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DATES TO NOTE

- Nov. 4 - FCCLA Blood Drive
- Nov. 4 - Scholarship Music Show
- Nov. 7 - ITBS/ITED Testing begins
- Nov. 8, 10 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 8 - Parent Mini Course at H.S.
- Nov. 11 - NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 26 - Wrestling Open House
- Nov. 18-20 - Fall Musical
- Dec. 6 - Senior Citizens Dinner

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From the Superintendent

Dr. Harold Hulleman

Last year, the School Boards from Southeast Warren and Melcher-Dallas agreed to a study of what the future might hold for the two districts. A request was made to Eric Heitz, Consultant with the Iowa Department of Education, for assistance with this study. He gathered information about the two districts, met with groups of staff and community members from both districts, and prepared a written report of his findings. This report concluded with possible next steps for the two districts.

In the previous two issues of the newsletter, we shared data on the two districts and the responses from the three focus groups in each district. In this newsletter we present the conclusions developed by Mr. Heitz; these include possible next steps for the two districts.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 8 & 10, 4-8 pm

To schedule your parent-teacher conference at the Jr-Sr High School contact Mrs. Neer at (641) 466-3331 or leave a message after hours. Email cneer@se-warren.k12.ia.us.

Parent Mini Course at the high school - NHS is sponsoring a free meal the night of Tuesday, Nov. 8. They would encourage you to stop in the media center for information on (1) accessing your child's grades & assignments online and (2) E-Choices program, which allows students to identify career opportunities. See [page 4](#) for more information.

Conferences at the Primary and Intermediate buildings are done by a form sent home and returned by the student. If you have not received it, please call your child's school.

Scholarship Recipients

Those 2005 graduates who received scholarships from the Southeast Warren Scholarship Foundation this past May need to call Edith Heemstra after enrollment for second semester or term is completed. Please let her know that you are enrolled for second semester and make sure she has your address and other pertinent information. Checks will be sent in December or early January. Edith's number is 534-4866.

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Jr-Sr High Principal

Mr. Terry Gladfelter

One of our goals in improving student achievement is the ongoing communication between the school and the home. Part of that communication must involve parental input in their child's education. Even though we see the students 7 – 8 hours a day, 70% of their waking hours are spent outside of school. The data shows that the earlier the parental involvement, the higher the achievement. The most effective form of parental involvement is working directly with children on learning activities at home. Decades of research show that when parents are involved students have:

- Higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation, better self-esteem
- Lower rates of disciplinary issues
- Decreased use of drugs and alcohol
- Fewer instances of violent behavior

(Research from the Michigan Department of Education)

In the reading that I have done the following statistic stated, "Family participation in education was twice

as predictive of student's academic success as family socioeconomic status." (*Michigan Dept. of Ed*) It is not the money a family makes, but the parental involvement that improves academic achievement. Listed are six characteristics of families whose children are doing well in school.

1. Establish a daily family routine. – homework time, bed time, dinner time as a family
2. Monitor out-of-school activities. – limits on video games, TV viewing
3. Model the value of learning, self-discipline, and hard work.
4. Express high but realistic expectations for achievement. – goals that are realistic for age and maturity, celebrate the successes
5. Encourage children's development/progress in school. – showing interest in student work, helping with homework, talking about possible careers
6. Encourage reading, writing, and discussions among family members. – read to children, listen to children read, and talk about what is being read

What a privilege it is to be involved in the nurturing and education of our children. Let's partner together with the realization that all students can achieve at high levels of academic success.



actions all parents can take to help their children be successful in school.

- Make sure your child is on time and in class everyday.
- Create a positive attitude about school with your children
- Emphasize that listening and learning to take directions will help children to do better in school
- Stress organization and tidiness in all aspects of academic work.
- Encourage students to be teachable and coachable. Take advantage of all educational opportunities.
- Mistakes result in learning. Help students to not waste time by denying or rationalizing mistakes.
- Students must be able to work with others. If a student can't work with others, school and career objectives will be limited.
- The Golden Rule - Remind students to treat others as they would like to be treated.
- Encourage students to "think." Think before acting, think of ways to achieve, problem-solve, and overcome obstacles.

From the Master Teacher publication

Intermediate School Principal

Mrs. Cindy Butler

Red Ribbon Week

At the intermediate building we celebrated a drug free life-style during Red Ribbon Week from October 24-28th. On Monday students were given a red ribbon to wear throughout the week to remind them to “ ‘Bee’ Drug Free.” Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday were “Put a Cap On Drugs,” “Get the Point,” and “Sports Day” respectively. Each day provided a unique opportunity to discuss the serious issue of healthy lifestyles in a fun, educational manner.

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) will be administered to all 4th to 6th grade students in the Intermediate early in November. You will be notified of the exact dates, as the time gets closer, so you can make sure your child is rested and prepared to do his/her best. We are required to assess fourth graders and report their performance to the community and state. In addition to reporting scores to stakeholders, teachers use the test scores of all students to make placement decisions for talented and gifted, special education, and summer school. Curriculum decisions made at the district and/or classroom level are also influenced by trends in student test scores. Therefore, scores, which accurately reflect student ability, are important to all of us.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

All students in the intermediate completed MAP testing. Teachers are reviewing scores and using the scores to decide on a class goal. Students are also setting individual goals. Your child’s scores will be available at parent teacher conferences.

Book Fair

Partners in Education will sponsor a Scholastic Book Fair during conference week, November 7-10. We plan to have the book fair open during conference times so you can purchase books for Christmas gift giving.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the evenings of November 8th and 10th. Report cards for students in the intermediate were sent home on October 26th. After reviewing your child’s report card, note questions you may have for the teacher. If you write down your questions now, you will be able to refer to them during your conference with your child’s teacher. I will be available both evenings, so please stop in and introduce yourself.

