



Mead Public

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February 2012

From the Superintendents Desk

SCHOOL CLOSINGS AND RAIDER ALERTS/SCHOOL BEACON:

As of the publication date of this article (January 20, 2012), the Mead Schools have not yet missed any days of school due to inclement weather and/or hazardous driving conditions. Since we have the potential of more winter weather, the following reminder is a reprint of earlier information.

School closing announcements will be advertised on the following locations:

- Bank of Mead Information Line (402) 624-2203
- School Beacon (access for notification protocol on district website)
- www.meadpublicschools.org (Front banner will post closing information)
- KFAB (1110 AM)
- KOLN (Channel 10)
- KETV (Channel 7)
- WOWT (Channel 6)
- KMTV (Channel 3)

Important Dates:

- 7th – 11:30 am Dismissal
- 7th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 10th – NO SCHOOL
- 13th – Board Meeting
- 20th – NO SCHOOL
- 25th - Library/PTO Family Events
- 27th – FREE CONCERT

BOARD OF EDUCATION CONDUCTS ANNUAL GOAL SETTING MEETING:

The Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday January 17 for its annual retreat. During the five hour meeting the board reviewed numerous successes and accomplishments of students and staff during the past year as well as identified challenges that should be addressed for the future. Some of the goals for the upcoming year will be:

Alignment of curriculum and instructional materials with state standards in core curricular areas will continue. Included in this goal will be the establishment instructional benchmarks and continued efforts to replace obsolete textbooks to ensure students have access to current and relevant materials that reflect recognized best practices in teaching and learning. An additional \$28,000 from the budget has been earmarked for textbook purchases since this was the amount of the health insurance premium bonus that was agreed to be used for textbooks by the teachers and the board.

Continue the comprehensive review of board policies. As the ‘written voice’ of the board, the policies provide guidance to the staff for the day to day operation of the schools.

That process will continue throughout the upcoming year.

Continue a series of ‘linkage’ meetings with staff and patrons to enable the board to share and listen with the electors and other interested parties of the district.

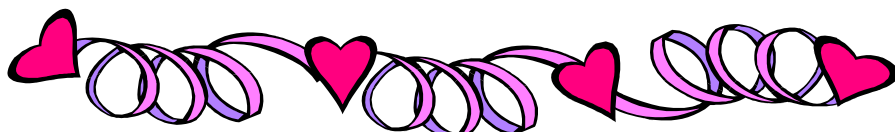
Continue to identify and work toward acquisition of prioritized capital needs related to facilities and equipment needed to maintain our district in both the physical plant as well as in availability and access to technology. Included in this goal will be consideration of bids for a new school bus.

Consider current and future cooperative efforts with area schools in light of recent decisions concerning former cooperative efforts.

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Board of Education Meeting Minutes—January 9, 2012

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, District 72, Mead Nebraska, was held Monday January 9, 2012 in the Jr.-Sr. High IMC. President Kuhr called the concluding meeting of the 2011 board to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Tim Johnson, Andy Carritt, Nate Mongan, Stephanie Langemeier, Bob Bice and Rich Kuhr. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr Dale Rawson, Principal PJ Quinn and Secretary Shelly Parsons. Visitors present were Stuart Stofferahn and Jason Unger of the Wahoo Newspaper.

The Board of Education makes available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public. The Act is

posted on the Northwest wall of the meeting room.

The following is a condensed version of the minutes. A complete copy is available for inspection in the Mead Elementary Office.

Following review and approval of the minutes, the 2011 board adjourned and the 2012 board convened at 7:03 PM.

The board elected officers as follows: Richard Kuhr- President, Andy Carritt- Vice President, Stephanie Langemeier- Treasurer.

Principal PJ Quinn reported on the Christmas concerts, sports, semester finals, teacher's webinar and instructional report.

Superintendent Dr. Rawson reported on board policies, upcoming meetings, Board retreat, and Graduate Linkage meeting.

