

NORTH PLATTE R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

North Platte Panthers

Winter 2012



Greetings from the Superintendent:

Old man winter seems to be busy in other parts of the country right now. I cannot remember the last winter when I could walk around in a sleeveless shirt in January. This type of weather sure made travel over the Christmas break a lot safer.

During the December meeting, the Board of Education approved to terminate the contract for the land purchase at 304 W. 6th Street in Dearborn. The property became available due to a bank foreclosure. The District had interest in the property as it is located adjacent to the superintendent's office and would allow more flexibility in future expansion. However, there were multiple delays in the closing of the property as the tenant was still occupying the house.

This decision to terminate the contract was made after hearing the concerns of another round of state shortfalls in the school foundation formula. If the state legislature does not act on changes to the foundation formula, the North Platte

R-I School District will lose an additional \$229,584 during the 2012-13 school year. The state money represents approximately 54% of the District's budget.

Over the past two years the District has continually reviewed the budget looking for ways to make gradual cuts in spending. These have occurred with minimal damage to the education process. Last year three elementary grades were reduced by one teacher, a principal position was eliminated, one bus route was reduced, and building budgets were reduced. We will continue to look at ways to balance the budget this year, but I am afraid we have made as many cuts as possible without damaging the education of our children. I am hopeful the legislature will resolve the allocation of state funds and develop a more equitable distribution to all school districts.

Over the Christmas break the lights in the high school gym were replaced. Not only does the new lighting project a brighter

appearance, but the District will see a significant savings on the energy bill each month. The District applied for an energy rebate through KCP&L to convert to the 6-bulb T5 high output lighting from the single bulb 450W lighting. These small changes will yield significant savings for the District over the life of the fixtures.

With the addition of Hamilton to the KCI Conference, we have updated the team banners that hang in the high school gymnasium. We are also updating the existing banners to a vinyl style, since they tend to hold their age better. We are hoping to have these hung before the North Platte basketball tournament.

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

The fourth week of January is identified as School Board Appreciation Week. Tim Nash, Mike Fisher, Vince Roberts, George Hoeffner, Bill Matney, Eric Meadows, and Michele Paden-Livengood represent the North Platte R-I School District as board members. These individuals make decisions that affect the children of the school district. Many times this is a thankless job, but they take their job very seriously. When you see them, please let them know how much you appreciate their allegiance to the school and community.

One way to stay in touch with school activities and delays is by signing up for **Panther Alerts**. You can access this through our website at www.nppanthers.org and click on the button at the top of the page. **GO PANTHERS!**

Jeffrey A. Sumy, Ed.D.

ELEMENTARY

Happy 2012! We wrapped up 2011 packed with a multitude of activities for the students and their families. In November, Dr. Naler, his assistants, and parent volunteers did dental screenings and applied fluoride varnish for the student population. The Elementary celebrated November birthdays. Progress reports went home. The staff and students attended the Veteran's Day Assembly at the high school and waved their flags proudly. Turkeys tangoed at the Kindergarten Thanksgiving. Smiles filled the gymnasium. Burger King night took place at the Platte City Burger King. PTA Chuck E. Cheese Night was highly attended at the Skyview location. We enjoyed the PTA sponsored assembly Back Yard Buggin', which used life size marionettes to teach about ecology. Second Grade Science



Back Yard Buggin', presented by the StoneLion Puppet Theatre

Club met, discussed the properties of matter, and made goop. Third Grade Science Club made oil globes and lava jars. Sign Language Club worked on the Pledge of Allegiance. Early in the month, Kindergarten Club read about turkeys, made a paper bag turkey, and ate pumpkin dip. Later in the month, Kindergarten Club had *Christmas Around the World*. The students and staff began collecting canned goods for the local food pantry, and coats, gloves, scarves, and hats for the Tree of Warmth. The students also made Christmas cards for a military unit overseas.

In December the Elementary celebrated December birthdays. Students enjoyed shopping at the PTA Santa Store. Art Club did leather tooling, created ornaments, drew cards, and tie dyed t-shirts. Sign Language Club had a

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INCLEMENT WEATHER

We do not know when we will see winter weather and hazardous roads, but when it is necessary to close school, it will be announced on all of the Kansas City and St. Joseph television stations. The most timely notification will come through the **Textcaster** messaging system. You may receive text messages, emails, or voice announcements on your cell or home phone. Sign up for this service through our website, www.nppanthers.org, and click on the **Panther Alerts** button. Follow the instructions to subscribe to the service.

