

# Paw Prints

## Budget Shortfall

The news for Missouri's 2010-11 budget is bleak at best. Every day school districts receive new information about the budget shortfall. This year (2009-10) Union R-XI is currently projecting a \$500,000 cut in the state foundation formula. That is in addition to the cuts already received early this year in the area of transportation (\$57,000) and Parents as Teachers Program (\$20,200). In January the District was informed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to expect a shortfall of \$178,000 in the formula. That amount changed during March when the House and the Senate passed language in a bill that excluded 157 districts from any formula cut this year (hold harmless districts) and the other 371 districts to bear the brunt of the entire cut. This new withholding will be over \$500,000 for the Union District. The Governor could veto that portion of the bill. We are asking him to veto.



Union R-XI stands to lose another 1.3 school year. What would this mean for to have larger class sizes, fewer at-risk and delay maintenance and repairs on e-mail our elected officials in Jefferson when making cuts. It's simply not fair entire cut. We do understand cuts have



What about next year's budget (2010-11)? It is critical that the "hold harmless language" not be included in the 2010-11 state budget bill (HB2002). If this language is included our district? The district would be forced programs, reduced transportation routes, buildings, etc. Please take time to write or City and ask them to treat all kids the same for some districts/kids to bear the brunt of the to be made, but do it fairly!



We do have supportive elected representatives/senator from Franklin County. Please thank them for their support thus far and encourage them to hold the line on cuts to only certain school districts.

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## Union R-XI School District Mission

The mission of the Union R-XI School District is to create a safe, drug-free, student-centered system with parental involvement, responsive to community and family needs; where all students are personally responsible, challenged and motivated, given time to imagine and create, and offered a global, current curriculum with educational, technical, economic, and health skills necessary to function successfully in society; where all faculty and staff are excellent, well-rewarded, and work successfully, individually and in teams, for the benefit of students and themselves; and where leadership and management of the system is influenced by those who participate.

### Mission Statement

The Mission of the Union R-XI School District is to provide an excellent education to all of our students by setting high standards in achievement, providing excellent faculty and staff, promoting community support, and providing appropriate technology.

### Vision

The Vision of the Union R-XI School District includes safe and secure facilities conducive for learning and appropriate to house quality programs and necessary services for learners from pre-kindergarten to graduation. The district will provide an environment that meets the diverse learning needs of all learners. The district will operate in an appropriately disciplined atmosphere, free of violence, drugs and alcohol, and the district will strive to promote an atmosphere of mutual respect between the learner and teacher. Learners will receive a strong foundation in the "basics" needed currently and for the future. Well-trained teachers will use innovative teaching practices with proven instructional methodology and assessment. All learners will have access to relevant technological tools and resources to support learning. Life-long learning will be fostered as students learn to apply their knowledge and demonstrate effective skills in communication and problem solving in order to succeed as productive citizens in an ever-changing world.

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Dear Patrons,

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last article for Paw Prints. I certainly leave the District with many memories: There have been happy times, sad times, exciting times, and unsettling times, but through it all we've accomplished many things because of the partnership and strong commitment to education of the Union R-XI Board, staff, and community.

Thank you for your friendship, your support, and your encouraging words when times were tough. I look forward to a new chapter of my life, but will always hold a special place (and a closet full of red & black!) in my heart for Union R-XI!

Sincerely,

Dr. VeAnn Tilson

Superintendent of Schools

## Union R-XI Retirement & Recognition BANQUET

**When:** *Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>*

**Time:** *6:30 Dinner*  
*Recognitions to follow*

**Where:** *High School Cafeteria*  
*Fine Arts Center*

**Menu:** *Ham, Roast Beef, Green Beans, New Potatoes, Salad, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, and Tea (Catered by Hagies)*

*Patrons may purchase reservations at \$7.00 per plate*

*Please RSVP to Tammi Voss by MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>*

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# Testing Time

By: Jennifer Davis

Students at Union R-XI School District will soon begin or have already begun the state achievement test. For elementary students, this test is called the Missouri Assessment Program although most teachers and students refer to it as the MAP. But, for high school students the test is called the End of Course Test or EOC for short.

“What are the Missouri Assessment Program and End of Course Tests?” one might ask. Well, the MAP is a series of tests that measures whether our students in Missouri are meeting our state’s standards. The same can be said of the EOC in that it refers to standards for one class at the high school. These standards were used to create curriculum guides for each grade level and subject; these are called Grade Level Expectations for K-8 students, GLEs for short, and Course Level Expectations for high school students, or CLEs for short.

