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## Vocal Notes

It is proving to be a very busy time in the Vocal Music department. Our trip to New York was fabulous. A big thanks to the following chaperones who made the entire trip much more enjoyable. Thanks to **Saeed Karimi, Kim Gaul, Angie Koenck, Diann Johnson, Tracy Ademeit, Sherry Northway, Linda Putz, Julie Thompson, Cathy Nutting, Randy Uttley, Liz Uttley, Mary Ulin, Brenda Chamberlain, Leoma Chamberlain, Jennette Wickett, Barb Weeks, Rhonda Weeks, and Barb Gould.** At times, it was harder to measure who was having more fun, the kids or the adults!



The Sixth Grade Music classes attended a performance of the Des Moines Symphony on April 13<sup>th</sup>. The concert featured the works of Beethoven, and served as a wonderful introduction to symphonic music. A big thanks to Fine Arts Boosters for providing the bus.

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, soloists from our High School Choir performed for Iowa State Solo Small Ensemble contest in Martinsdale. A following performance will be at the State Large Group Contest on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jr. High chorus performed a special concert for the Milo senior citizens on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center in Milo. This group will also be invited to attend a concert by the Second and Third grade classes on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Intermediate students will be presenting a "Senior Citizens Concert" in the gym in the Intermediate Center on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will be receiving invitations about this soon.

The High School will be performing for Fine Arts and Awards night in the High School gym on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We love to sing, and can't wait to share with you. It is a privilege to work with so many talented, and hard-working young people. Come and share with us!!

*Lynnea Young, Vocal Music Instructor*

## Fine Arts Boosters

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**  
**in the High School Band Room**

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

As we get close to the end of the year, the activity level certainly begins to increase. The calendar is constantly being checked to see if there is room for one more banquet, a concert, a play, a field trip, a blood drive, Spring Games, graduation, and all of the spring sporting activities. All of the activity means that our students are being given opportunities to be involved positively in our school. The positive involvement also brings positive public relations to our school. I would like to mention some of the "positives" that have taken place.

Our FBLA chapter under the leadership of **Carol Carr** participated in the state FBLA conference. **Dani Hommer** placed first in the Business Calculations competitive event. The team of **Justin Owens, Scott Schurman, and Courtney Kimzey** placed third in the Advanced Level Spelling Relay Event.

The Pride of Iowa Conference has an annual Academic Day. Three subject areas are chosen each year for our students to be tested. This year's event was in the categories of Science, Math, and Spanish. There were twelve schools participating in the event. Our ratings in the three areas were: Science – tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place, Math – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Spanish – 4<sup>th</sup> place. **Brittney Stanley** and **Emily Kimzey** came in first in the Junior/Senior Marathon Math competition.

The Pride of Iowa Sportsmanship results for the year have been completed. Last year in the conference we were last place (12<sup>th</sup>), not an enviable position. This year we were in tenth place and I am certainly pleased with the improvement. The largest improvement came with our wrestling program being tied for first place. Last year they were eleventh in the conference. Thank you **Mr. Ripperger** and team for that impressive showing.

Parents, continue to encourage your student to be involved at the high school. Teachers, thank you for your commitment to these activities, and students, a job well done! Writing this type of report is the fun part of being a high school principal.

*Terry Gladfelter, Junior-Senior High Principal*

**Community Service Day**



Southeast Warren Junior/Senior High School will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Service Day on the morning of May 5, 2004. Years past have seen the Warhawks cleaning up local parks, beautifying properties, and cleaning up highways.

The main goal of the Community Service Day is to give back to the communities around us. Ideas are needed, however, that would make this project a success and keep over 200 junior high and high school students busy. How about sprucing up a neighbor's yard, planting flowers, painting buildings? If you know of a project that could use some help, call the school (641) 466-3331.

The school will provide the elbow grease and smiles, all you need to provide are the materials (paint, soap, buckets, etc.).

*Submitted by Dave Ripperger*

**FCCLA News**

On March 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, a group of SEW students joined over 550 FCCLA members from across the state at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. The following SEW chapter members attended the FCCLA State Leadership Meeting: Juniors **Joe Clay, Gabe Town, Korie Downs**; and Sophomores **Bradi Horton, Chelsie Town, Sara Uttley**.

Congrats to **Joe Clay** on his selection as *Student Body Peer Educator*, one of twelve students selected from across the state. Joe completed an application and personal interview at state meeting to be selected.

