

# EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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## GRADUATION

The last day for seniors will be Friday, May 13. Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 12:30 p.m. The senior colors are forest green, black, and silver; flower is a white daisy



## 2011 DRIVERS EDUCATION

Anyone interested in Drivers Education for this summer should fill out a registration form; see Tori in the Miles building for a form. A student enrolling will pay \$360. A family that qualifies for the reduced lunch program will be asked to pay \$122. A family that qualifies for the free lunch program will be exempt from the fee. Payment and registration should be mailed to the Mississippi Bend AEA. Students must be at least 14 years of age and have their Iowa Instruction Permit to register for class. Class schedule: June 6-25, Monday through Friday from 7:00-9:00 a.m. In addition, students will be scheduled two driving lessons each week. Students will be notified of schedules by mail.

## Blood Drive Thank You



The East Central High School National Honor Society sponsored their 15th annual Blood Drive on March 16th. 57 productive units

were donated. Thank you to all student volunteers and people who took time to donate this year.

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## 2011-2012 REGISTRATION

Registration for PK-6th grade will be on Wednesday, August 3rd from 9-6 p.m. in the Miles building. Registration for grades 7-12 will be held at Northeast August 3rd from 9-5 p.m. at the high school. You can also register online, by going to the district website at [www.northeast.k12.ia.us](http://www.northeast.k12.ia.us), or mail the registration forms and payments to Northeast PO Box 70 Goose Lake, IA 52750. The book fee will be \$45.00. 9th grade orientation will be August 3rd at 5:00 p.m.



## Spring Concert Dates

The spring concert dates have been set. The High School Fine Arts Night/Concert will be Wednesday, May 11th. The Junior High Concert, grades 6th-8th will be Tuesday, May 17th. The Elementary Concert, grades PK-5th, will be Monday, May 16th. All concerts start at 7:00 p.m. in Miles.

## PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATION/ROUND UP

Pre-school round up will be May 18th at 6:00p.m. in the Miles lunch room. Interested parents may call the Miles Center to register students for the 2011-2012 East Central Pre-Kindergarten. Students should be age 3 by September 15, 2011 for the 3 year old class and age 4 by September 15, 2011 for the 4 year old class. The following information is needed: student's name, birth date, parents name, address, and phone number.



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## **ELEMENTARY SPRING PROGRAM**

At their final performance of the year, music students in Pre-school through Fifth grade will present music with a toe-tapping beat. They will be under the direction of Mrs. Briegel. "MUSIC—ACTIVE FUN!" is the program theme and the fifth grade band will open the concert under the direction of Mr. Creger. The matinee performance will be our final dress rehearsal. Grandparents, parents, and others who will not be able to attend the evening performance are invited to attend the matinees.

Monday, May 16, in the Miles gymnasium

Matinee/dress rehearsal at 9:00 a.m.

Evening concert at 7:00 pm

## **YOUNG WRITERS CONFERENCE MAY 17, 2011**

Twenty of East Central's young writers, grades 1 through 6, will attend the conference to be held on the campus of St. Ambrose University. Each student will share a written sample of his/her work during a discussion time. Students will attend an assembly presentation about playing with songs and poetry, and will attend a workshop designed to encourage them to continue the development of their writing skills.

## **FAIRY TALE MOCK TRIAL**

The students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade TAG classes presented a Fairy Tale Mock Trial on Tuesday, April 12, in Sabula. TAG students served as attorneys and witnesses, and fifth grade classmates served as the jury members. The trial presented was a criminal case based on the story of Rumpelstiltskin. Mrs. Melissa Mommsen, attorney, served as the trial judge.

Following the trial, the judge gave verbal and written comments to the participants regarding their performances of their roles. Two juries were formed to deliberate the case and hand down a verdict. Both juries found the defendant, King Rex, guilty of the charges, giving the prosecution the verdict. The Defense, however, received the most points for presentation.

## **MODEL UNITED NATIONS DELEGATE HONORED**

Congratulations to Matthew Hoffmann!! This is the second year that he has submitted a paper which the MUN Secretariat has designated as an outstanding position paper.

## **DUKE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM**

Congratulations to Eileen and Ben Clausen for being chosen to participate in the Talent Identification Program (TIP) of Duke University.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMMON CORE AND IOWA CORE**

*Does adoption of the Common Core State Standards mean the end of local control in Iowa education?*

No. Standards are only one piece to increasing student achievement. Quality instruction, curriculum, professional development, and assessments are all needed. While aligned with the Common Core State Standards, school district curriculum will be developed locally--to best meet the needs of students sitting in the school classroom. Teachers will still have the ability to choose the appropriate textbooks, reading materials, and learning tools that meet the individual needs of their students.

*Why is Iowa adopting the Common Core State Standards as part of the Iowa Core?*

From the beginning of the Common Core State Standards Initiative, Iowa supported the effort to help our students compete on a national and international basis. Adopting the Common Core State Standards help us in this effort. In addition, by adopting the Common Core State Standards, Iowa can collaborate with other states to leverage resources not otherwise available to the state. For example, Iowa can join with a group or consortium of states to develop meaningful assessments of student learning.

The Iowa Core is the best fit for the inclusion of the Common Core State Standards because the Iowa Core outlines the skills and concepts that all Iowa students must know by the time they graduate. The Iowa Core provides the details Iowa teachers sought to help them meet the expectations set by the state mandated content standards for No Child Left Behind. The Common Core State Standards support and align with this detail.

*How will the common Core State Standards connect to local school curriculum?*

Iowa school districts will need to review their own curriculum to determine if it is aligned with the Iowa Core, which now has the Common Core State Standards included.

## **SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY**

Miles Elementary has scheduled Special Friends Day for Wednesday, May 4. A parent note will be sent home with further information.