HARTSBURG-EMDEN CUSD No. 21 NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

Terry Wisniewski, Superintendent

As we near Election Day, most of us are carefully reviewing facts and deciding which candidates and what issues we will support. It has been an interesting cycle . . . to say the least. Many of us are ready for the day after the election. However, a presidential election is always a good educational opportunity for our students and this one seems to be remarkably unique. Overall, students are learning about the process and the importance to exercise their right to vote.

This time of year the Hartsburg-Emden School Board and the superintendent routinely work hard each year to uphold the Schools' Mission Statement - "Hartsburg-Emden Community Unit School District provides an empowering and collaborative environment allowing students to reach their full potential." Excellence requires careful planning and analysis of the district as a whole, which includes fiscal oversight. The district's enrollment and development of future budget projections are the main focus as we complete the annual fiscal audit and begin the tax levy extension process. In Illinois, this process has become increasingly difficult as the State government continues to have its own financial challenges. The Education Budget was passed for the whole year, however, the rest of the State only has a 'Stop Gap' budget to the end of December. Budget talks seem to be on hold until after November's election. That doesn't give the State much time (January 1st) before we are operating without a State Budget again.

The States' Education Budget for this year had a 'Hold Harmless' clause in it. Which means schools wouldn't receive any less money in General State Aid (GSA) than they received the previous year. Since the foundation levels (minimum dollar amount guaranteed per child) haven't been increased for over six years now (which basically means the Hartsburg-Emden has been receiving less money from the State each year), our GSA money from the state has gone down. This happens because property values have increased and the more local dollars one gets – the less GSA they receive. This year was the first time in the six years we didn't see a reduction in GSA. This 'Hold Harmless' agreement was a temporary fix as Illinois looks for a new funding

model for education. One such model is called the 'Evidence Base Model' in which 5 other states have adopted as their Education Funding reform. The Evidence Based Model looks at students from each individual school and the programs offered at that specific school to come up with a dollar amount that should be given based on 27 different pieces of criteria (or evidence).

So, looking at what's going on in Springfield, I see some major changes coming in school funding. We still have the statewide Property Tax Freezes bill being discussed, Cost Shift for the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) (which basically moves the State contributions for TRS to the local school districts), along with a new funding model. As this change approaches, the responsibility for fiscal oversight of the district's resources while maintaining a Tradition of Excellence will become an increasing concern. As these changes come forward, we (the School Board and myself) will be looking at thorough strategic financial planning to support and preserve quality of student learning at Hartem. An open line of communication with the community, staff, parents, and students will be important as the State makes changes to the funding system. I am sure whatever changes come forward will bring its challenges. However, these changes will also bring us an opportunity to look at ways to improve on what we are doing. I've got to believe our best days are still in front of us and not behind. We will remain optimistic as we continue to put what is best for Hartsburg-Emden students first.

On a final note: I love the fall season. The changing of the color of the trees and cooler days is such a great opportunity to be outside to enjoy some of nature's wonders. I hope you all find the time to enjoy it; it seems like such a short season.

NOVEMBER BREAKFAST & LUNCH COSTS

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18 Student Breakfasts	@\$2.00	\$36.00
18 Reduced Student Breakfasts	@\$0.35	\$6.30
17 Student Lunches	@\$2.55	\$43.35
17 Reduced Student Lunches	@\$0.50	\$8.50

Students at Hartsburg will need to pay for seconds. Entrées are \$.90, vegetable/fruit are \$.50 and milk is \$.40. Seconds need to be paid for at the time they are served. Adult lunches purchased are \$3.05. You can check your student's meal account balance using the Parent Portal. Contact Erika at the high school if you need assistance in accessing this information.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION LabelsForEducation.com



The "Labels for Education" program is coming to an end – but we still have time to collect labels! Please, be on the lookout for participating labels and send them in to either building!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Jon Leslie, Principal

Greetings! It is hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year has come to a close, and by the time that this article reaches you, mid-term of the 2nd quarter will be fast approaching. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents that attended conferences. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend conferences and would like to talk to one of your child's teachers, I would encourage you to make contact. Also, please remember that you can track your child's progress online via our Tyler Information System. Within this system, you can find information on your child's grades and progress. If you have questions on how to access this system, please contact the main office.

