

Adrian School District Newsletter

January 2010

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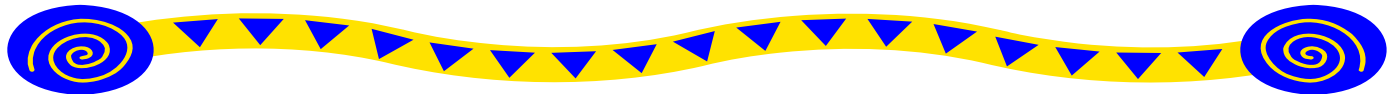
Superintendent's Report

The Board of Directors did receive, and accept, a bid for new bleachers for the gym. We are all hopeful that they can be installed some time during the basketball season. As you have seen, the gym has a new look. The new bleachers will complete the improvement program. I hope to see you at our upcoming activities.

The science room renovation will not occur until late spring, or summer. The district will proceed in a patient and prudent manner. Plans are finalized and documents prepared. We are waiting for the correct financial situation as well as planning for minimal disruption.

Winter sports are in high gear. Both basketball teams, and our wrestling boys, are doing very well. We always appreciate your support. Today, December 21st, are the Christmas programs. They are always terrific and well attended. Merry Christmas and a Happiest of New Years to everyone.

Take every opportunity to make the world better because you are here. Make a friend, help a neighbor, choose to be happy!!! Remember, no one stands taller than those who stoop to help others in need. ANTELOPES FOREVER, Gene Mills



The K-8 Principal

The due date for this Newsletter entry is December 16th. We have had a good last month in the K-8 building. One of our highlights was the Mount Fuji Festival on Thursday, December third. The students had worked on Haiku poems as Mrs. Gordon headed up a great experience for our school. She had us organized into 6 mixed age groups with the older students helping the younger ones. We visited six different stations having to do with Japanese culture. The volunteers were exceptional with their presentations. We also had some high school students help with each group.

During this month parents of students in grades 1 through 5 were given the opportunity to have their children participate in the Dental Sealant program. One of my school parents told me this would normally cost about \$300 per child. Through a grant our students got the service done for free. This will help prevent cavities. We will have the opportunity again next year.

Our Middle School girls finished their basketball season with a positive outlook to the future. Our boys will start their games in January. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks for all of your support.

William H. Ellsworth K-8 Principal

Principal's Report

December 2009 Newsletter

First of all let me wish you a Merry Christmas. I hope that the break has come at a good time for your family and that you are able to enjoy some time home with your kids. I am sure that both the teachers and the students are ready for this break, which due to Christmas being on a Friday this year, came a little later than many seemed to like. It will all be long forgotten when we get out three days earlier at the end of the year!

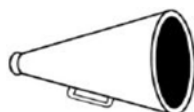
As I write this, students are taking the last of their semester finals, the Christmas programs have come and gone and there is one lone JV Girls basketball game left to be played before Christmas. If you missed the elementary and high school Christmas programs, you missed a lot. Katie Bowns, as part of her Senior Project, scripted and directed the elementary rendition of 'Polar Express' and it was very well done. Later that evening, under the direction of Mrs. VanCorbach the middle school and high school, choirs and bands performed for the community. Once again, Mrs. VanCorbach has done a wonderful job of preparing the kids and the kids have obviously put in hours of extra practice, including students who arrive early two days per week to take zero hour choir!

Basketball and wrestling seasons are in full swing and the last weekend before break was filled with activity. The wrestling team traveled to Baker City and won a tournament which included much larger schools and the basketball teams traveled to the Joseph Education Foundation Basketball Tournament, with both the boys and the girls returning home with 1 win and 1 loss. At the break both teams sit tied atop their respective standings with undefeated league records.

There is some exciting news to report for parents wanting to follow their children's progress a little more closely. Beginning second semester, we plan to have the PASS system up and running. Parents with internet access will be able to view their kids progress in. Student ID numbers and PIN codes will be sent home via mail in early January. We do ask for a little patience on all fronts, as parents, students and teachers get used to the new system!

Once again, I trust that you will have a safe and enjoyable break as you celebrate the holidays!

Kevin Purnell
High School Principal



AHS CHEER

Basketball season has officially started and the squad as been practicing new cheers along with the crowd cheers that everyone has picked up on. The crowd involvement is great as it helps pump up our teams. We are looking forward to another awesome basketball season of cheering on our friends and teammates!

