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### Price Laboratory School Mission —

The Code of Iowa states a "laboratory school shall mean a school operated by an education institution for the purposes of instructing students, training teachers and advancing teaching methods."

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### Price Laboratory School fulfills this mission by:

- providing an excellent and innovative education for the Price Laboratory School children it serves from early childhood through grade twelve
- serving as an integral component of the teacher education program of the University of Northern Iowa
- engaging in scholarly work and service directed at advancing teaching practices, resources, and methods for teachers at state, national, and international levels

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### Facts About PLS...

PLS has been in existence since 1883 when it was established as a model school by James C. Gilchrist (first principal of the Iowa State Normal School). Price Laboratory School is the only laboratory school in Iowa; however, PLS is one of approximately a 100 laboratory schools in the U.S., and 43 laboratory school/university partnerships internationally. PLS is one of 15 lab schools in the country with a comprehensive K-12 program.



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### From the Director

— *Nadene Davidson, PLS Director*

Price Laboratory School has a long standing reputation for providing outstanding programming for our "students" – PLS, UNI, and practicing professionals. We are currently involved in several initiatives focusing on research and curriculum development. University students are investing hundreds of hours in PLS classrooms as participants in the process of integrating theory into practice. PLS faculty are providing various forms of professional outreach to educators across the state and beyond. The platform for all of these activities is to continue providing quality education for students in the PLS classroom. This has been the focus for Price Laboratory School and will continue to drive the work of the outstanding Price Laboratory School faculty and staff.

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### Elementary/Middle School Announcements

— *John Krumbholz, Elementary Principal*

#### Elementary Pictures

On March 11, spring pictures will be taken for grades nursery/kindergarten through 8th grade. This is something a little different than the traditional fall pictures. Each student will have their picture taken with a spring background in a more casual pose. A packet of photos will be sent home with each child a few weeks later. If you like and want to keep the photos, just return the envelope with the appropriate amount of money. If you do not like the photos, you simply return them to your child's teacher or to the office and we will send them back. These pictures are purely optional and are being done as a service to you. If you would like additional packets, more photos can be ordered at a later time.

#### Lunch Period

Fourth and fifth graders are at a transitional time in terms of the amount of food they will consume during the lunch period. Although they are normally not allowed to have second helpings or ala carte items, exceptions can be made provided that you as parents agree.

As you well know, chicken nuggets are one of the children's favorite meals. Unfortunately, a serving of chicken nuggets is only five or six nuggets and many of our 4th and 5th graders are asking for more. I am willing to allow them to purchase more nuggets but only with your permission. If you agree to allow your child to purchase an additional portion of chicken nuggets when they are served (approximately twice a month), simply write a note or call the office. Please note the cost for the extra serving is \$1.25 so your child's lunch account does not deplete faster than expected.

#### Kindergarten Round-up

Kindergarten Round-Up for incoming kindergarten and nursery students will be held on April 26. This event runs from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm and will be held in the kindergarten rooms in the lower level of PLS. A letter containing more details will be sent in the next few weeks to all who have registered. If you have not yet registered your child for next year, please do so quickly. Spots are filling up rapidly.

#### Lost and Found

Parents, please check our Lost and Found items in the office ASAP. We are overrun with items, some of which are very nice pieces of clothing. We have shirts, sweatshirts, shoes, and even a camouflage sleeping bag. We will be donating these items to Good Will very soon.

## PLS Public List Seeks Addresses

If you are not currently on the PLS Public e-mail, and would like to receive e-mail notices related to events and activities at Price Lab School, please e-mail Karen Williams. Send your request to karen.williams@uni.edu only if you are NOT currently receiving e-mail notices as part of PLS public.

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## NU Speech Team Receives Highest Honors at All-State Speech Festival

— *Becky Hawbaker, NU Speech Coach*



*NU Speech Coach Becky Hawbaker with students Christopher Hardy and Aubrey Huber who received the "Critic's Choice Award," the highest honor in Iowa High School Speech.*

Months of hard work and rehearsals paid off on Saturday, February 16, for NU Speech students Christopher Hardy and Aubrey Huber at the All-State Speech Festival at Iowa State University. Hardy and Huber had already won the distinction of performing their scene from *Othello*, making them one of only 20 Ensemble Acting groups state-wide chosen for this honor. While the All-State Festival is a celebration of speech excellence rather than a competition, the professional critics in each category choose the best performance of the day for the "Critic's Choice Award," the highest honor in Iowa High School Speech. Hardy and Huber's Ensemble Acting performance was given the 2002 Critic's Choice Award, which is the first time in school history that NU has won this honor. NU received a large banner to display during the coming year, to be returned at next year's All-State Festival.

Coach Becky Hawbaker said, "Christopher and Aubrey worked very hard to earn this honor. Both are talented, dedicated, and easy to coach. It was fun to work with them." Hardy remarked, "We practiced forever. It was an incredible honor to go to All-State, but then to be chosen for the banner was overwhelming and thrilling." Huber added, "There has been so much talent at NU since group speech started and I'm ecstatic to be part of the ensemble to bring this honor back to our school."

CONGRATULATIONS AUBREY & CHRISTOPHER!!!!

