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Points of Pride...

—Conn-West teacher, Anika Williams, received the 2010 Milken Educator Award and is Missouri's only Milken Family Foundation award winner for 2010.

—GHS Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) instructor, Stephanie Krupa, was awarded the 2010 Missouri Educators of Family and Consumer Sciences (MoEFACS) Outstanding New Career and Technical Teacher of the Year.

—GMS 8th grade football A team finished the 2010 season with a 4-2 record for a second year in a row.

—Belvidere Student Council members collected 250 canned food items and delivered them to the Grandview Assistance Program (GAP) in December 2010.



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"Progressing Toward Distinction In 2010-11" Dr. Ralph Teran, Superintendent of Schools

We are approaching the end of an exciting and productive 2010-11 school year. I reported in the Fall 2010 School Report that the district has experienced six consecutive years of increased student academic achievement demonstrated by increasing from 9/14 to 11/14 on the Missouri Annual Performance Review (APR).

Recently, our district was recognized by Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education and the University Of Missouri Kansas City School of Education as a fully accredited district moving toward distinction. We are making steady progress in increasing student achievement and looking forward to an increase in our APR in 2011.

Summer School: Summer Explorations 2011 will run from June 6 through July 1, 2011, with potential enrollment of 900 students. Courses will include rigorous and interactive activities aligned to district curriculum and state standards. Band and fine arts will also be offered. Virtual learning will be a new option for students in some courses.

Communications: We think we can improve the way we communicate with parents, students, patrons and staff. During November and December 2010, Board Members, district and building administrators and I conducted site input meetings in all Grandview C-4 Schools so that we can best determine what our customers think we are doing well and what we need to improve to support student achievement. The data has been collected and we are in the process of acting on that data, but gathering input is not a static, occasional event, it is a continuous process. Please continue to engage us in communicating with you all the good things going on in the district, as well as areas we need to improve.

We appreciate the support of our parents and patrons. Please stay informed by visiting the district website at www.csd4.k12.mo.us, subscribing to the GC-4 E-News and by viewing future issues of the School Report. You can also keep up to date by viewing the GC-4 Facebook and Twitter sites.

BOE Calendar Change: Additional Attendance Day On April 22: Last Day Of School May 27

On Thursday, March 10, 2011, the Board of Education approved an additional attendance day on April 22, 2011, previously a "No School Day". Additionally, the Board approved the cancelation of the 175th calendared school day (174 attendance days meets state requirements).

As of press time, Grandview C-4 has used nine weather related out-of-school days, three more than the six built into the 2010-11 calendar. Based on the amended calendar, the last day of school will be Friday, May 27, 2011. Notification for additional changes will be provided as necessary.

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The MAP Tests Are Fast Approaching! Help Your GC-4 Student Succeed!

The Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) tests will be given from March 29-April 19, 2011, for students in grades 3-8. Students will be tested in the areas of Mathematics and Communication Arts. Grades 5 and 8 will also be tested in the area of Science. The student's MAP performance is one of the key factors used to determine if our district makes Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as measured by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements.

—Make sure your student attends school regularly. The more effort students put into learning, the more likely it is that he or she will do well on tests.

—Provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home and make sure your student is well rested on school days, especially on the day of the test. Students who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.

—Look over your student's homework on a daily basis and have him or her participate in before and after school academic help if necessary.

—Be positive and tell your student you know he or she will do well! Remind students that you will be proud of them for putting forth their best effort!

—Help your student avoid "test anxiety." Students should be concerned about doing well on a test, but developing "test anxiety" can cause them to lose confidence in their abilities.



Parents and students attending the "MAP and Me Workshop" held on March 1 at the Belvidere Elementary Literacy Family Fun Night event.

New No-Tax-Increase Bond Issue Proposed For April Ballot

On Thursday, January 20, 2011, the Board of Education of the Grandview C-4 School District unanimously approved the placement of a \$7 million no-tax-increase general obligation bond issue on the April 5, 2011 ballot. If the proposed bond issue is approved, funds will be used to pay for renovation and remodeling of existing school buildings. Initial school improvement suggestions have been proposed in such areas as heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements, roof repairs and replacements where necessary, classroom renovations and improvements, parking lot improvements and window replacements.

Grandview C-4 has successfully implemented four previous school improvement bond issues: \$15 million in 1997, \$15 million in 2001, \$9.5 million in 2004 and \$6 million in 2007. Approval by patrons of the proposed no-tax-increase bond issue on the April 5 ballot would allow for the continuation of the school improvement plans through 2015. Information about the new bond issue can be viewed on the district website at www.csd4.k12.mo.us.

April 5, 2011 Bond Issue Questions and Answers...

Q: Why is the Board putting a bond issue on the ballot this year?

A: The district does not have the authority to issue additional bonds at this time. Funds are needed to renovate our existing facilities to continue to provide an environment conducive to learning.

Q: Is the bond issue for new schools?

A: No, this is for improvements to existing schools, as most of our buildings are over 40 years old.

