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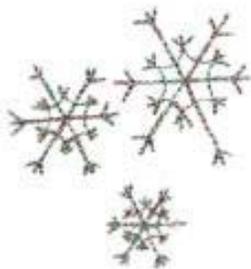
Mrs. Cooper Earns Special Award

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For the first time at Southeast Warren, a special award was recently given to a certain teacher who worked very diligently to receive it. Natasha Cooper received "National Board Certification." Her certification was in Early Adolescence Social Studies/History. It was a voluntary assessment that examined the teacher's knowledge of subject matter, their ability to teach effectively, and their ability to measure student's learning. The "National Board Certification" is considered the highest honor in the educational profession. Since 1993, only 461 Iowa teachers have earned the certification. Only about 50% of teachers who take the test pass it on the first try. This year 60 teachers took the test and 37 passed on the first try, including Mrs. Cooper.

The first part of the certification was developing portfolios. Mrs. Cooper worked every weekend on four portfolios from October to April. Mrs. Cooper said, "It was like taking my teaching and putting it under a microscope." In all four portfolios she was to include a 13-page report that described, analyzed, and reflected upon her teachings. All portfolio entries had certain standards that had to be reached.

The first portfolio entry was titled, "Reasoning Through Writing," in which Mrs. Cooper chose two struggling students to discuss throughout three writing assignments. The second portfolio entry was titled, "Civic Competence," where she did a 15-minute videotape of a teacher-led discussion. The third portfolio entry was titled, "Promoting Social Understanding." In this she reflected upon her professional growth, such as the Lewis and Clark Grant and classes she had taken, which she feels influenced student learning and has involved her in the community.

The second part of the certification was a knowledge test over social studies. Mrs. Cooper took the test in June. There were 6 essay questions, and she had 30 minutes to answer each question on a computer. "I knew the topics, like Historical Documents," Mrs. Cooper said, "but didn't know the specific question ahead of time, making it hard to prepare." For Mrs. Cooper, the test was the hardest part. You had to be a good writer and be able to explain yourself well.

After being certified, Mrs. Cooper will receive \$2,500 a year for 10 years from the government. She is planning to continue improving her strengths and correcting her weaknesses so as to be a better classroom teacher. Mrs. Cooper also said that she would recommend other teachers take the test because it makes you look at your strengths and weaknesses as a teacher and, in the process, helps you to improve as a teacher.

Congratulations Mrs. Cooper! Southeast Warren is proud of you!

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

In my last letter I spoke about the need to celebrate the successes of our teachers and students. This month I want to bring to your attention the good things that are happening at SEW.

National Certification – Congratulations to Mrs. Cooper for having received her National Certification in 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 national 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.

Mid Term Grade Comparison – Our students continue to show a decline in the D/F category for this year. At mid term there were 16 fewer F's and 16 fewer D's than on last year's list. I am pleased with the continued positive trend in that area.

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 prepared a time of questioning with the students. Time was also spent with the students reading to the wrestlers. This was a good mentoring opportunity and teaching moment for the students.

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 3rd place finish. Congratulations to the ladies, 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!)

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.

Project Angel Tree – This is a project sponsored annually by the Art Club, ECP and all of the students of the SEW district. This year the students of the SEW district provided Christmas for 14 families. Many hours are spent by the students, teachers, and adults to provide a Happy Holiday for those who are not as materially blessed. We have a "giving" student body and community.

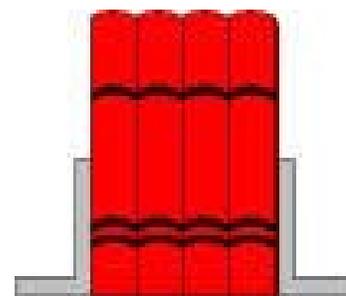
I trust that the holidays have been good to you and look forward to a student body and faculty that is rested, refreshed, and energized to finish the first semester.

Submitted by Terry Gladfelter, Secondary Principal

NEW EARTH SCIENCE BOOKS for 8th Grade!!

The Earth Science program is still relatively new at SE Warren Jr. High and was started off with used books. Thanks to Mr. Gladfelter, Dr. Hulleman, and the SE Warren School District, I was able to purchase a new set of books to further improve our Earth Science Program. These books, published by Glencoe, are the 2005 edition and are further enhanced by photography and research by the National Geographic Society. This is a great addition to SE Warren School District! Books will be distributed upon return from Winter Break. Also, over Winter Break, I will be working on writing a grant for the Earth Science program. If we are awarded this grant, I will purchase software and some equipment to further the program. Thanks to all for your support!

