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Days  
Smarter**

February 2020

SCHOOL TO HOME

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## Supt. McClain's Updates and Info

### Standards-Based Learning and Grading (SBL&G)

Our teams are beginning their new book study, *A Teacher's Guide to Standards-Based Learning*. Teachers are reading the material based on a timeline developed by our instructional coaches. During regularly scheduled team meetings, the teachers are discussing what they are learning, what it means for students, and how to best implement what they are learning.

Teachers are working together on identifying priority standards in their content areas. That is, they are examining all of the standards and dividing them between *priority standards* - those which will need the most emphasis - and *supporting standards* - those which support the priority standards and the overall growth of the students. In the end, it is these priority standards that will be seen on report cards.

Some teachers are also beginning to work on proficiency scales. Proficiency scales show the work and progress students must make to become proficient in each standard. The proficiency scales provide the feedback to students, parents, and teachers about the student's progress on the standard.

As in any initiative, some teachers will jump ahead of others as they become more comfortable with standards-based learning and their respective standards. Parents will begin receiving information from

teachers as they progress and make changes in their instruction and grading. We believe this process will improve instruction and learning for our students and are committed to working through the process. We ask that you be supportive, as well, and if you have questions about a teacher's instruction or grading, please ask them to explain what is happening in class and why the changes are happening.

The administrative team is working on our five-year implementation timeline. We have developed an implementation timeline for the next two years. We will share it with our Instructional Coaches for feedback and then complete years three through five. When completed, this document will become our guide for our professional development and implementation of standards-based learning throughout our district. As a living document, we will continue to make necessary adjustments as we go.

## Fitness Facility

frk architects + engineers presented their design for a new fitness facility for the school district and community to the school board at our January 20, 2020 meeting.

The district will be using SAVE funds for the building and are fundraising for new personalized equipment. Fundraising has already begun but we will have an official Kick-off Event Saturday, March 21. Please save the date. Tax-deductible donations may be made to the GoFundMe site at (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/acgc-weight-roomfitness-center>), or mailed/dropped off at: AC/GC High School (906 School Street, Guthrie Center, IA 50115), Guthrie County State Bank (400 State Street, Guthrie Center, IA 50115), or Peoples Trust & Savings Bank (401 Main Street, Guthrie Center, IA 50115). A special thanks to Keith Buttler who is leading the fundraising drive.

## Guthrie County Vote For New Law Enforcement Center

Safety is always our first concern at AC/GC Schools. The upcoming vote for a new law enforcement center focuses on public safety. Please attend local informational meetings to learn why this referendum is being balloted and vote on March 3, 2020.

### Upcoming meeting schedule:

Feb. 4	7:00pm	Bagley Community Building	South Main Street
Feb. 6	7:00pm	Casey Community Building	502 Antique Country Drive
Feb. 11	7:00pm	Jamaica Community Building	316 Main Street
Feb. 13	7:00pm	Yale Community Building	North Main Street
Feb. 22	10:00am	Lake Panorama Conference Ctr.	5071 Clover Ridge Road
Feb. 22*	1:30pm	Guthrie Center High School Auditorium	906 School Street

\*A jail tour is included with asterisked meeting. You may also stop in Monday-Friday (8am-4pm) and Saturdays (8am-noon) at the sheriff's office for a tour.

*Superintendent Dennis McClain*  
AC/GC Schools

Just a reminder, we have (so far) two snow days that we will be making up. There will be school on February 14 and also on May 22 to make those two days up.



