Treynor Community School

"COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE"





April, 2013

Special points of

Job opportunities avail-

able at Trevnor Community School.

available on the web-

site or in the Superin-

✓ March 28 will be a day

of school instead of

✓ Weather permitting, the

last day of school for

✓ Athletic Complex construction starts again

soon!

2012-13 will be May 24!

teacher inservice.

✓ Application forms

tendent's Office

interest:

"District Details"...a few notes from Superintendent Elwood

Staff Vacancies

As we near the spring each year, we begin to examine our current and future staffing needs. Below, please find a list of staff vacancies for this summer and for the 2013-14 school year. If you have an interest in any of these positions, please complete and submit an employment application. Detailed job descriptions and the employment application can be found on our school website at www.treynorschools.org.



Interested? Call the office at 712-487-3414!

We continue to take applications for those interested in coaching soccer. We will be offering soccer as a high school sport

HS Asst. Baseball Coach (hiring a third coach

starting next spring (2014). To launch our new programs, we anticipate hiring four soccer coaches. If interested in knowing more about these positions, feel free to contact Mr. Navara or Mr. Elwood.

due to increased participation)

- HS Girls Soccer Coach (Head & Assistant)
- HS Boys Soccer Coach (Head & Assistant)

In order to offer terrific support service programs such as those provided by our food service department, transportation department, and teacher associates, we are always interested in quality workers to serve as substitutes. If interested in being considered for employment as a substitute, please call the Superintendent's Office and we will connect you with the appropriate director of these departments.

- Substitute Food Service
- Substitute Bus Driver
- Substitute Teacher Associate

As always, THANKS for supporting our students and staff!

Enjoy spring!

Mr. Elwood

Snow Day Calendar Adjustments

At the March school board meeting, the board discussed options for making up six snow days and the following adjustments will be made to the 2012-13 calendar:

- Four days were built into the school calendar
- March 28 was originally scheduled as a teacher inservice day. We will now have a full day of school on this day and reschedule the inservice day for the day after the last day of school for students.
- May 24 will now be used for a day of school. Weather permitting, this will be the last day of school for students.

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2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR

At the March school board meeting, the Board of Education approved the school calendar for the 2013-14 school year. A copy of the school calendar is enclosed in this edition of the newsletter. Also, next year's calendar can be found on our website.

LAKIN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

For the past five years, KMA and the Green Hills Area Education Agency have presented the Charles E. Lakin Outstanding Teacher Award. Two instructors within a 40-mile radius of Emerson—Lakin's hometown—receive the award each year for efforts in enticing students to come to school each day and for those who see teaching as a calling, rather than a job.

With this spring's process, the Lakins will have awarded \$155,000 to area teachers and their associated school districts over the past five years. The 2012 spring nominations received for the 2012 awards resulted in winners Melinda Smits of Red Oak and Kay Fast of Glenwood, each receiving the \$10,000 award.

Winners will be announced in May—no announcements will be made prior to the actual presentation (teachers who are nominated will not be informed of their nomination).



There are four awards given annually—two for elementary schools and two for secondary schools. The winners will receive \$12,500 each. The teacher receives \$10,000 and the school \$2,500 (one for elementary schools and one for

secondary schools). The honorable mention winners will receive \$2,500 each (one for elementary schools and one for secondary schools).

Eligibility criteria includes certified, full-time teachers or counselors (does not include administrators) currently employed in accredited lowa schools with a minimum of three years continuous teaching experience in the same school.

The judges include an anonymous panel from the immediate area of the award. None are current school employees or board of education members. The Lakin family will not be involved in the judging process.

Nominations will be accepted through March 31st and can be made at http://www.kmaland.com/lakin.asp. Awards will be announced in May. This is a great opportunity to reward deserving teachers and the continued funding of this award depends on the interest in each of the local communities.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL SUMMER PASSES



Activity passes for summer softball and baseball are available. These passes will admit one person to sixteen home contests for softball and baseball. Tournament games are not included. The passes reflect a significant savings from paying admission at the gate. Adult passes are \$60 and student passes are \$36.

Passes can be purchased in the Superintendent's Office.

FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S DESK



March 20th marked the first day of Spring, but it took the rest of the month for Winter to finally make its' exit. This past month, our students were able to attend an art club event at the Joslyn Art Museum, purchase books from our Scholastic Book Fair, participated in a Jump Rope for Heart Assembly and took part in the 2nd annual Elementary Night of the Arts. I was especially proud of the effort our students put forth on their Iowa Assessments Testing the week of March 11th. We are looking forward to seeing their results!

April will prove to be just as busy with the K-5 DIBELS testing, Iowa Money Smart Week, Kindergarten and First Grade music concert, Second & Third Grade music concert and the babysitting clinic for students in 5th & 6th Grade. We will also host the annual Kindergarten Roundup on April 12th.

