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### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*The Meghan Seuferer Memorial Scholarship has recently been established. It will be administered by the Southeast Warren Scholarship Foundation. Donations may be sent to SEW Scholarship Foundation, Edith Heemstra, 18508 Hwy. G76, Lacona IA, 50139, Identify it for the Meghan Seuferer fund. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a selected Southeast Warren graduate.*



### Meghan Seuferer Memorial Scholarship Soup Supper

Saturday, February 19, 2005

5:30 – 8:00

Milo Community Center

113 Main Street, Milo

Chili, Potato, & Vegetable Soup

Cinnamon Rolls

Entertainment, Raffle, &

Pie Auction at 6:30

(Pies courtesy of Milo Christian Union Church Women  
& Southeast Warren Lifeskills Program)



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

I begin this letter with a sadness that has affected all of our community this past month. I've spent much time pondering how I should reflect and respond to the events over the Christmas holiday. It is not my desire to prolong the grieving process, but instead to take an opportune time for all of us to reflect on not only what is good for our students, but what is best for our students.

I recently attended a Pride of Iowa principal's meeting. Since the holidays 6 of the 12 principals have had to deal with accidents that have affected their students. All of the accidents had a common thread – alcohol. Nationally, the average age when young men first try alcohol is 11 and for the young girls it is 13. The website Focus Adolescent Services (focusas.com) states, "The three leading causes of death for 15 to 24-year-olds are automobile crashes, homicides, and suicides – alcohol is a leading factor in all three."

Now in my third year as your principal, I have a personal perception that there is a quiet community acceptance of the student's alcohol use. On more than one occasion, I have heard comments from adults that sound like this: "I behaved like this when I was in high school and I turned out okay" or "the kids are going to do it, so let's try and provide a 'safe' place for them to do it." We as a community and as parents have and still are experiencing the "ups and downs" of life; it is our job to take the wisdom we have learned from life and pass it on to our students and children. Yes, we have made our mistakes, but why should we be satisfied with our young people repeating the same mistakes? We need to be training our children to make the right decisions so that, when they are grown and on their own, they will continue to make the right decisions.

Joseph Califano Jr., Chairman and President of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, has said, "A child who reaches age 21 without smoking, abusing alcohol or using drugs is virtually certain never to do so." Our SEW school district must use the community, classrooms, youth activities, churches, and most importantly the supper table as forums to talk to our students, our children, our next generation about how to say "no" and how to make correct decisions. I know we want what is good for our students; however, I hope we are willing to take action and do what is best for their futures.

Submitted by Terry Gladfelter, Secondary Principal

### **From the Guidance Office**

The Dollars for Scholars Scholarship applications will be mailed to the senior parents on the first day of March. The applications are due in Mr. Tigner's office, by Friday, April 1st. Seniors and Senior Parents may contact Barb Ripperger for further details. Barb's phone number is 534-3161. Barb's e-mail is [bripper@se-warren.k12.ia.us](mailto:bripper@se-warren.k12.ia.us).

There will be a College Planning Meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. We will meet in the auditorium at the high school. I encourage all Junior's and Junior Parents to attend this meeting. We will discuss the importance of scholarship preparation and the need to begin your scholarship search early. There will be a \$50.00 scholarship given away at the March 8th meeting for those represented by a student and parent.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the 22nd and the 24th of February. Please call the high school and reserve a time to meet with the counselor during Parent Teacher's Conferences.

If you are unable to attend the conferences, please contact the counselor to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

Please be aware of the Southeast Warren FAFSA completion date of February 15, 2005. The College Planning people will be on board to help parents complete their FAFSA forms on this date at the Southeast Warren High School. Please contact the guidance office to schedule your appointment for your FAFSA to be completed on line. Note, it is important to have your FAFSA pin number prior to the appointment. You may call the College Planning Center for information on how to obtain at 1-877-272-4692.

From your **Intermediate Principal...**

**Cindy Butler**

We celebrated the end of the first semester with an awards assembly the last week of January. We are proud of our students and what they have accomplished first semester. With the hard work of our students and teachers, we had a very successful first semester!

Twenty-two students had perfect attendance (19% of our student body); another twenty-two students missed one day or 1/2 a day. We presented certificates to these students with our sincere congratulations! Daily school attendance is so important in helping your child have a successful school year. Many classroom activities cannot be duplicated through make-up work alone; therefore, it is important students come to school every day.

At our assembly we also recognized students who earned a "B" average or better in the four main subject areas of reading, math, science and social studies. A large number of students qualified for honor roll both second quarter and first semester.

In addition, we are proud of the students who demonstrate the Southeast Warren character traits of respect, responsibility, caring, citizenship, integrity, and motivation every day. These students are respectful of staff, caring towards other students, and accept responsibility for their actions. Eighty eight percent of our student body completed the first semester without any detentions or office referrals. They are our Wonderful Outstanding Warhawks and we are very proud of them!

We look forward to seeing the same great effort and performance in academic growth, the same or even better attendance rate, and the same great display of character we saw first semester continue into second semester and throughout the remainder of the year.

Submitted by Cindy Butler, Intermediate Principal

## Sharing with Melcher-Dallas

The Southeast Warren and Melcher-Dallas school districts currently share two staff members: elementary counselor and K-12 media specialist. The two school boards meet annually to discuss other sharing possibilities.

The two districts have also agreed to conduct a needs assessment to help the districts make plans for the future. The process involves interviews with groups from each district. These groups will include community members, students, staff, administrators, and school board members. The group interviews will be facilitated by Eric Heitz. Eric has conducted these needs assessments for a number of Iowa school districts; his services are provided by the Iowa Department of Education. This process will take place this winter; reports to the respective school boards will be made in late winter or early spring.

Neither school board has expressed any interest in merging the two districts. However, sharing of additional staff positions and programs may be viable options as enrollments continue to decline and financial resources are limited.

