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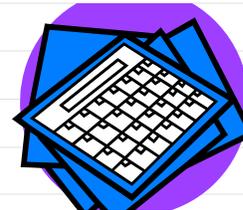
April, 2014

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

2014-15 School Calendar

The school calendar for next year was approved at the March school board meeting. A copy of the calendar can be viewed on the school website under the "calendar" tab. Here are a few "highlights" within next year's calendar:

- Registration will be held on Monday, August 4 in the HS Commons.
- The start date of school has been pushed back into the third week of August. School will begin on Tuesday, August 19 with a 1:00 p.m. dismissal on the first day.
- Due to a change in Iowa Code, school districts are now allowed to count "hours" of instruction instead of "days" of instruction. This will allow for greater flexibility within the school calendar.
- No School on Wednesday, November 26, prior to Thanksgiving break.
- The first semester will end prior to Christmas break.
- Graduation is scheduled for May 17.
- The projected last day of school is Friday, May 22.



The 14-15 school calendar is available on the website.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ The 2014-2015 school calendar is included in this newsletter and also posted on the website.
- ✓ Note the highlights and a few changes from previous years.
- ✓ Check out the article regarding the scenarios for the last day of school and make-up days.
- ✓ School's portion of the property tax rate to decline again this year!
- ✓ Strategic Plan on the website !

Snow Day/Make-Up Day Plans.....

As we enter the final quarter of the school year, it's time to try and forecast the last day of school for this year. Thus far, we have had seven school days disrupted by late starts or early dismissals due to weather. We are not required to make up this time. However, we have missed five full days of school due to snow days and state tournament days. These days are required to be made up. Fortunately, we have four days built into the current calendar for such situations. Therefore, at this time, we only have one day of school to make up, pending any additional weather issues.

The tentative plan is as follows...

- If we have any additional snow days prior to mid-April, all make up days will be held after Memorial Day (May 27, 28, 29, etc....).
- If we make it to mid-April and it appears that we will just have the one day of school to make up, we will consider shortening Easter Break and making up that one day on Monday, April 21. This would allow for school to still dismiss on May 23, prior to Memorial Day.

Keep your fingers crossed for good weather! A notice will be sent out mid-April with the final plan.

Go Cardinals!

Mr. Elwood

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Treynor Community Schools Property Tax Rate to Decrease by \$.41

The Treynor Community School's Board of Education reviewed the projected 2014-15 school budget at their March meeting. The levy rate paid during the 2013-14 school year is \$14.57. The new rate for 2014-15 is projected to decline to \$14.16. Therefore, the school's portion of your property taxes will be reduced by .41 cents.

This will be the fourth year in a row the school district has been able to reduce their property tax rate. The rate has fallen from \$15.89 to \$14.16.....a total decrease of \$1.77.

Strategic Plan Review & Input.....

A copy of the Treynor Community School District Plan can be found on the school's website (www.treynorschools.org) by clicking on the "District" tab and then the tab labeled "Strategic Plan". This plan is used by the Board of Education to help identify projects, positions, and programs that the District may need to address in the next few years. When the Board of Education looks at allocating resources for various projects, the Strategic Plan is used as part of the process.

Please take some time to review the plan and offer any suggestions of items the Board may want to include. Suggestions and ideas can be emailed to Mr. Elwood at kelwood@treynorcardinals.org.

The Strategic Plan gets reviewed annually; however, every 4-5 years, as many of the tasks are accomplished, we go back and complete an in-depth review. Throughout the month of April, we are soliciting input from parents, students and community members. We started the in-depth review process in February at a Board work session. During March, the faculty and staff were given an opportunity to review the plan and provide input.

The new ideas/items generated thus far are listed in blue text on the Strategic Plan. The items included in the plan are usually larger purchases that take a significant amount of revenue to accomplish. Minor projects (like painting a room or fixing one computer) can be dealt with in the annual budget and are typically not listed in the plan. Also, don't get hung up on whether an item is categorized as a 1-2 year goal, 3-5 year goal, or 5+ year goal as the list will be re-prioritized once it has been updated.