We look forward to the warm days that April will provide and the activities that our students will take part in. As we begin to wind down the school year, please let me know if you ever have questions or concerns about your children's education. Feel free to call, email or just stop in and say hello anytime . [487-3422 or <u>tlarsen@treynorcardinals.org</u>].

Thanks for all of your educational support and for making Treynor a school where "Excellence is Expected and Excellence is Achieved"!

Mr. Larsen

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

| April 2 | AB Cardinal Cart #2 | |
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| April 3 | AR Cardinal Cart #3 | |
| April 4 | Woodmen Speech Contest | |
| April 8-12 | DIBELS Testing Week | |
| April 9 | Cardinal Branch Bank 9:00—11:00 a.m. | |
| April 10 | 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal/Teacher Inservice | 1 |
| April 11 | Mr. Larsen to Elementary Principal's Meeting | đ |
| April 12 | Kindergarten Roundup @ 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. | T. |
| April 17 | Progress Reports Sent Home | |
| April 19 | Cardinal Branch Bank Tellers to UNO | 3 |
| April 22 | Second & Third Grade Music Concert @ 7:00 p.m. | 2 |
| April 23 | Kindergarten & First Grade Music Concert @ 7:00 p.m. | 4 |
| April 25 | Fifth & Sixth Grade Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m. | |
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KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP



If you have a student who will be in kindergarten next fall, please plan to attend Kindergarten Roundup on Friday, April 12th. If you don't have a child currently in school, please call the elementary office to make sure that your upcoming child is on our list. An informational letter was sent out in mid-March. If you have questions, please contact Natalie or Mr. Larsen, Elementary Principal, 712-487-3422.

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| | they would rather be | outside enjoying th | nen some students tend to start letting thei e weather, than working on homework. The ew suggestions for parents in regard to the | he April edition of |
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| (| | | be enough to fix the problem. | ' |
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| | As always, please le tional support! | t me know if you ev | er have questions or concerns. Thank you | u for all of your educa- |
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| | × Wi | 2880 and we v | will arrange for them to be picked up that w | veek. The proceeds |
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from this sale will help send high school youth on a mission trip to Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota to run a Kids Club and do work projects.

NOTES FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MRS. BERENS

GENTLE WORDS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR... <u>MR. NAVARA</u>

The school year is winding down or is it revving up? Spring semester is supposed to be when the classes are coming to a close, getting ready for graduation and the fun of the last day of school. At Treynor, spring semester is a continuation of meetings, teacher trainings, athletic and musical events. Slowing down is not in our vocabulary. We have many activities scheduled and students are continuing their studies. I am not sure if we did slow down, we would know what to do. One of our teachers coined a phrase "excellence is expected and excellence is achieved". Excellence can never be achieved if we sit back and wait for others. So, we continue on the path of excellence.



We would like for everyone to take notice of our Treynor Community Schools website. On the site, you can take a tour of all the buildings: elementary, middle

and high schools, watch teacher created videos of all of our high school courses, review the musical and activities calendars and keep up on all the most recent announcements of our district. One thing I would like to point out is a promotion we are running on the activities calendar. In the lower right of the activities calendar you will see a red hooded sweatshirt. If you press on that sweatshirt, it will take you to a company where you can create your own t-shirt, sweatshirt, polo shirt, etc. for any Cardinal activity/sport. I am not trying to boost the company, but they donate approximately \$8.00 per order back to the school for our activities fund. Now that is the boost! Every Treynor apparel order equals support for Cardinal activities. The activities department would like to thank everyone who has supported us; not just by ordering apparel from this website, but also from the many concession stands and apparel orders from the Booster organizations. We in all of the activities would like to thank you for your support and guidance during the school year. Thank you!

LUNCH ACCOUNT BALANCES



Just a reminder that students need to maintain a positive balance in their lunch account. Students will not be able to sign out on the last day of school unless their lunch balance is positive. If you have any questions regarding your student's lunch balance, please contact any of the school offices. Also, if you would like an application for free or reduced price lunches, these forms are available in the Superintendent's Office.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FEES

Before students can sign out on the last day of school, all fees and charges must be paid. This includes fees for Industrial Tech classes and projects. Please check the bulletin boards in the Middle School and High School Commons for a list of Industrial Tech fees due. You can also call the Middle School (712-487-3181), High School (712-487-3804) or the Superintendent's Office (712-487-3414) to check to see if your student owes a fee.



It is possible once textbooks are turned in at the end of the year that your student may be asked to pay a book fine or a book rebinding fee due to damage to a textbook.

TREYNOR TOPS "DIG PINK" FUNDRAISING

In 2012, Iowa high school volleyball teams were ranked #13 in the country for their Dig Pink fundraising! They raised a total of \$21,410 for The Side-Out Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises money for breast cancer research through the sport of volleyball. When student athletes share their limited free time with others in order to make a difference in the lives of those around them, it is not only impressive, it is inspiring, and we wanted to share this accomplishment with you.



