

# *Holdrege Middle School*

## *May 2012*

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### **From the Principal's Desk...**

#### **Report Cards**

Report card pick-up will be on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, in the middle school office. If you cannot be there, please send a self-addressed, stamped, envelope to the school before May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will not release report cards if the student has any fines or materials not checked in.

#### **Welcome 4th Grade Parents**

The faculty and staff of the Holdrege Middle School would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Holdrege Middle School! We are looking forward to having your son or daughter as part of the 5th grade next fall. We hope many of you will be able to attend the orientation session the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, and we hope this newsletter and especially the supply list will be helpful to you as you plan the transition for your son or daughter. If you have any questions about next year, please feel free to contact us at the school.

#### **Last Day of School**

The 2011-12 school year will end on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. School will be dismissed at 12:00.

#### **Summer School**

Summer school will be from May 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:30 AM. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> it will run from 1:00-4:00. The cost is \$20 for students who do not have an IEP or qualify for free or reduced lunch. The program is for current fifth through eighth grade students that have failed two or more classes in a semester.

#### **Attention all Athletes and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders:**

This is a reminder that all students that are planning to participate in HMS athletics during the 2012-2013 school year, need to have a physical completed prior to the start of the athletic season. **Additionally, all current 6<sup>th</sup> graders will need to have a physical prior to the start of 7<sup>th</sup> grade.** One physical will meet the

requirement for both the 7th grade physical and the athletic physical. Students must have the athletic physical completed before they participate in any practices or contests. All students are required to be fully immunized, which means that 7th graders may need to obtain booster shots. For more information, contact your physician or Abbie Soneson, R.N., our school nurse. All local physicians have Holdrege Public School physical forms in their offices.

### **Quiz Bowl**

The Holdrege Middle School Academic Quiz Bowl seventh and eighth grade Team competed online nationally in the Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl contest, America Answers. All sizes or classes of schools from all over the America competed in the National Quiz Bowl Contest. The schools ranged from private high academic achieving selective schools to specialized public middle schools and many diversified types of middle schools in America.

The contest consisted of 100 questions over many different academic areas; Mathematics, English, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. Teams were given a choice of 4 answers to an online multiple-choice question, with points being awarded by speed of choosing the answer, and the correctness in the answer.

The contest is taken by all schools involved on the same day. The contest had 200 schools involved at the junior high, and middle schools at the seventh and eighth grade levels competing nationally. The Holdrege Middle School finished in 13th place out of the 200 schools in the Academic Quiz Bowl Contest America Answers. The Dusters finished only 50 points out of Trophy place. The teams were tightly packed in scoring. The HMS Academic Quiz Bowl Team percentage of correctness was 95 percent. The HMS Quiz Bowl Team was tied for 5th in correctness of answers percentage in the nation on the contest.

Nebraska schools competing finishing above Holdrege Middle School were: Gretna, Omaha private school. Nebraska schools finishing behind Holdrege were: Kiewit Middle School, Minden Middle School, and Waverly Middle School. The Nebraska schools finished well in the competition. The winning school was: Westminster Schools in Atlanta, Georgia, Boulan Park Middle School, Troy, Michigan, and Sycamore Canyon School in Newbury Park, California, Galloway Township Middle School in Galloway, New Jersey.

The seventh and eighth grade HMS Academic Quiz Bowl finished the year very successfully with many trophies in ESU 11 Quiz Bowl Contests, and Computer Quiz Bowl Contests. The ESU 11 Quiz Bowl series is sponsored by Educational Service Unit 11 under the direction of Tim Burke, the Gifted Director. The members of the 2011-2012 HMS Quiz Bowl Team in seventh and eighth grades are: **Alex Alber, Hannah Birtell, Ethan Blanchard, Caden Fritson, Nick Gardner, Jacob Harvey, Mariah Hofaker, Carli Huston, Jared Hunke, Chase Jacobson, Christian**

Newth, Cal Nelson, Yvette Pearson, Austyn Perez, Emily Salisbury, Brandon Schroeder, Harley Scott, Andrew Sindt, and Lex Swanson.



