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Dawn Schwartz, fourth grade teacher at Paddock Lane, welcomes students on the first day with a Hollywood theme. See pages 5 and 6 for more on Paddock Lane.

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Year begins with service awards presentation



Twenty-five years: Stacy Sykes, Cheryl Rabstejnek, Jeff Junker, Sherry Cullison, Pam Burgess. Not Pictured: Rajean May.



Thirty years: Lisa Eskra, Carrye Meints, Peggy Doering, Jackie Bornemeier. (back row) Betty Replogle, Beth Jurgens, Brenda Gronewold. Not Pictured: Jeanette Faulder, Kay (Marie) Pike.

Maintenance named Employees of the Month



Maintenance Staff: (front row) Terry Brethouwer, Virgil Saltsman, Jody Long, Todd Bates, Paul Jobman (second row) Ben Nies, Koby Thatcher, Mike Urbaschek, Scott Bates, Corey Edeal, Jeff Hill (back row) Todd Deke, Scott Parde, Mark McAllister, Kevin Redfield, Norton Rinne, Scott Kovar, Jason Thavenet, Marcia Vontz. Not Pictured: Paul Kaufman, Dave Trout, Kenny Kleveland, George Oakes.

Service Awards

BPS honors 63 for dedication to students

Employees were honored for their years of service to Beatrice Public Schools on Thursday, Aug. 10. Each recipient with 5 to 20 and 30 to 45 years of service received Beatrice Bucks while those with 25 years of service received a watch or clock.

Twenty-five and thirty year recipients on the next page.



45 years: Jackie Johnson



40 years: Renee Jones



35 years: Terry Brethouwer



Five years: (front row) Ashley Milburn, Casey Zarybnicky, Meghan Robeson, Margaret Klaasen, Andrea Hermance. (second row) Jen Prosocki, John Francis, Todd Bates, Jennifer Haynes, Ben Brink. (left) Andrew Johnson



Ten years: (front row) Alma Reimer, Lindsay Bent, Darlean Danielson. (second row) Amy Randel, Norma Mercer, Shannon Kleveland, Shelley Kirk.



Fifteen years: Kari Murray, Missy Timmerman, Amber Martin, Kristen Heidemann, Joan Christen. Not Pictured: Paul Kimmerling, Joanne Langley.



Twenty years: (front row) Sheryl Wiese, Pamala Trauernicht, Denise Lenner, Vicki Haake, Kristin Hoffman, Mary Jo Bures. (second row) Ann Luers, Randall Diller, Carolyn Hovendick, Tracy Post, Arnie Cerny.

Maintenance honored for summer work

This summer our Buildings and Grounds staff along with our Elementary Building custodians under the direction of Terry Brethouwer accomplished a nearly impossible task! Cedar Elementary was reconstructed and became Beatrice Community Preschool to serve the 3 and 4 year old children in our community. Stoddard Elementary added a classroom and a special education room, and moved three rooms. Lincoln Elementary created an additional special education room, while Paddock Lane added three sections, an additional Title 1 position, and relocated eleven classrooms. Along with all of the “inside” construction and movement, this team relocated playground equipment from Paddock Lane and Southeast Community College to our new Beatrice Community Preschool facility; no small task either.

In itself, this was a monumental task, but that was not all. Every one of these buildings was scrubbed, from ceiling to floor. Ceiling mounted projectors were dismantled and then relocated to new classrooms. New ovens were installed in the buildings and refrigeration equipment was replaced and relocated throughout the four buildings. All of this was accomplished on days that many times the heat index was well over 100 degrees with no air conditioning.

No breather is in sight for this hearty crew however, as now the



buildings are filled with teachers getting their classrooms ready. Every member of our custodial staff is well aware that teachers need a great deal of help as they ready their rooms, help that only custodians and maintenance personnel can provide.

Along with the elementary, our middle school crew spent countless hours helping the board office unassemble and assemble their work spaces so the carpet could be replaced. Also, when the flood occurred in the administrative offices, the middle school crew was quick to help take care of the lakes in the offices, restrooms, and locker rooms. During these extra summer projects, the middle school staff found time to ensure all classrooms were maintained and their facilities were ready for operation during the 17-18 school year.

Out at the high school, the high school staff was busy after the wind storm repairing the House of Orange and taking care of the damaged trees. They finished the

three-year carpeting project and painted every first floor classroom even when teachers did not request to have the classrooms painted. These projects occurred while the crew was working around the many different activities which occur in the high school during the summer.

Jason Sutter noted - “I greatly appreciate the effort and time that our custodial team puts in. The efforts Todd Bates and his team put in ensure we have a clean and safe facility for our students in the 2017-2018 school year.” This message resounded with the other administrators and office staff as well. “All members of our building staff greatly appreciate the outstanding job of our maintenance and custodial crew and also appreciate their efforts to make the start of the 2017-2018 school year a smooth transition as we moved forward in providing quality education to the youngest members of our Beatrice Public Schools family!”

