

Insight

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Fall 2009

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School Starts
Tuesday, September 8th!

Welcome Back!

A Message from Superintendent Felske

On behalf of the Board of Education and staff, welcome back! School starts Tuesday, September 8, 2009 with a full day of instruction for students. It has been a busy and exciting summer for Wyoming Public Schools as we have implemented the district transition plan for the 2009-10 school year. Our new configuration consists of four k-4 elementary buildings (Gladiola, Parkview, Taft, and West) as well as Oriole Park serving k-6 multi-age students. All of our district 5th and 6th grade students will be housed at Jackson Park and all of our 7th and 8th grade students will be attending Newhall Middle School. High School age students continue to have the option of attending Rogers High School, Wyoming Park High School or Innovations Academy. Frontiers, our highly successful high school online program continues to be housed at Rogers High School. All early childhood student options will be located at the Huntington Woods building.



Superintendent
Jon A. Felske

With the implementation of the district transition plan, please note the following administrative changes:

- Harry Knol,**
Director of the
Early Childhood Center
- T.J. Restau,** Principal at
Innovations Academy
- Dr. Andrea Van der Laan,**
Principal at
Parkview Elementary
- Bobbi Bentley,**
Assistant Principal at Newhall
- Jesus Hernandez,**
Assistant Principal at
Jackson Park

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Joan Austin and Mary VandeWater on their successful re-election in May to continue to serve on the Board of Education for the next four years.

This issue of the Insight provides enrollment, transportation, food service and other important back-to-school information. If you have questions regarding the beginning of the school year, district programs and opportunities or how you can become involved, please call any of our building principals or program directors. I encourage parents and community members to meet with your children's teachers soon as many of our staff members have

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Wyoming Public Library Hosts Rogers Lane Students for Fifth Annual Art/Writing Reception

by Jean Mucha

Rogers Lane's Fifth Annual Art/Writing Reception was held at the Wyoming Public Library on the evening of May 12.

More than 50 pieces of student art were displayed in the library during the month of May. A special reception was held in the community room allowing students to be recognized for their art and to share their original stories, poetry and plays.

With a microphone in hand, standing on a stage before a podium, students read to an enthusiastic audience. It was a delightful event listening to young authors share their creativity. A very entertaining evening was had by all who attended.

Rogers Lane would like to thank the library for allowing us the privilege of using their facilities to showcase our students' talents over the years. ☺



Early Childhood Program Provides Help for Developmental Disabilities

by Kathleen Miller

Wyoming Schools' Student Services Department provides a special education program for children two through four years of age who may need special help to be better prepared for Early Childhood instruction.

We will evaluate your child if you feel there may be some developmental difficulties in the following areas:

- **Cognitive development:** the ability to think and master tasks at an appropriate level.
- **Language development:** the ability to hear adequately, form correct speech sounds at appropriate age levels and put them together into age-appropriate speech patterns.
- **Perceptual development:** the ability to master concepts such as color, shape, body parts, etc. at an age-appropriate level.
- **Fine motor development:** demonstration of age-appropriate use of small muscles in such tasks as cutting, pasting, coloring, writing, etc.

- **Gross motor development:** demonstration of age-appropriate use of large muscles in such tasks as catching, throwing, running, etc.
- **Social-emotional development:** demonstration of age-appropriate ability to play, interact with peers, separate from parents, control emotions, etc.

The program offers individual testing and goal setting designed just for your child through close cooperation with parents. Instruction includes one-half day sessions five days a week with specially-trained teachers using equipment designed to meet special needs. The services of speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, psychologists and social workers are available.

Student's birth certificate and immunization records are required for enrollment. For more information, call Kathy Miller at 530-7598. ☺

Blackhawk Helicopter Lands at Newhall



by T.J. Restau

On May 21st at approximately 11:00 a.m., Newhall Middle School was invaded by the U.S. military as the newest Blackhawk helicopter landed in the back field of the school.

In observance of Memorial Day, Newhall students were granted the opportunity to see and feel the awesome power of such an aircraft. They also were able to learn from the men who operate the helicopter and proudly serve our country.

Students were given free access to enter the aircraft and give it a thorough inspection. Many were even given the opportunity to sit in the pilot's seat imagining themselves flying the aircraft. Smiles and excitement were heard and witnessed by all on this day, as



Clockwise from top: Newhall Assistant Principal T.J. Restau and pilot Kibeet Chelilm meet on Newhall's makeshift landing pad; Students line up to get first-hand views of the interior; Julio Franco tries out the pilot's seat; and Guillermo Aguilar examines the cockpit.



the students were able to hear, feel and imagine what it would be like to be a soldier on such an aircraft.