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### MPLS MATHCOUNTS Team Takes First for Second Year in a Row

— Megan Balong, MATHCOUNTS Coach

Seven middle school students have been working since September to sharpen their math skills in after school practices. Their hard work paid off on Saturday, February 15, 2002 at the Northeast Iowa Chapter MATHCOUNTS competition. Jenny Hills, Atulya Iyengar, Sid Mitra, Alexander Rapp, Nicky Singh, and Ben Strever competed as individuals against more than 160 other students. Five of the students placed in the top 30% of competitors. Atulya Iyengar took fifth place. Alexander Rapp took first place in the individual competition for the second year in a row. The MPLS MATHCOUNTS team defended its title by taking first place for the second consecutive year in the team competition. The team competitors were Jenny Hills, Atulya Iyengar, Alexander Rapp, and Ben Strever. The team will represent the Northeast Iowa Chapter at the state competition in Des Moines on March 15. MATHCOUNTS is coached by Megan Balong. Dr. Atul Mitra of the UNI College of Business graciously volunteers his time each week to help prepare the mathletes.

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### PLS Nursery/Kindergarten Wins Boxtops Competition — New Contest Starts!

In February, the nursery/kindergarten classes at PLS enjoyed a Pizza Party to celebrate winning the January/February Boxtops4Education Contest. They turned in the most Boxtops with a total of 495. The second place prize of cookies and juice went to Unit II with 370 Boxtops. Fourth grade came in third place with 208 Boxtops and the class was rewarded with fruit snacks. Between January 7 and February 7, 2002, a total of 1,990 Box Tops were turned in by students in grades N/K through eighth. This month's incentive is a free swim day for each elementary grade that brings in 175 Boxtops. Middle school students will have a separate competition. The first middle school grade to turn in 175 Boxtops will enjoy a free day in P.E. This would be coordinated by the instructor, and could include activities such as swimming or a choice of games in the field house. In addition, if over 1600 boxtops are turned in by April 4, Mr. Krumbholz will dye his hair orange for the PLS Carnival on April 5.

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### Earn Extra Points for PLS with Malls4Schools March Promotions

Here are several opportunities to earn extra points for Price Lab School during the month of March.

#### Altrusa Club Book Swap – March 2, 2002

Children are invited to take part in the Altrusa Book Swap at College Square from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Located in Center Court, the Book Swap allows kids to trade a gently used book for a new one to read. Twenty-five malls4schools bonus points will be awarded to each child bringing a book to swap. Books through junior high reading level will be available.

#### Food Court Fling – March 9, 2002 through March 10, 2002

Come grab a bite to eat and get triple malls4schools points on all your food court purchases these two days. Receipts from: Freshens Yogurt, Pretzelmaker, Great American Cookies, Burger King, Imperial Palace, Villa Italian, Diamond Dave's, Big Apple Bagel and Texas Roadhouse will qualify for the triple point offer. Receipts must be dated March 9 or 10 to receive triple points.

**Celebrate Sports! – March 16, 2002 through March 17, 2002**

In honor of the Sports Card and Collectible Show in the mall this weekend, earn double malls4school points on your sporting goods and shoe purchases. Bring your receipts from the following stores to the Customer Service Center to receive double points: Hat World, Foot Locker, Payless Shoe Source, Scheels All Sports and Tradehome Shoes. Receipts must be dated March 16 or 17 to receive double points.

**Easter Bunny Visits – March 22, 2002 through March 31, 2002**

The Easter Bunny will be at College Square for photos and visits with kids of all ages! See the bunny in his garden hideway Monday - Friday noon to 8 pm, Saturday noon to 7 pm and Sunday noon to 6 pm. A variety of photo packages are available beginning at \$8.99. Receive 50 malls4schools bonus points with your photo package purchase.

**Triple Malls4Schools Points – March 23, 2002 through March 24, 2002**

Bring your receipts dated March 23 and 24 to the Customer Service Center and receive triple malls4school points.

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### NU Cheerleaders Place 2nd in State and National Cheerleading Championships

— Ashley Atherton, Cheerleading Coach

With the close of the 2001-02 competition season, I wanted to take a moment to recognize the eleven girls who have devoted an enormous amount of time, energy, and preparation for what has turned out to be the most successful cheerleading competition season to date.

The squad consists of the following students:

\*Seniors: Tina Bremner, Jenny Schatzberg, and Kristin Spain

\*Juniors: Annika Anderberg, Kate Kilbourn, Karrie McCabe, and Sami Renfro

\*Sophomores: Stephanie Bremner and Katy Huber

\*Freshmen: Ellen Hills and Stacey Snyder

The squad competed at the Iowa State Cheerleading Championships in November 2001 and placed 2nd in Division 1A. This was NU's first-ever appearance at the State Championships.

The squad's next competition, the Hawkeye Cheerleading Classic in Marion, Iowa, proved to be a memorable moment for the squad. Taking second place in the previous year, the squad fought back and took home the championship trophy, beating out many 3A and 4A schools.

