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Newsletter

Price Laboratory School

November 1997

Message from the Director . . . by Wendell McConaha



Left to right: Janet McClain, Eileen and Dele Ajisomo, Wendell McConaha

Nigerian, Romanian and Bulgarian Educators Visit Price Lab in October

The Nigerians, Dele and Eileen Ajisomo, are the Directors of one of the International Laboratory Schools created as part of the National Association of Laboratory Schools (NALS). The NALS organization is the umbrella group of which PLS is a member. The Ajisomos toured the school and held meetings with Roger Kueter regarding student teacher placement. The primary purpose of their visit was to meet with Geoffrey Mills, a Price Laboratory School parent and Associate Dean in the College of Business Administration, regarding the establishment of a two-year community college in Lagos, Nigeria.

Dr. Christian Matei, Cultural Attache for the Romanian Embassy in Washington, traveled to the Midwest to meet with administrators from the Laboratory School and the Department of Teaching regarding the establishment of a laboratory school in Constansa, Romania. This effort will involve faculty from Price Lab and four other laboratory schools traveling to Romania in April to conduct an educational seminar.

The Bulgarian educators are in the middle of a three-week tour of educational centers in the United States. During their visit to UNI they met with several university representatives. During their visit to PLS they discussed the option of establishing a laboratory school in Bulgaria. This project could have a major impact on Price Laboratory School through both pupil and teacher exchanges.

Sue Koch, Associate Professor in HPELS, and a Laboratory School parent, orchestrated the visit of the Bulgarian educators.

Praising the Community Builders

In my first letter, I said that one of my goals as Director was to strengthen the sense of community within our school. Since then I have learned much about what is under way to accomplish this goal and I would like to report some of my observations of caring and sharing at PLS.

In this issue you will learn of the work of the PTP and its President, Julie Creeden. Between Julie's involvement in PTP, PAC and the PLS Task Force, she spends as much time in the building as our fulltime employees. I would like to recognize the commitment of Rusty Leymaster, the newly elected President of the PAC, Jim Miller for his vice-presidency of the PTP and his chairmanship of the Playground Committee, and Jean Wiesley, Alan Jessen, Nadene Davidson, Barb Mahan, Claire Smith, Mike and Cindy Staebell, Mary Schneider, Janet McClain, Pam Bowman, Vicki and Geoffrey Grimes among others for their consistent work on behalf of PLS.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who help us at Price Laboratory School. In particular, I would like to praise the work of the greeters who meet our students each morning. Also, thanks to our homeroom parents, library volunteers, special events volunteers, Boosters, swimming volunteers and committee participants. Finally, a special thank you to Grandma Lois Thurston who comes in every day to work with Ms. McCarty and Ms. Treiber's students one-on-one, make copies, prepare materials and is always there to give the students a hug.

It is the willingness of each of you to support the PLS community which benefits us all. We are all strengthened by the work we do together and for each other. It is certainly something to be thankful for during this upcoming holiday season. I thank you for support of Price Laboratory School and wish you the best in the weeks to come.

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✓ Take Note!