Debbie Sage
Science/Biology Teacher



From your **Intermediate Principal...**

Cindy Butler

January brings the end of the first semester and another report card. Following are some tips from the National Association of Elementary School Principals to help you and your child get the most out of the grading process.

Get in touch. Knowing and keeping in touch with your child's teacher is one of the best ways to ensure academic progress. Frequent discussions with the teacher will alert you to problems and ways to correct them. It's important to address problems early instead of waiting until your child brings home a poor report card.

Understand the system. Parents should understand the school's grading system. Ask how it works and how your child will be assessed. If the grading terminology is difficult, make sure the teacher – or principal – clearly explains the system until you understand fully.

Don't compare. Children develop and master academics at different rates. Concentrate on how each child is doing as an individual, rather than comparing one child's grades or progress to another's.

Celebrate improvements. When children improve in a challenging subject, praise them for their hard work and dedication. Remind them that hard work does pay off and that you are very, very proud. But resist the temptation to use money or gifts to reward good grades. Students should learn that doing well is a reward of its own.

Finally, make sure your child's grades are his own. Sometimes, parents help their children too much, even doing some of their homework. While those assignments and projects might get high grades, (even though the teacher probably knows who really did the work), the child loses out because he or she didn't learn the material. Provide encouragement and guidance, but make sure your children are the ones earning the grades.

Submitted by Cindy Butler, Intermediate Principal

Accelerated Readers

Second and third graders have been reading lots of books in the Accelerated Reader Program. After earning their first 10 points and being awarded an Independent Reader certificate, the students move on to the next goal of 20 points and becoming a Rising Reader, then reading chapter books and becoming a Super Reader! The following students have earned awards:

Rising Reader

Shiloh Williams
Dakota Cox
Gabe Henderson
Waylon Balk
Hillary Gardner
Josh Klages

Rising Reader II

Joshua Mosher
Morgan Weeks

Super Reader I

Kaylee Miller
Haley Seufferer
Raelyn Meling
Brandi Putz

Super Reader II

Sierra Dorsey
Megan Cleveland

Super Reader III

Jake Hunderdosse
Alyssa Dittmer

Super Reader V

Amy Koenck

Super Reader VI

Preston Carruthers

From your Primary Principal...

Charlotte Weaklend

The new year is a perfect time to reflect on our successes, contemplate the positive examples of others around us, and plan for the future.

The elementary winter concert on December 6th certainly was a success. The turnout, as always, was tremendous! A special thank you to Mrs. Young for all of her hard work in preparing the children for their performance, to Superintendent Hulleman for his part in distributing candy canes to the children following the program, and to the high school boys' and girls' basketball teams for their help in setting up the gym before the program. Thanks also to the high school wrestling team who visited the classrooms to share children's books and discuss positive character traits in December.

It truly took a host of people to make Milo's Small Town Country Christmas on December 4th a great success. From the school's perspective, thanks to everyone who donated cookies for PIE's cookie walk or goodies for the Gillespie fundraiser, visited the school, sponsored a vendor's table, or helped supervise the activities here. It was a very enjoyable day. A special thanks to Wendy Smith and Melody Kibbe who planned the day's activities here at the school – arriving early and staying late on that day – as well as for all of their hard work in the Partners in Education organization throughout the school year. Thank you also to Patty Marshall and Ann Miller who help out at PIE activities on a regular basis.

I am reminded of what a caring community Southeast Warren is when I consider all of the families that participated again this year in the angel tree project that helped out local families in need at Christmas time or in the Primary St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital math-a-thon. The money collected all went to St. Jude's, the hospital established by the late Danny Thomas, the largest childhood cancer research center in the world. Since St. Jude's opening in 1962, it has treated about 19,000 children from 50 states and 60 foreign countries. Your participation in these wonderful activities throughout the month of December models for our students the truly caring character traits so prevalent in the Southeast Warren community.

The outpouring of thoughts, prayers, hospital visits, and monetary donations to Doris Gillespie and her family during the extended illness of her husband Bob is yet another example of the neighborliness and caring our community is known for. Doris is a longtime head cook in our building, a dedicated employee who herself has shone a positive caring role model in the face of extreme adversity.

As the school year nears the mid point, I am reminded of all of the hard work involved in the complicated process of learning in our fine schools. There is the hard work of the students as they apply themselves every day to the task of mastering the intricate skills involved in reading, writing, math, social studies, science, as well as how to get along with and care for other people. There is the hard work of the teachers as they nurture the often tedious growth process of each of their students, constantly evaluating progress, and making the lessons as meaningful and engaging as they can for all of their learners – all the while managing classrooms full of energetic youngsters. There is the support staff who work so hard to make sure our buildings are clean and orderly, hot nutritious food is served on time, children with special needs get the extra attention they deserve, and that the children get to school on time and home safe again and sound - even when road conditions are less than ideal. There are the administrators who worry about how well oiled the whole school machine is, and how we can make needed improvements to insure the best education possible for each of our charges – all the while dealing with a multitude of day in and day out issues affecting individuals or the whole school.

