie 2" Rated PG

March 8-9-10 "Isn't It Romantic" Rated PG-13

March 15-16-17 "How To Train Your Dragon: Hidden World" Rated PG

March 22-23-24 "Alita: Battle Angel" Rated PG-13

March 29-30-31 "Captain Marvel" Rated PG-13

All movies listed are subject to change

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM and Sundays at 6:30 PM - Doors open one half hour before show time. All tickets \$2.00, 3 and under free.

From Dr. Wells

The Hamburg Community School District has done everything we can possibly do to bring a high school back to Hamburg. We have surveyed our parents, with overwhelming support for a high school. We have surveyed our current students, and a majority would stay in Hamburg if we had a high school. We have conducted a community meeting with 100% of those in attendance supporting reviving the high school. What is the next step?

Last Friday, I met with the Iowa Department of Education and discussed our plan for a high school. Our proposed high school would meet accreditation standards in academics. We have a financial plan to add a high school without hurting our financial position. March 28th, we will present to the State Board of Iowa who has the final authority in this decision. We will have 30 minutes to present why and how we would implement a high school program in Hamburg. There has never been a school who lost their high school and reopened it so this would be a historical event. The push from the state in the last decade has been to close small schools. We realize the odds are against us and we will have an uphill battle.

Iowa education is built on local control. A community, not the state, should decide the type of schools a community has. My hope is the State will honor local control and allow us to bring back Hamburg High School. I want to thank all of you that have showed so much support. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers. I leave you with the words of Reverend Jesse Jackson, "If you fall behind, run faster. Never give up, never surrender, and rise up against the odds." If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. Thank you.

Please continue saving and sending your Boxtops for Education. Shop Online and Earn "Boxtops" for our school - go to: <http://www.boxtops4education.com>. Follow the simple directions for signing up to shop online and earn bonus eBoxtops!!! Tell your friends and family!!

Stop Bullying Now

The "School Rules Against Bullying":

1. We will not bully others;
2. We will try to help students who are bullied;
3. We will include students who are easily left out;
4. When we know somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

We have discussed with the students the need to report bullying behaviors so that they can be addressed. To help students understand what needs to be reported we are using these definitions:

Tattling is telling just to get someone in trouble.

Reporting is telling to keep someone out of trouble or from getting hurt.

PreSchool – Mrs. Reafleng

Thank you all for your attendance at parent teacher conferences. We had a great turn out and I love sharing all about what we are doing in preschool with you.

Thank you for allowing your children to be such a huge part of my everyday. As we look forward to the coming weeks, we have some exciting Dr Seuss things planned for next week and look forward to seeing you on trivia night. As our weather hopefully improves in the coming weeks, please dress your children appropriately. As soon as the snow melts, I anticipate trying to get outside every day for 20 minutes with both the morning group and afternoon. This isn't something that we've been doing on a regular basis so please take note. Reminder that book orders are due to me. If you didn't get it in and would still like to order please have it to me before the end of the week. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out

Kindergarten – Mrs. Brandt



We celebrated the 100th day of school on Tuesday, January 29th. The students had the opportunity once again to have the 5th and 3rd graders read and spend time with them. The 5th graders helped the Kindergartners count out 10 items of different food and ended up with 100 items to eat when finished. The 5th graders also helped them write what they would do with 100 dollars. The 3rd graders helped the Kindergartners count out 100 fruit loops, by using

groups of 10's to make a necklace. The 3rd graders took the Kindergartners on a walk to show what 100 steps looked like.

We had our Valentine's Party on Wednesday, February 13th. The 3rd graders read to the Kindergartners their Valentine's. The students enjoyed cupcakes, cookies, candy, and pop. Thank you to everyone who sent treats for our party.

In Reading, we are moving right along in our new Reading books and everyone are reading several sentences. We are fortunate to have Denise Claiborne and Nancy y Middaugh come and listen to us read. Please try to listen to your child read every night if possible. Thank you for your help.

In Writing, we working hard on writing complete sentences with capital letters and correct punctuation. The students are trying hard to form the letters correctly and write in the lines.

In Math, the students are working hard on writing and recognizing numbers 1 to 20. They are working on word problems with addition and subtraction. We continue counting to 100 every day. The students are doing a great job with the counting collections.

Thank You to everyone who came to Parent – Teacher Conferences. I appreciate talking to everyone.

First Grade - Mrs. Hendrickson

This month First Graders welcomed Laynee Ashlock! Laynee comes to us from Sidney, Iowa.

