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2010 National Honor Society Inductees

The Van Buren National Honor Society, along with the rest of the Hancock County Schools, inducted its new members on November 3 in the Van Buren Auditorium. The new members received their membership certificates and also elected county officers. Van Buren was well-represented as Brian Davidson was elected President and Elizabeth Kniss was elected Secretary/Treasurer.



Back Row: Joseph T. Claes, Aaron Edelbrock, Logan Eaton, Joseph A. Simon, Justin Roberts, Josh Roberts, Brian T. Davidson. **Middle Row:** Jackie Cole, Megan Lee, Ashton Combs, Kiera Gaswint, Stephanie Sawyer, Chandler Brown, Elizabeth Kniss, Meagan Grine. **Front Row:** Layne Turner, Julia Edelbrock, Taylor Fieger, Scott Wymer, Zane Kieffer, Lacie Kern, Julia Endicott. **Not Pictured:** Kaitlyn Endicott, Jessica Hammond, Macy McCartney, Tyler McGrain, Amanda Pummell, Samuel Yoder.

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Congratulations 2010-2011 NJHS Inductees

On October 25 at Liberty Benton High School, twenty-three 8th graders were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Students must have a 3.5 GPA in core subjects to be eligible to apply. Students are then selected based on their character and their commitment to their school and the community. This year the NJHS will be organizing a consistent recycling program in the middle school and cafeteria for their service project.



Back Row: Matthew Cooper, Chancellor Sonnenberg, Ross Adolph, Jameson Jacobs, Drew Conner, Nathan Maynard, Isaac Sexton, Ian Rafferty, Britton Jackson. **Middle Row:** Paige Schmelzer, Emily Anderbery, Jennifer Irving, Lauren Wise, Bailei Hoyng, Abigail Phillips, Alexis Youngpeter. **Front Row:** Kailey Leal, Caitlin Brink, Allison Arthur, Kristin Conner, Alyssa Miller, Rachel George. **Not Pictured:** Max Frost, Wade Schimmoeller.

Thanksgiving Break - No School
Tuesday - Friday
November 23 - 26, 2010

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HS/MS Honors

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

First Nine-Week Grading Period 2010 - 2011 School Year

ALL “A’s”			
6th Grade	Hunter Atchison, Brandon Bell, McClain Brown, Mitchell Endicott, Laura Harper, Alexis Kieffer, Angela Mitchell, Zoie Nieto, Brylie Rampe, Aaron Rinehart, Emma Strong, Ethan Stumpp	7th Grade	Jonathan Bach, Jacob Badertscher, Ashley Bisbee, Trenton Boyette, Logan Brooker, Corey Buchholtz, Logan Calzada, Mason Carruthers, Aric Dewey, Mackenzie Edler, Madeline Ellingsworth, Rebekah Frampton, Taylor Gilliland, Elexia Hassan, Brooklyn Hoyng, Mary Kane, Ian Kern, Gabrielle King, Austin Lako, Brianne Lasley, Victoria Manley, Gabriele McCracken, Ruth Moon, Nicklaus Overmyer, Franklin Pina, Justin Routzon, Thomas Rowles, Olivia Sattler, Carlee Schmelzer, Jacob Shawver, Brandon Shepherd
7th Grade	Alejandro Arriaga, Briana Barnhisel, Kami Boney, Marcus Brand, Lauren Brown, Morgan Drake, Alexander Duran, Samantha Hagans, Andrew Kelley, Ethan LaFontaine, Samuel Lawn, Cole Ohlrich, Katelyn Reineke, Jared Smith, Callie Spears, Kylie Sturgill	8th Grade	Allison Arthur, Matthew Bach, Bryce Bowers, Desirae Cooper, Desiree Cunningham, Logan Duron, Adam Endicott, Noah Farison, Max Frost, Tabitha Gerken, Mackenzie Hiatt, Madison Holtgreven, Mackenzie Howard, Lucas Huber, Jinkyung Jeon, Kaitlyn Kniss, Brice Lawrence, Jessica Lawrence, Travis Lewis, Sierra Lowden, Dillan Ludwig, Cole Martin, Nathan Maynard, Bailee Miles, Riley Miller, Justin Phillips, Tyler Sarreshteh, Aaron Scasny, Rachel Silver, Mariah Stahl, Audrie Ward, Alyssen Welch, Thomas Wolford
8th Grade	Ross Adolph, Emily Anderbery, Caitlin Brink, Andrew Conner, Kristin Conner, Matthew Cooper, Timmie Dong, Draeton Fasone, Rachel George, Bailei Hoyng, Jennifer Irving, Britton Jackson, Jameson Jacobs, Brooke Klausing, Kailey Leal, Alyssa Miller, Abigail Phillips, Ian Rafferty, David Roy, Shivang Saxena, Wade Schimmoeller, Paige Schmelzer, Isaac Sexton, Chancellor Sonnenberg, Alexis Youngpeter	9th Grade	Matthew Bado, Kaylee Boney, Tyler Clark, Mary Davidson, Brandon Edelbrock, Aaron Franklin, Kurtis Gibson, Carlie Hertel, Peter Ho, Nicholas Hoehn, James Irving, Sawyer Junge, Esther Moon, Alyssa Norr, Ayasha Paluch-Keckler, Drew Patterson, Greg Paul, Scott Phillips, Ivan Quezada, Daniel Roberts, Joel Schumacker, Elijah Simon, Corey Spoon, Breanna Starr, Paige Sudlow, Jazmine Waller
9th Grade	Colin Causey, Austin Corey, Michael Domke, Madison Endicott, Michelle Flanagan, Robyn Flick, Jenna Gallelo, Zachary Hiris, Kelly McCartney, Ashley Overmyer, Tory Palmer, Jonathan Rafferty, Rachell Resnik, Natalie Risser, Courtney VanHorn, Alisa Warren, Matthew Wilkins, Macaulay Williams	10th Grade	Ryan Adolph, Ryan Brauneller, Heather Clark, Heather DeBouver, Malynn Eaton, Laura Endicott, Morgan Flick, Grace Haffenden, Nicholas Halliday, Alexander Kane, Nathan Keck, Emily Lammers, Ashley Lovell, Hailey Lowden, Brady Lucas, Timothy Mutchler, Ora Oler, Joshua Pettry, Alec Rampe, Kennedy Richards, Olivia Roberts, George Shawver IV, Ashley Smith, Kayla Sonnenberg, Mary Sullivan, Brennon Swain, Kristen Tropf, David Weber
10th Grade	Chandler Adams, Elyse Anderbery, Sarah Benson, Alexis Clark, Michaela Conkle, Audrey Evans, Kaleigh Frampton, Erik Glass, Olivia Godzak, Brandi Hoyng, Sydney Jameson, Alexis Kelley, Cameron King, Daniel Moon, Cala Reynolds, Dylan Sexton, Zachary Wehrle	11th Grade	Joseph Claes, Brandon Conner, Julia Edelbrock, Amber Ellinger, Thomas Haase, Zane Kieffer, Bryon Lako, Tabitha Lewis, Cory Mathias, Jeremiah McDougale, Tyler McGrain, Paige Pierce, Lucas Reed, Joshua Roberts, Justin Roberts, Dean Rodabaugh, Kshitij Saxena, Kailie Scarlett, Joseph Simon, Shawn Smith, Eric Wymer, Scott Wymer
11th Grade	Chaney Brown, Jaclyn Cole, Ashton Combs, Brian Davidson, Julia Endicott, Kaitlyn Endicott, Taylor Fieger, Kiera Gaswint, Meagan Grine, Jessica Hammond, Lacie Kern, Elizabeth Kniss, Macy McCartney, Amanda Pummell, Stephanie Sawyer, Taylor Watkins	12th Grade	Rachel Adolph, Kelsey Aukerman, Riley Bayer, Carol Campbell, Anna Dengler, Jessica Domke, Rebecca Farling, Tayler Farr, Rebecca Franks, Alexa Frena, Vinh Hang, Michael Hummell, Meredith Keck, Tiffany Keiser, Brandon Lucas, Colleen McCormick, Scott Neall, Joel Ryder, Colin Stacy, Emily Toupalik, Cara Treece, Tabitha Vandersall, Levi Vogelsong, Gage Ward
12th Grade	Erica Arthur, Brooke Barnhisel, Callie Bays, Jessica Borsani, Devon Causey, Matthew Early, Logan Eaton, Aaron Edelbrock, Zachary Hoehn, Matthew Lee, Kalyn Leeper, Richard Meyer, Jude Palmer, Brooke Rehus, Lindsay Rinker, Jacob Sexton, Hannah Shank, Megan Stewart, Clay Sudlow, Olivia Wills		
ALL “A’s” and “B’s”			
6th Grade	Riley Adolph, Brittany Arnold, Emily Bado, Tyler Bair, Jacob Below, Tori Bookwalter, Gage Chambers, Blake Colburn, Brady Deitrick, Ryan Domke, Braxton Fasone, Jayden Foltz, Kila Fultz, Austin Hickman, Jinsung Jeon, Lindsey Klausing, Kurt Kuhlman, Callie Marshall, Marly McCartney, Adysson Miller, Tahlor Palmer, Abby Patterson, Summer Poland, Rebecca Reichenbaugh, Luke Rickenbacher, Joshua Routzon, Tyler Saltzman, Zachary Schiefer, Noah Schumacker, Boston Siferd, Lydia Smith, Allison Snider, David Starr, Stephen Switzer, Cassandra Waltmire, Kelsey Welch, Mercedes Williamson		