As we enter the new year we are reminded that the work is challenging, but it is also rewarding. Taking pride in a job well done, having an opportunity to reflect for our youngsters a positive, caring lifestyle, and ultimately having a part in shaping the future of our community and this great nation make it all worthwhile.

Submitted by Charlotte Weaklend, Primary Principal

A Few Notes From the Band

By Braden Gardner, SEW Gr. 12

The Southeast Warren Band has had a busy holiday season this year. On December 7, the band went to Capitol Square to perform festive Christmas music. During their Christmas concert on December 13th, they played traditional Christmas music such as "Winter Wonderland" and "Do You Hear What I Hear." Some unique music was also tossed in, including a Jamaican drum section. When asked how band is going so far, Junior Josh Nutting said, "Band has been a lot of fun this year because I have been able to expand my musical range and have gotten to play some fun and different styles of music."

The band has also been playing their strong, upbeat music at home basketball games. The teams and the fans have really enjoyed this music. "There's nothing better than a cheering crowd on a Friday night with the pep band playing. It really gets your blood going," says girl's basketball coach Tim Cerwinski.

The band will also be sending members to participate in Central College Honor Band on January 27th and to Pride of Iowa Honor Band on February 22nd. The band appreciates all the support it has been given so far and will continue to work hard throughout the year.



Junior High Band

By Brooke Vasey, SEW Gr. 7

This past month we have worked hard on our Christmas songs! We performed at the Christmas Concert on December thirteenth at seven o' clock pm. The songs we performed were *Silent Night and All That Jazz, Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!*, and *Walkin' Cool!* I hope you were all able to come and I hope you were impressed! We also played at Merle Hay Mall! We played Christmas songs for the enjoyment of the shoppers! We played *Walkin' Cool, Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!, I Will Follow Him* -from the very popular "Sister Act"- *Stone Age Stomp*, and finished with *Silent Night and all That Jazz*. We also had great success at the mall! The people that work for the Merle Hay Mall invited us back before our spring concert! So we are very excited to be able to go back! I hope you enjoyed our performances this month!

Clubs and Gr

2005 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!

Lock up the Past...Unlock the Future

\$35.00 in January
\$40.00 in February
\$45.00 in March

Get your 2005 yearbook
personalized— \$10

New Feature: Student Text Boxes!

Submit a short message to celebrate
a SEW student in some way. Great
for graduation farewells or to punch
up your student's personal
achievements. Cost: \$10

FCCLA News

By Dorie Knight, SEW Gr. 12

On November 18th FCCLA members, Joey Clay, Korie Downs, Dorie Knight and Audra Drish got to go on a trip to the FCCLA conference in Nashville, Tennessee. They left Thursday evening and spent an entire night on a charter bus all the way to Nashville. There were about five other schools that went with them, so it was a great chance to meet new people. When they arrived that morning, they went to the Andrew Jackson historical site and were able to tour his home, and see how they lived. Later, they visited the Country Music Hall of Fame, and then went to a few shops around the area.

That evening every one dressed up and went to the opening ceremony of the FCCLA conference at the Gaylord Hotel and Resort. There were over 7,000 people there, from all over the nation. The next day was even more fun. They had some great speakers, and fun activities for everyone to participate in. There was also a comedian that made everyone laugh. It was a great experience for everyone, and was both informative and an adventure. Hopefully, it will be as much fun for next year's group, as it was this year.

FFA



This last month was an easy one for the FFA. We had the following members go to talk to the 2nd graders in Milo. Tabby Dollison, Karen Manser, Danny Eichhorn, Derek Hommer, Kimmi Hunnerdose, Katie Meyers and Anthony Dittmer. They talked about where all the parts of the cheeseburger come from.

The fruit and cheese came in on December 6th. Thanks to all that contributed this year!

JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Junior class would like to thank everyone for their magazine orders. Thank you for making our sale an outstanding success. We sold over \$ 5000.00 in product and plan to have a beautiful prom.

You should be receiving your order within the next few weeks. If for any reason your order is not received, please call the following customer service number 1-800-678-2673 between 8am and 4:30 pm.



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



Art Club News

By Emily Nutting, SEW Gr. 8



Art Club has had fun this month participating in Milo Country Christmas, wrapping gifts for the Angel Project, and exchanging Secret Santa gifts with other art club members.

