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## SEW Teacher Wins "Golden Apple" Award

High school social studies teacher **Ron Van Strien** was awarded the Golden Apple award at a school assembly on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The Golden Apple award, sponsored by WHO-TV and Allied Insurance, recognizes one teacher after reviewing letters submitted by students about what makes their teacher special.

The letter that nominated Mr. Van Strien was sent to WHO-TV written by senior **Jacki Swim**, where she notes that Mr. Van Strien's classes

are not only challenging, but also entertaining and interesting with his teaching methods. He involves the students in history reenactments and games that improve learning and bring historical events to life for the students.

Jacki also noted that Mr. Van Strien takes junior and senior students on a history trip every other year during Spring Break. The trip is filled with learning as they visit many historical sites, and make a lot of memories in the process.

Mr. Van Strien also entertains the students at the annual faculty skit during Homecoming week. Jacki says, "This always leaves the student body filled with excitement to find out what crazy act Mr. Van Strien will perform this year."

Congratulations, Mr Van Strien!



## SpiritCorn

What is it?

"Spirit Corn" is a new, "fan"-tastic treat sure to make every Warhawk supporter stand and cheer them on to victory!

Watch for it this winter at the Warhawk basketball games.

This tasty treat is brought to you by the Southeast Warren Life Skills program.

*From your Junior/Senior High Principal...  
Terry Gladfelter*

I trust the Holiday Break was restful and relaxing. I forgot to wish everyone a Happy Holiday in the last Warren Pride, but my wish to all is for a healthy and prosperous New Year. I say healthy, because before the break many students and teachers were dealing with colds and flu. We needed the break to separate the germs for a couple of weeks. Hopefully our immunities are now strong enough to get us through the remaining winter months.

This year Dr. Della Vedova has designated me as the person to decide what to do with school closings or delays. It is not an easy decision to make, but I would like to briefly explain what goes in to making the decision. I am up at 5AM to begin the process and I call the following individuals:

- Warren County Engineer – he tells me the status of the roads for the county and if the trucks are out salting and plowing.
- Joel Moser – our transportation director. He is out driving through the district with his 4-wheel drive checking the road conditions
- Larry Snuggs – one of our bus drivers. He works at Hy-Vee during the night and comes up from Chariton at 4AM in the morning. He lets me know the condition of the drive from Chariton
- I also have a list of area superintendents and I will call them. I usually call the superintendent from Melcher-Dallas since they are next door to SEW.
- I then check the television stations to see a forecast and what cancellations or delays have already been posted.

I have told faculty that I will post any delays or cancellations by 6AM. The four best contacts will be television channels 5, 8, 13 and WHO Radio.

Congratulations to our Color Guard and Adrenaline Dance Teams. One Color Guard and three dance routines were taken to state contest the first weekend in December. All four performances received Division I ratings. Great job ladies!

Our National Honor Society and Student Council provided a wonderful Senior Citizen Luncheon on December 4. Performances were provided by the Band, Chorus, and Dance Team. The SEW students were great hosts and hostesses for the event. It was a fine event to honor those who have invested many years into our community and showcase the great students at SEW.

I want to especially congratulate to **Mr. Ron VanStrien** for being a recipient of a Golden Apple Award. On December 16 WHO TV came to campus and made a presentation at a special assembly. The Golden Apple award is a result of a student nomination that speaks to the value of the individual as a teacher and their contribution to education.

I am certainly pleased with the positive public press that has come to our district through the efforts of our students and teachers.

*Terry Gladfelter, Junior-Senior High Principal*

## Band News



The band program has been extremely busy during the second quarter of this school year. In addition to prepping for basketball pep band, both Jr. High and High School Concert Bands spent a lot of time rehearsing for performances in Des Moines, as well as our Christmas Concert on December 15th.

On December 8th, the Jr. High performed at Merle Hay Mall and was warmly received. Several people stopped me in the mall and told me how well the band played. This was the first time a SEW Jr. High Band has performed at a mall. Congratulations on a great performance.

On December 9th the High School Concert Band was to have performed at Capital Square in downtown Des Moines. Due to a winter storm we were forced to cancel, but as luck would have it, Capital Square had a late cancellation and we were able to make the trip on December 12th. We performed four selections from our Christmas Concert repertoire. The band sounded great, plus it was a good warm up for our concert on the 15th.

Thank you to all in the community for buying products from our recent fund-raising sale. We plan to use the proceeds to help pay for future band trips. Your generosity is very much appreciated!

*Willis VanderLinden, Band Director*

From your **Intermediate Principal...**

**Cindy Butler**

We had an interesting December with weather and illness, but we continue with teaching and learning the best we can. Thanks to everyone who supported the Partners in Education Cookie Walk and other holiday activities. They had an abundant supply of delicious cookies this year and will use the money raised to enhance our school program. The elementary Christmas Program was well attended and the students performed very well. Thank you to Mrs. Young and Mr. VanderLinden for making this event a success.

The December 10th early out gave the teachers a chance to learn more about using the results of the Measures of Academic Progress

(MAP) tests which were given in September. Teachers can identify skill areas where the class as a whole scored lower. With this information the teacher can focus instruction on those skills and raise the achievement of the group.

