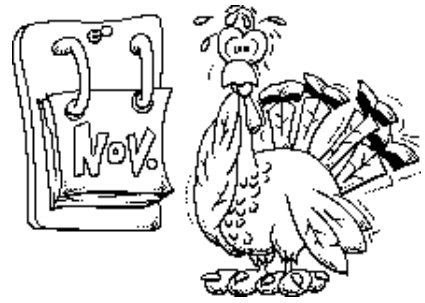


# Howells-Dodge Consolidated Jaguar Bulletin November 2017



## Principal's Office Report

It is hard to believe that we are already a couple weeks into the second quarter of the school year. We had really good attendance for our parent-teacher conferences last week for both our buildings. Thank you to all who attend and checked on the progress of their children. We printed off the midterm/quarter grades to hand out at parent teacher conferences. If you did not attend, our secretaries will be sending them home with your student. Parents can always access their students grades via Power School as well. If you have not viewed these yet, please talk to your children. I want to stress to everyone that if you feel like your student is struggling in the classroom to have him or her go talk to the teacher to ask for extra help. Our teachers do a great job and are willing to help as needed, but it is the responsibility of the students to go seek that assistance. The midterm grade is just a snapshot of the semester and students have seven or eight weeks left. I believe that our students are working hard and doing great things. I urge them to keep giving effort in class and always strive to be better in the classroom.

National Honor Society applications will be handed out to eligible juniors and seniors the first part of November. The due date for applications is November 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Any junior or senior who has a grade point average of 92% or higher is eligible. Once we have received all applications a teacher committee will evaluate the applications and make selection on NHS members. If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact me.

Veterans day program will be held at the Dodge site on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The reason for a different date is due to the fact we do not have school on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. We take this opportunity to honor the men and women who are serving and have served for our great nation.

I wanted to say congratulations to the softball team on a great season this year. Great job ladies, we are all really proud of how you competed all year long. I also want to wish the football and volleyball teams the best of luck as they enter state playoffs and district competitions.

### **Dates of significance:**

- October 30, Oct. 31 & 5: Volleyball Sub-Districts & District Finals
- November 1, 7, 13, 20: State Football Playoffs
- November 6: Conference Choral Clinic
- November 13: Veterans Day Program
- November 9-12: State Volleyball
- November 10: NO School
- November 15: Late-Start – Teacher In-Service
- November 15: Conference Play Production
- November 16: Muffins for Mom (Howells)
- November 17: Muffins for Mom (Dodge)
- November 21: FFA Speaking Event
- November 23: 1:00 Dismissal
- November 24-25: Thanksgiving Break

# **BETWEEN THE LINES**

**By Superintendent Jeff Walburn**

**Civic Participation:** In recent issues of both of our community's newspapers there was an article and picture of Senator Lynn Walz, Mr. Ernst and myself. Senator Walz was gracious enough to spend time discussing legislative issues that will be forthcoming in the 2018 legislative session. We also toured our Dodge facilities and step in on our elementary teachers curriculum development in-service time.

Last spring Senator Bruce Bostelman came to my office in Howells to converse with me about legislative issues that were ongoing at that time. Again, I was very impressed by Senator Bostelman taking the time to meet with me to exchange thoughts and ideas.

I have always taken the time to keep abreast of legislative activities and the potential impact that various legislative bill might have on the school that I am representing in particular, but also Nebraska education. I have always been an active participant in expressing my views to our elected officials and taken the time to get to know them personally. Senator Walz represents the Dodge ward in our school district and Senator Bostelman represents the Howells ward. I believe that both are good people and work hard to represent their constituents to the best of their abilities.

I encourage each and all to spend the time to become informed as to the goings on in State, County and Local Governments. Well beyond decisions about education policy, there are many decisions made that affect all of us; be it social issues, health issues, general regulations or taxation policy. It is not only our civic right, but our duty to be active participants.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** We had a very large percentage of our parents at HDC that attended Parent-Teacher Conferences this year. Nearly 100% in our elementary and approximately 90% of our secondary student's parents. Thank you parents for your attendance. The education of our youth is a partnership between the school, parents and as well, our communities.

**Fall Activities/Winter Activities:** Without all the specifics to each and every sports team and other organizations and arts programs; I would like to congratulate our participating students and their coaches and sponsors for representing our school exceptionally well during the fall season. Winter activities are on the fore-front and I wish all of our students/coaches/sponsors the very best this season.

Finally, I wish everyone associated with our Howells-Dodge School Family a very HAPPY THANKSGIVING. One of my favorite holidays because it is not a commercialized holiday, full of glamour and expectations to spend a great deal of money. Simply a time to spend with family, friends and reflect on faith, gratefulness and the blessings that we all enjoy.

***EVERYDAY IS A GREAT DAY TO BE A JAGUAR!***

## **Conference Choral Clinic**

The Conference Choral Clinic will be held on Monday, November 6th at North Bend High School. The Howells-Dodge Choir will be a featured choir this year on the evening concert. The concert will be held at 7:00 in North Bend. There will be an admission charged, Conference pass will be accepted.

## **FCCLA Says Thank You**

The Howells-Dodge FCCLA Chapter would like to thank everyone who purchased items during their 2017 Food Sales. Items will be delivered to our chapter on Saturday, Nov. 4 and chapter members will be delivering those items to you. Your support is appreciated very much!