Thank you to everyone for your generous giving to the Angel Tree project. Your donations helped to provide gifts for 16 families! Your kindness will not be forgotten!

Dates to remember:

January 11th 4-6 Concessions in Lacona

January 13th 5:30- 8:30pm. Skating at Skate South

January 25th 4-6pm Concessions in Lacona

February 3rd Activity Night in the art room

February 12th: Fine Arts Night and Talent Show!!!

"A Tribute to Soldiers"

By Caitlin Crow, SEW Gr. 11

*Standing on enemy lines
Is the hardest thing to do
If it weren't for the people who pull America through
We might not be standing here
Those brave amazing people
Those talented women and men
All around the world
Dozens of places
They are the people who are familiar with dying faces
For them it's never fun
To run for cover or to dive
They are the people
Who fight for our lives.*

From the Desk of the Athletic Director

Wrestling and basketball seasons are in full bloom. If you did not get a chance to see them in action, I would strongly encourage you to take in a meet or game.

The Warhawk Supermen have completed their home schedule, but there are many more opportunities to watch them in neighboring communities. Mr. Ripperger and his coaches have the team working very hard and are a very intense group of competitors. The team should be in peak form when tournament time comes around.

The basketball teams have a good number of home games left on their schedule. Coaches Cerwinski & Tierney continue to develop their program. The coaches have been diligently trying to teach their offensive and defensive philosophies. As they play each game, you can see the steady improvement of the team and the confidence of the girls increasing. From what I have seen so far, this team will not be out-worked. Coach Thomas continues to build upon his past success. With several veteran players returning, this could be one of the most successful teams of Coach Thomas's career. A lot will depend on how well the younger players make the transition from Jv to Varsity competition. As with the girls' team, the boys will not be out-worked or out-hustled. Both teams will continue to improve throughout the season and will make strong runs in tournament play.

Pack the Gym

The Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters are sponsoring "Pack the Gym Night" on January 21st. Our opponent for the evening will be Lenox. We are hoping to have the elementary basketball teams play during half time of each game. The girls' game starts at 6:30 with the boys' game to follow at about 8:15. Put on your green & white and come out to cheer the Warhawks on to victory.

Pee Wee Wrestling

The Southeast Warren Pee Wee Wrestling will be January 8th. This is a very big fundraising event, not only for the athletic boosters, but several other organizations in the school. It takes a lot of people to put on such an event. If you could volunteer for a couple of hours or more, it would be greatly appreciated. I encourage you to contact Andy Schurman and tell him you can help.

Coaches Tell All

By Amy Ripperger, SEW Gr. 12

Imagine the sound of all the pins falling down and knowing it was a strike, hearing the whoosh of the flags through the air, and the sound of distant yelling and cheering throughout the crowd. These sounds can be heard throughout the Southeast Warren community during the winter athletic season. Bowling, flags, and cheerleading are the sports that are often times forgotten during this time of year.

Southeast Warren has had bowling for three years. This year the bowling team has fewer participants than the previous years. The team has many freshmen because several participants from last season did not come out this year. Coach Weeks is trying to prepare them for years to come, even though they are already a good team. Coach Weeks stated, "Bowling is like any other sport, it takes practice." The bowling team practices at Air Lanes in Des Moines.

Flags has had a great year. Audra Drish and Theresa Renfeldt are the flag captains. Audra Drish choreographed the routine for state. Audra, Theresa, and Coach Hart will choreograph the next routine. The flag team received third place at state on December 3. For anyone interested in joining flags, tryouts will be held in March. "I never realized how much talent and coordination you need, I thought, it would be easier. The girls have lots of talent and work hard," Coach Hart explains.

Cheerleading hasn't been here at Southeast Warren for a couple years. The Southeast Warren school decided to bring back cheerleading this year to enhance school spirit. The 2004-2005 basketball cheerleaders are Korie Downs, Audra Drish, Dorie Knight, Mariah Patterson, and Amy Ripperger. Those cheering for wrestling are April Baumgarten, Heather Brewster, Cortney Hardy, Tara Prine, Miranda Ray, and Jamesa Wadle. Cheerleading is open to guys as well as girls. "A road untraveled is a road to travel. Let's go Warhawk cheerleaders," encourages Coach Mott.

These sports have done a tremendous job and their participants are thankful for your support.

A Little Bit About Mrs. Kelso

By Jason Karimi, SEW Gr. 10

Everyone at SEW High School knows Mrs. Kelso. But how well do the students really know her? I asked Mrs. Kelso a few questions in order to get to know her a little better.

