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## DATES TO NOTE

- May 5 - Community Surveys due
- May 10 - Community Service Day
- May 11 Senior Award & Fine Arts Night
- May 16 Seniors' last day
- May 21 - Graduation
- May 24 - JH trip to Adventureland
- May 26, 30 - Semester tests
- May 30 - Last day of school

## YEARBOOK DATES

- May 1 - Baby ads due
- May 15 - Book orders due

## Your Survey, Please

Your school survey should have arrived in your mailbox in recent days. If not, expect it soon. Please take some time to complete the survey. We do value your input. A summary of the results will be published in a later issue of this newsletter. To do this in a timely fashion, we will need your responses by May 5.

Your completed survey can be returned to any of the three Southeast Warren Schools or placed in a dropbox at one of the following businesses:

- Casey's or Peoples Bank ..... Milo
- S. Central Coop or Peoples Bank ....Lacona

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## Community Projects Needed

It is that time of year again when we set up our annual spring service project. The date has been set for May 10. As with every year, we are looking for potential projects for our students to do. We are open to just about every suggestion available. Some past projects included:

- \* helping clean up community fire trucks
- \* help pick up yards/mow for local elderly
- \* highway clean up
- \* cleaning up local parks

Our requirements are

- ... something that can keep ten to fifteen students busy for two to three hours
- ... a job that is not hazardous
- ... a job that will not allow someone to profit from our work (work as a clerk)
- ... supplies, such as paint and water be provided (we cannot afford to pay for all projects)

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If you are interested in having Southeast Warren students give back to their communities, give David Ripperger a call at the High School 466-3331 or email him at dripper@se-warren.k12.ia.us

## Jr-Sr High Principal

Mr. Terry Gladfelter

**Student Bullying and Harassment** – This topic has certainly been of importance during the second semester. On April 18, Rob Holladay came and spoke to the K-8 students. His own life story is one of being bullied and then becoming a bully. I was impressed that he kept students engaged during the whole assembly through his stories, magic, and student involvement.

On May 2 at Iowa State University, the 21<sup>st</sup> annual “Risky Business” conference will be held. This is an all day event with students, teachers, and adults addressing the issues of bullying, harassment, helping one another through difficult issues, being successful as students, and other topics. Twenty of our high school students will attend. These students will then come back and present to the rest of the student body what they have learned.

This pattern of bullying and harassment has hurt enough of our students over the years. I’ve even heard students say that there is nothing we can do about the “trash talking.” We all need to become aware of the issue and understand that though we may not hear about these things at home, the social dynamic changes when students are together. Many individual students would not become involved with bullying or harassment, but social and group peer pressure is a powerful “persuader” that influences students to make choices that otherwise would never be made. Please join us in having similar conversations at home. The responsibility is one that we all must assume in order to break this destructive pattern among our young people.

**Cell Phones** – I would like to quote from the student handbook.

*“Possession of an electronic device (i.e. Cell phone, MP3 player, electronic games) is not a violation of the general Rules and Guidelines. However, the possession of an electronic device which disrupts the educational process would be a violation of the SEW Rules and Guidelines. All electronic devices should be turned off and kept out of sight inside a pocket, book bag, purse, or similar container, and it may not be used or allowed to emit any sound or other noise on school grounds during school hours. Cell phones are not to be used in any locker rooms. The teacher may confiscate any devices that disrupt the educational process. School employees will not be held liable for electronic devices that are lost, stolen, or confiscated.”*

This is particularly important with cell phones. Cell phones may not be used during any classes. The first time this takes place the phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. The second time, the parent will be called to come and pick up the phone. I have dealt with students verbally confronting me with the “emergency” nature of their calls. Parents, if it truly is an emergency, please call the school and we will get the student for you.

I understand that many students have cell phones so that parents can keep in contact with their child. I think that is good and have no problem with that concern. I just want our students to use their cell phones in a responsible manner when at school.

