

CAM Community School District

February/March 2016

From the Superintendent's Desk

This month, my article is focused on the upcoming Physical Plant and Equipment Levy vote which will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd. Polls will be open from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and there will be polling locations in Anita, Massena and Cumberland. Between now and February 2nd, you can vote at the courthouse if you are in Atlantic. We hope that you will vote and, of course, we want you to be an informed voter. To that end we have held two community meetings and we have posted information on our school website, www.camcougars.org. Below is an article that ran in the Anita Tribune a few weeks ago that does provide you information that will help you understand what we are voting for.

On February 2, 2016 the CAM Community School District will be asking voters to extend and increase the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEEL). In this article I'd like to explain what the levy does for our district and its importance to the students of CAM CSD.

The PEEL levy is a levy that can be used for a number of expenditures including construction of buildings, purchasing property, buses and technology equipment, and energy conservation expenditures. The levy cannot be used for staff salaries or supplies - those expenditures must come from a school district's General Fund.

Our district currently has the voter approved PEEL in the amount of \$.67 per \$1000 of property valuation and the district is asking for an increase to \$1.34 per \$1000 of property valuation. The district plans to use the funds to improve and maintain our current facilities, purchase school buses and purchase technology for students and staff. CAM has a capital projects plan that includes many updates to our current facilities. Along with the statewide one-cent sales tax money (SAVE) we use PEEL funds to pay for these projects.

The CAM school district is fortunate to have one of the lowest property tax rates in the state ranking 327 out of 336 school districts in FY 2014. With that being said, our district does not take lightly asking voters for an increase in the PEEL levy, especially in these economic times. However, we feel as a district that having adequate and appropriate facilities, transportation and technology are in the best interests of our students and strike the best balance between the needs of our students and taxpayers.

Our district is committed to providing the highest quality education to the students of our district. You can contact Casey Berlau, CAM Superintendent by email (cberlau@cam.k12.ia.us or phone 712-762-3231) if you have any questions about the use of these funds.

CAM Girls...Consider Track!

Whether you enjoy sprinting or running longer distances, catapulting into a sand pit, or tossing a discus or shot put, track holds a little something for everyone. Track is a unique sport, one which allows a variety of athletes to contribute to team success. It provides youth with opportunities to aspire both athletically and personally. Track challenges young people to set high goals, push themselves beyond their normal limits, and develop greater self-discipline.

Practice for the 2016 CAM girls' high school track program is slated to begin on Tuesday, February 16th. The team is scheduled to participate in approximately twelve meets this season. Did you know there are fifteen running events and four field events held at each track meet? This potentially allows up to forty-four individual athletes to represent their school on a given night. What a great sport! In addition, track allows youth to receive training in a variety of areas, such as running, flexibility, strength and conditioning, and nutrition.

I challenge our young ladies at CAM to give track a try. It would be exciting to see what we could accomplish as a track team this season if all we work together. So, consider being part of this year's CAM High School Girls' Track Team!

Coach Deb Brown



6-12 Vocal Music Notes

Congratulations to the High School students who were chosen to participate in the SWI High School Honor Choir on Jan. 21 at IWCC: Amberlye Ervin, Mariah Murphy, Rachel Riker, Collin Giegerich, Brock Watson, DeShawn Carr.

Congratulations also to the 7/8 Vocal students who have been chosen to participate in the SWI MS Honor Choir on March 8 in Treynor: Alexis Ehrman, Emily Plagman, Mercedes Harris, Mallarie Peach, Kolby Nelsen, Ethan Steffensen.

Congratulations to the students who were chosen by state audition to sing the National Anthem at one of the Boys' State Tournament games: The trio of Shalyn Smith, Allyson Beaty, and Dylan Ferguson and soloist Madelyn Lund.

Sixth grade students have been working hard on rhythm reading and are getting ready to start on their World Music Drumming Unit!

Other items for your calendar:

- Feb 16: 7/8 Vocal students will be traveling to Council Bluffs to participate in a judging clinic. They will perform part of their musical that they are working on, and a judge will give them comments on their performance. Time to be announced.
- March 3: Annual Pops Concert. The HS Mixed Ensemble and the High School Band will perform. Dessert will be served in a coffeehouse setting - we hope you will join us!
- March 21: 7/8 Concert in Massena. The Vocal students will perform their musical "Dateline Rock and Roll" and the band will also entertain.
- March 29: High School students will be performing in a Pre-Contest recital during Parent-Teacher conferences.

Greater Des Moines Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program

Blank Children's Hospital Center for Advocacy and Outreach

Program Description

The Child Assault Prevention (CAP) program uses a three-pronged approach to address child assault and maltreatment. This three-pronged approach includes education for school staff, parents, and elementary school age children. Staff Education and Parent Education are approximately one-hour sessions done at the school before the Children's Workshop. The Children's Workshop takes place in the classroom (Kindergarten – grade 6) and is done by a team of three trained facilitators. The Children's Workshop is approximately 50-60 minutes in the classroom and about 30 minutes of Review Time after the classroom presentation. The program approaches prevention from a perspective of human dignity, mutual respect, and basic human rights. Everyone has the right to be safe, strong, and free. A repeated mantra of the Children's Workshop is:

Safe, Strong, and Free!

This empowering approach to prevention explains that when another person tries to take away our rights to be safe, strong, and free – there are problems. The program through interactive role plays demonstrates what the problems might look like.

