



# Husky News

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*Elk Point-Jefferson School District*

## Showing Pride . . . Taking Action

### Roger Smith will Retire at Close of '08 School Year . . . by Deb Limoges

After thirty-five years of teaching and mentoring several extra-curricular activities in three different districts, Roger Smith will retire at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Roger began his teaching career with a six-year run at Jefferson before moving to Faulkton, South Dakota. He taught for two years in Faulkton and then returned to Jefferson until 1994, when he joined the EPJ staff following the consolidation of the two districts.

Roger, a native of Sioux City, Iowa, graduated from USD in 1973 with a major in social science, and he received his master's degree in history from USD in 1979. His first teaching duties included high school social science and English in Jefferson, South Dakota. He has also mentored several activities which include student council, school newspaper, yearbook, class plays, concessions, and prom.

Roger said that he was inspired into teaching because he enjoyed being around young people. He noted that his most rewarding achievement in education has been the ability to see young people grow up to become productive members of our society. His advice to his students has always been never to let anyone talk you out of fulfilling your personal dreams. When asked what he will miss most about a job he has done for 35 years, he typically responded, "I will miss the kids and my fellow staff members, and I will miss the opportunity to use the new

technology that will continue to enhance the educational process."

Roger added that technology is one of the best things that has happened to education; it has opened up vast amounts of information to students and allowed them to access the world from

their fingertips. It makes the classroom setting more interesting for students and allows educators to utilize different methods of teaching to adapt to the different learning styles of students. The advice Roger leaves for his fellow staff is to take it one day at a time and look at every issue from both sides.

Roger plans to continue working at Beano and Sherri's Casino, and he plans to travel. His first excursion will be a trip to New England this fall, and then he will be off to China to fulfill a lifelong endeavor: having his picture taken atop the Great Wall of China.

Roger will also spend time traveling to see his children and grandchildren. His son Aaron and his wife, Tina, live in Kenosha, Wisconsin. They have five children: twins, Lindsay and Laken, 16; Lane, 11; Landon, 3; and Lauren, 2. His daughter Sarah and her husband Bill Heckathorn live in Lincoln, Nebraska, and they have three daughters: Molly, 4; Jenna, 2; and Jacie, 11 months. His youngest daughter Abby and her husband, Rob, live in Indianapolis, Indiana. So, as Roger points out, he won't be retiring to his rocking chair; he will be too busy keeping up with family and friends.



### RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

The DI teams attending Global competition are currently selling raffle tickets to help offset costs for their trip. Cost is 1 for \$10 or 3 for \$25. Please contact one of the team members, Mrs. Van Wyk at 356-5862, or one of the school offices if interested in purchasing a ticket.

#### RAFFLE TICKET PACKAGES

##### Package #1 - Value \$310

- Famous Dave's Backyard BBQ for 10
- \$200 fireworks package from Thunder Fireworks

##### Package #2 - Sioux Falls Getaway - Value \$350

- Ramada one night stay
- Country Inn & Suites one night stay
- \$25 - Perkins Gift Card
- \$25 - Coffee Cup Gift Card
- Little Caesars Gift Card (Value - \$10.00)
- Great Plains Zoo - 2 A/2 Y tickets (Value - \$21.20)
- Washington Pavilion - 2 A/2 Y tickets (Value - \$48.00)
- Wild Water West - 2 tickets

##### Package #3 - Sioux City Weekend Getaway - Value \$350

- Marina Inn - one night stay
- Country Inn & Suites - one night stay, room w/hot tub
- Sioux City Explorers tickets (Value - \$32.00)
- Hair Design & Skin Appeal (Value - \$35.00)
- Promenade Movies - Couple's Combo
- Grahams Restaurant Gift Certificate

##### Package #4 - Meat Package - Value \$280

- 80 lbs. (80%) hamburger
- 40 lbs. boneless pork loin

##### Package #5 - Omaha Getaway - Value \$300

- CoCo Keys Water Resort Splash & Stay Package (room plus 4 waterpark passes)
- Spaghetti Works Coupons
- \$25 - Applebees Gift Card

**Buy your tickets today!**

For more information on the DI trip, see Mrs. Van Wyk's article on page 2, Students on the Way to Knoxville.

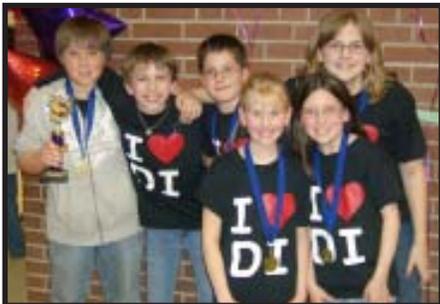
## Students on the Way to Knoxville . . . by Selene Van Wyk, DI Coordinator

On Tuesday, May 20, nineteen students and their chaperones will board a bus to travel to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville to attend the Destination ImagiNation® Global Competition. The three teams earned the honor to compete at Globals by placing first in their individual challenges and levels at State competition in Pierre on Saturday, April 5.

The Destination ImagiNation® program helps kids build important lifelong skills such as problem solving, teamwork, and divergent thinking. The teams solve two types of challenges within the program year. The Team Challenge involves structural, technical, or theatrically oriented challenges and takes several months to solve. Throughout that time the teams also practice improvisational Instant Challenges, which stimulate the team's ability to think quickly and creatively with only minutes to prepare solutions.

Destination ImagiNation® Global Finals (May 21-24, 2008) marks the culmination of a year of problem solving, innovation, and creativity. It brings team winners representing their state, province, or their country to compete together at the annual international creative problem solving tournament held at the University of Tennessee. Simply put, Global Finals is the largest creativity competition of its kind held anywhere. It creates a place where creativity is not only accepted, but it is expected, and the results transcend language. Although competing, teams from around the world bond and create lifelong friendships in the Spirit of DI.

### GOOD LUCK TEAMS!



Global competition will begin with opening ceremonies in the Thompson-Boling Arena on the evening of Wednesday, May 21, and end with the closing ceremonies on the evening of Saturday, May 24. The week's events can be watched at the following site: <http://d2k8.globalfinals.org/> with a live Webcast of the Opening Ceremonies at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 21. In between the ceremonies, teams will compete in their long-term problem and instant challenge. When the teams are not competing, they will participate in various activities including watching other teams perform, meeting new people from all over the world, trading pins, attending dorm parties, and taking field trips.

Currently, the teams are raising funds to help pay the expenses involved with competition. If you are interested in donating, checks can be made out to EPJ DI and sent to the school in care of Selene Van Wyk, EPJ DI Coordinator. For more information, please contact Mrs. Van Wyk at 356-5862.

Following are the teams attending Destination ImagiNation® Global Competition:

Elementary Level (below left): "Obstacles, Of Course!"

Blake Bertrand, Damian Hilton, Mark Holmes, Ulrike Hovland, Jami Johnston, and Morgan Smith.

Middle Level (below middle): "Switch"

Maggie Christensen, Jessica Gates, Ashley Gylfe, Kelsey Marshall, Nicole Rupp, Rebecca Smith, and Chelsea Weidner.

Senior Level (below right): "DI've Got a Secret!"

Chelsey Borchardt, Amanda Connelly, Kelsey Mapstone, Adrian Ries, Rachael Tow, and Eric Van Roekel.

