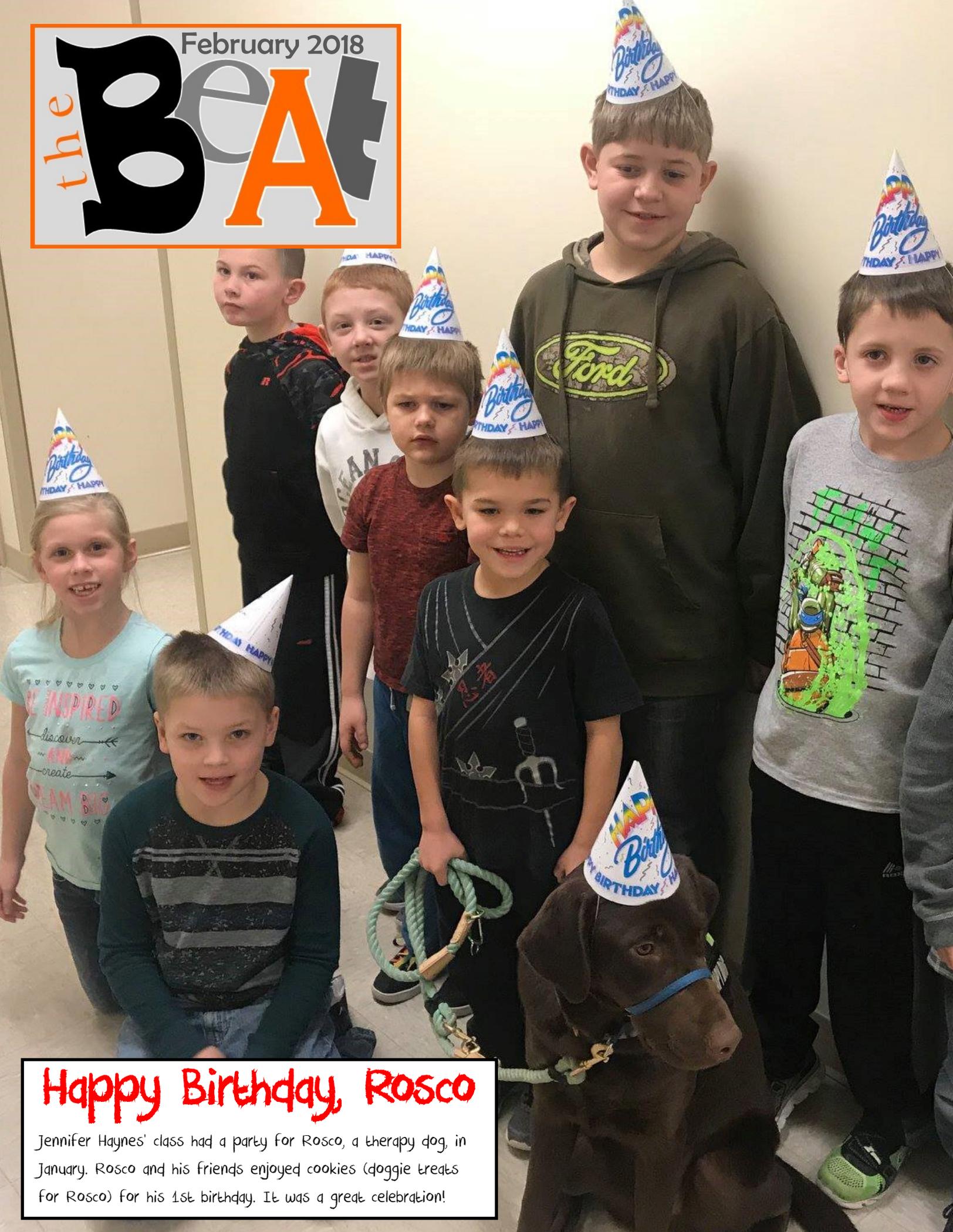


February 2018

the **BeAT**



Happy Birthday, Rosco

Jennifer Haynes' class had a party for Rosco, a therapy dog, in January. Rosco and his friends enjoyed cookies (doggie treats for Rosco) for his 1st birthday. It was a great celebration!



