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Iowa Test of Basic Skills for Kindergarten, First & Second Grades in April

by Sherri Gregson
Elementary Counselor

Kindergarten, first, and second grades will take the Iowa Test of Basic Skills April 5-7, 2011. The test will be given during the morning. Please be sure your child is not late on these days. It is also recommended that children get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast at home or school in order to do their very best on the test. Make-up testing for K-2 children who were absent on testing days, should be completed April 8, 11, and 12, 2011. Third and fourth graders will take the Augmented Benchmark Tests on April 12-15, 2011. If parents could make needed appointments in the afternoons, that would help tremendously with completing the tests in a timely manner. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 501-728-4230.

Tiger Tube

By Kaleb Turner

Now that we are well into the technology era of the 21st century, there are many new and exciting ways for schools to stay connected with the community. Now the middle school's Tiger Bytes Technology Academy has introduced a new way for you to stay more up to date with the events and news happening around the school. The Tiger Bytes have started a newscast program called Tiger Tube. It is an exciting new way to share information happening not only in the school, but all around the community. The newscasts act as a new way for students to learn about the news world. These students are led by Mrs. Brandi Williams to create their own stories and presentations to share during the newscast. The news stories range from elementary and middle school news to community news. The students conduct on sight reports and special reports. I recently conducted a Special Report by interviewing KATV meteorologist Todd Yakoubian via Skype.

Tiger Tube allows the students to create their own stories and presentations and widen their knowledge on how news is received and processed. If you would like to view the newscasts and the special reports the Tiger Bytes have conducted, you can visit our schools webpage at www.pangburn-schools.org. From there you can click on the "Middle School" tab and then use the menu bar at the left of your screen and click on "Media Center". Then, just click on the SchoolTube.com logo and it will give you a complete list of the newscasts and special reports the students have conducted. This is a great new program that all the Tiger Bytes are excited about. If you have something you would like the Tiger Bytes to report on, you can contact Mrs. Brandi Williams or myself, Kaleb Turner.

Keeping in Touch

by Mark Flint

This past December I received a plaque from the Arkansas School Board Association in recognition of receiving 50 hours of board training. I am not the first one from our district to receive this honor, just the latest. To my knowledge Jeannie Waller and Lee Engle have already accomplished this, and there are probably others that I am not aware of. I am sure that there will be many more to receive it in the future. Our school board has committed itself to doing what it takes to improve our district, and training is just one of these things.

I wondered if our patrons are aware of the training that is required at our district. For example, our staff is required to receive 60 hours of professional development each year. While some of this training is offered during the school year, most is obtained during the summer. I can tell you that most of our staff go above and beyond that number. The last couple of years we have had numerous staff recognized for obtained more than 80 hours each year.

School board members are also required to obtain training. For years, the state required new board members to receive training during their first year on the board, but that was about it. In 2006 the state made it a requirement that all board members receive 9 hours of training in their first year and 6 hours of training every year after that. The ASBA sets up training throughout the year at different schools. It is usually on the week night and you can earn 2 or 3 hours for that night's training. Beside receiving this training, our board has been active in receiving additional training for this district. The last few years each spring the board has set up a 2 day work session where several people speak to us about finance, school law, board relations, and other topics that have helped us grow as a board. This training has been great. It has helped us form a direction for our districts future.

I am proud of the commitment that our board and staff has put into training and professional development. The end result of all of this training is a better school district and ultimately a well rounded student.

FBLA Donkey Basketball Game

By Ajla Omerbasic

On Friday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. Future Business Leaders of America at Pangburn High School gym held the Donkey Basketball Game. FBLA students played adults. Adults won this very interesting and funny game, but FBLA won something bigger. We are every day one step closer to our goal. Our goal was to raise money for our community project – Veteran’s Monument. We are almost there!

Pangburn FBLA wants to say ‘thank you’ for your generous donations and your help to honor true heroes.



Rolling Thunder Inc. Chapter 1 Arkansas attended and participated in the Donkey Basketball game. Rolling Thunder President Bob Lavaire presented a donation of \$100 and a POW/MIA Flag to be raised at the completion of the Memorial.

Also in attendance was Searcy VFW Post 2330 Representative Mike Nuckolls. He presented a \$400 donation from the Searcy Post to FBLA to help with the completion of the Memorial.