SEW Life Skills Pie Sale



Order your Homemade Frozen Ready to Bake Pies for your Thanksgiving Feast! To order call 466-3331 ext. 243 by November 1, 2005. Pies to be ordered for \$6 each include: Apple, Dutch Apple, Rhubarb, Peach, Cherry, Pumpkin, Walnut.

Your pie will be ready for pick up on Friday, November 18, at Liberty Center High School Cafeteria between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Make all checks payable to: Southeast Warren Life Skills.

Fall Sports Progress Report

by Britney Graham

Cross-country: Up and running the team is off to a good start. “We have a lot of fun. We’re a small team, but we all try our best and it works.” –Senior Josh Motsch

Volleyball: “The girls have improved a lot since the beginning of the season. Currently, on a dead spot, we hope to end the season on a high note,” comments Coach Nick Dicks. So far the girls are 7-12. With POI conferences coming up, they have a lot of work ahead. Good luck, girls!

Football: What a season the Warhawks are having! With a 5-1 record, the boys have their thoughts on the playoffs. This would be a first in six years. Coach Matt Oliver says, “The playoffs are a very realistic possibility. Right now our biggest challenge is going out and playing our best every game. I’m very proud of the boys; they have started something real special this season. They have brought back community pride and tradition.” With only a couple of games left, we wish you luck, boys! GO! GREEN! GO!

Dance Team and Flags: Thanks, girls, for all the great performances you’ve given us at the pep rallies and football games. And a big SEW welcome to the new dance team coach: Alissa Norden. Keep up the good work, girls!

Southeast Warren Community School District
Organizational Board Meeting
September 19, 2005

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session September 19, 2005, in the technology center of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following board members were present: Chris Wadle, Jennifer Birchette, Chris Hardy and John Burrell. Superintendent Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Primary Principal Charlotte Weakland and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

AGENDA: Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

REPORTS:

Transportation report submitted by Joel Mosh-er:

School has started with several small problems, the biggest one is that we had several students move into the district on roads that we haven't traveled for years. This is the problem on the three southern routes. With this problem we have kids on the bus at 6:50 in the morning. As of September 21st, we are adding a route in the middle of the district. This will take 15 to 20 minutes off of those routes. Since we don't have a lot of substitute drivers, it has taken time to fill this spot.

Primary Principal's reports submitted by Charlotte Weakland:

Our annual Open House was held the evening of Tuesday, August 30th. Even though the evening was very warm, we had a good turnout. The Partners in Education group served a supper of subs and sandwiches, chips, cookies, and a cold drink for attending families and community members. A free will donation was collected to help defray the expenses of the meal, with the balance to be used for upcoming PIE projects.

The Primary enrollment now totals 172 students, upon one student from the end of the last school year. That number includes twenty-eight preschoolers who began their year during the week of September 12th. Fall Sunrise Sunset Daycare enrollment includes six all day preschoolers and twenty-two elementary-aged before and after school children. Please note that both of these numbers include both full time and part time participants.

A new hand-painted mural has been installed at the end of the hallway leading from the main foyer

in the Primary building. This colorful mural depicting block print letters, numbers, and young children at play was created by last year's high school art classes and presented to the Primary students as a gift to be enjoyed for years to come.

Students and teachers alike are becoming accustomed to following our new six-day cycle that accommodates our new specials teachers' schedules. Actual time spent in specials is very near the amount of time spent in preceding years. The major difference is in the actual time designation for each of the classes, with specials beginning at 8:30 in the morning and proceeding throughout the day. This is a change from the last few years when the first ninety minutes of the day was dedicated to the teaching of reading consistently throughout the building. Specials teachers then spent those first ninety minutes offering reading support to individuals and small groups. The students are still each getting their recommended ninety+ minutes of reading instruction. It is just broken up into shorter segments of time throughout the day.

Another change from last year involves our morning assemblies. Instead of meeting with the entire K-3 student body daily for character lessons and reading recognition, I am now meeting with individual grades from 8:10 to 8:20 on Monday through Thursday in the media center for a book and song-related character lesson, with the entire group meeting only on Fridays in the multi-purpose room. Friday topics so far have included a review of the six pillars of character; a kick-off to our "Coins for Katrina" hurricane victim relief efforts; and the teaching of the basic fundamental principles of the Constitution of the U.S. and how those concepts of power, authority, and fairness apply to elementary aged children. One of the upcoming Fridays will be dedicated to the contributions our troupe are making to their country in Iraq, when the father of a couple of our students presents the school with a flag that he brought back from Iraq during his last tour of duty there.

Secondary Principal's reports submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

Baseball sportsmanship ratings—I received from the Iowa High School Athletic Association our baseball ratings for the summer 2005 season. Our ratings are based on 42 returned responses from the referees. The chart below shows ratings of the top 10%, bottom 10% and the SEW ratings.

04-05 Season

	Top 10%	Bottom 10%	SEW
Coaches	1.00-1.05	1.59-3.05	1.81
Players	1.00-1.04	1.53-2.24	2.24
Spectators	1.00-1.08	1.63-2.71	1.79

Sustained Silent Reading—Mary Bigler presented a compelling case for the need of all students to be reading. Research states that between the 4th grade and the senior year, students should read between 1 and 1.5 million words and have a vocabulary of 60,000 words. The first 10 minutes of each study hall is being designated as reading time. The Color Guard groups that meet will also have sustained silent reading. Research also shows that when a student reads a new word in context 9 times the word becomes part of their vocabulary. Therefore, the more reading that is done the greater the attainment of the 60,000-word vocabulary base.

