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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."

## 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

## Facts About PLS....

PLS has been in existence since 1883 when it was first 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 hundred laboratory schools in the U.S., and 43 laboratory school/university partnerships internationally. PLS is one of fifteen Lab Schools in the country with a comprehensive K-12 program.



Price Laboratory School  
University of Northern Iowa  
**PLS**  
Iowa's Laboratory School



# December/January Newsletter

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## Defining Quality in Education

### Dear Parents and Supporters,

I don't often get the front page of the PLS newsletter, so I'm going to use it to present a challenge to all of you. I would like to establish an advisory group made up of parents, students, faculty, alumni, and community members. Its goal is to better position Malcolm Price Lab School and NU High School to meet the needs our students will be facing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Please do not confuse this group with our current Parent Advisory Committee that acts much like a school board in many other schools. The make-up of this group is not typical of most committees at our school or in the university as a whole. There will be no elections for positions. We want a cross section of our community with the **only** qualification necessary being your interest in our school and our children.

Unlike many committees, we will not meet monthly with formal agendas. Instead, this group will meet two or three times per year. The agenda is set by what you want to know about the Lab School and what you want to see happen to make a difference. No time is perfect for everyone, but we will try to meet at times when most people can attend. Those times can vary from meeting to meeting to make it available for all.

In order to get the ball rolling, I have taken the liberty of setting the first meeting date. On Jan. 3, 2000 we will meet at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in Butzier Auditorium (two separate but identical meetings intended to reach more people). At these times, I would like to share a videotape with you. It takes approximately one hour to view but is well worth the time. The video is a talk by Dr. Willard Daggett entitled "Defining Quality." In an hour's time, Dr. Daggett will paint a picture of how fast the world is really changing and what the implications of those changes will have for us and for our children. He will ultimately force you to ask the question of whether or not the educational system we have today is better preparing our students for 1950 or 2050.

Immediately following the video we will talk; first, about your reflections on the video and then about your hopes and dreams for Price Lab School. If my vision is correct, these two discussions will not be mutually exclusive. We will limit discussion to one hour so people can pick up their children from the afternoon session or get home at a reasonable time from the evening session. We will reserve a little time to discuss an agenda and set a time for the next meeting sometime in the spring.

The results of these meetings will begin to formulate a basis for the School Improvement Plans that are currently mandated by the state. More importantly, these meetings will be the beginning of a movement for you as a community to assume more ownership in the education of your young people. I hope many of you will be able to attend but, if you cannot, the video will be available through the office to check out after the meetings. If you are not able to attend the first meeting, please don't think you cannot attend in the future. Attendance is always optional—being involved in your child's education is not. Hope to see you January 3. The next millenium is ours!

— John Krumbholz, Principal



## PTP SALUTES .....

# Price Laboratory School Employees American Education Week

November 15 – 19

## Students Today, Leaders Tomorrow

Iowa School Public Relations Association

Members of PTP helped to make American Education Week special for everyone who works at PLS. The week began with bagels and coffee in the faculty lounge. Everyone was invited to come

and take part. During the week PTP also sponsored a "PLS Trivia Contest." The name of the contest was, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?!" Each day five PLS trivia questions were given to all PLS employees. They had to have their answers written and turned in by the end of each day. High scorers for each day got their names put into a drawing. On Friday, one name was drawn and that person was given a whole case of \$100,000 Grand chocolate bars. During the week, there were also little surprise treats given to all employees in their mailboxes. PTP would like to thank all teachers, associates, merit employees, staff, custodians, cooks, bus drivers, administrators, UNI participants, and UNI work-study students for everything they do to give our children a truly unique educational experience here at Price Lab School.

**PTP American Ed. Week Committee:** Kelly Bachman, Amy Bower, Julie Creeden, Teresa Findlay, Gloria Hooks, Jo Walters.

**Special thanks to** Wendell McConnaha, Judy Vowell, and Karen Williams for helping with the PLS trivia game.

### *How well do you know Price Lab School??!*

A copy of the PLS Trivia Game, along with the answers printed on the back, can be found as an insert in this month's newsletter.

## Guidance — Important Dates ...

### Scholarships Available:

Scholarships Available:	Due Date
Toyota Community Scholarship, seniors	December 1
Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship, seniors	January 1
Discover Card/Tribute Award Scholarship, juniors	January 11
Elks National Foundation Scholarship, seniors	January 14
Papa Johns Scholarship, seniors	January 31
Burger King/McLamore Scholarship, seniors	January 31

Also available are scholarships from various colleges.

**REMINDER:** Students should check the scholarship board outside the attendance office for the updated list each month of new scholarships available.

— Jim Stichter, Guidance Counselor

## NU Girls Volleyball Update



Our overall record as of today is 24-10-5. We are in third place in the conference.

### All conference selections

1st team - Amanda Brasch  
2nd team - Brittany Parsons  
Honorable Mention - Mary Weber

### All metro selections

1st team - Amanda Brasch  
2nd team - Brie Penaluna, Brittany Parsons

### Honorable Mention

Kelsey Schmidt, Mary Weber

Kelsey Schmidt set school record in serving percent - 98.9%. Kelsey is twelfth in the state.

— Craig Pitcher,  
Physical Education, Instructor  
and Volleyball Coach

## KUDOS

**Rosa Maria de Findlay** received the 1999 Distinguished Educator Award from the UNI College of Education Minorities in Teaching Program.



The 1999 NUHS Homecoming Celebration —  
 Reincarnating an old NUHS tradition: *Coronation*



NU 1999 Homecoming Court (l-r girls): Karin Hirter, Mary Edith Bozylinsky (Queen), Amina Al-Mabuk, Ashley Atherton, Laura Wellnitz, Eden Zimmer, Luciana Siqueira. (l-r boys): Jeremy McAdams, Tal Jones (King), Kody Asmus, Zach Buck, Jeff Fisher.

This year's celebration announced the King and Queen before homecoming at an elegant ceremony on Thursday evening in the auditorium. Each individual homecoming candidate was escorted into the auditorium by a faculty member, as their high school career achievements were read aloud. Both of our foreign exchange students were also recognized as our honorary queens. As the announcement was made of the king and queen (Tal Jones and Mary Edith Bozylinsky), there were smiles, pictures, and hugs galore. The entire court was reintroduced at half time of the homecoming football game the next

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 WERE READ ALOUD."**

night. Many thanks go out to the numerous people who made the evening possible: Jim Stichter, Becky Hawbaker, Linda Sharp, John Krumbholz, Jolene Tagtow, Barbara Heitzman, Terri McDonald, Sue Smith, Nathaniel Parrish, Jake Struck, Bethany Richter, the faculty escorts, and the PLS families and students in attendance. We hope to continue this elegant evening each year. Thanks again, to everyone.

