
# THE EAGLE

April 2013

## Think Spring

**No Kindergarten on April 19**

**Early out March 28, dismiss @ 1:50**

**No school March 29**

**And April 1st**

**District Administrative**

**Coordinator Corner**

 April is the start of many seasons in our area. One major event that April brings specifically for the school is the start of NeSA testing. Most of you will be asking what is NeSA? Below is definition of NeSA taken from the Nebraska Department of Education web site: **About Nebraska State Accountability: NeSa**.Nebraska State Accountability is a system of summative tests being developed in Reading, Mathematics, and Science.  The first operational reading test, NeSA-R, was offered in the spring of 2010, the first mathematics operational test in 2011, and science followed in 2012.  The tests are given in grades 3-8 and 11 and are administered both online and paper/pencil.  Items have been developed by Nebraska teachers and Data Recognition Corporation has served as the test support vendor.  The online administration is delivered by Computerized Assessments and Learning (CAL).

 NeSA are the state tests that all schools in Nebraska will take to see how each school is performing. The NeSA tests are based on state standards that each classroom teacher is teaching. The benefits of NeSA testing are that it will give an equal comparison of all schools in the state. The drawback of NeSA is that it is a onetime test that does not take into account a student having a bad day and not doing as well as they could possibly do. There are a number of activites that you can do as parents to help your students be successful during this time. Below are test taking tips that you could talk to your son or daughter about to make sure they do the best that they can.

* Read the directions for each test carefully.
* Read each question carefully.
* Pace yourself—don't spend too much time on a single passage or question.
* Pay attention to the announcement of five minutes remaining on each test.
* Answer the easy questions first, then go back and answer the more difficult ones if you have time remaining on that test.
* On difficult questions, eliminate as many incorrect answers as you can, then make an educated guess among those remaining.
* **Answer every question.** Your scores on the multiple-choice tests are based on the number of questions you answer correctly. **There is no penalty for guessing.**
* If you complete a test before time is called, recheck your work on that test.
* Make sure you get a good night’s sleep before the test.
* Make sure you eat breakfast before you come to school.

One of the areas that we have focused on with our school improvement is the testing procedures that we have in place for the NeSA tests. On April 22 and April 24 we will be having an 11:00 start time for all grades **other than** 7th, 8th, and 11th. Those three classes will be required to come in at regular time so that they can take the NeSA tests. We will be running busses twice the mornings of April 22and 24. Our bus drivers will be contacting you to let you what time you can expect your student will be picked up on those mornings. As part of our procedures we will be cooking breakfast for the 7th, 8th, and 11th graders, and they will be in small groups to take the test. We are hoping that with the small ratio of student to teacher, with a good nutritious breakfast, and breaks during the testing period, we will put our students in the best possible position to be successful. If you have any questions please call the school office**. Mr. Pattee**

**Principal’s Corner**

 Along with the anticipated arrival of warm weather, the 2012-13 school year is quickly drawing to a close, and seniors are counting down days to graduation on Saturday, May 11. There is still work to be done, however, and we must remind ourselves and our students to continue to press on. Please encourage your child to continue with homework completion and test preparation.

 Before the school year ends, students in grades 6 through 11 will be pre-registering for classes for the upcoming 2013-14 school year. Each student is required to show a parent the completed pre-registration form. This signed form must be returned to the school before the selected classes will be considered for his/her schedule.

 Pending program approval and funding availability, the Allen Consolidated Schools will again be offering a summer school program for our K-8 students this summer. Focus will be on math and reading in individual or small group instruction. Details should be worked out by the end of April and information should be out in early May.

 Finally, as we enter this time of prom and graduation celebrations, we ask that you remind your child to be especially responsible and careful!

 **Lana Oswald**

**Kindergarten Round up**

The Allen Consolidated School will be hosting kindergarten round up on April 19 beginning at 1:30p.m. If you have a child that will be 5 before July 31 and have not enrolled, please contact the school at 635-2484. Our list of students are as follows: Samantha Rastede, Alexander Ankeny, Miley Boyle, Jacob Claypool, Kristina Hogue, Conner Probst, Devin Reinert, Aden Suing and Karli Ferris. Please note that there will not be kindergarten on April 19.