(above) Jeff Junker, middle school physical education teacher, get students active during class . (below) Junker does color commentary for News Channel Nebraska for a basketball game. He also does this during football season.

Junker named Employee of the Month

Jeff Junker was the January employee of the month. He received a \$50 gift certificate and a plaque.

“Jeff has been an outstanding addition to the Middle School. His positive attitude and caring nature help to create a safe, student centered learning environment which allows students to achieve curricular and personal self-improvement goals,” said his nominator.

He is a constant presence as students enter the middle school in the morning where he greets the students. Students look forward to Mr. Junker’s class and interacting with him in the halls where his cheerful smile and jovial nature are always welcome.

Additionally, Jeff does a great job as the Middle School Athletic Director. He is constantly seeking out additional competitions for all Middle School sports so that athletes can get the most playing that is possible and also doing all that is necessary to ensure that teams have safe, updated equipment and apparel. Jeff does an

excellent job working with and interacting with staff and administration.

Jeff’s good nature and willingness to assist others helps create an enjoyable, collaborative work environment which the staff takes pride in. Not only does Jeff care about the students and school, he also cares deeply about the community and those who live here. When a local sportscaster suf-

fered from health issues, Jeff regularly visited him in the hospital, kept staff and community members informed of his progress, and helped raise money to cover some of the medical expenses. All of us were deeply appreciative of Jeff’s efforts and very proud of how he represented our school, our district, and our community.



After coaching for a number of years Junker (left) continues his love of Beatrice athletics by offering color commentary for games on News Channel Nebraska. He works with Beatrice’s sports broadcaster Bryan Cook.

Hope Squad

BMS students provide students with hope

Twenty-four students at Beatrice Middle School are learning to Question, Persuade and Refer as a part of training to be Hope Squad participants. The goal is to reduce self-destructive behavior and youth suicide by training, building and creating change in schools and communities.

The students are trained to watch for at-risk students and provide friendship, identify warning signs, and seek help from adults. Hope Squad members are not taught to act as counselors, but rather, are educated on how to recognize signs of suicide contemplation, and how to properly and respectfully report this to an adult.

The idea for starting a chapter came from Dr. Don Belau, school psychologist. Counselors from all Beatrice schools attended a workshop last March based on Belau's suggestion. "Amy and I both thought it would be a good addition to the middle school," said Angela Vogel, counselor. They

What is a Hope Squad?

'Hope Squads are the eyes and ears of a school. They are comprised of students who are trained to watch for at-risk students—provide friendship, identify warning signs, and seek help from adults. Hope Squad advisors train students who have been identified by their classmates as trustworthy peers to serve as Hope Squad members.

Through evidence-based training modules, Hope Squad members are empowered to seek help and save a life. Hope Squad members are NOT taught to act as counselors, but rather, are educated on how to recognize signs of suicide contemplation, and how to properly and respectfully report this to an adult.

Hope Squad Website

<http://hopesquad.com/hope-squads/>

attended a second training in July and began the group this year.

Squad members are nominated by their peers and are selected for being good listeners, being caring, and someone students would feel comfortable with.

"Every single student nominated (24 total, 8 from each grade) agreed to be a part of this group," said Vogel. In addition, each student's parents agreed to the participation.

"There's been a great deal of time and effort in getting this group started. The entire staff at BMS have been nothing short of amazing. Among the staff, we have 10 Hope Squad advisors who are completely invested and are willing to go the extra mile to make our Hope Squad the best it can be," said Vogel.

The high school is also in the process of beginning a Squad.



Hope Squad members participate in a training exercise. Students meet monthly to work through the Hope Squad curriculum which helps them to Question, Persuade, and Refer.

