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Iowa State Role Models

On February 25th the Extended Learner Program sponsored a visit by role models from the Iowa State Program for Women in Science and Engineering. Eleven junior high students participated in an authentic science experiment to compare different factors affecting rolling objects. Eighteen high school students conducted an experiment to classify different plastics. The events were designed to show students they can enjoy science and math and put these skills to use in an engineering career.

After facilitating the experiments, the role models answered students' questions about college in general and Iowa State specifically. The junior high students had lots of good questions. I could tell they have thought about college and the classes they should take in order to be prepared.

The role models encouraged the high school students to take all the higher level courses they can, including Advanced Placement Classes. ELP students can contact me or Mr. Ripperger if they are interested in adding higher level courses to their schedules for next year.



Kate Clendenen and Brittany Stanley float plastic chips in various solutions

Submitted by Cindy Butler, ELP Advisor

Congratulations to Meghan Seuferer!
For being selected to be a part of the
All-Iowa Honor Drill Team.

On Saturday, March 13, Meghan performed during half-time of the girls' state basketball tournament.
Way to go, Meghan!!!

Submitted by Emily Layton

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

Spring break has come and gone and we are in the final nine weeks of the school year. Already discussion and planning is beginning to take place for the 04-05 school year. Part of the planning taking place is with the committees that I spoke about in the last letter. I would like to update the work of these committees.

We have a district wide leadership team of the three principals, a faculty member from each building, and two AEA members. This group has now spent significant time looking over the ITBS/ITED results from the November test. The information being brought back to our buildings is that a priority must be placed on reading comprehension. We will be looking into professional development for our staff in reading across the content areas.

On our campus the Behavior Committee is working on a building wide behavior plan. We have come up with three main rules for the campus – “Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Positive Role Model.” Our teachers and students met the last day before spring break to develop what these three rules would look like in the halls, cafeteria, and for school property. We want all stakeholders to provide input to this process so that all will feel ownership to the plan.

The Academic Committee spent their last meeting looking at the master schedule. Eight pairs of eyes looking at the schedule are always better than my one set. They developed a list of what worked and what needs to be considered for next year. A master schedule is a process that takes a lot of give and take from all the teachers. It is our desire put in place a schedule providing our students with best balance of class opportunities.

The Diverse Learner Committee looks at the academic needs of the students in Special Education, Gifted and Talented, and At Risk. The academic needs of these students’ addresses a broad spectrum of concerns that must also take into consideration State and National mandates.

All three of these committees are having meetings two and three times a month before or after school. I really appreciate the initiative that has been taken on by the faculty to meet the challenges of their committee assignments. We are dealing with more state and federal requirements and seemingly less time to accomplish these requirements. Our faculty and staff are committed to our students and again I commend them for their diligent work.

Terry Gladfelter, Junior-Senior High Principal

Congratulations to the following math students for their performances at POI Academic Night in East Union:

First place Math-a-thon A
Emily Kimzey & Brittany Stanley

Third place Math-a-thon B
Eric Smith & Theresa Renfelt

Seventh place Speed Math
Alex Deaver

Submitted by Jim Carr

Band Notes

Thank you to the great audience that attended our Spring Pop’s Concert! We hope you enjoyed listening to us as much as we enjoyed performing for you.



The Junior High Concert Band is proving to be an excellent musical organization. They play with the attention to detail and musicianship usually found in older students. I was very proud of their performance. One of the Jr. High compositions featured **Ruth Sorensen, Ali Brummer, Jacob Carnes, and Megan Chapman** playing Clarinet Boogie. Our final selection featured the entire band playing Jazzy Brown Jug.

The High School Concert Band featured our saxophone section, **Sarah Sorensen, Audra Drish, and Jeanette Krautoff**, playing a great arrangement of Yakety Sax, written by saxophone legend, Boots Randolph. We ended the performance by featuring the entire concert band playing St. Louis Blues, written by W. C. Handy. He was one of America’s greatest blues composers. As usual, the High School Concert Band turned in another great performance. Thank you bands!!!

Willis VanderLinden
Band Director

Southeast Warren Website

Online access is now available for

Jr/Sr High School Grades
Assignment Grades
Lesson Plans
Attendance

Hot Lunch Program - District-wide
Charge History
Payment History

Call the High School at 641-466-3331 to set up your login accounts.

From your **Intermediate Principal...**

Cindy Butler

In September, all students in grades 3 to 10 participated in a district wide assessment called Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Each student took the MAP tests on a computer. These tests measured each child's academic skill in the areas of mathematics, science, reading, and language usage.