“Why do we have these GLEs & CLEs?” These GLEs/CLEs give our teachers specific topics for instructing our students at every grade and subject area. This helps teachers to know what is expected for our students to learn at given levels and subjects.

“How does a parent find these?” We are glad you asked. Actually, people can go online to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education or DESE Web site for this information. The link is on the Union Homepage or the direct link is <http://dese.mo.gov/divimprove/curriculum/GLEDocuments.html>.

“Wow, this is really helpful information! These MAP & EOC tests seem much different than the tests I remember taking.” That is for sure! Most people remember taking some sort of multiple choice test; we answered a, b, c, or d. However, our students today are being tested on applying the knowledge he or she has learned. Our students are actually asked three different types of questions on the MAP: multiple choice, short answer or constructed response, and performance event. Short answer or constructed response asks our students to explain the answer or support it with evidence.

Performance event is another way for students to show what they know and apply it to real life situations. For example, in Communication Arts, which consists of reading, writing, and language, students may be asked to write an essay. Also, in Math students solve a multiple step problem that is based on real life.

## **K-8 Subjects that are tested this year:**

Communication Arts grades 3-8

Math grades 3-8

Science grades 5 & 8

High School Subjects with EOCs are:

Algebra 1 & 2      Biology      Geometry

English 1 & 2      Government      American History

## Test Taking Tips for Students:

Listen to test directions  
 Skim questions before reading selection  
 Read each choice carefully before choosing  
 Mark answers neatly  
 STRESSED—take deep breaths to relax  
 Check your answers before turning in  
 Do YOUR BEST!!  
 BE POSITIVE!!  
 Please feel free to contact your child’s school with further questions regarding MAP testing. Information from this article was found in Practical Parenting Partnerships. For more information, please visit [www.ppctr.org](http://www.ppctr.org).

## Testing dates by building:

Central Elementary April 7-15  
 Beaufort Elementary March 30- April 12  
 Clark-Vitt Elementary April 7-15  
 Middle School April 7-15  
 High School May 10-14  
**How can I help my child?**  
 Get plenty of sleep  
 Eat a healthy breakfast  
 Wear comfortable clothes  
 Arrive on time  
 Avoid absences during testing  
 BE POSITIVE!!!

# May is Asthma Awareness Month.

The Freedom Asthma Team is responsible for increasing awareness of asthma and asthma related illnesses and joins many organizations with the intent of taking action to get asthma under control in homes, schools and communities. Asthma affects approximately 23 million people of all ages and races. And, though asthma is prevalent, public awareness regarding the onset, progression, triggers, symptoms and asthma management remains limited.

Parents need to be aware that each child and family has various responses to asthma. Your physician is the best source for monitoring and providing medication and treatment plans that fit your child’s individual differences. Before you go to the appointment, keep a journal of your child’s symptoms and physician/emergency room visits. This will help you and your physician to decide on an individual health plan for your child.

As most of you are aware, with the onset of Spring, asthma and asthma related illnesses are on the rise.

Merck literature answers many questions you or your child may have regarding asthma.

One question that is repeatedly asked “DOES MY ASTHMA MEAN NO MORE FUN?” What parents can say: “You can still have fun even with asthma.” Staying active is important for your health. Follow your doctor’s advice on what kinds of sports and activities are right for you.

“WHAT KIND OF THINGS CAN YOU DO?” Swimming, walking, playing tag, playing baseball, and riding a bike are some things that you can do. If you have asthma, this does not mean you have to sit on the sidelines.

### Exercising with Asthma

Warm Up, Cool Down-warm up before you exercise, cool down slowly when you’re done. Light stretching or jogging can be good ways to warm up and cool down.



Tell Others: Tell your coaches and teachers that you have asthma. Make sure you have a copy of your asthma action plan. (which you receive from your physician’s office). The asthma action plan explains what to do if you have an asthma attack.

Senior Billy Bradley (right) ends his high school wrestling career with a 6th place finish in the 152lb weight class at the Missouri State Wrestling Championships in Columbia. Bradley defeated J.J. Flint of Lafayette (St. Joseph) by fall (2:52) in the first round. In the second round Bradley beat Nick Smith of Odessa 5-3 to secure a spot on the medal stand. In the semi-finals Bradley lost to eventual state champion Travis Lang of Kirksville by fall (3:52). In the wrestle backs Bradley injury default against Chris Atkins of MICDS. In the 5th place match Bradley lost to Chase Wisringer of Oak Grove by technical fall 17-2. Congratulations to Billy and all his success as a Union High School Wrestling Wildcat.



