

Foreign Exchange

Students welcomed newcomers to the Dutch community!

Three new students were welcomed from abroad as the school year began. Student ambassadors, chosen in the spring, helped show them the ropes.

"I felt very welcomed and made lots of new friends. They made it easy adjusting to the new school and town. All the people here are so nice," said senior **Ania Straas** (Belgium). She is living with the Kookers.

For **Konstantin Buchholz** (Germany), it was a big change.

"In Germany, we didn't get to pick our own classes, and here we can choose, which I really like," said **Buchholz**, also a participant in football. He is hosted by the Leydens family.

Junior **Sarah Weber**, hosted by the Petersons, has stayed in touch with her friends and family in Denmark using Skype.

"I do miss my family and friends, but Skype has made it easier. I have made many friends here that have made me feel at home," said **Weber**.

What have you enjoyed most?

"I enjoyed playing football every Friday." - Senior **Konstantin Buchholz**



"I love the people here." - Junior **Sarah Weber**



"I've enjoyed homecoming week especially playing powderpuff." - Senior **Ania Straas**



Leeches and crayfish and biology, OH, MY!



Junior **Alex Killoren** touches a leech for the first time.

Biology students examine different creatures for labs

When students enrolled in biology, they didn't expect to jump right into studying different organisms. However, they did just that when instructor **Cathy Hones** brought in leeches for students to observe.

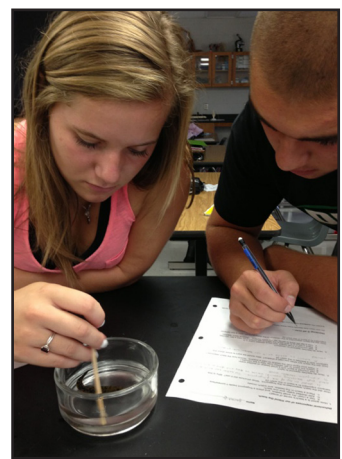
"Touching the leech was slimy and gross. I was scared it was going to bite me," said junior **Alli Dingeman**.

"I liked experimenting with the leeches. I just like touching creepy-crawly things," said junior **Alex Kiloren**.

Later, pupils got to explore the classroom crayfish. They determined body parts and learned their functions.

"I liked the crayfish better than the leeches because you weren't at risk of having your blood sucked," said junior **Jason Morgan**.

"It's fun watching the students get all hyped up about leeches and crayfish. It certainly amuses me," said **Hones**.



Juniors **Kailyn Hackman** and **Garrett Jansen** explore their leech.



A leech in its natural state.
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Junior **Alli Dingeman** observes crayfish.



A crayfish poses for the camera.



Juniors **Trevor Argo** and **Jason Morgan** took notes on crayfish.

What do YOU think?

New Lunch to Munch

Healthy Kids Act requires healthier choices

"I miss the old cookies." - Senior Benjamin Atkins

"I like how there's healthier options, but I don't like the food waste." - iStudy Associate Lisa Vande Lune

"I miss the old salad bar." - Junior Riley Holtrop

"I don't mind the new lunches because there's more to choose from." - Sophomore Brad Bortscheller



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What do YOU think?

"At first I didn't like it, but then I got use to the change." - Senior Jacob Von Bank

"I love the way it looks but it takes some time to adjust." - Junior Greta Putnam

"I miss the old format; it was easier to understand." - Sophomore Allie Moore

"It's disappointing because the battery doesn't last as long." - Freshman Josie Vroom



SOMEONE TO KNOW...

SENIOR CLAIRE ANDERSON

Senior **Claire Anderson** made her debut in the school play, "Don't Drink the Water" as a lead role. But that's not the only stage she set foot on in the fall.

Anderson participated in the Oct. 13 Miss Iowa pageant, and brought back the award for highest score in the swimwear category.

"My favorite part was definitely being on stage. I love performing and that's essentially what a pageant is," said **Anderson**.

She would encourage others to experience this as well.

"It's a lot of fun, and even if you don't make the top 15, it still gives you good interview skills, boosts confidence and makes you more comfortable on stage!" she said.

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