During the weeks of April 26 to May 7 we will administer the spring version of the MAP tests to all students in grades 3 to 10. In the MAP system, the difficulty of the test is adjusted to the student's performance. The difficulty of each question is based on how well the student has answered all of the questions up to that point. As the student answers correctly, the questions become more difficult. If the student answers incorrectly, the questions become

easier. Within an optimal test, the student answers approximately half the items correctly and half incorrectly. Because each student takes a test at his or her achievement level, each has the opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing. The final score is an estimate of the student's achievement level.

Student results are reported in RIT scores. The RIT score is an equal interval scale, like feet and inches, which makes growth in learning easy to measure. RIT scores range from approximately 150 to 260. Students typically start at a RIT score of about 170-190 in the third grade and progress to the 230-260 range by high school. Of course, some students start at a higher RIT level and some never reach the top level.

Each student will receive a progress report showing the growth of academic skill from September to April. The report will show a comparison to the district grade level average and a comparison to a national average.

We are truly excited to use the second part of this assessment which focuses on every child's individual growth and achievement. We think parents will be pleased with the report which will be a powerful tool for monitoring student growth over time. You will receive the report at the end of the year. If you have any questions prior to test administration or after receiving the report, please contact your building principal.

On pages 14-15 you will find more information from our annual progress report on our districts reading, math, and science scores.

Cindy Butler, Intermediate Principal

Want to Get Involved?

Did you know that students whose parents are involved with their schools get higher grades, are better behaved, and have a more positive attitude about learning? There are a number of ways to be involved at the Intermediate school this month. Hope you can find one activity to fit into your busy schedule.

- **Children First Forum (CFF)** - the community advisory group will work on district goals. These goals will be recommended to the school board, and if approved, included in the Continuous School Improvement Plan which will be the guiding force for school improvement. All community members are invited to attend and give input. The meeting will be Monday, April 5 at the Intermediate Center beginning at 7:00.
- **Partners in Education (PIE)** - this group provides many funds and activities to supplement the educational program of both the

Primary center and the Intermediate center. They sponsor reading nights, character education activities, and are planning to improve playgrounds. Their next meeting is Monday, April 5 at the Primary Center beginning at 7:00. A second meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19 at the Intermediate Center. They welcome input and support from everyone.

- **Book Fair** - the PIE committee is sponsoring a book fair at each building during the week of April 19. This is a "buy one get one free" book fair. What better way to show your support of reading than to buy books at the book fair! Look for information regarding hours in the weekly bulletin.
- **Solo Contest** - Mr. Vanderlinden has scheduled a solo contest for all 5th and 6th grade band students. The event will be held on Friday, April 23 from 4:00 to 6:30 at the junior senior high. Individuals will be judged and provided written critiques. The public

is invited to attend, but I'm sure they could use parent volunteers to help the contest run smoothly. Let Mr. Vanderlinden know if you are interested in helping.

We welcome your support at all these activities and others which may occur during the remainder of the year.

Submitted by Cindy Butler

**Southeast Warren
Alumni**

**Mark your calendars for the
Alumni Banquet**

June 19, 2004

From your Primary Principal...

Charlotte Weaklend

The reorganizational meeting of the Partners in Education on March 1st yielded several new members and the following new officers: **Wendy Smith** - president, **Roxie Chapman** - vice-president, **Shaun Weeks** - treasurer, and **Melody Kibbe** - secretary. Congratulations to our new officers and thanks to our out-going ones for a job well done!

The elementary carnival held at the Primary center on the evening of March 5th was very well attended. The children enjoyed many hands-on activities including a duck pond, lollipop tree, cake walk, jewelry wheel, pop toss, football throw, bowling, zoo throw, Bozo nose, fish for chips, and an inflatable jump house. Small prizes were awarded at all of the games of chance. Thanks to the many parent and staff volunteers who made the evening possible for the students.

Thirty-five kindergarten through 3rd grade girls participated in the Spring Dance Showcase on the evening of March 6th in the high school gymnasium. The girls performed routines they had learned at their after-school dance clinics at the Primary building in their specially designed bright orange t-shirts and had a great time. The high school dance team members did a great job serving as good role models as they worked with our youngsters during this very positive team-building experience.

Trooper **Mike Workman** from the Iowa Highway Patrol joined us at our

opening Character assembly on the morning of March 12th to talk with the youngsters about traffic and bicycle safety. Later in the morning he presented a "stranger danger" program for the kindergarten classes. Mike left a coloring book for each student, as well as fifteen bike helmets and six special highway patrol t-shirts to be distributed to the students. We appreciate the work of the Highway Patrol in providing these assemblies and safety promotion items free of charge to students.