Angie Kelso grew up in Dallas Center, Iowa. She grew up in a community much like Southeast Warren's; a small and quiet town in which everyone knew everyone. When she graduated high school, she went to Central College in Pella. Originally, she planned to double major in Chemistry and Biology in order to be a biochemist. During her sophomore year of college, however, she decided that she wanted to be a teacher.

She taught her first two years at Dallas Center Grimes before coming to SEW. She married Jeff Kelso in Pella before moving to Warren County. She has two kids; Katelyn, age 4 ½, and Andrew, who will be 3 in January.

Mrs. Kelso enjoys reading, crafts, hiking/camping, bird watching, and gardening in her spare time. When I asked her what she likes about teaching, she told me she enjoys seeing kids graduate, after she has taught them for four years. She also likes when graduates return to visit her.

Mrs. Kelso has many fond memories at SEW. She cherishes the memory of her students getting 3rd place at the Drake Physics Olympics. These Olympics challenge students to apply their skills by building things such as working catapults, bridges, and mousetraps.

This summer, Mrs. Kelso plans on going to Colorado to visit friends. She might even go to Alabama to visit Jeff's father. She will take her kids to the zoo and the pool, and she will do a lot of camping.

We thank you for all the hard work you've done over the years at SEW, Mrs. Kelso. We look forward to learning new things every time we sit down in your classroom. Thanks for helping to expand our minds, skills, and experiences during high school.

The Party After the Party

By Jocinda Motsch, SEW Gr. 12

Walking into a gym filled with fabric streaming down from the ceiling looks radiant. The lights, bright and colorful, illuminate the tables and show off the people's joyful faces. Then this scene ends, but still the night is not over. Outside a bus awaits the excited kids and will transport them to the party spot. A night full of dreams is complete, thanks to the hard work of many volunteers.

After-Prom can be one of the most expensive activities, and to get what is needed takes a lot of effort. After-Prom is fairly new (it is only eighteen years old) but has become a tradition at Southeast Warren School. The senior parents formed a committee to come up with a safe place to go afterwards, with entertainment, prizes, food, and drinks. This year the committee plans to have many contests and prizes, plus a hypnotist. The party will be held at a bowling ally so the students can roll many strikes.

The committee this year includes president Jeanie Ohnemus, Dave and Brenda King, Barb and Tom Ripperger, Lisa Miller, Sherry Manser, Sam Ware, Jeanette Wickett, Jennifer Birchette, Donna Clay. The committee invites any senior parent who wants to participate to join in on planning this fun night for their kids.

Some of the funds have been raised by selling garbage bags, Avon products, Pampered Chef products, making and selling fleece blankets, selling pies at Hy-Vee, can drives, selling fifty-fifty raffle tickets, and selling ice cream at basketball games. "The parents and committees have done a lot with organizing," said senior parent Dave King. They have raised under \$1,000 so far and their goal is to get \$10,000. Subsequent fundraising efforts will be critical to meeting that goal. Some of the other fundraisers they will be doing are more can drives, raffling stuff off, and Tupperware sales. This is the sound of a party getting started with the help of many volunteers. One thing is obvious: it takes a lot of time and effort from volunteers to put on such a party for SEW students.

In Mr. Gladfelter's Shoes



By Brittany Graham, SEW Gr. 10

We all see Mr. Gladfelter, whether it's his head peeking into our classrooms or his presence in our hallways and cafeteria. We all know he's our principal, but do we really know what Mr. Gladfelter does every day? On November 18th I shadowed Mr. Gladfelter in order to better understand his daily tasks.

Somehow I managed to crawl out of my warm, cozy bed at 5:00 a.m. to come to school. I found this to be a hard thing to do, but this is just a daily part of Mr. Gladfelter's job. Every morning before school starts, you will find Mr. Gladfelter listening to Beethoven and reading his mail. "This is the only time during the day that I have time to sit down and read without getting interrupted," he said.

Mr. Gladfelter uses his palm pilot to sketch out the day's schedule. "It's the other half of my brain," comments Mr. Gladfelter. Mr. Gladfelter is attending evening grad school classes from the University of Northern Iowa to get his superintendents certification, and just as he sits down to study for tonight's class, the phone rings. The speaker for today's inservice is calling to let Mr. Gladfelter know that she is unable to come and speak. Now Mr. Gladfelter has to come up with a topic and activity for the teachers.

While Mr. Gladfelter is busy signing a large stack of extra-curricular permission slips, I notice how the lights are being turned on around the school. The once dark and quiet school is now coming alive as teachers and students arrive. The morning goes by smoothly. It's pretty much like I expected it to be with all the phone calls, student interruptions, and the signing of various papers.

