

# The Coyote Howl

## “Principal’s Page”

### Activities

Winter is finally releasing its grip and spring is just around the corner. I want to personally congratulate Mr. Sikes for being named as WDA Speech Coach of the Year. Our speech team has grown by leaps and bounds and they have been bringing home trophies on a regular basis. To Mr. Sikes and the rest of his coaching staff, great job!

Spring Fling is the week of April 3 – 7. Monday, we have a hypnotist appearing in the auditorium at 7 PM. The cost is \$7 at the door and is limited to WHS students only. Tuesday, a WHS band will be performing in the auditorium at 7:30 PM. There will be no cost for this concert. Thursday will be our second annual Dodgeball Tournament. Last year, we had eighteen teams competing in the gym and the students beat the faculty in the championship match. If you did not get a chance to see the outlandish costumes our kids came up with last year, please mark this on your calendar and come out and watch the excitement. Spectators are welcome! Friday, we will be having a Spring Fling dance in the commons area.

Prom is on April 22 at the New Armory. Prom is considered one of the premiere events at WHS and we maintain very high standards with regards to dress code and who may attend. Male participants must be in a suit/tuxedo. Dress styles have changed quite dramatically in recent years. Therefore, female participants have a few guidelines to follow with their dresses. The dress slit cannot extend past mid-thigh. The dress cannot expose skin below the navel or above the bottom rib. The dress must not ride low on the hip. Finally, the dress must be high enough not to expose cleavage. If there are any questions, have your daughter bring a picture of the dress to the office and we can determine if it is acceptable for the prom.

Prom date: your son/daughter’s date must be a junior/senior at WHS. If they attend another school or are not in school currently, a form must be filled out at the office for approval.

In order to participate in the Grand March and Prom, each participant must take a breathalyzer test. Since it is illegal for a minor to register any blood alcohol level, a police officer will be on site and any person who registers a positive result will be referred to the police.

### New Course Requirements for 06-07

There are two major changes in the requirements for graduation for next year. The math requirement for graduation has increased from two credits to three credits. **This will NOT be for the 06-07 senior class.** However, next year’s juniors will need to take a third math in order to walk across the stage.

Windows Applications is another class that has been added as a requirement for graduation. This course teaches our sons/daughters how to effectively use the Microsoft Office Suite. Keyboarding is a prerequisite for this course, and in this age of computer technology, it is imperative that our students know all the basics of word processing, databases, and PowerPoint presentations. The Windows Applications class will be required for next year’s sophomore and freshman classes. So, as a review, next fall’s junior class will be the first group that must have three math credits in order to graduate and next fall’s sophomore class must pass Windows Applications.

### Course Recommendations

Currently, our Math and English departments are making recommendations to certain students for next year’s classes. If you, as a parent, have a concern or question about this recommendation, please talk to us so we can show you the reason why we made the recommendation. We are currently using multiple measuring tools to determine placement. The first is the NWEA assessment. This is an online assessment where we receive feedback on your son/daughter’s progress in Math and Reading. We incorporate this assessment with yearlong teacher assessments and the state assessment in order to make the best “fit” for your son/daughter’s success.

In a matter of weeks, we will be doing yard work and getting the boat out of storage. Enjoy!!

Professionally,

Chris Kittleson  
Principal  
Williston High School

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**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.

## **Mid-Term & Nine Week Grading Schedule for WHS**

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

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- April 5 – Teacher In-Service (2 PM Dismissal)  
 April 18 – Senior Student Meeting  
                   WHS Auditorium  
                   11:00 AM
- April 22 - Prom  
 May 9 - Elk's Youth Day  
 May 10 - Senior Awards Night  
                   WHS Auditorium  
                   7:00 PM
- May 13 - Band Day  
 May 15 – Honor Group Rotary  
                   El Rancho  
                   12:00 PM
- May 16 - Honor Banquet  
                   St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
                   O'Neil Hall  
                   6 PM - 6:30 PM Social  
                   6:30 PM Meal  
                   7 PM Speaker
- May 21 - Baccalaureate  
                   First Lutheran Church  
                   7:00 PM
- May 25 - Graduation Practice  
                   All seniors must attend  
                   Phil Jackson Field House  
                   9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- May 28 - Graduation  
                   All seniors must attend  
                   Phil Jackson Field House  
                   2:00 PM  
                   (All seniors must be at WHS @ 1:00 PM to line up)
- May 28 - Operation Graduation  
                   Attendance is optional  
                   10:00 PM – 4:00 AM

## **Senior Motto/Colors/Flower**

**Motto – Remember yesterday, Dream  
about tomorrow, but Live Today**

**Colors – Orange, Black and Silver**

**Flower - Lily**

## **Counseling News**

Williston High School  
Mrs. Wick and Miss Koperski  
Counselors  
April 2006

### **Scholarships**

**Williston Education Association Scholarship** is for seniors whose parents are WEA members. The deadline is May 3.

**Kingsley T. Davidson Memorial Scholarship** is now available. The deadline is April 1.

**Lewis and Clark Elementary** has an alumni scholarship for seniors who attended Lewis and Clark Elementary. The deadline date is April 21. Applications are in the counselors' office.

