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MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

- Red Cross Blood Drive, March 2
- End 1st Quarter, March 8
- School Board Mtg, March 8
- Mr. AHS Pageant, March 9
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, March 14-15
- Senior Citizen Luncheon, March 16 at 11:00
- Spring Break, March 24-30
- School Resumes, April 2
- Senior Boards, May 4



Ms. Pam Myers
Mr. Kevin Purnell
Mrs. Darla Witty

Superintendent Message

At the last board meeting, I asked permission to work on two facility areas of concern.

The first priority is to finish the work to up-date our high school building. The district has, since 2006, made major repairs at the high school. These have included: a new roof and major electrical upgrades, a complete HVAC system, parking lot resurface, gym upgrade with new bleachers, lighting upgrade, and a complete overhaul of our science room. These have been costly and important projects paid for out of our general fund.

Some work remains to be done, including mostly interior improvements at the high school that are non-mechanical in nature. The old high school needs a facelift.

The second area, tied together in some ways includes the demolition of the old elementary: that part which is west of the old library.

Design West Architects, Meridian, has been retained in the planning and building of the new k-8 school, as well as design plans at the high school. They will be again hired by the district to assist with further planning.

A new gym has been a consistent need for our district. I will work with Design West to come up with a plan to replace the old elementary with a new gymnasium, perhaps on the same sight.

At this point, we are talking about developing plans for these projects. The school Board will determine what to do, as well as how to pay for the projects.

This is exciting stuff and I will keep you informed.

Yours,
Gene Mills

High School Principal

Time continues to fly by. Our seniors are down to the last quarter of their senior year! It is certainly not the time to kick back, relax and coast home. Now is the time to push hard to the finish line! Our winter sports teams finished up strong as the boys and girls played hard at the district basketball tournament and two of our wrestlers qualified for state. Sophomore Shane Miller finished 5th in the state, while Mark Ishida wrestled his way to a 3rd place finish. We had three athletes named to the HDL all tournament team last week, Paxton Shira and Madison Purnell received 1st team honors and Tommy Shenk received 2nd team honors. Our girls received the Dairy Farmers Academic All-State award for having the highest team grade point average in the state!

Having said all of that, we move from winter to spring, from basketball and wrestling to softball, baseball and track. We move from the hustle and bustle of senior projects to the few extensions which are left. You would think that we should be winding down our activities, but, like spring giving birth to new life, everything seems to come out of hibernation, including the school activities. Aside from the

High School Principal (con't)

athletic change of season we still have the following to look forward to: Senior Citizen Luncheon, the drama production, this year it is "The Wizard of Oz", spring music concerts, choir and band competitions, FFA State Convention, prom and graduation! Just to name a few. Let us not forget that these are all extra-curricular activities.

Go Green, Go 'Lopes
Kevin Purnell

SAT TESTING DATES

Test Date	Tests Available	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

ACT TESTING DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 18, 2012



CAFETERIA SCOOP

March 5th-9th is National School Breakfast Week and this year's theme is "School Breakfast-Go For Gold" and highlights how eating a healthy balanced breakfast allows children to shine. Breakfast is really the most important meal of the day for kids, as it provides the necessary energy to get set for a day of learning and achievement. Eating a nutritious breakfast at school can give children an extra

Why School Breakfast?

- **Higher Academic Scores**—Studies have shown eating breakfast at school results in higher test scores.
- **Improved Behavior**—Hungry children are more likely to have discipline problems. Teens who eat regularly are less likely to be suspended from school.
- **Reduced Tardiness**—Kids who participate in the School Breakfast Program are late or absent from school less often.

If you are interested in being a substitute in the kitchen please contact Julie Morton at 541-372-2337 and schedule a time to get an application.

The Kitchen Staff: Julie Morton, Linda Dominquez, Denise Ashton & Maria Almeida

LIBRARY NEWS

Volunteer of the Month

Carl Witty, son of Ben and Elma Witty, has spent many hours this month helping organize books in the high school and middle school sections of the library and working to ensure that the database information is correct. We appreciate his taking time to work in the library while he is visiting in the area. Thank you, Carl!

Used Book Sale

Used books no longer needed in the library will be sold during conferences on March 14 and 15. Each book will be priced at \$ 0.25 with 5 books costing \$1.00. Books for sale will include novels, picture books and a wide range of nonfiction books. Books may be purchased between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. on the 14th and 15th.



