

**Student Recognition**

According to Mrs. Perkins, Matthew McGovern is the kind of student everyone loves. He is friendly, cooperative, and has commendable work habits. His excellent effort scored him a perfect score on the Math ISAT test in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, which is no easy feat.

Although Mr. Breakfield has only been Matt's teacher a month, he writes that Matthew McGovern is an absolute joy to have in the classroom. He is energetic, always prepared to learn, and has a great work ethic. Matt is a wonderful reader, frequently volunteers to answer questions and always has a positive attitude towards learning. Math and Science are clearly Matt's favorite part of the day. Math seems like Matt's favorite subject, as he always requests additional challenge problems or extensions. Matt always has his homework completed, does well on tests and is a natural leader in the classroom, in addition to being a great role model for other students.

Congratulations to Matt on his accomplishments. Very few students have achieved this level, and we can't wait to see all of the wonderful things Matt will do in the future.

**Staff Updates**

Babbette Rowe retired at the end of August after serving for 12 years as a bus driver for North Boone. She is pictured in front of her bus with many of her co-workers on her last day.

Tracy Schabacker received notification that she was awarded a Donors' Choose Grant for her "Read All About It..." non-fiction texts grant. I think many of the staff members have been trying to obtain grants and I really appreciate their efforts.

**Enrollment**

The enrollment this year is similar to last year, with a few shifts. The informal enrollment number from August 6th was 1692. We will most likely remain steady for the official enrollment day on September 30th. Our free and reduced lunch rates are up to over 54% district-wide.

The breakdown by school is below:

- NBHS--53%
- NBMS--57%
- NBUE--54%
- Capron-- 59%
- Manchester-- 52%
- PG-- 51%

### **Critical Incident Planning**

The administrative team will be meeting later this week with the police, EMS and fire departments in order to review our emergency drills and establish drill dates for the year.

### **Summer Library Program**

Our Summer Library program was successful again this year. A total of 909 people visited during the four time slots (Capron, NBUE, PG-morning, and PG-evening). One hundred and thirty-four different students from all six schools checked out/renewed a total of 1,756 items. The 2013 Summer Library sessions were funded through Title I, Target, and Woodman's. It is a great way to help ensure that our students keep reading over the summer.

### **Homecoming Week**

This is homecoming week and the NBHS students and staff would love to see you at the homecoming parade and bonfire on Thursday, the football game on Friday and the dance on Saturday.

### **Drug Awareness**

We had the Boone County Sheriff come to the NBMS staff meeting to discuss some of the new names and types of drugs that are appearing and how to recognize the signs of drug use in our students.

### **Capital Development Board**

We were notified Thursday afternoon that the Capital Development Board will be funding our 2003 building programs up to a cost of \$13,545,489. The CDB has requested a great deal of information about the land sales previous to the CDB Grant application. We are currently working to gather these documents.

Rhonda and I met with the Baird finance people last week to review a couple of the potential ways to address the CDB funding and potentially how to restructure some of our debt. We had a number of questions in which Baird will need to review with Chapman and Cutler. Upon the review, we will bring forward a couple of options.

### **Manchester Septic Line**

As mentioned previously, the septic line at Manchester has some issues. Mr. Novak was informed that the line is crushed beneath the gymnasium. He is currently working on getting estimates to repair. Similarly, Mr. Novak is working to obtain estimates for safety upgrades to the current bleachers.

## **RVC President Search**

I feel the next RVC president will be an important piece to building a vocational educational program for the area, and will actually be able to serve the needs of our students. I believe the RVC faculty is not particularly supportive of the concept of being involved with high school vocational education therefore, the new president will need to have a strong vision and leadership skills to enable RVC to become a real partner in this process.

## **WAN and Internet Bandwidth**

According to the chart below, the students are accessing the new bandwidth. The chart shows peak demands of nearly half the current bandwidth. The first real test of the new infrastructure will be during the first iteration of MAP testing later this month. Last year we were limited to 30MB of throughput. For instance, students at the high school working on video development were able to download videos, and all work simultaneously. In previous years, in order to not time each other out, students had to be alternate usage.

**Partition Utilization with Peaks**

