

Tuesday morning featured two guest speakers. First was Sherry Van Burkum who talked to us about the Back Pack and Elementary At-Risk programs at the Alta school. The Back Pack program is four years old and provides week-end meals to 51 students in need. Each Friday, volunteer students, teachers, and staff prepare sacks containing two meals (Saturday and Sunday). Food is provided by Iowa Food Bank of Des Moines. Classroom teachers recommend students who are most need. Initially, the program was designed for Pre-K-6th grade. Now it also includes high school students. Sacks usually contain a couple bags of chips, fruit cups, fruit juice boxes, small canned pasta and other snacks. Family packs are also provided by Back Pack program. Currently 14 families receive these boxes of food which cost \$18.

Our second guest speaker was John Stange. John who is the head wrestling coach for A-A high school, spoke to us about the upcoming Youth Wrestling tournament Jan. 26th in Aurelia. There are 32 wrestlers in Pre-K- 4th grade and 22 in 5th-8th grade. The A-A high team is a young one featuring only one Senior, one unbeaten wrestler-- Nick Gaes and one freshman-- Alex Deroos with two losses. John requested help needed at the Jan. 26 tourney to man two tables. He also indicated a need for bags to hold wrestling mats.

Kiwanis business: Jan 12--- Next pop can collection.

Jan. 25-- District meeting at Scooter's in Alta 5:30 meal 6:15 business meeting.

Jan 26-- Youth Wrestling Tournament at Aurelia.

Feb. 12-- School Pancake Lunch.

Thank you from 5th grade P.I.E. Partner Breyer Anderson thanking Kiwanis for cake and card on his birthday.