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FCCLA News

Congrats to **Korie Downs** on her GOLD rating for illustrated talk. **Gabe Town** and **Chelsie Town** received Silver for Programs in Action and **Joey Clay** received a Silver for Applied Technology.

STAR events were held Jan. 21st at Heartland AEA in Ames. Over 100 carnations were delivered to SEW students and staff for Valentine's Day during FCCLA week.

The FCCLA wants to thank everyone who purchased cake raffle chances at the home basketball games. These funds will used to pay state meeting expenses.

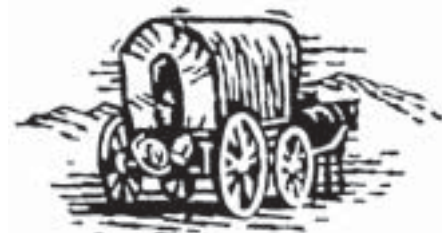
Sheree Rhodes, FCCLA Advisor



Lewis & Clark Trip Chaperones Needed

Wanted: Eighth grade parents interested in chaperoning the National Geographic Lewis and Clark grant trip to Sioux City, Iowa on May 20 and 21, 2004

Please contact Mrs. Cooper at ncooper@se-warren.k12.ia.us or call 641-466-3331

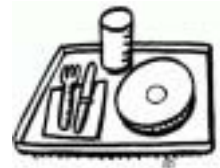


Attention: Seniors & Parents

Applications for Scholarships from the Southeast Warren Scholarship Foundation are available on March 1st and are due by March 31st.

Pick up applications in the Guidance Counselor's office - see Mr. Tigner.

Lunch Charges



After May 1st, Ala Carte and extra item charging will only be allowed if your account has a positive balance.

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

Last month I said that information about the Iowa Test of Basic Skills would be part of this letter. The good news is that the scores of the 11th grade students went up. The news we have to work on is the scores of the 8th grade students went down. The area that must be addressed is reading comprehension. There has been about a 7 % decrease in the high area, a 1% decrease in the medium area, and a 10% increase in the low range.

What do we do? From a district level a committee has been formed to look at the data through all the grades and determine what priorities need to be addressed. The information in the above paragraph is a result of the meeting. This curriculum group will also be looking at the math and science scores in the coming weeks. Planning has now begun on what will be done to improve this area. We are working closely with the Area Education Agency to use their resources in assisting us with reading comprehension.

At the high school the faculty has been divided into three committees to look at issues on our campus. The three committees are the Academic Committee, Behavior Committee, and the Diverse Learners Committee. All three committees will look at data, curriculum alignment, and testing in light of their committee title. The information gathered would be used to work with students that have specific academic needs.

All of this discussion about academic achievement is a result of the federally mandated *No Child Left Behind* and the state requirement of a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan that must be completed and submitted by September 15. All school districts in the state are having these conversations. It is causing all educators to evaluate whether the way teaching has always been done is truly the best way to educate all students. We must implement teaching, testing, and textbooks that have a proven "track record" of improving student achievement.

With February almost over, we have three months to put a plan together that will satisfy these requirements. All of our teachers, committees, Children First Forum, and school board will be actively involved in putting this together. We will come to the end of May with a large sigh and wonder how the year went so quickly!

Terry Gladfelter, Junior-Senior High Principal

Band Notes

February and March are busy months for the band program. In addition to playing pep band for all home basketball games we are preparing for Fine Arts Night and our Spring Pop's Concert.

At the Fine Arts Night on the February 28th, the Jazz band will perform at approximately 6:00 PM. If you like big band, blues, and swing music you won't want to miss this performance. Come listen to great entertainment and enjoy a fine meal from 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Our annual Spring Pop's Concert will be March 11th, 7:00 P.M. in the high school gym. We will feature all of the bands; 5th Grade Beginning Band, 6th Grade Advanced Band, Jr. High Concert Band, and High School Concert Band. This will be an evening of music ranging from blues to easy listening and a good opportunity to hear the entire band program from beginner to expert. See you there!!!

Willis VanderLinden, Band Director

FFA News



Well, another month has passed by and boy has it been a busy one. Our FFA has been involved in selling raffle tickets at Pork Congress and Beef Expo and the Career Developing Events were held here at the Southeast Warren High School.

