

# It's Happening in 8th Grade

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## What We're Learning:

### Language Arts:

In Language Arts, we will be finishing "The Giver". The students and I have been investigating the life of Jonas and his controlled society! Ask your student how they would feel if he/she was Jonas. Each student will be presenting a "comfort object" to the class and writing a paper at the completion of this novel.

We will then be moving into short fiction stories, until Thanksgiving break. For each story, the students will be required to answer comprehension questions, and use different skills for vocabulary practice. We will also be practicing different literary skills throughout the unit. Students have short comprehension/

vocabulary quizzes at the end of each story! Don't forget to keep reading your RAPP books! Ask your student what his/her new RAPP goal is!!

### Math:

We will be finishing our chapter on equations and inequalities. Next we will be working with factors, fractions, and exponents. Did you know that [www.classzone.com](http://www.classzone.com) has extra practice from our textbook including practice tests? Also, ask your student about the real world problem solving they have been doing

### Science:

We will be studying the science of Chemistry—matter, atoms, chemical and physical change in the coming weeks.

### Social Studies:

We will be working on the westward movement of pioneers. Students will create "bumper stickers" to promote westward expansion.

### Calendar of Events for November:

6	Mock Trial Competition
8	G B'ball H w/ L-T
8	Wrestling @ L&M
11	G B'ball @ High
11	Wrestling H w/High + WACO
15	Wrestling @ Cardinal
16	G B'ball @ WB
18	G B'ball H w/Wapello
18	Wrestling @ WB
22	G B'ball @ L&M
23	Wrestling @ VB
24-26	No School, Thanksgiving Vacation
29	G B'ball H w/Col.J
29	Wrestling @ WACO tournament
30	Wrestling H w/L-T, Pekin

## FYI

Thanks so much to all of the parents who helped make our cheese and sausage sale a big success. We realize how much you do and appreciate all of your efforts.

We had a great turn out for Parent-Teacher Conferences and enjoyed talking to you and your student.

Keep reading for RAPP!!

Be sure you check out pages two, three and four. These articles were written and contributed by 8th graders. Interested students have signed up in groups of four and will be deciding what they want to write about that month.

# Cross Country Rap up

During our XC season we had 6 races that were timed. We ran at Van Buren, Ft. Madison, Burlington, Columbus Junction, Winfield, and Fairfield.

Four of the races ranged in distance from 1.25 miles up to 1.9 miles. Two of the races, the second race of the season, we ran at Ft. Madison and our last race which was the conference race were both 2 miles. These are our last races listed to let us see how our times dropped and how much they improved in such a short period of time. We learned a lot about how to run a distance race. The practices were really challenging, but we got in great shape and became very flexible. I think we all enjoyed XC and look forward to running again next year.

## 8th grade XC team

### **Tyler Aamodt**

First time– 16:20  
Ending time– 14:00

### **Keaton Keitzer**

First time- 23:08  
Ending time– 17:55

### **Devin Kelly**

First time– 19:00  
Ending time–17:19

Written By: **Tyler Aamodt**



# Football rap up

The Middle School 8th grade football team finished the 2010 season with a perfect record of five wins and zero losses. The season began with two road victories. The first being a win over Central Lee 36-0 and the second win over L&M with the score of 12-0. our third

***"I think they did really well and got bigger and stronger in this season and improved a lot from last year."***

***-Coach Rogers***

week we got the by, which meant we didn't have to play. Our next game was at home between Van Buren which we won 30-0. We then played West

Burlington where we beat them 28-8. The last game of the year was a tough contest between

Wapello at their home field. We won the game with a lucky play with the score of 8-6. Congratulations on a great year!

Written by: **Tyler Aamodt**

# It's Time for Girls Basketball!!

The 2010 Girls Basketball season starts again. The 2010 8th grade players are Hannah Smith, Darby Massner, Chloe Siegle, Mikala Denney, Abby Eberhardt, Daphne Pulford, Jessie Johnson, Andrea Larson, Tyffanie Kalina, Heidi Hillyard, Abby Maddox, and Michaela Beckman. The 2010 coaches are Kim Hedges, Nate Larson, and Cathy Isley. November opponents are Lone Tree,

Highland, West Burlington, Wapello, L&M, and Columbus. West Burlington is a new opponent in our conference. Team Goals are to be undefeated and to improve our fundamentals. Coach Hedges is grateful to have a assistant coach as it allows the players to break down into smaller groups. It also gives the kids more one on one attention. Hedges said, "They're a good group of

kids and they have good fundamentals."

Written By: **Jordan Hubbard**



# Cheese and Sausage Sale

The middle school cheese and sausage sale was a huge success! A total of \$19,388.00 was raised by the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, \$837 was given to students in cash envelopes that ranged from \$5-\$25. In each grade, there was a top seller who got to go in the money booth. In the 6th grade, Kaitlyn Kirby was the lucky winner and won \$41. Griffin Dean was the top seller for the 7th grade and won \$32. 8th grade's very own Michaela Beckman got to go in the money booth and collected \$47. There was also a pizza party given to the winning class of each grade who sold the most. The winning class in the 6th grade was Mrs. Schnedler.