Thirty-five Primary students participated in the St. Jude's Hospital math-a-thon during the month of March. Participants took pledges of 3 cents, 5 cents, or 10 cents from family friends and relatives for each math question they answered on the math-a-thon booklets or computer CDs. This activity is done exclusively at home with all of the proceeds going to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital for research and patient care. Not only did this activity reinforce our caring theme, but also served to sharpen the students' math skills. Thanks to all the parents who took the time to enable their child to participate and to all community members who pledged a gift to St. Jude's. It is very much appreciated.

High school guidance counselor **Brenton Tigner** and elementary physical education teacher **Don Newberry** have teamed up to work with selected second and third grade students on friendship skills two

mornings a week. We have a number of parent volunteers, as well as a couple of high school seniors, who are meeting with children in small groups or individually to reinforce academic skills. It truly does take a village to raise a child.

Partners in Education is planning an elementary fundraiser to be conducted from April 7th through the 14th. Dried soup and chip dip mixes, as well as colorful high quality lawn flags, will be sold by the elementary students to their relatives and close family friends. Parents will also be urged to take order forms to their places of work. This is not intended to be a door-to-door sale. PIE members sampled one of the soups at one of their recent meetings, and chip dip samples were available the night of the carnival for parents to sample. They really are quite convenient and tasty. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward additional playground equipment at both the Primary and the Intermediate buildings.

Preschool Sign-up for 2004-2005

It is time to sign your child up for preschool. Your child must be 5 years old by September 15th. We will need the following information from you:

Child's name
Parents' names
Birthdate
Address
Phone number
Immunization records
Birth certificate
Which section you would like your child to attend

Our classes are Monday/Wednesday mornings from 8:45-11:15, Tuesday/Thursday mornings from 8:45-11:15, and Tuesday/Thursday afternoons from 12:30-3:00.

Please call the Primary office to sign your child up (942-6216).

Submitted by Teresa Schneider

April Primary activities:

2nd-3rd grade DIBELS testing	Week of April 5th
Kdg. -1st grade DORF testing	Week of April 19th
Easter break	April 9th - 12th
'04-05 Kindergarten Parent mtg.	April 15th
Elementary Spring Pictures	April 15th
Rock-in-Preventions assemblies	April 16th
Elementary Scholastic Book Fair	Week of April 19th
Preschool field trip -Annett Nature Ctr.	April 20th
'04-05 Kindergarten Round-up	Week of April 26th

Art Club

Submitted by Dorie Knight

The Fine Arts Night/Talent Show: It was a blast! Everyone had fun watching talented performers while they enjoyed their meal. We would like to thank all the performers, dinner committee and everyone who joined us for this special event. Your donations and support are greatly appreciated.



Art-A-Thon: On March 13, both High School and Jr. High Art club members created art from 8 a.m. to 8p.m. About 30 members were here throughout the day painting murals and working on individual projects. We would like to give a big thanks to all the people who sponsored an Art club member for this event.

High School Art Club Upcoming Activities:

Lacona Manor Sign: This month, Art club will be working on a sign for the Lacona Manor, which will soon be “Vine Avenue Apartments”. We have been discussing ideas for a while, but this month we plan to take action.

Milo Welcome Sign: We have submitted numerous designs for a welcome sign for Milo, and are currently waiting to hear back from Milo City hall for their decision. We then plan to make formal sketches of the designs they choose.

Chicago Trip April 16-18: 15 High School members along with 4 Chaperones will be going to Chicago to experience art in the big city and to have fun!

Awards Banquet May 3rd: The Art club awards banquet will be held at Rudy’s Randeveau . Various awards will be given for all the hard work members have done this year.

Jr. High Art Club Upcoming Activities

Art Club Retreat/Awards Night: May 14th 5:00pm-10:00am. We plan do travel to Des Moines for this event. More details to come!

Athletic Boosters

The Athletic Boosters will be honoring a Faculty Member and a Community Member of the Year Award at awards night at the high school. If you would like to nominate someone for either award, please write a paragraph describing why you feel they are deserving of the award and submit to Mr. Jones, Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters, 1621 Tyler Street, Liberty Center, IA 50145 or e-mail to cjones@se-warren.k12.ia.us

Starting in April the Athletic Boosters will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by Marcia Stanley

Fine Arts Boosters

The Fine Arts Boosters thank everyone who helped with and attended the Fine Arts Night Dinner. We appreciate your support. Thanks also to all the entertainers and to the fine arts teachers. The profits from this night were divided between the art, vocal, and band departments.