**Counselor’s Office**

 It is a busy time of the year! This past month the Freshman attended a Career Day at Northeast Community College. The students attended several break- out sessions, focusing on different career avenues.

 The 8th grade students will attend a career exploration workshop at Northeast Community College on Wed. March 27. At this workshop, students will be given the results of their COPS, CAPS, & COPES testing. The testing results will help these students match their abilities, interests, and values to potential careers. They will also be involved in a budgeting activity. It should be a very interesting and informative day.

 Several sophomore students have been into my office this past month, discussing future plans and goals. It’s not too early for these students to begin making plans for the future. As parents, please have frequent discussions with your son/daughter about the importance of doing well in school and staying involved in at least one extra-curricular activity.

  **Seniors** … it’s decision time!

It’s time to decide which college you will attend. Follow our advice to find the right fit for you.

First, gather and compare your college acceptance notifications, financial aid award notifications and campus visit notes. Consider items such as:

Location – Is the college too close? If you come home every weekend, you won’t experience true campus life. Is the college too far away? If so, you may not make it home as often as you’d like.

Cost – Can your family afford the school? What can you expect for financial aid beyond your freshman year? Did you receive renewable scholarships? How much in student and parent loans will you need to cover expenses?

Academic program – Does the college offer the program that interests you? What happens if you change majors? Does the college offer other programs that interest you?

Student life – Does the school offer activities you will enjoy? Do you like the living arrangements provided by the school? Will you have an opportunity to work on or near campus?

Visit EducationQuest.org for college selection tools including the [*Award Letter Comparison* *Calculator*](http://apps.educationquest.org/award/award.cfm), the [*College Compa**riso**n Calculator*](http://apps.educationquest.org/collcomp.htm), and information about [student and parent loans](http://apps.educationquest.org/pdfs/loan_chart.pdf).

**Juniors** … start looking for scholarships

Follow these tips to begin the scholarship application process:

Start searching! In addition to your guidance office, visit free online sites including [*Scholarshi**pQuest*](http://www.educationquest.org/scholarshipquest)at EducationQuest.org with over 2,000 local and state scholarships. Other sources might include your parent’s employer, your employer or local service organizations.

Create files and place scholarship applications in deadline order.

Get involved in extracurricular activities and community service. This is a critical component for many scholarships. Track your involvement with EducationQuest’s

 [*Activities Resume*](http://www.educationquest.org/activities-resume/).

Do your best to get good grades in school and good scores on ACT/SAT exams. These factors are especially important for college-based scholarships.

Determine if you will qualify for need-based scholarships by completing the [*Colle**ge Fun**ding Estimator*](http://www.educationquest.org/college-funding-estimator/) at EducationQuest.org.

Learn about scholarships and tuition assistance programs offered by colleges that interest you. Programs such as [Collegebound](http://collegeboundnebraska.com/) at the University of Nebraska and [Advantage](http://www.nscs.edu/nscs-advantage.htm) offered by the Nebraska State College System cover the cost of tuition if you meet income and academic criteria.

Scholarship warning…

If you receive offers for scholarship and financial aid services, investigate them if they charge a fee. EducationQuest will help you complete financial aid forms for free and will guide you to free [scholarship resources](http://www.educationquest.org/links/). To learn more, talk to your school counselor or contact EducationQuest.

April “To Do” List

Seniors

\_\_\_ Continue applying for scholarships.

\_\_\_ Start purchasing dorm essentials now to avoid extra ecpenses in August.

\_\_\_ Start looking for a summer job.

Juniors

\_\_\_ [Register](http://sat.collegeboard.org/register) by April 5 for the May 6 SAT.

\_\_\_ [Register](http://actstudent.org/regist/dates.html) by May 3 for the June 8 ACT.

\_\_\_ Schedule campus visits while colleges are still in session.

\_\_\_ Start looking for scholarships.

For free help with college planning, contact Education Quest Foundation:

**Kearney 308-234-6310 or 800-666-3721**

**Lincoln 402-475-5222 or 800-303-3475**

**Omaha 402-391-4033 or 888-357-6300**

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*Your Journey to College Begins with Us.*

 **From the Allen-Wakefield FFA Department.**

The Allen-Wakefield FFA banquet will be held Friday April 26, 2013. The labor bids and auction Items will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the meal beginning at 7:00 p.m. The featured guest speaker this year will be Mr. Reed Allen from Pender,ne.

