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 & 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 schools/university partnerships internationally. PLS is one of fifteen Lab Schools in the country with a comprehensive K-12 program.

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To submit an article for the PLS Online newsletter, please email attachments in Microsoft or ClarisWorks to Lynn.Dykstra@uni.edu. Parent input is welcome.
Distinguished Alumni, Mary Sue Coleman, John Martin, and Robert Stephens, were recognized at the AFPLS/PTP Benefit Auction held on the evening of November 3.

Dear Parents and Supporters,

"Thank you" to everyone who participated in this year's PTP/AFPLS Dinner and Auction. A special "thank you" to Jo Walters, Julie Creeden and Michelle Swanson who worked long hours to make this event successful. This event was a triumph by every measure. First, over $21,000 was generated. Faculty members will be asked to generate proposals for student centered projects. These projects will be evaluated by a committee comprised of representatives from PTP, AFPLS and the PLS administration. The proposals will be ranked and funds will be distributed to faculty for immediate purchase.

Second, attendance was greatly increased over last year. The increased numbers were due in part to the word-of-mouth advertising provided by those who attended last year. But much of the credit can also go to the AFPLS decision to begin honoring past graduates as part of the evening. The recognition of Mary Sue Coleman, Bob Stephens and John Martin; and the fact that all three were in attendance played a part in increasing the size of the crowd.

Finally, whether you participated as a worker, provided an item for sale, bid on a treasure, or simply came for the food, this event again fulfilled its ultimate goal. It provided an opportunity for our school community to come together in support of our students. For that, I am most grateful.

— Wendell McConnaha, PLS Director

PTP NEWS

American Education Week

Who Won the Survivor Kit?
November 13 - 17 was American Education Week. There were fun activities and treats for the faculty and students. Faculty faced a trivia challenge to see who would be the "Survivor." Daily trivia questions were sent out in the faculty bulletin and the faculty who answered them correctly survived for the next day's challenge. We had two faculty members who survived to Friday - Karen Williams and Terry Ketter. Karen's name was drawn from a hat to win the "survivor kit" - an NU sweatshirt (to help her survive the cold Iowa winter), assorted coffees (who could survive without that caffeine boost), chocolates (a must have), Tylenol (for those "headaches"), and, Tums. Terry Ketter's consolation prize was a lovely tropical plant (produces oxygen so she can have fresh air to breath during flu season), and chocolates.

On Monday, faculty received a trail mix treat in their mailbox to "help them survive their day." Wednesday was cookies and fruit day in the faculty lounge. Thank you to all of the parents who donated cookies, they were greatly appreciated by the faculty and staff. Thursday was popcorn day for everyone. We were inexperienced with the popcorn machine and though the batches of popcorn would be bigger than they turned out to be. All of the elementary students received popcorn (we are very sorry if we missed you). Many middle school and high school students did get popcorn, but some did not (as well as faculty and staff). We are very sorry about this and announced that we would have another popcorn day on Tuesday, November 21. The students really enjoyed popcorn day. Thank you to Gina Harrington, Sandy Sutton, Gloria Hooks, and Susan Steffy for helping me with this.

On Friday the High School Student Council provided coffee and doughnuts for the faculty as a way to express the students thanks. We were impressed with their thoughtfulness. The faculty also received a sweet treat in their mailboxes.

Throughout the week, students received fun notes on their lockers, reminding them of how they could be involved during the week.

Thank you to the American Education Week committee: Susan Steffy (husband Jim, son's Stratton, and Stuart), Gloria Hooks, and Teresa Findlay. Thank you to Troop 656 sixth grade Girl Scouts for getting the trail mix ready and making AEW posters. We had a great time this week. We hope the faculty and students enjoyed the activities. We are always looking for new ideas, so if you have any new thoughts for next year let PTP know!

AFPLS/PTP Benefit Auction

The auction was a great success, we raised close to $21,000! Thank you to the auction committee for all of the work they put into this event. Auction committee: Julie Creeden, Jo Walters, Michelle Swanson, and Wendell McConnaha. It was spectacular! Thank you again to all of you who donated or purchased auction items, your generosity will allow faculty members the chance to further enhance the curriculum for all students at Malcolm Price Laboratory School. Another big thanks goes to those of you who provided the evening's entertainment - Jim Miller, the PLS Singers directed by Michelle Swanson, and the NU Singers, directed by Dr. Linda Sharp. Finally, thanks to all other faculty, staff, students, parents, administrators, and community members who worked hard to make the evening a success.
The recognition of Distinguished Alumni was an exciting addition to the dinner. We were honored to have them attend the dinner and to hear them speak: Mary Sue Coleman, John Martin, and Robert Stephens. An AFPLS/PTP committee will meet in November/December to begin the disbursement process of the money raised.