Submitted by Barb Ripperger

**Next Fine Arts Boosters Meeting
Wednesday, April 7th at 6:30 PM
in the High School Band Room**

FFA News



Spring is in full swing for the Southeast Warren FFA Chapter. Officer Elections were held and the new officers will take over on Banquet on April 23. The new officers are:

President – **Derek Hommer**
Vice President – **Nathan Meyers**
Secretary – **Tabetha Dollison**
Treasurer – **Theresa Renfeldt**
Reporter – **Brad Ball**
Sentinel – **Karen Manser**

February 23rd through the 28th was national FFA Week. We had Tractor Day, Camouflage Day, Official Dress Day, and even hosted a Faculty Breakfast. Congratulations to the winner of Pork Bingo this year - **Dusty Dykstra** won \$40.

State Convention was April 5th and 6th in Ames. Seventeen Members attended. While there we attended several sessions and spent time at the career fair. Thank you to our chaperones and all who helped us out.

The FFA Banquet is coming up fast. It will be held April 23rd, in the lunchroom at the High School at 7:00pm. HyVee is catering and it should be a great meal. We will be giving out leadership awards and installing new officers. We will also have a slide show of the year in review and two guest speakers.

Goat Day will be April 1st. Watch out because the SEW FFA may have one for you! If you are one of the lucky ones, you may either pay to get rid of it, or have the pleasure of the goat’s company for twenty minutes.

*Submitted by
Tabetha Dollison & Derek Hommer*

Kindergarten Roundup

Below is a list of children that are eligible for kindergarten roundup for the year 2004-2005. If you know a child that will be five on or before September 15th please call the primary school at 641-942-6216.

Rakiah Baker
Shaunicy Baker
Jed Balk
Georgia Barnes
Blake Bauer
Lane Becker
Trenton Carruthers
Kelli Chapman
Shannon Coffman
Meghan Coop
Emilie Cooper
Will Dolezal
Jackson Fischer
Sean Gardner
Hunter Geary
Brock Graham
Travis Hobbs
Keegan Jacobs

Joshua Jimenez
Addyson Kimzey
Jennifer Mally
Kaleb Miller
A.J. Mitzelfelt
Mason Ohnemus
Kortney Riggan
Jaden Schurman
Brianna Shannon
Wyatt Shannon
Kaci Sherwood
Lauren Spence
Sammy Straw
Randy Thomas
Dalton Thompson
Jeffrey Wells
Victoria Worthington

Children's First Forum

Minutes - March 1, 2004

The Children's First Forum met Monday, March 1. Those attending were Cindy Butler, Carla Anders, Rose Ripperger, Donna Clay, and Lori Pierson.

Lori shared the results of the District Needs Assessment. The group then discussed the lists of strengths and weaknesses. Discussion was held regarding the transitions between 3rd and 4th grades, and 6th and 7th grades. This seems to be a big concern in the district. Some suggestions were discussed, but more information is needed before decisions can be made. Using the Assessment information, the group will make suggestions for new goals for the CSIP plan.

The next meeting is Monday, April 5th in Lacona.

Submitted by Donna Clay

Super Readers

The super readers at the Primary Center are running out of wall space to display our pictures! We have a super number of Super Readers at our school! Congratulations to all the readers!



Super Reader 1

Cameron Hertzler
Brian Jimenez
JC Northway
Allisa Quick
Madison Beck
Jada Parks
Addison Spear
Mitchell Anders
Ashlyn Dowell
Andy Johnson
Brendan Peterson
Haley Seuferer
Alli Wilson
Coltyn Hunter
Lauren Wilson

Super Reader 2

Katie Konrad
Alex VanHove
Austin Agan
Colbi Hunter

Bobbi Lawton

Dana Martin
Destini Miller
Amanda Williams
Tyson Herold
Brett Yeggy

Super Reader 3

Preston Carruthers
Zach Hart
Kane Ellenwood
Collin Judkins
Hillary Gardner
Joe Johnson
Amy Williams
Christina Shepherd
Katie Konrad

Super Reader 4

Aaron Coffman
Gabe Combs

Celeste Welshhons

Megan Cleveland
Kacey Konrad
Madison Hall

Super Reader 5

Jonie Meling
Carrie Neer

Super Reader 7

Kaylee Miller

Super Reader 8

Robert Stickel

Super Reader 10

Dallas Stanger

Advanced Reader 2

Amy Koenck

Whatz Hot? Whatz Not!