Harold Hulleman, Superintendent

From your **Primary Principal...**

## **Charlotte Weaklend**

After a very slow start due to extremely inclement weather, January became a very busy month here at the Primary building as teachers met to reflect upon what is working well in our district and in our building, in terms of student achievement and student morale and motivation, and what could use a little fine tuning. We poured over the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ITBS results, comparing those scores with the fall MAP scores and last year's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade ITBS and fall and spring MAP scores, just as we do the DIBELS scores that are generated by kindergarten thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students three times a year. Mid-January through early February is another period of DIBELS testing for us. These tests are administered for the most part by the classroom reading teachers one-on-one and require much coordination in terms of covering the classroom full of remaining students and then analyzing the results to make sure needed prereading and reading interventions are in place almost immediately. As we see trends developing, we have a pretty good handle on what curriculum areas deserve a second look in terms of what we teach and how we teach it. Education will never again be a "one size fits all" process.

I am proud of the efforts the Primary teachers have put into incorporating newly learned reading comprehension strategies from their early-out inservice sessions into their daily lessons. It is rare during my visits to the classrooms that I don't see at least one newly learned strategy being used at any given time. Teachers are meeting in teams on a regular basis to review the strategies, explore new ones, and share what seems to be working and what isn't. They role model these strategies for each other at every staff meeting as well. That is truly what effective staff development that leads to increased student achievement is all about!

Analyzing test data on a regular basis, adjusting curriculum to reflect the needs of the students, providing meaningful staff development based upon those needs and the needs of the staff, and repeated practice of those new strategies as teachers share successes sets the stage for the next round of testing, as the process repeats itself again and again. This is the Iowa model of school improvement – one that is leading to continued improvements in student achievement and school success throughout the state. It sometimes feels tedious and very time consuming and, as in any other major undertaking in life, there are occasional setbacks in continued student progress, but I am convinced that it works. The enthusiasm that is becoming evident in our K-12 teaching staff and the documented improvements in student achievement attest to the positive aspects of our efforts at helping each student meet his or her full potential and to the work of the school improvement process at Southeast Warren!

Submitted by Charlotte Weaklend, Primary Principal



## Fine Arts Boosters

Calling all local talent! The Fine Arts Night has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005. This is the night for you to share your talent with the community. There will be performances by the High School chorus and High School band. Student's artwork will also be exhibited.

So, if you have a hidden talent and would like to share it, please contact Lisa Huyette or Lynnea Young at the High School (466-3331).

This year we will have a coffee house theme to help celebrate Valentine's Day. Hope to see everyone there.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 in the High School band room.

Submitted by Donna Clay



# Clubs and Gr

## Spanish Club

by Angie Stiel, SEW Gr. 10

*iHola! (That's Spanish for "hello!") The Southeast Warren Spanish Club has been learning to speak Spanish along with participating in other fun activities. In October, they celebrated Dia de Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. This is a Spanish holiday similar to Halloween. Spanish Club celebrated this holiday by eating Spanish food, breaking open a piñata, and decorating masks.*

*In December, the club also ate Spanish food along with having a gift exchange to celebrate La Navidad, or Christmas. Members of Spanish 2 sang Christmas carols in Spanish around the school the day before students went on Christmas break.*

*The Spanish Club sponsor is Tim Cerwinske. He has been the sponsor for four years. He also went on last year's Spanish Club trip to Mexico. Every other year, Spanish Club students in 11th grade have the option to go on this trip during Spring Break. Mr. Cerwinske also participates in the activities with the students. "Spanish Club is an experience everyone taking Spanish should be involved in. We do some fun activities to get students involved," stated Cerwinske about Spanish Club. If any students are interested in joining Spanish Club, meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:30a.m. in Mr. Cerwinske's room. iHasta la vista! (See you later!)*

# FFA



This past month the FFA received and delivered fruit and cheese.

Thanks to all of you who supported us. In January, we will attend CDE's, which is a different competition. In February, we will be holding FFA week. We will be attending Beef Expo, where we will sell raffle tickets for the FFA foundation. We will also attend Pork Congress where we will compete in pork activities. We will hold officer elections to determine the new officers; they will take over after the banquet in April.

## A Bit about F.B.L.A.

by Eric Falk, SEW Gr. 10

Do you know what FBLA stands for? It stands for Future Business Leaders of America. This organization is made up of students who strive for success and wish to make a name for themselves in the business world.

Currently there are fourteen members in FBLA including President Danielle Squier, Vice-President Seth Taggart, Secretary/Treasurer Chelsea Miller, and Reporter Karen Manser.

To date, FBLA has participated in Operation Christmas along with the Art Club, where they gathered items for families in need. Also, FBLA did some fundraising with the local FFA Chapter by selling fruit and cheese to raise money for their organization.

FBLA also has some big plans for the spring. In April, they plan to attend the FBLA State Conference in Cedar Rapids. They are also planning a field trip to Des Moines where they will visit business organizations and see up close just how the business world works. "We are taking this trip to expose our students to the jobs in the area because the students have never really experienced the business world, and hopefully this will put some things into perspective for them," says FBLA leader Carol Carr.

The next FBLA meeting is February 16th at 7:30 a.m. This meeting is open to any other students who wish to join, but dues must be in by February 1st if they wish to attend FBLA State Conference.



## Breaking News from National Honor Society

By Karen Manser, SEW Gr. 12

The National Honor Society held a luncheon in the high school gym for the Senior Citizens on Wednesday, December 1st. There were 65 senior citizens who attended. The luncheon was a time for the senior citizens to talk with their friends as well as listen to holiday music performed by the Southeast Warren High School vocal and band. The National Honor Society had a raffle at the end; many guests went home with great gifts.

Mr. Tigner said, "The Senior Citizen Luncheon was a time to enjoy our honored guests. I am proud of the National Honor Society students; they are a great group of young adults. I am looking forward to future Senior Citizen Luncheons."

Rita Ripperger, who attended the luncheon, said, "We enjoyed it very much. The music and lunch were good. The students were very polite. It was very nice. We have been going to them for several years."