October was a very busy and successful month. I would like to thank everyone that has had a hand in all of our scholastic, athletic, and community events. Our cross country and golf seasons have come to an end. I would like to thank all cross country and golf athletes along with their parents and a special thank you to our coaches. Volleyball is having a successful season and will be into the post season by the time that this publication reaches you. Junior high basketball and cheerleading has begun and high school basketball and cheerleading will be starting very soon. FFA has attended many events and participated in many activities including the National FFA Convention. Family Reading Night including the wax museum and science fair were also a success. November will prove to be just as busy as October. Please check out the rest of this newsletter to see all that we have to offer.

This semester will be over before we know it. We at Hartsburg-Emden recognize the importance of parents/guardians in the success of our students. Thank you for helping our teachers in the guidance of our students. Please continue to require good attendance, good study habits, and the completion of homework from your child. Our teachers appreciate your part in ensuring that your child receives the best possible education.

November marks a month of Thanksgiving. On a final note, great things do not happen in a school district without great people putting in hard work. I would like to thank all of the students, parents, guardians, grandparents, coaches, teachers, staff, alumni, and community members for everything that you have done. I am THANKFUL for being a part of the Hartsburg-Emden community.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Matt Stoltzenburg, Athletic Director

It sure doesn't feel like it, but winter is just around the corner and with winter comes basketball. The junior high team has already begun practice and will begin their season in the Midwest Central tournament on October 29th, 31st, and November 5th. They will have home games on November 7th, 14th, 17th, and 22nd. Good luck to Coach Rademaker and the boys this season.

The high school girls' volleyball team is coming to the end of their season. Coach Hayes, Coach Langley, and the girls start regional play in Colfax during the last week of October and continue into sectional play the first week of November. Hopefully we have another deep postseason run.

Coach Garber, Coach Bolen, and the high school boys are ready to begin their campaign as well. They begin practice on November 7th and head to El Paso-Gridley for their Thanksgiving tournament. Good luck boys.

A couple of reminders: we will have the fall sports awards on November 15th at 6:00 in the high school gym. We will be recognizing junior high softball, baseball, and speech as well as high school golf, cross country, and volleyball.

Also, we will have our Meet the Stags Night on Saturday, November 12th in the high school gym. At this time I would like to thank Tom Anderson for the many years of service he has given as our junior high and high school basketball scoreboard operator. It is a difficult and vital position that Tom has been excellent at for a long time. He has decided it is time to move on and I want to say thanks and wish him well. We are looking to train a new operator. If you are interested, please contact me at the school.



MEET THE STAGS

Betty Jo Lessen, HS Cheer Coach

Mark your calendars! Meet the Stags Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, at 6 p.m. We will once again be looking for Hartem alumni basketball players to come and participate in an alumni game. Please spread the word to anyone who was a former Hartem basketball player. Let's see if you've still got it! We will be introducing the Hartem high school basketball team and cheerleaders and the junior high basketball team and cheerleaders as well. Come out and meet the 2016-2017 basketball teams and show your support!! GO! STAGS! GO!

MANDATORY JH VOLLEYBALL MEETING

Jennifer Hayes, Coach

There will be a <u>MANDATORY</u> Jr. High Volleyball meeting in the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, November 15th, after the fall sports awards, for any girl 5th-8th grade wanting to try-out for Jr. High Volleyball. A parent/guardian <u>MUST</u> be present for your daughter to be able to try-out. If a parent/guardian is unable to be at the meeting due to a prior commitment, he/she must contact me at school or home <u>PRIOR</u> to the meeting. If you do not contact me prior to the meeting, your child will be unable to try-out for the team. **Try-outs will be the week of Nov 28 – Dec 2.**



FFA News

In October the students participated in the Land-use Contest and the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. We would like to thank Diversified Crop Insurance Services for helping support our National Convention Trip!! The Hartem FFA will be putting trees up in Whistle Stop Park again this year-look for the form in this newsletter! Students will be participating in the Agronomy Contest, Grain Show, 212 Conference, and Leadership Training School. We will also have State Officers coming by for chapter visits this month. We are very excited for these upcoming events!

BAND NEWS

Calob Pluhm, 6th-12th Band/Choir Director

ILMEA Concert Festival – Baylee Baker and Olivia Garcia were both selected to perform at the Illinois Music Education Association District Festival on November 5 at Western Illinois University. It is an honor to be selected to perform with this group, as students must go through an audition process for the opportunity. Be sure to congratulate these students on a job well done!