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

1. August 8, 2005 minutes
 2. Financial reports
- Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 5.

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

1. September 17th was Constitution Day. Schools are required to teach something about the Constitution or about citizenship on or near the 17th in recognition of Constitution Day.
2. The updated board calendar was reviewed. The IASB Employee Relations Conference will be held on September 30th, the IASB District #8 Meeting will be held on October 20th and the IASB Convention will be held November 16-18. Any board member wishing to attend any of the events may register on-line or contact Julie.

CHILDREN FIRST FORUM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

A list of people who have been invited to serve on the Children First Forum Committee was given to board members. The list also includes students who have been asked to serve. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the Children First Forum Committee members as listed. Ayes: 5.

2005-2006 BOARD GOALS: The Board reviewed the 2005-2006 Board Goals. Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the 2005-2006 Board Goals. Motion by Chris Wadle, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the 2005-2006 Board Goals. Ayes: 5.

OFFICIAL RESULTS OF SCHOOL ELECTION: The Board reviewed the results of the September 13, 2005 school election. Motion by Chris Hardy, seconded by Chris Wadle to accept the results of the regular school election. Ayes: 5. The results of the September 13, 2005 election were as follows:

Director District 1 (term 9-05 to 9-08)

Jennifer Birchette 85 votes
Patty Marshall 8 votes
Write-In Scattering 13 votes

Director District 3 (term 9-05 to 9-08)

John Burrell 108 votes
Write-In Scattering 10 votes

President Ron Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The organizational meeting of the Southeast Warren Board of Education was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by President Ron Miller. The following board members were present: Jennifer Birchette, Chris Hardy, John Burrell and Chris Wadle. Superintendent Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Primary Principal Charlotte Weakland and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were in attendance, along with members of the community.

AGENDA: Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the agenda. Ayes: 5.

OATH OF OFFICE: Board Secretary Julie Wilson administered the oath of office to Jennifer Birchette and John Burrell.

ELECT PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT: Board Secretary Julie Wilson called for nominations for President. Ron Miller nominated Chris Wadle as President. John Burrell seconded the nomination. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller for nominations to cease. Ayes: Ron Miller, Jennifer Birchette, John Burrell and Chris Hardy. Nays: Chris Wadle. Chris Wadle was elected President.

President Wadle called for nominations for Vice-President. Chris Hardy nominated Ron Miller. John Burrell seconded the nomination. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy for nominations to cease. Ayes: John Burrell, Jennifer Birchette, Chris Hardy and Chris Wadle. Ron Miller abstained from voting. Ron Miller was elected Vice-President.

Board Secretary Julie Wilson administered the oath of office for President to Chris Wadle and for Vice-President to Ron Miller.

WARREN COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARD: President Wadle appointed John Burrell as Warren County Conference Board Representative.

CHILDREN FIRST FORUM: President Wadle appointed Ron Miller as Children First Forum Representative.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: President Wadle appointed Jennifer Birchette as Athletic Boosters Representative.

FINE ARTS BOOSTERS: President Wadle appointed Chris Hardy as Fine Arts Boosters Representative.

DELEGATE TO IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY: President Wadle volunteered to serve as delegate to the IASB Delegate Assembly.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SIGNATURE ON CHECKING ACCOUNTS: Julie Wilson reported to the Board that all checks are to be signed by the Board President and Board Secretary. A resolution is required in order for someone other than the Board President to sign checks. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve Lu Ann Ohnemust to sign Activity Fund checks and Sue Ellingson to sign Lunch Fund checks. Ayes: 5.

REQUEST TO WAIVE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT: A letter was submitted by Alan and Leslie Gardner to the Board requesting that Tristan Gardner be waived from the physical education requirement for the 2005-2006 school year. Dr. Hulleman recommended approval of the waiver. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to waive the physical education requirement for Tristan Gardner. Ayes: 5.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the personnel changes as listed. He also recommended adding the resignation of Darrell Pottebaum as Head Baseball Coach.

Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Chris Hardy to approve the appointments of Bryn Helmus, Language Arts; Donald Hanes, Substitute Bus Driver; Lana Brewer, Part Time Custodian; and Kathy Busick, Associate. Ayes: 5.

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Ron Miller to approve the coaching appointments of Lacey Holmes, Assistant JH Volleyball Coach, Assistant JH Girls' Basketball Coach and Assistant JH Girls' Track Coach; Deanna Stewart, HS Cheerleading Advisor (Football, Basketball & Wrestling); Weightlifting (duties to be shared by coaches as listed); and Matt Oliver, Assistant JH Basketball Coach. Ayes: 4. John Burrell abstained from voting. Coaching contracts are contingent upon all employees having the proper coaching endorsement.

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Chris Hardy to accept the resignations of Jason Walter, Cross-Country Coach (2006); Kimberly Warner, Head Speech Coach; Mike Tierney, Head Girls' Basketball Coach; and Darrell Pottebaum, Head Baseball Coach. Ayes: 5.

APPROVE EASEMENT AGREEMENT: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the Easement Agreement with Warren County for purposes in association with the construction and operation of the sanitary sewers system in Liberty Center. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by John Burrell to approve the easement for access to the sanitary sewers system. Ayes: 5.

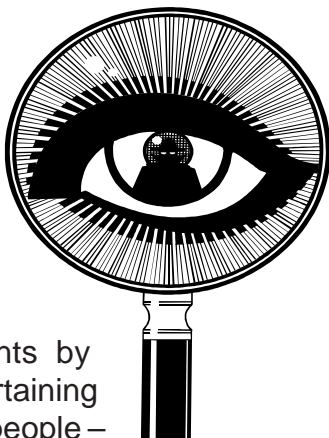
AE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Dr. Hulleman recommended casting a ballot for Steve Rose as director for the AE A Board of Directors. Motion by Ron Miller, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to elect Steve Rose as director for the AE A Board of Directors. Ayes: 5.

BOARD POLICY SECTION 300: The Board reviewed Board Policy Section 300, "Administration".

