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DATES TO NOTE

- Oct 31, Nov. 2 - Parent/Teacher Conf.
- Nov. 3 - No School
- Nov. 3-5 Fall Musical
- Nov. 10 - Scholarship Music Show
- Nov. 13-17 - ITBS/ITED Testing
- Nov. 25 - Wrestling Open House

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Parents, please check on your child's lunch account balances. This is available on our website and you may sign up to receive low balance email notices.



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Senior Citizens Luncheon Thursday, December 7

Interested seniors please call the school and make reservations. We will accept late requests. Local advertisements will be placed at Milo, Lacona and Liberty Center. The high school phone number is 466-3331.

Positive Points for Southeast Warren

Harold Hulleman, Superintendent

Last month I asked if you were a positive spokesperson for the Southeast Warren School District. I promised to include some of the positive things about SEW in this newsletter. Following is some information I am pleased to share with you and hope you will share with others.

Students:

- 542 Number of students served in our three schools
- 19.0 Average class size in grades K-3
- 14-23 Range of class size in grades K-3
- 17.8 Average class size in grades 4-6
- 17-20 Range of class size in grades 4-6
- 100% High School graduation rate in 2005-2006

Staff:

- 107 Total number of employees
- 51 Number of licensed staff
- 11.2 Student/Staff Ratio
- 14.4 years Average tenure of elementary teachers
- 10.3 years Average tenure of secondary teachers
- 16 Number of teachers who have been at SEW for 20 years or more
- 25 Teacher associates
- 18 Teacher associates who hold paraeducator certificates

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Technology:

- 5 Number of computer labs in the District
- 3:1 Students/Computer ratio
- All Buildings have computer networks with high speed Internet access
- All Buildings have networked printers and copiers and access to a color printer
- Most Computers are new within the past four years.

Finance:

- \$4,914,602 Total operating budget for 2006-2007
- 75.1% Portion of budget that is spent on salaries and benefits
- \$5,128 Regular Program District Cost Per Pupil
- \$224,441 Unreserved, undesignated budget balance as of June 30, 2006
- + 4.6% Solvency ratio – a measure of a district’s financial well being
(a ratio of +5% to +10% is recommended)

Other Talking Points:

- Modern facilities
- Good variety of student activities and athletics
- Small school environment provides greater opportunity for participation in activities and athletics
- Special attention to at-risk students
- Maintain a four-year foreign language program within the District
- Class in computer-aided drafting (CAD)
- Classes in web page development, programming and audio/video
- College preparatory and college planning software programs
- Online parental access to grades, lunch accounts, and teachers

If you have other good things to share about our schools, please let me know. In the meantime, please share the items listed above with others when it is appropriate. We do have many things that represent Warren Pride.

Youth Wrestling

Its that time of year again. SE Warren Youth Wrestling will begin November 6 in the Southeast Warren Wrestling room. Practice for wrestlers with less than 2 years of experience should come in at 6 pm. Those with more than 2 years of experience should come in at 7 pm.

For more information contact Brian Jimenez or Dave Ripperger.

The Board Salutes

Last spring, the Board Salutes Award was developed to recognize groups or individuals who have contributed to our school and community. This award was presented to Ed Dick, Vice President/Apprenticeship and Training Coordinator for Operating Engineers Local 234, in September for removing the foundation of the old white schoolhouse in Liberty Center. In October, this award was presented to Paula Schultz and Kim Warner for their support of Ms. Hurtado as she began her teaching assignment at SEW and established her residence.

Accelerated Reading

Milo Primary Center second and third graders are reading up a storm, trying to qualify for the first AR party. The first party (the first of four, one per quarter) will be held on Friday, October 27th. Any student who has achieved a goal reading level will get to attend. If a student doesn’t make it to the first party, they can certainly make it to the rest of them! These great readers have achieved their **second** reading goal and are Rising Readers.