Please remember that this plan is intended to be a document that is continually changing. Goals will be accomplished, new items will arise that will be added to the plan, and time frames for goals will shift as the district's needs and resources continue to change.

Thanks for taking time to participate in the review process. Your input is much appreciated!

As always, thanks for your continued support of our students, staff and programs.

Go Cardinals!

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 the Superintendent's Office at 712-487-3414. Also, if you would like an application for free or reduced price lunches, these forms are available in the Superintendent's Office.



FROM THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S DESK



We are finally starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel in the form of warmer weather ☺. Not sure if we have ever spent so many days indoors for recess the past ten years. Our students had a great month and were able to purchase books from our Scholastic Book Fair, took part in the 3rd annual Elementary Night of the Arts, watched the boys take 3rd place in the state tournament and participated in the Rock in Prevention assembly.

April will prove to be just as busy with the annual Iowa Assessments, K-5 DIBELS testing, Iowa Money Smart Week, Kindergarten and 1st Grade music concert, 2nd and 3rd grade music concert and the babysitting clinic for students in 5th & 6th grade. We will also host the annual Kindergarten Roundup on April 11th.

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 tlarsen@treynorcardinals.org].

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

Mr. Larsen, Principal
Treynor Elementary School

UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS

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| March 31—April 4 | Iowa Assessments |
| April 7 | Ready, Set, Know Program Week |
| April 9 | 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal/Teacher Inservice |
| April 10 | School Board Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. |
| April 11 | Kindergarten Roundup, 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. |
| April 17 | District Woodmen Speech Contest |
| April 22 | DIBELS Testing Week |
| April 23 | Elementary Art Attack @ 3:30 p.m. |
| April 28 | 2nd & 3rd Grade Spring Concert @ 7:00 p.m. |
| April 29 | Kindergarten & 1st Grade Spring Concert @ 7:00 p.m. |
| April 30 | 1:00 p.m. Early Dismissal/Teacher Inservice JTW Babysitting Clinic, 1:00—4:00 p.m. |



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

If you have a student who will be in kindergarten next fall, please plan to attend Kindergarten Roundup on Friday, April 11th. If you don't have a child currently in school, please call the elementary office to make sure that your child is on our list. An informational letter was sent out in mid-March. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie or Mr. Larsen at 712-487-3422.



NOTES FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MRS. BERENS



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| April 9 | 1:00 Early Dismissal |
| April 16 | Progress Reports |
| April 18 & 21 | Easter Vacation—No School |
| April 30 | 1:00 Early Dismissal |



Iowa Assessment testing begins on March 31st

The school year has gone by so quickly that it's hard to believe we are in the fourth quarter already. We recognize that this is the time of year when some students tend to start letting their work slide because they would rather be outside enjoying the weather than working on homework. "Parents Still Make a Difference" has a few suggestions for parents in regard to this. They are as follows:

- 1) Ask questions about assignments. Which one was the most interesting? Which one was the most difficult? What are you studying now in History? Do you have any projects or tests coming up? Convey to your child that you are still very much interested and want them to continue focusing on school work.
- 2) If your teen averaged three hours of homework per night during the winter, a new 15 minute homework average should make you suspicious. A comment like, "Your teacher sure let up on the homework suddenly", might be enough to fix the problem.
- 3) Suggest that your teen do the reading aspect of homework on the front steps. That way they are still able to enjoy the sun without sacrificing homework time.

As always, please let me know if you ever have questions or concerns. Thank you for all of your educational support!

Mrs. Berens
Middle School Principal

PARENTS OF CURRENT 5TH GRADERS



Current fifth grade students will visit the middle school building on Thursday, April 24th. In addition, a Sixth Grade Parent/Student orientation will be held for all incoming sixth graders and their parents on August 18th at 6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

THOUGHTS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL..... MR. NAVARA

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!

