



EAGLE UPDATE

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DATES TO REMEMBER

 Nov. 11
 Veterans Day
 Program
 10:00 a.m.

 Nov. 12
 School Board Mtg.
 7:30 p.m. in ITV
 Room

 Nov. 19
 LATE START
 10:00 A.M.

 Nov. 26
 Early Dismissal
 2:00 p.m.

 Nov. 27 - 28
 NO SCHOOL
 Thanksgiving
 Break



ALL STATE CHOIR – NATHAN IS HEADED TO LINCOLN!

Last October 11th was a nail biting day for two of us in the music department. Nathan Niewohner and Mrs. Jones traveled to Norfolk for auditions for the Nebraska All State Choir. This is the third and final year Nathan has auditioned, so he knew what to expect but was a lot more nervous at the same time. He was a member of the choir the last two years and that puts a lot more pressure on you to be accepted 3 years in a row. Knowing there were 39 basses vying for the same spots doesn't calm your nerves any!

Waiting 10 days for results doesn't help your nerves either! We found out on Tuesday (10-21) that Nathan has been accepted to sing in the 2008 Nebraska All State Choir!! Mrs. Jones is very proud of his hard work and dedication and it has paid off. Each year, over 3000 students all over the state audition for a spot in the choir, band or orchestra from schools in all classifications. So the small schools go up against the big schools in this competition. That makes the acceptance even more special!

Nathan will be rehearsing with the All State Choir November 20-22 in Lincoln. The highlight of the weekend will be the concert performance at the Lied Center on Saturday. The All State Band, Orchestra and Jazz Band will also perform at that time. Nathan will be presented with a certificate that is awarded to all students who are in the choir for all three years. This is a very special honor that not many students can obtain in their high school years. It is a highlight of a student's high school memories that they will NEVER forget! Congratulations Nathan – Elgin Public Schools is proud of you!!!



ONE-ACT TEAM TO PERFORM

The One-Act team is counting down the days until their play "Jolly Roger: King of the Pirates" will be performed! Mark your calendars for their first performance on Friday November 14. They will put on a matinee for the elementary and junior high students at 3 pm followed by a community performance at 7 pm.

The NVC contest will be held in Clearwater this year on Monday November 17 and districts will be in Butte on December 2 (times are not yet known for either competition but it will be posted on the website as soon as they are assigned). Please join us for our performances!



*For the most up-to-date information,
 please check our website:
 www.elgineagles.org*



Third Grade News

The third graders have been very busy during this first quarter!

In Social Studies we have completed our first unit on the Midwest region of the United States. We are now experts in locating all of the Midwest states! We have started our rocks and minerals unit in Science. Collecting different types of rocks and trying to identify them has become a popular hobby in the third grade.

In Math we have been working on passing our addition and subtraction time tests. So far six students have passed all of the addition and subtraction facts up to eighteen. Way to go! We are now starting multiplication and will be beginning the "Multiplication Olympics." Look for our gold, silver, and bronze medal winners each week on the Elgin Eagles web page.

YEARBOOK ADS

Have you sponsored an ad in the yearbook yet? What a terrific way to support our school. Besides the advertisement for your business in the yearbook, your name is also listed in every home sporting event program. If you would like to sponsor an ad, please contact Mrs. Rita Heithoff at 843-2455.

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 **Noteworthy News**  
By Mrs. Deb Jones

**NVC VOCAL CONCERT IN ORCHARD**  
The NVC schools on the east half of the conference will rehearse songs together for a concert on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. Schools involved are: Clearwater, Ewing, Elgin Public, Niobrara, Pope John, Verdigre and Orchard. The clinician is Dr. Rhonda Fuelberth, a professor of vocal music at UNL in Lincoln. The students will perform six songs with the mass choir from all the schools as well as individual school performances at the concert. There is no charge to go to the concert. It will begin at 7:00 pm in the Orchard School Gym. We look forward to seeing you there!