6th & 7th Grade Field Trip - Our 6/7 grade music classes will be traveling to Springfield on November 10th during the school day to see *The Listener*, a performance by the Illinois Symphony Orchestra and the Magic Circle Mime Company. This performance will supply great information for our students and provide an excellent example for musicianship. A big thank you goes out to the Hartem Community Club for sponsoring this event.

HS Pep Band – Our first performance will be November 12 at 6pm and we ask that you please join us in supporting our Stags!

Music Fundraiser – This year our junior and senior high music groups will be having a fall fundraiser starting November 27th. Please keep an eye out for materials and information for this event, as we count on your support to continue to enhance the study of music in our school.

Winter Concert – Students have been working diligently to prepare for our upcoming performances. Please join us in the High School Gymnasium on December 2 at 7 pm for our winter concert.



	OVEMB:	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	2016 Sat
Sun School Calendar	Mon	1 HSVB-1A Sect. TBA	2 Wea	3 HSVB-1A Sect. TBA	4	5 HSVB-1A SuperSect. TB JHBK-MWC Tip-Off Tournament 9:30
6	7 JHBK vs. St. Joseph Pekin 6:00	8	9 Veterans Day Program @ GS 1:00	JHBK @ Carroll Catholic 6:00 6 th /7 th Gr. Choir Trip U of I Spfld 8:15am	11 HSVB-1A State TBA No School Veterans Day	HSVB-1A State TBA Meet the Stags @ HS Gym 6:00
13	JHBK vs. Mt. Pulaski 6:00	Sr. Beta Club Blood Drive @ HS Gym 10-2 Fall Sports Awards @ HS Gym 6:00 Mandatory JHVB mtg. after awards @ café	16 FFA-Leadership Training @ PORTA 3:30	JHBK vs. Delavan 6:00 Dual Credit Info Mtg. @ HS Computer Lab 6:00	18 Qtr2 Progress Rpt. FFA-212 Conference @ Collinsville 7:00am	Post Prom Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair @ HS Gym 11am-4pm Luncheon @ HS Café 11am-1pm FFA-212 Conference
20	21 Board Mtg 7:00 JHBK @ Athens 6:00	JHBK vs. Havana 6:00	11:30 Dismissal SIP Day Grandparents Day @ GS Gym 8:45 HSBK @ EPG Thanksgiving Tourn. TBA	No School	No School	26
27	28 JHBK @ MWC 6:00	JHBK @ Georgetowne Middle School 4:30 HSBK @ Springfield Lutheran 6:15	30		,	,

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Amanda Feltes, K-12 Guidance Counselor

October was a busy month for the counseling office! The American School Counseling Association recognizes October as "National Bullying Prevention Month". In an effort to spread awareness, I visited every grade level (K-12) to present Bullying Prevention lessons with the students. We discussed the various types of bullying and the effects it has on students, as well as how to respond to bullying behavior. Students shared their ideas about what kindness is, particularly ways to help others in need. We spent time discussing the "boomerang effect" that kindness has – it impacts the giver, the receiver, and all those who see the kind act. Students learned how to be "upstanders" versus "bystanders" and took a pledge to help prevent bullying in our schools. Check out the pledge displays at both schools.

Juniors also participated in the PSAT on October 19th. Nine students completed the practice test. These students will receive personalized test prep resources for the SAT when they receive their scores this winter. Remember, all 11th grade students will be taking the SAT in April. Check out all of the great, free test prep resources through College Board (collegeboard.org) and Khan Academy (satpractice.org).

Finally, Hartem hosted their first ever FAFSA completion night on October 13th. Families were able to receive personalized assistance in completing the FAFSA application. Hartsburg-Emden now has 50% of the Senior class with completed FAFSA applications! Don't forget, it is very important to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible in order to gain the most benefits. The FAFSA should be completed for any student who plans on attending Technical/Vocational School, a Community College, or a 2 year or 4 year College/University. Many states and schools rely on the FAFSA to award their state and institutional student aid funds. Also, many scholarships require students to submit their FAFSA in order to be eligible for scholarship funds. If you haven't submitted the FAFSA, make sure to submit it as soon as possible. If you need any assistance, please let me know.

