

VINTON-SHELLSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

—WHERE CHARACTER COUNTS!

"The Mission of the Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District is to improve the quality of lives and assist individuals in becoming contributing members of society through the accumulation and application of knowledge."

Special points of interest:

- May — School Board Recognition Month
- May 4—2-Hour Early Dismissal, Prof. Development
- May 5—FFA Awards Banquet, VSHS Commons, 5:30 pm
- May 5—Jazz Band @ Celebration Park, 6:00 pm
- May 7-11—Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
- May 9—Senior Awards Night, VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm
- May 10—Shellsburg Presidential Awards, 2:00 pm
- May 14—VPRD Live Healthy Kids Track Meet @ Karr Complex, 4:00—8:00 pm
- May 14—School Board Meeting, Central, 5:15 pm
- May 16—VSEA/VSCD Retirees Reception @ Central Office Board Room, 4:00—5:30 pm
- May 16—Middle School Presidential Awards, VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm
- May 18—2-Hour Early Dismissal, Prof. Development
- May 18—Seniors Last Day (Tentatively), Reception in commons 1:30-2:00 pm
- May 24—PRESCHOOL 'S LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- May 25—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, 2-Hr. Early Dismissal
- May 25—Graduation Rehearsal , 8:00-10:30 am
- May 27—Graduation, VSHS Garrison Field House, 2:00 pm
- May 28—Memorial Day Parade @ 10:00 am

To the Vinton-Shellsburg School Community:

It feels like spring has finally arrived! I have never called a no-school day due to snow as late as we did this year – April 18th!

As you may have read or heard, the students' last day will still be on Friday, May 25th with a two-hour early out. Our administrative team was not sure there would be a lot of quality teaching or learning if we asked students to return on the Tuesday after Memorial Day. We have this flexibility in determining the last day because we base our calendar on hours, not days, and our students will have exceeded the 1080 minimum hours required.

It has been a tough season for our spring athletes as our golf, track, soccer and trap shooting teams had their practices and competitions cancelled or postponed. There are many music events and end-of-the-year celebrations that are still scheduled this month.

We recently received results from this spring's Iowa Assessments. When we review the data from each grade level, it is apparent that great things are happening inside our classrooms. We receive data comparing us to other schools in the Grant Wood Area and to the state. In almost every category, our students achieved better than their peers in Grant Wood or across the state. When we review the preliminary data by whether or not students are proficient, we see the following by grade level (the second number is the percent of students who were highly proficient – earning a score above 90%). (Statistically, schools would expect about 60% to be proficient and 10% to be highly proficient.)

Grade Level	Reading	Math	Science
3 rd Grade	93% (35%)	96% (47%)	100% (27%)
4 th Grade	86% (36%)	81% (36%)	90% (26%)
5 th Grade	84% (37%)	85% (42%)	84% (35%)
6 th Grade	84% (30%)	87% (36%)	88% (23%)
7 th Grade	84% (27%)	91% (39%)	90% (28%)
8 th Grade	78% (26%)	81% (38%)	87% (22%)
9 th Grade	90% (36%)	89% (38%)	93% (30%)
10 th Grade	86% (21%)	82% (25%)	84% (22%)
11 th Grade	84% (12%)	84% (28%)	90% (33%)

While Iowa Assessments is just one measure of student learning, we can all be proud of the work that our staff and students are doing to do well on this measure!

The culmination of any school's work is graduation. It is a day when we celebrate not only our students' successes but also the success of the preK-high school system that works together in preparing our students for their futures. This year's graduation is at 2:00 on Sunday, May 27th in the Garrison Field House. We anticipate more than 100 students graduating which is up from last year, but still less than what we had a decade ago which is reflective of the overall decline in enrollment for the district.

The first week in May is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week and May is also when we recognize school board members. We are fortunate to have so many individuals who are a part of the district and who are willing to work together for our students' learning.

