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**IMPORTANT DATES**

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*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."*  
— Mahatma Gandhi

★ **ALL STAR HERALD** ★

**Green's Not Only Our School Color . . .**

"Green" is our growing motto as well here at Hulstrom as we try to Reuse our resources, Reduce our consumption, and Recycle all the items we are able. The efforts of Mrs. Teran and the middle school Club Eco members were recognized in an article last month in the district's 5 Star Herald. Students Samantha Schmidt and Macy Cox are pictured in the publication in front of a



scale used to weigh the weekly waste created from morning snacks. The clubs education efforts paid off by reducing the waste from 5 pounds to 3 pound for National Green week—a 40% decrease! In addition, the club assembled 150 "green" kits to the staff and community during the holidays, These kits contained CFL light bulbs, low-flow shower heads, fau-

cet attachments, outlet insulators and low power night lights to help these households decrease their carbon footprints. In a combined effort with the elementary "Recycling Club" led by Mr. Grabhorn, Club Eco raised support for a recycling station for the front foyer of the school. This station has compartments to collect CD/DVDs, plastic bottles, juice pouches, tennis shoes, batteries, ink cartridges and cell phones. Check out other items and places on page 5!



**The "Green" Theme Continues with an Earth Day Garbage-Free Lunch Picnic Wednesday, April 22nd**



Take the challenge and pack a "Garbage-free Lunch" for your children next Wednesday, April 22nd in honor of Earth Day.. Dig out that Tupperware and put away the Ziplocs! The challenge is to bring your lunch using only reusable

containers that can be taken home, washed, and reused. No individual wrappers or recyclables. These plastics usually contain a harmful chemical called BPA. All items should be reusable and BPA free including the lunchbox/lunchbag. This is a great opportunity to show students how much trash is produced and

how we can each d our part to lessen our impact on the ecosystem. As an added bonus, those students who participate will enjoy their lunch with a picnic on the lawn to enjoy the beautiful resources they are working hard to protect.



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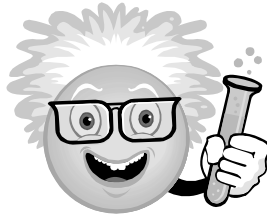
*"The important thing in science is not so much to obtain new facts as to discover new ways of thinking."*

*~William Bragg, Sr.~*

## Science Fair: A Sensational Success!

**Question:** What do you get when you add thoughtful students, childhood curiosity and the scientific method?

**Answer:** An amazing Science Fair. Last Wednesday was full of questions and answers as the Hulstrom students



demonstrated their ability to pose a question and put it to the test—the scientific method test, that is! With over 175 projects and 200 students participating, this year's Science Fair far exceeded expectations and

once again proved that Hulstrom students are up for a challenge! Congratulations to all who participated and to Mrs. Teran, MS Science; and Mrs. Spence, 2nd Grade GT, who coordinated it all.



## Hulstrom MS Student Council 6-8 Grade Spring Dance

**When:** Friday, May 1st

**Time:** 6-8p.m.

**Where:** Hulstrom Gymnasium

**Why:** It's a chance to hang out with friends, dance to great music, eat snacks, and have a fun time!



## THE END IS NEAR!

The end of the school year, that is. With only 6 weeks remaining for the school year, the end will be here before we know it. The Spring season brings with it increased excitement and anticipation, sunshiny days, and of course, the end-of-year school activities. Please keep this page as a mini calendar of school events in the coming weeks.

### APRIL

Thurs., April 16—MS District Battle of the Books

Fri., April 17—**Brain Freeze** 6-8 p.m.

Mon., April 20—**NO SCHOOL**

Tues., April 21—PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wed., April 22—Garbage-free Lunch  
MS Track @ North Stadium 4:30 p.m.

Mon., April 27—Spring Student Assessments  
(students will only attend school for appointed time)  
MS Track @ North Stadium 4:30 p.m.

Tues., April 28—No classes for Ms. Runger's Kinder

Wed., April 29—MS Track @ North Stadium 4:30 pm

Thurs, April 30—"The Big Bad Musical" 6-8p.m. \$2  
5th Grade District Battle of the Books

### MAY

Fri., May 1—MS Spring Dance 6-8 p.m.

Tues., May 5—Egging Music Program 10:30 a.m.

Wed., May 6—Runger AM Music Program 10:30 a.m.  
Runger PM Music Program 11:30 a.m.

Thurs., May 7—Sturgeon Music Program 11:30 a.m.  
**Celebration of Learning 4—7 p.m.**  
"Goin' Buggy" 2nd Grade Play 5 p.m.  
"Stone Soup" 1st Grade Play 6 p.m.  
3rd-5th Enrichment Choir 6:30 p.m.

Fri., May 8 & Mon., May 11—**NO SCHOOL**

Wed., May 13—Annual Blood Drive 5:30 p.m.

Thurs, May 14—MS Bands 6:30 p.m.

Wed., May 20—"The Nightingale" 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 21—"The Nightingale" 6:30 p.m.

Mon., May 25—**Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL**


Tues., May 26—**Kinder Continuation & Last Day**

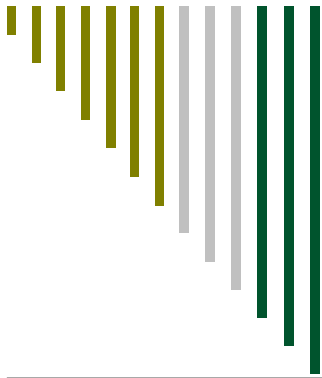
Wed., May 27—K-5 CONN—EOY Picnic 5 p.m.