On behalf of the Newhall staff and students, we would like to thank Blackhawk pilot Kibeet Chelilm and his crew for visiting

our school and, more importantly, for their courage and service to our country. 🇺🇸

Frontiers Wraps-Up First Year with Success


by Al Vigh

During the past school year, Wyoming Public Schools was given the opportunity to approach learning in a very different way. Students enrolled in the Frontiers program were presented with their courses in an online format

than is available in a traditional program for employment or family commitments, or just needed to work and attend school at a different pace. Students who had previously struggled in a traditional setting due to health issues, and some

graduating on time.

Two Mentor Teachers, Jared Herron and Nick Vartanian, worked with Frontiers students this year, providing outstanding support and an environment for student success. Surveys collected from student and parents in the spring provided overwhelmingly positive responses and opinions about the program and gave excellent suggestions for increasing the effectiveness even more.

The WPS Frontiers program looks forward to further growth and the ability to continue providing an outstanding learning option to the students of our community. If you have questions regarding Frontiers, see the Frontiers website at www.wyoming.k12.mi.us/Frontiers.htm or call the Program Director Al Vigh at 257-3077. 

Go online @
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for more information

and were given the freedom and flexibility to learn outside of the parameters of traditional seat-time. A special waiver was granted by the Michigan Department of Education to explore this innovative approach to high school education. The program emphasizes the demonstration of proficiency rather than the time spent in a classroom to measure what constitutes a school year.

Although students still must meet all the requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum, and are still assigned what is considered full-time workload, they are able to create their own schedule and are required to spend less time within the actual school building. They have access to certified instructors to help them and can still participate in any and all extra-curricular activities.

On the first day of the 2008-2009 year, Rogers High School had ten students enrolled in the Frontiers program and by the end of the year, 48 students were on the roster. The students involved represented a diverse group of learners with differing reasons that brought them to the program from a variety of school districts in Kent County. Some Frontiers students needed more free time

who wanted to work faster and graduate early all found a place to meet their educational goals in the Frontiers program. Even a segment of students who were previously unsuccessful in traditional school settings and fell behind have gained ground and earned enough credits to put them back on track for



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Front left: Alexis Steele, Alex Creighton, Deija Vega, Adriana Rodriguez, Anamaria Lopez, Nadia Alvarez, Jordan Schroeder, Teyanna Paige, Maggie Martin, Taylor Sherry, Sarah Niles, Cooper Hendrick, Raykwon Gray, Khari Eskew, Alberto Murgo, Zachary Mann, Ethyn Knight.

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relocated to new buildings. Join one of our parent groups, get involved in school district activities and take your family to one of our many extra-curricular events.

Our principals, teachers, and support staff look forward to working with you and your children during the 2009-2010 school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 530-7555.

Thank you for your support and encouragement, and have a great school year! ☺

Rogers Lane Visits Muskegon Museums

by Jean Mucha

With funding provided by Target and the Michigan Humanities Council, Rogers Lane 4th and 5th Graders were treated to field trips to Muskegon's Museum of Art and the Muskegon Historical Museum in April.

Traveling to the Muskegon Art Museum was a fantastic way for our students to bridge art and social studies. Students were treated to a tour of the art museum where docents provided interesting facts related to their extensive collection of landscapes, portraits, studio glass, cityscapes, seascapes and photographs. During the last school year, Rogers Lane had received a "Picturing America" grant which included 20 large posters all created by American artists showcasing historical events. Our museum visit was linked to the "Picturing America" grant as a way for our students to learn more

about our American culture.

A sack lunch in Heritage Park was enjoyed after our tour, where the students had an opportunity to explore a new playground. After lunch, we were able to tour the Muskegon Historical Museum. The highlights included a "hands on" science discovery center, many displays of animal habitats, and a interactive area featuring information about healthy living.

This was a wonderful educational experience for our students. A big thank you to our parent chaperones for making this day so enjoyable and a very special thanks to the Muskegon Museum of Art and the Muskegon Historical Museum for hosting us. A HUGE thanks to the Michigan Humanities Council and Target for providing us with the funding for our transportation. ☺

WPS Raises \$5,000 for Relay for Life

by Brooke Davis

Thanks so much to all those who participated in Relay for Life. The overall event made \$106,000 and Wyoming Public Schools raised over \$5,000. We received two honors - the best decorated site as well as third highest fundraising source. I would like to give a special thanks to the Relay committee: Kelly Aboosamra, Jenn Debski, Kevin Murphy, Susie Poliski and Heidi Workman.