3rd Annual PLS Golf Outing & PTP Fundraiser

Many thanks to Terri McDonald, Bev Schorraker and Sue Watkins of the Communication Center for hosting the golf outing again this year. Participants had a great time and raised $100 for PTP. Thank you for this "fun" fundraiser.

malls4schools Program

The last time I checked we were in third place in the malls4schools program at College Square Mall. Keep turning in those receipts! The program ends December 31, 2000. For every $1.00 that you spend at the College Square Mall, NU receives 1 point. These stores include all College Square Mall stores, and those with outside storefronts such as HyVee, Applebees, Village Inn, Block Busters, and Lens Crafters. Just take your receipts to the table in the mall by the fountain and the food court and designate the points to go to NU High. They will mark down how much you have spent, stamp your receipts and return them to you. It is so easy! You’re spending the money anyway so why not use it to help our school? This spreads your dollar a little further. The school that accumulates the most points wins $2,500!

1st place $2,500 6th place $500
2nd place $2,000 7th place $500
3rd place $1,500 8th place $500
4th place $1,000 9th place $500
5th place $500 10th place $500

Tell your friends, grandparents, relatives, alumni, college students, etc! While you’re doing your Christmas shopping, remember to turn in those receipts.

Directory

Wow! Gloria, you’ve done it again. Thank you for all of the time and energy you have put into making a new student directory for this year. It is so useful! Many thanks to the lab school faculty for their help in gathering information. Thank you to the Communication Center and Sharlene Morgan for all of your time and effort with the printing. Thank you to Sandy Sutton for her help in putting the book together. I apologize if I have missed anyone.

If you have any questions about PTP you may contact me at 277-6754, I would be happy to help. You may also contact one of the other PTP officers: Kathleen McKenna, Vice President; Kim Engles, Secretary; or Jean Wesley, Treasurer.

Teresa Findlay – PTP President

Thank you PTP, Student Council and Administrators

Thank you PTP, Student Council and Administrators for all you did to make faculty and staff feel appreciated during National Education Week. We are very fortunate to have the support of a dedicated and caring group of parents who provide so much assistance during the school year. Together we continue to make Price Lab a great school for our students! — the Faculty & Staff

The Auction Continues...for a Digital Copier
For those of you who were unable to attend the AFPLS/PTP auction on November 3, you still have an opportunity to make a contribution. The last request on the night of the auction was a request for donations which will go toward the purchase of a new digital copier to be located in the Price Lab Communication Center. The new digital copier will replace five-year old printing equipment with high quality image reproduction and cost effective technology which will be available to the entire school. Although we received several generous donations from parents, alumni and administration which totalled $400, we still have a long way to go to reach $10,000.

Many, many thanks to those who have already made a contribution: the Findlay family, the Grimes family, the Moon family, Curt Nielsen, the Singh family, Robert Stephens and Dean Switzer. They will each receive a personalized journal with their name on it.

To make a contribution:
If you are interested and willing to make a donation toward the purchase of a new digital copier, you will receive your choice of the following PLS Memorabilia.

$100 - Framed set of three Butterfly Garden prints (Black frames, not shown)
$100 - Framed PLS print (Picture is unframed)
$50 - Personalized PLS Journal
$25 - Unframed PLS print

Please call the Communication Center at 273-2575 to submit your requests. Requests/donations received by December 11 will be completed in time for Christmas. (Make checks payable to Price Lab Communication Center).

Please know that your contributions to Price Lab are making a significant difference. Thank you!

Girls Cross Country
— by Bob Lee

Congratulations are in order for the girl's CC team! On Saturday, October 28, they finished fifth in the State 1A Meet in Fort Dodge!

A total of 129 girls ran in the meet. Jillian finished in tenth place in the race to earn All-State honors (only the second girl in NU history to earn that honor. Vanessa Kettner finished ninth). Janelle, running her best race of the season, finished 52nd. Closely on her heels were Anne in 57th and Ashley in 58th. Rounding out the Panther team were Bethany in 69th and Liz in 100th.