Pangburn FCCLA



Left: Pangburn FCCLA students attended the District 2 meeting in Conway on February 25, 2011. Each school chose a “goddess” from their male representatives to compete in a FCCLA fund raiser. Chad Ratton was chosen to represent the Pangburn chapter.

Pangburn High School Band Scores Excellent Rating at District Concert Assessment

by Bill Mitchell

The Pangburn High School Band under the direction of Mr. Bill Mitchell traveled to Conway March 3, 2011 for the Arkansas School Band & Orchestra Association's Region VII Concert Assessment. The band performed three selections for a panel of judges at the Conway High School Auditorium. The band was well received by the audience and judges who were in attendance that day. The assessment is a two part process in which the band performs three required selection and then must master a new piece of music that the entire group has never played before that moment. The band play a very good concert on the stage and the student and director were excited as they left the stage and traveled to the sight reading room. The tension was high as the band sat down to play a brand new piece. After the selection had concluded everyone in the group knew that they had played a good performance. Now the only thing was to wait for the judges' scores. As Mr. Mitchell announced the scores on the bus before the trip back to Pangburn there was a sudden quiet that over took the bus. "This year the Pangburn High School Band has received a Superior Rating in Concert and Sight-reading portions of the Assessment" Mr. Mitchell told his young band of musicians. The bus erupted with a big roar as everyone celebrated in their achievement. The concert assessment took place over two days and only one AA size band scored higher than our kids here at Pangburn.

Pangburn High School Choir Sings at District Choral Performance Assessment

The Pangburn High School Choir under the direction of Mr. Bill Mitchell traveled to Searcy High School to participate in the Arkansas Choral Director Association Central Region Choral Performance Assessment. The girls of the choir sang at the Searcy Performing Arts Center Friday, March 4, 2011. The choir was able to listen to several other choir performances before it was their turn to take the stage. The choir took the stage; gave it their best shot and were awarded a Good Rating by the judges. Afterwards the student's next task was to sing a song that they had never seen before that moment. The girls came together and gave a great effort on the new song and were given an excellent rating in the sight-reading portion. Overall the girls did a fantastic job representing our school in this event; keep up the good work ladies!

Pangburn Schools Music Department Present Annual Spring Concert May 5, 2011

The Pangburn SR & JR High School Choirs and Bands will present their annual Spring Concert May 5, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center in Pangburn. Student musicians in grades 7th through 12 will present a series of concerts featuring our musicians here at Pangburn Schools. The Pangburn Jazz Ensemble will also be featured in the concert. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.



Tiger Pride

Alumni Series: Jamie Ivy

By: Emily Osborne

Mrs. Ivy graduated from Pangburn High School in 1996. She then attended Harding University where she played college basketball and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. After attending Harding, she attended the University of Missouri in Kansas City, Kansas obtaining a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She chose this university because her degree would be based in clinical pharmacy. She graduated from Kansas City Pharmaceutical School in 2006 and now works as a Relief Pharmacist. Mrs. Ivy enjoys her job a great deal because she works four days a week, makes a living, helps others, and has time to be with her family.

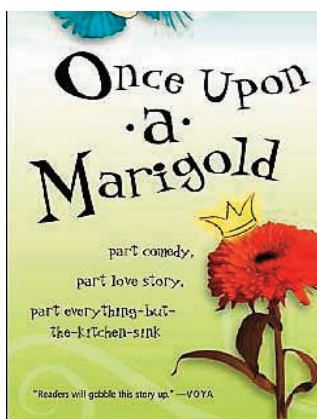


She advised students to choose a career that would give them satisfaction and allow them to pursue activities in their personal life. She stressed the importance of seeking scholarships and grants to achieve their educational goals.

Book Club Recommendation

Once Upon a Marigold

By Jean Farris



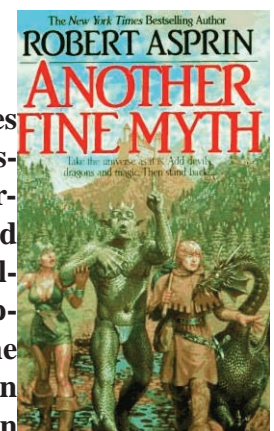
Who knew love could be so amazing--and stupefying? Not Christian. He was clueless when he started spying on the royal family through his telescope. He lives in a cave with a troll for a dad, after all. If his dad had only warned him about all that mind-boggling love stuff, maybe things wouldn't

be such a mess. But then, maybe, Princess Marigold would be dead. But Christian wasn't warned. And now that he's fallen for the princess, it's up to him to untwist an odd love triangle--er, rectangle--and foil a scheming queen who wants to take over the kingdom, even if it means bumping off her own daughter.

