



### North Nodaway R-VI Winner of the 2007 Commissioner's Award of Excellence for Professional Development

By: Dana Nally

North Nodaway R-VI is the only small school district in the state of Missouri to win the 2007 Commissioner's Award of Excellence for Professional Development. North Nodaway's selection represents a unique honor and serves as a testament to the district's professional development practices and their impact on student achievement.

As an award recipient, the district will be recognized at the 2007 Show-Me Professional Development Conference on March 18, 2007 at the Lake of the Ozarks. At the awards ceremony, the district will be introduced by Dr. Bert Schulte, Deputy Commissioner of Education. They will be presented a plaque and receive a \$2500 monetary award to enhance professional development efforts.

In order to support high levels of learning for all by communicating and facilitating standards-



Above are the faculty members who accepted the Commissioner's Award of Excellence for Professional Development. From left to right, High School Principal Pat McKee, Travis Dimmitt, Jeremy Ingraham, Kathrine Auffert, Belinda VonBeren, Elementary Principal Dana Nally, and Bert Schulte, Deputy Commissioner of Education. The district was recognized at the 2007 Show-Me Professional Development Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort in the Lake of the Ozarks.

based staff development practices throughout Missouri, the North Nodaway school district is scheduled to highlight their efforts and how those efforts meet the professional development standards outlined in the Commissioner's Rubric through a presentation on Monday, March 19 at the Show-Me Professional Development Conference.

This award is designed to both honor professional development excellence and to expand the growing network of professional development leaders who take a

leadership role in Missouri to assist other districts in their professional development efforts.

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## March Students of The Month



Ryan Riley is in Preschool at North Nodaway. His favorite activity at school is playing with blocks. Ryan is the youngest in his family. He has an older brother who is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade also at North Nodaway. Ryan's favorite color is green. Ryan looks

to the future already. "When I grow up I want to be a policeman," stated Ryan.

Paxson Haws is in Mrs. Glidden's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. Her favorite part of her day at school is recess. At home Paxson likes to play with her cat, Callie and watch TV. Her favorite movie is *Titanic* because it interests her. When Paxson enters a career it will be in the world of Science.

"When I grow up I want to be a scientist because I like science," said Paxson.



Curtis Jones is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at North Nodaway. His favorite subject in school is History and you will often find him at home watching television after school. The Pacifier is his favorite movie. Curtis has one sister, Megan, in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He also

has one dog by the name of Buddy. Curtis' role model is his father.



Samantha Smyser is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at North Nodaway. Sam is an only child that enjoys school because she gets to hang out with her friends. When she is at home you can probably find her playing her Playstation. Saw III is her

favorite movie. Sam's role models are her mom and dad.

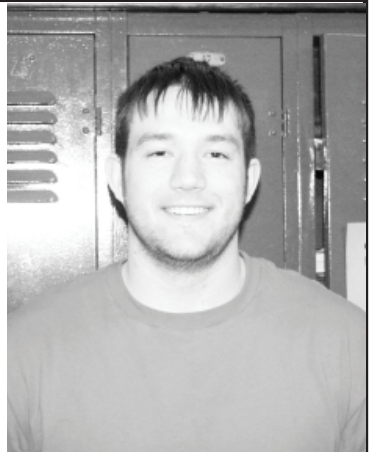


This March, Rachel Fultz was selected as a High School Student of the Month at North Nodaway. Rachel is a freshman this year. While at school Rachel enjoys going to History class with Mr. Dimmit. When Rachel is not going to school she likes to hang out

with her friends and go horse-back riding. She also likes watching the movie *Wild Hogs*. After high school Rachel plans to attend Syracuse University and train to become a vet.

Quent Blackford was chosen as a Student of the Month at North Nodaway. Quent is a junior in high school. As a high school student, Quent enjoys going to his Contemporary Issues class with Mr. Dimmit. In his free time, Quent likes to play sports, fish, hunt,

and work. He also enjoys watching his favorite TV show *Family Guy*. In his future Quent wants to attend Northwest Missouri State University. He would like to major in the sports management or business management field.