**Nemont** offers a scholarship to seniors whose family receives service through them. The deadline is April 1.

**Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Program** applications are now being accepted for the class of 2006 seniors. All information can be downloaded off of the web at the following link: <http://www.dpi.state.nd.ud/news/030606.shtm>. The deadline for all applications to be postmarked by is April 17. Questions can be addressed to Heidi Bergland at [hbergland@state.nd.us](mailto:hbergland@state.nd.us).

### **Dates To Remember**

**April 6 – WSC at WHS to register students for fall enrollment in classes. Applications should be submitted prior to that date.**

**April – ACT**

**May 5 – Registration deadline for June 10 ACT**

### **Registration**

Parents, please note the registration information in the newsletter. There will be changes in this year's format. Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet with high school staff in order to complete the colored registration card. The counselors will then have students, at a later date, make their requests for the 2006-07 school year. Parents will be able to go online and then view their child's requests and make any changes. After April 24, no schedule requests can be made using the online system.

## **STEPS FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN ONLINE REGISTRATION**

Students will register online during an assigned class period on the following dates:

**April 5 & 6 – Class of 2007**

**April 7 – Class of 2008**

**April 10 – Class of 2009**

**April 19 & 20 – Class of 2010**

The following steps will enable parents/guardians to go online and view the class selections that the student has made. The site will be open from **April 5** until **April 24, 2006** for request changes.

- Go to the WPSD #1 website at [www.williston.k12.nd.us/](http://www.williston.k12.nd.us/)
- Go to PowerSchool Parent/Student Access
- Log in, using your log in for PowerSchool
- On the tool bar, click "Class Registration"
- Follow the instructions as given
- At the bottom of the screen, click submit to save. If you do not submit, it will not be saved.

The window will close **April 24**. After that date, no schedule requests can be made online.

## **Microsoft Student Select: Get Microsoft Software For Less**

North Dakota EduTech, Microsoft, E-Academy, and Software House International have teamed up to provide K-12 students, staff, and parents the opportunity to purchase certain Microsoft products at deep discounts. These products include Microsoft Office 2003 Pro/Standard, Office 2004 Pro/Standard for Mac, OneNote, FrontPage 2003, Visio, Student 2006, Project 2003, and Windows XP Pro Upgrade. Each student can purchase up to one copy/license of each software title.

Example pricing: Microsoft Office 2003 Professional MSRP: \$499.99  
Student Select Pricing: \$69.00

Please contact your student's school to receive your Student Select registration code. See <http://edutech.nodak.e-academy.com> for licensing, pricing, purchasing, and order fulfillment details.

### **Two important notes:**

- 1) Windows XP Pro Upgrade must be installed on a machine with a qualifying Microsoft operating system and corresponding Certificate of Authenticity (Windows XP Home, Windows 2000, Windows ME, etc.). You cannot buy a "white box" computer without an operating system and install the Student Select Windows XP Pro Upgrade.
- 2) These software products are meant for personal or school purposes. The license does not provide for commercial uses (e.g. the Student Select license does not allow you to use this software for a home business).

WHS Tech Department

## **Atomic Learning**

Atomic Learning has great resources for learning how to use software programs for both PC and Macintosh computers. Teachers, students, parents, and community members can use it. To use it at home, go to [www.atomiclearning.com](http://www.atomiclearning.com) In the login box in the upper right hand corner, enter the following:

login: williston  
Password: (Please get this from your school's office)

After you have logged in, click on either the "Windows Tutorials" or "Macintosh Tutorials". Then select the program and the section(s) you want to view.