## Want to Become a Teacher?

I would like to encourage community members to go back to school to become secondary-level teachers. The Iowa State Board of Education recently approved Kaplan University’s online, accelerated teacher preparation program for career changers, retired individuals, substitute teachers, teacher associates and others. Attend classes from home and save on gas. If you hold a bachelor’s degree and are interested in becoming a middle school or high school teacher in math, English, reading, science, or social studies, please call my office for more information or contact Dwight Carlson, Program Coordinator, at [dcarlson@kaplan.edu](mailto:dcarlson@kaplan.edu) or 515-278-1336.

## Awards & Fine Arts Night

This event will be Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m., in the high school gym. We will be presenting scholarships and awards to our 2006 seniors and will be entertained by our vocal and band groups.

We would like to invite everyone to attend and hope to see you there.

## Youth Honored for Community Service

Youth from the Southeast Warren Community were honored Tuesday, April 4 for their outstanding community service. United Way of Central Iowa Warren County Action Council organized a ceremony where the youth volunteers received an award and were recognized for their efforts.

The students awarded were: Jake Delay, Heidi Dittmer, Carly Lawrence, Cody Reynolds, Amy Ripperger, Julie Ripperger, Zach Schaefer, and Jamesa Wadle. Students were nominated by Mr. Brenton Tigner and Mrs. Cindy Butler. Sara Uttley was not nominated but deserves recognition for her tutoring at the Intermediate School.

# Intermediate School Principal

*Mrs. Cindy Butler*

The transition between buildings is always an area of concern. Staff members and parents have discussed ways to assist students during the transition from sixth to seventh grade as well as from third to fourth grade. In this article I will share some of the procedures we have in place to ease the transition.

The sixth grade teachers and I work with the junior high team of teachers to reflect on what we have done, what worked and what could be better. Mr. Tigner surveyed some of the seventh graders to get their opinions on the shadowing program we have used for several years. After reviewing the survey results, we decided to continue the practice used last year with some modifications.

The junior high team came to the intermediate on April 4th to meet with all sixth grade students. The teachers shared their expectations and answered questions about the upcoming year. Following the meeting, the sixth graders were given an opportunity to identify several 7<sup>th</sup> graders with whom they would feel comfortable spending the day. Teachers then assigned each sixth grade student to a seventh grader to shadow one day before the end of the school year. Each seventh grade student wrote a letter of welcome to the assigned sixth grader and designated a place to meet on the important day. The sixth grade student follows the seventh grader to each class and lunch.

The sixth graders are always so excited when they come back. They get a taste of the freedom they will experience and all of a sudden sixth grade seems so restrictive. However, they don't recognize that with that freedom comes responsibility. The sixth grade teachers continue to work on building that responsibility by expecting the sixth graders to come to class prepared and with completed work when they move from one teacher to another.

We also have procedures in place to ease the transition of third grade students. Mr. Babcock, the guidance counselor will meet with third graders and help them formulate questions and prepare them for a visit to the inter-

mediate. The third grade students will come to the intermediate building on May 18<sup>th</sup> for a third/fourth grade spelling bee. After the spelling bee they will tour the building and visit each of the fourth grade classrooms and teachers. The fourth grade teachers will distribute a handout that details some of the differences between third and fourth grade and will answer questions from students.

In addition, the intermediate center will hold a fourth grade orientation on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 before the open house at 7:00. This is the evening before school starts and it gives students a chance to come to the building and begin to get acclimated before the first day.

Students become very comfortable after attending school in the same location for three or more years. It is human nature to be apprehensive when a change is required, but most students adjust just fine. Please reassure your child that his/her feelings are normal, and every adult in the new building is there to help. By working together and being positive about the change, we can help the transition to a new building go smoothly.

## SUPER READERS

At the Primary School . . .

The following second and third graders have achieved Super Reader and Advanced Reader status in the Accelerated Reading Program. Congratulations to all of you! We are proud of your accomplishments.

