

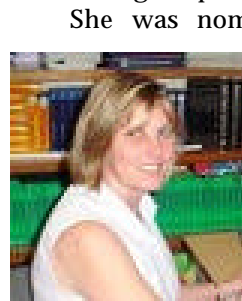
September 2006

National Award to Cindy Lanik

The United States Department of Education announced today that **Cindy Lanik**, a middle school teacher in Hemingford, Nebraska has been selected as the 2006 Nebraska American Star of Teaching.

The prestigious award is given to just one educator in each state, beginning with over 4000 initial nominees. Mrs. Lanik has taught for 20 years in Hemingford, and is lead teacher in the Hemingford Middle School, located in the Nebraska Panhandle. Her extra work with students unable to attend classes full-time, her dedication in coming early and staying late for her students, and her love for teaching were all factors in her nomination, as well as her continued efforts

to teach and coach cross-country from a wheelchair after breaking a hip last year.



She was nominated by **Mrs. Jac-Lynn Orr**, who with her husband Kirk have three children in the Hemingford system. Other factors in her selection were the methods she employs in her classes that are geared towards improving student achievement, as well using innovative strategies to make a difference in the lives of her students.

Governor Dave Heineman was on hand to honor Lanik, as well as *Deputy United States Education Director Bill Knudsen* of Washington, D.C., *Nebraska Deputy Education Commissioner Polly Feis*, *State Board of Education member Kandy Imes*, and *Nebraska State Education Association representa-*

tive Leonard Hartman.

The program was attended by all Pre-K through 12th students in the Hemingford system, as well as all staff and many community and local board members. Many members of Mrs. Lanik's family were also present.

Mrs. Lanik is a 1977 graduate of Orleans High School in Nebraska, and a **1985 graduate of Chadron State College**. Her husband Tim also teaches at Hemingford, while daughter Lindsey teaches at Emerson - Hubbard. Son Nate teaches in Alliance, while his wife Jenny teaches in Hemingford as well.

The community, students and staff joined all of the honored visitors for a free lunch on the school lawn following the presentation. An archived webcast of the program in its entirety can be found at <http://www.hemingford-telephone.com/>, compliments of the Hemingford Telephone Company.



Special points of interest:

- Scholarship time—from the Counselor Corner
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C O U N S E L O R ' S

O Approximately 50% of the seniors and their parents attended the Senior/Parent meeting held on August 29th. Discussion on college information websites, planning senior visits, FAFSA form, scholarship applications were just some of the topics. Students have mailboxes for general information and should stop in and pick up newsworthy items. Mrs. Hucke has blocked time before school to work with seniors and their questions.



The counselor's office is implementing some new software that allows students to type directly on the scholarship form after it has been scanned. This software is available on a majority of the school's computers; however, paper copies of

scholarships will also be located in Mrs. Horstman's and Mr. Chatelain's room.

Registration deadline for the October 28 ACT is September 22. Check other deadlines for college applications and scholarship opportunities. This information can be found on the college/university website.



It's not often students meet the Governor at school...

WORDS TO THINK ABOUT ☺

You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.

There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but the view is always the same.

The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot.

Be Healthy!

Health Lies in labor,
and there is no royal
road to it but through
toil." -Wendell
Phillips

WE'RE OFF!

The first part of school has been a little hectic. It was great to see all of kids with their faces filled with smiles and anticipation of the coming school year. I've made it around and met all of the new students enrolled in our school. It was great seeing all of last year's kids also. My word for this year is **"FAMILY"**. I spoke to the kids about how we are going to help each other succeed this year. We'll be there to encourage, help, and give them whatever they need to be successful in school and life. I also talked about how they need to help their classmates who are struggling, having a bad day, or just need a word of encouragement.

Giorgi's Gym

Using the swimming pool for the first week of school got the year off to a great start! Check out the schools website for pictures.

