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- Jan. 5 - Intermediate Social Studies Night
- Jan. 11-12 - Semester Tests
- Jan. 12 - End 1st Semester
- Jan. 27 - Pack the Gym-Basketball
- Feb. 2 - Pack the Gym-Wrestling

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## Jr-Sr High Principal

*Mr. Terry Gladfelter*

My letter is being written with a lot of school and community conversation that has concerned student behavior, especially in the area of sports. Before the break there were incidents involving students in boys and girls basketball and wrestling. I worked with the Athletic Directors and Coaches in establishing the consequences for the events that took place. By the time this article is published, most of the students will be off of their suspensions and things should be back to "normal."

My concern as a school is that Southeast Warren needs to shed the reputation of being disrespectful and rude. I have heard such comments from other principals, AD's and even recently from a reporter at the Herald. There is nothing "cool" about being labeled that way and it is time that the perception is changed. When I speak with parents and the community there is much agreement that things need to change, but there is also an attitude that such behavior has been going on long before I became the principal. These concerns about character do not only affect SEW, but are discussed throughout the state. When it comes to our school, students, and community, I want us to be known for taking the "high road." Our students need to make the right choices that I know have been and are being taught in our homes and in our schools.

I recently read a study that alarmed me when it comes to student behavior. If a student has to make a choice between doing what is right and bowing to inappropriate peer pressure, the peer pressure is what the student will choose. I know our students know the right choices to make, but I'm afraid that sometimes the "silent majority" is not willing to take the stand.

We also need to understand that there is no such thing as "less stealing" and "more stealing." It is stealing. There is no difference between "distorting the facts" and not "telling the truth." It is lying, and the list could go on. It is not a matter of making more and more rules and punishments, but a training of the "moral compass" of our students. The true test of character is what decision will be made when the "authority" is not present and the student has to make a choice. This character education must be a continual process at home,

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school, church, organizations, among family, friends, peers – it is a 24/7 process.

To undo these negative perceptions will take some time, but as a community that wants what is best for our students, I know the change can be made. Let's begin the new year with a resolve that together we can make a difference.

**On-line Parent** – I am very appreciative of the number of parents who are using this service through our school's website. Your student's grade can be checked and you are able to monitor their progress more than just once every four and a half weeks. If you are not aware of the service, please give Mr. Tigner a call and he will be glad to set up a password for your convenience. When looking at grades there are three marks that may cause some confusion.

- A zero (0) next to an assignment means the assignment is missing
- A dot (.) next to an assignment means the teacher has not entered a grade for that assignment
- An (x) next to an assignment means the score does not count as part of the final average

Many of our teachers have their gradebook/computer open during the day. If information is being added it will not be reflected until the end of the day when the computer is shut down and information is downloaded to the server. Please keep using the system. It certainly helps in the communication process.

**After School Tutoring** - With the use of Title II funds, an after school tutoring program has been established at the high school. We will have a classroom teacher in the media center three days a week from 3:45 – 4:45 to assist students with homework and remedial help. Students that need transportation can ride the activity bus that makes stops at all three schools. The usual schedule will be for tutoring on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On days of Thursday Early Dismissals, tutoring will be Monday – Wednesday. We will have a schedule posted at the school. Please encourage your students to stay and get the help they need.

## National Commission on Mathematics and Science Education in America

*Submitted by Dr. Harold Hulleman, Superintendent*

Former Secretary of Education Richard Riley appointed a commission to study the state of Mathematics and Science Education in America. This commission, called the National Commission on Mathematics and Science Teaching for the 21st Century, chaired by Senator John Glenn, issued a report in 2000 outlining their recommendations. This report, *Before It's Too Late*, offered these comments:

- The future well-being of our nation and people depends not just on how well America educates its children generally, but on how well America educates them in mathematics and science specifically.
- It is abundantly clear from the evidence already at hand that America is not doing the job that it should do -or can do - in teaching our children to understand and use ideas from mathematics and science. American children are falling behind; they are simply not "world- class learners" when it comes to mathematics and science.
- After an extensive, in-depth review of what is happening in America's classrooms, the Commission concluded that the most powerful instrument for change, and therefore the place to begin, lies at the very core of education - with teaching itself. The Commission notes that children will be interested in mathematics and science through teachers who are not only enthusiastic about their subjects, but who are also steeped in their disciplines and who have the professional training - as teachers - to teach those subjects well. They also note that teacher competence depends just as much on sustained, high-quality professional development as it does on preservice teacher preparation.