Invitation to All Van Buren Graduates Who Are Now in College or the Military

We would like to invite you back to share your experiences with this year’s Senior Class on Tuesday, December 21, 2010, from 8:00 – 10:00 A.M. in the auditorium. We would like a variety of colleges represented. We are hoping we can get a panel of about 8 - 12 people.

If you are able to attend, please contact Linda Schwemley, Senior Class Advisor, at 419-299-3384, ext. 414, or e-mail at Lschwemley@vbschools.net by Friday, December 17, 2010.

Superintendent's News

Three (3) Hour Delay Option to be Utilized in the Van Buren School District, when appropriate, Beginning November 29, 2010.

The state of Ohio has reduced the number of calamity days for schools from five to three for the current school year. The status for calamity days in subsequent years is still undecided as are many school issues following the change of leadership in Columbus. In response to fewer calamity days, the Van Buren Schools will be utilizing a three (3) hour delay, when possible, to limit the number of cancellations for inclement weather, therefore reducing the possible makeup days that may be required at the end of the school year to meet state standards.

The student school day begins at approximately 8:00 A.M. and ends at approximately 3:00 P.M. When a two (2) hour delay is called, school begins at approximately 10:00 A.M. and ends at the regular time of approximately 3:00 P.M. The state allows us to call a delay of up to two (2) hours and still meet the requirements of a full day of school.

When a three (3) hour delay is called, school will begin at approximately 11:00 A.M. and the school day will end at approximately 4:00 P.M. When a three (3) hour delay is called we must extend the school by an additional hour so that the time missed from school is equal to the time missed on a two (2) hour delay allowing us to meet the state requirements for a full day of school avoiding the addition of a possible makeup day.

There are advantages to a three (3) hour delay such as allowing more time for heavy fog to burn off and increase visibility and allowing more time for street crews and the sun to improve road conditions in snow and ice situations. With the safety of our students being the highest priority, a three (3) hour delay, as compared to a two (2) hour delay, may allow conditions to improve during the additional hour to justify having school and reducing the possibility of having to schedule additional makeups at the end of the school year in June.

The difficult problem about delays and cancellations is how early they have to be determined. On an inclement weather day, the first decision concerning a delay or cancellation must be made no later than 6:30 A.M. Our first bus routes are getting ready to hit the road at that time. When a two (2) hour delay is called, the decision can be postponed until no later than 8:30 A.M. A three (3) hour delay can push that decision back another hour to no later than 9:30 A.M. Notice that these are the latest times that these decisions can be made. It is obvious that students, parents, and staff prefer these decisions as early as possible. While a three (3) hour delay is not appropriate in all situations, there have been times where road conditions have improved greatly between 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. especially in foggy conditions and in early spring snow and ice conditions.

A three (3) hour delay will cause a greater disruption to home and family circumstances as compared to a two (2) hour delay. With a two (2) hour delay, parents must deal with the additional two hours in the morning, interfering with job and other responsibilities, but the end of the day can follow regular family patterns. Unfortunately, with a three (3) hour delay, parents must cope with an additional hour delay in the morning and an additional hour added to the end of the school day disrupting the pattern at that time as well.

The intent will be to make the first decision on a calamity day as early as possible. If a cancellation is warranted, it will be called. If a delay is possible, we will more than likely call for a two (2) hour delay and monitor the situation to determine whether a three (3) hour delay is possible or whether the situation warrants a cancellation at that time.

Music News

THE ASSOCIATION Sweeps Ada Feast in All Three Award Catagories in Class C Division



CONGRATULATIONS TO *THE ASSOCIATION* as they competed for the first time for the 2010-2011 school year at the 33rd Annual Ada Music Feast on Saturday, November 13 (one of the oldest continually running show choir competitions in Ohio and the country!). The group took back the coveted “sweep” of all three caption awards (Best Vocals, Instrumental Combo, and Choreography) in Class C (small school division) and won the Grand Champion Award in Class C for the daytime prelims! They then qualified for FINALS once again at Ada! Only six groups make it into finals out of the fourteen in attendance, regardless of school size! From there, they not only placed in finals, but took 3rd Runner-Up Overall (or fourth place, out of six groups, beating a huge school from Indiana in the process)!

Again, congratulations to *The Association* and *The Essentials* for their hard, hard work at the beginning of the year! Special congrats to Callie Bays as she won the Outstanding Performer Award for *The Association*, given out to each show choir as the individual that stood out the most in showmanship and performance ability! A big thanks to our administration, Mr. Brand and Mr. Clark, for allowing us a much-needed performance in front of the middle school this past week. It helped a GREAT deal!

An interesting side note: In the finals there were THREE Hancock County schools in the finals — Cory-Rawson, Van Buren, and Findlay! That’s HUGE considering that there were 14 schools from all over Indiana and Ohio present this weekend.

(Superintendent's Message continued)

My hope is to avoid calling a two (2) hour delay, switching to a three (3) hour delay, and then calling a cancellation. While I cannot promise that that scenario may not be used, I intend to avoid it at all possible costs. Just as we currently do, we may be just as likely, especially in snow and ice, to go from a two (2) hour delay directly to a cancellation. A three (3) hour delay will only be used when weather reports and reports from road crews provide us with a very strong belief that the additional hour will make significant improvements to road conditions to safely get the students to school.

Because of bussing conflicts, some general rules have been established for after-school activities when a three (3) hour delay is called. On days when a three (3) hour delay is in effect, all middle school athletic activities will be cancelled. High school activities will continue as scheduled. Because middle school contests usually start at an earlier time than high school contests, most busses will still be transporting students home from school when these activities are scheduled to begin. High school contests will proceed as scheduled, possibly resulting in a dismissal of high school teams when travel times necessitate that they must be on the road prior to the 4:00 P.M. end of school. Other non-athletic activities will be addressed on an individual basis.

Ideally, we will never have to utilize a three (3) hour delay. If past history is any indication, a three (3) delay may be beneficial on a few occasions each year. With only three calamity days this year, a three (3) hour delay could very likely avoid additional makeup days in June. Please call, (419)-299-3578, email tmyers@vbschools.net, or stop in if you have any questions concerning a three (3) hour delay or any other school situation.

FFA News

FFA in Action

That is what the members of Van Buren FFA have been doing. They have been busy this past month with National FFA Convention, Findlay Halloween Parade, and Fruit Sales. Students have been in action.