## Physicals Needed for EPJ Student-Athletes . . . by Jeff Zeller, Activities Director

As we get ready for the next school year, this is a reminder that you need a physical on file at the school in order to participate in athletics during the 2008-09 school year. Every student-athlete needs to take a physical before he or she can participate in a sport in 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade athletics or high school athletics. These physicals are good for one full year, so you can schedule one any time this summer. You can get these physicals at the Elk Point Community Health Clinic or with Dr. Erik Johnson at the Johnson Chiropractic Clinic. Also, you may get these physicals at a health care provider of your choice. You will need to make sure that you have the proper form that is authorized by Elk Point-Jefferson School and the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Along with the physical form, you will need to fill out three forms before the physical. The total packet will include:

1. Pre-participation History Form
2. Parent and Student Consent Form
3. Release of Medical Information Form (HIPAA)
4. Physical Form

This packet will be available on the EPJ website ([www.epj.k12.sd.us](http://www.epj.k12.sd.us)) under the activities tab, or you can pick one up at the superintendent's office with Mrs. Jane Fletcher.

All athletes in grades 7-12 are required to have a physical in order to participate in sports. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jeff Zeller at [jeff.zeller@k12.sd.us](mailto:jeff.zeller@k12.sd.us) or 356-3008.

**Library News . . .** *by Carmen Wilcox, School Librarian*

The school year is nearing an end, and the EPJ Library is gearing up for its annual inventory. During this period, students are asked to return all materials and not to check out any new materials. Inventory will be completed by Thursday, May 15.

The elementary students recently completed the annual Hot Stuff Pizza Reading Program, sponsored by Hoffman’s BP and Hot Stuff Pizza. Students in junior kindergarten through second grades competed for a library pizza party and/or ice cream sundae party. Records were kept indicating the total number of students who turned in their monthly reading records. Mrs. Shanks’ second grade class won the pizza party, and Ms. Wiebelhaus’ junior kindergarten won the ice cream sundae party. These students not only enjoyed their treats but also played board games which the library recently purchased.

Students in grades three through six came to the library after hours on Friday, May 2, to celebrate their reading accomplishments for the same program. These students enjoyed a pizza supper, the movie *Alvin and the Chipmunks*, and a challenge to Mr. Brusseau to perform a Hannah Montana hit song, “The Best of Both Worlds.” He performed to the best of his ability. (Although he has many talents, singing did not appear to be one of them.) The children in attendance were very much entertained by “Hannah” and had some good laughs as a result. A special thanks goes out to our elementary principal, Mr. Brusseau, for his good sportsmanship in this event.

Students who earned the privilege to attend the above event were Matthew Ambrose, Mariah Heckathorn, Destiny Love, Bradie Timmins, Emma Wilkinson, Kim Hansen, Alyssa Hurley, Dylan Colt, Emma Dawdy, Kylee Donnelly, Alexa Montagne, Emily Peirce, Katelyn Richards, Sean Schmidt, Taylor Branson, Elena Giorgio, Emily Mickelson, Raquel Rosenbaum, Connor Henze, Zoe Johnson, Cody Kneip, Maddie Schuldt, Tori Johnson, Andrew

Teply, Bethany Dennison, Payton Donnelly, Austin Taylor, Jordan Peirce, Megan Winborn, Maria Corio, Ulrike Hovland, Jami Johnston, Hannah McLean, Katherine Giorgio, Jenny Dailey, Conner Kneip, Katherine Mickelson, and Steven Honomichl.

The first ever Family Fun Night is being planned by the staff of the EPJ Library for Friday, May 9. The theme, “A Teeny Tiny Good Time or Honey, I Shrunk the Picnic,” will set the tone for the night. A picnic-style supper will be served followed by an evening of challenging and fun family-centered activities and games. Prizes will be given as well as a grand door prize for one lucky family. The evening is being planned to celebrate a belated recognition of National Library Week.

Summer Reading Program, *Catch the Reading Bug*, will be held every Tuesday afternoon from June 3 through July 22. Children must be pre-registered by May 28 and can register by stopping at the library. Participating students will be divided into the following age groups and times:

- Preschool (story time and crafts) ..... 1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.  
*(These students must be between the ages of 3 and 4.)*
- Kindergarten – First Grade ..... 1:00 P.M. – 1:55 P.M.
- Second Grade – Fourth Grade ..... 2:00 P.M. – 2:55 P.M.

The entire staff of the EPJ Library wishes all of you a healthy and happy summer. We invite each and every one of you to use your library this summer. New titles of both books and movies are being purchased each month. Stop by and check us out.

**SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS**

(Effective Friday, May 16)

- Monday–Thursday ..... 1:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
- Friday ..... 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
- Saturday ..... 9:00 A.M. – NOON

**Egg-citing News from Second Grade . . .** *by Melissa Shanks, Second Grade*



Students in second grade read the story “Rechenka’s Eggs” by Patricia Polacco. This story told of the “Babushka” or grandmother that made beautiful Ukrainian decorated eggs. Barb Wurtz has been dyeing eggs that resemble the exquisite eggs from the story. Mrs. Wurtz was willing to show the second graders her intricate and fascinating art. On March 18, she showed them the process of using a kischtko to apply the wax just like the woman in the story used. She demonstrated how she melted it off with a candle and then applied another color using dye. The students were fascinated by her talent and by the many eggs that she brought to show the children.

**Parents of Graduating 2009 Seniors . . .** *by Deb Limoges, Senior Class Advisor*

We would like to inform you of a couple of items that you and your senior son or daughter will need to address in the next few months. These items include senior portraits and the school publication requirements.

Two billfold size (colored) senior portraits need to be brought to the school by December 19, 2008. One photo is for the yearbook; the second photo is for the class composite. The portrait must be a head and shoulders photo. We require a background that does not include trees, flowers, or anything that may distract from the focus of the photograph, which is the student. It is your responsibility to get the photograph turned in to the senior class advisor by the December 19, 2008, deadline. Because of publication deadlines, any senior that has not turned a photograph in by December 19 will not be included in the 2009 yearbook and on the class composite.

## Summer Time . . . by Doug Brusseau, K-6 Principal

It's not all just fun and games. What children do during the summer time—when they are not in planned activities—can have a serious impact on their lives and health, both now and in the future. Hopefully children are participating in summer recreation programs, the Elk Point-Jefferson summer reading program, swimming, or working. Whether or not your children are fixated on TV or video games, it's likely that they spend many hours a week tuned into music, movies, computer games, or television shows as part of the summer routine. While their main goal is to be entertained, they also are soaking in the messages that these shows and games deliver. Here is some information you need to know about the effects of electronic media on your children:

- Parents should watch the new movies or TV programs with their children. When your children are watching television shows or movies at home, be sure to be tuned in yourself. Talk about things you see that you might find offensive—from the gluttony promoted by many restaurants to violence or inappropriate behavior.
- During the summer, set limits for viewing time. Limit the amount of time your children spend in front of the TV, and turn off any shows that you believe are promoting violence, sexuality, disrespect for the law, and alcohol or drug use.
- Keep it out of their rooms. Children who have TVs or computer game systems in their rooms spend too many hours tuned out and too few hours working on activities that build their minds, bodies, and social skills.
- Parents sometimes should listen in. When your children talk to each other or to friends, occasionally listen in. Be aware if they seem to be identifying with characters in games or shows who are not good role models. If so, limit their viewing or participating in those programs/games, and talk to them about the type of behaviors that are good to follow and those that aren't.
- Parents should be aware of the rating systems. There are helpful rating systems on all television shows, music CDs, and video games. Be aware of what the ratings are, and strictly limit your children to those that you feel are appropriate.
- Understand that watching violence breeds violence. Many studies have shown that children who watch a lot of violent programming, play violent computer or video games, and play music that glorifies violence are more prone to acting out than other children. Make sure to limit, or eliminate altogether, such media in your home.
- You can help children understand what is real and what is fantasy. Some children get lost in the images they see in videos, TV shows, and computer games and want to act out what they are watching. Sometimes the results can be tragic. Monitor your children's behavior, and step in strongly if they seem to be identifying with the characters in the shows or games they are watching. Stress that the shows are not real and that acting out what they're viewing can be dangerous.
- Parents can set a good example. Limit the amount of television that you and other adults in the house watch. Encourage activities that involve the whole family that don't involve a television or game console.
- Encourage reading. Reading, at any time of the year, helps children to develop their imagination and creativity. Children can travel through time or around the world through books.