K-8 Students of the Month—

Kg: Preston Hutchings “Persistence in Trying”
Ashlee Dudley “Excited Learner”

1st: Luis Amaral & Virginia Tolman “Model Student”

2nd: Brycen Soto “Improved Reading Progress”
Grant Heller “Enthusiastic Chapter Book Reader”
Shelby Sheets “Enthusiastic Math Fact Student”

3rd: Troy Paradis “Significant Improvement in Reading”
Hailey Henderson “Outstanding Marks in all Academic Areas”

4th: Mariah Furtado & Genaro Robles “Works Well With Everyone”

5th: Destiny Scott & Kyle Sumpter “Outstanding Effort in Science”

6th: Jessica Sumpter & Michael Judkins “Responsible Learner”
Tristen Spiers “Making a Difference in Our School”

7th: Drake Wilson & Autym Hartley “Great Attitude and Extra Effort”

8th: Bryson Shira “Exceptionally Hard Worker”



K-8 Principals Office

Our Middle School Boys Basketball team has won all their games and at this writing they look like they will win the W.I.C. championship just like they did in football. K-5 play on community teams and have benefited from great volunteer coaches.

The elementary and middle school has been enhanced by the Study Island and Odyssey Ware computer programs. Study Island coordinates with our state testing. If a student has a weak area they can get training through Study Island to learn what they need to know. Study Island can be accessed at home. In the lower grades we use the eggs program which is a part of Study Island.

As a teaching staff we go over ways to correct students without crushing them. Marva Collins said, “An error means a child needs help, not a reprimand or ridicule for doing something wrong.” We are trying to treat students with respect just as we would like to be treated. We are also working on giving students praise when they do something right. Mark Twain said, “I can live two months on a good compliment.”



Sincerely,
William H. Ellsworth
K-8 Principal

Helping people—Tasha Garner

Submitted by: Amanda Hunter

Children grow up looking up to their parents, sometimes following in the same foot steps, Tasha is kind of following her mother- going into the medical field. Tasha's mother, a respiratory therapist, has inspired Tasha to want to go into the medical field

Tasha main focus is nursing; she looked into business, and also event coordination. Tasha mother a



respiratory therapist sparked her interest in nursing.

Tasha completed job shadows at Ontario- Health Clinic with Susan Way, Nyssa Malheur memorial, Valley Clinic, and the Treasure Valley Physical Therapy. The best experience for Tasha in completing her job shadows was the Ontario- Health Clinic; Tasha stated " I actually got to help out and interact with the children, while at other job shadows I just sat there and watched them do all the work; being able to interact with the job helped me realize that nursing is not the medical field that I want to be involved in."

Through all the hard work that Tasha has put into her senior project with nursing she has decided that nursing is not the job for her; she plans on becoming an ultrasound technician. Tasha decided to become an ultrasound technician because there in no needles involved; \$20,000 raises difference in a year, and less schooling to attend. Tasha had said "why spend a lot of money in a field that I do not find interesting; spend less money in a medical field that I actually enjoy."

For the physical project part of her senior project she did a blood drive in November and is organizing a second blood drive for March 2. The idea came from her sister as she was the first to do a blood drive at school. Tasha says the most rewarding part of senior project has been her physical project "because I got to help so many people".

If she would change one thing in the senior project it would be the career guide; because it is do much busy work.

Advice that Tasha would give to younger classmen would be don't get behind; just get it done.

Tasha's advisor, Mrs. Martin, was a big help to Tasha in succeeding through her senior project. "She helped me so much and was always willing to do what ever I needed."

Having Fun with Zumba—Janeth Santiago

Submitted by: Dulce Beltran

Sometimes life can throw a challenging obstacle your way, and you may either crumble at the pressure, or step up and knock down the challenges. That is exactly what Janeth Santiago did when senior project came around. She had some difficulties, but instead of cracking under pressure, she decided that she was going to complete senior project with a great physical project!

First of all, Janeth chose three careers that she wanted to look into, which were medical assistant, nursing assistant and wedding planner. Janeth ended up choosing medical assistant because of her love of helping and



taking care of people. In the beginning, Janeth had some difficulties scheduling job shadows in the medical assistant area because of certain confidentiality regulations. She was persistent and did not give up; she ended up completing about 17 hours of job shadows. Janeth job shadowed Valley Family Clinic in Nyssa, WIC in Ontario, Malheur Memorial Health Center in Nyssa, Parma Living Center in Parma, Clinica Santa Maria in Caldwell, and Memory Makers Event Planning in Boise. Even though she attended various different facilities, Janeth's favorite job shadow was at Valley Family Clinic in Nyssa.