This includes the **associates** who work with special education students, lunchroom and recess duty, and work with students to support reading and math development. Our **bus drivers** travel the 235 square miles of our district twice daily plus transport our students to their extracurricular activities; they are the ones kids see first thing in the morning and the last thing at the end of the day! Our **custodians and maintenance** crew manage and clean about 400,000 square feet plus many acres of mowing; they do a great job of keeping things clean, safe and attractive. Our **food service** staff serve over 20,000 lunches each month and about 6,000 breakfasts! They work to make sure food is nutritious, attractive and tasty while working within a tight budget and federal guidelines. Our **building secretaries** are often the first people many of our new families and students meet when they join the district or transition to a new building; our **central office** staff provide support to new employees and they also work with our vendors, other school districts and the entire community. Our students are our purpose, but we are able to excel at that purpose because of the work our **teachers** do within each classroom (see the results from Iowa Assessments to verify).

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REMINDER! -

Library books must be turned in to the media centers by **May 11th**.

And all dues must be paid by then.

Thank you!!



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Registration will open approximately last week in July.

First day of school is Thursday, August 23, 2018.

Our **administrators and directors** work individually and collectively to provide leadership and support across the district. Our **school board members** are the only elected officials in Iowa who are not compensated; they do it because of their interest and passion about students and the district. They work to balance the needs of our students with our taxpayers' interests.

I am proud of the people who are a part of our school district and the work they do to serve the entire school-community. You should be as well! When you see them, take a minute to thank them for the great job they are doing supporting our students.

We are working to update our website and other ways we use social media. We surveyed our parents and community a few weeks ago. The results included:

Almost 300 people responded to the survey (THANK YOU!).

The calendar items (activity and regular school) are accessed the most.

Many people use the links to gain quick access to Power Schools and RevTrack – which means we need to continue having favorite links easily accessible.

Almost 80% of people access our website on their phones – which means that we need to use a format that is easily viewed on a phone's screen! Over half of the respondents indicated they prefer to get their school information via School Messenger, but almost 25% also want to make sure it is on our website.

Many of the respondents access our Facebook page.

People have asked that we keep the information on our website more up-to-date and include more pictures including staff pictures and contact information.

We had several requests to have more information about the bell schedules on the website. We have purposefully excluded that information as that is a recommendation from safety experts.

If any student or parent has a question about the school district, I would encourage him or her to give me a call, send me an e-mail, or stop in. I welcome the opportunity to talk about what is going well (or not so well) in our district.

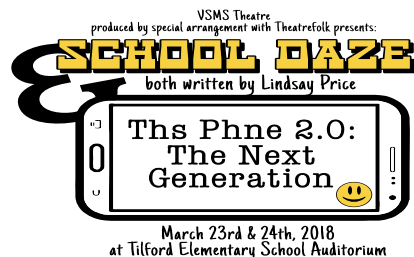
Respectfully,
Mary Jo Hainstock, Superintendent

SUMMER CAMP DATES

- * **Little Vikes Drama Camp: June 4-July 6 (weekdays) No camp on July 2-4.**
- * **Boys' Basketball Camp: June 11-14; 3rd-5th gr. 8:00am-9:30am; 6th-8th gr. 9:45am-11:15am**
- * **Cross Country Camp: Team Bonding Camp (Gr. 9-12) July 30-August 1, Pictured Rocks State Park; 7th-8th and 5th-6th camps still being determined.**
- * **Girls' Swim Camp: July 30—August 1.**
- * **Band Camp: Aug. 3rd - FR Only; August 6-10; August 13-18 — 8:00am-12:00pm every day**

We will continue to add to the list of summer camps, which can be found on the Activities Calendar under "Summer Camps" at: <http://wamacconference.org/public/genie/150/school/13/>

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT



School Daze was about the first day of middle school through the eyes of different students. From locker combinations to where to sit and what to eat at lunch to getting to class on time to actually making it through the day.

Ths Phne 2.0: The Next Generation was about all the fun and not so fun parts of technology. Cell phones, texting, email, trying to find service and remembering how to talk face to face.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate for the weekend and only one showing of the play was done. All the students did an excellent job!