At both the Pork Congress and the Beef Expo we sold over \$1,000 for the Iowa FFA Foundation Administration Program. This means that this spring at State Convention we are going to be getting a trophy. A special thank you to the FFA members that helped sell the raffle tickets on those two days.

Congratulations to the Conduct of Meetings Team that competed in the CDEs Thursday, February 12th. They received silver and advanced on to districts, which will be held March 6th. The members that participated on the on the team were **Jeffery Byers, Katie Meyers, Derek Ripperger, Adam Brummer, Justin Steil, Kimmie Hunerdosse, and Brian Lester**. Great Job!

Congratulation to **Derek Hommer** for being the first member of the Southeast Warren FFA to receive the Iowa Farmer Degree. He will be receiving his award at State Convention, which is coming up in the first week of April.

On Thursday, March 25th FFA members will be taking a trip to Northeast Iowa Community College in Calmar to visit the John Deere program.

The Southeast Warren FFA would like to thank all the people that helped judge the CDEs February 12. **Ron Vanstrien, Larry Snuggs, Gorgie Moser, Alan Gardner, Trista Humble, Joel Vos, Dan Nash, Daniel Cox, Ron Meyers, Chet Crouse, Jason Walter, Matt Oliver, Andy Beck, Jerod Fredrigill, Ann Miller, Sheree Rhodes, Gary Hunerdosse, Brandon Smith, Jon Putz, Sherry Northway, Frank Dykstra, Joann Spear, Willis VanderLinden, Jodie Pitcock, Keith Smith, Brenton Tigner, Gene Butler, Tim Miller, Stormy Wright, and Travis Kimzey** were all the judges that helped out. Thank You!

*Submitted by
Southeast Warren Reporter,
Tabetha Dollison*

From your **IntermediatePrincipal...**

Cindy Butler

Children First Forum

Children First Forum, the community advisory committee, holds an open meeting for any community member to attend. The next meeting will be Monday, March 1st, at Liberty Center beginning at 7:00. Ms. Lori Pearson from the Area Education Agency will present the findings of the district needs assessment conducted in January. She has presented this information to the school board and to the district's teachers. The advisory committee will receive the information and begin to draft student learning goals - general statements of expectations for all graduates aligned with our school's mission statement.

Zany Zoofari

The Partners in Education Committee has a wonderful evening of activities planned on Friday, March 5th for students and their families. The carnival will run from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Primary Center. Activities will include a cakewalk, duck pond, bowling, ring toss and more. Please support this organization in their efforts to provide some of the "extras" for our students.

Science Night/Science Fair

We invite all 4th-6th grade students, families and friends to attend the Science Night/Science Fair on Thursday, March 18th. The fifth grade students have learned the steps of the scientific process. We then ask them to use these skills at home and apply them to an experiment on a science topic of their choice (one they won't get to study at school). Students learn more when they can get their hands into a real science project! The students are always proud of what they have been able to achieve and they are eager to share. In addition, fourth and sixth grade students will have classroom projects on display. Refreshments will be served. Hope you can attend.

D.A.R.E. Graduation

Our sixth grade students participate in D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Part of the reason D.A.R.E works well is the collaborative effort between the Warren County Sheriff's Department, our teachers and parents. D.A.R.E. works because it surrounds children with support and encouragement from all sides.

D.A.R.E. teaches kids how to recognize and resist the direct and subtle pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, and other drugs. Between 70% and 90% of all crime is drug related, so it is absolutely vital we reach our children before it is too late.

Our sixth graders will complete their D.A.R.E lessons and participate in a formal graduation ceremony on Thursday, April 1st at 6:30 PM in the Intermediate gym. Deputy Randy Spurr will be the Master's of Ceremony and all Intermediate students, families, and friends are invited to attend and encourage all our students to remain drug free for their entire lives.



