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Jr./Sr. High Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held Tuesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 11th from 4-8. Please call the office at (641) 466-3331 to schedule an appointment with your student's teachers.

ADULT EDUCATION

The school district is collecting suggestions for adult education courses. Please let us know if you are interested in a certain kind of course, or if you are available to teach a course. Either return this form to the Superintendent's office or call 466-3510.

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I would be willing to serve as a teacher for an Adult Ed. class on _____

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Southeast Warren Emergency Food Pantry

The Southeast Warren Food Pantry will be distributing gift certificates to families in need for the 2004 Christmas Offering. Once again, the Food Pantry Drive will focus on monetary donations instead of non-perishables and other miscellaneous items. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the continued support of the Southeast Warren Parish Churches and community members of the Southeast Warren School District.

In an attempt to get the community more involved in the spirit of the Christmas Season, youth groups will be contacted to distribute containers for cash donations to area businesses in the Southeast Warren District. We are appealing to the local churches to designate Sunday, November 14th to solicit a collection for the Food Pantry.

The deadline to register for the Christmas Food Offering is December 3, 2004. Late registration requests will be honored, provided funds are available. If you desire to participate in the 2004 Christmas Offering, please contact Rev. Jeff Porter - 942-6123, or Pauline Ripperger - 534-3208.

Thank you for your support.

Southeast Warren Food Pantry
Pauline Ripperger

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

Principal's Report

By the time this article is published we will have completed our first nine-week marking period. I am looking forward to reviewing the grades. Why the optimism – because of the midterm report card grades! Last year at the mid term there were 70 F's on the list. This year there were only 30. That difference in 40 students did not mean they all moved to the D list. The D list did grow by 10 from last year. Last year the number of different students represented on the D/F list was 108. This year there were 98, again an encouraging number. There also were no ineligible students in any of the extra-curricular activities! Our teachers and students are working hard to keep these D/F levels shrinking.

Speaking of academics, on October 7, students in grades 7-10 had an opportunity to review their MAP scores from the September testing period. We spent half of the Colorguard period discussing with the students their scores, interpreting the results, and viewing the comparison of what they did last year. I hope they brought this information home to share with you and had an opportunity to explain their scores. Helping the students understand their academic strengths and weaknesses is very important in establishing their ownership in the educational process. Should your student have misplaced their results, we have copies at the high school. Please feel free to come in and talk to us about their scores, or better yet have this discussion with your child.

We have been having a contest during the Colorguard period to encourage students to not be tardy to class. The Colorguard group that has the fewest tardies will receive pizza during their Colorguard period. On October 7, Mrs. Sage's 8th grade group received the pizza. There were sixteen students in the group and a possible opportunity to be tardy over 2400 times. This group of students only had a total of four tardies during the nineteen days of counting. GREAT JOB!

Finally I want to publicly thank Mr. Ripperger and the members of the Student Government for their enthusiasm and effort in providing another "fun" Homecoming week. Many hours of "behind the scenes" planning and preparation were given to provide our students and community with a week of spirit building activities. Thank you to all who planned and participated.

Submitted by Terry Gladfelter, Secondary Principal

Scholarship Fundraiser

Music/Variety Show and Dance

Featuring the Branson-quality music of "Young Country" - from Laredo, Mo and featured guests:

*Singers Pat Meade,

Marjorie Horton and Ann Brock

*BLT Dancers (State Fair performers from Pella area)

*Dave Alfstad's Bluegrass Band from Indianola

Friday, Nov. 12, 2004

**Where: SE Warren High School,
Liberty Center**

Admission: \$6 School Age \$3

Supper: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Music and Dance starting at 7:00

For more information, call Pat or Nancy Meade (641) 466-3512.

FCCLA Happenings

Submitted by Dorie Knight

FCCLA is planning to do some exciting things this year. Our first meeting was on September 30th. During the meeting we elected officers, discussed upcoming events, and fund-raisers. The newly elected officers are Korie Downs-President, Gabe Town-Vice President, Lacy Goreing-Recording/Secretary, and Dorie Knight-News Letter.

During the month of October, we had a fund-raising brochure to help raise money for the upcoming Cluster meeting, November 19-21, and for the State meeting in March. On October 20th, we will be attending the FCCLA District Meeting at DMACC in Ankeny. We will leave school at around 8am and return around 3 am.

The upcoming Nashville trip, November 19-21st, promises to be exciting. As of now, the members who are attending are Korie Downs, Dorie Knight, Gabe Town, and Joey Clay. We will leave after school Thursday, November 18th and travel all night to Nashville on a charter bus with FCCLA members from other school districts. On Friday night there will be a session at 8pm and one all day Saturday 9 am to 10 pm. We will leave Sunday morning and be home that afternoon.

From your **Intermediate Principal...**

Cindy Butler

Last year as we wrote our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) a committee of teachers and community advisory committee members reviewed several sources of data to determine areas of school improvement. One data source reviewed was the Iowa Youth Survey taken by 6th, 8th, and 11th graders in 2002. This survey was given to students all across Iowa. The purpose of the survey was to collect information about Iowa youth and to better understand their beliefs, values, and decisions about what makes them feel secure, strong, and safe in their communities, schools, and families. In addition, information was collected about their ideas on alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual safety, and violence prevention.

The following data made an impact on these two committees: Tobacco and alcohol use among Southeast Warren's 6th, 8th, and 11th graders had increased from 1999 to 2002. In fact, 75% of the 11th graders in 2002 reported they were currently using alcohol as of the date of the survey compared to 59% of the 11th graders in 1999.

It is apparent from the survey, the drug of choice in our community is alcohol.

