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How to exceed district communication objectives



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Building Solutions.

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- District Technology Coordinator
- York Public Schools
- www.yorkpublic.org
- Enrollment: 1,200 students
- Began using CMS May 2007



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Communication challenges they faced:

- Keeping district patrons informed of district news was a struggle
- Website front page was hard to update with the most current items
- Cancellations and postponements on the front page could be updated but we had difficulty figuring out who had access



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Finding a solution:

- I used our current CMS at Chadron
- My first year at York was spent evaluating the website and making recommendations
- NETA 2007 conference connected me to our current CMS partner



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FBLA Attends State Convention

Several Members Bring Home Honors

On April 3rd through the 5th, thirty-seven members of York's FLBA Chapter went to Omaha, Nebraska, to attend the state's Future Business Leaders of America Annual State Convention. The group attended organizational meetings and participated in several competitive business tests. Top placers in the competitive testing were Chelsea Ermer (2nd) and Erin Hotovy (3rd) in Spelling. Chelsea and Erin both qualify to go on . . . [read more](#)



FBLA Advisor, Ben Meyer, talks to members before the Opening Ceremony



Severe Weather Awareness Week

Schools To Practice Tornado Drill This

Wednesday

This week is Severe Weather Awareness Week. The National Weather Service in Hastings is coordinating many events to increase public awareness of weather emergencies and to encourage

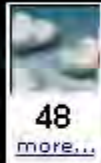


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How technology made a difference:

- A CMS helped us meet our website objectives:
 - Professional look
 - Useful
 - Up-to-date
 - Easy for staff, students, patrons to find what they are looking for



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Infinite Campus Receives Positive Rating *York's SIS Among the Best*



October 04, 2007

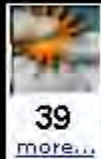
Infinite Campus Receives Positive Rating in K12 SIS MarketScope Report

Oct. 1, 2007 – Arden Hills, Minn., – Infinite Campus, Inc. today announced that it received a "Positive" rating in Gartner's "MarketScope for K-12 Student Information Systems, 2007" authored by Bill Rust and Marti Harris dated Sept. 21, 2007. Infinite Campus was one of five vendors evaluated in the report, receiving a positive rating.

"Our customers have been reaping the benefits of a comprehensive, web-based enterprise system for more than 13 years," said Charlie Kratsch, founder and CEO of Infinite Campus. "We believe Gartner's "Positive" rating confirms the position of Infinite Campus as an industry innovator and underscores our commitment to transforming K12 education."

Gartner's MarketScope provides specific guidance for users who are deploying, or have deployed, products or services. To be considered for inclusion in the MarketScope, the SIS vendor must have clients (in production or under contract).

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- At first, it was a struggle to get staff on board
- But once we were live, we received compliments on how much better the new site looked
- We're still learning, and have more objectives to meet, but we exceeded our initial objectives





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s. Sally Baldrige
s. Chris Holder
r. Don Keelan-White
s. ScottiJo Tinkham
s. Roxy Wieseman

.....1005A
1005B

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1 semester

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
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27	28	29	30	1	2	3

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Calendar Events [April 2008]

Time	Description	Location
▼ April 01, 2008		
	4th Grade Swimming Unit	
4:00 pm	GT @ Hastings 4:00	
4:00 pm	BG @ Seward Triangular (Seward/Crete) - 4:00 - RESCHEDULED FROM 3/31	Seward
4:30 pm	B/G SC-Home vs. Columbus Lakeview 4:30	
▼ April 02, 2008		
	FFA State Convention @ Lincoln	
	Student Dismissal 2:00 (YHS/YMS) 2:10 (YES)	
	4th Grade Swimming Unit	
▼ April 03, 2008		
	4th Grade Swimming Unit	
9:00 am	BG @ Lincoln Plus X Invite 9:00	

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A CMS changed our work-flow process:

- Today, several staff members are posting content
- Still in the process of training some staff members
- Recently we added a private section for staff to access budget forms
- Web design class helps with updates





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Mrs. Samuelson's Kindergarten Class

By Kati Roman
October 08, 2007



Welcome to our colorful world of learning!

Welcome to Mrs. Samuelson's Home Page!

Below you will find a gallery of photos showing what we have been learning.

Enjoy your visit and please come back often.

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Bowlers Bound for State
YHS Bowlers Sweep Districts

by Tucker Nolan
 February 07, 2008

The York High Bowling Teams qualified for State.



