

MAY EVENTS

- Kindergarten Round-up
- Art Club Art-A-Thon
- Fine Arts/Senior Awards Night
- ITBS/ITED Reward Day
- Graduation Ceremony
- Spring Games/Community Service Day
- Class field trips
- Nat. Teacher Appreciation Week
- School Board Recognition Week
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Snow Make-up Days

The three school days missed due to inclement weather will be made up at the end of the school year. Those days are June 1, 4, and 5. The last two days will be 2:15 dismissals, and semester tests will be taken at the high school those days. Teachers workdays will be June 6 and 7.

The seniors' last regular day will still be May 15, with their semester tests to be taken May 16 & 17.

Annual Progress Report

To All Residents of the Southeast Warren School District:

Once again, we are pleased to present our Annual Progress Report for the school district. Every Iowa school district is required to distribute this report to its patrons each year.

Over the past three months we reported on reading, math and science achievement. This month we are reporting on other indicators required by the No Child Left Behind Act.

Percent of Students Tested 2004-2005

<u>4th grade</u>	<u>SEW</u>	<u>Iowa</u>
Reading	100	99.6
Math	100	99.5
<u>8th grade</u>		
Reading	100	99.4
Math	100	99.4
<u>11th Grade</u>		
Reading	100	98.7
Math	100	98.7

In order to assure that all students will be proficient, it is necessary for the great majority of them to be tested. The expectation is that at least 95% of students will be tested. You can see that Southeast Warren and Iowa schools in general do an excellent job of this.

Attendance 2004-2005

	<u>K-8</u>	<u>K-12</u>
SEW	96.0%	95.6%
State	95.8%	95.2%

Attendance at Southeast Warren and throughout Iowa is generally high. These numbers have been consistent over the years.

Graduation Rate

	<u>SEW</u>	<u>State</u>
Class of 2005	100%	90.7%

The goal for all schools is to have at least a 90% graduation rate. We were able to graduate 100% of the students in 2005. With graduating classes of 40-50, the loss of any one student decreases our graduation rate by two percent or more.

Graduation Requirements 2003-2004

	<u>SEW</u>	<u>State</u>
English	4.0	3.6
Math	2.0*	2.3
Science	2.0*	2.2
Social Studies	4.0	3.0
Total	25.0	23.3

*Has been increased to 3.0

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These are the core subjects and the total. The difference consists of the elective offerings at Southeast Warren High school. This would include vocational courses, fine arts, and physical education.

**Curriculum Units Taught
2003-2004**

	SEW	State
English	5.5	8.9
Math	7.0	8.8
Science	5.0	6.6
Social Studies	7.0	6.6
Total	67.0	71.2

**NATIONAL
SCHOOL BOARD
RECOGNITION WEEK
MAY 13-19**

SEW School Board Members

Ron Miller, President
John Burrell, Vice President
Jennifer Mihalovich
Larrie Williams
Paul Mead

The Southeast Warren Mat Club includes youth wrestlers from SEW and Melcher. We have had a great season and we want to recognize our boys for a job well done.

On Saturday, March 10, the AAU Districts Wrestling Tournaments were held for kids in 3rd-8th grade. Those who placed first through fourth place qualified for the AAU State Wrestling Tournament that was held in Des Moines on March 24-25. Southeast Warren participants who wrestled in the Indianola district tournament include: Lance Hoch, Keetan Lawler, Gabe Henderson (3rd), Jake Hunerdosse (1st), Brian Jimenez, and Cody Schurman (4th). Melcher participants who

These numbers represent the total number of courses taught in the core areas. The total represents the core plus all the elective offerings. Southeast Warren is slightly below the state average in total courses offered. This would generally be true of school districts our size and smaller.

This completes our reporting of the 2004-2005 Annual Progress Report for the Southeast Warren School District. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me or one of the building principals.

*Harold Hulleman,
Superintendent*



Volunteer high school students interact with elementary students during the Rock-in-Prevention assembly on March 29

SEW Mat Club

wrestled in the Oskaloosa district include: Ty Schneider (3rd), Brock Breese (3rd), Alex Mitchell (2nd), and Jacob Hoch (1st).

On Sunday, March 11, the Super Pee Wee State Wrestling Tournament was held in Waterloo for kids in K-2nd grade. Southeast Warren participants who wrestled in the Super Pee Wee State Wrestling Tournament include: Alec Henderson (2nd), Brock Graham, T.J. Dierking (5th), Bryce Hall, and Colton Greif. We had one Melcher participant, Brandon Davenport.

On March 24-25, the AAU State Wrestling Tournament was held at Veteran's Memorial Auditorium (The Barn) in Des Moines for those

kids in 3rd-8th grade who qualified at their district tournament. State participants include: Gabe Henderson (4th), Jake Hunerdosse (6th), Cody Schurman, Ty Schneider (4th), Jacob Hoch (2nd), Alex Mitchell, and Brock Breese. The NCAA Division I national champion, Trent Paulson from Iowa State, shook hands with the place winners and awarded them their medals.

All of the boys trained very hard to prepare for these tournaments and it paid off. All represented their schools and communities well by performing well and showing excellent sportsmanship whether it was a win or loss. Great job boys!

JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL Terry Gladfelter, Principal

State Solo/Small Ensemble Contest

Pride of Iowa Sportsmanship – Annually the Leon Lions Club awards a sportsmanship trophy in the Pride of Iowa Conference, composed of 12 schools. The award is based on the official’s ratings of the coaches, players, and spectators in the sports of volleyball, wrestling, boys and girls basketball. Five years ago Southeast Warren was in the 12th position. This year we have won the sportsmanship award! Congratulations to coaches, players, and the community for the great improvement. Our next goal – can we make this a repeat for next year?

POI Sportsmanship	Games reported	'07 placement	'06 placement	'05 placement
Overall Rating	28	First	3	10
Volleyball	5	3-way tie 1st	2	5
Wrestling	9	10	6-way tie 1 st	4-way tie 1 st
Girls Basketball	7	1st	7	9
Boys Basketball	7	2nd	9	11

Coaches Recognition – Congratulations to Matt Oliver, Jim Carr, John Burrell, and Phil Oliver for being recognized twice this year as football coaches of the year. They were recognized in November as the Class A, District 8 coaches of the year. In March, they were recognized in Region 4 as coaches of the year in the 8Man/Class A division. Gene Chizik, the new Iowa State football coach presented the coaches with their March award.

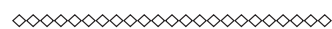
Parental Involvement Research Summary – Recently I came across some information and data from the Parent Institute, consisting of a summary of important parent involvement research findings for educators and parents. I would like to publish these items over the next months. Our involvement as a community is vital in increasing student achievement. Here are some of the findings.

- Home atmosphere correlates more highly with academic achievement than any single or combined group of traditional indicators of socioeconomic status including parents’ income, education or occupation.
- An international study of eighth grade math and science achievement found that in the United States 64% of the differences in achievement were attributable to “home” variables and 40% to “school” variables.
- The University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research found that for every extra hour of reading done each week, test scores rose by 0.5 points while for every additional five hours of watching TV, test scores were 0.5 points lower.
- An international study found that parental support for academic achievement was one of the most prominent and consistent factors leading to higher achievement for students.
- Children who spent time reading for pleasure did better on tests of cognitive achievement than those who did not read for pleasure.
- Research on the long-term effects of parent involvement showed that parent involvement has powerful effects on high school learning, even through

On Saturday, April 14, several vocal music students traveled to Twin Cedars High School to perform in the Iowa State Solo/Small Ensemble Contest. The students performed very well with our students bringing home 9 Division I ratings and 4 Division II ratings

Students receiving Division I-Superior ratings were: Daylan Eichhorn, Cortney Hardy, Emma Davis, Seth Nutting, Samuel Nutting, Evan Gardner, Sarah Wachter, Breanna Konrad, and Ashley Thompson. Those receiving Division II -Excellent Ratings were: Emma Davis, Breanna Konrad, Tristan Gardner, and Ashley Thompson.

Congratulations to all of you!! !



the last year of high school.

- Parent involvement during high school results in higher grades in English and mathematics, better attendance and behavior, and better preparation for classroom learning.
- Parental involvement at home influences academic performance more strongly than parent involvement at school.
- Organizing and monitoring children’s time (especially related to television viewing), assisting with homework, and talking about school issues with children are three types of parent involvement at home that are consistently related to school achievement.

I will be publishing further findings in the coming months. The complete report can be found online at www.parent-institute.com/summary.

Coaching Authorization Opportunities

Have you wanted to join the coaching staff? If so, there are a couple of opportunities for you to obtain your coaching authorization. These are great chances for you to get your authorization rather quickly and for a nominal fee.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements for coaching or these opportunities, please contact Mr. Ripperger at the high school.

IGHSAU Program

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union, in partnership with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and Heartland Area Education Agency will offer the 3rd annual coaching authorization and endorsement program June 18-22, 2007, in Des Moines on the Drake University campus.

Those interested can register on-line at the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union website or www.AEA11.k12.ia.us (click on Professional Development Catalog). The first 120 commitments received will close registration for this program in 2007, although a waiting list will be held. One hundred percent attendance is required for all sessions of the 5-day clinic. Partici-

Coe College (held over two weekends)

Coe College will offer certified courses for Iowa coaches' authorization June 1-3 and June 9-10, 2007.

Professional staff of the Physical Education Department at Coe College will teach the courses needed for the Iowa Coaching Authorization. This certification allows an individual to be a head coach for all interscholastic activities in the state of Iowa. The Coe College program has been approved by the Teacher Education and Certification Division of the Iowa Department of Public Instruction. Participants who successfully complete the program may coach interscholastic athletic activities under the Coaching Authorization Bill of 1984.

Cost of the program is \$385.00 for 55 contact hours (\$7.00 per contact hour). Please register by May 25, 2007. Deadline for deposit: May 31, 2007.

Persons who have previously completed portions of the program will be charged \$7.00 for each contact hour. Individuals who feel they have completed course work to satisfy some of the requirements of the Coaching Authorization must send a transcript to the Department Chair prior to the course. For information call 319/399-8505.

The schedule for the program:

Friday, June 1: 5:00 -11:00 p.m. &

Saturday, June 2: 8:00 a.m.-noon, 12:30-6:30 p.m., 7:00-11:00 p.m.