The role plays presented include situations such as:

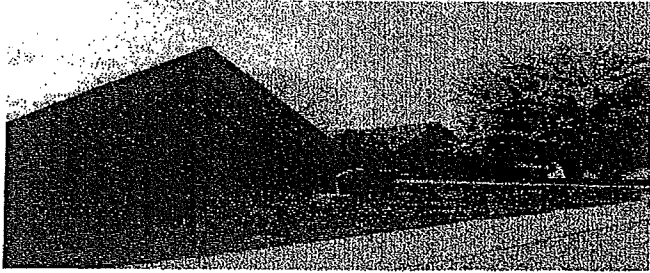
- Bullying (peer to peer assault)
- Abduction (assault by a stranger)
- Sexual Abuse (assault by a known person)

These role plays are each done two times; the first time is resolved unsuccessfully. Then the situation is processed with the kids. Important safety skills are introduced or reviewed for each situation. The role play is done the second time and it resolves successfully. There is one final role play starring the classroom teacher. This role play shows what it might be like to talk about a problem with a trusted adult.

After the Children's Workshop is Review Time in which kids can talk with a facilitator one on one. Review Time participation is a choice made by the kids. It is always offered but they don't have to do it.

Important Concepts and Skills Presented During the CAP program

- Definition of basic human rights
- Turning to a peer for support
- Safe or trusted adults
- Definition of a stranger
- Self-protection skills (kicking, yelling, elbowing,)
- Telling vs. tattling
- When assault happens it is important to tell a safe adult and keep telling until someone listens
- Tricks used by unsafe adults or peers
- When assault happens to a child it is NEVER the child's fault
- It is OK to say no to a grown-up or peer when they make us feel uncomfortable



Anita Public Library

February — March 2016

Library Hours:
Monday 2-8pm, Tuesday 2-6:30pm, Wednesday 10am-6:30pm
Thursday 2-6:30pm, Friday 2-6:30pm, Saturday 9am-1pm

Phone: 762-3639
anitalibrary.org

Events at the Library

anitapl@midlands.net

Cass Co. Conserv.

Sandhill Crane

Bus Trip

Lora Kanning

Cass Co. Naturalist

Presents Program

Mon, Feb 15 @
7:00pm



Early Out Fun Days

Wednesdays

Feb 3, 10, 17, 24

Mar 2, 9, 16, 23

Please bring your own snacks!!



Homework Help
Book in a Bag Reading

Crafts, Movies, Gaming

Puzzles, Activities

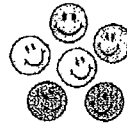
Tween Club

Meetings

Wednesdays

Feb, 17

Mar, 23



Bring Artwork

Bring Ideas

Bring a Smile

February...National Library Lovers Month We



Books!!

Brainfuse.com (HelpNow) Live Tutors Sun-Sat 2-11:00pm
URL: <http://main.anita.ia.brainfuse.com> Logon: Pxxxx (library card no.)

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Feb. 3, 24

Mar 2, 16, 30

10am-??



"National Poetry Month"

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In Adult or Children

Check it Out!

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Downloadable eBooks

Audiobooks

Library Card No.

Dr. Seuss' BDAY!!

MARCH 2
Read Across
America

CAM FEBRUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 HS/G/B JV BB VS SW Valley @ CAM HS.	2 HS JV Wrestling @ Atlantic. HS JV G BB @ Boyer Valley; HS V G/B BB @ Boyer Valley.	3 1 Hr. Early Out - Prof. Dev. CAP Parent's Mtg. 6:00, HS Commons.	4 HS G/B JV BB @ Exira-EHK.	5 HS B JV BB vs Coon Rapids-Bayard @ CAM HS, 4:30; HS G/B BB vs Coon Rapids-Bayard @ CAM HS, 6:00 & 7:30.	6 State Speech Large Group. ACT Test Dates. HS V Wrestling Sectionals @ Winterset.
8 HS JV B BB @ P-C, 4:30; HS V G/B BB @ P-C, 6:00/7:30. CAP Parent's Mtg. CAM MS Commons, 6:00 p.m.	9 HS V Wrestling Regional Team Duals, TBD. 2nd Quarter JH Cougar Traits Trip.	10 1 Hr. Early Out - Prof. Dev.	11	12 HS B BB vs A-C @ CAM HS, 7:30. Midterm, Qtr. 3.	13 Conference Speech @ CAM HS. District Wrestling @ Atlantic.
15 NO SCHOOL - President's Day. School Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.	16 SWI MS Vocal Clinic @ Woodrow Willson JH School, Council Bluffs, Concert @ 7:00 p.m.	17 1 Hr. Early Out - Prof. Dev.	18	19	20
22	23	24 1 Hr. Early Out- Prof. Dev.	25	26	27 District Individual Speech.
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CAM MARCH SCHOOL CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 1 Hr. Early Out - Prof. Dev.	3 CAM MS/CAM S. Elementary Spring Pictures. HS Pop Concert @ 7:00 p.m.	4	5 District FFA Walnut Hill Speech @ CAM HS.
7	8 5th-8th Grade SWI Honor Choir @ Treyner, Concert @ 7:00.	9 1 Hr. Early Out - Prof. Dev.	10	11	12 State Ind. Speech.
14	15 HS Rolling Valley Conf. Honor Band, Concert @ 7:00 p.m. Site TBD	16 1 Hr. Early Out - Prof. Dev.	17 End of 3rd Quarter.	18	19 CAM FFA Banquet.
21 7/8th Grade Band Concert/Vocal Musical, 7:00. School Board Meeting, 6:30.	22	23	24 1 Hr. Early Out - Spring Break.	25 NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK. Good Friday	26
28 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	29 4th Quarter Begins 1 Hr. Early Out. P-T Conferences 4:30-8:30 p.m.	30	31 P-T Conferences 4:30-8:30 p.m. MS Rolling Valley Conf. Honor Band @ Charter Oak-Ute.		