

# New Underwood School Newsletter

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## 2011 Spring Award/Recognition Events

### May 8<sup>th</sup> – Activities Awards Banquet - 6:30

6:30-Potluck (Last names A-M bring main dish & salad, N-Z bring main dish & dessert).

7:00-Awards presentations (Awards will be given out for all sports, Chorus and Band).

### May 9<sup>th</sup> - Kindergarten Recognition Event – 6:30 @ Community Center

### May 15<sup>th</sup> – Academic Awards Night - 7:00 P.M.

NHS Induction Ceremony  
Academic Awards and Scholarship presentations  
8th grade recognition

### May 19<sup>th</sup> – Graduation – 3:00 P.M.

**The last day of school will be dismissed at 12PM.  
We will not be serving lunch for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.  
We will serve lunch at the regular time for K-6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**Don't forget we are having a make-up school day on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## **New Underwood Basketball Clinic**

Presented by Warwick Workouts

Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 9AM-12PM

Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6PM-9PM

Open to boys & girls grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

First 36 kids to sign up will be accepted. Cost is \$106.

Contact Stacy Finkbeiner for more information.

## **Buy your 2011-2012 Yearbooks now!**

**There are a few K-12 yearbooks left for \$35—get yours today!**

**After we sell 75 books the cost will be \$48.**

(Personalization is no longer available)

**Elementary yearbooks are available for \$10.**



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### From Principal Joel Hovland

Where did it go? The school year will soon be over and summer vacation will begin. It has been a very busy year with many highlights. I feel this year has produced many successes. There have been adjustments made by students, staff and parents and this is as it should be. Several of our students and staff have been recognized in the news throughout the year for their achievements and activities. It is easy at times to fail to see the many other things that don't get public recognition. Every student is not destined to be top of the class; that does not mean they should be ignored. The student who didn't get perfect attendance this year but didn't miss nearly as much as the previous year; that's progress. The youngster who was only on the ineligibility list a couple times this year as opposed to most of the time last year; serious improvement. The kiddo who raised his or her grade to a C versus D's and F's; good gains. Sure, we can do better but focus on where progress has been made and then re-set our goals. Now is the time to take a hard look at what has been accomplished by our kids and give them a well-deserved pat on the back for their efforts. Don't stop with grades either. Positive growth in social skills, attitude towards schoolwork and studies, work toward career goals, these are all areas that kids need to expand and give energy and where they need parent support. Take a few minutes to applaud and appreciate your kids.

This year we have a large number of kids who have been "Student Coaches." In this role they meet younger students who are struggling in one area or another and offer help. This happens for 15 or 20 minutes every day. It takes time away from the coach's personal academic time but really has made a difference in the attitudes and accomplishments of many of our kids. My thanks to the coaches who dedicated a considerable amount of effort to helping others succeed.

Two of our High School staff members are moving on to other pastures this summer. April Scott has set the language arts bar very high for several years here at New Underwood and she will be sorely missed. Julie Spengler has been instrumental in our guidance office and done a superb job of teaching Middle School English and Drama. I wish her the best in her new position.

All said, 2011-2012 has been a good year. My thanks to the many parents who took the time and made the effort to stop by the school and who called me and sent me emails throughout the year. You folks help the educational team concept work. I am looking forward to an even better 2012-2013 school year. Thank you.



### Progress Reports

**Our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter midterm ended April 19<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder that we don't send the progress grades home anymore. They are published to the Parent Portal. If you do not have a login or cannot remember yours, please contact Jenn at 754-6485 and we will set one up for you.**

**SUMMER OFFICE  
HOURS ARE  
8:00AM-3:00PM  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
WE ARE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS**

**HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!!**

### Music News

**Come and see all the hard work the New Underwood students have put into music this year! The Junior High/High School Concert, A Trip Back to the 80's, is Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 pm in the gym. Eden Clifford will also be presenting her senior project that night. The Elementary Concert, It's a Zoo in Here, is the following Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm in the gym. Students are to dress in concert appropriate attire and arrive at the school no later than 6:45.**