As many of you know, the first graders were asked to take care of a few goats, whose mama's couldn't take care of them. We learned how to properly lift and hold these animals. We are in charge of feeding them their milk and giving them drinks of water. They were taught how to give them the right amount of attention to stimulate them. These goats now recognize these kids! It's fun to watch these babies come running and jumping to the kids. They are so playful. This last week



we were introduced to two lambs. We are in charge of them also. This has been such a neat experience watching my students get to know our animals. At the current time, we have 3 goats and 2 lambs.

We have finished our testing in the areas of Reading and Math. I am so proud of how hard the students worked on their tests. They took their job seriously and did a great job. Our classroom focus this next

quarter is in the areas of fluency and sight words. The sight words are those words that the children need to know without sounding them out. These are words that they see repeatedly. Listen to your child read and also have them listen to you read. The books you read to your child do not need to be books at their level. Try reading a short chapter book, reading a chapter each night. This is how your child hears what fluent reading is.

In Math, we have been working on making 10. One of their favorite games to play is Tens Go Fish. Instead of asking for pairs, students ask for the a number that makes ten in their hand. We will begin our unit on addition and subtraction this next week. We will begin work on fluency in addition to 10. Students will be timed for one minute and try to beat their scores.

This week in Social Studies, we will learn about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. We will learn about the White House and the responsibilities of the President.

Thank you to all of you who came to conferences this week. I enjoyed visiting with you about your child. Also a big thank you to those of you who helped make our Valentine party a success.

Second Grade – Mrs. Williams



The month of February is quickly passing by! We had fun celebrating the 100th day of school a few weeks ago. We counted by 10s and 5s and made pictures using 100 items. The students came to school dressed like they were 100 years old. We had many interesting outfits! Thank you parents for helping your child prepare for this day.

We have been busy in Reading working on fluency and comprehension skills. We have also learned about adjectives, and when to use commas.

In Math we have been working on adding and subtracting double digit numbers. We have also been graphing data using bar graphs, picture graphs, and line plots.

We had a fun time in Science learning about our hearts. We kept track of how many times our heart beats in 30 seconds. We also discussed ways to keep our hearts healthy.

In Social Studies, we have been learning about many famous Presidents. We have learned many interesting facts about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

It was great to visit with everyone at Parent Teacher conferences. Thank you parents for everything you do to help your child at home! Thanks also to everyone who supplied treats for the Valentine's Day Party!

Third Grade – Mrs. Welch



An important upcoming event for the third graders will be the Iowa Assessments. These tests will be given the first week of March. Please make sure your child has plenty of rest and he/she has eaten breakfast each day. It would also be helpful to practice basic math facts like addition, subtraction, and multiplication at home.

Those students reaching over 50 points in Accelerated Reading are: Kyra Kimpston with 68 points, Owen Nelson with 64.1 points, and Keagan Matheson with 53.9 points. Several third grades are getting close to 50 points. The third graders have a goal to reach 37.5 points the end of third quarter and 50 points by the end of the school year. Please have your child keep reading at home daily.

The third graders are continuing to learn the fifty United States. They have improved greatly and all students are now able to locate Iowa on a map. The third grader identifying all 50 states so far is Owen Nelson. A web site the students may use to help identify the states is www.sheppardsoftware.com and click on U.S. Geography Games.

Thank you to all the students and parents that brought supplies or treats to our classroom parties throughout the year.

Fourth Grade – Mrs. Duncan

Adding and subtracting very large numbers has been a big focus in math recently. We have even been using the "U.S. Standard Algorithm" which might make some parents very happy to hear. In our "Investigations" text book we use the Common Core Math to work our way to eventually using the standard algorithms that we were all taught. We will be starting fractions soon.



We had our Valentine's Day party on Valentine's Day. Thanks to all the parents for providing snacks, cups, drinks, napkins, plates, and anything else we have needed though out

the year for all of our parties. Without you they would not have been nearly as fun. We have some very creative kids and parents in our class. It was fun to look at all of the awesome boxes.

Thank you for attending conferences. This is a very important part in your child's academic life. It was very nice talking with all of you. We will be taking the Iowa Assessments in the beginning of March. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest and a good breakfast each morning.

I would also like to recognize Ely Racine, Hunter Hullman, and Hannah Thompson for going above and beyond with our Farm School. There have been several times in the past few weeks they have volunteered to take care of our animals, even when it wasn't their turn. Thanks so much kids!!!