## Sign Club 2007-2008

by Jennie Claus, EPJ Interpreter

Have you noticed our children moving their hands to talk instead of making sounds with their mouths? They are communicating using American Sign Language (ASL). We have had an exciting year with many children coming to sign club before school. On Tuesday mornings, the Kindergarten through third grades come to the library to learn individual signs pertaining to holidays, family and friends, animals, colors, and action words. We use the program called Signing Time which may also be seen on Public TV. On Thursday mornings, the fourth graders come to sign club to learn about the linguistic structure and vocabulary of American Sign Language. We use the



program called

The Bravo Family. The students are learning that American Sign Language has its own grammatical features that show up not only on the hands, but also on the face and body. The sentence word order in ASL is very different than in English, for example:

English – I will go to the store.

ASL – STORE I GO WILL

The fourth graders made thank you cards for our administrators, the librarians, and school board for allowing us to have sign club in our school.

The kids are doing a great job and have kept up their enthusiasm throughout the year. If you want to know more about American Sign Language, ask our students or come visit the library where they have a few books on ASL.

### Fourth Graders Learn about the United States

by Tama Zeller, Fourth Grade

Fourth graders in Mrs. Tama Zeller’s social studies class have spent the year learning the fifty states. Each unit studied focused on a different region of the United States. They learned the geography and history of the region and saw how the Native Americans and other early settlers used the resources. They explored the ways the resources are used there today and read about the people and cities in each region.

To complete the study of the states, each student was assigned a specific state and made a large poster. Each poster included the nickname of the state, bird, flower, tree, and an outline of the state including the capital, major cities, rivers, and mountains.

The children completed beautiful posters of each state and displayed them in the elementary hallway. They had fun working on this project and also developed an appreciation for the great country that we live in.



Mrs. Bryan's class



Mrs. Zeller's class



Mrs. Nearman's class

### Fourth Graders Attend Water Festival . . . by Vicki Nearman, Fourth Grade



The fourth graders attended the Sioux Empire Water Festival on Wednesday, March 26. The festival was held in Sioux Falls on the Sioux Falls College campus. Over 2,000 fourth graders from the area were involved in the festival.

The purpose of the Water Festival is to celebrate one of our most valuable natural resources—WATER! The students attended presentations such as

Every Tree for Itself, Water Magic, Weather & Water, and the Exhibit Hall. The festival also held a quiz bowl in which our school took part. Our team tied with Hurley, receiving a \$50 gift certificate to the Teaching Treasures store in Sioux Falls. Team members were Andrew Flannery, Victoria Johnson, Alex Hoffman, and Bailey Weavill. These students learned an impressive amount of information about water! They did a great job of representing our school!



As part of the Water Festival preparation, the fourth graders could also make rain sticks. For centuries, rain sticks have been used in ceremonial rituals by various South American tribes to bring rain. Held by either end and tilted slightly, small pebbles placed inside dried out cactus trickle down through sharp thorns to create the sound of falling rain. Today, the rain sticks have a variety of uses from musical instruments to home decorating. Over half of the fourth graders created their own rain sticks.

The rain sticks were judged on creativity and sound. Winners from Mrs. Bryan’s room were 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Bethany Dennison, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Austin Taylor, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Nick Huber (pictured far left). Winners from Mrs. Nearman’s room were 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Zoe Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Keegan Donelan, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Lorin Gregg (pictured in middle). Winners from Mrs. Zeller’s room were 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Andrew Teply, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Alicia Nelson, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Michael Murphy (pictured at right).



The fourth graders had a great learning experience!

## Fifth Grade Speech Contest . . . by Gwen Billings, Fifth Grade

On April 14, the fifth grade class had its annual speech contest. The topic was South Dakota. There were a number of topics about our great state. Some of the different ideas were colleges, points of interest in South Dakota, famous people, historical happenings, and other interesting ideas. The fifth graders had to research their ideas, write an outline, rough draft, and then write a final copy. Then, they were given practice time to work on delivering their speeches. They did an excellent job. Congratulations to all of the fifth graders.

Speech winners for Mrs. Billings' class were 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Bryce Hedman, Jami Johnston, and Payton Kay; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Maria Corio; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Abel Sanchez. Winners for Mr. Gustin's class were 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Allison Targonski, John Schuh, and Jenny Dailey; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Drew Keuck; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Katherine Giorgio. Mrs. Van Wyk's winners were 1<sup>st</sup> Place—Megan Winborn; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Amber Hanson; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Jacob Herrity and Jessica Fejfar. Pictured below are speech winners from Mrs. Billings' class (left), Mr. Gustin's class (middle), and Mrs. Van Wyk's class (right).



## Don't Talk About It, Be About It!

by T. A. Aslesen, High School Principal/Student Council Advisor

The Elk Point-Jefferson Student Council is well on its way to making the 2008-09 school year an outstanding one as you can tell by the title of this article, which is also their theme for the year. The newly-elected council recently met to plan the 2008-09 school year inclusive of homecoming, yearlong events, and ways to help students better contribute to making their school a better place. The energy generated by these young men and women was a stimulating precursor to the year which is ahead of us and one that you should be sure not to miss.

One of the most important details of our meeting focused on planning and preparing for our homecoming celebration this fall. The theme selected by the student council for Homecoming 2008-09 is "A Trip Around the World." Their planning also involved the activity and dress up days for the week-long celebration. This year's theme looks to be a fun one. Feel free to get to work on those floats to make this year's homecoming one of the best on record.

Our student council also discussed activities for the year to help create an atmosphere at EPJ that is high energy and welcoming to our entire high school student body. Activities such as a community cleanup, dances, spring activities, and many others were discussed and brainstormed during our breakout session. The central aspects of this discussion were in searching for ways to serve our communities, make our school a better place, and meet the needs of our entire high school population. It is obvious that this year's student council is ready to make an impact.

We hope that you join us in our festivities during the 2008-09 school year. Our student council is counting on your continued support and encouragement throughout the next school term. If you have any ideas or initiatives which you think would be a valuable addition to our student council activities at EPJ, please do not hesitate to share. Feel free to call the high school office any time.

## Health Occupations Class Visits Surgery and X-ray Departments

by Lisa McInerney, School Nurse/H.S. Health Occupations

Mrs. McInerney's Health Occupations class visited the Sanford Vermillion Surgery and X-ray Departments on May 1. The students put on surgical wear to enter the surgical suites. They were able to see instruments used to perform a colonoscopy and also instruments used for a cesarean section. The tour was led by surgery supervisor Jennifer Krantz. From the surgery department, the students went to X-ray where Eric Jensen, X-ray and Ultra Sound Technician, performed a "quick look" ultrasound on Tyler Stark. The students were able to visualize his gallbladder, spleen, and kidneys. Ashton Bird and Katie Weis volunteered to try their skills at ultrasound technology! The students also saw the CT scan, DEXA Scan, Mammography machine, and some pretty cool X-rays. Part of the tour was conducted by X-ray Technician students Daphne and Kelsey. They told the students about the program and what they liked about being an X-ray Tech.