<http://www.ed.gov/inits/Math/gienn/toc.html>

### Partnership for Science Literacy

TryScience.org and Project 2061 teamed up to launch the Partnership for Science Literacy, to increase public awareness of the value and importance of science in children's futures. The four project messages were these:

- Science education is for every child.
- Science is around you in your life every day.
- Parents and families can make a huge difference in their children's science education.
- Science is a lot of fun.

This Web site may be very useful to understand the importance of a rigorous science education from elementary school through high school course taking.  
<http://www.tryscience.org/parents/parent/html>

# Intermediate School Principal

*Mrs. Cindy Butler*

Last month we sent out a survey to parents of students from the Intermediate Center about after-school tutoring options. Based on the results of the survey, we will begin an after-school tutoring program shortly after the second semester begins in January. Unfortunately we will not be able to offer days of the week and times that match everyone's preferences, but we hope to meet the needs of the majority who responded to the survey. Watch for more information to come home with your child.

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.

At the Intermediate Center we try to be accessible to parents. Each teacher has access to e-mail, a phone in the classroom, and we have an after hours answering machine. Teachers will return calls as soon as they can.

**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.

Our students' letter grades are based on percentages, which are printed in the student handbooks distributed at the beginning of the school year.

**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.

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## Cultural Presentation

**Where:** Lacona Public Library

**When:** Saturday, January 14, 2006, 10:00 am

**What:** Amy, Julie, and Barb Ripperger will be sharing items and activities from Japan which include: Origami, Calligraphy, Japanese games, and dressing of the Kimono. Reimi Kawida, 16, stayed for 4 weeks this summer with Tom & Barb Ripperger and family.

## Scholarship Recipients

Those 2005 graduates who received scholarships from the Southeast Warren Scholarship Foundation this past May need to call Edith Heemstra after enrollment for second semester or term is completed. Please let her know that you are enrolled for second semester and make sure she has your address and other pertinent information. Checks will be sent in December or early January. Edith's number is 534-4866.

## 2006 Alumni Banquet

Please mark the date of next year's Southeast Warren Alumni Banquet. It will be Saturday, June 17 at the high school. The program will include honoring Southeast Warren coaches. Plan now to attend!

## SEW FFA

Christmas is almost upon us and the FFA is getting into the holiday spirit. If you have ordered fruit and cheese from us, you should have received delivery in early December.

We recently held a poster contest for Red Ribbon Week. The winners were: First Place-Cheryl Shannon; Second Place-Dustin Dowell; and Third Place-Torie Hommer. Congratulations!

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Kimmie Hunerdosse, Reporter*

## from your Primary Principal

*Mrs. Charlotte Weaklend*

Thanks to everyone who visited the Primary building during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas. The annual Partners in Education Cookie Walk was a great success, adding almost \$ 600 towards that group's efforts to promote character education, reading achievement, and outdoor physical activity at our elementary schools. We had several local vendors, as well as high school groups, in the building selling baked goods and craft items. Youngsters were able to make gifts for mom and dad and to have them wrapped. Local needy families received anonymous gifts through the Angel Tree project. The Quilt Club hosted their annual segment of the Tour of Homes. If you haven't had a chance to see the quilts in the past, you might want to add that experience to your "to do" list for next Christmas. The ladies really outdo themselves every year with a nice variety of colors and designs in the quilts on display - some of them cherished family heirlooms and others brand new creations, each representing hours and hours of work.

We appreciate the great participation of Primary parents in our Parent-Teacher Conferences. Ninety-two percent of our parents attended the November conferences. Home-school communication is so important to the success of our students. Teachers in our building send home weekly newsletters highlight-

ing classroom activities as they relate to curricular goals and suggesting ways that parents can reinforce the students' learnings. In addition, they make frequent telephone calls to parents, write notes home, and encourage parents to visit and/or volunteer.

Teacher associates have very important jobs in our school system. They supervise students before and after school, during many recesses, and lunch. Some work with just one or two special needs students one-on-one throughout the day. Others are assigned to a special education or preschool classroom, where they work with different individuals or small groups reinforcing the skills that are taught by the teacher. Still others work in the school libraries - checking out books, reading to students, working with small reading groups, and helping the school librarian with the organization of the library materials. Beginning in January, there will be a total of ten associates assigned to the Primary building alone. I meet with those associates on a monthly basis to discuss strategies for working with students and to work through various issues as they arise.

