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*Turkey Valley Education Foundation*

*3rd Annual Gala Celebration*

*Saturday, March 9th, 2013 at the Protivin Community Center*

*5 pm Social Hour*

*6 pm Prime Rib Dinner*

*Tickets - \$30 Contact Rhonda Drilling at Turkey Valley School*

*Dinner, Raffle Prizes, Live and Silent Auctions*

*Please make plans now to come and support the students of Turkey Valley!!!*

**Equal Educational Opportunity Policy**

The Turkey Valley Community School District will not discriminate in its educational activities on the basis of: race, color, national origin, gender (sex), sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, socioeconomic status, disability, religion, or creed. The board requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity. The board is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person will be excluded from educational activities on the basis of race, color national origin, gender (sex), sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, socioeconomic status, disability, religion, or creed. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment. Harassment or discriminatory behavior that denies civil rights or access to equal educational opportunities includes comments, name-calling, physical conduct or other expressive behavior directed at an individual or group that intentionally demeans the race, color religion, national origin, sex, or disability of the individual or individuals or creates an intimidating, hostile or demeaning environment for education.

In our on-going quest for excellence, the Turkey Valley School District educates and empowers learners to reach their fullest potential through high student achievement, life-long learning skills, and responsible, productive citizenship.

## News from the Superintendent

I would like to take a minute to explain how important allowable growth is to all school districts. Allowable growth is a percentage increase of the cost per pupil that school districts are provided by the state. Allowable growth is supposed to be set, by law, 30 days after the governor sets the budget for the state. This would be prior to the start of the next school year. When legislators do not follow this law it forces schools to make tough decisions in regards to programs and staff. As a school, we have to assume that we will be getting no increase in the cost per pupil. Also, when the legislature does not set allowable growth at a reasonable rate, this causes many school districts to receive a 101% budget guarantee. The more schools that receive the guarantee, the higher property taxes will be in Iowa. The more allowable growth the state gives the less money that has to be raised through local property taxes. The following article gives a bit more insight to allowable growth and its importance:

School leaders say they're looking at a "horrible" situation if state lawmakers don't strike a deal on school funding soon. School officials say they're running out of time to prepare budgets for next year and it's still not clear when the Legislature will approve a funding increase. The Solon School Board passed a resolution this week calling for lawmakers to raise per-pupil state support by 4 percent for the next two years and to do so sooner than later.

Until a funding bill is approved, school administrators say they're left guessing. "We're building our budget with a couple different scenarios and plugging in different numbers on what it might be and trying to see how it's going to impact us," Solon Superintendent Sam Miller said.

The Statehouse is a year behind on determining school funding. K-12 funding in Iowa is based on what policymakers call allowable growth, which is how much per-pupil support from the state increases each year. Democrats in the Iowa Senate voted to set that allowable growth at 4 percent last year, but the Republican-controlled Iowa House didn't take up the bill.

"If last year is any indication, then no, I'm not very hopeful that this will be done prior to April 15," the deadline for schools to publish their budgets, Miller said. "School leaders are going to be in the horrible position of just guessing with funding."

In Iowa City, school officials say they're pushing for 4 percent allowable growth, but it appears 2 percent is more likely. Chief financial officer Craig Hansel said the Iowa City Community School District is writing its budget based on 2 percent allowable growth but also is preparing a 0 percent allowable growth budget. The law requires school districts to publish a no-increase budget if no allowable growth has been approved.

"We're still waiting," Hansel said at a School Board finance committee meeting last week.

The Democrat-controlled Senate already has passed two funding bills — one to set allowable growth at 4 percent next year and another passed Thursday to set the same rate for the following year. The Republican-controlled House has not voted on those bills, and Gov. Terry Branstad is urging lawmakers to first approve his proposed shake-up for teacher pay.

Republicans have said passing basic funding before approving bigger education reform is "putting the cart before the horse" while Democrats have said waiting any longer is "holding allowable growth hostage."

Iowa schools are funded through a combination of state support and local property tax dollars, with the state providing 87.5 percent of the money. School funding is distributed on a per-student basis to local districts. State supplemental aid for K-12 schools this fiscal year totals \$6,001 per pupil.

If you have not contacted your local legislature in regards to allowable growth for schools, please do so. Explain to them the importance to a school's budget by knowing what allowable growth will be a year in advance. Also express to them the importance of a reasonable allowable growth percentage. As always, please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

## January Board Minutes

The Turkey Valley school board met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2013. The meeting was held in the elementary media center at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Linus Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following board directors answered roll call; Ernie Schmitt, Roger Ott, Linus Kuhn and Jody Steinlage. John Cuvelier was absent.

Moved by Roger Ott and seconded by Ernie Schmitt to approve the agenda with the following addition: 7B Modified Allowable Growth – Drop Out Prevention. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Roger Ott and seconded by Jody Steinlage to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Carried unanimously.

Minutes from the regular board meeting December 10, 2012.

### Financial Reports and Bills:

General Fund Bills	\$ 84,916.67
Capital Bills	\$ 699.00
Hot Lunch	\$ 7,486.66
Clearing Acct.	\$ 18,917.89

### Open Enrollments

Mr. Hoover presented information on One Call Now – School Alert System. This system is an automated system used to alert staff, students, parents etc with delay and cancellation notices. It can also be used for emergency situations, and information in regards to events, programs, fieldtrips, etc. The board felt that the benefits of this program outweigh the cost. Mr. Hoover is going to check into it further and he will bring it back for approval at another time.

