

# Secondary Principal's Report For the March 2016 Board Meeting

## History Bee - Students Advance

Students recently participated in the local level of the National History Bee by taking the online qualifying exam . Arlington 6th-8th grade placed 10 students into the Regional Finals which will be held at the end of March. We are extremely proud of all students who competed at the local level and wish our regional finalists the best luck as they continue doing a great job of representing Arlington!

## Quiz Bowl

The Arlington Quiz Bowl team went three rounds deep into the KTCH Radio Quiz Bowl. Conference Quiz Bowl will be on March 14. Members are Brandon Keffer, Ethan Gubbels, Dillon Whitmarsh, and Logan Sampson.

## Arlington Teachers Presenting at Conference

Arlington HS teacher Jason Wiese submitted a proposal to be a presenter at the 2016 NETA Spring Conference. His proposal was accepted and he will be leading a session on:

**Title:** Plickers.....Quick Formative Assessment Data

**Description:** Plickers is a powerfully simple tool that lets teachers collect real-time formative assessment data without the need for student devices.



## Senator Fischer Visits

Senator Deb Fischer visited Arlington on February 17. She spoke to students and answered questions on a variety of topics, including: her political history, “free” college, the upcoming presidential election, and a variety of other domestic and foreign topics. Some of the feedback from senior students is posted below:

- "I felt comfortable with her standing within a few feet from us, rather than on the Internet and her giving her views about certain ideas, but Senator Fischer also made it about us, she wanted to hear what we had to say. Which made it memorable and opened up ideas to the students since it is going to be our first election."
- "I appreciated the fact that she was willing to have a conversation with us and learn from us what we are thinking about."
- "It was nice to hear directly from a politician. You hear so much "he said, she said" from the media that it's hard to follow what is true and what isn't. After listening to her I got a better understand of who she is as a person and what she stands for. I also liked how she made her

talk very personal to us- giving us tips on how we can give back to the community, state, country. The experience made everything a lot more personal and made it seem like she isn't just a figure in the news. She's a real person that wants to know what the younger generations think and have to say."

- "I liked how she gave an overall synopsis of each answer she gave and how she encouraged us to pursue an education no matter the cost. Because education is a good investment!"
- "I liked how the Senator was so willing to answer our questions...she did not avoid addressing our concerns."
- "It was good to hear her opinions face-to-face as opposed to just reading about her position on matters"
- "We got to hear her argue her point of view on specific matters, such as the idea of free education and the candidates running for president"
- "I liked how she made the event more about answering students questions rather than her just speaking. She made it a more personal experience."
- "I like how she elaborated on the topics that related to us most-college tuition, minimum wage etc."
- "It was nice to ask questions that we came up with and be able to hear her opinion about certain issues."
- " I like how personable she was and when she was answering a question, she spoke directly to the person asking the question."

## **Course Updates**

The following are updates to some of the courses for next school year:

- Beginning Woods - One semester course
- Accounting I - One semester course
- Diversified Occupations/School to Work - Increased awareness with Junior class
- Agriculture Course Offerings - discussions and research about options for future course and student organization offerings are taking place