The YHS Varsity Bowling Team

On January, 26, the York Bowling team, both boys and girls, finished first in their district. The teams went head to head with some of the best bowlers in the state: Hastings, Aurora, and Gretna. Winning first place at districts is an automatic ticket to state. Along with winning districts, the York Boys had a new high game series of 1061. Class B Varsity state bowling will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska at Sun Valley Lanes on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.



Derek receives Top Bowler Award at Districts



Coach Dodd encourages his players

Varsity Boys

Bowlers Name	Game #1	Game #2	Game #3	Series	Game #4	Total Series
Ian McVicker	233	191	201	625	193	818
Derek Dougl	236	212	204	652	190	842

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Terpstra Foundation Continues to Benefit Education

Multimedia Enhancements Underway in YHS Classrooms

by Web Design Class
March 28, 2008

The Terpstra Foundation, founded by York High graduate Mike Terpstra ('76), has provided a very generous gift of over \$44,000 to York High School. His most recent gift will bring technological enhancements to the classroom environment. Work is already underway to install multimedia projectors in the ceilings of each classroom. These projectors will allow teachers to display high quality visuals, web sites and other media to enhance classroom instruction.



Workers install new wiring at YHS. Multimedia projectors will be hung in each classroom teacher's room.



Terpstra Foundation's gifts to the library were given in honor of Joe Berry. A memorial plaque acknowledges Mr. Berry's long-time commitment to YHS as a teacher.

"This is a wonderful gift that will enhance student learning in the classroom," commented Mrs. Jane Brogan, current YHS social studies teacher and '81 York High graduate. "It is also a challenge to our staff to continue providing the high quality education that is a York tradition," she added. "Mr. Terpstra's continued generosity to our school is a testament to the quality education and teachers that he experienced here as a student. His generosity is an inspiration to us as educators to continue York's legacy of excellence in education."

There is no denying that Mr. Terpstra is a very giving person. His previous donations have included a memorial to his high school English teacher, the



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Our process for posting content:

- I am still the main administrator and set the front page feature articles
- Each building has editors that can approve articles
- Other users are correspondents

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By Kerri Bukaske
April 01, 2008

Vacancies for the 2007-2008 School Year

Bus Mechanic

12 month position

Beginning date: May 1, 2008

Vacancies for the 2008-2009 School Year

Middle School Social Studies / Reading Teacher

High School Social Studies Teacher

Head Varsity Track Coach

Head Varsity Softball Coach

Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

Speech/Language Pathologist - Middle Level

Please submit a formal letter of application, updated resume, complete college transcripts and credentials, plus a copy of your teaching certificate to:

Mr. Terry Kenealy, Superintendent
York Public Schools
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A CMS has changed my workload:

- Staff participation has diminished my website workload
- Teachers that have not been trained email me content and any pictures. I just cut and paste into an article
- Our plan next year is to have a more robust site once all the staff is trained





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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Construction Zone - Beware!

Use Caution around York Elementary School

by Terry Kenealy
December 17, 2007



Work on the City of York's project to run the water and sewer lines to the new housing development north of the pool and school area resumed today. Due to the inherent danger to staff, students, parents and patrons who use Washington Avenue to access the north parking lot behind the elementary school, these driveway and parking restrictions are being put back into effect. Because the construction work to lay the sewer lines on the east side of Washington Avenue is dangerous to those who try to drive north on Washington Avenue to the north parking lot, I have ordered the following temporary changes:

- The north parking lot will be closed to all traffic except staff parking;
- Washington Street, north of the main entrance to the elementary school will be closed to all traffic except construction on a temporary basis until it is deemed safe to begin using it again;
- Parents are asked to use 14th street for drop-off and pick-up during

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Posting alerts and breaking news:

- We use a scrolling banner across the top of the front page for school closings
- The public is getting used to looking at our website for important information





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Postponements and Cancellations

November 30, 2007

The following events have been postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather forecasted for the area today morning:

Freshmen Basketball games
 York Wrestling Invite
 Fine Arts Boosters trip to Omaha
 Saturday School
 All Middle School Events

Club Bowling in North Platte



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Jay Lutt

Farragut Community School District



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Jay Lutt

- Superintendent
- Farragut Community School District
- www.farragutschools.org
- Enrollment: 300 students
- Began using CMS July 2004
- Experience with html and website set up at other schools



Farragut Community School District

Communication challenges we faced:

- District website set up by teacher that left. No one could do updates
- We received multiple phone calls daily on school events
- All communication was either sent home with students or through the mail



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Website Objectives:

- My priority was to have a communication link 24/7, 365 days
- With my previous website experience I knew we needed the ability to have more than one person posting content
- Decided on purchasing a CMS



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Board & Community Meeting

The Farragut School Board had its first community input meeting on January 21, 2008 and the second on April 7, 2008. The slideshow from that meeting is listed below. The purpose of the meeting is to engage the community in discussions about the financial needs of the district. Currently we have a decrease of students and less state and federal aid. Making the budget balance will take input, assistance and patience . . . [read more](#) 3



Play Props

The Farragut High School Drama Department is performing *Arsenic and Old Lace* on April 18-20. The play is set in the mid-1940s. As we have been gathering props and putting the set together, we have discovered that there are still some items that we are in need of. If anyone has any of the items from the list below . . . [read more](#) 1

Lee W.

Senior 2008

Hometown: Riverton, IA Activities involved in: FFA(4), Basketball (1) Favorite Teacher: Mr. Nelson, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Weldon, and Mr. Urton Favorite class: Ag & Auto Tech Favorite food: Steak and Baked Potatoes Favorite Quote: Most . . . [read more](#) 1

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The Sailor's Wharf - Farragut CSD Online Store

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How we use our CMS to communicate:

- News focused articles featured on our front page
- Flexible navigation allows us to set up sections on specific topics
- Email newsletter frequently sent to registered listserv



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Board Workshop March 31st - 6 p.m. -
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- Junior High Sports
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- Volleyball
- Wrestling

Mitchell K.

Senior 2008

Hometown: Riverton, IA Activities involved in: None Favorite Teacher: Mrs. Stephens Favorite class: Health Favorite food: Subway Favorite Quote: "Life is a long lesson in humility." Most memorable moment in High School: ... [read more](#)



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Farragut Community School District News Update
 April 04, 2008

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Update Addresses

by: **Becky Hughes**
 January 21, 2005



The Farragut Alumni Organization needs updated contact information for their database. If you haven't received last May's letter, please update your information as soon as possible. Call, fax, or e-mail your contact information to Becky Hughes.

Information needed:

- Name
- Address
- E-mail

Keep Current with the Alumni Organization!

Post your feedback on this topic here

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Posted 03/09/2005

I enjoy your web site, very professional and informative. I attended the school last in april of 1978, moved to arizona and finished high school there with 164 other seniors, I still consider farragut high as my home school, I have very good memories there, please share my e-mail with other 1979 classmates, would like to catch up with some of the students.

james d. stewart
 jstewart@uplogon.com
 retired
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Close



From: farragutschools@farragutschools.org
To: Stephanie Mackeprang
Cc:
Subject: Farragut Community School District Clipped Event Reminders for April 8, 2008

Sent: Sat 4/5/2008 1:16 AM

Here are your Clipped Events for April 8, 2008.

Boys Golf Shenandoah Invite
Farragut CSD
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Title: Boys Golf Shenandoah Invite

Date and Time: Tue, Apr 8, 2008 1:00

Location:

City/Region: Shenandoah, IA

Contact Person: Jay D. Luft

Contact Phone: 712-365-8131

Contact Email: jlluft@farragut.k12.ia.us

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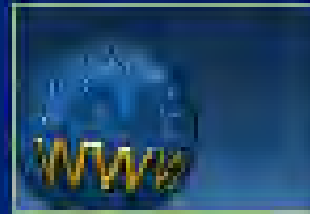
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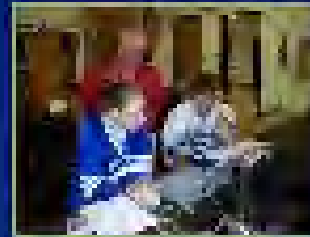
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New Gym Floor 2008

Updated Slideshow!!! March 27, 2008

by Mr. Lutt
March 27, 2008



The gym floor has served Farragut Schools well for over forty years. There were lots of success stories that played out in sports and fine arts. The students in physical education did everything from badminton to basketball. All those pounding feet on the floor including multiple generations of Farragut Board of Education members. A bid for a new gym floor was submitted by Contracting Inc. won the bid.

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January 18, 2005

ONLINE RESOURCES -

<http://www.iowaaeaonline.org>

Students and teachers throughout southwest Iowa have access to seven dynamic online resources provided by Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13. These educational resources enhance lessons and provide an unparalleled collection of materials to help students complete projects, research or homework via the Internet. The resources below may be found at <http://www.iowaaeaonline.org> and may be used at school and from home 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These resources are already filtered, safe sites for students.