In November we held a baked bread sale during the Holiday Bazaar and sold everything plus took more orders. Thank you to everyone that purchased their holiday bread. Your support is greatly appreciated and we hope you enjoyed it.

In January the cheerleaders are planning a Mini cheer clinic for the K-5 girls, which will include a cheer and dance. The younger girls will then perform their routine with the cheer squad at a Jan. ball game. Look for a flyer to be sent home with the girls when we come back from Christmas break.

Hope that you all enjoy the Holiday Season and be sure and check the game schedules to make it to a home game or two. The kids love to hear the home crowd cheer them on.

Julie Morton
Adrian Cheer Coach

Cafeteria Scoop



As the snow is falling and the kids are getting *really* excited to slide down the big hill at recess, the lunch ladies are thankful to be indoors by the warm ovens. This past month has gone by so fast that I can hardly believe it is newsletter time again.

Our number of students eating in the cafeteria has been increasing and as a result we ran out of Mac & Cheese and I again apologize to the few students who received an ice cream bar for that inconvenience. I am pretty sure they didn't mind too much. We have been adjusting recipes to make sure that we have enough for everyone and are excited to be using some new recipes. Another table was also added in the lunch room to accommodate our growing number of students. A big thank you to Nick Castro for helping out whenever needed. I would also like to thank all the maintenance staff for keeping our sidewalks and parking area cleared of snow!!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Kitchen Staff: Julie Morton, Linda Dominguez, Maria Almeida, Jennifer Findling



A Close Look at MyPyramid For Kids

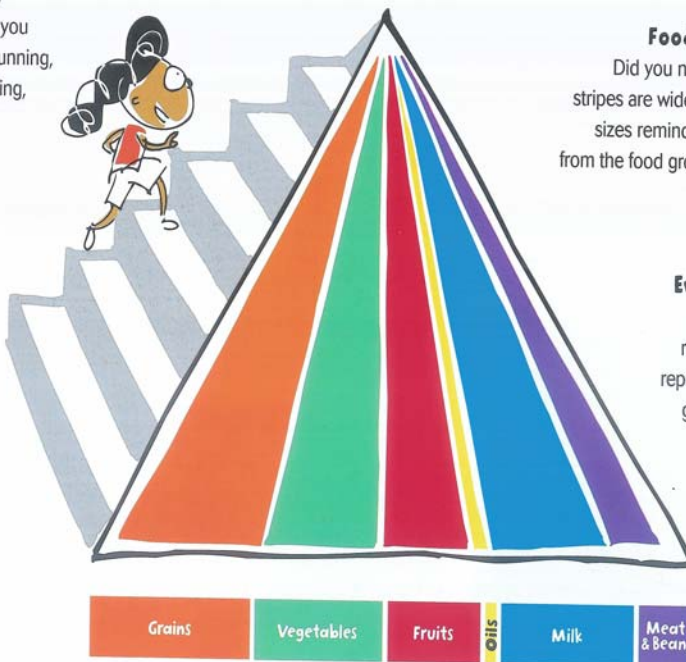
MyPyramid for Kids reminds you to be physically active every day, or most days, and to make healthy food choices. Every part of the new symbol has a message for you. Can you figure it out?

Be Physically Active Every Day

The person climbing the stairs reminds you to do something active every day, like running, walking the dog, playing, swimming, biking, or climbing lots of stairs.

Choose Healthier Foods From Each Group

Why are the colored stripes wider at the bottom of the pyramid? Every food group has foods that you should eat more often than others; these foods are at the bottom of the pyramid.



Eat More From Some Food Groups Than Others

Did you notice that some of the color stripes are wider than others? The different sizes remind you to choose more foods from the food groups with the widest stripes.

Every Color Every Day

The colors orange, green, red, yellow, blue, and purple represent the five different food groups plus oils. Remember to eat foods from all food groups every day.

Make Choices That Are Right for You

MyPyramid.gov is a Web site that will give everyone in the family personal ideas on how to eat better and exercise more.

Take One Step at a Time

You do not need to change overnight what you eat and how you exercise. Just start with one new, good thing, and add a new one every day.

Library News

Scholarship opportunity! Prize packet! Adrian students in grades K- 5 can receive small prizes and be entered in a drawing for scholarship money by keeping track of the time they spend reading and then reporting to the office of the Oregon State Treasurer whenever the time totals 800 minutes. Details of the "Reading is an Investment" program have been sent home with students and are available at <http://www.ost.state.or.us/Read/>. Any reading material may be counted as long as each 800 minutes includes 3 books from the recommended list (books about money and saving and spending). Books on the recommended list that are available from the Adrian School Library are being collected in one location so students and parents can find them more easily. When reading requirements have been met, information can be reported at the above website until March 19, 2010. Bring your reading log to the library if you'd like help in submitting information.