"Everything was super! The gifts were wonderful and the kids were very friendly," said Franny Hoffman. JoAnne Vincent and Janet Hendrickson did a tremendous job of preparing the food. A special thanks to Rosemary Bauer. She also spent several days helping prepare the food.

### **Clubs and Groups cont.**

The National Honor Society will also be holding a Junior High Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 5th. It will be from 7-9 pm and the cost is \$2.00.



### **Red, Blue, and Yellow!**

by Caitlin Crow, SEW Gr. 11



From January 24 through February 9, the FCCLA members are selling carnations to students and faculty to celebrate FCCLA week. There are three different carnations to choose from: red, blue and yellow. Each carnation color represents something: Red means "love", Blue means "true friend", and Yellow means "secret admirer." Each carnation is \$1.25 which includes a message heart that is attached to the flower. All the money that the members make goes towards FCCLA activities. The flowers will be delivered on February 14 around noon.

# Clubs and Groups cont.

## ***Sneak Peek History Trip 2005***

by Braden Gardner, SEW Gr. 12

The 7th official SEW history trip will be from March 19-28 2005. Students and sponsors will be visiting historical sites in 15 states. Some of the highlights of this trip will include Gettysburg, Washington D.C., and the Kennedy Space Center.

The SEW history trip began in 1989 when students in Mr. Vanstrien's Special Topics class suggested that they go on a field trip dedicated to history. "It caught me off guard," said Mr. Vanstrien. "I told them they were right, we really do need to go someplace."

During the first trip Mr. Vanstrien took a small group of students to his home state of Missouri to visit historical places. These one-day trips were taken annually until 1993 when bigger trips started to be scheduled over Spring Break. These larger trips now occur every two years. Any junior or senior who wishes to go may do so. The trip usually costs \$350-360.

When asked what he thinks about these trips, Mr. Vanstrien said, "These trips are very memorable. The most memorable trip we took was to Hawaii in 1999. Even though it is part of the U.S., it is still 2500 miles from California. While we were there we went to Pearl Harbor. It gives you chills to think of 1177 people entombed on a ship, while you are right above them."

Mr. Vanstrien and his history classes also get to relive parts of those trips through slide shows that he creates from the 300-500 photographs taken on each trip by Mr. John Riley. Mr. Vanstrien creates these slide shows because "they offer a great experience to the visual learner." The group of 38 students and 10 sponsors eagerly awaits this exciting trip as their induction into Mr. Vanstrien's "Slide Show Hall of Fame."

## ***Fun After the Game***

By Amy Ripperger, SEW Gr. 12



The 5th Quarter was supported by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). It was a get together to play games, eat, and have a good time. "The 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter was a lot of fun and we made a big mess," stated FCA member Korie Downs. The FCA's 5th Quarter was to promote fun activities in a positive environment. "It was a place to be yourself and not get made fun of," said Gabe Town about the event. The FCA organization wasn't expecting a lot from their first 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Their expectations were met and surpassed because the turnout was larger than expected. Anyone was allowed to attend the 5th Quarter; it was held at the Southeast Warren school cafeteria. Joey Clay stated, "My most memorable moment was playing 'Chicken on a Hill' because I won." The FCA is planning on organizing another 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter later in the year. If all goes well, this turnout will be as good or better than before.

# Clubs and Groups cont

## Band News



The band room has been extremely busy since returning from Christmas break.....at least during the days that we have been able to have school. Nature has a funny way of averaging things. I guess we are making up for the nice weather we had earlier.

Congratulations to Alex Bruce, Heidi Dittmer, and Emily Nutting. They were selected to perform in the Simpson College Junior High Honor Band Festival on January 18. They were selected from a total of 439 nominations from 61 band directors in the state of Iowa. They will travel to Simpson for a day-long rehearsal with a guest conductor and present a concert that evening at 7:00. The concert is free and open to the public.

Congratulations to Tabettha Dollison, Audra Drish, Josh Motsch, Josh Nutting, Michael Putz, Theresa Renfeldt, Sarah Sorensen, and Ashley Wiele. They have been selected to participate in the Central College Honor Band. Conductors will be Dr. Evan Feldman and Ari Contzius. Both are graduates of the prestigious Eastman School of Music. Honor bands are great performing and educational experiences for Junior High and High School musicians. Not only do students play very challenging music, but they get the added benefit of playing under the direction of professional conductors and educators. It is also an excellent opportunity to travel to a college campus and experience a part of college life.

## Music Notes

It is a very busy and exciting time for the music students in every building. The Jr. High Chorus is busy preparing music for a Vocal Festival at Martensdale Jr. High on March 1. We are learning four different pieces which we will perform with around 300 other Central Iowa area choruses in a Mass Concert that evening. We are also preparing a song of our own to perform for the large group. We are looking into a sharing experience with the cast of *Peter Pan* at the Civic Center on February 15. This will be an excellent opportunity for us to see Kathy Rigby in her final tour with this professional Broadway Company. We are hoping to get a back-stage tour and spend time with the cast, discovering what the life of a Tour Performer is like.

High School vocal is busy preparing solos for the upcoming Fine Arts Boosters night which will happen on Saturday, February 12. We are also preparing for a Pops Concert in March, and music for large-group contest in May. We are very proud of the following students for being selected to perform in Singfest at Central College on Thursday, February 10. Congratulations to Josh Nutting, Daylan Eichhorn, Ashley Thompson, Mallory Schaefer, Chris Neer, Chad Hart, Stetson Wright, and Alex Ohnemus. If you are interested in hearing them perform, they will at a final concert at Central College on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7:00.

Elementary Centers are looking forward to participating in a workshop of Opera Iowa, at the Intermediate gym on Tuesday, February 8. This is a wonderful experience in which our students will attend workshops with actors, musicians, and directors. It will culminate with an interactive performance of the opera "The Three Little Pigs" that morning. This experience is being funded by the Fine Arts Boosters. How very blessed we are to have an organization willing to support such a project for the good of our young people. A "Rose" to all who contribute. We are looking for ways to raise monies to fund our 2006 Spring Break trip to New York City and Broadway. If anyone has any needs which we can fulfill, or any ideas for us, please feel free to contact me. My e-mail is [young@se-warren.k12.ia.us](mailto:young@se-warren.k12.ia.us) or I can be reached at school. Thanks again for all the support you give our kids. It makes living in a small town a perfect place to sprout budding performers.