Paddock Lane Elementary

Summer spent moving, adding, welcoming



'Moving from Cedar to Paddock was difficult, but the awesome staff at Paddock made it easier to transition to a new building! I love how warm and welcoming everyone is!'

Sydney Osburn

Kindergarteners reading with their third grade buddy



Second graders get ready for spelling



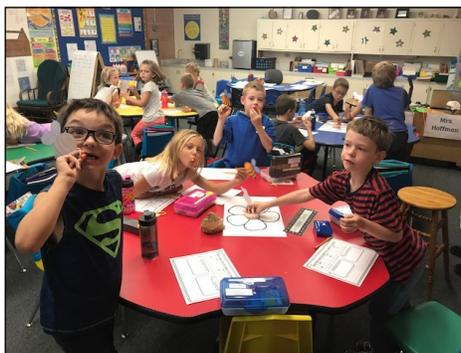
Second graders studying about bees



Playing 'I have, Who has in kindergarten'



Fourth graders learning about science



They first staked their claim with Beatrice Public Schools and now are among the best in the nation

Repogle was first a student, now a principal



'When I think of my years at Beatrice High School I remember fondly so many teachers who took such a personal interest in all of us. Educators such as Bob Person, our band director; Wilma Sawyer and Marion Rist, who taught typing and shorthand; Cecil Richmond, who made literature come alive and so many more. When I entered the University of Nebraska and started my path to becoming an educator I knew I had the tools and the confidence to succeed. It is a privilege to serve the district that prepared me so well for my future.'

Betty Repogle



Beatrice Public Schools All-Stars

Betty Repogle, class of 1969

Betty Repogle is the Paddock Lane Elementary School principal. She is beginning her thirtieth year with Beatrice Public Schools as an employee but before being the principal she was a student.

After graduating from Beatrice High School in 1969 she attended the University of Nebraska-

Lincoln earning a bachelor's degree in 1974 and a master's degree in educational leadership in 1983.

Julie Harris has been the secretary at Paddock Lane for 29 years and says it has been an honor and a privilege to work alongside Repogle.

"For 29 years, she had led Paddock Lane by interacting with students in the halls, at lunch and especially in the classroom. She has been known to "twirl her baton" and "kiss a pig" to motivate students.

Her warm heart and willingness to freely give hugs and show compassion are benchmarks of her caring for others. I am lucky to work with such a professional educator who is dedicated to children and am inspired by her example. She deeply values education, but cares about the lives of children and staff even more. Her respect for tradition and values in education continue to promote quality learning for Paddock Lane students," said Harris.

In addition, she encourages students and staff to give back. Annually her schools participate in the Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser.



Principal Repogle reads to students. Her interaction with students is her favorite part of her job.

Board approves agreement with architect

The maintenance and custodial staff was recognized as the August Employees of the Month.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pat Nauroth echoed the appreciation for the maintenance and custodial staff for all of their hard work over the summer. Nauroth said kindergarten through ninth grade students have their first day of school on Tuesday, Aug. 15, and all students will have a full day of school on Aug. 16. Preschool students start on Aug. 22.

He said all elementary students will go to the Homestead on Friday. Board members were invited to attend.

Nauroth said it has been a great start to the year with staff and he is looking forward to students starting.

Action Agenda

The board approved the agreement with Fakler Architects for the Paddock Lane addition. Michael Fakler shared information on the scope of the work as well as a draft diagram of the building. He said they are looking at a prefabricated

steel structure (quicker construction time, better quality and longer-lasting). The building will consist of 6 classrooms, student bathrooms, a maintenance area, storage and a multi-purpose room.

The budgeted contract amount is \$1.35 million. Fakler said he believes they can come in under that, but it is important to have a cushion. Nauroth said the funds are available in the building fund.

Approval was also given to the agreement with Brett Wells Construction for the building trades construction project for the 2017-18 school year. Nauroth said it would allow high school students to work with Brett Wells Construction on a house building project. He said there were no additional costs to the district.

An increase in substitute pay was also approved.

Administrator's Report

Jason Sutter, high school principal, said he is excited about the partnership with Brett Wells Construction to build a home from start to finish. He said Wells wants to be in the classroom and on the construction site to provide as much in-

struction as possible to students. "This is the ultimate capstone course for the construction class," said Sutter.

The building site will be in the Flowing Springs neighborhood. He also said he will begin working with SENCAP so students can reserve college credit.

Brett Wells thanked the administration for working through the planning process over the last year. He said he is excited to get started and that there are a lot of companies in town backing this project and are willing to hold onto the expense until the home sells.

Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be on Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Central Administration Building. The next board meeting will be on Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Central Administration Building.

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Three Paddock Lane teachers view the Solar Eclipse on Aug. 21.