

The Coyote Howl

“Principal’s Page”

The Frog Princess

The fall production of “*The Frog Princess*” is in the books. Miss Tron and Mr. Rooke worked very hard with their cast and crew, and the performances were quite enjoyable. Some of the cast members include: Haley V. (Storyteller), Cherisse P. (Queen Natasha), DJ S. (Sacha) and Kayla S. as the frog princess (Natalia). Leah R. and Sammy W. had us in stitches with their performances as Ursula and Vassilisa.

Halloween

Mr. Geiermann and Mr. Sikes are planning our third annual Halloween “Fright Night” on Halloween night. We will be watching a John Carpenter double feature with “*The Fog*” and “*The Thing*”. Hamburgers and brats will be served in between movies. The first show will begin at 6 PM.

Halloween Dance

The “Coyote’s Den” have put together an exciting month for our kids. A Rec night was scheduled after the last football game on Wednesday, October 19. In addition to this, a costume dance is scheduled for the field house on Friday, October 28. A special thanks goes out to all members of the “Coyote’s Den”. If you are interested in promoting healthy activities for our kids, please get in contact with Pat Axtman at the high school at 572-0967.

Early Out

Our next early out for professional development is scheduled for November 16. We will be on in-service schedule and the students will be dismissed at 2 PM.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 3 from 4-7 PM and on Monday, November 7 from 5:30-8:30 PM. Conferences are important as they provide an opportunity for you to talk with instructors and discuss your son/daughter’s progress.

Don’t forget to “fall back” from daylight savings time on October 30.

Professionally yours,

Chris Kittleson, Principal
Williston High School
“Go Coyotes”

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FFA NEWS

Congratulations to the following FFA members who attended the District Leadership Conference at WSC.

Parliamentary Procedure Team received a Bronze.

Officers received the following ratings:

President - Casey M. - Bronze
Vice President - Eric S. - Silver
Secretary - Max C. - Silver
Treasurer - John A. - Silver
Reporter - Aaron P. - Silver
Sentinel - Jason J. - Silver
Parliamentary - Jason T.

Greenhand Parliamentary Team I received a Bronze.

Officers received the following ratings:

President - Dustin A. - Bronze
Secretary - Daniel J. - Bronze
Treasurer - Chase E. - Silver
Reporter - Ryan T. - Bronze
Sentinel - Joren K. - Silver
Advisor - Derek H. - Silver

Greenhand Parliamentary Team II received Silver.

Officers received the following ratings:

President - Jon S. - Bronze
Vice President - Seth J. - Silver
Secretary - Hailey A. - Silver
Treasurer - Sheldon K. - Silver
Reporter - Jake A. - Bronze
Sentinel - Patrick M. - Silver
Advisor - John O. - Silver
Member - Katelyn C.

Creed Contest - Dustin A. received a Bronze.

Quiz Team received a Bronze. Contestants were:

Doug R. - Bronze
Ben O. - Bronze
Brad H. - Bronze
Jared H. - Bronze
Joseph P. - Bronze

Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest -
Doug R. received Silver.

Memorized Public Speaking Contest -
Vanessa H. received Silver. (2nd Overall)

Demonstration Contest received Silver.
Contestants were:

Cameron H.
James L.

Spaghetti Dinner

The FFA will be having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 29, at the First Lutheran Church from 4 - 7 PM.

Students 12 and under are \$3.00 and adults are \$5.00.

This is a fundraiser for our chapter as well as a service project. We contact businesses to sponsor meals to individuals who are on the "Meals for Wheels" program, Hospice, etc. We deliver these meals to them the day of the meal.

Fruit Sales

The FFA will again be selling fruit (oranges, grapefruit, apples and pears) as well as sausage, cheese and candy.

The sales will start October 31 and run until November 21.

Fruit will be delivered the week of December 12. If you are interested, please contact an FFA member or call the high school for more information.

Wes Pepple
FFA Advisor

Counseling News

Williston High School
Mrs. Wick and Miss Koperski
Counselors
November 2005

Scholarships

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will be selecting its next class of Coca-Cola Scholars in the upcoming school year. 1.8 million dollars is awarded annually to 250 students. The scholarship is based upon leadership, commitment to community and academic achievement. Visit the web site for the application at www.coca-colascholars.org. The deadline is October 31.

AXA Achievement Scholarship is for seniors who demonstrate ambition and drive, determination to set and reach goals, who has respect for self, family and community and the ability to succeed in college. Go to www.axa-achievement.com to learn more about the program or to download an application. The deadline is December 15.