2012 Iowa high school Dig Pink fundraising teams include:

| Treynor High School | \$9,002.00 |
|--|------------|
| Dallas-Center Grimes Community High School | \$5,353.92 |
| Johnston High School | \$4,030.00 |
| Grinnell High School | \$1,448.80 |
| St. Albert Jr./Sr. High School | \$ 75.00 |

Middle schools, high schools and colleges nationwide raised a total of over \$1.1 million for Side-Out's Dig Pink initiatives in 2012 (and the funds continue to come in)!

In addition, ten students were recognized with scholarship and/or community service awards through the Side-Out Ambassador Program, one of whom is a Treynor graduate—Sarah Klahn, a student at Creighton University, who hosted the event here at Treynor High School. We look forward to another wonderful year in 2013!

Programs such as these foster an environment where players are encouraged to build both physical strength and strength of character.

SHANNON MORGAN WINS ART AWARD



Treynor High School sophomore, Shannon Morgan, won the overall prize at the Art Educators of Iowa Youth Art Month awards in Des Moines. A self-portrait in her favorite medium, oil pastel, earned her statewide accolades and a trip to New York City. Oil pastels, more than any other option, give the artist a chance to tell a story, impart a feeling, says Shannon. In the self-portrait, Shannon's smiling visage gazes back at the viewer, bright reds, greens and blues give the painting a vibrant feel.

Shannon's work won regionally to move on to the statewide finals where, at a ceremony in Des Moines celebrating Youth Art Month, K-12 students from across the state are recognized for their work in categories for each grade level and an "overall" winner is selected. The Sargent Award-named after the art supply company-

netted Morgan, mother Lynnette and art instructor Carol Flaten a trip this summer to take in the sights and art scenery of the Big Apple.

Mrs. Flaten submitted the work of Shannon and nine other students to the contest. Congratulations!

BUSINESS HORIZONS

Business Horizons 2013 will take place July 21-25 at Central College in Pella. Business Horizons is a summer program for lowa's high school students, helping jumpstart their future and career! In addition to strengthening leadership skills and making friends from across lowa, you will launch a new product, connect with business leaders and direct a television infomercial. College credit is available! For more information or to download an application, visit www.businesshorizonsiowa.com.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Junior Treynor Women want to help you with your spring cleaning again this year! We are advertising and organizing the annual Treynor City Wide Garage Sale.



Advertising will be purchased from the Daily Nonpareil and Gazette. Additional flyers advertising the event will be posted in surrounding area businesses and school newsletters. Cost to participate in the city wide sale is \$5.00. This fee helps to offset the advertising and printing costs JTW will incur to promote the city wide sale.

Visitors will be instructed to pick up a map at local area businesses the week of the sale. This map will give local garage sale addresses, day/hours open and list any items you wish to advertise.

SPRING MUSIC CONCERTS



| April 22 | Second & Third Grade Concert @ 7:00 in the West Gym |
|----------|--|
| April 23 | Kindergarten & First Grade Concert @ 7:00 in the West Gym |
| April 25 | Fifth & Sixth Grade Band & Sixth Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00 in the Auditorium |
| May 2 | High School Fine Arts Night @ 7:30 in the Auditorium/MS Commons |
| May 7 | Junior High Concert @ 7:00 in the Auditorium |

CENEX "TANKS FOR THANKS" AWARD

There are lots of people out there who go above and beyond to serve their communities. It's about time they get a little something back. Recently Gail Hartigan was nominated and awarded a \$50 fuel card from Cenex for her recycling efforts. Gail makes weekly trips with her own vehicle to the recycling center in Council Bluffs with all of the cardboard and fluorescent light bulbs to be recycled from our school. She also spearheaded the paper recycling program at the high school. Thanks to Gail Hartigan for her environmental contributions and spirit of volunteerism!





Cardinal Financial Literacy Update

KIDS MAKE IT BIG AS ENTREPRENEURS



Some kids get the entrepreneurial spirit early. While the timetested lemonade stand and grass cutting business are still one way to start, today's tech-savvy kids quickly learn to market their products and services on the Internet.

Consider these examples of kids who have earned national and even international success:

Something's cookin' - When Lizzie Marie Likness was 6, her parents asked how she'd get the money for horseback-riding lessons she wanted. "I'll sell healthy homemade baked goods at the local farmer's market," she replied - and quickly

launched Lizzie Marie Cuisine from her home in Georgia. Now 12, she hosts the WebMD Fit Channel series, "Healthy Cooking with Lizzie."

The right chemistry - Anshul Samar was 10 when he envisioned developing a chemistry-based card game. Today he's a high school senior in San Jose, California, and his educational game Elementeo is an international success that he hopes is "making chemistry fun" for kids. Learn more at elementeo.com.