The National FFA Convention was held on October 20 - 23, this event took place in Indianapolis, Indiana. For those who don't know, this is the largest FFA event that students from every state in the U.S. are there, including Hawaii and Alaska. Indianapolis even changes a street name for the week to FFA Way. During this time students have the chance to hear some amazing speakers, participate in leadership acts, get representation at a national level, and much more. This year the event occurred at the same time as Homecoming unfortunately and only one student went from Van Buren, Lindsay Rinker. We went with four other schools from around the area and had the chance to meet new friends. While at the convention we went sight-seeing in Indiana. We had the chance to go to Blue Spring Caverns, Maplewood Maple Syrup Farm, Not Just Popcorn, Indy Downs, and a concert. When we weren't sight-seeing, we had the chance to see some amazing speakers. The keynote speaker this year was Josh Shipp with the message, "Don't Be Average." His goal was to motivate students, teachers, or anyone listening to go above the average and shine.

Another event that we attend at the convention was the American Degree ceremony. This is presented to a student who is a year out of high school and has kept record books on the SAE. This is the highest honor a FFA member can receive. A student must show they have earned \$1,500 or invested \$7,500, participated in three or more years of an Agriculture Education class, and has a 'C' or better in high school. This award requires time and record keeping to succeed. Van Buren was lucky to have one student walk across the stage this year with this honor. Jason Rinker, a 2008 graduate, received his American Degree.

Other than the convention the Van Buren FFA teamed up with Cory-Rawson FFA and did a float for the Findlay Halloween Parade. This gave the students time to get to know other students from another school. The theme of the float was Infinite Potential. The goal was to show that agriculture has an infinite potential of careers that are available. Students from Van Buren FFA dressed as Farmers, Cowgirls, Florist, Soil Analysis, and Judges. The parade was a little cold, but a lot of fun.

Students have also been busy selling fruit the past month. The fruit sale is the main fundraiser that FFA does. The money raised allows students to participate in different activities and go to leadership activities. If you have bought, thank you, and the fruit should be in on December 1.



Van Buren FFA and Cory-Rawson FFA ready to start the Findlay's Halloween Parade.



FFA WAY!



Jason Rinker, Van Buren Graduate after receiving his American Degree.



Mrs. Lawson and Lindsay Rinker at Umbarger Show Feeds.



Lindsay Rinker in a Native American maple syrup hut at the Maple Syrup Farm.

School News

Senior Citizen Appreciation Luncheon and Concert

Citizens of the Van Buren School Community were treated on Tuesday, October 26 to a concert and luncheon sponsored by the Academic, Athletic, and Music Booster support groups. The appreciation festivities started with a concert in the Van Buren Auditorium. The Eighth Grade Choir, High School Mixed Chorus and Varsity Choir, and Black Knight Marching Band all had selections to perform for the citizens in attendance. The group then moved to the community room where the Academic Boosters organized and decorated with the support of the Music and Athletic Boosters. They enjoyed a spaghetti meal provided by The Spaghetti Shop, and were provided entertainment by 2010 graduate Brent Beggs. The NHS members supported the event as servers, preparing desserts, and bringing in water and other drinks. Thank you to the support groups for their financial and time contributions to this appreciation day for our senior citizens in our school community, and to all of the senior citizens in our community who came out to see our students! If you were unable to attend this year, please make sure you look in the *Knightly News* early next school year for information regarding our next Senior Citizen Appreciation Luncheon and Concert.



Middle School News

Great Learning in the Great Outdoors

For the second year in a row, Van Buren students have experienced learning on a new level and in a new environment — outdoors. Camp Nuhop near Ashland, Ohio, was home for three days last month to 76 seventh graders and some of their teachers. Why outdoors?

According to Van Buren Middle School science teacher, Jack Marshall, it's learning in a new setting. "New leaders emerge because of the different skill set necessary," says Marshall. "Students show different sides of their personality. New relationships form. The encouragement that the students show one another, particularly on the ropes course, displays their true colors. And, students come away from the week energized and excited about learning."

Seventh graders, Morgan Drake and Mary Kane, who both attended separate summer camps, found Camp Nuhop to be different in some ways to their previous camp experiences. "You learn to work as a team," says Morgan. "You also learn to face your fears on the ropes course," Mary adds. For seventh grader, Aric Dewey, it was about survival training. "We built shelters and learned how to make a good campfire," says Aric. "Do you know that sassafras leaves taste like Fruitloops?"

Camp Nuhop's unique program provides an exceptional balance between experiential, outdoor, and environmental education philosophies. Students focus on academic and interpersonal skills in an outdoor classroom where students learn from experiencing our natural world. Students also develop a sense of community, independence, and appreciation for and understanding of the environment.

Perhaps it's what one learns about himself that makes this trip a memorable one. Morgan, Mary, and Aric all admit that they had some initial nervousness about the overnight trip, and the possibility of being homesick. But all of that became a fleeting memory for them once the trip began. "You don't have time to be homesick," says Morgan. "You're having too much fun."



Middle School News

Distance Learning Class Gets Face-to-Face with History

Seventh graders in the Latin Distance Learning class got a face-to-face meeting with their teacher, Mount Vernon High School global language teacher, Mary Jo Behrensmeyer, this past week. Behrensmeyer took advantage of Mount Vernon’s parent/teacher conference break to visit her Van Buren students on Friday, bringing with her a host of Greek and Roman artifacts.

Students tried on traditional Roman dress, including gladiator helmets and tunics, complete with an authentic sword from the movie, “Gladiator”, which Behrensmeyer must keep a weapons permit for. Behrensmeyer is also an archaeologist, having worked several digs in Greece, Turkey, and Syria. When asked by her students if she was a modern-day Indiana Jones, she replied, “No, but every archaeologist is a teacher, much like the Jones character.”

Several of Behrensmeyer’s artifacts are now in museums and her name appears in several books written about the Trojan Wars around the ancient city of Troy. “Archaeologists are not paid for their work,” says Behrensmeyer. “Instead, they are sponsored by groups such as the National Endowment of Humanities to go into an area and record their findings. There, they must show respect for that country by following its customs and laws, and turn over anything that is found to that government. Many times you are being watched by an armed guard.”

Mrs. Behrensmeyer also took the opportunity to assign some homework to her Van Buren students. Between now and Christmas break, they will be creating mosaics, which she specializes in, using glass, tile, and stones. Her next visit to Van Buren will be around Christmas break. In the meantime, our Latin students will have to communicate with their teacher the old-fashioned way — through distance learning equipment.



Sixth Graders Experience the Great Depression?

Students in Mrs. Doxsey’s 6th grade Language Arts classes recently constructed Hoovervilles out of cardboard boxes. Students learned about Hoovervilles through their reading of the novel, *Bud, Not Buddy*. Hoovervilles were shelters made out of wood scraps and cardboard during the Great Depression of the 1930s when families lost their homes. These “cardboard jungles” were named after President Hoover who was blamed for the problems brought on by the Depression. Upon completion, students enjoyed reading their novels inside their Hooverville homes.



- **Friday, May 6, 2011**

Music News

Elementary News

Van Buren Elementary Receives Five Community Foundation Grants!

During the last early dismissal in-service, Van Buren Elementary Staff spent some time talking about grant writing. This endeavor certainly “paid-off”! The elementary school has received over **\$10,000** from the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation!

First grade received a grant for \$1,200 to begin a **Recycling Knights Project**. They would like to create an opportunity for our students to learn the value of recycling. By recycling, students can be taught the importance of civic responsibility and community service. The first grade students will complete a thematic unit on recycling called the 4 R’s – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Respect. Courtney Comstock, from Litter Landing, has agreed to come to Van Buren Elementary and present to all of the elementary students.

The first grade teachers and their classes will be going into every classroom and giving a presentation of the 4 R’s. They will present each room with a blue recycling container for paper. The students in grades Preschool through 5th grade will be responsible for putting the recyclable papers in this container. There will also be two recycling containers in the cafeteria. One will be for plastic bottles and the other for aluminum cans. In the teachers’ lounge there will also be a container for plastic and aluminum cans.