Submitted by Lynnea Young

## From the Desk of the Athletic Director

# Sports

### Upcoming Events

- February 5th POI Conference Wrestling @ Corning 10:00 AM  
February 12th Sectional Wrestling @ I-35 10:00 AM  
February 14th Girls District Basketball @ Liberty Center 7:00 PM  
(Morman Trail vs. Southeast Warren)  
February 16th Girls District Basketball @ Liberty Center 7:00 PM  
(MT/SEW winner vs. Grandview Park Baptist)  
February 19th District Wrestling @ Pleasantville 12:00 PM

### JHWrestling

I would like to apologize to everyone associated with the JH wrestling program. There have been many changes in the schedule this season. These changes have not always been communicated to everyone who needed to know. Many of these changes have come from schools changing their format as related to JH wrestling. More and more schools are abandoning the traditional dual meet format and going to more of multi-team format to get kids more matches. That along with a number of athletic director changes at various schools has caused some scheduling errors. Also, my schedule at the Intermediate Center does not allow me to spend as much time on athletics as in the past.

Football Sportsmanship Ratings (The 2004 sportsmanship ratings are in for football.)

	Top 10%	SEW	Bottom 10%
Coaches	1.00-1.12	1.31	1.88-3.00
Players	1.00-1.11	1.44	1.74-2.59
Spectators	1.00-1.10	1.19	1.72-3.44

All of the above ratings fall into the Outstanding Sportsmanship area. Thanks to everyone for showing that Southeast Warren is an outstanding community that supports their school and athletes in a very positive manner.

### HOG RAFFLE WINNERS



A big thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket for the hog raffle sponsored by the elementary boys basketball teams. Winners of the two processed half-hogs were Chris Dyar and Don Townsley, both of Des Moines. This is especially good news for Mr. Townsley, who cares for several foster children. The hog was donated by Dave & Shelly Reynolds and processing was donated by Milo Locker. Proceeds from this raffle, which totaled approximately \$1,100, will be used for jerseys, basketballs and tournament fees. Thanks again for your support of our basketball teams.



# Valentine's Day

By Jason Karimi and Mandy Kimzey, SEW Gr.10

Although it may not seem true, Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and many of us are finding it difficult to come up with the perfect gift for our Valentine.

As a part of Student Publications class at Southeast Warren, we decided to help out our friends in this predicament. We interviewed many students and faculty and received their ideas for Valentine's Day.

## 5 Places to take your Valentine

5. **Ice Skating**...Show off your good, or not so good, moves on ice with your date.
4. **Concert**...Have a favorite band you've been waiting to see? Share the experience with your Valentine.
3. **The Place You Two Met**...Nothing spells romance like a trip down memory lane!
2. **The Movies**...There's never a better time to check out that movie you've been waiting to see.
1. **A Nice Restaurant**...Nothing beats eating good food with your Valentine.

## 5 Gifts to give your "Lady"

5. **Teddy Bear**...We can always use something to snuggle with when you aren't around.
4. **Jewelry**...As they say... "Diamonds Are a Girls Best Friend." Can't afford diamonds? Wal-mart has some pretty good look-alikes.
3. **Make it yourself**...Be creative and make her something from your heart like cookies or a cd of your favorite songs.
2. **Chocolates**...Make sure she's a chocolate lover, if she isn't find her favorite candy.
1. **Flowers**...You can't go wrong if you find her favorite kind; don't know her favorite? Get her a bouquet of many types.

*"The worst gift to me would be money or clothes because Valentines Day is special to me and a shirt or something like that isn't as special as a teddy bear or flowers."*

**-Stephani Wickett, grade 10**

## 5 Gifts to give your "Man"

5. **Cologne**...Pick out a special scent that will remind you of him.
4. **Chocolates**...Every man likes to see candy in front of him.
3. **A Watch**...He'll think of you whenever he checks the time.
2. **Make it yourself**...Creativity goes a long way.
1. **Make Him Food**...The way to a man's heart is through his stomach!

*"I am taking my Valentine to Johnny's Italian Steakhouse by the airport."*

**-Alex Ohnemus, grade 12**

## ***“From your Valentine,” he wrote.***

By Britney Graham, SEW Gr. 10

As we all know, Valentine’s Day is a time when friends and lovers express their affection for one another. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, they exchange gifts of flowers, rich chocolates, and cards to express their love. Many people can remember giving or receiving a special “Valentine,” but do any of us know where this tradition began? Some of us might guess it to be yet another marketing opportunity for Hallmark or candy companies, but we would be very wrong. The celebration of Valentine’s Day actually started during the Middle Ages in Rome.

The year was 270 A.D. Roman Emperor Claudius wanted to abolish marriage because husbands made poor soldiers. A saint by the name of Valentine thought this was against the laws of nature and God, so he secretly performed marriage ceremonies. Emperor Claudius found out and threw Saint Valentine in jail. While in jail Saint Valentine fell in love with the jailer’s blind daughter and somehow restored the girl’s vision. While cleaning out Valentine’s jail cell after his execution, the girl found a farewell note he had written and signed, “ From your Valentine.”

So this year, whether you are giving or receiving a special “Valentine,” remember the man who started it all, Saint Valentine, and his love that was all too bittersweet.

## **The “Good Feeling” Food: Chocolate!**

by Jessica Casey, SEW Gr. 10



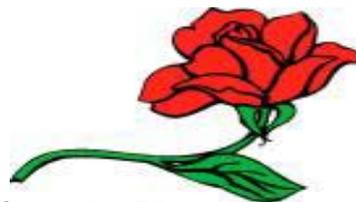
Have you ever wondered where chocolate came from? Who invented it? Why does it taste so good? Here are some answers to the mystery that is chocolate.