Both committees discussed what our school does to discourage the use of alcohol. Some of the programs or activities we offer are the D.A.R.E. program, Red Ribbon Week Celebration, Rock 'n Prevention, and a variety of speakers.

Red Ribbon Week was October 25th to the 29th. At the intermediate school we held special activities all week to encourage our students to be drug and alcohol free. The high school FFA, the classroom teachers, and the guidance counselor talked about the importance of not using alcohol, drugs and tobacco products.

To be effective at decreasing alcohol use, we need the community and parents to be supportive of and encourage students to be alcohol and drug free. I encourage all parents and community members to reinforce the message we delivered to students last week. Alcohol is a drug; it impairs a person's ability to make decisions and interact with other people. The underage use of alcohol can lead to the use of other drugs.

Parents and community members can make a big difference. Talk to students, and be a role model. Children look to parents for information about life decisions and choices, such as how to succeed in school and why they shouldn't use drugs. Most kids don't want to disappoint their families. Parents who send a clear message of "no drinking and no drugs" are setting expectations for their kids, and this will help their kids stay away from alcohol and drugs.

For more information on what parents and community members can do, go to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism web site at www.niaaa.nih.gov or call 1-800-729-6686.

Cindy Butler,
Intermediate Principal

Important Dates from the Guidance Department

Financial Aid Night:
Tuesday, January 11, 2005.

Assistance in filling out FASFA forms:
Tuesday, February 15, 2005.

Please be aware that Mr. Tigner has scholarships that come across his desk everyday that are available to any senior, junior, or sophomore students. These scholarships are put in a three ring binder that can be made available to anyone who would like to look at them. They will also be available on the evenings of November 9th & 11th during parent-teacher conferences.

Students and parents, please contact Mr. Tigner for more information at: 641-466-3331 or tigner@se-warren.k12.ia.us

Also, be aware that in April or May, Mr. Tigner will distribute a copy of the Dollars For Scholars application to each senior. We will send a reminder of this at a later date.

Fine Arts Boosters

The October Fine Arts Boosters meeting was held Wed. Oct. 13. The group discussed the importance of the group. The main goal is to help the students involved in band, vocal, art, and drama. Although financial support is on the top of the list, we also help by volunteering anywhere and everywhere there is a need.

Our group is getting smaller and smaller each year. We ask very little from anyone. We have one meeting a month that lasts an hour or less. We have a small handful of fundraisers or events, but the programs need a lot of money to keep running. There are always instruments or materials to purchase, contests to pay for, and concerts to attend.

We need fresh faces, fresh ideas, and more help. Without any of this, there is a possibility the group will disband in the next year.

If you are willing to give a little time, we would love to see you at our next meeting Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30.

Submitted by Donna Clay

*From your Primary Principal...
Charlotte Weaklend*

November is the month to consider all of the blessings we experience each day in the form of outstanding staff, caring families, and supportive community volunteers.

Thank you to Beryl Presley, kindergarten teacher for organizing our Fire Prevention Week activities during the first week of October. Also, thank you to Sheila Coffman, Michelle Spear, Joel Mosher, Jeremy Cross, and Tracy Ademeit of the Milo Fire and Rescue Department for their outstanding presentation to our students about fire safety during the afternoon of October 7th.

Thanks to all of the grandparents who visited school and ate lunch with their kindergartners during the week of October 18th, our annual Grandparents Week. As of the writing of this article 44 grandparents are scheduled to eat lunch with their grandchildren.

Thanks to Marcia Williams and Megan Morhardt for organizing our Red Ribbon Week, the week of October 25th. The high school FFA group passed out Drug Free ribbons to kick off the week. Mrs. Williams taught the students a drug free song. Mrs. Morhardt had each student create a no drug pledge sheet. Mr. Babcock, our counselor, talked with the students at two separate openings about leading a drug free life. Dianne Butler, our nurse, explained the difference between good drugs and bad drugs at another opening assembly. Students were rewarded for their good listening skills with a "We are the future. . . Let's make it DRUG FREE" wristband, a "say no to drugs" sucker, and a "Celebrate Red Ribbon Week" sticker, all items purchased through a federal Drug Free Schools grant. Students were encouraged to wear red, the official color of Red Ribbon Week, on Wednesday and a hat on Friday to commemorate "Put a Cap on Drugs Day".

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the evenings of November 9th and 11th. We are appreciative of this opportunity for parents and teachers to get together and discuss each child's progress. Teachers will be handing out our first quarter report cards that evening, going over the results of our recent DIBELS and MAP testing as well as classroom assessments, and answering any questions parents may have about their child's growth both academically and socially.

We are thankful for the work of our Partners in Education parent and staff participants. PIE's recent fundraiser toward the purchase of additional playground equipment was a huge success, and PIE will be hosting our second Scholastic Book Fair of the year during the week of November 8th. Our last book fair placed over \$500 worth of books in the classrooms. Without all the effort of this group, the extras would be hard to purchase. A special thanks goes to PIE's officers: Wendy Smith, Melody Kibbe, and Shaun Weeks for all of their hard work, as well as the many parent volunteers who make our fundraisers and special school programs such great successes. Community members are encouraged to become involved in this worthwhile organization that meets the first Monday of each month in the Primary media center and the third Monday of each month in the Intermediate media center. More heads increase the quality, and more hands increase the quantity of the work to done. Thank you!

Charlotte Weaklend, Primary Principal

*From your District
Superintendent...Carl Reno*

Dear Patrons:

I would like to use this space to thank the parents, staff and community for your excellent cooperation during my 5-month interim period here at Southeast Warren Schools. I am extremely happy with the students' attitude toward achievement this year. With the new federal guidelines it is very important that our student body be aware of the demands put on student achievement through our present testing program.

