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BLUE STAR NEWS

June 2, 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

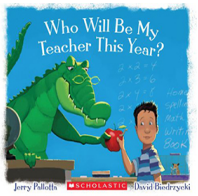
We've had a great school year! From our Family Night at Crane's Orchard in the fall to a Family Night at Craig's Cruisers in the spring, it's been an eventful and fun year. Tuesday Trivia, Star Store, and Talent Fridays were exciting parts of each week.

Our theme of **Rise Up and Be a STAR** manifested in various ways. All grades made gains in reading. Moreover, all grades reached 75% proficiency *or higher* on a math assessment called Delta Math. Every student visited the Star Store, our reward program for champion-like behavior, at least one time this year. As a school, we raised over $4,000 during the Blue Star Yankee Candle fundraiser in the fall and the PTO's Quality Car Wash fundraiser in the spring. **It was a great year, a successful odyssey, indeed.**

Keep an eye out for the **Blue Star Summer Challenge!** We want the awesome growth in learning we've worked hard to achieve to be sustained throughout the summer. **We are aiming for ALL students to take the challenge this summer!** The challenge will include a **SUMMER LEARNING PACKET**. The school with the most completed **and** returned packets in the fall will win a cookout provided by Mr. Tebo and Mr. Rehkopf. **Blue Star wants to win!**

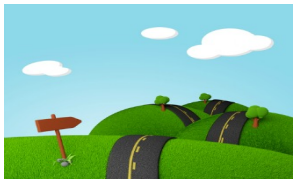
You should also keep an eye out for your child's **Report Card**. **We will mail the Report Cards on Friday, June 16.**

I wish each of your families a fun-filled summer.



Moving on Up at Blue Star

Parents, your children will meet their next grade level teacher on Thursday, June 8. **The students will visit classrooms and spend a little time with the new teacher.** All of our teachers are fabulous. *Please reassure your son or daughter they are in the class that is right for them.* We worked very thoughtfully to balance class sizes and the special needs of learners. If friends are in another class, there are two benefits: 1) The opportunity to make new friends. 2) The learning environment to focus when it is time to focus. **This summer, a letter will be mailed from your child's new homeroom teacher.** Before school begins, Mrs. Kothe will also send a letter welcoming everyone back for a new year. Look for those letters in your mailboxes this summer.



Word of the Week

Odyssey: a long journey

STUDENT MEDICATION REMINDER

If your child has medication (over-the-counter or prescription) that we kept in the office, remember to pick it up **on or before** the last day of school. **Friday, June 9 is the final day. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m.**

Say Cheese! PHOTO MEMENTOS for You

Throughout the year, we captured our special events on camera, and the photos are displayed in our lobby for all to see. **If you would like any of the photos, please take them on or before the last day of school.** Take home these treasures and Lost & Found items by June 9!

A CHAMPION-STYLE ENDING TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

We want to have a champion-style finish to the year! **Blue Star students will be learning in classrooms through the final week of 2016-2017.**

The final day of school, Friday, June 9 will be a half-day for students. Fun games and water-soaked competitions are just part of the merriment planned. We are planning a **plethora of fun!**

At the end of our half-day, we will make a tribute to fourth graders.

Parents, please come inside to join our "graduation tunnel" at 11:35 on Friday, June 9.

We Are Proud of the Marathon Finishers!

Students celebrated their huge accomplishment of completing a marathon on Thursday, June 1. Check out their cool t-shirts and medals! **See the shout to the students who finished the marathon on the back of this edition of *The Blue Star News*.** We again want to thank the local businesses that graciously supported this healthy endeavor at Blue Star.

Capizzi Automotive
CL Construction, Inc.
Gentex Corporation
Justin Schutmaat Builder
Lakewood Family Medicine
Life Expressions Décor
Miller-Tech
Nowaczyk Construction
Pomp's Tire Service
Pro-Tech Automotive
Pro-Temp-HVACR
Trees Above Lawn Care
Shoreline Pest & Wildlife Services

Marathon Finishers on Back!

Summer Learning Packets... Join the Competition!

We want to highlight the competition Blue Star is in this summer. **Please have your child complete the Summer Learning Packet as part of the Blue Star Challenge.** The elementary school with the most completed packets returned in the fall will win a cookout. Let's win, Blue Star!

Sat. June 3	GOTR 5K at Coopersville High School 9:15 a.m. Good Luck, Girls!
Friday, June 9	Half-Day of School Students should bring a dry t-shirt for the ride home. We have some wet & wacky carnival games planned! Pick up is at 11:45 a.m.
Friday, June 16	Report Cards & Summer Challenge will arrive in your mail soon!

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Congratulations to the students who finished the Blue Star Marathon!

Kindergarten 13 miles

Eli Achterhof
Kristen Bosscher
Tyler Driesenga
Jayden Green
Ellie Griggs
Jacob Harney
Jetson Hermann
Marek Hertz
Garrett Hunderman
Nolan Martin
Elijah Parrott
Henry Prins
Kaiden Reilly

1st Grade 13 miles

Brynn Bolhuis
Sarah Brink
Chloe Collet
Kealyn Draper
Pike Fletter
Paige Frens
Jordyn Green
Garner Hulst
Gus Johnson
Colin Johr
Zach Loyd
Elijah Mast
Kyrza Michalak
Ethan Miedema
Ayden Newcomer
Rilee Nowaczyk
Cambria Otte
Aden Perdok
Lyndi Rithamel
Linnea Robbins
Madelyn Schultz
Isabelle Talonen
Keira TenBrink
Hallie Tobias

2nd Grade 26 miles

Ben Achterhof
Ella Achterhof
Emma Bondsfield
Evan Bondsfield
Ben Bosscher
Aubrey Breuker
Brayden Dams
Brennan Hunderman
Carsyn Lubbers
Ryan Mannes
Sylvia Mannes
Isabel Miller
Cade Mitchell
Samuel Risedorph
Christine Rithamel
Mia VanOs

3rd Grade 26 miles

Griffin Bolhuis
Drew Borg
Karma Brown
Owen Brown
Kuno Chico
Adaline Garvelink
Lucas Genzink
Charlie Harris
London Henson
Logan Howard
Hudsen Hulst
Adler Jager
Annika Johnson
Logan Koeman
Logan Lazarock
Trayton Lubbers
Audrey Mast
Abigail Miedema
Adan Sanchez
Gideon Schut
Chase TenBrink
Elijah Tucker
Jaylynn Vanderbilt
Kelsey VanderKamp
Kennedy VanNuil
Dawson Wayner
Hudson Windemuller
Ryan Welscott
Gavin Zimmer

4th Grade 26 miles

Kyle Bondsfield
Ethan Capizzi
Shane Dams
Kaitlyn Geurink
Emily Kooiker
Kennedy Lang
Olivea Lewis
Maya Ludema
Clayton Lutz
Jalisa Perisee
Aden Robertson
Emily Swieter
Brett VanderKooi
Drew VanHouten
Kianna Vork