Plan to read around the world with books from the Destination Book Fair being held at the Adrian School Library on January 21 and 22. Books and other items will be available between 5:00 and 8:00 on Thursday evening and from 7:30 to 9:00 on Friday morning. (Let us know if you would be interested in helping unpack and display books at 3:30 on Wednesday evening or in packing them up again after 9 on Friday morning.)

Destination BOOK FAIR



Read Around the World!

Advanced Biology

The Advanced Biology class will be selling sweatshirts one last time. Orders must be in by January 11, 2010. Please pay and order at the High School Office, or with Ms. Myers. Items in Forest Green.

Full Zip Sweatshirt----\$35

Hooded Sweatshirt----\$30

¼ zip Sweatshirt----\$30

Crew Neck Sweatshirt--\$20

Long Sleeve t-shirt--\$18

Short sleeve T-shirt--\$15

Green Beanie---\$13

Head Band--\$13

In the front left corner there will be an antelope foot print with Adrian above and Antelopes below. On the back there will be an antelope head in color. If there are any questions just call the H.S. 541-372-2335



STUDENT OF THE MONTH DECEMBER 09-10

Kindergarten:

Zoe Nelson "Enthusiastic Learner"

Brycen Soto "Learning to Count"

First:

Shelby Vickers & Daniela Munoz
"Being Kind and Helpful to Others"

Second:

Hannah Bertalotto
"Awesome Artist"

Third:

Pepper Beed & Kyle Sumpter "Creative Thinker"
Halli Osborn & James Ellsworth "Dedicated AR Reader"

Fourth:

Eduardo Munoz & Jade Faulconer
"Most Responsible"

Fifth:

Kenny Purnell
"Outstanding Citizenship"

Sixth:

Holly Ellsworth
"Generous Generosity"

Seventh:

Emmanuel Dominguez
Great Citizenship and Extra Effort"

Eighth:

Michael Diaz DeLeon

Antelope Tracks Alumni

Submitted by Alesha Shenk



Jayna Witty-2008 graduate

We are all aware of drug dealers in the world—those behind bars and others behind a counter—one being illegal and the other legitimate. Jayna enjoys her freedom and obviously, chose the legitimate career as she plans to become a pharmacist.

Jayna Witty has been busy attending college as a sophomore at Eastern Oregon University. At EOU, Jayna is majoring in biochemistry in hopes of eventually attending a pharmacy school. She picked EOU because of the student/professor ratio. Jayna also selected EOU due to the scholarships she was offered, and the fact the university is still considered a smaller student populated educational institution. Jayna began toning her skills last summer, by working at the Ontario Pharmacy, as a pharmacy tech. Her job was enjoyable and she learned a lot which helped improve her confidence in her career choice.

As you can probably guess, Jayna's Senior Project explored the career path of a pharmacist. She chose this career because it was, and still is, a career choice that she could see herself doing in the future. She has always wanted to be in a health related profession, but she didn't do well with needles or poking and prodding people. She job shadowed at the Malheur Drug in Vale, the Medicap Pharmacy in Parma, and the Homedale Drug in Homedale.

Visible within the classrooms of Adrian High are blood spill kits, CPR mouth barriers, and instructions for proper use. These medical supplies are the result of Jayna Witty's Physical Project to help the community if a medical emergency occurs. Though her Physical Project was inspirational, she thinks there is some aspects of the Physical Project that need to be changed. She feels it is difficult to find beneficial projects student can relating to their career choice that will also help the community.

Ms. Witty's future plans consist of graduating from EOU and attending graduate school at Pacific University or Oregon State University with a goal of graduating with a degree in pharmacy.

For all you moping seniors believing Senior Project is complicated, time consuming, and stressful, Jayna had a simple comment, "Senior Project is easier than the average college course." In other words, for all you seniors looking into college, lighten up and smell the roses.

Jayna closed the interview with three simple words for all senior and underclassmen, "Don't get behind."

Lawrence Shenk – 2007 graduate

Lawrence Shenk is a local farm boy who you may have seen on a tractor or supporting his old team at games. He is up before dawn, working till dusk like his fore fathers before him. Farming runs in his blood and he will someday have his own farm or ranch. As the saying goes, you can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy.