## Union Wildcat Athletics

Spring sports are underway Union High School with baseball, track, girls soccer and golf, and boys and girls track at Union Middle School. All of the teams have been practicing since March 1<sup>st</sup> and are currently in the middle of their seasons. For a schedule of events, you can log onto [www.oneschoolstreet.com](http://www.oneschoolstreet.com). Once you get to this site, you can locate Union High School and see our calendar of sporting events. You may also sign up to receive notifications or cancellations. If you have any questions about the site, please call Chris Arand at 583-2513 x1707.

Early into the spring season, our teams are enjoying a lot of success. At this writing, our girls soccer team, coached by Matt Fennesy, is undefeated at 4-0. Both our boys and girls track teams are doing very well and have outstanding numbers this year. Brad Julius is our head boys track coach, and Glenn Mechem is our girls track coach. The baseball team, coached by Ryan Bailey, has run into some bad weather and we are having trouble getting games in, but they are currently 1-1. Finally, our golf team led by Bill Juengel, is off to a great start. We are hoping for a great spring sport season and hopefully will get some athletes through to state competition in our individual sports, and also our team sports.

Union High School will be the host of the Class 3 District 5 Track Meet to be held on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Sixteen schools will be here competing to advance to the sectional meet. It should be a great day of competition and excitement for our school.

Marcus Parmentier, Jacob Zweifel - Trumpet Trio

On March 26<sup>th</sup> at the District Music Festival, Chamber Choir and Women's Choir both earned an "Excellent 2" rating for their performances. On the following day Brandon Yenzer, and Savana Showalter each received a "Superior 1" rating for their vocal solos. Marielle Klemme, Sam Campbell, Lyddia Skaggs, Brittany Porter, Annie Labeau, and Shelby Reed also received a "Superior 1" rating for their performance as the UHS Women's Sextet. Sam Campbell, Marielle Klemme, Emily Porter, Lyddia Skaggs, and Kevin Zeugin each received an "Excellent 2" rating for their vocal solos. Annie Labeau also received an "Excellent 2" rating for her piano solo. Congratulations to all of these musicians for their outstanding performances and good luck to Brandon, Savana, and the Women's Sextet when they perform for the State Music Festival in Columbia on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Whether you are simply looking to fulfill your fine arts credit, are passionate about singing, or want to be a part of a winning team there is a place for you in choir. Auditions to be in one of UHS's select vocal ensembles for the 2010-2011 school year will be held soon, so be on the lookout for more information!

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, 30 UHS DECA (An Association of Marketing Students) members participated in several business/marketing related competitive events at St. Louis Mills Mall in Hazelwood. From this group, 9 students qualified for the Missouri DECA State Career Development Conference at Lake of the Ozarks on March 14-16. At this conference, 4 of the 9 students went on to qualify for the DECA International Career Development Conference in Louisville, Kentucky on April 23-28. These students will be competing against the best marketing students from across the United States and several other nations. The students who qualified for each conference and their events are listed below.

### State CDC

Julia Hummel and Kaitlynn Kendall-Buying and Merchandising Team

Airicka Krauss and Jacob Zweifel-Internet Marketing Plan



Griffin Daehnke and David Henderson -Sports and Entertainment Marketing

Ashley Key and Matthew Kassebaum-Automotive Services Marketing

Adam Russell-Food Services Marketing

### International CDC

Airicka Krauss and Jacob Zweifel-Internet Marketing Plan



David Henderson-Sports and Entertainment Marketing

Adam Russell-Food Services Marketing

The accompanying pictures are of these students after receiving their trophies at the district competition at St. Louis Mills. Union DECA is extremely proud of these students' efforts during this difficult and very competitive process. The South Central Missouri DECA district is the largest in the state, and Missouri possesses the 5<sup>th</sup> largest membership in the nation. These students are among the elite students in the U.S. and are preparing themselves effectively to become the future of our country.