Parents and community members can support our associates' many contributions to the school system by encouraging the students to show genuine respect and courtesy to these valuable employees - as well as to our secretaries, cooks, custodians, daycare workers, and bus drivers. Without these skilled and dedicated people, our teachers would be hard pressed to successfully do their jobs of teaching.

## Sports Update

Pin! Swish! Strike! The season has come for Wrestling, Basketball, and Bowling.

The Girls Basketball team has 1 win and 4 losses. "The girls are working very hard to get better and better every day," says Coach Burrell. The team captains are Bradi Horton, Kasey Gaul, & Lacey Edwards.

The Boys Basketball team is 1-4. Coach Thomas likes to switch his team captains by having three different boys every game. One player who stands out would be Luke Putz, who scores an average of 20 points per game. The team's goal is to finish 500 or above.

The Wrestling team this year is young, but they continue to improve. Coach Ripperger's expectations include getting at least two kids to the state tournament this year. Several boys have made pins this season. Michael Bird had 9 pins, Bill Anders had 6, and Wyatt Williams had 6. The team captains are

Seniors Michael Bird, Wyatt Williams, and Tyrel Welch.

This is the fourth year we have had a Bowling team at SEW. Barb Weeks is the head coach and Brian Chaplin is the assistant. The team practices every Tuesday night after school in Chariton. The team will begin tournaments starting in January. Their goal is to be State Champions. "We are anchored by strong team leaders," says Chaplin. Thank you, coaches, for taking some time to answer my questions. We wish you and your teams the best of luck this season!

By Caitlin Crow

Southeast Warren Community School  
District  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 14, 2005

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session November 14, 2005, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Chris Wadle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Hardy, Jennifer Birchette, and John Burrell. Ron Miller was absent. Superintendent Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend, Transportation Director Joel Mosher, and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

**AGENDA:** Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4.

**REPORTS:**

Transportation report submitted by Joel Mosher:

1. We had 17 extra bus trips plus sending one to the FFA convention during the month of October.

2. Most of the month was spent preparing for inspection, which was held on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

3. Two buses were pulled out of service for being dirty on the inside and one for a fuel leak. They were all taken care of and back on the route the next day. There were also a few minor or 30-day repairs, which have been repaired.

Intermediate Principal's report submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education for sixth graders will begin soon. Warren County Deputy Randy Spurr will lead the classes again this year.

2. The Partners in Education group is very active. They held another successful fundraiser last month to raise money for additional playground equipment. In addition, they sponsored a book fair during parent-conferences and provided a meal for teachers during conference evenings. We thank them for their support and encourage others to join the organization.

3. October 27<sup>th</sup> was the first of the character trips planned for the year. Students completed a community service project outside of school and met academic, attendance and behavioral requirements in order to attend. We had 49 students of great character participate in the trip. Students went to a bowling alley in Des

Moines. The PIE committee agreed to provide funds for the transportation.

4. We began taking ITBS the week of Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and are finished except for those students who were absent during a test.

5. Our students are actively engaged in learning new information every day. Sixth grade science students are using microscopes to learn about cells. To help build a school/home connection, students are required to build at home a three-dimensional model of a cell. Building models is a research-based strategy that helps students retain information.

Fifth grade students are reading stories about animals that help people. On a recent visit I saw students who were truly interested in the stories that told about horse therapy as well as monkey and bird assistants.

Fourth grade students have been learning about immigration to the United States. In another school/home connection, students were to ask family members about the history of their ancestors and the countries from which the relatives came. This was a totally foreign concept to the fourth graders, but visiting with grandparents helped establish a personal connection to the abstract concept of immigration.

Primary Principal's report submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

1. As of the writing of this report (Wednesday, November 9th) completion of the north replacement project. Discovery of deterioration of the steel beams over a section of the Daycare roof slowed down the progress, but we are anticipating that the work can be completed or nearly completed by the end of the week. The new roofing material is a good match in color with that on the main building and the new roof should serve the district for years to come.