HOPE SQUAD

HOLD ON. PERSUADE. EMPOWER.



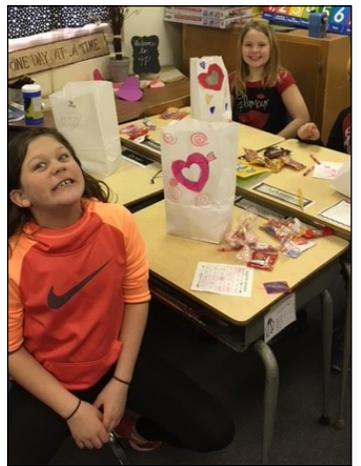
Row 1: Colin Mangnall, Ty Dittbrenner, Alex Busboom, Carly Meints, Kate Gleason, Erin Ware, Hannah Jobman, Paige Southwick **Row 2:** Shelton Crawford, Tucker Timmerman, Emmy Hoefer, Autumn Bartlett, Macy Gronewold, Anna Ideus, Nolan Marlatt, Trey Baehr **Row 3:** Tagg DeBoer, Olivia Pfeiffer, Kalynn Jeardoe, Morgan Mahoney, Avery Gaertig, Drew Gleason, Connor Hamilton **Not Pictured:** Olivia Saathoff **Row 4:** John Francis, Officer Price, Steven Carlson, Abby Kassmeier, Christie Schaaf, Angela Vogel **Not Pictured:** Pam Henning, Christina Lyons, Ross Hoglund, Amy Randel

Valentine's Day

at Lincoln



at Paddock Lane



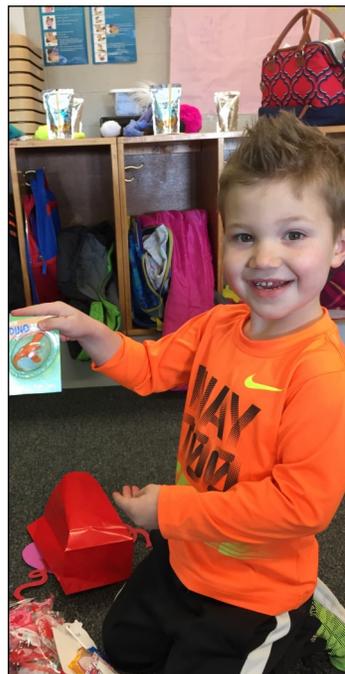
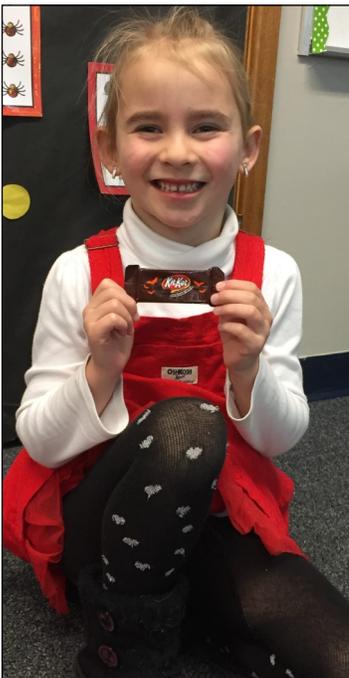
Celebrating Valentine's Day - Students did a variety of activities including the traditional sack for cards and candy, having a book read, making butterflies, watching a movie, playing bingo and most importantly, having fun. Many parents volunteered to help in classrooms.

Valentine's Day

at Stoddard



at Beatrice Community Preschool



They first staked their claim with Beatrice Public Schools and now are among the best in the nation

Hanshaw cares for the little ones



'I attended Beatrice Public Schools for my entire school career. I had some of the most fantastic, encouraging teachers that inspired me from early on. There were so many teachers/staff that cared for me as a person and helped me set and achieve my goals. I always enjoyed math and science and there were many opportunities to choose courses that interested me and helped build a foundation for my future. One of the many things that influenced me personally was the "School to Work" program which allowed students to work in their field of choice during school hours. It was during this time that I chose to pursue my career in nursing.'



