



# Comet Courier

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## **Hello Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members:**

Welcome to the change of seasons! The chill is in the air with snow falling lightly on the ground. But the change in weather also means the sounds of holiday music, the bouncing of basketballs and young men grappling in winter sports, the confident speeches of young members of forensics, and the quiet of WKCE testing.

We have had both holiday concerts. On the first day of December our youngest members of the school entertained us with renditions of the holiday season. The junior high and high school students performed on December 8th. Noel Ferguson and Koreena Wood direct our students in their musical pursuits.

Winter sports seasons have begun. The boys' basketball team has already performed in the front of the home fans and the girls' basketball team will appear near the end of the month. The boys are coached by our hall of fame coach, Dennis Uppena and our girls are coached by first year coach, Travis Beer. Wrestling has also started with four of our students participating in a co-op with our neighboring district, River Ridge. This spring River Ridge will be participating in a co-op with us in girls' softball.

Forensics is just starting this month. Gary Corbett is the head coach for this extracurricular activity. If there is enough interest we will also hire another coach.

We have completed our WKCE tests for this year and will continue these types of tests

until the school year of 2014-2015. The staff members are working on a new curriculum called the Common Core curriculum and will prepare our students for a new on-line test in the aforementioned school year. We are also getting training for a new type of assessment called RTI (Response to Intervention).

School is almost halfway through this year. On behalf of Cassville Schools, I wish each of you happy holidays and good cheer!

**Go Comets!  
Mr. Lee Kulland  
Superintendent/Principal**



# High School News



## **Kremer Speaks about the Importance of Volunteering:**

On October 11, 2011, **Mr. Gordon Kremer** spoke to a number of juniors in Mrs. Bernhardt's American Literature class. Mr. Kremer spoke of his experiences with the Knights of Columbus and the Cassville School Alumni Foundation. Some of his proudest accomplishments with Knights of Columbus include Coats for Kids, the \$500,000 restoration of the St. Augustine Church in New Diggins, WI, and the donation of money for Cassville fire victims. Mr. Kremer is equally proud of his accomplishments with the Cassville School Alumni Association. The group originated because of concerns about the future of the school district and the 2008 referendum. Currently, the group raises funds for character education training and also scholarships for Cassville students. Mr. Kremer closed his presentation by thanking his wife for all her support in his work. He also summed up his feelings about volunteerism by stating: "It makes your heart feel good."



**Lions and Lionesses Have Character:** On Friday, October 14, **Mrs. Judy Schuppner** came into Mrs. Bernhardt's and Mr. Corbett's senior classes and talked to them about the Lion and Lioness Club. The Seniors learned about all the fundraising the club does and how they support different causes, such as the collection of glasses and hearing aids. Mrs. Schuppner also stated that the club donates to different events around Cassville, as well as, providing scholarships to students. She encouraged seniors to be more active in the community in order to improve their chances of winning a scholarship. As part of celebrating our community and citizenship week, the Lionesses helped to serve at the social and donated door prizes.



## **7th Graders Look for Character at Meal site:**

On October 11, the 7th grade and Mrs. Bernhardt visited the Cassville Meal site. They listened to Mrs. Conley talk about the service the meal site provides. In addition to serving meals, they also deliver meals and entertain the elderly. Because of low numbers, the meal site went from 5 days open to 3 days. Mrs. Conley also informed us that many high school students volunteered at the meal site, and she encouraged the 7th graders to volunteer as well.



## **Mr. Reising's 5th - 12th grade Physical Education**

classes are presently involved in a bowling unit. The unit includes a written test on scoring and etiquette, after two practice days the students compete in a Scottish Doubles Tournament. Thanks to the Scholl family at the Sandbar for allowing us the opportunity to participate in the great lifetime activity of bowling. After the bowling unit we will become involved in the always popular units of pickle-ball/badminton.

The **9th grade Health students** are presenting Power Points on a variety of topics ranging from suicide to sibling competition.

The **Personal Fitness** classes continue to work hard in the fitness room and gym to improve athletic performance, reduce incident of injury and develop positive, lifelong health and fitness habits. The following have earned their way into the Silver Club and Bronze Club:

### **Silver Club (135% of body weight)**

**Dakota Bernhardt**  
**Nate Baliff**  
**Dallas Bernhardt**  
**Chance Clauer**

### **Bronze Club (110% of body weight)**

**Dalton Esser**  
**Chris Meier**  
**Garrett Schauff**  
**Jacob Haas**



Have a Great Holiday Season!!