The Olmec Indians first grew cocoa beans in the time period of 1500-400 B.C. In 1654, solid chocolate was introduced in the form of rolls and cakes. Chocolate was not introduced to the United States until 1765 by an Irish chocolate-maker named John Hanan. He imported cocoa beans from the West Indies with the help of American Dr. James Baker. The two built America’s first chocolate mill and, by 1780, the mill was making Baker’s chocolate.

Although most everyone likes chocolate, not everyone eats chocolate. Many people stay away from this sweet, but Valentine’s Day is a great excuse to give in and indulge. One of the great experiences while eating chocolate is the “good feeling” that comes after indulging. Chocolate contains 300 known chemicals. Scientists have been isolating specific chemicals and combinations which could explain some of the pleasurable effects of eating chocolate. Caffeine and theobromine, a weak stimulant, may provide the extra “boost” that many chocolate eaters experience.

This Valentine's Day, go ahead - treat yourself to that extra bite of chocolate!

## *A Flower Says it All* by Katie Meyers, SEW Gr. 10



*It's that time of year again to get that special someone the perfect gift. If you want to get them something with real meaning, you should give them flowers. If this is your first Valentine's day with your special someone, you could give them purple lilacs which means "You are my first love." If you have been going together for a while, you could give purple iris which means "You have set my heart a glow." If this is the year you want to let your feelings be known, give them myrtle which means "Be my sweetheart." Also for those special friends in your life, you could give them flowering almond or lily – of – the – valley. If a single flower is not enough, at HyVee you could pick up a bouquet of daisies or a cyclamen plant for \$17.50, or an assortment of either mums or a green planter with candy and pop for under \$20. If you're a simple person, just remember that nothing says "I love you" more than a single red rose.*

### **V-Rated Movies**

By Jacinda Motsch SEW, 12

Need something to do the night of Valentines Day? Why not watch a movie? SEW students suggested these favorite movies to watch on this special day.

*Cinderella Story*: because it's a romantic fairy tale that every girl dreams of ~ Stephani Wickett

*Bed of Roses*: because it is a romantic movie ~ Kelsi Stone

*Blue Collar Comedy Tour*: because it is funny ~ Ben Beck and Tyler Dollison

*Pure Country*: because it ends in a fairytale ending ~ Mrs. Burrell

*Summer Catch*: a typical boy meets girl movie ~ Theresa Renfeldt

*Ella Enchanted*: because it is romantic ~ Emanuel Tucker

*Bridget Jones's Diary*: because it shows how pathetic my life is ~ Danae Weilage

*Sweet Home Alabama*: because when she comes back home to her roots and realizes that she gave her heart away, it was a great romantic movie ~ Lacey Edwards

*Love and Basketball*: because it is funny ~ Delaney Stanley

*You've Got Mail*: always has the probability of "Are they going to get together?" ~ Mr. Dicks

*Sleepless in Seattle*: gives hope to single guys with kids ~ Matt Farley

# Breakfast and Lunch Menu for February 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Sausage/Gravy
	Salisbury Stk. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green beans Hot Roll <b>1</b>	Beef burger/ bun Fresh veggies Fruit Chips <b>2</b>	Crispito Coleslaw Bread/Butter Fruit <b>3</b>	Veg. Beef Stew Texas toast Cottage cheese Fruit Fresh veggies <b>4</b>
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	Muffin	Pizza
Corn dog Oven browned potatoes Fruit <b>7</b>	Frito pie Lettuce/cheese Bread/Butter Fruit Pudding <b>8</b>	Chicken noodles Mashed potatoes Peas/carrots Bread/Butter Fruit <b>9</b>	Cook's Choice Early Out <b>1:15</b> <b>10</b>	Rib patty/bun Potato wedges Fresh fruit Bar <b>11</b>
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Sausage/Gravy
Chicken Nuggets Veggie Fruit Bread/Butter <b>14</b>	Chili/crackers Pickle spears Applesauce Cinnamon roll <b>15</b>	Ham slice Mashed potatoes/ gravy Bread/Butter Fruit <b>16</b>	Pork patty/bun Veggie Fruit <b>17</b>	Soft shell taco Taco meat Lettuce/cheese Corn Bread/Butter Ice cream <b>18</b>
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	Muffin	
Chicken patty/ bun French fries Rosy applesauce <b>21</b>	Omelet Hash browns Toast O.J. Early Out <b>2:15</b> <b>22</b>	Hot dog/Bun Augratin Potatoes Peaches Cookie <b>23</b>	Pizza Lettuce Mixed fruit Bread/Butter Early Out <b>2:15</b> <b>24</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>  <b>25</b>
Pastry				
Cook's Choice  <b>28</b>				

## LUNCH PRICES

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

## BREAKFAST PRICES

	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Reduced</u>	<u>Adult</u>
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  
Work Session  
December 6, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met for a work session December 6, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Hardy, Jennifer Birchette, Chris Wadle, and John Burrell. Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend, and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

**FEASIBILITY STUDY:** Superintendent Hulleman related that he and Ron Miller had met with Eric Heitz, Consultant for the Department of Education, the Melcher-Dallas Superintendent and Board Vice President to discuss conducting a Feasibility Study on future sharing options with Melcher-Dallas. The next step in the Feasibility Study is to select interview groups and interview questions. The Department of Education will then put together a report with conclusions and recommendations on sharing options based on projected enrollment numbers, financial conditions of the districts and the interview responses. The Board will continue discussion of the Feasibility Study at the December 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Superintendent Hulleman also related that he had met with Superintendent Tom Dannen to draft the 2005-2006 school calendar. The starting and ending dates will be the same in both districts. They will also look at time schedules for each district to facilitate the sharing of classes.

**BOARD POLICY 204.11:** Superintendent Hulleman encouraged board members to have citizens follow the chain of command (i.e. teacher to principal, to superintendent) when responding to questions and concerns. If a problem is unable to be resolved following the chain of command, the citizen may then ask for an agenda item. Board Policy 204.11, Grievances, were briefly reviewed.