The Intermediate Center has several activities planned for the month of January. The Geography Bee/Social Studies Night will be held here in Lacona on January 15 beginning at 7:00. This year in addition to the Geography Bee competition, we will have projects on display, a readers theatre performance, and a states presentation. Hope you can attend. On January 20th Ronald McDonald will be here to present a

program titled "It's Reading Time." We will continue to celebrate reading that day with additional special reading activities. Our first semester Awards Assembly will be held on January 28 in the afternoon. All parents are invited to attend and show your support of our students.

We could use caring adults to volunteer as tutors or mentors at the Intermediate Center. A tutor would work with students on schoolwork such as listen to them read or review math facts. A mentor would spend time building a caring relationship with a student. The mentor would be someone for a student to talk to about problems he/she may have making friends, controlling anger, or dealing with homework. If you have time and would be willing to come on a regular basis, please call me at 534-4701.

*Cindy Butler, Intermediate Principal*

## First Quarter Honor Roll - Intermediate Center

Editor's note - Many names were inadvertently left of the December issue. My apologies to these students & their families!

### 6th Grade

Brad Byers  
Branden Counts  
Jake DeLay  
Jeremy Drake  
Dillon King  
Rosie Petry  
Cody Ripperger  
Grant Seufferer  
Liz Sowers  
Brooke Vasey  
Savannah Wright  
Brittany Backus  
Kelly Blair  
Dane Dodd  
Todd Haight  
Jade Hibbeler  
Jennifer Johnson  
Megan Karimi  
Ashley Mills  
Robertta Morrow  
Amanda Nickum  
Dillon Montoya  
Devin Reed  
Evan Schurman  
Sydney Smith  
Eddie Steil  
Lance Ulin

### 5th Grade

Danni Barr  
Grant Beck  
Justin Brummer  
Garrett Brungardt  
Monica Dhabolt  
Victoria Dugan  
Kyle Headrick

### 5th Grade Continued

Cole Horsch  
Kaitlin Coffman  
Kylee Horton  
Joseph Kimzey  
Kelsey Linton  
Emily Klages  
Emmett Konrad  
Haley Mason  
Levi Meling  
Seth Nutting  
Britney Roaden  
Reed Roenbeck  
Cody Schurman  
Jessica Stichel  
Lindsay Young  
Paige Amsden  
Olivia Butler  
Austin Bristol  
Eli Combs  
Shelby Dodd  
Erick Davis  
Evan Gardner  
Afton Hobbs  
Sammy Hunerdosse  
Andrew Koenck  
Ashley Lewis  
Ethan Mitzelfelt  
Dylan Kibbe  
Sami Lawton  
Madison Martin  
Samuel Nutting  
Donna Petry  
Shawn Putz  
Dustin Putz  
Lindzey Northway

### 5th Grade Continued

Tyler Renfeldt  
Eric Stanger  
Myles Thompson  
Chaylee Weeks  
Taylor Wells  
Alyssa Werneburg

### 4th Grade

Jacob Anders  
Brittany Chapman  
Ashley Clay  
Daniel Hagen  
Jordyn Halls  
Cassidy Hembry  
Torie Hommer  
Cassandra Mosher  
Ryan Putz  
Zach Quick  
Cheyanna Shannon  
Breanna Dennis  
Austin Allen  
Jon Anders  
Jordan Baker  
Kayleigh Chapman  
Matthew Davis  
Christina Dittmer  
Dustin Dowell  
Cheyanne Eckert  
Skylar Kellis  
Morgan Lawler  
Jordan Peterson  
Logan Putz  
Hannah Saf  
Ally Spear  
Alex Sudbrock  
Spencer Williams

*From your Primary Principal...*  
**Charlotte Weaklend**

Thank you to everyone who visited the Primary on December 6th during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas. Several high school groups and fourteen local vendors sold their products in the multi-purpose room and the main foyer. Partners in Education held an Elves' Workshop in the art room where children may make craft-type gifts for their parents. A special raffle also took place that day with all proceeds going to the Gardner family. In addition, PIE sponsored their annual Cookie Walk at the Milo Public Library on the 6th. We are appreciative of the long hours that Partners in Education members have donated in the preparation and carrying out of these and several other fund-raisers throughout the year, as well as everyone who donated cookies for the Cookie Walk.

Wendy Robinson, AEA 11 reading specialist is scheduled to spend the entire day of January 8th in our building. She will be meeting with grade-level teachers during their planning times to discuss their current reading program and make suggestions to improve what they're currently doing.

The annual elementary music concert was held on Thursday evening, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. An appearance by Santa Claus at the end of the concert was a welcomed addition to our program this year. Thanks to Matt Oliver, high school teacher, for making Santa's visit possible.

Eleven Primary teachers have participated in planning cross-generational ComServ grant activities for the PK-3 students to carry out during the 2003-2004 school year. Those activities include:

- Eating lunch with elderly visitors to school during kindergarten Grandparents' Week and throughout the year
- Inviting local veterans to participate in Veterans' Day program in November
- Writing letters, drawing pictures, and providing filled nut cups for disabled/disadvantaged elderly residents through the local Meals-on-Wheels program in November
- Visiting the local Manor with handmade gifts & songs in May
- Environmental improvement through community beautification projects throughout the year
- Inviting community volunteers into the school to share special interests/careers during a half day in the spring with curriculum ties to listening and writing for a purpose, character education/respect, and career education/lifetime interests in April.