During Janeth's physical project, Janeth encountered the most amount of obstacles, this would be the biggest hurdle Janeth would have to jump in order to complete her senior project. The idea that she had for her physical project was centered on physical fitness, and she wanted to have a Zumba fitness day for the school and community members. In the end, Janeth had three events in which Zumba instructors came to the school and conducted a physical fitness session. Gwen Peterson (the Zumba instructor) conducted a 45 minute Zumba session, which involved the fitness for life students, on January 10, 2012. Janeth really enjoyed the Zumba class, and she enjoyed Gwen's enthusiasm. She

was always smiling and encouraging everybody to do their best. Janeth knew that she wanted to have another Zumba fitness day, so she started coming up with dates in which Gwen could come to teach another class. Gwen suggested a party in pink, which was simply a community event that raised money for somebody with breast cancer or a breast cancer survivor. Janeth loved the idea, but she didn't know who the proceeds could go to. Luckily, Mrs. Vancorbach heard the conversation, and knew a community member who was a recent breast cancer survivor. Janeth thought this was a great idea, and proceeded to make preparations for the event. Janeth held two separate events. The first was an elementary fitness day on January 27th, and the next day was the community Zumba Party in Pink event. Janeth sold tickets for the event and raised a total of \$545 for our community member in need. In the end, Janeth held a great physical project that she is proud of.

Janeth's future plans are to attend Brown Mackie College this fall and major in medical assistant. She has a passion for helping people and would love to do it everyday. "Overcoming the difficult obstacles of senior project made me feel like I can do anything."

Seeking adventure—Mark Ishida

Submitted by: Maddy Pendergrass

Looking for adventure—simply follow boys. Whether it be the thrills of motor-cross jumping, wake-boarding maneuvers, or entertaining classes with his class clown personality. The question for Mark was if he could incorporate a career field for senior project which would be a "personally full-thrilling."

Message therapy, Ag business, and Aviation piloting were the three career areas that Mark Ishida chose to pursue. After he completed job shadows in all three career areas Mark decided to continue his senior project in the field of Aviation Piloting. His older brother Blake Ishida who graduated with the class of 2009 also pursued the field of aviation piloting. After Blake completed his senior project, Mark was influenced to also pursue aviation piloting.

In order for Mark to complete his Physical Project portion of his Senior Project he decided to educate Adrian Middle School Student about the effects of air pressure in flight. Mr. Culley was his Physical Project Advisor. With the help of Mrs. Zimmerman and Mr. Culley he brainstormed ideas and determined that this was the best option.

When it came time for Mark to complete his Job Shadow hours he attended a variety different agencies and businesses. For his field of Massage therapy he observed Beth Bowman at Salon Salon. In the field of Agriculture business he shadowed Bill Truesdall at Simplot. And finally in the field of Aviation he shadowed Jeff Galloway, Shane Adams, and Chris Anderson at Silverhawk Aviation Academy. Mark admitted that his favorite Job Shadow experience was with Jeff Galloway at Silverhawk Aviation Academy because he actually got the opportunity to fly. Through his Job Shadow experiences Mark was able to determine what he really wanted to do, and he also concluded that jobs are something you can really enjoy.

Mark enjoys working on the family farm and still considers the opportunity to continue his family roots of business an option. He says he definitely knows he will attend aviation school and will then determine his life direction after receiving his license to fly the big birds—whether it be playing in dirt or a view from above.



A (young) man with a vision—James Niccum

Submitted by : Dulce Beltran

Success, innovation, and a better community, this is what James Niccum, a senior at Adrian High School wishes to achieve in his school. Ever since James started becoming involved in clubs, such as ASB, leadership, and class offices, he has had a vision to innovate and make our school better. When junior year ended, and senior year—along with senior project—was on its way, James realized what he really wanted to do. After years of being indecisive about a career choice, James realized that what better way to innovate and make communities better than to make the laws which they have to follow. James chose to peruse his senior project in law, and by doing this—since no senior had chosen a career like this before—James once again had to pave the way for himself.

Throughout the fall, James had something else on his mind other than his job shadows: his physical project. James completed his physical project, The Glean Team, in the fall. James took a group of kids and gleaned multiple tons of potatoes and onions. James really enjoyed his physical project because he got the chance to help out his community by distributing the onions and potatoes to families in need, food banks, and other visiting teams. Throughout his physical project, he also gave kids the chance to interact with each other out of school hours and help their community at the same time.

Although James' physical project went well, he was not done and decided to complete as second physical



project: the annual senior citizen luncheon. James has decided that community service is one of the most important things he can accomplish in order to make a difference. Although the senior citizen luncheon is set for March 16th, James has no doubt it will be just as successful as in past year. James has been collecting donations and door prizes for the event, and is currently working on advertising and invitations.