### SuperReader

TiffanyBarr

EverettDittmer

LukeUlin

GarrettButler

ChristianChapman

JillWilliams

MorganWeeks

WaylonBalk

CodyCox

SierraDorsey

RaelynMeling

ShiloWilliams

CameronMinton

BrandiPutz

TobyThompson

### SuperReader2

MorganGrief

NathanCoffman

KaciEllenwood

GabeHenderson

BrandonVance

### SuperReader3

JoshuaMosher

KeetanLawler

### SuperReader4

WalkerPorterfield

### SuperReader5

JakeHunerdosse

SarahNutting

JustusSherman

### SuperReader6

AlexLerch

### SuperReader 8

AlyssaDittmer

### SuperReader14

BrookeSeuferer

### AdvancedReader

BryantSueferer

## from your Primary Principal. . .

Mrs. Charlotte Weakland

The Primary students took part in a school Easter Egg Hunt during the afternoon of April 13<sup>th</sup>, the first for the students in this building in many years. Elementary student spring portraits were taken on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents were able to choose from three different poses.

K-6 students presented a spring musical made up of songs that emphasize the importance of good character, entitled "Choices Count". It was held at the high school on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Thanks to Mrs. Young for all of her hard work in producing this second, all-elementary music program of the 05-06 school year. PIE provided each elementary student with a copy of a musical CD in advance to help the students practice their songs at home and as a memento of the occasion. PIE served refreshments and encouraged parents to purchase books at a two-for-one book fair after the program.

On the evening of Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the 06-07 kindergartners' parents met with the kindergarten teachers, the school nurse, the elementary guidance counselor, a representative from PIE, and myself to learn more about our kindergarten program, to take care of the preliminary enrollment paperwork, and to sign their child up for kindergarten roundup, which was held the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten roundup gives us an opportunity to meet the incoming kindergartners and their families and to assess the youngsters' readiness skills for a more and more rigorous kindergarten program.

Networking hardware at the Primary building was relocated to a more appropriate site in the building over Spring Break. High-speed internet service was installed as well. We are appreciative of the patience demonstrated by parents and staff during the few weeks that our printing and e-mail services were interrupted. We are really enjoying the upgrades to our system.

The public is invited to the Primary building's Friendship Fair program on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12:00 noon. During the last few weeks of school, the children will study the country of Germany for this year's fair. Any community members who would like to share stories or artifacts from Germany with the children are encouraged to call me at 942-6216.

## Kindergarten Receives Farm Bureau Grant

The Kindergarten classes at Southeast Warren are pleased to be recipients of *Ag in the Classroom* grants of \$100 per classroom. The kindergartners are ready and eager to play with toys that copy equipment they see in their community and at home.

The money was used to buy John Deere model farm equipment for their annual wild and domestic animal unit. Sharing the replicas between kindergarten classes doubled their impact and helped make the farm section of the unit a great Ag learning experience. Barker Implement added a 10% discount and a \$25 supporting gift to make the grant stretch even farther. The toys are being enjoyed by the forty children in this year's class and will be part of the school collection for a long time.

This is the second time Miss Marsh and Mrs. Presley have applied for and received Farm Bureau's *Ag in the Classroom* grant. Ten pieces of model farm equipment were purchased from Barker Implement in Indianola with a similar grant in the spring of 2004.

## Earth Day 2006

Students at the Southeast Warren Primary Center and Rudy's Rendezvous in Lacona worked together to make Earth Day 2006 special. In art class each child decorated one of Rudy's take-out bags with the theme: Earth Day-It's Here to Stay! Jan and Rudy Wadle will distribute the bags from their restaurant. Watch for these special take-out bags around Earth Day, April 22nd.

The Primary Center has an annual Earth Week celebration. Another special activity this year involved a guest from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Michelle Wilson presented a lesson to each Primary Center class.

Other activities during the celebration included games in PE, songs in music class, special bookmarks from library class, hall displays, classroom activities, and dirt pudding on the lunch menu.

Southeast Warren Community School District  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 13, 2006

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session March 13, 2006, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Chris Wadle called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. The following board members were present: John Burrell, Jennifer Birchette, and Ron Miller. Chris Hardy was absent. Superintendent Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

**AGENDA:** Dr. Harold Hulleman noted the addition of a resignation under personnel items. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: 4.

**REPORTS:**

Transportation reports submitted by Joel Mosher:

1. We had eleven extra bus trips for the month.
2. I have signed up all of the drivers for the required 3-hour stop class. The majority of the drivers are going on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
3. I'm working on sometime consuming repairs while we are in the slow trip time.