Alert Magazine offers a chance to speak out and win a \$500 scholarship. You must be a senior or will be a senior in the fall, have a GPA of 2.5 and plan to attend college after graduation. It is an essay about a personal encounter you or someone you know has had with drug and/or alcohol abuse. Information is in the counselors' office.

North Dakota School Counselor Association Essay Contest is for seniors. The topic is "How has my school counselor helped me prepare for the future?" The amount of the scholarship is \$100 and the deadline is January 6.

Dates To Remember

October 19 – PLAN for all sophomores

October 24 – NDSU at WHS at 12:15 PM

October 25 – Burdick Job Corps at WHS at 12:15

**November 2, 3, 8 & 9 – ND State Assessment
(required for all juniors)**

ND Scholars Program

This program recognizes outstanding ND high school seniors for scholastic achievement as measured by their ACT scores. Those students who are selected must enroll in a ND college or university and will be awarded

an in state tuition scholarship. To be considered you must be scheduled to graduate from a ND high school in 2007, attend a ND college or university and take the ACT on one of the following test dates: December 10, February 11, April 8 or June 10. Information is in the counselors' office.

Burdick Job Corps Center

The Job Corps Center is located in Minot and offers the opportunity to students to complete a vocational program of study and receive their GED or high school diploma. A representative will be at WHS in the commons area on October 25 from 12:15 to 1 PM. If you have any questions about job corps, this would be the time to have them answered.

Guide To Higher Education 2005-06

This booklet is published each year by the Association of college Admissions Counseling. It contains information on how to apply, what you should ask on campus visits, information of financial aid and information on each public two and four year college in North and South Dakota. It's free! It's in the counselors' office. Stop by and pick up your copy!

Don't Be Puzzled About Your Future

The Career Outlook 2005-06 is available each year from the North Dakota Career Resource Network. There are articles about career and life planning, how to make a positive first impression at an interview, and articles that pertain to your parents. This publication can be found in the counselors' office.

Give Your Career More Horsepower

Railroading is one of the hot new jobs out there! Over the next five years, the railroads plan to hire more than 80,000 new workers. The job market, on an average, pays \$60,000 per year. You can find information in the Choices explorer program or at www.RailroadTraining.com

Minot State University

Minot State is advising students that they do not need to take the ACT writing test this year in preparation for 2006 admission to Minot State University. If you have already taken the writing assessment, that is fine, but if you have not written it and plan to attend MSU in the fall of 2006, you are not required to write the test. If you have questions concerning this issue, please contact the admissions office at MSU.

Choir Fest

The NDSU music department sponsored their seventeenth Annual Choir Fest on October 9 & 10. Students from several schools rehearsed with NDSU choral instructors, Dr. Jo Ann Miller and Dr. Michael Weber, and then performed a concert on the evening of October 10 on the campus of NDSU in Fargo. Dr. Miller was the mixed chorus conductor and Dr. Weber conducted the women's chorus. The NDSU Concert Choir and the Oak Grove High School Concert Choir also performed at the concert.

WHS choir students who attended the Choir fest were:

Erin A. - Women's Chorus
Evan L. - Women's Chorus
Gracia B. - Mixed Chorus
Zack D. - Mixed Chorus
Bryce H. - Mixed Chorus
Becky P. - Mixed Chorus

Herb Parker
Choir Director

ART CLUB

ART CLUB is on the move! We are growing every week, and have started a mural project for our local Archery Association. So much interest has been shown that we have decided to meet every Tuesday at 7 PM in the high school art room. There are some fun activities being planned, so come and share your creative energy! And remember...

ART makes you SMART!!

Anna Hoffman
Art Instructor

Close Up

Close Up Washington is an exciting week-long study visit to the nation's capital where the students gain the opportunity to experience our government and the political process firsthand. This year, the trip will take place in April 2006.

The Close Up Washington week is a carefully organized series of activities designed to give the students a look at the process of government. The program will contain six to eight seminars, each featuring a different Washington expert. Students will have an opportunity to meet with our state's representative and senators and visit famous monuments. The last day, before our return, the students are given a chance to explore the sites that are most appealing to them.

Interested parents or students may contact Mr. Mack at the Williston High School in room 109.