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special guest who worked on seasonal words with the students. The Elementary winter concert took place at the High School. Sweet voices could be heard heralding in the holiday. Tutoring took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Living History Readers read to their designated grade levels. Platte Valley Bank visited the Elementary on Bank Days. Second quarter was full of learning and gearing up for the second half of the school year. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the learning experience a richer one. The Elementary wishes you a safe and successful new year.

Mrs. Cathy J. Hubble

INTERMEDIATE

We have just completed our first semester in our beautiful new facility here at the Intermediate School. We have had a great start to the year, as students have been working hard and gaining new knowledge and skills.

Reports cards were handed out on January 4. The sixth grade honor roll showed how well our students have been performing. We had eight stu-

dents on the 4.0 honor roll, another eleven on the 3.5 level, and eleven more who reached the 3.0 standard. We are proud of how well our children are doing in the classroom in all three grade levels.

The Sixth Grade Show-Me Character Culmination Ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 8, in the NPI gym. Officer Tom Taulbee prepared a nine-week program which encouraged students to make responsible decisions. In their lessons they learned about problems that can occur with the use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs. The Platte County Sheriff's Department donated t-shirts and certificates for the graduates. TREND member Joseph Fedrizzi was the keynote speaker.

On November 12 our Sixth Grade Honor Choir students attended District honor choir with the junior high at Platte City. They helped produce yet another quality performance this year.

On December 7 students were dismissed at 12:30. Teachers continued the day with in-service training. Teachers worked on curriculum and on alignment with the upcoming Common Core Standards. They then re-

ceived more training on using the Promethean Boards in their classrooms.

The Winter Concert for NPI was held December 13 at 1:30 p.m. Our band and choir once again provided outstanding shows, under the leadership of Tom Brockman and Kristen Walker. This year's concert was held in the NPI commons and gymnasium areas.

As a reward for meeting the goals of the Play 60 program, Intermediate school students traveled to Arrowhead Stadium on December 12. Students toured the facility and were able to experience and learn from the new Chiefs Sports Lab. They were able to learn about the benefits of proper nutrition and exercise.



Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on February 16. Please contact the office in February to schedule a time for your child. It is important that we maintain good commu-

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nication between parents and teachers to ensure the needs of our students are being met.

We again want to encourage any district patrons to tour the new Intermediate School if they have not had a chance. Contact the office at 816-790-3622 and we would be happy to show off the new facility.

Karl Matt

JUNIOR HIGH

The junior high has recently completed an outstanding first semester. On January 4 grade cards were handed out. Thirteen junior high students made the 4.0 honor roll, forty-one more students made the 3.5 honor roll, and twenty-one more made the 3.0 honor roll.

On December 20 the Junior High band and choir performed at the Winter Concert, which was held at the High School. Our students did a great job representing our school district programs with an outstanding performance. The Junior High choir will participate in the KCI Conference Choir performance on February 4. Our band will participate in KCI Conference Band at Lawson on February 18.

During the month of December we held our annual penny drive for area needy families. Our students and staff contributed over \$900 that went to aid people in need in our community.

On January 9 the Junior High held our annual Geography Bee. Winners will have the opportunity to advance on to state level competition.

On January 9 the Junior High held our winter sports awards. Basketball players and cheerleaders were honored for their participation in junior high activities.

On January 20 we will hold our annual school spelling bee. The top eight students from each grade level will advance to the North Platte District Spelling Bee, which will be held February 7 at the high school.

The Junior High Academic team will begin their season on January 19 at West Platte. Twenty-seven students have signed up and will compete against our six conference opponents.

On February 15 and 16, the Junior High will hold Parent-Teacher Conferences. Conferences will run from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the 15th, and 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the 16th. Parents will be

able to meet with individual teachers in their classrooms. Please take this opportunity to discuss the progress your child is making in their learning process this school year.

Karl Matt

HIGH SCHOOL

North Platte hosted the 16th Annual Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 11, 2011. The day began with lunch for the veterans at noon, followed by a program at 1:00 p.m. Everyone, from the elementary to high school students, participated in this event. Staff Sergeant Roy D. Shenkel, a World War II Veteran, served as this year's guest



speaker. The winners of the high school Veteran's Day art contest were Sarah Morelock, 1st place; Susie Olubo, 2nd place; and Jonathan Brown, 3rd place. There were around 70 veterans and guests present for the program and lunch.