You, as parents, must have high expectations of your children that reinforces the school's goals if test scores are to increase. Iowa has slipped to third in national ranking and our legislature expects schools to produce better results if additional funding is to be considered.

The new superintendent will be Dr. Harold Hulleman, and he will begin his duties November 1st. Please make an effort to welcome him and continue your cooperative attitude as he adjusts to this position.

Again, thank you to all who helped make my stay a positive experience. My goals were met, and hopefully the district goals were also.

Carl Reno,
Interim Superintendent

Future Farmers of America



The upcoming months are very busy for the FFA. We are currently selling Fruit and Cheese; we will be selling through October 22nd. If you have not purchased your fruit and cheese and wish to do so contact an FFA member. The Fruit and Cheese will be delivered the week of December 9th.

Congratulations to the soils team for their 3rd place finish at Districts in Knoxville. They will be going to State Competition on October 16. Good luck! We will be participating in the FFA trap shoot on October 16th. The FFA is sponsoring Red Ribbon Week, which is the week of October 25th. We are going to National Convention, which is October 26th through the 30th. We will be taking tours of the National FFA Headquarters, Glass Works Factory, and attend FFA seminars. We will be holding Food for America in November.

The FFA would like to thank the Brummers for harvesting the Milo test plot and the South Central Coop for their help throughout the year.

Jr. High Band News

by Brooke Vasey, SEW Gr. 7

In Junior High Band this month we worked very hard for our performance on October 8th at the football game. We practiced the songs, Go Green Go, Go Fight Win, The Hey Song, Tomahawk, and We Will Rock You. For the half time show we worked hard to practice You're a Grand Old Flag, Yankee Doodle, America The Beautiful, and of course our Southeast Warren School Song. A couple of days a week we went outside to the practice football field and practiced our marching. In our spare time we practiced for our Christmas concert on December 13th. We hope to see you there! If you do come, you will hear us play Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!, Silent Night, and All That Jazz, and hopefully another piece we haven't decided on yet. We will also be playing our Christmas songs at Merle Hay Mall in early December. The saxophone section will be going to Simpson College on October 18th to a clinic with Professor of Saxophone and Director of Simpson College Jazz Band, Michael Duke, and world-renowned guest saxophonists and educators, Dr. Eugene Rousseau and the Zagreb Saxophone Quartet. They will be presenting a concert at Simpson College. That is what we have done this month, and we hope to see you at our next performance.



A Few Notes From the Band

by Braden Gardner, SEW Gr. 12

Anyone who has watched SEW's band perform this fall has likely noticed the group is a small one; still, that bothers neither the participants nor the director. "I think it better to have 20 strong musicians playing correct notes than to have 40 people where 20 play correctly and 20 play wrong notes," said Mr. Vanderlinden.

The band kicked off the year by marching in the Lacona Celebration parade. The enthusiastic group has also supported the football team. The percussionists marched through the halls, playing their drums, signaling the imminent pep rallies and pumping up the school for the night's game where the band played pep band music including "Go Green Go" and "We Will Rock You" with all their heart. "We work hard, but have fun doing it," said Mr. Vanderlinden.

The band also played at halftime whenever possible. "I thought that hearing the band was exciting, uplifting, and that it added a lot to the atmosphere," said Assistant Football Coach Matt Oliver.

Mr. Vanderlinden has been very happy with the small group as well. "Although we are small in number, we are strong in character. When things need to be done, everyone pulls together to make it happen."

Looking ahead, the band will play at home basketball games and, in December, festive Christmas songs will be played at Capitol Square. The band will also perform at their annual Christmas concert on December 13th.

"The Music Man"

by Katie Meyers, SEW Gr. 10

"The Music Man" takes place in the year 1912 in the small Iowa town of River City. Professor Harold Hill targets the town with his scheme to sell them musical instruments and teach the children how to play them and form a town band. Harold is well into his scheme when he becomes attracted to the town librarian Marion Paroo. Will Harold get caught? Or will he come clean with all his lies and set things right? Come find out as the talented actors and actresses of Southeast Warren perform the play "The Music Man".

Josh Nutting plays con man Professor Harold Hill who falls in love with town librarian Marion Paroo, played by Carmen Neer. Marion Paroo still lives with her mother, Mrs. Paroo, who is the conscience of River City. Dorie Knight plays Mrs. Paroo. Little Winthrop Paroo is the son of Mrs. Paroo and brother of Marion. Stetson Wright will play Marcellus Washburn who is Professor Harold Hill's sidekick.

Come enjoy a huge cast, outstanding soloists, and lots of humorous fun. Show times are: November 5th at 7:00p.m. Saturday the 6th at 7:00 p.m., with a spaghetti dinner at 5:30, and Sunday the 7th with an afternoon matinee at 2:00 p.m. The play will be held at the Southeast Warren High School in Liberty Center. Tickets will be available at the door.

"Society's Downfall"

by Courtney Cox, SEW Gr. 10

*The world that we live in is not a good place.
Society is not full of grace.
I'm dying inside,
Inside I hide.
When lovers have to part, it scars the heart.
Children that have been abused are then upset and confused.
Many people aren't smart, when it comes to matters of the heart.
Teens die every day.
They think they're invincible, they say.
If you love someone, let them know.
Time will eventually let them go.
Inside is where I escape from the darkness of the world,
Where emotions are tossed around and hurled.
They say time heals all wounds, does it?*

Vending Machines

by Jason Karimi, SEW Gr. 10

Every student at SEW has, at one point in their lives, bought something from the school's vending machines. Has anyone given any thought as to who runs the machines, or how the school benefits from the purchases?