## Policies and Notices

### NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the Adair-Casey and Guthrie Center Community School Districts not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Karla Mahaffey, Curriculum Director, [906 School St, Guthrie Center, IA, 641-332-2972, kmahaffey@acgcschools.org](mailto:kmahaffey@acgcschools.org). For further guidance, visit the Iowa Department of Education website – Equity Guidance



### News From The School Nurses

Just a reminder to parents when your child is ill and you are checking their temperature, be

sure and use your Kinsa Thermometer. Please go in to your account and record what illness your child may have, ex: fever, chills, cold, etc. No names are ever used. The only thing that is shared is their grade and what their illness is. If you did not get a thermometer, please talk to your school nurse. Only 1 per family is allowed. If you did not get signed up for the program, this is what you need to do: **From your Smart Phone, Go to [www.kinsaforschools.com](http://www.kinsaforschools.com) or text FLUENCY to 555-888 to download the app onto your phone. You can also go to the App store or Google Play Store and search "Kinsa Smart Thermometer."**

**Search for your school and join (make sure your locations is accurate.)**

Thank you for your help in keeping our students healthy and in class learning!

Nurse Peg and Nurse Stacey

## FCCLA



## Strawberry Sales

**FCCLA will once again be selling fresh Florida strawberries from Feb. 3 thru Feb. 21**

**Cost is \$30 per flat (8 quarts) or \$17 per half flat**

**Look for a Google order form coming through the school, order from any FCCLA member, or contact Cathy Lange (FCCLA Adviser) at AC/GC HS to place an order.**

**Strawberries will arrive the week of March 9th.**

### Photo on front page, upper right **100 Days Smarter**

*After a couple of reschedules because of snow days, the schools finally passed that 100 day mark at school. Elementary students at the Guthrie Center campus collected cans of food for the local food pantry as a challenge to see if they could donate 100 cans. Surprisingly, the students surpassed that mark by almost 10 fold as they brought in 926 cans of food to be donated.*



## Company Gift To Mrs. Lowry's Class

To help guide instruction I monitor Kindergarten and 1st grade math students weekly at the Adair-Casey Elementary. The kindergarten students practice quickly counting or just recognizing how many spots are on a page and then point to the number that coordinates (Matching Quantity).

First grade students practice decoding by telling me how many more things I would need to reach a certain number. So if I need 9 things and I show them the number 5, I ask how many to make 9? It helps me identify if they are beginning to understand adding and subtracting (Decoding). This monitoring is done individually. After each student is done, I frequently give them a Life Saver or some Dot's Homestyle Pretzels.

I was telling my daughter about how much the



students like the Dot's. She wrote to the company and told our story. In December we received 2 complimentary cases of Dot's Homestyle Pretzels. We should have enough to reward their hard work for a couple months.

Please support this kind company by trying some Dot's for their donation to Title I Math Program. Yum!

## Are You A Farmer? Can You Help Our School Out by Nominating Us?



The Grow Rural Education program allows eligible farmers to nominate their local public school district for grants to help enhance STEM education. Once nominated, school districts submit applications to compete for \$15,000 grant to help fund projects that enhance their STEM curriculum. While these grants are helping to improve test scores today, better yet, they're getting kids to think bigger about their tomorrows.

Farmers can nominate either the Adair-Casey School District or the Guthrie Center School District.

[www.americasfarmers.com/grow-rural-education](http://www.americasfarmers.com/grow-rural-education)





The monthly meeting of the AC/GC Booster Club was held on January 8, 2020 in the high school library. Four members and Superintendent Dennis McClain were in attendance. President Kim Betts called the meeting to order. Crystal Hanson presented the Treasurer's Report and Julie Plowman read the Secretary's report. Both reports were approved.

There were not any new Funding Requests.

In Old Business, Julie Plowman reported she has been in contact with Athletic Director, Ethan Lensch, regarding the purchase of new record holder boards at the high school track. Mr. Lensch is researching possible designs and contacting other area schools for ideas.

Blue print plans have been finalized for the 16' x 10' x 10' storage shed next to the concession stand. This will be for Booster Club usage. Jorgensen Brothers Concrete will pour the concrete slab this spring, with high school construction classes assembling the structure.

In New Business, the upcoming February 1st Charger Wrestling Tourney was discussed. Officers signed up for various roles at the concession stand. The volunteer workers schedule was posted on social media.

