

MANE STREAM



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Iola Boys Basketball and Wrestling teams qualify for State.



Iola Boys Break a 31 year drought!

With a win over Anderson County in the Sub-State Finals the Iola Boys Basketball Team ended a 31 year drought of not making the State Tournament. The boys played well but came up short in their first round game against Andale in Hartman Arena 56-47. The team and coaches, the band, and the students represented Iola well in the first-ever KSHSAA-Class 4A-Division II Basketball Tournament. Thanks to Coach Peepers and his team for a job well done.

Wrestlers Make State!

Iola High School Wrestlers John Witworth and Bryce Misenhelter both qualified for State. Bryce ended up placing third in the 195 pound weight class with a record of 5-1. Witworth wrestled in the 160 pound weight class and had a record of 1-2. Congratulations to both of them on a great season.

Together We Achieve

By Leann Kennedy

Doing the Right Thing Brings Rewards

The Iola Middle School has adopted a PBS Pony Pride ticket system that they will be implementing through the rest of the school year. Teachers, paras, cooks, custodians, bus drivers, secretaries, administration, and all other adults in the building were given Pony Pride tickets to hand out to students who are caught "doing the right thing". The tickets are then dropped in the Pony Pride box in the office and each Friday two tickets are drawn. The students who have their ticket drawn will have a choice of selecting a reward from the following; any medium drink from Sonic w/4 friends, 2 Sterling Six Movie Passes, go out to lunch with Mr. Stanley, Free TA time, 1st in the lunch line for a week, sit in the teacher's chair for a day, eat lunch with a favorite teacher or staff member, \$5 McDonalds gift card, a Bacon Combo Burger from A&W, 2 Taco Meal Deals from Taco Bell, ice cream with a friend during TA, \$5 Dairy Queen gift card, add a Pony Buck to your account, listen to your iPod while you work for a day, or wear a hat for a day. The first drawing took place on Friday, April 11, Cellia Branstetter and Caleb Jacobs were the winners. Cellia chose the Sterling Six movie passes and Caleb the Bacon Combo Burger from A&W.



Above is Cellia holding her movie passes that were donated by Sterling Six Movie Theater.



HS Band Headed to 2014 Alamo Bowl

Iola High School Marching Band students under the direction of Matt Kleopfer will be performing as part of the 2014 Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas. Keep checking *Mane Stream* as more details evolve.



Curriculum Corner

Each newsletter we are going to devote a segment that will answer a question about curriculum in general and Common Core Standards in particular. In Kansas these are now called the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards. USD 257 has written and implemented curriculum that is aligned to these standards in the subjects of Math and English Language Arts.

Why are Standards Important for Students, Teachers and Schools?

Why are Standards important for students, teachers and parents? Education standards and level of rigor in instruction are often complicated and vary from state to state, which can be overwhelming for teachers to implement in the classroom. In addition, parents find it difficult to support their child's learning at home. The new Common Core State Standards ensure that teachers and parents know the exact end goal and can help each student meet that goal in the classroom and at home.

Prior to Common Core, students received a variable quality of education depending on their zip code, which is problematic given the high mobility of families, especially military families. College and career-ready standards are critical because, even in high-performing states, some students are passing all required tests and graduating, yet still require remediation in their postsecondary work. Every student needs rigorous academics to ensure U.S. graduates remain globally competitive.

Safe Base tries to find a Safe Place for Animals



Allen County Animal Rescue Facility (ACARF) supporters visited Safe Base Thurs. afternoon to teach the students about the shelter and show them the animals up for adoption. A slideshow and presentation was part of the monthly Blue-Plate Dinner event as well.

Each elementary principal has a donation barrel set up outside their office. A few items that could be donated would include trash bags, soaps, bleach, and new collars for the animals. The items donated can be new or used.



A Day in the Life with the Superintendent



Shelby Peters, a 2nd grader at Jefferson Elementary cashed in her prize she won at the Jefferson Elementary Carnival last fall...she got to spend a day with the Superintendent. While this was not the most sought after prize at the carnival...Shelby had a good time helping everyone at the district office and going out to lunch.



Above, Shelby with Superintendent Jack Koehn, going over their plans for the day. On the left, she is delivering paychecks to the transportation office.

Chemistry Students Demonstrate

By Dana Daugharthy

Famous physicist and Nobel Prize winner Antony Hewish once stated, "I believe scientists have a duty to share the excitement and pleasure of their work with the general public, and I enjoy the challenge of presenting difficult ideas in an understandable way." Hewish was describing the



Colby Works and Alex Bauer

need for scientists to publically share their findings to the unscientific community. This makes the scientist much more knowledgeable about the topic because they must think about how to explain it in very simple terms.