- The prevention and care of athletic injuries and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity (20 hrs). Instructor: Mitch Doyle

Sunday, June 3: 7:00 a.m.-noon, 12:30-5:30 p.m. - Structure and

function of the human body in relation to physical activity (10 hours).

Instructor: Chad Libby

Saturday, June 9: 7:00 a.m.-noon, 12:30-5:30 p.m., 6:00-11:00 p.m.

- Techniques, theory, ethics, and

professional practices of coaching interscholastic athletics (15 hours) Instructor: Larry Atwater

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Funding is available as a result of a five-year agreement with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to serve as title sponsor of the Athletic Union and its nine state championships.

Sunday, June 10: 7:00 a.m.-noon, 12:30-5:30 p.m. - Growth and development of children and youth in relation to physical activity (10 hours) Instructor: Elaine Rydze

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Enclosed \$100 deposit toward total course cost of \$385.00 (due May 31, 2007)

Complete this form and mail with required \$100.00 deposit to: Larry Atwater, Chair, Physical Education, Coe College, 1220 First Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 Phone: (319) 399-8505 E-Mail: latwater@coe.edu

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Cindy Butler, Principal

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 in the past, what worked and what could be better. To begin the transition process to junior high the junior high team of teachers came to the Intermediate on April 12th to meet with all sixth grade students. The teachers shared their expectations and answered questions about the upcoming year.

Prior to the meeting the sixth graders were given an opportunity to identify several 7th 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 then followed the assigned seventh grader to each class on shadow day.

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.

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 ques-

tions and prepare them for a visit to the Intermediate. The third grade students will come to the intermediate building on May 22nd 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 will hold a fourth grade orientation in August. This is usually held 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 ensure the transition to a new building goes smoothly.

Reading Night Celebrates 3 Great Events

The Intermediate School's Reading Night held on April 12th celebrated 3 great literary events with lots of fun activities. April 12th was the National Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R) Day, renowned author, Beverly Cleary's birthday and a buy-one-get-one-free Scholastic Book Fair.

Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Beard lead the students in a variety of group activities, which included: Compare and Contrast two books about

hamsters; Story Impressions, where students used the same words as the author and wrote their own stories prior to hearing the story; R.A.F.T. activities where groups of students took on different Roles, different Audiences, various Formats, and different Topics and created posters.

Other activities included an introduction of Beverly Cleary books as well as new titles found in the book

fair, a Floor Storming (the book is introduced with props) activity highlighting a new Magic Tree House Book, books read aloud, and of course, snacks. After the reading night concluded, students had the opportunity to visit the book fair.

Thank you to all the students who participated and to all the adults who helped us prepare for the event.

*Mrs. Oliver &
Mrs. Beard*

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Charlotte Weaklend, Principal

The week of April 2nd was Reading Week at the Primary. Paula Griggs, Milo's Public Librarian, read to all of the youngsters on Monday. On Tuesday, the students enjoyed a special snack and made a bookmark in their classrooms. Tuesday evening several teacher leaders in our building hosted a Reading Night entitled Spring Into Reading from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. here at the school with special activities for the attending students. A special two-for-the-price-of-one Scholastic Book Fair was open the evening of Reading Night, as well as for a couple of hours on Wednesday and Thursday during the school day. On Wednesday, the students were encouraged to wear a shirt with words written on it. Thursday was Hat Day as a reward for partial completion of our "Help Pack the Shelf" program (This program encourages students to purchase a teacher-selected book to add to our library for \$10.00 each.) Also on Thursday, the reading celebration was extended to the lunchroom where green eggs and ham were served for lunch while a book was being read to the students, and the Easter Bunny (Mrs. Weaklend) hosted Easter egg hunts for the each class on the school lawn. The children ate the treats from their plastic eggs and then placed them on our "egg trees" on the front lawns.

Twenty-six Primary girls participated in the Dance Clinic during the week of April 2nd in the Primary multi-purpose room, performing at the high school dance show on the 5th.

At Southeast Warren, we had a very high percentage of students (97%) among our 06-07 SEW kindergartners who had attended at least one year of preschool previous to entering kindergarten – the highest rate of all of the schools in Warren county. As a result of the additional participation in preschool, we are seeing a marked increase in the number of students who are ending their kindergarten year with strong reading & counting skills. We were glad to add a three-year-old section this year and are currently planning to extend the in-session hours of our four-year-old program. We are

still taking registrations for both the three-year-old and the four-year-old preschool programs, as well as the 07-08 kindergarten. Interested parents should call Patty at 942-6216.

April is DIBELS and MAP testing time for the Primary students. DIBELS measures the reading skills of all kindergarten through third graders. MAP tests the progress made by third graders in reading, language, math, and science.

Primary teachers learned about teaching the writing traits of word choice and sentence fluency during their April 26th inservice.

IOWA AGRICULTURE A-Z

Each classroom at the Southeast Warren Primary Center has added a new book to its library. The Iowa Farm Bureau, through the annual Teacher Supplement Grant Program, gifted funds to buy ten copies of H is for Hawkeye, an alphabet book by Patricia Pierce and published as part of the Discover America state by state series from Sleeping Bear Press. The book features many agricultural tools, crops, and careers in a full color, fact-filled format. All students at Southeast Warren are exposed to agriculture and Iowa history as part of district curriculum goals. The Primary Center teachers send a big THANK YOU to Farm Bureau for this informative, colorful, and interesting resource.