TREYNOR JAZZ CHOIR

The Treynor Jazz Choir has been invited back to Iowa Vocal Jazz Championships for the eighth consecutive year. Their 2A "Championship" performance is at 1:20 p.m. on April 1st at Ballard High School.

This year's choir received several awards throughout the season, including "Honors" at IWCC which rated our performance above most schools in all of the classes.

The musical set for this year includes: "Ain't that a Kick in the Head", "Say Something" and "Me and Julio Down by the School Yard".

Thank you to the parents and community for your support throughout the year.



SPELLING BEE RESULTS



Congratulations to the following students for their efforts in this year's spelling bee:

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place

4th Grade
Eleanor Scott
Payton Chapman
*Stanley Engle

5th Grade
Eryn Eblen
Allison Brokman
Haedyn Jorgenson

* Overall Building Champion

LAKIN OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

For the past six 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.



With this spring's process, the Lakins will have awarded \$180,000 to area teachers and their associated school districts over the past six years.

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 Iowa 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.

IWCC TRACK CLUB



Iowa Western Community College is starting a track club this summer for boys and girls ages 7-17. If you would like more information, please get in touch with Coach Schleisman.

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.



City Wide Garage Sale Saturday, April 26th

For more information, or to take part in
the sale, please contact:

Jen Phelps c (402) 547-3011

jenphelps54@gmail.com

Hurry...the deadline to register is
Thursday, April 10th!!!



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. Payments can be mailed to Junior Treynor Women, c/o Jennifer Phelps, 15140 Hearthstone Dr., Council Bluffs, IA 51503, or via PayPal (choose friend/family) at account: jenphelps54@gmail.com.

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



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| April 28 | Second & Third Grade Concert @ 7:00 in the West Gym |
| April 29 | Kindergarten & First Grade Concert @ 7:00 in the West Gym |
| May 1 | Fifth & Sixth Grade Band & Sixth Grade Vocal Concert @ 7:00 in the Auditorium |
| May 8 | High School Fine Arts Night @ 7:30 in the Auditorium/MS Commons |
| May 13 | Junior High Concert @ 7:00 in the Auditorium |

BINGO FUNDRAISER FOR RELAY FOR LIFE

A bingo fundraiser will be held on Sunday, April 27th at the Treynor Community Center. Doors will open at 1:30 and bingo starts at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 at the door. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The last game is Black Out with a prize worth \$50 or more. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. This fundraiser is sponsored by Treynor Catholic Religious Ed Youth Group.



EASTER EGG HUNT



SAVE THE DATE!
Treynor's Annual City-Wide Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m.
Old Football Field located behind the Elementary
Ages 0 to 4th grade welcome!
Bring a basket and join in the fun!
Sponsored by Junior Treynor Women
Rain/snow date will be Saturday, April 19th



SUMMER SOFTBALL/BASEBALL PASSES

Activity passes for summer softball and baseball are available. These passes will admit one person to fifteen 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 \$55 and student passes are \$33.

Passes can be purchased in the Superintendent's Office.



ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH GARAGE SALE



St. Paul Lutheran Church is having their annual garage sale on Friday, April 4th from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, April 5th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The sale will be held at Roger & Ann Vorthmann's shed at 31112 Highway 6. Food and drinks will be available for purchase as you shop! Proceeds will go toward the high school youth's mission trip to New Orleans this June and to the St. Paul Preschool's Scholarship Fund. If you have items you would like to donate to this sale, please drop them off between Sunday afternoon, March 30th and Wednesday, April 2nd at the shed, or call Denise Wilson at 402-680-8172 if you are unable to deliver them. Thank you for your support of this youth and children's fundraiser!





Trey Community Schools

2014-15 School Calendar

Summary of Calendar:

Days in First Semester: 85
 Days in Second Semester: 95

- Professional Development Day
- Holiday / Vacation Day
- Parent-Teacher Conference Day
- Quarter Begins
- Quarter Ends (2:00 p.m. dismissal)
- Last Day of School / End of 4th Qtr.
- Progress reports sent home

180 Student Days:
 178 Classroom days
 2 Parent-Teacher Conf. days

190 Teacher Days:
 178 Classroom days
 2 Parent-Teacher Conf. days
 6 In-service days (+1 optional)
 4 Holidays

Extra hours are included within this calendar for weather delays, cancellations, state tournament days, etc...