Thurs., May 28—**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**10:45 a.m. Release**

The Hulstrom B.A.S.E. program is enrolling now for the summer session and the 2009-2010 school year. Applications are due by next Wednesday, April 22nd to ensure your spot.

Please call Krista Johnson 720-972-8961 for more information.





# It's happening @ your library

April 2009

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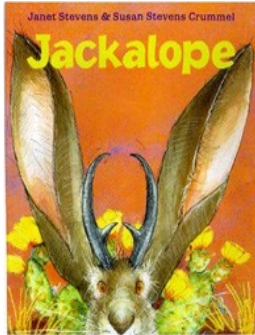
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## Statistics March 2009!

Classes Taught	78
Walk in students	1,352
Circulation	3,348
Interlibrary Loans	53



### Author/ Illustrator Janet Stevens visits Hulstrom!!!

Thanks to the generosity of the PTA, Hulstrom students and staff enjoyed a day with Janet Stevens, author and illustrator of well-loved books such as The Great Fuzz Frenzy; My Big Dog, Cook-a-doodle-doo, and many more. Mrs. Stevens taught and entertained students as she showed us how (and by what) her imagination and writing is inspired. As a special treat, Ms. Stevens and the Hulstrom students, created beautiful illustrations on display now in the LMC!

## Caldecott and Newbery 2009

### Award Winners

Caldecott:  
The House in the Night  
by Susan Marie Swanson

Newbery:  
The Graveyard Book  
by Neil Gaiman

## Battle of the Books Middle School Champions



Congratulations to McKenzie Johns, Emily Cunis, Dylan Larkin and Seth Roby! These students are this year's winning team of the Hulstrom's Middle School Battle of the Books. It was a day full of very close battles but in the end only one team was victorious! They will be representing Hulstrom at the District Battle on April 16 at 4:30. Good Luck!!!

### 4-5th Grade Battle of the Books

School wide battles will be held on April 15. These battles are schedule all day in the Library and parents are invited. We will feature 6 teams including a teacher team! Winners will receive trophies and will represent Hulstrom at the District Battle to be held at the ESC on April 30. Good Luck Everyone!!!

## Document Cameras Arrive!

Thanks to the generous parent support and the fundraising success of the PTA, Hulstrom has been able to purchase more document cameras for the classrooms.

Parents at February's PTA meeting were introduced to the various applications of this exciting & versatile tool including its use as a 21st century overhead, demonstration tool, work sharing & more!

## Collaboration Stars



### Middle School—Chautauqua

2nd Grade—Insects

3rd Grade—Weather

5th Grade—States and Colonies

Today we talk about....books. what else would we talk about? We're a library!! Our library is filled with books, audio books, and more. You can find almost any kind of book in our library and if we don't have it here, remember this library is connected to other libraries in the district. If you give us your name, the title of the book you want, the call number, and what school that book is at, we'll be able to ask for it at that library and get it to you in a few days; this is called inner-library loans. The books you see here aren't the only books you can get. Isn't it nice to know you have access to so many books?  
By Heather Diebel

## Principally Speaking

Dear Parents and Students,

I find myself wondering how it can be the middle of April with so much still to do. While I want to thank everyone for the great year we have had so far, I am not ready to concede that it is almost over. We do have about 6 weeks of school left, and I know we will need every day of it to accomplish all we want to get done. There is a great deal going on at Hulstrom in these next few weeks. We will do our best to remind you all as dates come upon us, but please also check the calendar and website to be sure you don't miss anything.

We will be sending home information regarding supply lists, important summer dates, info about updating registration information etc., all over the next few weeks. Please be sure to look for this information in your child's Wednesday folder.

I want to acknowledge and thank PTA and parent volunteers for all the help and support they have given to help Hulstrom be successful. PTA has raised considerable funds and volunteered countless hours to help our staff once again this year. Their focus this year has been technology, our library resources and improving our playground. You all make a tremendous impact on our school. Thank you for all you do!

Finally, we will again issue our 100 book/1,000 page challenge to our students. Reading logs will be distributed during the last week of school. Students who complete the challenge will receive a free book from Scholastic and have their pictures up in the display case in our new building. Please encourage your child(ren) to join us in this challenge.....Anything you can do to support the love of reading translates into stronger skills in school!

Once again, I would like to thank our families for a great school year. The staff and I have worked hard to grow and learn as a K-8 team. We have experienced many joys and successes and have learned from many challenges. We continue to become more efficient as we learn, and we design better and better schedules and calendars for our school as we gain experience. Through it all, we could not have been as successful without the support of our families. You have given us your time, your ideas, your insight and your support. I know I speak for the Hulstrom staff when I say we all feel truly fortunate to work with such great children and families at Hulstrom.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of school. They go by so fast.

Kym LeBlanc-Esparza, Ed. D.



### LUNCH NOTE

Students who have balances or who owe charges in their lunch account at the end of the year will have that balance or charge rolled over into next year. If your student is changing schools his/her balance or charge will follow him to his new school. However, if you would like to have the balance refunded to you, please contact your kitchen manager. Refunds begin on May 14. The last day for refunds is **May 27** at 1:30 p.m.. Be advised that your school office cannot do refunds for the Lunch Program. Please see your kitchen manager.

In order to get our financial house in order, there can be **no more charging as of May 5 at the MIDDLE schools and May 14 at the ELEMENTARY schools.**

If your students are staying in the same school next year, they will keep the same lunch number with one exception. The first digit of the number will change to match their grade level. Example: Your first grader's number is 1001, after promotion to the second grade, the number will become 2001.

We have sincerely enjoyed having your student eat with us. We look forward to serving your student nutritious meals again next year. Thank you for your support of our program! ~ Kitchen Staff