Also in New Business, obtaining new "Visitor/Home" signage for the gym was discussed. Mr. McClain will contact the Art Department, asking them to design new signs.

The next meeting will be held February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the high school library.

Melissa Shadlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Crystal Hanson seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Plowman

## Musical Trial Of Century Presented At Junior High



The Fairy Tale Press just received word that the trial of the infamous Big Bad Wolf will be open to the public at

**Jr. High Gym  
Friday, March 20  
At 6:30**

Plaintiffs bringing charges against the Wolf will include: The Three Little Pigs, Red Riding Hood, and the Fairy Godmother. Testimony from others will be submitted.

The musical will be presented for your musical enjoyment, as we tackle the age-old question of why the old wolf is so bad.



**Wolf, Big Bad**

# Guthrie Center Elementary Counselor's Corner



## CELEBRATE NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK FEBRUARY 3RD-7TH, 2020

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA), will be celebrated February 3rd-7th, 2020, to focus attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within school systems and how students are different as a result of what school counselors do. National School Counseling Week highlights the impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

School counselors are actively engaged in helping students examine their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents. Partnering with parents as they encounter the challenges of raising children in today's world. School counselors focus on positive ways to enhance students' social/personal, educational and career development. Collaborating with teachers and other educators, school counselors help to provide an educational system where students can realize their potential and set healthy, realistic and optimistic aspirations for themselves.

Professional school counselors are certified, experienced educators with a master's degree in school counseling. The combination of their training and experience makes them an integral part of the total educational program.

"School counselors work with all students to remove barriers to learning by addressing students' academic concerns, career awareness and personal/social skills," said Kwok-Sze Wong, Ed.D., ASCA executive director. "Comprehensive school counseling programs help to increase student achievement and provide a much-needed resource for students, parents, teachers and administrators. School counselors are integral to student success."

More than 100,000 school counselors nationwide will be participating in the week's festivities. As part of its celebration for National School Counseling Week, staff and students at Guthrie Center Elementary will have a daily kindness challenge (e.g., saying thanks, getting to know others, random acts of kindness, etc.).

Parents or community members with specific questions or concerns about school counseling programs should contact

Mr. Tussey at [ttussey@acgcschools.org](mailto:ttussey@acgcschools.org) or

Mrs. Rouse at [jrouse@acgcschools.org](mailto:jrouse@acgcschools.org).

More general information can also be found on ASCA's website at [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org).



The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been studying about the history of soldiers and different wars in their Unit 2 of English. When you have a student's parent that can give your students first hand knowledge of what it is like to be a soldier in today's U.S. military and

that person is very willing to come and talk to your students, you invite them in wholeheartedly. Thank you to Sgt. (Stu) Rouse a.k.a. 8<sup>th</sup> grader Isabelle's dad, for coming in and talking to the students and answering their questions.

Submitted by Mrs. (Ann) Zaiger



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Start = New Classes

With the beginning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, most all of the high school students find themselves in new classes. Mrs. Nielsen, AC/GC HS art instructor, has a new bunch of kids with her popular ceramics class. Mrs. Nielsen believes in starting the students off with the basics, which means they must get their hands dirty as they recycle the mud that they will be using.

*Photos submitted by Mrs. (Kelly) Nielsen*







**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF CENTRAL SOUTHWEST IOWA**



**February 2020**

### Attention Parents

Club will be closed on March 13th in preparation for T<sup>2</sup>, our largest fundraiser of the year.

### No School

Club will be closed:

Feb. 17th  
March 13th



### Spring Membership

Spring membership is due February 3rd.

\$25/member

Questions?

Contact Heather  
(641) 742-3119

Our after school program consists of a healthy snack, homework help and fun activities.

Club is open every day after school from 3:40 pm to 6 pm and ACGC early out days. Club is closed on no school days.

