

School to Work Activities – October 18, 2013 – November 21, 2013
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- **Approved the following School-to-Work requests for funds:**
Sheryl Dusenberry and all 6th graders – to provide expenses to bring in Denise Lewis from Nebraska Raptor Recovery. She not only talks about the raptors she is helping but also speaks about what her job entails. Sixth graders study animals and birds including birds of prey. – approximate cost for presentation and mileage -- \$190

Marnie Leiferman, Joanne Sandage and an 8th grade literacy class – Transportation costs to the Cass County Courthouse to conduct a “mock trial” based on the book The Outsiders....J.C. Van Ginkel has worked with students on conducting a “mock trial”. Students will use research, speaking skills, and problem solving; they will gain insight into the legal system.

Derek Bair and Eric Miller and the agricultural and electrical students – Transportation costs of POET Biorefining ethanol plant west of Corning, Iowa. Students will be able to observe the plant and workers at the state-of-the-art facility that consumes approximately 23 million bushels of locally-grown corn to produce 65 million gallons of ethanol annually.

- **Went to Chamber Ambassadors meetings on Thursdays at the following locations:**
Cass County Extension Office – celebration of 4-H Week and new youth coordinator
Lou Lou’s
Cutie Pie Boutique
- **Wrote minutes for the October School-to-Work Advisory Committee meeting and placed them on the district web site with the activities for the month and the October newsletter**
- **Worked with Steve Livengood and Ginger Bechtold to organize the Middle School Veterans’ Day program on November 11th. Contacted newspaper for coverage; contacted Alan Cranston about being a “guest” speaker; Veterans from various military organizations within the community participate in the program by placing organizational colors and introducing themselves and military branches to the students.**
- **Attended Board meeting on October 28th to discuss METS program**

- Contacted and met with lawyer J. C. VanGinkel about participation in an 8th grade “mock trial” in connection with the book The Outsiders. J. C. met with students two days each for 1 ½ hours discussing the organization of a trial, courtrooms, the prosecution, the defense, the witnesses. Students will conduct “trial” next week in the Cass County Courthouse
- Accompanied the environmental science and electricity classes to Columbus, Nebraska to see the hydro-electric power dam and facilities as part of the Nebraska Loup Power District on October 30th
- Attended the October Trojan Diner with the high school foods class
- Wrote news article for The Atlantic News Telegraph regarding the METS program
- Attended the Iowa Coalition for Integrated Employment conference in Johnston on November 5th with Mary McLaren, vocational rehabilitation. The two of us represented Atlantic as part of a panel with the four other pilot schools; discussed what’s happening in Atlantic
- Continue communication with Mike Musel and the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum at Camp Dodge Army National Guard in Johnston, Iowa; sixth graders will visit the museum which honors and depicts military experiences of Iowa citizens in wars, homeland defense, and Iowa service in connection with the book The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (transportation to be paid by the Atlantic School Foundation)
- Continue to work with Ziegler Cat and Bill Newberry about possibilities of bringing their heavy equipment to the high school to demonstrate operation for construction class
- Met with Heather McKay briefly to “debrief” on teacher input and evaluation etc. regarding Service Learning Day
- Sent thank you notes to individuals who have helped with job shadowing and Brad Morton of the Loup Power District
- Continue to work with Angela Sieh and the 8th grade careers class regarding job shadowing opportunities; working with Cass County Memorial Hospital to provide experiences for high school senior girl in the areas of occupational therapy and radiology
- Contacted Greg Olsen, General Manager, at Poet Biorefining, the ethanol

plant west of Corning, Iowa; electricity and agriculture students would like to visit

- **Visited Jennifer Nichols at The Atlantic News Telegraph and offered to help with publicity regarding American Education Week – November 18-22**
- **Wrote monthly newsletter and compiled School-to-Work activities**

October 1-31 – 80.20 hours

November 1-20 – 52.30 hours