**Assorted “Singing Things” Held this Spring . . .** *by Mary Schuh, 5-12 Vocal*

The 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in vocal music have been busy learning new music for all of the singing events this spring.

On Monday, March 3, approximately 250 junior high students from five region schools joined at the Beresford High School for the annual junior high vocal festival. The students had a very successful and fun few hours of singing with the guest clinician. These same 95 junior high students also performed at the 5-8 spring concert on Thursday, May 1.

Thirty-eight volunteers from the junior high choir also performed at the region vocal contest on Wednesday, April 26. Those competing and receiving excellent ratings were Autumn Moe, Stephanie Davis, Maggie Christensen, Chelsea Weidner, Jordyn Hudelson, and Jessica Minor. Those competing and receiving superior ratings were Tony Metzgar, William Vansteenwick, Tyler Lynch, Seth Cloud, Brendan Kelly, Bryce Kelly, Justin Boulware, Drew DeBuhr, Zach McClean, Josh Umphress, Joseph Howe, Alex Dawdy, Micah Baker, Ashlee Stepp, Lexie Branson, Danielle Gille, Jessica Howard, Bailey Abbott, Veronica Claussen, Taylor Donnelly, Tatum Adema, Haylee Erickson, Katie Zeller, Caitlin Davis, Kelsey Abbey, Nicole Rupp, Kristen Rarrat, Ashley Gylfe, Stephanie Davis, Amanda Brandt, Jessica Minor, Morgan Bertrand, Rheanna Schwaller, Natalie Hoffman, and Sarah Tow. See pictures below of contest participants.

On Wednesday, April 9, the 94 members of the high school choir traveled to Vermillion High School to compete in the region large group contest. They performed very well and got superior (1) ratings from all three judges, as well as very positive comments! They also performed at the 9-12 music concert on Monday, May 5.

The Show Choir has had a successful year also. This 25 member group competed at the Northeast Community College jazz festival. Again, the three judges gave our singers very positive comments and noted great improvements in the Show Choir program. They received high excellent (2) ratings! They provided entertainment at the activities banquet on Thursday, April 24, as well as performing at the 9-12 music concert on Monday, May 5.

The EPJ singers have worked very hard to prepare for these performances. Congratulations to all on a very successful year!



## Music Booster News . . . by Kathy Lawler, Music Booster Member

Like everyone else, I'm finding it amazing that we are at the end of another school year. Last night, May 5, I attended the EPJ High School Spring Concert. The students put on a great show; both the vocal and instrumental selections were entertaining. I hope you were able to attend at least one of these spring concerts.

A reminder to our music students, scholarships for summer music camps are still available, but requests must be submitted by the last day of school to either Mr. Schutter or Mrs. Schuh. The scholarships are made possible by funds from the Music Boosters and help offset the costs of attendance.

The itinerary for the vocal trip to Chicago in summer 2009 is taking shape under the guidance of Mrs. Schuh. The Music Boosters, with the help of many music students, sponsored a baked potato bar and dessert supper prior to the elementary spring concert in May. The proceeds from this will help defray the Chicago trip costs. Thank you also to the EPJ kitchen staff for their help at this event, and special thanks to all those donating dessert items. We hope you enjoyed this event.

The Music Boosters would like to extend our best wishes to Mrs. Schuh upon her resignation from the music department at EPJ. She has been a wonderful inspiration to our students. She has always been able to make "lemonade out of lemons" with her enthusiastic spirit. We wish you well!

## Advanced Chemistry Trip . . . by Melanie Norris, H.S. Science



As a result of their excellent showing at the science fair, the high school Advanced Chemistry class earned a trip to Sioux Falls to experience science on a whole new level. The first stop was the Washington Pavilion. There, the students toured the various art exhibits, learning about different types of art and how to properly display artwork. Then, they "played" with the equipment at the Kirby Science Center. The students were able to go rock climbing, play basketball against a computer, test their vertical reach, build origami art, and countless other activities. After experiencing the science exhibits, students were able to see the CineDome movie *The Living Sea*. After a lunch break, they traveled to the Butterfly House located at the

Outdoor Campus. Here, the students were able to enter a flight room that held between 500-750 different butterflies. Armed with a description guide, the students were off to locate and name as many butterflies as they could. Despite the heat and humidity of the house, the students had an enjoyable day. The students and staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the EPJ Booster Club for sponsoring our trip. We had a wonderful day and learned a great deal!

## Math Students Place Third

by Rita Ahmann, H.S. Mathematics

On Saturday, April 19, eighteen students spent the morning on the USD campus taking part in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Merten Hasse Math Contest. Each student took a 50 question, hour-long test in the content of his or her respective high school math courses. The Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, and Precalculus students competed against other students from small schools. The Calculus students were in a single category with both small and large schools.

Overall, EPJ placed third in the small school division. The following students placed in the top ten of their group: Algebra I—Sam Viereck (5<sup>th</sup>); Geometry—Hayley Zamzow (5<sup>th</sup>), Jeremiah Curry (8<sup>th</sup>), Megan Weidner (10<sup>th</sup>); Precalculus—Andrew Rosenbaum (2<sup>nd</sup>), Lanie Florke (6<sup>th</sup>), Ryan Brandt (10<sup>th</sup>); and Calculus—Nathan Harding (6<sup>th</sup>).

Other students participating were Algebra II—Anna Peasley, Alyssa Raker; Geometry—Zach Corio, Jennifer Engeldinger, Bailey Johns, Allison Lawler; and Calculus—Tommy Bottger, Mike Brandt, Kelsie Pace, Sara Peasley. Students were accompanied by Mrs. Angie Langle and Miss Rita Ahmann.





## Health Occupations Class Travels to North Sioux City

by Lisa McInerney, School Nurse/H.S. Health Occupations

On May 6 the Health Occupations class traveled to the North Sioux Dental Clinic. They were greeted by Kerry Johnson, Dental Hygienist. Kerry demonstrated what she does as a hygienist. She showed the class all the latest instruments they have in their office such as a laser that helps the gums and tissue heal and digital imaging. Dr. Cork, DDS, was also available and talked to the students about the many advancements that have been made in dentistry technology and treating patients more quickly, efficiently, and comfortably. Dr. Cork also showed the students the negative effects of smokeless tobacco on teeth and gums.

## Summer Band Lessons for Students at EPJ . . . by Jeremy Schutter, 5-12 Band

I want to take a few moments of your time to explain the Summer Band Program. This is particularly important for those who want to continue to improve their instrumental playing skills over the summer months.

First, why are summer band lessons important? The most important reason is that lessons keep the young musicians playing and interested. Therefore, they do not forget as much musical knowledge, and they stay in playing shape using and improving skills already learned. Continual growth and development is another outstanding reason for taking summer lessons. Summer lessons allow individuals to move ahead to more advanced techniques, keeping them challenged in their playing. Also, summer lessons may allow a student who fell behind to catch up a little. Please do realize that growth and development will not occur unless home practicing is done.

Who can summer lessons benefit? Summer lessons can benefit every musician. A beginner can benefit by having the individual time to learn his/her instrument. It is not always possible for one-on-one lessons to occur during the school year. It is a great head start for any beginner. A high school musician who wants to work towards an All-State Band/Orchestra/Jazz Band audition or perform a high-caliber solo at contest can benefit because it keeps him/her focused on the goal that s/he is trying to achieve. These are a few brief examples.