The following other action was taken by unanimous vote: approval of the consent agenda including payment of bills and approval of the January 5 special meeting minutes, recess into closed session to discuss personal issues at 7:25 pm and to extend the current two year contract of employment to Dr. Dale Rawson as superintendent of school until the end of the 2013-2014 contract year.

President Kuhr declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.

PowerSchool Releases Two New Parent/Student Apps

Two new apps are now available in the Apple iTunes® App Store:

PowerSchool for Parents and **PowerSchool for Students**. These new apps will allow parents and students to access all the same information they would normally access from a browser, but with the ease and convenience of an app installed on their Apple mobile device.

PowerSchool for Parents provides real-time access to:

- Attendance
- School Announcements
- Assignments
- Assignment Scores
- Final Grades
- Lunch Transactions
- Teacher Comments
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Facebook and Twitter integration, automatic login, a family overview, simplified "one-thumb" browsing, and other features make accessing PowerSchool on the go faster and easier than ever before.

The apps are **FREE** and available for download from the iTunes store. Version 1.0 of the apps will be supported on any Apple iPod Touch, iPhone, and iPad running iOS version 4.0 or higher.

For more information and a link to the App Store copy and paste this address into your web browser address bar: <http://www.pearsonschoolsystems.com/products/mobile/parents/>



Citizenship Awards

The students in the elementary building are being recognized for random acts of good citizenship. Citizenship is based on the characteristics of scholarship, responsibility, leadership, and respect of peers and staff. At the end of each month, students who most consistently display good citizenship are given a certificate.

The recipients of the citizenship award for the month of January are:

K- Mason Christensen and Timothy Hunt, 1st- Cameron Tweedy, 2nd- Jacqueline Cruz, 3rd- Garrett Coleman and Mystic Hartgrave, 4th- Cloe Huckeby, 5th- Wyatt Winn, and 6th Grade - Ethan Dyas and Jacob Felty.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 7TH, 2012

On Tuesday, February 7th school will dismiss at 11:30 am and **Parent-Teacher conferences** will run from 1:00 - 7:00 pm. Breakfast **WILL** be served that day, but lunch will not.

Elementary parents are asked to call the elementary office at 624-6465 by the end of the day Monday, February 6th to schedule a time to meet with teachers.

High School conferences will be on a first come, first served basis.

If for any reason you cannot attend at this time you are welcome to call either school office to set up a private conference with your students teachers.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, February 10th.**

From the Counselor's Desk....

Scholarships

Scholarship	Amount	Deadline	Qualifications
Walter Scott, Jr./ PKI Schol.	\$4000-12,000	Feb. 1	engineering, inf. sci., UNO
Goodrich Schol.	Tuition/fees	Feb. 1	UNO, financial need
Northeast CC	Varies	Feb. 1	Varies
KFC Scholarship	Varies	Feb. 8	2.75+GPA, in state college
Nat'l FFA Schol.	Varies	Feb. 15	FFA member
Central Comm. Coll.	Varies	Feb. 15	attend CCC
Southeast CC	Varies	Feb. 22	attend Southeast CC
Saunders Cnty Livestock		\$350	March 1 parent, grandparent, g. grand. member
Saunders Cnty 4-H Coun.		Unknown	March 1 4-H
Maynard Jensen Am L.	\$500	March 1	NE college, veteran connected
Am Legion Nat'l Aux.	\$2500	March 1	veteran connected
Susan T. Buffett	\$3600/sem	March 1	financial need, 2.5+ GPA
Gallup Schol.	\$500	March 2	leadership, work experience
Nels Paulson	varies	March 5	4 yr. school, 3.0 GPA, 3 letters, essay
Nels Paulson Bd of Dir.	varies	March 5	2 yr. school, 2.0 GPA, 3 letters, essay
Bill & Marie Wageman	varies	March 5	2 yr. school, 2.5 GPA, 3 letters,
Veo Gustafson Mem.	\$1000	March 5	financial need, 3 letters, essay
Jim Ellison Multi/Gen	\$500	March 5	multiple gen. of graduates from MPS
Mead Raider Educ.	varies	March 5	app., teacher signature
Ziegenbein Family	\$500	March 5	business or engineering major
NE Elks Assoc.	\$500	March 15	leadership, 2 year college
Wahoo Area Kiwanis	\$500	March 15	leadership, service
Snders Cnty Farm Bur.	\$250	March 15	member

These scholarships and more are described in detail on the school website at www.meadpublicschools.org

February “To Do” List

Complete these tasks during February to stay on the right college planning track.