Beatrice Public Schools All-Stars
Jenny Hanshaw, class of 2002

Jenny Hanshaw

Jenny Hanshaw is a pediatric nurse practitioner at the Beatrice Children's Clinic. She sees patients from newborn through 19 for both well child visits (preventative care) and acute illness.

She began her path to being a nurse practitioner at Southeast Community College earning a Licensed Practical Nursing degree. She then earned an

RN degree from Cloud County Community College, her Bachelor of Science degree from Nebraska Wesleyan, and her master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

In addition, the Clinic is also the pediatric hospital for acute care hospitalizations of pediatric admissions to the Beatrice Community Hospital.

She also assists with babies immediately following deliveries and follows them through their initial newborn admissions. "I absolutely love my job and caring for little patients," said Hanshaw.

One aspect she particularly enjoys is the child checks. "We get to discuss milestones and reassure parents that

things are going well," said Hanshaw. Although she does not like seeing kids sick during acute visits, it is great to be able to help them get well.

"And most of all, I love cuddling babies and providing education for teenagers," said Hanshaw.

Pediatric nurse practitioner Jenny Hanshaw with two of her youngest patients.



Board approves farm ground lease agreement

Jeff Junker, middle school physical education teacher and athletic director, was recognized as the January Employee of the Month.

Jon Zimmerman was elected board president. Other officers elected were Doris Martin, vice-president; Superintendent Pat Nauroth, secretary; and Janet Byars, treasurer.

Committee appointments were made by Zimmerman. School and Community Staff Relations are Janet Byars, chair; Doris Martin, and Jon Zimmerman. Americanism Committee are Nancy Sedlacek, chair; Lisa Pieper and Steve Winter. Negotiations Committee are Janet Byars, Doris Martin and Jon Zimmerman. Steve Winter was appointed as the NASB Legislative delegate and Doris Martin was named the Government Relations Network Representative.

High school athletic director recognized Cam Jurgens for being selected to the all-state football team.

Superintendent's Report

Nauroth said Terry Brethower and his team were able to complete a number of projects over the holiday break. He said the January Committee of the Whole will be held at the middle school so board members can experience the virtual reality lab.

Nauroth said the district had received the Big Red Math and science grant for

\$7500. The funds will be used for drone work at the middle school.

Student Report

Student Representative Colton Gronewold said second semester starts tomorrow. He said there was a basketball holiday tournament over break and the boys finished first and the girls third.

Audit Report

Ryan Bruns from Dana Cole presented the Audit Report. Bruns started by providing generalizations of the entire report by section. He said the audit showed there were no inaccuracies. He also said there was a net change (decrease) of \$1.3 million.

Restructuring

Nauroth told the board that he had worked through updating/consolidating the job descriptions of the central office administrative positions to move from four to three positions. In doing so, it became evident that the new organization structure should be Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Student Services. He said these changes mean some changes to a few board policies and those changes have been made and are reflected in draft policies. He added that the job description for the superintendent focuses on budget with the assistant superintendent

focusing on the curriculum and instruction side. Nauroth said he would have final job descriptions for the Board at the February meeting along with a recommendation to move to the new administrative structure.

Action Agenda

The board approved Pat Nauroth as the district's Federal Grant Representative, and John Brazell as the Financial Representative. Approval was also given to the side area network leasing and services agreement. The board also approved the farm ground lease with Garrett Freese from March 1, 2018 to February 29, 2020, for \$15,011 annually.

Next Meetings

A Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building. The next board meeting will be on March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Central Administration Building.

Beatrice Public Schools Board of Education

Janet Byars, Treasurer

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Nancy Sedlacek

Steve Winter

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Board of Education Meetings

Feb. 22, 6 p.m.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

March 12, 7 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting



Media specialist Karen Dittbrenner helps people take virtual trips in the middle school lab.