September will see PE students preparing for fitness testing. We will

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AMERICAN STAR OF TEACHING

Mrs. Cindy Lanik was presented the **"American Star of Teaching"** award at a surprise assembly at 11:00 a.m. on August 23, 2006 in the Hemingford School Gymnasium. Only one teacher from each state is selected to receive this award each year. It is a very prestigious award. The entire school (Pre K – 12th) took part in the celebration. Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman as well as Bill Knudsen from the United States Department of Education were in attendance and spoke on behalf of Mrs. Lanik. **Congratulations to Mrs. Cindy Lanik as well as our entire teaching staff PreK - 12th grade for the wonderful job you do each day with kids.**

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please remember to save the

box tops that are found on many different food items. They allow us to earn money for our school. This is another great way to help our school.

TESTING

We will administer the fall MAPS tests in September this year to grades 2-11. The tentative dates are September 11-15 and September 18-22. Please help by making sure your child/children are in school and have had a good night's sleep. We appreciate the support and encouragement you give your child each day to do their best in school.

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

September 4th No School – Labor Day
September 29th No School – Teacher Inservice

COMMUNICATION

Call us with any questions at 487-3330.

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be working on fitness each day in PE as well as movement skills and health. Third through sixth graders are practicing softball skills and kindergarten through second grades are working on manipulatives – hoops, wands, etc.

Make sure your students get exercise at home! For ideas, see the fitness calendar which you can print off of the school website.

Mrs. Giorgi

Thayer's Thoughts...

Now that school is rolling, and activities are in full swing, please check out the calendar on the website for the most current information. Many items are added and deleted on a continuous basis.

Some of the activities include:

HS Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27. Some of the activities will also be having pictures on this day. Please bring your smiles.

One Act Play Tryouts: Do you have a flair for the dramatics? Mrs. Fastnacht and Mrs. Haas are looking for individuals to try out for the One Act play. Tryouts are scheduled for the week of September 5. If you need more information, please visit with either of these ladies.

Testing – September is the beginning of a variety of testing. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find some information on the test dates for MAP testing. Teachers use the results for curriculum adjustments and to see the changes in student growth. Questions that you may want to ask your son/daughter about the tests may include:

Did you have gains in the RIT score? (students get feedback immediately on their results)



Students will test for Reading and Math and then Science and Language Arts. Ask them which seemed the best for them?

Ask if they felt like they knew most of the material?

More importantly—ask them if they gave it their best effort—if so, then whatever they scored is ok.

Josten's will be here on October 9 to provide information to seniors about announcements and graduation items. Ordering will take place on Monday, October 16.

Junior Testing:
ASVAB testing
on September 20
PSAT test on
October 18.

Sophomores:
PLAN test on
October 19.

ACT test date:
October 28
Sign up by
September 22

If your son or daughter would be interested in taking a practice ACT test, please have them stop in and talk to Mrs. Huckle or Ms. Thayer.

Speech is Important...

As the Speech-Language Pathologist in your school district, I would like to share some information with you about speech and language development of your young children. There will hopefully be future articles about different stages of development with each newsletter, so be sure to check each one.

Speech and Language of the 6- to 12-months old child

At age 6 months, your child...

Makes lots of different, playful sounds (called babbling)
Laughs, gurgles, coos with familiar people
Reacts to loud, angry, and friendly voices
Turns and looks at new

sounds
Babbles for attention

At age 8 months, your child...

Responds to name and pats image of self in mirror
Produces four or more different sounds
Frequently uses syllables such as *ba, da, ka*
Transfers objects from one hand to another
Listens to own vocalizations and those of others
Tries to imitate sounds

At age 10 months, your child...

May say "mama" and "dada"
Shouts to attract attention
Uses jargon (babbling that sounds like real speech)
Plays Peek-a-Boo
Says a syllable or sequence of sounds repeatedly

At age 12 months, your child...

Recognizes name
Points to objects for you to get or name
Says 2 to 3 words besides "mama" and "dada"
Imitates familiar words
Understand simple instructions
Recognizes words as symbols for objects (for example, hears "car" and points to garage; hears "cat" and 'meows')

You can stimulate your infant's speech and language if you...

