



PRINCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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The 2011-2012 school year is 25% complete. The students have just completed the first quarter and are focusing in on areas where they need to improve prior to final exams in December. The teachers and staff continue to work with students individually to help them in their efforts. To help us in these efforts, we are using the NWEA MAP test to help track student progress, identify individual areas of student strength and concern as well as monitor the effectiveness of both curriculum and instructional strategies. We have developed 5th period intervention groups to provide additional assistance to students in math and reading based on the fall 2011 MAP results.

Students are actively involved in numerous programs at PHS including Scholastic Bowl, Chess Club, FFA, FCCLA, Science Club, Spanish Club, Band, Chorus, Student Council, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Golf, Cross Country, Football, Yearbook, Casting Call 2011 at Wildlife Prairie Park and Homecoming. Many of our juniors took the PSAT test and the freshmen and sophomores are about to take the Explore and Plan tests respectively.

Looking ahead to November and December, the Art and FCCLA classes will travel to the Chicago Art Institute; the FFA has numerous events scheduled; the Girls and Boys Basketball season will get underway; the Chorus will perform the musical "Once Upon a Mattress"; senior yearbook pictures will be taken and PHS Boys Basketball will host the Holiday Tournament. Opportunities are obviously abundant at PHS and I encourage students to continue to take advantage of the many offerings.

The Princeville School District has earned the SchoolSearch 2011 Bright Star Award for educational excellence. The award is for school districts that have demonstrated high academic performance while keeping

operational costs low. The Princeville schools have distinguished themselves as a model of outstanding public education.

Maintaining this level of excellence is not possible without the continued parental and community support of our students, teachers and administrators. As parents and community members, we have an overwhelming influence on the lives of our children; our involvement in this strong, community centered school system is vital to our children's development and success.

We continue to ask for the support of parents and the community to encourage our students and reinforce the importance of education. Please use the SIS K12 Parent Portal to keep track of your child's grades, attendance, discipline, lunch account balances, etc. If you need additional information on the Portal, please contact the PHS main office. The success of our kids will rely on all of our efforts. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 20th and 21st. If you were unable to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss your student's progress and goals for the future, please contact the teachers via phone or email to set up a time to meet.