**BUDGET PROJECTIONS:** Superintendent Hulleman related that the administrators would be looking at scheduling and staff assignments for the 2005-06 school year. Recommendations will be brought to the

Board at a later date. The Board will review the Early Retirement Policy at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**ONE-CENT SALES TAX EXPENDITURES:** The Board discussed areas of priority for use of the one-cent sales tax revenue. A list of the top priorities for building and grounds expenditures was reviewed. The consensus of the Board was to repair roofs that are currently leaking first, and then proceed with additional items on the list. Superintendent Hulleman will prepare a report on the condition of the items listed and accurate repair costs. Administrators will also be asked for input on areas of need in each of their buildings.

**TEXTBOOK REPLACEMENT:** The Curriculum Revision Matrix was reviewed. Superintendent Hulleman related that the Reading/Language Arts textbooks are due to be replaced this year at a cost of approximately \$50,000.

**LONG RANGE GOALS:** Superintendent Hulleman will bring recommendations to the Board after the first of the year for long range goals on budget, curriculum, technology, buildings and grounds, and transportation.

**HALL OF PRIDE DISPLAY:** The consensus of the Board was to proceed with submitting materials for the Iowa Hall of Pride. The Board suggested contacting community members to help gather information to submit.

**JUNIOR HIGH ATHLETIC PRACTICE:** A letter and survey on the Junior High athletic practice schedule was sent to parents at the end of November. Thirty-five of the 250 surveys that were sent out have been received as of today. Preliminary results of the survey will be presented at the December 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

President Ron Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 13, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session December 13, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Hardy, Jennifer Birchette and Chris Wadle. John

Burrell arrived at 5:03 p.m. Superintendent Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend, Transportation Director Joel Mosher and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members of the community.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4. (John Burrell was absent.)

**VISITORS:** None

**REPORTS:**

Transportation Report submitted by Joel Mosher:

1. Bus inspection was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This went very well. We had a few 30-day repairs that have all been taken care of.
2. Winter activities are in full swing. So far, all trips and routes are being covered without any problems.
3. With the consideration of the junior high sports being put back into the school day, I want to relay to the Board that it takes about 1½ hours to run the shuttle when they have practices in both towns. We average 35-40 kids and around 35 miles each day.

Primary Principal's Report submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

1. Daycare update:

In October I reported that we had 2.8 students enrolled in our 4-year-old wrap around daycare program. Currently, that number is somewhere between 2.4 and 4.0 full time equivalency students (depending upon approval of an outstanding DHS application in the case of one full time student and the intentions of the parent in the case of a separate part time student) with the potential for one more full time student sometime this spring. As I also reported in October, we need 4.5 attending students to break even on employee wages.

In telephone interviews with the eight private local daycare providers listed in the school-generated daycare brochure, I learned that none have turned down any 4-year-olds this fall or knew of any 4-year-olds currently in need of daycare. One indicated an intention to discontinue her services sometime this summer. Several indicated that Sunrise-Sunset's decline in numbers could be attributed to the fact that there are several new providers in the community right now. When asked if they had any openings at this time, three indicated that they are currently

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full, with five stating that they could accommodate anywhere from one to four more either now or later in the spring. Both the Milo and the Lacona communities were represented in daycares that have openings at this time. Should we choose to close down our four-year-old program at semester time either permanently or just until next September, I feel confident that I could give the outgoing students' parents an adequate list of potential reputable daycare providers to cover their needs. I am awaiting instructions from the board regarding the future of our four-year-old program, so that proper notifications to affected parents and staff members can be made in a timely fashion.

Connie Fridley, Sunrise-Sunset Daycare supervisor, and I attended the CACFP (Child and Adult Care Feeding Program) record keeping workshop on December 7th. It is my intention to consolidate the daily daycare meal and snack records kept by Connie and to submit the monthly reports from the Primary office from now on. Karen and I will share the duties associated with those reports, with me signing off as the official daycare representative. The three of us will work closely together during this transition period to assure accuracy and timeliness.

The Primary's first annual Math Night held at the school on November 16th was a huge success with twenty students participating with their parents. Parents followed their children as they played math games set up in stations designated by grade levels and took home many ideas and materials to expand math practice into the home. We also kicked off our St. Jude's Hospital math-a-thon that evening with good participation. In all, thirty K-3 students signed up for the math-a-thon with total pledges of \$1,004.42 turned in as of December 8th. A big thank you to our math night committee: Marcia Williams, Beryl Presley, Cynthia Baker, Kathy Taggart and Missi Wiley who planned, organized, and helped to supervise the math games. Parent-teacher conferences on November 9th and November 11th were well attended with 95% of the scheduled conferences taking place. The teachers enjoyed a meal each evening complements of PIE. The profit from PIE's recent Four Seasons fundraiser for the Primary building totaled \$5,680.40. This was a well-organized fund-raiser with the ordered materials arriving prepackaged and the parents being punctual in picking up the orders at

the school. A total of \$1,236.63 worth of books were purchased during the Scholastic Book Fair held the week of November 8th. Profits from that fundraiser will come to the school in the form of books for the classrooms.

The Primary building was hopping from early morning to late evening during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas on December 4th with local vendors set up in the south hallway, a Santa's workshop where children made Christmas gifts in the art/music room, various high school groups selling handmade goodies and a fundraiser table for the Gillespie family sponsored by Rudy Wadle in the hallway off the main foyer, PIE's annual cookie walk in the main foyer, and the local quilting club's quilt show in the multi-purpose room - a listed location on the tour of homes.

The annual elementary winter program was held the evening of December 6th with a huge crowd attending. Thanks to all of the parents and grandparents who attended, the high school basketball teams for their help in setting up the high school gym for that occasion and to Dr. Hulleman for his role in handing out candy canes to the youngsters as they left the gym. It was a memorable evening.

Intermediate Principal's Report submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. Mid term reports went home on Monday, December 6. Every 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade student receives a copy of his/her grades in all the academic classes at this time.