**VETERANS DAY PROGRAM**  
The Veterans Day Program will be held at the Elgin Public Schools gym on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at 10:00 am. This is a change in the date and time from when it was previously set. The time of the program is moved up to 10:00 am due to the NVC conference choir clinic to be held on the same day. The community is encouraged to attend this program to honor our Veterans in a special way.

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MOLE DAY 2008



Linsey Bode and Kara Zegers are ready for Mole Day

Mole Day has finally arrived!!!! On October 23rd from 6:02 am to 6:02 pm chemistry students around the world celebrate Mole Day, in remembrance of Amedeo Avogadro, father of "the mole."

What is a mole? A mole is a unit always representing a given number. Just as a dozen always equals 12, a mole always equals 6.022×10^{23} . This is the most important and universal concept used when studying stoichiometry in chemistry. Although Avogadro wasn't recognized for his works until after his death, we remember him on this day with a celebration.

Students have been planning the events for quite some time. All present chemistry students those from last year were invited. Decorations include *mol*biles and celebrity photographs of likenesses of Angelia *Molie* and *Mol*prah Winfery. They brought in party foods such as guac*mole* dip and Tostit*mole*s, *Mol*ten Dew, pistach*imol* pudding and spinach and art*mole* dip. They also hosted the Molympics, including such games as "Throw the Mole in the Hole," and "Pin the Nose on the Mole." Winners received gummy worms and gummy spiders (things moles would eat). The class also sang Mole Day songs and watched others sing as well. "Famous moles in history" trivia (such as *Mol*com X) as well as many mole puns decorated the day's festivities. We The mole king and queen were also crowned at this time. Mole king was Jeff Bush and mole queen was Carlie Redding. Since Carlie was unable to attend the celebration, Linsey Bode, mole queen runner-up, stood in her place.

Chemistry students work with the mole unit throughout the year. The next time this unit is used, Avogadro will most likely not be forgotten!

Visit the website to see all this year's *mole*bration photos!

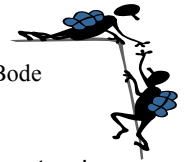


Thank you to the Elgin firemen & EMTs for the tour of the firehall and ambulance. Also thank you for the ride on the firetruck!

Elgin Public Preschool, Kindergarten, & First Grade Classes

Counselor's Corner

by Mrs. Barb Bode



Seniors...it's time to start the admissions process!

College may still seem far off, but admission deadlines will start hitting this fall. Follow these steps to stay on track:

Contact your top college choices NOW and ask about deadlines and the process for applying for admission, college-based scholarships and financial aid.

Apply to your top 3-4 colleges before the deadline. Along with your application, the colleges will require your high school transcript, class rank, GPA and ACT/SAT score. They may also request a list of your extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an essay and an interview.

Update your *Activities Resume*. Because extracurricular activities are an important part of the admissions application, keep them up-to-date by using the *Activities Resume* at EducationQuest.org. In many cases, you can simply print your resume and include it with the application.

Contact your admissions representative periodically to stay informed about deadlines and campus activities.

Attend a Financial Aid Program to learn college funding options

Juniors and seniors - to learn about financial aid and other college funding options, attend an upcoming **Financial Aid Program** with your parents or an adult who can help you with college planning. To find the date and location of the program at your school or in your area, ask your guidance counselor or see the [Upcoming Events](#) section at EducationQuest.org.

Juniors...start researching colleges

If you can narrow your choices by the end of your junior year, your senior year will be less stressful. Here's how to get started:

Review *College Profiles* at EducationQuest.org for information about Midwest colleges. If you're interested in going to an out-of-state school, check out the Midwest Student Exchange Program at <http://msepmhec.org>.

Visit an EducationQuest location in Lincoln, Kearney or Omaha and use our free college search resources.

Meet with college representatives who visit your school.

Once you've narrowed your choices, **schedule campus visits**. Try to visit in the spring of your junior year while college classes are still in session.

November "To Do" List

Juniors and seniors...complete these tasks in November to stay on the right college planning track.

