

SCHOOL HOUSE GRAPHICS AWARDED HUGE

By: Robert W. Brown,
Superintendent

This month we have some exciting news to share. Arnold Public Schools has been awarded a Nebraska Career Education Partnership Grant in the amount of \$64,970. Arnold is one of six schools in the state selected for this competitive grant. Other grant award recipients include: Millard Public Schools, Papillion-LaVista Public Schools, Gering Public Schools, Columbus Public Schools, and Kearney Public Schools.

The CEPA grant will partner our school with the Ogallala Public Schools and Mid-Plains Community College to start a summer eight-week internship that allows students the opportunity to run our school based School House Graphics Productions as a full fledged business. We will partner with Mid-Plains to allow students to explore career possibilities and earn college credit. We will

also mentor other schools in the implementation of 21st Century Learning Skills so they may start their own programs and assess student work-readiness skills.

This grant is the result of many hours of work by Mrs. Mohr, Mr. Mohr, Mrs. Badgley, and Mr. Harvey. The grant application process was time consuming and, at times, frustrating. Despite these challenges this group of professionals was committed to securing approval for a program they truly believe in. Their efforts will result in many new and exciting opportunities for our students, and that is what quality education is all about.

**MORE INFORMATION
TO COME IN THE NEXT
ISSUE.**



The Mock Trial team sits down for supper at the Mock Trial Banquet after a long day of trial.

First Time At State, Worth The Wait

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, DECEMBER 4-5 - Mrs. Lanham and her mock trial team, along with chauffeur, Mr. Rick Peterson, ventured to Omaha the week of December 4 for the State Mock Trial Competition, hosted by Creighton University and the Nebraska Bar Association. The team competed in three rounds, and felt that their trip to Omaha was worth the drive, the time, effort, and commitment that this group had this season.

"The state competition is so much different than regular competition because there is a lot less time to prepare for each round, and more teams of higher quality," said Jana Cool, junior and Mock Trial attorney.

After beating Hershey in the Region 2 Finals, the last week of November, the team began to prepare for the state tournament.

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Taming the BULLIES

Dear Amanda

I have a friend that used to like me a lot. She still does, but she has been being mean to me. What do I do?

Dear Hurt,

It sounds like you are being bullied, and that is not something that you should tolerate, or put up in any way. If your friend is being mean to you, then talk to her, tell her flat out that you do not like being bullied, or teased. Also, your friend may be under a lot of stress, and she is just letting off steam. Its not fair to you that she is mean to you, but you should find out if your friend is having a hard time, and maybe try to help her. Your friend may also be trying to show off to other people, and are trying to act tough when she is mean to you, and by doing that they are showing you that they are really weak, and not tough at all. Talk to your friend. If they do not listen, then you need talk to a teacher, or someone older, who can help stop what ever the person is doing. This friend may say that they are your friend, but any person who is mean to you is not your friend. Find some people who are nice to you, and treat you with the respect that you deserve.

Sincerely Amanda

Dear Amanda,

I have a problem with my friends. Sometimes they budge in front of me, and they sometimes call me something I don't want to be called, and they just say they're kidding. Sometimes though, they don't even talk to

*Dear
Amanda*

By: Amanda
Winfield, Junior

need to be able to tell the difference, and if you know that they are calling you the names to hurt you, then you need to talk to them, and ask them to stop. If they don't listen then talk to someone older, and have them help you. You also need to be able to stand up for yourself, verbally, and tell them that they are NOT going to push you around anymore, and they need to leave you alone. They are not very good friends if they are mean to you. Don't put up with things that hurt your feelings.

Sincerely Amanda

If someone is bullying you try some of these tips.

	Ha Ha So Strategies
Strategies	Tips
H Help	Seek assistance from an adult friend or peer when a potentially threatening situation arises. Seek help also if other strategies aren't working.
A Assert Yourself	Make assertive statements to the bully addressing your feelings about the bullies behavior
H Humor	Use humor to de-escalate a situation
A Avoid	Walk away or avoid certain places in order to avoid a bullying situation
S Self Talk	Use positive self-talk to maintain positive self-esteem during a bullying situation

me. They also just ignore me.

Can you please help me?

Dear Budged,
This goes along with the previous letter in this newsletter. It sounds like you are being bullied, and you should not put up with that. Sometimes people call each other names. They don't really mean them and you can usually tell if the person is joking, but other times, they call each other names that hurt a the other person. You

High Flyers.....



News from the 6th Grade:

What's more fun than seven sixth graders? "Nothing," quips Mrs. Geiser in a heart-beat. I call them my seven smart, stupendous, silly, super, special, smiley, superb students. We've been using our "silly" as well as our "smart" and "superb" traits to write holiday limericks. Look for these in the hall and I hope you enjoy them as much as I have.