Teams from the tough district, that was won by NU, finished in third, fifth and sixth of the 18 teams that qualified.

The NICL was strong all over the place with Wapsie Valley's boys easily winning the 1A boys title with Eldora finishing sixth. In 2A girls, Union finished second and Jesup sixth. East Marshall was also 17th in 1A girls.

Way to go Coach Kettner!
Notes from the Middle School Coordinator:

by Nadene Davidson

Six Northern University Middle School faculty attended the National Middle School 27th Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri from November 2 – 4, 2000. Megan Balong, Becky Hawbaker, and Sue Runyon made the following presentation: The Power of Two: Teachers + Collaborations = Success. Their presentation was based on a co-planning model developed for team teaching.

During this meeting the Carnegie Corporation released their latest report, Turning Points 2000, Educating Adolescents in the 21st Century. This book is a follow-up of the original groundbreaking report, Turning Points: Preparing American Youth for the 21st Century. Published in 1989, this original document provided a valuable framework for middle grades education and reform. A decade of continued research and follow-up provided the foundation for Turning Points 2000. The purpose of this new report is to examine how to continue to improve middle grades education.

The Turning Points 2000 document distinctly identified “the main purpose of middle grades education is to promote young adolescents’ intellectual development.” This clearly describes the purpose and focus of our NU middle school program. Turning Points 2000 offered seven principles, or recommendations, for improving middle grades schools. These are intended to support success for every student. The principles are as follows:

- Teach a curriculum grounded in rigorous, public academic standards for what students should know and be able to do, relevant to the concerns of adolescents and based on how students learn best.
- Use instructional methods designed to prepare all students to achieve higher standards and become lifelong learners.
- Staff middle grades schools with teachers who are expert at teaching young adolescents, and engage teachers in ongoing, targeted professional development opportunities.
- Organize relationships for learning to create a climate of intellectual development and a caring community of shared educational purpose.
- Govern democratically, through direct or representative participation by all school staff members, the adults who know the students best.
- Provide a safe and healthy school environment as part of improving academic performance and developing caring ethical citizens.
- Involve parents and communities in supporting student learning and healthy development.

Turning Points 2000 will provide a valuable resource as the evolutionary process continues for our NU Middle School.

Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) Conference
Held on November 3 and 4
Lori Smith co-hosted the first Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) Conference here at Price Lab on November 3-4. They had close to 40-45 physical education teachers from northeast Iowa and about six UNI students in attendance.

Fourteen presenters shared information on topics such as yoga, foot massages, international games, water aerobics, juggling, team building (cooperative games), rhythms, dances, fitness programs, bicycle safety curriculums, and activities that provided maximum participation. Craig Pitcher was in charge of memberships and registration, and Dave Smith assisted with equipment management and served as the activity coordinator for the Saturday morning workout sessions.

The purpose of the conference was to provide information about new ideas to physical education teachers to implement into their own curriculums. This was an excellent opportunity to inform other teachers about our mission at Price Lab. Price Lab is the only school district in Iowa that offers daily physical education to children K-12! Price Lab’s booster club provided concessions and awesome meals for the teachers on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Their service was excellent! Thank you NU High Booster Club!

The highlight of the conference was the performance by Price Lab’s third graders. For a week Mrs. Guenther and Mrs. Cooney’s classes rehearsed for a performance that was shown on Saturday, November 4. These students did activities that provided maximum participation and success under the direction of Lori Smith. They performed scarf routines, a parachute routine, games that incorporate math and reading skills with fitness, locomotor actions, and cooperative learning centers. The audience was very impressed! Way to go third graders!

Amnesty International Chapter Founded at NU High

— by Paul Horton

In an effort to raise awareness about human rights issues worldwide, three NU students have founded a school chapter of Amnesty International. Colin M., Samet S., and Eashaan V. are the group’s first members and they welcome all of those interested to attend weekly meetings during lunch on Wednesdays in room 245. Eashaan V. hopes to construct a website that will be up and running in the next few weeks.