Seniors:

___ Apply for a Department of Education PIN (one for you and one for a parent) at www.pin.ed.gov

___ Complete student and parent 2011 tax returns.

___ Complete the FAFSA.

___ Continue to apply for scholarships.

Juniors:

___ **Register by March 9 for the April 14 ACT.**

College Visits

NE Nat’l Guard

Feb. 2 @ 12:20

Wayne State College

Feb. 23 @ 11:00

It's FAFSA Time!

If you're a college-bound senior, it's time to get serious about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) - the application for state, federal and college-specific financial aid. February is typically the time to apply as many colleges have a March 1 priority filing date. (Contact the colleges you applied to and ask about their priority date.)

EducationQuest has online tools that will help you and your parents with the FAFSA.

- **Guide to College Funding Video** – explains the types of financial aid and how to prepare for, and file, the FAFSA
- **FAFSA Checklist** – provides a comprehensive list of all documents you need to gather for the FAFSA
- **FAFSA Tutorial** – provides user-friendly clarification of each FAFSA question.

You'll find these tools in the “**Completing the FAFSA**” section at EducationQuest.org

If you're filing the FAFSA for the first time and need help completing the form, you can call the EducationQuest location nearest you to set up an appointment. Call the Lincoln office at 800-303-3745 or Omaha at 888-357-6300. All services are *free*.

Elementary Student Council News

Thanks to all the families that donated Box Tops for Education. At the end of December the Elementary Student Council received a check for **\$983.80 for all the Box Tops collected during 2011**. What a wonderful group effort!! We are currently looking at something we can purchase that will help the teachers in the classroom. Earlier this fall the Student Council purchased a basket filled with an assortment of playground toys/balls to be used in the morning recess or at other times.

Continue to collect and send to school Box Tops and Campbell's product UPC codes (Labels for Education), and pop tabs that we donate to the Ronald McDonald House in Omaha.

During January we collected supplies for the Saunders County Lost Pet Rescue. In January we are going to do a school wide activity for Valentine's Day. 'You've been "hit" by the Valentine Arrow!!' This activity is where a student gets a treat from a fellow classmate and then has two days to pass it onto another student. Each student can only be "hit" one time and we make sure that all students get to participate.

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OPTION ENROLLMENT ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY:

The district recently received notification that for students that transfer to our district under the Nebraska Option Enrollment program in 2012-13 must have their option enrollment paperwork on file with the district before March 15, 2012 if they are to be immediately eligible to participate in athletic programs. Students whose option papers are filed after that date will be subject to a waiting period and/or appeal process. If you know of anyone considering the Mead School District for 2012-13, please inform them of this requirement. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Saturday, February 25th
A 2 part EVENT for the WHOLE FAMILY!!!

Part I

2:00-3:00pm at the High School

A FREE Presentation by Jeff Barnes

(Presented by the Mead Public Library)

BARNES IS A FREQUENTLY REQUESTED SPEAKER WITH THE NEBRASKA HUMANITIES COUNCIL AND PRESENTS THROUGHOUT THE GREAT PLAINS ON THE HISTORY OF THE REGION.