Ms. Policha's class took 7th grade first place. Last but not least, Mrs. Peterson's class was the winning class for the 8th grade. A big thank you to all the students who participated and made this year one of our most successful.

Written by: **Jessica Andries**



Michaela Beckman counting her winnings.

## Band concert

On Monday, October 25, at 7:00 pm, the Mediapolis Middle School Band presented its first concert of the school year. We played some challenging music and our director Mr. Miller decided out of a possible 10 to gave us an 8.5 rating. The pieces we played were "Majestica," "The Headless

Horseman," "Carolina Legend," and a Beatles' song called "A Hard Day's Night." We have 26 seventh and eighth grade students in our band. The eighth grade members are Amber May,

Karissa Porterfield, Abby Renfro, Katie Spence, Delaney VanNess, Susan Strawhacker, Keaton, Keitzer, Zach Gordon, Tyler

Aamodt, Heidi Hillyard, Conner Johnson, and Daphne Pulford. Maybe you would like to play in the band? It is a lot of fun and we are always looking for new members!

Written by: **Tyler Aamodt**

***"For the first concert the band did very well, but it was tough music. We have things to work on but had a good starting point."***

***-Mr. Miller***

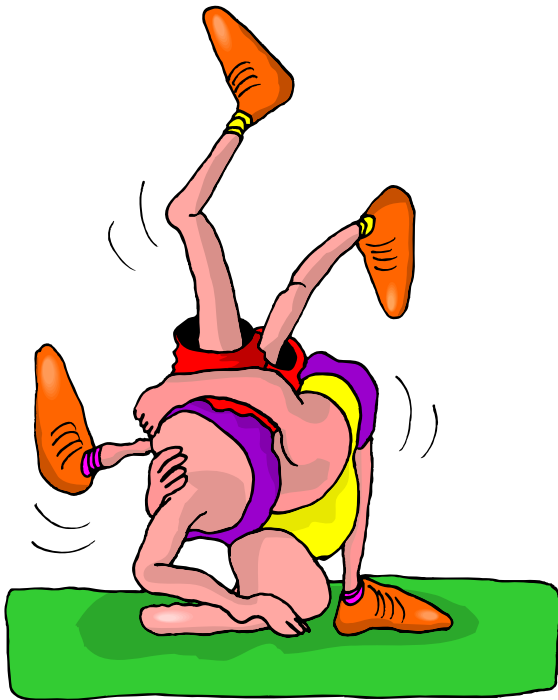
## Choir Concert

Our fall concert was held on October 18, 2010. We sang "Can You Hear" and "Surfing U.S.A." The choir director is Mr. Tolle. There are 66 7th and 8th graders out for choir. Our next concert will be Vespers in December. We are currently working on two songs for the Christmas concert. They are "Ring the Bells" and "A la Puerta de Celio." This

year the mass Junior High Vocal Festival will be held at Mediapolis. There will be a lot of middle schoolers here that day.

Written By: **Lizzy Hahn**





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# Wrestling Starts

As wrestling season begins, naturally we need an article to tell you what is going on. So I headed to recess to see what's happening. I interviewed several people.

Blaine Jamison told us, "we have a good team this year. We also have three great coaches. Timmerman, Drain, and Cummings. These coaches are helping us get a lot accomplished." Mathew Housman says "we're looking at an undefeated season. We are awesome." Keaton Pallister told us, "our practices are pretty good." Bradon Marshall told us, "this season is going to be awesome! We're looking at an undefeated season and there is excitement in the air."

The 8th graders who are in wrestling this year are as follows: Drew Massner, Steven Holloway, Bradon Marshall, Mathew Housman, Keaton Pallister, Dillon Wagner, Cole Erickson, Cody McNeil, Devon Wagenbach, and Jacob Orr. Their first match is November 8th. We hope to see you all there!

Written By: **Delaney Van Ness**

# Volleyball Stats

Overall Record— 38-0 Games \ 12-0 matches

Serving— 559/669 84% with 240 aces

Hitting- 225/307 73% with 79 kills

Assists— 103

Lone Tree— 9/9/10— 21-10, 21-13, 15-8

Highland— 9/13/10— 21-8, 21-17, 15-7, 15-9

L&M— 9/23/10- 21-7, 21-6, 15-10

WMU— 9/27/10— 21-8, 21-10, 15-3

Wapello 9/30/10-21-13, 21-8, 15-1, 15-6

Mepo Tournament-10-2-10 champions

Col. Junct. 10/4/10- 21-5, 21-14, 15-2

Lone Tree 10/7/10 21-7, 21-18, 15-13

Highland 10/11/10 21-12, 21-17, 15-7

***Overall these girls had an outstanding season! They went undefeated through every game. This group of girls bring a lot of talent to the game. They work well together and I look for them to have a lot of success in the future. They are a great groups of girls and It was a lot of fun to coach them.***

***-Coach Skidmore***

## November Contributors:

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**Happy Thanksgiving!!**