Moved by Jody Steinlage and seconded by Ernie Schmitt to accept the amount of \$96,900.00 for Modified Allowable Growth application for Dropout Prevention. Carried unanimously.

Ms. Knoll stated that the subject matter for the professional development day on January 21<sup>st</sup> will be bullying and harassment.

Mr. Hoover attended an ISFLIC meeting in December and he felt that it was a very informative meeting. He asked the board to stay for a short work session after the board meeting to discuss and prioritize facility needs.

Moved by Ernie Schmitt and seconded by Jody Steinlage to adjourn at 7:32 PM. Carried unanimously.

The next regular board meeting will be held on February 11, 2013 @ 7:00 PM.

A facilities work session was held following the regular board meeting. The board discussed and will prioritize projects.

## February Board Minutes

The Turkey Valley school board met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 2013. The meeting was held in the elementary media center at Turkey Valley School, Jackson Junction, IA. Linus Kuhn Called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following board directors answered roll call; Roger Ott, Jody Steinlage, Ernie Schmitt, John Cuvelier, and Linus Kuhn.

Moved by John Cuvelier and seconded by Jody Steinlage to approve the agenda with the following change: There will not be a Future Cities presentation due to student illness. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Roger Ott and seconded by Ernie Schmitt to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Carried unanimously.

Minutes from the regular board meeting January 14, 2013.

### Financial Reports and Bills

General Fund Bills	\$86,524.17
Capital Bills	\$ 743.94
Hot Lunch	\$ 8,779.07
Clearing Account	\$12,531.42

Clair Dietzenbach approved as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach for 2012-13 season. Timothy Kruckman – volunteer assistant track coach for the 2012-13 season. Trap team coaches and volunteers include: Kurt Klimesh, Chris Schmitt, Dave Vsetecka, Robyn Vsetecka, Paul Mashek, Mike Reicks, Henry Langreck, Daryl Kuennen, Ryan Meier, Jerry Vrzak, Mary Balk, James Weissenfluh, Josh Adams, Dave Njus, and Ryan Vsetecka.

No Public Forum. Ernie Schmitt noted that the TVAB have approved funding for repairs for the long jump pit.

Spotlight on Education – Future Cities presentation canceled

Moved by Ernie Schmitt and seconded by Roger Ott to approve a 3 year contract with One Call Now. This is a school alert system that Turkey Valley will implement soon. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Roger Ott and seconded by John Cuvelier to approve the School Funding Resolution as proposed. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Hoover presented information on EAIS (Energy Association of Iowa Schools). This organization has the ability to walk thru Turkey Valley school and suggest energy saving items and ideas. They can also organize contractors and research and write grants. The board had some additional questions that Mr. Hoover will research and bring back to the March meeting. No motion needed.

Moved by Ernie Schmitt and seconded by John Cuvelier to approve the CSIAC Committee as pre-



The next regular board meeting will be held on March 11, 2013 @ 7:00 PM.

If there are additional snow (weather) days to make up, we will make them up at the end of the year. The last day of school will be a 2:15 dismissal.

bors of love from this past year, and if you aren't a quilter but just are interested to see what others are creating, please feel free to come and view. Free to everyone.



Left to right - Ben Hanson, Cassidy Buddenburg, Mariah Schmitt, and Karla Hageman

### FFA Donkey Basketball Fundraiser

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the South Winn HS Gym in Calmar.

Proceeds go to support the Dairy judging team's trip to Scotland.

### Attention Class of 1963

We would like to invite you, the class of 1963, to join us at the commencement exercises on Sunday, May 19, 2013 @ 2:30 PM. Your class will be recognized as 50 year graduates from Turkey Valley. There will be a section reserved for your class and we ask that you sit together as you did 50 years ago at your own graduation ceremony.

Please join us in celebrating Turkey Valley and all of its accomplishments. Help us spread the word to all of your 1963 classmates.

If you have any questions, please contact Turkey Valley Community School, 563.776.6011.

Please RSVP to Turkey Valley. You are welcome to have a spouse or guest sit with you in our reserved section for the 50 year graduates. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at graduation. GO TROJANS!!!



### BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Turkey Valley Community School is looking for **substitute bus drivers**.

Substitute bus driving would involve driving for regular routes, field trips, activities, and/or athletic events. There is a \$50.00 sign on bonus when you complete all requirements. Any questions in regards to requirements and/or applications please contact Joan Busta at Turkey Valley School at 563-776-6011 at ext. 1012.



### 2013 Winter Games

On Friday, February 1 the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Student Senate members organized the "Winter Games" for their classmates. After the varsity basketball games, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students stayed and played Bags, basketball, cards and Twister. Students had a great time hanging out with friends and having some fun!

### Little Trojan Relays 2013

Little Trojan Relays for grades Kdgn.- 6th grade is scheduled for **Friday, May 10th beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

**Reminder:** This is a scheduled 1:00 dismissal day for staff professional development. That is why Little Trojan Relays will begin at 9:30. Information will be sent home with Kdgn.- 6th grade students when our planning is completed and we get closer to May 10th.