Chris Mack
Close Up Advisor

**All Sport Schedules can now
be viewed online at:
<http://www.viewmyschedule.com>**

DRESS CODE

(at school or school sponsored events)

Students are expected to have appropriate appearance at all times. Inappropriate appearance includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. Excessively torn or tattered clothing
2. Clothing which is in poor taste, too revealing (this includes both shirt and skirt length), clothing containing obscene words or pictures.
3. Clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco or bars
4. Hooters, Co-ed Naked, Big Johnson, Playboy bunny or similar items
5. Spaghetti straps, tank tops, shirts that expose the midriff or décolletage
6. Colored hair or body piercing that draws attention from the learning process
7. Chains hanging from clothing
8. No sheer or gauze fabrics

Wearing of hats or caps by either girls or boys will not be allowed. Common courtesy dictates the removal of hats upon entering the building as a sign of respect.

NORTHWEST MUSIC FESTIVAL

The following students have been selected by audition to the Northwest Festival of Music to be held at Minot State University on November 3 & 4.

WOMEN'S CHORUS

Erin A.
Cherisse P.
Leah R.

MIXED CHORUS

Bryce H.
Becky P.
Ben R.
Sean S.
Kayla S.

BAND

Kelli H.
Sarah P.
Brianna S.

Mark A. – Alternate

Herb Parker
Choir Director

S.O.S. ECONOMART RECEIPTS

Williston Senior High School has the opportunity to earn free equipment by collecting cash register tapes from Economart. This register tape collection program, call S.O.S. (Support Our Schools) will allow us to collect 1% of all cash register receipts from Economart. This money will allow us to purchase everything from computers and textbooks to basketballs and drivers training vehicles.

We encourage you to save Economart cash register tapes and send them to Williston Senior High School. Together, we can improve the quality of our children's education while easing the financial burden on our school.

SENIOR PICTURES

All senior pictures that are going in the annual need to be turned in to Mrs. Schultz no later than January 1, 2006.

SPECIAL INVITE: CONFERENCES

Mrs. Tracey would like to invite the parents of her Spanish students to come to Parent/Teacher Conferences November 3 or November 7. She would also like to remind parents to look for an October Newsletter from Mrs. Tracey. Students will bring that newsletter home by the end of the month. ☺

Mid-Term & Nine Week Grading Schedule for WHS

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| Mid-Term – September 26 | (Homeroom) |
| First Nine Weeks – November 1 | (Homeroom) |
| Mid-Term – December 2 | (Homeroom) |
| Second Nine Weeks – January 18 | (Homeroom) |
| Mid-Term – February 16 | (Homeroom) |
| Third Nine Weeks – March 28 | (Homeroom) |
| Mid-Term – April 28 | (Homeroom) |
| Fourth Nine Weeks Report Card Will Be Mailed | |

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Can you feel it in the air? There is a certain crispness to the season. You can hear the snap of the football, the crack of the bat. Leaves are waiting to be raked into piles so that children can jump into them. The hockey players are making sure their equipment is going to be ready for the upcoming season. There is a smile on each student's face because they know that it is a special time of the year.

Yes, it is time for Parent- Teacher conferences.

Parent-Teacher Conferences (PTC's) are going to be held at the high school gym on November 3 from 4 – 7 P.M. and on November 7 from 5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Elementary conferences differ from those at the middle school and high school level. The biggest difference is in the number of people involved. At the middle and high school levels, parents have a number of teachers to contact. The teachers only have the student for one or, possibly, two hours a day. Teachers at the upper levels will not have the experience base with a student that an elementary teacher would have even at this time of the year.

In doing some research, I found some ideas that might enhance the experience of PTC's for both parents and teachers.

1. **Talk to your child.** Find out in which classes he or she feels he or she is doing the best, in which classes he or she is having problems and what those problems may be. If your student is open to it, bring the student with you to the conferences. This allows for direct input from the student and gives a clear picture of what is going on in the classroom.

2. **Make a list of questions** you want to ask the teacher. Make sure the questions are things that can be answered by the teacher. Parents will some times ask the teacher questions the teacher cannot answer. An example is, "So, why isn't 'Bob' (not his real name) handing in his homework?" From a teacher's viewpoint, that is a question that cannot be answered; this is why bringing students to PTC's helps.
3. **Develop an action plan.** This is always welcome on all parts. What can the parent and the teacher working together accomplish? If the student is there, then all three parts of the situation can be present to develop the plan. The plan should be practical, attainable, and written down. It is really a boost to both parent and teacher because it shares the responsibilities for success.
4. **Take notes during the conference** so that you do not have to rely on memory when you talk to your student about the conference. When a student asks, "So what did my teacher say?" and the answer comes back, "Nothing." They get the impression that neither the teacher nor the parent cares. Most often teacher comments will be a mixed bag of good and bad, so please report both to your student.
5. **Remember what PTC's are really about.** They are really not about who did what or didn't do what. They are about developing a partnership to help the student achieve and learn all that needs to be learned.