- **World Book Online** includes all articles from the 22-volume print set plus thousands of new and historic online-only articles. Continuously updated, World Book Online is rated as the best encyclopedia in School Library Journal's annual review of electronic encyclopedias.

- **EBSCOhost Online** provides thousands of magazine articles and images for students and educators. This online resource provides excellent coverage of such topics as science, health, multicultural issues, music, politics, history and geography. Magazine articles even have reading level indicators to assist in finding text of appropriate reading levels.

- **Accunet/AP Multimedia Archive** is the most extensive online collection of copyright-released multimedia materials available. For all grade levels, it includes over 750,000 Associated Press photos dating back to the 1840s, over 700,000 Associated Press news articles from 1989, searchable audio-visual dating back to the 1930s, and thousands of

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Information on College Career Academies

by **Mr. Lutt**

July 01, 2007

College Career Academies are a partnership among Iowa Western Community College, Loess Hills Area Education Agency 13, Farragut CSD, and local business and industry.

College Career Academies are designed to ensure that the region's students are "college ready and career ready" and prepared for the demands and dynamics of the global, high tech work economy and the next job market. They support regional economic development efforts.

College Career Academies, when fully developed, will include:

- Six-year focused student educational planning
- Job shadows and internships
- Curriculum alignment for grades 9-14
- Opportunities to earn college credit while in high school
- Student organizations
- Academic and career and technical high school courses in each of the 16 Career Clusters.

Please contact Sandy Hilding at 385-8131 for more information.



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Teacher Assistance Team

by Mr. Lutt

May 30, 2007

Teacher Assistance Team (TAT)

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Staff participation in posting content:

- better than in past years
- however, we're striving to get more teachers involved



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Art Trip

by Betsy M.
April 01, 2008

Art Trip



Art Members at the IWCC Art Show



The Art classes at Farragut High school field trip to see the winners at the Iowa Western Community College Art Fair. Farragut had four winners, Kimmy E., Shae E., Allison E., and Janae S. After, their trip to the Art fair the students left to see the Joslyn Art Museum. Congratulations to the Art winners!

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Karen Dux

- 6th-Grade Teacher at Jefferson Elementary
- Fairbury Public Schools
- www.fairburyjeffs.org
- District enrollment: 925 students
- Elementary enrollment: 226
- Began using CMS July 2004
- Featured in Lincoln Journal Star article in December 2007



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Communication challenges we faced:

- We used Front Page to create web pages
- Most pages were about sports created by high school students
- Only teachers who had web design classes had pages
- Parents uninformed of school events
- Breaking news channeled through media



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How a CMS has made a difference:

- It is so easy to use that every staff members has ability to make web pages
- News represents more than sports
- Parents have instantaneous information about school happenings





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Walk a Mile in My Shoes

What is your dream?

Fairbury High School students actively listened to a powerful message Tuesday given by Mike Donahue from R5 Productions. According to his website, "R5 Productions has developed one of the most powerful and effective youth presentations in the country. Our goal is to equip, empower and encourage students on a personal level to bring them to a place where they can reconnect, rethink and rediscover. Students are looking for answers. . . . [read more](#)



**Algebra +
Aerobics =
Algebrobics**

Applied Math Lesson

Applied Math students have been graphing linear equations this week. $Y = mX + b$ is known as the slope-intercept form of an equation. Y and X will always be there; m is the slope; b is the y-intercept. We have used a lot of graph paper to get quality practice.



**Junior High
Students of the
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7th graders J.D. Moody & Mikaela Schroeder; 8th graders Ashton Feldkamp & Trent Simpson
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Mrs. Bedlan

2nd Grade

Hello from Mrs. Bedlan's 2nd grade! Things are going well for us. We are learning and having a good time. What could be better than that? We started out the year using Kevin Henkes's mouse books as a theme to get us started. His books are so personable; the children can relate and get great comfort from his characters - Lilly gets in trouble with her teacher; Chrysanthemum's name is too long (doesn't even fit on a name tag); Wemberly is worried about everything - just to name a few examples. Our art projects of Lilly and her purple plastic purse were on display at

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If you have any questions you can e-mail me at:
mbedlan@fairburyjeff.org

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CMS made multi-media projects possible

- Roving Reporter
- Jefferson Snoops



www.journalstar.com



Armed with a digital camera, Jordan Johnson, craves exposure for the day, takes pictures during reading class at Jefferson Intermediate School in Fallston. Every day the reading reporter's photos, written descriptions of the day's activities and an audio file are posted on the school's Web site.

