

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Wrestling post-season tournaments
- Basketball playoffs
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### Athletic Booster Meeting February 11, 7:00 pm at the High School

- Agenda:
- Sponsorships
  - Baseball/softballfields
  - Popcorn poppers
  - JH Winter Concession Stands
  - FB Concession Stand Facility
  - Youth Basketball Tournaments
  - Tax Designation of Booster Organization

## Iowa School Alerts

The Southeast Warren School District has signed up to take part in a new notification system offered by the State of Iowa called "Iowa School Alerts." This program gives parents, the media and others the opportunity to sign up to receive e-mail notifications directly when we have cancelled classes, or will be dismissing early or starting late due to weather or other factors. This service, which was developed by IT staff at the Department of Administrative Services, is free of charge to you and the school. The State funded the development of this program and you can be assured that your e-mail addresses will not be sold to anyone and you will not receive advertisements or spam due to enrolling in the program.

Here's how to sign up:

1. Click on "Sign Up!" in the Main Menu at <https://schoolalerts.iowa.gov>. This will take you to the "Enterprise A&A" screen for the State of Iowa. If you already have an account with the State (say, for another online application), there's no need to create another one.

2. Follow the on-screen instructions to enter your name and e-mail address, and create secret questions and your password. This step involves obtaining a code from an e-mail sent to you to confirm your registration.

3. Once you have created and confirmed your account registration, you will be taken back to the School Alerts site where you can click on "My Subscriptions" to add the school districts/buildings you would like to receive notices for. Once you've selected a school, you are asked to enter the e-mail addresses or cell phone addresses where you would like notifications sent. You can add as many e-mail addresses as you'd like! (Please note that some wireless services providers may charge you for receiving e-mails or text messages. You are responsible for those charges.)

We will still make sure that local media outlets are notified when there's a change in our classes so notices will still be made on the television and radio, but we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to be directly notified as well!

If you have any questions about signing up for Iowa School Alerts, please contact the school's administration office or e-mail [schoolalertsinfo@iowa.gov](mailto:schoolalertsinfo@iowa.gov).

## District Brochure

The Warhawk Pride Committee is announcing the distribution of the new Southeast Warren School District brochure. All district boxholders will receive one in the mail in early February.

The committee was formed by the school board due to concerns about the number of open enrolled students out of the district. After studying a survey of parents with open enrolled students, the committee developed a plan of action, which first involved developing a promotional brochure. The brochures will be displayed around the community and at local realtors' offices.

## Friendship Fair

The 2009 Primary School Friendship Fair will be about Africa with an emphasis on Kenya. We will be studying Africa the last few weeks of school in May. The program will be presented the last day of school that the students are here.

If anyone has African artifacts, clothing or recipes they would like to share with our students, please contact Vicki Young at 641-942-6216 or 515-961-7538. Thank you so much for helping us make our study of Africa interesting and fun for our students.

## JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL Delane Galvin, Principal/Supt.

Wow! What a long and interesting winter we have had thus far. With all the school closings, early dismissals and late starts it seems December and January have been a blur. There are several things that I would like to make everyone aware of. First is snow make-up days. The district calendar the board approved for the 2008-2009 school year has two snow make-up days built into it on March 13th and 16th. As of writing this article we have had 3 total days of school missed. Thus we will make up 2 of those days on March 13th and 16th. The third day and any other snow days will be made up at the end of the school year by tacking on additional days.

For all changes in school start times and or closings we have used the 3 main TV stations and the Des Moines Radio group for our announcements. In addition I have added something called Iowa School Alerts to the mix. They have the ability to send emails and/or text messages directly to cell phones. By using this we are hoping to get parents quicker notice on any changes to our school day. In this month's newsletter is an article about the web site and

process if you choose to register for it. Everything is free of charge excluding the costs of text messages depending on your personal cell phone service.

Over winter break Gov. Culver announced that there would be an across the board cut for all state funded agencies. This includes public schools like Southeast Warren. The total cut was 1.5% of promised funding for this current school year. What this means for Southeast Warren is that we lost \$44,000 of money we built our current budget on. Instead of immediately cutting personnel I have chosen to enact a temporary budget freeze. I have instructed all principals to be much more prudent about the expenditures for their building. We are only making purchases if we have emergency needs or have to buy something to maintain an academic program. Our budget currently is right on target for expenditures this year and I believe we can make up the difference by implementing only the budget freeze for now. As we go along we will continue to monitor the budget to make sure we stay within our budgeted amount.