Cindy Butler, Intermediate Principal

Fine Arts Boosters

The Fine Arts Boosters would like to thank everyone for their generous support of us and our activities. Thanks to your support, we have been able to do the following:

- Purchase garment bags for the Choir Robes (whose cost we split with the school).
- Purchase new flags for the Flag Squad
- Purchase art supplies for the High School Art Department
- Provide transportation for elementary field trips to fine arts productions such as the "Nutcracker Ballet" and the Des Moines Symphony
- Purchase a Baritone for the Band.
- Help with the purchase of the art display case in the hallway by the Art room.
- Pay for accompanist at concerts and plays.
- Purchase awards for Fine Arts clubs

Next Fine Arts Boosters Meeting
Wednesday March 3, 2004
at 6:30 PM
in the HS Band Room

Southeast Warren Website

Online access is now available for

Jr/Sr High School Grades
Assignment Grades
Lesson Plans
Attendance

Hot Lunch Program - District-wide
Charge History
Payment History

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

From your **Primary Principal...**

Charlotte Weaklend

On Thursday, February 12th, Lane Peersy of the Des Moines Menace Soccer team visited with the Primary students about his experiences as a team member on the soccer field, relating those experiences to the six pillars of character. Following Mr. Peersy's interactive program, a surprise presentation of character-themed t-shirts featuring the school name and the six character pillars was made to every Primary student and staff member. These colorful t-shirts were donated by the local Peoples Savings Bank. A huge thanks to **Becky Keeney** and **Janet Smith**, bank employees who were present for this special character program and made the official t-shirt presentation.

February was an exciting month at the Primary with the parent-teacher conferences and the "Cat in the Hat" family reading night that was attended by approximately fifty Primary students and their parents. Thanks to Partners in Education for organizing this fun evening.

A reading award party for qualifying 2nd and 3rd grade students who met their Accelerated Reading goals was also held in February, as well as the Adrenaline Dance Clinic for kindergarten through 3rd grade students after school in the multi-purpose room.

A Primary highlight every year is the Friendship Fair program following two weeks of special speakers and activities, this year focused on the continent of Africa.

Partners in Education have been busy planning for the Elementary Carnival to be held in the Primary building on the evening of March 5th.

Charlotte Weaklend, Primary Principal

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health insurance coverage available to children. Health care coverage is important for children and teens to feel well, see well, and hear well, allowing them to succeed in school and in life. It is important to take your child to the doctor when they are sick but also for well-child check ups. You can call 1-800-257-8563, or you can now apply online. Applications are available at the program's web address, www.hawk-i.org

*Submitted by Cindy Wanken, RN
Warren County Health Services*

Super Readers

Second and third graders have completed the first semester by reading LOTS of Accelerated Reading books! For all students who have made Independent Reader, their pictures proudly line the hallway. The P.I.E. group has hosted two celebration reading parties for those students who have met their goals for the quarter, and the students enjoyed doing something special outside the classroom. Keep on reading!



Super Reader I

Coltyn Hunter
Amy Williams
Lauren Wilson
Bret Yeggy
JC Northway
Allisa Quick
Mitchell Anders
Andy Johnson
Katie Konrad
Brendan Peterson
Christina Shepherd
Alli Wilson
Austin Agan
Colbi Hunter
Bobbi Lawton
Dana Martin
Destini Miller

Super Reader II

Hillary Gardner
Alex VanHove
Amanda Williams
Madi Hall
Tyson Herold
Joe Johnson
Kane Ellenwood
Collin Judkins

Super Reader III

Carrie Neer
Preston Carruthers
Kacey Konrad
Megan Cleveland
Aaron Coffman
Zach Hart
Celeste Welshons

Super Reader IV

Jonie Meling
Gabe Combs

Super Reader V

Kaylee Miller

Super Reader VII

Robert Stickel

Super Reader IX

Dallas Stanger

Super Reader X

Amy Koenck

Vocal Notes

It is a very busy time in the Vocal Music Department, with all of our students involved in something during the next 2 months. First, we would like to recognize 4 outstanding vocalists for their performance and participation at the Central College "Singfest" in Pella on Thursday, February 12th. **Amber Roland, Chad Hart, Alex Ohnemus, and Stetson Wright** spent the day in rehearsals and performed an evening concert with 85 of Central Iowa's finest vocalists. The students performed the music under the direction of Mark Babcock and David Williams and represented our school very well. Congratulations on a job well done.