Days by Quarter:
 1st = 42 2nd = 43
 3rd = 48 4th = 47

*** 1:00 Dismissal for Professional Development:**
 Sept. 10 - Oct. 01 - Oct. 15 - Nov. 05
 Nov. 19 - Dec. 10 - Feb. 04 - Mar. 04
 Apr. 22 - May 06

| | | | | | Hrs / week | Date | Event |
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| AUG. | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Aug. 4 | Registration: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Aug. 14, 15 & 18 | Teacher PD |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | Aug. 18 | K-5 "Meet Your Teacher" night 4-6 p.m. |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | Aug. 18 | 6th Grade Orientation 6:00 p.m. |
| | | | | | | Aug. 19 | First day of school - 1:00 dismissal |
| SEPT. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Sept. 1 | Labor Day - No School |
| | 8 | 9 | *10 | 11 | 12 | Sept. 10 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Sept. 17 | Progress reports sent home |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | Sept. 17 | Homecoming (vs. Mo. Valley) |
| | 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| OCT. | | | *1 | 2 | 3 | Oct. 1 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Oct. 15 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 13 | 14 | *15 | 16 | 17 | Oct. 17 | End of 1st Quarter - 2:00 dismissal |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | Oct. 20 | Begin 2nd Quarter |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Oct. 20 & 23 | Parent - Teacher Conf. - 2:00 dismissal |
| | | | | | | Oct. 24 | No School (PT Conf. Comp. Day) |
| NOV. | 3 | 4 | *5 | 6 | 7 | Nov. 5 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | Nov. 19 | Progress reports sent home |
| | 17 | 18 | *19 | 20 | 21 | Nov. 19 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | Nov. 26-28 | Thanksgiving Vacation |
| DEC. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Dec. 10 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 8 | 9 | *10 | 11 | 12 | Dec. 19 | End of 2nd Quarter - 2:00 dismissal |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | Dec. 22 - 31 | Christmas Vacation |
| | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | Dec. 22 | No School - Teacher PD (optional day) |
| | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| JAN. | | | | 1 | 2 | Jan. 1-2 | Vacation |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | Jan. 5 | School Resumes |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | Jan. 5 | Begin 3rd Quarter |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | Jan. 19 | Teacher PD - No School |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |
| FEB. | | | *4 | 5 | 6 | Feb. 4 | Progress reports sent home |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Feb. 4 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Feb. 16 | Teacher PD - No School |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | |
| MARCH | 2 | 3 | *4 | 5 | 6 | Mar. 4 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Mar. 13 | End of 3rd Quarter - 2:00 dismissal |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Mar. 16 | Begin 4th Quarter |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | Mar. 17 & 19 | Parent - Teacher Conf. - 2:00 dismissal |
| | 30 | 31 | | | | Mar. 20 | No School (PT Conf. Comp. Day) |
| | | | | | | March 23 - 27 | Iowa Assessment Tests (K-11) |
| APRIL | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | April 2 | Teacher PD - No School |
| | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | April 3 & 6 | Easter Vacation |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | April 22 | Progress reports sent home |
| | 20 | 21 | *22 | 23 | 24 | April 22 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
| MAY | | | | | 1 | May 1 | Elementary Field Day (K-3) |
| | 4 | 5 | *6 | 7 | 8 | May 6 | 1:00 Dismissal - Teacher PD |
| | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | May 8 | Elementary Track Meet (4-6) |
| | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | May 13 | Senior Awards Night / Baccalaureate |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | May 15 | Projected last day for Seniors |
| | | | | | | May 17 | Graduation - 2:00 p.m. |
| | | | | | | May 22 | Last day of school - 11:00 dismissal |
| JUNE | | | | | | May 25 | Memorial Day |
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Cardinal Counseling



Connections

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

Phone: 487-3181 Email: sirvin@treynorcardinals.org April, 2014
Twitter: @CardCounseling Facebook: Treynor Cardinal Counseling

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. (http://www2.state.ia.us/regents/Admissions/Building_Your_Future.pdf). 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.