Submitted by Beryl Presley



Primary teachers and their new ag books

Students Dig Earth Day

Students at the Southeast Warren Primary Center and Rudy's Rendezvous in Lacona worked together to make Earth Day 2007 special.

In art class, each child decorated one of Rudy's take-out bags with the theme "Earth Day - Heed the Need!" Jan and Rudy Wadle distributed the bags from their restaurant on April 22. 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 included games in PE, songs in music class, special bookmarks from library class, hall displays, classroom activities, and dirt pudding on the lunch menu.

Friendship Fair Hola everyone!

The Primary Center will hold its annual Friendship Fair the last day of school. We will be studying the country of Spain during our last two weeks of school.

Please contact us if you have visited Spain and would like to come talk with our students or if you have artifacts which you would be willing to share.

We hope to have as much information available to our students as possible. Contact Vicki Young, Rebecca Burgin, Candy Drone or the school office at 942-6216. Thank you!



The Easter Bunny reads to Primary students during Reading Night April 3

ACCELERATED READERS

Second and third graders have been reading lots of books this past quarter, and we have had our 3rd AR Celebration Party. One more party is scheduled near the end of May for those students who will qualify. They look forward to seeing their picture in the hallway, their name being announced at the assembly every Friday, AND the AR party at the end of the quarter. A BIG THANK YOU to PIE for funding our parties which help motivate our students to KEEP READING. CONGRATULATIONS and we hope you continue with this GREAT WORK!!

25 Point Club: Tyler Backstrom, Blake Bauer, Trenton Carruthers, Hailey Chapman, Meghan Coop, Will Dolezal, Kortney Riggan, Gabbie Smith, Lauren Spence, Jeffrey Wadle, Victoria Worthington, Jed Balk, Justin Barnes, Lane Becker, Alex Brehm, Kelli Chapman, Shannon Coffman, Morgan Collins, Emilie Cooper, Katie Cosner, Brock Graham, Kaleb Miller, Samantha Oakley, Mason Ohnemus, Jaden Schurman, Sammy Straw, Makayla Vinsick, Britton Ankrum, Nina Bales, Lance Hoch, Vance Ohnemus, Mitchell Agan, Jared Baker, Regan Champ, Delaney May, Tyler Nickum, Tanner Worthington

50 Point Club: Travis Hobbs, Randy Thomas, Georgia Casner, John Tarwater, Anthony Baker, Morgen Greif, Keetan Lawler, Tanner Allen, Olivia Anders, Tiffany Barr, Everett Dittmer, Hannah Judd, Alec Pierce, Ilyse Putz, Jill Williams

75 Point Club: Alex Lerch

100 Point Club: Walker Porterfield

125 Point Club: Bryant Seuferer

175 Point Club: Brooke Seuferer

Rising Readers: Tyler Nickum, Britton Ankrum, Jed Balk, Lane Becker, Alex Brehm, Georgia Casner, Kelli Chapman, Shannon Coffman, Morgan Collins, Emilie Cooper, Katie Cosner, Brock Graham, Samantha Oakley, Jaden Schurman, Sammy Straw, Makayla Vinsick, Blake Bauer, Meghan Coop, Will Dolezal, Lexi Doss, Trenton Carruthers, Hailey Chapman, Lauren Spence, Travis Hobbs, Jeffrey Wadle, Victoria Worthington

Super Readers: Tanner Allen, Olivia Anders, Nina Bales, Tiffany Barr, Everett Dittmer, Lance Hoch, Hannah Judd, Vance Ohnemus, Walker Porterfield, Luke Ulin, Anthony Baker, Jared Baker, Morgen Greif, Keetan Lawler, Alex Lerch, Delaney May, Alec Pierce, Jill Williams, Tanner Worthington, Ilyse Putz, Kaleb Miller, Mason Ohnemus, John Tarwater, Gabbie Smith, Randy Thomas, Tyler Backstrom

Advanced Readers: Bryant Seuferer, Brooke Seuferer

**Southeast Warren Community School District
Regular Board Meeting
March 12, 2007**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session March 12, 2007, in the technology lab of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following board members were present: John Burrell, Larrie Williams, and Paul Mead. Jennifer Birchette was absent. Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend, Transportation Director Joel Mosher and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

AGENDA: Motion by Paul Mead, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the agenda. Ayes: 4.

REPORTS:

Transportation report submitted by Joel Mosher:

We had 16 extra trips for the month. Along with the number of extra trips came a few cold weather problems. We had one bus slide off the road due to rain turning to ice on the road. This bus was on a route. The kids were removed and put on another bus; none of the kids or the driver were hurt. The bus sustained some damage but has been repaired and is back in service.

All the drivers have been signed up for our annual training to be held in March.

Primary Principal's report submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

Partners in Education hosted an elementary carnival on March 9th in the Intermediate center. This event was postponed from its original May 2nd date due to the most recent snow storm.