Big thanks to Jesus for the tents. Also I would like to acknowledge the Oriole park and Rogers Lane Students for the hope signs and artwork to display. ☺



News from the Administration Building

by Paula Skoog

WPS Earns National Technology Award

Wyoming Public Schools was named the first recipient of the national Innovations in Education award for 2009 in recognition of their outstanding contributions to public education related to the use of information technology presented by the Weidenhammer Systems Corporation.

Weidenhammer Systems Corporation is a national provider of leading-edge Information Technology solutions for the commercial marketplace serving over 1,500 school districts in more than 40 states. Wyoming Public Schools uses their CIMS program to provide student, staff and financial software support for the district. The award was presented at their annual conference in March where Wyoming Public Schools Associate Superintendent, Dr. Tom Reeder, was the keynote speaker.

Board Members Retain Seats

At the May 5th School Board Election, incumbent Board Members Joan Austin and Mary VandeWater were re-elected to serve the district for another four years.

Austin won her fourth four-year term and VandeWater, who currently serves as Board President, has served for the past eight years. Austin and VandeWater were running against challenger Tom Powers, a Wyoming Public Schools parent.

Board Member Honored

Board of Education Vice President, Deborah Fewless was one of 19 Kent County school board members who earned awards from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) for their efforts to improve their leadership skills and become more effective school leaders.

Ms. Fewless earned an Award of Distinction for classes completed in MASB's leadership training program as well as conference attendance, years of service and leadership activities.

Wyoming Park Fundraiser

November 13th is the day to mark on your calendar for the Senior Class fundraiser at Outback Steakhouse. More information to follow in the Park school newsletter.

Rogers' "Delphi Demons" Take First Place

by Bruce Klemm


Congratulations to the Delphi Demons, Wyoming Public Schools FIRST Robotics Team for their first place win at the Lansing Regional Competition in March.

The objective of this year's game, dubbed "Lunacy 2009" in honor of the 40th anniversary of the moon landing, is to score points by launching "moon rocks" into trailers attached to opposing teams' robots. For the first time, the game floor was a slippery polymer surface. When combined with special plastic wheels on the robots, it generates very little friction, mimicking lunar gravity and potentially sending the robots into uncontrollable skids with every sudden stop or sharp turn. This posed a new challenge




Delphi Demons and their first place banner.

for the Delphi team, who are accustomed to engineering robots that could tear across a carpeted surface. FIRST isn't about building robots, it's about developing life skills. The kids learn skills

relationships, teamwork, finance, fundraising, budgeting and project management. The partnerships between academia, the community and industry will build our future employees and future citizens. It's the hardest fun ever. 

Taft Students Learn & Explore at Science & Math Night

by Judith Prusinowski

Taft staff teamed up with the Taft Science and Math Committee April 21 to present Science and Math Night. There were fun-filled science and math activities and experiments at various stations in which students and families participated. It was a fun filled, educational event enjoyed by all! 



Above: Mr. Malakowski shows Malachi Odedoyin how to make and fly a paper airplane.

Author Jan Denison Visits Taft

by Kellie Self

Jan Denison, retired WPS teacher, visited Taft Elementary in April to share her very first book with Mrs. Self's 5th grade class. Her book, called Gramma's Hot Air Balloon Ride, is a story about a fun-loving grandmother in search of adventure, who finds herself in the basket of a giant hot air balloon. The book is based on Jan's actual ride in a hot air balloon. After her real life balloon ride, she searched and searched, but couldn't find a story to read to her grandchildren about hot air balloons, and so decided to write one herself!



Author Jan Denison reads her book to students.

Jan shared with Mrs. Self's students the process of writing a book, from the first draft, through numerous edits, to the final published piece. She is already busy writing her next book, and has a few more ideas for other books in

the future.

