

From
Superintendent
Dan Polk
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The Mustang Message

The year continues to be a very good one here at the Silver Lake Public Schools. The fall sports seasons (football and volleyball) have concluded while basketball is just getting started. The one act play is now at the competitive level. Mrs. Hinrichs, Mrs. Theer, and the kids have been working hard for weeks and have done a wonderful job with it. I wish them luck as they are performing in the TVC Conference Meet on November 16th and the District Meet on November 30th.

We had a very nice Veteran's Day program here at school in

which the music department performed a couple of musical pieces. There was a guest speaker and a lunch for all of the veterans who attended. The elementary program was held following lunch. Both programs were open to public, and we would like to again say thank you to all of our veterans for the time and sacrifices they have given in defense and service of our country.

A reminder that winter weather times ARE HERE! If you feel we are having school and it's too dangerous for your child to attend, simply call us and let

us know. Their absence will NOT be counted against them. I try to air on the side of caution as much as I can – this is especially so considering our district extends approximately ten miles south of Campbell all the way to eight miles north of Roseland. There is a good chance that the weather conditions are not the same throughout the district. We also have staff traveling from many different locations - many outside the district - and we have to take their safety into account as well.

People are continuing to find out

that if you “hear” something in the communities about what’s going on “at that school,” it’s very easy to find out for sure. Just give me a call. I have yet to turn away someone with a legitimate question or concern, and many times, that’s how we keep the communication lines open and find out about any issues that may need addressed. If you ever have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my principals or myself at any time. You may not always agree with or like what you hear, but we will communicate and listen!



CHRISTMAS CONCERT DATES...

THURS., DEC. 8TH AT 7 PM - ELEMENTARY CONCERT

TUES., DEC. 20TH AT 7 PM - HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT



MAKING WISHES COME TRUE...

A Pair of Jeans, A Ball Cap, And Some Coin Jars Give Hope To Those With A Terminal Illness

by Kari Sharp

The week of October 17th through the 21st found Silver Lake elementary and high school students, as well as staff members, raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation through the Jeans For Wishes Program. With four of our very own from the district having participated in this program, we knew that the money was going to a worthwhile cause.

High school students could wear a hat each day of the week for \$2 a day. Elementary students had a competition to see which class could raise the most money. Teachers from the high school and the elementary wore jeans for \$5 a day. Seems simple enough, right? All of this was done to help raise money to go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The elementary had a much more involved crowd as they turned the event into a competition, with the winning class receiving a popcorn/movie party in the afternoon. The total money made in each of the classes at the elementary was:

- Preschool-\$42
- Kindergarten-\$130.48
- First-\$314.15
- Second-\$228.51
- Third-\$115.22
- Fourth-\$240.23
- Fifth-\$520.11
- Sixth-\$81.37

With the fifth grade winning the competition and the elementary staff raising \$545 on their own, the elementary grand total was a staggering \$2,083.07.

The high school raised a total of \$45 from students who paid to wear a hat while the staff raised \$192 towards the wearing of jeans. This brought the high school total to \$237, in comparison to the elementary's fundraising efforts of over \$2,000!

Overall, the fundraiser was considered a huge success in raising \$2,320.07 from Silver Lake Public Schools which was sent to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This total also included some "miscellaneous" donations from both the high school and the elementary.

Kudos to the coordinator of this event, Kari Sharp, for holding such a successful fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and thank you to all who helped raise money to make an ill child's dreams come true!

