

GEORGETOWN -RIDGE FARM HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL REPORT Georgetown-Ridge Farm High School April 19, 2011

Graduation will be held on May 22nd. Semester exams will start May 27th and continue through June 2nd.

PSAE testing and will be April 27th and 28th. Sophomores will be taking a retired ACT and Work Keys test on those days and the freshman will be taking the plan test on April 28th.

Honors night was held on May 12th.

Music concert will be held on May 19th (band and chorus)

Summer school for Project Success will be June 6th to July 1st.

Words of the week have been-holocaust, inclement, reverie, progeny, and debonair.

Prom will be held on May 7th at the Fairgrounds from 7-11 p.m.

Our Environmental team competed in Edgar County on April 13th and did a very good job. Their sponsor is Mrs. Waggeman.

National Honor Society induction was held on April 7th. Due to Mrs. Hallidays mother passing away, I would like to thank the students for doing a fantastic job of preparing and running the induction ceremony. I would also like to thank Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. Hackler for helping. Mr. Russell was the guest speaker and gave an excellent speech.

The finals for the 3rd annual spelling bee were held on April 8th. Dylan Brady was the winner and this is his second first place finish. We would like to thank Mr. Irwin for attending and passing out the awards for the contest and Mrs. Hackler, Mr. Anglum, and Mr. Wright for putting this together for the last three years. The students look forward to this each year. Also a thank you to Mr. Ryden for doing the video work for the day.

Spring pictures were April 4th, and we are passing them out now to the students.

The drama clubs variety show was held April 15th and 16th at Ridge Farm Elementary, and they did a very good job.

Our calculator team in math will be competing on April 30th as they advanced out of the regional competition in March.

Freshmen orientation will be May 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the high school. Some of the items planned will be the Georgetown and Ridge Farm Library members being present to sign up parents and students for library cards in the respective towns. Also Educational Talent Search will be here to talk to freshmen about their program.

Golden Ruler presentation will be April 26th at Bismarck-Henning High School.

GREA retirement dinner will be at the Beef House on April 28th.

The GREA Reflections evening will be at the high school on May 16th.

The high school staff looked at the new common core standards and possible curriculum change at our April school improvement day and discussed ideas for freshmen orientation. At the May school improvement day there will be 8 sessions presented by our own staff members. Some of the sessions will include the use of mimeo boards and clickers, getting the most out of your website, and group discussion on student motivation to name a few.

We would like to thank Stephanie Pratt and Project Success, Teen Reach for painting the bathroom stalls in the girl's bathrooms at the high school. They painted them various colors with graphics and inspirational words and quotes. She is hoping to do the other girl's and boy's restrooms next.

We ask a daily question to the students and they put their answers in class boxes by the office. I draw one student's name for each class and a staff member's name at the end of the day and those students will be able to pick an item off the ala carte the next day for answering the question correct. This month we have asked ACT questions. An example of a question that would be asked is:

The oxygen saturation level of a river is found by dividing the amount of dissolved oxygen the river water currently has per liter by the dissolved oxygen capacity per liter of the water and then converting to a percent. If the river currently has 7.2 milligrams of dissolved oxygen per liter of water and the dissolved oxygen capacity is 9.8 milligrams per liter, what is the oxygen saturation level, to the nearest percent? Choices are a. 34%, b. 70%, c. 73%, d. 74%, and e. 98%