Student Newsletter
April 2004

Oops!!!

By Heather Brewster

*For the longest time, I have had a crush on the hottest, most popular guy in school. I was super happy because it was St. Patrick's Day and if you're Irish, you can say, "Kiss me because I`m Irish." I`m Irish so I planned on approaching him. Well, I saw him in the hall, went up to him and said, "Kiss me I`m Irish." He turned around and it wasn't my crush, it was my Math App. teacher. OOPS!
-Monkey Lady

*One day my friend and I were just messing around and bought some M&M's. We stuck them up our noses and were shooting them out when one got stuck in my nose. I had to go to the office and call home to tell my mom what happened. OOPS!
-Princess Of Dogs

*On St. Patrick's Day, I wanted to look really cute for my crush, so I put on some jeans that zipped in the back instead of the front. When I got to school, everyone was laughing at me so I just ignored them and went up to my crush to flirt with him. When I got there, he said that my zipper was undone and he could see my underwear. OOPS!
-Barf Bag

Guys Have It So Easy

By: Karen Manser

For high school students prom is always a blast, but it is also stressful and expensive. Fifteen girls and 14 guys were asked how much time and money they spend on prom. This is what they said:

Girls

tanning: \$35
hairdo: \$25
dress: \$200
nails: \$16
shoes: \$23
accessories: \$26
make-up: \$14

Guys

tux: \$100
carwash: \$8
gas: \$16
dinner: \$34
flowers: \$17
haircut: \$10

Time to get ready

Girls: anywhere from 2 hours to all day

Guys: anywhere from 10 minutes to 2 hours

Youth Training Core for Character Development

Joseph Clay

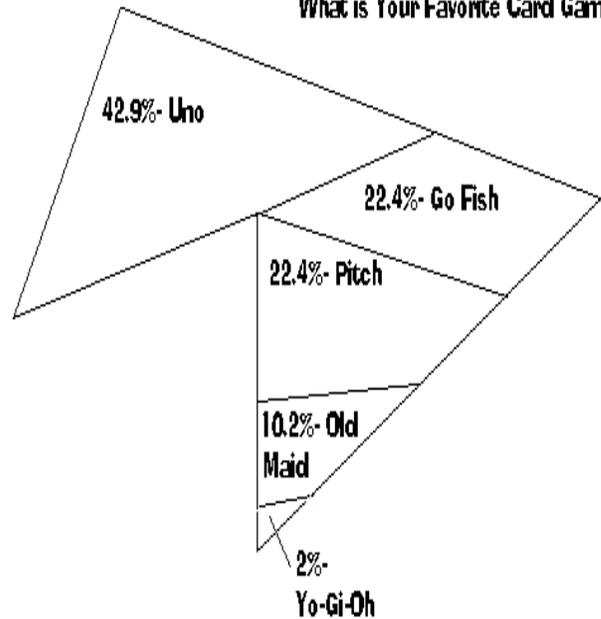
In most people's opinion, bullying is getting to be a big problem these days. Bullying can be prevented in many ways. From what I have noticed in my years of being a student, schools do very little in the way of punishment to these people. I have interviewed several people from all around the state of Iowa to see what their view on bullying is. All of them said that it is a big problem and that it needs to be taken care of in the schools. I also asked them if they thought that the school was doing enough in the way of punishment for the student(s) who are doing the bullying. Every single one said that the school did very little. Some even said that, if the teachers saw it going on, they would look the other way and not get involved. One said that the only way that it was stopped is if other students intervened. The thing that amazes me about all this is that the schools are the ones that are saying that the issue of bullying is getting out of hand. The issue can only be prevented if the solution starts at the school. One way to minimize this problem is to incorporate the Character Counts Framework into the schools. This will help show the students that they can live a more efficient life with good character than one with bad character. I am not saying that this is the solution to the problem, but it can help. If you do not have this program in your school, you should think of implementing it. It never hurts to try. So, if you are reading this and think that this could help your school, go and talk to them and see if you can get it started today!



Favorite Card Game

A. Pitch	22.4%
Q. Yo-Gi-Oh	2%
Y. Go Fish	22.4%
K. Old Maid	10.2%
V. UNO	42.9%

What is Your Favorite Card Game?