2. All grades kindergarten through 3rd have now completed the fall DIBELS testing. Second graders have completed the Gates MacGinitie tests - another measure of reading comprehension progress for our building, and the third graders have completed the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills. Results of DIBELS scores and third grade MAP scores are being presented to parents at Parent-Teacher Conferences this week along with the first quarter report cards. In addition, each parent of preschool through third grade students was handed a copy of "Raising a Reader", a guide for parents to enhance both reading readiness and reading skills at home. This information was obtained through the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

3. Mike Mason and Charlotte Weaklend received a system controls training

update from the Johnson Controls technician last week. While he was here, the technician also adjusted the level of airflow in several rooms to make them more comfortable.

4. Kindergarten through 3rd grade students participated in a Veteran's Day program for area veterans in the multipurpose room on the morning of November 10th. Poetry and Pledge recitations, songs, and a demonstration of flag folding by the students was followed by a presentation to the school by Dave Minton, parent and member of the armed services, of a flag that he had brought back from Iraq. Visiting veterans were honored with special appreciation certificates and refreshments.

5. This month Primary students will again participate in the St. Jude's Math-a-thon. They will collect pledges from family members, either based on the number of problems they complete correctly or in the form of a straight donation. All proceeds are sent to St. Jude's, which is a children's cancer research hospital that takes in children from all over the country suffering from one form or another of cancer and provides them with their needed treatments free of charge. This is the hospital that Danny Thomas founded years ago. Our children not only get to practice their math skills, but they also are a part of a worthwhile service project that benefits the St. Jude's children and their families who live throughout the US.

6. At last Monday evening's PIE meeting, it was reported that six or seven different high school groups will be involved in their own organization's fundraising efforts in the Primary building during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas. It looks now as if they will outnumber the outside vendors to whom we have opened our building during the past few years. We are pleased to be working more closely with those school organizations, as we all work toward ultimately enhancing the educational experience for SEW students from preschool through 12th grade.

Secondary Principal's report submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

**Building Structure** – Advanced Engineering from West Des Moines was contacted to come and look at the sinking floors. The engineering company was recommended by A-1 Concrete, the company that pumped the locker room floor. Last Friday, 11/5, an engineer came and took numerous digital photos of the building and the structural damage. The original blue prints were located and the engineer will be reviewing them and researching the soil testing that was done when the building was constructed. Upon the

findings of Advanced Engineering, A-1 Concrete will re-pump the locker room at no charge.

**ITBS/ITED** – We just completed the testing of our students. Those that were absent last week are making up the tests this week with the hope that the tests will be sent in by the end of the week for scoring. I met with each grade (7-11) to show the class test scores from last year. I also explained the incentive plan and challenged the students to do their very best. My challenge was to move from the lowest scores in Warren County to the highest scores

ITBS/ITED Incentives  
Grades 9-11

- Composite Score - 75<sup>th</sup> percentile and above, no scores below the proficient level (41<sup>st</sup> percentile)  
Full day off from school  
No exams at end of second semester as long as attendance requirements are met.
- Composite Score – 41<sup>st</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> percentile, must be proficient in reading, math, and science (41<sup>st</sup> 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.

Grades 7 & 8

- Same as grades 9-11 minus the semester test requirement.

Mid-term	Quarter		
	F	D	#
The F list can be broken down –			
Language Arts	17		12
Social Studies	22		10
Computer	1		1
Science	1		4
Art	1		0
Reading	1		4
Animal Science	1		0

Film Study	1	4
Accounting	0	1
Communication	0	3
The D list can be broken down -		
Language Arts	16	16
Social Studies	58	58
Math	18	30
Science	15	31
Special Ed	4	4
Ag	4	7
Spanish	2	1

Children First Forum – Dr. Hulleman related that the next Children First Forum meeting would be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Fine Arts Boosters – Chris Hardy related that the Fine Arts Boosters are planning the Fine Arts Night, which will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>. Fundraising ideas are also being discussed. The Fine Arts Boosters donated \$100 for Color Guard outfits.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The following items were on the consent agenda:  
1. October 10, 2005, minutes  
2. Financial reports

Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by John Burrell to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 4.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Hulleman reported on the following items:  
1. The replacement of the Bus Barn/Daycare roof is underway. Work has yet to be completed on both ends of the building and several down spouts still need to be completed.  
2. An updated board calendar was given to board members.

**DAYCARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES:** Dr. Hulleman asked the Board to be considering whether the daycare program should continue to provide care during the day for three and four-year-olds or to offer only before and after school programs. The daycare currently provides care for five four-year-olds and two three-year-olds. The tuition taken in from three-year-olds and four-year-olds is \$19.00 less than the cost of the employee wages

and benefits for this portion of the daycare program. However, the before-and-after school program easily picks up the \$19.00 deficit, as well as utilities, supplies, and heating/cooling maintenance expenses for the Daycare building.