Announcements • Accomplishments • Appreciation

- Parents of NUHS Russian language students levels 2-4: Encourage your student to enter the 16th Annual ACTR Russian Essay Contest. Deadline for entry is October 24.
- Lowell Hoeft and Jim Sweigert recently presented the session, "Total Physical Immersion without Total Physical Exhaustion."
- Karlene Kirscher-Brown was recently hired by Deaf Nation newspaper as a contributing writer.
- On May 3, Leah Buck, Brad Jacobson, Ed Liao, Santosh Nadipuram, Bonnie Pedersen and Angela Thulstrup from Mr. Hoeft's French III class participated in a statewide oral French competition at Central College in Pella. Brad Jacobson received first place and Santosh Nadipuram earned third.
- Jared Doddema and Vanessa Kettner received All-Metro status for Cross Country. They finished second and sixth respectively at the Metro meet held on October 2.
- NUHS instructor, Jim Sweiger, along with John Watzke (U. of Iowa), recently co-authored the book, "A Russian Reference Grammar" (1997, Kendall-Hunt). The book entered the market in September, 1997, and is designed for use in high school Russian language programs.
- NUHS will be taking part in its fourth-annual ACTR Academic Partnership Exchange with Tyumen' School #34 (Russia) starting October 17. NUHS third-year Russian students will be hosting 11 students from Tyumen', and will travel there next spring. Participating students are: Mary Hanks, Lindsay Jackson, Nicole Corbin, Josh Davison, Jeremy Thoman, Spencer Wikert, Josh Baade, Ryan Grimes, Lucas Hinke, Nick Flanschka and Katie Slinker. There are also five students from NUHS who are spending an entire semester in Tyumen' on a separate exchange program. They are Matt McGuire (fall), Brian Rogers, Eric Dow, Alexander Henderson and Mike Williams (spring).

PLS students, parents, faculty and staff may submit "Take Note!" items for PLS Newsletters to the Communication Center during the first week of each month.

Middle School . . . by Earl Ockenga and Vicki Oleson

The Options for the twenty-seven minutes of Enrichment Time at the end of our day continue to expand. Currently the sixth graders are brushing up on Spanish each Monday, learning multicultural games on Tuesday, doing some class time with Mrs. Timion on Wednesday, discussing friendships on Thursday with Ms. Struck, and learning about Drug Awareness Resistance Education from Officer Richmond on Fridays. The seventh and eighth grades have a menu of opportunities to choose from: sign language classes with Karlene Kisher-Browne, storytelling with Mrs. Froyen, Math Counts, Middle School Web Page work, and soon to start, Spanish enrichment. Parents, students, and faculty will have the opportunity to evaluate and give input to this use of time at the Middle Level at our first conference.

On October 1, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders made their radio debut on KBBG 88.1 FM in Waterloo. Janet McClain, Director of UNI's Minorities in Teaching Program for the college of Education, invited six PLS Middle School students to be guests on her monthly Chalk Dust Chats Radio show. Ashley Glover, Jade McAdams, Amanda Wieck, Kelly Phipps, Chris Vanderwall, and Kristin Spain spoke about showing pride in themselves and their school. The October show was prerecorded in the PLS Library. If you would like to hear a recording of this show, each of the students involved and Vicki Oleson have tapes. We'd be happy to share them.

Student's Comments

- **Jordan Landau** (Sixth Grade Senate)
Ms. Oleson is our math and science teacher for sixth grade this year. So far we have been learning about decimals and problem solving. In science we have been learning about Aldo Leopold (an environmentalist). The other day we went outside to observe ants. It was very interesting.
- **Karrie McCabe** (Seventh Grade Senate)
Dr. Countryman is the science teacher for 7th grade. Our very first job was "drops on a penny" to see how many drops of water will fit on a penny. Right now we're doing consumer testing like different pop, gum, chocolate, food, etc. So far Science is really fun.
- In math we have a new teacher. His name is Mr. Nanke. We are working out of a

book for awhile called Data About Us. We are mostly reviewing what we learned last year in 6th grade. We have a math review once a week which has four different sheets with seven questions in each. We do mental math each day and after that we have a pretend lottery Power Ball.

We have sports through school this year in 7th grade. Right now there is volleyball and football. The 7th graders are having fun participating in sports. This is our first year of sports.

- **Matthew Sweiger** (Seventh Grade Senate)
In P.E. this year the coaches are Coach Phipps and Coach Smith. So far we have been playing soccer and running the mile.

In art with Mr. Knivslund we have been drawing pictures of nature with ink pens and that takes patience. We have just started to draw with charcoal. That is messy.

- **Jenny Schatzberg** (Eighth Grade Senate)
In Math we mostly play games, but while we play we learn and Mr. Ockenga always makes it seem like we aren't learning and that we're just having fun.

In Russian, Mr. Sweigert always has us laughing and always knows how to cheer us up even if we are in a really bad mood.