"Chair man" of the board - With just \$500, Sean Belnick started his business at age 14. In just five years his company, BizChair.com, was worth \$24 million. Now 21, Sean continues to ship chairs to offices, homes and schools from his warehouse in Canton, Georgia.

Hair apparent - Leanna Archer, 16, started her hair-care business at 9. After getting compliments on her hair, she researched how to get a business license and began selling baby-food jars of her grandmother's "secret formula" pomade. Based in Central Islip, New York. Leanna's Natural Hair Products is now a profitable online business. She's been featured as a role model by Black Girls Rock!, a nonprofit empowerment group.

Calling the shots - Cameron Johnson got the entrepreneurial bug at age 9 and at 12 made \$50,000 selling Beanie Babies[®] online. At 15 he became the youngest American ever elected to a Tokyo board of directors. Now 27 and a Virginia Polytechnic Institute graduate, he's president of a Ford Lincoln dealership in Roanoke, Virginia, and has written You Call the Shots: Succeed Your Way - and Live the Life You Want, including "19 Essential Secrets of Entrepreneurship."

Just jammin' - At 14, Fraser Doherty began making jam in his Edinburgh, Scotland, kitchen, based on his grandmother's recipes. Now marketed worldwide, hisSuperJam[™] is made from 100% fruit in unique flavors such as Blueberry & Blackcurrant, and is exhibited as an "Iconic Scottish Food Brand" in the National Museum of Scotland.

Girl power - At 10, too young for Facebook, Juliette Brindak had the idea to create a safe place for girls like her to make friends. She started Miss O & Friends[®], "by girls and for girls," encouraging them to become more confident, do well in school and strive for their personal best. In 2008, Juliette was 16 when Procter & Gamble invested in her website. At that time, the site's value was estimated at \$15 million.



Treynor Community Schools

2013-14 School Calendar

| Summary of Calendar: Days in First Semester: 87 | AUG. | 5 12 1 19 2 26 2 | 0 21 | 2 1 2 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 1 5 1 6 2 2 3 9 9 9 9 9 9 1 5 1 6 2 2 3 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 | <u>Date</u> Aug. 1 Aug. 12 - 14 Aug. 15 Aug. 15 Aug. 15 Aug. 16 | Event Registration: 8 a.m 1 p.m. & 4 p.m 7 p.m. Teacher PD: Capturing Kids Hearts Training Teacher PD K-5 "Meet Your Teacher" night 4-6 p.m. 6th Grade Orientation 6:00 p.m. First day of school - 3:30 dismissal |
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| Days in Second Semester: 93 Professional Development Day Holiday / Vacation Day | SEPT. | 2 9 1 16 1 23 2 30 | 7 18 | 5 6 12 13 19 20 26 273 | Sept. 2 Sept. 11 Sept. 18 Sept. 27 | Labor Day - No School 1:00 Dismissal ~ Teacher PD Progress reports sent home Homecoming (vs. Shenandoah) |
| Parent-Teacher Conference Day Quarter Begins | OCT. | | 2 23 | $ \begin{array}{c} 3 & 4 \\ 10 & 11 \\ 17 & 18 \\ 24 & 25 \\ 31 & 25 \\ \end{array} $ | Oct. 11 Oct. 18 Oct. 21 Oct. 21 & 24 Oct. 25 | Teacher PD - No School End of 1st Quarter - 2:00 dismissal Begin 2nd Quarter Parent - Teacher Conf 2:00 dismissal No School (PT Conf. Comp. Day) |
| Quarter Ends (2:00 p.m. dismissal) | NOV. | | | 1 7 8 14 15 21 22 (28) (29) | Nov. 13 Nov. 20 Nov. 27 Nov. 28 & 29 | 1:00 Dismissal ~ Teacher PD Progress reports sent home 2:00 Dismissal Thanksgiving Vacation |
| 180 Student Days: 178 Classroom days 2 Parent-Teacher Conf. days 190 Teacher Days: 178 Classroom days | DEC. | 2 9 1 16 1 23 2 30 3 | 7 18 | 5 6 12 13 19 20 26 27 | Dec. 11 Dec. 20 Dec. 23 - 31 | 1:00 Dismissal ~ Teacher PD End of 2nd Quarter - 2:00 dismissal Christmas Vacation |
| 2 Parent-Teacher Conf. days 6 In-service days (+1 optional) 4 Holidays | JAN. | $ \begin{array}{c} 6\\ 13\\ \hline 20\\ 27\\ \hline 27\\ \hline 27\\ \hline 27\\ \hline 27\\ \hline 2 \end{array} $ | 1 22 | $\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 9 \\ 10 \\ 16 \\ 17 \\ 23 \\ 24 \\ 30 \\ 31 \end{array}$ | Jan. 1 -3 Jan. 6 Jan. 6 Jan. 20 | Vacation School Resumes Begin 3rd Quarter Teacher PD - No School |
| 4 extra days are included during the 2nd Semester for snow days, state tournament days, etc If we don't use all of these | FEB. | 3 10 1 17 1 24 2 | 8 *19 | 6 7 13 14 20 21 27 28 | Feb. 5 Feb. 5 Feb. 19 | Progress reports sent home 1:00 Dismissal ~ Teacher PD 1:00 Dismissal ~ Teacher PD |
| days, school will be dismissed prior to May 23rd. | MARCH | 10 1 | 4 *5 1 12 8 19 5 26 | $ \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 13 \\ 20 \\ 27 \\ 28 \end{array} $ | Mar. 5 Mar. 14 Mar. 17 Mar. 18 & 20 Mar. 21 | 1:00 Dismissal ~ Teacher PD End of 3rd Quarter - 2:00 dismissal Begin 4th Quarter Parent - Teacher Conf 2:00 dismissal No School (PT Conf. Comp. Day) |
| Days by Quarter: 1st = 44 2nd = 43 3rd = 47 4th = 46 | APRIL | 7 14 1 (21) 2 | 1 2 8 *9 5 16 22 23 29 *30 | 3 4 10 11 17 18 24 25 | Mar. 31 - April 4 April 9 April 16 April 18 & 21 April 30 | Iowa Assessment Tests (K-11) 1:00 Dismissal ~ Teacher PD Progress reports sent home Easter Vacation 1:00 Dismissal ~ Teacher PD |
| | MAY | 12 1 19 2 | 6 7 3 14 20 21 27 28 | 1 8 15 22 29 30 | May 9 May 12 May 14 May 18 May 23 May 26 | Elementary Track Meet Projected last day for Seniors Baccalaureate Graduation Last day of school Memorial Day |
| | JUNE | 9 1 | 3 4 10 11 17 18 | 5 6 12 13 19 20 | * 1:00 Dismissa Sept. 11 - No | al for In-service: ov. 13 - Dec. 11 - Feb. 05 arch 05 - Apr. 09 - Apr. 30 |

