



# Secondary Principal's Newsletter

2nd Quarter

October 15, 2007

## Special points of interest:

- Modified Block System
- ACT Testing Dates
- Congratulations to the Pirate Marching Band!
- One-Act Play!

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## Message from the Principal

The end of the 1st quarter of the 2007—2008 school year is here. It is hard to believe that parent/teacher conferences have ended and we prepare to begin the 2nd quarter.

Although we are pleased that the school year has had a successful beginning, we continue to evaluate our school system and look for ways to improve. A couple of areas that we are focused on improving is our college credit course offerings, online courses, and creating a quality modified block system.

A modified block system is a mixture of 100 min. and 50 min. classes. We have created more opportunities for students to explore their interests through more course offerings and structured the secondary schedule in a way that allows us to better support student learning. By creating a system that allows 50 min. classes we have given our students the opportunity to take distance learning classes from other institutions.

As we look to improve, it is important that we also accentuate the positive things that we do here at Plainview Schools. Our staff is dedicated to helping each student strive for success, both in academics and activities. Each newsletter will highlight a variety of achievements that our programs have accomplished. I also would like to take this opportunity to thank you as a community in supporting all of our activities. It is very much appreciated!!! Go Pirates!

## Veterans Day Program

**Veterans Day Program** will be held on November 12, 2007 at 2:00 pm in the Pirate Auditorium. Plainview Schools and the V.F.W invite the community to join with us as we honor the millions of Americans who have served our nation to defend our freedom and liberty. Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy will be our guest speaker.

**Veterans Day** gives Americans the opportunity to celebrate the bravery and sacrifice of all U.S. veterans. It's imperative that all Americans know the history of Veterans Day so that we can honor our former service-members properly.

**Veterans Day**, formerly known as **Armistice Day**, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.



## Guidance Counselor: ACT College Entrance Test



### Did You Know (ACT)

- Most colleges in Nebraska require the ACT Test Scores
- Juniors, if they plan to take the ACT test only once or twice, will usually take the ACT first in April or June of their Junior year and a second time in October of their Senior year.
- The ACT can be taken as many times as you choose, but the cost is \$30 each time you take the test. Testing dates are listed here



<u>Testing Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Postmark Deadline</u>
• October 27, 2007	September 21, 2007
• December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007
• February 9, 2008	January 4, 2008
• April 14, 2008	March 7, 2008
• June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CAST OF CRAZY MIXED-UP ISLAND OF DR. MOREAU

Inspired by the H. G. Wells classic, *The Island of Dr. Moreau*, the wacky plot deals with a mad scientist who transforms jungle animals into people. Today a Pekingese pup, tomorrow a houseboy with fleas. A group of show people are shipwrecked on the island and Moreau decides to test their reactions to his experiments, a plan that results in all manner of hilarity. See what happens when a She-Wolf falls for the young hero, and “The Thing From The Forest” invades the laboratory Moreau is passing off as a “resort hotel.” The climax is an uproarious scene that leaves Moreau wilder than ever. Comic chases, riotous situations and funny dialogue make this farce enjoyable for all audiences.

### Cast:

Michelle MacGregor-Hedda  
 Lucas Hitz-Montgomery  
 Taylor Christiansen-Dr. Moreau  
 Dallas Simmons-M’ling  
 Beast People  
   Aaron Keck-Ape man  
   Sarah MacGregor-Monkey  
   Jacob Diedrichsen-Bat  
   Cassie Smith-Snake  
   Robin Cauthon-Snake  
   Jaunita Tripp-Bird  
   Shayla Prochaska-Frog  
   Dalton Bevill-Frog  
   Brianna Udell-Lizard  
   Samantha Hart-Leopard

Jamie Stark-Sayer of the law  
 Chris Bevill-Eddie  
 Asia Berg-Kitty  
 Kerissa Cauthon-Gracie  
 Ashley Einspahr-Shirley  
 Monica Olson-Mrs. Van Dazzle  
 Lisa Lenox-She Wolf  
 Dillan Zuhlke-Thing from the forest  
 Brandon Wills-Person from the mail boat



### Crew

Travis Hoffart  
 Jill Christiansen  
 Linda Risinger  
 Meleah Stelling  
 Leah Renter  
 Kayla Bowman

Tyler Wattier  
 Kayla Haley  
 Tiffany Steinkraus  
 Anna Meraz  
 Brady Wills  
 Cierra Anderson

Camille Friedrich  
 Ana Vankirk  
 Candra Friedrich  
 Skylar Gobel  
 Ryan Christiansen  
 Alyssa Brozek

## KUDOS to Mrs. Retzlaff and our Pirate Marching Band!!!



On Saturday, September 29th the Plainview Marching Band competed in the Wayne State College homecoming parade. Bands were assigned to specific divisions and competed for a chance to win a \$200 scholarship which is to be awarded to a graduate of that school who will be attending Wayne State College next year. We are excited to inform everyone that Plainview won their division!!! Congratulations Pirate Marching Band and Mrs. Retzlaff for representing Plainview. Keep up the great work!