If you come to PTC's and do not feel you had enough time to talk with a particular teacher, feel free to make an appointment to see the teacher at a time convenient to both. Part of the job of being a teacher is to work with parents to help the student's progress in school. I have always found that student's are a bit more likely to work harder if they know all sides are moving in the same direction.

Jim Geiermann
English Instructor

HOMECOMING 2005

We can't thank everyone enough for all the hard work that was done on Homecoming. We would like to thank everyone one more time because this wouldn't have been possible without all the help.

- **Corporate Float Sponsors:**

Freshmen: Missouri Valley Communications
Sophomores: American State Bank & Trust Co.
Juniors: Coca Cola Bottling/McDonald's
Seniors: Mercy Medical Center
Craven Hagan Clinic
Mercy Health Partners Specialty Group
Mercy Medical Foundation

- **Float Contributors:**

Wal-Mart
WHS Parents - snacks/chaperoning
WHS Staff - float supervision
The Ernie French Center - flat beds
Corey's Portable Toilets

- **Coronation Sponsors:**

SK&S/S&S Sales/L&K Electric
WHS parents who helped decorate
Formal Affair for donating the tuxes
WHS Tech Crew

- **Bonfire:**

The Williston Volunteer & Rural Fire Department
Mr. McNaboe for cleaning up the wood.

- **Pre-Game Activities:**

Ban-Aire Aviation Services flew the banner over the field in memory of Cody Wentz
Bill Kaiser/SERVAIR
American Casing/First National Bank & Trust
Williston RV & Marine/Dr. Randolph Pitzer
WHS parents who cooked all the delicious food
TNT Fireworks for the amazing fireworks show
The Class of 2001/Dakota Diesel/Schmitz Oil
Properties/Gate City Bank for the pink t-shirts
Allayna Kalmik for singing the National Anthem
Jeff Nelson for the great sound equipment
Steve Slocum, our favorite MC
Everson Funeral Home for donating the beautiful box for the Cody Wentz flag
Chris Ahmann for painting the football field

- **Homecoming Parade:**

The Williston City Police
Williston Honda
Stockman Ford
Murphy Motors
Lindsey Implement
The Engberg's and Nice's
Float Judges: Mayor Ward Koeser
Detective Cory Collings
Chamber of Commerce Diane Hagen

- **Publicity:**

KUMV-TV
KXMD-TV
The Herald

- **Hall Decorating:**

Mr. Sundt/Art Club for the great job getting us all fired up for Homecoming

WHS Student Council Secretary
Haley E.

LIBRARY NEWS

With chilly nights and rainy days, doesn't curling up with a book sound like a great idea? The library is brimming with new books and new Accelerated Reader tests. The Piers Anthony Xanth series is gaining some new hardcover editions since the paperbacks are about ready to fall into pieces. This series is a laugh-a-minute with Anthony's puns and humorous situations. The first book is Spell for Chameleon: a boy, a girl, a magician, a secret mission, and a villain. Who could ask for more?

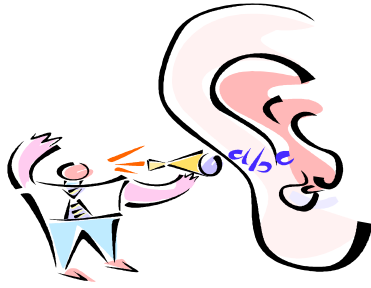
Twenty-one new tests have been downloaded for AR, including Bloody Jack: Being an Account of the Curious Adventures of Mary "Jacky" Faber, Ship's Boy (first of a series) by L.A. Meyer; Darren Shan's Killers of the Dawn; Nancy Farmer's The Sea of Trolls; and Kate DiCamillo's The Tale of Despereaux. DiCamillo also wrote the popular Because of Winn-Dixie.

A fascinating book I had only a glimpse of (before a music teacher requested it) is The Story Behind the Song: 150 Songs that Chronicle the 20th Century. With prefaces about each decade and biographies of the lyricists, composers, and singers, this book is a tremendous resource about the changes in our country and how music reflected or influenced those changes. Remember the days of disco? The story of "Saturday Night Fever" is in this book.