Part II

3:00-5:00pm at the High School

BINGO FOR BOOKS

(Presented by the Mead PTO)

\$1 per bingo card (card good for unlimited games)

Choose your prize from among dozens of books for all ages

*****Watch community bulletin boards and student backpacks for more details.

**SAUNDERS COUNTY DRIVING SCHOOL INC.
DRIVER EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM CEDAR BLUFFS SPRING 2012**

Class Location-Cedar Bluffs High School

Student City: _____ Student School: _____

Student Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Learners Permit No. _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Payment Amount: \$ _____ Type of Payment: ___ Check ___ Cash

Signature: _____

Complete this form and send with payment to:

Randy Shada
344 W. 9th street.
Wahoo, NE. 68066
(402) 443-4605, (402) 443-8051

Keep Bottom Portion for Your Information

DRIVER EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Location: Cedar Bluffs High School

Mr. Hamilton's room

CLASSROOM DATES/TIMES

FEBRUARY-20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, MARCH-1, 2

CLASSROOM TIME-6:30-9:00PM

Instructor: Randy Shada

Course Curriculum:

- . 20 hours of classroom instruction
 - . 5 hours of hands on driving
 - . 5 hours of observation (suggested but not required) . 1/2 hour Behind-The-Wheel Drive Test for Provisional Operator's Permit (POP)
 - . Driving includes: highway / gravel, parallel /perpendicular /angle parking, marked and unmarked streets. Intersections, interstate driving, & city traffic driving.
- TUITION FEE--\$275.00-A PAYMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE, CONTACT RANDY SHADA (Includes Student Materials) . Advance registration and payment are required.
- . Student must be 14 years old by October 15 of the current year.
 - . Student must have Learner's Permit to drive.

Driving Appointment Cancellation Policy: Students must give their instructors at least four (4) hours notice before canceling a driving appointment. Failure to do this will result in a \$20.00 no call no show charge and must be paid before students receive the P.O.P forms.

Lost P.O.P form: There is a \$5.00 fee to obtain a replacement form if a P.O.P form is lost.

WAHOO AREA STUDENTS IF TRANSPORTATION IS A PROBLEM CONTACT RANDY OR DIANE SHADA AT
402-443-8051, 402-443-8052, OR 402-443-4605.

COME HEAR SOME VERY TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS!

SUPPER & SONG CONCERT

FREE CONCERT 6:30 p.m.

Supper from 6:00 – 6:30

Supper will also be available in-between performing groups.

Purchasing food is optional.

Monday, Feb. 27

Mead Public School Gymnasium

Grades 7 – 12; Vocal & Instrumental

SUPPER PRICES: \$5.00 – 7th grade through Adults

\$4.00 – 5 years – 6th Grade

4 & under – free or small donation

Remember – Admission to concert is free! It is not necessary to purchase food to attend the concert.

Candy Grams \$1

Reese's—"You're a dandy, have some candy."

Skittles—"I (like/love) you more than all the skittles in the candy store"

M & M's—"You melt in my heart".

Twix—"You're a dandy, have some candy."

<i>To (Name)</i>	<i>Grade (elementary)</i>	<i>Kind</i>	<i>Message on tag</i>

Totals

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Price</i>
<i>Balloons</i>		
<i>Cookies</i>		
<i>Candy Grams</i>		
<i>Total price</i>		<i>\$</i>

Make checks payable to Mead Public Schools

***Items will be delivered on February 14th during school hours. If you place an order for someone who does not attend Mead Public Schools, please make arrangements for who is going to pick it up!*

Thank you for supporting our Mead FCCLA!



MEAD PUBLIC SCHOOLS FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Mead Public Schools

FEBRUARY 2012



Village of Mead Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on Dec. 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Office, along with members of the Planning Commission. Present were Chair Mayfield; Trustees Halbmaier, Raver & Wielage. Absent was Trustee Miller. Also present was Clerk Moline. Guests present were Steve Kadavy, Jay Hanson, Randy & Seth Robeson, Inez Rodriguez, Colleen Morrissey, Paul & Patty Knott, Jeff & Jennifer Getzschman, Melissa Konecky, Jody Weible, Dennis Berry, Rick Miller & Connie Schliffke.