2. Conference totals were down slightly from last year.

3. Christmas activities include the music program on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Fourth grade students will attend the Nutcracker Ballet in Des Moines on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Intermediate students and staff are participating in the high school art club's holiday angel tree project.

4. The wrestlers came to read to the Intermediate students on the 8th. They read a book, which tied into a character trait and discussed it with the students. The teachers thought it went so well they would encourage other groups or wrestlers to do a similar activity. The key to the success was the planning that took place before hand.

Secondary Principal's Report submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

1. National Certification – Congratulations to Mrs. Cooper for having received her National Certification Early

Adolescence Social Studies/History. This was a process that took all of last school year to complete. It involved submission of videotapes of classroom teaching, written reflections and assessments of teaching, and a national test in social studies. Sixty teachers applied statewide in all subject areas. Thirty-seven received the certification. Mrs. Cooper will receive from the state an annual stipend of \$2500 per year for the next ten years for having received the certification.

2. Mid Term Grade Comparison – Last year there were 76 “F’s” at mid term – this year 60. Last year there were 168 “D’s” at mid term – this year 152.

3. Wrestler Reading – Mr. Ripperger divided his wrestling team into two groups and they went to Lacona and Milo on Wednesday, December 8. They spent time reading a story to the students about character education and then a questioning time. Time was also spent with the students reading to the wrestlers. This was a good mentoring opportunity and teaching moment for the students.

4. State Drill Team Competition – Congratulations to the Kick Line, Pom Line, and Flag Team for their recent ratings at state competition. The Kick Line received a Division II rating, the Pom Line a Division I rating, and the Flag Team a Division I rating and also a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish. Congratulations to the girls, Ms Huyette, Ms Helverson, and Mrs. Hart for their supervision and working with the students. (This was my first attendance at the event. It's very impressive!)

5. Senior Citizen Luncheon – Thank you Mr. Tigner and the members of the National Honor Society for their organization and completion of this annual event. The community was very gracious and appreciative of the event. Dr. Hulleman and I had a good time meeting and interacting with the guests.

Legislative report – Chris Wadle reported that the IASB Delegate Assembly approved the following four resolutions as priority resolutions to be pursued during the 2005 legislative session:

1. Supports state funding and legislation to address funding inequities existing in the local option sales and services tax, property tax, and other sources of revenue dedicated for infrastructure and supports state funding and legislation that promotes property tax equity (both regular and special levies) to minimize rate differences between districts while maximizing resources for students.

2. Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages

continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts. Therefore the allowable growth rate for FY 2005-06 should be set at 6 percent, as the 4 percent already committed is not sufficient to meet the increasing costs of education. The allowable growth rate for FY 2006-07 should be set no lower than 6 percent.

3. Supports full state funding to implement quality professional development to improve student learning through each school district's Career Development Plan.

4. Supports funding to ensure that all three- and four-year olds have access to high quality public school preschool program, to be funded by revenues that do not divert what would otherwise be K-12 resources.

Children First Forum – Ron Miller reported that several topics were covered at the last Children First Forum meeting. The group discussed discipline in all three buildings, sportsmanship in the district, professional development activities, and the junior high practice schedule. Tim Babcock presented a summary of his responsibilities as Elementary Guidance Counselor for the Southeast Warren and Melcher-Dallas school districts.

Athletic Boosters – Doug Hommer related to the Board that the dirt work and tiling are done on the football field. The seeding will be done in late February or March. Troy Williams is trying to get the steel donated for the goal posts, so the only cost would be for the labor. By the time the seeding is done, the Athletic Boosters will have spent \$22,000-\$23,000 on the project plus the cost of the goal posts. Their budget for the project is \$25,000. The Boosters would like for the Board to consider paying for the cost to install a 4-foot fence along the sidelines of the field between the spectators and players. Doug will get an estimate of the cost to fence the field and bring it back to the Board for consideration. The next project the Athletic Boosters would like to work on is a new concession stand at Milo with restroom facilities.

Fine Arts Boosters – Jennifer Birchette reported that the Junior/Senior High Christmas program would be held tonight.

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

**FEASIBILITY STUDY:** The consensus of the Board was approve the following six questions to be asked of the interview groups when conducting the Feasibility Study for sharing programs with the Melcher-Dallas School District:

1. What do you see as the future of the district?
2. What factors should the district consider when making plans for the future?
3. Which of the following options do you think the district should pursue and why – increased sharing, whole grade sharing?
4. Are the Southeast Warren and Melcher-Dallas districts compatible? Why or why not?
5. What is the best way to ensure two-way communication of information and concerns?
6. What is an unbiased way to receive information?

**PERSONNEL CHANGES:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the following personnel changes: The appointments of Lacey Holmes, Special Education Associate; Kelly Cox, Special Education Associate; Wayne Klages, Regular Route Driver; James Funk, Jr., Substitute Bus Driver; Jim Carr, Assistant JH Girls' Basketball Coach; Carson Stubbs, Assistant HS Baseball Coach; Nathan Bauer, Special Education Associate; and the resignations of Mary Ulin, Special Education Associate; and Larry Snuggs, Regular Route Driver. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the appointments and resignations as listed. Ayes: 5.

**HISTORY TRIP:** The Board was provided with additional information about the 2005 history trip including a letter to parents that outlines the expectations for students and the possible consequences if students do not comply with these rules. The administration recommended approval of the trip. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by John Burrell to approve the history trip. Ayes: 5.

**SCHOOL BUS SPECIFICATIONS:** Joel Mosher, Transportation Director, related that the two sets of specifications, one set for the body and one set for the chassis, were almost identical to the last bus that was purchased. The tire size and an armrest for the driver were the only items changed on the specifications. The specifications are for a 65-passenger bus. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the school bus

specifications along with approval to start the bidding process. Ayes: 5.

**SEMESTER TEST POLICY:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of an addendum to the student handbook that relates to the semester test exemption. The addendum for the spring semester of the 2004-2005 school year, based upon ITED results, is as follows:

- Composite Score – 75<sup>th</sup> percentile and above, no scores below the proficient level (40<sup>th</sup> percentile)  
No exams at end of second semester as long as attendance requirements are met.

