

Principal Winters shared with us the items sent to the Board of Education for their next meeting. Several students had gone to visit Technical Colleges on October 21. The KU Honors Program had honored 10 WHS students (one other student had moved out of district). Honorees received a dictionary and an electronics copy of it. Alicia Kilian was recognized at the last pep rally for having received a letter of recognition from National Merit Scholarships. The Cross Country teams ended their seasons with girls first and boys second in League, girls second and boys first in Regionals, and both fifth in State. Hudson Philip placed 3rd individually in League and in State. This was Principal Winter's first experience of the whole State Cross Country Meet at Wamego. He commended all, and Coach Patton, for doing a great job. There was a big crowd at the Popcorn Concert on October 21. The Physics class spent the last 2 weeks building bridges of spaghetti. Some had as high as 20/1 ratios of weight bearing. November 5 will be a Professional Development Day with training on the Promethean Boards, getting good feedback to students, MAP assessments (taken by students in late September) and how to utilize these scores. Everyone is off November 8. Next week is buffer week. Fall sports are all over in November. The first basketball games are fast approaching and December 4 is the first wrestling meet.

Beth Lang reported that the National Honor Society's Blood Drive will be Wednesday, November 10 from 9-2:30 in the upper gym. The goal is for 57 pints. Forty students will be gone on a field trip that day. Parent consent forms are required for 16, 17, and 18 year olds. The drive is open to the public with no appointment needed. Beth recommended drinking plenty of fluids starting Monday before the drive.

Principal Winter had attended a meeting at the Wamego Police Station with a state Highway Patrol representative about the SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) program. This program will be promoted in an all-school assembly. Students will be asked to sign a pledge card to wear seatbelts, then the cards will go into a drawing for prizes. A group of students will be trained to do a seatbelt survey and after a time local law enforcement officers will actively ticket those not seatbelted. Local law enforcement solicits local businesses for money to support the prizes. Kansas Department of Transportation already has \$1400 committed to Wamego High in VISA gift cards. WHS SADD had already distributed Smarties (Be a Smartie) and DumDums (Don't be a dumb/dumb) about seatbelt use and drinking and driving prior to Halloween. The SAFE program will run November through April.

There will be no Site Council meeting in December.

EXPLORE and PLAN results should be back in time for the January meeting. Independent Studies students will be asked to make presentations of their Independent studies achievements.

The next WHS Site Council meeting will be 5:00 p..m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 in the WHS Library.

Respectfully submitted,
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