Q: What happens if the ballot issue is not approved?

A: Renovations and improvements would have to be supported through the district's operating levy, which would strain the district's budget.

Ballot Language:

"Shall the Board of Education of the Consolidated School District No. 4 of Jackson County, Missouri, without an estimated increase in the current debt service property tax levy, borrow money in the amount of Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000) for the purpose of completing renovations, remodeling and repair improvements to the existing facilities of the District including, without limitation, heating, ventilation and air conditioning improvements, window replacement; provide for the instructional needs; and issue bonds, a portion of which may include Qualified Zone Academy Bonds in an amount not to exceed an allocation from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, for the payment thereof? If this proposition is approved, the adjusted debt service levy of the School District is estimated to remain unchanged at \$0.80 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of real and personal property."

GC-4 Welcomes New Principals

The district is pleased to announce the selection of two new principals for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Johnny Dodge was selected as principal for Martin City K-8 School and Ms. LaTanya Franklin was selected as principal for Conn-West Elementary School.



GC-4 welcomes 2011-12 new principals Mr. Johnny Dodge (left), for Martin City K-8, and Ms. LaTanya Franklin, for Conn-West Elementary.

Mr. Dodge replaces Dr. Barbara Schell, who is retiring. He has been with the District for more than 15 years and has served in the capacity of teacher and assistant principal. His strong leadership and expertise will serve Martin City staff, students and parents well in his new position.

Ms. Franklin replaces Ms. Mary Moore, who is also retiring. Franklin comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience, having previously worked in Center School District and Kansas City School District as a teacher and assistant principal.

Examples Of Recently Completed Bond Projects



Grandview High School front entrance, which includes foyer window replacement and entrance carpeting. Funded by the 2007 bond issue and completed in 2010.

Grandview Middle School gymnasium bleacher replacement project. Funded by the 2007 bond issue and completed in 2010.



Meadowmere and Butcher-Greene Elementary carpeting projects. Funded by the 2007 bond issue and completed in 2010.

Grandview High School parking lot security lighting installation. Funded by the 2007 bond issue and completed in 2010.



Meadowmere Hosts PTA Science Sensation Night

Meadowmere Elementary hosted its first PTA Science Sensation Night February 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The evening offered everyone the opportunity to learn more about science by participating in fun hands-on activities. Events included *Volts and Jolts* (a 45 minute show from Kansas City's Science City), *Racing Rockets Station* (loading and launching rockets),



Students participate in dry ice experiments at the Meadowmere "PTA Science Sensation Night" held on February 17.

The event also included the *Dry Ice Station* experiments, Hover Board disc rides, a Robodog demonstration from the GHS Robotics Team and the 5th grade science experiments display.

Acoustic and Sound Station (learning 100 different ways to change your voice sound) and *Erupting Volcanoes* (demonstrating the "explosive" results of chemical reactions), to name a few.

Honeywell Engineers demonstrated the Dr Vann de Graaff generator, a fun way for students to experience the effects of

"A Day In The Life At GHS"

The Grandview Chamber of Commerce hosted the "A Day In The Life At Grandview High School" luncheon at GHS February 24. Attendees received the opportunity to hear from GHS students and staff about the positive impact of Small Learning Communities (SLCs), initiated at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year, on curriculum, workforce training, college prep and academic achievement goals. Student representatives also led attendees through classroom tours and manned display tables with GHS/SLC information.

Guests included Chamber members, community leaders, and GC-4 Board of Education members and administration. SLCs are made up of four themed "houses": 1) Engineering Manufacturing Technology, 2) Arts and Communications, 3) Health and Human Services and 4) International Business Management. The focus of SLCs is to unleash student/staff potential through rigor, relevance and relationships.



GHS students provide information about their SLC Health & Human Services house at the "A Day In The Life At GHS" luncheon, hosted by the Grandview Chamber of Commerce at GHS February 24.

GHS Theatre To Present *Proposals*

Grandview High School Theatre will present *Proposals*, by Neil Simon, April 13-16. This will be their final production of the 2010-11 season. *Proposals* is a romantic comedy-drama, a memory play guided by the late Clemma Diggins, the devoted housekeeper for Burt Hines and his daughter



Josie. She is looking back on a 1950's summer when nine people converged on a tranquil country home and not so tranquilly sorted out their tangled lives and loves.

The GHS cast members are Thomas West (Burt), Evelyn Crosby (Clemma), Erin Farste (Josie), Dillon Cherry (Ray), DeAnthony Simmons (Kenney), Talia Pitts (Annie), Omri Taylor (Lewis), Jovan Dunn (Vinnie), Brooke Purnell (Sammii) and Tekoah Zachery, Justin Lohnes, Shaletta Norwood and Katie Lara (Understudies).

Performances take place at 7:00 pm in the GHS Auditorium. The April 13 show will be a dinner theatre production catered by GHS ProStart students. Show information and ticket purchasing is available by calling (816) 809-1028, by email, ghstheatretix@aol.com, or at www.ghstheatre.com.