Primary Principal's report submitted by Charlotte Weakland:

1. Attendance at the February 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences was a little lower than at the fall conferences, which is a typical occurrence in our building. In November, teachers met with 92% of the parents. In February, 88% of the scheduled conferences actually took place. Overall, attendance was down a little from previous years.
2. Partners in Education decided to cancel this year's elementary school carnival due to small numbers of parents who volunteered to sell tickets, run the carnival games, and work in the food stand. They have indicated a desire to survey the elementary parents to get a feel for why the volunteerism was down this year.
3. On Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Primary students will be encouraged to donate \$1 to the Foundation for Children with Cancer and earn the privilege of wearing a hat all day at school during our "Hats On Day" celebration of strides that are being made in the battle against cancer. Participating students will also receive a special sticker to wear that day. A second grade reading group lead by Marcia Williams will present facts about childhood cancer to the student body during our

morning character assembly. I will be reading a special book about the effects of childhood cancer also, and teachers will be encouraged to read additional books on the subject to their classes throughout the day.

4. We are currently exploring the idea of starting up a Primary level student council to promote leadership and community service. Tim Babcock, our elementary guidance counselor, and I will be meeting with third grade teachers next month to discuss the details.
5. Classroom and home activities highlighted in last week's teacher newsletters included:

Preschool: finishing up a penguin unit & beginning a dinosaur unit, practicing writing the number 3, the beginning of a regular sharing time, reading aloud to students

Kindergarten: meeting the alphabet puppet Zipzy Zebra, going on alphabet searches at school and home, listening to farm stories & learning sign language for common farm animal names, writing the numerals 0-50, and copying lines and shapes on geoboards

1<sup>st</sup> grade: recognizing adjectives that appeal to the five senses, making a graphic organizer describing what a vet does, exploring dental health, recognizing story characters, and working on spelling words

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: writing to pen pals in Canada and Thailand, sharing of class books with parents (encouraging parents to respond in writing), comparing and recording temperature fluctuations from day to day, writing notes to neighbors, dividing by 2, subtracting 6's and 7's, estimating sums, and measuring in feet and inches

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: starting a unit on birds, dissecting owl pellets with Beth from the Warren County Conservation Commission to look for the bones of animals that have been consumed by the owls, writing how-to directions for making a milkshake and making a paper heart, multiplying by 100 and 1,000, making change from a dollar, and identifying the lesson learned in a play entitled "The Crowded House"

Intermediate Principal's reports submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. Parent Teacher Conferences February 21 & 23, 2006

Teacher	Held	Possible	Percent
Ripperger	19	19	100%
Jones	15	19	79%
Norden	11	17	65%
Schneider	16	17	94%
Clay	18	20	90%
Mead	17	20	85%
Totals	96	112	86%

Beard	9	10	90%
Butler	12	14	86%

The total homeroom conferences held this February were almost exactly the same as November conference totals (87%), but up slightly compared to this time last year (83%).

2. Mrs. Beard and Mrs. Oliver hosted a reading night on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Seuss' birthday. Thirty students attended. They read a variety of Dr. Seuss books and wrote a story in Dr. Seuss style. Additional staff members assisted and I thank all of them for putting together a wonderful event!

3. We have two practicum students from Simpson College in addition to our two student teachers from Simpson.

4. Science Night will be held on Thursday, March 16, beginning at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend and view science projects from each grade level.

5. The drug dog demonstrated his skills during a recent D.A.R.E. class. D.A.R.E. graduation will be held on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30.

Secondary Principal's reports submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

Mousetrap – School play – I would like to commend Mrs. Warner for her leadership in the production of the Agatha Christie play. The students did a great job at all three performances. Members of the community have also recognized the work as being one of the finest school plays at SEW in recent memory.

Library Donation – Last week a grandfather of one of our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students paid me a visit. He expressed his concern about the lack of books in our media center. With that concern, he produced a check for \$400 dollars, requesting that it would be matched. There is still money remaining from the Wal-Mart Literacy Grant. Ms. Schultz will have the opportunity to spend \$800 on new books for the media center.