Word Scambler

Unscramble the words below to find Ten April Fool's Day Jokes. No Foolin'

1. aorifllso _____
2. fasip lrool _____
3. rlailfoops _____
4. Iro siolfpa _____
5. iplra soolf _____
6. ora iollfsp _____
7. ofas oipllr _____
8. splorflaio _____
9. sllarpfooi _____
10. slooflirpa _____

2J&A Movie Review

By Jacinda M., Julie R., and Amy R.
Secret Window
Thriller, Drama

Morton Rainey (Johnny Depp), an experienced novelist is charged with plagiarism by John Shooter (John Turturro). Shooter comes to Rainey's house and tells him to read the story. Rainey reads it and realizes that it is similar to one of his stories, *Secret Window*. Rainey states that he wrote the story in June of 1995, so Shooter gives him three days to prove it. Shooter comes back and starts following Rainey. All Shooter wants now is for Morton Rainey to fix the ending, which he ruined. Morton is going crazy and he keeps seeing things that aren't really there. He can't tell the difference between reality and make-believe. The twists and turns of this movie will keep you on your toes.

Jacinda: It's a good thriller. I give it 3 Warhawks.
Julie: It had its moments. I give it 3 Warhawks.
Amy: It kept my attention until the very end. I give it 4 Warhawks.



Southeast Warren Community School District Breakfast & Lunch Menu APRIL 2004

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			Muffins	Sausage Biscuit/Gravy
			Chicken Nuggets Fruit Mixed Vegetables Bread & Butter 1	Eggs Potatoes Fruit Toast 2
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	
Beefburger/Bun Potato Fruit Cookie 5	Quesadilla Refried Beans Lettuce Salad Fruit 6	Cook's Choice 7	Taco Lettuce & Cheese Corn Fruit Bread & Butter 8	No School 9
	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	Muffins	Pizza
No School 12	Mac & Cheese Peas Fruit Peanut Butter Sand. 13	1:15 Dismissal Cook's Choice 14	Spaghetti Lettuce Salad Fruit Cheesebread 15	Chicken Patty/Bun Vegetable Fruit Bar 16
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Sausage Biscuit/Gravy
BBQ Meat/Bun Potato Fruit Bar 19	Frito Pie Lettuce & Cheese Corn Fruit Bread & Butter 20	Cook's Choice 21	Pizza Cole Slaw Fruit 22	Hot Dog/Bun Potato Fruit Cookie 23
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	Muffins	Pizza
Chicken Tenders Potato Fruit Hot Roll 26	Goulash Green Beans Fruit Peanut Butter Sand. 27	Cook's Choice 28	Turkey & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Fruit Bread & Butter 29	Sloppy Joe/Bun Fresh Vegetables Fruit Bar 30

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	

- *Breakfast is served with juice & milk*
- *Lunch is 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
February 9, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session February 9, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Chris Wadle, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

VISITORS: Lori Pearson, School Improvement Consultant with the Heartland Area Education Agency 11, presented a summary of the Needs Assessment Focus Group results. The results of the Needs Assessment will be used as a tool when writing the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan due in September.

REPORTS:

**Transportation Report
Submitted by Joel Mosher:**

1. The cold weather is here and so far we have had no cold weather or snow related problems in transporting students.
2. We have had several extra trips out of the classrooms, ski trips to Sleepy Hollow and Montezuma, Character Education trip to Knoxville Rec Center, all Milo students to Lacona for the Ronald McDonald assembly and the junior high band to Lacona for the awards assembly.
3. The building principals and myself have reviewed several tapes from the buses and are taking care of disciplinary problems.
4. I have started to look at new bus specs and possibly a used van.

**Primary Principal's Report
Submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:**

1. On Thursday, February 12, Lane Persey of the Des Moines Menace Soccer team will visit with the Primary students about his experiences on the soccer field, relating those experiences with the six pillars of character. All of this will take place at a special character assembly beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Please note that Mr. Persey will present a second assembly at the Intermediate building immediately following the one at the Primary. At the Primary assembly there will be a surprise presentation of t-shirts featuring the character pillars to all of the primary students and staff members. These t-shirts are a gift from the Peoples Savings Bank. The Record-Herald has

been invited, and a bank representative will be present at the Primary assembly to make the presentation following Mr. Persey's talk. Thanks to Tammy Hall and Lisa Hunter of the Partners In Education for their parts in arranging this memorable day.