Action was taken to approve a Drainage Project Agreement with Frontier Co-op relating to the construction of a fourth grain bin and approved construction of the bin. Wording to be placed in the Community Bldg. lease to the Mead Rural Fire Dist. was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The Board of Trustees met Jan. 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Office. Present were Chair Mayfield; Trustees Halbmaier, Miller, Raver & Wielage. Also present were Clerk Moline, Utilities/Maint. Supt. N. Raver & Police Chief Carlson. Guests were Regan Else, Dennis Berry, Duane Johnson, Steve Kadavy, Dave Henke, Patty Knott, Don Anderson, Julie Ogden & Eric Nelson.

SCHEDULED GUESTS: Regan Else presented a proposal for a 410(h) plan with Horizon Financial. The plan was approved. Dennis Berry discussed a drainage concern along his property. Don Anderson discussed a lease for the Community Bldg. between the village and Mead Rural Fire Dist. #8 for 99 years at \$1.00 per year. Julie Ogden, JEO Consulting, presented the Final Street Study & discussed drainage resolutions. The One & Six Year Street Study was reviewed.

UTILITY/MAINT. SUPT. REPORT: N. Raver reported attempted contact with Sargent Drilling, pump installation at the wastewater plant & need for repair of a water line at a residence.

CLERK REPORT: Moline reported upcoming vacation, Christmas Party & use of the Comm. Bldg. for 2012 elections.

POLICE REPORT: The monthly report was presented.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: The minutes of the 12/20 Special Meeting were reviewed. A Building Permit was approved to Frontier Co-op to construct a truck scale.

LIBRARY REPORT: Review of the 11/2 meeting minutes and discussion of library activities took place.

OLD BUSINESS: Action was taken to waive third reading & adopt Ord. 618, Water Rates & Ord. 619, Sewer Rates & accept \$200.00 bid from Ashland Tree Service to top one tree in the alley between Hanks' & Rasmus'.

NEW BUSINESS: Res. 12-03, 99 year lease agreement between the Village of Mead & Mead Rural Fire District #8 for the Community Bldg. was approved. Discussion was held on EMC Insurance inspection.

The board entered executive session at 8:05 p.m. for Clerk/Treasurer annual review. The board returned to regular session at 8:10 p.m. Clerk/Treasurer was awarded a \$.75 per hr. wage increase.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Consideration of 99-Year Lease of Community Building to Mead Rural Fire Department

The Village of Mead and Mead Rural Fire Department #8 has signed a Resolution to allow the Fire Department to lease the land and Community Building/Fire Station with a 99-year lease. The lease rate is \$1.00 per year. Option in the resolution call for the Village of Mead to pay half of the electricity, heat and property insurance to the Fire Department. The village will provide water and sewer services to the building. The village will be permitted to use the building at no cost for village events (elections, town hall meetings, Pet Clinic). The resolution will be published in the Wahoo Newspaper for three consecutive weeks, beginning January 26. Thirty days following the final publication if no remonstrance is received from the public, an Ordinance will be adopted to allow the lease. If you have questions or concerns regarding the lease, please contact a Trustee or the Village Office.



SNOW REMOVAL GUIDELINES

As winter weather approaches, Village Ord. 5-311 requires that following a snowfall of 2” or more, it shall be unlawful to park or stand any vehicle on any street within the congested district (Vine St. from 3rd St. to 5th St. and 4th St. from the alley adjacent to Blocks 24 and 33 to Vine St. and from alley adjacent to Blocks 25 and 32 to Vine St.), between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M. of the following day. **All vehicles must be removed promptly from the designated “Snow Emergency Route” that is marked by signs.**

On all other streets, parking shall be restricted to the north and west sides of the streets on even numbered days of the month and the south and east sides of the streets on odd numbered days of the month until the streets have been cleaned.

Village ordinance designates that all sidewalks shall be cleaned within 24 hours after the cessation of snow.