Mr.Allen was highly involved in his FFA chapter while in highschool and will be talking about how FFA and agriculture has affected his life. We will also be naming the 2013-2014 officer team during the banquet. We hope that you will come and join us for a night of laughs, good food, and great memories.

 **Speech Department**

 The speech team competed at Conference on February 23 in Osmond. Cortny Surber brought home a 6th place medal in Humorous Prose and earned the Conference Champion title in Serious Prose.  On March 12, the team traveled to O'Neill for District competition.  The duet team of Mollie Bertrand and Cortney Reuter brought home 6th place medals and Cortny Surber earned 2nd place in Serious Prose, which advanced her to the State meet on Friday, March 22 in Kearney.  At state, Cortny advanced to finals and brought home a 2nd place medal!  Congratulations to all members on a successful speech season.

**Music Department** Congratulations to the following students who medaled in the Wayne State Junior High Music contest. The following students received a 1- Toni Miles, Amanda Finnegan, Bri Hingst, Kapri Anderson, Alyssa Boese, Summer Adair, Haley Stapleton, Anna Roth, Austin Roth, Heidi Johnson, Levi Woodward, Bethany Kneifl, Gabrielle McCrander, Rachel Kneifl, Bud Kneifl, Cassidy Thomas, Tayler Kumm, Issac Verzani, Blake McCorkindale, Aubrie Howard, Ben Finnegan, Oscar Roth, Madison Schneiders, Kyle Smith, Katie Bathke. The following students received a 2- Tori Miles, Sierra Brahmsteadt, Chase Johnson, Summer Jackson, Cody Thomas, and Alexis Brahmsteadt. The following students received a 1 in voice- Austin Roth, Amanda Finnegan, Rachel Kneifl, and Chase Johnson. Austin Roth also received a 1 in piano. The junior high band ,the 5-6 grade and 7-8 grade chorus received each received a 1 rating . Congratulations to all who participated.

 **Allen Music Boosters**

Would like to thank our director Mr. Richard Lacy, and co-director Amy Stewart, and to the Allen High School Choir for their “Back to the 80’s” performances March 20-22 & March 24.  You have once again represented Allen Consolidated Schools and your community as positive entertainers.  We are all very proud of every one of you.  Thank you to all the music booster parents who donated so much time in preparing for the musical, supplying meals and snacks for the choir, and clean-up.  The support was absolutely amazing.

**Hunter Education Class**

April 8 15th, 22, and 29

From 7:00 P.M .to 10:00 P.M.

Martinsburg Community Hall

“Old school house”

Students must register online @[www.HuntSafeNebraska.org](http://www.HuntSafeNebraska.org)

Students must have the parental release form filled out and bring it to first session Students must be 12 years or older and must attend all 4 sessions. For more info call one of the following:

Monte Roeber 402-635-2334

Doug Smith office 402-635-2129,

Home 402-945-2833

Charlie Mahler 402-945-2951

Or Bob Kumm 712-253-9807

**Monsanto Grant for school Math and science**

 Something to think about on Ag Day!  Recently Monsanto mailed a post card to farmers concerning a grant available for school math and science projects.  Farmers are being asked only to nominate a school.  The school is responsible for applying for the grant money.  The link below provides more information, but basically the deadline is April 15.  (This is not the same fall program that Dixon County has benefited from in the past.)  Entrants must be at least 21 and grow at least 250 acres of grain, not be connected with Monsanto, or be a seed dealer. (Check the site for official rules.)  The more nominations the school receives, the better its chance of winning a $10,000 or $25,000 award.  Please give this a glance. Grants are an excellent way to bring outside dollars into our small community.   Kathy Boswell

 **Rastede Scholarship**

 Sophomore and junior undergraduate college students who are graduates of Allen Consolidated Schools are encouraged to apply for the Alvin G. and Anita D. Rastede Scholarship available through the Allen School Foundation.

 In order to apply for the $2,000 scholarship, the following questions must be answered and then sent to the Allen School Foundation at P.O. Box 190, Allen, NE 68710, by March 31, 2013. One scholarship will be given and must be used during the 2013-2014 college year for undergraduate studies. The recipient will be notified by April 30 and he/she (or a representative) will be required to attend the May 11, 2013, graduation ceremony for formal recognition.