- ___ Seniors, register by November 5 for the December 6 SAT.
- ___ Seniors, register by November 7 for the December 13 ACT.
- ___ Juniors and seniors, apply for scholarships. Visit free sites such as *ScholarshipQuest* at EducationQuest.org.
- ___ Juniors and seniors, meet with college representatives who visit your school.



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM SET

NOVEMBER 11, 2008
10:00 P.M.
EHS GYMNASIUM

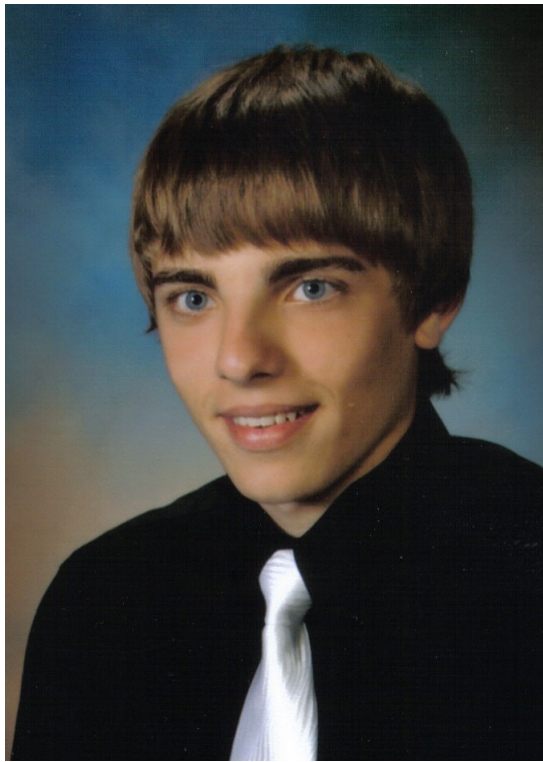
Please join the local veterans organizations, school students, and the Elgin community as we pay tribute to our present military personnel and the veterans who have served in past years.

Hope to see you there!

TO CHECK YOUR LUNCH ACCOUNT ONLINE:

- ⇒ Go to the school website www.elgineagles.org
- ⇒ Click the "Lunch Account Balance" button on the right- hand side of the home page.
- ⇒ Enter your family ID number and PIN (If you do not know your family ID or PIN, please call the school)
- ⇒ Your lunch account balance will be shown. If you would like to see a detailed statement, scroll to the bottom of that page and click on a detailed version.

If you have any difficulties with access or questions about the program, please contact Andrea Fisher 843-2455 or afisher@esu8.org



Jeff Bush

Full name: Jeffery Dean Bush
Parents: Dwight & Esther Bush
Brothers: Christopher & Kenny
Sisters: Jennifer
Pets: Max (black lab) & cats
Favorite school subject: American History II
Favorite teacher: Mrs. Walsh
Activities: One-act, speech, band, choir, FCCLA FFA
 football, track, PALS
Greatest honor during school: qualifying for State Speech
Favorite activity: One-act because we have a lot of fun
Most inspirational person: Morrie Schwartz
Favorite color: silver
Favorite thing to do in spare time: spend time with my girl
 friend
Favorite movie: Garden State
Dream car: a car that runs without gas
Favorite food: lasagna
Favorite school lunch: enchiladas
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew
Favorite TV show: Family Guy
Favorite type of music: alternative
Future plans after graduation: attend college