On Thursday, February 28th, the Jr. High Choir members are privileged to be selected to participate in a Civic Center classroom program for the musical "Oliver". We will attend 4 workshops with the cast of "Oliver" which include an acting seminar, a wardrobe introduction, set and theater tours, and an interview with the child actors about their life on the road. All this will culminate in the Matinee Production of "Oliver". We feel honored to be selected for this experience, and look forward to sharing what we learn that day.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, our Jr. High Chorus will be attending a vocal festival at Martensdale-St. Mary's Jr./Sr. High School. They are busy learning 5 songs which they will perform, along with 120 other Jr. High Students from Central Iowa. The day of rehearsal will culminate in a concert in the Martensdale Gymnasium at 7:00 PM.

On Thursday, March 4th, the Jr. and Sr. High vocalists will be presenting a Pops concert, featuring songs from Phantom of the Opera, and various numbers we have been working on. Soloists from both choirs will be presenting that night.

Following the concert, we will have a meeting with all the parents of the High School Chorus students going on the New York trip. We are asking that each participant bring a copy of their health insurance card which we will copy and keep on file to take along on the trip. This will be a chance to answer any questions parents may have. We will be going to New York over Spring Break.

We will leave on Sunday, March 21st, and return on Friday, March 26th. We will present a concert at the Statue of Liberty on Tuesday morning and tour Ellis Island and the New York City Police Museums. On Wednesday, March 24th, watch for us on the NBC Today show. That day we will also tour Broadway theaters and Sony Wonder Technology Lab, the music technology hub of television and theater. We will return to Broadway for a workshop with a Broadway producer and actors, that will conclude with a performance of Phantom of the Opera on Broadway. After the performance we will have a sharing time with the cast. On Thursday, we will tour Harlem, visit the Conservatory Gardens of Central Park, and visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The evening will conclude with a cruise on a Jazz/Dinner boat that cruises around the Statue of Liberty at Sunset. We want to thank all of you that have supported us in this venture, and are anxious to share what we will experience. You have helped us reach beyond the boundaries of our district, to share with our young people, all the possibilities that life has to offer them! We could not do it without you!!!

Lynnea Young, Vocal Music Director

High School Art Club

Submitted by Dorie Knight

Fine Arts Night is almost here! Look forward to enjoying a great dinner while being entertained by our very talented students faculty and visiting guests.

Some of you have already sponsored an art club member for Southeast Warren's first Art-a-thon! This is a fundraiser where students will make art from 8 am to 8 pm on March 13th. If you donate \$10 or more, you have the option to keep the painting and choose what you want it to look like. If you donate less than \$10, you may choose what mural you would like the member to work on (Lacona Park, Elementary School, or Jr. High mural).



Upcoming Activities

Feb. 17th - Art Club Activity Night from 3:30-5:30 PM.

Feb. 27th - Decorating for Fine Arts Night/Talent Show from 3:30-6:00 PM at the high school.

Feb.28th - Fine Arts Night/Talent Show from 5:00-7:30 PM.

March 13th - Art-a-thon from 8:00 AM-8:00 PM, held at the high school.

April 16th-18th - Educational Field trip to Chicago.

Dates are undecided for paintballing and awards night.

Whatz Hot? Whatz Not!

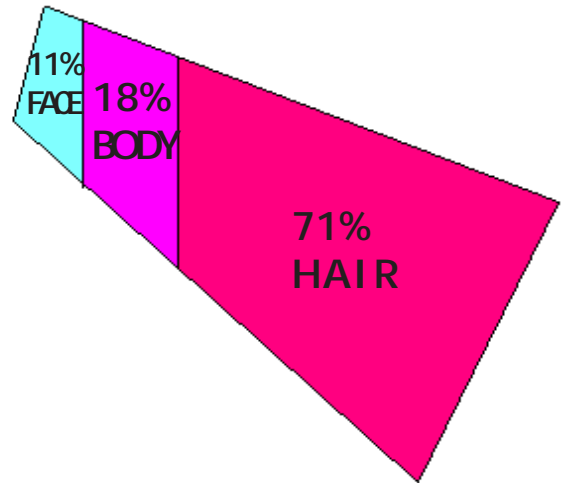


Student Newsletter
March 2004



Another Stupid, Random Survey By Heath Hunter and Emily Kimzey

When taking a shower, do you wash your face, hair, or body first???