Like everything in life, the more you use a skill, the better you become at it, the more you understand it, and in turn, the more you will be self-motivated to keep using that skill. Summer lessons will not only improve an individual musician, but they will also improve our own EPJ band. Below, I have listed some details about summer lessons:

- a) Lessons will be a 30-minute private lesson.
- b) Lessons will be taught at the EPJ band room.
- c) Lessons cost \$10.00 per lesson.
- d) Students will work on tone of the instrument, technique development, and musicianship by working on scale, arpeggios, solos, and lesson books.
- e) Lessons will start Tuesday, June 3. Lessons will run June 3, 10, 17, and 24, July 1, and August 5 and 12.

I will be available for lessons on Tuesdays from 8 A.M. to 2 P.M. I will open other mornings starting with Wednesdays if Tuesdays become filled. I am sure that some of you may have questions about something that I did not cover. Please feel free to contact me at school (356-5890), by e-mail at [Jeremy.Schutter@k12.sd.us](mailto:Jeremy.Schutter@k12.sd.us), or at home (356-2150).

I hope that you all think about this opportunity presented to you, and if you are interested, please contact me ASAP so that you may reserve your time. Times fill up fast.

## Art II Ceiling Tiles . . . by Katie Fesler, 6-12 Art

The Art II class is wrapping up its year with our biggest project yet, painting the high school ceiling tiles. Students must research an art movement of their choice and create an original design to paint on the tiles. Creativity, originality, craftsmanship, and detail are a main focus of their grade, along with stylistic concepts from their movement. Most students have been looking forward to this opportunity to leave their artistic mark on the school since the beginning of the year and are excited to get to work. All tiles that meet the criteria will hang in eternal fame and glory along the halls of EPJ through years to come. This not only promotes personal investment in the school and a student-centered creative environment, but also helps to teach other students about the various art movements in history as they travel to and from classes. The next time you are at the school for a function, take a moment to stroll the hallways and appreciate our talented students!



Don Abraham, a board member of the Union Thrivent Chapter 30625, presents Patty Skinner, East Coast Trip coordinator, with a \$1,000 check. This is a matching grant the group earned from working the concession stand during the Girls District Basketball Tournament. The money will be used for extra expenses above the participants' costs. Thrivent Financial sponsors such grants to show how they care about communities.

## News from the Biology Room . . . by Karlene Stabe, H.S. Science

Wow! The end of the year is here, and everyone is ready for summer. This second semester has really gone by fast. We have been very busy this semester in all classes, and here is an update of what we worked on.

**Biology:** In Biology the students studied genetics, the human body, ecology, and a variety of animal phylum. With the human body unit, the students found the surface area of their skin by wrapping themselves up in newspaper, then carefully cutting away the paper and finding the surface area. They also learned the pathway that a cheeseburger takes from the moment it enters your body and exits the body. They constructed models of their hearts with play dough and then traced blood throughout the circulatory system through the proper chambers and vessels. To compliment the human body unit, the students dissected a frog to get a close-up look at organs and their relationship to one another and their location within the body.

**Anatomy:** In Anatomy we studied the blood, the respiratory, digestive, urinary, and cardiovascular systems. The students performed hands-on experiments with testing their own saliva to see how a variable such as pH and temperature affects the efficiency of how amylase breaks down starch. The students also dissected a sheep heart, performed aerobic exercises to see how this affects the amount of carbon dioxide released, and also performed diagnostic urinalysis tests for protein, glucose, and pH. To end the year and review all systems, a fetal pig will be dissected. This is always a great project to tie everything that we have learned all together.

**Ecology:** In Ecology we have been busy learning about the ecosystem and all the parts of it. We also did an in-depth study on air pollution and rocks and minerals. With air pollution, the students learned what "green" vehicles were and chose a green vehicle to write about. They also learned how to comparison shop for vehicles and find those that get the best gas mileage. In addition to green vehicles, the students learned how they impact the Greenhouse Effect and studied different ways they can make a difference in energy conservation and ways they can reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. With the rocks and minerals unit, students learned how to identify different rocks and minerals by performing a variety of tests on them. They also learned about different mining methods and how these affect the environment.



## Foods and Cultures Class Visits Chinese Grocery Store

by Jan Baagoe, FACS

As part our cultural studies to highlight the end of our year, the Foods and Cultures class took a trip to Sioux City to visit the Great Wall and Hong Kong grocery stores. For most all of the students, this was their first visit to a grocery store of another culture.

While visiting the store, the students did an assignment that led them on a scavenger hunt, giving them the opportunity to explore the different types of foods and goods found in the stores we visited. We were amazed by how many different varieties of noodles they have. In one of the more fun parts of the grocery stores, Aaron Gill checked out the blue crabs and showed us how to open the shell if one were to eat them.

After visiting the grocery stores, we then went to eat at a Chinese restaurant in South Sioux City.

## EPJ Track Off to a FAST Start in 2008 . . . by David Dohn and Justin Clercx, Boys and Girls Head Track Coaches

As the season begins to draw to a close, the Elk Point-Jefferson girls and boys track teams are once again in the midst of a successful and record-breaking season. At press time, the girls have three individuals and two relay teams qualified for state, while the boys have one individual and two teams also heading to the state track meet in Madison and Sioux Falls on May 23 and 24.

For the girls, the records began to fall before the first track meet. Participation numbers are at an all-time high with 34 girls competing for this year's squad. Senior Jessica Hudelson has set the school record in the 800M with a time of 2:23.7. Jessica also anchors the 3200M relay team that set a school record at 10:22.0. Other members of that record-setting team are Anna Erickson (12), Cayla Hilbrands (9), and Jordyn Hudelson (8).

Jessica's school record-setting time in the 800 has qualified her for the state track meet. Joining Jessica at state this year will be Hannah Wilkinson (12), who has qualified for state in the high jump for the fourth straight year. Hannah has won this event twice (2005 and 2006) and last year placed fourth. Chrissy Strassburg (10) will be entered in the 400M at state for the third straight year. In 2006 she placed third, and last year she brought home a sixth place medal. The girls have also qualified two relay teams. The girl's medley and 1600M relay teams will be competing for a gold medal at the 2008 State A Track Meet.

The EPJ boys team is also seeing their share of success. Kyle Limoges (11) has qualified for the state track meet in the 200M. For Kyle, this will be the second year in a row that he will be competing at state in that event. The boys have also qualified the medley and 1600M relay teams for state. Members for both of those relays include Bob Trudeau, Bo Bruinsma, Nick Hutcheson, Kyle Limoges, and Adam Trudeau. We are just beginning to hit our stride and look forward to a strong finish to the 2008 track and field season.

## EPJ Boys Basketball Season Highlights. . . by Gary Nebelsick, Boys Head Basketball Coach

The 2007-08 Elk Point-Jefferson boys basketball season started fast with a 4-1 record before Christmas break with big wins over Sioux Falls Christian and Dell Rapids and a tough loss to eventual conference champ Tri Valley. The Huskies jumped out to a 3-1 Big Sioux Conference record in those games; shooting for a conference title they had shared or won in 3 of the last 4 years. EPJ showed they had the ability to get up and down the floor and gave the fans some exciting basketball to watch.

January brought the Big Sioux Conference tournament following the long break, and even though they had to battle hard, the Huskies pulled out 2 tough wins to earn a shot at Tri Valley again in the title game. The Mustangs of Tri Valley jumped out to an early 9 point lead, and even though the Huskies would battle back to 4 or 5 points several times, they never could close the gap completely and lost for a second time to Tri Valley, earning runner up in the conference tournament.

