



NRHEG Public School

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Secondary Principal's Report NRHEG School District

1. **From Mr. Domeier:** **Box Tops for Education**

Dear Mark Domeier,

Thank you for sending in your school's submission!

This message is a notification that your submission mailed on 10/30/2017 has been processed for the amount of \$146.30.

Please remember that checks are issued twice a year, December and April, and these earnings will be reflected in your school's next check.

Thank you again for sending your school's submission. We appreciate all that you do as a school Coordinator! We look forward to continuously helping you help your school and look forward to seeing your next submission!

Thank you,
The Box Tops Team

2. **From Mr. Stork:** "On Friday, October 27, Blooming Prairie hosted the annual Gopher Conference Team Up event. Mr. Stork and eight students in grades 7-10 participated in the event. Rick Rassier was the keynote speaker. Rick is a nationally renowned speaker that is most known as the "One Man Volleyball Team".

His message promoted teamwork, commitment and sportsmanship. He does an excellent job of involving the kids in hands on activities building their excitement. The kids have an opportunity to meet other students that they will or have already been competing against. Last year, we hosted the event here at NRHEG."

3. **Update from WBWF committee:** We have met twice for about 4 ½ hours and came up with the following goals:

Closing the Achievement Gap

By August 2018, every student will demonstrate an increase in academic growth of 1.5% in Math and 2.0% in Reading as measured by the MCA III exam.

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

2017-2018 Offering Targeted Services in Math (RTI differentiated instruction)

2017-2018 Offering Differentiated (tiered) Reading Courses in 7th and 8th grade

2017-2018 Research and develop Targeted Services in Reading (RTI)

2018-2019 Offer Targeted Services in Reading (RTI)

Staffing

Curriculum

Teacher training for all teachers in best practices (research based/proven to be effective) in the areas of student engagement and reading instruction.

Staff in-service time allotted beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Practices to be implemented during both core instruction and RtI time.

Writing and implementing ELOs in Reading based on MN ELA Standards.

2016-2017 begin the development of ELOs and Standard Based Learning Targets while being trained throughout the school year.

2017-2018 develop Annual Pacing Guides and Assessments (Standards Based).

2018-2019 Implement and revise CSAs.

2019- 2020 Full Implementation.

Career and College Ready

By 2021, the school's composite score on the ACT will meet or exceed the state's average.

By 2021, 67% of students taking the sophomore reading test, 70% of those taking the junior-level math test, and 65% of students taking the sophomore science test will achieve a rating of proficient or higher on the MCA III Assessment.

During the 2017-2018 school year, students in the 10th grade will take the Pre-ACT to assist in the following:

Identifying current academic readiness for college and career using a Pre-ACT score report

Predict how students will perform on the ACT after an additional year of learning

Determine skills students can improve based on your performance

Explore how career aspirations align with the students' interests

During the 2017-2018 school year, students will take a practice ACT test and receive performance data in order to better prepare them for the exam. Additionally, students will be provided with an opportunity to have access to a ACT prep course.

All Students Will Graduate

By 2021, the NRHEG District will achieve and take steps to maintain a graduation rate of at least 97%

During the 2017-2018 school year identified students will meet with advisors bi-weekly to track progress and review goals for graduation and credit completion.

By the end of the 2017-2018 year we will explore the option of an in-house credit recovery system with

an implementation proposal for the 2018-2019 year. In addition, explore feasibility of in-house summer school.

4. **Veterans Day Program** was held on 11-10-17. Great job Mrs. Rudau and the High School Ambassadors! Thank you to Mr. Anderson and grades 3-5 for performing and sharing the special program with us. Here is a copy of what the program looked like:

November 10, 2017 --- Veterans Day Program --- NRHEG Secondary

- **Opening** --- Mr. Bunn NRHEG Secondary Principal
- **Presentation of Colors** --- New Richland American Legion and area Veterans
- **Pledge of Allegiance** --- Led by Kollin Reese
- **National Anthem** --- NRHEG High School Band - Directed by Mr. Otstot
- **Elementary Choir will sing *Whenever I Say America*** by Nancy Byrd Turner --- Directed by Mrs. Fredrickson and accompanied by Mr. Larson
 - *My Dad was a 4th grade teacher who served in the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. I remember singing Whenever I Say America each morning at school. Thank you Dad for your service and excellence in the classroom-Mrs. Fredrickson*
- **“Facing It”** by Yusef Komunyakaa a Vietnam Vet about the Vietnam Wall
 - Alexis Anderson and Ben Lewer
- **Recognize our Veterans and Day:** Ben Lewer
 - Brad Root, Frank Whitcomb, Todd Beynon, Larry Otto, and Larry Crabtree
- **Presentation** --- Allie Larson, Ellendale Lions Club
- **“In Your Honor” Veterans and Family Poem** --- Caitlin Goette
- **Donald Pedersen will speak about his years of service** --- Introduced by Holly Stene
- **Introduction of Commander Don Alexander** --- Mrs. Rudau
 - Commander Don Alexander will introduce members in attendance
- **High School Concert Choir** --- Directed by Mrs. Fredrickson
 - *Danny Boy* arranged by Julie Knowles, Words by Fred E. Weatherly
 - *God Bless the USA* arranged by Roger Emerson, Words and Music by Lee Greenwood
- **Announcement of Essay Contest Winners** --- Mrs. Rudau
- **History of the *Star Spangled Banner*** --- Rachel Horejsi
- **Flag Folding Ceremony** --- Kollin Reese, Naomi Retallick, Brendon Strand, & Dallas Winter
 - **Read By:** Chris Stenzel and Justin Mortensen
- **History of Taps** --- Jayna Finseth
- **Playing of Taps** --- Mr. Otstot
- **Closure of Assembly** --- Mr. Bunn
- **Retiring Colors** --- New Richland and Ellendale Legion Veterans (Stand if you are able)
- **Dismissal of Students** --- Mr. Bunn NRHEG Secondary Principal

5. **From Mr. Paula:** “The Waseca Area Foundation, in cooperation with Rosenau Funds and EF Johnson Foundation, awarded us a grant for \$3,500 and it will pay for things like tables, chairs, tvs, replacing

outdated computers, and a projector among other things for the room. The room is set up as a flexible learning space it is designed for collaboration. Added to the grant is \$1,000 committed by the district and \$500 from the school store. All of the proceeds from the school store and the apparel on sale in the office is put towards this flexible learning space. Mrs. Aaseth, Emily Crabtree, Michelle Katzung and I will be accepting the grant on 11-16 on behalf of the district."