*Submitted by Sheree Rhodes*

**JUNIOR/SENIOR Prom**

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Theme: A Dream Come True**  
**Colors: Royal Blue, White, and Silver**



**Schedule of Activities**

- 8:00 pm. *Grand March* (open to public)
- 8:30-11:30 pm - Dance to K<>B Mobile Dee jay
- 7:30-10:30 pm - Picture by Stover's of Norwalk
- 11:45 pm - After Prom bus leaves to Fitness World West

From your **Intermediate Principal...**  
**Cindy Butler**

The two days we missed earlier this year because of snow will be made up on May 27 and May 28. Students will be dismissed at 2:15 on both days.

The remainder of the year will be very busy. There will be several opportunities for students to showcase their talents before the end of the year. We welcome parents to attend the special activities planned for the closing weeks of school. I have included a tentative calendar for the special activities planned so you may adjust work schedules to attend the events of interest to you. Some of the starting times have not been established, but will be published in the weekly newsletters and the web site calendar shortly.

- May 8 - family fishing day
- May 13 - 5th grade field trip
- May 13 - 3rd and 4th grade spelling bee 12:30, 3rd graders tour building
- May 18 - 6th grade field trip
- May 19 - 4th grade field trip
- May 20 - 5th and 6th grade spelling bee and Intermediate Music Concert for parents and senior citizens (time TBA)
- May 21 - Band to Adventureland
- May 24 - Character Trip to Lacona Park
- May 25 - Field Day (afternoon) May 26 - Talent Showcase (afternoon)
- May 27 - Academic Bowl, 12:30
- May 28 - Awards Assembly

An interactive web calendar is featured on our web site. Activities for the district and our students will be posted on the calendar. If it becomes necessary to change an activity listed above, the change will be noted on the web calendar. The address is <http://www.se-warren.k12.ia.us/calendar/index.html> or use the link from the front page.

We have added one more character activity for the year. Students must complete a community service project and meet other requirements. This activity will be a trip to the Lacona Park.

As teachers and administrators we begin to reflect on this school year and think of the things which went well and those which we would like to improve for next year. Overall this year has gone very well, but I do know of some areas we can improve. If you have any ideas or suggestions for improvement, please share those with me. I am available for phone calls at 534-4701 or my e-mail is [cbutler@se-warren.k12.ia.us](mailto:cbutler@se-warren.k12.ia.us). The teachers and I want to make this the best school possible for our students!

*Cindy Butler, Intermediate Principal*

### Southeast Warren Website Online Access

- Jr/Sr High School Grades:
  - Assignment Grades
  - Lesson Plans
  - Attendance
- Hot Lunch Program - District-wide:
  - Charge History
  - Payment History

Call or email Sue Ellingson at 641-466-3331 or [s\\_elling@se-warren.k12.ia.us](mailto:s_elling@se-warren.k12.ia.us) to set up your login accounts.

## Let's Make A World of Difference!

Students at the Southeast Warren Primary and Intermediate Centers and Rudy's Rendezvous in Lacona are worked together to make Earth Day 2004 special. In art class each child decorated one of Rudy's take-out bags with the Earth Day theme: Let's Make A World of Difference. **Jan and Rudy Wadle**



distributed the bags from the restaurant on Earth Day, celebrated nationwide on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Primary Center has an annual Earth Week celebration. **Michelle Wilson**, Stewardship Education and Marketing Director for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, taught a special lesson during the celebration. Dirt pudding was a lunchroom treat on Earth Day. Other activities included games in PE, songs in music class, stories and bookmarks in the library, and classroom projects.

We send a sincere thank you to all our friends at Rudy's, to those in the SEW food service department, and to Ms. Wilson for helping us make Earth Day 2004 really great!

*Submitted by Beryl Presley*

## Southeast Warren Alumni

Mark your calendars for the Alumni Banquet

**June 19, 2004**

*From your Primary Principal...  
Charlotte Weaklend*

Thank you to everyone who purchased soup or dip mixes, lawn flags, or spices from the elementary children for PIE's week-long fundraiser beginning on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The profits from that fundraiser will be used to upgrade the elementary playgrounds.

The 2004-2005 Kindergarten Parents' meeting was held on the evening of April 15<sup>th</sup> with round-up being held during the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>. During round-up students are assessed for their readiness for kindergarten. Individual conferences are later held with the parents of the children for whom the teachers' feel another year of preschool would be beneficial.

The elementary students' pictures were taken for the second time this year on April 15<sup>th</sup> by Lifetouch Photographers. These pictures are a little more casual than the official school pictures taken near the beginning of the school year. Purchase of the pictures by the parents was optional. Lifetouch donates dollars to the school for each child whose picture is taken during this second session, so it has become a small fundraiser for us.