HALLWAY SMARTS

We roamed the halls at SEW High School to ask random people their answers to these stupid questions.

Who do you suppose was the first person to think, "That cow over there has those thingies hangin' down. I think I'll pull on 'em and drink whatever comes out."

Answer: Terry Gladfelter -- Michelle Fowler

What was the best thing since sliced bread?
False Teeth -- George the Janitor

2J&A Movie Review

By Jacinda M., Julie R., and Amy R.
Along Came Polly
PG 13
Comedy

Along Came Polly stars Ben Stiller, Debra Messing, Philip Seymour Hoffam, and Jennifer Aniston.

Ruben , a risk analyst, marries Lisa. On their honeymoon Lisa cheats on Ruben with the scuba instructor. Ruben goes back to New York and Lisa stays in Hawaii. Ruben's friend Sandy persuades Ruben to go to a party where he meets an old school friend Polly Prince. Polly and Ruben hang out a lot over time, but never develop a romantic relationship. Ruben wants to get married but Polly is afraid of commitment. Ruben tries new stuff and takes risks for Polly, but when Ruben's wife returns from Hawaii, he is faced with the biggest decision of his life: Polly or Lisa?

Jacinda: 4 Warhawks- It was really funny!
Julie: 4 Warhawks- It was Hilarious!
Amy: 3 Warhawks- It was an enjoyable comedy.



Misc. Quote

*Yesterday is history,
tomorrow is a mystery,
and today is a gift
that's why it's called the present.*

Buy your 2003-2004
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Orders due by
March 19

Whatz Hot and Whatz Not in Fashion??

By Heather Brewster

NOT

ugly shoes



jean bags



suede coats



HOT

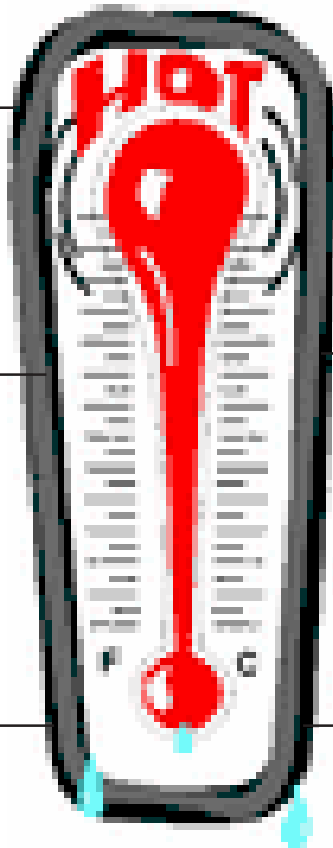
flip flops



inital bags



hoodies



Just a Little About...

Scott Dirkx

By Angie Steil & Jessica Casey

POSITION AT SEW: Ag Teacher

BIRTHDATE: September 22, 1977

BIRTHPLACE: Storm Lake, Iowa

ORIGINALLY FROM: Storm Lake, Iowa

SPOUSE'S NAME: Amanda

Where did you attend high school and college?

Storm Lake St. Mary's High School and Iowa State University

What is your favorite part of teaching at SEW?

Some students

What is your least favorite part?

Some students

What are some of the hobbies you enjoy?

No hobbies- just love spending time with my wife.

"Who's That Lady"

By Courtney Cox

As you can see we have a new teacher among us. Many of us have been wondering who she is...her name is Kristy Stills.

She attended the University of Iowa. She also coaches the Indianola High School Swim Team. Mrs. Stills isn't new to Southeast Warren as she taught here ten years ago. Some of her hobbies include: painting custom furniture, being a mother to her two kids, and listening to music. Her favorite groups are Jet and the Kings of Leon and Dido. Mrs. Stills' favorite restaurant, at the moment, is the Hu Hot in West Des Moines, and her favorite food is chocolate. Her dream vacation is to go to the Caribbean Islands and relax on the beach, go snorkeling, and swimming.

