

7th-12th Principal's Report  
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Since the last Board Meeting, we have ended our 3rd quarter and started our 4th quarter of school. The amount of activities our students have participated in has been as diverse as our weather. Our Science Olympiad team participated in their first competition on March 18 in Kearney. It was a very large meet and our students were able to get their first taste of competition. Will and Hunter placed 6th in the Tower Event. Also, on this date our Speech team participated in District C2-5 Speech with Lael Rathbun and Isabelle Roberts qualifying for State. Lael Rathbun later was crowned State Champion on March 27 in Humorous Prose!

Also, on March 27 the staff held a retirement celebration for Cheryl Chambers. Cheryl has been a custodian at APS for over 20 years.

On March 24, our Warrior band participated in the RPAC East Instrumental Clinic on March 24 at Alma. The concert was held later that evening and it was a wonderful performance.

Prom was held on Saturday, March 29. The students really enjoyed their time and the public was able to see the students dressed in formal wear. A big thanks to Mr. Ellis for supervising the activity as I was out of town at my niece's wedding.

After a successful season, the girls basketball team was recognized on the RPAC All-Conference team with Suttyn Shafer named to the 2nd team and Sawyer Shafer and Clara Hilker named Honorable Mention.

Track and golf season is well underway and we have been very fortunate with the weather. Our athletes have done well in their competitions. Be sure to come out

Mr. Hambidge took seventeen students to the State FFA Convention in Lincoln on April 3. Congratulations to the following FFA members who earned their State Degrees; Cadence Carpenter, Chris Hermes, Haiden Garey, Trenton Roskop, Elis Shafer and Paisley Zodrow. Also, Trey Downey placed 6th in Arc Welding.

The 5th-8th grade music festival was held at Arapahoe on April 4. It was great to see our students perform. Many of our students brought home medals. A big shout out to Mrs. Leising and Mrs. Sharp for scheduling all the performances and also to all the parents, staff and students who helped to make the contest possible.

Our FCCLA Chapter attended their state leadership conference on April 6 and 7. Our students brought home many awards including: FCS Challenge Test Top 3: General FCS - Haiden Garey; Housing and Interior Design - Annaka Wasenius, Nutrition - Sage Larsen, Personal Finance - Cadence Carpenter. The group also won the Chapter Bronze Award and Mrs. Spaulding won the ACE Advisor Award.

Mrs. Monie, our National Honor Society Advisor welcomed nine new members to the Chapter. Congratulations to Kristin Holcomb, Isabelle Roberts, Juliana Hanzlick, Carter Blickenstaff, Brooke Wendland, Trey Downey, Adellyn Hoefs, Grace Andrews and Clara Hilker.

On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in the week of April 14 our students in grades 3rd-8th will be participating in NSCAS Testing. We will have a Summative Observation by NDE on Thursday, April 17. Our staff has been trained in test security and are prepared to administer the tests.

Cheer tryouts will take place on Wednesday, April 16. At this time, we have eight girls signed up for the tryout.

Be sure to come out for our Junior High track meet which will be held on April 22 and then the Jim Mathers Track meet which will be held on April 23.