Throughout his whole senior project, James has come to realize the grave danger the drug world has come to have on the current teenage generations. As a result, James is writing his research paper on the influence of drugs and alcohol in court cases.

James is very happy with his choices during his senior year, and says that his senior project reflects all the effort and countless hours he spend working to perfect it. In the future, James plans on attending OSU in the fall of 2012, and majoring in business entrepreneurship while taking pre-law, and possibly social sciences as a minor.

Smile even during the hard times—Matt Sneider

Submitted by: Janeth Santiago

Everyday people make impressions upon on your life. Whether it's from your parents or even a person you want to be like. Matthew Sneider a senior this year has had an impression of someone who helped him decide what he wants to be, Matthew wants to deliver the message of god to people and help them learn and know more about god.

Before he can accomplish his dreams he has to go through hard challenges. During his journey through senior project he had to choose three careers that interested him. Those careers were Pastor (clergy), Veterinarian, and Fish and Game. After choosing his three careers he job shadowed Dr. Pulver with The Pet Hospital in Star, Idaho. He also job shadowed Scott Tortian with Fish and Game from Ontario. After job shadowing his two careers he then job focus on job shadowing main career he job shadowed Jeep and Dale Larson with Nyssa Fellowship, Pastor Paul from the Adrian Presbyterian church, and Joe Barnett from the Saint Alphonsus hospital church in Ontario.

As a physical project Matthew thought a youth group at the Nyssa Christian Fellowship Church, on the day of December 12, 2011. After experiencing a good time with the youth, Matthew decided for his physical project to host a New Year's party that was alcohol free and fun for families. "I thought it turned out well and everyone there had fun."

During senior project Matthew faced a lot of obstacles and he states that his senior project was hectic; his advice for future students and anyone who needs a good advice is to "always



work hard for what you want and never give up". He encourages people to never stop smiling even if hard times come your way.

During his experiences of high school he remembers his freshmen year of not knowing anyone and he also remembers that his freshmen year was the year he first attended a public school. Matthews's memorable moments were during the times when the teachers were gone and they had had a substitute. During high school Matthew was involved in sports and extracurricular programs. He has played basketball his freshmen and senior year he also played baseball his freshmen year and plans to play this year. He has been in FFA all four years of high school, and been involved in leadership and the international club this year.

Matthews's future plans are to graduate high school and work on a ranch over the summer and then attend school at the North Christian University and study to become a clergy (pastor). In 20 years from now Matthew sees himself as a youth pastor with a family of his own, and working on his own ranch.

FFA NEWS

In the month of February the Adrian FFA Chapter has accomplished many things. They participated in the Leadership CDEs held at Vale High School where Kellie Barraza and Quincy Pendergrass competed in creed speaking and a team of other members participated in Parliamentary procedure. Kellie was awarded second place and moved on to Sectionals on February 16th. Quincy Pendergrass was awarded third place. At Sectionals Kellie placed third unfortunately she will not be moving on to the State level. National FFA week is 18th through the 25th and the chapter kicked it off by organizing a Teacher appreciation breakfast. In the next few months we look forward to participating in more activities and by throwing our annual Banquet.

Raquel DeHoog
Adrian FFA Reporter 2011-2012

Congratulations to Mark Ishida and Shane Miller on qualifying for the state wrestling tournament.



Mark captured a 3rd place finish and Shane gathered a 5th place medal. Great job!

Adrian Sports Booster Brick Fund Raiser

Coordinator: Kimberly Bertalotto
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 (in subject line put Adrian Brick)

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This will be the last chance to get the bricks, they will not be offered again.
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Adrian Sports Boosters

AHS Blood Drive

March 2



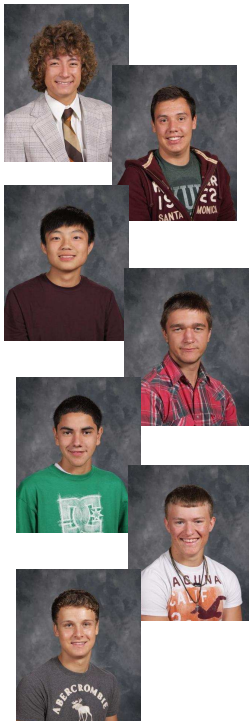
American
Red Cross

Mr. AHS PAGEANT

March 9

Dinner 5pm.

Pageant 6:30 p.m.