— Michelle Swanson, Elementary Music Instructor, Coronation Coordinator

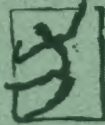
**Senior Photos  
 Needed A.S.A.P.**

Senior photos need to be turned into the Language Arts office (Room 220) as soon as possible. The final deadline for receiving senior photos is December 12. For questions, call Lynne Lemert, Language Arts secretary, at 273-6047.





You're invited to . . .



# Fitness Friday

*Come to our big kickoff!*

**November 19, 1999**  
9:30-11:30 and 12:30-3:00  
Nielsen Fieldhouse

Take time for a "busy break"  
Loosen up, stretch, and move with a  
little fitness fun with the elementary  
physical education classes.

Participate in:

basketball

football

dance

stretching

aerobics

jump rope

hula hoops

and more!



Come every Friday for any length of time convenient for you!

## Statistics

- The percentage of overweight young Americans has doubled in the past 30 years.
- The nation spends more than \$100 billion per year on lifestyle related diseases.
- Inactivity and poor diet cause more than 300,000 deaths per year in the United States.
- Adults who spend more time participating in regular exercise, sports, or other physical activities had fewer symptoms of depression and anxiety than persons who reported low or no levels of participation in these same activities!
- Physical activity stimulates the growth of new brain cells.
- Physical activity helps brain cells to migrate to the cortex where they repair deficient brain cells or replace worn out cells.

**For further information contact:** Lori Smith, Physical Education Department, 273-2558

## Items to Donate to the PE Department — to enhance our lessons

The physical education department needs your help! Before you throw away any of the following items, please consider donating them to the Price Lab/NU High physical education department to enhance some of our lessons.

- Swim suits that do not fit your children anymore
- empty, clean, clear milk jugs
- squeeze or spray bottles (ex. dishwashing soap bottles)

If you can help, bring the items to school and give them to Lori Smith in the physical education department. Thank you for your support!

— Lori Smith, Physical Education Instructor



# December 1999

## Malcolm Price Laboratory School Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 7:00a Jazz Bd/Ch Orch Reh 7:00a -7:50 Math Counts Rm 152 3:10p -4PM Math Counts Rm 152 7:00p Ele Choir Concert	3 <i>NICL Speech @ UNI</i> 6:30p BB vs Gladbrook- Reinbeck	4 NEIBA MS/HS Honor Band @ Oelwein HS 9:00a BSW Newton Inv 5:30p BB vs Denver
5	6 6:30p FS Girls BB vs West @NU 6:30p -8:30 ACT Seminar 7:00p Booster Club Meeting In Lounge 8:00p NU Singers Reh	7 12:45p -2:15 Geography Bee in ICN Room 4:00p MSBB vs Hudson (G-Hud,B-NU) 6:00p PTP MTG in Library 6:30p BB @ Fairbank 7:00p PAC Mtg in Library	8 11:51a Early Dismissal	9 7:00a Jazz Bd/Ch Orch Reh 7:00a -7:50 Math Counts Rm 152 3:10p -4PM Math Counts Rm 152 6:15p FSBB vs Denver (G&B-NU)	10 6:30p GBB vs GMG (2 Girls)	11 12:30p BSW Cedar Falls Inv @ Holmes 5:30p BB Vinton (2 Boys)
12	13 6:30p FSBB vs Union (G- NU,B-LPC) 7:00p -9:00 National Honor Society in AUD 8:00p NU Singers Reh	14 6:30p BSW vs Williamsburg (East Pool) 6:30p BB vs Hudson	15	16 7:00a -7:50 Math Counts Rm 152 3:10p -4PM Math Counts Rm 152 6:30p FSBB vs G/R (G- Rein,B-NU)	17 4:00p MSBB vs N Tama(G- NU,B-Traer) 5:00p BSW vs Vinton/ Decorah @ Vinton 6:30p BB @ Dike	18
19	20 6:30p FSBB vs W/V B- NU 8:00p NU Singers Reh	21 4:00p MSBB vs Dike-New Hartford (G-NU,B-NH) 6:30p BB @ Parkersburg	22 Winter Break - No Classes	23 Winter Break - No Classes	24 Winter Break - No Classes	25 CHRISTMAS Winter Break - No Classes
26 Winter Break - No Classes	27 Winter Break - No Classes	28 Winter Break - No Classes	29 Winter Break - No Classes	30 Winter Break - No Classes	31 Winter Break - No Classes	