Full name: Tyler Ray Reestman
Parents: Ken and Joyce Reestman
Brothers: Justin
Pets: Buddy (dog) Stewie (cat)
Favorite school subject: Ag or Technology
Favorite teacher: Mr. Simpson
Activities: football, basketball, track, golf, One-act, FFA band/choir,
 FCA, student council, National Honor Society
Greatest honor during school: being inducted into the National Honor
 Society
Favorite activity: Basketball because I've been playing it since I was
 in 1st grade and I really enjoy it
Most educational experience: playing in Memorial Stadium during
 my Junior year
Most inspirational person: my grandpa
Favorite color: red
Favorite thing to do in spare time: go golfing or play PS2
If you could go back in time where would you go: 1997 to the
 Nebraska vs. Missouri game to see "the catch" by Matt
 Davison
Favorite saying: "If you're a champion, you have to have it in your
 heart." Chris Evert
Favorite movie: 8 Seconds
Dream car: 2002 Dodge Pickup or 1969 Dodge Charger
Favorite food: chuck butter steaks
Favorite school lunch: weiner roll-ups
Favorite pop: Dr. Pepper
Favorite TV show: Family Guy
Favorite type of music: country or rock
Future plans after graduation: Attend Northeast Community College
 and major in Drafting-Architectural or Building Construction.
 After that I plan to move back to Elgin & start my own
 business.



Tyler Reestman



Gabe Wiegand

Full name: Gabriel Kole Wiegand
Parents: Dave & Dawn Wiegand
Brothers: Benjamin
Pets: Keesha & Daisy (dogs) Lola (cat)
Favorite school subject: CAD
Favorite teacher: Mr. Jones
Activities: FCCLA, FCA
Greatest honor during school: honor roll
Favorite color: black
Favorite thing to do in spare time: skate board
Something most people don't know about me: I'm a major procrastinator
Favorite movie: Super Troopers
Dream car: Black BMW M3
Favorite food: pizza
Favorite school lunch: pasta bake
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew
Favorite TV show: Family Guy
Future plans after graduation: attend Northeast Community College

Full name: Brett D. Mahnke
Parents: Gale & Barb Mahnke
Brothers: Barry, Brad, Bruce
Sisters: Tami
Favorite school subject: American History II
Favorite teacher: Mr. Jones
Activities: FFA, FCA, PALS, football, basketball, golf, track
Greatest honor during school: getting into National Society of High School Scholars
Favorite activity: Golf, easy practices where you can have lots of fun, competitions are fun because you see a lot of the same people from the others
Most educational experience: senior math
Favorite color: blue
Favorite thing to do in spare time: play PS3, be with friends, watch TV & relax or listen to music
Something most people don't know about me: I have older brothers & sisters
Favorite movie: Never Back Down
Favorite food: pizza
Favorite school lunch: chili cheese dogs
Favorite pop: Mountain Dew
Favorite TV show: Burn Notice
Favorite type of music: rock & alternative
Future plans after graduation: Northeast Community College for 1-2 years then UNL for engineering degree



Brett Mahnke

Fun At The Pumpkin Patch



Kindergarteners enjoy a hayrack ride at the Hruby farm.

On October 14th, the Preschool and Kindergarten spent the morning at Granma Hruby's Pumpkin Patch. The students had a great time enjoying Grandma Pat's homemade cookies and juice. The highlight of the trip was the hayrack ride out to the field to pick their very own pumpkins.

On the way home, we stopped at Mrs. Mortensen's parents to see their buffalo, chickens, and Watusi cattle.

The students had a great time. A special thank you to John and Pat Hruby and Mrs. Mortensen for their hospitality.



Preschoolers have selected their own pumpkin.



BREAKFAST/LUNCH PRICES FOR SECOND HELPINGS OR A LA CARTE

Here are the prices for extra charges in the lunchroom. If you get seconds or extra food beyond the meal on your tray extra charges are added to your lunch bill.

Chips	80 cents
Yogurt	80 cents
PB & J Sandwich	\$1.00
Fruit Roll-up	80 cents
Muffin	65 cents
Gatorade	\$1.50
String Cheese	65 cents
Pretzel	\$1.00
with cheese	\$1.45
Entree	80 cents or \$1.00
Side dish	55 cents
Cookie	30 cents
Cakes & Bars	45 cents
Breads	25-45 cents



STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS INFORMATION

As the Elgin Eagles compete in post season football playoffs, be sure to stay informed of all game information as it happens. The EPS website will continuously be updated of all game information until the end of the season. The article can be found on the school website www.elgineagles.org either on the front (main) page or in the Activities Director section of Administration. Following each game, Mr. Fisher will update the information for the next game.