Board approved: 3.11.2013

Cardinal Counseling



 Newsletter for MS/HS school students and parents from the MS/HS school counselor

 Phone: 487-3181
 Email: sirvin@treynorcardinals.org
 April, 2013

Understanding College Financial Award Letters

Tips for Comparing Financial Aid Packages (Courtesy of the Iowa College Access Network)

After weeks of waiting, it's finally time for college-bound students to see what financial aid colleges will offer and to make some decisions on where to go. As mail arrives, students will eagerly open it up and ... blink in confusion.

Award letters come in many different formats, and financial aid packages are made up of different types of aid that don't necessarily match up from school to school. Students and parents often have a hard time determining which school is offering the best financial aid package for them.

Experts at the Iowa College Access Network[®] (ICAN) regularly help students straighten out the confusion without recommending any particular school, said Juan Garcia, executive director. "If you need help, please call or stop in at one of our College Planning Centers," Garcia said. "We can help you compare different packages so you're making an informed decision."

In addition, ICAN offers this information about financial aid award letters.

How Packages Are Created

Each school you apply to considers several factors when creating your financial aid package.

 Submitted financial information. The information you provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) creates an overall picture of your and your family's ability to pay for your education. This is known as the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and depends on income, savings, number of family members in or soon to attend college, and other factors.

- Outside aid. If you've been awarded scholarships or grants from organizations outside the school and government, those will likely reduce the amount of aid offered.
- Available funding. Every school and the federal government have a limited amount of money to hand out to students. Depending on availability of funds and qualifications for grants, scholarships and federal student loans, you may qualify for different types and amounts of aid at different schools.
- Your interests and abilities. Your field of interest, the major you declare, and your participation in athletics, arts and other activities may qualify you for more scholarships specific to those areas. The availability and amount will vary from school to school.

Types of Aid

With all the variables, it's important that you pay close attention to the types of aid offered rather than just the bottom line.

- **Gift aid.** Scholarships and grants do not need to be paid back, so these carry more weight than other types of aid. Generally, the more in gift aid a school offers, the better the financial aid package, but check to see if the awards are for only a year, if opportunities are available for future years, what you need to do to re-qualify for or keep the awards, and what percentage of the total cost they make up.
- Work-study. A work-study position provides some benefits over other part-time jobs; it may be closely aligned to your declared major and offer more scheduling flexibility, for example. This is a type of self-help aid, but because the money you earn is yours to spend on college costs without repayment, it's better than loans.
- Federal student loans. Federal student loans, another type of self-help aid, often offer better rates and terms than private student loans, so they're definitely worth considering. Be sure you understand the repayment requirements and think seriously about whether you'll be able to make payments with your anticipated starting salary after school. Different types of federal student loans also offer different terms, so weigh the pros and cons of each type when comparing.