Rock-in-Preventions visited our school on April 16<sup>th</sup>. This program, paid for by federal Drug Free Schools grant money, utilizes senior high students to work with elementary students in delivering a drug free and character education message. Each Primary student took home a CD of Rock-in-Prevention songs that promote those themes.

PIE conducted a two-for-one book sale in the elementary buildings the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents were encouraged to purchase educationally sound children's books to add to their home libraries. Research tells us that children need to be surrounded by print and have others model reading to and around them. Proceeds from this fundraiser supplement classroom library sets.

Last month I wrote about the St. Jude's Math-a-thon. We sent a total of \$1,272.72 to help the youngsters and help provide research dollars to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. What a great way for our students to be of service to others as they brushed up on their math skills! Thanks to everyone who sponsored one of our students in this effort!

The primary students collected Big G box tops during the months of September through March. During that time, first grade collected 1,482 boxtops, second grade, 1,440; kindergarten, 1,132; and third grade 987. The first grade classes were rewarded with a pizza party on the afternoon of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Great job, students!

*Charlotte Weaklend, Primary Principal*

## Preschool Sign-up

It is time to sign your child up for preschool. Your child must be 4 by September 15th in order to attend preschool. We offer three different sections of preschool:

M/W AM 8:45-11:15  
T/TH AM 8:45-11:15  
T/TH PM 12:30-3:00



Please call the primary office (942-6216) with the following information:

Parents' names	Child's name	Birthdate
Address	Phone number	

Include which section you would like your child to attend.

*Submitted by Teresa Schneider*

## Primary Center Classrooms Win Ag Grants

Warren County Farm Bureau President **Steve Walters**, and Indianola Office Manager Tracy Penick visited the Primary Center on April 7 to award four Ag in the Classroom Awards, one to each Southeast Warren Kindergarten and First Grade class. The awards, totalling \$800, will purchase classroom sets of agriculturally-themed readers for the First Grade classrooms, and machinery models for creative play in Kindergarten classes.

Prompted by student teacher **Jackie Meade Beard**, a longtime Farm Bureau member and Ag in the Classroom Advisory Committee volunteer, teachers **Billie Jo Marsh**, **Chris Keenan**, **Beryl Presley**, and **Jan Teas** applied for the grants in February. Barker Implement and Motor Company offered a discount and an additional \$50 towards purchase of the machinery models.

"I'm excited to be awarding the first grants in Warren County," said Mr. Walters as he presented the checks. Ag in the Classroom grants totalling \$50,000 per year are supported jointly by the Iowa Farm Bureau and Hy-Vee grocery stores.

*Submitted by Beryl Presley*

## Hot Lunch News

**Just a friendly reminder!**

**As of May 1st, there will be no charging ala-carte items if your student or family account has a negative balance.**

**After May 15th, there will be no charging at all if your student or family account has a negative balance.**

## Super Readers

These are the students who have made Super Readers in grades 2 and 3. Congratulations! Keep up the great job!

### Super Reader I

Tessa Christensen  
Cameron Hertzler  
Brian Jimenez  
JC Northway  
Allisa Quick  
Coltyn Hunter  
Lauren Wilson  
Madison Beck  
Taylor Mills  
Jada Parks  
Addison Spear  
Ashlyn Dowell  
Brendan Peterson  
Haley Seuferer

### Super Reader II

Amanda Williams  
Amy Williams  
Bret Yeggy  
Colbi Hunter  
Bobbi Lawton  
Dana Martin  
Destini Miller  
Mitchell Anders  
Andy Johnson  
Katie Konrad  
Christina Shepherd  
Alex VanHove  
Alli Wilson

### Super Reader III

Preston Carruthers  
Tyson Herold  
Austin Agan  
Kane Ellenwood  
Collin Judkins  
Hillary Gardner

### Super Reader IV

Megan Cleveland  
Madison Hall  
Joseph Johnson  
Aaron Coffman  
Celeste Welshhons

### Super Reader V

Kacy Konrad  
Jonie Meling  
Carrie Neer  
Gabriel Combs  
Zachary Hart  
Robert Stickel  
Kaylee Miller

### Advanced Reader I

Dallas Stanger

### Advanced Reader III

Amy Koenck

## Art Club



Thanks to all who supported art club members in the Art-a-thon event. The event lasted from 8am to 8pm. Members learned a lot while painting pictures for their sponsors and on murals for the elementary school, Milo City Hall, the Jr. High Hallway, and Lacona Park. We plan to finish these up during the two activity nights remaining this year.