On March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> the Union High School Band participated in the State and District Music Festival at East Central College. The Wind Ensemble received a *State Superior "I" Rating* and the Symphonic Band and Brass Choir received a *State Excellent "II" Rating*. Union Bands also entered 26 events in the District Solo and Ensemble Festival. Out of these entries, 15 of them received a *District Superior "I" Rating* and are eligible to participate in the State Music Festival at the University of Missouri campus in Columbia, MO on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all of our fine instrumental musicians at UHS!

### District Superior "I" Ratings going to State Festival on April 29

Row 1 - James Eagan, Emmy Kaiser, Colton Johnson, Brittany Porter, Caleb Ransom

- Percussion Ensemble / Brittany Porter & Caleb Ransom - Snare Solos

Row 2 - Christina Daud, Bethany Dixon, Caylee Russell - Clarinet Trio / Shannon Bradley, Jon Hatfield, David Luxton, Madeline Slay - Saxophone Quartet / Madeline Slay - Alto Sax Solo / Leah Downard - Horn Solo

Row 3 - Brian McGee, Jed McCollough & Brandon Yenzer - Trombone Solos / Caleb Berger, Jed McCollough, Brian McGee, Brandon Yenzer - Trombone Quartet / Tyler Bay & Alec Mueller - Baritone Solos / Marcus Parmentier & Tori Tappe - Trumpet Solos / Josh Gumpenberger,

## National FFA Week at Union High School

This year National FFA Week was held February the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. In celebration of FFA week the Union FFA Chapter planned many activities. The activities were not only fun but they also promoted leadership skills, teamwork, responsibility, knowledge, community service, pride in the FFA, and bring FFA members together. FFA week gives the students many great opportunities to do things they more than likely wouldn't do outside of the FFA. FFA week is not only good for the students but also gives parents and the community a chance to come and get involved as well.

The FFA program hopes to develop three areas, student development, chapter development and community development. Each FFA activity was chosen to enhance one of these three areas. For many years the Union FFA Chapter has been chosen as one of the top chapters in the state and even in the nation. This is due mainly to our many activities, several of which are held during National FFA Week.

Each day during National FFA Week had at least three of the following activities planned: Daytime, evening, leadership, spirit day, and teacher activities. Monday was hat day and the kick off of the canned food drive. If the students brought in a dollar or two canned food items they got to wear their hat to school. All proceeds went to a local food pantry. The after school activity for Monday was bowling. Tuesday was FFA apparel day where students supported the FFA by wearing their FFA clothing. Also Tuesday students participated in the super farmer contest. Each boy and girl team competed in hay tossing, stacking, tire changing, obstacle course racing, and egg races. Ten students competed in the first annual Tractor parade/contest. Mitchel Hultz, Tyler Hubenthal and Mike Parmentier were winners in the contests. Wednesday, FFA members looked very dashing as they wore their FFA official dress. Later that night students gathered in the high school cafeteria for board game night. Thursday was the FFA BBQ. Teachers and FFA students enjoyed BBQ at lunch. Later on Thursday night after parents and community members enjoyed more BBQ they all gathered in the high school gym for recreational night where they could play dodge ball, shoot hoops or just hang out with their family and friends. If the students participated in three activities during the day and two at night they got to go on the FFA trip on Friday. For the trip students got a great opportunity to go to the Wild Candid Sanctuary, Lone Elk Park, the City Museum, and the PBR.

FFA week was a great success and we look forward to participating again next year.

## UMS Music Festival



On Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> the annual Union Middle School Music Festival was held at UHS. Students from 22 different schools from around the area in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in the event. There were band and choir events as well as instrumental and vocal solos and ensembles. The Union 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade bands received *Excellent "I" Ratings*. The Union 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Middle School Choir received *Good "II" Ratings*. Several band students also performed solos and ensembles at the festival. Congratulations to all of these students for their fine work!

### Woodwind Solos/Ensembles

Kaitlyn Bishop, Brynn Mechem	II+
Sammi Williams, Casie Busch	I-
Kaitlyn Bishop, Katelyn Reidel	II+
Michaela Briggs, Jordynn Reeser	II
J. Lenau, M. Nix, S. Sander	II+
E. King, J. Minix, D. Pich, J. Saucier	I-
J. Minix, H. Strader	II-
C. Cojocar, P. Schlueter	II+
P. Schlueter, S. Stradford	II+
Stephanie Stradford	I-
Jeanette Minix	I-