At the end of every week, the supervised first grade students will take a cart around to the rooms and collect the paper for recycling. They will also be responsible for emptying the containers in the cafeteria, office, work rooms, and teachers lounge. This service learning project will be continued in the years to come!

Julie Breitigam also wrote a grant for **Edu-Caching** and has been awarded \$1,200 to purchase GPS units for Physical Education classes, as well as anyone in the elementary brave enough to teach “outside the box.” Edu-Caching is a curriculum that involves using GPS units for Math, Science, Language Arts, Technology, and Physical Education. This curriculum, which we have already purchased, has pre-designed lesson plans that are in alignment with the content standards and have activities within those standards. Students will have a more “hands-on” approach to learning and can tap into different types of learning styles by using a GPS unit.

Another exciting opportunity with this grant is the fact that we will be able to purchase 8-10 GPS units and can create different “fitness courses” on our campus for Geo-Caching, which is a life-time skill. By using Geo-Caching in Physical Education, it can be turned into a fast-paced “treasure hunt” where teams of students compete against the clock by working together to complete the course.

Erika Bishop received two grants totaling \$3,532 to purchase books for kindergarten and first grade for her grant titled, “**Team up to Read Project**”. During kindergarten and first grade, a child learns the basic foundation of reading and comprehension strategies. They learn to decode words, build fluency and retell all during these years. It is very important for parents to “Team-up” with the teachers and help their child read daily and to support these developing skills.

'Team up to Read' will provide the kindergarten and first grade teachers some assistance to purchase independent leveled books. An assessment that is currently being used is DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment). This assessment allows the teacher to find an exact reading level for a child. This level then can be paired up with a DRA leveled classroom library set.

Through the use of the DRA leveled books, students will be able to take home their own independent reading level books and read with their parents. Students and teachers will then create reading goals and strategies for the student to use at home and at school. Teachers and parents will then collaborate to guide their child to become proficient and self-directed readers.

Cassie Ohlrich and Jane Vanden Eynden also received two grants totaling \$6,000 for the **Medieval Garden**. Van Buren School will continue their medieval garden project by initiating a service learning project which will entail student organized, created, developed, and implemented plans for maintaining our gardens, expanding our school-wide interdisciplinary curriculum while focusing on technology, adding additional resources for a unit on weather and plants in 4th grade, work with the high school vocational program to build a fence around kindergarten’s pumpkin patch, adding signage to individual gardens that name garden/identify plants, and updating our first grade butterfly garden by adding stone border, new soil, and a weed mat. The funds will also help

us to pay for the mulch that is spread each spring by the 5th grade class. With this grant and the previous Nickelodeon Grant for \$5,000, the elementary school will be purchasing 22 netbooks and a computer cart for classes to be able to use inside or outside in our Outdoor Learning Center. For more information about our Medieval Garden, please visit our Garden webpage: <http://vbschools.net/moodle/course/view.php?id=117>

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in Hancock County area through collaborative leadership, responsible grantmaking, and the development of philanthropic giving. Established in 1992 as an outgrowth of a one-time gift from L. Dale Dorney, the Community Foundation has granted more than \$20 million to fund projects that support our community. Visit www.community-foundation.com or call 419-425-1100 to learn more about how the Community Foundation is helping our community.



WINTER CHORAL CONCERTS AT VAN BUREN

SIXTH GRADE CHOIR	MEN'S CHORUS
SEVENTH GRADE CHOIR	WOMEN'S CHORUS
EIGHTH GRADE CHOIR	MIXED CHORUS
THE ASSOCIATION	VARSITY CHOIR

date	concert	time	
12/13/10	HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL CONCERT	7:30 PM	The Association, Men's and Women's Chorus, Mixed Chorus, and Varsity Choir present a collection of music ranging from traditional to holiday to comic!! Over 110 students from the high school will participate in this annual concert.
date	concert	time	
12/14/10	MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL CONCERT	7:00 PM	The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Choirs perform with a collection of music in their first concert of the year.

ALL CONCERTS ARE IN VAN BUREN AUDITORIUM.
DOORS OPEN 1/2 HOUR BEFORE TIME OF PERFORMANCE. ADMISSION IS FREE.

Eighth Annual Knight's Fest

Black Knight’s Enjoy Merriment and Pageantry at Annual Knight’s Festival

Once upon a time, 100’s of years before now, there were castles. They would have a feast and wear medieval clothes. But, no one does these things anymore except for one castle called the Van Buren Elementary Castle. Once every year they have a huge feast, but only the king and queen get to use silverware. They have a medieval parade where they walk around the enchanted castle. The people who are included in this medieval parade are “serfs, kings, queens, knights, jesters and, of course, damsels and dragons”. There is also a show where the kids sing joyful songs. The best and enchanting part is, after the show, they have jousting tournaments, crafts, and cookies....mmmmmm! As you can see, Knight’s Fest is an enchanting time to celebrate different ways to live, play, and dress.

By: Natasha Simons
4th grader at Van Buren School

Van Buren Elementary School held its Annual Knight’s Fest on Friday October 29, 2010. Much merriment and pageantry ensued as the Lords and Ladies enjoyed a day of celebration. The Lords and Ladies each arrived at the “castle” early in the morning attired in medieval clothing. The halls were donned with swags of decorative floral and the Great Banquet hall was adorned with cloth banners and flags.

Children in every grade level made some type of medieval costume piece in art class to prepare for the festival. A favorite was a felt satchel with thin leather straps.



ist would face the “King” in the final bracket. Many volunteers were on hand to put the finishing touches on the many craft booths, the refreshment area, and the Grand Game Hall. Mr. Tom VandenEynden acted as the “royal photographer” and managed to photograph every class, as well as many individuals with the “King”.

At high noon the Lords and Ladies proceeded to the Great Banquet Hall where they feasted on their annual fare: fried chicken legs, corn on the cob, applesauce, and dessert. Festive table decorations adorned the tables and period music was piped in for all to enjoy.



Miss Rhodes once again acted as “head costume designer” as she outfitted dozens of partygoers with costumes from the “castle costume room”. She was working “down to the wire” to get everyone fitted and dressed. Thank you to Miss Rhodes for her willingness to oversee this huge undertaking.

Throughout the morning the 5th grade revelers were finishing up their Wii Jousting Tournament. The final-



The “King and Queen” had a special marquee that was fashioned out of beautiful “period silk” and there they greeted partygoers from their “velvet thrones”. Many Lords and Ladies took in a game of croquet much to the entertainment of those dining in the Great Banquet Hall. Near the end of the banquet, the final round of the Wii Jousting Tournament took place. 5th grader Sir Drace Wilson managed to beat the King in the final round to the deafening cheers off all those in attendance.

The Grand Parade was kicked off with a trumpet sound from Miss Stacy Sharp (Title 1 Reading). The “King and Queen” were greeted with proper bows and curtsies as they passed by each grade level. The Lords and Ladies then “fell in” behind the “royal couple” and joined the parade. Miss Sharp again sounded the trumpet on the top floor to announce the arrival of the parade. All of the partygoers joined in and the parade proceeded out the main “castle” entrance to the Medieval Garden. Musical Entertainment was provided outdoors by the Van Buren Middle School Band under the direction of Mr. Rick Eakin. The parade moved around the “Grand Circle” and everyone waved to the many people who lined the sidewalks. As they neared the end of the parade route everyone crossed the bridge, in the Medieval Garden, and proceeded to the “Grand Concert Hall”.

The Grand Concert Hall was packed with standing room only. Entertainment was provided by the 4th and 5th grade. Miss Darci VanVlerah directed the 4th graders in the singing of “*Joust*” and “*Mighty Medieval Men*”. Mr. James Vaughn directed the 5th graders in the singing of “*Nottanum Town*” and “*Sing a Song of Sixpence*”. The songs were well practiced and dynamic. Raucous applause bellowed from the Grand Concert Hall.

After the concert, the festival goers proceeded to the “Grand Hall” where more than 100 members of the Van Buren School National Honor Society were waiting to assist the Lords and Ladies with the many games and crafts that the festival had to offer. Many parents were on hand to help wherever they were needed. Some of them stayed for the entire day to help. The committee wishes to thank everyone who helped with the Knight’s Fest this year.