# January 2000

## Malcolm Price Laboratory School Calendar

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY Winter Break - No Classes
<b>2</b> Winter Break - No Classes	<b>3</b> Classes resume 7:00p -9:00 School Improvement Advisory 8:00p NU Singers Reh	<b>4</b> 4:15p MSBB vs Grundy Center (G-OC, B-NU) 6:00p BSW vs E Wlcoo/Decorah @ Central 6:00p PTP MTO in Library 6:30p BB vs Union 7:00p PAC Mtg in Library	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00a Jazz Bd/Ch Orch Reh 7:00a -7:50 Math Counts Rm 152 3:10p -4PM Math Counts Rm 152	<b>7</b> 6:30p BB @ Jesup	<b>8</b> Wartburg Band Festival @ Waverly 9:00a FSBB vs Denver (G-NU, B-Den) 10:00a BSW West High Inv @ Central
<b>9</b> Wartburg Band Festival @ Waverly Luther Dorian Vocal Fest @ Decorah	<b>10</b> Luther Dorian Vocal Fest @ Decorah 6:30p FSBB vs Jesup (G-Jesup, B-NU) 8:00p NU Singers Reh	<b>11</b> 4:15p MSBB vs Apl-Parkersburg (G-NU, B-Apl) 6:30p BB @ Reinbeck	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> FSBB @ Post (G-3-45, B-5-30) 7:00a Jazz Bd/Ch Orch Reh 7:00a -7:30 Math Counts Rm 152 3:10p -4PM Math Counts Rm 152 7:00p Booster Club Meeting in Lounge 7:30p 7-12 Orca Band Concert	<b>14</b> End of second quarter 6:00a BSW vs Vinton (East Pool) 6:30p BB @ Denver	<b>15</b> 9:00a FSBB vs Hudson (Boys) 5:30p BB @ Hubbard (2 Girls)
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Martin Luther King B-Day (No School)	<b>18</b> Second semester begins 4:00p MSBB vs Dike-New Hartford (G-NH, B-NU) 6:30p BB vs Wapsie Valley 7:00p BSW Grinell/Willamsburg @ Grinell	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00a Jazz Bd/Ch Orch Reh 7:00a -7:30 Math Counts Rm 152 3:10p -4PM Math Counts Rm 152 6:00p BSW vs West High (East Pool) 6:30p FSBB Wapsie Valley (G-H, B-Fairbank)	<b>21</b> 4:00p MSBB @ Denver (Girls only) 6:30p BB vs GMG	<b>22</b> District Lg Grp Speech Contest 9:00a FSBB @ Hudson (Girls)
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> NICL Vocal Music @ LaPorte City	<b>25</b> 4:15p MS BB @ Grundy Center 7th Grade B/G 6:00p BSW vs Charles City (East Pool) 6:30p FSBB vs A-P (B-P-Burg)	<b>26</b> 11:51a Early Dismissal	<b>27</b> 7:00a Jazz Bd/Ch Orch Reh 7:00a -7:30 Math Counts Rm 152 3:10p -4PM Math Counts Rm 152 6:15p BSW vs CF @ Holman 6:30p FSBB vs A-P (O-NU)	<b>28</b> 4:00p MSBB vs Gladbrook-Reinbeck (G-Glad, B-NU) 6:30p BB @ Hudson	<b>29</b> 1:00p BSW N Central Swim League @ Decorah
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 6:30p FSBB vs Hudson (G-H, B-HUD) 8:00p NU Singers Reh					



# PLS Trivia

1. What present or former PLS administrator once ran for mayor of Cedar Falls?  
A. Nadene Davidson    B. Jerry Duca    C. Nick Teig    D. John Tarr
2. What PLS educator began his/her career as a tour guide?  
A. Megan Balong    B. Mary Guenther    C. Wendell McConnaha    D. Jim Maltas
3. What PLS educator graduated from a lab school, but not NU High?  
A. Kathy Barnes    B. J.D. Cryer    C. Carol Matthews    D. Amy Bowcr
4. How many current PLS students are the children of current PLS faculty/staff?  
A. 24    B. 28    C. 34    D. 38
5. What faculty member speaks the largest number of languages?  
A. Lowell Hoeft    B. Jim Sweigert    C. Kim Caster    D. Terri Gebel
6. What current faculty member's mom served as secretary to the PLS principal?  
A. Michelle Swanson    B. Leesa Talbot    C. Sherry Maulbach    D. Amy Leonhart
7. What is the connection between Senator Grassley and PLS?  
A. His son graduated from here.    B. He taught social studies here.    C. His wife was a secretary here.  
D. His grandchildren currently attend PLS.
8. Which former or current faculty member was responsible for saying the opening prayer and benediction at the UNI Football Banquets?  
A. John Aldrich, Sr.    B. Willie Barney    C. Mark Culver    D. Neil Phipps
9. Which two faculty members are former Marines?  
A. Sue Bock & Terri McDonald    B. Neil Phipps & Garth Cornish    C. David Christensen & Wendell McConnaha  
D. Paul Horton & Rick Knivslund
10. What faculty member has basket weaving as his/her hobby?  
A. Jody Stone    B. Darlene Cooney    C. Karen Couch    D. Lyn Countryman
11. What two faculty members were assistant girls' tennis coaches?  
A. Dean Primrose & J.D. Cryer    B. Mark Culver & Don Darrow    C. Jacque Smith & Sherri Hoffman  
D. Barb Heitzman & Kathy East
12. Who had an undergraduate degree in drama?  
A. Barb Heitzman    B. Don Darrow    C. Annette Swann    D. Jolene Tagtow
13. Which current faculty member has been at PLS the longest?  
A. Don Darrow    B. Rosa Maria deFindlay    C. Dean Primrose    D. Phil Nelson
14. What current faculty member was an Iowa State Tennis Champion?  
A. Vicki Oleson    B. Aaron Spurr    C. Dody Olson    D. Clare Struck
15. Which faculty/staff member's family bought their first mechanical milking machine after he/she left home?  
A. Joan Day    B. David Tallakson    C. Lowell Hoeft    D. Michael Fanelli
16. Who taught night school at Des Moines Roosevelt High School?  
A. John Krumbholz    B. Carol Matthews    C. Lori Smith    D. Annette Swann
17. Who was the coach of the NUHS State Champion Boy's Cross-Country team in 1984?  
A. Denny Kettner    B. Iradge Ahrabi-Fard    C. Bob Lee    D. Jim Kelly
18. What current faculty member minored in music education and performance during his/her undergraduate program?  
A. Terri McDonald    B. Jim Stichter    C. Lynne Ensworth    D. Darlene Cooney



19. NU grad Drew Walden broke one of Mark Spitz's pool records while swimming at Iowa State. Who was Drew's swimming coach here at NU?  
A. Iradge Ahrabi-Fard      B. Ben Myers      C. Pat Gaedermann      D. Dean Primrose
20. What current merit employee's spouse attended NU High?  
A. Angie Kroemer      B. Sharlene Morgan      C. Terri Ketter      D. Karen Williams
21. What current merit employee's child (an NU graduate) is a police officer?  
A. Angie Kroemer      B. Sharlene Morgan      C. Terri Ketter      D. Karen Williams
22. Which UNI administrator has no past connection to PLS?  
A. President Koob      B. Vice-President Gaedermann      C. Associate Dean Callahan      D. Athletic Director Hartzell
23. What current NU student has had a member of his/her family attending PLS every year since the current building opened in 1954?  
A. Matt Girsch      B. John Michel      C. Thomas Creeden      D. Keri Leymaster
24. The laboratory school was founded by the Iowa State Legislature on what date?  
A. 1873      B. 1878      C. 1883      D. 1888
25. Who holds the record for receiving the most swats in one thirty-day period at Kckionga Middle School?  
A. Mark Culver      B. Rick Vanderwall      C. Dave Tallakson      D. Neil Phipps