It didn't take long for these stupendous students to figure out that the 3 states of matter are not Texas, Oklahoma, and California. As we progress through Unit B in Science, we are learning any characteristics and properties of matter. We have conducted investigations on expansion/contraction, dissolving, and on solutions.

Of course, nobody travels more than sixth graders. We began our journey in Social Studies in Egypt and have traveled the Eastern Hemisphere to visit all four ancient river valley civilizations. Imagine stops in Mesopotamia, the Indus River valley, China, and of course the Nile River Valley. After all that excitement, we traveled through ancient Greece and Rome. Many exciting ideas and legacies were given to the world from these ancient cultures.

We have read several novels during the reading this first semester. Nothing compares, however to the most recent novel, *A Long Way From Chicago*, by Richard Peck. After finishing this novel, we'll never look at our grandmas in the same way. Be sure and ask a sixth grader about Grandma Dowdel!

Math has buried us in percents, decimals, and fractions for the last several weeks. With all that Christmas money and gift cards, we're glad to know how to figure percentage discounts and sales tax on all the purchases we plan to use that gift money for when we go shopping. Happy New Year from the Sixth Grade!

News from the 4th Grade:

We are in the process of making several Origami tree decorations. The students have learned that Japanese kindergartners learn how to fold at a very early age.

Fourth graders finished up a fundraiser - selling Pampered Chef - to make money for their Environmental Camp or other possible field trips.

Finished a fun unit in Science on the physical and chemical changes where they experience several "fun" lab experiments, and

made their own Super Ball.

- Coming Attractions:
- Tryouts for the 3rd - 6th elementary play.

News from the 3rd Grade:

Mrs Schwarzs began subbing on Tuesday November 27th when Mrs. Florea went into labor (at home). Kempton Nolan Florea weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Ashton Weinman said, "I was the first to get to see Kempton. He was at the Stapleton game."

Mrs. Schwarz will continue to sub through the month of December and Mrs. Florea will return in January after Christmas Break.

The 3rd grade girls are very excited about the baby and can't wait to see him!

Jennifer Barraza said, "I miss Mrs. Florea." They all miss Mrs. Florea and are excited for her to return to their classroom:

Savannah Weinman said, "I'm excited about Christmas part because Mrs. Florea said she will come and bring Kempton."

Jasmine Nelson said, "We have been making various numbers of cards to give to Mrs. Florea."

Sky Linegar said, "We are real excited about the baby and miss Mrs. Florea."

The Only Thing You Can Count On Is Change

By: Jessica Eastburn,
Senior

*"Drench yourself
in words unspoken, live
your life with arms wide
open, today is where
your book begins, the
rest is still unwritten."*-
lyrics of "Unwritten" by
Natasha Bedingfield

I'm a list maker. I make lists about things I have to do, should do, want to do, and am possibly thinking about doing someday. But I am the not necessarily the "consummate" list maker. I am the person who is making a different list every minute. Not on paper though, I am making these lists in my head.

The list that is most common for me to make is a homework list, which changes about as fast as the weather in Arnold. I am constantly checking and un-checking things that I have done or need to be done more immediately. Usually the list of things needing to be done more immediately, is a lot longer because of my current battle with senioritis and procrastination.



Burning

Making lists in my head is so much easier and environmentally friendly than using hundreds of pieces of paper while I am constantly changing every last detail of my list. And since I have more than one list, I would realistically go through approximately one college ruled, single subject notebook a month. A little ridiculous don't you think?

Why would you write a list down, a different list everyday, when the rest of your life is unwritten. I am a planner, but a valuable lesson that I have learned over the past few years, due to tragic circumstances, is that you can NOT plan every second of your life, because sometimes (most of the time) *the only thing you can count on is change.*

Successful through *Senioritis?*

Is it possible to be successful during your senior year? As of right now, I am seriously leaning to the “no side” of that question. I participate in many activities, and as most of you know, we recently went to state mock trial in Omaha, for THREE days. Being down there was great, or so I thought while it was going on.

You see, I am suffering from a common disease among high school seniors, senioritis, which by definition is “a self-inflicted disease in which a patient suffers an attitude of negativity,” (according to a handbook on senioritis). Now that I am home from state, I am overloaded with three days of homework, that of course, I didn’t do while I was in Omaha.

Since freshman year, teachers have told me about this disease, but of course, I always thought it would happen to everyone but me. Wow! I was wrong on that one. Senioritis is as real and as common as athlete’s foot in a college football locker room. Very real and VERY contagious. Now I don’t really believe I was the first person in my class to come down with this disease, but I do believe that senioritis spread through my class faster than gossip spread through the coffee drinkers at Mighty Mart.