**Upper Missouri District Health Unit  
is sponsoring a No-TV week  
during National Public Health Week  
April 3 -7.**

## **OPERATION GRADUATION 2006**

**We're off to a great start in planning our senior party! Come join us in making this an unforgettable night for them! There are so many ways you can help.**

**If you are interested in being a chaperone, please call now for your choice of shifts. Warning: Most parents want to stay all night! You may call Pat Greenfield at 572-6699 if you are interested.**

**Also, the Fund Raising Team is looking for your ideas. Please contact Barb Olson in the daytime at 774-4625 or in the evening at 577-0730.**

**Together we can give our seniors the best party ever!**

## **AFTER PROM ACTIVITIES**

**Plans for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Williston After Prom Party are well under way. An evening of multiple activities will be offered for prom participants. The After Prom Committee guarantees fun for the kids with a little less worry for parents as all the activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free. We hope you will encourage your Junior/Senior student to participate.**

**If you would like to support this event with a donation or by helping out as a chaperone or in any other capacity, please contact one of the committee members listed below:**

<b>Randi Jangula, Chairman.....</b>	<b>774-3861</b>
<b>Jill Kleven.....</b>	<b>572-7992</b>
<b>Patti Ogurchak.....</b>	<b>572-5045</b>
<b>Les Hanson.....</b>	<b>572-2732</b>
<b>Sheri Skalsky.....</b>	<b>577-7872</b>
<b>Julie Quamme.....</b>	<b>572-5476</b>

## **Rosie the Riveter Revisited**

Rosie the Riveter Revisited program for girls will be offering its last class on April 8 for grades 9-12, from 8 AM - 5 PM in Room 211 at the high school. This class, taught by Mr. Hoffer, will introduce girls to house designing, decorating, and furniture and floor coverings as well as the choosing the exterior. Girls will be able to see what each room will look like as they design it. This class is limited to 20 students. There will be registration forms in the main office that need to be filled out and returned to the main office. Each girl participating will receive snacks, lunch and a free t-shirt (if they don't already have one).

# **Stuco**

**WHS Spring Fling: April 3 -7, 2006**

**Monday, April 3:** Andrew Becker, a Hypnotist, will be coming to the WHS Auditorium at 7:00 PM. You can buy advanced tickets in the office from Tara Carnell for \$5, or buy them at the door for \$7. It's an experience you will never forget... or will you never remember?

**Tuesday, April 4:** A band from WHS will be playing in the WHS Auditorium at 7:30 PM. WARNING: Come prepared to rock and roll!

**Thursday, April 6:** WHS Second Annual Dodgeball Tournament at 7:00 PM in the WHS gym. Sign-up sheets for teams will be in the office. The cost for each team is \$15. Admission will be \$1 at the door for anyone coming to watch and support the teams.

**Friday, April 7:** There will be a dance from 9 PM to 12:30 AM in the WHS Commons area. The admission will be \$3 at the door and our theme is "Hoedown", so bring your boots and your hat and come ready to boogie!

Student Council Secretary  
Haley E.

## “What’s Your Standard?”

Teachers like asking questions. There are some we want answered, and some we are glad are not. With the projects being handed in to me lately, I have really wanted to ask my students a question.

“When you are done with your work, do you think, ‘This is Excellent!’ or do you think ‘This will do?’”

The student had to have spent all of fifteen minutes on the project, depending on how long it took to cut the paper, tape it to the tiny book, and draw the heart.

The student did the poster in the class before it was due. The student had some good talent at drawing, but I wondered what it would have looked like if the student had spent a couple days on it.

“Is this good enough? My sister looked at it and said you would take it.” Indeed I did take it; fortunately the sister did not predict the grade.

At least the projects got done and turned in, and some credit is better than no credit.

He had been a really good kid in high school. He had probably gotten into some trouble like most kids but nothing of major proportion. When he was in class, he did his work, was polite and energetic, and did what had to be done, much of it at the last minute. I had not seen him for a while, so it was fun to run into him again. I asked him what his standard of excellence was.

He is in his first year of college and getting “okay” grades. He said things were going “okay.” He was getting mostly C’s in classes. He was still doing things at the last minute. “I am just a ‘C’ student,” he said.

“So your standard of excellence is average,” I replied. “You should try above average once in awhile. You might learn to like it. It will make things easier on you.”

You take your car in for some repairs. It has had a bit of knock in the motor and running sluggishly for a while. You talk to the mechanics and explain the problem to them. Which of the following outcomes makes you feel best?

- A.) As you leave you hear the mechanics say, “Never heard of anything like this before. Guess we better look this one up. Try that big red book.”
- B.) When you return to pick up your car, you look at the slip and it says, “Problem fixed: 60%”
- C.) When you go to pick up the car, the mechanic talks to you, explains the problem, shows you any parts that had to be replaced, and assures you that it is done completely right, but if there are any problems to bring it back in to get adjusted.

What is our expectation for our own performance? Do we give it our all, or do we hold some in reserve, like 90% held back, just in case it is needed? Are the expectations that we have for others when working with us, the same we have of ourselves when working with others?

There are days when I am the greatest teacher on the planet. There are many more days when I am not. I try to help my students understand that what they put into something determines what they get for a grade. Many believe that I should just be thankful they handed it in, and I should just give them an A.