Book Nook

Another Fine Myth

By Robert Asprin



Another Fine Myth is the first in the series of Myth Adventures books by Robert Asprin. It falls into the category of humorous fantasy with some contemporary and science fiction elements intertwined. It follows the adventures of a magician's apprentice named Skeeve from the dimension of Klah (a Klahd) and a demon named Aahz from Perv (a Pervect, often mispronounced Pervert by others). They adventure out in the world to try to get Aahz's magical powers back and to battle another magician named Isstvan. In the course of their adventures they meet a number of interesting characters and interact with each other in hilarious ways. The book is excellent humorous fantasy that will have you laughing out loud at times and is a good break between more serious books.

Spotlight On Students: Senior Interviews

By Jordan Hicks

Paige Willis

Paige Willis is currently a 2011 graduating senior. She looks forward to meeting new people during her college experience after she graduates from Pangburn High



School. Paige wants to be remembered for being funny and outgoing. According to her friends, she's been thought of that way for years. "From the time that I have known Paige, she has always been extremely loud but always in a good way. She knows exactly how to make a person laugh," says her

friend, Savannah Kelley.

Paula Whitehead has been the teacher to make the most impact on her through the years with help in Paige's stressful situations. "I'm glad to have her as a teacher," says Paige.

If she could do high school all over again, she would have joined band and stayed in choir. "I think those are my only regrets." When asked if the school will be any different after she leaves, she replied, "I don't believe it will be. There are always going to be those loud, obnoxious, fun people. The only difference is that their names won't be Paige."

After high school, Paige wants to go to college to become a biological anthropologist. "I've always been interested in bones and would love to get a job in a coroners' lab." Overall, Paige Willis has had many interesting high school years, close friends that have been by her side, and she is looking forward to the new life ahead of her.

Her advice for the freshman class is to just have fun and try not to upset your teachers because life will be terrible if you get on their bad sides.

Heath Clyatt

Heath Clyatt is a 2011 graduating senior. When he leaves Pangburn High School, he wants to be remembered for his laughter, all the fun times he's had with all of his friends, the serious moments, and the need for speed. "I think the hallways will be quieter after some of us leave," says Heath.



Mrs. Butler has made the most influential impact on him because she is a straight forward teacher. She will let you know how it is. Mrs. Pate has also made an impact on him because she has helped him with everything that he has needed and has pushed him to do his best.

"Heath has always been a class clown. He is a great 3 point shooter and can always make me laugh. He is loved by all of his classmates and could always put someone in a good mood," says his friend, Jeslin Moiser.

If Heath had to do high school all over again, he would have strived more with his grades, but he wouldn't have changed anything else. "Stop being dumb and grow up! But have fun, laugh a lot, and do your best," is his advice for the freshman class.

After school, Heath plans to attend college, marry, and start a family. "It's always been my dream to go to college and become a basketball player."

My favorite Spring Break activity

Hailee Sheffield: "I got my driver's permit!"

Hope Turney: "I went to Six Flags over Texas!"

Anton Selvidge: "A day with my friends."

Logan Williams: "Going to my uncle's in Ozark, AR."

Tyler Hartsfield: "Roping."

Helen Tsvitok: "Digging for crystals."

Victoria Son: "Fishing."

Easter Holiday

By Savannah Kelley

Easter is a special holiday that will be celebrated on April 23rd this year by many people across the country who believe in Christ and by those who associate the holiday with the Easter Bunny. Young children look forward to Easter for dying hard-boiled eggs and become anxious, wondering what the famous Easter Bunny will bring them the next morning. Easter holiday means much more than what is recognized among people.

The meaning of Easter is Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes eternal life granted to all who believe in Him. The meaning also symbolizes the verification of all that Jesus preached during His three year ministry. His resurrection changed all that and gave final proof that He was the Son of God and that He had conquered death.

However, Easter has not always symbolized Christ's resurrection from the dead. The feast day of Easter was originally a celebration of renewal and rebirth. Celebrated in the early spring, it honored the pagan Saxon goddess Eastre. When the early missionaries converted the Saxons to Christianity, the holiday, since it fell around the same time as the traditional memorial of Christ's resurrection from the dead, was merged with the pagan celebration, and became known as Easter.



APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

10 TIPS FOR STRESS-LESS PARENTING

1. Take time to do something for yourself each day. Exercise, stretching, and reading are some proven ways to reduce stress.
2. If you're feeling overwhelmed, arrange for some outside help so you can manage all aspects of your life more effectively.
3. Keep your sense of humor when things don't go as planned. No one is a perfect parent-or a perfect child.
4. Accept that children sometimes make mistakes, are inconsistent, and act thoughtlessly-this is part of being a child.
5. Count to ten before you react when you get angry.
6. Ease tension with a human touch-share a hug, hold hands, or give a pat on the back.
7. Listen to your child and show you value your conversations. Good communication can prevent conflict and stress.
8. Schedule in family fun and fitness. Laughter and physical activity are great stress reducers.
9. Talk with friends about your parenting concerns. Also share your reflections on the joys of parenting.
10. Learn how children mature so your expectations for your child's behavior are realistic.

Pangburn Students supports Great Strides Walk

Pangburn High School Student Council is supporting the Great Strides Walk, April 16, 2011, at Spring Park in Searcy, AR. Great Strides: Taking Steps to Cure Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest national fundraising event. Tens of thousands of co-workers, friends and family come together each year as one community for one cause...to help find a cure for CF.

In 2010, ten (10) teams and over 200 walkers participated in the Searcy Great Strides event and raised more than \$27,000 to help find a cure for CF. This year we hope to have many more walkers and even bigger teams.

One of our own students, Mellisa Matlock (8th grade) has Cystic Fibrosis (CF). We are supporting her fight against CF by joining her team for the Great Strides Walk on April 16. Mellisa's team is "Moozie's Crew" and everyone is invited to become a part of Mellisa's team.

Transportation will be provided for Pangburn students who wish to participate in this event. Lunch is included, and there will be a lot of fun activities after the walk – including a rock climbing tower. Anyone interested in joining "Moozie's Crew" should fill out the form below and turn it in to Margaret McNabb or Allison Martin. If you have questions, please call Margaret McNabb at the school.

GREAT STRIDES WALK for Cystic Fibrosis – Searcy, AR April 16, 2011

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Pangburn Student? Yes Grade in school? _____

No Address: _____

Team T-shirts have been designed by Mellisa and are being produced by Tiger Tails. Selling team shirts in one of the ways we are raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Team members are encouraged to purchase a T-shirt for themselves, and also sell T-shirts to others that want to support Mellisa, but cannot participate in the Great Strides Walk on April 16.

I wish to purchase Moozie's Crew team T-shirts @ \$10 each.

_____ Adult Small _____ Adult Medium _____ Adult Large _____ Adult XLarge

_____ Adult XXLarge (\$12.00 each) _____ Adult XXXLarge (\$12.00 each)

Orders MUST be turned in to Margaret McNabb no later than April 1, 2011.

Let's make CF stand for Cure Found
Let's make Moozie's Crew the biggest and best!!!!

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There is still time to order your 2011 yearbook!!

Go to www.pangburnschools.org
Scroll to Yearbook Purchase and follow links to order.

Important Dates for April

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| April 12: Grade 9 NRT | May 5: AP English Lit. exam |
| April 11-15: Grades 3-8 Benchmark Exams | May 5: Band & Choir Concert 7:00 p. m. Performing Arts Center |
| April 19-20: EOC Geometry Exam | May 6: AP US History Exam |
| April 21: Choir Talent Show | May 10: AP English Language Exam and AP Statistics Exam |
| April 26-27: EOC Biology Exam | May 10-11: EOC Alg. I Exam |
| May 4: Alg. II American Diploma Project Exam | May 12: Awards Banquet |

Saturday School Attendance

By Jerrod Williams

Pangburn School District Administration would like to express our sincere appreciation for the support we received on Saturday March 12th school day. With your support we had 89.34% of our student body present for school on Saturday. The success of the school day would not have been possible without the concentrated effort of the faculty and staff to make this an extremely fun day of learning.

According to University of Maryland professor, Dane Marrotte, there is a significant “snow day” negative effect on student achievement during standardized testing. Mr. Marrotte’s effort is making up days before mandated state testing.

Once again, we appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you and your student at school on April 2nd and April 30th.