Students spent over \$4,000 on pop and snacks last year—sales were up from the previous year. The most popular drinks were water and Dr. Pepper. The machines are restocked every week, and the school receives a cut of 10% from the company. This money, along with other surplus money, is given to programs that do not have a lot of income. Track, golf, and Academic Bowl are some of the accounts that receive extra money from this to keep the programs up and running. So, the next time you buy a snack from SEW, remember that your money is going to support our school.

Special thanks to Mrs. Ohnemus for information relating to this article.

Reality TV Meets Southeast Warren during Homecoming Week

by Caitlin Crow, SEW Gr. 11

Reality TV shows take over Southeast Warren! This year's Homecoming theme was "Reality TV shows." The students dressed up every day of the week. Each day a student was picked by judges for dressing up to a level that can only be described as "all out." By week's end, one boy and one girl were named Mr. and Ms. School Spirit.

Monday was the traditional Pajama Day with sophomore Angie Steil declared the day's winner. Tuesday was Class Color Day. Each class was assigned a color and the class that had the highest percentage of students dressed "in color" won an ice cream party. The junior class ate ice cream while specific kudos for the day's dress went to junior Jill Ball. Wednesday was Hill-Billy/ Redneck/ Mullet/Camo Day with junior Tyler Seufferer running away with his mullet hairdo. Victoria Taggart had this to say about this specific day: "It was hilarious seeing all the mullets, and kinda sexy!" Thursday was Halloween Day and senior Kate Clendenen got the nod for best-dressed "nurse." Friday was the traditional Green and White Day with football players in their "Dress for Success" attire. Senior Chris Neer gave a piece of his mind about the whole week, "I thought, since I have been to three different Homecomings, that this one was by far the most fun, because everybody was involved in making the school come more alive."

This year declaring an overall winner was tough because so many students dressed up for each and every day. In the end, Mr. Spirit went to junior Ryan Humble and Ms. Spirit went to sophomore Mandy Kimzey. "We thought that some people dressed up a lot better than "us", and with all due respect, the one who got Mr. Spirit deserved it." That was a statement from Cody Reynolds and Chad Hart.

In a separate competition, the freshmen class won 1st place for their float. Juniors won 1st for chalk drawings and the seniors won 1st for window painting.

Thursday night, after the parade, the powder puff game began. Mrs. Warner and Mr. Dirx coached the seniors and the freshmen, and Mr. Cerwinski and Mr. Tierney coached the juniors and sophomores. The game ended with a victory for the juniors and sophomores, 21-0.

Friday afternoon, we had our pep rally. For the first time in years, our entire school, kindergarten through 12th grade, attended. We managed to pack all those people into our little lunchroom. It was well worth it because once again O' VanStrien pulled out his vocal skills and sang. Plus, there was a surprise act from Elvis!

Friday night was "The Big Game" against Martensdale-St. Mary's. During halftime they announced the new King and Queen. The eight candidates were: Dustin Wickett, Zeb Birchette, Chris Neer, Seth Taggart, Karen Manser, McKenzie Spear, Chelsea Miller, and Kate Clendenen. This year's 2004 Homecoming King and

Queen were Seth Taggart and Karen Manser, who were crowned by former King Jason Byers and Queen Brittany Stanley. The game ended with a score of 21-0 Martensdale. Mr. Ripperger's thoughts about the week were, "Over all, the whole week ran smoothly and that is something that we can all be proud of."

Jason Walter's Renovations

by Eric Falk, SEW Gr. 10

Southeast Warren shop teacher, Jason Walters, has recently been planning his move to his new house. I met with him to discuss his new home.

Q: Are you building a house from scratch or are you remodeling?

A: "I'm remodeling an old office building; it doesn't have working plumbing so I am in between houses right now. I've been staying with Mr. Dirx lately. It's looking good though."

Q: How has being a shop teacher helped with the remodeling?

A: "It has helped a lot. I have been able to learn more about home improvements from the work I have done in my classes."

Q: Have you found any interesting things for your new house?

A: "Well, I have one thing I'm really proud of. I found a forty-foot tall hanging mobile home sign. It's decorated with pineapples on the top of each of the poles. I want to put it outside of my shop since pineapples are a sign of welcome."

Q: Where is your house?

A: "Near Humeston."

Q: How long will it be until you can move in?

A: "Somewhere around a month, I hope."

Mr. Walters had to return to his class, but his last words to me as I left were, "YeeeHaww!" which only added to the image of his charming eccentricity.

Art Jazzes Up School

by Jacinda Motsch, SEW Gr. 12

Walking in, being hit with swirls of color, from different suns of the galaxy to sketches on the wall and sculptures on the shelves. Reaching for the stars, turning a corner, knowing there will be a familiar face there to help you along the way. The person that is responsible for it is Ms. Huyette, our art teacher at Southeast Warren. She has been inspired to decorate the school with the beautiful artwork from all the art classes because she wants to share the colorful world of art with everyone. When she first got here four years ago, her room's cupboards were green and orange. She thought "oh my" when seeing this, so now her room is fully painted. As Ms. Huyette said, " I like to paint everything on all surfaces."

Ms. Huyette displays the art all over the school with murals on the walls and with many painted ceiling tiles. The tiles in the junior and senior high hallways are paintings from their imaginations. The tiles in the cafeteria are replicas of famous paintings. The idea of painting the tiles came from a former graduate who saw it in another school. All the tiles in the school took a total of four years to paint and put up in the school. The displays, which are located outside Ms. Huyette's room, are changed every week with the different assignments of the classes.

Some of the art projects Ms. Huyette looks forward to are the famous "Judging of the Masks" and Fine Arts Night when art is on display. In addition, she likes to paint big murals with her classes and with the art club. This year, she plans to finish two murals. One is located in the junior high hallway, and it is named Vision of Freedom. It will be done by the seventh and eighth graders. The other mural will be at the elementary building and the art club will be completing it.