President Chris Wadle adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Hunt your way around Warren County and help the SE Warren After-Prom by registering for the first SE Warren After-Prom scavenger hunt to benefit the SE Warren After-Prom Committee on Saturday, November 12th!



You can help provide a drug and alcohol free night for our students by participating in this unique and entertaining event! Form a team of three to five people – invite your neighbor, your spouse, or your coworkers – it's up to you! If you play to win then you'll want to have teammates who know the perfect place to find a take-out menu with Kung Pao Chicken, the hottest year on record in Warren County, Iowa, or a calendar from 1972. The possibilities are endless, but you'll have to wait until November 12th to find out!

Keep in mind that **this event will be limited to the first 50 teams** that register and submit the team minimum donation of \$100 before Friday, 4 November. **Don't delay - form your team today!** **Fabulous prizes** will be given to the three teams accumulating the most points during the hunt. Prize giveaway will be held at the Milo Community Center following the hunt. Non-alcoholic drinks and appetizers will be provided at the Milo Community Center. So, you think a scavenger hunt sounds easy? Well, how easy do you think it might be to find some of the items on the list below? (And no, you won't be asked to find these same items.)

- Empty jar of peanut butter
- Green toothpick
- Popsicle stick with a joke on it
- Picture of all team members inside a shopping mall wearing shower caps

These are just a few examples of the wacky items you may be asked to find. The more challenging an item is to find (or create), the more points your team will get if you do so!

To register:

1. Get a team together. Teams consist of three to five members. So get family or friends together and suit up. If you don't have a full team, let us know and we'll try to match you up with some other individuals. It could be a great way to meet people.
2. Fill out the [registration form](#). It's pretty simple—the hardest part will be coming up with a fun and unique team name!
3. Raise Your Donations. To complete the registration process we ask that your team raise a minimum of \$100 to support the SE Warren After-Prom. You can use the [sponsorship forms](#) to help collect your minimum donation. You can also use the form to continue collecting donations that can be turned in the day of the Hunt at check-in.
4. Send in your registration form and donations. Remember, you'll be officially registered for the scavenger hunt only when you've sent in your team's official [registration form](#) along with the minimum donation. Deadline for entries is November 4th.
Send your team's form and minimum donation to:
SE Warren After-Prom
309 N Washington
Lacona, IA 50139
(Make checks payable to: SE warren After-Prom)
5. Come to check-in on November 12th at 2:00 p.m. Bring those additional contributions that you have collected with you to check-in—you never know what the judges might do. Team captains: to speed up the check-in process, have your team sign the [waiver form](#) in advance and bring it to check-in.

To receive your registration packet please contact Brenda King at (641)534-3015.

REPORT OF SHARING OPTIONS STUDY Iowa Department of Education

Introducing . . .

By Tara Prine

Mr. Burrell is the new science teacher at Southeast Warren, teaching 7th and 8th grade science and also Biology. He graduated from Southeast Warren in 2000 and Graceland University in 2004. He is the son of our high school P.E. teacher, Cathy Burrell.

In addition to teaching and coaching the high school football team, he enjoys riding horses and has been riding them since he was young.

During high school, Mr. Burrell was the quarterback of the football team. His love for football is part of the reason he applied for the coaching job.

Before I sat down with Mr. Burrell for the interview, I didn't really know much about him. Through the interview I discovered that he has quite a sense of humor. When I asked him what his first car was, his response was a 1987 Pontiac Sunbird that had grass growing in the backseat. I thought that was odd even unbelievable, but as we talked, I realized that probably was true!

Mr. Burrell admitted that he missed high school and also misses college. He misses his friends and not being able to hang out with the boys every night. Still, he enjoys what he does now. When I asked if he enjoyed teaching at Southeast Warren, his answer was, "I sure do! I love it!" He also said that his favorite part of teaching here was the kids.

The last question I asked Mr. Burrell was if he liked working with his mom. He answered, "Yes, of course! I get to see her lovely face every day!"

Conclusions:

Based on the information reviewed and the interviews, the Districts are open to increased sharing; in fact I encourage the districts to share as much as they are able to. However, I am not sure if the groups understand the extent of sharing that the districts currently participate in. I encourage both districts to discuss the current sharing agreements in place with their staff and communities.

Based on the interviews, issues arose regarding whole grade sharing. These issues include:

- 1) Reality of the situation. Melcher-Dallas has come to the realization that something needs to change to maintain a quality system. They are not happy about it but know something must happen. Southeast Warren has not accepted this fact yet.
- 2) Compatibility. When the question of compatibility was brought up, the current rivalry was discussed. In one instance one of the groups discussed the fact that a sheriff's deputy had to be on hand for one of the sporting events due to the intense rivalry.
- 3) Distance. All groups were concerned with the distance between the high schools. They believed lost instruction time for students may result if students or staff are shared between the districts.
- 4) Open enrollment. Groups commented on the effect of increased sharing or whole grade sharing on open enrollment numbers. There is not a good way to estimate potential open enrollment, but with the number of parents that work outside of the districts, convenience may be an issue that may increase the numbers of students open enrolling out of the district.

To address these issues I recommend the districts do the following:

- Set up or use an existing advisory group to discuss the issues listed above. This group should include members from both districts.
- The group should also ask itself the following questions:
- What will be best for the students?
- Will Melcher-Dallas or Southeast Warren meet those needs? If yes, is the distance between the two districts too great?
- As the group works through these issues they should develop a communication plan to disseminate information. Community meetings and newsletters were mentioned quite frequently.

I applaud the proactive efforts of the districts in addressing the issue of declining enrollment and encourage the districts to continue to discuss ways to ensure students receive a quality education.