Questions: 1. What is your college grade classification and GPA?

 2. What is your major and/or minor field(s) of study and career goals?

 3. In what on-campus activities/work and organizations are you involved?

 4. In what off-campus activities/work and organizations are you involved?

 5. How will this scholarship be beneficial to you and why are you deserving of it?

 **Jimmy Graft Memorial**

 **Mentor Award**

 The Paul and Diane Peterson family has made possible a $100 award for a staff member of Allen Consolidated Schools. The award is to be presented at graduation to a teacher, cook secretary, custodian, bus driver, or any other staff member of the Allen Consolidated Schools who has gone above and beyond to help a student or students reach their potential. The award is in memory of Jimmy Graf of Laurel, NE, a personal friend of the Peterson family who was killed in a plane crash. Nominations are to be sent to the Allen Consolidated Schools Foundation by April 22, and the recipient will be selected by that group. If you wish to nominate someone for this award, please include the following information in you nomination letter: name of your nominee, one or two paragraphs (to be read at the graduation ceremony) explaining why you are nominating this person, and your name. Your nominations can be sent to:

Allen Consolidated Schools

Attn: Foundation

126 E 5th POB 190

Allen, NE 68710

 **Easter Egg Hunt**

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 30at 10:30a.m. at the Allen Park. There will be the Easter egg hunt, games, prizes,and a visit from the Easter bunny. Age groupings will be pre-school to kindergarten and first thru third grade. In case of bad weather, the event will be held at the Fire Hall.

###  Nondiscrimination Policies

 It is the policy of the Allen Consolidated Schools not to discriminate on the basis of sex, handicap, age, race, religion, marital status, or national or ethnic origin in its educational programs, administered programs, and all the related publications.

 It is the policy of the Allen Consolidated Schools not to discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments. Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX may be directed to Mr. Pattee, District Coordinator, Allen Consolidated Schools, 402-635-2484, or to the Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

 **Allen Park Improvement!**

 The Allen Community Club is going to replace the aging playground equipment at the Allen Park.  Please watch the Allen News in the newspaper and the Allen, NE Community Info page on Facebook.  We will share information about many fun and exciting events to come in the near future to help us raise the money needed to accomplish this task.  If you have any questions about the project, please contact Greta Kraemer at 635-2826 or gbottolf@hotmail.com.
LET'S GET EXCITED TO SLIDE and SWING INTO SOME FUN!!

 **Special Education**:

 Allen Consolidated Schools ensures that a free appropriate public education is available to all children with disabilities from birth through the high school year in which the student reaches 21 years of age, including children who have been suspended or expelled from school.

#### Handicapped Children’s Act

 The Allen Consolidated Schools request your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Children’s Act (PL 94-142) and Nebraska Statute which guarantees a free appropriate education program for all children between birth and 21 years of age. If you have students or know of any young person who meets these criteria, please contact the superintendent’s office.

 **Senior Spotlights**

 **Brandon Lee Cullison** is the son of Wayne and Robin Cullison. Brandon’s favorite color is blue and his favorite food is steak. Brandon says that his favorite class is science and his favorite teacher is Mr. Bathke. “Ich Will” is his favorite song. *Triple X* and *State of the Union* are his favorite movies. Brandon’s most memorable school moment is shooting off rockets in science class. Brandon’s plans after graduation are join the army.

 **Israel DeMadrid** is the son of Victor and Aurora Peña. Israel’s favorite color is red and his favorite food is enchiladas. Israel says that his favorite class is power tech and his favorite teachers are Mrs.Levine and Mrs. Rastede. “Wheels on the Bus” is his favorite song. *Rambo* is his favorite movie. Israel’s most memorable school moment is when he hit the fire hydrant outside of Mr. Uldrich’s with his mom’s car. Israel’s role model is his dad. Israel’s favorite quote is, “God loves you” and “Chevy runs deep.” Israel’s plans after graduation are to attend college and major in auto mechanics.

 **William Joseph Eisenhauer**

 is the son of Karl and Patty Nelson. Billy’s favorite color is red and his favorite food is lasagna. Billy says that his favorite class is choir and his favorite teacher is Mr. Lacy. “Dirt Road Anthem” by Jason Aldean is his favorite song. *Captain America* is his favorite movie. Billy’s favorite quote is, “Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, for God will be with you wherever you go.” Billy’s plans after graduation are to attend Northeast Community College and major in theatre.