I am now wondering how I am going to make this year, my final year of high school, the year teachers say, “colleges care the most about.” Successful? Is it going to be possible for me to do this. As of right now, as I sit here with three articles to write and

Burning



two research papers for the wonderful Mrs. Lanham ahead of me. I really don’t think successful is going to be the word used to describe this year. Thinking a little harder and looking more into my problem, I realize there may be a solution.

The cure to my senioritis disease is simple, but hard. Fight it. I am going to have make myself do this pile of homework. I am going to have to “use my time wisely” I am going to have grow up. Isn’t high school supposed to be the best time of your life?

Maybe we should start a support group for high school seniors who suffer from this disease that seems to be an epidemic throughout my class? I don’t know how to cure it, but I know that if I am going to make my senior year successful at all, I am going to have to get over it. Easier said than done, that’s for sure.

With so much going on around me (scholarships, sports, other activities) I am told to manage my time, but what if there is no time left to manage, minus the time in which I get the rest I need to take on the next day of homework and activities.

I am not necessarily saying that we have too much homework, I am just saying that senioritis is plaguing me right now, and I am not sure I will ever get the homework done. I have taken it upon myself (with the help of Mrs. Moninger’s senioritis project folder) to make a list of signs and symptoms for the disease and ways to possibly treat it.

Signs and Symptoms of Senioritis:

- Laziness
- Procrastination
- Apathetic Outlook and Attitude
- Always tired
- Constantly Stressed
- Absent or Tardy
- Forgetfulness
- Poor language

Ways To Treat Senioritis:

- More vacations
- Skip days
- Help with scholarships
- Syllabus’s and strict deadlines
- Scholarship Class
- Longer Lunch

Definition of Senioritis: “a self-inflicted disease in which a patient suffers an attitude of negativity,

Smile, You're On Camera

By: Amanda Winfield, Junior

APS- As all of the students in Arnold school know, we now have new security cameras located all over the building, inside and out. They watch the students as they enter and leave the building, walk down the halls, and enter the classrooms.

The cameras are set up so that they can see a student as they walk through the entire building, and even around some parts of the outside. There are a total of 16 cameras so going unnoticed in the school is almost impossible. Though the main question about the cameras is: How are they helping the students and teachers?

"If one of the students is accused of doing something wrong, and they say they are not, then the cameras can help prove their innocence," said Mike Harvey, principal

The school board started discussing the cameras after the break-in this summer, and when they voted on whether to put them in the school, it was a unanimous vote in favor of them.

The cameras were purchased and installed from Hinton Lock and Alarm, located in North Platte, and was set up in just one week. Both Mr. Harvey and the installation man walked around the school and found the ideal locations for the cameras to be set up.

The cameras are motion activated so anytime someone, or something crosses its path, they

will start recording, and they record 10 seconds before movement and 10 seconds after. They are extremely sensitive, even small things like snow can set them off. They will be on every day of the year, and Mr. Harvey will be able to look up any day he wants, if he needs to go back and check something.

"I feel safer leaving my laptop in the school, knowing that the cameras are watching my things," said D.J. Andre, senior.

"The cameras were necessary for the school, it's a way to keep the school safe from burglars," said Shandell Gunther, sophomore.

The cameras are definitely helping keep the halls safer, when it comes to rough housing, and bullies, but some students

still feel uneasy around them.

"I'm not doing anything wrong, but as I walk



The infrared camera on the wall in the high school hallway

down the halls, I feel uneasy, knowing that someone is watching me. And I find myself constantly looking up at them," said Jana Cool, junior.

Mr. Mike Harvey, principal, watching the security camera monitor in the high school.



🎉 Congratulations to:
Alli Rosentrater, and
Brita Lemkuhler for
making First Team All
Conference

volleyball and Jaime Blevins and
Kimberly Urbanovsky for being
Honorable Mention all
Conference.

- 🎉 First Team Honors Volleyball - Ali
Rosentrater, Brita Lehmkuhler.
Honorable Mention- Kim
Urbanovsky and Jaime Blevins.

- 🎉 Congratulations
to the actors
that received
honorable
mentions at



CPC: Rachelle
Preston, Jessica
Preston, Jana Cool, Dave
Halstead, Dustin Strasburg, Lexi
Schwarz, Kellie Mills, Sarah
Magill

- 🎉 Congratulations to District One
Act Best Actor Awards: Dustin
Strasburg and Kellie Mills.

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found a better solution for our
calendar needs, this will be the
official online calendar for our
school and where the printed
calendars originate from. The
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new bookmarks today!!

RETRACTION



The staff of
the Redbird
Buzz would
like to
apologize to
J a r r e t
Buchholz and

Leighton Bubak for
misspelling their names in
the December edition of
the Redbird Buzz.

Though mistakes
happen during the editing
processes, we should have
caught the error. We will
make every effort in the
future to spell all names
correctly.