### Brass Solos/Ensembles

Curtis Bergner	I
Clara Williams	I
Amanda Schlegel	I-
Connor Hamilton	II+
A. Schlegel, E. Tappe	II+
G. Key, E. Herring	II
F. Groenke, A. Kaiser, A. Sexton	I
H. Batts, S. Huxel, S. Woolfe	II-
Birkmann, Bommarito, Stackle, Van Zee	II+
Bergner, Bondor, Saleniuc, Ward, Young	I

### Piano Solos

Brendan Hays	II+
Brandon Hampton	I
Katie Voss	I-
Cheyenne Narup	I-
Cornelia Cojocar	I

### Percussion Solos/Ensembles

Hannah Strader	I-
Libby Eckelkamp	II
C. Apps, Z. Gibson, P. Lansford	II+
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Ensemble	I-

Catriona Apps	I
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The following seventh grade students were selected to become members of the Union Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Selection was based upon careful consideration of the five qualities of National Junior Honor Society: character, citizenship, leadership, service and scholarship. These new members will be inducted in a ceremony held in the Fine Arts Center on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sierra Birkmann	Casey Peth	Alex Holmes
Brynn Mechem	Hannah Candrl	Josh Vandiver
Kaitlyn Bishop	Jordynn Reeser	Kelsey Huxel
Kelsey Mesey	Andrea Daud	Tyler Virkler
Callie Boyd	Katelyn Reidel	Jessica Lee
Kylie Mesey	Madi Eckley	Brian Voss
Luke Buhr	Sara Rudd	Joe Lenau
Morgan Milheiser	Dylan Fitzgerald	Shaella White
Tanner Bunch	Samuel Sander	Andrew Kaiser
Alyssa Muir	Cole Guarrant	Justine Wiles
Taylor Bunch	Jordan Snodgrass	Ciena McNew

## Scholar Bowl

The UMS Scholar Bowl team competed in tournaments at St. James on March 15 and at Washington on March 20. The team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall at Washington, which included a 1<sup>st</sup> place ranking by Brett Davis in the individual math test. Members of this year's Scholar Bowl team were Curtis Bergner, Michaela Briggs, Casie Busch, Hannah Candrl, Brett Davis, Harley Davis, Dylan Fitzgerald, Brendan Hays, Joe Hood, Andrew Kaiser, Jordynn Reeser, Katelyn Reidel, and Jordan Snodgrass. Coaches were Mrs. Bruns, Mrs. Brueggemann, and Mrs. Wagner.



Students who were dressed for St. Patrick's Day competed to win a prize. The audience's applause chose the winner: Taylor Lavalle.

Union Middle School Council hosted a Shamrock-N-Roll dance in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Students raised \$480.00 that will be donated to the ALS Association in memory of Karen Melenbrink.



Mrs. Lause and Ms. Johnson danced with students!

## Science Olympiad

The UMS Science Olympiad team competed in the Region V Competition in Rolla on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, along with 13 Middle Schools from across Central Missouri. All fifteen team members placed in the top five in at least one event. Our team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall and qualified to attend the State Competition at Mizzou on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The team manager was Nora Becker.



At the state competition, UMS competed along with 31 schools from across the state. Three middle school students were unable to attend, so three 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from last year's team filled in for them. Those students were: Jillian Johnston, Katelyn Riechers, and Blake Voss.

Front row: Hannah Candrl, Katelyn Reidel, Callie Boyd, Ciena McNew  
Second row: Libby Eckelkamp, Jesse Kruse, Jessica Sterner, Andrew Kaiser, Luke Buhr, Dylan Fitzgerald  
Third row: Blake Voss, Katelyn Riechers, Jillian Johnston, Samuel Sander  
Not pictured: Joe Hood.

The Science Olympiad team is coached by Nancy Johnston, Melissa Schroll, Amy McCaffrey and Jane Andrews. Terri Becker also attended both competitions and help to make sure all students made it to their events on time.