I don't have French right now, but the teacher for that class is Mr. Hoeft. Dr. Darrow is the teacher for Technology Education.

Mr. Fanelli conducts the orchestra and wants us to play our best. He does a good job teaching us.

Our coaches for P.E. are Coach Myers and Coach Phipps. We have had Coach Phipps for three years now and all of us like him a lot. Coach Myers always has a smile on his face and that makes us happy too.

- **Karita Moore** (Eighth Grade Senate)
In Science we're learning about measurements and also how to play golf off paper, which is really fun. Our science teacher is Mrs. Graber. She's a really fun teacher also and expects you to get all of your work done and handed in on time.

In Spanish we're learning about verbs and nouns and how to pronounce the Spanish Language properly. My Spanish teacher is Rosa Maria Findlay. She's always making us smile and laugh.

In Chorus, we're working on a video of us acting goofy so that we can send it on Funniest Home Videos. We hope to win. Our chorus teacher is Dr. Renfro.

In Band, we basically learn how to play songs. Dr. Upham is our band teacher and he expects us to play our best.

Secondary . . . by Vickie Robinson

Welcome Student Teachers

Price Laboratory School is pleased to welcome three student teachers to the music and physical education departments. Mr. Mike Matson of Newton and Mr. Cory Burkle of Dyersville are working at the elementary and secondary levels with Mrs. Smith, Mr. Waack, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Smith and Mr. Myers. Both of Mr. Matson's parents are teachers, so discussions on education have always been a part of his life. Mr. Burkle played football at UNI and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to coaching. Mr. Matson is also assisting as a coach at Price Lab.

Ms. Christine Rayburn is from Mason City where she acquired an interest in music at an early age. She is working with Price Lab's orchestra director, Mr. Fanelli. Not only is she teaching classes, she also gives lessons and will be conducting some of the numbers at a November concert.

All three of the student teachers express satisfaction with their placements, their cooperating teachers and with the students. Each one will be working at Price Lab through the month of December. - Lowell Hoeft

Conferences Reminder

Conferences will be held on November 6 and November 7. There will be no classes for elementary and middle school students on November 6 and November 7. High school students will have class on November 6 but not on November 7. Elementary and middle school conferences are scheduled with the teacher/advisor. High school conferences will be held arena style in the Field House on November 6 from 5:00 - 7:00 and November 7 from 11:00 - 1:00.

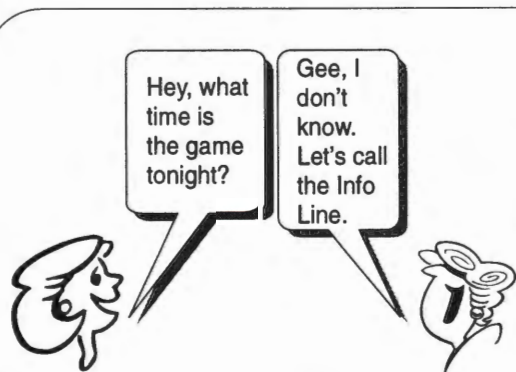
E-mail Addresses

If you have an e-mail address, please provide the address when you attend the November conference. Each teacher will have an address sheet available at conferences.

Student Media Release

Price Laboratory School serves the UNI College of Education and other university divisions as a laboratory for the preparation of education personnel. The Laboratory School and its faculty also engage in education research, curriculum development, preparation/distribution of materials, and production of audio and video demonstrations and courses.

When you enroll your student in Price Laboratory School you agree to allow Price Laboratory School/the University of Northern Iowa to develop and use, without pay, educational media (audio and or video recordings, still or motion pictures) that include your student. In turn these media may become part of presentations, programs, publications, fiber optic transmissions, or other professional endeavors.



Info Line

273-7668

Call info line for **all** important daily information.