### High School Chicago Trip

On Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> thirteen art club members left for Chicago. **Miss Huyette, Mr. Walter, Miss Chamberlain** and **Julene Ripperger** were the chaperones. We visited many famous art works around Chicago, went to the Museum of Contemporary Art, Art Institute, the John Hancock Observatory, and China Town. Both nights we had fun playing games and discussing the day's events. We also did some shopping and ate at great restaurants.

### High School Awards Banquet

#### May 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Art Club awards banquet will be held at Signatures Grill on the square in Indianola. Members need to bring money for food. A slide show will be presented along with awards to members for all the hard work they have put in this year.

### Jr High Art Club Overnight

#### Retreat/Awards Banquet

May 14<sup>th</sup> is going to be a blast! The retreat kicks off with paintballing, then we head to the Holiday Inn at the airport for a dinner and awards banquet. Parents are invited to the Dinner and Awards banquet from 6:30-8:30. Later we'll go swimming and play retreat games in the banquet room. An information letter was sent home with art club members.

*Submitted By Dorie Knight*

## NOTICE

### Revised 2004-05 School Calendar

**A copy of next year's school calendar was included in last month's WARREN PRIDE. However, due to scheduling conflicts with our Area Education Agency for teacher inservice, some revisions have been made. All monthly inservice days, 1:15 dismissals, have been changed from Wednesday to the following Thursday.**

**Also, 2:15 dismissal times have been assigned to the last two days of school. The school board approved these changes at its April 12, 2004 board meeting. Revised copies of the 2004-05 school calendar will be included with registration materials for the next school year.**

## Wrestling Team Holds End of the Year Banquet

The Southeast Warren wrestling team held their annual banquet April 5th at Rudy's Rendezvous in Lacona. Over seventy people attended the ceremony.

Coach Ripperger welcomed everyone and went over the goals for the year. Top goals that were met by the 2003-2004 squad include:

- Improve sportsmanship rating to the top half of the POI (the squad tied for 1st in the conference)
- have a team cumulative GPA of over 2.667 (the team actually had a 2.8 GPA)

Following the recap of the goals, the cheerleading sponsor, Missy Wiley, thanked the crowd and acknowledged her four cheerleaders. Coach Ripperger then handed out participation awards and letters to the managers and athletes. As the recognitions took place, a slide show presentation, featuring each athlete and their statistics were shown. Mr. Ripperger included the show on a compact disk for the participants to keep.

Small plaques were handed out for the leaders in each statistical category for the past season:

Team Scholar- **Brandon Bauer**

Record- **Brandon Bauer**

Wins- **Brandon Bauer**

**Brock Konrad**

Takedowns- **Brandon Bauer**

Escapes- **Zach Johns**

Reversals- **Chris Miller**

Nearfall 2- **Brandon Bauer**

Nearfall 3- **Brandon Bauer**

Fastest Fall- **Brock Konrad**

Pins- **Brandon Bauer**

Shutouts- **Brock Konrad**

Points- **Brandon Bauer**



Plaques were also presented to the individuals that broke records:

Season Nearfall 2- **Brandon Bauer**

Season Technical Falls- **Brandon Bauer**

Season Pins- **Brandon Bauer**

Season Shutouts- **Brock Konrad**

Career Escapes- **Zach Johns**

Career Nearfall 2- **Brandon Bauer**

Career Technical Falls- **Brandon Bauer**

Major award winners included:

Manager of the Year- **Jackie Swim**

Freshman Award- **Kevin Manser**

Hardest Worker- **Brandon Bauer**

Most Improved- **Wyatt Williams**

Outstanding Wrestler- **Brock Konrad**

Mr. Ripperger thanked all who made the year a success.

## FFA News

Spring is in full swing for the Southeast Warren FFA. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, we went around the communities and held our annual Goat Day.

The FFA made a great profit and also had lots of fun doing this fundraiser. Thanks to all the people who supported us.

The FFA banquet was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Southeast Warren High School. Dinner was at 6:30 pm. The night featured guest speakers, **Betsy Radashak** and **Sheena Spurgin**. Awards were handed out to the people who helped out the FFA in the past year. After the banquet the new officer team took over.

The test plot was planted in Liberty Center. We'd like to thank **Kevin Ball** for the use of his machinery, and the **South Central Coop** for the seed. It was a great help.