The Primary building again participated in the high school angel tree project this year. Primary students helped to decorate the large Christmas tree in the foyer by hanging their angel ornaments after bringing a specified anonymous gift for a needy family in the district.

Parent-teacher conferences were well attended at the Primary building in November, with a total of 143 of possible 151 conferences taking place. This translates into a 95% participation rate. Thanks to all of the parents who attended this important event. Our next round of conferences is scheduled for February 3rd and 5th.

*Charlotte Weaklend, Primary Principal*

## Super Readers



These 2nd and 3rd graders have achieved Super Reader levels. We are proud of your accomplishment, Congratulations!

### **Super Reader**

Alex Van Hove  
Gabriel Combs  
Kane Ellenwood  
Celeste Welshhons  
Allisa Quick  
Amanda Williams  
Madison Hall  
Joseph Johnson  
Carrie Neer

### **Super Reader II**

Hillary Gardner  
Aaron Coffman  
Zachary Hart  
Collin Judkins  
Preston Carruthers  
Megan Cleveland  
Kacey Konrad

### **Super Reader III**

Kaylee Miller  
Jonie Meling

### **Super Reader VI**

Dallas Stanger  
Robert Stickel

### **Super Reader VIII**

Amy Koenck



## A SLICE FROM PIE Partners In Education



We hope everyone had a nice holiday season. Partners in Education have many events planned for the year 2004. We need more volunteers and people with ideas for fundraisers.

We encourage people to attend the meetings. There is free baby-sitting available at each meeting. The next meeting is to be held on January 5, 2004 in Lacona at 7:00 pm.

The Small Town Country Christmas events were a great success this year. Returns on the cookie walk exceeded \$700. The elf workshop exceeded \$100 and the raffle made \$131 for the Gardner family. The vendors had a productive day and wish to return next Christmas. PIE will discuss the location of the cookie walk for next year. We want to extend our gratitude to all of the volunteers who helped with the Small Town Christmas events, and all of the parents who donated the beautiful cookies. A special thank you to Mrs. Weakland and Mrs. Butler for helping to make sure things ran smoothly and efficiently.

We are going to have an Accelerated Reading party in January, shortly after the quarter ends. Mark your calendars for February 5<sup>th</sup> - there will be another Family Reading night in Milo from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. The theme will be Cat-in-the-Hat. Everybody is welcome to attend - wear their favorite pajamas and bring your flashlights.

The carnival for 2004 is Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The time has not been decided, but stay tuned for further details. We will need plenty of volunteers this year. Please call Shawna Beck at 641-942-6246 if you are interested in helping.

We are collecting Box Tops for Education for the schools. The grade that saves the most box tops will win a pizza party sponsored by PIE. We need everyone to collect those box tops and drop them off at either school. We are also collecting empty ink cartridges to recycle. Please send them to school and PIE will take care of them.

We want to again invite parents, teachers and administration to all our meetings and take a bite out of PIE.

*Submitted by Wendy Smith*

## Meetings



### After Prom

Next meeting - January 14 - 7:00 pm @ High School Library

### Athletic Boosters - 3rd Wednesday of the month

Next meeting - January 21 - 7:00 pm @ High School

### Children First Forum - 1st Monday of the month

Next meeting - No January Meeting

### Fine Arts Boosters - 1st Wednesday of the month

Next meeting - January 7 - 6:30 pm @ High School Band Room

### Partners In Education

Next meeting - January 5 - 7:00 pm @ Intermediate School

January 19 - 7:00 pm @ Primary School

### School Board Meeting - 2nd Monday of the month

Next Meeting - January 12 - 7:00 pm @ High School

## FCCLA News

Angie Van Sickle, Sawyer Schumann, Liz Lawrence, Jack Miller and Laura Benesh along with Ms Rhodes traveled to Dallas with the Iowa delegation Nov. 20-23 to attend the Regional FCCLA meeting. Texas was awesome!! We visited the Dallas cowboy stadium and a movie studio. At the movie studio, we learned how Foley sound effects were made. We want to thank the school board for approving our trip. On Dec. 12, the crash dummies, Vince and Larry visited the Milo Primary classrooms to remind students of their responsibility to remember" Don't be a dummy, buckleup." Students received coloring books, crayons, and pencils courtesy of the IA Governor's Traffic Safety Council. The SEW chapter is participating in the national FCCLA FACT project, Families Acting for Community Safety. Please remember that December is 3-D month, National Drugged and Drunk Driving prevention month and drive safely during this holiday season.

*Submitted by Sheree Rhodes*

Coming soon...  
Southeast Warren Fine Arts Boosters'

## FAB Night

Showcasing SEW talent!  
Art....Music....Drama!

Mark your calendars for  
February 28th!

More information will be  
available in the next  
issue of the Pride

## Future Farmer of America

The fruit and cheese came in and I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the sales. We raised about \$4,000. Nice job everyone!

Project Green Tree is over for now, until we get the pines and spruces which are coming in the spring. Planting all the trees this fall went really well because we had a lot of very good volunteers. And as a thank you to all our volunteers, we will be having a pizza party for those that helped out more than two times. The date of the pizza party will be announced later.

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, Southeast Warren will be hosting the annual CDE sub districts. CDEs are Career Development Events where FFA members from our district will compete in many different judged events. If there is any FFA alumni members or anyone from around the community who would be interested in helping with judging the events, please call Scott Dirkx, the Southeast Warren FFA Chapter Advisor. He can be reached by calling him at the school at 641-466-3331. Thank you, your help will be much appreciated.