Sincerely, Eric Heitz

Superintendent's Note: We appreciate the work of Eric Heitz in conducting the study and compiling this report. We also appreciate the individuals in both communities who participated in the focus groups. We would also like to hear from you on the subject of sharing with Melcher-Dallas. Please contact any school board member or call me at 466-3510 with your thoughts.

Parent Mini Course & Parent Teacher Conferences

Enjoy a free meal when you attend the Parent/Teachers Conference on Tuesday November 8th 2005, and plan to attend the Parent Mini Course

When : Tuesday November 8th 2005
(4:00-8:00 PM)
Where: Southeast Warren High School
(Media Center)
What's going on? A mini in service for parents
What's it about? Free programs offered at our school
They are: Parent On Line and E-choices

Parent On Line is simple to use and is on the Southeast Warren web site. Learn how to **access your son/daughter's grades, lesson assignments** and more. This is a tool every parent should use.

E-choices program is designed for the student to assess their talents, aptitudes, careers and educational opportunities. Students create their own portfolio. The program is vast in the number of ways it assists students. It enables the student to **compare college tuition, programs and scholarship information**. The program is accessible anywhere there is Internet service.

Plan to visit with the Southeast Warren Faculty. Plan to join us for the mini in-service. Feel free to visit the mini course at anytime during the Parent Teacher Conference. Join us for an evening of learning. Enjoy friends and relax. Explore something that will benefit the entire family when you attend the mini course!

Please contact Mrs. Connie Neer at the school to confirm your reservation for the meal. (466-3331) You may enjoy your meal anytime from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The meal will be served in the cafeteria. You need not attend the mini service to enjoy your free meal. We encourage you to get involved in the informational mini course. It is short in length, you'll be glad you attended. Plan one night out without the hassle of cooking. We are always glad to see you. **Come visit us, enjoy yourself!!**

The meal is provided by the Southeast Warren National Honor Society.

National Honor Society News

The National Honor Society has 13 members. Seniors: Andrew Gladfelter, Theresa Renfeldt, Julie Ripperger, Eric Smith, Chelsie Town, Juniors: Zach Bruce, Matt Farley, Levi Hunerdosse, Mandy Kimzey, Kevin Manser, Tara Prine, Luke Putz and Angela Steil.

Members were elected as follows, Chelsie Town-President, Julie Ripperger-Vice President, Andrew Gladfelter-Treasurer and Theresa Renfeldt-Secretary.

The group has many activities planned. These include:

October 8thHighway and school clean-up
October 29thJ.H. Halloween Dance
November 8thFamily Meals (Parent Teachers Conference)
December 6thSenior Citizens Luncheon
February 18thJ.H. Valentine Dance

We have placed posters listing important information at several sites around the school district. The posters contain information and directions pertaining to the Senior Citizens Luncheon. **The Senior Citizens Luncheon will be held in the Southeast Warren High School Gym on Tuesday December 6th. The meal will be served at 11:00 A.M.**

Transportation will be provided as follows: **Transportation will leave the Milo School at 10:15 A.M. Transportation will leave the Lacona Meal Site at 10:35 A.M. Please call the school to make reservations. Contact Connie at 466-3331.**

Those Senior Citizens, for whatever reason who cannot make timely reservations, please attend the luncheon with us. We understand unexpected situations do present themselves, whether it is a late arrival of a friend to the area or some other reason. We appreciate your support over the years.

The National Honor Society would like to acknowledge the people who work so hard to make this event successful. The cooks are Rosemary Bauer, Janet Hendrickson and Joanne Vincent. We would also like to recognize the Bel Mont Badgers and the Liberty Bells. These 4-H groups have been responsible for many of the priceless hand made gifts shared at the luncheons in the past. Again, a big thank-you to these wonderful people!

The Fall Musical dates are November 18, 19 and 20. This production will include students in 4th through 12th grades and we are working hard to make this a very entertaining event. We will possibly offer a dinner along with Saturday night's performance, more information on this will be available at a later date.

Tickets will be \$5, all sold at the door. Please plan to take in a performance - Friday or Saturday evening, or Sunday afternoon - you will not be disappointed!



Southeast Warren FFA

September---

Our first FFA meeting of the new school year was held September 1st we had 8 new members join. Our upcoming events include, Soils Contest, Homecoming Float, and Fruit and Cheese. The Southeast Warren FFA is involved in many events around the community, so look for us!!!!

October---

Southeast Warren FFA is fully underway. Our juniors and seniors have recently attended the National Convention, which took place in Louisville, Kentucky. Some people who went were Katie Meyers, Ashley Thompson, Tyler Dollison, Zach Bruce, Kimmie Hunerdosse, Adam Brummer, Brian Lester, Ben Beck, Jared Schaffer, Theresa Renfeldt, and Jeff Byers. They would like to thank their chaperones who were: Larry Snuggs, Genie Snuggs, and Teri Brummer. While there they attended the zoo, Louisville glassworks and a winery plus numerous leadership meetings. Our chapter has also recently wrapped up our fruit and cheese sales. Delivery is expected the second week in December. We have also hosted another successful Red Ribbon Week. We also sent a few of our members to the trap shoot in October. Next month we will go to the elementary to talk to the second graders about Food for America.

Reporter Kimmie Hunerdosse

Magazine Sales

The Junior Class would like to thank everyone that purchased magazines. Your subscription will start in about 8 wks.

Thank you

Band Notes

The High School band has had a busy fall season. We have played at four football games, started pep band rehearsal for basketball season, worked on Christmas music for our concert in December, and still have one more home football game to play. Jr. High Band has been busy with a similar schedule. We plan to combine both bands for the last home game of the season.

Both bands participated in fund raising this fall selling non-perishable food and dessert items. The product was delivered to us the week of October 17. Band members should be calling on you to arrange delivery that same week. If an order was incorrect please call me at 641-466-3331 so that I can correct it. We hope to generate enough funds to take a band trip this spring. Thank all of you who supported our efforts.