The craft booths were ever popular again this year. Many of the festival attendees fashioned several “period crafts” to take home with them. The “Munchkin Village” was well stocked with many fun activities including hair braiding, puppetry, and castle building blocks.

Mrs. Allen baked hundreds of gingerbread cookies again this year. The committee wishes to thank her for this huge endeavor. The Lords and Ladies were allowed to decorate their cookies with delicious white frosting and mini chocolate candies. Many families provided the gingerbread mix, pretzels, and apple juice for refreshment. Thank you to those families and to the Van Buren Elementary Parent’s Association for their help and donations, as well.

Storytelling was a big draw this year with two new stories. Mrs. Ramlow and Miss VanVlerah acted as the storytellers once again, and attendance was at an all time high. One story was written by a 12 year old girl from Japan and left everyone in suspense with the thrilling ending line: “a dark shadow appeared behind me and I knew what it was.” The other story was the story of “*Sing a Song of Sixpence*” which told the meaning behind the rhyme. Ironically, it was the same song that the 5th graders had learned and sung for the concert earlier in the day.

Mr. Kniss provided a “live stream” of the festival using lots of high-tech equipment that he had set up. The “live stream” can be viewed on the Van Buren School Website. Thank you to Mr. Kniss for his hard work and expertise.

The committee wishes to thank everyone, once again, who helped with set-up and clean-up, donated time, talents, and supplies. The Van Buren Knight’s Festival has become a wonderful tradition and is known by people throughout the county. We hope to see everyone at next year’s Knight’s Festival.

Seventh Annual Knight's Fest

Elementary News



October Knights of the Round Table

Students selected by their noon monitors enjoyed lunch and an ice cream treat as "Round Table Knights" — a reward for their positive attitude and behavior during the month of October. Students were also able to invite a friend or family member to join them at the round table. Congratulations to these students!



October – *Back Row:* Megan Muzy, Reece Young, Anna Girdler, Jacob Emerine, Jaden Tabler, Mason McMonigal, Emma Wilcox. *Middle Row:* Brittany Mitchell, Camrie Roberts, Jessi LaFontaine, Austin Switzer, Dalton Swope, Alexia Ricker, Drew VanAtta, Brandon Smith. *Front Row:* Tori King, Kennedy VanScoy, Mia Leal, Brooke Riegle, Andrew Parsell, Caiden Snyder, Karissa Welte.

VBMS Honors Veterans through Honor Flight Donation

Each year VBMS likes to recognize Veterans Day in a different way. This year we decided to rally home bases in order to sponsor an honor flight for a deserving veteran. Honor Flight takes our veterans to Washington, D.C. for a day to tour the monuments and memorials they so deserve.

Home base advisory groups are engaged in all sorts of fundraising: a bake sale, selling the privilege of wearing a hat, selling donuts before school, and even raffling off a Play Station 3. Thanks to Tim Horton's and Best Buy Distribution Center for their generosity in helping our students with this project.

According to Honor Flight, one veteran's trip costs \$700. As a school, our goal is to fund at least one veteran's trip. Our fundraising ended Friday, November 12, the day following Veterans Day. Thanks to all of our students, families, and staff for embracing such an important project. Details of the final amount raised will be posted online and in the December VBMS eNews.

Outdoor Education Showcased at State School Board Conference

The VBMS 7th grade outdoor education camp program was showcased during the Ohio School Board Association's Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair. The Capital Conference attracts thousands of school board members and administrators. Thanks to Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Brown, and eighth graders Alexis Youngpeter, Tabi Gerken, and Matt Cooper for representing Van Buren at the conference.

Sports News

All Sports Passes & Season Tickets for 2010-2011

All BVC JV/Varsity tickets prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Middle School prices remain the same at \$3 Adult and \$2 Student. Van Buren School will once again be offering an All Sports Pass which will entitle the pass holder into every regular home sporting event, (this does not include the Van Buren Wrestling Invitational or either of the track invitationals). These passes are non-transferable. The family members, upon purchasing the passes, will have their names put on a pass. Passes must be present to enter the event. It does not matter how many members are in the family...the cost for the family pass is \$250.00.

- 1. FAMILY PASS - \$250. This plan includes general admission for the parents and all immediate family members in grades 1-12. It includes all home athletic events, junior high through varsity.
- 2. STUDENT ALL SPORTS PASS - \$75. General admission for any student, grades 1-12 to all home athletic contests, junior high through varsity.
- 3. ADULT ALL SPORTS PASS - \$125. General admission for one adult to all home athletic contests, junior high through varsity.
- 4. SEASON BOYS BASKETBALL PASS - \$60/ADULT, \$40/STUDENT. General admission for all home boys' varsity basketball games.
- 5. SEASON RESERVED BOYS BASKETBALL PASS - \$80/ADULT. Reserved seating for all home boys' varsity basketball games.

- NOTES:
- 1. You may order your passes by filling out the following application and mailing to this address:
Van Buren High School c/o Randy Ebling
217 South Main Street
Van Buren, Ohio 45889
 - 2. Senior Citizens - Van Buren School residents, 65 years of age or older, will be admitted to all HOME games free of charge (barring a pre-sale due to demand). Senior citizens can also order a pass with this application. You do NOT need a new pass every year.
 - 3. All pass holders, including senior citizens, will receive a pass. You **must** have your pass to enter the game. This will help our ticket takers greatly. Thank you.
 - 4. If you want a Family All Sports Pass and still reserve basketball seats, it will be an additional \$20.00 per seat.
 - 5. If you have any questions, please call the athletic department at (419) 299-3384 ext. 305.

Name: _____
Address: _____

All-Sports Pass: Boys Reserved Basketball Season Tickets:
Family: _____ @ \$250.00 = \$ _____ Adult: _____ @ \$80.00 = \$ _____
Adult: _____ @ \$125.00 = \$ _____ Total: = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$75.00 = \$ _____

Boys Basketball Season Tickets:
Adult: _____ @ \$60.00 = \$ _____
Student: _____ @ \$40.00 = \$ _____
Total: = \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
Van Buren Local Schools

Mail to: Van Buren Local School
Attn: Randy Ebling, Athletic Director
217 S. Main Street,
Van Buren, OH 45889

Names to be listed on passes:

VAN BUREN BLACK KNIGHT BOYS BASKETBALL ELEMENTARY CLINIC

Coach E.J. Frost, Coach Jerry Tripp, and players from the Varsity and JV basketball teams would like to invite elementary boys into the gym for six sessions of play and instruction to learn the proper fundamentals, play games, and be a part of our program.

Who:
All boys in grades 3-6
When:
Saturday, December 11, 2010 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, December 18, 2010 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, January 8, 2011 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, January 15, 2011 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, January 29, 2011 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.
Saturday, February 5, 2011 9:30 - 11:00 A.M.

Cost:
\$25 per player, please make checks payable to **The Van Buren Athletic Boosters** and return to Coach Frost or the high school office before Saturday, December 11, 2010. Proceeds go to the Van Buren boys' basketball program.

PLAYER'S NAME: _____
GRADE LEVEL _____
SHIRT SIZE _____

Enjoy the Game

Students should come to our games to watch and support their classmates in the most sportsman-like and positive manner, while representing our school and community as a true Black Knight Fan.

- The Blanchard Valley Conference (BVC) does not allow hand-held noise makers.
- No Smoking in the building or on the school grounds.
- All school rules apply towards students at all school-sponsored activities.
- Fans are asked not to leave the game except during timeouts and end of quarters.
- **Always be courteous and gracious to others.**
- **POSITIVE COMMENTS ONLY!**

School News

WHAT IS SPORTSMANSHIP?

Sportsmanship is a demonstration of generosity and genuine concern for others. It is a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. Sportsmanship is . . .