The **Spanish I** students just finished a poster describing themselves and what they liked. They will be working on conjugating present tense verbs in the next few weeks. This will help them expand their vocabulary through oral and written work.

The **Spanish II** students will be working on a travel unit using the preterit (past) tense that they just recently learned. They will also learn about one of the Spanish speaking countries. Each student will share their unit with their class.

The **Spanish II** students will be reading about Don Quixote and his travels throughout Spain with his sidekick Sancho Panza.

The **Spanish IV** students will be using the impersonal se and continue working with subjunctive in their writing, speaking, and reading.

#### Desktop Students Create Thursday's Child Newsletter:

Desktop Publishing student Grace Ballweg with assistance from Stephanie Muench and Kelsea Kirschbaum under the direction of their instructor Mrs. Oswald once again joined with **Thursday's Child** to create their annual newsletter.



For 26 years Thursday's Child has made wishes come true for thousands of seriously ill children living within and/or treated within southwest and south central Wisconsin, thanks to the generous support it has received from so many good people. Ms. Ferguson is one of the directors of this organization.

**Globe University Visits the Classroom:** Tony Beyer from **Globe University** spoke to Mrs. Oswald's Personal Finance and Mrs. Bernhardt's Jr. Literature classes 6th hour on Thursday, November 17. The topic of the presentation was "Destination Success" that focused on setting effective, "SMART" goals to promote student success. "SMART" goals are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-Bound. The presentation was both interactive and enjoyable for students.

Mr. Beyer also spoke to Mrs. Oswald's 9th **Desktop Publishing** class on Team-Building, and Mrs. Bernhardt's 3rd Hour English 10, 4th Hour Sr. Communications, and 8th Hour Jr. Literature classes on the topics of both International Business and "SMART" goals.



## Patriot's Pen Competition

The winners of the Patriot's Pen competition, Rylie Laufenberg and Kennedy McMillan, were rewarded for their accomplishments. Rylie won first place and received a \$200 savings bond. Kennedy won second place and received a \$150 savings bond.



#### Okey Speaks to Mr. Lavelle's Sophomore Biology Class:

Ryan Kirschbaum, the President of the Sophomore Class, presents a "Certificate of Good Character Appreciation" to Mrs. Patty Okey. Mrs. Okey wowed the listeners as she presented the history of Okey's Supermarket from its early beginnings until the present day. She focused on the personal characteristics that have allowed the business to grow and prosper throughout the years, as well as their commitment to Cassville School and other numerous community activities.

In addition, Mrs. Okey discussed the C.A.T sponsored activities for students in our community. The community and parent involvement is extremely important and virtually anyone is welcome to join. Thank you, for all you do, we deeply appreciate all the time and effort that you put in on our behalf.



## Elementary News

**American Education Week** was celebrated the week of November 14-18. Mr. Kulland provided cheese and cracker trays for all teachers at elementary and high school which was much appreciated.

The highlight of the week was Friday, November 18th, when **Mrs. Kremer** was honored for her 40 years of teaching in the Cassville School District. Several of her very first second graders--John Okey, Monique Johnstone, and Tim Hampton--were present to help her celebrate this event!



The past weeks have found the **5K students** busy with learning number facts, naming polygons and solids, and learning about special days and holidays such as Columbus Day, Halloween, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. We are now looking forward to Christmas activities. The 5K students have been reading c-v-c words and increasing their list of sight words. It has been exciting for them to read simple sentences. Highlights have been performing in Ms. S's Halloween dance program, attending the Veterans Day program, making candy turkeys, making hot rod hotdogs for H's sound, and performing in the Christmas Concert. Highlights they will be enjoying in the future will be making Christmas projects and the class Christmas party.



**Title I Reading** hosted the 3rd Annual Bedtime Story Hour on November 17th for students in grades **4K - 6** from both Cassville Elementary and St. Charles. Students came wearing their pajamas and brought along a favorite stuffed animal. They listened to wonderful stories read by Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Fure, and Ms. Studnicka, and enjoyed cookies and milk for their bedtime snack! It was a huge and very fun success! Thanks to all who attended; we hope you enjoyed it!



The **5th graders** are creating 3-d holiday pictures to be hung in the Lancaster hospital. They are designing a background and then adding a Christmas card picture to add a 3D effect. Hopefully it will cheer a person in the hospital.

The 5th graders have also been busy writing and typing their DARE reports as they come to a close on DARE classes with Officer Nate Gallagher. **DARE graduation** will be Wednesday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m.



*Wishing You  
Happy Holidays!*