Local daycare providers from the Milo community were present to offer their input concerning the school offering a daycare program for three and four-year-olds. They feel like three and four-year-olds should be in a home environment. They also related that there are several daycare providers in the area trying to maintain their business or start a new daycare business. They also expressed the feeling that by having several daycare providers in the community the children stay in the community and subsequently attend school in the community.

Dr. Hulleman requested that the local daycare providers put together a list of the advantages of home based daycare over school based daycare for the Board to consider when making their decision on whether to continue the three and four-year-old program. This item will be brought back to the Board in December or January for further consideration.

**PERSONNEL CHANGES:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the appointment of Christopher Lerch as Substitute Bus Driver. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Chris Hardy to table the appointment of Christopher Lerch. Ayes: 4.

Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the coaching appointments of Brian Chaplin and Cathy Burrell, Assistant HS Girls' Basketball Coaches, 7%-Step 1 (\$500 to be paid to Cathy Burrell, the balance of the stipend to be paid to Brian Chaplin); Cathy Burrell, HS Girls' Basketball Chaperone, 2%-Step 1; and Sheldon Thompson, Assistant HS Boys' Basketball Coach, 7%-Step 1. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Burchette to approve the coaching appointments as stated. Ayes: 3. John Burrell abstained from voting.

Dr. Hulleman recommended accepting the resignation of Amber Garrison, Study

Mid Term D/F	7th			8th			9th			10th			11th			12th		
	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#	F	D	#
Mid Term 9/04				3	22	16	2	13	10	1	24	18	1	21	17	21	44	31
Mid Term 9/05	15	25	18	10	33	23	6	19	20	8	19	17	5	18	17	8	19	18
1st Quarter 10/04				2	18	14	1	13	10	3	29	20	6	14	11	14	45	24
1st Quarter 10/05	20	22	16	10	39	21	1	26	18	2	30	18	3	25	18	9	18	15

## BOARD MINUTES, continued

Hall Monitor/Lunch Program Aide. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the resignation of Amber Garrison. Ayes: 4.

**REQUESTS FOR UNPAID LEAVE:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approving two requests for unpaid leave. Scott Dirx requested leave for the days of February 27<sup>th</sup> through March 2<sup>nd</sup>, one day to be used as personal leave and the remaining days unpaid. Janet Hendrickson requested a two week leave of absence to start somewhere around the first of February 2006. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the requests for unpaid leave. Ayes: 4.

**BOARD POLICIES 400.7 AND 400.7R1:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the first reading of Board Policies 400.7 and 400.7R1, "Pay Deductions". Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the first reading of Board Policies 400.7 and 400.7R1, "Pay Deductions". Ayes: 4.

**BOARD POLICY 605.3:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the first reading of Board Policy 605.3, "Accountability Test Integrity/Test Preparation". Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the first reading of Board Policy 605.3, "Accountability Test Integrity/Test Preparation". Ayes: 4.

**BOARD POLICY 502.12:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the first reading of Board Policy 502.12, "Student Bullying and Harassment". Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the first reading of Board Policy 502.12, "Student Bullying and Harassment". Ayes: 4.

**DECEMBER BOARD MEETING:** The December board meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12. That is also the night of the Junior-Senior High School Concert. Dr. Hulleman suggested starting the December meeting earlier or reschedule for Tuesday night. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Chris Hardy to start the December board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Ayes: 4.

The Board discussed the idea of placing the calendar from the *Warren Pride* in local businesses and post offices for community members to be able to see when winter activities will be held. President Wadle adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

## Fine Arts Night Dinner Theater

Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006

5:00-8:00 pm

SEW High School Gym

Come out for an evening of fun and food with your favorite sweetheart and show your support for our fine arts students! Enjoy dinner served at your table, entertainment showcasing the many talents our SEW students, faculty, and community members, a K-12 student art show, and bid on great silent auction items donated by area and metro businesses!

This event is the main fundraiser sponsored by SEW Fine Arts Boosters. Money raised at this event could be used to support a variety of K-12 fine arts activities not covered in the school budget such as transportation to performances at the Civic Center, accompanists, additional art supplies, Color Guard uniforms, Opera Iowa performances, instrument repair or replacement, etc.

