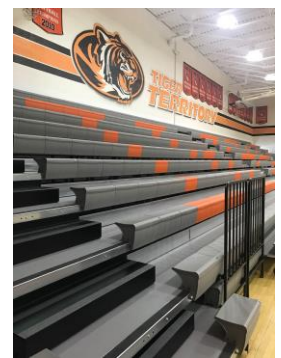
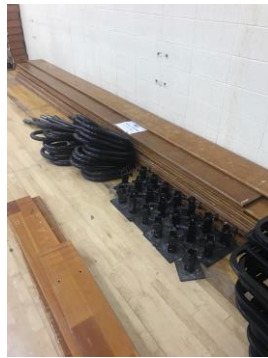




April 18, 2018 Superintendent Report

Mission: To provide a safe, comfortable, clean and caring environment where community and staff work together to provide an education that will maximize each individual's potential, instill a sense of self-worth, and prepare them for life-long learning.

1. On April 4 and 5, I attended the GWAEA Supt. Retreat in Dubuque. Topics discussed were: negotiations, staff handbooks, marketing strategies, culture issues during difficult times, and updates from Ryan Wise, the Iowa DE Director. Plenty of great information was shared at this annual retreat.
2. After the work over this past month, new LED lights and bleachers are sure to brighten up the gym with hopes of completion by April 21, the night of Prom's Grand March. To save the district money, the bleachers were taken out with the efforts of many of our talented staff members and students. The industrial arts program kept as much of the lumber and hardware that they wanted to use for future projects and the remaining pieces were bid out. What a great learning opportunity and cooperative effort by everyone involved! Found below are some of the pictures of this progress and finished result!



3. A huge thanks to Steve Krakow for all of the work he did for the baseball field; it looks terrific. Also, thanks to Doug Roberts for taking down the old netting so the new fencing could be installed at the baseball and softball fields. Their expertise is greatly appreciated!
4. Wishing the seniors a future filled with happiness- Many years ago, I read The Essential 55, written by Ron Clark. Ron was the 2001 Disney Teacher of the Year and wrote a book, which later became a movie, on life's rules which helped the students he taught in Harlem, NY, become the best students they could be. Some of these life rules are common sense but they become habits when they were practiced at school, home, and the workplace.

I chose five of the 55 to share with you. These are good reminders of how being disciplined, following the rules of life, and showing goodness and kindness can transform an apathetic person into a happy student or adult.

- Make eye contact when someone is speaking to you. If someone makes a comment, turn and face that person to show interest and respect.
- Say thank you when something is given to you. There is no excuse for not showing appreciation.
- Surprise others by performing random acts of kindness.
- Be positive and enjoy life. Some things just aren't worth getting upset over. Keep everything in perspective and focus on the good in your life.
- Be the best person you can be.

5. Negotiations from IVEA and IVCSd will begin at 8:30 AM in the superintendent's office on April 21, 2018. Opening proposals from both the IVEA and IVCSd are held in open session.

6. Elementary Science Night Photos