The North Platte High School music department

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has been very busy during the second quarter. The band, under the direction of Mr. Tom Brockman, and the choir, under the direction of Ms. Kristen Walker, presented an outstanding winter concert on December 12. Two band students represented North Platte High School at the Northwest Missouri All District Band Concert on December 10, which was held at Platte County R-3 High School. Senior Daniel Silber was named 4th chair Euphonium in the Honors Band, while Sophomore Bryson Jaramillo was selected 3rd chair Euphonium with the Concert Band. Zach Emendorfer, Alexa Cook, Joe Fedrizzi, Daniel Silber, and Nathan Hale have been selected to the annual Four-State Honor Band Festival, held at Northwest Missouri State University. Members of the choir selected to the Four-State Honors Choir are Samantha Clardy, Erika Ewing, Jordan Engel, Kaleb Odle, Jacob Pearson, Caleb Albers, and Dalton Thate.

The winter sports season is in full swing. The girls' basketball team has a record of 6 wins and 1 loss. They finished 2nd in this year's KCI Confer-

ence Tournament. The boys' basketball team now has 2 wins and 5 losses, and finished with the Consolation Championship at the KCI Conference Tournament. Our wrestling team has been very busy as well, with our own North Platte Invitational and the Polo duel tournament. The North Platte Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held the week of January 23 through 28. North Platte will host the District Basketball Tournament the week of February 27 through March 5. Please come and support the teams, but remember athletics are an extension of the classroom; be a good role model for our young people. We do appreciate your support.

The Academic Bowl season is about to begin, with the team taking part in the Northwest Missouri Academic Bowl Tournament February 25 at North Andrew High School. The Conference competition will begin in March. North Platte will host the KCI Conference Academic Bowl Tournament on Monday, April 2, with matches beginning at 5:00 p.m. Attending an Academic Bowl match will help you appreciate the

knowledge and skill the students are gaining every day. The varsity and junior varsity teams are coached by Ms. Shelly Meyer.

The students, under the direction of Ms. Paige Newby and Ms. Kristen Walker, will present "*Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.*" on February 24 and 25. The \$10.00 dinner theater seats are selling quickly. You may purchase tickets by calling (816)450-3344. Performance only tickets will be \$4.00 and may be purchased at the door. Find more details on page 11.

The Student Council and the Blood Bank of St. Joseph hosted a blood drive on January 4. We want to thank those in the community and students who participated in the blood drive. Forty-eight pints were collected during the afternoon.

Roger Giger

FALL ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

ELEMENTARY
280-3422 or 445-3539

INTERMEDIATE
790-3622 or 227-3750

JUNIOR HIGH
450-3350

HIGH SCHOOL
450-3344

SUPERINTENDENT
450-3511

VOLLEYBALL KCI ALL CONFERENCE

Olivia Paden, Junior
2nd Team

Kelsey Adkins, Senior
Honorable Mention



FOOTBALL KCI ALL CONFERENCE

Zach Emmendorfer, Senior
1st Team Linebacker
2nd Team Running Back

Levi Hill, Junior
1st Team Defensive Safety

Nathan Hale, Senior
2nd Team Offensive Tackle
2nd Team Defensive Tackle

Seth Jones, Junior
2nd Team Punter

B.R. Wenzel, Senior
2nd Team Offensive Guard
2nd Team Defensive End

Seth Faherty, Senior
Honorable Mention
Defensive End

Jacob Lawson, Junior
Honorable Mention
Linebacker



HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

SECOND QUARTER

Principal Honor Roll

9th Grade

Jeremiah Copenhaver
Ryann French
Courtney Kipping
Regan Nash
Kaleb Odle
Robert O'Neill
Blake Romaker
Baylie Wilson

10th Grade

Jamie Byergo
Christopher Dutcher
Sami Johnson
Danielle O'Brien
Sarah Percell
Rachel Rawlings
Julie Sanders
Levi Stillwell
Morgan Wagle

11th Grade

Katelee Bledsoe
Morgan Brown
Samantha Clymer
Erika Ewing
Sarah Huffman
Wyatt Mullendore
Cody Lee
Olivia Paden
Stephanie Parkhurst
Summer Reed

12th Grade

Lauren Barr
Morgan Burke
Emily Cline
Jacob Dozier
Crystal Haugsness
Jacob Heese
Scott Hoeffner
Alexandra Inlow
Madison Jones