Admission is \$7.00 for advance reservations and \$8.00 at the door. Prepaid advance reservations will be taken at each school building beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 24<sup>th</sup>. Checks can be made payable to SEW Fine Arts Boosters. Dinner this year will include:

<i>Salisbury Steak</i>	<i>Salad and Roll</i>
<i>Baked Potato</i>	<i>Beverage</i>
<i>Vegetable</i>	<i>Dessert</i>

Come out and enjoy great company, dinner, entertainment, and bid on fabulous auction items donated by area and metro businesses. Be a proud supporter of SEW fine arts students!

## Band Notes

Thank you to all the parents and supporters of the band program for attending our performance December 12th. Both bands played well and always enjoy playing for an audience. The thrill of performance is always worth the practice that precedes it.

Both Jr. High and High School bands traveled to Merle Hay Mall this year to perform for the holiday shoppers. The bands not only played well but also represented Southeast Warren Schools with class. They are a great group of students to showcase our school. I received a number of positive comments from the Merle Hay staff regarding our students.

We are entering a most busy time of year for the program. In the month of January alone we have Simpson College Honor Band for Jr. High on the 17th and for the High School on the 19th. Central College hosts another Honor Band on the 26th. We are also working on jazz band for Fine Arts Night February 4th, and of course pep band for home basketball games. Performing is the fun part of music and we certainly have an abundance of opportunities. I hope to see you at one of them soon.

*Willis VanderLinden, Director of Bands*

# Student of the Month

Zach Bruce was chosen as student of the month by Mr. Carr. “Zach is a great student. He’s respectful and likes a challenge.” Zach was born in Houston, Texas, to proud parents Tammy and Brandan Bruce. Zach enjoys participating in FFA and playing paintball with friends. Congratulations Zach! Keep up the good work!

## Fine Arts Update

On Tuesday, December 6, 2005, the National Honor Society held the annual Senior Citizen Luncheon with over 60 people in attendance. Vocal students performed, singing various Christmas songs, and the band followed with “Christmas Across the World” and “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree.” Retired school secretary Joanne Spear shared her thoughts about the luncheon saying what an achievement it is for the community. Mr. Tigner said, “I thought the senior citizens enjoyed it and I heard a lot of positive comments. I think that all the entertainment was greatly enjoyed. Our goal this year was to give back to the people who support the school and community and brighten their Christmas.” The NHS would like to thank the Southeast Warren cooks—JoAnne Vincent, Rosemary Bauer, and Janet Hendrickson—for all they did in providing the luncheon. Also, thank you to the band and vocal departments, the dance team, and the flag team for entertaining everyone.

On Decemer 2nd and 3rd the flag and dance teams performed at the state competition in Des Moines. They performed nicely and, while they didn’t win, they received an Academic Award since six members had a 4.0 GPA.

The dance team performed December 3rd. In Kick they got 5th place. In Pom they got 8th place and in both routines they received a Division One rating. “I think that the best part of it was the Elvis theme because everyone had a lot of fun with it,” says Junior Erica Ellingson. “I’m glad we accomplished a Division One in both routines.”

Congratulations to everyone! You have made our school proud!

by Caitlin Ellingson

## Southeast Warren Welcomes

### Mr. Brian Helmus

It seems at Southeast Warren we get a handful of new teachers every year. I sat down with the new English/Speech teacher, Brian Helmus, to talk about his arrival and thoughts on starting his teaching career again.

**O. When and where were you born?**

*H.* I was born in Holland, Michigan, May 19, 1957.

**O. What High School/College did you attend?**

*H.* I graduated from Stickney Public High School in South Dakota, 1975. In 1979, I graduated from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

**O. What degrees do you have?**

*H.* From Northwestern I have a degree in English Education. In 1995 I attended Eden Theological Seminary School in Webstergroves, Missouri, and acquired a Masters of Divinity.

**O. Have you always wanted to become a teacher?**

*H.* When attending college, yes. For 20 years I did other things, then a couple of years ago I got back into teaching. My mom, sisters and brothers are teachers, so it kind of runs in the family.

**O. How do you like Southeast Warren?**

*H.* I like it; it’s fun for me to see how close knit this community is—being someone who has moved around a lot. It’s different from my experience.

**O. First semester is almost over. What have you learned that you might take into second semester?**

*H.* Well, lots of things! I learned from another teacher that it’s important to get what I’m trying to teach into notes so the students are well prepared for tests.