*T2* **UNDER THE BIG TOP**  
*Trinkets & Treasures*  
Schafer Barn on the Hill  
1459 White Pole Road, Adair

**6PM DINNER** **ADMIT ONE \$35**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

**CASH GAMES ★ CASH BAR**

*T2 Committee: Stef Fagan, Amber Gundy, Lynn Hansen, Tracy Mackrill, Sharon Martin, Kim Reha, Brandy Rudy, Heather Schneider, and Brenna Westergaard*

**WHO NU?** **6PM**  
Sponsored by: Charlie Schafer, Lana Gould & Kate Schafer

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF CENTRAL SOUTHWEST IOWA



### ACGC (Adair-Casey) Summer Little League



Baseball/softball forms will be going in all Kindergarten– 6th grade school bags at the end of February. Forms will be due early March. We understand this is a quick turn around however, we are working with Guthrie Center youth program and are trying to get the best prices for uniforms. Watch our facebook page for more detail!

**Boys & Girls Club**  
807 Broad Street  
PO Box 225  
Adair, IA 50002

Heather Schneider  
hjschneider@windstream.net  
641-742-3119



### **Friendly Reminder**

Club will not be open on School Snow Days! Club will be open on Days school is dismissed early due to inclement weather.



### **Employment Opportunity With Boys & Girls Club**

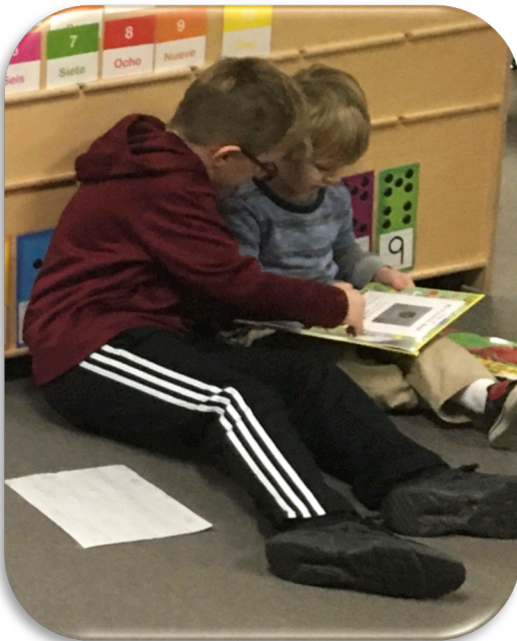
Seeking an energetic, dedicated and organized individual with a passion for making a difference to fill the role of Executive Director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central SW Iowa in Adair. This is a full time position responsible for overseeing the development & implementation of programs for school age youth, providing leadership for staff & volunteers, and procuring, and managing financial resources. Competitive salary and benefit package. Qualifications: 4 year college degree (minimum) or 5 years experience in related area of education or child development. Send cover and resume to: BGC Executive Board, PO Box 158, Adair, IA 50002 by Feb. 14, 2020



## Happiness is... A Book and A New Friend

The second graders at A-C Elementary love to read stories to the preschoolers. The second graders wrote a story to read to their little friends and the preschoolers picked out books that the second graders could read to them. It was a great time for both grades.

--Submitted by Mrs. (Stacy) Brown



For The A-C  
**CARNIVAL**

## It's Carnival Time!!

The A-C elementary carnival was a huge success last year and we are now making preparations for this year's carnival. Mark your calendars for **Friday, APRIL 3** as the date for this year's carnival.

Donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. If your family or business would like to purchase a prize for the raffle it makes it even more fun to see who wins your prize! The elementary depends on donations to help make this event a great success! Proceeds from the carnival will go towards field trips and other elementary needs. If you would like to donate a prize or money you may contact Cynthia Ruth, Cheryl Williams or the elementary office at 746-2242 or 742-3310.

Again, don't forget to mark your calendars for the carnival on **Friday, April 3, 5-7pm.**