Comparing Aid and Packages

Now that you know about the different types of aid, consider how each financial aid package affects the overall cost of attending that school, and then compare across schools.

- Consider all costs. Some award letters provide only the direct costs of tuition and room and board, while others include estimated amounts for transportation, books and supplies, required fees, and other indirect costs. Make sure you plan for all expenses, whether they're listed in the letter or not, as you weigh your options.
- Compare gift aid to self-help aid. A higher percentage of gift aid (like scholarships) than self-help aid (like loans) probably means you'll graduate with less debt to repay from that particular school. As you compare different schools, also think about what percentage of the overall cost is picked up by gift aid.

- Keep timelines in mind. Your award letters likely show awards for the upcoming school year. Find out whether the awards are renewable for additional years, and think about how long you'll need to attend that school. If you'll have trouble getting into the classes you need for graduation at some schools, you may need to plan for more than four years at those institutions.
- Know what the school offers. You may be willing to pay more or take on a little
 more debt to graduate from a particular school because of its reputation, its
 ability to help you find a job in your career choice or other reasons. On the other
 hand, a good financial aid package may open new possibilities at a school that
 was previously lower on your list.

What to Do Next

After you've considered the offered financial aid packages, take these steps.

- Follow directions. Read each letter to see what you need to do to accept or decline the package. Even if you haven't decided which school to attend, you may need to sign and return your letter to reserve the financial aid package in case you decide to attend.
- Accept only what you need. A letter may offer only "yes" or "no" checkboxes for a total loan amount, but you don't need to accept the entire loan. Carefully read the Master Promissory Note (MPN) enclosed with the offer. You don't want to take on more debt than necessary, so if you can get by with less funding, accept only the amount you think you'll need.
- Stay in contact with the schools. If you are awarded additional scholarships or take on an additional job, notify the schools you're considering as soon as possible. Each school will need to reevaluate your need and its financial aid package. You should also notify the school if your situation has changed for the worse; if your parent lost a job, for example, you might qualify for more aid.
- Ask questions. Contact the financial aid office if you have any questions about the deadlines, direct or indirect costs of attendance, changes in your situation, or how to accept only part of a package. Financial aid officers can provide more information and help make sure you follow the process so you receive as much aid as possible.

About ICAN

ICAN is the College Access Network for Iowa, as designated by the National College Access Network (NCAN). The ICAN College Planning Centers in West Des Moines and Cedar Rapids provide free information and support to students and their families as they plan their postsecondary education and apply for financial aid. For more information about ICAN, call (877) 272-4692 or visit www.ICANsucceed.org.

For further information on student loans, go to www.studentloan.org or www.icansucceed.org -

Four Year College Core

Many students at Treynor (approximately 80%) take what is known as the four year college core for admission. This consists of:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 3 years of Science (Physical Science, Biology, and/or Chemistry and Physics)
- 3 years of Math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) (More highly technical college
- majors such as engineering need to take Advanced Math and Calculus)
- 2-3 years of Foreign Language

One important reference that is published by the Iowa Regents Universities is "Building Your Future" that shows the admission requirements for UNI, University of Iowa, and Iowa State University. (<u>http://www2.state.ia.us/regents/Admissions/Building Your Future.pdf</u>). To find out the admission requirements of other colleges, go to the college web site and click on admissions.

Class Scheduling for 2012-13

During the months of April and May, students in grades 8-11 will be scheduling classes for the next school year. Students will have a 10-15 minute appointment with Mr. Irvin to work together and devise a class schedule. Students will be doing pre-registration with Mr. Irvin in April indicating the interests they have in elective classes. Mr. Navara and Mrs. Berens will construct a master schedule for students to use to schedule their classes.

2012-13 ACT Test Dates

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | (Late Fee Required) |
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| June 8, 2013 | May 3, 2013 | May 4 – 17, 2013 |

Treynor ACT School Code: 164-320

To register online for the ACT go to: <u>www.actstudent.org</u>

If a student is a junior and will be applying to four year colleges as a senior, taking the ACT during the junior year is highly recommended. Students may register on-line at <u>www.actstudent.org</u> or pick up a registration packet from Mr. Irvin. Remember the ACT Writing Assessment is optional and students should check with their prospective college to see if the ACT Writing Assessment is required for admission. Students can also check the ACT page of the Treynor counseling website (<u>www.treynorschools.org</u>) for colleges that require the writing assessment for admission. There is an additional \$15.50 cost to take the writing test.

Summer Opportunities at the Peter Kiewit Institute University of Nebraska at Omaha

Summer academies at the Peter Kiewit Institute:

- Holland Academy of Excellence (June 9-12)
- Academy of Modeling & Simulation (July 8-11)
- Academy of Cyber & Information Assurance (July 15-18)
- Academy of Sustainable Environments & Renewable Energy (July 22-25)

To apply, go to <u>www.pki.nebraska.edu/new/</u> and click on the "Outreach" link Deadline to apply is April 12, 2013.