## Assembly “Where is your life headed?”

The assembly was for the 9th—12th grade students. It was held on October 9th at 1pm. As we all go through life it is always good for us to stop and examine the choices we are making and decide if we should continue or change direction. The assembly was put on by the Todd Becker Foundation out of Kearney, Nebraska.

The Todd Becker Foundation was created following the tragic death of 18-year-old Todd Becker in an alcohol-related car crash as a senior in high school. Todd’s 20-year-old brother, Keith Becker (now 23), founded the organization..

The purpose of the Todd Becker Foundation is to impact students in a positive manner. Thus the message is about the road of life and the choices that we make as we live out our life. The assembly’s purpose is to motivate young individuals to discover their potentials and ultimately discover themselves.

Todd Becker was an all American kid who had it all. This was a true story about a kid with so much potential, baseball, track, college, life—everything to live for. It was a story about a senior in high school who made a choice, somewhere along the line, which ultimately led to his death.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all those who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences this past week. If you were unable to attend your child’s conference, please contact Mr. Klooz at your earliest convenience to re-schedule. We feel that it is very important to keep a strong connection between the school and home. Research has proven that better communication between teachers and parents dramatically improves student achievement. From our estimate, 72% of our parents attended Parent/Teacher conferences. Listed below are some discussion questions that may help you when visiting with teachers in the future...

1. Homework—Is my child’s homework completed thoroughly, accurately, and on time?
2. Class Participation—Does my child ask questions, volunteer answers, and participate in class discussions?
3. Academic Success—How is my child doing in the class? Does the class seem to be appropriate for child’s ability level? Is my child working up to his/her potential?
4. Classroom Time Management—Does my child use class time wisely?
5. Attendance and Punctuality—Is my child in class every day? Does he/she come to class on time?
6. Focus—Does my child pay attention in class?
7. Social Adjustment—Is my child respectful and courteous to teachers and classmates? Does my child appear to get along well with the other students?
8. Strengths and Weaknesses—What is my child good at doing? What does he/she need to work on?
9. Additional Comments—Do you have any advice or suggestions for me or for my child?

# November Activity Schedule

November 01, 2007	
3:30 PM	<b>JH Wrestling @ Osmond</b>
TBD	<b>Volleyball District Finals @ TBD</b>
November 03, 2007	
TBD	<b>NENAC Vocal Clinic</b>
November 04, 2007	
	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</b>
November 05, 2007	
TBD	<b>FCCLA Meeting</b>
4:00 PM	<b>JH Wrestling vs. Randolph and Wayne</b>
6:30 PM — 7:30 PM	<b>FCCLA MEETING</b>
November 06, 2007	
All Day	<b>6TH Grade Field Trip to Omaha Zoo</b>
November 08, 2007	
10:00 AM	<b>One Act at Swedish Festival</b>
6:00 PM	<b>JH Wrestling vs. Neligh and O'Neill</b>
November 09, 2007	
TBD	<b>State Volleyball @ Lincoln</b>
November 12, 2007	
2:00 PM	<b>Veterans Day Program</b>
5:30 PM	<b>School Board Meeting</b>
November 15, 2007	
TBD	<b>ASVAB Testing (Jrs.) - 9-10:30 &amp; 1-2:30</b>
3:30 PM	<b>All State Music @ Lincoln</b>
	<b>JH Wrestling Plainview Invite</b>
November 16, 2007	
All Day	<b>All State Music @ Lincoln</b>
TBD	<b>FB State Finals @ Lincoln</b>
TBD	<b>Cluster's FCCLA</b>
November 17, 2007	
All Day	<b>All State Music @ Lincoln</b>
November 19, 2007	
7:00 PM	<b>Financial Aid Meeting</b>
November 20, 2007	
TBD	<b>NENAC One Acts @ Plainview</b>
3:00 PM	<b>JH Wrestling @ Elgin Tournament</b>
November 21, 2007	
	<b>Early Dismissal @ 1:45</b>
November 22, 2007	
	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
November 23, 2007	
	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>
November 27, 2007	
4:00 AM	<b>JH Wrestling @ Battle Creek</b>
November 28, 2007	
TBD	<b>One Act Districts @ Madison</b>
November 29, 2007	
4:00 PM	<b>B/GBB vs. Pierce</b>



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