### Ford Drive One 4UR School

Klimesh Motor Sales will again be sponsoring a "Ford Drive One 4UR School" at Turkey Valley in April. Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 for every household that test-drives a Ford vehicle that day, up to \$6,000.

Watch your newspaper and email for notification of the specific date. Please be sure to stop out to Turkey Valley, drive a Ford and raise some money! All proceeds will go to the Turkey Valley Education Foundation.

### Wanted

The Turkey Valley Trap Shooting Team is looking for four to ten acres of suitable land to start a trap shooting range. If you are willing to help them out please contact Dave Vsetecka, Jerry Vrzak, Mike Reicks, or Paul Mashek.



## Library Happenings

What a great winter we're having at the library. The kids are really enjoying all the books that are constantly coming in and out. Daily we have students coming in to quiz on books. They also are doing this in their classrooms. The Scholastic Reading Counts quizzing program is purchased for all first through fourth grade students and for others with teacher recommendation. Reading a story and checking for comprehension is another way teachers are able to assess a child's progress.

The vacation brought a variety of ereader type devices into school. Students are having a blast accessing books online. Just a reminder that all students have access to FollettShelf via the Keystone AEA website. Students will need their own passwords that were given to them at the beginning of the school year. Many have the green Keystone sticker affixed to the inside of their planner. Any questions, feel free to call me at school, ext. 1670. The Fort Atkinson Library also has the NEIBORS online reading program that allows students and adults to check out books digitally. Talk to Chris Bodenstener if you'd like to become a patron there. Students in grades K – 2 are using iPads daily to enhance reading, and in grades three through 12 many have used personal devices or laptops to access books. We really have a number of great tools that weren't available even five years ago.

The Turkey Valley Education Foundation supplied funding this year for mini grants that are allowing students to enrich their learning. Kindergarteners are using a program called ClickNRead Phonics to further fundamentals for beginning reading. Students in grades two through six are actively using a program called First in Math which allows them to gain and practice math skills at an individual pace, and all students and teachers have access to DEStreaming Plus, a data base of instructional videos that help do research and delve into multiple topics. This support goes a long way and each child benefits by having access, so thanks to all our parents, community members and staff who support the efforts of the Education Foundation's mission to enhance learning at Turkey Valley.

Private donations to the library were recently made to the library by teacher Lezley Johansen in the form of a magazine subscription and by Sharla Fencel in the form of a book donation in memory of Harlan Middlebrook, the late husband of former teacher Wilda Middlebrook. Sharon Bahr also donated a book on wind farms, and the information included will be a great asset to our students as more of these energy generators are appearing in our area. Your giving is much appreciated. Another special thank you goes to Shirley Riha and family for their very generous gift to the libraries in memory of husband and father Dan Riha. We will enjoy buying books with this donation, but better yet, each time one is opened a reminder of Dan will be shared.

Halle Weber, first grader, is currently displaying her first quilt with the elementary library. The colors and design are eye-popping! Halle created this quilt with her Grandma Sheryl's help. She is inspiring us all on a daily basis. Upper classmen share their artwork in the high school media center also. The constantly changing space is welcomed and appreciated by all. Thanks students for your generosity.

The students welcomed Lance Corporal Joe Shileny back to school recently after his tour in Afghanistan. He was very appreciative of all the letters and items the students, staff and community members shared with him while overseas. Major Sarah Lukes sent a United States flag that flew over Afghanistan back to the staff and students of Turkey Valley in appreciation for their letters and support. And JAG Officer Matt Lynch also sent a note of appreciation for letters and support shown while on duty to Afghanistan.

We will be holding our annual Quilt Share in the library for all community members on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for all interested quilters and viewers. The sharing starts at 7:00 p.m. and the event is always a wonderful way to see what local quilters have been up to. It's free and a great way to spend the evening.

Before we know it we'll be prepping for the spring book fair. Just a note of awareness, this year's date for our Little Trojan Relays and Book Fair is Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Happy spring and keep a good book close by.  
Mrs. Milbrandt



Halle Weber stands proudly with her first quilt that is currently on display in the elementary library.



Lance Corporal Joe Shileny, shown with his mom Diane, stopped in to visit with students and thank them for their support while he was stationed in Afghanistan.

## Turkey Valley Wellness Team Activities

The Turkey Valley Wellness Team has been busy since the start of the school year empowering our youth to be healthy and strong. Understanding the relationship between health education, good nutrition, and regular physical activity is important to improve the health of all students at Turkey Valley. It is our goal to ***create a community-wide learning environment that promotes wellness, which results in healthy lifestyle choices for the overall lifelong well-being of school district students and their families.***

One of our wellness goals for the 2012-2013 school year is to provide interesting and useful health information to all students on a monthly cycle. The January wellness theme focused on Substance Abuse Prevention. Along with bulletin board displays, the sixth grade students started the DARE unit. Our February theme is Heart Health Awareness. The upper elementary students participated in a Heart Health Fair on Valentine's Day coordinated by Lynnette Kruse, RN, an Upper Iowa University student nurse completing her Community Health clinical rotation at Turkey Valley as she works towards her BSN. She taught the students about the anatomy of the heart and how the heart functions in the body. The students then listened to their own hearts using stethoscopes. Joetta Redlin, a dietician from Winneshiek Medical Center, taught the students about the importance of eating a heart healthy diet. The students were asked to list heart healthy foods from each of the food groups. Raeann Flick, from Drs. Boeding and Speltz Family Dentistry, talked to the students about the importance of limiting sugars in their diet, and how keeping their teeth healthy actually helps to keep their hearts healthy. She had a display demonstrating the actual amounts of sugar in common treats and sodas. Nicole Reicks, RN, from Winneshiek Medical Center Home Health, taught the students about the importance of physical activity in keeping their hearts strong and healthy. The students checked their pulses before and after exercise, and discussed the benefits of exercising their hearts by getting at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