During the next few months we will be preparing for the end of the school year by working on next year's schedule and scheduling kids, helping the seniors finish up their last year, preparing for graduation and all that surrounds the final end of the year rush. Think spring!

## Spanish Shirts

Spanish Club is selling Tshirts to raise funds for their trip to Spain. They are \$15 each and come in red, white, and yellow. They have black printing of a bull on the front and say "España"; on the back, they say "Quizas."

The shirts can be purchased through any Spanish Club member, or Ms. Hurtado at the high school.



## Southeast Warren Saying Thank You

Have you ever wanted to say "Thank You", but maybe didn't know how or didn't think of it at the time? We want to make the words "Thank You" mean something and hopefully, let each of us realize just how lucky we are to be in a great community.

The purpose of this e-mail address is for any one who has had someone do something nice for them, what ever it is, send us an e-mail and we will put it on a list to post at school, on the boards around the three towns and in shop windows once a month.

Lacona, Liberty Center, Milo and anyone who is affected by something great from community members can share. This doesn't just go for school. This is for parents, church, community members, students, everyone.

The 30th of each month is the deadline for the following months copy of "The SE Warren Saying Thank You" comments page. We are hoping to have the first list out on February 19th.

Send it to: [sayingthankyou@iowa-telecom.net](mailto:sayingthankyou@iowa-telecom.net) or mail it to: Saying Thank You, C/O Recollectable Antiques, P.O. Box 54, Milo, Iowa 50166

There are only a couple of rules.

1. No foul language and no bullying, sexual or harassment type messages go to this e-mail.
2. If we feel a message is inappropriate, we have the right to keep it off of the list.
3. We do not share any e-mail addresses with anyone else. The only purpose of the e-mail list is to say "Thank You". Like "Thank you" ads you see

in the paper. It will say who it is from and who it is to.

Example: Billy Jones is saying thank you to Grandma for baking cookies or taking him to a movie, or maybe Mrs. Jones needed a lawn raked and the neighbor kids helped.

Thank you for your support and have fun with this, be thankful for the many things we have been blessed with and sometimes we forget how fortunate we are. Money has nothing to do with being thankful. Being thankful has to do with family, church, friends and community members that pull together at all times, good and bad and support each other unconditionally.

*Thanks*

*The Kimzey's - Bob and Kathy*

## Accelerated Reading

Our school year is now half over, and many reading goals have been attained since the beginning of the year. Students have 9 weeks to complete their individual reading goals, and most students are able to attain those goals by the cut-off date. Those second and third graders have been eagerly anticipating the second AR party sponsored by the P.I.E. group. WE APPRECIATE P.I.E. and the parents involved for the planning and sponsoring of our parties. Thank you!! Congratulations to the following students on their reading certifications, and KEEP READING!!!

*Second and Third Grade Teachers*

### Super Readers (3 chapter books per level)

Bryson Ball	Nathan Jimenez
Max Lerch (2)	Tommy Sanford
Caleb VandeLune (2)	Neva Vogel (3)
Dalton Weeks (5)	Lane Dittmer (14)
Jordan Ball (6)	Beau Coffman
T.J. Dierking (7)	Kindra Dittmer(3)
Megan Donahue	Elise Emmick(3)
Trenton Fisher	Summer Hall (5)
Lauren Hartman (4)	Madison Klages (2)
Bayleih Lewis	Jennifer Mally
Kyle Rea(2)	Ethan Scott(2)
Rylee Youmans	

### Rising Readers (20 points)

Dustin Backstrom	Brandon Dittmer
Alec Henderson	Destiny Lawton
Alexis Wayland	Lela Bales
Kaleb Bauer	Taylor Clendenen
Colton Greif	Alex Hommer
Gracey May	Barbie McLarnand
Leonard Peavy	Morgan Pierce
T. J. Williams	Reece Agan
Zaddie Beck	Madison Collins
Cooper Dales	Hailey Darr
Antonio Gavin	Christian Morhardt
Emma Preston	Keegan Riggan
Dylan Deemer	Cody Hammond
Keegan Jacobs	Mason Noel

### Point Club Readers

125 Points - Jordan Ball

75 Points - Lane Dittmer, T.J. Dierking

50 Points:

Hailey Darr	Kaleb Bauer
Leonard Peavy	Elise Emmick
Summer Hall	Lauren Hartman

## PRIMARY SCHOOL Charlotte Weaklend, Principal

Mrs. Williams' second grade class led our character assembly on January 23rd to deliver the message of perseverance - staying with a task until it is completed. This is an important lesson for today's youth to learn. With instant gratification being the norm in today's society, patience and perseverance are important skills to be cultivated. It is important that the parents and community members model this important character trait for our youngsters.