**PLS TRIVIA ANSWERS:**

1. Jerry Duea ran for mayor in the early 70's.
2. Wendell worked for the Grayline Tours in Anchorage Alaska.
3. Amy, and her husband Tom, graduated from the lab school at Illinois State University.
4. 38 students: Aubreanna Bobb; Elizabeth, Joel and Katherine Brumm; Ashley and Ben Davidson; Melanie DeVries; Henry Ensworth; Kelsi Hansen; Elizabeth Hoffman; Heather and Robert Hooks; Kyura and Nora Kisher-Brown; Isak Knivslund; Amanda and Wyatt Kroemer; Jay Miller; Ben and Brian Oleson; Kelly and Taylor Phipps; Megan and Patrick Schneider; Alex, Andrew and Catherine Stone; Jake Struck; Rhys, Rhiannon and Rhydian Talbot; Ana, Andy and Ellie Tallakson; Chris Vanderwall; Brittany Waack; Dan and Mary Weber.
5. Although all of the Modern Language Department members "understand, or could function," in many different countries; Jim or Kim would be correct. Jim speaks English, Russian, Hungarian and French. Kim speaks English, French, Russian and Spanish.
6. Michelle's mom, Sandra Hyde, was secretary to Dr. Latin, PLS Elementary Principal in the early 60's.
7. Barbara Grassley's first job was secretary to the Director of PLS.
8. Willie Barney said the opening prayer and performed the benediction at the UNI Football Banquets.
9. Neil and Garth both served in the Marines.
10. Lyn is the basket weaver.
11. Dean was an assistant girls' tennis coach at NU, and JD was assistant at Applington/Parkersburg.
12. Don Darrow's undergraduate degree is in drama.
13. Dean started in 1973, Phil in 1969, Don in 1965 and Rosa Maria in 1963. Rosa has been at PLS the longest.
14. Clare was State Tennis Champion for Columbus High School.
15. Lowell milked all the cows by hand. When he left home, his father bought a mechanical milking machine.
16. Carol Matthews taught night school at RHS.
17. In 1984 Bob collected the first of his many NU Cross-Country and Track Championships.
18. Terri, the Technology Maven, was an undergraduate music education and performance minor.
19. Ben coached swimming for many years, Pat coached the girls' swim team, Dean helped out with many sports. However, Iradge (of current UNI volleyball fame) was the NU swimming coach at that time.
20. Sharlene had children who attended NU, but Angie's husband Kraig Kroemer was the spouse that attended NU.
21. Joseph Morgan, Sharlene's son, the NU grad and a policeman.
22. President Koob and AD Hartzell both student taught at PLS, and Pat moved from the physical education department to university administration. The correct answer is Callahan.
23. Thomas's mother, father, aunt and uncle, and Keri's father were all NU grads, but there have been years when their families were not in attendance. Either Matt or John (cousins) would be correct. There has been a member of their family at PLS since the building opened in 1954.
24. The laboratory school was founded on October 3, 1883.
25. Rick holds the record "30" which included a period of "solitary confinement" in the principal's closet.



Dear Parents, Faculty, and Staff:

Physical education is on the Congressional agenda for the first time in over a decade! On May 27 Senator Ted Stevens (r-AK) introduced the **Physical Education for Progress (PEP Act)** which authorizes \$400 million over a five-year period for grants to local educational agencies for physical education programs. The grants can be used to provide physical education programs. The grants can be used to provide physical education equipment and support to students to enhance physical education curricula, and to train and educate physical education teachers.

This important legislation needs your support! Every student in our nation's schools, from kindergarten through grade 12, should have the opportunity to participate in quality physical education. Children need to know that physical activity can help them feel good, be successful in school and work, and stay healthy.

As a nation, we are not living up to the recommendations of the U. S. Surgeon General's 1996 Report on Physical and Health or the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that daily physical education be provided for all students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Fewer than one in four children get 20 minutes of vigorous activity every day. In fact, the percentage of overweight young Americans has more than doubled in the past 30 years. The impact of our poor health habits is staggering – the nation spends more than \$100 billion per year on lifestyle related disease, and inactivity and poor diet cause more than 300,000 deaths per year in the United States.

The PEP Act would begin to correct these deficiencies. It would authorize funds (\$400 million over a five-year period) to make grants to local educational agencies for physical education programs that, among other things, require at least 150 minutes per week of physical education for elementary, middle and secondary school students, and daily physical education if practicable.

I urge you to support (cosponsor) this legislation so that our schoolchildren will gain the knowledge, skills, and motivation to adopt healthy, physically-active lifestyles. Children must be educated mentally **AND** physically to be healthy, productive citizens.

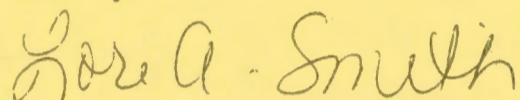
Currently, Malcolm Price Laboratory School is the only school in the state of Iowa to have daily physical education. We are meeting the needs of our children. The rest of Iowa and other states really need our support. If you want to help, write or e-mail our Senators.

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Thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely,



Lori A. Smith  
Physical Education Instructor  
Malcolm Price Laboratory School/UNI



## **GUIDELINES FOR FAMILY STAY AND ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO CHILE, FRANCE AND RUSSIA**

**Price Laboratory School, Cedar Falls, Iowa**

### **REQUIREMENTS**

1. High school students in their third year of language study are eligible to participate. Depending on space and availability, students in their fourth year of language study may also participate.
2. Chaperones must be currently teaching foreign language at Price Laboratory School.
3. If a group has more than 20 students, an additional chaperon may be required.
4. During the exchange trip, a student must have adequate comprehensive health insurance coverage.
5. Students may be denied participation in exchange programs if the student has a medical problem that could impact his/her well-being, the functioning of the exchange group, or interaction with the host school/family.
6. Students need to be well-behaved, respectful of others and show self-discipline.
7. Students must be able to communicate in the second language. Survival skills are a minimum requirement.
8. A student must have attended at least one year in the school he/she represents.
9. Students must have a C grade average in the language studied.
10. American host families agree to reciprocate, cost-free, any meals, housing and coordination time for guest received.
11. The receiving host family will treat their guest as a member of their own family. Difficulties or problems should always be referred to the group leader or program coordinator.
12. Parents should demonstrate an active interest in their child's schooling.

