

Superintendent's Report

November 24, 2014

Translymania

The fall play was Transylmania. It was a relatively short ensemble piece. It was well matched for our thespians and it was extremely well directed and acted. The sound and light crew did a great job. The Friday iteration was podcasted via High School Cube. It is still available for review at hscu.be/e/386369. On another note, thanks to NBHS parent Kris Zwart for allowing us to use her photos of the NBHS - Chicago Harper playoff game on our Facebook Page.



Cast of Transylmania

Staff Awards

The ISLMA Awards Committee selected Jane Lenser and the North Boone Books on Wheels program as the 2014 winner. According to ISLMA Grants and Awards chairperson, Bridget Demetriou, The ISLMA Grants and Awards committee felt that the "Books on Wheels" program is "an excellent example of a program that has a measurable, positive impact on its participants. I am excited that this innovative, creative program is receiving special recognition. This program certainly shows the power and the impact that summer library reading programs can have on building lifelong readers."



Jane Lenser at ISLMA Awards Dinner

The Books on Wheels program converted the NB activity bus into a bookmobile for the summer and it made stops at several locations each week during the summer. The program was mostly grant funded. One of the reasons for this program was that none of the North Boone students have access to a public library unless they purchase a library card. Jane also presented on working with students of poverty at the conference.

Jill Grove recently informed me that the PGE students have received \$1428 worth of new books through the Andy's Books for Kids grant that PGE has received for a second year.

This year, the Kishwaukee region of the IPA has awarded Jake Hubert, principal of North Boone High School, and Melissa Geyman, Director of Special Education, for the Horace Mann/IPA Reaching Out & Building Bridges Award for their partnership with the RAMP. The Horace Mann/IPA Reaching Out & Building Bridges Award is designed to recognize an IPA principal or assistant principal **AND** an agency, association, or community member displaying an outstanding effort in creating partnerships between schools, principals, associations and organizations for the betterment of all.

Staff Spotlights

This year, I have focused the spotlights on our staff who are veterans. Ken Washburn, who served for 22 1/2 years in the Navy was the first issue. Butch Peters, who served in the US Army in Vietnam will be out shortly. Clayton Glasper, an NBHS teacher assistant, is our only currently serving staff member. Jake Hubert and Matt Klett both served in the US Army. Francisco Mendez served in the Mexican Army.

Girls Night Out

North Boone Middle School and North Boone Upper Elementary hosted the 3rd annual Girls' Night Out on November 14, 2014. The evening was designed as a way for female students to get to know themselves and their classmates more fully. Too often we make assumptions before having the opportunity to explore things—whether it be interests, hobbies, talents, or other people. At GNO, girls took part in a variety of fun and new activities including neon scavenger hunt, team building activities, Zumba, and many other surprises all while building relationships with other classmates. These activities were designed to encourage girls to make new friends, enjoy the company of others in a safe and fun atmosphere, and build connections and better understanding with girls their age.

Fifty girls in grades five through eight attended the event, along with over thirty staff, parent, and high school student volunteers. The volunteers acted as team leaders for the middle school and upper elementary students as they move through the activities.

ROE Update

The CEANCI Meeting, which precedes the general ROE superintendent meeting spent time presenting information about the new Aviation Maintenance Program in conjunction with RVC. They are hoping to increase from five high school students to 15 in the program by next year. Attached is a flyer about the program. One of the ISBE attorneys spoke to us about the ISBE Employee Misconduct process. Those materials are attached as well.

District Office Hours During Winter Break

I am recommending closing the district office on December 26 and January 2 due to the timing of holidays. So the district office would be open on December 22 & 23 as well as January 29 & 30. Staff would all return on January 5 and students on January 6. Several staff would like to take vacation time that week, and it will be difficult to ensure the office is open throughout the break without denying vacation requests during the holiday period.

Payroll Audit Update

The Morrissey Agency has articulated that the audit is taking them much more time than they anticipated. They have finished up the certified section of the audit and will move to the non-certified staff shortly.

Annual Audit

The auditor requested and received a second extension from the Regional Office of Education. They are still working to complete the audit. Mr. Carr and his staff continue to work with the auditors to provide information for the 2013-14 audit.

Capital Development Board

Kelly Holsker sent in another set of documents that the CDB said is eligible for an additional \$464,582.00 payment based on the documents they received. We are going to take one more pass through the archives and follow up on one outstanding furniture invoice as well.

ESL Parent Task Force

Dr. Belcastro is setting up an ESL Task Force to work to improve the programming for ESL students and their parents. They plan to meet monthly. If you are interested in joining that group please let me know.