Willis VanderLinden

Student of the Month

This month Mr. Dicks nominated Alex Bruce as student of the month. He picked Alex because, "She is quiet, interesting, and a bright student."

To get to know Alex better, I asked her some questions. Her favorite food is shrimp, favorite type of music is heavy metal, favorite type of car is a Jeep Wrangler, favorite superhero is Cat Woman, favorite Disney character is Snow White, favorite holiday is Halloween (because you get to act like you're two), favorite season is Winter, and favorite hobby is skiing. I asked her how it felt to be student of the month and she said, "Surprising."

By Delaney Stanley

Super Readers

Have you noticed someone with a book in their hands at the dinner table? Noticed someone reading in a big comfortable chair instead of playing outside lately? Students at the Primary Center are busy these days reading up a storm! They are trying hard to achieve a reading level to allow them to go to the Reading Party the teachers and PIE group put on for readers. Congratulations to all the new readers and to these super reading achievers!

Rising Readers:

Waylon Balk	Nathan Coffman
Cody Cox	Sierra Dorsey
Gabe Henderson	Cameron Minton
Brandi Putz	Brandon Vance
Morgen Greif	Keetan Lawler
Jill Williams	Alyssa Dittmer
Jake Hunerdosse	Josh Mosher
Sarah Nutting	Justus Sherman
Morgan Weeks	Olivia Anders
Tiffany Barr	Everett Dittmer
Luke Ulin	

Super Reader

Brooke Seuferer	Bryant Seuferer
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These levels are accurate as of 1:00 pm., October 12. A huge thank you to the PIE parents for providing the funding for our AR parties. These reading parties are a terrific incentive to the young readers of our building. THANK YOU!

Fine Arts

By *Ariel Ohnemus*

This month in fine arts, Mrs. Morhardt's class is continuing sculpture chairs. The students were to pick an artist, then make a chair the way the artist would design it. They are also designing pants. Mrs. Morhardt sends kudos to Kristi Hedrick, Rachel Reynolds, and Scott Smith for their creativity.

In band, Mr. VanderLinden is perfecting the band's marching skills for the last few home football games. They are also starting to work on the pep band music for basketball. Mr. VanderLinden reports that junior high's Katie Beck, who plays flute and has recently been conducting the class during rehearsal, is doing a great job. Also from high school, Jake Larson, who plays the drums, and Emily Gladfelter, who plays the flute, are solid musicians. Nice work, Southeast Warren students!

This month Mrs. Young is working on the fall play of "Beauty and the Beast" The leads in the play are Josh Nutting playing "Beast", and Ashley Thompson playing "Belle". Good luck with all the creativity guys!

SOUTHEAST WARREN FOOD PANTRY 2005 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Gift certificates were distributed to families in need for the 2004 Christmas Offering. This method of distribution permits patrons to select food and miscellaneous items of their choosing. Purchases of alcohol and tobacco are prohibited. Twenty-one families, or a total of seventy-five patrons of the Southeast Warren District were served in 2004. The total cost of the 2004 Christmas Offering was \$1,590. The Food Pantry appreciates the generous support received from the area Churches and the members of the Southeast Warren Communities.

The Food Pantry will again focus on monetary donations instead of non-perishables and other miscellaneous items. **WE ARE URGING CHURCHES OF THE DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2005 TO TAKE UP A SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.** Proceeds may be sent to Pauline Ripperger, 23901 S23 Hwy, Lacona, Iowa 50139.

The deadline for patrons to register for the **2005 Christmas Offering** is **December 5, 2005**. Late registration requests will be honored, provided funds are available. If you desire to participate in the 2005 Christmas Offering, please contact Rev. Jeff Porter - 942-6123, or Pauline Ripperger - 534-3208.

Thank you for your continued support.

**SOUTHEAST WARREN
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY**

Pauline Ripperger

ELP Project

Students receiving purple ribbons at the Student Technology Fair last April received certificates inviting them to showcase their projects at the *Iowa Technology and Education Connection's* (ITEC) annual conference. The conference was held at the downtown Marriott in Des Moines on October 9-11, 2005. Students had the opportunity to present their projects to attendees of the conference during the Student presentations and Poster Sessions.

Southeast Warren junior high ELP students Joseph Kimzey, Evan Gardner, and Erick Davis presented the math CD titled "Math Fun Around Time" developed last year by the sixth grade ELP class. The students were able to demonstrate to ITEC members, other educators and the public, their use of technology in developing a product (CD) that incorporated technology and math skills. Other students who participated in the project, but were unable to attend the conference were Grant Beck, Seth Nutting, Lindsay Young, Ashley Lewis, Madison Martin, and Tyler Renfeldt.

From The Guidance Department:

During their English classes I visited with the seniors. We discussed the importance of beginning the transition process from high school to college. We discussed the timeline for making these decisions. We talked about scholarship searches. Mrs. Stills is implementing assignments requiring the seniors to write essays seeking scholarships. It was encouraging to know they would use these essays to seek scholarships and they would also receive grades for these projects. We shared information about the use of Fast Web. The Fast Web is a program designed to help students seek scholarships and other important information. We discussed the Southeast Warren Dollars For Scholars Scholarships, the scholarship binder and the many scholarships that enter my office. We discussed the importance of the scholarships that are offered from the post secondary institution the students will be attending. The students were informed of the dates and times the College Planning Center would be on campus for their annual activities. These are:

- a. College Planning Night.....Thursday October 20th 2005
- b. Financial Aide Night.....Tuesday January 19th 2006
- c. FASFA Assistance.....Wednesday February 15th 2006
- d. 2nd College Planning Night..... March 2006 (date to be announced)

Students and parents are reminded that each college has different deadline dates for financial record remittance. Please inquire and respond accordingly. It has come to my attention that Iowa State requires financial information prior to the financial aide meeting Tuesday, January 19th 2006.