When Mr. Gladfelter is in his office, he frequently talks to himself. "It helps me to hear if what I'm thinking makes sense," he said. When I commented on his messy desk he said, "Trying to keep organized when being constantly called out of the room is a hard thing to accomplish." Even though his desk is messy, in the time that I shadowed him, he accomplished much. Knowing about a day in Mr. Gladfelter's shoes helped me to better understand all his responsibilities and the things he does for our school and community.

Raising our Voices Taking a Stand Being a Leader

By Katie Meyers, SEW Gr. 10

Last November 4th, a group of Southeast Warren students spent half-a-day at Simpson College attending a leadership seminar. Mr. Tigner, Southeast Warren's high school counselor, helped get this group together and explained that the conference "helps students create better leadership skills by sharing ideas with students from other schools."

The group split into two, with the "leaders in training" going to listen to the enthusiastic and very energetic Craig Hillier. Meanwhile, those who attended the previous year went to hear Rob Kessclelring. "He's a very interactive speaker," said Angie Steil. Zach Bruce added, "It made me want to be a better leader."

"I thought it was a fun way to learn how to be a better leader and put it to use within the school," Cortney Hardy stated. When considering the conference overall Stanlie Burrell said, "It was fun and very educational."

The group recently met and discussed possibilities to raise money for good causes. So far they are considering a dance-a-thon, a power ball tournament, and an intermediate lock-in. "We will keep the community updated on our progress," stated Eric Falk.

January 19th the group will be returning to Simpson for more training.

Breakfast and Lunch Menu for January 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Sausage/Gravy
Hot Dog Green Beans Fruit 3	Salisbury Stk. Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Hot Roll Fruit 4	Crispito Corn Fruit Bread/Butter 5	Scal. Potatoes Ham L. Salad/Fruit Bread/Butter 6	Chicken Pattie Fries Cookie Fruit 7
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	Muffin	
Spaghetti Green Beans Cheese Bread Fruit 10	Chicken Tenders Veggies Fruit Bread/Butter 11	Pizza Cole Slaw Fruit Bread/Butter 12	Omelet Toast OJ Hashed Browns 13	NO School 14
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Sausage/Gravy
Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Fruit Bread/Butter 17	Frito Pie Lettuce/Cheese Corn Bread/Butter Fruit 18	Cook's Choice 19	Pizza Dippers Lettuce Salad Bar Fruit 20	Rib Sandwich Fries Fruit Cookie 21
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	Muffin	Pizza
Deli Turkey Sandwich Chips Fruit Raw Veggies 24	Hot Dog/Bun Baked Beans Fruit Cookie 25	Cook's choice 26	Chicken/Noodles Mashed Potatoes Fruit Bread/Butter 27	Cheeseburger/Bun Fries Fruit Pudding 28
Pastry				
BBQ Beef/Bun Oven Brown Potatoes Fruit Cookie 31				

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.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
November 8, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session November 8, 2004 in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board Vice-President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Hardy, Jennifer Birchette and Chris Wadle. President Ron Miller arrived at 7:10 p.m. Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter 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. (President Ron Miller was absent.)

REPORTS:

Transportation report submitted by Joel Mosher:

1. Bus inspections were held on November 2nd.
2. The new bus was put into service on October 12th.
3. Mosher would like the Board to consider the purchase of another bus for the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year and a van.
4. At the start of next year Mosher is going to put bus #12 as a spare and put bus #3 back on a route. But with three of the 2000 buses and the 1999 bus being bought at the same time, he would like to see them replaced one at a time. By doing this it would put the district in a 10-year replacement cycle. It seems there is a growing need for vans used by administration and special education classes. Mosher would like to get into some kind of rotation for van replacement. The 2002 van was purchased new in 2002; the rest were bought used.

Primary Principal's report by Charlotte Weaklend:

1. Fall DIBELS and MAP testing has been completed. Both establish a good baseline to measure student progress throughout the year. Results will be shared with parents at parent-teacher conferences this week and used in planning instruction, especially for those students who are struggling in reading. In addition to reading comprehension, math computation has been identified as an area for greater emphasis this year in our building. The

Basic Skills this week – yet another source of data for instructional decision-making.

2. Our Kindergarten Grandparents' Week – October 18 through the 22nd, where grandparents are invited to visit school and eat lunch with their kindergartners, was a great success this year. Fifty-two grandparents from Carlisle, Norwalk, Urbandale, West Des Moines, Milo, Marengo, Chariton, Applington, Indianola, Albia, and Winterset participated this year. Thanks to the kindergarten teachers for organizing this event again this year and to our kitchen staff, Doris Gillespie and Lori Mason, for their extra efforts in feeding the extra people.