For further information, contact Lowell Hoeft at 273-7084.



**Parent Advisory Council Minutes  
of  
November 2, 1999**

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME  
AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND PAC MEETINGS.

The PAC met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on November 2, 1999.

Following approval of the agenda, the Minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter were, following proper motion and second, unanimously approved.

At the October meeting of the PAC, the Administration presented a proposal to increase the activity fees of each student by ten dollars (\$10.00) per year to the sum of one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195.00) per student per year. The PAC had requested that the proposed increase be placed in the newsletter so that parents would have an opportunity to make comment on the proposal to the Administration or PAC members.

As neither the Administration nor any members of the PAC had received any comments nor concerns on the matter, it was moved, seconded, and the unanimous vote of the PAC members that the need for the proposed increase be recognized and that student activity fees of one hundred ninety-five dollars (\$195.00) per student per year for the 2000 – 2001 school year approved.

The fact that there have been scheduling conflicts between school sponsored activities and the activities of organizations that support PLS was brought before the PAC. On occasion an organization will schedule an event without being aware that another event has been scheduled for the same time, thus creating a conflict for those involved for both activities.

There is a master school calendar that is intended to track both school sponsored activities and the activities of related organizations.

Following discussion of the matter and possible solutions, it was upon motion, second and unanimous vote, the decision of the PAC to request that the Administration direct each of the school representatives on each of the support organizations of PLS to provide the organization with a copy of the school's master calendar at the time the organization schedules events and to be responsible for placing the date of each new event on the master calendar.

Dr. McConnaha provided the PAC with information concerning various Y2K issues for PLS. As PLS resumes classes on January 3, 2000, a week prior to UNI, plans are being made by the Administration to adjust to a variety of situations in the unlikely event that a Y2K problem occurs. Dr. McConnaha stated that information concerning Y2K preparedness and how communication issues will be addressed will be provided in the December newsletter.



A member of the PAC made inquiry as to whether or not PLS had in place a system to identify and assist students that have exhibited a sudden or unexpected but significant changes in their attitude, activities, or conduct.

Dr. McConnaha advised that a "at risk" team is in place for each of the elementary, middle school and high school levels. Anyone - parent, teacher, or administrator - who has identified a student who may be having new or significant issues that are or maybe affecting that student may identify the student for the guidance department .

Upon such an identification, the "at risk" team is assembled to assist the student. The program is and has been in place and is used regularly at all levels.

A discussion was held concerning the comprehensive character and moral development education of PLS students. A variety of programs are provided by the guidance department and the faculty throughout the entire school to develop the character of individuals and to assist in making responsible citizens. These programs are primarily developed by the guidance department and are presented to the students in a variety of ways, including classroom instruction,

A discussion was had concerning the philosophy of grading and the matter of uniform grading throughout the high school. Of primary concern was whether students were aware of faculty expectations concerning grading and how the students could achieve their desired grade levels.

Dr. McConnaha reported that all faculty members are encouraged to inform all of their students of how the students will be graded and to use a syllabus. He also stated that the subject matter of grading and student awareness of grading procedures is part of the NCA evaluation process.

The matter of the unusual and excessive heat in the NK area was again brought to the attention of the PAC.

It has long been recognized that the NK area is extremely warm. The reason for the high temperature in that area of the building is that the heat ducts for the steam heating system for the entire building pass underneath that area. Dr. McConnaha reported that the heat registers for the NK area are turned off and that all of the heat is being generated by the heat ducts.

Dr. McConnaha said that he will again check to see if anything can be done to alleviate the situation at this time. He also reported that the scheduled building renovation project will attempt to alleviate the problem by "looping" the heat ducts for the building as a whole as well as "looping" the electrical lines so as to provide assured continual electrical supply.

Recognizing that the next scheduled PAC meeting is to be held on Tuesday, December 7, 1999, the meeting was, by unanimous agreement , adjourned.

Harold Strever, Secretary



**Minutes  
Educational Equity Advisory Committee (EEAC)  
September 13, 1999**

**Member Present:** Carol Colburn, Kendra Puetz, Josephine Walters, Tal Jones, Wendell McConnaha, Linda Sharp, Janet McClain, Julie Creeden

**Excused:** Ed Dorris

Minutes were read and approved. Motion by Linda Sharp. Second by Kendra Puetz.

**Old Business**

Fourth draft of PLS MCNS Education Plan tabled.

**New Business**

Wendell provided a report on student demographics. 20.90% students of color were enrolled at PLS last year. 22.77% are enrolled for 1999. The main increase is seen in the Asian student population. There was a slight increase in African American students. Approximately 23% of PLS student population are students of color. Data on special needs students reported at end of the school year. Report on faculty diversity will be given at October meeting.

The EEAC requested that an equity survey be sent to PLS families in the Spring 1999. Wendell reported that there were only 3 surveys returned. The committee discussed doing another survey that asks 2 questions of students, faculty and staff ( including student teachers), and university students. "How is diversity presented in the Lab School?" and "How do you view diversity at the Lab School?" are two possible questions. Wendell will check with Clare Struck, elementary guidance counselor, to discuss best way to survey elementary students. It was suggested that perhaps students in middle school and high school could be involved in a debate or respond to survey questions in language arts classes. Faculty and staff could be surveyed at the September or October NCA meetings. Parents could be surveyed at the November 11-12 parent conferences. Results of all surveys should be completed and ready to be reported by December EEAC meeting.

Wendell gave an update on work concerning the development of programming for gifted and talented students. A survey was conducted by the UNI Psychology Department. Kathy East will report on gifted and talented program progress at the October meeting. Harriet Short is a retired gifted coordinator who will be working with PLS. Carol Matthews has been working with some students in the Writing for Publications class. There are approximately 20 K-12 students at PLS that could be identified as gifted and talented.

The goal for this year is to spell out a gifted and talented program for PLS. Kathy East has a special charge to deal with this.



The EEAC has lost several members. Janet will contact parents who expressed an interest in becoming EEAC members and try to recruit additional students to participate.

Wendell brought up a concern about religious diversity and providing an alternative activity for parties.

**Future Meeting Dates**

**Room 222**

October 11

November 8

**PLS Faculty Lounge**

December 13

January 10

February 14

March 20

April 10

May 8

Kendra moved and Janet seconded meeting adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 p.m.

