

Blue Devil Coffee Talk

February 2020
Edition 4



“Maker Space” Up and Running at WPS

One of our goals at Wynot Public Schools is to offer students access to cutting edge technology. One of the many ways we are doing this is by creating the Wynot Maker Space. For those unfamiliar with this term, a maker space is a dedicated room where individuals have access to technology and tools that will help them take an idea and turn it into a physical product. For several years now, students have had access to different styles of 3D printers and a replicators. Thanks to a grant, three major pieces of technology have now been added to this list. Joining our maker space is now a high end Apple computer, a laser etcher/cutter, and a



Carter Torpin holds up a laser etched dinosaur he created with the new laser

vinyl cutting machine. With the addition of these items, students will now have the ability to create and learn in brand new ways. The school has also made upgrades to the physical space where these machines are used. In the past the maker space was in the same room that was also used for technology storage. After a week of cleaning and organizing, this is no longer the case. Now, students have a dedicated space where they can work and create with these machines free from clutter and distractions.

Teachers Benefit From Professional Development Day

During the January 3rd teacher in-serve, staff members were exposed to numerous things that will help make our students become more successful. Throughout the day there was a meeting discussing school safety, on-site training for our new Edgenuity program, and a guest speaker. The speaker was Dr. Matt McNiff from ESU 5 who serves as the Special Education Director. The topic of his presentation was positivity and student discipline. During his time, Wynot teachers were given specific strategies that will help students of all levels, both academically and behaviorally, to become more successful in the classroom. The next in-service days for our teachers will be February 20th and 21st for the elementary staff and February 21st for middle and high school teachers.



Dr. McNiff working with the elementary staff on various strategies for students with behavior problems

Quiz Bowl Team Competes in Conference Tournament

Some of the brightest minds in the high school were sent to Wayne State College on January 15th to represent our school in the annual conference academic contest. The Blue Devils faced off against 17 teams from around the conference. After a long day of wins and close losses, both the varsity and junior varsity walked away from the day earning 5th place. Wausa took home first place for the JV division and the Varsity championship went to the team from Randolph.

Wynot Principal Mr. Torpin accompanied the students to WSC serving as the sponsor of the event. Competing in the JV division for Wynot was Jonathan Dodge, James Collins, Amy Tramp, and Colin Wieseler. The varsity team was made up of Elizabeth Dodge, Trystan Heimes, Shaelee Planer, and Owen Sudbeck.



Lockdown Drill Practiced By Staff and Students



On January 16th our school practiced what to do in an emergency lockdown situation. Led by members of the Safety and Security Committee, the drill was a huge success. Lasting for approximately one hour, students went into the practice lockdown at 1:15 PM. After ensuring that doors were locked, lights were off, and students were out of sight, each class was escorted to the gym where a reunification process took place. During this time every student and staff member was accounted for and a discussion took place where specific feedback was given to help students become even more prepared in the event of a real emergency.

Wynot School Board Members Elect 2020 Officers

At the January 16th school board meeting, members took part in a vote to elect officers and decide committee members for the upcoming year. The following was decided: Alison Lange - President, Greg Hite - Vice President, Aaron Burbach - Secretary, and Nancy Sydow - Treasurer. Other board members, not elected to leadership positions, include Justin Hans, Todd Pinkelman, and Laurie Schulte. For this list and the individual committees each serve on, please visit our school website.

Upcoming Events For February....

- JH BB @ St. Rose
 - L & C Conference BB Tournament
 - L&C Conference BB - Girls Home VS Plainview
 - Speech @ Hartington
 - No School
 - L&C Conference BB - Boys @ Ponca VS HNS
 - JH BB @ Homer
 - Wynot Speech Meet
 - Conference BB Championship
 - BB Vs. Irene/Wakonda (home)
 - Board of Education Meeting
 - BB Vs. Hartington/Newcastle (home)
 - JH BB Vs. Ponca (home)
 - Speech @ Wausa
 - Girls BB Sub Districts (TBA)
 - JH BB @ Hartington
 - No School for for K-4 students
 - No School for PK-12 students
 - Speech @ Crofton
 - Boys BB Sub Districts (TBA)
- Feb 1
 - Feb 1-10
 - Feb 1
 - Feb 1
 - Feb 3
 - Feb 3
 - Feb 8
 - Feb 8
 - Feb 10
 - Feb 11
 - Feb 13
 - Feb 14
 - Feb 15
 - Feb 15
 - Feb 17
 - Feb 18,20,22
 - Feb 20
 - Feb 21
 - Feb 22
 - Feb 24



For details about these and other school events please visit our website www.wynotpublicschools.org



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