



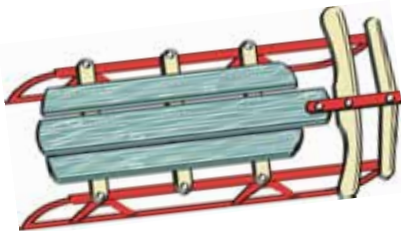
# Bobcat

A monthly publication of ISD news

## That *Junk* Looks Good to Us!

What do food boxes, soup cans and various electronic devices have in common? They all can be turned into school supplies or cash for ISD use!

Karen Lechner, physical education teacher, recycles cell phones, video games, dvd movies, ink cartridges and laptops and saves the money for health and PE equipment. She has collection boxes in both school buildings and in the Lied Multipurpose Complex. **See more on back page.**



When life gives you snow, make snow angels! Inside, learn how dorm students and staff weathered the December snow storm for three days.

## A Pink Drink, Please



A ladle full of “pink stuff,” satisfies the request of Madison Healy (right) while Caleb Lachin (middle) prefers his drink sans ice cream. We Explore our Environment or WEE co-coordinator and boys’ social worker Chris Marks tended the punch bowl at a holiday reception hosted for ISD students by Drs. Jeanne and Hugh Prickett. ■

**GPSD 2010** – Iowa School for the Deaf is hosting the annual Great Plains Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament Feb. 11 - 13 in the Lied Multipurpose Complex. Activities run from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day. Volunteer shift help from families and staff is appreciated for various stations through the weekend. Eight teams will compete in the events. Contact ISD athletic director Mike Shannon at [mshannon@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org](mailto:mshannon@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org) for details.

# Life on Campus

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“The first day was fine. The second day was okay. The third day, wow,” said an ISD dorm staff member, summarizing the Dec. 8-10 snow days.

For the most part, snow days in the dorm are what students would experience at home. They can sleep later, although not all day, and have the same entertainment options as kids at home. Supervision is provided through emergency snow day dorm staff during school hours and evening and night staff remain the same as regularly scheduled.

Sledding, using the computer and video phone, playing video and board games, and watching movies were the common activities during this Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday break in routine. In the afternoons, basketball was available in the old gym. The recurring favorite activity cited by students, however, was four square, played in the auditorium.

“I have more fun here than when I’m at home (on a snow day),”

There is no place we can go;  
**Stop the Snow!**  
**Stop the Snow!**  
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Top: Bryce Moore took a staff member’s suggestion to heart about using snow days to do laundry. Below: Tabre Delaney can chat online, play games and surf the net without interruption.

# Life on Campus

## **SNOW** from p. 2

said high school student Vince Fox. "Here I can hang out with deaf people and understand what they're saying. At home I can't go anywhere with the snow, but here we can walk to different buildings like the old gym. But my favorite part of the snow day is not having school."

Dalton Rosch held a similar attitude, and said he hoped school would be cancelled for a fourth day. However, his floormate, Cole Gwinn, was becoming bored. "It's boring if I'm not learning," he said. "I'm ready to go back."

The time was not idly spent. Girls in residential counselor Liz Gates' care read an Accelerated Reader™ book and took a test on it. Carmita Wilson sent some e-mails and studied spelling words. Girls were creative in burning energy by timing themselves running down the halls.

High school girls decided to decorate their floor for Christmas. Students cleaned their rooms and caught up on laundry.

Middle school girls found color in an otherwise sea of white. Shayla Dobias taught her floormates how to finger-crochet headbands, donned by some of the girls during their unplanned break.

By Wednesday afternoon, many local parents came to take their



Stephanie Perez sports a crocheted headband she made during a snow day.

children home for Thursday's snow day, called primarily because school buses simply could not navigate around the large snow piles.

The easing of weather conditions meant the opposite of going home for Johanna Scherling, who was just returning on Wednesday. She had stayed with an older brother who lives near school, and now that he needed to report back to work, she needed to stay in the dorms.