Ms. Huyette said, " bigger and better art work" is what she expects in years to come. She would like to see students whose skills are more complex and who have a better understanding of where art comes from. By placing art around the school, she is saying that art exists everywhere in life.

Painting a Portrait of Ms. Huyette

by Britney Graham, SEW Gr. 10

While walking past the art room, I cannot help but take a peek inside. This room is home to Ms. Huyette and her passion: helping others through art.

Ms. Huyette is a graduate of the University of Iowa. While attending school in Iowa City, she first thought she would graduate and go on as an artist—

specifically a jeweler—but, during her sophomore year, after working with youth, she realized that she wanted to combine the two. Ms. Huyette graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, emphasizing Jewelry and Metalworking.

When asked what she likes about teaching at Southeast Warren, Ms. Huyette replied, "The friendly people." Some of Ms. Huyette's accomplishments in her four years as a teacher at SEW include: the restart of art club, a number of murals in the school and community, junior high art club, and a first ever junior dance team club. Along with teaching this year, she is the coach for the high school dance team and the advisor for both the Jr./Sr. high school art clubs.

Outside of school Ms. Huyette's life is a varied as it is in our building. Every Sunday Ms. Huyette teaches Bible school. In her spare time she enjoys exercising, hanging out with friends and watching movies. Her favorite movie is "Back to the Future." Some people that Ms. Huyette admires are Madonna, Prince, and Michael Jackson for their creativity.

Ms. Huyette is a great example of a SEW teacher who is doing what she loves most—her art—while teaching students to do the same. Much like those who she admires, it's anybody's guess what she and her students will create next!

Art Club News

This month in art club we will be working on many things including a very special Christmas project, the angel tree. Last year's was a big success and we hope for even better results this year. We will be meeting Nov. 1st after school in the lunch room of the high school. Any volunteers are welcome, you don't have to belong to art club to help!!

When asked, "What are you looking forward to in art club this year?" Jr. High art student, Caitlin Ellingson replied, "The Art-a-Thon was really fun and will help raise money for the art club retreat. Painting the ceiling tiles was really fun. I'm really looking forward to those things."

The Most Outstanding Member for this month is...two people, Hannah Norem & Heidi Dittmer! So far they've been to all the meetings, brought supplies to build the float, worked on the float, rode on the float, and helped plan future meetings.

President – Hannah Norem
Vice President – Alex Bruce
Senior Secretary – Heidi Dittmer
Junior Secretary – Megan Chapman
Activity Chair – Amy Kimzey
Historian – Emily Nutting

FROM THE DESK OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

As we finish up the fall schedules, I would like to thank all the coaches, students, and spectators for their support of Southeast Warren athletics. Everyone has shown great sportsmanship throughout the season.

New Coaches

We have filled many of the coaching positions that were open when school started. Phil Oliver will be taking on the duties of JH boys basketball and HS assistant track. Matt Oliver will be moving up to head HS track. Don Newbury will become the HS girls track assistant. Darrell Pottebaum will fill the role of HS baseball. Penny Ayer will be the HS softball coach. Tim Cerwinske and Mike Tierney have agreed to co-coach the HS girls basketball team.

Anyone interested in getting a coaching endorsement can contact me for more information.

Basketball Updates

At a recent Athletic Directors meeting, a couple of items were brought up of some interest. The boys association & girls union are strongly encouraging:

- * No spectator seating in the front row of bleachers.
- * Spectators remain off the basketball court following games.

Athletic Booster Club

I would strongly recommend that all parents of students who are participating in Southeast Warren athletics become active members of the Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters. Currently, it is a very small group of dedicated people who have accomplished some wonderful things to enhance your student's athletic experience. The more people who take part the better it is for our kids. They meet once a month, on the second Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium.

Keeping Academics First

The following is an excerpt from Keeping Academics First published by the IHSA & IGHS AU.

Developing Effective Study Habits

- * Keep a daily planner.
- * Make a list of specifically what needs to be done.
- * Set specific goals at the beginning of long study periods.
- * Do difficult tasks first while you are still fresh.
- * Alternate between studying for classes you find interesting and those you find least interesting.
- * Become actively involved in studying.
- * It's easier to concentrate when it is quiet.
- * Studying information that needs to be memorized best just before going to bed.
- * Schedule regular study time every day.
- * Studying during daylight hours is more productive.
- * Have specific place to study.
- * Avoid procrastination.
- * Don't waste valuable study time you have during school.
- * Don't study in bed.
- * Avoid being extremely tired, hungry, or stressed out when studying.

NHS News

*This year's National Honor Society is proud to announce that we have twenty-two members. We recently completed the task of cleaning the highway south of Liberty Center. We also finished planning the Jr. High Fall Dance that took place on Saturday, October 23rd. It was a costume party and all in attendance had a great time. We are also excited for our next scheduled event which will be the Senior Citizen's Meal on **Wednesday, December 1, 2004**. Location to be announced. All are invited to attend. In February, we have scheduled a second Jr. High Dance. We are looking forward to a wonderful year.*

SEW Jr. High Football Team

The Southeast Warren Junior High Football team completed a successful season. Twenty-eight boys participated this year. The first practice was on August 30th so the team only had eight short practices to prepare for their first game. This game was a rude awakening for the Warhawks as they looked very rusty against the Eddyville-Blakesburg team.

However, given adequate time for training, the team made a remarkable turn around. Your Warhawk Junior High team finished with four straight wins over Wayne, Martensdale-St. Mary's, Interstate 35, and Central Decatur.