Amnesty works on behalf of political prisoners worldwide who are jailed because of what they believe, not because they have violated any laws. The organization sponsors letter writing campaigns that have proven to be effective in ensuring the survival of political prisoners. “When enough people write letters to the government that is violating a prisoner’s human rights, the government tends to treat that prisoner better, and in many cases will release a prisoner,” said Eashaan. On the other hand, political prisoners who have no one to advocate for them, often die of abuse or neglect in jail. According to Samet S., “Many of these neglected political prisoners are never heard from again.”

Amnesty operates under the idea that we are all responsible for maintaining global human rights. “To the extent that someone else’s rights are violated, we are all diminished. We each share a responsibility to be more aware about what is happening to people just like us all over the world,” Colin M. points out. Amnesty uses the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights to decide where and how abuses take place. All three students are committed to raising human rights awareness.
Support Our School With These Fund Raisers!

Share The Joy with Music: Collect Pepsi Notes and Help Our School’s Music Program!

This is a new fund raiser from Pepsi. Collect the "Pepsi Notes" symbols that are found on: 24 packs, 12 packs, 2 and 3 liter bottles, 24 oz 6 packs and fountain cups. They may also be found on specially marked bags of Rold Gold Pretzels, Frito’s Corn Chips and selected other Frito Lay products.

Bring these to school and put them in the container in the collection box in the front lobby by the auditorium.

The NU music department (NK-12) will be able to purchase musical supplies and instruments using these points! Everything from sheet music, software and music stands to recorders, flutes and violins!

Just collect these along with your Box Tops for Education and return both to school as they accumulate. The Pepsi program runs through the end of February 2001.

HyVee’s Cash For Students- Save HyVee receipts and turn them in and earn cash for our school! There is a box in the school lobby (in front of the auditorium) for you to put these receipts. Receipts may come from any HyVee store. If you shop at College Square HyVee we can also apply the money you spend to the malls4schools program. Take them to the points collection area in the mall and then bring them to school and put them in our collection box, or we can take them out to the mall and do this for you. This will be like double coupons with the malls4schools program. Ask family and friends to save the receipts too!

Kwik Rewards- Designate Price Lab on your Kwik Star card and we will receive a cash rebate (a percentage of dollars spent). We need 7 more card holders to designate Price Lab as their school and we will begin receiving this rebate. Designation cards may be found at any Kwik Star location.

Target Guest Card- The Target Guest card works just like a credit card. Apply for a guest card at any Target store. When you apply, be sure to designate Price Lab as the school you want donations sent to. Then every time you shop at Target and use your card, Target will donate 1% of your purchases to Price Lab. If you already have a card you may still designate our school.

www.schoolpop.com!- This is an internet-based fund raising opportunity where you go online to purchase items at various sites like Amazon, eToys, Dell, Apple, FTD florists, GAP, JCPenney, and many more. Up to 20% of the total purchase price will be credited to our school (you need to designate our school as the recipient at the above site). Visit this web site for more information.

Ink Jet Cartridges- Continue to save those empty Ink Jet cartridges from Hewlett Packard, Canon, Apple, and Lexmark. You may turn them in to the Communication Center or your child’s teacher. The Ink Jet cartridges will be returned to a collection company which will provide our school with a refund of $1.00 - $3.00 for each cartridge. We have received over $600 in refunds. Thank you Communication Center for your help with this fund raiser!

Box Tops for Education- We are continuing to collect Box Tops for Education. You may turn these in any time. Put them in the collection box in the school lobby. These are found on General Mills products. We are reimbursed 0.10 – 0.15 cents for each box top returned.

Funds raised are put in the PTP account to be used for improving our school NK-12 in many ways. Thank you for supporting these PTP fund raisers!

Many Thanks To Our PLS Business Partners:
Brown Bottle, Congdon’s Printing, Ireland Technologies and Martin Brothers
Welcome New Student:
Spencer Steffy, Grade 7


NUHS to host
State Individual Events Speech Contest

Volunteers Needed!

We know that many of you will be away during spring break, but if you are coming home early or staying close to home, would you consider spending at least part of a day with us?

Saturday, March 17, 2001 is the date of the State Individual Events Speech Contest. We are going to need parent/adult volunteers to serve in a variety of capacities such as: room chairpersons, timers, judge’s lunch hosts, and coach’s lounge hosts. If you could spare even two-three hours on contest day, it would be appreciated greatly. Our contest day will begin around 7:00 a.m. and hopefully conclude by 6:00 p.m.