The College Center's phone number was shared. 1-515-246-8561 and 1-877-272-4692. Students were encouraged to use these numbers when important questions arise. This is a free service with many benefits to the families of our students.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to get involved in this transitional process. It has been my experience that those students with adult support and guidance are more successful in achieving their goals. Parents are encouraged to make college visits with their son/daughter whenever possible!

Thank You
Mr. Tigner



Color Guard

By: Lori Hart



This year has started off with a bang. The girls have learned seven routines so far. The girls are working extremely hard to get ready for state in December. This year we have new flags, poles, and chains. We are working to raise money to buy new uniforms. We are currently taking orders on T-shirts and sweatshirts. We are offering a green and white tie-dye shirt, long sleeve white shirt, and grey hooded sweatshirt. If you would like to order one, please fill out the information below by November 14 and remit payment to: SEW Color Guard, Attn: Lori Hart, 16331 Tyler Street, Liberty Center, 50145

NAME: _____ Phone # _____

_____ Short Sleeve Tye-dye \$15* _____ Long Sleeve tye-dye \$20* _____ Grey hoody \$25*
 _____ Size _____ Size _____ Size

_____ Long sleeve white t-shirt \$13* Name on back (\$2): _____
 _____ Size

Total: \$ _____

*XXL please add \$2.00, *XXXL please add \$3.00

Athletic Booster

Sponsors

White Club (\$15)

Raymond & Betty Cooper



Green Club (\$25)

Jim & Karen Duncan
Bob & Juanita Dykstra
Dick & Betty Lamb
Keith & Nancy Smith
Rainbow Snow



Warhawk Club (\$50)

Ben & Carla Anders
Chester & Ann Crouse
Flavian & Ruth Konrad
Kenneth & Sandy McCombs
Dave & Nett Schaffer
Kevin & Janet Smith
Ron & Deanna Smith
Chris Wadle
Ruble Sales & Service
Seuferer's Body Shop



Soar High Club (\$100)

Jack & Sheila Fosdick
Larry & Bonnie Gilleland
David & Connie Knouse
Loy & Lisa Miller
Dave, Shelly, Cody & Chase Reynolds
Andy & Becky Schurman
Steve & Bev Schurman
Jeff & Marilys Sowers
Brenton Tigner
Craig & LAnn Wenndt family
Troy & Deanna Williams



ANNUAL WRESTLING OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26
3:00 - H.S. WRESTLING ROOM

Chili supper following practice. Come and meet the wrestlers and coaches and see a practice session. Call Dave Ripperger (641) 466-3331 for information.

Football Field Upgrade

The Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters have been working hard to improve the football field. Two years ago the Boosters began raising money to make much needed repairs to the existing facility. They have invested close to \$40,000 and worked many long nights and weekends to help make the SEW Football field one of the best. There are still some minor items to be taken care of, but the field looks great and it is something we should all be proud of.

The renovation began shortly after the last home game of 2004. Booster members and many volunteers from the community began by removing the existing fences, goal posts and visitor side bleachers. The field needed to be leveled and crowned because it had 9 foot of fall from the northeast corner to the southwest corner. It took 200 truck loads of dirt to get that accomplished. Albert and Cindy Butler donated all of the dirt that was used on the field. The Boosters also installed a new sprinkler system and goal posts. The school had new fences installed.

SEW Athletic Boosters would like to thank everyone that supported our efforts by making cash donations and we would also like to thank the following individuals for their time and equipment. We apologize if we missed anyone.

Albert & Cindy Butler	Alliant Energy	Brian Konrad
Brock Konrad	Cody Schurman	City of Lacona
Coach Matt Oliver	Coach Phil Oliver	Curt Arey & the Carpenter Union
Custom Electric Services	Don Newbury	Local 106 Apprentice Class
Doug Hommer --	Dr. Harold Hulleman	Eric Smith
Hommer Construction	Evan Schurman	Herald Whipple
Jeff Seuferer --	Indianola Hy Vee	John Butler
Seuferer Body Shop	Larrie Williams	Logan Miller
Miller Construction	Ron Konrad	Ryan Boozell
Shane Konrad	Terry Davis --	Tim Mathis --
Troy Williams --	Country Propane	Mathis Construction
Williams Machine Shop	Wade Williams	Wyatt Williams

Show your support for our Southeast Warren Athletics by becoming an active member of the Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters.

We help to support all of the athletic teams at Southeast Warren. When a coach is in need of equipment, they can ask the boosters for assistance. At our last meeting of the 04-05 school year we agreed to spend \$1400 on new poles for the volleyball nets and \$2200 for a radar gun, pitching machine, bats and rakes for softball/baseball. We are currently working on acquiring a new score table for the high school gym. Upcoming project possibilities include a new concession and restrooms in Milo.

In addition to running the concession stands at all home events, the Boosters also help to keep our sports facilities looking their best. This summer with the help of players, coaches and parents we installed gravel around the fences at the baseball and softball fields to help keep weeds down. We also invested nearly \$40,000 to upgrade the football field in Lacona.

The Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters needs more members to serve on our board, help make decisions, help work on facilities and run concessions. Many people tell us we just need to ask them when we need help...we are asking. Anyone interested please attend our meetings the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 in the auditorium at the Liberty Center School.

Homecoming: Warhawk Style

By Tara Prine

Homecoming was a huge success. Many people showed their spirit by dressing up for the theme days. Mr. and Ms. Spirit were Senior Tyrel Welch and Junior Mandy Kimzey. This is Mandy Kimzey's second year of being voted Ms. Spirit. For each theme day there was also a winner. Monday was Pajama Day, and 8th grader Darby Squier was the winner. Senior Ryan Humble was the winner of Class Color Day. Junior Delaney Stanley won Disney Day on Wednesday with her Tinker Bell costume. Thursday was Napoleon Dynamite/Ron Burgundy/70s Day and Senior Michael Bird was Thursday's theme day winner. Good job out of everyone who participated!

