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The Bluebird Post *A USD 411 Newsletter*

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Upcoming dates

- Jan. 14-19 Burrton Tournament (boys)
- Jan. 21-26 Berean Tournament (girls)
- Jan. 18 Girls BB at Moundridge
- Jan. 19 Goessel Scholar's Bowl Invit.
- Jan. 21 MLK Day, No School– In-service
- Jan. 25 Boys BB at Moundridge
- Jan. 29 Kansas Day
- Jan. 31 Regional Scholar's Bowl
- Jan. 31 WSL JH BB tournament



Band Chosen to Perform at State KMEA Convention

Congratulations to Mr. Taylor and the Goessel High School Concert Band on being one of two High School Concert Bands selected to perform during the 2019 KMEA In-service Workshop at Century II in Wichita. The band will perform in the concert hall at 8:00 am on Saturday, February 23. The performance is open to the public, but a ticket is required and may be purchased at the box office.

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A tradition of excellence can only be built and sustained with outstanding commitment and leadership on many levels. While many small schools have looked at the fine arts as an area to save money, the USD 411 Board of Education and administration have committed the necessary resources to ensure there is support for an outstanding music department. The students and families in the Goessel community further demonstrate their support and love of music with nearly every 5th grade student picking up an instrument and continuing to play through HS. Mr. Taylor brings all the pieces together and provides the classroom leadership necessary to sustain the focus and commitment to excellence in an exemplary band program each year. Congratulations to the GHS Concert Band for their hard work to achieve this honor!

January is BOE Appreciation Month

January is Board of Education Appreciation Month. Our Board of Education is made up of Kelly Booton-President, Maynard Knepp– Vice President, Ben Schrag, Bryant Miller, Darla Meysing, Kyle Funk and Patrick Flaming. These board positions are unpaid, so these members are donating their time and energy to the service of our school district. It is the duty of the Board of Education to govern the district in several ways. They set the goals for the district, review policies, adopts and monitors budget, determine major purchases, hire staff, give direction to the administration, ratify contracts for staff, and many other things. They each take on additional duties on the board such as serving as representatives to our Marion County Special Education Cooperative, The Learning Consortium, legislative liason, teacher relations and more. Our board works closely with the administration and is always interested in how we as a district can improve.

We are fortunate to have seven highly committed and professional community members serving on our board. Mr. Flaming and Mr. Schrag have each served for one year, Mr. Miller for two years, Mr. Funk for six years, Mr. Booton for ten years, Mrs. Meysing for twelve years, and Mr. Knepp has served for twenty eight years! When you see these board members, take a moment to thank them for their service.

PTO at GES: What do we do?

For numerous years, PTO has been an integral part of Goessel Elementary. Many parents work together to provide supports in various ways for teachers and students.

This past fall PTO sponsored Kindergarten Koffee, a teacher/staff breakfast, food drive with an incentive cookie decorating party, and gifts for students delivered by Santa. In addition, we provided funds for three teacher requisitions for classroom materials, curriculum for the Student Intervention Team, and a donation to help purchase new chapter books for the library. The Box Top field trip each year is sponsored by PTO as well as the Accelerated Reader store encouraging students to read. PTO supports many other events and activities in the spring including family reading night and the 5th grade promotion reception.

Helping our school and students is only possible due to the support of parents, families, school staff, and community members. For this, we thank YOU! Our PTO chairperson is Emily Gibson.

FCCLA Takes on Many Projects

Service projects, speaking opportunities, activities for students, and new community activities have kept FCCLA members busy this year! With 30 members, there have been many hands to help carry out these ideas.

During the fall, FCCLA, together with the Event Planning class, carried out a “Give One Get One” service project, in which community members purchased family sized meals and for each meal purchased, another was donated to a second family or to the Tabor Food Pantry. 54 meals were prepared in all, and meals were delivered in time for Thanksgiving.

During Red Ribbon Week in October, Bea Gaeddert and Brooke Nafziger presented self-esteem and health awareness to the student body. Other student activities included an afternoon of fun and learning for elementary students led by Delica Ewert and a presentation on healthy snacks to kindergarten by Kaleigh Guhr.

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Sports

Basketball (boys)

The Goessel Bluebird basketball team is excited for another season. With 30 guys out this is the biggest team the Bluebirds have had in quite some time. The Bluebirds are led by 3 seniors, Zach Zogleman, Drew Lindeman, and Malachi Lewis. Along with the 3 seniors, there are 8 juniors, 11 sophomores, and 8 freshman. With large numbers in lower grades the Bluebirds will look to have good numbers for several years to come.

To this point in the season, the varsity team is 3-4 the JV is 3-2, and the C team is 0-5 but they play the other schools' JV teams. The Bluebirds will travel to Burrton for their mid-season tournament next week.



Basketball (girls)

The Lady Bluebirds have a total of 19 girls out for Basketball this year. The team consists of eight freshman, four sophomores, two juniors, five seniors and three managers. The Lady Blue had some nice wins before Christmas, knocking off Elyria Christian in the Bluebird Classic and Wakefield.

The Lady Bluebirds motto this year is "MBA" which stands for My Best Always. This year our main focus is on giving our best effort always, in basketball, in school, and in life. No matter what the outcome is, we want to walk off the court knowing that we put forth our best effort not only in how we played physically but with our attitude as well. The Lady Bluebirds begin their mid season tournament at Berean on January 22. Sub State will be played at Marion (first round games at the higher seeded team).



The Lady Bluebirds would like to thank everyone for their continued support!

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In time for the holidays, FCCLA organized a market in which vendors set up booths in the elementary gym and community members were invited to do their Christmas shopping there. Hopefully this will become a Goessel Christmas tradition!

Coming up our FCCLA students will be preparing their STAR events competitions, district officer elections, student activities, and National FCCLA Week. It is rewarding to see all their hard work and planning come together for so many successful events and activities!





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Grade School Music Concert

The grade school will have it's Spring Concert on Thursday, Feb. 14. They will perform at 10 am and 7 pm. Due to this concert landing on Feb. 14, Valentine parties will be moved to Friday the 15th at 2:15.

Family Reading Night

Family Reading Night at the Elementary School will be held on Tuesday, March 5. The theme this year is Hollywood!

I Can!

Our theme this year 'I Can, You Can, We All Can Together!' at the grade school. Our students and staff together are doing a great job getting it done together!

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