Another upcoming March event sponsored by PIE is a performance by the Old Creamery Theatre group at 2:00 p.m. in the Intermediate gym for all elementary students grades kindergarten through 6th grade. This group tours the entire state presenting character-themed shows inspired by Iowa kids. On the following morning, PIE will be bringing a Rock-in-Preventions assembly to both the Primary and the Intermediate centers. The Rock-in-Preventions assemblies involve local high school students in presenting a very interactive program that features drug prevention information and character lessons.

It looks as though we will soon be adding our eighth one-on-one teacher associate in the Primary building, serving ten students full or part-time. In addition, we have a room associate in all three of our special education classrooms due

to sizes of class rosters, as prescribed by our district special education plan. We also employ a library associate who keeps the library and its program operational in the absence of our district media specialist. While the needs of our student population seem to be growing overall, there are success stories too as one-on-one time is cut back in some cases as the child matures in his/her ability to function well in the regular program unassisted.

Total participation during the Parent-Teacher Conferences on the evenings of February 20th and 22nd was 92%. Participation during the November Parent-Teacher Conferences was 91%.

Intermediate Principal's report submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. Parent Teacher Conferences February 20 & 22, 2007

Parent-Teacher Conferences			
Teacher	Held	Possible	Percent
Ripperger	16	17	94%
Jones	13	16	81%
Hayes	19	20	95%
Schneider	17	19	89%
Clay	15	16	94%
Miller	18	18	100%
Totals	98	106	92%
Beard	9	9	100%
Butler	11	12	92%

The total homeroom conferences held this February were up slightly from the November conference totals of 90%. They were also up compared to this same time last year (86%).

2. During conferences Partners in Education hosted another successful book fair. We earned several hundred dollars worth of books for teachers' classroom libraries and the building library.

3. We have a student teacher from Simpson working with Mrs. Young in K-12 music.

4. Science Night will be held on Tuesday, March 13, beginning at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend and view science projects from each grade level.

5. District Leadership Team (DLT) met on Monday. We read and discussed an article on the use of formative assessment in the classroom. This type of assessment is used by the classroom teacher to determine if students are learning what is being taught. Team members reported on the progress of their study teams. In addition, team members had an opportunity to have input into the development of the school calendar.

Secondary Principal's report submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

Rigor & Relevance Professional Development – This year our professional development at the high school has been based on the International Center for Leadership in Education. This is the work headed up by Bill Dagget one of the leading proponents for high standards in education. The work of his organization is also being endorsed by the state through the high school summits. The reading and learning strategies in his work are being presented and used by our reading teams at the high school. Each reading team will present twice this year during our early out training. Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Dirx, Mrs. Mitzelfelt, Mr. Noveshen and myself have been attending Rigor and Relevance training through the AEA with schools from our size up to Ankeny, Johnston and Indianola. During these meetings we have had opportunity to interact with fellow teachers and administrators about what they are trying to do to promote Rigor and Relevance. Though there is always room for improvement, as a team we are pleased with what is being accomplished at SEW. In April the AEA has asked that we present what we have been doing in our building with professional development.

Driver Education – We have begun our classes for this spring. We have 41 students signed up for the class this year. The cost of the program this year is \$225. This is a price increase of \$25 because of fewer students in the program. This price is still significantly less than our students having to take driver ed from a private company.

TIPS Assembly – Traumatic Injury Prevention Strategies will be hosting an assembly for our students on Monday, March 12. This organization came about 6 years ago. Mrs. Chambers highly recommended this group to help make our students aware of the need for safety whether cycling, driving, or swimming.

Solo Speech Contest - Our speech students participated in District Solo Speech Contest on Wednesday in Osceola. Our students all received a Division I or II rating. The following students will be going to State Solo Speech Contest on the 17th of March.

Tristan Gardner – Acting and Radio
Emily Claghorn – After Dinner Speaking
Heidi Dittmer – Literary Program
Emily Nutting – Radio

One Classroom At A Time – Channel 5 ABC presented a \$1000 check to Mrs. Young on Tuesday, February 20. Mrs. Young had submitted a request earlier in the year and her proposal was chosen. The proposal was for a good electronic keyboard for the choral program. Mrs. Young has a new Yamaha Clavinova and an appearance on TV.

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Board Minutes, cont'd

Athletic Department report submitted by Dave Ripperger:

On a Roll

The "On-A-Roll" program is designed to recognize student achievement in the classroom. Any student involved in an IGHS AU-sanctioned sport or cheerleading/drill team whose semester grade point average increased from the previous semester are honored. A student whose semester GPA improves 0.01 to 0.32 receives a recognition certificate while students whose semester GPA improves 0.33 or greater receive a medallion. We had twenty-one student athletes involved in volleyball and dance team increase their GPA from the Spring 2006. They are: Kacee Arey, Zoey Birchette, Molly Cleveland, Karly Gaul, Tara Hammer, Carly Lawrence, Chelsea Lewis, Katie Schnathorst, Kayli Schurman, Amanda Clark, Hannah Crow, Kara Gaul, Brandi Haight, Miranda Ray, Jamesa Wadle, Jessica Casey, Cortney Hardy, Mandy Kimzey, Tara Prine, Delaney Stanley, Stephani Wickert. Kacee Arey will receive a medallion from the IGHS AU for increasing her GPA above 0.33.