Weather Emergencies

Whenever school hours are altered for a weather emergency, this information is broadcast over the following radio and television stations:

TELEVISION

Channel 7 (KWWL)
Channel 9 (KCRG)

RADIO

AM 950 (KOEL)
1250 (KCFI)
1330 (KWLO)
1470 (KWAY)
1090 (KNWS)

FM 101.9 (KNWS)
108 (KFMW)
88.1 (KBBG)
91 (KUNI)
105.7 (KOKZ)
97.7 (KCRR)
98.5 (KKCV)
99.3 (KWAY)
92.3 (KOEL)

In these announcements, we are identified as Price Lab School (not Cedar Falls public or parochial schools).

Student Messages

Parents: You and your student(s) (grades 6-12) need to be aware of our method of getting messages from you to your child. If a parent has the need to call with a message, the student's name is posted on the Message Board outside the office. Students are expected to periodically check that board during the day. We rely on the Message Board for this type of communication. PLS has no intercom system and office staff are unable to leave the office unattended in order to deliver messages. In case of emergencies, someone will get the message to the student in a timely manner. However, it is expected that parents will use good judgment when calling in messages.



Shakespeare Play Held at NU

NU Theatre will present Shakespeare's Classic play, **Romeo and Juliet** on November 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. As almost every high school student in America studies Romeo and Juliet sometime during their school career, this production and the accompanying course, Advanced Shakespeare Seminar, attempts to give life to the study of Shakespeare. Butzier Auditorium will be transformed into the Globe Theatre, 1595 while our cast will become Richard Burbage's Kingsmen acting company. Our production will be an active, energetic staging of the play utilizing the original text. Students have worked to present the language so that a modern audience will be able to understand. We believe our audience will be pleased with the results. This production will be an entertaining trip to Elizabethan England. I recommend this production for students in grades 5-12. Parents are invited to attend with their student and discuss what they have seen. Tickets are available in the PLS Language Arts office, room 220.

On Thursday, November 6, area high schools will attend a matinee performance of the play where cast members will present workshops for students in fencing, acting, and Shakespearean language.

Make plans to attend our spring musical, **Peter Pan**, a PLS mega-production which will involve over 200 students. We also need parent volunteers for this community-wide production. Tickets will go on sale in December. Get your tickets early as the production will most likely sell out. — *Rick Vanderwall*

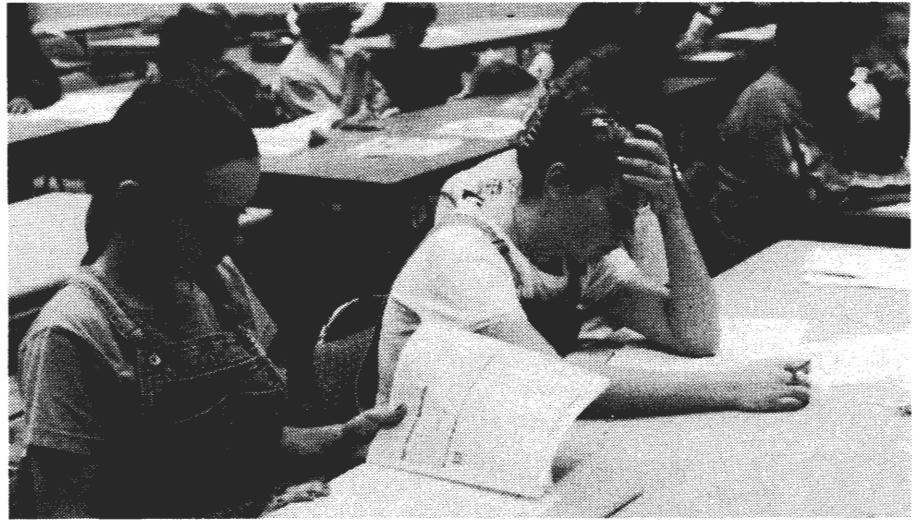
High School Concert November 11

The first concert of the 1997-98 school year will be performed on Tuesday, November 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Butzier Auditorium at PLS.