2013-14 ACT Test Dates

| Test Date | Registration Deadline | (Late Fee Required) |
|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| June 14, 2014 | May 9, 2014 | May 10 – 23, 2014 |

Treynor ACT School Code: 164-320

To register online for the ACT go to: www.actstudent.org

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 www.actstudent.org 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 (www.treynorschools.org) for colleges that require the writing assessment for admission. There is an additional \$15.50 cost to take the writing test.

2014 Summer Opportunities at the Peter Kiewit Institute University of Nebraska at Omaha

Summer academies at the Peter Kiewit Institute:

- Holland Academy of Excellence (June 8-11)
- Academy of Modeling & Simulation (July 7-10)
- Academy of Cyber & Information Assurance (July 14-17)
- Academy of Sustainable Environments & Renewable Energy (July 21-24)

To apply, go to www.pki.nebraska.edu/new/ and click on the "Outreach" link
Could not find the 2014 deadline but last year's deadline to apply was April 12, 2013.

April 2014



Happy Easter!



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| | 31 Iowa Assessments K-11 Individual All State Speech Freshmen Orientation 7:00 in Auditorium | 1 Iowa Assessments K-11 Vocal Jazz Championships Boys Track @ Audubon 4:30 | 2 Iowa Assessments K-11 | 3 Iowa Assessments K-11 Girls Track @ Audubon 4:30 | 4 Iowa Assessments K-11 | 5 State Solo & Ensemble Contest Girls Golf @ Sidney 9:30 Boys Soccer Harlan Here 10:00 G & B Track @ Glenwood 11:00 |
| 6 K-3 Ready, Set, Know Program Week | 7 Boys Track (Jerome Howe) Here 4:30 G & B Soccer @ Mo Valley 4:30/6:00 | 8 Iowa Jazz Championships JH Track @ Underwood 4:00 G & B Golf Here 4:00 Girls Track @ Clarinda 4:30 | 9 1:00 Early Dismissal Teacher Inservice | 10 Girls Track @ Harlan 4:30 Girls JV/Var Soccer @ L.C. 4:30 School Board Meeting 6:30 | 11 G & B Golf Riverside Here 4:00 Boys Track @ Clarinda 4:30 G & B Soccer Underwood Here 4:30/6:00 Kind. Roundup | 12 Prom |
| 13 | 14 G & B Golf AHST Here 4:00 Boys Track @ Tri Center 4:30 Girls Soccer St. Albert Here 4:30 | 15 Girls Track @ Lewis Central 4:00 JH Track Here 4:00 | 16 Progress Reports Sent Home | 17 JH Track @ Red Oak 4:00 Girls Track @ Tri-Center 3:30 Boys Track @ Underwood 5:00 | 18 NO SCHOOL | 19 |
| 20 Easter | 21 NO SCHOOL Boys Track Here 4:30 | 22 Girls Track Here 4:30 G & B Golf @ Audubon 4:00 K-5 DIBELS Testing Week | 23 Elementary Art Attack @ 3:30 | 24 WIC Art Show @ IKM-M JH Track @ Audubon 4:00 Boys Soccer WCV Here 4:30 Boys Track @ Griswold 5:00 | 25 WIC Art Show @ IKM-M G & B Golf Griswold Here 4:00 Girls Soccer @ ADM 5:00 | 26 WIC Art Show @ IKM-M Girls Soccer @ ADM 9:00 Boys Soccer @ Glenwood 9:30 Dance Show 7:00 in West Gym |
| 27 Night at the Improv 3:00 in MS Commons & Auditorium WIC Art Show @ IKM-M | 28 2nd/3rd Grade Concert @ 7:00; G & B Golf @ Lo-Ma 4:00 Girls Track @ Harlan 4:30 G & B Soccer N.V. Here 5/6:30 | 29 K-1 Concert @ 7:00; Boys Golf St. Albert Here 3:30; B Track @ Audubon 4:30; G & B Soccer @ Riverside 5:00/7:00 | 30 1:00 Early Dismissal Teacher Inservice JTW Babysitting Clinic 1—4:00 | | | |

May 2014



Happy Mother's Day!
Congrats Grads!