Also, we had ByteSpeed computers come in and give a Virtual Reality Experience for our students. They gave students a chance to experience VR and the employee also spoke to teachers about how VR can be implemented into the classroom to enrich learning.

Our long term hope is to put VR into the flexible learning space so teachers can enrich their teaching with the tools and space have dedicated in that room. We'd like to create a Makerspace with 3D printers and other STEM-related items in the room, but we're limited by funds."

6. **From Mrs. Bently:** "About 25 students worked to prepare, decorate, and then perform the drama club's season-end event, the "Haunted Stage," which took place on October 31. Nearly all secondary students and much of the staff walked through our maze, which had the theme "Psycho Circus."

The student-written newspaper, The Panther Press appeared in the November 1 edition of the NRHEG Star Eagle. Articles covered recent and upcoming events at the school, and also shared some impressions offered by the kitchen staff.

A Readers' Theater performance for elementary students will take place on December 20. This year's script features classic Christmas songs like "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" and "I'm Gettin' Nuttin' for Christmas."

7. **NHS Induction:** On November 15, 2017, we inducted new members into National Honor Society. Congratulations to the students and their families!

8. **Pennies for Patients update:** Think about how much more we can raise for cancer research if each of us brings in our spare change. Facts for you: Leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma and myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) are types of cancer that can affect the bone marrow, the blood cells, the lymph nodes and other parts of the lymphatic system. Approximately every 3 minutes one person in the United States (US) is diagnosed with a blood cancer. Please help us in supporting this cause so that researchers can find a cure!

Ambassadors:

The middle school student ambassadors are hosting a fundraiser for Leukemia and Lymphoma research during the month of November. The last week in November we will be having dress-up days and the ability to purchase hat passes. If you would like to donate your spare change to this great cause, pick up a donation box on the table in front of the office window. Large boxes will go to teachers who want to collect in their classrooms. All donations will be due December 1st. Please stay tuned to the announcements for more information throughout the month.

During Red Ribbon Week MS and HS Ambassadors had students sign a pledge to make positive life choices and be drug free. Each student was given a choice of a lanyard or keychain that were donated by a Freeborn County Partners in Prevention.. Students also signed a piece to a puzzle that is currently displayed in the Commons. The HS Ambassadors with the help of Mr. Paula made a short ad promoting the event for NRHEG Web TV.

HS Ambassadors for the second year took on the responsibility of honoring area NRHEG veterans on Veterans Day. This included finding a speaker, finding inspirational readings, and creating the program. We also had two different sets of students that were part of the flag folding ceremony. MS Ambassadors were able to go to the New Richland Care Center and participate in the Veterans Day program by demonstrating the folding of the flag. They would like to continue finding ways to volunteer at the care center.

Both MS and HS Ambassadors continue to have regular meetings during lunch to promote positive activities in the building. One way the groups do this is by creating locker signs for activities for different student organizations. The MS ambassadors are also hosting the Pennies for Patients drive at our school to raise money for cancer research.

9. From Mr. Schultz: "Our 10th grade health classes were trained in CPR and AED use by Sean Cloutier from the Stewartville fire department. Sean is certified in teaching CPR and AED use. A few years ago the state passed a law that required school districts to teach CPR by a certified trainer to the students at least one time before graduation. This has been a great experience. The students are very attentive and interested in this subject. Sean brought in enough Recessive Annies so that there were 2 students to one unit. Sean taught a real basic but effective way of performing hands only CPR. He talked about when to start it, when to call 911 and how to share with a partner. All the basics of CPR were covered.

Sean also trained the students in AED use. He talked about the location of the AED units in our school. He covered how to use an AED unit, when to use it, and the importance of not getting hurt by the unit. He brought in enough units so that 2 students shared one AED unit. I felt the students now have the ability to perform CPR and use an AED unit in the future.

Sean attended our classes on October 12th.

10. From Mrs. Kormann: "The Student Council will be going to the elementary on Tuesday, November 21, for their annual Project Day with the students. The high school kids choose age appropriate holiday projects for each grade and then pair up and go into each classroom in the elementary to help the kids create them. The Student Council supplies all the materials needed. This is something both high school and elementary students look forward to each year.

We are also planning a fundraiser to help support the Waseca County Veterans' Memorial. Mr. Richard Ellerbusch has agreed to come visit us on Wednesday, November 22, when he will be taped to the wall in the lower commons. Students and staff have an opportunity to purchase duct tape which will be used to hold him to the wall."

From Mrs. Fredrickson: “Congratulations to the 3-4-5 Elementary Choir (accompanied by Shawn Larson on guitar) & the 9-12 Concert Choir on providing heartfelt performances at the annual Veteran's Day program!

Congratulations to Dylan Loken for his fine vocal solo at the National Honors Society ceremony on November 15.”

Our Mission

Empowering students with
knowledge and skills to succeed.

Our Vision

To be the school district of choice, inspiring
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.