Our annual FFA banquet is scheduled to be Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, but there is a track meet scheduled on that night so it might be changed. When we find out more information on the matter we will let you know.

*Submitted by Tabetha Dollison, Chapter Reporter*



## SEW Food Pantry

*Thanks*

The Southeast Warren Food Pantry would like to take this opportunity to thank the area Churches and the community members for their support.

In the spirit of the Christmas Season, the Food Pantry issued gift certificates for food to 17 families. A total of 57 children and adults were served.

The Food Pantry wishes to extend a special thank you to the families of Richard and Linda (Aubert) Jacobs. The Aubert family has held a family Thanksgiving auction for the past sixty years; with the Jacobs family joining in the last ten years. Funds received from the auction are donated to a worthwhile cause or charitable organization. The Southeast Warren Food Pantry has been the beneficiary of their donations for the last three years. The aggregate amount donated by the Aubert and the Jacobs families is \$1,001.50. We feel blessed and humbled to be the recipient of such a generous gift. THANK YOU.

*Submitted by Pauline Ripperger*

## From the Counselor's Corner

A reminder that the Financial Aide presentation for seniors and their parents is set for January 12th at the high school. This is a presentation by the College Planning Center. The College Planning Center has offered to come to our school and help parents prepare FASFA forms. We will set the date and times for this workshop during the meeting on the 12th of January. Please plan to attend this presentation and share your input and ideas.

The Craig Hillier Leadership Conference was held at Simpson College on Friday the 5th of December. Southeast Warren sent ten students to participate in the conference. Drug and alcohol abuse was the focus of the conference. The students were asked to come up with a way to make people in their community and or school aware of problems in these areas. Many ideas were generated during the meeting. The students from Southeast Warren brainstormed and came up with several alternatives. Our plan will be to meet again within ten days and select an appropriate project. The students will meet at Simpson on the 13th of February. At this time they will share their experiences encountered formulating and implementing their ideas. The meal was tremendous, as was the atmosphere. Mr. Hillier is an excellent speaker and a strong motivator. The students interacted with students from other schools. We are all looking forward to implementing our goals and sharing them with the group on the 13th of February. The students involved in the project are: **Amy Ripperger, Nathan Meyers, Zeb Birchette, Octavia Burrell, Kevin Manser, Angie Steil, Jason Karimi, Matt Farley, Andrew Gladfelter and Brock Konrad.** Board member **Jennifer Birchette** also attended the conference.

*Brenton Tigner, Jr/Sr High Guidance Counselor*

## 4-H Fun Night

**Soup Supper & Fun Night  
sponsored by the  
Belmont Badgers 4-H Club  
February 7, 2004**

**All proceeds will be donated to the  
Milo Community Center. So mark  
your calendars and join us  
for a great meal!**

**More details to follow in January  
newsletter.**

**Submitted by Liz Davis - 942-6320**

## Art Club News

Art Club had several Activity Nights this past month. We finished painting about 15 ceiling tiles in the Jr. High Hallway. The style is abstract expressionist- or basically whatever the student wanted to paint. We will eventually paint more tiles in the cafeteria and art room. Those tiles will remain replicas of famous paintings. Other activities this month include kids crafts at Milo Country Christmas, Santa photos and gift-wrapping for the Christmas Project.



### Next Activity Night:

Junior High- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm      High School- Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 3:30-6pm

### Projects in progress:

Milo city sign design      T-shirts are being ordered

### Upcoming projects:

Lacona Manor sign      Murals - Lacona Park & high school  
Plan Art-a-thon fundraiser      Planning - Fine Arts Night & Talent Show  
Paintball      Courtyard beautification

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE CHRISTMAS PROJECT!!!

By the time you receive this Warren Pride, 18 families will have received their Christmas boxes. A sincere thanks you from the parents of the families. Their children will open their newly wrapped gifts this Christmas from "Santa" thanks to your generous giving this Holiday Season.

Thank you to Spanish Club, E.C.P, Intermediate Student Council and F.B.L.A. for donating gloves and socks. A special thanks to Patty Marshall and Ann Miller for spending countless hours sorting gifts and contacting families.

## Art Department News

The Art Show was Dec 15<sup>th</sup> during the Christmas concert. The student's artwork from first semester was exhibited. The next art show will be during the Fine Arts Night and Talent Show on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, featuring artwork from 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

2D class will complete a mural for the elementary school in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to those who donated calendars to the Art Dept. They will come in handy for drawing and painting resources.

*Submitted by Lisa Huyette*

## Online Lunch Account Access

View: Meal & Ala Carte Charges  
Payment history

To access your kids' account, select a password, email it to Misty Jensen at [mjensen@se-warren.k12.ia.us](mailto:mjensen@se-warren.k12.ia.us).

## Fine Arts Boosters

FAB Night will be February 28th. Mark your calendars for a night of good food, fantastic SEW entertainment, and loads of fun. More details in the February Pride.

The next meeting of the Fine Arts Boosters will be January 7, 2004 at 6:30 in the High School Band Room. Our main agenda item will be FAB night and working out the details. Please come join us and give us your input. We welcome everyone.