Some staff may have had difficulty differentiating night from day. Several stayed overnight because their vehicles were drifted in, or they knew the streets and roads leading home were dangerous or impassable.

**"What do you mean, we have to make up these days?"**

**We are here!**

– A student's response to Dr. Prickett

One person who was prepared to be out of the classroom during the snow days was 4PLUS student Brock Arndorfer. The college freshman took his last final Dec. 7 (earning an A in the class) and was prepared to spend most of the next two weeks until winter break in ISD's 4PLUS lounge.

"I love cooking there, working on financial stuff, even exercising in 4PLUS," he said. Since the 4PLUS lounge was closed, Arndorfer joined in his high school friends' activities. Is it fair to him that college students have to go to class when his ISD pals have a snow day? "I'm in college. It's not the same. It won't bother me," he said.

For the most part, it didn't seem to bother students or staff to be cooped up for three days, either. One staff member admitted, "By day three, staff began to get weary,"

but quickly pointed out students' attitudes were excellent, making the best of the ordeal.



Who wouldn't want to be on his or her best behavior?

**After all, four square was waiting. ■**


# Elementary & Middle School News

happenings in grades preschool through eighth grade

**ITBS/ITED testing will be January, 11-21.** Please help your children get adequate sleep so they may perform to the best of their abilities. It is appreciated if out-of-school appointments are avoided those days.

**Future varsity basketball players** are learning the rules of the game and putting them into play during several junior high boys basketball games this year. The ISD junior high team includes Curtis Dobias, Vitaliy Dvogyuk, D J Meyer, Elias Perez, Kory Wattier, Trey Rocco, Cole Gwinn, Marcos Ibarra Brandon Dunlap, Austin Gaines and Dalton Rosch. See Upcoming Events (below) to find upcoming games.

**1st Trimester Honor Roll Elementary/Middle School – (3.5 – 4.0)**  
**Gold Honor Roll:** Nathaniel Christensen, Shayla Dobias, Daniel Dvogyuk, Hannah Kohl, Brendan Vinsonhaler (3.0 – 3.49) **Red Honor Roll:** Kalynn Coulter, Curtis Dobias, Jade Fastnacht, David Gonzalez, Robbie Gotto, Cole Gwinn, Madison Healy, Marcos Ibarra, Sam Jacobs Jr., Jayden Kohl, Jeremy Lachin, DJ Meyer, Elias Perez, Trey Rocco, Brianna Vargo, Kory Wattier and Andre Witherspoon.



Student Council thanks those who donated fleece for the Linus Project. We are still accepting donations until Jan. 26. Fleece should be 1 1/2 yards long of the 60" wide material.

# High School News

happenings in grades nine through 12 and 4PLUS

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 3	Travel Day				
Jan. 4	Classes Resume				
Jan. 21	Snow Make-up Class Day				
Jan. 22	11:30 a.m. Homegoing				
Jan. 24	Travel Day				
Jan. 25	Snow Make-up Class Day				
Feb. 26	Snow Make-up Class Day				
Jan. 19/JV	Hrtld Christian	Home		3:30 p.m.	
Jan. 19/Boys	Boys Town	Home		6 p.m.	
Jan. 26	NCL	Home		6 p.m.	
Jan. 28/JVB**	Roadrunners	Home		4 p.m.	
Jan. 28	TJ Freshmen	Home		6 p.m.	

\*Junior High Boys  
 \*\* Junior Varsity Boys

### Basketball in January

Jan. 7	Kansas	Home	4 p.m.
Jan. 11/JHB	Seward	Home	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14/JHB*	Hrtld Christian	Away	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	Sidney	Home	6 p.m.
Jan. 18/Girls	Boys Town	Qwest	9 a.m.

