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PRINCIPAL REPORT

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November 8, 2010

The high school's Problem Solving team and School Improvement team have been meeting and developing strategies for school improvement. The School Improvement team will have the plan for you by November 22nd.

American Education Week is November 14th through the 20th.

We presented Leader of the Herd awards for the month of October. We honored Emma Spicer, senior; Bethany Hutson, junior; Madison Cramer, sophomore; and Tyler Hart, freshman. Their picture is in the November newsletter and will be in the Independent News.

The Project Success and Teen Reach Lights on After School Fall program went well. We had this event in conjunction with our Parent/Teacher Conferences, and it was well attended. I have also enclosed a newsletter with information about the after school programs, and how they are going. I also want to thank Project Success with assisting with food for the conferences and door prize drawings for the parents and teachers. I want to also recognize Mrs. Kotchers class for also providing cookies and lemonade for the conferences.

Our volunteerism class has its Christmas tree decorated for Festival of Trees; and it is being displayed at this time at the Village Mall. The theme was Imagine and their tree was decorated as in Chicago Cubs items as if they had won the World Series. They have also been painting for citizen around the community and helped with the city senior fair on October 29th. Mrs. Kotchers Home Economics class also decorated a tree for the Festival.

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The GRHS choir concert on October 13th was excellent. The next performance will be Sunday, December 12th.

Parent Teacher conferences on October 21st and 22nd went well; GRHS had a good turnout. We had 232 conferences that lasted approximately 15 minutes with the parents and teachers. There were approximately 64 parents at the conferences. I have enclosed a break-down on the conferences.

Fall sports are done, and basketball has started.

Seniors are starting to purchase their announcements.

Mr. Andersons construction trades class has built a playground set and playhouse fashioned after a church to be raffled off at the Festival of Trees. You can see a picture of these and the students in our newsletter which is on-line.

The FFA attended the National Convention in Indianapolis.

The Drama play is this Friday and Saturday November 12th and 13th at the Community Center in Georgetown.

The boys will be playing in a basketball tournament the week of Thanksgiving at Oakland, and girls will be at Oakwood.

Mid Term is this Friday, November 12th. No school on November 11th Veterans Day and November 25th and 26th Thanksgiving.

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I will have early graduation requests for you at the next board meeting.

Mr. Rydens classes have been busy. His media class put together a Halloween video called "Ghoul Detention" which was shown to the school, and you can see it on YouTube. The class spent several weeks learning how to use technology to get the effects in the video. His Speech class entered a video on Bing.com. This website had a contest for schools asking what your school would do with \$100,000. The class did an excellent job and out of 700 entries they made it to the 30 semifinalists, but did not make the finals. People can still donate from the site.

The Words of the Week have been: Ludicrous, Cadence, and Equilibrium.

We have also started asking a question of the day. Each department is submitting questions for the week based on what they are doing or going to do in class. The students have all day to answer it, and a name is drawn for each class at the end of the day. We are offering various rewards for correct answers. This week it the winners got to be first in the lunch line.

I will be giving you information on an online program we are going to offer to the students call Prep Me which deals with the ACT and Workkeys tests

The IHSA visited us last week and performed a sports drug test for performance enhancing substances. Mr. Russell worked with them. They randomly selected 8 students from our fall activates.

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I would like to also invite you to go on our school website and look at our newsletter. Along with information there are items from some of the staff and what they are doing in the classroom.