She is very happy to be back at Southeast Warren teaching. It is very tricky to come in mid-semester. "I walked in flying by the seat of my pants," remarked Mrs. Stills.

Articles submitted by Student Publications Staff and edited by Julie Ripperger.

Sponsors: Kristy Stills and Joel Vos

Southeast Warren Community School District Breakfast & Lunch Menu March 2004

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	French toast	Pizza
Chicken Nuggets Corn Fruit Bread & Butter 1	Nachos & Cheese Lettuce Salad Fruit Bread & Butter 2	Hamburger/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Fruit Bread & Butter 3	Frito Pie Lettuce Salad Corn Fruit Bread & Butter 4	Egg Omelet Hash Browns Fruit Bread & Butter 5
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	Muffins	Sausage Gravy/Biscuit
Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Green Beans Fruit Peanut Butter Sand. 8	Spaghetti Lettuce Salad Fruit Texas Toast 9	1:15 Dismissal Cooks Choice 10	Tator Tot Casserole Cooked Carrots Fruit Bread & Butter 11	Mac & Cheese Corn Fruit Peanut Butter Sand. 12
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	French toast	Pizza
Hot Dog/Bun Cole Slaw Fruit Bar 15	Chili/Crackers Pickle Spear Applesauce Cinnamon Roll 16	Ham & Cheese/Bun Chips Fresh Fruit Cookie 17	Stew Cottage Cheese Fruit Hot Roll 18	Tuna Noodles Peas Fruit Bread & Butter 19
No School Spring Break 22	No School Spring Break 23	No School Spring Break 24	No School Spring Break 25	No School Spring Break 26
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast		
Cheeseburger/Bun Wedges Fruit Cookie 29	Chicken & Rice Casserole Fruit Bread & Butter 30	Cook's Choice 31		

LUNCH PRICES

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

BREAKFAST PRICES

	Regular	Reduced	Adult
Single	\$ 1.00	\$.30	\$ 1.25
Weekly	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.50	
Monthly	\$ 20.00	\$ 6.00	

- *All breakfasts served with juice and milk*
- *All lunches served with milk*
- *Menus are subject to change*
- *All money deposited in your family account may be used for lunch and breakfast at any building.*

These prices are guidelines. You may deposit any amount into your family account.

Scholarship Foundation ad not available in online version

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
January 12, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session January 12, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Chris Hardy, Ron Miller and Chris Wadle. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were in attendance, along with members of the community.

AGENDA: Motion by Birchette, seconded by Wadle to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

VISITORS: None

REPORTS:

Transportation Report

submitted by Joel Mosher:

1. We are in full swing in winter activities plus extra trips for band and vocal music through the holiday season.

2. All of the cameras are installed and working. It took approximately 4 ½ to 5 hours to install and set the programming for the cameras on each bus.

Primary Principal's Report

submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

1. Primary teachers are conducting the winter reading tests entitled DIBELS. These individualized tests measure student growth in basic reading skills gained since the last testing completed in early October. These tests are important indicators of areas of strengths and weaknesses in letter naming fluency, initial sound fluency, phoneme segmentation fluency (identifying the "sounds" in a word), nonsense word fluency (sounding out words using basic phonics clues), and oral reading fluency (measuring the speed and accuracy at which students read). These tests help teachers group students for the most efficient instruction in given areas of reading development. Research has shown that the earlier the reading interventions are put into place, the more effective they will be over all. As is the case when children learn to walk or talk, when learning to read each child develops at his or her own pace. The DIBELS testing is just another tool that we use to help each child down the path to reading success at his/her current developmental level, building on his/her immediate level of skill attainment.