*Submitted by Brad Ball*



The Junior Prom Committee raffle winners are:

**Michell Byson**  
**Misty Jensen**

Each winner received  
1/2 of a hog.

A very special thank you to **Dave & Shelly Reynolds** for donating the hog, and to the **Milo Locker** for donating the processing.

**Submitted by**  
**The Jr Prom Committee**

# Continuous School Improvement Plan

During the last few months members of a district leadership team, Mr. Van Strien, Mrs. Burgin, Mrs. Ripperger, the administrators, and AEA personnel, have looked at student data and needs assessment information. After identifying prioritized student needs, we developed district long-range goals for the Continuous School Improvement Plan as required by the state. At the same time the Children First Forum (CFF) looked at much of the same information and developed district student learning goals based on our student learning needs and the community's expectations for graduates of Southeast Warren.

The goals were presented to the school board for approval at their last meeting. Members of the board recommended the goals be published in the Pride to allow input from the public. After reading the following information, please contact Mrs. Charlotte Weaklend at 942-6216 or Mrs. Cindy Butler at 534-4701 with any comments or suggestions related to the goals.

## District Student Learning Goals (developed by CFF, April 5, 2004)

Southeast Warren's student learning goals are the general expectations for all its graduates. Students graduating from Southeast Warren Community School District will be able to demonstrate the following:

- Academic and technological skills to be problem solvers and life long learners
- Skills and habits necessary to lead healthy lives and provide positive contributions to society
- Effective written and oral communication skills
- An understanding of individual and societal contributions to a global culture

Southeast Warren's long-range goals define the desired targets to be reached over an extended period of time. These long-range goals serve two purposes: 1) to meet locally determined student needs goals and 2)

to address state and federal student accountability.

## District Long-Range Goals (developed by District Leadership Team, April 19, 2004)

**Goal 1:** All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in reading comprehension, prepared for success beyond high school. The following indicators will measure district progress with Goal 1:

**1a:** Percentage of students who score at the proficient level or above (41st percentile or above using national norms) on the ITBS Reading Comprehension Test in grades 3 through 8 and the ITED Reading Comprehension Test in grade 11, including data disaggregated by subgroup.

**1b:** Percentage of students who score at the average range or higher (34th percentile or above using national norms) on the MAP Reading Test in grades 3-10.

**Goal 2:** All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in mathematics, prepared for success beyond high school. The following indicators will measure district progress with Goal 2:

**2a:** Percentage of students who score at the proficient level or above (41st percentile or above using national norms) on the ITBS Mathematics Total Test in grades 3 through 8 and the ITED Mathematics Test in grade 11, including data disaggregated by subgroup.

**2b:** Percentage of students who score at the average range or higher (34th percentile or above using national norms) on the MAP Math Test in grades 3-10.

**Goal 3:** All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in science, prepared for success beyond high school. The following indicators will measure district progress with Goal 3:

**3a:** Percentage of students who score at the proficient level or above (41st percentile or above using national norms) on the ITBS Science Test in grades 5 and 8 and the ITED Science Test in grade 11, including data disaggregated by subgroup. **3b:** Percentage of students who score at

the average range or higher (34th percentile or above using national norms) on the MAP Science Concepts and Processes Test in grades 3-10.

**Goal 4:** All K-12 students will achieve at high levels in written communication, prepared for success beyond high school. The following indicators will measure district progress with Goal 4:

**4a:** Percentage of students who score at the proficient level or above (41st percentile or above using national norms) on the ITBS Language Total Test in grades 4 and 8 and the ITED Revising Written Materials Test in grade 11.

**4b:** Percentage of students who score at the average range or higher (34th percentile or above using national norms) on the MAP Language Usage Test in grades 3-10.

**Goal 5:** All K-12 students will learn technology skills for academic and practical applications in life. The following indicators will measure district progress with Goal 5:

**5a:** The indicators identified for Goals 1, 2, and 3.

**5b:** Percentage of students at grade 8 who score at the proficient level or above on a locally developed technology assessment.

**Goal 6:** All students will feel safe at and connected to school. The following indicators will measure district progress with goal 6:

**6a:** Attendance rate as measured by the average daily attendance data calculated and reported on the Certified Annual Report (CAR).

**6b:** Graduation rate as calculated by the Iowa Department of Education using data from the spring BEDS report.

**6c:** Percentage of student body in middle and high school that receives any discipline referrals (i.e., office referrals, suspensions, and expulsions).

**6d:** Percentage of students in grades 6, 8, and 11 that report that they have used alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs on the triennial Iowa Youth Survey.