Each month six students will be selected at random as Students Of The Month for the Mustang Metro. We Hope you enjoy this opportunity to get to know the great students of North Nodaway.

# StuCo Members Attend 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Attends County Government Day State Convention

By: Shawn Frueh

The North Nodaway Student Council went to Saint Louis for the Missouri Student Council State Convention on March 8-11.

At the convention they participated in many motivational workshops. A quote they had for motivation was "Don't follow, be the leader." Some other fun activities they got to do was go to a dance and the bungee run. One dance they learned to do was the brown squirrel dance.

The North Nodaway Student Council received the gold award which is the best award a local Student Council can receive. Our Student Council officers learned we need students with more school spirit and more leaders, less followers. They gained lots of new ideas to make our school better and also to have fun.

By: Shawn Frueh

On County Government Day, March 14, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders toured the county offices. The four places they visited were the Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Fire and Police station, and the Legion building. This activity is to help them figure out a little more about the government.

They also attended a court case as an opportunity to give their opinions on how they perceive applications of the law. They got to hand out verdicts as well as punishments in the mock trial.

The favorite thing about Coun-

ty Government Day was when Rex Wallace, County Assessor, showed GPS computer graphics that could go anywhere in the world and see satellite images.

Mr. Ingraham thought it was a beneficial for the students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade to go to County Government Day and see how our immediate needs as citizens are met. He thought that the students understand these concepts better after attending the County Government Day field trip. All in all the students enjoyed the trip and learned a lot about government in action.



On Monday March 5, 2007, the North Nodaway community, including students and faculty, took time out of their schedules to donate blood to the Community Blood Center at the Hopkins Community Building. Pictured are Cody Schimming and Mr. Ingraham.

## Fifth Grade Explores New Worlds of Learning

### 5th Grade Basketball

by: Nicholas Gladman, Kelby Hansen, Joel Baldwin, & Fred Rios

The boys participated in the Jefferson Tournament. The 5th grade boys got 2nd place. They had to play Worth County and Jefferson. North Nodaway won against Worth County and lost against Jefferson for first place.

In the boys tournament at South Nodaway and St. Gregory's, the boys had to play in both tournaments on the same weekend.

In the St. Gregory's tournament, we had to play numerous teams. In one of the games against Fairfax, Fred Rios had to shoot two free throws. Fred made one and then he made the other one to win the game. The score was 7-8 and we came out on top. That was some of our tournaments that we played in. The whole team had a successful year on the 5th grade basketball team.

### Math Team

by: Christy Morgan, Brittany Bix, & Colton Steeve

The people on the math team this year are Christy Morgan, Colton Steeve, Brittany Bix, Ricky Rios, Carl Mason, Samantha Frueh, Courtney Martin, Leslie Birkenholz, Brandon Owens, Jennifer Brown, and Megan Jones

The math problems that we do consist of two parts: Concepts and Problem Solving.

We all practiced very hard on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. At these practices, we had Problem Solving and Concepts problems. The Concepts problems were the hardest. During this time we had snacks, which consisted of popcorn, pop, and peanut butter cookies.

The Math Contest was held Saturday, March 10th at 8:00 a.m. at NWMSU.

This year was tough because only Carl Mason got 7th and Brandon Owens got 6th.

### Dioramas

by: Shannon Wood, Marissa Brown, and Alisha Woods

This year in Social Studies we had to make dioramas of the Pueblo and Iroquois Indian villages.

Iroquois houses are 60 ft. long and 18 ft. wide. These homes are called long houses.

Pueblo's homes are called pueblos. They're made of a clay mixture called adobe.

The teacher broke us into groups and then we built the Iroquois or Pueblo environment. We made our dioramas out of a shoe box, clay, sticks, and some people brought trinkets for Indians and animals.

We learned many things about the Pueblo and Iroquois environment. Most people liked the class project.

### Halloween Carnival

by: Chelsie Titus & Keegan King

At this year's Halloween Carnival, we did many things. Some of the games at the Halloween carnival were musical chairs, Help the Black Cat Put It's Tail Back On, Halloween Bingo, Jumping Spiders, Fortune Teller, and Face Paintings.

This year for the carnival, the 5th graders came up with a game and created signs for their game. Everyone had fun dressing up in costumes. We all did a great job!