Respond to your child's coos, gurgles, and babbling; treat these utterances as if they were real language
Talk to your child during your daily care activities

read colorful books to your child every day

Keep your speech rather simple and concrete

Recite nursery rhymes and sing songs

Show interest in all the different sounds you hear; (ice clinking in a glass, doorbell ringing, rain falling)

Share eye contact during the give-and-take of your interaction as your child coos and babbles

Teach your child the names of commonly used items, familiar people, and common actions
take your child with you to new places and situations

Play simple games, such as Peek-a-Boo and Pat-a-Cake, with your child

play simple music for your child

**EMPOWERING individuals
to become
RESOURCEFUL, RESPECTFUL, and
RESPONSIBLE...
partners in education**

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The Superintendent of schools is authorized by the Board of Education to close public schools in case of severe weather. The Superintendent's will notify local news media when inclement weather warrants such action. **The information is broadcast regularly by radio stations, (KCOW AM 1400, KQ 106 & 97.5 FM, KPNY 102 FM, KMOR 92.9 FM), our web site (www.hemingfordschools.org), and Mobius web site (www.bbc.net).**

The ultimate purpose of education is to help each student become an effective citizen in a democracy. Developing and accepting the responsibilities and obligations of good citizenship will help students to participate in our varied activities and thus find those things within our school that will prepare them to live a better life and finally take their place in this complex society. Their success at Hemingford Public Schools will be directly proportional to their efforts.

Super Places on the World Wide Web

Black Dog

This site is safe for kids and has jokes, games, puzzles, worksheets that help students learn even though they are playing!

<http://www.blackdog.net>

Net Smartz Kids

This site is for helping kids learn to be safe on the Internet. Did you know 1 out of every 5 students have been solicited by unknown predators on the Internet?? Make sure your kids are safe!!

<http://www.netsmartzkids.org>

Palm Beach County Library System

Mouse & Eye Hand Coordination Games for Younger Children

<http://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/games.htm>

CRLS Research Guide

A great place to learn how and where to get research tips
for creating projects and papers.

<http://www.crlsresearchguide.org>

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Calendar Events September 2006





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thr	Fri	Sat
					1 White Day 7:00 PM VFB Bridgeport @ home	2 9:00 AM JH.VCC @ Gering
3	4 Labor Day No School	5 One Act Tryouts Red Day 5:00 PM FCCLA Dist Planning Meeting 6:00 PM JV FB Crawford @ home	6 One Act Tryouts White Day 2:30 PM BigBrother/BigSister	7 One Act Tryouts Red Day	8 One Act Tryouts White Day 2:00 PM JH-VCC @ Kimball	9 8:30 AM JV-VVB @ Gordon/Rushville Invite
10 FCCLA Leadership Workshop	11 Red Day FCCLA Leadership Workshop MAP Testing Window 5:00 PM F-JVVB @ Morrill 6:00 PM JVFB @ Morrill 7:00 PM School Board Meeting	12 MAP Testing Window White Day 5:00 PM FFA Corn Feed 5:00 PM VVB Tri w/Kimball & Gordon @ home	13 MAP Testing Window Red Day FFA Leadership 10:00 AM Meeting for all P'handle schools in B'port	14 MAP Testing Window White Day 3:00 PM JH VB @ Morrill 5:00 PM JH FB @ Morrill 6:00 PM JV-VVB Edgemont @ Home	15 MAP Testing Window Red Day 7:00 PM VFB @ Gordan	16 TBD JHVB @ Alliance 9:00 AM JH-VCC @ Alliance 9:00 AM JVVB @ Gordon 10:00 AM VVB H'mfd Invite
17	18 7:15 AM One Act Practice MAP Testing Window White Day 4:00 PM JHVB B'port @ home	19 7:15 AM One Act Practice MAP Testing Window Red Day 4:30 PM JH-VCC @ Scottsbluff 5:00 PM F-JVVB Tri @ Alliance with Chadron 5:00 PM JHFB @ B'prt	20 MAP Testing Window White Day	21 7:15 AM One Act Practice MAP Testing Window Red Day 5:00 PM JHVB @ Hay Springs	22 MAP Testing Window White Day 1:00 PM VCC @ Torrington 6:00 PM FFA Meeting @ Ag Shop 7:00 PM VFB @ Bayard	23 JHVB PC @ Harrison 8:30 AM JV-VVB @ Mitchell Invite
24	25 7:15 AM One Act Practice Red Day All Day 5th & 6th Field Trip Ash Hollow 5:30 PM JHVB @ Rushville 6:00 PM JVFB Mitchell @ home	26 7:15 AM One Act Practice White Day 5:00 PM VVB Tri w/Bayard & B'port @ home	27 Picture Day HS Portraits & Fall Activities FFA Petting Zoo ASVAB Testing Red Day	28 7:15 AM One Act Practice Picture Day Elementary Portraits & Fall Activities White Day 2:00 PM JH-VCC @ Gordon 4:00 PM JHVB vs Crawford Home 5:00 PM Fr-JVVB @ Bayard 5:00 PM JHFB Crawford @ Home	29 No School - Teacher Inservice 7:00 PM VFB @ Morrill	30