Team members include:

7th graders: Lance Ulin, Grant Seuferer, Travis Owens, Evan Schurman, Torey Mason, Bradley Byers, Dane Dodd, Shane Konrad, Eddie Steil, Andrew Lovell, Allan Drone, Shane Blackford, Dylan Lawler, Dillon Montoya, Ryan Carnes, Carl Davis, Jake Delay, Todd Haight

8th grader: Joe Ripperger, Mike Sowers, Dillon Lamb, Wade Williams, Shane Hart, Skylar Thornton, Jake Carnes, Zac Yeggy, Austin Spear, Blake Roush

Manager: Austin Putz

Coaches: Tim Cerwinski, Dave Ripperger

SE Warren Wrestling Alumni Reunion

Meet the 2004-2005 wrestlers
and coaching staff
November 27, 2004 @ 3:00 pm
in the SE Warren Wrestling Room

Watch the 2004-2005 wrestling team practice and wrestle-offs for first varsity dual of the season. Meet with coaches and teammates. Check out the facilities. T-shirts for sale. Chili feed to follow.

3:00	warm up	4:05	conditioning
3:15	final wrestle-offs	4:20	social and chili feed
3:30	technique		
3:45	live wrestling		

For more information contact **Dave Ripperger, Head Wrestling Coach**, at the school (641) 466-3331 or at home (515) 279-6453 or by e-mail: dripper@se-warren.k12.ia.us

Kickoff to Fall Warhawk Sports

by Amy Ripperger, SEW Gr. 12

Listen to the sound of the coaches yelling, sneakers squeaking on the gym floor, and cheering from the crowd to support their team. This is the sound of the fall season around the Southeast Warren community, where all around there is talk of football, volleyball, and cross-country.

The football season started out very strongly with a 2-0 record. Southeast Warren beat Des Moines Christian (34-7) and East Union (28-16.) Their record is now 2-3 due to losses to Hubbard Ratcliff (38-6), Martensdale St. Marys (21-0), and Colo Nesco (42-6). Dustin Wickett said, "It's my senior year. Even though our record is not what I wanted, of my four years of playing football, this has been by far the greatest."

The volleyball team got off to a rocky start, but has began to pick up speed. The team's conference record is (3-2) and their overall record is (5-13). "The season was great. We didn't do as well as we wished we had, but the girls had a lot of fun together," says senior Chelsea Miller. The volleyball team has many outstanding players. Bradi Horton is the team setter and leads in assists. McKenzie Spear and Angie Steil are the leading hitters. Kate Clendenen has the most blocks and McKenzie Spear also has the highest record for aces while serving.

This cross-country season there were a lot more participants than previous years. The team had around eleven boys and two girls. The fastest time for the runners (through September 28) was as follows: Nathan Meyers (20:18), Alex Ohnemus (20:47), Josh Motsch (22:22), Derek Ripperger (22:47), Brock Konrad (22:54), Chris Miller (23:41), Wade Young (25:25), Amy Ripperger (21:52), and Jill Ball (21:55). First time runner Cody Edwards remarked, "Cross Country is the hardest sport I've gone out for, but the most fun."

Breakfast and Lunch Menu for November 2004

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	French Toast	Pizza
Chicken Nuggets Green Beans Fruit Bread & butter 1	Pizza Lettuce salad Fruit 2	Hot dog/bun Mixed Veggies Fruit Bar 3	Cheeseburger/bun French fries Fruit Cookie 4	Burrito Corn Fruit Bread & butter 5
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast	Muffins	
Turkey & noodles Mashed potatoes Fruit Hot roll 8	Goulash Coleslaw Fruit Texas toast 2:15 Dismissal 9	Chicken Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Fruit Bread & butter 10	Cook's Choice 2:15 Dismissal 11	NO SCHOOL 12
Pastry	Pancakes	Eggs/Toast	French toast	Sausage Gravy/Biscuit
Chicken patty/buns Potato Fruit 15	Chili/crackers Pickle spear Applesauce Cinnamon roll 16	Frito pie Lettuce & cheese Corn Fruit Bread & butter 17	Breaded pork patty/bun Veggie & Fruit Pudding 1:15 Dismissal 18	Sub Sandwich Chips Fresh fruit 19
Pastry	Waffles	Eggs/Toast		
BBQ rib/bun Potato Fruit Cookie 22	Beef stew Carrot stick Apple Bread & Butter 23	Cook's Choice 2:15 Dismissal 24	Thanksgiving Day NO SCHOOL 25	NO SCHOOL 26
Pastry	Pancakes			
Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes Green beans Bread & butter 29	Nachos Corn Fruit Peanut butter sandwich 30			

LUNCH PRICES

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

BREAKFAST PRICES

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

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

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

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
September 13, 2004**

**SOUTHEAST WARREN COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session September 13, 2004, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President John Burrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Hardy, Jennifer Birchette and Ron Miller. Chris Wadle was absent. Superintendent Carl Reno, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weaklend and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members of the community.

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

VISITORS: Superintendent Carl Reno presented a petition signed by several Southeast Warren community members. The petition read as follows: Petition to have air conditioning turned on in all classrooms of all Southeast Warren schools. The Superintendent has air! Why don't students have this choice? The Board responded to the petition by stating that if it was a matter of turning on a switch, the air would be on, but air conditioning is not installed in all classrooms in all buildings. The Board would be interested in looking into the cost of air conditioning the buildings, but there are many items of higher priority than air conditioning. If possible, air conditioning will be looked at in the future.

REPORTS:

Primary Principal's report submitted by Charlotte Weaklend:

1. Enrollment is up in the Primary building with eleven new students. We currently have 40 kindergartners, 28 first graders, 34 second graders, and 37 third graders. It is good to see the boost in incoming kindergartners, a reversal of the trend in recent years as you can see by the numbers above.