The out of conference schedule was very tough this year, including not only Lennox and Vermillion but 4 out-of-state schools, 3 of which were rated in their state in their respective classes. The Huskies won 2 of those games defeating Homer, Nebraska, and Hinton, Iowa, while dropping decisions to 2 strong teams in Akron, Iowa, and Ponca, Nebraska. The win against Hinton was in the Dakota Valley Classic and was an 86-82 thriller that raised the Huskies record to 9-4.

The Huskies went through the heart of their season in January and February with some big wins and some tough losses. A 3 point shot with 12 seconds left gave Vermillion a win over EPJ, and they lost a close 3 point game to the highly rated Flandreau Indians. The conference season ended at 5-2 when the Huskies dropped a hard-fought game to Harrisburg to end up third in the Big Sioux Conference.

EPJ finished the season with a great tournament run and played some of their best basketball down the stretch. An opening round win in District 8A against Dakota Valley set up a rematch with Vermillion, and the Huskies played very well together to become District 8A Champions with a 55-49 victory in that game. That set up a rematch with the Lennox Orioles in the Region 4A title game for the right to advance to the State A tournament.

The Orioles had beaten the Huskies soundly during the season, and they would have to play well to challenge one of the teams who were favored to win the state title. Coach Nebelsick recalls, "We knew that we would need to play a great game and that we could not run with them, so we had to change our style of play if we wanted a chance to win. The players and the coaching staff were probably the only people in the state that really felt we had a chance to win that game. We put together a game plan to control the tempo and to try to slow down their inside game, and I have never had a team execute a game plan that well with only 1 day to prepare." The Huskies came out and played great defense and controlled the tempo with their offense. They led 31-30 with about 2 minutes to go, and by then they had a lot more believers in the Elmen Center! EPJ had the ball with a minute to go, with the score tied 31-31, and got a great look at a 3 pointer that just missed the mark. The Orioles scored with 12 seconds left in the game and then made two late free throws to give the Huskies a heartbreaking 35-31 loss and end their season.

"That loss was tough, but I told the boys to hold their heads high because they played great team basketball and executed extremely well and gave absolutely everything they had to win that game," stated Coach Nebelsick.

The Varsity ended the season 14-9, losing 4 games to state tournament teams Tri Valley and Lennox and 3 more of those losses to rated teams. The future looks bright for the Huskies with the JV going 17-3 with 2 overtime losses and the C team earning a record of 15-3.

The Huskies say good bye to six tremendous seniors. John Frankl, Michael Strassburg, Myles Larsen, Bob Trudeau, Sam Turner, and Tyler Heaton all played their final game for the Huskies but have helped build some tremendous memories and have continued to set the bar high for the future EPJ boys basketball teams.

## Five Teams Place at State Competition . . . by Selene Van Wyk, DI Coordinator

Five Destination Imagination teams and their managers traveled to Pierre to compete in the State DI Competition on April 5. After a long day of problem solving, all five EPJ teams attending placed within the top three of their problem's division. Three of the teams placed first within their challenge, advancing them to Global Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee, on May 21-24.

Following are the teams that competed and placed at State Competition:

Elementary Level: "Obstacles, Of Course!" (1st place/advancing to Global Competition) - Blake Bertrand, Damian Hilton, Mark Holmes, Ulrike Hovland, Jami Johnston, and Morgan Smith.

Elementary Level: "Hit or Myth!" (3rd place) - Taylor Branson, Caitlin Fornia, Zoe Johnson, Sammi McInerney, Bailey Weavill, Casey Nilson, and Briley Weidner.

Middle Level: "Switch" (1st place/advancing to Global Competition) - Maggie Christensen, Jessica Gates, Ashley Gylfe, Kelsey Marshall, Nicole Rupp, Rebecca Smith, and Chelsea Weidner.

Senior Level: "DI've Got a Secret!" (1st place/advancing to Global Competition) - Chelsey Borchardt, Amanda Connelly, Kelsey Mapstone, Adrian Ries, Rachael Tow, and Eric Van Roekel.

Senior Level: "Obstacles, Of Course!" (3rd place) - Zach Corio, Derrick DeBuhr, Bailey Johns, Emily Norton, Ross Rosenbaum, Megan Weidner, and Hayley Zamzow.

## Winter-Spring Husky Awards . . . by Roger Smith, Newspaper Advisor

On Thursday, April 24, EPJ held its winter/spring activities awards night in the high school gym. Awards were given in the areas of Destination Imagination, art, yearbook, cheerleading, oral interpretation, one-act play, all-school play, mathematics, National Honor Society, vocal music, band, golf, girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling, dance, girls track, and boys track.

Destination Imagination awards were handed out to Amanda Connelly, Kelsey Mapstone, Adrian Ries, Eric VanRoekel, Chelsey Borchardt, Rachael Tow, Zach Corio, Derrick DeBuhr, Bailey Johns, Emily Norton, Ross Rosenbaum, Megan Weidner, and Hayley Zamzow.

Art instructor Katie Fesler recognized Melanie Engeldinger, Kelsey Mapstone, Kreighton Stokely, Ashton Bird, Chelsey Borchardt, Kelsie Paulsen, Carmen Tuttle, Kattie Hinds, Isaiah Cloud, Michelle Corio, Alyssa Raker, and Carrie Hinds. Yearbook recognition went to senior editors Kirsten Schaffer and Kreighton Stokely.

Cheerleading letter winners were Samantha Massey, Natasha Minor, Ari Sellers, Martha Contreras, Ashley Mason, Courtney Nussbaum, Alyssa Raker, Jalisa Keegan, Molly Shanks, Jessica DeBuhr, and Marica Rupp.

Oral interpretation awards were given to Rachel Fehr, Adrian Ries, Lanie Florke, Leslie Shedd, Caitlin Thorpe, Megan Weidner, Jenna Donnelly, Jordon Flynn, Abbey Langstraat, and Courtney Thorpe.

Michael Brandt, Amanda Connelly, Melanie Engeldinger, Kelsey Mapstone, Hope Metzgar, Adrian Ries, Molly Shanks, Eric VanRoekel, Chelsey Borchardt, Jessica DeBuhr, Jennifer Engeldinger, Lanie Florke, Kirstin Hanson, Nathan Harding, Natasha Minor, Ryan Peter, Rachael Tow, Ryan Brandt, Bailey Johns, Megan Weidner, Tyler Hall, and Annie Peasley received awards for the one-act play.

The all-school play awards were given to Michael Brandt, Amanda Connelly, Melanie Engeldinger, Kristin Marshall, Kelsie Pace, Sara Peasley, Adrian Ries, Molly Shanks, Eric VanRoekel, Chelsey Borchardt, Emily Connelly, Jennifer Engeldinger, Kirstin Hanson, Ryan Peter, Ryan Brandt, and Annie Peasley.

Math instructor Rita Ahmann recognized those students who participated in various math contests. Students taking part in the American Mathematics Competition were Michael Brandt, Nathan Harding, Ryan Brandt, Kyle Limoges, Reanna Bertram, Jenna Donnelly, Annie Peasley, Liz Schuh, and Scott Shanks. Andrew Rosenbaum took part in the USD Math Contest.