Fifth Grade – Ms. Tomlinson



"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." - Dr. Seuss. Mark your calendars for Seuss Trivia night! Thursday, February 28th at 6 P.M. join us in the gym for pizza and Seuss-ified Kahoots! Prizes will be awarded to the winning

families That week we will also have festive dress up days to honor Dr. Seuss and his creative work. Monday, February 25th is pajama day for *The Sleep Book*. Tuesday, February 26th is animal print or spots for *If I Ran the Zoo*. Wednesday, February 27th is wacky wear for *Wacky Wednesday*. Thursday, February 28th is hats and/or stripes for *The Cat in the Hat*. Friday, March 1st is green for *Green Eggs and Ham*.

Resource – Mrs. Owen/Mrs. Schaaf

Test anxiety is when a student excessively worries about doing well on a test. With Iowa Assessments coming up in March, I thought I would share a few tips on reducing test anxiety.

- Try to maintain a positive attitude during the test.
- Exercising for a few days before the test will help reduce stress.
- Get a good night's sleep before the test.
- Stay relaxed, if you begin to get nervous take a few deep breaths slowly to relax yourself and then get back to work.

- Read the directions slowly and carefully.
- Don't worry about how fast others finish their test; just concentrate on your own test.
- Focus on the question at hand. Don't let your mind wander on other things.

Middle School English Classes By: Mrs. Dovel

What is the best time to begin learning about poetry and poetic patterns? Valentine's Day! The middle school students wrote short poems in the pattern of A, B, C, B, and gave their Valentines to their elementary buddies. These are a few of their poems. They are sure to make you smile!

When a teacher comes up
And asks, "How do you do?"
Be respectful and say
"Great! How about you?"

Roses are red
Pizza sauce is too
I ordered a large cheese pizza
And it's all for you!

Lemons are sour
Candy is sweet
I smell something weird
Could it be your feet?

Roses are red
Violets are blue
I imagine peace
You can too!

Peace is awesome
Love is too
Language arts is a class
That's good for you!

Little red and pink hearts
Are meant to say
I am thinking of you
This Valentine's Day!

Starbursts taste good
Laffy Taffy too
They are both so sweet
As sweet as you!

Jello is sweet
Warheads are sour
I think of you
Every single hour!

Socks are stinky
Trash is gross
But you are nothing like them
I love you the most!

You are cuter than a flower
I know it is true
Even on the worst days
My heart swells for you!

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Please don't kiss me
I have the flu!

M&M's are red
Skittles are green
I like you a lot
Because you are not mean!

Footballs are brown
The scoreboard is blue
Sports are fun
And so are you!

Saying kind words
Is all it will take
To make kids in our school
Feel really great!

Candy is sweet
Warheads are sour
But not you, my friend
You're a sweet sunflower!

You are so cute
You do no harm
I have no worries
You're my good luck charm!

Valentines are great
Valentines are grand
I'll be thinking of you
On sea or land!

Roses are red
Violets are blue
If you were a Pokémon
I would choose you!

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Are you music
Because I love listening to you!

Roses are red

Violets are blue
You make school better
By just being you!

Saying kind words
Is all it will take
To make someone's day
Really great!

Red hearts, blue hearts
Pink hearts, too
I love purple hearts
How about you?

Roses are red
The sky is blue
If you were a unicorn
I'd pick you!

Roses are red
Violets are blue
Because you love the T-Rex
I choose you!

Algebra – Mrs. Hall

The Pre-Algebra students recently completed a unit on laws of exponents, and used these laws to add, subtract, multiply and divide algebraic expressions. They are now starting a unit where they will learn how to factor algebraic expressions. These students have done prime factorizations with whole numbers, but they will eventually learn how to factor binomials and trinomials.

Algebra I students have been working with square roots, or "radicals". They have used the Pythagorean Theorem, along with their knowledge of square roots, to find a missing side of a right triangle and the distance between two points. These students will soon be simplifying radicals that involve variables, as well.

PLTW: Mr. Allred and Ms Martin

The Design & Modeling crew has been working on creating a 3x3 puzzle for a local furniture company. In the challenge, students took 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ " wooden cubes and assembled them into 5 puzzle pieces. When combined, it makes a 3x3 puzzle for people of all ages to play with and solve. Along the way they practiced measuring lengths in metric and standard units using a dial caliper. Next, students will be designing their puzzle pieces on design software. After that, they will be using our 3D printers to print their puzzles!

Our young medical detectives have worked really hard these past couple of weeks conducting their own experiments, solving medical cases and using their prior knowledge of medicine to help them conduct a lab. Medical Detectives focuses a lot on the experimental design that takes the students through the rigorous process of designing and carrying out their own experiments. The students used their prior knowledge of vital signs to test how they could lower their patient's respiratory rate or heart rate. Most recently, the students have conducted their first lab and got to experience the process of a microbiologist. In the next few weeks, we will learn how to diagnose a patient using the patient's medical file and explore the nervous system. Please feel free to stop by to learn more about what Medical Detectives is all about.