1. Sportsmanship is blending of cheers for “your team” and applause for the “opponents,” observing the letter and spirit of the rules and showing consideration for others.
2. Sportsmanship is respect. Respect for others and for one’s self.
3. Sportsmanship is all this and much more.
4. For a coach, sportsmanship may be accepting a “questionable” call without protest.
5. For an athlete, it may be extending a helping hand to an opponent who is down.
6. For a spectator, it may be cheering for his team when it loses, and applauding the opponent when it wins.
7. For an official, it may be showing restraint when verbally assaulted by coaches, athletes, and spectators.
8. Sportsmanship encompasses all that which is good in human nature.
9. Sportsmanship is citizenship in action.
10. Sportsmanship is the practice of playing fair, of taking defeat without complaint, or victory without gloating, and treating opponents with respect, generosity, courtesy, etc.

VB High School/Middle School Guidance News

- All sophomores took the PLAN test on November 3. This is the pre-ACT test and will help them prepare for future ACT testing as well as give them a career profile that will be used in their English class.
- Seniors need to get their college applications in by December 1. Several of our students have already been accepted to the colleges of their choice. Many colleges and universities have their scholarship deadlines at that time also. Seniors are also reminded that they must contact the guidance office when sending in college applications so I can send in a high school transcript and any needed recommendations.
- On-line FAFSA financial aid application information and worksheets for the 2011-2012 school year will be available on line at www.fafsa.ed.gov for seniors in mid December. The FAFSA must be ready to be sent out as soon as possible after January 1, 2011.
- The county-wide financial aid meeting for college bound senior and junior parents will be held at Van Buren on January 19 at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium. It is recommended that at least one parent attend, especially if this is your first time having a student go on to college.
- The school home page also has all the updated guidance information, scholarships, as well as current news available for viewing. Most local scholarships will be available in the guidance office in January.
- Any junior boy who may be interested in attending Buckeye Boys State next June should contact Mr. Zender for more information.

SEARCH FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES Intensive Awareness Campaign Announced

The Ohio Department of Education is conducting an Intensive Awareness Campaign in accordance with the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Ohio Revised Code, and the State Board of Education's *Rules for the Education of Handicapped Children*.

Each public school district, Ohio's 16 special education regional resource centers, and the Ohio Department of Education are trying to identify children with disabilities, birth through age 21, who may be in need of special education services.

For children birth to three, a disability means an established condition known to result in delay, or a documented developmental delay.

For children ages three through five, a disability means that a child has a documented deficit in one or more of the following developmental areas: communication, vision, hearing, motor skills, social emotional/behavior functioning, self-help skills, and/or cognitive skills.

For school-age students, a disability means that a student has been identified as having one or more of the following conditions: autism, deaf-blindness, hearing impairment including deafness, mental retardation (DH), multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, other health impairment, emotional disturbance (SBH), specific learning disability, speech or language impairment, traumatic brain injury, and/or visual impairment including blindness.

Your public school offers evaluation for all children with suspected disabilities, birth through age 21; and education for all children with disabilities ages three through 21 years.

Once the school district is notified about a child who is suspected of having a disability, the child's parent(s) are contacted and informed of their rights, as required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Ohio Revised Code and the State Board of Education's *Rules for the Education of Handicapped Children*; and arrangements are made to evaluate the child in cooperation with the parent(s).

If you know a child who is suspected of having a disability, please contact: Van Buren Local School, 217 S. Main St., Van Buren, Ohio 45889, Mr. Tim Myers, Superintendent, 299-3578.

News from the Hancock County Health Department

The Hancock County public health nurses are in the process of doing vision and hearing screening as is required by the Ohio Revised Code. These are done in pre-school, kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, and ninth grades. If your child fails these screenings you will receive communication from the nurse encouraging you to have them evaluated by a physician. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to call your school nurse at 419-424-7869. We are happy to announce that scoliosis screening will resume this school year and will be done in January or February. This will be for students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

We are still seeing pertussis (whooping cough) cases in surrounding counties as well as a few cases in Hancock County. Remember that timely vaccination is the key to preventing this serious disease. If you have a new member of the family, they need started on their vaccinations by 2 months of age. If you are a parent with children under the age of 4 years, you are also encouraged to have the new Tdap vaccine. All children entering the 7th grade in the fall will be required to have this vaccine prior to the start of school. It is not too early to think about getting this done. Call your physician or the local health department to schedule an appointment.

Sports News

2010-2011
BLACK KNIGHT WINTER
SPORTS SCHEDULES

2010-2011 Boys Varsity Basketball

Fri.	Nov. 26	BVC Preview @ LB	A	6:00
Sat.	Dec. 04	Columbus Grove	H	6:00
Fri.	Dec. 10	Arlington	A	6:00
Sat.	Dec. 11	Miller City	A	6:00
Fri.	Dec. 17	Pandora Gilboa	H	6:00
Sat.	Dec. 18	New Riegel	A	6:00
Tues.	Dec. 21	Hopewell Loudon	H	6:00
Mon.	Dec. 27	Otsego	A	6:00
Thurs.	Dec. 30	Toledo Christian	H	6:00
Fri.	Jan. 7	Liberty Benton	H	6:00
Sat.	Jan. 8	Elmwood	A	6:00
Fri.	Jan. 14	Cory Rawson	A	6:00
Fri.	Jan. 21	Arcadia	A	6:00
Tues.	Jan. 25	Carey	H	6:00
Fri.	Jan. 28	Vanlue	A	6:00
Fri.	Feb. 4	Leipsic	H	6:00
Sat.	Feb. 5	Calvert	H	6:00
Fri.	Feb. 11	McComb	H	6:00
Fri.	Feb. 18	Hardin Northern	A	6:00
Sat.	Feb. 19	Kalida	A	6:00
Fri.	Feb. 25	Patrick Henry	H	6:00

2010-2011 Freshman Boys Basketball

Thurs.	Dec. 2	Leipsic	A	5:00
Sat.	Dec. 11	New Riegel	H	11:00
Mon.	Feb. 13	Carey	A	5:00
Mon.	Dec. 20	Continental	H	5:00
Tues.	Dec. 21	Hopewell Loudon	H	4:30
Mon.	Dec. 27	Otsego	A	4:30
Thurs.	Jan. 6	McComb	A	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 8	Elmwood	A	4:30
Fri.	Jan. 14	Cory Rawson	A	4:30
Wed.	Jan. 19	Bath HS	H	5:00
Thurs.	Jan. 20	Arlington	H	5:00
Thurs.	Jan. 27	Pandora Gilboa	H	5:00
Mon.	Jan. 31	Miller City	H	5:00
Thurs.	Feb. 3	Liberty Benton	H	5:00
Sat.	Feb. 5	Tiffin Calvert	H	4:30

2010-2011 Girls Varsity Basketball

Fri.	Nov. 19	BVC Preview @ CR	A	6:00
Fri.	Nov. 26	Bucyrus Tourney	A	5:00
Sat.	Nov. 27	Bucyrus Tourney	A	5:00
Tues.	Nov. 30	Eastwood	H	6:00
Thurs.	Dec. 2	Leipsic	H	6:00
Tues.	Dec. 7	Woodmore	H	6:00
Thurs.	Dec. 9	Hardin Northern	A	6:00
Thurs.	Dec. 16	Cory Rawson	H	6:00
Wed.	Dec. 22	Carey	H	6:00
Mon.	Dec. 27	Shawnee Local	A	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 6	McComb	H	6:00
Tues.	Jan. 11	New Riegel	H	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 13	Arcadia	H	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 20	Arlington	A	6:00
Sat.	Jan. 22	Otsego	A	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 24	St. Wendelin	H	6:00
Thurs.	Jan. 27	Pandora Gilboa	A	6:00
Tues.	Feb. 1	Patrick Henry	A	6:00
Thurs.	Feb. 3	Liberty Benton	A	6:00
Thurs.	Feb. 10	Vanlue	A	6:00
Sat.	Feb. 12	Upper Scioto Valley	A	12:00