*Submitted by Barb Ripperger*

## eChoices



## Looking for a Job? Possibly a Career?

**Who: SE Warren High School  
Students, Parents or  
Community Members**

**How: eChoices on the Internet**

**Contact Paula Schultz,  
K-12 Media Specialist, at 466-3331  
for web address, passwords,  
training**

# Influenza

Reports from around the state continue to indicate an early and strong start to this year's flu season. Local outbreaks of the flu have already been reported. The Iowa Department of Public Health is urging all Iowans to get a flu shot now before influenza hits its peak and while vaccine supplies are available. It is also asking public health partners around the state to do all they can to make the vaccine as accessible as possible.

All Iowans, including children, who do not want to get the flu, should get the flu shot as soon as possible. It is especially important that those Iowans at high risk of serious disease and complications get the flu shot; those at high risk include people over 50 years of age; those of any age with chronic illness, such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease; pregnant women in their second and third trimester; healthy children between 6 months and 24 months of age, and family members of those at high risk. Health care providers with direct patient contact should also be vaccinated against the flu.

"We are asking our public health partners around the state to get the vaccine into as many Iowans as possible," said Dr. Mary Mincer Hansen, IDPH director. "They should consider expanded clinic hours or satellite clinic locations to make it as easy as possible for residents to get protected."

Influenza itself is not a reportable disease in Iowa. However, Iowa, like most other states around the country, has established a monitoring system using schools, long term care facilities, and offices of health professionals to regularly report influenza-like illness. These health care providers also send specimens from ill people to the University Hygienic Laboratory for testing to confirm what strains of influenza are in Iowa.

The flu is a contagious disease that is caused by the influenza virus. It is spread when a person who has the flu coughs, sneezes, or speaks and sends the virus into the air, and other people inhale it. Additionally, people can get the flu when they touch an object or surface that has the virus on it, and touches his or her nose or mouth. The dry, cold conditions in winter help to keep the virus alive, which in turn helps in its spread. Using tissue when blowing your nose, covering your mouth when coughing, and washing hands greatly reduces the spread of this virus.

The flu usually comes on suddenly and may include symptoms of fever, headache, tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, and body aches. Children may also develop vomiting and diarrhea. People who become severely ill with flu-like symptoms should stay home, rest, and drink plenty of fluids. If symptoms become serious, such as developing a high fever or a severe cough, they should contact their health care provider immediately.

The influenza vaccine always protects against three types of the flu. Some media reports this year have focused on the fact one of the strains of flu in the vaccine (A/Panama(H3N2)) does not exactly match the strain circulating in the United States (A/Fujian(H3N2)). However, it is expected that the current flu vaccine will offer some cross-protective immunity against the A/Fujian strain, as well as providing good protection for the other two strains of flu (A(H1N1) and B) found in this year's vaccine and circulating in the U.S.

The department has developed recommendations to help stop transmission of the flu in several different settings, including the home, businesses, long term care facilities, day care centers, health care and EMS settings, and schools. Those fact sheets are available on the IDPH web site at: [idph.state.ia.us](http://idph.state.ia.us)

For more information on the flu and vaccine availability, please call the Warren County Public Health Department at 515-961-1074.

## Children First Forum Minutes - December 1, 2003

A meeting of the Children's First Forum was held December 1st at Liberty Center. Those attending were Jennifer Birchette, Rose Ripperger, Donna Clay, Cindy Butler, Terry Gladfelter, and Carla Anders.

Topics of discussion were mentoring and the CSIP plan. The meeting began with a short discussion of the proposed mentoring plan. Cindy has put a notice in the weekly newsletter asking for assistance from community members. She spoke with Brenton Tigner to see if there were any interested and available high school students. Jennifer suggested putting a notice in the Pride. We will discuss the item again next month if we get people interested in helping.

The second part of the meeting was spent discussing the 4th grade ITBS scores from last year. We reviewed Math and Reading. There were a few areas where the scores were low. Now that we are able to keep a copy of the test, teachers can review these items for next year. The current ITBS scores will be back in Dec. or Jan. and we can do a better comparison at that time. Terry shared the results of the MAP testing. We reviewed our district scores at the National level. We have some areas that are low in Reading and Math. All teachers are reviewing the individual records. We then compared the district scores to the MISIC (Mid Iowa School Improvement Consortium) scores. These two set of scores were very close. This is the first time to take the MAP tests. After taking them again in Spring and Fall, we will have a better idea of where we are as a district and where we need to improve.

The next meeting will be in January to discuss the Needs Assessment for the District. The AEA will be bringing in 2 focus groups to meet and interview students, parents, teachers, board members, and community members. Cindy and Terry will get back to the group on the date and location of the meeting.