Our final competition of the year was the Badger Cheerleading and Dance Championships in Madison, Wisconsin. The competition, held on the weekend of February 9 and 10, hosted close to 3000 cheerleaders and dancers that represented school and all-star cheerleading gyms from Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri, Indiana, and Ohio. This was a national-caliber competition and hosted some of the best squads in the midwest and the nation. The NU competition squad, virtually unknown on the regional or national competition circuit, took home the second place trophy in the small varsity division!

These eleven girls have been an absolute joy to work with and are some of the most talented athletes I have ever had the privilege to work with. Congratulations!

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### Support Services

— Katheryn East, Support Services

#### EXPLORE Test Results

If your son or daughter is not an eighth grader and took the EXPLORE Test, the scores are here. Katheryn East, Support Services Coordinator, has those results. You may either pick them up in Room 145 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays or call and request that they be mailed to you. Each set of results comes with a booklet that explains the results. If you have additional questions please contact Katheryn East, 273-6789.

#### What's Under the Support Services Umbrella?

Section 504 Plans

PLS Support Services is the umbrella that covers a wide variety of services designed to meet the individual needs of students at PLS. These services are initiated and coordinated through school team meetings (STM) (If you are interested in this please check out the information located at <http://>

([www.uni.edu/~east/STM.html](http://www.uni.edu/~east/STM.html))—a process in which we put our heads together to come up with a good plan for meeting an individual student's needs.

Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. Discrimination against any person with a disability is not permitted in any of the programs and practices at PLS.

At PLS, the question of a student's 504 eligibility is addressed in a School Team Meeting (STM). A 504 evaluation for a student is considered when the team feels that the student has substantial limitation in one or more major life activity that is of severe, enduring, and long-term impact when considered in comparison to the performance of average peers. After an evaluation is completed, the team meets to determine if the student is eligible under those legal guidelines. If the student is eligible, the team then writes a 504 Plan for the student. Further information about the PLS 504 Compliance Policy can be obtained at <http://www.uni.edu/~east/504.html> or by contacting Katheryn East, 273-6789 ([eastk@uni.edu](mailto:eastk@uni.edu)).

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## Social Studies Department Seeks Recognition for NUHS as a First Amendment School

— *Lee Weber, Social Studies*

The NUHS Social Studies Department is making application for a \$12,000 grant from the First Amendment Schools Project. This project has four primary goals:

1. Creating consensus guidelines and guiding principles for all U.S. Schools interested in creating and sustaining First Amendment principles;
2. Establishing First Amendment Project Schools in every region of the U.S. where First Amendment Principles are understood and applied throughout the school community;
3. Encouraging and developing curriculum reforms that reinvigorate and deepen teaching about the First Amendment across the curriculum.
4. Educating School leaders, teachers, administrators, parents, and other stakeholders about the meaning and significance of the First Amendment.

Co-sponsored by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the First Amendment Center, this project will bring together representatives from the 10 award-winning project schools in Washington, D.C., in July. The selected schools chosen will be awarded grants of \$12,000 each to cover the expenses of attendance at the summer conference, and for long term curriculum development. Should NU High be selected, they will be represented at the conference by Principal Dave Smith, and social studies department members Lee Weber, Paul Horton, B.J. Herrick, and Jason Follett.

Lee Weber, chair of the NUHS social studies department is currently working on the grant application, which is due March 15, 2002. One of the requirements of the grant application is that the applicant school must solicit parental/community input. Mr. Weber will address the PTP about the project at the regular monthly meeting on March 6. Should any person have input on the grant application prior to that date, please contact Mr. Weber at 273-2056 or by email at [lee.weber@uni.edu](mailto:lee.weber@uni.edu)

For more information about the First Amendment Schools Project, go the web site, at [www.firstamendmentschools.org](http://www.firstamendmentschools.org)

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### Elementary Music: Celebrate You and Me

— Michelle Swanson, Elementary Music



PLS first grade elementary students practicing for their upcoming concert "Celebrate You and Me" scheduled for March 14.

The elementary students in Price Lab's N/K, Unit II and 3rd grade will be sharing music selections at their concert, CELEBRATE YOU AND ME, on Thursday, March 14, at 10:15 am. The students will dazzle you with their voices, their concert etiquette as well as their charm! Some of the songs that will be featured are: Big Dreams, Optimistic, Cooperation Hop, Feelin' Upbeat, and Spread Some Sunshine. Please join us in the Butzier Auditorium for this wonderful concert!

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### NUHS Students Receive 20 Division I Ratings at Iowa High School Speech Association's District Contest

— Jolene Tagtow, Language Arts

On Saturday, February 23, sixteen NUHS students competed in 24 events at the Iowa High School Speech Association's District Individual Events Contest at Oelwein High School. These NUHS students received 20 Division I ratings and 4 Division II ratings. Those receiving Division I ratings will go on to perform at State Speech Contest, which will be held on Saturday, March 16, at Sumner High School. The following is a list of the students and their respective categories:

Nadiya Buchovska - Literary Program I, Storytelling I  
Christopher Hardy - Acting I, Literary Program I  
Sandra King - Storytelling I, After Dinner Speaking I  
Liz Schachterle - Original Oratory I, Prose Interpretation I  
Peter Behroozi - Acting I, Prose Interpretation I  
John Paar - Literary Program I  
Aubrey Huber - Acting I  
Joe Traw - Poetry Interpretation I  
Ben Bower - Radio News Announcing I  
Dan Weber - Storytelling I  
Reggie Woods - Public Address I  
Allison Fryman - Poetry Interpretation I  
Mae Colburn - Poetry Interpretation I  
Melanie DeVries - After Dinner Speaking I, Prose Interpretation II  
Kent Schrad - After Dinner Speaking I, Improvisation II  
Jeff Zeitz - Acting II, Spontaneous Speaking II

## **NU Booster Club Minutes of February 6, 2002**

The meeting was called to order by president Jed Ellerbroek at 7:30 pm. Members present were Jed, Dave, Steve, Cindy, Marla, Keith, Brian, Rusty, Jim, Tom, Darryl, Kevin, and Susan. Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

Concession stand sink update: We are still waiting to get the okay from the plumber. Jim will do some checking on a small water heater. Motion was made and seconded to purchase pizza warmer for \$400 from Wilson Supply.

IRS update: Accountant is completing 2000 and 2001 taxes – Jed is waiting for a letter to sign from the accountant. Need to get started on the 2002 taxes soon.

Coaching vacancies: Soccer coach was hired Monday; Tyler Roos  
MS track: 8 or 9 candidates  
Football: not sure if teaching is available  
Assistant softball: is also still open

Booster Club Bylaws: Steve examined the bylaws and went over questions and possible suggestions for changes. Board is asked to review and discuss at the March meeting.

Fundraising Meeting Date: Monday, March 4.  
Booster Club meeting: 6:00 pm.  
Fundraiser meeting: 7:30 pm.

Music request - \$1000 will be funded within music budget. Music and drama are now on a budget. Ticket prices will go up and be used for funding the budget.

Rent UNI dome: Booster Club had approved \$4500 for rent of dome (football games). The bill came in at \$5800. Dave is working with UNI to get the bill closer to \$4500.

Next meeting 3/4/02 @ 6 pm

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### NU High School Concert Band selected to Perform at Iowa Bandmasters Conference on May 9

— Dr. Leonard Upham, Music Department



*Dr. Leonard Upham conducting NU High School Concert Band practice in preparation for their upcoming performance at the 75th annual Iowa Bandmasters Association Conference.*

The Northern University High School Concert Band has been selected to perform at the 75th annual Iowa Bandmasters Association Conference on Thursday, May 9, 2002. This conference is held at the Hotel Fort Des Moines each year with between 800 and 1000 persons in attendance. NU is scheduled to perform at 4:30 pm that afternoon in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

The NUHS band was selected from among those Class A and Class IA schools who submitted recorded auditions for this honor. Although I do not know how many school bands in these classes submitted recordings, our performance will be representing the 185 Iowa high schools with student body enrollments of 175 or less in grades nine through eleven.

The Iowa Bandmasters Association (IBA) is a professional organization for band directors in Iowa's public and private schools, colleges and universities. The IBA, with over 1000 members, provides many continuing education opportunities and support services to its membership. Through its six district organizations, IBA also provides many honor and festival performance opportunities to elementary, middle and high school students whose band directors are members of the organization. The IBA is considered to be among the finest professional organizations of its kind in the nation. The

annual conference draws visitors from other states and features nationally renowned clinicians and performers.

Performing for the IBA conference is a great honor for a high school band. In addition, this opportunity provides an outstanding experience for UNI students who observe and participate at Price Lab/NU High, as well as for music professionals in the state of Iowa.

## **Upcoming Music Events — All School Band Festival Concert – April 4**

The annual All School Band Festival Concert will be held on Thursday, April 4, beginning at 7:30 pm in Butzier Auditorium. All students, grades 5 through 12, are involved in this concert. Plan now to attend. More information will be sent home with the students as we get closer to the concert.

– *Dr. Loenard Upham*

## **NU Chamber Orchestra to perform in the "Arts in April" gala concert at Gallagher-Bluedorn – April 1**

The Northern University Chamber Orchestra has been invited to participate in the "Arts In April" gala concert in the Bluedorn Performing Arts Center on Monday, April 1, 2002 at 6:00 pm. The chamber orchestra will be representing Price Laboratory School and Northern University High School in performing with other Northern University arts and music ensembles celebrating the fine arts on the university campus. This invitation is a great honor for the chamber orchestra, PLS and NUHS.

– *Dr. Michael Fanelli*

## **Physical Education: Championship Productions**

Lori Smith, elementary PE teacher at PLS has an awesome opportunity to promote "Best Practices" here at Price Lab School. Championship Books and Video Productions has contacted her to make a series of educational videos. For over twenty years, Championship Books & Video Productions has been the leader in providing coaches in fifteen sports a necessary resource for instructional products. Their videos and books are designed to provide coaches at all levels with the most up-to-date training methods and techniques.