The third graders took the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills the weeks of January 19th and 26th. Our winter DIBELS testing also occurred the week of the 26th, just in time to use the results at our January 28th teacher inservice day to determine which intervention groups the students need to be assigned to now. Several students have already moved out of their initial intervention groups, as they have shown desired progress early during weekly probes.

The Red Cross Winter Safety sessions were held January 16th. There students learned about how to dress warmly in layers, how to communicate departure and arrival times with relatives when traveling in a car, how to stay with the

#### 25 Points:

Reece Agan	Zaddie Beck
Madison Collins	Cooper Dales
Antonio Gavin	Keegan Riggan
Dylan Alexander	Alex Hommer
Gracey May	Barbie McLarnand
Payton Nelson	Morgan Pierce
Dalton Weeks	Dustin Backstrom
Bryson Ball	Brandon Dittmer
Alec Henderson	Nathan Jimenez
Max Lerch	Grant Minton
Tommy Sanford	Brandon Thomas
Caleb VandeLune	Neva Vogel
Beau Coffman	Kindra Dittmer
Megan Donahue	Trenton Fisher
Madison Klages	Bayleih Lewis
Jennifer Mally	Kyle Rea
Ethan Scott	Rylee Youmans

car when it is stranded, and how to prepare an emergency preparedness kit for your car including: a first aid kit, non-perishable foods to eat, a whistle to signal for help, water to drink, a flashlight, a distress flag to place on the car's antennae, an emergency radio, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels, games, a can opener, kitchen utensils, extra batteries, candles, matches or a lighter, sleeping bags and/or blankets, extra clothing, and pet supplies (when traveling with pets). Periodically performing simple arm and leg exercises will help keep you warm and comfortable. Other items to consider placing in your car are sand bags, a small shovel, and signal flairs. Thanks to our Red Cross volunteers for helping us learn about winter safety!

We are again participating in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon at the Primary building this year. This is a strictly voluntary program that helps students sharpen their math skills, while they are helping raise funds for St. Jude's important work in researching and treating terminal childhood diseases. Students really get fired up about math in the process. We spend so much time and effort on the teaching of reading at the Primary building, the St. Jude's Math-a-thon and the annual math night allow us to convey the importance of learning math well also to the students. We hope that patrons will consider pledging a nickel or dime for each question the student answers correctly when asked by a Primary student.

Mrs. DeJoode and I worked hard to prepare for our January 22nd preschool site visit. During that visit, she and I made our case to the state that we are complying with all of the ten Iowa Quality Preschool Program standards and 172 criteria. Thanks to Mrs. De Joode and to parents who participated in the Family Interview session on that day.

## Reading Improves

Instructional Decision Making, or IDM, is a process that Heartland Area Education Agency has developed over several years. Data is used to make instructional decisions on a student-by-student basis. Both elementary buildings spent last year attending training and are in the initial year of using the IDM process to determine what reading group instruction each student should receive to address his or her particular weakness or strength. Basically if a student struggles with reading fluency he or she is in a fluency group. If the struggle is in comprehension he or she attends the comprehension group, etc. The most important part of IDM is that every student, regardless of reading delay, participates in the general education reading instruction and then attends the reading group instruction tailored to his or her particular need.

On September 9, 2008, thirty-nine fourth grade students took the DIBELS reading fluency test. Twenty students (51%) were considered below proficient (93 correct words per minute) in oral reading.

The entire 4th grade class has been participating in reading group instruction. The groups have been fluid (students move into and out of groups as skills increase). The 4th grade reading group team, Miss Trower, Miss Miller, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Carnes, and Mrs. Beard continues to evaluate students as skill levels increase. AEA consultants, Mrs. Kuhn and Ms. Swanson, have participated in our team meetings and the IDM process.

On January 13, 2009, forty students took the winter DIBELS reading fluency test. We compared each student's correct words per minute and the percentage of accuracy to the fall data.

