BOARD OF EDUCATION
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MISSION STATEMENT
To prepare students for a successful future in a kind, caring, and compassionate way.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
The upcoming Garner-Hayfield-Ventura School Board meetings will be held as follows:

- Monday, April 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held in the high school media center. Visitors are welcome to attend.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED
With spring fast approaching, we are still looking for responsible people to substitute when our staff needs to be gone. If you are interested, please call the following people with your information.

- PK-4th Substitutes – D. Dallman, 923-2831
- 5th-8th Substitutes – C. Echelberger, 829-4484
- HS Substitutes – V. Olson, 923-2632
- Custodial Substitutes – Kris Hanson, 923-2718
- Kitchen Substitutes – K. Zobrist, 924-2356
- Nurse Substitutes – B. Hiscocks, 923-2831
- Paraprofessional Subs – D. Dallman, 923-2831
- Substitute Bus Drivers – Kevin Hanson, 923-2134

New substitutes will need to stop in the Superintendent’s Office to complete background check paperwork. THANKS!

JUNE 15th DEADLINE FOR HENSCHE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

The Scholarship Committee of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Garner announces that applications for the William Henschen Scholarship are due June 15, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.

College students and graduates of the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District, who reside within the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Community School District, are invited to apply for scholarship. Students who are uncertain about attending college in the fall are encouraged to apply.

Forms are available at the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School. Forms are also available at the Clear Lake Bank and Trust, and at Reliance State Bank in Garner.

The deadline to accept applications is June 15, 2019. Please submit applications early to avoid missing the acceptance date. Official college transcripts should be submitted immediately following the completion of the spring term. All official college transcripts are due July 15, 2019.

Questions can be directed to Wendell and Brenda Davison, 2325-290th Street, Garner, Iowa 50438, or by phone 641-927-4421.

Please remember to turn in your application by June 15, 2019, and transcripts by July 15, 2019. No reminder phone calls will be made.

MAKING UP SNOW DAYS
Due to inclement weather, Monday, April 22, 2019, will be a regular, full day of school, and GHV’s last student day of school will now be Tuesday, June 4. Any additional weather delays or cancellations would alter this date.
ChromeBooks assigned to our 5-12 grade students will be collected for the summer for maintenance. A student's check-out sheet will be signed after his or her ChromeBook is inspected and approved by the GHV Technology Department. All ChromeBook fines must be paid by seniors prior to graduation, and paid by 5-11 grade students prior to the last day of school. ChromeBook check-in for seniors will be the Wednesday before graduation. Students in grades 5-11 will turn ChromeBooks in during the last week of school.

GHV Google Accounts for Students
by Brenda Haag

GHV Google accounts will remain open during the summer for students in grades 4-11. GHV Google accounts for graduating seniors will remain open until August 15. Seniors are encouraged to open a personal Google account. Please choose to name your account in a professional manner as you may share it with prospective employers or colleges. Seniors can begin transferring important data from their school account to their personal account at any time. Our 2019 graduates should also update e-mail addresses for any services linked to their school Google accounts, such as Netflix. For questions regarding your Google account, please see Mrs. Haag.

NEW IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS!
(7TH & 12TH GRADERS)
by Nurse Bonnie & Nurse Holly

The Iowa Department of Public Health made changes to the Iowa Immunization Law for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This change requires that all students entering 7th grade have both a Meningococcal Immunization and a TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis/Whooping Cough) booster before school starts this fall. All students entering 12th grade must have a Meningococcal Immunization before school starts this fall.

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a very contagious disease that causes violent coughing fits that make it hard to breathe. Meningococcal disease is a life threatening illness that is caused by bacteria that infects the brain, blood, and spinal cord. It easily spreads in crowded settings.

All students in 7th and 12th grade must show proof of these immunizations being completed BEFORE the start of the school year.

Immunizations can be given at your physician’s office by appointment, or will be offered at school during spring physicals.
PROM 2019
Grand March and Post Prom

We are so excited for Prom 2019! This year’s Prom will be held April 13th, at the GHV High School. This year’s Prom theme is An Enchanted Garden. Junior parents, with the help and support of the community, have been working hard to create a fun, safe, and entertaining Prom and Post Prom for our students and their dates. The Grand March will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the high school gymnasium. Cost to the public will be $2.00 per person.

The dance will follow in the cafeteria at approximately 8:30 p.m. and will end at 11:30 p.m. This, however, is just the beginning of what is sure to be a wonderful evening. The Post Prom festivities will start immediately after the dance and include a light meal catered by Smokee Heights, entertainment including Minute To Win It games, casino tables, Cash Cab, a photo booth, a Balsam Avenue Market. Make and Take event, a professional caricature artist, and a mentalist, among other fun events! Post Prom will end at 4:00 a.m., with the chance to bid on and win many fabulous prizes, including a smart watch, smart TVs, a dorm fridge, various gift cards, and much more!