**Agenda**

**Educational Equity Advisory Committee (EEAC)**

**October 11, 1999**

<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Review Agenda</b>	<b>Kendra Puetz &amp; Carol Colburn</b>
	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
<b>6:35-</b>	<b>Introduction of New Members</b>	
	<b>Old Business</b>	<b>Wendell McConnaha</b>
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Draft of PLS MCNS Education Plan</b>	
	<b>New Business</b>	
	<b>Talented &amp; Gifted Program Update</b>	<b>Kathy East</b>
	<b>EEAC Goals for the Year</b>	<b>Kendra Puetz &amp; Carol Colburn</b>
<b>7:50</b>	<b>Set Agenda for Next Meeting</b>	
<b>8:00</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	



**Minutes**  
**Educational Equity Advisory Committee (EEAC)**  
**October 11, 1999**

**Members Present:** Kendra Puetz, Carol Colburn, Josephine Walters, Tal Jones, Linda Sharp, Katherine Martin, Robert Martin, Marie Fleurette, Wendell McConnaha, Janet McClain, Julie Creeden

**Guests:** Kathie East Lindsey Milsap

Minutes were read and approved.

**Old Business**

Wendell distributed information on faculty diversity. The following information was provided:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Ethnicity</u>	
Faculty 59	Female 36	White, Non-Hispanic	56
	Male 23	African American	1
Staff 20	Female 19	White, Non-Hispanic	19
	Male 1	African American	1
		Hispanic	0

PLS's goal is to recruit and retain at least 3 minority faculty and staff from underrepresented groups, specifically Hispanic and African American.

Wendell distributed a fourth draft of the Price laboratory School Educational Equity Plan (MCNS Plan). It was recommended that a fourth short-term goal be included that addressed the establishment of a plan for developing new curriculum, the review of program delivery, and the evaluating, assessing, or modifying of curriculum already in place.

Janet asked about faculty/staff development in the area of educational equity. What type of multicultural inservice was provided last year and is planned for this year? Wendell will get a summary of last year's faculty inservice and the proposed 1999-2000 inservice activities scheduled and report on that at the next meeting

**New Business**

Kathie East provided the handout, *Current Trends & Best Practices in Gifted Education* by Elissa F. Brown and discussed how Price Lab School proposes to address gifted education using the existing problem solving process. A committee is being formed to work on a model/plan for gifted education that currently includes, Jill Uhlenberg, Sherrie Hoffman, Lisa Talbot, Wendell McConnaha, Kendra Puetz, and Marie Fleurette. Wendell stressed the fact that a model must be in place by May, 2000 to meet state guidelines. The following discussion points were covered:



1. Currently there is no defineable K-12 gifted and talented program. Individual teachers address the needs of each student.
2. There is a need for a full-time coordinator to address gifted and talented students and program needs.
3. Data on past and current practices utilized by teachers to accommodate students' instructional needs is being collected.
4. There is a movement away from using the term "gifted" to "talented" and "talent development".
5. Issues of social behavior and acceptance, support for talented students, school culture and response of peers to talented students, lack of an honor roll, culturally specific information/in-service needed so that students of color are not overlooked and underrepresented in a program for talented students, and resources available to support a talent development model/program were presented as concerns.

Wendell recommended that Kathie be invited back to walk committee through a case study at next meeting.

EEAC members briefly reviewed responses from the faculty/staff survey. Wendell will provide summary of the results at the November meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Agenda  
Educational Equity Advisory Committee (EEAC)  
November 8, 1999**

<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Review Agenda Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>Kendra Puetz &amp; Carol Colburn</b>
	<b>Old Business 4<sup>th</sup> Draft of PLS MCNS Education Plan</b>	<b>Wendell McConnaha</b>
	<b>New Business Talented &amp; Gifted Program Faculty/Staff Survey EEAC Goals for the Year</b>	<b>Kathie East Wendell McConnaha Puetz &amp; Colburn</b>
<b>7:50</b>	<b>Set Agenda for Next Meeting</b>	
<b>8:00</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>	

**Next Meeting: December 13 PLS Faculty Lounge**



## PLS/NUHS PTP MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 2, 1999

President, Julie Creeden, called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Library.

Minutes of October Meeting: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Bower, Treasurer, reported that as of this date, we have a balance of \$5,209.21. After paying outstanding bills that we have receipts for as of tonight, the balance will be \$4,631.05. Membership dues continue to come in, as well as \$84 in cash from the PLS Golf Tournament. There will probably be more receipts from the dinner/auction which will need to be paid.

PLS Family Directory: Karen Williams, PLS secretary, and Gloria Hooks, PLS lunch program and parent, will be working together on the PLS Family Directory. Julie recommended that an independent printer, Karen's Print Rite be given a chance to quote printing costs, since they gave us a very competitive price on the AFPLS/PTP auction/dinner booklets. If schedules permit, Gloria will be able to show us a rough draft by the December PTP meeting.

American Education Week: Discussion about honoring faculty and staff during AEW. Decisions were made about surprising faculty and staff throughout the week.

Banquet/Auction: The auction/dinner will be held on Friday, November 5th, at 6:00 P.M. Julie updated us with number who have already preregistered for the dinner, and with last minute details.

Correspondence: Julie made the group aware of a letter she received, which questions the PTP's decision to distribute PTP funds that were specifically raised to go toward the new playground. The short term playground needs will be taken into account when the committee to distribute funds meets. Donations that were designated to specifically go toward the playground have remained in a separate account, and will not be part of this distribution.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7, at 6:00 P.M. in the library, with PAC following at 7:00.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.



## Polish Professors and Students Visit Price Lab/UNI on Exchange Program



*Dr. McDonaha speaking with professors and students from Poland, who recently visited Price Laboratory School and UNI on an exchange program, about the concept of Laboratory Schools in the U. S. and internationally.*

On November 11 and 12, a delegation from Poznań Poland visited the Price Laboratory School as part of an exchange program between UNI and Adam Mickiewicz University. Representatives from Poland included six university professors and five graduate students. While at the Lab School they observed several classes including band and orchestra. They also listened to the PLS choir directed by Linda Sharp. They were amazed at the quality of performances and the array of musical offerings from elementary to high school. They also had the opportunity to debrief with Leonard Upham and Michael Fanelli afterwards.

