



Schuyler Middle School

This is a brief overview of what has happened at Schuyler Middle School the past months of May:

- This past month we have conducted new teacher interviews. We were successful in filling three positions at the middle school. I am excited to announce that Allison Watts will be our new 6th grade/Reading 180 teacher; Rebecca Brown our new 8th grade math teacher; and Ms. Angela Mousel as our new 7th grade Language Arts Teacher. We are looking forward to having these three individuals as new teachers in our district.
- To give everyone an update at where we are at with regard to enrollments at the rural schools. At Richland we are anticipating 50 students for next year, at Fisher's we are anticipating 60 students, and at Rogers we are anticipating 6 students K – 4. I had an Operating Council Meeting with Fishers and we discussed the teacher/para set up for next year and the need for mulch around the playground equipment for next year. I will talk with Mr. Mundil about that.
- On Thursday and Friday, April 26th and 27th, we had 8 middle school teachers and myself attend the Nebraska Educational Technology (NETA) Conference in LaVista, NE. Last year we had only three teachers attend this conference, so it was good to see more teachers attending this conference. We had two staff members, Jill Domina and Shane Haley, win awards and receive free registrations to the conference. This was a great conference to see how other districts and teachers are utilizing technology to enhance instruction at their schools. Approximately 2,500 people were in attendance at the conference. We were able to bring back a lot of information on how to improve our use of technology in our district.
- The April Students of the Month are: Roxana Galdamez, Mrs. Melick's fourth grade class; Lesly Andrade, Ms. Domina's fifth grade class; Omar Oliden, nominated by Mrs. Johnson & Mr. Block; Jessica Valora, nominated by Mr. Brady/Mr. Ruehling/Mr. Scheffler; and Cody Zrust, nominated by Mr. Ruehling. Congratulations to these students who were nominated by their teachers for their good behavior, good attendance, and good grades.





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- **Our Middle School Track Meet was held on Tuesday, April 24th. It was a very successful track meet. I appreciate all of the staff that assisted in running the meet and especially thanks to the high school coaches and staff for their help at the track meet. As you all know, it takes many people to make any event a success and fortunately for our school we have many great people to make that happen.**
- **Our track season ended on Monday, May 7th with our final track meet at David City. We started with 100 students out for track and ended the season with 908 students completing the full season. I want to commend our coaching staff on an outstanding season and our students showed improvement throughout the season with many of our students getting their best performances at the final meet. Congratulations students and staff for an outstanding season.**
- **The Middle School Honors Night was held on Thursday, May 10th @ 7:00 p.m. It was a great night with students and parents attending the Honors Night. It was an excellent opportunity for us to recognize our students for participation in activities, for outstanding academic accomplishments, and perfect attendance. We were also able to recognize Mr. Andy Hall for his 20 years of service to our school district and recognized Mr. Ruehling for his many years of service and on his retirement at the end of this school year.**
- **The fourth through sixth grade Field Day was held on Friday, May 4th at the SCHS Track. It was a great day for our students to perform and an extremely hot day for them. I want to thank Mr. Halvorson and Mrs. Rocha for organizing & setting up our Field Day.**
- **Our Middle School Music Night was held on Tuesday, May 8th. There were great performances by our fifth & sixth grade band and middle school band. There were also great vocal performances by our middle school chorus group. They performed a short musical titled, “Harmony High.” The students did a wonderful job with the musical numbers. I want to thank Mrs. Bywater and Mr. Phillips for their hard work and dedication to our music programs and for striving for excellence in those programs.**



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- The eighth grade class from the middle school attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus on Thursday, May 3rd. They listened to a presentation by the UNL staff, took a tour of the campus, and then ate lunch at one of the residence halls. It was a great experience for our students to be exposed to information and to see a university campus. This trip was paid for by a grant which we received for this purpose. The students had a wonderful day and represented our school and district well.
- The Middle School has finally ended taking the State Reading and Math Assessments for this year. The fourth through eighth grade took all of their assessments on-line this year. Testing went well for the most part. I want to thank Keri Jo Krivohlavek and Shanda Hall for their assistance with the assessments.
- Eighth Grade Visitation Day was on Tuesday, May 8th at SCHS. Mr. Pavlik and his staff had everything organized and ready to go, so the day went smoothly. We also had the varsity fall sports coaches speak with the eighth graders on Friday, May 4th as a preliminary meeting before the 8th grade visitation day. It was very beneficial to meet with the students before the day and made the activity time go a lot smoother on the visitation day. Again, thank you to the high school staff and administration for making this a meaningful day for our students.

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