To be considered proficient on the

winter DIBELS reading fluency a student needs to read 105 correct words per minute or above. Twenty-six students (65%) read above 105 cwpm! Six students moved from "not proficient" to "proficient" in 16 weeks of instruction!

Research indicates that the "typical" fourth grade student should show an increase in reading fluency of one word per week, or 16 words for this time period. Twenty-two students improved more than typical growth. Nine students showed fluency rate increases from 33 to 54 correct words per minute! The accuracy also increased. Thirty-four students now read with 95% accuracy or above!

We are very pleased with the growth shown by the students to date. We will continue to use the IDM process as we strive to assist each student to read at least at proficiency. The DIBELS fluency testing for the fifth and sixth grade students will be completed in January. Please contact me at the Intermediate building if you have any questions.

*Jackie Beard*

## Geography-Bee

Images not available online

Can you answer any of these questions? Wapusk National Park, located on the southwest shore of the Hudson Bay and home to one of the largest polar bear denning areas in the world, is in which Canadian province? The Gulf of Guinea is a major offshore oil exploration and drilling off the west coast of what continent? Mexico City is located on the side of Tenochtitlán, the island capital of what empire that was conquered by Spanish explorers in the 16th century? These are just a sampling of the questions asked at the Southeast Warren Geography Bee.

The Geography Bee was held on Tuesday, January 6th, 2009 at the Intermediate library with nine students competing. These students each won a class competition to earn their spot in the competition: Jed Balk (4th), Sean Gardner (4th), Alec Pierce (5th), Morgen Greif (5th), Josh Mosher (6th), Justus Sherman (6th), Cameron Hertzler (7th), Sarah Martin (7th), and Aaron Coffman (8th). Sean Gardner won the competition. He will now take a written test to qualify for the state competition.

Answers to above questions: Manitoba, Africa, and Aztec Empire

*Tina Schneider, 5th Grade Teacher*

Southeast Warren Community School District  
Regular Board Meeting  
December 8, 2008

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session December 8, 2008, in the media center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Paul Mead called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following board members were present: Ron Miller, Jennifer Mihalovich, Larrie Williams, and Marianne Lester. Superintendent/Secondary Principal Delane Galvin, Intermediate Principal Dan Dow, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend, Transportation Director Joel Mosher, and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

AGENDA: Superintendent Delane Galvin recommended adding agenda item #6, Approve Fire Safety Grant, under new business action items. The negotiations strategy session will be moved down on the agenda pending the arrival of Mr. Reno. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the revised agenda. Ayes: 5.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Tracy Neer addressed the Board concerning open enrollment out. She noted that a committee had been formed to address the open enrollment out numbers. She also indicated that she had been continued, page 5

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asked to reconsider open enrolling her daughter out of Southeast Warren this year and to give it another try. She is now regretting that decision and wanted to bring the situation to the Board's attention.

THE BOARD SALUTES: Mrs. Weaklend recognized the Partners In Education (P.I.E.) organization, and especially the officers, for their hard work and contribution to the district. P.I.E. has helped to raise money for classroom supplies, field trips, provided meals to the staff on conference nights, organized carnivals and numerous other contributions and activities.

REPORTS:

Transportation report submitted by Joel Mosher:

1. We had seven extra bus trips for the month.
2. One of the vans hit a deer; the van has been fixed and will be put back into operation tomorrow.
3. One of the buses has been taken to Cummins for repair work; the bus won't run when it is cold outside.

Primary Principal's report submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

The Primary building experienced an overall 97% attendance rate at November parent-teacher conferences. Thank you to each of our parents for demonstrating for his/her child how important education is to them and providing valuable input to our teachers.

On December 1st and 2nd, the preschool teacher, the classroom associate, the two one-on-one associates assigned to preschool part time, and I attended the Creative Curriculum training sessions at the Johnston Public Library. Many wonderful ideas were shared about how to use the Creative Curriculum classroom planning and assessment materials that are used in our preschool, as well as what a truly quality preschool program looks like. Attendance by the associates at this training satisfied one qualification towards the preschool associates finishing their CDA endorsement – a requirement from the state of Iowa. Their substitutes for those days will be partially paid through the TEACH grant, with the balance being picked up by our state grant. Mrs. DeJoode, our preschool teacher, will be attending follow up Creative Curriculum training sessions throughout the winter and spring.