Dual Credit Informational Meeting

All 10th or 11th grade students interested in taking a dual credit course next year (2017-2018) should attend an informational meeting on Thursday, November 17th at 6:00pm in the HS Computer Lab. Dual credit courses give students the unique ability to earn college credit during high school. I strongly encourage all students who may be interested in dual credit courses to attend this meeting. This meeting will provide a significant amount of information about policies and regulations for dual credit courses, as well as application and assessment procedures. Students will also be submitting Heartland applications at the end of the meeting. The only way to be eligible for dual credit courses is to complete a Heartland application and Compass assessment. There is no penalty for submitting an application and later deciding not to enroll in the course. Don't miss this great opportunity!

November/December Scholarships

(Visit the Hartem Counseling webpage (hartemcounseling.weebly.com) for full details)

- 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award: Up to \$1000 (November 8)
- Hagan Scholarship Foundation: Up to \$40,000 (November 15)
- Elks Most Valuable Student: Up to \$50,000 (November 30)
- Good360 Sustainability Scholarship: \$1,000 (November 30)
- Kids' Chance Inc. of Illinois: Varies (December 1)
- Golden Apple Scholars Program: Full tuition at any state college or university (December 1)
- 10 Words or Less Scholarship: \$500 (December 1)
- Greenhouse Scholars: Varies (December 1)
- Solution Reach Scholarship: Varies (December 4)
- AXA Achievement Scholarship: \$10,000 \$25,000 (December 15)
- NFIB Young Entrepreneur Scholarship: \$2,000 \$15,000 (December 18)
- CrossLites Scholarship: Up to \$4,000 (December 31)

HARTEM POST PROM

Post Prom Committee

Thank you so much to Grainland Cooperative (Emden Elevator) who allowed the Post Prom Committee to use their new, beautiful facility to serve pulled pork sandwiches to their staff, farmers who were still working in the fields, and Hartem families on Monday, October 10th. They also gave a very generous donation to us as well. Since everyone was so generous, we were able to make \$431.00! That money will go a long way to helping us to provide a safe after prom experience for our high school students! Thank you so much!

Mark your calendars-we have lots of events coming up:

November 19th

Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair

We have scheduled our Holiday Craft/Vendor Fair for November 19, 2016 from 11:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m. in the Hartem High School gym. We will have many different crafters and vendors available! Stop by and purchase Christmas gifts for yourself, family and friends! Support our local crafters! Post Prom Committee will also be serving a luncheon in the Hartem High School Cafeteria on November 19th for donations. It will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will consist of chili, hot dogs, potato soup, drinks, and dessert. Please come out to eat lunch with us and support the Post Prom Committee!



Holiday Shopping Babysitting opportunity!

We are going to try something new this year! Hartem Post Prom Committee will provide a babysitting service to parents so you can go and shop without the little ones in tow. This service is also on November 19th, but at the Emden Elementary gym. We will be open for kids at 11:00 a.m. and kids would need to be picked up by 8:00 p.m. The cost will be \$25.00 per child or \$4.00 per hour up to 5 hours. Please contact Jill Vetter if you have any questions or would like to reserve a spot at 309-840-1806. This opportunity is available for kids who are at least 1 year old to 10 years old. Lunch, snacks, dinner and activities will be included. Reserve your spot by November 12th so we can be prepared!

Save the Date!

Trivia night is back and Mr. Robinson and Mrs. Folkman are already hard at work creating questions for it! The event will be held on Saturday, January 28th at the Community House. More information will be coming!



Donations

Hartem Post Prom Committee is beginning to collect donations that we can use to give to the students and their guests who come to attend the Post Prom event on April 29th. We would be interested in collecting gift cards, items students can use in college, life after high school, or money. If you have an item or would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Nora Phillips at 217-671-4567. We would be willing to come and pick items up if needed. Thank you!



LIBRARY NEWS

Susan Wilson, Librarian

The Scholastic Book Fair, held during the week of parent/teacher conferences, was a great success. The two libraries received over \$300 worth of free books. Titles include Big Nate and Friends, Big Nate Say Goodbye to Dork City, Ghosts, Kid Owner, Dog Man, I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980, and many others. Thanks so much to the community members, parents & guardians, and students who purchased items from the book fair.

