



TIGER TALES

2012 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Alumni

We are coming towards the end of our second year of a 4-day week school calendar. In the first year the district wide attendance increased by 3% putting the district at 94% and meeting the attendance goal of NCLB set by the state. A 3% increase in one year is a very significant improvement. The district offers individual tutoring services on Friday's. Surveys were conducted recently with 85% of parents and 85% of students indicating approval of continuing the 4-day week calendar.

We have selected our Teacher of the Year for 2011-12. Leigh Krogman, high school science teacher has been chosen as this year's recipient. Leigh was chosen for her dedication to her students and willingness to insure that each student is working up to and beyond their potential. Past winners are: 1998- Carrie Schumacher, 1999- Carolyn Shouldis, 2000- John Hockett, 2001- Tracy Tucker, 2002- Cella Hermesen, 2003- Deb Zens, 2004- Bobbi Kelley, 2005- Dixie Linn-Norberg, 2006- Dorothy Bligh, 2007- Katie Jensen, 2008- Michelle Levi, 2009- Alice Cameron, 2010- Helen Schwarting, 2011 Koleene Newbold. It's encouraging to see that eight of the past winners are still teaching in the district and four others retired from the district when they ended their teaching careers.

The middle school is hosting the Acalympics for the second year. The Acalympics is a team competition where two students from each grade are selected to represent their schools. The students take academic tests in a variety of areas and then a team score is compiled. This year there are eight schools participating. And once again the high school students won the Knowledge Bowl at the Lakota Nations Invitational. Similar to the Acalympics, the Knowledge Bowl is a series of academic tests that students take and a team score is compiled. There were also several individual winners.

Spring time means good weather (although our winter seemed like Spring) and also means budget time for next year. This year's legislative session was a little more promising with school's receiving a 2.3% increase for next year, most of which however is one-time money.

As you can see we have some positive and exciting achievements by staff and students going on in our schools. We are proud of all of our sports teams and activities. Our accomplishments are too numerous to mention in a letter!

I feel fortunate to work with the students, staff, and school board members that we have at White River. I think that we have a progressive school district that works toward achieving common goals.

As always if you are around for a visit your welcome to stop in the school and look around.

Tom Cameron, Supt.

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL

Opal Brood Douglas '32
Mary Hutchinson Krogman '42
Rosemary Becker Wilder '42
William "Bill" Dolezal '43
Matt Gillen '47
Francis Earl Navin '47
Felix Blackwolf '65
Ronald Deutsch '66
Francis Krogman Plooster '51
Dorothy Scott Hunger '44
Myrtle Sumners Larsen '48
Darlene Green Hutchinson '49



Please check address label. If you see any needed corrections, please be a responsible "Tiger" and email, phone, or send an update.

Editor's update

Lady Tigers lost in District finals
Boys BB team finished 1st in State B
Tiger Football made 2nd round playoffs
Volleyball team defeated in Districts

ATTENTION ALUMNI

A new holiday tradition begins for WRHS alumni. The Friday following Thanksgiving will be the annual date for the men's and women's alumni basketball games.

The event is a fundraiser for the high school boy's BB program.



Pictured are the fearless alumni who suited up for the historic first games. Individuals are identified on WR school alumni webpage. Coach Marshall announced. "WRHS alumni dust off your shoes and find a gym, you have one year to prepare!"

CLASS of 1962 – 50 YEAR GRADUATES

Class of '62 will be honored at graduation on Saturday, May 19, 2012 @ 3p.m. CST

Connie Hight Belmain
Victor Brown
Donald Drath
Wayne Goff
Dennis Green
Janet Hitchings Ham
Robert Iverson
Marvis Letellier
Karen Johnson Nelson
Jim Sumners
JaniceWeekRing
Ellen Iwan Valburg



DECEASED

Sandra Jarl Knispel
John Jones

Coach Fred Littau was inducted posthumously into the SD Basketball Coaches Assoc.'s Hall of Shrine at the 2012 State B Boy's BB tournament. Littau was a graduate of WRHS, class of 1938. WRHS alumni keep making the news. Go Tigers!