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Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 No School	5 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick Fruit or Juice	6 Breakfast Burrito Fruit or Juice	7  Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	8 Cinnamon Roll Fruit or Juice
11 Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	12 Egg & Cheese Omelet Fruit or Juice 	13 French Toast Fruit or Juice	14 Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	15 Breakfast Pizza Fruit or Juice
18 Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	19 Pancake Fruit or Juice	20 Breakfast Burrito Fruit or Juice	21 Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	22 Cinnamon Roll Fruit or Juice
25 Assorted Cereal Granola Bar Fruit or Juice	26 Sausage Gravy on Biscuits Fruit or Juice	27 French Toast Fruit or Juice	28 Assorted Cereal Muffin Fruit or Juice	29 No School

Milk is served with all meals

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Lunch Menu

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4 No School	5 Beefy Nachos Lettuce Salad Pears Roll & Butter Alt. – Baked Potato Cold Sand – Bologna	6 Chicken & Noodles Green Beans Pineapple Roll & Butter Alt. - Crispitoe Cold Sand. – Turkey	7 Hot Ham & Cheese Sand. French Fries Peaches Jello Alt. – Hamburger Cold Sand. – Ham	1 Ready Rib Sandwich French Fries Applesauce Dill Spear Alt. – Hamburger Cold Sand. – Cheese
11 Pig In Blanket Carrots Pineapple No Bake Cookie Alt. – Pizza Cold Sand. – PBJ	12 Taco Burger French Fries Fresh Fruit Pudding Alt. – Baked Potato Cold Sand. – Bologna	13 Chicken Fajita Salad Corn Fruit Cocktail Roll & Butter Alt. – Corn Dog Cold Sand. – Turkey	14 B.B.Q. Sandwich Coleslaw Pears Dill Spear Alt. – Quesadilla Cold Sand. – Ham	8 Sloppy Joe Corn Fruit Cocktail Cookie Cake Alt. – Chicken Sand. Cold Sand. – Cheese
18 Sausage Gravy \ Biscuits Green Beans Applesauce Cookie Alt. – Pizza Hot Pocket Cold Sand. – PBJ	19 Bobcat Taco Lettuce Salad Pineapple Roll & Butter Alt. – Baked Potato Cold Sand. – Bologna	20 Chicken Sandwich Corn Fresh Fruit Pudding Alt. – Ready Rib Sand. Cold Sand. – Turkey	21 Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peaches Roll & Butter Alt. – Pizza Cold Sand. – Ham	15 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Peaches Tomato Soup Alt. – Crispitoe Cold Sand. – Cheese
25 Hot Dog / Bun Tater Bar Pineapple Baked Beans Alt. – Chicken Nuggets Cold Sand. – PBJ	26 Tostado Pizza Corn Fruit Cocktail Cookie Alt. – Quesadilla Cold Sand. – Bologna	27 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Coleslaw Pears Garlic Bread Alt. – Salisbury Steak Cold Sand. – Turkey	28 Frito Pie Carrots Applesauce Roll & Butter Alt. – Corn Dog Cold Sand. – Ham	22 Hamburger \ Bun French Fries Pears Dill Slices Alt. – Hot Ham & Cheese Cold Sand. – Cheese
				29 No School

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