We are a society that believes in the following idea: “Give me the most in return for the least amount of effort.” A generation or two ago, the idea was “You get what you earn.” That last idea has been lost or forgotten.

So what is your standard for excellence?

Jim Geiermann  
English Instructor

## **BECOME A MEDIA-WISE PARENT!**

Come to hear Dr. Douglas Gentile, from the National Institute on Media and the Family, talk about issues regarding the connection between media and brain development, the effects of television and video game violence, the effects of tobacco and alcohol advertising on adolescents, and the psychology of advertising in a **FREE** evening presentation on **Wednesday, April 19, 2006** at the Williston Community Library from 7 – 8:30 PM. For more information on the evening session, contact the Parent Resource Center at 572-5863.

Dr. Gentile will be the featured speaker at the sixth annual Prevention Conference to be held **Thursday, April 20, 2006 from 8 AM – 4 PM** at the Ernie French Center - Williston Research Station. The registration fee is \$25 before April 7, 2006 or \$35 after April 7, 2006. This includes conference materials, breakfast and lunch with scholarships available for persons interested in attending the day long conference. For registration information, contact the Region I Prevention Program at Community Action at 572-8191.

## ***Community Sale April 22, 2006***

### **FFA NEWS**

Congratulation to the following Williston FFA members who received awards at the FFA banquet:

#### **Officer Plaques**

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

#### **Honorary Degree**

Scott & Paulette Metcalf  
Dave Vader  
Carla Cozart

**Top Crop Exhibitor - Cody H.**

**Top Ag. Mechanics Exhibitor - John A.**

**Top Salesperson - Casey M.**

**Star Greenhand - Max C.**

**Star Chapter Degree - John A.**

**DeKalb - Casey M.**

First and second year FFA members received their degree pins.

Many members also received plaques for the activities they participated in this past year.

Wes Pepple  
FFA Advisor

# Pull the Plug!

TV-Turn Off week is in April, 2006, can you pull the plug? Upper Missouri District Health Unit is sponsoring the TV-Turn Off week to increase better health and lifestyles for families. National Public Health Week is also celebrated in April. To highlight National Public Health Week, we are urging all families to turn off the TV, turn on to a healthier lifestyle.

Consider just a few of these reasons why you should turn off your families' TV.

1) TV undermines your family time. The average time spent in meaningful conversation by parents/children is 38 minutes per week.

2) TV reduces students' reading skills and abilities. Academic performance can be limited by lower reading scores.

3) TV contributes to unhealthy lifestyles and obesity. "Couch potatoes" is now a recognized term for inactivity while watching TV.

On average, children in the U.S. will spend more time in the front of the TV (1023 hours) than in school this year (900 hours). Forty percent of families always or often watch TV while eating dinner.

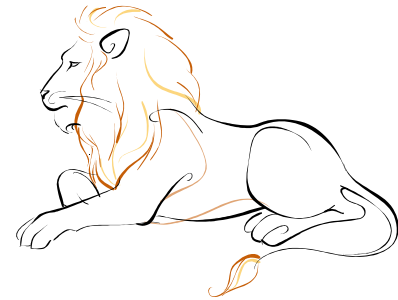
Listed are several tips to turn off your TV. Try these during TV Turnoff week this April.

- Remove the TV from your child's bedroom. A TV draws the child away from the family and distracts them from homework, reading and sleeping.
- Keep the TV off during meals. Meals are a great time for conversation.
- Do not use the TV as a reward.
- Listen to your favorite music or the radio for background noise.
- Don't worry if younger children claim to be bored. Boredom often leads to creativity.

Once you've reduced your TV time, you'll wonder how you ever had time to watch so much, and you'll be getting more family time as well! Celebrate National Public Health Week by participating in a no TV week for your family!

Upper Missouri District Health Unit

(Information taken from Real Vision, an initiative with TV-Turnoff Network)



## WHS LEO Club

The LEO club has elected officers for 2006-07 school year. President - Kilee S., Vice President - Kelli M., Secretary/Treasurer - Megan A., Directors - Kassie B., Sasha A., Sadie F. and Jessie B. Installation of officers and members will take place in April.

Projects that the LEO club has done this month include adopting two soldiers, helping the Lions with washing wheel chairs at Bethel Home. They are planning a project with Friends and Mentors on computer safety for children.

LEO Club is a service club for teens. The hours that the students accumulate are logged and used for scholarship applications. Leos are a part of the adult Lions Club. The club promotes serving activities among the youth of the community and to develop the individual qualities of Leadership, Experience and Opportunity. Meetings are held every Monday in room 321 during lunch. New members are welcome.

LuAnn Wick  
WHS Leo Advisor