The primary building again participated in Milo's Small Town Country Christmas last Saturday. Please note that we moved the location for the cookie walk from the main foyer by the offices to the multi-purpose room. We encouraged patrons to use the north parking lot that day. The entrance and exit doors for that day faced that parking lot. We had signage directing all of our visitors to use the service door next to the walk-in freezer to enter the building and the outside door on the early childhood wing to exit the building.

Arrows directed people from the cookie walk just inside the multi-purpose room door where they could buy yummy cookies for just \$3.00 a dozen to the basket raffle where they could purchase chances at winning the class themed baskets that ranged in value from approximately \$50 to \$200. (One contained a \$100 gift certificate from the Scheels Sporting Goods Store in Jordan Creek Mall. Thanks to Scheels for this generous donation, as well as all of the families who sent items for the baskets!) Raffle tickets sold for \$2.00 per single chance or 3 chances for \$5.00. Each basket was chock full of items the winning family could enjoy right away or could be used as individual Christmas gifts. While parents were buying raffle tickets and depositing them in the boxes provided for that purpose and picking out their cookies, the attending children could make a gift for their parents or grandparents in the Elf Workshop. All three activities were held in the multi-purpose room this year. As they left through the south multi-purpose room door and circled around the hallways to the media center where the Scholastic Book Fair which offered books and novelty gift items was held, they passed several tables of even more gift items being sold by community vendors and youth groups.

Both the Primary and the Intermediate students sold magazine subscriptions to family members during the month of November – following the juniors' annual magazine sales.

The students were also encouraged to fill out post cards to friends and family members living outside the SEW area. The company will later mail out these cards to broaden our sales even further. We are using the Reader's Digest "Be Excited about Reading" program that gives us 40% of the profit from each of the sales. This program, which is being operated independently from the Partners in Education, has been used successfully by several neighboring elementary schools in the past. The funds, which will be collected throughout the school year as subscriptions are sold, will be used to supplement our supply budgets.

Once again, the traditional elementary winter concert featuring the old-time Christmas favorites being sung by our kindergarten through 6th grade students was held in the high school gymnasium. This year's event was held on the evening of December 2nd. As always, the crowd was amazing. The class basket raffle was set up in the lunchroom, where Santa gave each child a candy cane on his/her way out of the building.

The American Red Cross is providing safety lessons for our kindergarten through third grades. The first sessions in the classrooms were held on Friday, November 21st and served as a good review for our youngsters about fire safety. Our Red Cross friends will be bringing Scruffy Bear in December to talk about hand washing. Their January lessons will center on winter safety, to be followed later in the year with sessions about spring storm safety. These lessons are all pro-

vided free of charge and involve the help of volunteers from the Des Moines area.

Intermediate Principal's report submitted by Dan Dow:

Parent-teacher conferences were held on November 3rd and 6th. The staff felt like we had a good turnout and the public was pleased with the efforts of the school and the students were doing well as a whole.

The teachers at the Lacona Intermediate building have been meeting regularly for continued (CORI) Concept Oriented Reading Instruction training. Mrs. Tina Schneider is the lead teacher in CORI and has been working very hard at educating other staff members in the teaching strategies involved. Mrs. Barb Schons was in the building on Nov. 12 to do a half-day in-service to the teaching staff with CORI. On December 22nd Linda Moehring will be in Lacona for a full day of CORI training with an emphasis on differentiation.

Mr. Dow has been attending meetings regarding Iowa Core Curriculum, Curriculum networking, Talented and Gifted programming along with District Leadership Team meetings. The Talented and Gifted (TAG) program is currently being assembled and will probably not be competed in its entirety until later in the school year. This is one area the Department of Education was concerned about during their site visit and we want to produce a high quality program. The Iowa Core Curriculum is being presented to the District Leadership Team (DLT) through various meetings. When all the information is disseminated and understood by the DLT it will then be given to the rest of the staff and the process of implementation will begin.

The elementary winter concert was well attended and the students performed very well. Hats off to Mrs. Young and Mrs. Jensen.