2010-2011 Freshman Girls Basketball

Mon.	Nov. 29	Pandora Gilboa	A	5:00
Tues.	Nov. 30	Eastwood	H	4:30
Thurs.	Dec. 2	Leipsic	H	4:30
Mon.	Dec. 6	Bryan	A	4:30
Wed.	Dec. 8	Findlay	A	6:30
Mon.	Dec. 13	Carey	A	5:00
Thurs.	Dec. 16	Cory Rawson	H	4:30
Wed.	Dec. 22	Carey	H	4:30
Tues.	Jan. 4	Findlay	H	6:30
Sat.	Jan. 8	Fort Jennings	A	11:00
Wed.	Jan. 12	Leipsic	A	5:00
Thurs.	Jan. 20	Arlington	A	4:30
Fri.	Jan. 21	Fremont St. Joe	A	4:30
Sat.	Jan. 22	Otsego	A	4:30
Tues.	Feb. 1	Milan Edison	A	6:15

2010-2011 Middle School Wrestling

Sat.	Dec. 4	Upper Sandusky Invite	A	10:00
Sat.	Dec. 11	Mohawk Invite	A	10:00
Tues.	Dec. 14	McComb w/Cardinal Stritch	A	5:00
Sat.	Dec. 18	Liberty Center Invite	A	9:00
Mon.	Dec. 27	Arcadia	A	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 3	Northwood w/Stryker	A	6:00
Sat.	Jan. 8	Spencerville Invite	A	10:00
Sat.	Jan. 15	Fostoria Invite	A	10:00
Tues.	Jan. 18	Patrick Henry	A	5:00
Tues.	Jan. 25	Cory Rawson w/Ada	A	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 29	OWL Invite @ McComb	A	9:00

2010-2011 Varsity Wrestling

Fri.	Dec. 3	Springfield Invite-Holland	A	4:00
Sat.	Dec. 4	Springfield Invite-Holland	A	9:00
Sat.	Dec. 11	Arcadia Invite	A	10:00
Tues.	Dec. 14	McComb w/Cardinal Stritch	A	5:00
Sat.	Dec. 18	Edgerton Duals	A	10:00
Mon.	Dec. 27	Arcadia	A	6:00
Mon.	Jan. 3	Northwood w/Stryker	A	6:00
Tues.	Jan. 11	Mohawk	A	6:00
Tues.	Jan. 18	Findlay	H	6:30
Fri.	Jan. 21	Van Buren Invite	H	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 22	Van Buren Invite	H	9:30
Fri.	Jan. 28	LCC Invite	A	5:30
Sat.	Jan. 29	LCC Invite	A	9:30
Sat.	Feb. 12	OWL Invitational @ CR	A	10:00

2010-2011 MS Boys Basketball

Mon.	Nov. 15	Leipsic	A	5:00
Mon.	Nov. 29	Arlington	H	5:00
Thurs.	Dec. 2	Hopewell Loudon	A	5:00
Mon.	Dec. 6	McComb	A	5:00
Mon.	Dec. 13	Arcadia	A	5:00
Wed.	Dec. 15	St. Wendelin	H	5:00
Sat.	Dec. 18	New Riegel	H	10:00
Mon.	Dec. 20	Pandora Gilboa	H	5:00
Mon.	Jan. 3	Vanlue	H	5:00
Wed.	Jan. 5	North Baltimore	H	5:00
Mon.	Jan. 10	Cory Rawson	A	5:00
Mon.	Jan. 17	Liberty Benton	H	5:00
Wed.	Jan. 19	St. Peter & Paul-Ottawa	H	5:00
Mon.	Jan. 24	Hardin Northern	H	5:00
Wed.	Jan. 26	Cory Rawson Invite	A	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 29	Cory Rawson Invite	A	10:00
Wed.	Feb. 2	Cory Rawson Invite	A	5:00
Sat.	Feb. 5	Cory Rawson Invite	A	10:00

2010-2011 MS Girls Basketball

Mon.	Nov. 1	Liberty Benton	A	5:00
Mon.	Nov. 8	Hardin Northern	A	5:00
Mon.	Nov. 15	Leipsic	H	5:00
Mon.	Nov. 29	Arlington	A	5:00
Thurs.	Dec. 2	Hopewell Loudon	H	5:00
Mon.	Dec. 6	McComb	H	5:00
Mon.	Dec. 13	Arcadia	H	5:00
Wed.	Dec. 15	St. Wendelin	A	5:00
Sat.	Dec. 18	New Riegel	A	10:00
Mon.	Dec. 20	Pandora Gilboa	A	5:00
Mon.	Jan. 3	Vanlue	A	5:00
Wed.	Jan. 5	North Baltimore	A	5:00
Tues.	Jan. 10	Cory Rawson	H	5:00
Wed.	Jan. 12	St. Peter & Paul-Ottawa	H	5:00
Wed.	Jan. 12	Cory Rawson Invite	A	6:00
Sat.	Jan. 15	Cory Rawson Invite	A	10:00
Wed.	Jan. 19	Cory Rawson Invite	A	5:00
Sat.	Jan. 22	Cory Rawson Invite	A	10:00

Procedures for
AWAY GAMES or
TOURNAMENTS

Anytime a limited number of tickets are available for AWAY GAMES or TOURNAMENTS, the following sequence of procedures will be in effect.

- Basketball program personnel*:
 - Limit 2 - Less than 1,000 tickets available
 - Limit 4 - Less than 2,000 tickets available
 - Limit 8 - 2,000 or more available
- Season Pass holder: (1 per pass)
 - Limit one per season pass (if tickets not purchased above)
 - Limit one per reserved seat (if tickets not purchased above)
 - Limit one per student pass (if tickets not purchased above)
- Students: (1 per student)
 - Limit one student ticket per student (if tickets not purchased above)
- Employees: (2 per employee)
 - Limit 2 adult tickets per employee (if tickets not purchased above)
- Community: (2 per member)
 - Limit 2 adult tickets per community member (if tickets not purchased above)
- Alumni: (2 per Alumni)
 - Limit 2 adult tickets per alumni (if tickets not purchased above)
- First come, first served basis

*Program personnel includes:
Coaches, Managers,
Statisticians, Players
(V/JV/9th), Video Recorder,
Scorers table,
Cheerleaders (V/JV),
Administration, Announcer



Best of Luck
to all of
Van Buren
Athletes on a
successful
season

Music Booster News

Air National Guard Concert Enjoyable End to Sharp Dressed Band Campaign

Our community was treated to a variety of music – a little jazz, a little rock, patriotic marches of course, and a Salute to the Armed Forces. There was even a little fun when the ANG recruited a guest conductor out of the audience for their band.

The presentation of the band uniforms to Van Buren Schools was not the only presentation of the day. A ‘Home Town Heroes Salute’ award ceremony was held to honor 10 members of the Air National Guard who recently returned from the Middle East and their families who stayed behind.

The History of the Air National Guard Band of the Great Lakes, formerly known as the “Triple Nickel” dates back to the 1920’s. The band is located at the 180th Fighter Wing at Toledo Express Airport. They



“Conductor” Bryon Lako, VB junior, talks with 2nd Lt. Dan Boothe, Director of the Air National Guard Band of the Great Lakes.



Home Town Heroes receive awards and medals at concert.

meet one weekend a month and two weeks during the summer to train, rehearse and perform. Their mission is to establish and maintain favorable relations within the community, augment local recruiting efforts, and provide appropriate music for civilian and military functions. They cover Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and West Virginia. The 36-member band came from all over the state of Ohio and a few from as far away as Florida and Arizona.

Listeners enjoyed several selections by the entire ANG band and a few selections by their rock group “Wingspan”. The Van Buren High School Band students joined the ANG band for two selections at the end of the concert.


Prior to the concert, the two bands enjoyed a lunch together provided by Bubba’s Southern Pride and then had a brief joint practice session. Also, a reception hosted by the Uniform Committee for donors of record was held in the Community Room. Funds totaling over \$25,000 were raised in one year’s time to purchase the seventy new uniforms, replacing the ones that had served the band for 16 years. These uniforms, which have a removable Marching Shield, were first revealed on September 17 at our first BVC home football game. When the Marching Shield is removed, the Concert Shield is revealed. The band wore this look for the first time at the ‘Thank You’ Concert on November 14, 2010.