3. Thanks to the efforts of Marcia Williams and Megan Morhardt, several worthwhile activities were made available to our students during Red Ribbon Week. Those activities included: presentations from Mr. Babcock and Mrs. Butler about leading a drug-free life and the difference between good drugs and bad drugs during morning opening character assemblies, teacher-written songs and chants to be learned by the students, presentation by high school FFA members of red ribbons that everyone wore throughout the week, the signing of drug-free pledges by students, and the giving of drug-free wrist bands, suckers, and stickers, as well as a "wear something red" day and a "wear a hat" day.

4. The Partners in Education group is holding their second Scholastic Book Fair of the year this week, this time in conjunction with parent-teacher conferences. Not only do these book fairs enlarge home libraries of books for children to read, but they also increase the number of books in the classrooms. Research has shown that reading skills are reinforced through multiple opportunities to read. Owning their own books encourages students to read the same books again and again – another proven reading strategy for beginning readers.

5. Scheduling for parent-teacher conferences to be held this week has been completed. We are looking forward to good attendance. Report cards for this first quarter of the school year will be handed out to the parents at conferences. Parents will then have the opportunity to gain immediate clarification of any questions they may have. Subsequent report cards for the year will be sent home with the students.

6. The building will again be open on December 4th for the annual Small Town Country Christmas celebration here in Milo. The local quilt club will be displaying quilts in the multi-purpose room. They are actually included as a stop in the tour of

homes this year. Local vendors will be set up in the hallways. PIE will be hosting a cookie walk in the main foyer and a Santa's workshop, where children may create Christmas gifts for their parents, in the art room. This is a great opportunity for many community members and visitors to our community to enjoy our beautiful new building. Our annual Winter Music Program will be held in the high school gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. on December 6th.

Intermediate Principal's report submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. We celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 25th to 29th. The FFA sponsored a poster contest for 6th grade students. Chaylee Weeks received a savings bond for the best poster. Mrs. Ripperger and Mr. Babcock planned the week's activities.

2. DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education began for sixth graders on November 1st. Warren County Deputy Randy Spurr will lead the classes again this year.

3. The Partners in Education group is very active. They held a successful fundraiser last month to raise money for playground equipment. They are sponsoring a book fair to be held next week during conferences and they will provide a meal for teachers during conference evenings.

4. November 2nd was the first of the character trips planned for the year. Students completed a community service project outside of school and met academic and behavioral requirements in order to attend. We had 59 students of great character participate in the trip. Parents from each grade level accompanied Mrs. Schneider and the students to Camp Wesley Woods. The PIE committee agreed to provide funds for the transportation.

5. We will begin taking Basic Skills Tests on the 8th and will finish on the 16th. Tests will be given the first part of each day.

6. Mrs. Carol Oliver started as a part time reading teacher on November 1. She is working with individual students and small groups from each grade level. Each grade level team decided on a plan to incorporate Mrs. Oliver's skills into reading instruction. As the year progresses we will evaluate each plan, making adjustments where necessary.

Secondary Principal's report submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

1. AED – Automated External Defibrillator – has been installed at the northwest entrance to the gymnasium above the water fountain area. The Milo

Fire Department donated the defibrillator. Ten of our teachers and staff have just received CPR training and certification. The training included use of the defibrillator. Signs will also be posted at the entrance to the building signifying that an AED is in the building. Thanks to the faculty and staff that gave up an evening and the cost of the class to receive the training.

2. ISU College Visit – ISU will be having a career-shadowing day on November 8. One hundred seventh and eighth grade students from across the state will spend a day on campus visiting the different schools and colleges. Selection was based upon a submitted essay by the students. Ms. Chamberlain made this a writing project for her 7th and 8th grade students and over 90 essays were submitted. Of the 100 students chosen, SEW had 10 selected. We had two seventh grade students and eight eighth grade students selected. The students were Megan Karimi (7), Rosie Petry (7), Alex Bruce (8), Ariel Downs (8), Carolina Eckert (8), Caitlin Ellingson (8), Josh Manley (8), Hannah Norem (8), Austin Putz (8), and Blake Roush (8). Congratulations!

3. PSAT Meritorious Student – Korie Downs, a senior, recently received recognition from the National Merit Test for her score on the PSAT test. Though not one of the 16,000 nationwide that move on to the scholarship level, Korie was one of the 36,000 students nationwide that was recognized for high achievement scores on the test.