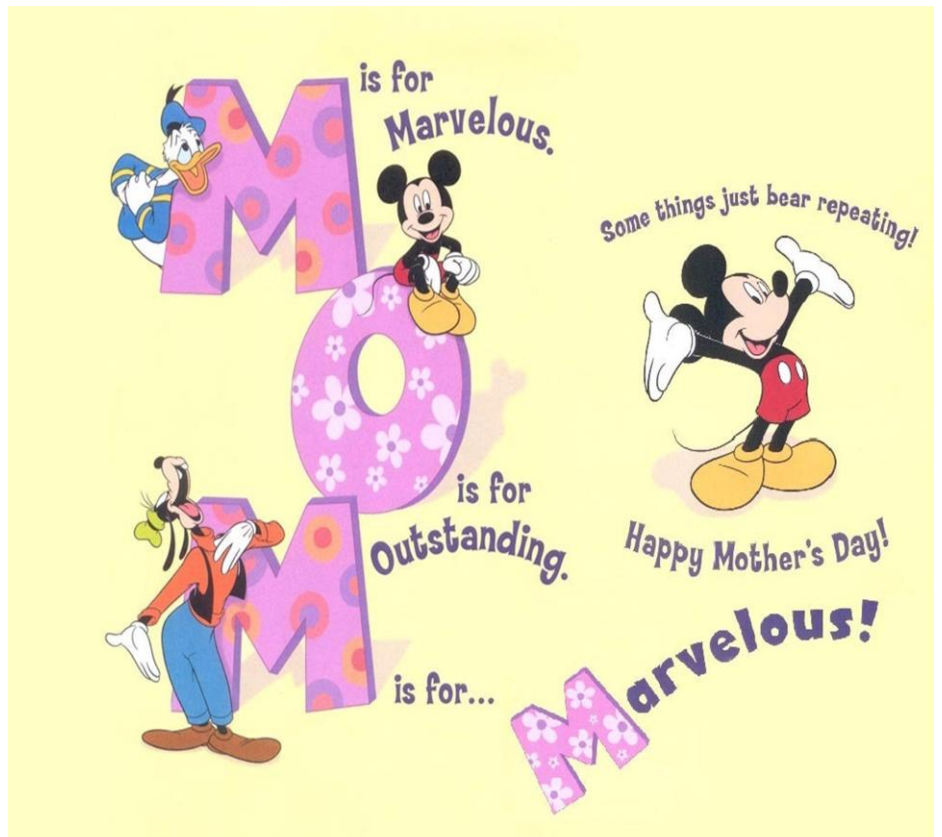
**Congratulations to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade bands for a job well done at solo and ensemble contest in Hill City. They have put in a lot of hard work for that contest. Congratulations also to the Junior High/High School Band for all the hard work they have put into their challenging music for large group contest. I hope you are as proud of them as I am.**

**Once again thank you for your support of the music program at New Underwood. There are music camps throughout the state of South Dakota that are occurring this summer. Please consider having your child attend one of these terrific camps. They are listed on my wiki page under summer band camps. This provides students with opportunities to play their instruments over the summer and make new friends. If you have any questions please feel free to reach me either by calling the school or by sending me an email. Have a safe and happy summer!**

### **Summer Loss in Academic Skills**

Scholars have recognized that summer vacation is a period when students' rate of academic development declines relative to the school year. All children lose academic skills during the summer months, and family socioeconomic status (SES) is highly correlated to the level of academic growth or decline in the summer months. Two-thirds of the academic achievement gap in reading and language found among high school students has been explained through the learning loss that occurs during the summer months.

This document is available in alternate formats upon a 5 working day request. Examples of alternate formats include: Braille, large print, tape, etc. Please contact Joel Hovland at 754-6485 to make a request.



### **Booster Club News**

Congratulations to the track team for having a great start to their season!!! Good luck at the rest of the track meets and we hope several qualify for the state track meet in Rapid City Memorial Day weekend.

Our final clothing order has been received and delivered. Please keep in mind that our first order next year will be at the beginning of the school year with football clothing.

We will be providing the plates, cups, napkins, silverware, and drink for the Activities Banquet on May 8. The potluck starts at 6:30 p.m. and we would appreciate it if the parents would please help clean up afterwards.

Just as a reminder, the academic recognition night will be held on May 15th and the parents are asked again to please stay to clean up afterwards. We will be giving two \$250 scholarships this year.

We will be ordering water bottles to give to the elementary students next year instead of the cookie coupons. So be watching for Booster Club's monthly visits into the elementary classrooms!!!

We received two thank you notes from the Post Prom Committee for donating \$250 to the post prom and the elementary basketball players for the hot dogs and juice that we provided for them at the end of the elementary basketball season.

We have chosen the winner for the Sami Jo Award. Please come to the elementary spring concert on May 10th at 7:00 p.m. to find out who the winner is.

Congratulations to Jhett Finkbeiner and Olivia Edoff for being chosen at April's Students of the Month. They will receive two Elks Theatre movie tickets. Thank you, staff, for helping us with choosing these each month.

Since May is so busy for everyone, we will not be having a May meeting. Please watch the school newsletter in August for our first meeting of the 2012-2013 school year. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to purchase any clothing, duffle bags, stadium seats, or sweat towels - please contact any of the following Booster Club Officers: President – Tiffany Knuppe (391-6222), Vice-President – Melisa Byrne (393-7165), Secretary – Shirley Koch (515-1455), Treasurer – George Langendorfer (685-5499), and Publicity Chairman – Leona Oberlander (441-5034).

Have a great summer!!!!!!