Roving reporter

Teacher's online class project sharpens students' writing and multimedia skills.

BY KEVIN MARSHALL

REPORT—Jordan Johnson is a sixth-grader, and he's got a job. He's the roving reporter for his class.

His job is to take pictures and write about what's going on in the classroom every day.

It's a job that's given him a lot of practice in writing and taking pictures.

His teacher, Mrs. Dan, says the project is a great way to help students learn to write and take pictures.

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Each morning, a student is assigned the task of being the Roving Reporter for the day.

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The students also said, she says she's sharing what they've learned from reading the books.

"I've learned a lot, and they're all so good."

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Mrs. Dan oversees the program in her fifth-grade reading class by sharing comments to the school Web site and school principal that were written.

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Roving Reporter teaches students:

- Writing skills (6 traits of writing)
- Listening skills
- Organizational skills
- Multi-media skills
 - Photography
 - Digital recording





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by Mrs. Dux | Thursday, August 16, 2007

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My Educational Philosophy

by Karen Dux

I believe the aim of education is: To create the best possible learning experiences for each child. To educate the whole child including the spiritual, physical, emotional, social, and creative aspects. To educate . . . [read more](#)

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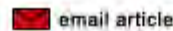
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April 4, 2008

by Tyler

Dux's Diary

Dux's Diary Part 2

Tyler's Podcast



Our New Book



Art - Coins



Art - Flowers

Spring is here, the grass is turning green, and the birds are chirping. Soccer games have started, and it is now time for another round of Roving Reporter.

First, in science class we checked our assignments. We read about electricity in our textbook. Luckily, we had no upcoming assignment.

Next, we had reading. We checked our assignment. Then we were given a Thesaurus to pick any word that had antonyms and synonyms. The class then had to guess some of these. Then we were given a National Geographic book so we could pick any picture with a caption and read it to the class.

For spelling we did not have an assignment. We did not have a weekly test which was unusual.

Then for lunch we had chicken strips with fruit, juice, and milk. At recess,

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Please share your input with the children in Mrs. Dux's class.

Post your feedback on this topic here

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Posted 02/07/2008

Hello Roving Reporters. I was just reading all your reports to see what you've been doing since I was with you. Sounds like you're keeping busy and learning alot. You're doing great on your reports. I can see alot of progress since the beginning of the year. Keep up the good work. We really enjoy reading and listening to them. See you soon. Mrs. Welsch

Martha Welsch
welschtruckingllc@gmail.com

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Jefferson Snoops teaches students:

- Script writing
- Choreography skills
- Speaking/on-camera skills
- Multi-media skills
 - Video recording
 - Video Editing





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The Jefferson Snoops - 3rd Quarter

by Mrs. Dux | Saturday, March 1, 2008

The Jefferson School Vodcast includes news stories of events happening in Jefferson school. The vodcast has been posted on the following Internet site.

http://www.fairburyjeffs.com/karendux/jefferson_snoops.htm Please send comments to Mrs. Dux's email which is listed on the website. The students have done a fantastic . . . [read more](#)



Jefferson Teachers Participate in McTeacher Night!

By Karen Dux - Manager

On Tuesday, March 4, Jefferson Intermediate teachers and McDonalds partnered up for education. This is the fourth year that McDonalds has graciously agreed to donate 20% of the evenings profits to Jefferson. Jefferson teachers were . . . [read more](#)

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by Mrs. Weise - Principal

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The Jefferson Snoops - 3rd Quarter

by Mrs. Dux



The Jefferson School Vodcast includes news stories of events happening in Jefferson school. The vodcast has been posted on the following Internet site.

http://www.fairburyjeffs.com/karendux/jefferson_snoops.htm



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Please send comments to Mrs. Dux's email which is listed on the website. The students have done a fantastic job on this project. All of the writing and producing has been student lead.

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State Standards Covered With This Project:

- 8.2.1 By the end of the eighth grade, students will write using standard English (conventions) for sentence structure, usage, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling.
- 8.2.2 By the end of the eighth grade, students will write compositions with focus, related ideas, and supporting details.
- 8.2.3 By the end of the eighth grade, students will revise and edit descriptive compositions.

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Welcome to the Jefferson School Vodcast created by Mrs. Dux's 6th grade reading class. Please click on a segment link below to listen to our vodcast. You may email Mrs. Dux with questions or comments by using the address below. We hope you enjoy the first vodcast created for Jefferson School.

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- Knowledge of day-to-day happenings
- Exposure to students' school work
- Learn about other grades the students report on
- Pride in their student's accomplishments



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