On April 1st and 9th, twelve Chemistry II students were asked to listen to the words of Hewish. My class attended the elementary and middle schools to perform a chemistry demonstration show in hopes of building excitement in science at a very young age. Each student in my class was asked to pick an experiment that would excite and amaze an audience. After they had selected the demonstration, they researched and wrote a paper explaining how this happened from a detailed chemistry perspective. They then presented their experiment to all of the schools, and they did not disappoint.

The experiments performed varied, but some of them produced color changes, explosions, and what appeared to be magic. The students at the elementary and middle schools seemed to be amazed by the experiments that my students did. After doing the demonstration show, I ran into one of the elementary students at Wal-Mart, and they could not wait to ask me questions and tell me what their favorite part of the show was. It is my hope that this excitement and curiosity in the sciences stays with them for the rest of their life.



The Cat in the Hat Visits Jefferson Elementary School



It was a pretty neat day at Jefferson School.
The Cat in the Hat showed up and he was really cool.
He helped us read a bunch and then turned around and served us lunch!
It was a pretty cool day at Jefferson School!



The Cat in the Hat Helps Serve Lunch



McKinley Student's Celebrate Young Author's Day

By Lori Maxwell

McKinley students in first, second, and third grades have been busy writing and illustrating books for the Allen County Young Author's Celebration. Approximately thirty student-created books were selected to represent McKinley Elementary at the celebration on Saturday, April 26th. Those selected had the opportunity to attend the celebration to share their stories with other students in Allen County, and meet this year's visiting illustrator, Ard Hoyt, and author, Peter Lerangis.

All McKinley students attended the presentation given by Ard Hoyt on Friday, April 25 at 10:00 in the McKinley gym. Our elementary librarians and teachers have done a great job promoting the event, and our students are excited to meet this year's guests.

Newspaper and Yearbook Students Compete at Regional's

Several IHS Journalism students competed at the Kansas Scholastic Press Association regional's with several placing in the top tier in a variety of contests. Their accomplishment qualifies them for the state contest in May. Please take a few minutes and congratulate the following students.

Valaree Burnett, news page design
Torrie Lewis, photo illustration
Halie Cleaver, editing and yearbook layout
Karlie Lower, student life photography
Allie Cleaver, editing and yearbook layout
Jeremy Spears, photo illustration
Darci Collins, student life photography
and cutline writing
Abby Valentine, editorial cartoon
Brynna Hollins, sports photography



National Parks Living History Day

Distance Learning in the Classroom

By Larry Hart

Lincoln Elementary School's National Parks Living History Day was a very special day for many students especially for those students who have never experienced the thrill of traveling through one of our national parks.



Teachers and Paras went through the rigors of bringing the concepts of going to national parks and camping to their students. Students had the opportunity to experience the efforts of sitting up camps,

pitching tents, and setting around campfires telling stories and feeling the presence of being outdoors with the sounds of nature.

Students traveled from one location to another. They traveled through the magic of the mind and the special effects provided by their teachers and paras. They traveled across the Rocky Mountains, down across the Grand Canyon, back up to Yellowstone, across country to the Smokey Mountains, a trip in to the Mammoth Cave feeling the presence of bats and trickling water, and down through a tour of the Everglades. They weren't through yet. Their last major trip was back west across the gulf and ocean to Hawaii, where they watched the eruption of a volcano.



Needless to say, when the adventures ended, teachers, paras, and student's will look on the time they were together as a fantastic way of spending a school day.



Upcoming Events

May 5, 6, 7, 8— @ IHS Art Show

Tues., May 6 - IHS & IMS Choir & Strings Spring Concert @ 7:30pm

Thurs., May 8 - IHS Band Spring Concert @ 7:00pm

Sat., May 10 - Little Oscars Banquet and Awards @ 6:00pm

Sun., May 11—IHS Graduation @ 2:00 pm

May 12— IMS Talent Show

May 15—Last Day of School



Elementary Archery Instruction Hits Bull's Eye

Archery in the public schools foster skills in concentration, teaches safety and proper use of the bow and arrow. It is a form of exercise, recreation, competition and relaxation. An important purpose of the archery program is to make archery an enjoyable and safe experience to all who participate.

Lessons are presented in a sequence that promotes safety and learning of archery basics.



Students at Jefferson Elementary under the direction of Becky Carlson are learning these skills and more in the elementary PE Classes. Carlson teaches a 2-week unit on archery that is right on target with kids.



Initial Focus is More on Performing a Proper Shot Than Hitting the Bull's Eye



Deher Places 5th in FFA Competition

Catlin Deher placed 5th in Job Interview at a the FFA Contest in Coffeyville. Deher was participating in the B-Team Division.