Jan has been volunteering in Mrs. Self's room for the past four years. The students look forward to her arrival each week, and they are very proud to now know a published author! 📖

Gladiola Gators Race to Reading Success



Kelsey Garcia and family

by Dawn Judge

Gators, start your engines! Racing to success was the theme of this year's Reading Month celebration at Gladiola Elementary. The challenge for our Gators during the month of March was to read 6,000,000 words (according to our Accelerated Reader program). Our "drivers" not only met their goal, they accelerated

to 11,395,167 words read as a school team. This was determined by the Word Count Reports generated from the Accelerated Reader program at Gladiola. The students were rewarded for their hard work with a movie to kick off Spring Break!

In addition to the reading challenge, Gladiola students celebrated the importance of reading and writing with daily activities that showed them that reading can be fun! "Read in Your Pajamas Day" was a favorite, along with having a visit from the famous Wyoming "leprechaun" to catch us reading! The teachers switched classes to share favorite books and parents joined us for a "read in" in our hallways! One week of Reading Month was a camping theme in which students read with a flashlight or around the "campfire." The Gators also donated non-perishable food items to Love, INC on "Read a Canned or Boxed Food Day."

In order to keep our celebration going throughout the year, two Michigan authors visited Gladiola in April. We are hoping that our Reading Month celebration will inspire the students and their families to "Race to Reading Success" all year long! 📖

RIF Donates 20,000 Books to WPS Students

by Danielle Vigh

The Wyoming Public Schools' Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) Program finished up its 8th successful year in May with the elementary buildings giving each student a choice of taking two books home for the summer. Middle and High School buildings had their last distribution in March (reading month).

Some highlighted motivational themes were visits from our own students and community members that encourage and emphasize the importance of reading. Rogers High School (RHS) Girls Basketball team visited and read to Gladiola Elementary students, Wyoming Park High School (WPHS) Girls and Boys Basketball teams visited Newhall, and WPHS Pep and Jazz Bands also performed for Newhall and WPHS students. Staff from the Wyoming Public Library visited Taft Elementary, Grand Valley State University Football team visited West Elementary, and the Grand Rapids Griffins mascot, Griff, visited Newhall.

A big welcome to Innovations Academy as they come on board to participate in RIF for the upcoming school year. This will not only be their first time involved, but WPS will now have its total student population participating in this great program.


About 20,000 RIF books were chosen by our students during the 08/09 school year. This, of course, would not be possible without our building RIF coordinators, staff, and parents. A very special thank you goes out to Wesley Park United Methodist Church for being a major contributor. For the past few years, they have donated close to 50% of local funds spent to purchase books for our elementary buildings.



Clockwise from top: RHS Girls Basketball player Cyesha Goree reads to Gladiola students; WPHS Jazz Band performs for Newhall students; Wyoming Park Pep Band perform for WPHS students; and Griff visits Newhall.



WPS continually encourages parents/guardians to play an important part in their children's education. If you are a parent, and interested in volunteering to help

with RIF, or have motivational ideas for distributions, please contact the school where your child attends, and ask to speak with the building's RIF coordinator. 

Pesticide Advisory for All WPS Parents

by Don Hebler,
Director of Operations

Wyoming Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program.

Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program

does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

You will receive advanced notice of the application of a


pesticide, other than bait or gel formulations at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods.

The first method required by the law is the posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are those entrances that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.

The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application.

If you would like to be notified by mail, please contact the Operations Department at the following number 616-457-6898. Please give the Operations secretary your name, mailing address and what school your child attends.

In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling or e-mailing Don Hebler the District's Director of Operations at phone number 616-530-7570 or e-mail address hebeled@wyoming.k12.mi.us This number or e-mail may also be used when school is not in regular session. 

2009 Teacher, Support Staff and Volunteer of the Year Winners

Teacher of the Year Winners

Gladiola Elementary

Chad Dykema
Music Teacher

Huntington Woods Elementary

Christie Blanchard
4th/5th Multiage

Oriole Park Elementary

Ellissa Lauer
K/1st Multiage

Parkview Elementary

Jane Roon
Literacy Coach

Rogers Lane Elementary

Keri Adamy
Kindergarten

Taft Elementary

Chrisi Wondergem
Counselor

West Elementary

Michelle Rudolph
Fourth Grade

Jackson Park Middle School

Sandy Hartman
Middle School Social Studies

Newhall Middle School

Anne Harig
Counselor

Rogers High School

Holly Beemer
High School Mathematics

Wyoming Park High School

Jennifer Nelson
High School Social Studies

Innovations Academy

Adam Richards
High School English/
Social Studies

Support Staff Member of the Year

Diane Szczesny
Jackson Park Middle School
Food Service

Volunteer of the Year

Candy Lomonaco

Wyoming Public Schools District Teacher of the Year

Jane Roon
Parkview Elementary

Rogers Lane Students “Travel” the World



by Jean Mucha

With passports in hand, students from Rogers Lane Elementary traveled the world without leaving their school. Displays from 12 different countries on five continents, filled the gym on May 13.