Establishing Community Pride (ECP) – Deanna Stewart has worked diligently this year to continue the work of this group. They along with the Art Club coordinated the gift giving for 14 families on the Angel Tree Project. ECP will also be doing the annual Easter Egg Hunts for Milo and Lacona. They will also be hosting a "Fun Night" on Saturday, April 8 from 7 p.m. to midnight for our junior high students. The evening will have a "Luau" theme with corresponding activities, games and prizes.

Athletic Department reports submitted by Dave Ripperger and Mike Tierney:

## BOARD MINUTES, continued

Wintersports have come to a close. Successes were found at the end of these seasons. The girls' basketball team showed improvement every week and eventually beat teams that had beaten them earlier in the season. The girls finished the season tied for ninth place with an overall record of 5-16. Angie Steil was named to 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-POI and the All-Academic Teams.

The boys' team also showed improvement every week as well. They did win their first round district game by defeating Melcher-Dallas (who we had lost to earlier in the season). The boys were tenth place in the POI and finished the season with a 5-19 mark. Luke Putz was a unanimous selection to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-POI Team. Andrew Gladfelter, Matt Farley, Kevin Manser, Luke Putz, and Eric Smith were all named to the All-Academic Team.

Wrestling was a little disappointing but ended the season on a positive note. The team finished with a 4-26 overall record. Hampered by injuries, illness, and discipline problems (in a few duals there were only three wrestlers), the team recovered to have one individual, Mike Bird, qualify for state. Michael is the 87<sup>th</sup> state qualifier in the schools' history and continues the tradition of sending a wrestler to the state tournament for 25 straight seasons.

Football redistricting meeting was held on March 3. Due to the large number of schools dropping down to 8-man competition the state made some drastic changes to the football format. There will be eight districts; some with nine teams, some with eight. Due to these numbers the state has mandated that each district have a sister district. We have been paired to play two pre-district games with District 7 to our east. Due to this mandate we will have to travel to Winfield (134 miles) this year and WACO (120 miles) next year.

AD Convention will be held in Des Moines on March 27 and 28. Both of us will attend.

JH Track positions have been filled. JH girls' assistant coach is Lacey Holmes and JH boys' assistant coach will be Myrissa Gingerich.

Legislative reports submitted by Chris Wadle:

House File 2095- Allowable growth at 4 percent, is still on the Senate Calendar. There has been talk of 6 percent in the Senate. The governor and key legislators are still working to find consensus on education reform. Issues being discussed

include: hours vs. days of instruction, parent involvement, rigor and relevance, equity and efficiency, teacher quality, and preschool.

Allowable growth at 4 percent for the 2007-08 school = an increase of \$205 per pupil and establishes a state cost per pupil of \$5,333.

Warren County Conference Board: John Burrell related that the main topic of discussion at the last meeting was the large increase in the 2006-2007 budget, largely due to the purchase of aerial photography and legal expenses. The proposed salary increase for courthouse employees is 4%. Herbert Ruble was appointed to the Board of Review. There were 182 protests filed to the Board of Review for the 2005 session, 114 were upheld, 68 denied.

Children First Forum: Ron Miller related that the next Children First Forum meeting would be held March 27<sup>th</sup>. A representative from the U.S. Department of Education will be at the meeting to talk about the No Child Left Behind law.

Athletic Boosters—The Athletic Boosters approved a contribution of \$1500 for baseball safety equipment and baseball bats. The Milo concession stand was tabled until nicer weather. The Athletic Boosters will pay for half of the football camp fees this year.

Fine Arts Boosters—The Fine Arts Night was reviewed. The silent auction was a profitable addition to the evening. The Fine Arts Boosters will pay for headsets for the drama department.

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

1. February 13, 2006 minutes
2. Financial reports

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchett to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 4.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Dr. Hulleman reported on the following items:

1. A copy of a thank you letter to Sheriff Lee for the excellent service provided during the investigation of threats by two students last week was given to board members.
2. A copy of the letter from Mr. Gladfelter to the community following last week's incident was given to board members.
3. Letters have been sent to the parents of the students in juvenile detention stating that a ten-day suspension will begin if/when the student is eligible to return to school. A special board meeting may be called to determine the action to be taken following the ten-day suspension.