Lawrence is currently attending TVCC in Ontario Oregon where he is studying to earn his degree in General Agriculture. After graduating from high school he has worked for Paul Shenk Farms and Jake Volk Equipment and Repair. Lawrence stated he preferred working at Paul Shenk Farms as he had opportunities to do different tasks everyday. Of course, knowing Lawrence, the benefits of lunches, hunting days, and fresh cookies from Alyce's kitchen may have made a difference also.

For his Senior Project Lawrence examined being a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. He job shadowed the Malheur County Road District and Jake Volk Equipment and Repair, which eventually led to a job opportunity. For his Physical Project, he serviced the Adrian School District buses. Lawrence believes Senior Project is a positive course as the class helped him gain a better insight into his life career choices.



His advice to present and future seniors, “Don’t get behind in Senior Project because it is tough to get back where you should be.”

Lawrence is right where he wants to be; riding his big tractor, singing to his country tunes, and getting the job done.

Thanks Lawrence and good luck on all your future endeavors!

AHS Journalism class highlights community invisible heroes

A life of giving—Love, Friendship, Service—Ruth Oxford

Submitted by Katie Bowns

To give service is more than just an action; it is to show ones true character. In our community we have many who serve others. I would like to highlight one who has been serving our community for over 20 years, Ruth Oxford.



When Ruth started helping at the school, she did it solely on a volunteer basis. Because of her love of children, she didn’t have a problem working for no compensation. As Ruth began spending more time at the school, Mr. Ellsworth found it adequate to hire her. Since September 1997, Ruth has dedicated herself to the students and staff of the Adrian School District.

Prior to working in the library, Ruth spent much of her time in the third grade classroom with Leona Farrell. Mrs. Farrell loved working with Ruth because whatever she needed done, Ruth would do it with no questions asked. Mrs. Farrell thinks of Ruth as a ‘tough grandmother.’ She had the love from the children as a grandmother and also the respect of a teacher.

In January of 2002, Elma Witty began working with Ruth in the library. While working, Ruth and Elma enjoyed sharing stories about their past to each other. Mrs. Witty shared one of Ruth’s stories with me.

‘When Ruth lived in Arizona, she worked at the Motorola Factory. She worked on the line, assembling whatever was needed for the day. Ruth like working on the line because when she got in a rhythm, there was no one stopping her. She didn’t like breaks though because it would cause her to lose her rhythm and she would have to find it again later. Ruth’s bosses noticed her hard work and asked her to be the line leader, also offering a raise. Ruth refused. She liked working on the line and keeping her pace. Her boss was startled when Ruth said no, but insisted so she took the job.’

Mrs. Witty added Ruth likes ‘ruts’—but will adapt to change if she is needed. Mrs. Witty also found it easy to work with Ruth because, like on the line, Ruth liked staying focused and getting her job right. In a library, everything needs to be organized so it didn’t bother Mrs. Witty if Ruth spent extra time putting the books in the exact order as that’s the way things needed to be done. Mrs. Witty also found it easy to work with Mrs. Oxford because of her love toward children.

‘Ruth has always loved children,’ Mr. Ellsworth commented. ‘She also has always helped wherever and whenever she could. She is a friend to everyone and is always there to serve anyone in need.’ Ruth has been a second mother to Bill and Gaylene’s children ever since one of the Ellsworth children crawled over the bench in church one Sunday. Since then, the Ellsworth children, along with friends and exchange students, have spent many days at Mrs. Oxford’s house: hanging out, watching movies, playing games, and just enjoying her company.

Ruth has impacted many lives in the Adrian School District. When I used to wait in the library for my mom to pick me up after school, Ruth was always there to help me with homework, finding a book, or anything else I needed. The help was not only with me though. She has always been there to help anyone in need of assistance. Although she is not working at the school anymore, she continues to impact many lives in our community.

Hanging in Mr. Johnson’s classroom is a Calvin and Hobbes poster—“Everyone needs a friend, Everyone deserves love.” For her love of children and service, I would like to acknowledge Ruth Oxford as a hero—but more importantly—a mother, grandmother, and someone always willing to be a friend, to give love.

*Sammy Bowns contributed to this story.