Coaches all over the Nation have been video-taped by this production company: Some basketball coaches are: Tom Davis (Former Iowa Basketball Coach), Larry Eustachy, (Iowa State University), Pat Summit (women's coach at the University of Tennessee), Lute Olson (University of Arizona), Tubby Smith (University of Kentucky). Some football coaches are: Dennis Creehan (Duke University), Scott Phelps (NFL Speed Consultant for Ken Taylor, NFL Defensive Back/Chicago Bears & San Diego Chargers) and many more from other sports too!!!!

Championship Productions is pleased to announce that they are adding Physical Education to their library of educational resources. They have chosen a select few teachers in the State of Iowa to "pioneer" their project. Lori Smith, 2001 Iowa Elementary PE Teacher of the Year has been chosen as one of their teachers. These videos will reflect physical education curriculum development here at PLS. The videos will need "active" student participants from Price Lab School. She has proposed about seven different videos for this production.

Championship Productions is very eager to have these videos available to the public by May 2002. In order to meet that deadline, we will need to begin taping in March. Several classes have been selected for two dates for the professional taping. Thursday and Friday March 7 & 8 have been set aside for the taping. March 7 & 8 are also the dates for elementary conferences. In order to tape the production, we will need exclusive times in the Field House where there are no interruptions. The classes that will be part of this total production will be Tallakson's second grade, Guenther and Cooney's third grade students, and Rohret's fourth grade. The students will know ahead of time what activities they will be performing. We will be spending time rehearsing in PE classes throughout the month of February. Certain classes will be featured in one or more videos.

In addition, Gopher, a PE supplier out of Minnesota, is sponsoring some of this production. They are donating over \$1,200.00 in elementary PE equipment for the videos.

If you have any questions or you would like to help during the video taping on March 7 or 8, please contact Lori Smith (319-273-2558) or e-mail [lori.smith@uni.edu](mailto:lori.smith@uni.edu) as soon as possible.

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## Sertoma Club Essay Contest - All winners from PLS/NU

— *Courtney Lubs, Language Arts*

Congratulations to ninth graders Caitlin Tracey, Hannah Buck, and Wade Timmins, who won this year's Cedar Falls Sertoma Club Heritage Essay Contest. These winners were recognized at the Cedar Falls Sertoma Club Annual Banquet on Sunday, February 24. First place winner, Caitlin Tracey, received a \$200 savings bond; second place winner, Hannah Buck, received a \$100 savings bond, and third place winner, Wade Timmins, received a \$75 savings bond. The essay topic this year was "What Freedom Means to Me." Judging was based on creativity, originality, and expression. Participants for this contest were all ninth graders from Cedar Falls schools: Price Lab, Holmes Junior High, and Peet Junior High. All winners were from PLS!!



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### Fiddler on the Roof

— *Jolene Tagtow, Theatre Department*



*Kerianne Puetz, 8th grader, working on the weekend set crew painting the roof of Tevye's house.*

The Music and Theatre Departments of Northern University High School are proud to present their spring production, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Production dates are March 8 and 9 at 7:30 pm and March 10 at 2:00 pm in Butzier Auditorium at Malcolm Price Laboratory School. Tickets are now on sale. They can be purchased in the Language Arts Office, by phone at 273-6047, or at the door. All tickets are for general admission. There is no reserved seating. Ticket cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

Please join us for an evening of "happiness and tears" in our little village of Anatevka!

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### French Department News

— *Lowell Hoefft, World Language Department*

On Saturday, February 16, Colin McElligatt, Peter Behroozi, Sameet Sangha, Aaron Popp, and Ben Wilson, participated in a two-hour writing competition at Drake University sponsored by the Alliance Francaise of Des Moines.

On Wednesday, March 13, 55 NUHS French I, II, III, and IV students will take part in the National French Contest sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Last year, 93,000 American students took part. The test will be administered in individual classes.

From April 19-22, Mr. Hoefft's French IV class will be traveling to the province of Quebec, Canada, where they will visit the cities of Montreal and Quebec.

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### 2001 National Russian Essay Contest

— *Jim Sweigert, World Language Department*

Congratulations to the following NUHS students who took part in the 2001 National Russian Essay Contest. This national-level contest, sponsored by the American Council of Teachers of Russian, is open to all U.S. students who have studied at least one year of high school Russian. This year, of the 17 NU students who participated, 16 were national medalists!

Advanced Silver: Tina Bremner, Ian Cawley, Emily Kishman.  
Advanced Bronze: Jed Ellerbroek, Ryan Hahn, Brie Penaluna.

Intermediate Gold: Joe Wartick.  
Intermediate Silver: Isaac Horstmeier, Dan Kramer, Samantha Renfro.  
Intermediate Bronze: Matt Adams, Cam Puetz.

Beginning Bronze: Malcolm Bevel, Lauren Page, Joe Traw, Rob Williams.

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## **A New Russian Exchange Program**

Since 1994 the NU High Russian language program has taken part in a number of school linkage exchanges in the Russian Federation. We are proud to announce a new exchange, to begin next academic year 2002-03, with a school in St. Petersburg, Russia. St. Petersburg, Russia's capital from 1703-1918, is a wondrous city blessed with world-class museums, architecture and culture.

