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Season's Greetings From the Desk of District Superintendent Bill Van Meer.....

Second Semester – *Look at the Footprints – Lessons Learned From Winnie the Pooh*

One of my favorite stories when I was very young was the adventures of Winnie the Pooh. I remember a story of how Pooh was walking with his friend Piglet and were startled by the sight of footprints in the snow in front of them. There were four, then six then eight footprints and they became increasingly frightened each time. Soon, Christopher Robin swung down from the tree and let the two know they were walking in circles around a tree in the forest. Students and parents get so busy with life we often forget to look at the “real time data” right in front of us much like Pooh and Piglet. My recommendation to you as a parent and educator for many years is to continue to check your child’s progress along the way. Do your own data mining on a regular basis. With Power School you have 24-7 access and if you don’t get the answers you need, call or email the teachers. Second semester is a time of great growth in our students’ knowledge and skill base. We need your help to keep the children on the right path so they don’t cover their own footprints again.

2012-13 Budget Update

Administrators our beginning the work of putting together a budget for the 2012-13 school year. With several assumptions in place, we are seeing a deficit of \$200,000 we need to address. While we have in place a Community Budget Task Force, we are not certain their recommendations will be ready for the 2012-13 school year. We see this committee’s work as a long-term in determining and/or re-affirming the link between community values and public education in New Holstein. While it is early in the process, we are making some preliminary adjustment recommendations to the board of education not related to programs or staffing. One suggestion that may affect families is limiting access to the buildings one day a week during summer. In other words, we will be shutting off air conditioning and not staffing the buildings on Fridays. The electrical savings alone is estimated at \$5000. This means summer school will run Monday through Thursday. More details coming soon.

Music With Holiday Spirit At New Holstein School District

For the second year in a row the gym was packed for the New Holstein Elementary School's Holiday Spirit Concert. The students helped to get the audience in the holiday spirit with movement and songs such as "Happy Holiday", "Christmas Is My Favorite Time Of The Year", "Blitzen's Boogie", "Rules For Christmas", "Here We Come A-Caroling" and "Christmas Bells". For the last song all of the students in grade Kindergarten through Fifth grade came back to the gym and left the audience feeling upbeat and jazzy with the tune called "In the Spirit". The students did a wonderful job of watching their conductor, doing their movements and singing loud for all to hear!

Ms. Melissa Grupe



High School Band



High School Choir



3rd Grade

Kindergarten



4th Grade



Martin Del Campo Wins Spelling Bee

The annual New Holstein Middle School Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 12th in the Thomas Lynch Auditorium. Twenty-two students in grades six through eight qualified to be in the final bee through competitions in their individual rooms or classes. The winner of this year's bee was Carlos Martin Del Campo, a sixth grade student. Carlos is the son of Janet Mejia of New Holstein.

Seventh grader Brandon Paulson was the bee runner-up. Carlos received \$25.00 in New Holstein Chamber Bucks for his efforts and Brandon received \$10.00 in Chamber Bucks. Carlos will move on to regional competition in Sheboygan on Monday evening, February 6th. Congratulations to all that participated. Ms. Alyssa Coopman was the bee moderator; Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Stuebbe and Mrs. Fiedler acted as judges. Thank you for their help as well. The following students competed in the bee:

- 6th Grade: Michael Robinson, Oren Kestell, Erin Mullen, Carlos Martin Del Campo, Riley Houdek, Casey Schrage, Megan Flaskrud, Noah Koenigs
- 7th Grade: Ryan Lepisto, Kaine Mertens, Emily Korb, Abby Mashock, Jerod Laudoff, Stephanie Schumacher, Brandon Paulson
- 8th Grade: Bryce Karrels, Alivia Houdek, Nathan Wiley, Mitchell Klotz, Josh Burg, Trent Langenfeld, Hunter Jacobs

Calendar Event Changes:

Musical: Feb. 24th & 25th, 2012
Band A Rama : Cancelled
March 14th: School (there will be classes)

Inclement Weather Information

TV Stations.....Channel 2 (WBAY)
Channel 5 (WFRV)
Channel 11 (WLUK)
Channel 26 (WGBA)

SchoolWeather Alert Web Page

Fitness Hours

Monday – Friday 5:15 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.
Monday – Thursday 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

** Fitness Center will be closed when school is delayed, cancelled, or closes early...Please check the school web page for further updates.