EMDEN ELEMENTARY NEWS

Emden Elementary would like to invite the community to join us in honoring our veterans in a special program. The program will take place at Emden Elementary in the gym and will begin at 1:00 on Wednesday, November 9th.



FIRE SAFETY WEEK

Emden Elementary recognized Fire Safety Week with posters, essays, and a Fire Safety Assembly. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Emden Fire Department for coming in to talk to our students about the importance of fire safety. The students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades entered a poster coloring contest-winners received ribbons. Fourth and fifth graders wrote fire safety essays. 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners were recognized with ribbons also. To end the assembly, all students' names were put in a random drawing separated by class. Lucky winners in each class received carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers, and all students received candy bars and water bottles! Thank you Emden Fire for a GREAT ASSEMBLY!









FAMILY READING NIGHT

Thanks for everyone that participated in our Fall Family Reading Night! We had a great turn out! The night started out with the Live Wax Museum and Science Fair. They both turned out great! We continued the night with Star Readers from grades K-5th. We ended the night with family time for all our guests to snuggle up with family members and enjoy a good book of their own! It was a great time! Looking forward to our next Family Reading Night in the Spring!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This year at Emden Elementary, we are inviting all grandparents to come and celebrate our Thanksgiving Festivities on Wednesday, November 23rd. We will start our gathering in the Emden Gym at 8:45. Come and join all of our Pilgrims and Indians! See you there!

Emden Elementary is inviting all Dads to come eat donuts with your child(ren) during breakfast. We are serving breakfast between 7:50-8:20 on Friday, December 9th! Call 217-376-3151 to reserve your donuts! See you there!

AG IN THE CLASSROOM

This year Emden Elementary has teamed up with the University of Illinois Extension Office to do the Ag in the Classroom. It is a great opportunity for our kids to be introduced to agriculture and the important part it plays in our daily lives. Once a month, Amy Hyde comes to each classroom and conducts a 30 minute lesson on an agriculture topic. In September, we learned all about apples, and in October we learned about pumpkins! Looking forward to an exciting year!

4TH GRADE ADOPT-A-COW

The 4th Grade Class has once again teamed up with The Hoerbert Dairy Farm and The American Dairy Council and adopted a cow!!! Cinnamon was born on Friday, September 23rd. Once a month Terry Hoerbert comes to our class and teaches us all there is to know about dairy farms and Jersey cows. We enjoy this experience and are so lucky to have this opportunity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 2nd-HS Christmas Program

➤ High School Gym 7:00pm

Friday, December 9th-Donuts with Dad

Emden Elementary Café 7:50am

Thursday, December 15th-Emden

Elementary Christmas Program 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 20th

➤ 2:00 Dismissal

Wednesday, December 21st

➤ 2:00 Dismissal

Thursday, December 22nd – Monday, January 2nd

Christmas Break

NOVEMBER

A variety of milk is available every day. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Breakfast Menu		1 Cereal bar Toast Fruit Orange juice	Biscuit Sausage patty Peaches Orange juice	Cheese omelet Toast Trail mix Orange juice	4 Pancakes Mixed fruit Orange juice	5
6	7 Assorted cereal Toast Pears Apple juice	8 Peanut butter and Jelly jamwich Applesauce Apple juice	9 Waffles Pears Apple juice	10 Breakfast pizza Pineapple Apple juice	No School	12
13	14 Donut Cheese stick Mandarin oranges Orange juice	Pancake & sausage On a stick Fruit cocktail Orange juice	16 English muffin Egg patty Fruit Orange juice	Sausage patty Tri tater Toast Orange juice	Pop tart Toast Peaches Orange juice	19
20	21 Assorted muffins Mandarin oranges Apple juice	French toast sticks Applesauce Apple juice	Cook's Choice	No School	No School	26
27	Yogurt Toast Applesauce Orange juice	29 Apple frudel Cheese stick Peaches Orange juice	30 Bagel Cream cheese Pineapple Orange juice			•