This exchange, also conducted under the auspices of the American Council of Teachers of Russian, will replace the existing exchange with Smolensk School #8. Under the ACTR Secondary Schools Excellence Program, exchange agreements between partner schools are in force for a period of three years. We very much enjoyed our three-year partnership with Smolensk, and are looking forward to a great exchange with St. Petersburg.

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## **Summer Enrichment Opportunity for Talented and Motivated Students**

— *Megan Balong, Math Department*

The University of Northern Iowa and Malcolm Price Laboratory School are pleased to offer for a second year an exciting two-week summer enrichment program for highly motivated middle level students to be held on the campus of UNI. The UNI/MPLS Summer Middle Level Symposium will be held Monday through Friday, June 17-28, 2002 from 8:00 am to noon. Students who have completed grades 5, 6, 7, or 8, will be eligible to participate in the UNI/MPLS Summer Symposium.

Nearly all of the course activities and offerings are new for Summer 2002. This program will emphasize both the academic and social needs of middle level students, immersing them in Mathematics and English activities and instruction. In addition, students will select two seminars from photography, weather forecasting, drama, and more! The faculty will consist of experienced teachers and experts in their area of specialization.

Students with a desire to learn and investigate challenging concepts are encouraged to apply. Although high-achieving and high-ability students are sought for this program, the desire to learn and the ability to work cooperatively with teachers and students are equally important. The enrollment fee is \$200.00. Financial assistance may be available. If you are interested, please contact J.D. Cryer (273-2294 or JD.Cryer@uni.edu) or Megan Balong (273-7174 or Megan.Balong@uni.edu) for more information.

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### PTP Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2002

Present: Kathleen McKenna, John Krumbholz, Sandy Sutton, Sam Lankford, Dave Smith, Valerie Turner

Laura Terlip was ill and unable to attend. Valerie took minutes in her place.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes:

a. Committee needs to approve minutes for October, November and December meetings. Waiting for copies from Laura.

#### 2. Fund-Raising:

a. PLS is participating in Malls4Schools this spring. The program runs January 18 - May 31. Schools are allowed to participate once a year. Linda Sharp and Jolene Tagtow are in charge of the program with the money going towards the spring musical.

b. Hy-Vee receipts fund-raiser – Unit II is heading up this program and will use the money for printing expenses.

c. 6th grade is taking on the Kwik-Star fund-raising project.

#### 3. New Business:

a. The Communication Center has closed. Teachers are still able to print but now materials are sent to UNI's Print Center for processing. John reported that the Christmas fund-raiser saw some activity but donations were sporadic with some teachers receiving a bit of money and others receiving none.

b. The guest speaker scheduled to present information on a candy bar fund-raiser had a personal emergency and was unable to attend this meeting. Candy bar sales will begin in February.

c. Sam Lankford discussed UNI courses, Festivals and Special Events and Programming and Leadership, that are searching for projects. Students in these courses are required to contribute 500 hours towards a volunteer project. PTP has requested that this spring's Carnival be submitted as a possible project for these students to consider.

d. Auction Funds Distribution – The auction brought in about \$8000. There is also an additional \$18,000 in the Foundation account. Of this \$18,000, Kathleen is working with Jon Wiesley, Treasurer of AFPLS to determine what of that amount belongs to PTP and what is AFPLS.

New grants will be accepted from the faculty for consideration for funding. Grants not funded from the October and November distributions will be carried over to be considered for this distribution.

Funds distribution meeting: January 30, 2002, 5:30 in the Faculty Lounge.

e. Booster Club Funds Distribution – Dave Smith shared grants funded by Boosters this year. Some of the requests received by Boosters were the same as those submitted to PTP. It was suggested that in the future, PTP and Boosters notify the other of requests received to avoid duplication of funding.

f. Adobe Acrobat funding – Kathleen will speak with Doug Case about purchase of this software. He has a list of faculty who are interested in receiving a copy.

g. Our next meeting will be February 5 at 6pm.



## PTP Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2002

Present: Kathleen McKenna, John Krumbholz, Sandy Sutton, Jim Miller, Gena Harrington, Carol Schoon, Valerie Turner

Laura Terlip was unable to attend. Valerie took minutes in her place.

1. Approval of November, December and January minutes – January minutes were distributed. Remaining minutes have not been available due to Laura's absences. Kathleen stressed the importance of having the minutes appear in the newsletter. Valerie will have January and February minutes and Treasurer's Reports put in the March newsletter.

### 2. Fundraising Report

a. Sandy announced that \$327.10 has been raised since August by Box Tops for Education. Sandy has set a goal of purchasing a new lunchroom table with funds generated by Box Tops.

b. There is a Box Tops Visa card with 1% of purchases going towards PLS. Sandy will have Karen send out information on this.

c. Kathleen reported that PLS is currently in first place in the Malls4Schools program.

3. Carnival – Kathleen stated that help is still needed for the carnival, specifically people to head up set-up, take down and Market Place. We have several UNI students from Sam Lankford's Festivals and Special Events, and Programming and Leadership courses who will be helping with carnival: 1 with the raffle, 1 with Market, others with set-up and take down.

Kathleen said that more community raffle prizes are needed for the Kid's Raffle, now renamed Panther Prize Place.