Rising Readers

Brock Graham	Olivia Anders
Sammy Straw	Walker Porterfield
Bryant Seuferer	Brooke Seuferer

50-Point Club

Brooke Seuferer

A big, spooky thank you to the members of the PIE organization for supplying the funds for our AR parties. They have helped to motivate these children as nothing else has! THANK YOU!

Jr-Sr High Principal

Mr. Terry Gladfelter

In spite of a couple of discipline issues that have occurred this fall, I am pleased with how our students have been working and behaving. I have been particularly impressed with the student understanding of the student handbook. Many students have reported to me that they reviewed the handbook with their parents this summer. Even at the high school that type of student/parent involvement is crucial to a positive school culture and student achievement.

During the 1960's to the early 90's the society attitude was one of let the schools do the educating. But significant research since the 90's now indicate that student success is critically related to parental involvement. One survey shows that 86% of the general public believes that support from parents is the most important way to improve the schools.

One of our goals in improving student achievement is the ongoing communication between the school and the home. 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.** Research shows 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



PIE SALE

SEW Life Skills Dept.

Order your homemade frozen ready-to-bake pies for your Thanksgiving feast! To order call 466-3331, ext. 243, by November 9. Pies are \$6 in these flavors: Apple, Dutch Apple, Rhubarb, Peach, Cherry, Pumpkin, Walnut.

Your pie will be ready for pick-up on Tuesday, November 21, at the high school cafeteria from 1-6 pm. All proceeds go to support the SEW Life Skills Community Activities. Checks payable to SEW Life Skills. Your support is greatly appreciated!

academic achievement. Listed next 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

Here at SEW, I want to continue to encourage parents to keep the lines of communication open. Contrary to what your student(s) may say, we want you to be involved. Keep the communication open through the phones or e-mail. The On-Line Parent is very easy to monitor your student’s class progress. Please come to parent/teacher conferences.

Band Notes

Marching season is rapidly coming to a close with the final regular season home game to be played October 20th. Hopefully this will be a win and we will see post season play. As a special event for the last home game the high school band will combine with the jr. high band to march during half-time. Our theme this year has been Rock n Roll music and we will continue with that theme. We hope you take a few minutes during half-time to enjoy the show !

Willis VanderLinden, Band Director

From your Primary Principal

Mrs. Charlotte Weakland

A huge thank you to the Milo and Lacona Fire Departments for making Fire Prevention Week, October 9-13, especially meaningful for our elementary students. Thanks to Michelle Spear for arranging for all of the students to tour a trailer model of a home, with rooms partitioned off to represent a living room, a kitchen, and a bedroom, right here on the school's front lawn. As the students entered the "house", they were greeted by members of the Milo and Lacona Fire Departments who pointed out fire hazards including an extension cord coiled up under a throw rug and a cereal box placed too near a kitchen stove. One student from each group gained the experience of making a "911" call as the rest of the group listened in and got a good feel for how difficult it is to answer questions on the spot and not talk too fast. While the students were in the upstairs bedroom, theatrical smoke began to fill the room. The students immediately got as low as they could and practiced crawling out of a small window and down an emergency exit ladder. The students were encouraged to later check their own homes for fire hazards. They were also encouraged to ask their parents to conduct home fire drills and designate a meeting place outside the house for family members to assemble in case of a real fire.

Red Ribbon Week was celebrated at the Primary building the week of October 23rd. On Friday of that week the students and staff were encouraged to wear their specially-designed t-shirts proclaiming, "I Show Good Character by Being Drug Free".

Thank you to everyone in the community who purchased frozen pizzas or desserts, candles, greeting cards, wrapping paper, or assorted candy from an elementary student during Partners in Education's recent fundraiser. Proceeds from this and other fundraisers will be used to update the elementary playgrounds and promote reading and character programs. Your purchases should be delivered to you by the selling student on November 23rd or shortly thereafter.