After clearing customs, students' passports were stamped at each country where international cuisine was waiting to be sampled.

Kielbasa was served at Poland's display. Litchi fruit was available at Vietnam. Mandoo from South Korea was another of the interesting foods offered during the celebration.

Countries included: Senegal, Kenya, Poland, Australia, France, Mexico, U.S.A. (Native Americans), Netherlands, Ireland, Vietnam, Cuba and South Korea.

A scavenger hunt allowed students to learn facts about each country. Research projects, maps and posters created by our students were also on exhibit during Rogers Lane's Cultural Day Celebration.

Everyone agreed this was a very cost effective way to travel! 🌍



Clockwise from top: Posters are exhibited for the Cultural Day Celebration; Sandy Tran shows off her fan; Kui Padamada models a sombrero; Julia Vu prepares to speak; and Adam Weber shares a book.

Huntington Woods Students Send

Huntington Woods students and staff raised money to purchase treated mosquito bed nets for their Kenyan pen-pals after reading the article "Out for Blood," in the September 2008 issue on Malaria in National Geographic Magazine.

The students sold candy and collected personal donations, enough to purchase bed nets for 315 students and staff at the Anajali School, which is located in the world's largest slum, located in Nairobi, Kenya. Living conditions in the slum are minimal, walls of corrugated metal, shutters for window and door openings and


earthen floors. The mosquito nets help keep the pesky insects away from children during their sleep.

In June, Anne Jones, teacher at Huntington Woods, and her husband Glenn, traveled to Kenya to distribute the bed nets on behalf of Huntington Woods. Distribution of the nets was a success, as many happy children carried the nets home for a good night's sleep, some nets as large as the children themselves.

In his correspondence on positive effects of the nets, Headmaster, Wellington Nabwoba states, "We thank you for taking your time to come and visit us. We went for mid term break after doing the mid term exams and the results were amazing. In the history of our school these were the best results with the best child in class 8 scoring 456 marks out of 500 marks. Everyone including the guardians and parents of the children wanted to know factors

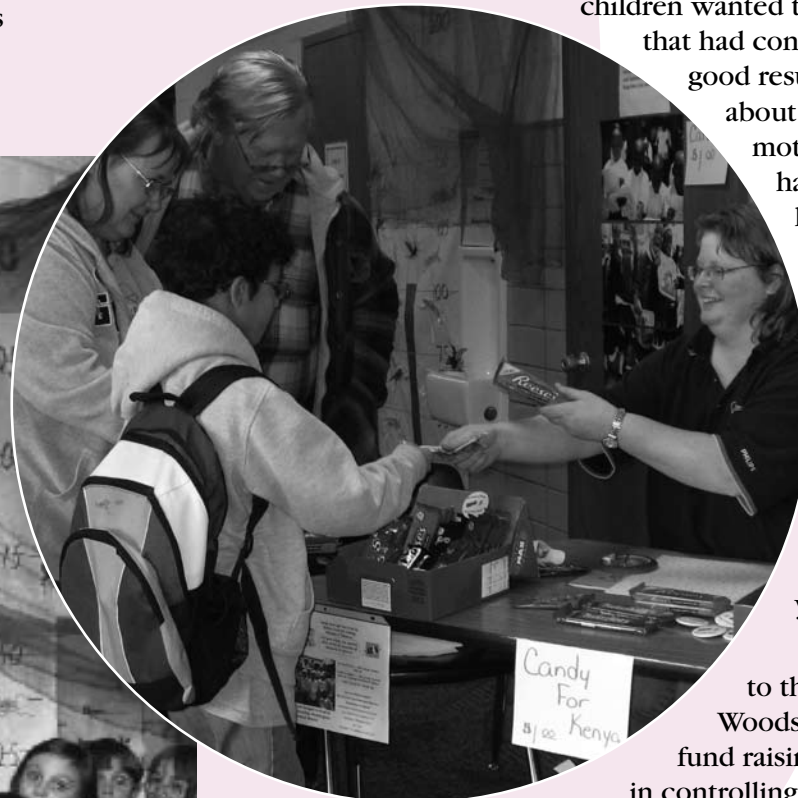
that had contributed to our good results so I told them about your visit and the motivational talks you had given including helping keep away mosquitoes as they read and slept at home. You know what one parent requested? That they will appreciate if you visited every year twice!!"