National Honor Society members were recognized. They are Kristin Marshall, Kelsie Pace, Sara Peasley, Adrian Ries, Kim Wurtz, Amanda Connelly, John Frankl, Jalisa Keegan, Myles Larsen, Samantha Massey, Hope Metzgar, Mary Nebelsick, Chelsey Borchardt, Nick Bottger, Amanda Chicoine, Emily Connelly, Jeremiah Curry, Luke Frankl, Josh Gross, Molly Hammitt, Kirstin Hanson, Carlie Hoffman, Allison Lawler, Kyle Limoges, Maddie Pace, Devan Penfield, Andrew Rosenbaum, and Rachael Tow.

Vocal letter winners included Tommy Bottger, Amanda Chicoine, Molly Donnelly, Melanie Engeldinger, Rachel Fehr, Ashlie Hughes, James Joffer, Jalisa Keegan, Kristin Marshall, Samantha Massey, Linley McInerney, Hope Metzgar, Kelsie Pace, Jordan Patnaude, Sara Peasley, Alex Pedersen, Adrian Ries, Eric VanRoekel, Hannah Wilkinson, Sarah Beveridge, Amanda Chicoine, Emily Connelly, Jeremiah Curry, Jennifer Engeldinger, Lanie Florke, Molly Hammitt, Kirstin Hanson, Carlie Hoffman, Hillary Howard, Natasha Minor, Ryan Peter, Andrew Rosenbaum, Caitlin Rosenbaum, Marica Rupp, Allison Steckelberg, Rachael Tow, Andrea Adema, Bobbie Backer, Ryan Brandt, Zach Corio, Derrick DeBuhr, Alicia Eriksen, Bailey Johns, Shelby Larsen, Allyson Murphy, Amber Nearman, Emily Norton, Ross Rosenbaum, Leslie Shedd, Ali Truhe, Megan Weidner, Courtney Whitlock, Hayley Zamzow, Michelle Corio, Josh Curry, Jenna Donnelly, Ashley Geary, Alex Hepburn, Abbey Langstraat, Ethan Pace, Annie Peasley, Liz Schuh, Taylor Targonski, Stephanie Teply, and Emily Zeller.

Band letter winners included Brent Baker, Amanda Connelly, Jalisa Keegan, Kristin Marshall, Hope Metzgar, Kelsie Pace, Sara Peasley, Adrian Ries, Sarah Beveridge, Jeremiah Curry, Lanie Florke, Kirstin Hanson, Allison Lawler, Maddie Pace, Andrew Rosenbaum, Rachael Tow, Rebekah Bambas, Andy Bernard, Sam Bernard, Zach Corio, Allyson Murphy, Amber Nearman, Ross Rosenbaum, Caitlin Thorpe, Ali Truhe, Megan Weidner, Courtney Whitlock, Hayley Zamzow, Tyler Hall, Bobbie McLaury, Ethan Pace, Annie Peasley, Kelly Reed, Liz Schuh, Taylor Targonski, Christoffer Dyrssen, Danielle Gille, Tony Metzgar, and Sara Tow.

Jazz band letter winners included Amanda Connelly, Kristin Marshall, Hope Metzgar, Kelsie Pace, Sara Peasley, Adrian Ries, Chelsey Borchardt, Jeremiah Curry, Maddie Pace, Andrew Rosenbaum, Zach Corio, Ross Rosenbaum, Megan Weidner, Hayley Zamzow, Tyler Hall, Ethan Pace, Annie Peasley, Liz Schuh, Wyatt Crow, Christoffer Dyrssen, and Tony Metzgar.

Golf participants recognized were Jalisa Keegan, Kirsten Schaffer, Katie Weis, Amanda Chicoine, Liz Schuh, and Ashlee Stepp.

Anna Erickson, Linley McInerney, Mary Nebelsick, Kelsie Pace, Annie Staum, Hannah Wilkinson, Kim Wurtz (manager), Molly Hammitt, Devan Penfield, Chrissy Strassburg, Ali Truhe, Ashley Geary (manager), and Stephanie Teply (manager) were awarded letters in girls basketball.

John Frankl, Tyler Heaton, Myles Larsen, Michael Strassburg, Bob Trudeau, Sam Turner, Bo Bruinsma, Luke Frankl, Josh Gross, Ben Staum, Collin Viereck, Ethan Pace, and Kirsten Schaffer (manager) were awarded letters in boys basketball.

Wrestling letter winners included Tommy Bottger, Kyle Buum, Jacob Renken, Jerry Renken, Tyler Stark, Troy Turkleson, Nick Bottger, Cody Braun, Troy Donnelly, Nick Hutcheson, Kyle Limoges, T.J. North, Riley Braun, Gavin Lee, Katie Weis (manager), Shauna Hilbrands (manager), and Ashley Meadows (manager).

Dance squad letter winners were Jalisa Keegan, Paige Norton, Kirsten Schaffer, Molly Shanks, Natasha Minor, Jenna Norton, Marica Rupp, Bailey Johns, Emily Norton, Jenna Donnelly, Emilie Erickson, Mackenzie Klinkhammer, Brittany Paulsen, Annie Peasley, and Kaitlyne Rosenbaum.

**2007-2008 Winter/Spring Husky Awards** (continued from page 12)

Girls track participants recognized were Melanie Engeldinger, Anna Erickson, Rachel Fehr, Jessica Hudelson, Hannah Wilkinson, Kim Wurtz, Molly Hammitt, Shauna Hilbrands, Carlie Hoffman, Allison Lawler, Robyn McLaury, Natasha Minor, Jenna Norton, Maddie Pace, Devan Penfield, Andrea Adema, Shelby Larsen, Allyson Murphy, Chrissy Strassburg, Courtney Whitlock, Reanna Bertram, Michelle Corio, Jenna Donnelly, Emilie Erickson, Ashley Geary, Tayler Hall, Cayla Hilbrands, Mackenzie Klinkhammer, Bobbie McLaury, Brittany Paulsen, Kelly Reed, Emily Zeller, Jordyn Hudelson, Mary Nebelsick, Annie Staum, and Kelsie Paulsen.

Boys track participants recognized were Bob Trudeau, Troy Turkleson, Cody Braun, Bo Bruinsma, Chris Hasenbank, Nick Hutcheson, Kyle Limoges, Steven Gross, Colton McCreary, Adam Trudeau, Kyle Barnes, Riley Braun, Alex Hepburn, Gavin Lee, Scott Shanks, Dustin Wagner, Billy Wiseman, Jackson Yates, and Drake Zeller.

**Leading the Huskies to Victory . . .** by Jodi Zeller, *Cheerleading Advisor*



**Football Cheerleaders**

The EPJ cheerleaders have been selected for the 2008-09 school year. Tryouts were held on May 1, 2008, with 20 girls and boys participating. Everyone who participated did a great job, making it a difficult time to choose the squads. Thank you all for getting involved.

Leading cheers for the Husky football squad next year will be senior Natasha Minor, juniors Kayla Hutcheson and Ari Sellers, and sophomores Martha Contreras, Ashley Mason, and Annie Peasley.

Wrestling cheers will be performed by seniors Jessica DeBuhr and Marica Rupp. Joining this squad this year will be senior Ashley Schwaller and sophomore Bobbie McLaury.



**Boys Basketball Cheerleaders**



**Wrestling Cheerleaders**

From the opening tip to the final buzzer, basketball cheers will be led by seven girls. For the boys team, it will be juniors Kayla Hutcheson and Ari Sellers and sophomores Martha Contreras and Ashley Mason. The girls squad will be junior Alicia Eriksen, sophomore Courtney Nussbaum, and freshman Halle Kay.

Congratulations, girls, on your efforts. We are confident that this group will help lead the Huskies to a successful 2008-09 year.