Don't Throw Away That Empty Printer Cartridge! Bring it to school!

Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Our school will receive \$2.00 for each cartridge turned in.

Bring in your empty cartridges (use a Ziploc bag to avoid ink spills) to the office recycle bin.

EXPECTED YOUTH BEHAVIOR AT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

An area that must be a focus as we continue throughout all of the sports seasons and activities seasons at Elgin Public Schools is youth behavior at school events. Please remember that when attending activities this fall (both football and volleyball), this winter (basketball, wrestling and concerts) and then the numerous banquets and graduation in the spring children are not allowed to run around on campus or in hallways or commons areas. Parents are responsible for making sure that their children are supervised at all times.

When attending games or other activities, you are there to watch and cheer for those participating. All children who attend games should be there to watch the game and act in a controlled manner. Parents must remember that they assume responsibility for their children. With so many vehicles parking around the gym during home games and activities and around the football field facility during games, there is a real concern when youth are playing and running around. Please make an effort to address this issue with your child. When you go to games with your child, make sure he/she knows what is expected. Keep an eye on what they are doing AT ALL TIMES. If you allow your child to attend games unattended, they should be well versed in how they are expected to act. The same also holds true for attending games at other schools. It is important to remember that the same expectations should apply no matter where you are attending.

There is nothing more frustrating than to attend a game and be constantly distracted by children who are running around. By taking the time to address this issue at home, we can all attend games and activities and enjoy the efforts of our student-athletes.

A few key points to address with your child at home...

- ⇒ You are there to watch the game and not run around
- ⇒ Do not play under bleachers
- ⇒ Do not run in gym hallways and commons areas
- ⇒ Use restrooms only when needed
- ⇒ Do not push or pull constantly on restraining cables or fences
- ⇒ Cheer for those playing the games
- ⇒ When attending concerts or other non-athletic events, be courteous to those who are performing... stay for the entire program and do not run around and distract those who are trying to watch

Thanks to all parents and students for your cooperation! Go Eagles!

Big Week For FCCLA



FCCLA members attending District Leadership Conference are (standing l. to r.) Ayli Carrero, Ashley Bode, Samantha Janssen, Brieanna Grosserode, Gabe Wiegand, Kara Zegers, Jeff Bush, Eric Shoemaker, Michelle Bauer, Connor Kinney. (on the floor l. to r.) Ben Wiegand, Bethany Kallhoff, Allen Miller. (front) Caitlin Mortensen, Jessica Heithoff.

our District eight state officers, and participated in the district officer installation. We listened to Wayne medical group as our keynote speakers. Their talk focused on safety issues dealing with automobile accidents. One of the interesting parts was when they pointed out their viewpoint from being on the scene. After the meeting members participated in different sessions. The sessions included YMCA health and wellness, FCCLA round tables, Dream Catchers, and How to Cope with Grief. Ashley Bode represented Elgin as the Freshman creed speaker, and Ayli Carrero served as our voting delegate. During the closing session awards were handed out and door prizes and gift basket drawing were held.

We have an active calendar planned for the rest of the year, so watch for more FCCLA activities at school and in the community.

The week of October 20th-24th was a busy week for the Elgin FCCLA. On Monday night we held officer installation and family night. The families of the members were invited to come and be a part of the official candle lighting ceremony. A slideshow was presented highlighting the year's events. Following the ceremony we played "Family Feud" and enjoyed desserts.

Tuesday night was parent teacher conferences. In order to keep conferences organized without little kids running all over, the FCCLA offered our babysitting services. We watched movies, colored, played dodge ball, and ate popcorn until the parents and the teachers were done.