Wrestling

The season started with twenty-two boys taking body-fat testing prior to the first practice and finished with 13 (of these seven are Southeast Warren students).

The team finished with a 10-20 record and now has accumulated over 450 wins since the inception of the sport in 1963. Last year the squad concluded the season 4-26.

The inclusion of Melcher-Dallas was better than expected and was truly rewarding. These boys are exceeded expectations and worked extremely hard. The relationships that have been created as a result of our shared program are extremely strong. Many of the Melcher parents have commented to me on numerous occasions how happy they are with the direction of the program and how well the boys got along with each other. Some of the wrestlers themselves confided in me that they were very proud of the fact that they were able to improve and contribute to the team.

We did have one conference champion, Spencer Bauer 189#. This is the first conference champion since 2004 (Brandon Bauer 160#). As a team we finished seventh with two additional finalists (Carl Davis 130#, Bill Anders 135#). This is an improvement upon last year when we placed tenth.

The move from 1A to 2A was exactly what we expected. 1A in this area is extremely tough with I-35, Pleasantville, and Nodaway Valley. The 2A competition is not as strong in our immediate area. As a team we finished third behind Carlisle and traditional powerhouse Winterset. Our 166 points is the most scored by the Warhawks

at Sectionals since 2001. Going into the tournament we were hoping for six district qualifiers but settled for five district qualifiers which is the most since 2000. Those district qualifiers included Kaylin Tate 119# runner-up, Carl Davis 130# champion, Bill Anders 140# champion, Shane Nicholson 145# champion, and Spencer Bauer 189# champion.

Districts at Winterset did not prove to be as cheery as we had hoped. We knew it was going to be a tough day (the eventual second and fourth place teams in the state were there). We anticipated potentially one state qualifier but that did not occur. This is the first time in 25 years Southeast Warren has not sent a participant to the state tournament in Des Moines (coincidentally enough the last time we were 2A). Although I do not think the move to 2A is the reason. There would have been no guarantee that our tough kids would have made it through the areas 1A districts either due to tough kids that were superior to our tough kids. I do feel this is in part to coaching and am going try to ensure this will not happen again

Kudos to our Academic-All Conference winners: Levi Hunerdosse Senior, Shane Nicholson Sophomore, Spencer Bauer Senior. Other academic awards have not been tallied yet but I will be nominating Levi and Spencer for Academic All-State honors as well as the Academic Excellence award from the IHSAA.

Girls Basketball

The girls team finished with thirteen girls on the roster and a season record of 7-14 and a 5-11 conference mark which was good for ninth.

I have been pleased with the coaching staff. They have gained the reputation as a scrappy squad. Often times they have remained close in games but couldn't finish them out. The did give Murray (a team ranked fifth by the IGHS AU) quite the scare in the opening rounds of the tournament series.

One All-Conference team member: Angie Steil, 2nd Team.

Academic-All Conference winners: Tara Hommer Sophomore, Kayli Schurman Sophomore, and Angie Steil Senior. Other academic awards have not been tallied yet but I will be checking for academic awards from the state.

Boys Basketball

Seventeen boys finished the season for this year's basketball team. The team's overall record was 10-15 (an impressive 10-2 versus 1A competition) and 3-13 in the very tough Pride of Iowa Conference, which put the team in tenth place.

John has done a tremendous job with the boys and I am pleased with his decision to move to the boys game. I am hoping with his hard work and competitive nature, that the best is yet to come with this squad under his tutelage as they

build upon the successes of this season.

There was a very fabulous finish to this season too. The boys won their district championship game by handily beating Melcher-Dallas 79-64. This entitled the team to play in the Substate Championship game for the first time since 2001. We went into the Substate game with high hopes against Iowa Mennonite whose previous two games were decided in overtime. The game was rather decisive (42-91 loss), but I think it does show the team what they are capable of doing.

One All-Conference team member: Luke Putz, 1st Team.

One Academic All-Conference winner: Luke Putz Senior. Other academic awards have not been tallied, but I will be checking on any Academic Excellence Awards from the IHSAA.

Spring Sports

Schedules are just about wrapped up and should be available on the school website before spring break.

Boys and Girls track is underway and participation levels look great. Mr. Oliver feels very confident with their District draws and feels the success of last year will roll over to this season. Mr. Carr is equally happy having returned his first state qualifier (Kayli Schurman-shot put) in many years.

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

1. February 12, 2007, minutes
2. Financial reports

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

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

1. There are now three snow days to make-up; the last day of school will now be June 5th.
2. Southeast Warren currently has eight students involved in the Upward Bound program.
3. School finance: The Board reviewed facility-related levies.

HEARING ON EARLY START DATE: A hearing was held to allow community members present to speak for or against the early start date of August 22nd for the 2007-2008 school year.

APPROVE EARLY START DATE: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the early start date of August 22nd for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Paul Mead to approve the early start date for the 2007-2008 school year. Ayes: 4.

APPROVE 2007-2008 SCHOOL CALENDAR: Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the

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2007-2008 school calendar as presented. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by John Burrell to approve the 2007-2008 school calendar. Ayes: 4. The Board would like to review results of ending the first semester prior to Christmas break before setting the 2008-2009 school calendar.