By time you read this article, the secondary students will have already participated in a Wellness Day at 'The W' at Wartburg College in Waverly. Our goal is to expose the students to an environment of wellness and activities, allowing them to enhance their physical and mental well-being. It should be a great day of fun, camaraderie, and working-out!

Our March theme will focus on the Prevention of Head Injuries. Wearing seat belts, using bicycle and motorcycle helmets, and exercising good judgment are all strategies for preventing head injuries. We have a TIPS (Traumatic Injury Prevention Strategies) assembly planned for the students in grades 5 through 12 on March 15<sup>th</sup>.



### Spring Musical "Little Shop of Horrors"

TV Drama Dept. will be presenting the musical *Little Shop of Horrors* on Thursday, March 21, Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. doors will open at 7:00 p.m.. This fun comedy rock musical is about a hapless florist shop worker who raises a man-eating plant! With an awesome cast of characters and an amazing chorus, this will be a fantastic show!

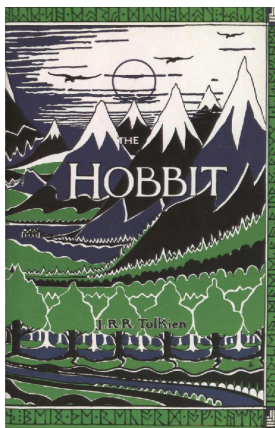


## TV Students Donate

The Greater Area Pantry wrote a very kind and thoughtful thank you to the students and staff at Turkey Valley for their donations. It reads...

“Thank you for the wonderful donation of \$231. We serve around 100 households per month. Your contribution will provide a meal for almost 100 people. Thank you for the wonderful donation of produce also. We were almost able to completely stock the pantry shelves for a week. Thank you for caring.”

The TV donations came from staff Pk-12 and students 7-12 donating non-perishable items and money. This was part of advisor group activities in the month of December. Special thanks to students with help in loading items and to Emily Elsbernd, senior, for helping deliver.



### Juniors attend the Hobbit

On December 17 juniors in the Contemporary English class traveled to Fridley Theaters in Decorah for a private viewing of *The Hobbit*. Students in Contemp. English had been reading J. R. R. Tolkein's *The Hobbit* and studying Common Core Standards including citing textual evidence; making infer-

ences; analyzing dialogue; examining author's tone, word choice, and literary devices.

Viewing the movie was beneficial to students in a variety of ways. Firstly, leaving the normal school environment was beneficial to the class. Students articulated this perk: “I think field trips are a good visual learning experience” ~Dustin. “We need to get out of school more. We tend to learn more and think about it more when we aren't at school” ~Jake. Additionally, students recognize the value of the comparison of text to film. Students posted comments to illustrate comparisons between the two mediums on a WallWisher board <http://wallwisher.com/wall/du1r47kr6k>.

This trip was funded by the Turkey Valley Education Foundation. Additional thanks goes to Fridley Theater and their willingness to accommodate the small TV group in a private showing.

## Geography Bee Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> James Schmitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carter Reicks  
and 3<sup>rd</sup> Alicia Klimesh**

On December 13<sup>th</sup> students in grades 4-8 at Turkey Valley had the opportunity to take part in the annual National Geographic Bee, organized by Mrs. Leslie Raymond and Ms. Jackie Lennon. Congratulations to all the students who participated. The winner, for a second year in a row, was James Schmitt. James is sixth grader, and is the son of Mark and Del Schmitt. He advanced to the next level of competition. It consisted of a written examination used to determine state competitors. We do not know the results of this test yet. The national champion will win a \$25,000 college scholarship at the national competition held this spring in Washington, D.C.



Left to Right - Alicia Klimesh, James Schmitt, and Carter Reicks

### 8th Grade Role Models

One of the many benefits of a PK-12 school building is having the opportunity to interact with students at different grade levels. This year, Ms. Lennon's 8<sup>th</sup> grade language students have “buddied” up with Mrs. Frana's and Mrs. Kueker's kindergarten students. It has been a wonderful learning experience for everyone involved! The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been good role models for the younger kids, while the kindergartners have provided them many unique learning experiences. The relationships that have been developed are seen in the hallways, the lunch room and on the buses with smiles, big waves and hellos! Together the students have done many different projects and activities, and they plan to continue enjoying the perks of being in the same building.





Newly inducted members include: Front - Noelle Berst, Claire Achen, Chloe Reicks and Jess Hansmeier. Back - Riley Meirick, Steven Landa, Riley Buchheit and John Hageman.



