

## Treynor Middle School



Jenny Berens spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 8. She is in her 6<sup>th</sup> year at Treynor. She taught Math at Tri-Center for five years.

Jenny is the principal of the Middle School. She spends about 70% of her time with Middle School and 30% as curriculum director.

This year the High School students received laptops. This coming year they will get iPads for the Middle School.

As curriculum director, her job is to:

- Ensure that teachers have what they need
- Ensure the District is following state standards
- Be proactive on technology.

Sixth grade students rotate among their classes. There are no 6<sup>th</sup> grade sports. Middle school students have their own dances, not connected with the High School ones.

Next year they are trying some books on the computer. Possibilities include English Comp, Government, and Math. For Math, Algebra I, Geometry, Pre Calc, and Calculus have some excellent tutorials available.

Some teachers are trying flipping classes, where the students read the assignment at home and do the homework problems in class with teacher assistance. This is working with Math and with Government.

Students in the Middle school are not allowed to use cell phones. In High School they can.

The school is watching expenses like lights and supplies to keep down expenses.