4. A meeting was held with Melcher-Dallas this afternoon to discuss the possibility of a shared wrestling program next year. Dr. Hulleman would like to have the issue resolved by the end of April.

5. An engineer is coming this Thursday at 3:30 to look over the parking lots. The Liberty Center and Milo parking lots are scheduled to be resurfaced this year.

**DAYCARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES:** Dr. Hulleman presented the following revised Sunset Sunrise Daycare guidelines effective April 1, 2006, to allow the program to continue for another year.

1. The District will distribute a brochure highlighting the established daycare providers to all district families prior to the beginning of school each fall. In addition, this brochure will be distributed to all new families moving into the district during the school year.
2. The Sunset Sunrise Daycare program will serve children who are ages three, four and five. The District will only publicize this program through District and building newsletters and on the District website.
3. In all other ways, the District will cooperate with private daycare providers to maintain a healthy balance of locally provided care for the children in the district-wide community.
4. The District will continue to operate its before and after school daycare service, as well as the summer daycare program. The summer daycare program will serve children who are ages 3-12.

Mema Becker addressed the Board concerning the issue of the school providing care for three and four-year-olds. Mema expressed the concern that local daycare providers have that the school's daycare program for three and four-year-olds will take away from their businesses. There are currently several daycare providers in the area and they do not feel like now is the time for the school to also have a three-year-old daycare program. Mema related that the local providers also take part-time children, will take "active" children and accommodate extra early hours or very late hours.

Pat Chumbley asked the Board to explain what "cooperate with private daycare providers" meant? Dr. Hulleman related that the District was not interested in expanding the three-year-old program into a large program. The District would only like to serve enough three and four-year-olds to make the program self-supporting. If the numbers don't increase, the Board would need to look at the program again. The current

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## BOARD MINUTES, continued

program was expanded at the request of parents and with administrative input.

Dr. Hulleman recommended to the Board to continue the day care program as outlined. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by John Burrell to approve the guidelines as listed. Ayes: 4.

**COMMUNITY SURVEY:** Doug Hommer, Albert Putz and Tom Farley presented a summary of the topics discussed at a community meeting held a week ago. Approximately twenty parents had met to discuss concerns they had with the District. Some of the topics discussed included the advantage of a full-time superintendent versus a part-time superintendent, elimination of an elementary principal to pay for a full-time superintendent, concerns that previous staff resignations were due to lack of support from the administration and that there would be further staff resignations for the same reason, discipline, enforcement of rules, and destruction of physical equipment in the buildings. The group of community members asked for Board support of a process to provide input for dialog and change, such as a community survey. Dr. Hulleman will meet with Doug Hommer, Albert Putz and Tom Farley to work out the details of a parent group to put together a survey to obtain feedback from patrons about various aspects of the District.

**FIVE-YEAR EXPENDITURE PLAN:** Dr. Hulleman reviewed the expenditure plan that the Board approved last year. The major projects this year are the parking lots at Liberty Center and Milo. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with estimates for the parking lots.

**SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION:** The following schedule was developed for the Superintendent's evaluation:

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Completed evaluation forms turned into Board President

May 1 - Evaluation summary sent to Board members and superintendent

May 8 - Closed session with Board and superintendent to review evaluation summary and discuss goals for superintendent

June 12 - Superintendent's goals presented to Board

**PERSONNEL ITEMS:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the appointment of Myrissa Gingerich, Assistant JH Boys' Track Coach, 4%-Step 1. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the appointment of Myrissa Gingerich, Assistant JH Boys' Track Coach. Ayes: 4.

Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the early retirement request from Nancy Mead, elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the early retirement request from Nancy Mead. Ayes: 4.

Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the retirement request from Patricia Hampton, elementary secretary, effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the retirement request from Patricia Hampton. Ayes: 4.

Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the resignation of Kimberly Warner, Spanish teacher, effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the resignation of Kimberly Warner. Ayes: 4.