Many thanks to the Huntington Woods family for their fund raising work, and help in controlling malaria in the

Kibera Slum. 



Melissa Slachter with her family and the Ching family add to the bed net graph.



Above: Melissa Slachter from the fund raising committee sells candy to student Brandon Little and his parents, Cindy and Larry.

Want to Learn More About Our Pen Pals?

Find previous issues of Insight online with more articles about our Kenyan Pen Pals at [www.wyoming.k12.mi.us/admin/Insight.htm!](http://www.wyoming.k12.mi.us/admin/Insight.htm)

Mosquito Nets to Kenyan Pen Pals



Above: Teacher Anne Jones meets her students' pen pals. Right: Anne and her husband, Glenn, distribute the mosquito nets Huntington Woods students purchased through their fundraising efforts.



Rogers High School Bowlers Take 3rd in Regionals

Rogers High School Bowling Team won the Regional Championship and placed 3rd in the state. Congratulations! Pictured: Coaches Dave Bandstra and Don Nyenhuis; (left to right) Katie Harms, Sara Crysler, Andrea Ferguson, Samantha Johnson, Kelsey Bandstra and Stacia Montle.



Park Boys B'ball Enjoys Successful Summer

by Tom VanderKlay

Fourth Annual West Michigan Summer Shootout at the Park

After coming off another championship season last winter, Wyoming Park basketball players continue to work on their games. The fourth annual summer shootout at the Park was another success. Thirty one schools visited the Park for three weeks this June to compete for the West Michigan Summer Shootout Championship. The Park finished in fourth place. The Vikings also attended the Grand Valley State Shootout and play in the Courthouse Summer League. The Park JV won The West Michigan JV Shootout and also played in a competitive June schedule and competed in the American Youth Basketball Tour.

Individuals Recognized

Two Park players participated around the Midwest playing for the Courthouse Kings. Juniors Brock Vander Klay and Shane Thurkettle helped The Kings win three of the six tournaments they were in and were ranked as the second best team in the State. Brock was also one of "The top 100 Returning Players" in the State invited to the Basketball Coaches Association/ Michigan High School Athletic Association Reaching Higher Showcase in Brighton this past Spring.

Park graduate Bryan Powell, the second leading scorer in Park history, earned all-state honors and played in the Champions of Character All-Star Game at Cornerstone University. Park basketball coach Thom Vander Klay coached his All-Star team and Bryan was the teams leading scorer. Bryan also competed in the Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game in

August at Brighton as one of the top 20 players in Class A and B. Bryan will be playing at Calvin College this winter.

24th Annual Park Basketball Camp Draws 80 Players

The 24th Annual Basketball Camp was another success. : The Camp is held every year during the first week of summer and district players are coached by the high school and middle school coaches in individual skills, team concepts, and attitude that they can work on throughout the summer. Players meet from 8:00 to 11:00 am Monday through Thursday. Next summer we will celebrate a quarter century of The Park Basketball Camp.

Park Boys Basketball Winter League

Parents of 3rd through 8th grade boys interested in playing basketball at The Park get out your calendar! The second annual West Michigan winter boys basketball league will be sponsored by Park Basketball again. This program was developed so our kids could compete at home without having to travel and pay the heavy cost of playing on "house" teams or "travel" teams. These teams competed against other teams from around West Michigan. Last year we had three third, three fourth, two fifth, three sixth, a seventh, and a eighth grade team. Any boy, grades 3 through 8, who is going to attend Wyoming Park are invited to join.

The cost is \$50.00 (or \$40.00) and includes November 14, 21 and December 5, 12 Saturday morning clinics, a Park reversible game shirt, all practices, and Saturday games (all at Wyoming Park) through March. Third through sixth grade will also

have a exhibition "game" at halftime of a varsity game during the High School season. The Sign Up meeting will be Tuesday night November 3 at 7:00 at Wyoming Park High School. If you attend and sign up on November 3 (or before) the cost will be \$40.00. The first practices begin the second week of November for 3rd through 6th. 7th and 8th graders begin after Newhall's season in January. If you are interested in coaching or volunteering contact Head Basketball Thom Vander Klay at vandert2@wyoming.k12.mi.us. Third through sixth grade teams will have volunteers as coaches. 7th and 8th graders will have the Park High School coaches. Coaches meeting will be Thursday night November 5.

