

Ag Ed Parent Newsletter

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Midterm Schedule

As of January 21st 2014

	7:30-9:30	9:50-11:55
Mon 1/27	1A - Freshmen	2A
Tues 1/28	3A - Seniors	4A- Juniors
Wed 1/29	1B	2B - Sophomores
Thurs 1/30	3B	4B

FFA Meetings & Activities

Jan 21	Committee meetings
Feb 18-21	FFA Week activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Ag Olympics
Feb 25 th	Butterbraid & Cookie Dough Fundraiser Sale begins
Feb 27	Advanced Leader Conference – LHHS
March 11	Butterbraid & Cookie Dough Fundraiser Sale ends
March 12	Monthly Meeting
March 17	Junior Leadership Conference March CDE's Job Interview
March 19	Ag Day at the Capitol
TBD	District 3 Public Speaking CDEs
March 27	Butterbraid & Cookie Dough delivery
April 8	Monthly Meeting
April 25	Spring CDE Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Dairy Cattleo Dairy Showingo Milk Productso Food Scienceo Natural Resources
TBD	Chapter Officer Test

Ag-Ed Freshmen

Mrs. Dal Zin: Small Animal Technology has started an introductory unit to cats & dogs. Students have completed external cat & dog anatomy and have just started working toward identifying 50 breeds of dogs and 15 breeds of cats.

Mr. Donnellan: Ag Mechanics is completing plumbing projects from copper, PVC, and galvanized pipe. Water must run through the project – any leaks must be fixed in order to receive a grade. We will then move on to cold metal and welding, where students will learn how to use an oxy-acetylene torch, band saw, reciprocating saw and tap and die sets before moving to arc and MIG welding.

Mr. Santiago: Aquaculture has started an introduction to the care and maintenance of aquariums. Students will set-up personal aquariums – part of the unit will include a field trip to Fish Mart in West Haven for a tour of their facility.

Mr. Lawler: Mr. Lawler is the long term sub for Mrs. Picard who is out on maternity leave. The Wildlife Biology class is involved in identifying North American mammals based on pictures, bones, tracks and skat.

Mrs. Amenta: Plant science freshmen will begin a soils unit including testing soil and determining the necessary amendments required to grow specific crops. The primary focus will be preparing the garden beds in the Ag-Ed vegetable garden. The students will begin a composting project with the food service classes.

Mrs. Marcello: Equine Science freshmen class has just finished their "Introduction to Equine" unit. Throughout this unit, the primary focus was on colors, breeds, and gaits. They have received hands on experience in the barn and are capable of taking care of the variety of animals that we have in the barn. These include a llama, a sheep, goats, rabbits, and of course horses. Students also get experience with small animals as they take care of the parrots and reptiles in the classroom. They are about to begin a small unit on careers in the equine industry. Next semester they will turn their focus to livestock and small animals. They will make dairy products and visit a dairy farm.

Mrs. Roselli: Freshmen Food Science completes their Culture of Food 1 unit just before holiday break. During this unit they researched their own heritage and created a PowerPoint about that country, its food customs, agriculture and healthy eating. After their presentations, each student brought in a dish from their native country for the class to sample and a "potluck" of their countries, which was enjoyed by all.

Ag-Ed Sophomores

Sophomores are participating in a work safe curriculum based on the federal Work Safe- Work Smart curriculum.

Ag-Ed Juniors

Juniors are participating in a career preparation unit. Each student will write a resume, cover letter and reference sheet as well as prepare for a mock interview. One student from each of the 6 classes will be selected to move forward to a department wide job interview contest. A human relations representative from industry will interview the students and select one student to represent our chapter in a job interview CDE at the state FFA convention in June.

Ag-Ed Seniors

Seniors are participating in a marketing unit beginning January 7th through February 13th. All seniors participate in a number of projects and activities related to marketing strategies culminating in a multi-phased project presentation. Each student is asked to develop a marketing plan for an agricultural service. Examples of projects completed during the past few years include – pet sitting, florist, event planner, horse drawn carriage rides for events, wilderness tours.