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| C | April 2013 Happy Spring! | | | | | | |
| | Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 NO SCHOOL G & B Golf @ Mo Valley 4:00 Boys Jerome Howe Relays Here 4:30 | 2 G & B JH Track @ Un- derwood 4:00 Girls Track @ Clarinda 4:30 | 3 AR Cardinal Cart #3 | 4 Girls Track @ Harlan 4:30 Elem. Wood- men Speech Contest | 5 Boys Track @ Clarinda 4:30 | 6 Girls Golf @ Sidney 9:30 G & B Track @ Glenwood 11:00 State Solo & En- semble Contest |
| (| 7 | 8 G & B JH Track Here 4:00 Boys Track @ Tri-Center 4:30 K-5 DIBELS Testing Week | 9 Boys Track @ Harlan 4:30 | 10 EARLY DISMISSAL @ 1:00 TEACHER INSERVICE | 11 Girls Track @ Tri-Center 4:30 Art Show @ Riverside | 12 G & B Golf Underwood Here 4:00 Kindergarten Roundup Art Show @ Riverside | 13 Boys Golf @ IKM-Manning 8:30 Girls Track @ ISD 9:00 Art Show @ Riv- erside |
| | 14 Art Show @ Riverside | 15 G & B Golf @ Audubon 4:00 Boys Cardinal Relays Here 4:30 | 16 Girls Cardette Relays Here 4:30 | 17 Progress Reports Sent Home Girls Golf @ A.L. 9:00 | 18 Iowa Jazz Championships G & B JH Track @ Audubon 4:00 Boys Track @ Griswold 4:30 Girls Track @ Corning 4:30 | 19 G & B Golf Riverside Here 4:00 | 20 Prom |
| | 21 | 22 G & B Golf @ Tri-Center 4:00 Girls Track @ Harlan 4:30 2nd & 3rd Grade Concert West Gym 7:00 | 23 G & B Golf @ East Mills 4:00 Girls Track @ East Mills 4:30 Boys Track @ Audubon 4:30 K-1 Concert West Gym 7:00 | 24 Elementary Art Attack @ 3:30 | 25 Girls Track @ Woodbine 5:00 5th & 6th Grade Band & 6th Grade Vo- cal Concert in Auditorium 7:00 | 26 G & B Golf AHST Here 4:00 | 27 Boys Golf @ Sid- ney 8:30 JH Large Group Contest @ Red Oak |
| (| 28 | 29 G & B JH Track @ F-M 4:00 G & B Golf Griswold Here 4:00; Baseball Practice Begins | 30 G & B WIC Track @ AHST 4:30 | | | | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | 1 WIC G & B Golf @ Atlan- tic 9:00 1:00 Early Dis- missal Teacher Inser- vice | 2 JH Track @ Tri-Center 4:00 Fine Arts Night 7:30 | 3 Elementary Track Meet Boys Track @ Bedford 5:00 | 4 State Large Group Con @ Lewis Co |
| 5 | 6 JH Track @ MoValley 4:00 Girls Track @ T-C 4:30 Boys Track @ F-M 4:30 Softball Begins | 7 G & B Golf @ Tri-Center 4:00 JH Spring Concert 7:00 | 8 Baccalaureate Kindergarten to Rose Theater | 9 G & B District Track | 10 Boys Sectional Golf Here 10:00 Seniors Last Day | 11 |
| 12 Graduation 2:00 in West Gym | 13 Girls District Golf JH Track @ Shenandoah 4:00 | 14 | 15 | 16 Girls & Boys State Track | 17 Girls & Boys State Track | 18 Girls & Bo State Track |
| 19 | 20 JV & Varsity Baseball Lewis Central Here 6:00/7:30 | 21 JV & Var BB Clarinda Here 5:30/7:30 JV & Var SB @ A.L. 6:00/7:30 | 22 | 23 JV & Var SB Corning Here 6:00/7:30 JV & Var BB Sidney Here 6:00/7:30 | 24 Last Day of School JV & V SB & BB @ Audubon 6:00/7:30 Boys State Golf | 25 Softball Tou @ St. Alber 10:00 Baseball To @ Lo-Ma 1 Boys State 0 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 Girls S Golf 9th Boys BB MV Here 11:00 9th/JV/V SB MV Here 5:00/6:00/7:30 JV/V BB MV Here 6:00/7:30 | 29 Girls State Golf JV/V SB & JV/V BB @ Riverside 6:00/7:30 | 30 9th BB @ St. Albert 1:00 JV/V SB @ Nishnabotna (Hamburg) 5:30/7:30 | 31 9th BB A.L. Here 11:00 9th SB @ Gris- wold 5:00 JV/V SB & BB @ Griswold 6:00/7:30 | |



TREYNOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL April, 2013 Breakfast & Lunch Menus



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| 1 NO SCHOOL | 2 Juice or Fruit Pancakes Syrup | 3 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Poptart | 4 Juice or Fruit Sausage Links Eggs | 5 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Granola Bar |
| | Frankfurter Mac & Cheese Seasoned Peas Whole Grain Bread/Jelly 9-12 Apple Wedges | Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Grilled Cheese Sand. Green Beans Applesauce | Turkey & Cheese Sand. Lettuce/Tomato Oven Fries Sliced Peaches Graham Snacks 9-12 | Chicken Fried Steak Mash Potatoes/Gravy Steamed Broccoli Wheat Roll 6-12 Banana |
| | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (No 2nd Choice) |
| 8 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Toast/Jelly | 9 Juice or Fruit Whole Grain French Toast & Syrup | 10 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Granola Bar | 11 Juice or Fruit Breakfast Bagel K-5 Biscuits/Gravy 6-12 | 12 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Muffin |
| Beef Taco Shredded Lettuce & Cheese Refried Beans Sliced Pears (6-12 Salad Bar) | Meatball Sub Lettuce/Tomato Potato Wedges Green Beans Fresh Kiwi (4-12 Salad Bar) | Beef & Noodles Whipped Potatoes Fresh Baby Carrots Blueberry Oat Muffin Pineapple (4-12 Salad Bar) | Chicken Nuggets Two Potato Mash Steamed Broccoli Strawberries/Bananas Roll w/Jelly 6-12 (4-12 Salad Bar) | Hamburger on Bun Lettuce/Tomato Mixed Veggies Fruit Mix Krispie Bar (No 2nd Choice) |
| 15 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Muffin | 16 Juice or Fruit Pancake Stick Syrup | 17 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Cinnamon Roll | 18 Juice or Fruit Breakfast Square | 19 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Cinnamon Toast |
| Pizza Slice Tossed Salad/Romaine Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Fruit Slices Spice Bar | Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun Potato Wedges Fresh Broccoli Chilled Fruit Royal Brownie | Italian Pasta Bake Green Pepper Strips Fresh Baby Carrots Whole Grain Roll 9-12 Applesauce | Taco Burger on Bun Romaine/Tomato Refried Beans Salsa & Chips 9-12 Sliced Pears | Grilled Chicken on Bun Oven Fries Seasoned Veggies Sliced Peaches |
| (6-12 Salad Bar) | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (No 2nd Choice) |
| 22 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Blueberry Muffin | 23 Juice or Fruit WG French Toast Sticks & Syrup | 24 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal 1/2 Bagel | 25 Juice or Fruit Sausage Links Eggs | 26 Juice or Fruit Cereal Bar Yogurt Cup |
| Chicken Tetrazzini Tossed Salad/Romaine Steamed Carrots Whole Grain Bread/Jelly Chilled Fruit (6-12 Salad Bar) | Pork Ribb on Bun Dark Green Lettuce Tomato Tri Tater Green Beans Strawberry Surprise (4-12 Salad Bar) | Chicken Stir Fry 4-12 Chicken Shapes K-3 Mixed Vegetables Tropical Fruit Whole Grain Breadstick (4-12 Salad Bar) | Sloppy Joe on Bun Sweet Potato Puffs Baby Carrots Baked Beans Orange Smiles (4-12 Salad Bar) | Baked Chicken Drumstick Savory Rice Fresh Broccoli Sliced Peaches Oatmeal Roll (No 2nd Choice) |
| 29 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Toast/Jelly | 30 Juice or Fruit Pancakes/Syrup | 1 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Poptart | 2 Juice or Fruit Egg Omelet Toast | 3 Juice or Fruit Breakfast Square |
| Chicken Wrap Romaine/Tomato Mix Infused Rice Steamed Corn Tropical Fruit | Teriyaki Chicken/Bun 4-12 Chicken Patty K-3 Lettuce/Tomato Green Beans Apple Wedges | Pasta & Sauce Garden Spinach Salad Hot Garlic Bread Chilled Fruit | Taco Salad Whole Grain Chips & Salsa Refried Beans Cinnamon Puff Applesauce | NO LUNCH @ ELEM. Hot Dog on Bun Potato Wedges Broccoli & Cheese Chilled Fruit |
| (6-12 Salad Bar) | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (4-12 Salad Bar) | (No 2nd Choice) |

Elementary: \$1.00 Breakfast—\$1.75 Lunch; Extra Milk \$0.50 MS-HS: \$1.00 Breakfast—\$1.90 Lunch; Extra Milk \$.050 Breakfast includes 100% juice and a milk choice. All lunches include a fruit choice available each day, whole grain bread and buns are served along with a daily milk choice.

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