2. Much of the regular staff meeting time at the

Primary building this year is again being devoted to teacher inservice, with improved instruction as the goal. Added to our regularly scheduled teacher inservice times throughout the year, information is shared with the teachers that is goal oriented and classroom specific. It is the intention that it will serve to cause teachers to reflect on their present practices and stretch themselves to grow in their professions. We are currently reviewing each of the eight Iowa teaching standards with materials produced by the University of Northern Iowa College of Education that features real classroom examples of how Iowa teachers are using innovative measures to achieve these widely accepted standards that represent good teaching. These materials, along with others including the highly motivational work of Harry Wong and the Primary Program, a birth through age 8 developmentally appropriate program of instruction, that was prepared by the Iowa Department of Education, Iowa Area Education Agencies, Head Start - State Collaboration Offices, and the Nebraska Department of Education help to keep our teachers focused on the young child and how best to help each one reach his/her highest potential. Teachers are often asked to share with their colleagues new learnings from workshops that they have attended. Several of our teachers attended the ABC Reading workshop through the AEA last summer, with several follow-up ICN sessions scheduled throughout the school year. Much of this information will be shared with both the Primary and the Intermediate teachers during the January 19th teacher inservice/workday. Primary teachers will also be reviewing their new curriculums on that day and mapping the remainder of the school year to ensure that they are on track to complete what needs to be covered at their grade level this year. Marcia Williams, second grade teacher, and I are scheduled to attend a workshop entitled "Differentiated Instruction" in late January. We will bring that information regarding how to meet the individual needs of all students back to share with the rest of the staff. Professionals' sharing with fellow professionals is how we all grow and become the best that we can be.

3. We are excited about a couple of opportunities coming up to help us promote reading achievement in the elementary schools. One is the Ronald McDonald assembly that is being presented in the Intermediate gym beginning at 10:00 a.m. on January 20th. This presentation is free of charge to the district. The other is a second family reading night being sponsored by our own Partners in Education. This "Cat in the Hat" bedtime story themed party is a follow-up to last September's "camping out with a good book" themed party that was overwhelmingly attended by students, parents, and teachers. We literally filled the multi-purpose room that evening with many families spilling out into the hallways. At these family reading events, participants do what they enjoy most - reading!

School board members and community members are encouraged to attend, borrow a student from their parent for a short time, and listen to the youngster read. The only requirement is that you dress casually - preferably in your pajamas - and be prepared to enjoy yourself.

4. Africa is the spot in the world that we will be celebrating during our annual building-wide Friendship Fair study during the weeks of February 16th and 23rd. If you have any memorabilia or knowledge of that fascinating continent, please consider sharing them with us during that special time. The students will be presenting their learnings at the Friendship Fair program on February 27th in the Primary multi-purpose room.

Intermediate Principal's Report

submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. The 6th grade ELP class is implementing a paper recycling program at the Intermediate Center. We have received totes from the Iowa Recycling Association for each classroom. The ELP students, as part of a service learning project, will be responsible for educating students and staff about the recycling program and collecting the paper in a central location.

2. For the last month, one high school student has occasionally been able to come to the Intermediate Center and work with our students. After second semester begins, we hope to have two additional high school students on a more regular basis. The teachers and students really appreciate the assistance these students provide.

3. The video cameras are installed on the buses. I have viewed tapes and together with Joel have issued detentions to several students for the behavior we observed on the tapes. We expect behavior to improve.

4. Staff members from the AEA are coming to conduct focus groups on Jan. 8th and 12th. The purpose is to gather from students, staff, parents, and board members perception information regarding our school district and its performance. The AEA will consolidate the information and present it to the administrators and Children First Forum members. With this information and assessment data, we will begin to write our Continuous School Improvement Plan which is due in September.

5. Thursday, Jan. 20th, will be the annual Geography Bee/Social Studies Night at the Intermediate Center. In addition to the Geography Bee competition, social studies projects will be on display and 5th grade students will present two readings about early America.

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Secondary Principal's Report submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

1. Golden Apple Award – Special congratulations to Ron Van Strien for being the recipient of a “Golden apple Award.” Channel 13 came on campus December 16 to make the presentation and gather film for the TV spot. The Channel 13 crew was very complimentary on the behavior of our students at the assembly. The *Record Herald* came and did a story on Mr. Van Strien January 7. That story will be in the January 14 *Record Herald*. All of this came about because of the essay submitted by senior, Jackie Swim on behalf of Mr. Van Strien.

2. Technology – We have set up a dedicated server for student computer folders. Students will have their account to store any computer-generated material throughout their high school career. Students can print about anything they have on the account and teachers can access the account for viewing or grading purposes. Having all students on a dedicated server will also help make the rest of our network more secure.