*Submitted by Cindy Butler*

# Southeast Warren Community School District Breakfast & Lunch Menu May 2004

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pastry	Waffle	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Sausage Biscuit/Gravy
Beef Burger/Bun Potato Fruit Bar <b>3</b>	Spaghetti Lettuce Salad Fruit Cheese Bread <b>4</b>	Taco Lettuce Salad Corn Fruit Cookie <b>5</b>	Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Fruit Bread & Butter <b>6</b>	Pork Patty/Bun Potato Fruit Pudding <b>7</b>
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Pizza
Cook's Choice <b>10</b>	Cook's Choice <b>11</b>	Cook's Choice 1:15 Dismissal <b>12</b>	Cook's Choice <b>13</b>	Cook's Choice <b>14</b>
Cook's Choice	Cook's Choice	Eggs/Toast	Cook's Choice	Cook's Choice
Cook's Choice <b>17</b>	Cook's Choice <b>18</b>	Cook's Choice <b>19</b>	Cook's Choice <b>20</b>	Cook's Choice <b>21</b>
Cook's Choice	Cook's Choice	Eggs/Toast	Cook's Choice	Cook's Choice
Cook's Choice <b>24</b>	Cook's Choice <b>25</b>	Cook's Choice <b>26</b>	Cook's Choice Snow Makeup Day <b>27</b>	Cook's Choice Snow Makeup Day <b>28</b>

### 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	

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

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



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

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session March 8, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Ron Miller, Chris Hardy 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 Chris Wadle, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

**VISITORS:** Bart Butler presented an overview of the work to be done on the Lacona gym using funds from an Iowa Construction Grant. The exterior of the gym will be covered with a metal panel system, the roof on the east side will be repaired, and a canopy and concrete walkway will be added at the cafeteria door. The tentative timeline is to open bids on May 10<sup>th</sup>, begin construction when school lets out and have the project complete by August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORTS:**

**Primary Principal's report  
submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:**

1. Parent-Teacher conference participation rates (See chart below)
2. The soccer/character assembly on February 12<sup>th</sup> that was discussed in last month's report was both entertaining and educational for our students. The character t-shirts, a gift from the Peoples Bank, was a big hit with the students and staff. We have designated a day each month for everyone to wear their t-shirts to school.
3. The Cat in the Hat reading night was well attended by kindergarten through third grade students and their parents. A special thank you to Rachele Spence and Tammy Hall for their work in organizing this worthwhile event. We all wore our pj's and read, read, read!
4. Thirty-five primary students participated in the Adrenaline Dance clinic on the 19<sup>th</sup>. They performed at the Spring Dance Showcase on the evening of March 6<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Thanks to sponsor Emily Layton and to Adrenaline team member Courtney Kimzey, as well as the other

members of the team who taught at our clinic. The K-3 girls loved it!

5. The Primary students studied the continent of Africa during their annual two-week Friendship Fair study. Thanks to teachers and staff for all of their hard work incorporating this important study of another culture into their regular curriculum. Approximately one hundred and twenty parents and grandparents attended the Friendship Fair program on the afternoon of February 27<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to second grade teacher Becky Burgin for chairing the Friendship Fair committee for yet another year. Also, recognition is offered to volunteers Mike Msuya, Father Felix, and Natasha Cooper who met with students to share artifacts and information about Africa.

6. The reorganizational meeting of the Partners in Education group held on the evening of March 1<sup>st</sup> produced several new members and new officers. The group in attendance that evening is positive about the future of the organization. They extend a heartfelt word of thanks to former members and encourage anyone interested to join them on the first and third Monday's of each month at alternating elementary sites.

7. The annual Elementary carnival was held at the Primary center on the evening of March 5<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the hard work of Partners in Education members, as well as all of the other parent and grandparent volunteers in making this fun evening possible for our youngsters. They had a ball!

8. The Primary teaching staff will meet with the Intermediate staff in Lacona on March 10<sup>th</sup> to analyze the impact of elementary reading comprehension instruction, review Iowa Teaching Standard #4 – "uses strategies to deliver instruction that meets the multiple needs of students", and learn new ways to differentiate instruction at the elementary level.

**Intermediate Principal's Report  
submitted by Cindy Butler:**

1. Conferences were scheduled for Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The conferences on the 5<sup>th</sup> were rescheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> because of the weather. Seventy-eight percent of our parents were able to attend conferences. This is down from the conferences held earlier this year, but similar to last year.
2. The architect and a structural engineer were on site this week to determine the best way to complete the remodeling of the older section of the building. The architect would like to meet with the Board in the near future to discuss the plans developed.