There will be a Homeroom parent meeting for carnival on February 15 at 7pm in the Faculty Lounge.

4. Candy Bar sales – Rose Quark, the candy bar fundraising representative can help us begin a sale within one week. If the school sells 700 boxes, we will receive 3 inflatable games for free usage at the carnival. One box of candy bars sells for \$40.00 or a \$20.00 donation with all candy bars returned will still count as one box sold. There was much discussion among the group as to the short preparation time we would have if we took on this fund-raiser prior to the carnival and how there sales might impact carnival raffle ticket sales. It was decided to do the candy bar sale, prior to the carnival. The group felt this is a good fund-raiser and that the inflatables would be good incentives and a nice addition to the carnival.

5. PTP/AFPLS Grants – Kathleen reviewed the grants awarded at last week's funds distribution meeting. Kathleen has notified the faculty whose grants were funded.

6. Our next meeting will be March 5, 6-6:45pm.

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## Treasurer's Report January 8, 2002

Beginning Balance \$13,679.55

Deposits

Total Deposits \$0.00

Subtotal \$13,679.55

Debits

10/30 Bank charge \$2.00

11/29 Bank charge \$2.00

12/3 Kathleen McKenna - American Education Week \$64.74

12/3 PLS - Honors stoles \$418.75  
 12/5 Kathleen McKenna - auction \$65.00  
 12/5 AFPLS - auction \$40.00  
 12/7 PLS Science Department – PTP grant award \$225.00  
 12/12 Scholastic Software Club – PTP grant award, Unit II software \$436.95  
 12/20 Sportime – grant award, Lori Smith, playground stencil \$167.94  
 12/20 PLS Science Department –grant award, Aaron Spurr \$290.85

Total Debits \$1713.23

Ending Balance \$11,966.32

## **Treasurer's Report February 5, 2002**

Beginning Balance \$11,966.32

### Deposits

Total Deposits \$0.00

Subtotal \$11,966.32

### Debits

12/31 Bank charge \$2.00  
 1/8 PLS – MS/HS Wellness Center rental \$570.00  
 1/15 Lakeshore Learning Materials – grant award Shari Hoffman \$296.13  
 1/18 Sheri Hoffman – grant award – room supplies \$166.00  
 1/25 PLS Band – grant award, instructional videos \$583.73  
 1/2 Peg Pape – grant award, Safety Patrol \$48.33  
 1/27 Dick Blick – grant award, Art supplies \$221.22  
 1/27 Midwest Direct Equipment – grant award white board \$498.00  
 1/27 Midwest Direct Equipment - grant award lunch tables(2) \$1960.00  
 1/28 Lost Island Water Park – season ticket purchase for Carnival \$96.00  
 1/29 PLS – grant award Megan Balong \$250.00

Total Debits \$4691.41

Ending Balance \$7274.91

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## Malcolm Price Laboratory School Calendar

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Close Up 8:00a -5pm GBB Players to watch State Tournament 11:30a -11:55 Freshman Bake Sale at Crossroads 11:45a -12:45 PE Class to Bowling Alley-Waack/Lee	<b>2</b> Close Up
<b>3</b> Luther Dorian Band Festival 5:00p -7:00 Adult Basketball - Smith	<b>4</b> Luther Dorian Band Festival 7:30a Trip to Des Moines for State Basketball 11:10a -12:20 and 3:10 Bake Sale/Lemke 6:00p Booster Club Meeting in Library 7:30p Booster Club Fundraising Mtg in Library	<b>5</b> PTP (6PM) and PAC (7PM) Mtg in Library 11:30a -3PM Blood Drive in PE Classroom 6:30p GBB Banquet at Brown Bottle	<b>6</b> 11:10a -12:20 and 3:10 Bake Sale/Lemke 7:00p -9:00 Adult Basketball - Smith	<b>7</b> HS Band to Naz Sr Dinner Lunch - 6th Per 7th Grade Parent Dinner Elementary Conference - No School K-5	<b>8</b> All School Musical Elementary Conference -No School K-5 11:45a -12:45 PE Class to Bowling Alley-Waack/Lee	<b>9</b> All School Musical
<b>10</b> All School Musical 5:00p -7:00 Adult Basketball - Smith	<b>11</b> GTN Practice Begins BSCR Practice Begins 5:00p BTR @ Wartburg 7:00p -12:00 N-8th Spring Pictures	<b>12</b> 5:00p GTR @ Wartburg	<b>13</b> National French Contest 7:00p -9:00 Adult Basketball - Smith	<b>14</b> Elementary (NK-3) Concert 9AM and 10:15AM Trip to France - Mr Hoeft 3:00a Biology Trip 8:00a -3:00pm AEA7 National History Day Contest MS/HS 12:15p -9:00pm MS Choral Feast at Denver	<b>15</b> BBB State-Consolation Game at 10:00am End of 3rd Quarter 4:15pm Biology Trip 9:00a -10:00am Unit II Assembly *Oceans Performance 11:45a -12:45 PE Class to Bowling Alley-Waack/Lee	<b>16</b> SAT Test Date Trip to France - Mr Hoeft Individual Speech Team State Competition
<b>17</b> <b>ST PATRICK'S DAY</b> Trip to France - Mr Hoeft 5:00p -7:00 Adult Basketball - Smith	<b>18</b> BGolf Practice Begins BTN Practice Begins Trip to France - Mr Hoeft Spring Break - No Classes	<b>19</b> Trip to France - Mr Hoeft Spring Break - No Classes	<b>20</b> Spring Break - No Classes 7:00p -9:00 Adult Basketball - Smith	<b>21</b> Spring Break - No Classes	<b>22</b> Spring Break - No Classes	<b>23</b> Spring Break - No Classes
<b>24</b> 5:00p -7:00 Adult Basketball - Smith	<b>25</b> Spring Sports Kick-Off - Time TBA	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:00p -9:00 Adult Basketball - Smith	<b>28</b> 4:15p BSCR vs Denver	<b>29</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> 7:00p -9PM MS Spring Fling Dance in FH	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>EASTER</b> 5:00p -7:00 Adult Basketball - Smith						