If you are willing and able to help, please print and fill out the form below and mail it to: Jolene Tagtow, PLS 223, 1901 Campus Street, Cedar Falls, IA 50613 OR phone: 273-2584 or 273-6047 OR email: jolene.tagtow@uni.edu

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Unit II Creative Drama students worked on a number of skills in their dramatizations of "The Scarecrow Twins." They explored posture, gesture, and facial expressions in creating different scarecrow characters.

After brainstorming different machines, student imitated machine movements and took turns using musical instruments for sound effects.
Here are some crow characters preparing to swoop into the pumpkin patch!

Listening for cues, focusing on self control, and communicating ideas through creative movement helped tell our story. At the end of our classroom drama, the helpful butterflies and ladybugs posed in a frozen picture with the rescued pumpkins.
Guidance News

Scholarships Available

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Minutes

Education Equity Advisory Committee (EEAC)
October 9, 2000

Members Present: Carol Colburn, Robert Martin, Kate Martin, Janet McClain, Wendell McConnahe, Maria DeGuzman, Cathy Pearson, Kendra Puetz. Annette Swann has requested that her name be dropped from the committee.

Excused Absence: Josephine Walters, Tish Jones.

Call to Order

Minutes: The May 8, 2000 minutes were approved.

Agenda Approved

Call to the Public: none

Old Business: Wendell passed around a handout updating the cheerleading selection process concerns of last May, and responding to a letter from the EEAC committee suggestion amendments to the 2001-2002 Activities Handbook. Wendell reported that a pompon squad has been formed and couches hired. Claire Struck is working with this group. They will be performing during the basketball season. Wendell suggested that a group from the EEAC committee work with those responsible for the Activities Handbook to clarify areas concerning eligibility, tryout procedures, and awards.

It was also suggested that the idea of study circles be looked into as a means of building understanding between all areas of diversity within our school.

Wendell also reported that the harassment policy from the Handbook and the policy developed by the EEAC had been combined to form one policy for the entire school. There have been two harassment complaints filed this year and the policy and procedures have worked well.

New Business: Wendell passed out a table showing the student demographics for the 2000-2001 school year. This year, with a student enrollment of 541, we have a 24% minority student population. The faculty demographics were unchanged.

Next Meeting: November 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The EEAC meetings are open to parents, students, faculty and staff. Meetings will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the PLS faculty lounge on the following dates:

- December 11
- January 8
- February 12
MINUTES
Parent Advisory Council
November 14, 2000

At 7:00 p.m. on November 14, 2000, Chair Dick Colburn called the November meeting of the PAC to order. The proposed agenda was approved as amended.

The minutes of the October 3, 2000 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

1. John Krumholz said that the winners of the Academic Letters would be announced soon and that date academic pins would be available prior to the end of the year.

2. Paul Waack brought to the PAC further information concerning the eligibility of students transferring to PLS while ineligible at the school from which they are transferring. After discussion, it was agreed that further information would be helpful and Mr. Waack agreed to secure additional data.

3. Dr. McConnaha presented pulmonary statistical data concerning the date test scores of PLS students who have taken the ACT tests. He stated that additional data would be forthcoming with particular emphasis in mathematics and English.

New Business:

1. All new business was deferred until the next PAC meeting to be held on December 5, 2000.

There being no further business to come before the PAC, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
PLS/NUHS PTP MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2000

President, Teresa Findlay, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library.

Minutes of the October meeting were distributed in the newsletter. The October minutes were approved as submitted.

Correspondence: Teresa received a thank you note from Mrs. Treiber's and Mrs. Lockhart's 5th grade classes for the flags provided for the citizenship assembly. She also received several emails thanking those involved for the hard work done to make the auction a success. There were some suggestions for improvements for future auctions. These suggestions will be noted and passed along to the next planning committee.

Treasurer's Report: Jean Wiesley reported a balance of $9,835.90. Proceeds from the golf outing were deposited and bills for the auction paid.

American Education Week: Many activities are taking place this week. The staff is invited to join in the "Survivor" game that will be played all week. The winner will receive a survivor kit, compliments of PTP. Treats are being made available to staff each day of the week, special signs are being placed on all student lockers and there will be popcorn for everyone on Thursday. Thanks to Gloria Hooks, and Susan and Jim Steffy for all your hard work to make this a special week.