**HEARING ON EARLY START DATE:** The calendar proposed for 2006-2007 includes a start date prior to the week that includes September 1. A hearing was held to allow community members present the opportunity to speak for or against the early start date of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Hulleman related that a petition had been received with 68 signatures asking for a start date after September 1 or Labor Day.

**APPROVE EARLY START DATE:** Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the early start date for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: 4. The administration will take a look at a later start date for the 2007-2008 school year.

**APPROVE 2006-2007 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by John Burrell to approve the 2006-2007 school calendar. Ayes: 4.

**APPROVE 2006-2007 BUDGET FOR PUBLICATION AND SET HEARING DATE:** Julie Wilson presented the proposed 2006-2007 budget. The proposed tax rate is \$17.99627 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Dr. Hulleman requested authorization to publish the budget and to schedule the public hearing on the budget at the regular board meeting on April 10. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by John Burrell to authorize publication of the budget and to set the hearing date for April 10<sup>th</sup>. Ayes: 4.

**ELP TRIP:** Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the ELP trip to Nauvoo, Illinois, April 20-21. Six sixth-grade students will be part of a

## New Scholarship

A new scholarship is being established in memory of Doc Graham. Contributions may be made to the SEW Scholarship Foundation, and the first fundraiser is planned as follows:

**Sunday, May 7**

**Biscuits & Gravy, 7-11 am**

**Milo Legion Hall**

All proceeds go to Doc Graham Memorial Scholarship.

## Library Receives Grant

The Lacona Public Library has been awarded a Books For Children grant from the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Oregon. The foundation supplies book grants to small rural libraries that meet their requirements. The Lacona Library raised \$350 earlier this year from a can drive and the foundation will match that at a 2 - 1 ratio. The Library will be able to select books amounting to \$1050 or about 70 books.

*submitted by Barb Ripperger*

group of ELP students from Southeast Warren, Pleasantville, Melcher-Dallas, and PCM on the trip. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the ELP trip to Nauvoo, Illinois, April 20-21. Ayes: 4.

**BOARD POLICY 406.2:** Dr. Hulleman recommended revising Board Policy 406.2, "Substitute Teachers" to reflect an increase in the substitute teacher pay rate to \$90 per day effective for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the revision of Board Policy 406.2, "Substitute Teachers" to reflect the increase in substitute teacher pay to \$90 per day effective for the 2006-2007 school year. Ayes: 4.

**BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 401 AND 407:** Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the review and revision of Board Policy Sections 401, "Certified Personnel Selection", and 407, "Non-Certified Personnel Selections". Ayes: 4.

President Wad lead journed the meeting at 7:28 pm.

## NEW YORK! NEW YORK!

We want to thank everyone who helped make it possible for us to visit and perform in New York City during Spring Break.

We rode a cruise ship around the Manhattan shoreline after dark, toured the United Nations, visited Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, and the Metropolitan Art Museum. We performed at St. Paul's Cathedral, the church that served as the relief station during 911. This cathedral, New York's oldest church, was where George Washington prayed before he was sworn in as President. We had a guided tour of Manhattan and Times Square. We watched the New York Knicks get beat by the Raptors in Madison Square Gardens, and toured the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Julliard School of Music.

A highlight for all of us was a performance by Emma Davis in Times Square. We had people asking for her CD and wondering when she would perform next! We toured Broadway, attended a performance of "Phantom of the Opera" and even had a question/answer session with "Phantom" himself.

A big thanks to our chaperones who diligently volunteered themselves for a week to keep us all safe. They were Brian Chaplin, Dianne Chambers, Kyle Clark, Geri Davis, Denise Eichhorn, BJ and LeaAnn Hagen, Lori Hart, Joan Hembry, Cindy Klages, Teresa Lamb, Jeff Lewis, Cathy Nutting, Julie Schaefer, and Brent Spear. Without them, and the support of wonderful community, none of this would have been possible. Thanks to all of you!!