The concert will begin with the high school orchestra and chamber orchestra under the direction of Michael Fanelli, followed by the high school chorus and NU Singers, directed by Linda Sharp Renfro. The concert will conclude with the high school concert band and jazz band directed by Leonard Upham.

There is no admission charge for the concert. Please be sure to attend and invite friends and relatives to join you. Together, we can fill the auditorium!!

Guidance . . . by Nicole Needham Wee



Grade 9 through 12 participated in ITED testing held in Maucker Union Expansion on October 9.

The PLAN test will be administered on November 3 from 8:00 to 11:45 a.m. The PLAN is recommended for college-bound sophomores and contains a career-planning segment. The PLAN was developed to simulate the experience of taking the ACT. Sign up in the Guidance Office for the test by October 28.

The Financial Aid Night for juniors and seniors planning to attend college will be held on December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cedar Falls High School Auditorium. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid will be arriving in the Guidance Office sometime in December.

Upcoming Testing Dates

ACT	Register by Nov. 10	Test on December 13
SAT	Register by Dec. 19	Test on January 24

A college representative from the University of Iowa will meet with students in the Guidance Office on November 5 at 9:30 a.m. Students must sign up one day in advance and get a pass.

Seniors watched a video called "Applying to College" in October and received information on state financial aid and a booklet on all the Iowa colleges and universities. Ask your senior for this information.

Thanks to all the parents who attended Freshman/Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Guidance Nights. If you would like a copy of the material distributed, please call the Guidance Office at 273-2232.

Small groups will be established in early November for any juniors and seniors who would like extra help with career and college planning. Groups will meet on a weekly basis for a period of eight weeks. Seniors will have top priorities for group.

Congratulations!

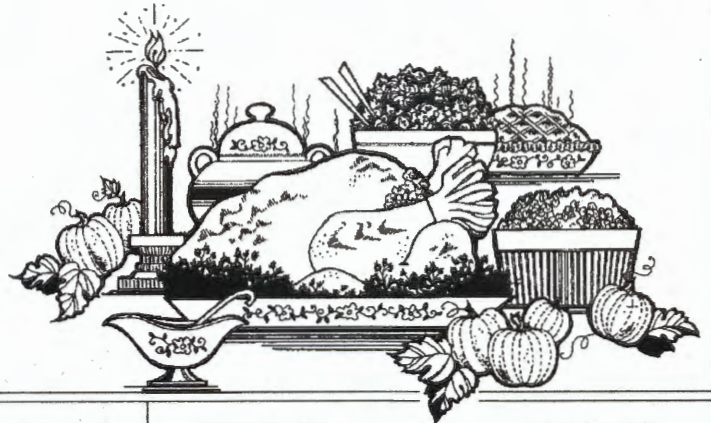
Congratulations to Rosa Maria deFindlay! She received an award from the Iowa Civil Rights Commission for her individual efforts on behalf of Iowa's Hispanic population. Rosa Maria was honored at a dinner in Des Moines on October 23.

Curriculum Available

Curriculum has been compiled for all subject areas for grades 6-12. It consists of the eight notebooks which are located in Dr. Robinson's office. The notebooks include goals, course objectives, assessments, and major activities for Consumer Science, Personal Wellness, Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Fine Arts, Mathematics and Modern Language.

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PLS Breakfast and Lunch Menus