Mall4schools update: We are still in third place. There is a canned food drive going on in conjunction with this program. Canned goods may be dropped off in the bin at the mall, or in the barrels in the lobby of the school. PROUD is coordinating the food drive at school. Thank you for your help.

Box tops, Pepsi points, and Hy-Vee receipts: There is a box available in the lobby to drop box tops, pints and receipts. Remember to keep collecting.

Directory: The directories are complete and were handed out at conferences last week. For those families not able to attend conferences, directories will be mailed with grades. Thank you to Gloria Hooks for all your hard work to get these done.

Auction update: The second annual PTP/AFPLS auction was held November 3 at Maucker Union. The evening was a great success and money raised that evening totaled $20,980. Thank you to the auction committee, Jo Walters, Julie Creeden, Michelle Swanson, and Wendell McConnaha for all your work to make this evening a success. Very soon faculty will be notified of the process for distribution of this money. Requests will be submitted and a joint committee of the PTP and AFPLS will review and approve requests. Wendell will serve on this committee as the school representative.

Playground: John was able to find brooms to sweep the rocks off the playground. UNI grounds department came with a power broom to clean the area and it is looking good for now. Playground staff will keep an eye on the situation.

Before/Afiter school care: John reported that we continue to have a problem with students being dropped off early and staying late in the school building. We do not have a program in place for supervision of these students so we are looking at solutions to this problem. In past years when parents have been approached with implementing a formal program, such as Camp Adventure, there has been very little response. John is looking for suggestions on how to handle this situation and would be happy to talk to anyone with ideas.

Parking: There continues to be a problem with the designated parking spaces. John will try to get signs posted very soon for these spaces.

The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2000 in the PLS library. PAC will follow at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
NU Middle and High School Band Students to Honor Band

Seven NU band students have been selected to participate in the annual North East Iowa Bandmasters Association District Honor Band on Saturday, December 2, in Oelwein.

Middle School students include Elena R., Flute; Anjelica C., Baritone Saxophone; and Brayden R., Trumpet. High School students include Mallory P., Clarinet; Ben O., Baritone Saxophone; Steve S., French Horn; and Michael P., Tuba.

The students rehearse during the day and present their concerts late afternoon and evening. The Middle School Concert is scheduled for 5 pm in the Oelwein High School Gymnasium; the High School Concert is at 7 pm, also in the Oelwein High School Gymnasium.

Model State Legislature 2000

Four NUHS students recently participated in the 2000 session of Iowa's Model State Legislature. This program brings approximately 150 students from across Iowa to the State Capitol Building in Des Moines each year for three days of hands-on learning about state government. The activity starts months earlier when students apply for acceptance by writing bills for review. The bills are reviewed and evaluated at a regional level, and then sent to Des Moines for final approval.

Students may choose any topic relevant to Iowa state government. One hundred of the applicants are then chosen to represent the 100 legislative districts in Iowa's House of Representatives. Additional students are chosen to act as Lobbyists, Legislative Staff, Media, and Pages. Chosen from NUHS were Desiree D., Chris P., Katherine S., and Mary W. All were selected as student legislators.

Lynden D. was chosen to go the Model Session as well, but was unable to attend, after being named to the NICL Honor Band, which practiced and performed in Ackley at the same time the Model Legislature was in session.

During the model session, student legislators first met in Blue and Orange Party caucuses to select the Speaker of the House, as well as majority and minority officers. Mary Weber was chosen as one of the assistant floor leaders for the Blue Party.

Following the caucuses, students attended committee hearings where they reviewed all 100 proposed bills, and sent approximately 20 to the floor for full debate by the entire House.

A bill offered by Mary W. proved to be the most discussed bill of the session, involving nearly all student legislators in debate and causing the session to suspend the rules to allow for more debate time on the final day.

Throughout the session, all NUHS students participated fully and came back with a great feel for processes of real political action. Desiree D., Chris P., and Katherine S. are seniors, having represented NUHS the last two years. Mary W. is a junior and hopes to return next year, when she says she may run for the Speaker's position.
KUDOS

Jason Follett, Teaching-MPLS, was elected Vice-Chair of the Membership Committee of the National Council for the Social Studies at their 80th annual conference held in San Antonio, Texas, from November 16-19, 2000.

He currently serves as Membership, Mentor, and The American Promise Coordinator for the Iowa Council for the Social Studies.