### Contest Results ---

Congratulations to the following Jr. High students who represented Southeast Warren at an Honor Choir Festival in Martendale in March. They represented our program very well. Performers were: Grant Beck, Brittany Backus, Kelsie Brawdy, Justin Brummer, Brandon Clemons, Erick Davis, Jake DeLay, Shelby Dodd, Allan Drone, Evan Gardner, Jade Hibbler, Kylee Horton, Emmett Konrad, Sami Lawton, Haley Mason, Levi Meling, Samuel Nutting, Seth Nutting, Shawn Putz, Lindzey Northway, Donna Petry, Kaylene Ripperger, Grant Seuferer, Kaylee Tolbert, Myles Thompson, and Lindsay Young.

A big congratulations to Ashley Thompson and Cortney Hardy who earned Superior and Excellent ratings at the Iowa High School Music Association's Solo Contest in Lamoni in March.

Lastly, we look forward to performing for you in our last concert, Spring Fine Arts Night on May 11. This has been a wonderful year. Thanks to all who have helped us along the way.

*Lynnea Young*

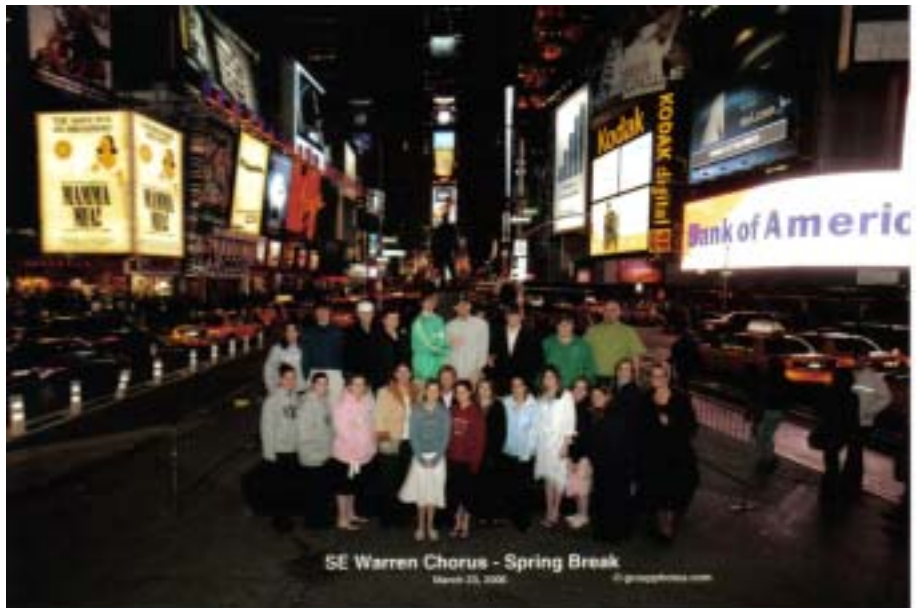
## Band Notes

Our Spring Pop's Concert is over. Both Jr. High and High School bands enjoyed playing a varied program of popular music for an enthusiastic crowd.

We are now setting our sights on state large group contest. Our high school band was the only band in our conference last year to receive a Division I rating and we are poised to repeat the rating again this year. After contest on May 5<sup>th</sup> we will begin working on graduation. The school year is almost over. It seems like just last week that we were playing for football games. Is time going faster or am I just getting older?

I will leave you with one last thought regarding music and the band program. This research is from the College Entrance Examination Board, Princeton, New Jersey: Students in band taking the A.C.T. test scored 63 points higher on verbal and 44 points higher on math than students with no band participation. Another study of 7500 university students revealed that music majors scored the highest reading scores among all majors including English, biology, chemistry and math. Research like this makes my job all the more rewarding!

*Willis VanderLinden, Director of Bands*





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## AFTER-PROM

### So many thanks!

We have been overwhelmed with the donations and contributions from businesses and individuals to make this event a success.

We're out of space here, but next month we hope to publish the complete list of contributors so the students and our committee may express our gratitude.

### On to next year . . .

Any parents of this year's juniors, who might be interested in working with others on the After Prom 2007 Committee for next year, please come to our first meeting **Monday night, June 5th**. The meeting will be held at the high school in the media room at 6:30 p.m.

There are many possibilities to discuss for fundraising, as early as July 4th! If you are interested but are unable to come, please call Sherry Manser or Jill Baker for more information. We hope everyone will take an interest in making next year's After Prom a safe and fun event.