Karen Flanagan, School Board President, accepts the donation of new band uniforms from Music Booster President, Bill Schultz. Modeling the uniforms are senior band members, Teresa Schultz (in the Marching Shield) and Erica Arthur (in the Concert Shield).



Lt. Dan gets the crowd involved in the concert as the combined ANG and VB High School bands play.



Van Buren’s *The Association*
Harlan’s CHICKEN BBQ

Friday , December 17, 2010
4:00 – 6:00 PM
(before the Pandora Gilboa game)
VB Elementary Cafeteria
\$8.00 per meal

Meal includes: ½ chicken, au gratin potatoes, green beans, roll, homemade dessert and beverage




Purchase tickets from any Show Choir member
November 29 - December 10, 2010.



The Uniform Committee would like to thank the following donors for additional donations received. These funds will be used to purchase the add-on capes for the Marching Uniforms.

Dennis & Janice Bishop in honor of Dawn
Mrs. Linda Darnell

December & January Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>** Menu subject to change **</p> <p>District III HS Jazz Band Rehearsal, Elida HS, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.</p> <p>5 DECEMBER</p>	<p>•Macaroni & Cheese, Broccoli, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Freshman Girls Basketball @ Bryan, 4:30 P.M. MS Boys Basketball @ McComb MS Girls Basketball w/McComb Athletic Boosters - 7:00 PM, Com Rm Music Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Fine Arts Wing</p> <p>6</p>	<p>•Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/ Chicken Gravy, Fruit, Milk •Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetables, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/Woodmore</p> <p>7</p>	<p>•Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk •Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Freshman Girls Basketball @ Findlay, 6:30 P.M. Interim Reports Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>8</p>	<p>•Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Old Fashion Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball @ Hardin Northern</p> <p>9</p>	<p>•Fish Sandwich, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk •BBQ Rib Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Early Dismissal @ 1:00 P.M. for Teacher/Staff Development</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball @ Arlington</p> <p>10</p>	<p>District III OMEA HS Honors Choir & Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Var Boys Basketball @ Miller City Var Wrestling @ Arcadia Invite, 10:00 A.M. Freshman Boys Basketball w/ New Riegel, 11:00 A.M. MS Wrestling @ Mohawk Invite, 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>11</p>
<p>Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5)</p> <p>Italicized Print - MS & HS Menu (6-12)</p> <p>12</p>	<p>•Tacos, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Tacos, Corn, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Freshman Boys Basketball @ Carey Freshman Girls Basketball @ Carey, 5:00 P.M. MS Boys Basketball @ Arcadia MS Girls Basketball w/Arcadia HS Winter Choral Concert, 7:30 PM</p> <p>13</p>	<p>•Beef Ravioli, Green Beans, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Wrestling @ McComb w/Stitch, 5:00 P.M. MS Wrestling @ McComb w/Stitch, 5:00 P.M. 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Winter Choral Concert, 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>14</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk •Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>MS Boys Basketball W/St. Wendelin MS Girls Basketball @ St. Wendelin Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>15</p>	<p>•Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Chicken Breast Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/Cory Rawson Freshman Girls Basketball w/Cory Rawson, 4:30 P.M. MS Boys Basketball w/HL 16 MS Girls Basketball @ HL</p> <p>16</p>	<p>•Chicken Breast Sandwich, Carrot Stix w/Dip, Fruit, Milk •Sub Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball w/Pandora Gilboa</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Var Boys Basketball @ New Riegel Var Wrestling @ Edgerton Duals, 10:00 A.M. MS Wrestling @ Liberty Center Invite, 9:00 A.M. MS Boys Basketball w/New Riegel, 10:00 A.M. MS Girls Basketball @ New Riegel, 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>18</p>
<p>Lunch Prices:</p> <p>K-5 \$1.85 6-12 \$2.10 Ala Carte \$2.35 Adult \$2.60 Milk \$0.45 Sandwich \$1.50 French Fries \$1.35 Ice Cream \$0.70</p> <p>19</p>	<p>•Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dog, Fruit, Milk •Chili w/Cheese, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Freshman Boys Basketball w/ Continental MS Boys Basketball w/Pandora Gilboa MS Girls Basketball @ Pandora Gilboa</p> <p>20</p>	<p> Christmas Dinners •Sliced Ham, Cheese Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Oranges, Milk •Sliced Ham, Cheese Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Oranges, Milk</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball w/Hopewell Loudon Freshman Boys Basketball w/ Hopewell Loudon, 4:30 P.M.</p> <p>21</p>	<p>•Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/Carey Freshman Girls Basketball w/ Carey, 4:30 P.M.</p> <p>22</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Christmas Break Begins</p> <p>23</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>24</p>	<p></p> <p>25</p>
<p>This institute is an equal opportunity provider.</p> <p>26</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball @ Otsego Var Girls Basketball @ Shawnee Var Wrestling @ Arcadia, 6:00 P.M. Freshman Boys Basketball @ Otsego, 4:30 P.M. MS Wrestling @ Arcadia, 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>27</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>28</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>29</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball w/Toledo Christian</p> <p>30</p>	<p>NO SCHOOL</p> <p>31</p>	<p>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011</p> <p></p> <p>1 JANUARY</p>
<p>District III HS Jazz Band Rehearsal, Bluffton HS, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>•Pepperoni & Cheese Breadstix, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL Var Wrestling @ Northwood w/ Stryker, 6:00 P.M. MS Boys Basketball w/Vanlue MS Girls Basketball @ Vanlue MS Wrestling @ Northwood w/Stryker, 6:00 P.M. Athletic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Community Room</p> <p>3</p>	<p>•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk •Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice, Buttered Broccoli, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Freshman Girls Basketball w/ Findlay, 6:30 P.M.</p> <p>4</p>	<p>•Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk •Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>MS Boys Basketball w/North Baltimore MS Girls Basketball @ North Baltimore Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>5</p>	<p>•Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/McComb Freshman Boys Basketball @ McComb</p> <p>6</p>	<p>•BBQ Rib Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk •Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Boys Basketball w/Liberty Benton</p> <p>7</p>	<p>District III OMEA HS Honors Choir & Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 9:00AM - 3:00PM Var Boys Basketball @ Elmwood Freshman Boys Basketball @ Elmwood, 4:30 P.M. Freshman Girls Basketball @ Fort Jennings, 11:00 A.M. MS Wrestling @ Spencerville Invite, 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>8</p>
<p>District III HS Jazz Band Rehearsal, Elida HS, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.</p> <p>9</p>	<p>•Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Fruit, Milk •Chicken Noodle Soup, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>MS Boys Basketball @ Cory Rawson MS Girls Basketball w/Cory Rawson Music Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Fine Arts Wing</p> <p>10</p>	<p>•Mini Corn Dogs, French Fries, Fruit, Milk •Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>Var Girls Basketball w/New Riegel Var Wrestling @ Mohawk, 6:00 P.M.</p> <p>11</p>	<p>•Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>SEMESTER EXAMS Freshman Girls Basketball @ Leipsic, 5:00 P.M. MS Girls Basketball w/St. Peter & Paul - Ottawa MS Girls Basketball @ CR Invite, 6:00 P.M. Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center</p> <p>12</p>	<p>•Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk •Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>SEMESTER EXAMS Var Girls Basketball w/Arcadia Board of Education meeting, 7:00 P.M., Commty Rm</p> <p>13</p>	<p>•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk •Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk</p> <p>End of 1st Semester SEMESTER EXAMS Var Boys Basketball @ CR Freshman Boys Basketball @ Cory Rawson, 4:30 P.M. District III HS Jazz Band Rehearsal, Van Wert HS, 5:00 - 7:00 PM</p> <p>14</p>	<p>District III OMEA HS Honors Choir & Band Rehearsal @ Van Wert HS, 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. MS Girls Basketball @ CR Invite, 10:00 A.M. MS Wrestling @ Fostoria Invite, 10:00 A.M.</p> <p>15</p>