Athletic Director's report submitted by Chuck Jones:

The winter sports season has begun. Jr. High basketball kicked off their season November 24th, HS wrestling opened at Nevada on December 4th, and the HS basketball teams started their season by hosting I-35 on December 5th. The number of students participating in winter sports is down when compared to the fall sports. Currently, Jr. High basketball has 17 boys and 10 girls. Jr. High wrestling has 11 boys out this season. The HS basketball teams are running at 15 boys and 12 girls. HS wrestling has 14 boys on the mat. The bowling team has 11 girls and 8 boys striking it up for Southeast Warren.

The dance team competed at the State Dance Competition on Saturday, December 6th.

The sportsmanship ratings for football have been released:

<u>SE Warren</u>	<u>Class A Avg.</u>	<u>State Avg.</u>
Coaches 1.16	1.30	1.33

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Players 1.30	1.28	1.31
Spectators 1.21	1.37	1.37

Southeast Warren can be proud of our sportsmanship ratings. As always, there is room for improvement. We should continue to strive to make Southeast Warren #1 in all areas of competition.

Athletic Booster Club Notes:

**Weight Equipment:** The row machine will be set up in the SE Warren weight room.

**Softball and Baseball Fields:** Securing 2 estimates for tiling of the softball and baseball fields. The school has not received information from FEMA about losses due to flooding this spring and summer.

**Sound Systems:** The baseball field speaker could not be fixed until the fence has been repaired.

**Sponsorships:** Tami Hall and Tisha Lawton are handling the booster sponsorship drive.

**Hall of Fame Committee:** Becky Schurman and BJ Hagen advised that they were interested in being a part of this committee. A suggestion was made to include Matt and Phil Oliver on this committee. Juan Batula advised that he would like to include a Hall of Fame dinner and dance with the Golf Outing. He has talked with Deer Run and a better price can be given if the golf tournament is held in the afternoon with a 12-noon shotgun tee off. A separate price would be offered if someone wanted to attend the dinner and dance and not participate in the golf tournament.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Fall Musical Concession:** The booster organization does not contribute funds for individuals but for organizations. The percentage of profit made from the opening of the Liberty Center concession stand during the fall musical was paid to the SE Warren Activity Fund.

**Winter Formal Spirit Week:** The booster organization will coordinate with the school to hold "pack the gym night" during winter formal spirit week.

**Lacona Concession Stand:** At this time the plan is to complete the renovation of the Lacona concession stand by fall of 2009.

**Spirit Posters:** Michelle Spear would like to offer spirit posters for all sports with more athletes involved. She would continue to organize the taking of the pictures but would like the booster organization to take over verifying that releases are in place, purchase, resell and storage of the posters. Thank You to Michelle for all of her hard work and donated time on the football and volleyball posters and the publication of the football team in the local paper.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at Liberty Center.

**NEGOTIATIONS STRATEGY SESSION:** The

board held a negotiations strategy session from 5:47 p.m. to 6:24 p.m.

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

1. Approve November 10, 2008 minutes
2. Approve financial reports
3. Approve second reading of Board Policy 405.8, "Child Abuse Reporting", and 405.8R, "Child Abuse Reporting Regulation"
4. Approve second reading of Board Policy 405.11E, "Abuse of Students by Employees"
5. Approve second reading of Board Policy 405.6, 405.6R1 and 405.6E8, "Drug/Alcohol Testing Program"
6. Approve second reading of Board Policy 411.6, 411.6R1, and 411.6E8, "Drug/Alcohol Testing Program"

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Galvin reported on the following items:

1. The heating issues at Lacona are still being worked on.
2. Mr. Galvin and three teachers attended the HS Summit today. Several great ideas and best practices were presented.
3. Administrators and three teachers attended a half-day of Iowa Core Curriculum Training last week. One of the next steps is looking at how to assess students.
4. ISFLC (Iowa Superintendents Finance & Leadership Consortium) will be holding a training session next week.
5. The middle school dance was a success. Students are already asking when the next dance will be.
6. The HS Student Council attended the Leadership Conference at Adventureland.
7. The first semester will end on the last day of school before winter break.
8. Mr. Galvin will have round table meetings with the staff at both elementary buildings.
9. The winter concert is scheduled for Tuesday of next week.
10. Negotiations with the certified staff and support staff have been scheduled for November 16th and 18th.
11. Bids are being obtained for rekeying the High School building. If a bid is received for less than \$3,000 we will proceed with the work.
12. An optional inservice day has been scheduled for December 22. Teachers who attend the inservice will be paid per diem from Teacher Quality funds.