## Week 1 March 1

## Friday

Taco Pizza  
Hot Dog  
Broccoli Cauliflower Salad  
Baby Carrots  
Apple Wedges  
Oven Fries  
Cat in the Hat Cake  
Bread Stick

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Steak & Cheese Sandwich

## Week 2 March 4 - 8

## Monday

Pork Tenderloin  
Hamburger  
Peas  
Baked Beans  
Rosy Applesauce  
Orange Wedges  
Bear Grahams  
White Bread

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Egg Salad in a Pita (V)

## Tuesday

Chicken & Gravy on Rice  
PBJ Sandwich (V)  
Cauliflower  
Roll & Margarine  
Mashed Potatoes  
Apricots  
Power Jell-O  
Wheat Bread & Margarine

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Meat Ravioli

## Wednesday

Chicken Patty  
Hot Ham & Cheese  
Cold Veggies & Dip  
Mixed Vegetables  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Mixed Fruit  
Sugar Cookie  
Crackers

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Chef Salad (V)

## Thursday

Soft Shell Chicken Taco &  
Lettuce & Tomato  
Italian Sub  
Spanish Rice  
Wheat Bread & Margarine  
Cooked Carrots  
Canned Pears  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Rice Krispie Bar  
**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Double Hard Shell Tacos

## Friday

Tony's Pepperoni Pizza  
Hot Dog  
Green Beans  
Tossed Salad  
Bread Stick  
Grapes  
Apple Juice  
Chocolate Chip Cookie

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Fish Sandwich

## Week 3 March 11 - 15

## Monday

Teriyaki Beef Nuggets  
Hamburger  
Brown Rice  
Corn  
Peaches  
Grape Juice  
Oriental Veggies  
Tortilla & Margarine

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

## Tuesday

Spaghetti & Garlic Bread  
PBJ Sandwich (V)  
Tossed Salad  
Roll & Margarine  
Carrot Coins  
Banana  
Pears  
Ice Cream

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Pepperoni Pizza

## Wednesday

Chicken Nuggets  
Hot Ham & Cheese  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Mixed Vegetables  
White Bread & Margarine  
Pineapple  
Applesauce  
Spice Bar

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Garden Burger (V)

## Thursday

Waffles & Sausage  
American Sub  
Orange Juice  
Tater Tots  
Grapes  
Graham Crackers  
Green Beans  
Chocolate Pudding

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Pasta & Sauce

## Friday

Italian Dunkers  
Hot Dog  
Crackers  
Carrot Sticks & Dip  
Wheat Bread & Margarine  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Mixed Fruit  
Peas

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
BBQ Bacon Cheeseburger

## March 18 - 22

## Monday

No School  
Spring Break

## Tuesday

No School  
Spring Break

## Wednesday

No School  
Spring Break

## Thursday

No School  
Spring Break

## Friday

No School  
Spring Break

## Week 4 March 25 - 29

## Monday

Sausage Egg Muffin  
Hamburger  
Tater Tots  
Fresh Broccoli & Dip  
Applesauce  
Cauliflower & Cheese Sauce  
Bagellette  
Fruit Pie

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Vegetarian Pizza

## Tuesday

BBQ Beef Rib Sandwich  
PBJ Sandwich (V)  
Green Beans  
Power Jell-O  
Pasta Salad  
Bread Sticks  
Quick Baked Potato  
Peaches

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Chili Fritos

## Wednesday

Soft Shell Tacos & Lettuce & Tomato  
Grilled Cheese  
Corn  
Baked Fries  
Apple Juice  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Butterscotch Peanut Bar  
Crackers

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Cheese Pizza (V)

## Thursday

Cheese Nachos (V)  
American Sub  
Veggies & Dip  
Rice  
Refried Beans  
Roll & Margarine  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Pears

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
Chicken Rice Soup & Crackers

## Friday

Beef & Cheese Burrito  
Hot Dog  
Orange Smiles  
Grape Juice  
Graham Crackers  
Chocolate Cookie  
Green Beans  
Corn

**Additional Secondary Choices**  
French Bread Cheese Pizza

*Tuna Salad Sandwiches will be available on Fridays in March.*