The current and newly inducted members of the Turkey Valley Chapter of the National Honor along with Principal Carol Knoll, Superintendent Chris Hoover and Advisor Evie Milbrandt



## Turkey Valley Inducts National Honor Society Students

On Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> the Turkey Valley Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted eight new members at a ceremony held at Jackson Heights Country Club. Principal Carol Knoll, Superintendent Chris Hoover, Advisor Evie Milbrandt and Chapter President Olivia Reicks, along with senior members spoke of the traits of character, scholarship, leadership and service. Speaker for the evening was former educator Robert Huinker. New inductees included seniors John Hageman and Jess Hansmeier and juniors Claire Achen, Noelle Berst, Riley Buchheit, Steven Landa, Riley Meirick and Chloe Reicks.



### The time has come for us to celebrate the Senior Class of 2013!

Turkey Valley Community School will be hosting a Senior Awards Night on May 15th (Wednesday) at 7:00 pm in the Turkey Valley gym. In previous years, scholarships and awards were presented during the graduation ceremony. This year, all awards and scholarships (including Dollars for Scholars) will be announced at this evening event; therefore, graduation ceremony will be considerably shorter. All senior students are invited and encouraged to attend this event.

Again, this event is to celebrate your senior child's accomplishments so please feel free to invite those that would share in his/her celebration. ***Additionally, this will shorten our 2:30 pm graduation ceremony because no scholarships or awards will be given on Sunday, May 19th.*** We will have an insert in the graduation program that will list the Turkey Valley award and scholarship recipients.

We hope to see you at Senior Awards Night on May 15th at 7:00pm!

### Attention: Seniors Deadline is Fast Approaching!

Applications for our local scholarships, including Dollars for Scholars, are available in the guidance office. All completed applications are due in the guidance **on or before NOON** on Wednesday, March 6—no exceptions.



## Turkey Valley Kindergarten Round-Up for 2013-2014 School Year

Turkey Valley Kindergarten Round-up will take place on **Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** in the kindergarten classroom. Parents of all students who will be five years old on or before September 15, 2013, are asked to register their child for Round-Up. If your child currently attends preschool at Turkey Valley, information will be sent home with him/her from preschool to register for Round-Up. Children not attending the Turkey Valley Preschool will attend either the morning or afternoon session on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Elementary Office at 563-776-6011 by March 4<sup>th</sup> to register your child.

On Friday, March 8, preschool classes will have the same preschool schedule—riding the bus and/or being picked up at the regular time. During their regular preschool time, the students will be visiting the kindergarten classroom and participating in a variety of activities. Parents will not need to attend Kindergarten Round-Up.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for the current kindergarten students on March 8<sup>th</sup> so that Round-Up may take place.



### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

It's time to register preschoolers for the 2013-2014 school year. Turkey Valley School plans to offer morning or afternoon preschool classes for 4 year-olds. A 3 year-old class will also be offered. Frequency of classes and cost will be decided after final state funding has been determined.

Turkey Valley Preschool is a Quality Preschool Program Standards early childhood program. Preschool students participate in a variety of activities that promote language development, fine and large motor skills, listening skills, social skills, and readiness skills for kindergarten. A caring, knowledgeable staff is in place to make your child's first school experiences both fun and highly successful.

If your child will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 15, 2013, mark your calendar now to register your child for Turkey Valley Preschool. See the information below.

If you know of families who do not receive the school newsletter but may have children of this age, please share this information and encourage them to attend.

### **TURKEY VALLEY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**For 2013-2014 School Year**

**Wednesday, March 20, 3:30-6:00 p.m.**

Preschool Registration will be held in the Elementary Library/Media Center on Wednesday, March 20, between 3:30-6:00 p.m. Please bring your child's birth certificate as proof of birth date and his/her social security number.

**Registrations will not be accepted by phone. Students will be registered on a first come-first served basis, so be sure to stop in during registration. If you are unable to attend registration, you may send a friend or relative who can register your child on your behalf.**



## Scheduling for the 2013-2014 School Year

In upcoming weeks, students will receive registration materials for the 2013-2014 school year. The Course Guide, a listing of all high school courses offered at Turkey Valley, will be available electronically on the school website. Paper copies will be available for student use in the guidance office, media center, study halls, and in each junior-senior high school classroom. Each student will then complete and return a course registration sheet indicating the courses they plan to take for next year. The sheet requires a parent signature; please review this information with your son or daughter. Keep in mind that some lab courses are limited to the number of students allowed per section and also that some courses are limited to when they are offered. Students are required to take six classes and PE each semester; 50 credits are required to graduate

There are different types of classes offered at Turkey Valley including:

- Regular high school classes (elective and required) receive high school credit.
- Concurrent enrollment classes are taken for both high school and college credit (through NICC). These courses are offered at Turkey Valley by an instructor or via the ICN, or offered at other NICC sites. Students enroll for these classes at Turkey Valley. (These classes are listed in all CAPITAL letters in the Course Guide and on registration forms.)
- PSEO (Post Secondary Enrollment Options) courses are for both high school and college credit (through NICC). These courses are taken online or at an NICC site. To search for classes on the NICC website go to: [www.nicc.edu/courses/](http://www.nicc.edu/courses/) and then open "Search for credit courses". PSEO registration forms are available in the guidance office. If a similar course is offered at Turkey Valley, the class cannot be taken PSEO. Administrative approval is required.
- AP (Advanced Placement) Courses through the Iowa Online Academy for students identified as gifted/talented. Qualifying students should contact the school G/T coordinator for a list of available courses and number of openings. AP courses are taken for high school credit with the possibility of receiving college credit based on the end-of-course exam score.