**BOARD POLICY 604.2:** Motion by Marianne Lester, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the revision of Board Policy 604.2, "Student Health Services". Ayes: 5. The Board asked that notices be published in the Warren Pride, on

the district's web site and in the student handbooks informing parents that scoliosis tests will be performed by parent request.

**HARD SURFACE ROUTES:** Joel Mosher related to the Board that he has been working on the hard surface routes trying to simplify them and make them easier to understand. Joel will have the new routes posted on the district's web site and will also have the bus driver's hand them out to the students on their route.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES:** Mr. Galvin recommended the approval of the appointment of Chuck Jones, Bowling Coach; and Jennifer Schnathorst, Volunteer Dance Team Coach. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the personnel changes as presented. Ayes: 5.

**AT RISK BUDGET:** Mr. Galvin recommended approving the 2009-2010 At Risk budget in the amount of \$218,876. The amount of allowable growth requested is \$164,157. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Marianne Lester to approve the 2009-2010 At Risk budget application. Ayes: 5.

**ADVANCE PLACEMENT COURSES:** Mr. Galvin related to the Board that it had come to his attention that weighted grades were used for some classes starting with the 2002-2003 school year. There does not appear to be anything in the board minutes, student handbook or board policy addressing the use of weighted grades for advance placement courses. Mr. Galvin asked for the Board's input on weighted grades. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Mihalovich to continue to use weighted grades for advance placement classes the same as has been past practice and put into board policy. Ayes: 5.

**BOARD POLICY 405.2R:** Mr. Galvin recommended revising Board Policy 405.2R, "Travel Regulation", to clarify the meal allowance allowed. Motion by Jennifer Mihalovich, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the revision of Board Policy 405.2R, "Travel Regulation". Ayes: 5.

**BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 404 AND 410:** Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Marianne Lester to approve the review of Board Policy Section 404, "Certified Personnel Leaves", and 410, "Non-Certified Personnel Absence and Leaves". Ayes: 5.

**FIRE SAFETY GRANT:** Mr. Galvin recommended approval of the Fire Safety Grant application. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the application for the Fire Safety Grant. Ayes: 5.

President Paul Mead adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

### Feb. 17 & 19

Parents of K-6 students will have assigned times  
Parents of 7-12 students please call the high school office to schedule  
a time with each teacher. 641-466-3331, ext. 221

## Southeast Warren Menu & Activities

# FEBRUARY 2009

Activities & menus are subject to change. Refer to online information for updates: <http://www.se-warren.k12.ia.us>

