

March 11, 2013  
Middle School Board Report

1. The middle school musical has been practicing for their performance on March 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be presenting Hot Rod: Cruisin' Back to the 1950s.
2. I went to Denver Middle School on February 19<sup>th</sup> and visited with Paul Gebel about their Project Lead the Way program.
3. Grace Denner was one of six students to place in the 29th Annual Write Women Back Into History Essay Contest, sponsored by the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, the Iowa Department of Education, and the State Historical Society of Iowa. She was the overall winner with her essay focusing on Margaret Wragg Sloss. She will miss the awards ceremony that will take place on Thursday, March 14, in Des Moines at the State due to the musical, but hopes to go down later.
4. Trevor Svec has qualified to represent the middle school and participate at the state level of the National Geographic Bee in Ankeny on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
5. Parent-teacher conferences were held on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.  
(Fall 88%; Spring 82%)

	# of students	# attended	% attended	Previous Year % attended
5th Grade	69	60	87%	68%
6th Grade	84	71	85%	68%
7th Grade	66	52	79%	66%
8th Grade	63	48	63%	48%

6. Four staff members had training on Edmodo with Mr. Cantu last week. Jeannie Pfaffle and Matt Schult are already using in on a daily basis.
7. Each staff member has established a Twitter. There will be further training later in March. Follow the twitter hashtag #NHMSIA
8. During the February 2-Hour Late Start staff went through data analysis training with the AEA using the Iowa Assessments. Each grade level team established a goal area to focus on that they will come back and review in April.