*Submitted by Donna Clay*



# Fact Sheet Influenza (“The Flu”)

## Recommendations for Schools

**A severe influenza season is anticipated this year. Influenza is an acute, highly contagious respiratory disease. It is characterized by abrupt onset of fever, body aches, sore throat, headache and cough, and, in children, can also cause diarrhea and vomiting.**

- Any employee, student, teacher, or staff suspected of having the flu should not attend school.
- Wash hands several times a day using soap and warm water for 15-20 seconds (this is generally around the time it takes to sing the ABC’s). Dry hands with paper towels or automatic hand dryers if possible. In school, allow regular breaks for the students and teachers to wash hands. Young children should be instructed and assisted to ensure proper hand washing. Restrooms should be checked regularly to ensure that soap and paper towels are always available.
- The flu can be spread from coughs or sneezes. Make sure tissues are available in all classrooms. Students and staff should cover their mouths when coughing and use a tissue when sneezing or blowing their noses. Tissues should be thrown away immediately following proper hand washing (alcohol hand gels may be used in the classrooms to minimize disruption).
- Schools with 10 percent or more of their total enrollment absent on a given day due to illness should report this to their local health department and the Iowa Department of Public Health at (1-800-362-2736). Reporting outbreaks assists in disease surveillance and understanding the impact on the community.
- Staff and students (especially those with medical conditions and anyone else who wants to lower their risk of getting the flu) should get the flu shot. Remember, it is never too late in the flu season to be vaccinated.
- Closure of individual schools in the event of an outbreak has not proven to be an effective way of stopping the but that decision should be made by the appropriate school officials based on other considerations.
- Schools should be extra-vigilant that ill students be excluded from sports activities, choir or any activities that may involve close contact, since transmission of the flu may be easier in these situations. All students and staff should avoid sharing of saliva, i.e. sharing glasses, water bottles, other drinks, or spoons/forks, or kissing, etc.
- School buses, because of the enclosed space, may allow for easy spread of the flu. Tissues should be available on the buses, and students should be encouraged to cover nose and mouth while coughing or sneezing. Disinfect commonly handled interior surfaces (i.e. door handles, hand rails, etc.) between loads of students, if possible.
- In the school, clean commonly used surfaces such as door handles, handrails, eating surfaces, desks, etc., frequently with disinfectant. (Bleach solutions or commercial disinfectants are appropriate.)

**Who should get the flu shot:** (for more information contact your health care provider or local health department)

### **Everyone**

- Persons 50 years of age or older
- Anyone older than 6 months of age with chronic heart or lung problems, including asthma
- Anyone older than 6 months of age who requires regular medical follow-up or was hospitalized during the preceding year because of diseases like diabetes, cancer, kidney problems, etc.
- Household members (including children) of persons in the above high-risk groups
- Any person who wishes to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with influenza
- Women who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season

### **Students**

- Persons 6 months to 18 years of age receiving long-term aspirin therapy, because of the risk of developing Reye’s syndrome after influenza
- Students or other persons in institutional settings (those who reside in dormitories or group homes) Iowa Dept. of Public Health, Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology, 800.362.2736

Southeast Warren Community School District

**Breakfast & Lunch Menu**

**JANUARY 2004**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>New Years Day</b>	
			<b>No School</b>	<b>No School</b>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Sausage Gravy/Biscuit
Mac & Cheese Peas Fruit Peanut Butter Sand.	Hot Dog/Bun Mixed Vegetables Fruit Pudding	Cook's Choice	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Bread & Butter	Sloppy Joe/Bun French Fries Fruit Cookie
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	Muffin	Pizza
Beef Stew Cottage Cheese Fruit Hot Roll	Chicken & Noodles Mixed Vegetables Fruit Bread & Butter	Chicken Patty/Bun Lettuce Salad Fruit	Fish Sticks Peas Fruit Bread & Butter	Burrito Green Beans Bread & Butter Cookie
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Sausage Gravy/Biscuit
<b>No School</b>	Pizza Lettuce Salad Fruit Cookie	BBQ Rib/Bun French Fries Fruit	Spaghetti Corn Fruit Texas Toast	Chicken Nuggets Oven Brown Potatoes Fruit Bread & Butter
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	Muffin	Sausage Gravy/Biscuit
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Green Beans Fruit Bread & Butter	Chili/Crackers Pickle Spear Applesauce Cinnamon Roll	Cook's Choice	Frito Pie Lettuce & Cheese Corn Fruit Bread & Butter	Deli Turkey/Bun Baked Beans Corn Chips Fruit
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**LUNCH PRICES**

	K-6	7-12	Reduced	Adult
Single	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.60	\$ .40	\$2.50
Weekly	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.00	\$2.00	
Monthly	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$8.00	

**BREAKFAST PRICES**

	Regular	Reduced	Adult
Single	\$ 1.00	\$ .30	\$1.25
Weekly	\$ 5.00	\$1.50	
Monthly	\$20.00	\$6.00	

- All breakfasts served with juice and milk
- All lunches served with milk
- Menus are subject to change
- All money deposited in your family account may be used for lunch and breakfast at any building.

These prices are guidelines. You may deposit any amount into your family account.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 10, 2003**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session November 10, 2003, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Chris Hardy, Ron Miller and Chris Wadle. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were in attendance, along with members of the community.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Wadle, seconded by Miller to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

**VISITORS:** None

**REPORTS:**

**Transportation report - Joel Mosher:**

1. Bus inspections were held on October 28<sup>th</sup>. We came out in good shape with one spare bus out of service for dirty lights and a fuel leak and a 30-day repair on #9 (spare) for a light out. All repairs have been made and sent back to the state. I am making plans to take bus #16 to Melcher on November 6<sup>th</sup> to have it inspected because it was on the FFA trip.
2. Football and volleyball are over, so there have not been a lot of trips.
3. We have three drivers taking the 12-hour STOP class on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> in Ankeny.
4. I have received information on bus cameras and will pass it along to you to see. I talked to three different suppliers. Two of them have the same equipment.