**Girls Basketball Cheerleaders**

**Musical Highlights . . .** by Jeanne Hanson, *K-4 Vocal*

The music department has packed away the microphones and Orff instruments for another day. The South Dakota Children's Theatre will have finished up a week-long residency May 12-16. Competition was fierce as 74 students vied for the 50 spots. Children from grades K-8 auditioned for a role in the play *You Look Marvelous!* The residency is sponsored by the school with the financial support of the EPJ Activities Boosters, EPJ Music Boosters, Southeast Farmers Elevator Coop, Hometowne Inn, and ESA. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year for the residency with 50 students gaining the experience of performance and theatre.

There are several opportunities to continue music growth during the summer. Camp Opera is being offered by the Vermillion Parks and Recreation. Scott Piper will be back home to offer an opera experience to all interested. All ages are invited to apply and audition for the program. For more information call 605-675-9512.

The fourth grade learned how to use music composing software. Each child wrote his or her own eight measure composition. Later in class we took one song and arranged it with class instruments. If you have an aspiring composer in your family, you can download the software for free at [www.codamusic.com](http://www.codamusic.com).

Other websites that are loaded with fun activities related to elementary music are <http://www.classicsforkids.com/>; <http://www.sfskids.org/templates/splash.asp>; <http://www.listeningadventures.org/listeningadventures/>; and [www.musictheory.net](http://www.musictheory.net).



**Elk Point-Jefferson School District  
2008-2009 School Calendar Days**

**August 15, 2008..... Teacher In-Service**

**August 18..... Teacher In-Service & Open House @ 6:00 P.M.**

**August 19..... First Day of Classes for Students**

**September 1 ..... Labor Day – No School**

**October 13 ..... Native American Day – No School**

**October 17 ..... End of First Quarter**

**October 20 ..... Parent/Teacher Conference**

**October 21 ..... Parent/Teacher Conference**

**October 24 ..... No School**

**November 27 & 28 ..... Thanksgiving Break – No School**

**December 19 ..... End of Second Quarter (Dismiss at 1:45 for Break)**

**December 21 ..... Christmas Break**

**January 5, 2009 ..... Classes Resume**

**January 19..... Martin Luther King Day – No School**

**February 27 & Mar. 2 ..... Winter Break - No School**

**March 10 ..... End of Third Quarter**

**March 17 & 19..... Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**March 20 ..... No School**

**April 10 & 13 ..... Spring/Easter Break - No School**

**May 12 ..... Last Day of School**

**May 16 ..... Graduation Day**

Teacher In-Service – Early Dismissal at 12:45 P.M.  
 Holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter) – Early Dismissal at 1:45 P.M.  
 All snow days will be made up at the end of the school year.

**ELK POINT-JEFFERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPLY LIST FOR 2008-09**

The elementary/middle school teachers are asking each child to have the following supplies for TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

**PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME****KINDERGARTEN**

|                              |                                       |                               |                       |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 pair tennis shoes for PE   | 1 Elmer's School Glue, 4 oz. (no gel) | 2 Elmer's Glue Sticks (large) | 2 pencils             |
| 1 large book bag             | 1 box watercolors (Prang or Crayola)  | 1 set Crayola markers         | 2 large boxes Kleenex |
| 1 vinyl folding mat for rest | 2 spiral notebooks                    | 1 box (16) Crayola colors     | 1 set headphones      |
| 1 set of extra clothing      | 1 paint shirt                         | 1 pair of Fiskars scissors    | 1 eraser (large)      |

**GRADE ONE**

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 box watercolors              | 1 pair scissors            | 2 boxes Kleenex (200 ct.) | 1 set headphones  |
| 1 Elmer's School Glue (no gel) | 1 box (24) basic crayons   | 1 supply box 8" x 5"      | 4 glue sticks     |
| 1 eraser                       | 1 set Crayola markers      | 1 paint shirt             | 5 - No. 2 pencils |
| 2 portfolio folders            | 1 pair tennis shoes for PE |                           |                   |

**GRADE TWO**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 10 - No. 2 pencils           | 1 box watercolors                     | 1 set headphones             | 1 paint shirt     |
| 1 box (16) crayons           | 1 glue stick                          | 2 portfolio folders (pocket) | 1 zipper pouch    |
| 1 eraser                     | 1 bottle Elmer's School Glue (no gel) | 1 supply box 8" x 5"         | 1 pair scissors   |
| 1 ruler (metric and English) | 2 boxes Kleenex (200 ct.)             | 1 pair tennis shoes for PE   | 1 spiral notebook |
| 1 set Crayola markers        |                                       |                              |                   |

**GRADE THREE**

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 box Crayola watercolors         | 1 ruler (metric & English)    | 1 box crayons (16 or 24)     | 1 pair scissors   |
| 1 zipper pencil pouch (not a box) | 2 boxes Kleenex (200 ct.)     | 1 bottle Elmer's School Glue | 5 - No. 2 pencils |
| 1 box of 8 colored pencils        | 2 portfolio folders           | 1 set of headphones          | 1 eraser          |
| \$3.00 to order Music Recorder    | 4 spiral notebooks (wideline) | 1 pair tennis shoes for PE   | markers           |

**GRADE FOUR**

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| 1 pair scissors   | 2 ballpoint pens (blue/red)      | 1 set of colored pencils                         | 1 folder            |
| 5 - No. 2 pencils   | 1 small can for paint            | 1 box crayons (16 or 24)                         | 1 eraser            |
| 2 boxes Kleenex (200 ct.)                                   | 1 zipper pencil pouch (optional) | 1 ruler (metric and English)                     | 1 set magic markers |
| 4 spiral notebooks  | 1 bottle Elmer's Glue (no gel)   | 1 set headphones                                 |                     |
| 1 - 3" ring binder (for SD Scrapbook w/clear plastic cover) |                                  | PE clothes (shorts, shirt, tennis shoes & towel) |                     |

**GRADE FIVE**

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 box crayons                     | 1 protractor                     | 1 small can for paint      | 1 set headphones       |
| 1 bottle Elmer's School Glue      | 1 spiral notebook                | 1 black marker             | 1 eraser               |
| 5 - No. 2 pencils                 | 3 standard tablets               | 2 boxes Kleenex (200 ct.)  | 1 box watercolors      |
| 4 ballpoint pens (2 blue & 2 red) | PE clothes and tennis shoes      | 1 set of colored pencils   | 1 set of thick markers |
| 1 pair scissors                   | 1 zipper pencil pouch (optional) | 1 ruler (metric & English) | 1 glue stick           |

**GRADE SIX**

|                                  |                                  |                                 |                       |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 clear ruler (metric & English) | 1 set magic markers              | 7 pocket folders                | 1 set colored pencils |
| 1 set of headphones for CCC      | 1 pair scissors                  | 1 bottle Elmer's Glue           | 3 red pens            |
| 1 notebook, 3 x 5 inches         | 1 box crayons                    | 6 - 8 1/2 x 11 spiral notebooks | 3 blue pens           |
| 3 pack dry erase markers         | PE clothes & shoes               | 2 boxes Kleenex                 | 5 - No. 2 pencils     |
| 1 pocket folder w/clasps         | 1 clear protractor               | 1 metal compass                 |                       |
| 1 spiral notebook (for music)    | 1 composite notebook for science |                                 |                       |

**GRADES SEVEN & EIGHT**

|  |                          |  |             |
|--|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| pens and pencils                                   | notebooks (6 classes)    | folders (6 classes)                    | glue sticks |
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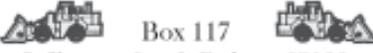
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