### Reading Day

by: Taylor Carter, Nathan Steinmen, & James Leach

On Wednesday, March 6, 2007, Reading Day came to North Nodaway Elementary. The 5th grade goal was to read 100 books but we passed that and read 123 books. The 2nd grade's goal was to read 100 books and they met their goal by reading over 200 books.

A few classes read non-stop all day to reach their goal. The theme was Hawaiian Day in which you could dress in summer clothes. That's what happened on Wednesday, March 6, 2007 at North Nodaway Elementary.

### 100 Day Stories!!

by: Cambry Schluter, Erin Greeley, and Hallie Henggeler

The 5th graders have gotten older this year. It was the 100th day of school and we imagined ourselves as 100 years old.

For this project we created stories of what we would be like when we are 100 years old. Then for the pictures we imagined ourselves when we would be 100 and we drew ourselves at that age. Our pictures are different because we are older.

Typing took a lot of our time. Writing our drafts took a lot of time too. We had to go through 3 drafts. Some of our stories were long, others were short. All of them are still really good stories.

That is how we celebrated the 100th day of school.

## NN Basketball Scores

### Varsity Boys

**North Nodaway 56**

**South Holt 44**

Leading Scorers:

Jace Randle - 20

Quent Blackford - 19

Leading Rebounders:

Jace Randle - 12

Quent Blackford - 8

**North Nodaway 31**

**South Nodaway 75**

Leading Scorers:

Jace Randle - 21

Quent Blackford - 13

Doug McKee - 8

Shaawn Frueh - 8

### Varsity Girls

**North Nodaway 41**

**South Holt 51**

Leading Scorers:

Erin Mason - 11

Traci DeMott - 11

Leading Rebounders:

Kara Nicholson - 9

Cortni Livengood - 8

**North Nodaway 31**

**South Nodaway 75**

Leading Scorers:

Traci DeMott - 9

Cortni Livengood - 8

Megann Davis - 8

## North Nodaway Competes in Districts

By: Doug McKee

The number 2 seeded North Nodaway Lady Mustangs advanced all the way to the championship game against conference rival Mound City Panthers who were seeded number 1. The Mustang Men who were seeded 4<sup>th</sup> had to play 5<sup>th</sup> seed Mound City.

The girls played Rockport to start off their district run. The girls started off slowly but got things going in the second half and won. Leading scorers were Megann Davis with 17, and Kara Nicholson with 8. Leading rebounders were Cortni Livengood with 5 and Kara Nicholson with 4.

The girls then advanced to the semi-finals where they took on the Northeast Nodaway Bluejays. The girls came out fired up and never let up as they took the game. Leading scorers were Traci DeMott with 18 and Davis adding 15. Leading rebounders were Liv-

engood and DeMott with 7. This game advanced the girls the right to play in the district championship against the Mound City Panthers.

The Panther's defense never let up as they startled the Mustangs throughout the game causing them to turn the ball over. The Mustangs fell short of the championship and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the District 16 Tournament. Leading scorers for the game were DeMott with 17 and Emily Murphy with 9. Rebounding for the game were Livengood with 8, and Erin Mason with 5.

The Lady Mustangs accept the 2nd place trophy from the District 16 basketball tournament at Mound City.



## A Minute of Madness with Quent and Jake

It's March and it's Awesome Baby!

As you all know the month of March is all about College basketball. It is a month of upsets and Cinderella stories. Dreams come true and champions are crowned. It is one of the most historical months in sports.

It starts with selection Sunday as the best 64 teams in Division I are chosen for the NCAA Championship Tournament. During this Sunday, many people across the county are filling out their brackets and betting on their pick to win. With all the teams selected, many of whom have never faced each other, upsets are a guarantee. A perfect bracket is like finding a 32-point buck, broadside, at 15 yards; it is almost never going to happen. Yet picks are made, bets are placed

and the madness begins.

Opening Day comes and no one leaves the computer or TV for fear of missing the outcome of any of the games. In our opinion this is the most exciting day of the tournament because the feeling is new and ecstatic and fans around the U.S. still think their teams can win it all.