3. We are pleased with the results achieved from the 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading intervention. Now we are doing a similar intervention with 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. We assessed the reading fluency (how quickly a student reads) and their ability to sound out multisyllabic words. Students who performed below expectations are working with Mrs. Ripperger in a reading program designed to improve decoding skills.

4. Mr. Jones, Mrs. Ripperger, Mr. Dicks, Mr. Gladfelter and I continue to meet bimonthly to discuss math strategies learned and used by the teachers. The teachers are going through a program designed to improve math instruction and raise the math test scores of middle school students. Another whole day meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11. Calculators and an overhead calculator were ordered for each classroom using grant money designated for technology. Students have used the calculators for a variety of math tasks. Students have shown improvement in their performance of daily mental math exercises.

**Secondary Principal's Report  
submitted by Terry Gladfelter:**

1. District Leadership/Curriculum – One teacher from each building, the three principals, and AEA members have been meeting to evaluate test data district wide. The purpose is to look for trends whether positive or negative in what our students are doing academically. This data will help us develop goals for the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) and guide professional development of our staff. The data collected from the ITBS/ITED has shown that we need to work on reading comprehension district wide. The data has also shown that mathematically our scores are comparable to the state. We are now looking for scientifically based programs that will improve reading comprehension.
2. Fine Arts Night – I would like to congratulate Ms. Huyette, Mr. VanderLinden, Mrs. Young, and the Fine Arts Boosters for an enjoyable fine arts evening on Saturday, February 28. This year the gym was used instead of the cafeteria. The larger room made the evening much more enjoyable for those having supper and those wanting to come and listen.
3. Junior High Chorus Festival – Our junior high chorus and five other junior high choruses met on Tuesday, March 2 at Martensdale-St. Marys for a festival. They rehearsed for the day and performed a concert in the evening. Tristan Gardner, Ariel Ohnemus, and Wade Young were soloists at the performance.
4. FFA Sub-District Career Development Events – SEW hosted 11 schools on February 12 for this event. Numerous judged events took place in the afternoon and evening. Mr. Dirckx and his students are to be commended for hosting and organizing this event. We had a team that will move on to the district competition at Indi-

**Parent-Teacher conference participation rates**

	2002-2003	2003-2004
November	94%	95%
January	95%	89% (rescheduled)

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anola on March 6. They will be competing in Parliamentary Procedures.

**Warren County Conference Board** – John Burrell reported that the Warren County Conference Board had met on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The main topic of the meeting was the public budget hearing and budget discussion.

**Children First Forum** – Jennifer Birchette related that the Children First Forum had met on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The results of the District Needs Assessment was shared with the members in attendance. The group then discussed the lists of strengths and weaknesses. Discussion was held regarding the transitions between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Fine Arts Boosters** – Jennifer Birchette related that profits from FAN night would be split between the band, vocal and art programs. Next year's FAN Night has been scheduled for Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There is a junior/senior high vocal and band concert this Thursday. On March 13<sup>th</sup> the Art Club will hold an Art-a-Thon at the high school from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The following items were on the consent agenda:

1. Approve minutes
2. Approve financial reports
3. Approve second reading of Board Policy 1004.1R, "Fees for School Use"
4. Approve second reading of Board Policy 504.13 and 504.13R, "Special Health Services"
5. Approve second reading of Board Policy 802.7, "Gifts, Grants, and Bequests"

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Superintendent John Della Vedova reported that he would be meeting with a contractor next Monday to look at possible roof repairs that will be needed in the future. Based on Monday's meeting a long-range plan can be developed to take care of roofing needs. He has authorized the principals to proceed with the small building projects as discussed at last week's work session. Negotiations will be held with the support staff and certified staff on Wednesday of this week.

**ART CLUB TRIP:** Lisa Huyette and several Art Club members presented a power point presentation to the Board on the planned Art Club trip to Chicago. Fifteen students and four chaperones will be going on the trip scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to approve the Art Club trip to Chicago. Ayes: 5.

**SOCCKERAGREEMENT:** Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the soccer agreement with the Indianola Community School District for 2003-2004. Ayes: 5. Students will be responsible for the \$300 participation fee and their own transportation.

**2004-2005 BUDGET:** Julie Wilson presented the proposed 2004-2005 budget to the Board. The proposed tax rate is \$18.02256 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, which compares to this year's tax rate of \$18.02316 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the 2004-2005 budget for publication as presented and set the hearing date for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Liberty Center. Ayes: 5.