The delegation also observed Jim Sweigert's Russian class. Since Russian is their second language, they were able to blend in easily with the lesson. They enjoyed their experience so much that they scheduled additional time to interact with the students in the PLS Russian class. They were also interested in the new school newspaper which was recently published for the first time in several years. Carol Matthews, who teaches the newspaper writing and production class, spoke with the delegation about the newspaper production process, from gathering stories and taking pictures to the layout and printing of the paper.

The delegation also toured Price Lab and listened to Wendell McDonaha talk about the concept of Lab Schools in the U.S. and internationally. John Krumbholz answered several questions concerning the curriculum and the schedule.

The students and professors from Poland are all involved in media technology so they visited the PLS ICN room and computer labs. Terri McDonald provided an overview of the technology program at PLS. She attended and presented at the international technology conference last year in Poznań, and will travel there again next summer where she will consult with educators concerning instructional development, and technology management and integration.

In the spring of 2000, several UNI students and professors in the UNI technology education program will visit Poznań to participate in this ongoing exchange program. It is hoped that this partnership will continue for many years and will lead to the development of a Lab School on the campus of Adam Mickiewicz University.

— Terri McDonald,  
Instructional Technology Coordinator

— **Martin Bros.** —

FINE FOODS AND PROVISIONS



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FROM JOHN KRUMBHOLZ

### Secondary Absence Policy

As is often the case at sometime during the fall, we need to revisit our policy about secondary students being responsible to pre-arrange for absences that they know will occur due to a variety of reasons (ie. college visits, curricular and co-curricular trips, state tournaments, etc.). In short, if a parent knows ahead of time that their child is going to be absent from school for whatever reason, it is the parents' responsibility to contact the school with a phone call or a note at least three days prior to that absence. It then becomes the students responsibility to take a pre-absence form to each of their teachers notifying them of the upcoming absence and arranging for work and or tests that will be missed as a result of that absence. If the student fails to fulfill this obligation, the teacher is not responsible to provide them with opportunities to make up work missed. As a school, we are committed to enforcing this policy for all students, so please understand our reluctance to provide special treatment for individual students. This is an attempt to provide natural consequences for students to help them learn skills that will make them successful in life.

I want to reemphasize that this policy is for pre-planned absences only. This does not refer to absences resulting from illness and/or emergencies. Those absences will be dealt with in our regular fashion and make-up work will be assigned accordingly.

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### Parent Input is Invited

Having just completed conferences, I would like to remind you that I am always interested in your perceptions on how the school is operating and how you feel we are serving your child. It might be something little or it might be something big, whatever the case I'd like to hear about it. I like to know about things before they get blown out of proportion. From my perspective, it takes a lot less time to deal with a few little things than it does to deal with a large situation that has already reached the frustration level. My phone number is 273-2064 and my e-mail address is [john.krumbholz@uni.edu](mailto:john.krumbholz@uni.edu). Feel free to contact me.

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### NU National Honor Society Applications

Applications for induction into the Northern University High School National Honor Society are now available for juniors and seniors at NU High. Please note the following deadlines:

- Nov. 22 Applications are available for students to pick up in the Guidance Office.
- Dec. 3 Deadline for return of all applications.
- Dec. 5 Academic Honors Committee will review applications.
- Dec. 6 Students are notified of committee decision and NHS nominees and parents are sent a letter in the mail.
- Dec. 13 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at 7:00 p.m. in Butzier Auditorium. Refreshments to follow in the Teachers Lounge.

## *PLS Butterfly Garden and Memorial for Adee*



A dedication to the PLS Butterfly Garden and Memorial for Adee Leonard Eacret was held on Sunday, October 24 at 3:00 p.m. at Price Laboratory School.

During the ceremony the senior class of 2000, led by Clare Struck, dedicated a beautiful new bench to the PLS Butterfly Garden in memory of their classmate, Adee Leonard Eacret, who passed away at the beginning of her freshman year. Adee had a great appreciation of nature and loved butterflies.

The PLS Butterfly Garden, which is located on the south side of Price Lab School between the science and fieldhouse wings, was developed by Linda Graber's secondary biology students and Jacque Smith's third grade students. The two classes planned the outdoor learning area and worked cooperatively to develop a combination garden involving theme gardens, landscaped areas, and a butterfly garden. The project was funded through a \$1700 grant from the McElroy Endowment fund and many generous contributors.

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*Many thanks goes out to local businesses who have contributed to the PLS Butterfly Garden, including: Jordan's Nursery, McElroy Trust, UNI Landscaping and Grounds Department, Marquart Block, Price Lab PTP, Benton's Sand and Gravel, Carver-Ace Hardware, K-Mart, Walmart, Payless Cashways, Earl May Garden Center, Floweramma, Best Rental, Barnes Building Supplies, Greenscene, and the Senior Class of 2000, Linda Graber, Jacque Smith, Clare Struck and Glenda Salyer.*

*Many thanks also goes out to all the students' parents, faculty, staff and friends of PLS who have donated time, plants and funds to this project.*