NOTE: Concurrent enrollment and PSEO courses are paid for by the district, but may require additional out-of-class time or fees/materials that are the responsibility of the student. These courses are taken as juniors and seniors; courses are also available to G/T freshmen and sophomores. Some age restrictions and qualifying placements may apply. For more information, please contact the guidance office.

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### Pheasant Fest 2013

On Saturday, February 16th, three members of the Turkey Valley Trapshooting Team traveled to Minneapolis for the National Pheasants Forever Convention. Saturday's activities were focused around youth shooting sports. All area youth shooting sports teams were represented: high school trap and skeet teams, FFA chapters, 4H, and Boy Scouts. Representing the Trojans were Jacob Vsetecka, LJ Balk, Jake Leibold, and coaches Dave and Robyn Vsetecka.



Frank Thompson ('12 Olympian) LJ Balk,  
Jacob Vsetecka, Jake Leibold, Vincent Hancock  
( '08 & '12 Gold Medalist)

The student athletes were able to listen to many outstanding speakers. Xtreme Sports Shooter Patrick Flanigan talked to the athletes about challenging themselves and goal setting. Olympians Vincent Hancock and Frank Thompson spoke to the athletes about working hard, staying focused on goals, respect, and about being realistic about their shooting (everyone misses once in awhile).

Because of the students and coaches participation in this event, \$5,000 was added to the Turkey Valley Trapshooting Team's endowment fund. The endowment fund was established last year by the team with the help of the MidwayUSA Foundation and Pheasants Forever. The team has had several gun raffles to fund this endowment. Funds were also added to this account because of the team's participation in state meets.

Any students wishing to join the team, still may. Contact Robyn Vsetecka for more information.

	7/8 Girls Track		
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thurs. April 11	Clayton Ridge	Guttenberg	4:00
Thurs. April 18	Crestwood	Cresco	4:00
Fri. April 19	West Central G&B	Oelwein	4:00
Tues. April 23	North Fayette	West Union	4:00
Thurs. April 25	Nashua-Plainfield G&B	Nashua	4:00
Fri. May 3	Conference Meet	Monona	4:00

	7/8 Boys Track		
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Tues. April 9	Clayton Ridge	Guttenberg	4:00
Mon. April 15	Postville	Postville	4:00
Tues. April 16	North Fayette	West Union	4:00
Fri. April 19	West Central G&B	Oelwein HS	4:30
Tues. April 23	Cresco	Cresco	4:00
Thurs. April 25	Nashua-Plainfield G&B	Nashua	4:00
Fri. May 3	Conference Meet	Oelwein HS	4:00

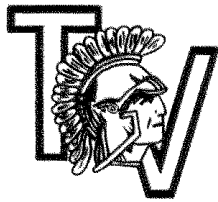
	Girls and Boys Golf		
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thurs. April 4	West Central	Jackson Heights	4:00
Mon. April 8	Clayton Ridge	Clayton Ridge	4:00
Thurs. April 11	MFL Mar Mac	Jackson Heights	4:00
Mon. April 15	North Fayette	West Union	4:00
Tues. April 16	Decorah and S. Winn	Decorah	4:00
Thurs. April 18	Postville	Tri City GC - Luana	4:00
Fri. April 19	Cresco	Cresco	4:00
Mon. April 22	South Winneshiek	South Winn CC - Calmar	4:00
Thurs. April 25	Sumner-Fredericksburg	Jackson Heights	4:00
Mon. April 29	Central Elkader	Jackson Heights	4:00
Thurs. May 2	Valley	Valley	4:00
Mon. May 6	Conference Meet	Big Rock Country Club	10:00
Fri. May 10	Sectionals	TBD	TBD
Fri. May 17	Districts	TBD	TBD



**Schedules  
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to Change**

	Varsity Girls Track		
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thurs. Mar. 21	Conference Meet G&B	Luther College	4:00
Thurs. Mar. 28	Sumner-Fredericksburg G/B	Sumner	4:30
Tues. April 2	Postville	Postville	4:30
Fri. April 5	Decorah	Decorah	5:00
Tues. April 9	Waukon	Waukon	5:00
Thurs. April 11	New Hampton G&B	New Hampton	5:00
Thurs. April 18	Nashua-Plainfield	Nashua	4:45
Mon. April 22	Sumner-Fredericksburg G/B	Sumner	4:30
Thurs. April 25	MFL Mar Mac	Monona	5:00
Fri. April 26	North Butler	Greene	4:30
Thurs. May 2	West Central G/B	Oelwein HS	4:30
Mon. May 6	Conference Meet G/B	West Union	3:30
Thurs. May 9	State Qualifer	TBD	4:00
Thurs. May 16	Drake University	Des Moines	TBD
Fri. May 17	Drake University	Des Moines	TBD
Sat. May 18	Drake University	Des Moines	TBD