Snow Emergency Route

Snow Emergency Route within the Village of Mead is defined as Elm Street from Highway 92 to Eighth Street, Vine Street from First Street to Eighth Street, First Street from Elm Street to County Road 10, Fourth Street from Elm Street to County Road 10, and Eighth Street from Oak Street to County Road 10.

Signs are posted on the streets indicating they are designated as the Snow Emergency Route. Parking on these streets is not permitted during snow accumulation. No parking on side streets is also encouraged to aid in snow removal in a timely fashion.



BUILDING GUIDELINES for Village and one-mile extraterritorial residents

Prior to beginning a construction or fencing project, please be aware that an APPLICATION FOR A BUILDING PERMIT must be approved by the Mead Planning Commission. Please complete the application and return it to the village office the Thursday prior to the meeting. When application is made, you will be placed on the Planning Commission agenda. The Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month, excluding December. You can pick up the application form at the Village Office, call and one will be mailed or emailed to you, or you can find a copy on the village website @ www.meadnebraska.net.

Construction items excluded are accessory buildings less than 150 sq. ft. and residential sidewalks and driveways. A fence is required prior to erecting a swimming pool, spa or hot tub. An application must also be approved by the Commission if you are planning to **RELOCATE OR DEMOLISH A BUILDING.**

If action is taken prior to the approval of the Building Permit, the fee will be doubled PLUS a penalty fee of \$100.00.

You are also required to contact Digger’s Hotline prior to disturbing soil. The telephone number is 800-331-5666 or 811. A timeline must be followed to allow utilities to be located.



Church Services

EVANGELICAL COVENANT 1540 Co Rd 10

Ec34720@windstream.net / 402-624-6125

9:00 am Coffee & visiting
 10:00 am Worship service (grade school age children dismissed for Kids Alive @ 10:30, nursery available during service)

PRIMETIMER'S - February 9, NOON Potluck & Fellowship

Weekly Schedule

Tuesday

7:00 pm Men's Study

Wednesday

6:00 pm Dinner 4 Change (free to everyone)
 7:00 pm Life Group / Bible Study (an opportunity to hear answers to tough questions of the Bible)
 7:00 pm Jr./Sr. High Youth Group

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC 213 E. Eighth St.

sjamescatholicchurch.com / 402-624-3555

5:30 pm Saturday Mass
 9:00 am Sunday Mass

Weekly Schedule

7:00 am Daily Mass - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 5:30 pm Daily Mass - Tuesday
 8:00 am Daily Mass - Saturday

ALMA LUTHERAN 219 W Fifth St.

www.almalutheran.com / 402-624-3015

Worship - 8:30 am - First Sunday of the month (spoken)
 10:30 am - All other Sundays
 9:15 am - Sunday School for all ages

PANERA BREAD - February 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Steve Mayfield was elected Chair of the Village Board of Trustees at the December 13 meeting.

Thank you to Ailene Raver for her service as Chair the past number of years.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Village Board: Tuesday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.
Planning Commission: Monday, February 27, 7:30 p.m.
Library Board: Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.
Fire & Rescue: Monday, February 13, 7:30 p.m.

The Village Board and Planning Commission meet at the Village Office, Library Board at the Library and the Fire Department at the Fire Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Annual Mead Garage Sale Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Start cleaning those closets **NOW!**



DOG AND CAT

VACCINATION CLINIC/LICENSE DAY

Saturday, April 14

Mead Community Building

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Dobesh will be available to administer pet vaccinations and Clerk Moline will be on site to issue pet licenses. Pet products will be available to purchase from Dr. Dobesh. ALL DOGS AND CATS ARE TO BE LICENSED BY MAY 1.

VILLAGE OF MEAD

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PROUD SUPPORTER MEAD COMMUNITY GROUP

Mead Community Group Healthy Family Tip of the Month

Valentine's Day naturally makes us turn our thoughts to romance and relationships. As parents we play an important role in teaching our children how to have healthy relationships and develop social skills involved in conflict resolution and intimacy. Not only are parents vital, but relationships with siblings, peers, and other adults outside the family can be extremely beneficial in guiding and promoting social development.