Park Boys Basketball Fund Raiser at Monelli's

Help! Attention all Wyoming Park basketball parents, volunteers, and supporters. Have a great dinner at Monelli's and help support Park basketball programs! Hosting the West Michigan Shootout has reduced the cost for the high school summer basketball players by one-third. We began our elementary winter league to help ease the cost for parents and we cut the price of our summer camp down to \$50.00.

We are having a fund raiser at Monelli's restaurant on Byron Center road by M6 on November 4 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Ten percent of the proceeds will be donated to Wyoming Park Basketball. They will take reservations up to 75 percent of the restaurant. It would be great to fill up the restaurant, yourself, and help Park Basketball in the process. The restaurant is located at 5675 Byron Center, Wyoming, MI 49519. Call 530-9700 for reservations. 🍷

Goldenhawks are Academic All-Stars



by Craig Blasko

Congratulations to the Rogers high school girls varsity basketball for making the basketball coaches association of Michigan/BCAM honorable mention academic all state list.

The team boosted an overall grade point average of 3.14. It is a very difficult task to juggle student and athletic demands. Great job, Goldenhawks, for portraying the term 'student-athlete' accurately. Keep up the exemplary work in the classroom and on the court! 🏀

Back row: Julia Mayer, Kali Nelson, Amanda Thull, Coach Craig Blasko, Cyessa Goree, Emmy Bailey and Kristen Melton. Second row: Adrianna Hernandez, Ashley Mann, Kenisha Brown, Iris Vorus and Lashone Williams. Front row: Liz Chappell and Emily Holt.

Wyoming Park to Celebrate 25th Anniversary of 1984 State Football Champs

On September 18, 2009 at Wyoming Park's home varsity football game vs. Rogers High School, Wyoming Park will be honoring the 25th anniversary of the 1984 Football State Championship team.

We welcome all athletes, coaches and cheerleaders from this and the 1985 State Runner-Up teams to be honored at half-time. Come help us celebrate this tremendous piece of Park history! 🏈

Newhall Girls B'ball Enjoys Perfect Season



For the first time in 25 years, the Newhall 8th grade girls basketball team went undefeated to finish 12-0 this season. Great job! Pictured from left to right: (first row) Breyonna Span, Alex Caldera, Mikala Manley, Ciara Jacobs, Jaime Krasean and Cate Willey; (second row) Aubrie Bylsma, Taylor Savage and Ashley Vanliere; (third row) Coach Phillips, Megan Kauffman, Keyana Simpson, Jessica Addington, Manager Nancy Becerra, Shakemeia Johnson, Manager Jessica Soto and Coach Spyke.

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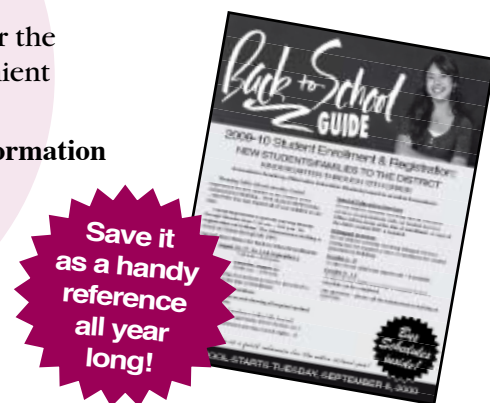
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2008-2009

August 10, 2009.....7:00 p.m.	February 8, 2010.....7:00 p.m.
August 24, 2009.....7:00 a.m. (Board Tour)	February 22, 2010.....5:30 p.m.
September 14, 2009.....7:00 p.m.	March 8, 2010.....7:00 p.m.
September 28, 2009.....5:30 p.m.	March 22, 2010.....5:30 p.m.
October 12, 2009.....7:00 p.m.	April 19, 2010.....5:30 p.m. (Note: Third Monday)
October 26, 2009.....5:30 p.m.	May 10, 2010.....7:00 p.m. (@ Gladiola Elementary)
November 9, 2009.....7:00 p.m.	May 17, 2010.....5:00 p.m. (Budget Hearing)
December 14, 2009.....7:00 p.m.	June 14, 2010.....7:00 p.m.
January 11, 2010.....7:00 p.m.	June 28, 2010.....5:30 p.m.
January 25, 2010.....5:30 p.m.	

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