2006-2007 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Julie Wilson recommended amending the 2006-2007 certified budget for the Total Support Services expenditure line from \$1,689,850 to \$1,790,000 to ensure that expenditures would not exceed the published certified budget. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve publication of the 2006-2007 budget amendment and set the hearing date for April 9, 2007, at 5:30 pm. Ayes: 4.

2007-2008 BUDGET: Julie Wilson presented the proposed 2007-2008 budget. The proposed tax rate is \$17.47760 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the proposed 2007-2008 budget for publication and setting the hearing date for April 9, 2007, at 5:30 pm. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Paul Mead to approve the proposed 2007-2008 budget for publication and set the hearing date for April 9, 2007, at 5:30 pm. Ayes: 4.

EARLY RETIREMENT REQUEST: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the request from Cathy Burrell for early retirement effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Motion by Paul Mead, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the request for early retirement from Cathy Burrell. Ayes: Larrie Williams, Paul Mead and Ron Miller. John Burrell abstained from voting.

MARKET FACTOR PAY: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the resolution for the use of

the market factor pay funds that the District has received. Motion by Paul Mead, seconded by John Burrell to approve the Market Factor Pay Resolution. Ayes: 4.

WRESTLING AGREEMENT: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the 28E agreement and Iowa High School Athletic Association application for renewal of cooperative sponsorship of an activity for shared wrestling with Melcher-Dallas for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Paul Mead to approve the 28e agreement and the Iowa High School Athletic Association agreement for shared wrestling with Melcher-Dallas for the 2007-2008 school year. Aye: 4.

IASB INSURANCE DIVISION: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the request for continued participation in the IASB Insurance Division. The District must approve the request in order to continue participation in the IASB Safety Group Insurance Program. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Paul Mead to approve the request for continued participation in the IASB Insurance Division. Ayes: 4.

DRIVER EDUCATION FEES: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving an increase in the driver education fees from \$200 to \$225 in order to cover the cost of the program. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Paul Mead to approve the increase in driver education fees from \$200 to \$225. Ayes: 4.

ELP TRIP: Cindy Butler presented information to the Board concerning the ELP field trip to Nauvoo, Illinois, on May 10th and 11th. Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the ELP trip to Nauvoo, Illinois. Motion by Paul Mead, seconded by John Burrell to approve the ELP trip to Nauvoo, Illinois. Ayes: 4.

OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUESTS: Dr. Hulleman related to the Board that requests for open enrollment out for the 2007-2008 school year had been received for Daniel Greene (4th grade) and Corey Waldner (8th grade). The requests were received after the March 1st deadline and there was no "Good Cause" noted on the applications. Dr. Hulleman also related to the Board that an open enrollment in request for the 2007-2008 school year had been received for Kolton Drake, a student who is currently home schooled. This request was also received after the March 1st deadline.

Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Larrie Williams to deny the open enrollment out requests for Corey Waldner and Daniel Greene. Ayes: 4.

Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by John Burrell to accept the open enrollment in request for Kolton Drake. Ayes: 4.

BOARD POLICY SECTIONS 603, 604 AND 605: The Board reviewed Board Policy Sections 603, "Instructional Arrangements", 604, "Services", and 605, "Pupil Progress".

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION: Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Larrie Williams to go into closed session as per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law for the purpose of evaluating the Superintendent. Ayes: 4. The time was 7:20 p.m.

President Ron Miller adjourned the closed session at 8:00 p.m.

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Lacona Public Library News

Everyone is welcome at our Book Discussion Groups: Juvenile Book Discussion- every first Monday of the month. Next meeting is May 7 at 3:30.

Adult Book Discussion- every 3rd Monday at 6:30 pm. Next meeting is April 16 and the book to be discussed is The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad.

Starting Tues., May 1, at 11:30 a.m. we will be having story time for toddlers and preschool age children. All children and parents/sitters are welcome.

I hope to have the library website up and going in about 2 months. I do have the home page on for now but have to do some editing. Sorry! View the home page, at <http://www.lacona.lib.ia.us>

Wyona Shupe has donated a quilt to the Library to raffle at the Lacona Celebration, August 25. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5. The quilt is at the Library, then will be at the Lacona Peoples Bank and various other locations. Tickets available at the bank and from library.board members and staff.

There was a great turnout at the Toddlers Feast at Indianola Whittier School with all Warren County libraries having story time and crafts. Sandy Perry represented the Lacona Public Library. Sandy said there was a little over 200 participants at her table. Thank you, Sandy!

The Annual Lacona Public Library "Tealess Tea" is coming up. Watch your mail.

We have several new donated books; one in particular is The Echo of Poetic Moments by Father Felix Onuora of Holy Trinity of SE Warren Parish. He resides in Lacona.