On Wednesday the FCCLA chapter took fifteen members to Northeast Community College for District Leadership Conference. One of the highlights of DLC is exchanging items with other chapters. This year we chose "Elgin FCCLA Quacks me up!" and handed out little rubber ducks to help us mingle a meet new people. We met two of

Voice Mailbox ID Numbers:

Elgin Public School has a voicemail system. When you call the school after hours or when the secretary is away from the phone you will be asked to leave a message. The following is a list of staff and their voicemail ID number:

Supt. Lee Hall—100
Principal Corey Fisher—103

Allen Beckman—105
Deb Beckman—131
Barb Bode—112
Ellen Davis—124
Krista Eisenhauer—133
Randy Eisenhauer—144
Dianne Gunderson—135
Rita Heithoff—117
Andrea Fisher—110
Paula Jensen—101
Jeane Johnson—120
Deb Jones—108
Doug Jones—121

Gwen Kinney—136
Elaine Meyers—118
Lisa Poulsen—113
Heidi Rethmeier—102
Amy Selting—123
Stacy Shumake-Henn—122
Brenda Siems—134
Nichole Simpson—138
Phil Simpson—107
Tina Thiele-Blecher—129
Shirley Thorberg—125
Sue Vanis—139
Sara Walsh—142
Carlie Wells—106
Kim Zwingman—116



Administratively Speaking . . .

By Lee Hall
lhall@esu8.org



I spent the evenings this fall reading and researching educational issues. There are so many things I could share with you. There were a couple of very interesting themes being bounced around and I am going to share some.

One that I related to the most was a quote from the Reverend R. Inman who stated, "A great teacher never strives to explain his vision—he simply invites you to stand beside him and see for yourself." What a great statement to think about as you spend time with your children. If we could only get the children to see what we want for them to see or what they need to see. You as a parent are the eyes of the future generations of Americans. I have an unwavering belief in you as parents and in our staff and know that we have the ability to do just that, be the eyes and visionaries for our students. The second quote is from Denis Waitley and says, "The greatest gift we can give children is the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." We as adults and especially parents are in a position to do just that.

I would like to take just a few lines to reflect on the two quotes from above and put some personal thoughts into the matter. We as educators and you as parents are in an unique position that allows us to direct the development of the future of our country. Let me suggest the following thoughts on how to become that visionary and nurturing parent.

*Be there for your children. Come to school, meet their teachers, check on their homework, show up as much as you can. Take them camping or to a movie. Show them that you are interested in their hobbies and music.

*Let your children know you love them. No matter what they do they need to know that you love them. You can tell them that you are not fond of some of the decisions that they are making but that it does not mean you care for them less. Your children should always feel secure in the knowledge that they are loved.

*Let them risk as failure is the mother of necessity. Let them venture, they will fail (everyone does) so you must help them up and encourage them to start again. Do not blame failure on anyone, use it as a teaching situation. You can help them by structuring the types of risks that they will take.

Find some common ground and find things that you can do together. Hunting, fishing, cooking, quilting, board games, boy scouts, church activities and things that the family can do together. (Their family is common ground!)

*Be honest because sharing the truth is so very important. Never tell them one thing and do another. Let them know if there is a problem. Trying to hide issues from children who are old enough to understand most likely will result in more problems. Honesty takes the gray area out of all situations. Discuss important issues with them, talk about sex and drugs and appropriate choices. Do not promise if you cannot deliver.

*Share responsibility from the early years until your children are long gone it is appropriate to give them responsibilities. Younger children love to help with the trash or dishes as long as you are there with them. It is not so easy for them to enjoy it if you are sitting around watching TV and asking them to go do this and that. There is little that children will not do if they have the opportunity to work along side of their parents.

*Be a role model by living the way that you want your children to live. Be a "do as I do and not a do as I say" parent. Be proud of what you do because I know that your children want to be. Make it easy for them to say, "that is my dad or mom".

*Discipline with dignity by always punishing the crime, do not make big deals out of little ones and always punish individually. Treat each child as an individual, do not say Betty does it that way or why can't you be as good as Timmy. Each child is different and it is your role as the parent to support and punish each child fairly and with the individual child in mind.