With the field of 64 now cut down to 32, it is all about making it to the Sweet 16. This is where the lower seeds prove their first round upset was not a fluke. They have the opportunity to make the non-believers believe. Everywhere there are people who could love to see the Davids take down the Goliaths. Seriously, who didn't like to see Duke get beat by VCU in the first round?

Next comes the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight rounds. The number 1 seeds could finally see their first

The Mustang Men played Mound City in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of district play. It was a hard fought battle through most of the game but the Panthers came away with the win sending the Mustangs home. Leading scorers for the game were Doug McKee with 11, Jason DeMott and Quent Blackford each with 9. Rebounding for the game were Jace Randle with 8 and Blackford pulled down 6.

true test of the tournament. The stakes are much higher because teams start to realize how close their dream is to coming true.

The Final Four is the final opportunity teams have to make it to the Championship. With it consisting of the top teams in the country. The competition is the highest there is. The winners will go on to the championship game and make history.

It is all on the line at the Championship game. No one is an underdog, and there are no favorites. Every player and every coach knows what is at stake and will do everything it takes to win.

Couples cancel dates, men stay home from their job, and teens rush home after school, all to see one thing, the National Championship game.

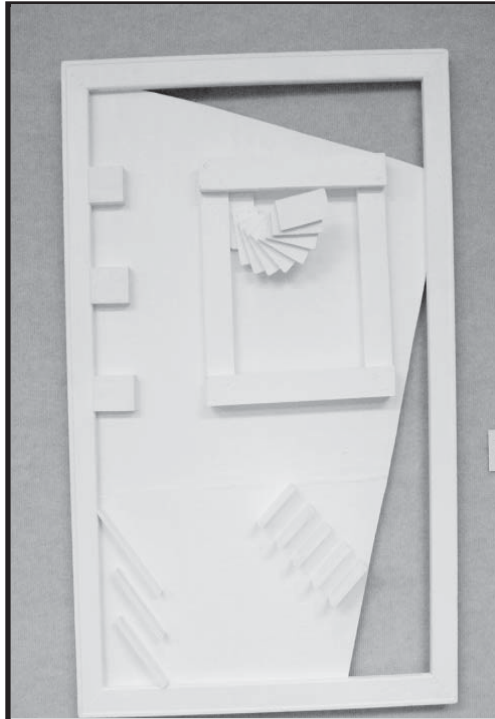
# Senior Students Display Artwork at Albrecht Kemper Museum

By: Megann Davis

Four students from North Nodaway displayed a piece of their artwork at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in St. Joseph. Their artwork will hang from March 4 to April 5 in the Regional High School Art Exhibition 2007 competition. There are over 75 schools from Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas invited to participate in this competition and there are nine different categories that the artwork can be entered into.

The four selected students from North Nodaway were seniors; Kristin Gray, Rebecca Stringer, Kara Nicholson, and Brent Hendrix. Kristin's piece was a Relief Sculpture titled "What's my color?" Rebecca's piece was a Charcoal Drawing titled "Haunted." Kara Nicholson made an Acrylic self-portrait painting titled "Soul Fire." Lastly, Brent Hendrix created a wire and wood sculpture titled "Neonic."

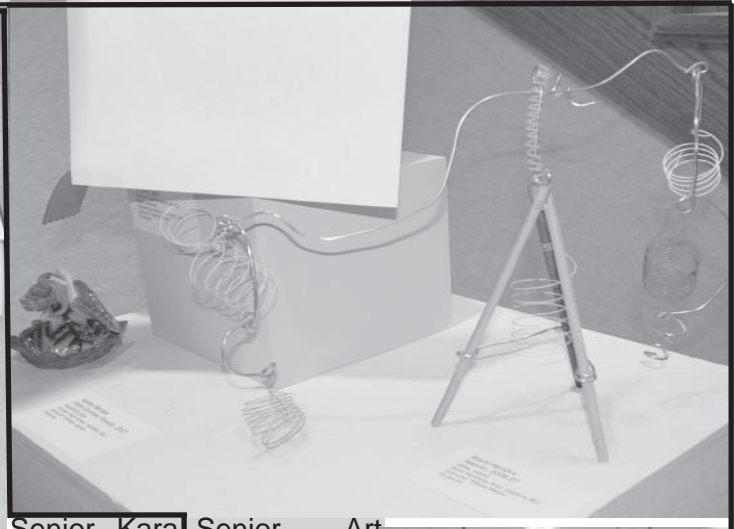
After their pieces of work are reviewed, first, second, third place, and honorable mentions will be awarded for each category. First place winners will receive a one-year family membership to the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art. The awards will be presented during a special reception for the artists on March 4<sup>th</sup>.