Pat Neer, Director

Southeast Warren Menu & Activities

MAY 2007

Activities & menus are subject to change. Refer to online information: <http://www.se-warren.k12.ia.us>

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		<i>B: Pancakes L: Pizza dippers, fresh carrots, fruit, B&B</i>	<i>B: Eggs & toast L: Chicken tenders, cooked carrots, fruit, B&B</i>	<i>B: Muffins L: Chicken tetrazini, peas, fruit, cookie</i>	<i>B: Pizza L: Sloppy joe/bun, wedges, fruit</i>	B-GF @ Colfax 10am Art Club Art-A-Thon 10-4
	MAP Testing--all week Kindergarten Round-up all week	B/G TR POI @ Mt. Ayr, 4:00		B/G TR@Newton 5pm G-GF @ Leon 4pm B-GF (H) IA Christian Academy 4:15		
		1	2	3	4	5
National Teacher Appreciation Week	<i>B: Pastry L: Grilled cheese sand., peas, fruit, bar</i>	<i>B: Waffles L: Frito pie, lettuce/cheese, corn, fruit, B&B</i>	<i>B: Eggs & toast L: BBQ pork/bun, fruit, carrots/celery, jello</i>	<i>B: French toast L: Chicken/noodles, mash.potatoes, fruit B&B</i>	<i>B: Saus.gravy/biscuit L: Turkey ham/cheese melts, green beans, fruit, pudding</i>	G-TR Regionals @ Knoxville 10am B-TR Districts @ Knoxville 10am
	JH B/G TR @ Melcher 4:15	G-TR @ Lamoni 5pm Nat. Teacher Appreciation Day		JH B/G TR @ Corydon 4pm Fine Arts & Senior Awards Night 6:30	G-GF @ Colfax 4pm B-GF Sectionals @ Leon 10 am	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
National School Board Recognition Week	<i>B: Pastry L: Nachos, corn, fruit, peanut butter sandwich</i>	<i>B: Pancakes L: Ham/potatoes, peas, fruit, bread</i>	<i>B: Eggs & toast L: Chicken nuggets, french fries, fruit, B&B</i>	<i>B: Muffins L: Cook's Choice</i>	<i>B: Pizza L: Pasta (cook's choice), green beans, fruit, garlic bread</i>	B-GF Districts @ Coon Rapids 10am
	G-GF Districts TBA School Board Mtg., 5:30 pm @ HS		Seniors Sem. Tests	12:30 Dismissal B/G State Track @ Des Moines 10am Seniors Sem. Tests	ITBS/ITED Reward Day Graduation Practice 1:00	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Graduation Ceremony 2:00	<i>B: Pastry L: Cook's choice</i>	<i>B: Cook's choice L: Cook's choice</i>	<i>B: Cook's choice L: Cook's choice</i>	<i>B: Cook's choice L: Cook's Choice</i>	<i>B: Cook's choice L: Cook's choice</i>	B-GF State Tourn. TBA
	Spring Games & Community Service Day G-GF Regionals TBA HSBB@Seymour 6pm	HSBB @ Pella 4pm	Jr. High Adventure-land trip	HSBB (H) Twin Cedars 6pm	B-GF State Tourn. TBA HSBB (H) Chariton 6pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		<i>B: Cook's choice L: Cook's choice</i>	<i>B: Cook's choice L: Cook's choice</i>	<i>B: Cook's choice L: Cook's choice</i>	<i>B: Cook's choice L: Cook's choice</i>	
	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day	G-GF State Tourn. JHBB/SB @ Norwalk 4pm HSBB/SB (H) I-35 6pm	G-GF State Tourn. HSSB (H) Chariton 6pm	JHBB (H) Kville 4pm HSBB/SB @ Leon 6pm	Last Day of School will be June 5	
27	28	29	30	31	June 1	

To access your lunch account and/or make deposits online, call the high school or email: s_elling@se-warren.k12.ia.us. You may deposit any amount into your family/student account.

DAILY LUNCH PRICES: \$1.50 (K-6) \$1.60 (7-12) \$.40 (Reduced) \$2.50 (Adult)

DAILY BREAKFAST PRICES: \$1.00 (K-12) \$.30 (Reduced) \$1.25 (Adult)

Building For Sale

The Southeast Warren School District has the building listed below for sale. Written bids will be accepted until June 1, 2007, at the Superintendent's Office in Liberty Center. This building can be seen at the Lacona School site.

20' x 38' x 8' mobile classroom currently used for storage

- steel floor frame
- rests on blocks
- does not have an axle.

Buyer will be responsible for removing the building from the school property

Athletic Memorials

The Athletic Boosters would like to hang a plaque in the high school to honor families that have had memorial money donated to the boosters. Please submit the following information to the high school office:

- Memorial Name
- Year of Donation
- Contact Name
- Phone Number

Surplus Property For Sale

The Southeast Warren School District has the items listed below for sale. Written bids will be accepted until May 15, 2007, at the Superintendent's Office in Liberty Center. Items can be seen at the Lacona School site.

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Condition</u>
32	12' by 5' chain link panels with galvanized pipe frames	Good
19	6' wood posts (5" diameter)	Varied
35	6' steel posts	Good
75' (est.)	52" chain link fence	Fair
?	1/4" cable from around football field	Fair

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6-12

Several ideas for expressing your thanks can be found at www.teacherscount.org

It is the policy of the Southeast Warren Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, creed, age or marital status in its educational programs or employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy please contact the Equity Coordinator, 16331 Tyler St., Liberty Center, IA, 50145.

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