**Primary Principal's report - Charlotte Weaklend:**

1. Forty-four grandparents visited kindergartners the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. They visited the classroom and ate lunch with their youngster.
2. Again this year, several members of the high school FFA chapter visited the Primary to tell their message of the importance of leading a drug-free life with the students during the week of October 27<sup>th</sup> at two separate opening assemblies. This year, not only did they pass out red ribbons for the youngsters to wear throughout the week, they also sponsored a drug-free poster contest. Forty students, with the help of their families, created posters for a display in our hallway.
3. All three building principals attended a special meeting sponsored by Heartland AEA for the district's second year teachers and their mentors at the Norwalk High School on October 29<sup>th</sup>. This was one of regular monthly meetings that our second year teachers attend with their mentors to review the Iowa Teaching Standards and learn techniques that will enhance their classroom effectiveness. District expectations for docu-

mentation of successful demonstration of all of the teaching standards were discussed, with a follow-up meeting back in our own district to be scheduled later. All new teachers in Iowa are expected to present to their principal an acceptable portfolio representing all eight standards near the end of their second year of teaching. It is only after a careful review of the portfolio, classroom observations, and required formal evaluations (four in our case) that building principals decide whether or not to recommend a teacher for permanent licensure through the state of Iowa. At Southeast Warren we are also asking our teachers to provide proof of acceptable performance for each of the forty-two criteria under those standards. While this task seems pretty daunting, one lesson plan, parent contact log, letter to the parents, or classroom observation could cover several criteria. Two of our teachers have attended training at the University of Iowa on preparing their portfolio electronically. They will be sharing their new knowledge with our new teachers soon.

4. Partners in Education conducted a successful book fair in the Primary building the week of November 3<sup>rd</sup> both during several school days and during parent-teacher conferences. I will have parent participation rates from the conferences in next month's report.

5. We will be holding Reading Week the week of November 10<sup>th</sup>. Planned activities include guest readers to visit the classrooms and a "Shut Off the Television and Read" challenge. The theme this year is a patriotic one as we will be celebrating Veteran's Day at 2:40 p.m. on Tuesday of that week with a special assembly featuring a guest veteran who will be reading to the students, recitations of poems by the second graders, and a demonstration of flag folding by a few of the third graders, and group participation in the singing of several patriotic songs. The public is invited.

6. Third graders completed the MAP tests and results of this initial testing were shared with their parents at parent-teacher conferences. They completed the oral reading fluency tests during the week of October 20<sup>th</sup> and are scheduled to take the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills during the week of November 17<sup>th</sup>. These are important tests, along with the DIBELS tests for the K-2 students that I discussed in last month's report. We will be studying the results carefully as we look for areas of strengths and weaknesses and examine trends, all of which helps us determine what if any changes need to be made in our academic program.

**Intermediate Principal's report - Cindy Butler:**

1. Last week Charlotte, Terry and I entered ITBS and ITED data and participation rates into the Department of Education's web site. Immediately we were informed we did meet the state assigned goal for adequate yearly progress (AYP) in the reported grade levels and subjects. We will

need to continue working on improvement as the state goal is for 100% of students to be proficient by 2013-14 in the subjects of reading, math and science.

2. We will give ITBS in the Intermediate Center beginning on November 13<sup>th</sup> and finish the following week. Tests will be given the very first part of each day.

3. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. The FFA sponsored a poster contest for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Carl Davis received a savings bond for the best poster.

4. DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education will begin for sixth graders on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Warren County Deputy Randy Spurr will lead the classes. He was the leader last year and worked very well with the students.

5. The Partners in Education group has been very active. They sponsored a book fair for both elementary buildings, they provided supper for the teachers during conferences, and they are planning a special reading night for the intermediate students. We really appreciate all their support.

6. November 11 will be the first of three character trips for the year. Students must complete a community service project outside of school and meet other academic and behavioral requirements in order to attend. We have 45 students who have shown great character and will participate in the trip. Parents and staff members will accompany the students to Indianola for an afternoon of bowling.

**Secondary Principal's report -Terry Gladfelter:**

1. Juvenile Court School Liaison – I am pleased to welcome Rose Hanrahan to the SEW district. Her first day on the job was Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. She is an honor graduate from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in social work. She is leaving the Department of Human Services to join us. Ms. Hanrahan will be at SEW on Mondays and Wednesdays and every other Friday. The other days will be spent at I-35.

2. Winter Athletic Schedule – There has been concern expressed about the basketball schedule. Parents have expressed concern about the junior high having to practice early in the morning and the needed transportation. A new schedule has been put together so that the junior high teams will practice immediately after school with a rotation between Lacona and Liberty Center. A shuttle bus will be made available at the end of practice. The shuttle schedule will be very similar to the schedule used for football/volleyball practice.

3. Eligibility Requirements – Discussion has begun to review the eligibility requirements for extra curricular activities. The main area of concern is the 4 ½ week period. Should we consider eligibility every 2 ½ weeks? The question to consider is how would that be monitored as to not create more paperwork for the teachers. I have been

contacting other schools to review their policies. **Children First Forum** – Jennifer Birchette reported that the Children First Forum would like to get a mentoring program in place for the elementary schools. They would like to see a reward program with high school students visiting the elementary to have lunch, play games, and socialize with the students. The CSIP was also discussed. The CSIP will be discussed in more depth at the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> in Liberty Center.