Individual finishes were as follows:

State: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Write It / Do It: Callie Boyd & Andrew Kaiser  
5<sup>th</sup> Place Disease Detectives: Jessie Kruse & Jessica Sterner



Regional:

- 1st Place Junkyard Challenge: Katelyn Reidel & Andrew Kaiser
- 3rd Place: Meteorology: Katelyn Reidel & Dylan Fitzgerald
- 3rd Place: Science Crime Busters: Ciena McNew & Callie Boyd
- 4th Place: Disease Detectives: Jessie Kruse & Jessica Sterner
- 4th Place: Elevated Bridge: Luke Buhr & Joe Lenau
- 4th Place: Ornithology: Andrew Kaiser & Joe Hood
- 4th Place: Shock Value: Hannah Candrl & Jonathan Strugari
- 4th Place: Trajectory: Jonathan Strugari & Nathan Saleniuc
- 5th Place: Battery Buggy: Libby Eckelkamp & Nathan Saleniuc
- 5th Place: Bio-Processes: Jessie Kruse & Jessica Sterner
- 5th Place: Compute This: Samuel Sanders & Joe Hood
- 5th Place: Pentathlon: Samuel Sanders; Dylan Fitzgerald, Joe Hood & Joe Lenau
- 5th Place: Wright Stuff: Hannah Candrl & Joe Hood



On March 26<sup>th</sup> approximately 90 students qualified to participate in "A Movie with the Principal" for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter at UMS because they met all of the requirements set for by GRO during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (no late work and no discipline referrals). They traveled to Cinema 8 to watch *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.



Character trait emphasized for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was commitment at UMS. Team teachers selected the following students for displaying this trait. Those students were: Cheyenne Narup, Ali Overstreet, Katelyn Reidel (not pictured), Braden Watts, Andrew Bondor and Andrew Kaiser.



Patrons,

Spring has sprung at Clark-Vitt! As you can see from the following list of things that have been going on here at Clark-Vitt, it is a very busy time of year.

- February 18<sup>th</sup> there were over 200 CV students that attended our Dodgeball Tournament at Skaterz. There were a lot of sore arms the next day! Thanks to Skaterz for donating the use of their building.
- From February 22<sup>nd</sup> through March 12<sup>th</sup> the students at Clark-Vitt collected “pennies” for the Pennies for Patients. The students scraped together \$2,200 dollars and 77 cents! Thanks to Mrs. Shelton for all her hard work!
- The annual Book Fair was held from March 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Etter outdid herself with the 50’s Diner themed decorations!
- The 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> grade bands did a GREAT job performing their Pre-Contest Concert at the Fine Arts Center on March the 4<sup>th</sup>! Way to go, Mr. & Mrs. Rice!
- March 11<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> grade performed the annual “Hartland Hoedown” for family and friends. Mrs. Brune did an EXCELLENT job preparing the students!!
- Clark-Vitt received \$750.00 dollars from the Mobile Gas Station Grant to go toward the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Junior Achievement field trip. Thank you Mobile!
- March 12<sup>th</sup> CV cafeteria held our annual morning “Family Breakfast.” There were 336 breakfasts served that morning! A big thank you goes to Pat Voss and the other kitchen staff for their extra time coming in early to prepare the wonderful meal for everyone!
- Clark-Vitt had 229 students make the honor roll for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. That is 48% of the students here. Awesome! On March 31<sup>st</sup> we had our Honor Roll Barbeque for those students that qualified.
- The teachers and students are geared up for the MAP test, which will be given on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The Wildcat Whiskers put together a snack for each student during the testing days.
- On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Wildcat Whiskers held a “Glad MAP’s Over Sock Hop!”

I would like to again say, thank you for all of the support we receive from the staff and community! Without their help school would not be near as fun!



DARE graduation was held March 30, at Clark Vitt. Here are this year’s DARE Essay winners; Nicole StClair, Mackenzie Kiewitt, Lauren Drainer, Bethany Hill, Samuel Thacker, Shane Nitschke, Cheyenne Angel, and Brandon Akers





Central students and teachers are happy to see the daffodils popping up!! Lots of activities are being planned and held around all of our academics.

Third grade students are taking MAP tests on April 7, 8,9 and 13,14,15. These students have worked long and hard in order to do well on these spring tests. Our big push this year has been to support ALL students in reading at their grade level. Third graders have participated in their MAP BOOT CAMP – including making MAP shirts to wear during testing. Students earned stars for their shirts for all the skills they mastered. We also had a MAP pep rally – inviting parents in to see the excitement over our hard work. We feel very positive about the results of the up-coming assessments. We know our students have worked hard and done their best!!



Abe Lincoln visited our first graders in February – and was able to share wonderful information about his presidency and history in general. Our students were excited to see President Lincoln dressed in his suit and hat – and learned a great deal.

Valentine parties were held at Central on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Our third graders participated in organized games in the gym, while K-2 had their traditional parties and crafts in classrooms. All students enjoyed great treats and had a “lovely” time.



