



# Bear Facts

September 24, 2009

## BEAR PRIDE....Positive Behavior Support System

### Dates to Remember

9/25 5th grade field trip to Meriden Antique Engines.

### Accelerated Reader..on Terrific

**Tuesdays** we will be honoring readers during morning supervision. **Adelaine Horan** entered the **100 point club this week.** Congratulations Adelaine!

### More about Accelerated Reader...

Accelerated Reader is a computerized program where students read books on their level and take comprehension quizzes that match the book. Students can accumulate points based on the percentage of questions that are answered correctly on each quiz. Students are celebrated each Tuesday morning during supervision for reaching a new club. Those earning 500 points have their names placed on the plaque near the office. In addition, students and teachers set quarterly goals for comprehension and book level. Students meeting these individual goals are rewarded at the end of each quarter. Accelerated Reader is designed to encourage students to read on their level and enjoy the experience. Parents play a vital part in reading. Be sure to read with your student daily to increase fluency, comprehension, and the love of reading!

### 3rd & 4th Grade Basketball Sign-Ups

No sign up fee. The only cost will be uniforms. Games will be played Sunday afternoons. Forms have been given to students..turn in no later than Oct. 1st. Call Rodney #691-5595 or Tammy #393-3177 for more info.

The **Select Ensemble** members are: Brylie Bassett, Cole Chess, Carter Claxton, Scott Coates, Taylor Cop, Austin Fowler, Anna-Maya Hachmeister, Emily Hall, Raegen Hamm, Kailee Harries, Jena Hawks, Savannah Henricks-Ayres, Tomi-Lyn Hickman, Mackenzie Hofstra, Logan Hollingsworth, Burke Holman-Hebert, Adelaine Horan, Levi Jacobs, Heath Knopp, Austin Lee, Gabby Lynch, Allison Nelson, Aneska Radcliff, Kendall Reed, Christopher Rosencutter, Skylar Scott, Cooper Thurston, Dalton VanHoutan, Bridget VanHoutan, Re'Anne Wiedeman, Thad Willits, Shelby Wright. Congratulations vocalists!

This school year, Oskaloosa Elementary is focusing on Positive Behavior Support. Teachers will focus on **five key words** to help improve the behavior of all elementary students. These **words** make up "Bear Pride". **Bear Pride** includes **respect, communication, responsibility, engaged in learning, and empathy.**

During the first six weeks of school, teachers will be discussing and demonstrating the meaning of each key word in "Bear Pride". Character-building words will be introduced yearlong. Students will earn Bear Pride bucks when they demonstrate knowledge of these words through their actions and behaviors in the classroom/gym, on the playground, in the hallways, on the bus, in the cafeteria, at restroom breaks, in specials, and at assemblies. Please help reinforce these positive behaviors at home and in our community. Let's reinforce **BEAR PRIDE!!!**

### 5th Grade Field Trip this Friday

5th grade students will attend the Meriden Antique Engine Show on Sept. 25th to learn about simple machines & Pioneer life. Be sure to **DRESS FOR THE WEATHER.**

### Last Week to Order Bear Shirts..... that benefit the Elementary Science Team, the ABC garden & the Outback

Show your BEAR PRIDE and order a black shirt with white and red BEAR imprint! Order forms were sent home with your child, but more are available upon request. **Orders must be received by Friday, October 2.** This year we have long and short sleeved t-shirts, a sweatshirt, and a pullover hoodie. New this year is a front-zip hoodie with the logo printed on the pocket. These shirts are nice!

The "GREEN" Corner....some simple things to 'live green'. Instead of paper towels, use old rags for clean up & projects. Clean windows with newspapers.

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**It's Great to be a Bear!!!**