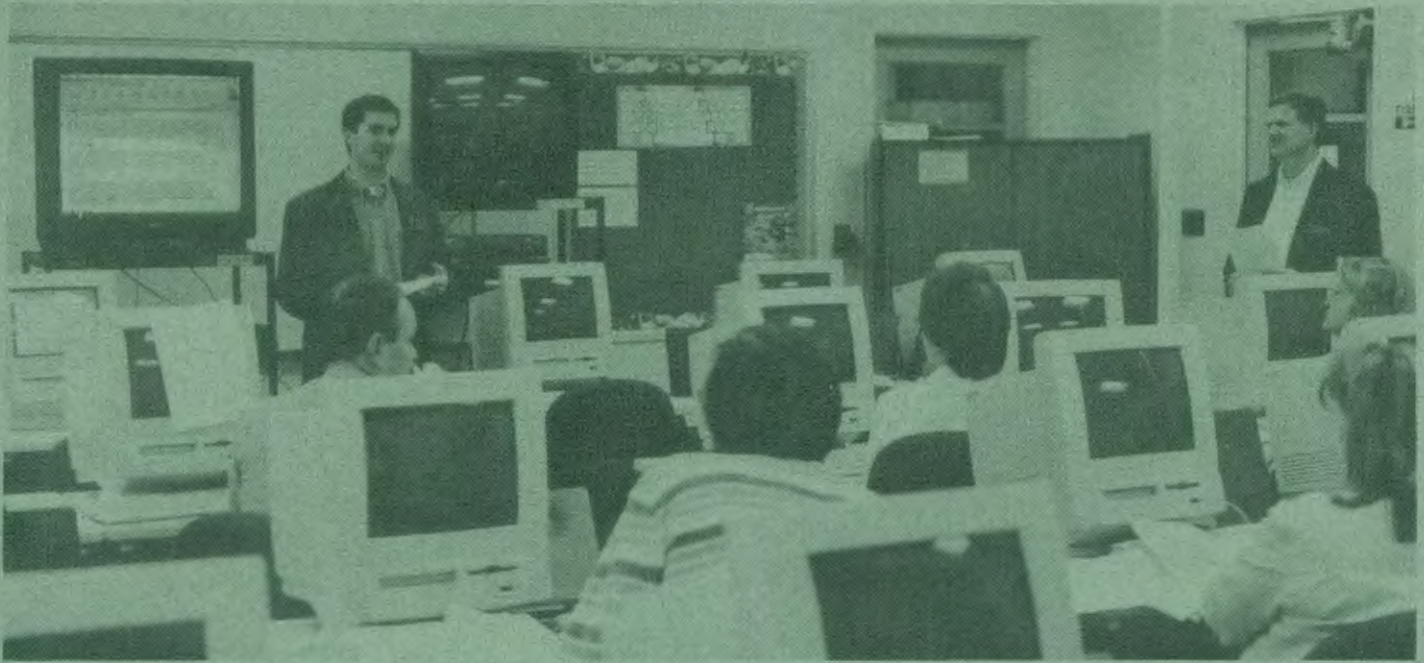
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*If you are interested in contributing to the continued development of the PLS Butterfly Garden, please call Linda Graber at 273-2414 or Jacque Smith at 273-6887.*





# NALS Regional Midwest Conference held at PLS



Languages Arts instructor J.D. Cryer presenting, "Developed and Developing Countries: Approaches to Reading, Writing and Research," a session he co-presented with Paul Horton and David Tallakson during the recent NALS Midwest Regional conference.

On October 21-23, Price Laboratory School and Horace Mann Laboratory School at Northwest Missouri State co-hosted the National Association of Laboratory Schools (NALS) Midwest Regional conference, Partnerships: Building Education Collaboratively" at Price Lab.

Over 100 participants attended this conference in which 30 general and concurrent sessions were offered over a two-day period. Participants represented schools from throughout Chile, the Janesville Community Schools, the University of Northern Iowa, Northwest Missouri State University, University High School from Illinois State University, Baker Demonstration School from National Louis University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, the Falk School from the University of Pittsburgh and Malcolm Price Laboratory School.

Attendees were able to observe and interact in PLS classrooms on Thursday and attend a reception in the evening. On Friday and Saturday, participants had the opportunity to attend many concurrent sessions ranging on a wide array of special topics including innovative curriculum activities, developing partnerships with the community, and providing international outreach opportunities. Many of the sessions were collaboratively co-presented by teams of two or more individuals. The conference was successful in promoting partnerships and providing professional development opportunities for our faculty and staff to learn from each other. The benefits of the partnerships we form through our collaboration between individuals and schools will improve the options we can provide for PLS students.

## KUDOS

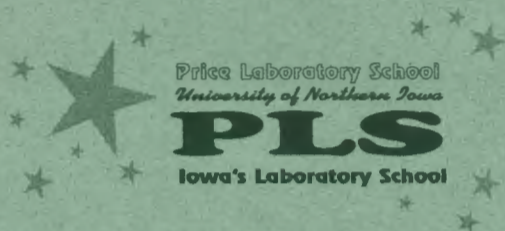
**Jim Sweigert** presented *Less Commonly Taught Languages in the Twenty-First Century* and *Task-Based Scenarios for the Foreign Language Classroom* at the recent Iowa Foreign Language Association annual conference in Ames. He also chaired the first-ever meeting of a new state organization, the Iowa Council of Teachers of Russian (ICTR). Sweigert was recently elected Vice President of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic/East European Languages (AATSEEL). His duties in this office begin at the 1999 AATSEEL Annual conference in Chicago, December 27-30, where he will also present, *How to be 'v kurse dela': Using the Internet to Supplement Instruction in the Russian Language Classroom*.

THE BROWN BOTTLE



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# Music Events

## NU Band Students Selected for NEIBA Honor Band Festival

Six band students have been selected to participate in the North East Iowa Bandmasters Association Honor Band Festival in Oelwein on Saturday, December 4. They will rehearse during the day and present their concerts late afternoon and evening. Selected from NU Middle School are Amanda Wieck and Sara Will, clarinets; Jonathan Parrish, trombone; and Danny Weber, percussion. The middle school concert will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Oelwein High School Gymnasium.

Two students were selected from NU High School: Steve Shelton, French Horn and Michael Piehl, tuba. The high school concert will begin at 7:15 p.m. in the Oelwein High School Gymnasium.

## Fruit, Meat and Cheese Fundraiser Held by Music Students

Music students in grades 7 through 12 have held their annual fruit, meat and cheese fundraiser. If you were not contacted and would like to order, please call Leonard Upham at 273-2407. Delivery will be during the second week of December.

## Price Lab Singers Elementary Chorus – December 2

The Price Lab School Singers Elementary Chorus will perform on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Butzier Auditorium.

## Sixth Grade Assembly Concert – December 15

The Sixth Grade Band, Choir, and Orchestra will present an assembly concert for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade PLS students on Wednesday, December 15, beginning at 12:25 in Butzier Auditorium. The concert is open to the public and parents are encouraged to attend.

## Band Concert – January 13

On Thursday, January 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Butzier Auditorium, the secondary band program will present its "Semester Final Exam" Concert. Included on this program will be the 7th/

8th grade Middle School Concert Band and the High School Concert Band. Admission is free. There is a handicapped-accessible entrance on the north side of Price Lab School. Plan now to attend the concert; invite a friend and bring them along!

## NICL Vocal Music Festival – January 24

The NU Concert Choir will be participating in the annual NICL Vocal Music Festival hosted by Union High School in LaPorte City. The festival is on Monday, January 24. The choir will travel to LaPorte City for the afternoon of rehearsals with other NICL choirs and present their concert that evening, beginning at 7 p.m. at Union High School. Parents and friends are encouraged to attend this event. There is an admission charge for this concert.

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