2. Preliminary reviews of fall 3rd grade ITBS results indicates mild weaknesses in the areas of spelling, math computation, and reading comprehension – especially in drawing inferences and interpretation of material. We are currently analyzing specific test items and exploring methods of improving instruction in these areas. We are also reviewing how we offer initial instruction, strategic instruction, and intensive instruction, as well as assess, each of the five essential components of reading instruction – phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
3. Our teaching staff recently met with Technology Director Mike Tierney to discuss technology options to best complement our instructional programs at the Primary building. Updated computers for teachers and a small computer lab in the media center are strong possibilities as expenditures for an expected grant.
4. February is an exciting month at the Primary with the parent-teacher conferences, "Cat in the Hat" family reading night, reading award party for 2nd and 3rd grade students meeting their Accelerated Reading goals, the Adrenaline Dance Clinic for K-3 students after school in the Primary multi-purpose room on the 19th, the character assembly mentioned above, and the Friendship Fair program mentioned in last month's report. In addition, Partners in Education has been busy planning the Elementary Carnival to be held in the Primary building on the evening of March 5th.

**Intermediate Principal's Report
Submitted by Cindy Butler:**

1. Honor Roll – B average or better
 - 1st Semester
 - 6th graders – 62%
 - 5th graders – 91%
 - 4th graders – 69%
2. Character Data

57% of students did not receive any office referrals or detentions during the 1st semester. Many more detentions were issued for bus behavior this year than last year. See chart below
3. Perfect Attendance

34% of our students missed 1 or fewer days.
4. Partners in Education helped sponsor a reading night at the Intermediate Center on January

20. We had students from 8th grade to preschool attend. Although the turnout was not large, all attendees had a good time.

5. We had a tremendous turn out for the Geography Bee/Social Studies Night. The fifth graders performed a readers theatre about early America and all other grades had classroom projects on display. Eighth grader Bill Anders won the competition.
6. The Children First Forum meeting scheduled for February 2 was cancelled. The committee will meet at the next regularly scheduled meeting on March 1. Lori Pearson will present the Needs Assessment results to the committee that evening.

**Secondary Principal's Report
Submitted by Terry Gladfelter:**

Soccer Sharing – Two of our ninth grade boys have requested the opportunity to play soccer. I have contacted the AD from Indianola. The sharing agreement for both boys and girls soccer will go to their February 23 board meeting. We will have the agreement for our March 8 meeting. Practices begin March 15.

State Wrestling – I need some guidance on this issue. Our schedule this year does not have make-up days for state wrestling. There has been a past practice of taking one or two buses of students to state wrestling as a "field trip." My preference is that students that want to go to state wrestling as a spectator use that as one of their 5 days toward semester exam exemption. The students would also be responsible for their own transportation. I would appreciate your input. (The consensus of the Board was agreement with the recommendation, but allow students who have participated in wrestling during the school year to attend as a team without use of a day towards semester exams.)

CSIP Plan and School wide Leadership Development – I recently had a meeting with the AEA to assist me with the direction we need to be taking as a building to help improve student achievement and the CSIP plan. I will be organizing the teachers into three committees – Academic, Behavior, and Diverse Learners. All three committees will look at data, curriculum alignment, and testing in relation to the committee title. This information will then be moved to a leadership committee that takes the information to develop the CSIP plan and professional development.

To Jan. 16	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004
Detentions	632	426	181	90
Office Referrals	139	114	87	37

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New JMC Feature – In our last Warren Pride I mentioned the new opportunity for improved parental communication concerning student grades and assignments. With a password, parents can go to our website and find current student grades and assignments. I've already had parent interest, but have also cautioned that as we get the program running to please be patient.

Legislative report – Chris Wadle related from an article that Governor Tom Vilsack has proposed raising minor taxes, closing loop holes in the tax system, and increasing tobacco taxes to generate an additional \$130 million for the state, with a portion going to education - a step in the right direction.

Warren County Conference Board: John Burrell reported that the Warren County Conference Board had met on January 21. A presentation was given explaining the duties and responsibilities of the Conference Board and the Assessment process. The proposed 2005 FY budget was presented.

Fine Arts Boosters – Jennifer Birchette reported that preparations are still being made for FAN Night February 28th. The Fine Arts Boosters have agreed to purchase a baritone for the band.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were on the consent agenda:
 1. January 12, 2004, minutes
 2. Financial reports
 Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 5.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent John Della Vedova related to the Board that an ad had been placed in the paper for a part-time superintendent. The deadline for applications is February 20th. Interviews will be scheduled for February 24th at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. and on February 26th at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD POLICY 1004.1R: Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the review and revision of Board Policy 1004.1R, "Fees for School Use." Ayes: 5.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter recommended hiring Kristina Stills, HS Language Arts, BA-Step 3. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve hiring Kristina Stills. Ayes: 5.

CONTRACT WITH ARCHITECT FOR LA-CONA GYM PROJECT: Superintendent John Della Vedova recommended approving the architect contract with RDG Planning & Design for the Lacona gym project at a contracted amount of \$4,900.00. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the contract with the architect for the Lacona gym project. Ayes: 5.