3. Lunch Accounts – Since the beginning of the year the following has been implemented to help parents understand their student’s lunch account.
 -Every parent can access their account through the school website. All that is needed is a password provided by the parent and availability of the account is immediate.
 -Once an account gets close to zero or a negative balance, students are reminded daily of the account status.
 -Once an account goes below \$3.00 no charging beyond the school lunch is allowed.
 -A note is sent home when a negative balance of \$10.00 is reached.
 -At that time Mrs. Jensen also calls or e-mails the parent to inform them of the deficit.

Mrs. Jensen has been very proactive in keeping accounts current. Throughout this year we have averaged less than \$350 in deficit accounts district-wide. Last year deficit accounts were close to \$4000.00. I am pleased with the marked improvement in this area from last year.

4. Football sportsmanship ratings – I received from the Iowa High School Athletic Association our football rating for the 2003 season. Our

ratings are based on 38 returned responses from the referees. The chart below shows the state averages and our scores. (See box below.)

Children First Forum – Jennifer Birchette reported that the Children First Forum completed the Needs Assessment this month during their meeting time.

Athletic Boosters – Ron Miller reported that the Pee Wee Wrestling Tournament was held last weekend with 210 registered for the event.

Fine Arts Boosters – Jennifer Birchette reported that preparations are underway for FAN Night (previously called FAB Night) to be held in February.

Local Option Sales Tax – The vote for the Local Option Sales Tax will be held tomorrow (January 13th).

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were on the consent agenda:
 1. December 8, 2003, and January 6, 2004, minutes
 2. Financial reports
 3. Second reading of Board Policy 403.5 and 403.5E, “Early Retirement Benefits”

Motion by Miller, seconded by Hardy to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 4. John Burrell abstained from voting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Della Vedova related that John Burrell, Jennifer Birchette and himself had met with the Russell Board of Education last Thursday to discuss the possibility of a shared Superintendent. Representatives from the Russell Board of Education are also meeting with the Wayne Board of Education tonight to discuss a shared Superintendent. If the Wayne Board of Education decides to pursue a shared superintendent position with Southeast Warren, a special board meeting will be held on January 26th at 6:00 to continue working out the details of the arrangement. Superintendent Della Vedova requested permission from the Board to place an ad in the paper for a part-time superintendent if things fall apart with the Wayne Community School District. The consensus of the Board was to share a superintendent with the Wayne Community School District, but if things fall apart, the superintendent has permission to advertise for a part-time superintendent.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter recommended accepting Emily Layton’s resignation as Language Arts teacher (late resignation fee of \$200 will apply). Emily will continue to coach the Adrenaline Dance Team and Southeast Warren Color Guard through the Spring Showcase in March. She will also help with the Student Publications class until another teacher is hired and ready to take over. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to accept Emily Layton’s resignation. Ayes: 5.

RECONSIDERATION COMMITTEE: Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the Reconsideration Committee membership as presented. Ayes: 5.

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT: Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve continuation of the Interim Superintendent contact with John Della Vedova until the end of May, 2004. Ayes: 5.

TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR POSITION: Superintendent John Della Vedova recommended extending the Transportation Director contract for the second semester. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the contract for Transportation Director for the second semester at an annual salary of \$18,000 based on 24 hours per week, additional hours require preapproval of the Superintendent and will be paid at \$16.00/hour. Ayes: 5.

BOARD POLICY 1004.1R: The Board reviewed Board Policy 1004.1R, “Fees for School Use.” No action was taken.

BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 504 AND 505: Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the review of Board Policy Section 504, “Student Health and Safety Regulations” and Section 505, “Miscellaneous Related Matters.” Ayes: 5.

President John Burrell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Sportsmanship Ratings				
	Top 10%	Average	Bottom 10%	SEW
Coaches	1.02-1.13	1.48	1.98-2.88	2.26
Players	1.00-1.08	1.35	1.68-2.51	2.08
Spectators	1.00-1.11	1.40	1.78-2.85	2.18

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 Alumni**

**Mark your calendars for the
 Alumni Banquet**

June 19, 2004

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