**Fast Five**

**1. Favorite Color?** *Blue*

**2. Favorite Book?** *I’ve read so many books—I can’t identify a favorite. I did enjoy Huckleberry Finn.*

**3. McDonalds or Burger King?** *McDonalds*

**4. Favorite Food?** *Used to be fried chicken. I like to try new things.*

**5. One thing we didn’t know about you?** *I’m the oldest of eight children in my family.*

After sitting down to talk to Mr. Helmus, I can see that he is a pleasant and intellectual person. Southeast Warren welcomes Mr. Brian Helmus to the staff and hope he enjoys his experience.

By Octavia Burrell

# Pack The Gym Night

Join your Southeast Warren Warhawks as we PACK THE GYM!!!

Join in the festivities on **Friday, January 27** as the boys' and girls' basketball teams take on the Mt. Ayr Raiders in a Pride of Iowa Conference tilt.

**\*Chili Supper  
\*Booster Club giveaways  
while supplies last)**

## SOUTHEAST WARREN WARHAWK WRESTLING TOURNAMENT

Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Southeast Warren High School in Liberty Center, Iowa

Weight classes will be determined after weigh-ins.

**Senior:** 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, up to 15 yrs old

Weigh-in: 7:00-7:30 am

**Junior:** 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, up to 13 yrs old

Weigh-in: 7:00-7:30 am

**Pee Wee:** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, up to 10 yrs old

Weigh-in: 10:00-10:30 am

**Super Pee Wee:** K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, up to 8 yrs old

Weigh-in: 10:00-10:30 am

**Mail entries to:** Andy Schurman, 15976 200<sup>th</sup> Ave, Milo, IA 50166

Phone: 641-942-6687; Email: [rebeccaschurman@msn.com](mailto:rebeccaschurman@msn.com)

**Entry Fee:** Entry deadline - January 4, 2006: \$10; walk-in and call-in entries: \$15

All walk-ins welcome!!!!

Checks payable to: SEW Athletic Boosters. NO REFUNDS. INSURANCE NOT INCLUDED

**Full concessions available**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Record: Wins \_\_\_\_\_ Losses \_\_\_\_\_ (considered undefeated if left blank)

*I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ was born on the date stated and has my permission to compete in the SEW Little Warhawk Wrestling Tournament. I also certify that he/she is in the \_\_\_\_\_ grade. I will not hold the sponsoring organizations, or any individual connected with, responsible for any personal injuries resulting from this tournament. I hereby accept full responsibility for his/her behavior and participation. Obedience and good sportsmanship will be shown throughout.*

**Circle one and provide weight**

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Super Pee Wee (K-2) Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Pee Wee (3-4) Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Junior (5-6) Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Senior (7-8) Weight \_\_\_\_\_

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## BOXHOLDER

### DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

*The Southeast Warren Community School District, in partnership with the community, will promote the habits of mind and character that will enable our students to become responsible and productive citizens of a global society.*

It is the policy of the Southeast Warren Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, creed, age or marital status in its educational programs or employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy please contact:

Superintendent **-OR-**  
Equity Coordinator  
16331 Tyler St.  
Liberty Center, Iowa  
641-466-3510

IOWA DEPT. OF EDUCATION **-OR-**  
Grimes State Office Bldg.  
Des Moines, Iowa  
515-281-5294

U.S. Dept. of Education  
Office of Civil Rights  
111 North Canal St., Suite 1053  
Chicago IL 60606-7204

## AFTER-PROM Sponsored Events

### Upcoming Events

February 11 - Can Drive  
February 18 - Soup Supper  
& Auction



Enjoy soft serve ice cream at home varsity events and support After Prom. Look for our stand by the kitchen entrance.

### Southeast Warren Merchandise

If you haven't seen them yet at a football game or at school, ask any senior or senior parent, or call the high school office.

- **NEW!** - Zip-up hoodies and baseball shirts  
Samples available soon
- Green & white duffel bags - \$30.00
- "Ribbon" car magnets - \$3.00
- Green & white rubber bracelets - \$3.00
- SEW embroidered blankets - \$25.00  
(warm & waterproof, they fold for easy carrying)

**Thanks to everyone  
for your continued  
support of the  
drug-free After  
Prom event!**

### Balloon Ride Raffle

We continue to sell chances to win a hot air balloon ride. Winner will be drawn at the last home basketball game.