CAST: 6th Graders - Matthew Bookmeier, Eris Brown, Brant Dickinson, Sam Glynn, Carmen Henkle, Victoria Humiston, Thomas Jessen, Hugh Mangold, Eli Page, Elise Smith, Destin Solberg, Isaac Sturtz, Sophia Vasquez. 7th Graders - Ian Allsup, Maddie Beauchamp, Kalie Burke, Jade Coots, Cami Dawson-Fink, Darby Glynn, Molly Haisman, Patience Kies, Annabelle Newton, Kaelyn Pettyjohn, Karli Robinson, Ian Sallee, Destiny Slager, Blake Soquet, Brynn Staab, Bryce Walker, Baylee Wheeler. 8th Graders - Zena Aragon, Natalie Armstrong, Caroline Erickson, Megan Hendrickson, Morgan Lang, Emma McDaniel, Katie Murdock, Raeganne Neilsen, Elsa Page, Morgan Roy, Jozee White, Marissa Yessak.



VINTON-SHELLSBURG CSD EQUITY STATEMENT

The Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District provides equal educational and employment opportunities and will not illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District shall take affirmative action in recruitment, appointment, assignment and advancement of women and men, minorities and disabled. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal educational or employment opportunities and/or affirmative action shall be directed to Kim Meyer, Equity Coordinator, Vinton-Shellsburg CSD, 1502 C Avenue, Vinton, Iowa 52349. Inquiries may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII Office of the United States Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, or the Director of the Region VII Office of Civil Rights, United States Department of Education in Chicago, IL.

May 7-11 is Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week.
Please take the time to express your appreciation to all the staff members of the Vinton-Shellsburg School District for all the hard work and dedication they give towards making our school district the best it can be!!!!

May is School Board Recognition Month.

Take time to thank a Board member for all they do for our schools!!!

Rob Levis—President

Sue Gates—Vice President

Directors: Brenda Bartz, Jason Hicok, Kyle Schminke, Mike Timmermans, & Kathy Van Steenhuyse.

Thank You!!!

Honored for Academics

Vinton-Shellsburg High School is pleased to announce that several 2017-18 Winter activities have been recognized for their academic achievements. The Iowa High School Athletic Association, the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union and the Iowa High School Music Association recognize the following:

The Distinguished Academic Achievement Award is awarded to the teams who achieved a combined grade point average of 3.25-4.00 for Trimester 2. This award was received by the following: Girls' Basketball, Girls' Bowling, and Jazz Band.

The Excellence in Academic Achievement Award is awarded to the teams who achieved a combined grade point average of 3.00-3.24 for Trimester 2. This award was received by the following: Boys' Basketball, Wrestling, and Concert Band.

Each participant will receive a certificate from their respective organization.

Vinton-Shellsburg CSD & VSEA Public Reception
May 16, 2018 4:00—5:30 pm
Central Office Board Room
1502 C Ave., Vinton

Honoring 2017 Retirees:

Lois Mulvaney (33 yrs.)
Sara Patterson (37 yrs.)

Deborah Vaughan (32 yrs.)
Becky Williams (29 yrs.)

VSEA Honorees:

Teacher of the Year: Sarah Mathis

Members of the Year: Sheri Miller & Laurie Hyland

Friends of Education: Veteran Volunteers in the Classroom

John Anderson Otto Bush Dave Dods

Brandon Farmer Garth Gardemann Ron Geiger

Dave Goodell John Gualtier Jeanette Henry

Dale Henry Denny Miller Toni Parizek

Jared Parmater

Please come and express your appreciation to all the honorees for the priceless contributions they have made to our students, district, and community.

VINTON-SHELLSBURG GRADUATION



The Vinton-Shellsburg High School Class of 2018
will graduate on Sunday, May 27th, at 2:00 p.m.
in the Garrison Field House

CLASS MOTTO: "We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun." Winnie the Pooh

CLASS FLOWER: Black Rose tipped in Gold

CLASS COLORS: Black and Gold

CLASS SONG: "We're All in This Together" - by High School Musical

Vinton Public Library Summer Reading Program

Starting in June pick up a READO and register for the Summer Reading program.

NEW this year: You will need to sign up for the time that you want to attend the zoo program and the magic show.

