

West Point Public Schools



News from the Administration

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Our impact may not be seen for years.

Norman Borlaug was ninety-one when he was informed he had personally been responsible for saving the lives of two billion people. He was the Iowan who hybridized corn and wheat for arid climates. Many experts calculated that Borlaug's work saved over 2 billion people from famine all across the world — and the number is increasing every day. But maybe Borlaug was not the person who saved the 2 billion people. It might have been a man named Henry Wallace, an Iowan who was vice president of the United States under Franklin Roosevelt, during his third term. Henry Wallace was a former secretary of agriculture. As vice president, he used his power to create a station in Mexico whose sole purpose was to somehow hybridize corn and wheat for arid climates — and he hired a young man named Norman Borlaug to run it. So, while Borlaug won the Nobel Prize, it was really Henry Wallace whose initial act may have been responsible for saving the 2 billion lives.

Maybe though, it wasn't Henry Wallace who should've gotten the credit; maybe it was George Washington Carver who saved the 2 billion lives. What many people don't know about George Washington Carver is that while he was 19 and a student at Iowa State University, he had a dairy sciences professor who allowed his own 6-year-old boy to go on botanical expeditions every weekend with this brilliant student. George Washington Carver took that little boy and gave 6-year-old Henry Wallace a vision about his future and what he could do with plants to help humanity. Carver developed 266 products from the peanut that we still use today. And then there's the sweet potato. Eighty-eight uses he developed from it. Isn't it amazing that a few afternoons with a 6-year-old boy named Henry Wallace turned out to make that much difference!

But maybe it was actually a farmer from Diamond, Missouri, who saved 2 billion people. The farmer, named Moses, and his wife, Susan, lived in a slave state, but didn't believe in slavery. They were known as "sympathizers." One cold winter night, Quantrill's Raiders attacked Moses and Susan's farm. They burned the barn, shot several people, and dragged off a woman named Mary Washington — who refused to let go of her infant son. Mary Washington was Susan's best friend, so Moses sent out word immediately, trying to arrange a meeting, trying to do something to get Mary and her baby back. Within a few days, he had the meeting set; and so, on a bitter cold January night, Moses took a black horse and went several hours north to a crossroads in Kansas where he met four of Quantrill's men and Moses traded his only horse for what they threw him in a burlap bag. There in the freezing dark, with his breath's vapor blowing hard and white from his mouth, Moses brought out of that burlap bag a cold, naked, almost dead baby boy. And he opened up his jacket and he opened up his shirts and placed that baby next to his skin. Moses fastened that child in under his clothes and walked that baby out — talking to that child every step of the way, telling the baby he would take care of him as his own, promising to educate him to honor Mary, his mother, who they knew was already dead.

That was the night that the farmer told the baby he would give him his last name. And that is how Moses and Susan Carver came to raise that little baby, George Washington Carver. So there it is — it was obviously the farmer from Diamond, Missouri, who saved over 2 billion people.

For the truth is, who really knows who it was whose single action saved 2 billion people? How far back could we go? And how far into the future could we go to show how many lives you will touch? There are generations yet unborn, whose very lives will be shifted and shaped by the decisions you make and the actions you take — tonight, and tomorrow.

Above story is from Steele Cathann and Andy Andrews.

<https://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/seeyouthere/2012/01/05/the-borlaug-chain/>

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January 2017 news for Special Olympics-

We are practicing for upcoming bowling, floor hockey, swimming and basketball competitions. Our first competition for 2017 is on Saturday January 20th with our Regional singles bowling tournament in Omaha. In February we have Winter Games in Omaha and basketball in Fremont. If anyone would like to be a unified partner in basketball, please see Miss Rolf when we return from break.



High School Unified Bowling-

Our season ended on a high note as we won our District competition in Norfolk and competed in the State High School Bowling Championships in Lincoln. While competing in Lincoln, we set a new season high score for the 6 baker trio games of 780. State was an awesome experience for the bowlers and underclassman are already talking about wanting to go back next year. Any students interested in being on the bowling team next year please contact Miss Rolf. Thanks for all the support and encouragement we received throughout the season.



Junior Scarlet dance Camp is Saturday, Jan 13th from 9-11. Please bring your child to the HS gym that morning for check in and their t-shirts. They will perform at half time of the boys game. Please have your child to the HS cafeteria by 4:45 pm so we can refresh our memories on the dance.



Music Notes

Congratulations to Myla Illian and Gerardo Osorio for their acceptance into the BOCH Honor Choir! This is a very elite honor choir that UNO hosts each year. They will attend practices at UNO January 26-28 and will perform in a public concert at the Holland Center on January 28th. The concert is at 1:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased through Ticket Omaha using the following methods:

Online: https://ticketomaha.com/Productions/uno-boch-festival_2018

Phone: 402.345.0606

Box Office: Located at the Holland Performing Arts Center

GUIDANCE NEWS: West Point-Beemer High School & Middle School

Danny Fernau, High School Guidance Counselor, Sandy Luebbe, Middle School Guidance Counselor

Middle School News

In the upcoming weeks eighth grade students will be using *Naviance Family Connection* to assist with the career exploration and academic planning process. Students who have not yet taken interest inventories as part of Career Exploration class will take these assessments to identify their top career clusters. Sample multi-year course plans for careers of interest will be viewed and personal course plans will be developed. These personal course plans will aid students with registration for classes they will take as Freshmen. If you would like to know more about the resources available through *Naviance Family Connection* visit <https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection> . .