New Holstein High School Presents:

WEST SIDE STORY

SHARK'S
JETS

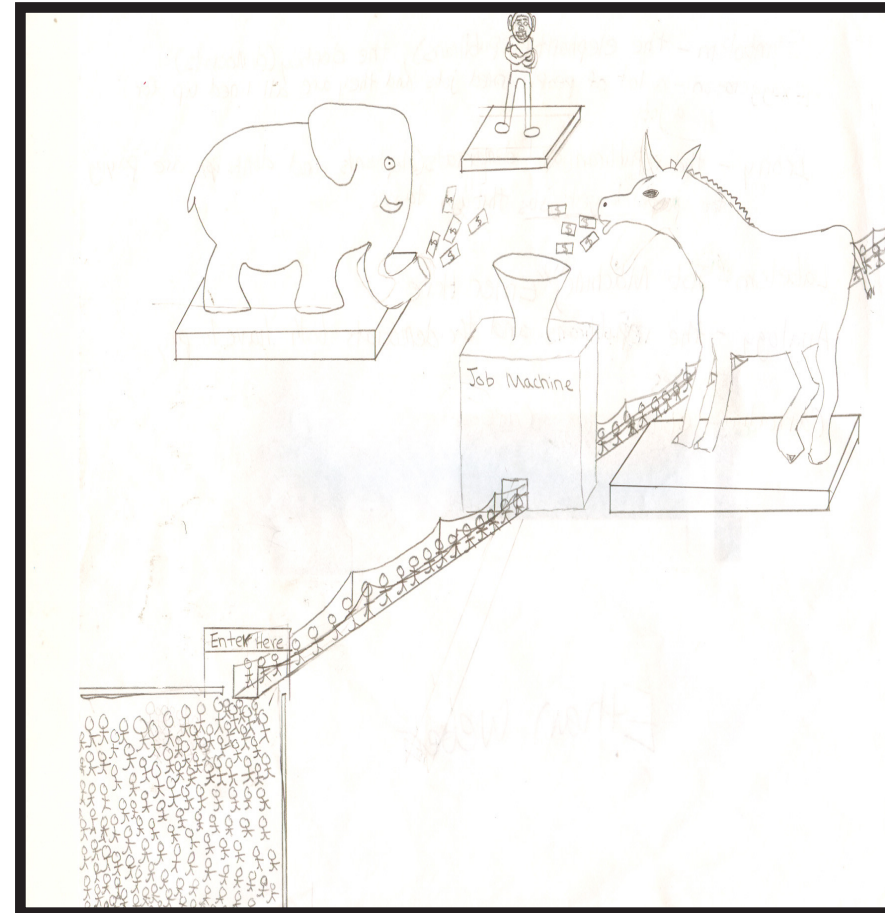
February 24th & 25th, 2012

7:00pm

Thomas Lynch Auditorium

Tickets available at the high school hours during school hours
New Holstein High School 898-4256

Cartoon Corner



Artist: Ethan Weber

The Food is Piling up in the 8th Grade



The 8th grade class at New Holstein Middle School conducted their third annual food drive in December. Over the course of two weeks, they were able to collect 825 food items which will be donated to the local food pantry. Students donated in a variety of ways. Some brought in food items, others contributed cash, and some even went to a local grocer with a teacher to purchase more items. The 825 items was the most brought in over the three years that the activity has been held.

The picture contains Mrs. Bell's and Mr. Hoerth's home-room students, who contributed the highest number of items.

~ Mr. Nate Laabs



Boomerang taking over the 6th grade



BAKER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for the Harvey G. Baker Memorial Scholarship Program will be available in the high school guidance office starting December 15. Mr. Baker, a lifetime resident of Calumet County, established a generous scholarship fund to benefit graduates of Brillion, Hilbert, Kiel, New Holstein, and Stockbridge high schools who have resided in Calumet County for their entire high school education. Mr. Baker's brother had previously established a similar scholarship program for Chilton High School.

To receive a Harvey G. Baker Memorial Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria. (There is no limit to the number of times a student may apply and receive a scholarship.)

- Reside in Calumet County for entire high school education.
- Attend, or plan to attend, the fall semester at a four-year or greater UW system institution as a full-time student. Students who plan to attend a UW two-year college are eligible with the understanding that they intend to pursue a four-year baccalaureate degree.
- Have ambition and ability to attain a higher education.
- For reapplication: Undergraduate students must be full-time students (12 credit minimum) and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA; graduate or professional school students must provide a letter from the school confirming that they are full-time students in good standing. To apply, high school seniors and other applicants entering college for the first time must submit the completed application to the guidance office by Feb. 14, 2012.

Undergraduate students must submit the application form and have an official transcript, including fall semester grades, sent directly from the college they are attending to the high school. Transcripts issued to students will not be accepted. Graduate and professional school students must submit the application form and a letter from their school indicating that they are, or will be, full-time students in good standing. **All materials are due in the guidance office by Feb. 14, 2012.**

If you have any questions about the Harvey G. Baker Memorial Scholarship, please call Mrs. Lefebber at the high school.