Programming starts in July, but June and July READOS need to be completed to go to the Skyzone in August.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program Recognizing Great American Schools Since 1982

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Every year the U. S. Department of Education seeks out and celebrates great American schools, schools demonstrating that all students can achieve to high levels. More than 8,500 schools across the country have been presented with this coveted award. The National Blue Ribbon School award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon School flag gracing an entry or flying overhead is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning.










Vinton-Shellsburg's Tilford Elementary school was a nominee for this prestigious award and recently submitted their application.

All schools are honored in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, subgroup student scores and graduation rates:

- **Exemplary High Performing Schools** are among their state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.
- **Exemplary Achievement Gap Closing Schools** are among their state's highest performing schools in closing achievement gaps between a school's subgroups and all students over the past five years.

Up to 420 schools may be nominated each year. The Department invites National Blue Ribbon School nominations from the top education official in all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Department of Defense Education Activity and the Bureau of Indian Education.

MAY 2018

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	<p>1 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V/JV Golf vs. Benton @ Wildcat, 4:15 pm ◇ B MS TR Little Viking Invitational, 4:15 pm <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>2 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ 3rd Gr. Ag Day @ Benton County Fairgrounds ◇ Band Booster Meeting, VSHS, 6:30pm 	<p>3 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V G Clear Creek-Amana, Marion, & Williamsburg @ Wildcat GC, 1:00 pm ◇ B/G V TR WaMaC Super Meet @ Solon, 4:30 pm ◇ B V SOC vs. Center Point-Urbana, 5:30 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Center Point-Urbana (Fross Park), 4:30/6:00 pm ◇ Tilford 2nd Gr. Concert, 6:30/7:15 pm 	<p>4 Day 5 2-HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ IHSMA State Large Group Festival @ Marion ◇ G MS TR WaMaC West Meet @ Marion, 4:15 pm ◇ B MS TR WaMaC West Meet @ Williamsburg, 4:15 pm 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V Trap Shoot @ Cedar Falls Gun Club, 8:00am ◇ B V G @ S. Tama Invite, TTCC, 9:00am ◇ B V SOC @ Clear Creek-Amana, 9:00 pm ◇ FFA Awards Banquet, 5:30 pm ◇ V-S Jazz Band @ Celebration Park, 6:00 pm
<p>7 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Softball Practice Begins ◇ G V G WaMaC Super Meet @ Peosta (Thunder Hills CC), 9:00 am ◇ B V G WaMaC Super Meet @ Amana Colonies GC, 9:00 am ◇ B/G JV TR WaMaC Meet @ Benton, 4:30 pm ◇ G/B V SOC vs. Cedar Valley Christian, 5:30/7:00 pm 	<p>8 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B MS TR @ Marion (Thomas Park), 4:00 pm ◇ G MS TR Little Vikette Invitational, 4:15 pm ◇ High School Fine Arts Night @ VS-HS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Art Fair, 5:00-7:00 ◇ 9-12 Band/Vocal Concert, 7:00 pm <p style="text-align: center;">National Teacher Day</p>	<p>9 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ NHS Wrap-up, VSHS, 5:30 pm ◇ Senior Awards Night, VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>10 Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V G Sectional Meet @ Springbrook CC (DeWitt), 10:00 am ◇ G V G @ Prairie Invite (Airport National GC), 12:00 pm ◇ Shellsburg Presidential Awards, 2:00 pm ◇ B/G V TR State Qualifying Meet @ Decora, 4:00 pm 	<p>11 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V/JV SOC @ Solon, 5:30/7:00 pm ◇ B V SOC vs. Solon, 5:30 pm <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G @ S. Tama Invite, TTCC, 9:00 am ◇ V Trap SCTP Regional @ Cedar Falls Gun Club <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK 5/7—5/11					<p>13 SUNDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V Trap SCTP Regional @ Cedar Falls Gun Club <p style="text-align: center;">Mother's Day</p>