Condensed Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2009

Members present were: Paul Shenk, Neil Allison, Ryan Martin, and Jake Speelmon (came at 7:20). Casey Walker was excused due to work.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Reports/Requests Andrea Shenk, Student Body Representative, reported the football and volleyball teams have completed their seasons. The volleyball team played Sherman County in a state-playoff game, but didn't advance to the next round. Students have been busy with the Student Council and Leadership Class going to Seaside for OASC Conference, Homecoming activities, and the academic awards assembly for the first quarter. Upcoming events include the State FFA Officer visit, the beginning of basketball, Fall Sport Awards on November 16th, the FFA students will be preg. checking, there is a Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 21st, a Red Cross Blood Drive, the FFA Open House, and the Advanced Biology Class will be selling shirts to raise money for their trip this spring.

Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that the middle school Bingo Night will be Nov. 19th. This is a fund raiser for their trip to the coast. Mr. Ellsworth will be retiring from PERS effective January 1, and will continue working in his current position. The teachers continue to benefit from the Master Teacher staff development program. There have been Veteran's Day projects by some of the classes. Students are being recognized for student of the month and Accelerated Reader program.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that the high school Citizenship Award winners are being displayed on the reader board. Parent-Teacher conference attendance was up but he would like to see it improve more. The high school raffled off a Turkey and a Dinner at the Mirage to entice parents to attend. Madolynne VanCorbach, Rebekah VanCorbach, Ester Gordon, and Jasper Snyder participated in Honor Band. Susan Eddy, an autism specialist, presented information about working with autistic students to the teachers. The staff is working on improving student behavior and citizenship. There has been an incident of gang graffiti and Mr. Purnell is working to establish a no tolerance policy. There has been some concern about drug activity, but nothing was found. The county drug dog is available to the school and the board was asked if they had any objections, should Mr. Purnell decide to have the dog come. No objections were raised.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that winter sports started this week, there are 23 girls and 22 boys participating in basketball and 10 in wrestling. Michael Tiffany has resigned her bus driving position, at this time Mr. Gordon is covering and we are working on getting the groundskeeper licensed to drive. The gym project is coming along; the side baskets are in and will be installed soon. The H1N1 Flu vaccination clinic was cancelled and immunizations are available at the Malheur County Health Clinic. Mrs. Jan Sillonis passed away on October 18, there has been a scholarship fund established and the district will make an effort to ensure it is a viable memorial.

Financial Report Darla Witty provided the board a balance sheet for all funds as of October 31, 2009, as well as a summary of revenues and expenditures to date. The state school funding is still uncertain depending upon the outcome of the election in January. The district should be able to maintain a \$350,000 carryover if we are funded at the projected level. She updated the board on the status of the Qualified School Construction Bond sale; there is not a market for small issues at this time, and it has been recommended we find a party interested in purchasing the bond directly from the district. The banks are currently not interested. We are continuing to seek options. If the bond is not sold by the end of December we can request an extension.

Public Comments A patron addressed the board expressing concerns about the timeliness of special education testing and the lack of summer school opportunities for students. Mrs. Bertalotto updated the board on the Adrian PTO's planned activities which include the Santa's Workshop, soup labels, and brick sales. Jake Mathews and Jake Wilde both have done physical projects which have benefited the PTO. Many of the seniors helped with the Halloween Carnival. A community New Year's Party or Prom is in discussion.

Consent Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the minutes from the October 8, 2009 board meeting as presented and to approve the payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$163,820.40. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

OSBA Election The consensus of the board was they did not wish to participate in the election.

Hire New Staff Mr. Mills recommended the board offer classified positions to the following: Chris Mendez, Instructional Assistant at 6 ½ hrs. per day Monday thru Thursday to replace Nicole Mendoza, Calli Eversole, Instructional Assistant at 4 ½ hrs. per day Monday thru Thursday to replace Ruth Oxford, Julie Morton as Cafeteria Manager to replace Jan Sillonis, to move Hermelinda Dominguez to Head Cook 6 ½ hrs. per day Monday thru Thursday, Maria Almeida to Cook's Helper, 6 ½ hrs. per day Monday through Thursday, and to hire Jennifer Findling, Part-time Kitchen, 3 ½ hrs. per day Monday through Thursday. Motion was made and was seconded to hire classified staff as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorize Bid Procedure Science Room & Bleachers Mr. Mills provided the board with the information on the bleachers and proposed that the board put the specs out for bid and then to allow Mr. Mills to accept the bids if the timeline is not timely with a board meeting. We will do the science project at a different time. Motion was made and was seconded to put the bleachers out for bid and to authorize Mr. Mills to take action on the bids if it is untimely with the next board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Complete copies of the minutes are posted in each building and on the district website, www.adriansd.com. Copies may be requested from the District Office.