2. Twenty first through third grade students qualified this fall for our Title I reading program taught by Lori Nutting. Selection for the Title I program is based upon at least one of the following standards: basal reading series unit test scores from the previous year below 80%, local norming reading fluency scores within the bottom 25% of the student's grade level, and/or DIBELS scores indicating a need for strategic support or inten-

sive support. Other students who indicate reading skills at risk for normal progress will be served by our new half time at risk reading teacher Traci King. Qualification for her program is determined by follow-up testing of students who indicated at risk skills on DIBELS testing. She will be coordinating efforts with Mrs. Nutting and the classroom teachers throughout the year to provide immediate support to those students who are beginning to fall behind, but have not yet qualified for either Title I or special education services. The other half of Miss King's day is spent providing reading readiness skill development for at risk kindergartners through the KIDS program. With the addition of the comprehension segment of the DIBELS testing at the second grade level this year, along with 3rd grade ITBS and MAP testing, as per our CSIP plan, and with improved comprehension strategies being incorporated into classroom instruction at all levels, we anticipate improved reading comprehension skills K-3.

3. The Primary Open House held on the evening of August 31st was well attended. PIE held their first Scholastic Book Fair from August 25th through the 31st at the Primary in conjunction with the opening of the school year and Open House. Many books were donated to the classroom libraries as a result of this book fair - the first of four planned by PIE for this academic year. The next two will fall during the weeks of parent-teacher conferences in November and February with an end-of-the year fair planned for mid April.

4. Positive behavior supports and an updated behavioral management system at the Primary building have been topics for discussion for our newly formed Primary Discipline Committee. Several teachers and support staff members forming this committee, one of several committees currently working in our building this year, have been meeting on a weekly basis to finalize plans for an improved behavior plan for the early grades. Specific information about the new plan will be shared with parents through my weekly newsletter.

5. A new feature of this year's Primary parent newsletter is "Spotlight on the Staff" with weekly summaries of individual staff members' educational background and qualifications. We have an experienced, highly skilled staff - individuals who are making a difference in students' lives every day.

6. The upcoming month is a busy one at the Primary building with diagnostic reading testing for grades one thru three, MAP testing for the 3rd graders, a homecoming pep rally, student picture taking, a frozen food sale by PIE, Fire Prevention Week activities in cooperation with the Milo Fire Department, and the first of four fire drills and four tornado drills to be conducted periodically throughout the year.

Intermediate Principal's report submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. We have 120 students to start the school year. This is down by 15 students from last year. About 8 students moved away from the district and 4 students are new to the district this year.
4th grade 33 students

5th grade 35 students

6th grade 52 students

2. The year is off to a great start! Staff and students are glad to be at school. We are utilizing the discipline strategies learned in the pre-service school meeting. Teachers are also using the reading strategy demonstrated by Lori Pearson during our pre-service meeting. The reading strategy is research based and can be used to teach a variety of reading skills. This same reading strategy will be the focus of our early out training scheduled for September 16th. To continue refining their skill in the use of the reading strategy, teachers will meet in team meetings two times a month documenting the meeting with a team meeting log. In addition, teachers will complete individual implementation logs with reflection on the use of the strategy. The logs will be reviewed periodically by the district leadership team. Leadership team members are Becky Burgin, Brenda Chamberlain, Barb Ripperger, Lori Pearson (AEA) and the building administrators.

3. Our Open House and Fourth Grade Orientation were held the evening before school started. This gave students a chance to meet their teachers and bring school supplies before the first day. Teachers were pleased with the turn out and we plan to use the same time frame next year. The book fair sponsored by Partners in Education (PIE) was a great addition to Open House. I want to thank the volunteers who manned the book fair: Patty Marshall, Ann Miller, and Wendy Smith - Thank you!

4. Again this year we are trying to "double dose" special education students with reading goals into two reading classes. They participate in general education reading classes and special education reading classes. This makes scheduling more difficult as students need to be pulled out of some other general education time to get their extra reading time. Staff members have worked very hard at arranging the schedule so students get the most benefit. In addition, we included 6th grade special education students with math goals in the 6th grade mental math and daily math review which takes place first thing in the morning.

5. We are pleased to have two high school gentlemen volunteering to help in our special education classroom this year. Zach Schaefer and Cody Reynolds come every morning to work with our students. We are glad their class schedules allow them the time to volunteer and we really appreciate their willingness to do so.

Secondary Principal's report submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

1. Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be a Positive Role Model – These are the three rules that are in place for our campus this year. As a result of the inservice with Mr. Fitzpatrick we are trying to reinforce positive behavior from our students. We are also working with our students to develop personal responsibility for their actions. The handbook has a flow chart showing how our discipline will be administered this year.

2. Colorguard – A new program initiated by the Behavior Committee as another way to improve school culture and behavior. Students are in groups with a teacher/advisor. These groups meet twice a month for one hour. During that time students will be doing journaling activities, character discussions, behavior discussions, study skill work, test taking skills and any other issue that might affect school climate. First and foremost, is the teacher establishing positive relationships with the students.

3. Senior Study Hall – We will be giving the seniors an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to model the three rules for this year by bringing back senior study hall. Mr. Reno and I met with the seniors and listened to their concerns. I also met with the teachers to gather further information. A contract (written by the seniors) has been established that they must sign to have the study hall privilege.

4. ACT Results – Overall composite scores went up by .10 from 2002-2003.

5. Baseball Results – State averages, Coaches 1.32, Players 1.27, Spectators 1.36. SEW ratings, Coaches 1.52, Players 1.44, Spectators 1.58. These averages dropped from the 2003 season, Coaches 1.07, Players 1.17, Spectators 1.37.