Our CWP hosted a BINGO night for Central families and they have also organized an egg hunt for recess time. Our parents stuffed over 3,000 eggs so that each student could have four eggs for their bag. Thanks to our families and moms for their time and support!!!

Our Central social committee is busy organizing retirement receptions and recognition for our teachers who are leaving us – Maxine Harrison -3<sup>rd</sup>, Marilyn Greife -2<sup>nd</sup>, Judy Groteluschen – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Becky Banderman – 1<sup>st</sup>, Nancy Schroeder – K, Steve Bertrand – Art, and Sharon Yancey – Speech. Aurther Hughes, Central custodian is also leaving us this spring. Congratulations to all – you are greatly appreciated and will be greatly missed!



I would also like to take the opportunity to thank my Central parents and the community for a wonderful three years. I am very sad to leave my school and staff, but excited to be closer to my family in the Kansas City area – especially my baby grandson, Landon. Thanks everyone for your support while I had the privilege to be Principal at Central Elementary! Respectfully submitted – Dr. Stephens, Principal



I am including a list of our spring activity dates. Things get very hectic this time of the year, so please take this opportunity to mark items on your home calendar as needed.



<i>Calendar</i>	
April – 5 - No School	May 4 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip
April - 7,8,9,13,14,15 – MAP Testing	7 – KG Screening; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Visit Clark-Vitt
21 – Limo rides/Club's Choice	12 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Field Trip
22 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade music program	13 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade field day: KG Recognition
23 – Kg. Screening	14 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Park Day
27 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip	18 – KG Recognition
29 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip; KG Parties	20 – KG Park Day
	24 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Park Day
	25 – Partial Day
	26 – Partial Day



“Attitude is Every Thing!”

It was my privilege to listen this week to what fifth grade students had to say about taking the MAP test. Some of the catchy phrases include: “MAP spells success!” “We’re raising the bar on the MAP!” “It’s fun to take the ‘M’ ‘A’ ‘P’!” “We “DARE” you to do a good job on the MAP!” “Look! It’s MAP time!” “Got MAP?” “The MAP isn’t all serious, it can be fun!”

Students in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6, along with other students around the state are involved with taking the MAP state test this month. Most students take it in the areas of communication arts, math and science. If attitude was assessed we would be over the top! I could hear songs and chants all the way down the hall from third grade!

Our motivation theme with testing was to “Never Give Up, Encourage Others, and Do Your Best!” Mrs. Vogel might even kiss a pig and be dunked in the dunking booth if we do our best on the test! It goes without saying that Beaufort staff and parents have a great influence on the attitudes of our students. Thank you for helping us to help the children succeed!

School success is not just assessed on a test. Daily smiles, older students helping younger students, parents helping their children with homework and being organized for school are just a few examples of the success we witness on a daily basis.

On behalf of the Beaufort Elementary Staff, I would like to say thank you for helping us to help the children succeed at school in so many ways! Meg Vogel, Principal



### Upcoming Events:

- April 9<sup>th</sup> Beaufort Kindergarten Screening for 2010-2011 students by appointment, please call if not registered already (583-7744)
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Spring picture money due to office
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Cardinal Ticket Money due for Family Night at Busch Stadium on June 18<sup>th</sup>!
- April 29<sup>th</sup> Choir Program , “It’s Show Time!” 7:00 Beaufort
- April 30<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Day
- May 4<sup>th</sup> Pre-Kindergarten Fair 6:30-7:30
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Career Day
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Band Concert UHS 7:00
- May 14<sup>th</sup> Field Day, Make-Up Field Day May17
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Sixth Grade Promotion
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten Celebration
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Partial Day Dismiss at 11:45
- May 26<sup>th</sup> Partial Day, Dismiss at 11:45, Last Day

Enjoy your summer!

- ❖ Thank you for supporting our school through various fundraisers!
- ✓ McTeacher Night  
We had a blast and raised 905 dollars! Thank you parents and McDonald’s for your support!
- ✓ Mr. Z’s  
We raised Six thousand dollars! Thank you PTO!
- ✓ Relay For Life-collecting money currently to donate to the American Cancer Society to be given at the Jordan Scheer Children’s Relay for Life!
- ✓ Students are being hero’s and recruiting blood donors for The Red Cross!
- ❖ Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