4. 1st Quarter Grades – Last year there were 64 “F’s” at the quarter – this year 31. Last year there were 136 “D’s” at the quarter – this year 125. I asked the faculty why they think the numbers have dropped and some of the reasons given were:

- The information learned and being tried from the Fitzpatrick seminar
- Several teachers are approaching grading more from a content perspective vs. homework penalties
- Positive relations with students – respect

5. ITBS/ITED Incentives

- Composite Score – 75th percentile and above, no scores below the proficient level (40th percentile)

Full day off from school

No exams at end of second semester as long as attendance requirements are met.

- Composite Score – 40th – 75th percentile, must be proficient in reading, math, and science (40th percentile)

½ day off from school

May drop 1 core and 1 elective from second semester exams as long as attendance requirements are met.

- Composite Score – showing any improvement

Two periods off from school

May drop 1 elective from second semester exams as long as attendance requirements are met.

Athletic Boosters – Chris Hardy reported that Andy Schurman had been elected President of the Athletic Boosters. The Athletic Boosters will be financing the costs to level the football field; the work on the field will begin this fall.

Fine Arts Boosters – Jennifer Birchette reported that the fall play was held this past weekend. The Fine Arts Boosters will meet Thursday night.

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

1. October 11, 2004 minutes
2. Financial reports

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman related that he would send an update to the Board each week by email.

HISTORY TRIP: Mike Tierney presented information to the Board concerning the proposed history trip to be taken during spring break 2005. The Board asked for additional information to be presented at the December board meeting prior to approving the history trip. Information requested included rules and procedures that will be in place while on the trip, consequences of not following the rules and procedures, room arrangements, security cautions, and the responsibilities of the sponsors. Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter also wanted to revisit the itinerary before approval by the Board.

JH SPORTS PRACTICE SCHEDULE: The Board discussed putting the junior high sports practice back into the school day

during 8th hour. Concerns were expressed about the length of the day for junior high students when practices are scheduled after school, the hardship on families transporting students, the safety of students waiting for parent transportation, sufficient time to complete homework, and the impact on high school students practicing during the late evening hours. John Burrell also expressed the opinion that the number of students participating in sports is down and that ACT scores were higher a few years ago than they are now. Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman will send out a survey to parents, coaches, teachers and students to provide feedback and get a feeling for the situation. This item will be discussed again at a future board meeting.

FACILITY USE: Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman requested direction from the Board concerning use of the school facilities and the fees charged. The Board discussed setting parameters on the hours available for use, charging a flat fee for custodian services and whether local community groups should be charged for use of the facility. Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman will review Board Policy 1004.1R, “Use of School Facilities” and recommended changes at the December board meeting.

MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman related to the Board that Eric Heitz, Consultant with the Department of Education, has proposed meeting with representatives of the Southeast Warren and Melcher-Dallas school districts to discuss conducting a needs assessment to help in our decision-making concerning future sharing arrangements. Heitz proposed meeting on November 29th with the superintendent and one board member from each district. President Ron Miller volunteered to serve at the Board representative.

SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION: Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman reminded board members of the IASB Convention on November 17-19. Any board members interested in attending should contact Dr. Hulleman or Julie Wilson to register.

WORK SESSION: A work session was scheduled for Monday, December 6th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CALENDAR: A calendar was included in the board packets of days in November and December Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman plans to be in the district.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Recommendations were made for the following personnel changes: The resignations of Lori Holmes, Studyhall Aide; and Bradi Smith, Assistant HS Softball Coach; and the appointments of Ron Smith, Assistant HS Boys' Basketball Coach; Lori Hart, Color Guard Advisor; Amber Garrison, Studyhall Aide; Deanna Smith, HS Girls' Basketball Chaperone; and Phil Oliver, Assistant JH Boys' Basketball Coach. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the personnel changes as stated. Ayes: 5.

LACONA PROJECT: Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman related to the Board that bids had been received for the materials and labor to put metal siding on the original portion of the Lacona building and for the metal roof over the classroom area. The low bid for materials is from Menards (\$24,309.95) and the low bid for labor is from Moses Borntrager (\$20,000). Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman recommended approving these two bids. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the Menards bid for \$24,309.95 and the bid from Moses Borntrager for \$20,000. Ayes: 4. Chris Hardy abstained from voting.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING: The consensus of the Board was to start the December 13th board meeting at 5:00 p.m. due to the Secondary Music Concert scheduled for the same evening.

President Ron Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Weather Related Closings will be announced on the following radio and TV stations:

TV
WOI - TV5
WHO - TV13
KCCI - TV8

Radio
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SOUTHEAST WARREN EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Southeast Warren Food Pantry would like to thank the area Churches and members of the community that supported the Food Pantry fund drive so generously.

We were privileged to administer gift certificates for food to 22 families of the Southeast Warren District. A total of 76 adults and children were served.

Thank you for supporting this worthy charitable program.

Pauline Ripperger

Calendar
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