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | 1 5/6 Band & 6th Vocal Concert 7:00; JH Track @ Red Oak 4:00; G & B Golf Here 4:00; Girls Track @ Woodbine 5:00 | 2 K-3 Field Day 12:00—3:00 Girls Soccer T.J. Here 4:30 Boys Track @ Red Oak 5:00 | 3 JH Large Group Contest @ Red Oak Girls Soccer @ Denison 8:30 Boys Soccer @ WCV 10:00 |
| 4 | 5 Baseball Practice Begins G & B Golf @ Mo Valley 4:00 G & B Soccer Glenwood Here 4:30/6:30 | 6 G & B WIC Track @ Underwood 3:30 | 7 G & B WIC Golf @ Atlantic 9:00 | 8 Fine Arts Night 7:30 JH WIC Track Here 4:00 | 9 Grades 4—6 Track Day G & B Golf @ Tri-Center 4:00 Boys Soccer @ T.J. 4:30 G & B Track @ Underwood 5:00 | 10 Large Group Music Contest |
| 11 | 12 Softball Practice Begins JH Track @ Mo Valley 4:00; G & B Golf @ Underwood 4:00; Girls Track @ T-C 4:30 JV/V Girls Soccer L.C. Here 4:30 | 13 JH Spring Concert @ 7:00 G & B Soccer Here Tri-Center 4:30/6:00 | 14 Cardinal Bank Field Trip Senior Awards Night @ 6:30 Baccalaureate @ 8:00 | 15 G & B District Track G & B Soccer @ AHST 4:30/6:00 | 16 Boys Sectional Golf Boys Soccer Riverside Here 4:30 | 17 |
| 18 Graduation 2:00  | 19 Girls District Golf G & B Soccer @ Underwood 4:30/6:00 | 20 | 21 | 22 G & B State Track | 23 G & B State Track Boys District Golf | 24 G & B State Track |
| 25 | 26  Memorial Day JV/V Baseball @ Lewis Central 6:00/7:30 | 27 Boys SubState Soccer Girls Regional Golf JV/V SB A.L. Here 6:00/7:30 | 28 9th BB @ T-C 4:00 JV/V SB/BB @ Tri-Center 6:00/7:30 | 29 Boys SubState Soccer; G JV/V Soccer Riverside Here 4:30; JV/V SB @ SW Valley (Corning) 6:00/7:30 | 30 Boys State Golf; Girls Regional Soccer; 9th BB Mo Valley Here 11:00 JV/V SB/BB Mo Valley Here 6:00/7:30 | 31 Boys SubState Soccer Varsity Baseball @ Nodaway Valley 11:00 |



TREYNOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

April, 2014 Breakfast & Lunch Menus



| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| 7 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Muffin | 8 Juice or Fruit Pancakes Syrup | 9 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal WG Poptart | 10 Juice or Fruit Eggs Toast | 11 Juice or Fruit Breakfast Square 6-12 Breakfast Bagel K-5 |
| Chicken Fry Beef Patty Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Honey Glazed Carrots WG Roll/Jelly 6-12 Sliced Pears (6-12 Salad Bar) | Hamburger on Bun Romaine/Tomato Oven Fries Chilled Pears Graham Snack 9-12 (4-12 Salad Bar) | Baked Chicken Drumstick 9-12 Popcorn Chicken K-8 Savory Rice Fresh Veggies Sliced Fruit/Oatmeal Roll (4-12 Salad Bar) | Meatball Sub 6-12 Hotdog on Bun K-5 Tri-Tater Green Beans Fresh Kiwi (4-12 Salad Bar) | Cheese Pizza Garden Spinach Salad Breadstick w/Marinara Sauce Chilled Fruit Jello Cake (No 2nd Choice) |
| 14 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal WG Poptart | 15 Juice or Fruit French Toast Sticks Syrup | 16 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Granola Bar | 17 Juice or Fruit Sausage Links Eggs Toast/Jelly | 18 NO SCHOOL |
| Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Steamed Veggies Chilled Fruit (6-12 Salad Bar) | Hot Ham & Cheese Potato Wedges Fresh Broccoli Apple Slices CC Cookie 9-12 (4-12 Salad Bar) | Chicken Tetrizzini Celery/Cucumbers Steamed Carrots WG Bread/Jelly Chilled Fruit (4-12 Salad Bar) | Fiestada Pizza Mexican Corn Salsa & WG Chips 9-12 Frozen Fluff Fresh Banana (4-12 Salad Bar) | NO SCHOOL |
| 21 NO SCHOOL | 22 Juice or Fruit Pancake Stick Syrup | 23 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal WG Poptart | 24 Juice or Fruit Eggs Toast | 25 Juice or Fruit Breakfast Square |
| NO SCHOOL | Pork Rib on Bun 4-12 Chicken Patty K-3 Tri-Tater Green Beans Brownie (4-12 Salad Bar) | Soup Bar 6-12 Chicken Noodle K-5 Celery/Cucumbers Crackers Cinnamon Roll Applesauce (4-12 Salad Bar) | Deli Meat & Cheese/ Bun Lettuce/Tomato Oven Fries Sliced Peaches (4-12 Salad Bar) | Sausage Pizza Garden Spinach Salad Golden Corn Chilled Fruit Krispy Bar (No 2nd Choice) |
| 28 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Cereal Bar | 29 Juice or Fruit French Toast Sticks w/Syrup | 30 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Granola Bar | 1 Juice or Fruit Sausage Links Eggs Toast | 2 Juice or Fruit Choice of Cereal Cinnamon Roll |
| Beef Gravy Mashed Potatoes Chilled Peaches WG Dinner Roll (6-12 Salad Bar) | Tacos Cheese/Lettuce Refried Beans Sliced Pears Gingerbread (4-12 Salad Bar) | Chicken Stir Fry 4-12 Chicken Shapes K-3 Mixed Veggies Tropical Fruit WG Breadstick (4-12 Salad Bar) | Beefy Nachos WG Tortilla Chips/Salsa Steamed Corn Chilled Peaches Brownie Surprise (4-12 Salad Bar) | Grilled Chicken/Bun 4-12 Breaded Chicken Patty K-3 Oven Fries Lettuce & Pickle Chilled Fruit (No 2nd Choice) |
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Elementary: \$1.10 Breakfast—\$1.85 Lunch; Extra Milk \$0.50

MS-HS: \$1.10 Breakfast—\$2.00 Lunch; Extra Milk \$0.50

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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LUNCH ACCOUNTS & IND. TECH FEES



Just a reminder with the end of the school year approaching—all lunch accounts must have a positive balance on the last day of school. Students who have a negative lunch balance will not be able to sign out for the year.

Fees will also be due for Industrial Tech. classes and projects. Please check the bulletin board in the Middle School Commons. Lists are posted through Hex 4. Payment can be made in the Middle School or Superintendent's Office.

CHECK OUR WEBSITE DAILY

So many articles of information regarding upcoming and past events are posted to the school website that we'd like to encourage you to make www.treynorschools.org a daily stop during your web browsing. We try to reserve email notices to items that are important or that have deadlines, so we ask that you visit the website regularly to stay up to date on the happenings at Trey nor CSD. If you have Facebook or Twitter, you can also visit the District/Social Media page to follow Trey nor CSD.