EARLY START DATE FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR: A hearing was held to allow community members the opportunity to provide input on the early start to the 2004-2005 school year. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the early start date for the 2004-2005 school year. Ayes: 5.

2004-2005 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the 2004-2005 school calendar as proposed with the addition of snow make-up days at the end of the school year. Ayes: 5.

BOARD POLICY 504.13 AND 504.13R: Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the review and revision of Board Policy 504.13 and 504.13R, "Special Health Services." Ayes: 5.

BOARD POLICY 802.7: Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the revision of Board Policy 802.7, "Gifts, Grants, & Bequests" as read. Ayes: 5. A recommendation was received from EMC Insurance Company to adopt a policy not to accept donations

of paints, solvents, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides and any other chemicals. Southeast Warren will not accept these types of donations without first being evaluated and approved by the administration.

REVIEW OF BOARD POLICY SECTION 600 AND 601: Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the review of Board Policy Section 600, "Educational Program" and Section 601, "General Organization." Ayes: 5.

WORK SESSION: The Board scheduled a work session for March 2 at 5:00 in Liberty Center to discuss future PPEL projects.

President John Burrell adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
 Special Board Meeting
 February 24, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in special session February 24, 2004, in the media center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Chris Hardy, Ron Miller, and Chris Wadle. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance.

The board interviewed superintendent candidate Lance Ridgely.

The board took a recess at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

The board interviewed superintendent candidate Mike Gates.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Southeast Warren Elementary Yearbook Order Form

It is time to order your SE Warren Elementary Yearbook. The books will be similar to the books we have offered in the years past and will be approximately 16 pages with pictures from Preschool through Sixth grade. Please note you have a choice of a Black & White or a Full Color book. Orders with payment are due Friday, April 16th. Thank you!

Black & White Yearbook _____ (quantity) x \$ 4.00 = _____ (total due)

Full Color Yearbook _____ (quantity) x \$10.00 = _____ (total due)

Student's name

Teacher's name

Parent Signature

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
February 26, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in special session February 26, 2004, in the media center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Chris Hardy, Ron Miller, and Chris Wadle. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance.

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Ayes: 5. The time was 6:05 p.m.

President Burrell called the closed session to an end and adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
March 2, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in special session March 2, 2004, in the media center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette and Ron Miller. Chris Wadle arrived at 5:55 p.m. Chris Hardy was absent. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance.

Julie Wilson presented figures of current and anticipated funds in the PPEL Fund and anticipated local option sales tax revenue that would be available for infrastructure needs. Terry Gladfelter and Cindy Butler each presented a list of infrastructure needs for their buildings to the Board. The Board then discussed the projects and related costs for each project and prioritized the list based on need and available funds. The consensus of the Board was to have administration take care of the small items such as improv-

ing the high school restrooms, benches for the courtyard, hydro-jetting the sewer lines at the high school, pea gravel for the Lacona playground and redoing the concrete outside the library door in Lacona that could be paid from the General Fund. A firm bid will be obtained for the purchase of an additional portable at the high school for special education classes. The option of financing the portable and a bus over a period of time will be looked into. Direction will be given to the Transportation Director to check into the purchase of a van. A list of infrastructure needs will also be obtained for the primary building.

The Board interviewed superintendent candidate Harold Hulleman.

The Board took a recess at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

The Board interviewed superintendent candidate Linda Hartman.

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

Further Adventures in Quilting

What: Southeast Warren Schools would like to offer another adult-education quilting class. This series of four classes will feature quilt related projects such as raggy quilts, faux chenille and a simple bargello flag.

When: Classes will be held from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, April 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2004.

Where: Classes will be held in the home economics suite, Ms. Rhodes room.

How much: The course will cost \$20.00 and is payable in the school office. You will receive a materials list at the time of registration.

**Please call LuAnn at 641-466-3510
to sign up for the class.
Voicemail is available after hours.**

Scholarship Fundraiser Music Show and Dance

**Featuring the Branson-quality music of
"Young Country" - from Laredo, MO.**

and featured guests:

**Pat Meade
Marjorie Horton
Ann Brock
Bill Whitten
Devon Dunsmoor**

Friday - April 2, 2004

**Southeast Warren High School
Liberty Center, IA**

**Admission: \$6
School-age: \$3**

**Supper from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Music and dance starting at 7:00 PM**

**For more information, call Pat or Nancy
Meade, 641-466-3512**

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