FFA NEWS

For a change this year Open House was put on the cafeteria. It went surprisingly well. There were many students that explained how their Ag classes were doing. Many students of Mr. Culley's Ag Core class recited the FFA Creed along with new members Blake Purnell and Madison Shira. Our top two creed speakers are freshman, Kurt Nielson and Billy Wilson; they will later be reciting the creed again at Districts in Nyssa, on February 3rd. For the past couple of weeks we have not been able to work in the shop do to the weather being to cold to work. We are in the process of getting a heating system put into the shop so soon we will back out there working again. The officers have decided to take on a community service project of refurbishing the Veterans Memorial in Adrian. You might be thinking "We have a memorial . . . where?" The Veterans Memorial is found in the middle of the parking lot at the Adrian School. Right now it is covered in snow with four tree stumps in each corner. In the spring we plan on hallowing out the stumps and planting the flowers that the horticulture class will be growing, and also maybe having the welding classes make metal benches, along with other ideas we have constructed. If you have any ideas about what you think should be done with the memorial, please tell one of the officers and we will take it into consideration. Also if you have any comments about Open House let Mr. Culley or one of the officers know. Thank you for all of your support! Hope your holidays were filled with love and bliss!!!

Sincerely, Jessica Morton---Chapter Reporter



Heather Thompson taking measurements of the memorial.

Nervous Freshman before reciting the Creed.




Students Working in the classroom



January 2010

Milk Served With Every Meal—USDA Is An Equal Opportunity Provider And Employer—All Meals Subject To Change

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 No School In-Service	5 Hash browns Burritos Fries Fruit Birthday Cake	6 Muffins Macaroni & Cheese Vegetable Fruit Brownie	7 Biscuits & Gravy Fish or Chicken Nuggets Fries Fruit Jello	8 Sausage/Eggs Lasagna Salad Fruit Hot Roll	9
10	11 Pancakes Pizza Roll Salad Fruit Pudding	12 Pizza Roll Turkey Noodles Salad Fruit Hot Roll	13 Hash browns Beanie Wienies Potato Salad Fruit Cinnamon Krispy	14 Sausage Beef Nachos Veggie Sticks Fruit Cookie	15 R/SD	16
17	18 No School Martin Luther King Day	19 Biscuits & Gravy Tacos Rice & Beans Fruit Cookie	20 Waffles Mashed Potatoes Hamburger Gravy Fruit Hot Roll	21 Muffins Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit Cookie	22 Grilled Cheese Hamburgers Fries Fruit Cookie	23
24	25 Breakfast Burrito Chicken Patty Corn Fruit No Bake Cookie	26 Hash browns Chili w/Cheese Salad Fruit Cinnamon Roll	27 French Toast Weiner Wraps Fries Fruit Cookie	28 Sausage/Eggs Spaghetti Salad Fruit French Bread	29 R/SD	30
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Scholarship Auction

For my Physical Project I am putting on an Auction to raise money for local scholarships. I would like to invite everyone to come and to participate in the auction on Saturday January 30th, 2010 in the Adrian school cafeteria from 12pm-3pm. Auction item viewing will begin at 11am. There will be lunch available to support the Adrian Music Department. For more information and/or if you would like to donate an item please contact Evan Sneider at (208) 899-0798 or (541) 724-5064 or during school hours at (541) 372-2335. Thank you

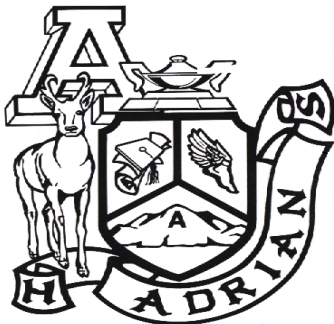


Save the date!

Come enjoy a night of fun as male students from the High School compete for the crown of Mr. AHS. Candidates will perform talents, answer impromptu questions, model formal gowns, and much more. The pageant will be held March 12, 2010 in the High School Gymnasium. Dinner is served at 6:00 and the pageant will begin promptly at 7:00. Tickets can be purchased through the High School Office or any candidate. Tickets are \$ 7, dinner and pageant included. All proceeds will be donated to the Adrian School District Special Education Department in hopes of installing math and reading skill computer program software. Questions? Contact Stephanie Allison:
(541) 372-2335.

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