

## **April 16, 2018 - Superintendent's Report - Mr. Ehler**

**Vision:** Empowering all for lifelong learning

**Mission:** Creating an educational community where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected, and all are prepared for the future.

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### **Welcome to:**

**Student teacher** – Issac Novak from UWL. He will be doing his student teaching with Mrs. Schultz. He will be with us until the end of the school year.

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### **Thank You's:**

#### **Reading Month Activities:**

Reading Activities were held throughout the month of March. Thank you to all the staff who assisted with the month-long activities. It was a rewarding month with lots of reading.

A special note of thanks to:

Beth Nelson and Sarah Meyer for their leadership of Activities.

Rushford Lions for providing funding for reading prizes and incentives throughout the school year and reading month.

Mason's for providing and presenting six new bicycles as incentive prizes for our reading month.

#### **Foundation for R-P Schools:**

Thanks to the leadership of Jack Culhane the Foundation will be presenting five scholarships (\$500) to students seeking a Trade School Degree. We are indebted to our local businesses for recognizing the importance of providing a financial incentive to our grades to pursue a degree through a trade school. The local businesses supporting this effort were: Anderson Auto, Brown Tire & Battery, Connaughty Sales, Curt's Place, Darr Auctions & Realty / D&D Car Wash, Deer Brook Farms, Duane Bunke Construction, Hammell Equipment, Johnson Rolling Acres, L & L Volkman Auto Body Repair, M&M Lawn & Leisure, Mel's Shear Magic, Metz's Hart-Land Creamery, New Beginnings Salon, Pam's Corner, Rushford Manufacturing, Smith Farms, The Shop Salon, Visions Salon, Woxland Heating & Cooling and Woxland Plumbing.

I commend and applaud the Foundation for R-P Schools for embracing this initiative and recognizing the importance of students pursuing and Vocational Degree.

**RASA: Performance on Monday (4.16):**

We thank them for hosting: And then they came for Me: Remembering the World of Anne Frank. It is a multimedia account of the Holocaust as told by Anne Frank's contemporaries.

This event will be held on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM in the R-P Auditorium.

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**Congratulations:**

"Coats for Character" to our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.  
The recipients this year were:

**Fifth Grade** - Brady Keenan, Damon Hubbard, Carson Laumb, Andrea Volker,  
Ross Heiden and Larissa Ryan

**Fourth Grade** - Caden Mattson, Kayla Magin, Max Smith, Miley Knutson,  
Zach Baker and Ella Woxland

Thank you to the Mason's for sponsoring this program. Our coat presenters were Roger Anderson & Maynard LaFleur

**Boys BB Team and Coaches:**

For advancing to the State Tournament and for finishing in Sixth Place.

Coach Tom Vix - Selected as the Section 1A Coach - of - the - Year.

Winona Newspaper All Area Boys Basketball Team:

Ben Ansell & Jake Paulson Honorable Mention: Landon Skalet

**Speech Team and Coaches Mrs. Michel and Mr. Musselman:**

The Speech Team members on their wonderful performances Saturday (4.7) at Cannon Falls.

The team placed second in the team sweepstakes. R-P did have two students who placed first, which was very impressive:

Jordan McNamer Subsection Champion in discussion

Zenessa Anderson, Subsection Champion in storytelling.

Here are the rest of the final results for those who are advancing to Sections on Saturday: Hannah Linder who tied for first place in prose but place second by only two speaker points, Megan Ekern and Lizi Lomia placed third in duo, Cierra Rasmussen placed fourth in prose, Grace Thompson placed fourth in poetry, Leah Himlie placed fifth in storytelling, and Olivia Thompson placed fifth in humorous. R-P also had five students who placed as alternates if any of the top six in their categories are unable to attend Sections.

Those alternates are Xander Auman and Cole Knutson in duo, Skye Church in discussion, Annika Bakkum-Ekern in drama, and Hailey Paulson in humorous.

### **Knowledge Bowl Teams - Team Members and Mrs. Wolter:**

They advanced to the State Competition on Thursday and Friday (4.12 & 13) in Brainerd. Team members consist of: Michael Ekern, Anna Kjos, Matt Strapp, Jordan McNamer and Olivia Hoff.

I will present the results at the meeting.

### **FFA Team - State Competition - April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>:**

Representing R-P will be Brayton Gudmundson, Hannah Highum, Grace Luhmann, Hans Lind, John Luhmann, Tim Highum, Jens Lind, Nolan Mueller, Shawn Marg, Emma Heiden and Alyssa Nessler.

**Again Congratulations to all of our students and teams on their successes!!!**

**Gooooooo TROJANS!!!!**

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### **School Online Auction - Storage Shed in Peterson:**

We have emptied the storage shed in Peterson and placed the items in the gymnasium at the building in Peterson. We have scheduled an online auction for Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have viewing on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 PM and Sunday from 11:00 to 3:00 PM. Bids will begin concluding on Sunday (4.29) at 5:30 PM.

Patti Ebner and Darr's have been working hard with us to ensure a successful sale with items from the storage shed.

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### **Follow - Up to Vo Ag and IT Positions:**

We have some ongoing concerns that have been shared with us. Tony Heiden and Steve Highum met with Mr. Timm and myself on Monday evening to discuss options for our Vo Ag Courses and FFA Program. It was a productive meeting and we will work to improve our Vo Ag course offerings.

Mr. Timm will continue to explore options and refine the schedule. He will begin putting the schedule together for next year.

We did advertise for a .38 Ag/IT position for next year.

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### **Vehicle Inspection:**

This was conducted on Tuesday (4.10). We did have Van #6 that was red tagged due to some rust on the body. The estimated cost of repair is more than we want to invest because this van will reach the age limit as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. We are searching for a replacement.

Also, our Van #3 (10 passenger van), has reached the age limit (12 years) and can no longer be used to transport students. We will be recommending the purchase of a new 10 passenger van for the 2019 - 20 school year. This will be purchased through the State Bid Program. The estimated purchase price will be approximately \$31,000.00.

My thanks to Laura and Rod for their help and assistance with the inspection. They have done a great job of making sure that our paperwork and vehicles are in compliance and meet the safety standards.

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### **Meetings and Upcoming Events:**

**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** - Senior Awards 6:30 PM

**Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** - Monthly Board Meeting

**Sunday - May 27<sup>th</sup>** - Commencement @ 1:30 PM