	Varsity Boys Track		
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thurs. Mar. 21	Conference Meet G/B	Luther College	4:00
Thurs. Mar. 28	Sumner-Fredericksburg G/B	Sumner	4:30
Thurs. April 4	Postville	Postville	4:30
Tues. April 9	Nashua-Plainfield	Nashua	4:30
Thurs. April 11	New Hampton G/B	New Hampton	5:00
Mon. April 15	Decorah	Decorah	5:00
Tues. April 16	Charles City	Charles City	5:00
Thurs. April 18	North Fayette	West Union	4:30
Mon. April 22	Sumner-Fredericksburg G/B	Sumner	4:30
Fri. April 26	Starmont	Starmont	4:45
Mon. April 29	MFL Mar Mac	Monona	5:00
Thurs. May 2	West Central G/B	Oelwein HS	4:30
Mon. May 6	Conference Meet G/B	West Union	3:30
Thurs. May 9	State Qualifier	TBD	4:00
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Sat. May 18	Drake University	Des Moines	TBD

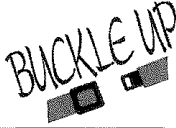



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Average meal calorie count: **K-5** (550-650), **6-8** (600-700), **9-12** (750-850)

**Milk Option:** 1% white, white skim, or chocolate skim

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
 <p>The wellness theme for March is <b>head injury prevention</b>. Head injuries occur when a bump, blow, or jolt to the head causes a disruption in normal function of the brain and can range from mild to severe. According to the CDC, traumatic brain injuries contribute to a third of injury-related deaths in the United States. The easiest way to prevent head injuries is to <u>buckle up</u> every time you get in the car and wear a <u>helmet</u> while biking or skating.</p> 					<b>1</b>
<b>4</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Sub Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bun, Romaine Lettuce, Fresh Veggies, Apple, Milk	<b>5</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Egg Patty, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Goulash, Whole Wheat Roll, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	<b>6</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Yogurt, Fruit, Granola, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Breaded Pork Patty, Whole Wheat Bread, Baked Beans, Carrot Coins, Mixed Fruit, Milk	<b>7</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> UBR Bar, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Nuggets, Whole Wheat Bread, California Blend Veggies, Peaches, Milk	<b>8</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Baked Fish, Whole Wheat Bread, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry-Applesauce, Peas, Milk	<b>No School</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Wrap, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Cheeseburger on Whole Wheat Bun, Pickle, Onion, Baked Fries, Banana, Milk	<b>12</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Alfredo with Whole Wheat Noodles, Steamed Broccoli, Orange Wedges, Milk	<b>13</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Egg Bake, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Beef Taco on Hard Shell Tortilla, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa, Black Beans, Grapes, Milk	<b>14</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Bagel, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Turkey Wrap on Whole Wheat Tortilla, Baked Beans, Carrot Sticks, Pears, Milk	<b>15</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Breadstick, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Cheese-Filled Breadsticks, Marinara Sauce, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Corn, Cinnamon Apples, Milk	
<b>18</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Ham & Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bun, Roasted Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Milk	<b>19</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Yogurt, Fruit, Granola, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Lasagna with Whole Wheat Breadstick, Romaine Lettuce, Mixed Fruit, Milk	<b>20</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Egg Patty, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chili, Whole Wheat Dinner Roll, Crackers, Fresh Veggies, Apple, Milk	<b>21</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Wrap, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Turkey Gravy over Whipped Potatoes, Corn, Dinner Roll, Peaches, Milk	<b>22</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Cheese Pizza, Apple Salad, Baked Beans, Green Beans, Milk	
<b>25</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Patty on Whole Wheat Bun, Sweet Potato Fries, Banana, Milk	<b>26</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Coleslaw, Pineapple, Milk	<b>27</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Baked Chicken, Whole Wheat Bread, Baked Beans, Pears, Milk	<b>28</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> UBR Bar, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Rice, Peaches, Milk	<b>29</b> <b>No School</b>	

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# April 2013

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**Milk Options:** 1% white, white skim, or chocolate skim

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>1</b> <b>No School</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Sloppy Joe on Whole Wheat Bun, Baked Fries, Carrot Sticks, Mixed Fruit, Milk	<b>3</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Beef Taco, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato, Salsa, Black Beans, Grapes, Milk	<b>4</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Wrap, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Popcorn Chicken, Whole Wheat Bread, Baked Beans, Cucumbers, Applesauce, Milk	<b>5</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> UBR Bar, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Beef Gravy over Whipped Potatoes, Whole Wheat Roll, Cooked Carrots, Pineapple, Milk	
<b>8</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Breadstick, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Sub Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bun, Fresh Veggies, Romaine Lettuce, Apple, Milk	<b>9</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Goulash, Whole Wheat Bread, Green Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk	<b>10</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Egg Patty, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Breaded Pork Patty, Whole Wheat Bread, Baked Beans, Carrot Coins, Peaches, Milk	<b>11</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Bagel, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Baked Fish, Whole Wheat Bread, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Strawberries, Milk	<b>12</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Nuggets, Whole Wheat Bread, California Blend Vegetables, Pears, Milk	
<b>15</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Egg Omelet, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Cheeseburger on Whole Wheat Bun, Pickle, Onion, Tomato, Baked Beans, Banana, Milk	<b>16</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Alfredo on Whole Wheat Noodles, Steamed Broccoli, Orange Wedges, Milk	<b>17</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chili with Whole Wheat Dinner Roll, Crackers, Fresh Vegetables, Mixed Fruit, Milk	<b>18</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> UBR Bar, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Variety Pizza, Romaine Lettuce, Carrot Sticks, Grapes, Milk	<b>19</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Wrap, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Baked Chicken, Whole Wheat Bread, Steamed Mixed Vegetables, Peaches, Milk	
<b>22</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Turkey Hot Dog on Whole Wheat Bun, Baked Beans, Apple Salad, Cucumbers, Milk	<b>23</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Lasagna, Whole Wheat Breadstick, Romaine Lettuce, Pineapple, Milk	<b>24</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Yogurt, Granola, Fruit, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Soft Shell Chicken Fajita, Romaine Lettuce, Black Beans, Pears, Milk	<b>25</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Wrap, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken, Oriental Vegetables, Rice, Mixed Fruit, Milk	<b>26</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Bagel, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Ham & Cheese Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bun, Tator Tots, Coleslaw, Apple Slices, Milk	
<b>29</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Breadstick, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Patty on Whole Wheat Bun, Sweet Potatoes, Banana, Milk	<b>30</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal, Toast, Juice, Milk <b>Lunch:</b> Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Garlic Toast, Romaine Lettuce Salad, Applesauce, Milk	 <p>This month's wellness theme is <b>environmental health</b>. This month, show your love to Mother Earth. Reduce the amount of packaging you use by buying in bulk. Switch to low-energy light bulbs in your house. Start a compost pile with kitchen scraps. Start a garden or plant a tree. Get outside and enjoy some fresh air in the great outdoors!</p>			