Anyone planning to attend Prom for the dance must purchase an admission ticket from Paula in the District Office beginning Wednesday, April 3rd. Anyone planning to attend Post Prom must have the release form and rules acknowledgment form for themselves AND their date, turned in to the office by Monday, April 1st. Please watch for this form to arrive soon, via email. If you need a hard copy, they will be available in the high school office.

At GHV, we invite parents/guardians and aspiring kindergarteners to Round-Up. Your child will spend time with several of our outstanding teachers, while parents and guardians get to spend time at “Parent University” with a few staff members. We will provide you with information on what to expect as your child attends TK or Kindergarten.

This year we will be hosting Kindergarten Round-Up on April 4 and 5. We are going to try to keep our AM Preschool students grouped together with their AM Preschool friends; our PM Preschool students together with their Preschool friends; our Redeemer Preschool students together with their preschool friends; and Little Lamb preschool students together with their preschool friends.

For those of you who are new to GHV, or if your child has not attended preschool, we will allow you to choose a time slot that works best for your schedule.

Here are the official dates & times for Kindergarten Round Up:

Thursday, April 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m. – All students and parents in Miss Stacy’s Morning Section at GHV.
Thursday, April 4, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – All students and parents in Miss Stacy’s Afternoon Section at GHV.
Friday, April 5, 9:00-11:00 a.m. – All students and parents in Redeemer Preschool.
Friday, April 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – All students and parents in Ms. Kristie’s afternoon section at GHV, and Little Lamb Preschool.

If you have a child that will be in Kindergarten this fall, please call the Elementary School, 641-923-2831, if you have not already done so.

NO TK or KINDERGARTEN DURING ROUND UP

For the current year kindergarten students, there will be NO REGULAR TK or KINDERGARTEN CLASSES on the days of Round Up, APRIL 4 and APRIL 5.
FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION FOR GHV JUNIORS (CLASS OF 2020)
By Angie Bierle

What: Financial Aid Information Night
When: Monday, April 8, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Where: Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School Auditorium

Junior parents and students will learn about the financial aid process, the forms that will need to be completed, the different types of financial assistance available, and where they can go for help. This program will provide useful information on how and when to get started with the financial aid process. The information will include:
* Completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
* Important deadlines.
* Overview of the financial aid process.
* Types of financial assistance available.
* Scholarships and scams.
* Helpful tips.
* Where to go for additional help.

A representative from the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) will present the latest financial aid information. ICAN is a division of Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation (a private, not-for-profit corporation). Its mission is to provide free information, assistance, counseling and support to college-bound students and their families as they plan for college and apply for financial aid. Please join us!

Individuals needing more information about financial aid are encouraged to contact Angie Bierle, Counselor, at the High School, (641) 923-2632.

ALMOST, MAINE – by John Cariani
Stacie LaMoore

A woman carries her heart, broken into nineteen pieces, in a small paper bag. A man shrinks to half his former size, after losing hope in love. A couple keep the love they have given each other in large red bags, or compress the mass into the size of a diamond. These playful and surreal experiences are commonplace in the world of John Cariani’s Almost, Maine, where on one deeply cold and magical Midwinter Night, the citizens of Almost -- not organized enough for a town, too populated for a wilderness -- experience the life-altering power of the human heart. Relationships end, begin, or change beyond recognition, as strangers become friends, friends become lovers, and lovers turn into strangers. Populated with characters who are humorous, plain-spoken, thoughtful, and sincere, Almost, Maine is a series of loosely connected tales about love, each with a compelling couple at its center.


April 26th & 27th, 7pm - High School Auditorium
Tickets available now, through the high school office or Payschool.
$4.00 - Adults, $3.00 - Students

INVENTING AT GHV ELEMENTARY
by Jennifer Kumsher

Inventing is the process of developing original products that meet specific needs, and successfully completing this process requires a major commitment to a task. Through the Talented and Gifted program at Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Elementary students in grades 2-4 have been learning about inventions and innovations. The GHVE Invention Convention will be held April 17-18, which is a change from the original dates. Students who have registered will bring their inventions to school on April 17. Winners will advance to the Regional Invention Convention at Willowbrook Mall in Mason City. The date will be announced later. Please contact Mrs. Kumsher for further information.

INVENTION CONVENTION
April/May/June 2019

Students Speaking Up

Iowa AC4C goes to Iowa Capitol for Substance Abuse Prevention Day on the Hill

On Thursday, February 28th, the Alliance of Coalitions for Change (AC4C), a state-wide collaboration to affect positive change in substance abuse, will be meeting with state legislators to discuss their concerns about youth marijuana use and substance use in Iowa along with education on increasing the beer excise tax in Iowa, increasing the tobacco age of purchase, and implementing a user fee on electronic nicotine delivery systems.

