

Hanson School Takes On South Dakota Week Of Work

By Erica Endorf

South Dakota designated the week of April 3rd to April 8th as SD Week of Work. In order to incorporate this week into Hanson School, Mrs. Kelli Endorf holds different activities each year for the students to participate in. Through her Family and Consumer Sciences classes, Mrs. Endorf provides students with learning opportunities to explore different careers, prepare for real world life experiences, and plan for their future.

This year for SD Week of Work, Mrs. Endorf and Hanson School Counselor, Ms. Yolanda Price, put together an activity based on The Game of Life. On Wednesday, April 5th, sophomore and junior students took part of the afternoon to participate in their own game of life. Mrs. Endorf brought in various companies and representatives from the surrounding areas to inform and help the students at each station along their way of life.

At the first stop, students chose a career and drew a salary card. At this station, Jill Pulkrabek from the South Dakota Department of Labor informed students about the Department of Labor and what she does before assisting students with selecting their own careers.

Next, the students moved on to Brady Mudder from the Hall Book & Tax. Here, Brady introduced them to taxes, payroll deductions, benefits, retirement, and savings. Students then calculated

their net monthly pay to add to their check register.

The next stop was to buy a house with Colleen Hunt from Mitchell Realty.

Moving forward in the game of life, students had to buy a car. Jesse Elward from Iverson Chrysler provided students with options of cars and other knowledge related to purchasing a car. After buying a car, students explored getting a loan and learning about credit with Corey Marek from Great Plains Commerce Bank.

Up next, students interacted with Cole Wenande from Wenande Insurance where he informed them on factors that influence insurance costs and students purchased insurance for their house and car. Following insurance, students looked into the various utilities. At this station, students received their electric, water, sewer, garbage, phone, cable, and internet bills. Tara Miller from Central Electric, Jessi Bahmuller from the City of Alexandria, and Kendra Mudder from Triotel Communications assisted the students with their utility options and bills.

After that, students met with Mrs. Endorf for life's amenities. At this stop, students determined how much they would spend on food, appearance, cell phone, and entertainment.

Finally, students were greeted by Ms. Price at the last station. This stop highlighted all the unpredictable events that come

with life. Whether positive or negative, students drew an "Oh No!" or an "Oh Yeah!" situation for a chance to win or lose money from unexpected events.

At this point, participants completed their journey of life and reflected on the balance in their check register. This Game of Life exposed students to various careers and businesses while giving them a glimpse on money

management. Overall, the event was a fun, meaningful learning experience for students.

Colleen Hunt from Mitchell Realty commented on the experience, "This was a wonderful education program. The students were attentive and very respectful."

"This experience really shows how aware you need to be with choosing what to spend

money on," stated Hanson junior, Reese Marek.

Mrs. Endorf expressed her thoughts on the event, "This was a neat experience for the students. I feel it really made them think about life and all the decisions and expenses associated with it. I am very grateful for all the individuals and businesses that helped make this event possible and such a success."



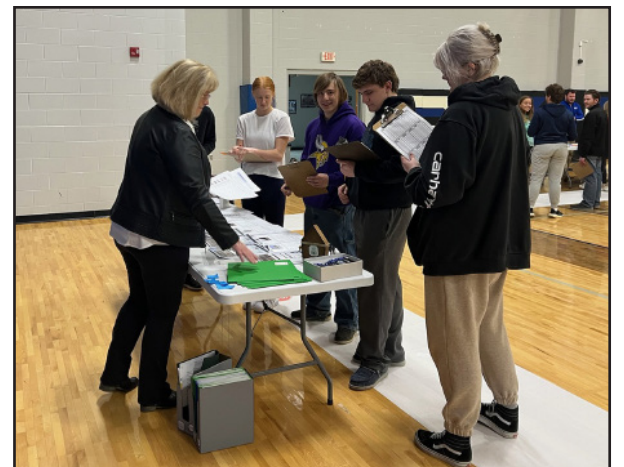
Company and business representatives that took part in The Game of Life activity at Hanson School last week were, front row (L-R): Kendra Mudder, Tara Miller, Jessi Bahmuller, Jill Pulkrabek, Cole Wenande, Kelli Endorf; back row: Colleen Hunt, Corey Marek, Jesse Elward, Brady Mudder, Yolanda Price.



Jill Pulkrabek from the South Dakota Department of Labor assists students in selecting a career.



Brady Mudder from Hall Book & Tax points out to the students information regarding taxes, savings, retirement and other benefits.



Colleen Hunt from Mitchell Realty explains to students what goes into purchasing a house.



Corey Marek of Great Plains Commerce Bank explains to students the process of obtaining a loan.



Jesse Elward of Iverson Chrysler provided students with options when purchasing a vehicle.



Cole Wenande of Wenande Insurance identifies to students the factors that affect insurance costs when purchasing insurance.

Hanson Students Presented T-Shirts For Winning Fire Department Contest



Hanson elementary students winning the Hanson Fire Department Coloring Contest and receiving t-shirts include, front row (L-R): Orlen Hofer, kindergarten; Raeleigh Haiar, PreK; Skylar Gau, kindergarten; Ellie Williams, PreK; back row: Logan Teel, first grade; Ava Borns, fourth grade; Skya White, fifth grade; Hanson Fire Department Deputy Matt Huber.

The Golden Ticket Cafe

Hanson 3rd & 4th Grade Restaurant
April 26th & 27th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Hanson School Multipurpose Room

Menu:

Willie Wonka Sandwiches
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Chips
Everlasting Gobstopper Veggies
Oompa Loompa Cookies
Fizzy Lifting Lemonade

Tickets: \$6.00

For tickets, contact any 3rd or 4th Grader!
DINE IN OR CARRY OUT

Come with me and you'll be in a world
of pure imagination.....Willy Wonka

Hanson School Upcoming Events

April 13: JH/HS Track @ Menno
Golf - SESDSS (Irene-Wakonda) @ Yankton
April 13-14: SkillsUSA State Conference @ Rapid City
April 14: JV/V Softball @ Castlewood
April 15: Varsity Softball @ Avon Tourney
April 17: JH Track @ McCook Relays - Salem
Varsity Softball vs. Winner
April 19: Golf - JH Cornbelt Conference @ Salem
Baseball vs. MCVPCS

HANSON SCHOOL BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU

Monday, April 17

Breakfast:

Egg Patty, Hasbrown, Bagel
Fruit/Juice, Milk

Lunch:

Chicken Strips
Fries
Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, April 18

Breakfast:

Cereal
Fruit/Juice, Milk

Lunch:

Burrito Bowl (Rice/Pulled Pork)
All Toppings. Black Beans
Fruit, Milk

Wednesday, April 19

Breakfast:

Egg Scramble, English Muffin
Fruit/Juice, Milk

Lunch:

Chef Salad (Ham/Turkey)
Dinner Roll, Fruit, Milk
PreK-2: Mac'n'Cheese

Thursday, April 20

Breakfast:

French Toast, Sausage
Fruit, Milk

Lunch:

Spaghetti
Breadstick
Fruit, Milk

Friday, April 21

Breakfast:

Doughnuts, Cheesestick
Yogurt, Fruit, Milk

Lunch:

Pizza
Veggie
Fruit, Milk