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<b>1</b>	<i>B: Pastry</i> <i>L: Burrito, corn, fruit, PB sandwich</i> JHBB v. Pleasantville 4:00, G-@, B-(H) JVBB (H) 1-35, 6:15	<i>B: Waffles</i> <i>L: Popcorn chicken, mixed veg., fruit, cookie</i> Bowling @ Chairton v. Mt. Ayr 4:00 JVBB @ Wayne 6:30 V-BB @ Wayne, Girls 6:30. Boys 8:00	<i>B: Eggs/toast</i> <i>L: Chicken/noodles, mash.potatoes, fruit, roll</i> POI Academic Bowl FFA @ Iowa Power Show	<i>B: Muffins</i> <i>L: Cook's Choice</i> Bowling (H) Lamoni 4pm JHBB (H) Morm.Trail, Girls 4:00, Boys 5:15 V-BB @ Morm.Trail, Girls 6:30, Boys 8:00	<i>B: Pizza</i> <i>L: Cheeseburger/bun, potato wedges, fruit</i> V-BB (H) Nod.Valley Girls 6:30, Boys 8:00	Can Drive 9-12 Bowling @ Cent. Decatur 2:00 WR Sectionals @ Albia 12:00
<b>8</b>	<i>B: Pastry</i> <i>L: Chucken nuggets, carrots, fruit, B/B</i> JV-V Boys BB (H) Woodward Academy JV 6:00, Var 7:30 School Board Meeting @ High School. 5:30	<i>B: Pancakes</i> <i>L: Ham/potatoes, peas, fruit, B/B</i> BB @ Pleasantville, JV Boys 4:45, V-Girls 6:30, Boys 8:00	<i>B: Eggs/toast</i> <i>L: Pizza burger/bun, green beans, fruit, bar</i> Athletic Booster Mtg. 7:00 @ H.S.	<i>B: French toast</i> <i>L: Goulash, lettuce salad, fruit, garlic bread</i> FFA @ Beef Expo Girls BB Regional 1st Round @ Bussey, 7:00	<i>B: Saus. gravy/biscuit</i> <i>L: Nachos, corn, fruit, PB sandwich</i> BB Boys (H) Iowa Christian Acad., JV 6:15, Var 7:45	WR Districts @ Chariton 12:00
<b>15</b>	<i>B:</i> <i>L:</i> NO SCHOOL Teacher inservice Boys BB Districts 1st Round 7:00 TBA	<i>B: Waffles</i> <i>L: Corn dog, green beans, fruit, cookie</i> 2:15 Dismissal P/T Conferences 4-8 pm Girls BB Regional 2nd Round @ Chariton 7:00	<i>B: Eggs/toast</i> <i>L: Chicken tetrazini, peas, fruit, B/B</i> WR State Tourn.	<i>B: Muffins</i> <i>L: Cook's Choice</i> 2:15 Dismissal P/T Conferences 4-8 pm WR State Tourn. Boys BB District 2nd Round 7:00 TBA	<i>B:</i> <i>L:</i> NO SCHOOL WR State Tourn.	WR State Tourn.
<b>22</b>	<i>B: Pastry</i> <i>L: Chicken tenders, potato rounds, fruit, B/B</i>	<i>B: Pancakes</i> <i>L: Deli sandwich, fresh veg., fruit fruit</i> POI Honor Band Vocal Festival @ Mart.-St.M 12:30	<i>B: Eggs/toast</i> <i>L: Chili/crackers, pickle, applesauce, cinn. roll</i>	<i>B: French toast</i> <i>L: Eggs, hash browns, juice, toast</i>	<i>B: Pizza</i> <i>L: Frito pie, lettuce/cheese, corn, fruit,B/B</i>	

### Lunch Account Balance:

It is important that lunch account balances be maintained as a positive amount. Once an account reaches \$5.00 the family/student will be notified that the account is getting low. Negative balances of \$10 for an individual account or \$20 for a family account will result in an alternate but approved meal being served to the student until the account balance is positive.

To access your lunch account and/or make deposits online, call the high school or email: [sue.ellingson@se-warren.k12.ia.us](mailto:sue.ellingson@se-warren.k12.ia.us). You may deposit any amount into your family/student account.

**DAILY LUNCH PRICES: \$1.50 (K-6) \$1.60 (7-12) \$.40 (Reduced) \$2.50 (Adult)**

**DAILY BREAKFAST PRICES: \$1.00 (K-12) \$.30 (Reduced) \$1.25 (Adult)**



## BLANKETS FOR SALE

The 2009 Senior Class After Prom Committee is selling blankets as a fundraiser for a safe and fun After Prom party. Each 2 layer green and white blanket measures 48" X 68" and sells for \$30.00 or 2 for \$50.00. Payment is due at time of order.

These blankets make great graduation or birthday gifts and are an excellent way of keeping warm while showing your Warhawk Pride at football games or other outdoor events. A sample will be on display at the high school as soon as it is available.

Orders will be taken through February 27, 2009 and can be made by contacting any senior, calling 515-669-1043 or send an e-mail to bk-kimzey@iowatelecom.net. Thank

you for supporting the kids and the After Prom Committee in working towards a safe and fun After Prom Party!

## LIGHT FIXTURES FOR SALE

### Daycare lights

18 - 4'x2' 4-lamp Fluorescent light fixtures - Used  
\$10.00 each  
Stored in the bus barn

### Multi purpose room (Primary)

12 - Mercury Vapor Hallogen Lights  
300 Watts  
Approximately 18" in diameter  
\$15.00 each

Call the Primary School if interested: 641-942-6216.

## AFTER PROM CAN DRIVE SATURDAY FEB. 7

Save your cans from Super-Bowl Sunday! The 2009 After Prom can drive will be on Saturday, February 7th, from 9:00 AM to noon. Drop-off locations will be at the Milo Primary and Lacona Intermediate Schools. Seniors will be driving around through Milo and Lacona to pick up cans, so leave them by the curb if possible. To arrange for pick-up in other locations, please call Sue Ellingson at 641-466-3331 ext 224, or email sue.ellingson@se-warren.k12.ia.us.

Thank you for supporting After Prom.

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