Students from GHV Teen Council and West Hancock SWAT were among the many community coalitions, representing a mixture of Iowa’s rural and urban populations at this event.

Iowa has a low rate of marijuana use when compared to the national average. However, the perception of harm among youth is declining. A lower perception of harm historically shows us that there will be a rise in use.

The 2016 Iowa Youth Survey showed 10% of 11th graders reporting marijuana use in the past 30 days. 41% of 11th graders believe there is a slight risk or no risk in harming themselves if they use marijuana once a week. In states with policy expansion of marijuana, youth use rose as perception of risk decreased.

For 32 years, Iowa’s beer tax has remained at LESS THAN $.02 per drink. In Iowa, excessive alcohol use including binge drinking cost $1.9 billion or $1.59 per drink in problems associated with binge drinking in 2010 (CDC, 2016). Alcohol is the most commonly used substance in Iowa and binge drinking is a common form of alcohol consumption. It is a serious public health concern!

Young adults aged 25-34 years of age are most likely to binge drink, followed by those aged 18-24 and 35-44 years old (IDPH). In 2015, 20% of adult Iowans (over 400,000 people) engaged in binge drinking (BRFSS). In 2015, Iowa ranked 5th in the nation for percentage of adults who binge drink (CDC, 2016). According to the 2016 Iowa Youth Survey, 13% of Iowa 11th graders have binge drank in the last 30 days.
There are two very important events coming up for Garner-Hayfield/Ventura high schoolers. The first is Prom, a night of dressing up, eating out, dancing, and having fun with friends. This event should be exciting and create wonderful memories to last a lifetime, unless drinking or drugs are involved and then it could have a very different ending.

Parents, talk to your kids. Be sure you encourage your student to be responsible in their behavior and with their friends. This is a night you want to talk about with your son or daughter for years to come and not a night you remember as the time you received a call from local law enforcement about an accident or arrest.

Students, talk to your parents. Let them know your plans - who you will be going with, how you will be getting there, when you should be home. While planning your big night, use the tips listed to the left to make smart decisions to help keep you safe and lower stress.

Working together we can help make prom a safe and fun event for everyone.

Prom Night Safety Tips

- Charge your cell phone and have it with you.
- Arrange safe transportation and buckle-up!
- Check in with your parents at some point during the evening and if there is a change in your plans.
- Trust your instincts -- if you feel uncomfortable or endangered, leave immediately.
- Smile for the camera: take time to enjoy the moment!

Graduation is the other milestone in every high schooler’s life. We encourage parents and families of seniors to provide a party that does not involve drinking. Help to make this time a celebration of your student’s accomplishments; put the focus on them, not the alcohol.

Parents of senior students are invited to pick up a yard sign declaring their graduation ceremony is alcohol free. Displaying this sign is one way to promote a positive message about safe and healthy celebrations for our youth.

Signs will be available for pick up during Senior Awards Day or by contacting Deb Quintus at 923-2632 or dquintus@ghvschools.org
Teens and vaping marijuana: Understanding the dangers of “dabbing”

Dabbing among 8th, 10th, and 12th graders is on the rise, according to the 2018 Monitoring the Future Survey. Conducted annually since 1975, the survey, funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), asks teenage students in the United States to self-report drug use. Dr. Ruben Baler, a health scientist at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, estimates that of the 3 million teens now vaping e-cigarettes, 30 to 40 percent are vaping marijuana.

The term vaping generally applies to heating capsules of nicotine in an e-cigarette and inhaling the fumes, while dabbing refers to inhaling fumes from a heated capsule of THC in a vape pen.

Why the concern? Those THC capsules contain concentrates with 60 to 90 percent THC compared to about 12 percent THC in today’s marijuana that is smoked. Americans were getting high on less than 5 percent THC in the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. He warns that an adolescent brain is still in development and “should be completely clean” of any “drug that can derail that trajectory of development.”

“This is a very dangerous trend,” Dr. Baler says. E-cigarettes and vape pens “are very easy to hide. They’re odorless, and they’re marketed very aggressively for kids, whether they have flavorings or high concentrations of nicotine or marijuana.”


GAP Meetings

Thursdays
12 - 1 pm
Lunch is provided
Everyone is welcome!

Next Meeting

Thursday, April 11
Peace Reformed Church
1907 200th St.
Garner, IA  50438
12 pm - 1 pm

Future meeting dates

May 9, 2019
June 13, 2019
July 11, 2019
August 2, 2019
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