Healthy relationships are about trust, honesty and compromise. When children do not form healthy skills, sometimes they find themselves in abusive relationships. This abuse can be physical, mental or emotional. The best time to talk about unhealthy relationships is before they start. By helping kids and teens develop healthy relationship skills early, they will have a better chance at positive interactions as they mature.

Here are some skills that you can work on with your children to help them develop and maintain healthy relationships:

Respect – showing consideration for the feelings and well being of the other person.

Anger Management – dealing with anger in positive, non-violent ways.

Problem Solving – knowing how to break problems down, find possible solutions, and consider the likely outcomes for each solution.

Negotiation and Compromise – turning problems into “win-win” situations in which each partner gets some of what he or she wants.

Assertiveness, Not Aggression – asking for what one wants clearly and respectfully, without threats, intimidation, or physical force. Assertive communication means respecting the rights of others, as well as your own rights.

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

For more information on talking to your child visit Choose Respect www.cdc.gov/chooserespect/


Source: Hair, E.C., Jager, J., and Garrett, S.B. (2002) Helping Teens Develop Healthy Social Skills

Did you happen to notice any of the 40 Developmental Assets stickers that were on the popcorn bags at the basketball game on January 21st at Parent's night? Contact a member of the Mead Community Group and tell them what it said to win a prize!

Attention Parents of 5th - 8th graders!

Immediately following the home basketball game on Friday, February 17th, the Mead Community Group is sponsoring a 5th Quarter Activity for 5th - 8th grade students at the High School. There will be supervised games, music and other activities. Please plan to pick your students up by 11:00 pm. No charge to attend.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
5		7 11:30 am Dismissal 1-7 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences	8	9 4:30 Basketball w/ Elmwood-Murdock JV, VG, VB	10 NO SCHOOL 5:00 pm Basketball @ OCA - JVG, VG, VB	11 10:00 am Jr Hi Girls Bas- ketball @ E Butler ACT Test Date
12	13 Girls Basketball Sub District Tournament 7:00 pm BOE Meeting 6:30 pm PTO	14 Girls Basketball Sub District Tournament	15 FFA Meeting @ Lunch	16 Girls Basketball Sub District Tournament	17 6:15 pm Basketball w/ Johnson Brock JV, VB State Cheer & Dance @ GI 5th Quarter - grades 5-8	18 10:00 am Jr Hi Girls Bas- ketball w/Malcolm
19	20 NO SCHOOL In Service Boys Basketball Sub District Tournament	21 Boys Basketball Sub District Tournament	22 9:30 am ECNC Speech Contest @ Murdock Grades 4 & 6- Youth Symphony Concert	23 Boys Basketball Sub District Tournament	24 Girls Basketball District Final	25 TBA Jr Hi Girls Basket- ball Tourney @ Malcolm 2:00 pm Library/PTO Family Events
26	27 Start of High School Spring Practice 6:00 pm Supper and Song Concert	28 Boys Basketball District Final	29	NATIONAL FFA WEEK		



Mead Public Schools
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Mead, NE 68041
meadpublicschools.org

Mission Statement

The Mead Public Schools, families, and community shall provide educational opportunities which nurture, challenge, and encourage students to reach their full potential.

To view a Full Color copy go to:
www.meadpublicschools.org



Mead Alumni Basketball Tournament March 23rd & 24th

Contact Lyle Havelka (402)480-3318 or Alex Carritt (402)480-5471 to sign up or sign up at the Bank of Mead or The County Store.

Men's Competitive Division: Games Friday Night & Saturday, Cost \$20.00

Men's Recreation Game: Friday Night, Cost \$10.00

Women's Game: Saturday Afternoon, Cost \$10.00

Anyone that has graduated from Mead, has had a child graduate from Mead, or has a child currently enrolled at Mead may sign up.

****Proceeds go to Mead Athletic Boosters****