Samuel Keefhaver
Alexandra Manville
Susie Olubo
Jacob Pearson
Gabrielle Roberts
Jesse Rodriquez
Sheree Romesburg
Shelby Scrivener
Daniel Silber
Logan Smith
Jordan Snook
Jasmine Stalker
Bennie R. Wenzel, III

Honor Roll

9th Grade

ShyAnne Crook
Ryann French
Courtney Kipping
Regan Nash
Kaleb Odle
Robert O'Neill
Blake Romaker
Baylie Wilson

10th Grade

Summer Collins
Kaleb Cook
Maria Dewey
Jacob Dovel
Hannah Faherty
Emma Ferron
Noah Hale
Riqueza Hendrix
Kerry Martin
Madeline Offutt
Ciarra Owens
Kelsey Seckel
Melissa Shanks
Dalton Thate
Mitchell Vernon
Megan Wagle

11th Grade

Darian Cockriel
Kelsey Dewey
Jordan Engel
Joseph Gant
Austin Graham
Courtney Hensley
Levi Hill
Seth Jones
Tess Owens
Matthew Parker
Kameron Poepping
Joshua Porter
Jessica Smith
Ryan Willy

12th Grade

Kelsey Adkins
Kimberly Baptiste
Tabitha Braley
Trevor Bressman
Emilee Buckler
Tanner Catlett
Alexa Cook
Chad Day
Zachary Emmendorfer
Joseph Fedrizzi
Dalton Flanery
Morgan Foster
Nathan Hale
Blake Marshall
Ashley McKern
Chad Pawling
Scarlett Trave

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

FIRST SEMESTER

Principal Honor Roll

9th Grade
Ryann French
Courtney Kipping
Regan Nash
Kaleb Odle
Robert O'Neill
Blake Romaker
Baylie Wilson

10th Grade
Jamie Byergo
Jacob Dovel
Christopher Dutcher
Riqueza Hendrix
Sami Johnson
Danielle O'Brien
Sarah Percell
Rachel Rawlings
Julie Sanders
Levi Stillwell
Megan Wagle
Morgan Wagle

11th Grade
Katelee Bledsoe
Morgan Brown
Erika Ewing
Sarah Huffman
Cody Lee
Olivia Paden
Stephanie Parkhurst
Summer Reed

12th Grade
Lauren Barr
Morgan Burke
Jacob Dozier
Crystal Haugsness
Jacob Heese
Scott Hoeffner
Alexandra Inlow
Madison Jones
Samuel Keefhaver
Alexandra Manville

Susie Olubo
Chad Pawling
Jacob Pearson
Gabrielle Roberts
Jesse Rodriquez
Sheree Romesburg
Shelby Scrivener
Daniel Silber
Logan Smith
Jordan Snook
Jasmine Stalker
Bennie R. Wenzel, III

Honor Roll

9th Grade
C.J. Brockhoff
Jeremiah Copenhaver
ShyAnne Crook
Katelin Dillee
Claire Everett
Melissa Harris
Sarah Johnson
Maxwell Meit
Scout Montgomery
Sarah Morelock
Mikaylah Mullendore
Kassidy Neilson
Chelsi Sams
Austin Shanks
Bobbi Stalker
Madison Stills
Madison Strobel
Sarah Trauernicht
C.J. Winship

10th Grade
Caleb Albers
Summer Collins
Kaleb Cook
Maria Dewey
Hannah Faherty
Emma Ferron
Noah Hale
Jessica Heese
Bryson Jaramillo
Madeline Offutt
Ciarra Owens
Kelsey Seckel

Melissa Shanks
Dalton Thate
Mitchell Vernon
Alexandra Wilson

11th Grade
Samantha Clardy
Samantha Clymer
Darian Cockriel
Kelsey Dewey
Jordan Engel
Joseph Gant
Austin Graham
Joel Harmer
Courtney Hensley
Levi Hill
Seth Jones
Wyatt Mullendore
Tess Owens
Matthew Parker
Kameron Poepping
Joshua Porter
Jessica Smith
John White
Ryan Willy

12th Grade
Kelsey Adkins
Kimberly Baptiste
Tabitha Braley
Azia Brower
Emilee Buckler
Tanner Catlett
Emily Cline
Alexa Cook
Chad Day
Zachary Emmendorfer
Joseph Fedrizzi
Dalton Flanery
Morgan Foster
Nathan Hale
Blake Marshall
Ashley McKern
Scarlett Trave
Dheaven Williams