6. The current enrollment at the Junior/Senior High is 288, up from last year.

Children First Forum – Jennifer Birchette related that the next Children First Forum meeting would be held on September 27th at 7:00 in Liberty Center.

Athletic Boosters – Jim Kimzey reported to the Board that the main focus of the Athletic Boosters is improvements for the football field.

Fine Arts Boosters – Jennifer Birchette reported that the meeting date for the Fine Arts Boosters has been changed to the second Wednesday of each month. They will be building a float for the homecoming parade. Bead and glow necklaces will be sold at football games as fundraisers. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13th.

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

1. August 9, 2004, regular board meeting minutes

2. Financial reports

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve last month's minutes and financial reports as printed. Ayes: 4.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Superintendent Carl Reno reported on the following items:

1. The Iowa Association of School Boards is holding an ABE class on "Orientation to Effective School Board Service."

2. The Iowa Association of School Boards is holding the Employee Relations Conference on September 17th and 18th.

3. IASB is advocating for a legislative push on education this year – contact your legislators.

4. IASB and the Executive Committee of the Area Education Agencies are asking board members to complete a survey by September 17th on the role of board members in relation to improving student learning. Surveys were included in the board packets.

5. A pre-bid conference for the Lacona gymnasium project was held on Friday, September 10th. One bidder attended the meeting, but there may be one or two more contractors submit bids for the project.

6. A tentative student count shows a drop in enrollment of 20.4 students for the 2004-05 school year. The principals have been asked to start prioritizing areas of reduction in the event reductions should be needed next spring.

7. The roof repairs on the Industrial Arts building are scheduled to start this week. The Amish have been contracted to complete the work.

SALE OF LAGOON: President Burrell summarized for the Board a sales agreement between Southeast Warren Community School District and Warren County for the sale of the lagoon. The purchase price is \$37,100 (\$40,000 less the cost of the survey). The purchase price will be paid in full at the time of closing. The proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the PPEL Fund. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the purchase agreement for the sale of the lagoon. Ayes: 4.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: The following personnel changes were recommended for approval: The resignations of Casey Aldridge, Head HS Baseball Coach; Noel McLaughlin, Ass't. HS Baseball Coach; Melissa Jensen, HS Associate; Michelle Fowler, Sp. Ed. Associate, Head HS Softball Coach, Head HS Girls' Basketball Coach; and the appointments of Kimberly Warner, Speech Coach; Matt Oliver, Head HS Boys' Track Coach; Diedre Eichhorn, JH Dance Coach; Lori Holmes, Associate. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the personnel changes as presented.

Ayes: 4.

EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS: Early graduation requests were received from Ben Dales and Brad Ball to graduate at the end of this semester. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the early graduation requests. Ayes: 4.

HANDBOOKS: Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter briefly reviewed the changes to the Jr./Sr. High handbooks for the 2004-2005 school year. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the Jr./Sr. High handbook. Ayes: 4.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler related to the Board that all districts in the state are required to develop a five year Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. Cindy Butler briefly explained the contents of the Southeast Warren Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan as presented. Ayes: 4.

CHILDREN FIRST FORUM COMMITTEE: The following were recommended as members of the Children First Forum Committee: Carla Anders, Lori Nutting, Mindy Allen, Peggy Williams, Lila Konrad, Connie Penick, Rose Ripperger, Terry or Greg Davis, Nancy or Pat Meade, Dianne Butler, and Jean Lawrence. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the Children First Forum Committee as presented. Ayes: 4.

APPOINT DELEGATE TO IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY: President John Burrell appointed Chris Wadle to serve as delegate to the 2004 IASB Delegate Assembly. Chris Hardy will serve as an alternate delegate.

MEETING DATE WITH MELCHER-DALLAS: Superintendent Reno related to the Board that the Melcher-Dallas Board of Education would like for the boards to meet to discuss possible areas of sharing for the 2005-06 school year. A meeting date was set for September 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Melcher-Dallas School District.

BOARD POLICIES: Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the review and revision of Board Policy Section 800, "Business Procedures," 801, "Budget," 802, "Income," and 803, "Expenditures." Ayes: 4.

President Burrell adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

**Southeast Warren Board of Education
Special Board Meeting
September 27, 2004**

The Southeast Warren Board of Education and Melcher-Dallas Board of Education held a joint board meeting on September 27, 2004, at the Melcher-Dallas Elementary school building. Melcher-Dallas Board President Larry Willoughby called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. The following board members were present: President John Burrell, Ron Miller and Jennifer Burchette. Chris Hardy and Chris Wadle were absent. Superintendent Carl Reno, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Board Secretary Julie Wilson, Dr. Harold Hulleman, Superintendent Tom Dannen, members of the Melcher-Dallas Board of Education and Melcher-Dallas staff members were present.

The Boards discussed possible sharing arrangements for transportation, staff, subject areas, activities, administration and the possibility of whole grade sharing. The consensus of both Boards was to work together on a school calendar and starting times to facilitate the process of sharing in the future. Both Boards also felt the ICN was a priority area for sharing classes. The administrators from both districts were asked to come up with sharing scenarios and the dollar amount saved by sharing for the Boards to consider.

Community members from both districts are welcome to provide input on sharing possibilities.

A meeting was scheduled for January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Lacona for the Boards to meet again and continue discussion of sharing arrangements.

President Larry Willoughby adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

**Weather Related Closings will be announced
on the following radio and TV stations:**

TV
WOI - TV5
WHO - TV13
KCCI - TV8

Radio
WHO/KLYF/KISS
KIOA/KRNT/KLTI
KAZR/KSTZ/KXTK



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**Next School Board
Meeting
December 13 , 2004
Liberty Center - 7:00 p.m.**

Please see online calendar
<http://www.se-warren.k12.ia.us/calendar>