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## March Food Spotlight



### Introducing: Popcorn!

Popcorn is grown in Iowa

Good Source of fiber

Naturally low in fat and calories

Popcorn is a whole grain

## April Food Spotlight



### Introducing: Tomatoes!

Tomatoes are grown in Iowa

Good source of Vitamin A

High in Vitamin C

Most tomatoes are classified as cherry, plum, or slicing varieties



# March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>2</b> .NEIBA Jazz Band Festival
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> .NEIBA 7/8 Band Festival .Individual State Speech Contest .Kindergarten Roundup	<b>9</b> .Individual State Speech Contest .TVEF Gala
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> .Golf Practice Begins .School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> .End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qrt	<b>14</b> .4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins	<b>15</b> .1:00 Dismissal – Planning and Collaboration	<b>16</b> .Dodgeball Tournament @ Turkey Valley
<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> .Preschool Registration 3:30-6:00 <i>Spring Begins</i>	<b>21</b> .Spring Musical .Coed UIC Indoor Track @ Luther College, 4:00	<b>22</b> .Spring Musical	<b>23</b> .Spring Musical
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> .IHSSA Individual Events All-State	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> .2:15 Dismissal – Spring Break .JV-V Coed Track @ Summer, 4:30	<b>29</b> NO SCHOOL – Spring Break	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <i>Easter</i>						

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# April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> NO SCHOOL – Spring Break	<b>2</b> JV-V Girls Track @ Postville @ 4:30	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> . Golf vs West Central @ Home, 4:00 .JV-V Boys Track @ Postville, 4:30	<b>5</b> .JV-V Girls Track @ Decorah, 5:00	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> .Golf vs Clayton Ridge @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00  .School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM	<b>9</b> .JV-V Boys Track @ Nashua, 4:30 .JV-V Girls Track @ Waukon, 4:30 .7/8 Boys Track @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> .Golf vs MFL @ Home, 4:00 .JV-V Coed Track @ New Hampton, 5:00 .7/8 Girls Track @ Clayton Ridge, 4:00	<b>12</b> .Bus Evacuation Drill	<b>13</b> .State Music Festival
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> .Golf vs NF @ West Union, 4:00 .JV-V Boys Track @ Decorah, 5:00 .7/8 Boys Track @ Postville, 4:00	<b>16</b> .Golf vs Decorah/SW @ Decorah, 4:00 .JV-V Boys Track @ Charles City, 5:00 .7/8 Boys Track @ West Union, 4:00	<b>17</b> .TVEA Blood Drive 12:00PM-6:00 PM	<b>18</b> Mid-Quarter .Golf vs Postville @ Postville, 4:00 .JV-V Girls Track @ Nashua, 4:45 .JV-V Boys Track @ West Union, 4:00 Iowa Jazz Championships @ Des Moines .7/8 Girls Track @ Cresco, 4:15	<b>19</b> .JV-V Golf vs Cresco @ Cresco, 4:00 .7/8 Coed Track @ Oelwein, 4:30 .Senior Science Trip	<b>20</b> .Senior Science Trip
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> .JV-V Coed Track @ Sumner, 4:30 .Golf vs S.Winn @ Calmar, 4:00  <i>Earth Day</i>	<b>23</b> .7/8 Girls Track @ West Union, 4:00 .7/8 Boys Track @ Cresco, 4:00	<b>24</b> .Band Clinic	<b>25</b> .Golf vs Summer- Fredericksburg @ Home, 4:00 .JV-V Girls Track @ MFL, 5:00 .7/8 Coed Track @ Nashua, 4:00	<b>26</b> .JV-V Boys Track @ Starmont, 4:45 .JV-V Girls Track @ North Butler @ 4:30	<b>27</b> .Prom
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> JV-V Girls Track @ West Union, 4:30 JV-V Boys Track @ MFL, 5:00 Boys Baseball Practice Begins .Golf vs Central @ Home, 4:00	<b>30</b> 9-12 Spring Band and Vocal Concert, 7:30				

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