- Composite Score – 40<sup>th</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> percentile, must be proficient in reading, math, and science (40<sup>th</sup> percentile)  
May drop 1 core and 1 elective from second semester exams as long as attendance requirements are met.

- Composite Score – showing any improvement  
May drop 1 elective from second semester exams as long as attendance requirements are met.

Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the addendum to the semester test exemption policy. Ayes: 5.

**FEES FOR SCHOOL USE:** Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the first reading of Board Policy Regulation 1004.1R, Fees for School Use. Ayes: 5.

**EARLY RETIREMENT BENEFITS:** Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the first reading of Board Policy 403.5, Early Retirement Benefits. Ayes: 5.

**BOARD POLICY SERIES 900:** The Board reviewed Board Policy Series 900 Building and Sites. No revisions were made.

**TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** Dr. Hulleman recommended that the contract of Doris Kay Hutton be terminated. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by John Burrell to terminate the contract of Doris Kay Hutton. Roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Wadle, Birchette, Hardy, Burrell and Miller. Nays: 0. Motion passed 5:0.

President Ron Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Community  
Advisory Committee  
September 27, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Community Advisory Committee met on Monday, September 27, 2004 in the media room of the High School in Liberty Center. Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

The following members were present: Cindy Butler, Charlotte Weaklend, Lila Konrad, Ron Meyers, Sandy Meyers, Lori Pearson, Mindi Allen, Lori Nutting, Carla Anders, Rose Ripperger and Peggy Williams.

Cindy Butler explained the goals of this committee for the new members. The committee will discuss and examine school policies and activities and gather input from the community and then make recommendations to the Southeast Warren Board of Education

Cindy Butler asked for volunteers for President, Vice President, and Secretary. Carla Anders graciously agreed to be President, Rose Ripperger volunteered to be Vice President and Peggy Williams volunteered to be secretary.

Cindy Butler passed out the Annual Progress Report for Southeast Warren Community Schools for 2003-2004. Cindy told the committee that this report is prepared once a year and involves the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) tests. Cindy went over the highlights of these report and explained that these test results are used for the "No Child Left Behind" legislation and reporting to the state.

The Annual Progress Report is also known at the District Report Card.

Cindy also passed out the Southeast Warren Community School District Comprehensive School Improvement Plan for 2004-2009. Each school is required to have one of these plans in place.

Charlotte passed out information pertaining to the Safe and Drug Free program. The committee looked over the budget for this program from last year and was told to think about the budget for this year. The school has not yet been notified of how much money it will receive at this time. The committee was asked for ideas for drug free activities.

Next meeting will be held at the Lacona media center on November 22, 2004, at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Williams

**Southeast Warren Community  
Advisory Committee  
November 22, 2004**

Children First Forum Minutes

The Southeast Warren Community Advisory Committee-Children First Forum met on Monday, November 22, 2004 in the library of the Intermediate Center in Lacona.

The meeting was called to order by President Carla Anders at 7:00pm

The following members and visitors were present: Peggy Williams, Carla Anders, Lila Konrad, Jean Lawrence, Nancy Meade, Tim Babcock, Mindi Allen, Rose Ripperger, Harold Hulleman, Ron Miller, Charlotte Weaklend, Dianne Butler, Cindy Butler, Terry Gladfelter, and Connie Penick.

Mrs. Weaklend passed out and explained the discipline report for the Primary Building. Mrs. Cindy Butler passed out and explained the discipline report for the Intermediate Building. A majority of detentions and office referrals were bus related. It was noted that all buses at this time have cameras and tapes are reviewed periodically. Both Mrs. Weaklend and Mrs. Cindy Butler have also rode the bus on occasion.

Mr. Gladfelter discussed discipline at the JR/SR High. Employees are using a technique by James Fitzpatrick that stresses Be Responsible/Be Respectful/ Be a Positive Role Model. Employees are trying to take care of discipline verbally and making students responsible for their actions. Mr. Gladfelter passed out the Secondary Principal's Report that he will present to the School Board. Mr. Gladfelter made a comment on the D/F List Comparison on this report.

Mr. Gladfelter commented on Sportsmanship in the school district. They have the volleyball results. Last year Southeast Warren was 11<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools based on spectators, coaches and players. This year Southeast Warren was 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12 schools in the Pride of Iowa conference.

Mr. Gladfelter talked about professional development activities in the school district. He talked about a pamphlet that is distributed weekly to the teachers called "the Master Teacher". He mentioned that the focus is reading and that "Every teacher should be a reading teacher". The Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) is concentrating on reading and discipline. The Primary and Intermediate have had 92% involvement on meeting with teams to work on reading and the Jr. High has had 67% involvement.

Tim Babcock is the new elementary guidance counselor that we are sharing with Melcher. Mr. Babcock went over his schedule between Milo, Lacona and Melcher. Mr. Babcock has approximately 500 students between the schools. He mentioned some of the things he has been working on so far this year.

- 1) Large Group Guidance
- 2) Small Group Guidance
- 3) Individual Counseling
- 4) Consultations
- 5) Mentoring Program
- 6) Character Education
- 7) Acknowledging student's birthdays

8) Working with High School counselor Mr. Brenton Tigner and Warren County Liaison

Mrs. Hanrahan

Mr. Harold Hulleman, the new Superintendent passed out a draft of a letter that he is working on discussing Junior High Athletics. It will be sent to parents of students in grades 4-12. The letter is a survey for parents to fill out so that the Superintendent and Board can get the parents input on whether to have Junior High athletics the last period of the day or after school. There was some discussion within the group both for and against.

Mr. Hulleman also discussed a joint meeting that the Southeast Warren and Melcher-Dallas Boards held. The two boards are looking into a needs assessment that will be done by a State of Iowa Employee and three members of each board to look at different ways that programs and personnel may be shared by the two school districts. At this time, the two school districts are sharing an elementary guidance counselor, a librarian, and some transportation.

The next meeting will be January 24 at the Primary Center.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted by Peggy William