Each class always divides up and has a chalk drawing at the high school, decorates windows in Lacona, and also decorates a float. Each class is then judged on chalk drawing, window decorations, and float decorations. The juniors won the chalk drawing with their theme of *Dumbo*. The seniors, with their theme of *Dumbo*, won the window decorations. For float decorating, first place went to the seniors, with their theme of *Alice in Wonderland*. FFA, with their theme of *Bambi*, was the winner of the club floats. There was definitely some tough competition!

During the week, Tuesday was Class Color Day. Even though there is an individual winner, there is also a class who wins with the most participation. The class who has the most participation receives an ice cream party at lunch. The seniors, with 87% participation came in 3rd place. 2nd place went to the freshman with 96% participation. The juniors stole 1st place with 98% participation! Way to go!

Looking back on the week, it is easy to see that it was a fun week. There was definitely some competition throughout the week, but that made it even better. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped have us have a great Homecoming!

FCCLA

This month in FCCLA we will be attending the District XI Fall Leadership Meeting at DMACC in Ankeny. Jamesa Wadle will run for District Officer. On November 4, FCCLA will be sponsoring a Community Blood Drive in the Southeast Warren High School in Liberty Center. Officers this year are:

President- Chelsie Town

Vice President- Kristi Headrick

Attendance Secretary- Lacey Goering

Recorder- Rachael Reynolds

Reporter- Ariel Ohnemus

District Representative- Jamesa Wadle

from your Primary Principal. . .

Mrs. Charlotte Weakland

Thank you to everyone who supported the Partners in Education fundraisers over the last couple of years. With an eye to upgrading and enlarging our playground opportunities, PIE recently purchased an eight-person swing set and filled in needed wood chip ground cover. A special thank you to Brad Chase and Greg Weakland who donated their time in preparing the pad for the swings, and to Vanderpool Construction who donated the use of the skid loader and dump truck needed to complete that project. Thanks also to Jeremy Cross, Kevin Baumgarten, Andy Rosenbaum, Joel Mosher, Chester Crouse, and Doug Hembry for their assistance in pouring the concrete to anchor the swings. The children are really enjoying the new equipment, as well as the two new four-squares and bean bag throw games that were painted onto the blacktop by Blayne Hartman, Wendy & Patrick Smith, Stacey Coffman, Mel Kibbe, and myself on a glorious Saturday morning in October. It is through the hard work and generous donation of time and money by individuals and our local generous corporate friends that good things happen for kids.

Primary classes celebrated Fire Prevention Week during the week of October 10th, with a visit from representatives of the Milo Fire and Rescue Team, including Sheila Coffman, David Ademeit, and Joel Mosher. They brought along the grass unit truck and the ambulance for the students' inspection and demonstrated how they get into their fire gear, as they talked about the work of the firemen and women and the EMC's. The students especially enjoyed actually climbing into the ambulance and looking around. I'd like to remind everyone to check their smoke alarms and consider holding a home fire drill - designating possible escape routes from various rooms, locating a place for the family to assemble a safe distance from the house, and then practicing the drill several times.

Red Ribbon Week, held this year the week of October 17th, is always a special time at the Primary as we together celebrate drug free lives. One of the highlights of this year's celebration was the preparation of a new flower bed in the northeast corner of the schoolyard. The classes each took a turn at planting red tulip bulbs in a bed the shape of the breast cancer awareness ribbon. It will add a lovely touch of color to our school grounds every spring, and remind us again of the importance of leading a drug free life.

The Primary students and staff collected a total of \$273.65 in September during our "Coins for Katrina" drive for the hurricane victims. Then, in early October, they again brought their dollars for the Jeff and Maggie Lewis family, who lost their home and all of its contents in a fire. Primary Kindergartner Baylea's family returned the favor by donating a book to Baylea's classroom and another to the Primary media center. It is through generous acts of kindness such as these that children learn what a giving heart is all about.

Southeast Warren Community School District
16331 Tyler Street
Liberty Center IA 50145



BOXHOLDER

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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:

Superintendent **-OR-**
Equity Coordinator
16331 Tyler St.
Liberty Center, Iowa
641-466-3510

IOWA DEPT. OF EDUCATION **-OR-**
Grimes State Office Bldg.
Des Moines, Iowa
515-281-5294

U.S. Dept. of Education
Office of Civil Rights
111 North Canal St., Suite 1053
Chicago IL 60606-7204

AFTER-PROM Sponsored Events

Have we got stuff going on!

Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, November 12. Fabulous prizes will be awarded to the best "amazing race" contestants. This event is open to anyone - students, adults, neighboring schools, etc. See page 12 in this newsletter for more information.

Southeast Warren Merchandise

If you haven't seen them yet at a football game or at school, ask any senior or senior parent, or call the high school office.

Green & white duffel bags - \$30.00

"Ribbon" car magnets - \$3.00

Green & white rubber bracelets - \$3.00

SEW embroidered blankets - \$25.00

(warm & waterproof, they fold for easy carrying)

Balloon Ride Raffle

We continue to sell chances to win a hot air balloon ride. Winner will be drawn at the last home basketball game.

Thank you

The following people or groups contributed to the success of the After Prom softball tournament held during the Lacona Celebration:

Lacona Little League

Rick Champ

Brian Konrad

Jeff Konrad

AE Dairy

Lacona Celebration Committee

The Kamikaze's (winners of the tournament and donated back the \$100)

The Milo Methodist Team-2nd place

The Molloy Team

The Destroyers

The River Kings-3rd place

The Why? Team

Moms who donated pies