Social Studies and Iron Chef - Mr. Peters

Sixth Grade is just beginning a long unit on Europe. We will be starting with Southern Europe including Greece, Italy, Spain and Portugal. The physical geography of the peninsulas and the Alps is where we will land first. Seventh graders continue their ancient journey of the Rome Empire. We are currently exploring the beginnings of Christianity, Romance Languages and the incredible architecture that continues to stand today. We will see the fall of the Roman Empire and the 1000 years of the Byzantine Empire.

Eighth Grade American History students are starting "The Reconstruction Era" (1865-1877). The physical rebuilding of our young country is one topic. The emotional rebuilding of our fragile nation will be another. How do we continue to grow after the assassination our President Abe Lincoln?

The Iron Chef class is having a blast. Marley Shull was recently given the Gold Medal in the Oatmeal Olympics. The winning entry included cinnamon and apples. We have a few more contest coming up including a blindfolded taste competition and Cupcake Wars.

Middle School Math – Mrs. Wright

This month has been a wild ride of emotions as students start getting into some more difficult math concepts. The 6th graders are studying geometry formulas with area and perimeter of different shapes and will soon be working with volume and surface area of 3D figures. They will be doing some hands on activities to help them remember the formulas needed for these kinds of problems. The 7th graders are starting to work with linear equations and graphing.

They will also be doing some hands on projects that allow them to further understand these math concepts. The 8th graders have been working on more algebraic equations with multiplying binomials. All of the math students have been spending time on www.Prodigygame.com practicing these concepts in their free time. They enjoy competing against each other in battles while they study the math concepts at their level. The students will require more focus as we head towards the end of the year. Please encourage your kids to keep doing their best and to strive for success in all they do, no matter the difficulty.

Elementary music—Mrs. Emberton

February is a fun month in the music room, as we sing songs about the presidents, Valentine's Day, and the groundhog. We decided the groundhog doesn't know what he's talking about this year since he predicted an early spring!

We're all getting excited about the annual Music Carnival coming up. It's March 2 in the Hamburg gym. The carnival games are from 5:15 - 6:45 and Bingo is from 5:00 to 7:00. There will be a concession stand open from 5:00 to 7:00. The raffle drawings, door prizes and cake auction will begin at 7:00. Students in grades 5 - 8 are selling raffle tickets for a \$50 Walmart gift card, a \$65 meat bundle from Fareway and a Sony wireless speaker. If you want a chance to win one of those prizes, get your tickets from one of our students. Hope to see you there!

MS band and chorus--Mrs. Emberton

The MS band students have been rehearsing their music for the corner conference honor band. The honor band will be held in Stanton on Tuesday, March 12. The concert starts at 7:00. The junior high students perform first and the high school band will perform immediately after. These Hamburg students have been selected: Hailee (flute), Hermione, Abe, Kennedy (trumpets), Gracee (French Horn) Ravyn (baritone), Emma (trombone) and Zach (percussion).

The MS chorus students are practicing for two big events coming up: "Alice in Wonderland," their musical play will be presented at the old HS auditorium on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 in the evening. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. On Tuesday, March 4th 12 Hamburg students will travel to Oakland for the Southwest Iowa Elementary/Jr. High Honor Choir. That admission is also \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students.

On January 23rd 25 MS students and 5 adults traveled to the Orpheum Theater to see the Broadway musical "Aladdin!" We all agreed it was an awesome show! Thank you to the Music Boosters for covering part of the ticket prices.

Art – Mrs. Wells

This month many of our art classes are studying the different art forms involving fabric. To start our fabric exploration, kindergarten through middle school students have been making mod podge fabric bowls. Students paste fabric scraps on a form that is covered in plastic wrap; the result is a decorative bowl with a patchwork appearance. Preschool through fifth graders have been learning about the design of quilts. Second through fifth graders will be exploring the role that quilts played during the time of the Underground Railroad. We will be reading "A Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom" by Bettye Stroud. This is a fun way to discuss functional art and history.

Fourth and fifth graders have been making paper mache animals. This is a unique experience that will help us make connections when talking about sculpture later on. Paper mache is a project that teaches patience and craftsmanship. It has been fun to see the students' projects take shape.

Non-discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Hamburg Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Dr. Mike Wells, 309 "S" Street, Hamburg, IA, 712-382-2703, mwells@nishbd.org.

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.