Adrian School Board

Condensed Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2012

Members present were: Neil Allison, Casey Walker, Paul Shenk, and Jake Speelmon. Ryan Martin was excused.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Neil Allison, at 7:00 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 Tommy Shenk reported that the students were excited to see some snow today. Bingo, played the last day of school before break, was a lot of fun. The boy's basketball team has struggled but the girl's team is doing well. Tip-off is coming up with activities planned for the week of January 17 – 21, 2011. He shared a handout of the event schedule. The 4th quarter and 1st semester Academic Awards Assembly is being held on Wednesday, January 11th. The Student Council is trying to add some excitement to the Academic Assemblies by doing a skit. The Drama production this year will be *The Wizard of Oz*. Monday, January 16th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Elementary Principal Report Mr. Ellsworth reported that the 9 student days we have had since the last board meeting have gone well. The teachers had a work day on Jan. 2, 2012; their first day back. The middle school students held a dance. Mrs. Spiers has been helpful in the kindergarten room.

High School Principal Report Mr. Purnell reported that the students and staff enjoyed the longer Christmas Break. The teachers will be spending some Fridays working on the new Common Core State Standards. Students have asked if they could earn High School credit for taking high school math classes while in Middle School. Mr. Purnell has polled the other districts in our athletic league, to see how they handle similar situations and is gathering copies of policies for comparison.

Superintendent Report Mr. Mills reported that the Malheur Education Service District Local Service Plan will not be reduced for the 2012-13 fiscal year, due to the changes the ESD has made in their administrative structure. The plan will be presented for adoption at the February meeting. The county school superintendents will meet in Adrian for their January meeting next week. He reported that he had received a call from the Malheur Enterprise asking for his thoughts on Vale's move to actively recruit students across district lines. He stated that he was unaware of Vale's desire to do this.

Financial Report Darla Witty presented a balance sheet, summary of receipts and expenditures for all funds and a general fund financial summary as of December 31, 2011. Mrs. Witty informed the board that Malheur County has established a reserve for possible refunds to certain tax payers because of challenges on value assessments made by the Oregon Department of Revenue. The county is putting about 1.15% of our current tax collection into this reserve.

Public Comment Carl Morton addressed the board about his concern at the loss of the lighting outside of the cafeteria. It is very dark and is a safety issue. Julie Morton, Cafeteria Manager, expressed her frustration with the turnaround time on district work orders. It came to light, that not all work orders have been going through Mr. Mills and he requested that all work orders go through him for approval. Mrs. Morton also shared that the district will not be receiving any

commodities the last two months of the cycle, as the state has cut these due to higher than anticipated food costs having used up the funds available for securing commodities. We have received two beef through the Rancher's Feeding Kids program this year. If we receive one more, it will see us through the end of the year. The district relies heavily on the commodities we receive in our meal preparation.

Consent Agenda Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the December 13, 2011 minutes as presented and to approve payment of the bills as listed in the amount of \$72,622.48. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items

Budget Calendar for 2012-2013 Budget A budget calendar was presented to the board which provides for one budget committee meeting to be held on May 3, 2011 at which public comment will be received. The budget committee may schedule additional meetings after the first meeting if they are needed. Publication and posting dates are included to meet legal timelines. Motion was made and was seconded to adopt the budget calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Jake Speelmon commented that we would need to appoint another budget committee member from his zone since Russell Martin has moved from the district.

Approve Report for School Year Subaccount Funds A copy of the report was provided to the board. This report is a requirement established by the legislature for the districts to tell how the district is using the School Year Subaccount Funds that were provided to districts outside of the state school fund allocation. Our district received \$78,712.35 which is being spent to maintain 9 ½ RS/D Fridays by paying salaries and benefits for staff who work on those days. Motion was made and was seconded to approve the School Year Subaccount Funds Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Hire Temporary Instructional Assistant It was recommended that Jennifer Spiers be hired as an instructional assistant to work 3 ½ hour per day on school days on a temporary basis through the end of the school year. Motion was made and was seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Change Feb. Board Meeting Date Due to home games on Thursday, February 9th, the school board meeting needs to be changed. Motion was made and seconded to move the February regular board meeting to Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at 7 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items

Superintendent Evaluation Process and Timeline It was the consensus of the board to not complete the formal evaluation forms and to discuss the Superintendent's performance with him in executive session in February.

Board Comments The board asked for an update on Mr. Johnson's knee. Mr. Purnell reported that Mr. Johnson fell at home and injured his knee. He is not going to have surgery in the near future and, currently, wears a full leg brace to keep his knee stabilized.

Adjournment Motion was made and was seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:55 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.

School Board Meeting

March 8, 2012

7pm



Happy St. Patrick's Day !

Adrian High School Presents
The 11th Annual

Senior Citizen Luncheon

March 16th at 11:00
in the Cafeteria

Experience an afternoon full of
entertainment, food, drinks, friends, and door
prizes.

ALL FREE.



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