<p>14 Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ VPRD Live Healthy Kids Track Meet @ Karr Complex, 4:00-8:00 pm ◇ Middle School Fine Arts Night @ VS-MS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Art Fair, 5:00-7:00pm ◇ 6-8 Band/Vocal Concert, 7:00 pm ◇ FFA Mtg. @ VSHS, 6:30 pm ◇ School Board Meeting, Central Office, 5:15 pm 	<p>15 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G vs. Marion, Williamsburg @ Amana Colonies GC, 3:00 pm ◇ B V SOC @ W. Delaware, 5:15 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. W. Delaware 5:30/7:00pm ◇ 5th Grade Band Night, VSMS, 4:00-6:00 pm 	<p>16 Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ VSEA/VSCSD Retiree Reception @ Central Office Board Room, 4:00—5:30pm ◇ Middle School Presidential Awards Night @ VSHS Aud., 7:00 pm 	<p>17 Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Monticello, 4:00/6:00 pm ◇ VPRD Live Healthy Kids Track Meet @ Karr Complex, 4:00-8:00 pm (Rain date) 	<p>18 Day 3 2-HR. EARLY DISMISSAL Prof. Dev.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V G Districts @ W. Delaware (Pin Oak GC), 10:00 am ◇ Senior Class Reception, VS-HS Commons, 1:30-2:00 pm <p style="text-align: center;">SENIORS' LAST DAY (Tentatively)</p>	<p>19</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Armed Forces Day</p> </div>
STATE CO-ED TRACK MEET 5/17—5/19					
<p>21 Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G Regional Finals @ TBA ◇ B V SOC Sub-State, TBA ◇ Level 2 SB @ Benton, 5:00 pm <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>22 Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Level 3 SB vs. Indee, 5:00 pm ◇ G V/JV SOC vs. Indee, 5:30/7:00 pm 	<p>23 Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V SOC Sub-state ◇ V SB vs. W. Delaware, 6:00 pm ◇ V BB @ East Marshall, 5:30 pm 	<p>24 Day 1 LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V G State @ Lakeside Municipal GC, Ft. Dodge, 10:30 am ◇ Level 3 BB vs. Williamsburg, 5:30 pm ◇ JV/V SB @ Solon, 6:00/7:30 pm 	<p>25 Day 2 2-HR EARLY DISMISSAL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PROFESSIONAL DEV.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Graduation Rehearsal, 8:00-10:30 am ◇ B G State @ Lakeside Municipal GC, Ft. Dodge, 8:00 am ◇ V BB vs. Maquoketa, 5:00 pm ◇ Level 2 BB @ Benton, 5:00 pm ◇ Level 3 SB vs. Williamsburg, 5:00 pm 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ V Trap Shoot Jamboree @ Izaak Walton ◇ V SB @ Jesup Tournament, 9:00 am ◇ B V SOC Substate Finals
					<p>27 SUNDAY</p> <p>Graduation VS-HS Garrison Field House, 2:00 pm</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
<p>28 MEMORIAL DAY NO CLASSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Memorial Day Parade (Marching Band), 10:00 am <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p>29 PROFESSIONAL DEV.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G State @ Coldwater GC, Ames, 9:00 am ◇ V BB @ CPU, 5:00 pm ◇ Level 2 SB vs. CPU, 5:00 pm ◇ Level 3 BB vs. CPU, 5:00 pm ◇ G V SOC Regionals, TBA 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ G V G State @ Coldwater GC, Ames, 9:00 am ◇ Level 2 BB @ CPU, 5:30 pm ◇ Level 3 SB @ CPU, 5:00 pm ◇ V SB @ Central DeWitt, 6:00 pm 	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V SOC State @ James Cownie Soccer Park, Des Moines, TBD ◇ Level 2 SB @ Clear Creek-Amana, 12:00pm ◇ Level 2 BB @ Clear Creek-Amana, 5:00 pm ◇ V BB vs. Beckman Catholic, 5:00 pm ◇ V SB @ Grinnell, 5:30 pm 	<p>JUNE 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ B V SOC State @ James Cownie Soccer Park, Des Moines, TBD ◇ Level 3 BB @ Clear Creek-Amana, 12:00pm ◇ G V SOC Regionals ◇ JV/V BB vs. Monticello, 5:00/7:00 pm ◇ Level 3 SB @ Clear Creek-Amana, 5:00 pm 	<p>Senior Citizen Activity Passes are available for Vinton-Shellsburg CSD residents who are age 55 or older; stop by the Superintendent's Office at 1502 C Ave., Vinton.</p>