Finally, your help is appreciated in reminding students to return books. A date-due slip is in the front of every WHS library book, and the date due is stamped there. Students have three weeks to read a book and may renew the book if needed. Some students, however, are not returning or renewing books. As students keep books past the due date, others miss the opportunity of reading those books and, most terribly, books are lost. Students who have books overdue for 3 and 4 weeks will have detention with me. At the 5th week, the student must pay a deposit to check out more books (\$10 for paperback/\$20 for hardcover). Students are reminded by their third period teachers about overdue books, and there are periodic announcements to check the date due slip. If a student loses a book, the replacement cost must be paid. If the book is later found, the money will be refunded. It's not the best system, but every book lost is money not spent on new books or new AR tests. The library budget has been cut, so I need every book to be returned or paid for. Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Please stop by the library on your way through the halls during parent-teacher conferences. Happy autumn!

Miss Snyder
Library Media Specialist



HOW TO TALK SO KIDS WILL LISTEN **(And Listen So Kids Will Talk)**

**Monday's: November 21, 28 and
December 5
6:30 – 9 P.M.
Mercy Wellness Center**

This **FREE** program is for parents who want to know more about using positive, effective communication techniques with **children of any age** and who are looking to strengthen their ability to:

- Help Children Deal with Feelings
- Engage a Child's Cooperation
- Find alternatives to Punishment
- Encourage Independence
- Use Praise Effectively
- Free Children from Playing Roles/Labels

Call 572-5863 to pre-register.

"The presence of effective communication patterns is one of the most frequently mentioned characteristics of strong families."

Swihart, 1988

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS/MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS ONLINE!!

The WHS daily announcements and monthly newsletters are available to view in two locations:

1. www.williston.k12.nd.us/whs/ and click on announcements or newsletter
2. Through PowerSchool parent/student access and click on "School Bulletin". There are links to both the announcements and newsletters in this area as well.

SADD News

WHS SADD members continue to be busy as they prepare for Red Ribbon Week, which is October 23 – 29. Red Ribbons were distributed to students on Monday of that week, with the theme for the week being "Respect Yourself" – Say "NO" to alcohol and other drugs. Students were encouraged to wear their ribbons all week, as a visible commitment to a safe, healthy, and drug-free lifestyle. A video was presented to students on Tuesday entitled, "Everything You Need to Know about Substance Abuse in 22 minutes." On Wednesday, everyone was encouraged to wear red and the WHS SADD members hosted the second annual Northwest Regional Workshop at the International Inn for junior high SADD members. Seventh and eighth graders from WMS, Trinity Christian, Ray, Powers Lake, and Killdeer were also invited to attend. Thursday was BYO Banana day, with free banana splits for those students who had their red ribbon or brought a banana. Friday the students will "Follow Your Dreams- Say "No" to Drugs," and wear their pajamas to school. Students who still had their ribbons were eligible to win a cash prize at the end of the week.

Susan Forthun
SADD Advisor

Parents LEAD

Listen, Educate And Discuss

What North Dakota parents **should** know.

North Dakota underage drinking laws are **very clear**.

North Dakota Law:

- Individuals younger than 21 years of age (minors) **cannot** manufacture, purchase, consume or possess alcoholic beverages.
- As a parent, you cannot give alcohol to your child or their friends under the age of 21 under **any** circumstances.
- Any person who knowingly gives alcohol to individuals under 21 is guilty of a **Class A Misdemeanor**. Even in your home or if you have parental permission for another child.
- It is **illegal** to provide alcohol to your own child/children who are under the age of 21.
- Parents **cannot** knowingly allow a person under 21, other than their own child, to remain in their home or on their property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

The Simple Facts:

- It is **illegal** to provide alcohol to individuals under the age of 21.
- It is **illegal** to host or allow minors drinking parties in your home.
- It is unhealthy and unacceptable for anyone under age 21 to drink.
- It is unsafe and **illegal** for anyone to drink and drive.
- Parents can be **prosecuted** for providing alcohol to minors or hosting alcoholic parties for individuals under age 21.

If You Break These Laws You Will Face:

- Class A Misdemeanor
- \$2,000 in fines
- 365 days in jail

As A Parent You Can:

- Refuse to supply alcohol to minors. Be at home when your child/children host a party.
- Make sure that alcohol is not brought in your home or on your property by underage individuals.
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at events your child/children will be attending.
- Create alcohol-free opportunities and activities in your home so minors will feel welcome.

Information provided by Susan Forthun, SADD Advisor, from pamphlet