**Athletic Boosters** – Ron Miller reported that the Athletic Boosters have put the football field project on hold for another year. They were unable to schedule the dirt work to be done this fall.

**Fine Arts Boosters** – Jennifer Birchette reported that the Fine Arts Boosters are promoting the sale of the denim shirts. The Southeast Warren fall play will be held next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Local Option Sales Tax** – Paul Meade reported that the Local Option Sales Tax Committee would like for each school district to form committees to promote the Local Option Sales Tax issue. The next Local Option Sales Tax Committee meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday at 5:30 in Indianola.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. October 13, October 16, and October 28, 2003, minutes
2. Financial reports

Motion by Miller, seconded by Hardy to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 5.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent Della Vedova related to the Board that he and Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter had met with Melcher's superintendent and high school principal last week to discuss sharing ideas. Dollar amounts will be put to the ideas to be presented to the Melcher-Dallas Board of Education. Options will be discussed further during a board work session to be scheduled later on the agenda.

**CONSIDER DISPOSITION OF OLD SCHOOL HOUSE:** Ron Miller presented an estimate of approximately \$10,000 to repair the old school house with a new roof, paint, doors and concrete floor. Ron's recommendation was to purchase a metal building instead of spending money on an old building. No action was taken by the Board.

**BUS CAMERAS:** Bids were received from Robotics Technologies, Inc. (RTI) and Radio Engineering Industries, Inc. (REI) for bus camera systems. Motion by Miller, seconded by Birchette to purchase six cameras for the buses at a

cost of \$715 per unit from REI. Ayes: 5. The cameras will be paid for from the PPEL Fund.

**ISJIT:** Motion by Wadle, seconded by Miller to approve (i) Voyageur Asset Management Inc. as the ISJIT Investment Advisor, (ii) the ISJIT Amended and Restated 12b-1 plan for the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (including the Diversified Portfolio and the Direct Government Obligation Portfolio), and (iii) the ISJIT Marketing and Service Agreement between MidAmerican Investment Advisory Group, Inc. and Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust and hereby authorizes its board secretary to execute the proxy statement. Ayes: 5.

**BOARD POLICY 403.5:** The Board discussed Board Policy 403.5, "Early Retirement Benefits". The policy has been void since April 15, 1996. The consensus of the Board was for the superintendent and board secretary to bring back ideas for consideration to update the early retirement policy. John Burrell refrained from all discussion on this agenda item.

**REVIEW BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 500 AND 501:** Motion by Hardy, seconded by Miller to approve the review and revision of Board Policy Section 500, "Student Personnel" and Section 501, "Student Attendance". Ayes: 5.

**WORK SESSION:** The Board scheduled a work session for Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Liberty Center to discuss finances and possible sharing arrangements.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met for a work session November 20, 2003, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President Burrell called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette and Chris Hardy. Ron Miller arrived at 6:35. Chris Wadle was absent. Superintendent John Della Vedova and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance.

Superintendent Della Vedova reviewed the current financial condition of the district. The current budget has a cash deficit of approximately \$62,000 due to the state aid reduction and over budgeting. Julie Wilson presented figures for possible areas for savings. The concept of Total Spending Authority was explained and the different funds available for district expenses were reviewed. The district's unspent authorized budget for the past few years was reviewed.

Several ideas for savings were reviewed, such as sharing positions with Melcher-Dallas, a High School Principal/Superintendent combination, charging the Lunch Fund for custodial time, transferring repair costs to the PPEL Fund if the local option sales tax levy passes and the possibility of savings if an early retirement policy is offered.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

## Open Enrollment

Parents/guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their child/ren in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following dates:

**January 1, 2004:** Last day for regular open enrollment requests for the 2004-05 school year.

**June 30, 2004:** Last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students for 2004-05 school year.

Parents/guardians of open enrolled students whose income falls below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance. This may be in the form of actual transportation or a reimbursement paid directly to you. Parents should be aware that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility. For further details contact the school superintendent's office at 466-3510.



## Policy on the Treatment of Individuals with Disabilities

*As per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*

It is the policy of the S.E. Warren School District not to discriminate against any otherwise qualified individual with disability, solely by reason of his/her disability, in admission or access to, or treatment of employment in, any program or activity sponsored by this school district.

Inquiries regarding compliance with this policy should be directed to Section 504/ADA Coordinator, S.E. Warren Schools, 16331 Tyler St., Liberty Center, IA, 50145, Ph: 515-466-3510, or to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Dept. of Education, Washington, D.C.

### Open Files

Parents of all students in our school district have the right to examine the files of their children. We are mandated by law to make you aware of this right. Parents that are interested should contact the building principal or read the student handbook for procedures to be followed.

## Next School Board Meeting

**January 12, 2004**

Liberty Center  
7:00 p.m.

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

The school district is putting together a program of courses for adults to start early next year. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in a certain kind of course, or if you are available to teach a course. Either return this form by January 6 to LuAnn Ohnemus or call (641) 466-3510.

Quilting

Basic woodworking

Ceramics/pottery

Adult co-ed volleyball

Wellness

CPR

Photography

Painting/drawing

Aerobics

How to help children become better readers

Writing

Advanced computer classes

Beginning computers

Computer maintenance

Please write in other interests: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to serve as a teacher for an adult ed class on \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please see:**  
**[www.se-warren.k12.ia.us/calendar](http://www.se-warren.k12.ia.us/calendar)**