Winter Break: A Good Time for College Prep!

Take advantage of free time over the holidays to do some prep for college. Here are a few things you can do!

Seniors, Complete your FAFSA

If you haven't already, complete your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) . Need Help? Go to West Point Public School website—Go to Building - High School - Guidance - FAFSA. If you have question, call EducationQuest in Omaha (1-888-357-6300) or you can call the Guidance Office (402-372-5546).

Search for Scholarships

Go to EducationQuest website and use the free ScholarshipQuest tool to find Nebraska - based awards. You will also find links to national scholarship sites.

DO NOT FORGET TO CHECK THE SCHOOL'S NAVIANCE WEBSITE. THIS IS LOCATED ON THE WEST POINT PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEBSITE UNDER HIGH SCHOOL-GUIDANCE. LOG IN AND CHECK ALL THE SCHOLARSHIPS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THROUGH THE GUIDANCE OFFICE. CHECK WEEKLY!!!

Juniors.... Get Psyched For a Busy Spring

Register by January 12th for the Feb. 10th ACT Test.

All Juniors will be taking the ACT on April 3rd.

Plan a Campus VisitAll Juniors will be visiting Nebraska Wesleyan and University of Nebraska-Lincoln on February 28th.



ACT National Test Dates for Spring/Summer of 2018

Test Date:
February 10, 2018
April 14, 2018
June 9, 2018
July 14, 2018

Registration Deadline:
January 12, 2018
March 9, 2018
May 4, 2018
June 15, 2018

Here are a couple of resources to help a student prepare for the ACT.



On to College with John Baylor is now available at home to sophomores, juniors and seniors. This website helps prepare students for the ACT, etc.

GAIN AN EDGE WITH ACT ONLINE PREP



You're already preparing to take the ACT test with what you're learning in school-but additional practice can help you do your best. ACT Online Prep helps you:

Get ready- it's a great way to prepare for the ACT, especially since it's built by the test makers themselves.

Get comfortable—The practice questions and test are taken from previous ACT tests, which helps you get used to the format and avoid surprises on test day.

Get confident—As you see your scores and percentages change with each course and practice session you complete, you will know you are getting the hang of it....

Contact the Guidance Office for information on these two great resources to help you prepare for the ACT test.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No School	2 No School	3 No School Teacher In Service	4 Cereal Cherry Frudel	5 Cereal Donuts	6
7	8 Cereal Mini Loaf	9 Cereal Breakfast Burrito	10 Cereal Mini Pancakes w/Syrup	11 Cereal Mini Cinni's	12 Cereal Biscuits & Gravy	13
14	15 Cereal Bug Bites Grahams Yogurt	16 Cereal French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup	17 Cereal Breakfast Bites	18 Cereal Mini Donuts	19 Cereal Breakfast Pizza	20
21	22 Cereal Muffin	23 Cereal Breakfast Sliders	24 Cereal Mini Waffles w/Syrup	25 Cereal Mini Cream Cheese Bagels	26 Cereal Egg/ Sausage Biscuit	27
28	29 Cereal Pop Tarts	30 Cereal Pancake/Sausage Stick	31 Cereal Long Johns			

BREAKFAST MENU

Breakfast Prices

Pre K – 4 th	\$1.90
5 th – 12 th	\$1.90
Adults	\$2.15
Reduced	.30

Milk, Fruit and Juice
Will be Available
Every Day

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	1 No School	2 No School	3 No School Teacher In Service	4 Chicken Nuggets Mac. & Cheese Peas Bread Stick	5 Brunch For Lunch Omelete/Sausage Tri Tater Corn Muffin	6
7	8 Mini Corn Dogs Fries Sweet Potatoes Apple Crisp	9 Chicken Quesadilla Broccoli w/Cheese Yogurt Parfait	10 Spaghetti w/Meatballs Green Beans Garlic Bread	11 Hot Dogs/ Bun Cheesy Hasbrown Cass. Baked Beans Cole Slaw	12 Orange Chicken Savory Rice Oriental Veggies Cheese Stick	13
14	15 Turkey Sub Nacho Chips w/Cheese Celery w/ Peanut Butter Cole Slaw	16 Taco Tuesday Soft Shell / Toppings Refried Beans Peas / Sweet Rice	17 C.C. Beef Day! Sloppy Joes/ Bun Tater Tots/ Baked Beans Brownie	18 Breaded Pork Pattie Whipped Potatoes / Gravy Corn Dinner Roll	19 Chili / Crackers Toasted Cheese Sandwich Parisian Carrots	20
21	22 Pizza Broccoli w/ Cheese Yogurt Parfait	23 Chicken Drumstick Whipped Potatoes/ Gravy Corn Mini Loaf	24 Hamburger / Bun Fries Baked Beans Cookie	25 Shrimp Poppers Mac. & Cheese Carrots Cherry Crisp	26 BBQ Chicken / Bun Cheesy Broccoli Rice Green Beans	27
28	29 Hot Ham & Cheese/Bun Tri Tater Peas	30 Crispitos / Toppings Fiesta Beans Spanish Rice Sweet Potatoes	31 Chicken & Gravy Whipped Potatoes/Gravy Corn Muffin			

LUNCH MENU

Lunch Prices

Pre K – 4 th	\$2.61
5 th – 12 th	\$2.81
Adults	\$3.50
Reduced	.40

Milk, Fruit and Fresh Veggie Bar
 Will be Available Every Day
 No Salad Bar Or Sandwich
 Bars on the First Day of the Week

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