**BUSINESS EDUCATION CLASSROOM:** Discussion was held concerning the location of the business education classroom and the need for additional classroom space. Terry Gladfelter related that he would have the faculty look at the master schedule and room assignments during the Wednesday inservice meeting to help come up with ideas for classroom space. Superintendent Della Vedova gave direction to check on the use of the ICN room for classroom space. The Board also suggested looking into dividing the technology center into two classrooms as had been done in previous years.

**BOARD POLICIES:** Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the review and revision of Board Policy Section 602, "Programs of Instruction" and the review of Board Policy 505.10, "Graduation Requirements." Ayes: 5.

The Board took a recess at 8:57 p.m. and reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to go into closed session for the purpose of screening the superintendent candidates as authorized by section 21.5(1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records that are required or authorized to be kept confidential. Ayes: 5. The Board entered closed session at 9:08 p.m.

President John Burrell called the closed session to an end at 9:45 p.m.

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Wadle to offer the superintendent position to Harold Hulleman at an annual salary of \$45,000, to be prorated the first year based on a November 1 start date, plus single health insurance if needed. Ayes: 5. A contract will be offered to Harold Hulleman on August 1<sup>st</sup> if he chooses to accept employment with a start date of November 1.

President John Burrell adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**March 8, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in special session March 8, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Ron Miller, Chris Hardy and Chris Wadle. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance.

The Board interviewed superintendent candidate Dave Arnold.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
**March 4, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in special session March 4, 2004, in the media center of the Junior/Senior High School building. President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette and Ron Miller. Chris Hardy arrived at 6:50 p.m. Chris Wadle was absent. Superintendent John Della Vedova, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance.

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Ayes: 3. The time was 5:42 p.m.

President Burrell called the closed session to an end at 6:43 p.m.

The Board took a recess at 6:43 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to hold a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Ayes: 4. The time was 7:02 p.m.

President Burrell called the closed session to an end and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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# Additional Annual Progress Report Information

## Additional State Indicators - Post-secondary Data

31 of 38 Southeast Warren graduates, or 81.5% intended to pursue post-secondary education/training.

13 of 23 Southeast Warren students, or 57% taking the ACT achieved a score of 20 or higher (20 represents probable post-secondary success).

6 of 38 Southeast Warren seniors, or 15.8% completed a core program which included four years of English/language arts and three or more years each of mathematics, science, and social studies. Students who complete a core program are more likely to achieve success in a post-secondary educational setting.

94% of the students in the Southeast Warren class of 2001-02 graduated from high school as determined by the Iowa Education Department. This number takes into account any student who dropped out of this class while they were freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors.

No student dropped out of Southeast Warren Junior/Senior high during the 2002-03 school year.

## Other Locally Determined Indicators

1. We believe character education has an impact on student learning. Supporting activities at all three buildings have promoted the community identified character traits of respect, responsibility, caring, integrity, motivation, and citizenship. One measure of the effectiveness of our character education program is the number of detentions, office referrals, and suspensions students earn.

Detentions in the primary and intermediate building continued to decline again this past year. At the primary building, teachers gave 130 detentions for the year, down from 360 during the previous year. At the intermediate, teachers assigned 181 detentions, down by half from the previous year. The high school experienced an increase in the use of detentions of 12% for a total of 295 detentions.

Office referrals in all buildings showed impressive reductions in the past school year. At the primary building, there were only 35 referrals to the office. At the intermediate, there were 87 referrals; at the high school, there were 142 referrals.

Suspensions were down in all buildings. The primary building had no suspensions. The intermediate building had 3 suspensions, and the junior/senior high had 19 suspensions.

2. Research shows parental involvement has an impact on student learning. The staff members at all three buildings encouraged parental involvement in numerous ways. Following are just a few examples:

- open houses hosted at each building
- parent teacher conferences held in the fall and the spring at each building
- Geography Bee/Social Studies Night at the intermediate with over 50 attendees
- Science Fair/Science Night at the intermediate with over 100 attendees
- vocal music concerts in the winter and spring for each building
- Partners in Education (parent group) sponsored a discipline workshop for parents and school staff
- kindergarten Grandparent's Week at the primary
- elementary volunteer program
- field/fine arts day at elementaries
- Friendship Fair at the primary
- booster organizations
- Children First Forum (open to public)
- financial aid workshops
- communication with parents via e-mail and personal phone calls

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