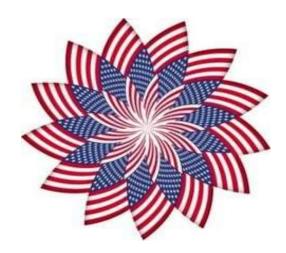
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		1 Meatloaf Baked potato Peas Bread Peaches	Pork rib on bun Broccoli Tri tater Baked apples	3 Chicken alfredo Green beans Bread Mixed fruit	4 Crispito Mixed vegetables Bread Pears Star juice	5
6	7 Beef nuggets Green beans Bread Applesauce Spice cake	8 Nacho supreme Lettuce/tomato Corn Pears Jello	9 Corn dog Soft pretzel Cooked carrots Pineapple	Chicken patty on bun Garden salad Peas Mandarin oranges	No School	12
13	14 Hot dog on bun Baked beans Tossed salad Fruit cocktail	Pork roast Mashed potatoes Green beans Roll Fruit cobbler	16 Pizza Garden salad Corn Applesauce Trail mix	Hot ham and cheese Tater tots Peas Peaches	18 Chicken nuggets Sun chips Mini carrots Mandarin oranges Graham cracker	19
20	Chicken fajita Lettuce/tomatoes Corn Refried beans Applesauce	Chili with crackers Mini carrots/celery sticks Pears Cinnamon roll	11:30 Dismissal SIP Day	No School	No School	26
27	28 Cheesy breadstick Marinara sauce Corn Lettuce salad Applesauce	29 Chicken and noodles Green beans Bread Peaches Jello	30 Meatball sub French fries Carrots Pineapple			-

Dear Friends,

In preparation for Veterans Day we are making a **Veterans' Wall of Honor** and would like your help. Please talk to your child about the veterans who are related to you and/or friends of your family. We ask that a donation of at least \$1.00 be sent to school for each name you list for the Veterans' Wall of Honor. The veterans' names that are sent to school can be living or deceased veterans. If more space is needed, please write the information on another sheet of paper and attach it to this note.

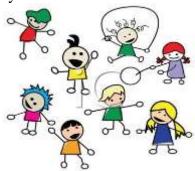
These names will be displayed in red, white, and blue on the wall by the gym. We hope to have the wall completed by November 9th, when we invite the public to an assembly where we will be recognizing all veterans. The assembly will begin at 1:00 p.m.

All money collected will be donated to the Central Illinois Honor Flight.	
Thank you for your support.	
Please return this portion along with your donation in an envelope the grade school office by Nove we have adequate time to complete the display. Thank you!	ember 4 th so
Name of Veteran:	
Branch of Service:	
Served During the Years of:	
Submitted by:	
Veteran's Relationship to You:	



"FIT FOR HARTEM"

The junior high "Fit For Hartem" student for October is Gage Shawgo. Gage brings sportsmanship, great attitude, and the willingness to help fellow class mates and teachers in class every day. He is a true example of what "Fit For Hartem" means. Congrats Gage! Ms. Brooks would like to congratulate this student and thank him for what he brings and gives every day!



GRADE SCHOOL CATCH MVP STUDENT FOR OCTOBER

This is our second year of implementing CATCH at the grade school. So starting this year "Fit for Hartem" grade school student of the month is now known as CATCH MVP Student of the month. CATCH MVP is based upon attitude, enthusiasm, participation and eagerness to learn.

CATCH MVP student of the month is Abby Sanders. Abby has an energetic attitude, her positive enthusiasm spreads throughout the class and her willingness to learn is what makes her October CATCH MVP student of the month. Thank you for being you!

HARTEM ALUMNI LOOKING FOR YEARBOOKS-UPDATE

I am on a mission to collect and maintain a complete library of HARTEM Antlers (Yearbooks) for the HARTEM Alumni Association. The very first HARTEM Antler was published in 1935 with Beulah Gilchrist Schmidt serving as the first student editor. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the HARTEM faithful and your help in meeting my goal. I have been able to collect 58 yearbooks in just my first month of announcing this effort on behalf of the Alumni Association. I still need your help!! If you have inherited any yearbooks from the years listed below and not sure what to do with them, the alumni association would love to be their caretaker. We still need one copy of the following years: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1967, 1975, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 2001. Prior to the Antler (1935), if you have any school related artifacts, we would be interested in those as well. I have also collected a variety of school related pictures dating back to the 1920's and other Stag related items. I usually post one or two of these treasures on Facebook every couple of weeks. Feel free to friend me up on Facebook to keep up with the latest finds. If you have antlers from the years listed or other school district artifacts you would like to donate to the association, please contact Ron Spencer by email at coach_spencer@hotmail.com or phone/text

309-838-0360.

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