JUNIOR HIGH HONOR ROLL

SECOND QUARTER

7th Grade

4.0

Shelby Fisher

3.5

Sarah Addison
Shiann Campbell

Abby Fisher
Bennett French
Samantha Harmer

Andrew Johnson

Mikayla Kerns

Halen Knapp

Holden Love

Will McKern

Jenna Morelock

Hunter Oliver

Katie Parkhurst

Kyra Patch

Lauren Payne

Carah Sage

Samantha Springman

Callie Vernon

3.0

Zoey Dutcher

Mark Fisher

Dallas Garber

Reece Henke

Gabby Kidwell

Luz Mann

Parker Rotterman

Carl Ruppert

Daisy Snapp

Jacob Stubbs

Patrick Sutton

Victoria Wolf

8th Grade

4.0

Elijah Bledsoe

Eric Brown

Rayanne Daniel

David Fulk

Alexis Ghany

Madelynn Lee

Austin Reynolds

Holly Sanders

Joshua Schank

Zachary Schank

Dylan Stockman

Kaleb Tolbert

3.5

Mackenze Daniel

Joshua Dutcher

Brittney Gerling

Samantha Gray

Elle Hartell

Victoria Haugsness

Kaitlynn Heese

Anthony Hernandez

Kaycee Hodgson

Tristen Johnson

Emmaline Lee

Erin Manville

Hailey Manville

Hannah Muetzel

Callie Pataluna

Kailey Pike

Hannah Rice

Andrew Roberts

Grace Russo

Blake Smith

Sydney Wagle

Brock Wenzel

Martina Williams

3.0

Ashley Bacon

Ashley Bratten

Colorado Cope

Kyle Ewing

Kaleb Jameson

Clark McCance

Derek Payne

Gavin Singleton

Taylor Walrath

FIRST SEMESTER

7th Grade

4.0

Sarah Addison

Shelby Fisher

Jenna Morelock

3.5

Shiann Campbell

Zoey Dutcher

Abby Fisher

Mark Fisher

Bennett French

Dallas Garber

Samantha Harmer

Andrew Johnson

Mikayla Kerns

Gabby Kidwell

Holden Love

Will McKern

Hunter Oliver

Katie Parkhurst

Kyra Patch

Lauren Payne

Carah Sage

Patrick Sutton

Callie Vernon

Victoria Wolf

3.0

Grace Harkness

Reece Henke

Halen Knapp

Luz Mann

Carl Ruppert

Daisy Snapp

Samantha Springman

Jacob Stubbs

8th Grade

4.0

Elijah Bledsoe

Eric Brown

Rayanne Daniel

David Fulk

Alexis Ghany

Victoria Haugsness

Tristen Johnson

Madelynn Lee

Erin Manville

Austin Reynolds

Holly Sanders

Joshua Schank

Zachary Schank

Dylan Stockman

Kaleb Tolbert

3.5

Mackenze Daniel

Joshua Dutcher

Brittney Gerling

Samantha Gray

Elle Hartell

Kaitlynn Heese

Anthony Hernandez

Kaycee Hodgson

Hannah Muetzel

Andrew Roberts

Callie Pataluna

Derek Payne

Kailey Pike

Grace Russo

Blake Smith

Sydney Wagle

Taylor Walrath

Brock Wenzel

3.0

Ashley Bacon

Ashley Bratten

Colorado Cope

Kyle Ewing

Kaleb Jameson

Emmaline Lee

Hailey Manville

Kayla Nevins

Hannah Rice

Gavin Singleton

Martina Williams

**INTERMEDIATE SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL
SECOND QUARTER**

4.0

Elijah Bledsoe
Caleb Crumley
Van French
Kortney Maxwell
Gracie Roach
Bailee Romaker
Katie Sanders
Remington Wilson

3.5

Felicia Anderson
Ty Blackburn
Miranda Daniel
Hollie Finnell
Page Folck
Alena Ghany
Jacob Hobbs
Landon Montgomery
Bart Owens
Genevieve Pittman
Jacob Williams

3.0

Makayla Blanton
Stephanie Clymer
Gage Dreher
McKenna Fulton
Larry Harris
Emma Johnson
Christian Katchur
William Morse
Cameron Pataluna
Robin Skaggs
Cady Strobel

NORTH PLATTE

Presents

THOROUGHLY MODERN millie JR.

Music by **Jeanine Tesori**

Lyrics by **Dick Scanlan**

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by
Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan

Based on the 1967 film
Thoroughly Modern Millie

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7:00 PM

North Platte High School

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