### Basketball in February

Feb. 1	South Page	Away	6 p.m.
Feb. 2	Malvern JV	Home	6:15 p.m.
Feb. 4	Clarinda Acad	Away	6 p.m.
Feb. 11, 12, 13	GPSD	ISD	

### Congratulations to our sports standouts who have been recognized by Deaf Digest!

- Alba Lavrenz was named a mainstreamed athlete for cross country. She attends Iowa School for the Deaf and has been on the Lewis Central cross country team for two years.
- Lauren Wellman was named to the 2009 DeafDigest Sports All-American Volleyball Team
- Cody Contreras, Colby McIntosh and Peter Schwietz were named to the 2009 DeafDigest Sports 8-man Football Team.

# WHAT *you* CAN DO FOR DEAF EDUCATION

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CONTINUE THE MISSION OF AN IMPORTANT ORGANIZATION.

## What is the *event*?

The annual meeting of the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) will be hosted by Iowa School for the Deaf in April, 2010. It will held in Council Bluffs, Iowa. CEASD represents the country's schools for the deaf and helps advocate for equitable funding and recognition for our schools at a national level.

## What is the *cause*?

The annual CEASD meeting is the primary funding source for the small staff of CEASD professionals who are dedicated to the mission of continually enhancing education for deaf and hard-of-hearing children.

## What assistance may I *offer*?

Your donation of an item for the live or silent CEASD auction will cause friendly bidding wars among our attendees, resulting in optimum profits for CEASD. For many of our attendees, this

conference will be their first experience in the Midwest. Handmade or collectible items with a Midwest flair or theme will appeal to this group.

## How will I be *acknowledged*?

Your generosity will be listed in our conference book and listed in various signage during the conference. You will also receive a prompt thank you for tax purposes.

## When is my item *needed*?

We are a small staff undertaking a large task. We appreciate it if you let us know you will be donating an item by late January. We would like to secure the object from you by March 1, 2010 so that we can issue your tax thank you and write an item description if needed.

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*Thank you for your consideration.*



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**compassionate** KIND **OPENHEARTED** **thoughtful**

## Staff Quilting Group Donates Talent

A group of ISD quilters has been meeting four years, learning from one another and motivating each other to experiment with projects and finish them. Although the group makes quilts for personal use, they also have been working on baby quilts to be donated to a hospital, and are making pillowcases for cancer patients. **The five are also working on a quilt to donate for the CEASD auction this spring.**

**This quilt features 5" and 8" squares, bright fabrics, and will be quilted by Diane Knigge.** The group is shown with mostly completed Smokey Mountain Stars quilts, which they worked on this fall.

Back row: Mel Hielen (elementary teacher), Liz Peters (retired elementary teacher) and Sue Meidlinger (elementary teacher). Front row: Jeanette Watson (high school teacher) and Diane Knigge (health center head nurse).



## Good Junk, continued from front



Once you recognize the value of just one Box Tops logo, you'll be surprised at how quickly the change adds up!

Each symbol clipped from a participating product is worth a dime (in cash) for schools. The pink Box Tops symbols can be found on

hundreds of products, from cereals to tissues. High school teacher Diane LeDoux will use these funds to pay for Special Olympics banquets.



- LeDoux also collects Campbell's Soup labels, which she redeems for ISD school supplies. Points may be earned with labels from these products:
- Campbell's Soups
  - Campbell's Healthy Request
  - Franco-American
  - Pepperidge Farm
  - Spaghettios
  - Swanson
  - V8 Beverages
  - V8 V-Fusion
  - V8 Splash
  - Prego Italian Sauces

**Thank you for your help!**

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## PTSSA NEWS

### Notes from the Parent/Teacher/Student/Staff Association

*Submitted by LeeAnn Bradley*

**H**appy Holidays to all! You can get Subway cards through Subway and register them on the web page for ISD. (I think the welcome packet thing was a way to draw people in because we still have not received one, but they said we are all registered.)

We are looking forward to celebrate ISD activities in March.

Please contact me with any ideas for GPSD in February. Many deaf schools will be coming to ISD's campus; is there anything we can do to support ISD? Examples might be volunteering in the hospitality room, etc. Please contact me ASAP with ideas, lbradley@iowaschoolforthe deaf.org.