GHS & Northwinds Symphonic Concert

The Grandview High School Symphonic Band and the Northwinds Symphonic Band presented a special combined concert February 27 in the GHS Auditorium. GHS performed *Pentland Hills March* by Colonel James Howe, *Havendance* by David Holsinger and *Northwinds: of Might and Mettle* by Robert W. Smith. The event concluded with the combined bands performing *God of Our Fathers* by Claude T. Smith.

Northwinds Symphony is comprised of area Music Educators including Danny Watring, Co-Conductor, and GHS Symphonic Band Director. Each season they perform joint concerts with various high schools. They also host a solo competition for outstanding high school instrumentalists, the winner receives a \$1,000 grant and performs as a soloist with the band in their spring concert. GHS Symphonic Band members are Jordan Kirk (Piccolo and Flute), Victoria Frank, Michael Rogers, Morgan Shaw and Anthony Ealy (Trumpet), Kelsie Bayless, Cody Thiery and Morgan Walker (Flute), Alyssay Green, Shawn Griddine and John Wallace (French Horn), Rachel Evans, Kelsee Gardner and Adrianna Williams (Clarinet), Jarrett Jones and Jacque Davidson (Trombone), Jacqueline Turner (Bass Clarinet), Christen Ward and Omri Taylor (Euphonium), Noel Lunceford (Bassoon), Tyreik Cole and Jasmine Thompson (Alto Sax), Tristan Lane, Jocelyn Spivey and Zach Price (Tuba), Justin Conklin (Tenor Sax), Cierra Higgins, Jake Carr, Jacob Morris, Brandon Thomas, Willie Reed and



The GHS Symphonic Band performing with the Northwinds Symphonic Band in the GHS Auditorium on February 27.

GHS Debate/Forensics Honors

The Grandview High School Debate and Forensics squad received numerous recognitions during their Suburban Conference competition against 25 area districts on February 19-20. GHS received a 3rd overall event placement. First Team All Conference winners were John Wallace (United States Extemporaneous Speaking-1st Place- Conference Champion), Jazmin Burrell (Original Oratory-1st Place-Conference Champion), Morghan Borders (Poetry Reading-1st Place-Conference Champion), Johnathon Spivey (Student Congress-1st Place- Conference Champion), and Morghan Borders/ Jazmin Burrell (Public Forum Debate-1st Place-Conference Champion).

Second Team All Conference winners were Ashley Neal (International Extemporaneous Speaking- 8th Place), Morghan Borders (Prose Reading-8th Place), Jocelyn Merritt (Poetry Reading-7th Place), Tyler Phillips (Lincoln-Douglas Debate-7th Place), Ashley Neal (Humorous Interpretation-6th Place), Amy Anderson/Lorena Hardman (Duo Interpretation-6th Place), Jazmin Burrell (United States Extemporaneous Speaking-5th Place), Tyler Phillips (International Extemporaneous Speaking-5th Place), Amy Anderson (Original Oratory-5th Place), Lorena Hardman (Dramatic Interpretation-5th Place), Jocelyn Merritt/John Wallace (Policy Debate-4th Place) and Marciana Reaws (Dramatic Interpretation-3rd Place) and Tyler Phillips (Prose Reading-3rd Place).



GHS Debate and Forensics squad members, honor recipients at the 2011 Suburban Conference held on February 19-20.



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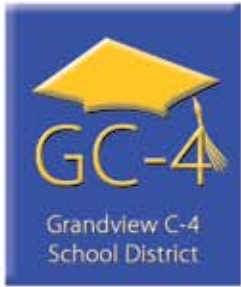
Points of Pride...

—Belvidere teacher, Lori McIntyre, received the 2010 OfficeMax "A Day Made Better" award, honoring her continued dedication to education.

—The GHS debate program has membership in the National Forensic League (NFL) Chapter prestigious 100 Club.

—GMS student, J.P. Haley, was one of nine area student winners selected in the 2010 Kansas City Area Price Chopper "Bag Your Favorite Book" contest for designing an original book cover.

—GHS National Honor Society (NHS) won the "Most Active Chapter" award at the 2011 MANHS annual state convention.



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GHS student Victoria Frank was recognized as the February KC South Rotary "Student of the Month". Presenting the award are Rotary members Allen L. Meyer (left) and Tom Sundquist.



Josh Freeman, 2006 GHS Alumnus and Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback, visited GHS on February 23 to film a segment of the upcoming ESPN special "Going Home", a story of his life and times.



Belvidere Elementary School introduced their new mascot "Bob" at their Literacy Family Fun Night held on March 1. Other events included "Build-a-Story", "Reading A-Z", Scholastic Book Fair and "MAP and Me" test preparation.



GHS students received honors at the 2011 District III International Association of Marketing Students (DECA) competitive events. Pictured (left to right) are winners Natalie Reed, Jazmin Burrell, Taylor White & Femi Akinmoladan. Winners not pictured are Chris Estrada and Chauneisha Webster.