Newsletter Announcements for December from John Krumbholz

Gym Floor
Over the Thanksgiving holidays, the gym floor in the fieldhouse was refinished. We have asked that all students make a sincere effort to wear clean tennis shoes upon entering the fieldhouse to preserve this finish as long as possible. We are not advocating students go out and purchase new shoes, but rather are simply asking them to refrain from wearing shoes they have just worn in the snow and the mud back into the fieldhouse. We appreciate any support you can give us in this endeavor by talking with your child.

Academic Letters Awarded
As was stated in a previous newsletter, we have decided to award Academic Letters to those high school students who have earned Honor Roll status (3.5 GPA or higher) over two consecutive semesters. We are in the process of doing this retroactively for the 1999-2000 school year and these letters and the accompanying pins should be in by Christmas vacation. Those earning letters for last year are as follows:

10th Grade
Matthew A.
Hasan A.
Melanie D.
Jillian D.
Elizabeth G.
Lastascia G.
Emily H.
Aubrey H.
Kate K.
Dan K.
Amy L.
Jade M.
Karrie M.
Collin M.
Brittany N.
Nathaniel O.
Mallory P.
Cameron P.
Samanta R.
Sameet S.
Liz S.
Eashaan V.
Joe W.
Ben W.

11th Grade
Amelia B.
Peter B.
Tina B.
Kate B.
Emily C.
Ashley D.
Jenna D.
Jed E.
Aaron G.
Matthew G.
Hayley H.
Emily H.
Christopher H.
Kevin H.
Kate J.
Bailey L.
Rose M.
Brittany P.
Heather P.
Community Advisory Meeting

On January 16, 2001 we will have our next Community Advisory Meeting in the school auditorium. These meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. (whichever time best fits your schedule) on that Tuesday. As I have stated numerous times in the past, the purpose of this meeting is to answer your questions and address your concerns. There is no pre-established agenda but if there are things you would like me to prepare and bring to the meeting you can call me at 273-2064. Everyone is welcome and everyone will have a chance to say their piece. Even if you’ve never been able to attend one of these meetings in the past, feel free to join us. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard – don’t let it slip by.
Profile:
Judy Vowell
PLS Office Coordinator
— by Heather Hooks

"I love being involved with the kids," remarks Judy Vowell, office coordinator, for Price Laboratory School. Judy has been an employee of PLS for 21 years. Judy's primary role is secretary to the director, Wendell McConnaha. She is in charge of coordinating all the offices at PLS. She is always willing to help anyone who has a question or problem. Along with being office coordinator, Judy handles the enrollment process for PLS students. This includes working with administration on the acceptance and denial of students, keeping all the student application records, notifying parents, and working on open enrollment with the other 9 school districts currently in affiliation with PLS. She also works extensively with the 100 UNI students who enter PLS school each year either under work-study or departmental funds. Along with the duties mentioned, Judy also coordinates the searches for the hiring of all PLS faculty and staff. The "Greeter Program," was created by Judy. This program allows the faculty, staff, students, and parents to greet incoming students and parents at the doors each morning. "This keeps me connected with the staff, students, and parents," says Judy.

Judy, a native of Charles City, has come a long way since her first job during her senior year at First Security Bank in Charles City. Judy's parents were very hardworking, passing this trait down to their daughter. "My father never missed a day of work," recalls Judy. He felt it was important to be on the job working with his men. My mother was always at home. She ran our house like a business, in a very loving way. She did laundry on Mondays, ironing on Tuesdays, cleaned house on Friday, and baked pies every Saturday." Judy's favorite classes at Charles City High School were business. "I really liked bookkeeping, keyboarding, and shorthand, so I thought that must be the right choice for me. I never had the opportunity for college, but encouraged all four of my children to attend and they did!" Judy and her husband, Jim, have been married five years. Together they have six children and 10 grandchildren. They spend most of their time together; going camping with the kids, attending the grandchildren's sporting events, planting flowers, traveling, and going dancing. Judy's success is a result of her hard work and devotion to her job. She truly cares and it shows. Unfortunately for PLS, Judy will be taking advantage of the Early Retirement option at UNI as of May 31, 2001. Her husband plans to work a few years yet so Judy's plans are to spend lots of time with grandchildren. The best news is that the two youngest of the 10 grandchildren are moving to Davenport and will be only two hours away instead of six!
# Malcolm Price Laboratory School Calendar

## December 2000

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