 **Hannah Ruth Finnegan** is the daughter of Ron and Carol Finnegan. Hannah’s favorite color is purple and her favorite foods are chocolate and spaghetti. Hannah says that her favorite class is math and her favorite teachers are Mrs. Kneifl and Mrs. Ferris. “Hall of Fame” by the Script (feat. Will.i.am) is her favorite song. Her favorite books are the Harry Potter Series. Hannah’s most memorable school moment is when we beat Osmond with a 5-set game in volleyball at the Lewis and Clark Conference Tournament and made it to the semifinals in 2011. Hannah’s role model is her mom, Carol Finnegan. Hannah’s favorite quote is, “Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.” –Dr. Seuss. Hannah’s plans after graduation are to attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the fall and major in International Business.

 **Shelby Jeremy Jacobsen** is the son of Tina Jacobsen. Shelby’s favorite color is chrome and his favorite food is a t-bone. Shelby says that his favorite class is art and his favorite teacher is Mrs. Hingst. “Get a Life” is his favorite song. *Friday Night Lights* is his favorite movie. Shelby’s most memorable school moment is the last football game against Winnebago. Shelby’s role model is Chip Foose. Shelby’s favorite quote is, “Chevy runs deep.” Shelby’s plans after graduation are to attend Wyotech.

 **Vanessa Rae Klug** is the daughter of Kirt Klug and Beverly Hoch. Vanessa’s favorite color is orange and her favorite food is Bob’s Bar. Vanessa says that her favorite class is history and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Rastede. “Somebody’s Heart Break” by Hunter Hayes is her favorite song. *Tommy Boy* is her favorite movie. Vanessa’s most memorable school moment is going to Taco John’s with some basketball girls and Coach Wemhoff after the Pender/Homer game. Vanessa’s role model is her mom, Beverly Hoch. Vanessa’s favorite quote is, “Free your hearts from hatred, free your minds from worries, live simply, give more, and expect less.” Vanessa’s plans after graduation are to attend St. Luke’s College to become a registered nurse.

 **Robyn Nicole Levine** is the daughter of Jeff and Marlene Levine. Robyn’s favorite color is pink and her favorite food is chocolate. Robyn says that her favorite class is not P.E. and her favorite teachers are Mrs. Rastede, Mr. Bathke, and Mr. Lacy. “One Card Shot” is her favorite song. *Digimon: The Movie* and *The Avengers* are her favorite movies. Her favorite book series is Avalon: Web of Magic. Robyn’s most memorable school moment is winning the KTCH Quiz Bowl Championships. Robyn’s role model is Optimus Prime. Robyn’s favorite quote is, “We live among its people now, hiding in plain sight, but watching over them in secret. Waiting, protecting. I have witnessed their capacity for courage and though we are worlds apart, like us, there is more to them than meets the eye.” – Optimus Prime. Robyn’s plans after graduation are to attend college.

**Victoria Dawn Lubberstedt**

is the daughter of Darci and Dustin Roberts. Victoria’s favorite color is blue and her favorite food is her mom’s chicken enchiladas. Victoria says that her favorite class is history and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Rastede. “I Don’t Want This Night to End” by Luke Bryan is her favorite song. *A Walk to Remember* is her favorite movie. Victoria’s most memorable school moment is, when her dog, Sadie, followed the school bus to school in 8th grade and they played with her at recess. Victoria’s role models are her mom, and her Grandma Nadine. Victoria’s favorite quote is, “Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you.” – Dr. Seuss. Victoria’s plans after graduation are to attend Northeast Community College to become a registered nurse.

 **Mickie Jo Murdock** is the daughter of Chanc and Rachael Jones. Mickie’s favorite color is purple and her favorite food is anything that Jeff Levine cooks. Mickie says that her favorite class is band and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Rastede. “Miracles” by Jefferson Starship is her favorite song. *Lion King* is her favorite movie and the *Harry Potter* series are her favorite books. Mickie’s most memorable school moment is being Mistress of Ceremonies for Homecoming. Mickie’s role model is Liam Neeson. Mickie’s favorite quote is, “The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.” – Spock. Mickie’s plans after graduation are to leave for basic training in the Air Force.