Senior Kristin Gray, Art IV, entered her relief sculpture entitled "What's My Color?" into the exhibition



Senior Art Student Rebecca Stringer entered her charcoal drawing entitled "Haunted".



Senior Kara Nicholson, Art IV, entered her acrylic painting self-portrait entitled "Soul Fire."

Senior Art Student Brent Hendrix entered his sculpture entitled "Neonic" into the exhibition



## Public Input Requested for North Nodaway Mission & Goals

The North Nodaway Board of Education, Superintendent Joan Bolon, and the North Nodaway Staff want your input about the mission and goals for the North Nodaway R-VI School District. The proposed goals and mission are:

- We believe our students will be responsible individuals who display positive character traits within their school and community which will enable them to succeed in a global society.
- We believe our classroom instruction must be individualized as well as challenging and engaging at all levels in order to develop and enhance skills for life-long learners.
- We believe our curriculum represents the high expectations of our District by meeting the needs of every student.
- We believe students and staff are provided with a clean, safe, and up-to-date environment conducive to learning.
- We believe the mutual sup-

port and communication between families, community and school has a positive influence on the education of our students.

- We believe the District maintains a quality staff which utilizes the opportunities and resources provided by the District to support growth as professionals.
- We believe the educational process will promote healthy choices for life-long wellness.

What are your thoughts about the goals and mission of the District? We appreciate your input.

**Email comments to:**

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**Or mail to:**

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**10 Students Compete at District FBLA Contest**  
by: Jace Randle