Build an expectation for your children and do what it takes to show them why you have that expectation. As quoted above that we need to stand there with them and direct them in a direction that is appropriate for everyone. We need to give them the freedoms to grow and the path that will help to make them successful and understanding of their places in the total picture of things. I know that all of you have your ideas on what is successful means and that all of you have seen these ideas before but as stated previously what a great picture it paints for our children.

From the office of the Superintendent there are some things that I would like to have you parents do if you have concerns or comments to make. If everyone would follow the chain of command and visit with the staff, administration, and the board with your concerns in that order it will help us to realize and act upon your thoughts quickly and in an informed manner.

There is absolutely nothing in life as important as our children and together we can work no insuring a successful year for all involved.

Hope to see you all at school during the course of the year. My door is always open and we always have time for those interested in what is best for their children. We may not always agree on what is best but we are truly interested in your ideas.

Lee Hall



Growing up, I had really only one ambition and that was to farm. The vision I had of my life after high school was pretty simplistic, as is the case with most youth at that age. My plans included going to a 2-year tech school, earn a degree in an agriculture related field and then return home as soon as possible and farm. To me, nothing else was really ever a serious interest. I enjoyed showing livestock year-round and spending time in the fields. As I progressed through high school, I seldom thought of other careers and I believed that I would grow old in the same community in which I was raised and live “the good life” farming. I even had it sort of planned in my mind how I would just “take over” my grandfathers farm since he would be about retirement age when I was finished with college. Not too sure if my grandfather felt the same way but it was my vision nevertheless. It all seemed so easy and just made sense. I think a lot of high school age kids are just like me and think as I thought back then. They see their futures through rose colored glasses just as I did and unless someone really takes the time to talk to them, their vision remains more fantasy then reality.

It was early my junior year in high school when my parents really started to talk with me about what I was planning to do. My high school guidance counselor also worked hard to educate students about college and to encourage students to think of the bigger picture and look farther beyond the next couple of years. It was along about that time that my dad shared with me his thoughts on my future and he made some really good points. He explained that farming was a great living . . . and I agree that it most certainly was and still is today. While farming meant a lot of uncertainties it was what my dad enjoyed doing. (I do remember the mid-to-late 80’s and the banking debacle that put a lot of families out of the farming business). He shared with me that it was good to have a dream and that if I chose to farm, then great, he and my mother would support me 100%. However, he also encouraged me to explore other careers and to look at the opportunities that maybe I had not thought of. My teachers in high school may have told you that for me and my attitude, just making it through high school may be a stretch. I swear a few of them would have bet their life savings had they been told I would eventually have a career in education. What’s more is that most would have keeled over on the spot had you told them I would someday work as a high school principal. Still, I took the advice of my parents and my guidance counselor seriously (not sure why but I am glad that I did). If you knew me then, taking anything seriously took an act of congress so to say that I took my future seriously at that time was a real change of behavior. Those discussions and the encouragement from my parents and teachers made a difference. Looking back, I am not sure how things would have turned out had all involved not taken the time to push me to think beyond the present at that time.

My point is that we do not live in the same kind of world as we did when I was going to school 16 years ago. Our students must start thinking about their futures and the opportunities that are out there now and not wait until they are ready to graduate. Now, more than ever, students have to have at least given their future some thought and have a preliminary plan when they leave high school. Now, I am not saying that you have to have things locked in place. Definitely not! We still have the freedoms to choose our futures for ourselves. No matter our age, as long as we have prepared ourselves and put ourselves in a position to be able to be selective in our decisions, those freedoms do apply.

I graduated from high school with little idea as to exactly what I wanted to do. However, had it not been for the guidance of those at school AND that of my parents, I would have not really ever considered what the possibilities were. I hope all of you parents are taking the time to communicate with your child about their futures. Perhaps nothing you discuss will be as important and for those parents of seniors . . . time is running out! As one of my favorite quotes states, “failing to plan is planning to fail!” Nothing could be more true.

Corey Fisher, Secondary Principal/Activities Director

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