

Student Recognition

NBHS had eight students named as Illinois State Scholars. We will invite those students to the January meeting to be recognized for their academic accomplishments.

Congratulations to all of the Science Olympiad team members who participated in the Harlem Invitational Saturday, December 7.

Varsity Medal Winners:

Mitchel Griffis and Josh Herrmann (Silver medals in both Scrambler and Write It Do It)

Will Cunzeman and Sam Maxey (Fifth place in Bungee Drop)

JV Medal Winners:

Alex Manriquez and Griffin Schuster (Silver medal in Disease Detectives)

Kyle Hoffman (Bronze in MagLev)

Skyler Yunk and Thomas Lee (Bronze in Entomology)

The 3rd Grade NBJT Competition Cheer Team placed second at state on December 7. The 5th and 6th grade teams also participated.

Grants

I have been told unofficially that we will be receiving grants from both ExxonMobil and Target shortly. Sheri Casey from Pacemaker secured a \$500 ExxonMobil grant which will go to NBHS for science lab materials and Kelly Friesema one of our Speech Language Pathologists secured the Target grant to support a special education field trip to Braveheart.

Principal for the Day

Sen. Steve Stadelman was the principal for the day on December 12 at NBHS and NBUE. Since he is a relatively new member and on the Senate Education Committee, I thought he would be a great person to invite. His day seems to have gone extremely well. His schedule for the day was:

- 9:00 - Noon - NBUE
- 9:00 - 9:45 Classroom Visits
- 9:45 - 10:15 Classroom Visits
- 10:15 - 10:30 Set up Viking Vault
- 10:30 - 11:30 Viking Vault
- 11:30 - 12:00 Lunch

- 12pm - 2pm @ NBHS
- 12:00 - 12:40 Hand out
Root Beer Floats to those who
attended Career Fair
- 12:40 - 1:20 Classroom Visits
- 1:20 - 1:40 Using Data to Place Students
- 1:40 - 2:00 Rising Star Presentation



Ken Terrinoni, the Boone County Administrator, will be the next principal for the day at the end of January.

School Improvement Day

The December 4 School Improvement Day seems to have went well. NBHS spent time reviewing questioning techniques and also reviewed some of the questions teachers had about the evaluation process. NBMS/UE teachers spent time on reviewing Tier 2 & 3 PBIS placements and worked on some of the Rising Star indicators. The PGE Staff spent much of the time learning about the myOn Website that they have been using to support reading, and the non-instructional staff received training from the Boone County Sheriff's Department on how to react to security threats.

Capital Development Board

We received the retrospective appraisals for the lands involved in the CDB grant from 2003. The appraisals have been forwarded on to the CDB.

Potential Poplar Grove Development

I was notified by the Village of Poplar Grove of a potential development on the south side of Poplar Grove near the post office. There are some questions regarding impact fees, etc. so I am going to work through some of the questions with the Village staff and potentially the Village Planning and Zoning people and I will keep you informed of our progress.

Technology Survey

The technology survey for staff, students, parents and the community is currently available on the district's website. About 140 people have responded to the survey. The results will be used to assist in the development of the district's next technology plan.