Ten North Nodaway FBLA students chose to attend the FBLA contest on March 6. Each student that attended was required to complete a 100 question test in a 45 minute time slot over different classes taught in the Business Curriculum. Attending were: Megann Davis and Brooke Florea in Accounting II, Traci DeMott and Kylie Schluter in Accounting I, Quent Blackford and Jacob Greeley in Desktop Publishing, Elizabeth Cossins in Economics, Rachel Fultz and Natasha Blackford in Word Processing I and Jesse Birkenholz in Business Math. The two students with the highest scores are selected to advance on to the FBLA State Convention in Columbia on April 15-17. Junior Elizabeth Cossins earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Economics allowing her to advance to state. "This is a good opportunity for the students to practice the skills they have been learning in class" said Ms. Wilmes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 School Play 2:00	2 CSIP Meeting 6:30 JH Track @ Rock Port 4:00	3 Family Reading Night SUCCESS Adv. Council Meeting 5:45 @ Elem. HS Track @ Rock Port 4:00	4	5	6 NO SCHOOL	7
8	9 NO SCHOOL JH Track @ Tarkio 4:00	10 Family Reading Nigh HS Track @ Rock Port 1:30	11	12 Elementary Music Concert K-2 @ Pickering HS Track @ Stanberry 4:15	13 Elementary Music Concert/Band 3-5 @ Pickering	14 Prom
15	16 JH Track @ Mound City 4:30	17 Family Reading Night HS Track @ Worth County 1:30	18	19 MS/HS Fine Arts Nigh 7 pm Broco Bookworms 5:30 pm	20 FFA State Convention - Columbia	21
22	23 Elem. Mark Twain Book Club 5:30 JH Track @ West Nodaway 4:00	24 Family Reading Night MS Mark Twain Book Club 5:30 HS Track @ West Nodaway 4:00	25	26 HS Track @ North Andrew 4:00	27	28
29	30 JH Track @ Rock Port 4:00 (Conference Meet)			<h1 style="font-size: 2em;">April</h1> <p><b>Family Reading Nights 6:30-8:00</b></p>		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 B: Asst. Cereals, Bagel, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Taco Salad OR Polish Sausage on Bun, Chips, Mixed Vegetables, Pasta Salad, Pears, Frozen Dessert, Milk	3 B: Breakfast Pizza, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Meatball Sub OR BBQ Rib on Bun, Potatoes Au Gratin, Carrots, Lettuce Salad, Chop Chop Salad, Orange Wedges, Animal Crackers, Milk	4 B: Large Glazed Donut, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Comdog OR Cheeseburger, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Lettuce Salad, Cinnamon Applesauce, Macaroni Salad, Pumpkin Bar, Milk	5 B: Skillet Sausage Frittata, Buttered Toast, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Pizza OR Chicken Salad Sandwich, Chips, Asst. Vegetables, Lettuce Salad, Bread, Asst. Salads, Asst. Fruits, Muffin Squares, Milk	6 NO SCHOOL
9 NO SCHOOL	10 B: Waffles, Syrup, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Burrito OR Pork Fritter, Chips, Peas, Rice, Bread, Lettuce Salad, Rosey Applesauce, Potato Salad, Pudding Pop, Milk	11 B: Large Glazed Donut, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Popcorn Chicken OR Fish & Cheese on Bun, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Peaches, Lettuce Salad, Yogurt, Milk	12 B: Sausage Patty, Biscuit, Omelet, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Chicken Fried Steak OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Chips, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Lettuce Salad, Spaghetti Salad, Pineapple, Milk	13 B: Asst. Cereals, English Muffin, Fruit, Asst. Juice L: Chicken Fajitas OR Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pasta Alfredo, Asst. Vegetables, Asst. Salads, Asst. Fruits, Brownie, Milk
16 B: French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Nacho Supreme OR Cheeseburger, Corn, Chips, Spanish Rice, Applesauce, Lettuce Salad, Three Bean Salad, Pudding, Milk	17 B: Sausage Patty, Hasbrown Pattie, Buttered Toast, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Meatballs OR BBQ Beef, Buttered Pasta, Garlic Toast, California Mix, Chips, Lettuce Salad, Sunshine Pasta Salad, Peaches, Apple Crisp, Milk	18 B: Large Glazed Donut, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Chicken Pattie on Bun OR Hot Dog on Bun, Green Beans, Tator Tots, Lettuce Salad, Pineapple, Pea Salad, Cottage Cheese, Milke	19 B: Breakfast Tac-Go, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Hamburger on Bun OR Beef Fritter on Bun, French Fries, Peas, Salad, Pears, Lettuce Salad, Chocolate Cake, Milk	20 B: Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Comdog OR Sloppy Joe on Bun, Oven Browmed Buttered Potatoes, Asst. Vegetables, Asst. Fruits, Lettuce Salad, Asst. Salads, Chocolate Krinkle Cookie, Milk
23 B: Asst. Cereals, Donut Holes, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Frito Chili Pie OR BBQ Rib on Bun, Chips, Corn, Fruit Salad, Lettuce Salad, Potato Salad, Shape Ups, Milk	24 B: Sausage, Egg & Cheese Biscuit, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Potato Bravo OR Hot Dog on Bun, Tator Tots, Carrots, Lettuce Salad, Macaroni Salad, Mixed Fruit, Jello Cake, Milk	25 B: Large Glazed Donut, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Hamburger on Bun OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Pineapple, Cookies, Milk	26 B: Bacon & Cheese Eggstravaganza, Buttered Toast, Hashbrown Pattie, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Lasagna OR Pork Fritter on Bun, Garlic Toast, Chips, Peas, Lettuce Salad, Asst. Fruits, Chop Chop Salad, Milk	27 B: French Toast, Syrup, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Stu-Co Lunch -- Hamburger on Bun, Asst. Items, Asst. Vegetables, Asst. Fruits, Cinnamon Roll, Milk
30 B: Skillet Sausage Frittata, Buttered Toast, Fruit OR Juice, Milk L: Burrito OR Cheeseburger, Chips, Refried Beans, Peas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce Salad, Peaches, Three Bean Salad, Pudding, Milk		<h1>April Menus</h1>		

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