Front Row: Christian Newth, Cal Nelson, Harley Scott, Jacob Harvey, Lex Swanson.  
Second Row: Chase Jacobson, Carli Huston, Andrew Sindt, Nick Gardner, Mariah Hofaker, Emily Salisbury, Yvette Pearson.  
Third Row: Ethan Blanchard, Caden Fritson, Brandon Schroeder, Jared Hunke, Alex Alber, Hannah Birtell, Austyn Perez.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Science News—SCOPE IT OUT!**

Mr. Ott received a nice pair of binoculars along with a tripod from NASA last fall. It may be checked out by students, teachers, parents, or community members for observing the moon, stars or planets that are in our night sky. The equipment was obtained from NASA last fall in conjunction with International Observe the Moon night in October. Contact Mr. Ott at HMS or email him at [jott@esu11.org](mailto:jott@esu11.org) for more information.



## **ATTENTION 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS**

Do you have a student that will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade next year? It is not too early to start getting them ready. Nebraska Law (LB79-444) states that **any student entering Seventh Grade for the first time is required to have a physical examination** given by a physician, physician's assistant or accredited nurse practitioner within six months prior to the entrance of the student in a Nebraska school. If the physical is also an athletic physical, **May** is the earliest it can be scheduled.



Please don't wait until close to the start of school to obtain the physical. The doctor's offices have many physicals that are required prior to school starting and by waiting until the last minute, it might be difficult to get the physical before school starts. **The completed physical form** is to be presented to the school no later than the first day of school in August. The local medical clinics have these physical forms.

There are also immunizations that your 7<sup>th</sup> grader is required to obtain. **All 7<sup>th</sup> graders are to receive a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis) vaccine. It must be noted that your child received a Tdap and not just a TD.** Effective July 2011, every student, enrolled in school, regardless of grade, is required to have **2 Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunizations**, unless your child has had the disease, Chicken Pox. We must have documentation, on file, stating that your child has had the disease, Chicken Pox and when.

The vaccine against Meningitis is not required but is suggested. This protects your child against bacterial Meningitis, which can be deadly.

There are other immunizations that your medical provider might discuss with you and your child. All of these immunizations are for the protection of your child.

There is an Immunization Clinic in Holdrege, the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, excluding November, from 2-4 pm at Phelps Memorial Health Center community room. Call toll free, 1-877-209-3723, to make an appointment. A parent or guardian must accompany the child and the child's immunization record must be presented at the clinic or your child will be denied receiving the immunizations. There is a nominal fee but no one is refused because of inability to pay. If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to contact the school nurse, Abbie Soneson, RN.

## **Lady Duster Basketball Camp**

The Lady Duster Basketball Camp will be from Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. This camp is for girls entering grades 3-12, and the cost is \$40. Brochures can either be downloaded from [www.ladydusterbasketball.com](http://www.ladydusterbasketball.com) under the "Summer" link or go to Lady Duster Basketball on Facebook.



## **2012 Holdrege Boys' Basketball Camp**

The 2012 Holdrege Boys' Basketball Camp will take place May 29 (Tuesday) to June 1 (Friday). Registration forms were handed out to your son or mailed April 26. Extra registration forms can be found at any Holdrege Schools office. Contact Coach Buck ([jbuck@esu11.org](mailto:jbuck@esu11.org)) if you have any questions.

## **Students of the Month**

Students of the month are chosen by each grade's team of teachers. The nomination is based upon citizenship, responsibility, attitude, and effort. Grades are not a factor in choosing these students. Congratulations to these outstanding students!

### January

5<sup>th</sup> Ashton Carpenter  
6<sup>th</sup> Blare Bauer  
7<sup>th</sup> Jacee Pfeifer  
8<sup>th</sup> Jacob Harvey

### February

5<sup>th</sup> Katrina Sell  
6<sup>th</sup> Spencer Anderson  
7<sup>th</sup> David Campbell  
8<sup>th</sup> Abbie Nelson

### March

5<sup>th</sup> Matthew Anderson  
6<sup>th</sup> Aly Schroder  
7<sup>th</sup> Madyson Hamling  
8<sup>th</sup> Jared Hunke

### April

5<sup>th</sup> Sierra Schemper  
6<sup>th</sup> Preston Garringer  
7<sup>th</sup> Emily Salisbury  
8<sup>th</sup> Mariclaire Prill

### May

5<sup>th</sup> Sydney Reed  
6<sup>th</sup> Trevor Matousek  
7<sup>th</sup> Payton Kidder  
8<sup>th</sup> Caden Fritson