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast includes choice of juice and cereal every day. All meals include milk. Lunches include salad bar. (One time through)				
Nov. 3 Toast/Jelly Chicken & Noodles Peas n' Carrots Pears Peanut Butter Sandwich Chocolate Chip Bar	Nov. 4 Egg Omelette Toasted Ham n' Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Salad Fresh Fruit	Nov. 5 Raisin Toast Chicken Patty/Bun Corn Fruited Jello	Nov. 6 Toast/Jelly NK-8 Conferences No classes Cheeseburger Tator Tots Fresh Fruit	Nov. 7 No Classes NK-12 Conferences
Nov. 10 Toast/Jelly Sloppy Joe Hamburger Baked Beans Fruit Cocktail	Nov. 11 English Muffin Beef n' Bean Burrito Fresh Fruit Pudding	Nov. 12 Toast/Peanut Butter Pork Fritter/Bun Cole Slaw Peaches	Nov. 13 Raisin Toast Spaghetti Garlic Toast Green Beans Applesauce	Nov. 14 Toast/Jelly Hot Dog French Fries Fresh Fruit
Nov. 17 Toast/Jelly BBQ'd Turkey/Bun Sweet Potatoes Fruit Cocktail Cookie	Nov. 18 Breakfast Bar Lasagna Peas Applesauce Buttered Bread	Nov. 19 Toast/Jelly Corn Dog Tator Tots Fresh Fruit Peanut Butter Pie	Nov. 20 English Muffin Baked Potato/Topping Choice Buttered Bread Pears	Nov. 21 Toast/Jelly Pizza Slice Carrot Salad Fresh Fruit
Nov. 24 French Toast Toasted Cheese Sandwich Soup Fresh Fruit	Nov. 25 Toast/Jelly Chicken/Macaroni Parmigiana Green Beans Buttered Bread Apple Crisp	Nov. 26	Nov. 27	Nov. 28
Thanksgiving Break No Classes				

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Malcolm Price Laboratory School Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

							1 GSW Districts 9:00am Set Crew 12:00pm CC State @Fort Dodge
2	3 VB Regional 8:00am -12:00 PLAN Test (SEC 247) 6:00pm Dress Reh	4 4:00pm -5:30 PLS Task Force 6:00pm Dress Reh 6:00pm -7:00 PTP Meeting	5 FB First Round 3:00pm Dress Reh	6 NK-8 Conf (No NK-8 Classes) 7:00am Jazz Band 3:00pm Dress Reh 5:00pm -7:00 HS Conf in Fieldhouse 7:30pm NU Singers 8:30pm Cham Orch	7 GSW State NK-12 Conferences (No Classes) 11:00am -1:00 HS Conf in Fieldhouse 7:30pm Play Performance	8 GSW State 7:30pm Play Performance	
9	10 GBB Practice Begins FB Quarterfinal 10:30am Sr Class Mtg 7:30pm Concert Rehersal	11 VETERAN'S DAY 7:30pm HS Concert	12	13 VB State 7:00am Jazz Band 7:30pm NU Singers 8:30pm Cham Orch	14 FB Semi Finals VB State	15 FB Semi Finals VB State	
16	17 BBB Practice Begins BSW Practice Begins NICL Honor Band @Hudson	18 7:00pm NU Singers 7:30pm Basketball Rules Meeting 8:00pm Cham Orch	19	20 All St Music Fest @Ames MS Parent Work Conf 7:00am Jazz Band 7:30pm -10:00 Booster Club Mtg in Lounge	21 FB State All St Music Fest @Ames	22 FB State All St Music Fest @Ames	
23 Model State Union - DM	24 GBB Jamboree @ Columbus Model State Union - DM	25 Model State Union - DM 6:30pm GBB vs Janesville	26 Thanksgiving Break	27 THANKSGIVING Thanksgiving Break	28 Thanksgiving Break	29	
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Child Development Center . . . by Sheri Hoffman



Mary Franken receives the first Friend of the Center Award.

Friend of the Center Award

The University of Northern Iowa Child Development Center presented the first Friend of the Center award to Dr. Mary Franken at 6:30 p.m. on October 7, 1997. This award was based on outstanding service and/or contributions as an advocate for campus child care and for young children.

For eight years Dr. Franken served as chair of the UNI Campus Child Care committee. During that time her efforts resulted in the expansion of space provided in moving the Center from the Student Education Center to Price Laboratory School, as well as advocating increased funding. Dr. Franken was presented with a certificate and a plaque with her name on it during the dedication which will be displayed at the Center.

Parents and children were invited to attend the ceremony and observe the broad array of childrens artwork.

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