Don't forget to check out the Primary building on December 2nd during Milo's Small Town Country Christmas. Attractions will include the annual Cookie Walk, various local and high school vendors with crafts and Christmas gift ideas, a Book Fair, Elves' Workshop, and Quilt Show.

You are all invited to the annual Elementary Christmas Program in the high school gymnasium beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11th.

Intermediate School Principal

Mrs. Cindy Butler

In a rural district such as ours, many students spend time on the bus to and from school. While statistics show that riding the bus is the safest way to get to school, dangerous situations could occur if children don't follow school bus safety rules and procedures. Bus safety rules are published in the district student handbook and distributed to all students at the beginning of the school year so I won't repeat those rules here, but following are some general tips for helping students remain safe on the bus:



- **Getting on and off.** Insist that your children be courteous and use their manners when it comes to getting on and off the bus. They should wait their turn to board and get off; never push or shove on the stairs; and say "thank you" and "good morning" to the bus driver. While children are waiting for the bus, they should stay in the designated area, follow adult directions, and be alert to possible hazards.
- **Safety while underway.** Instruct your children to follow the bus driver's rules; find their place quickly and stay in it; don't distract the driver; don't harass other children; and keep hands and other objects to self. School bus drivers are there to transport children safely. They're not counselors or teachers and they must keep their eyes on the road. Children should treat each other with respect while on the bus. Many times students start out "playing around", but this type of behavior can quickly escalate to name calling or a physical interaction. Remind your children that playing around in any way on the bus is putting other children's safety at risk as well as their own.
- **Explaining rules.** Many times, children think rules are unfair. To help them see the reason for bus rules, have them talk about how they would handle getting 30 or more students safely to school on the bus. Explain how distracting the driver even for a second could put a whole busload of children in danger.

We want all students to be safe on the bus. Review the bus rules with your children and if you are aware of a problem situation, please let the driver or principal know so that we can work together to find a solution.

More On Getting Tough! *Harold Hulleman, Superintendent*

Last month I provided some information about how SEW students have performed on the ACT. To review, we have fewer of our graduates taking the ACT than do other Iowa districts and those who do take this exam score significantly lower than the state average.

Unfortunately, there is more distressing news. Through collaborative research with postsecondary institutions nationwide, ACT has established benchmark scores for designated college courses. A benchmark score is the minimum score needed on ACT subject-area tests to indicate a 50% chance of obtaining a B or higher or about a 75% chance of obtaining a C or higher in the corresponding credit-bearing college course.

Listed below are benchmark scores along with the percentage of students in Iowa who achieve that score and the percentage of SEW students who achieve that score.

English Composition Benchmark: 18 on ACT English Test
77 = % of Iowa students scoring 18 or higher
62 = % of SEW students scoring 18 or higher

Algebra Benchmark: 22 on ACT Math Test
50 = % of Iowa students scoring 22 or higher
31 = % of SEW students scoring 22 or higher

Social Science Benchmark: 21 on ACT Reading Test
62 = % of Iowa students scoring 21 or higher
50 = % of SEW students scoring 21 or higher

Biology Benchmark: 24 on ACT Science Test
35 = % of Iowa students scoring 24 or higher
27 = % of SEW students scoring 24 or higher

Remember that only half of our graduates take the ACT while across the state about two-thirds of graduates take this exam. If we believe that our students are as capable as students throughout the state, then we, as a school district, must do more to prepare our graduates for postsecondary education or the world of work.

SOUTHEAST WARREN FOOD PANTRY 2006 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Gift certificates were distributed to sixteen families in need for the 2005 Food Pantry Christmas Offering. The Food Pantry served a total of 80 patrons; 25 adults and 52 children. The total cost of the 2005 Christmas Offering was \$1,395.00.

We will again focus on monetary donations for the 2006 year. This method of distribution permits patrons to select food and miscellaneous items of their choice. The purchase of alcohol and tobacco is prohibited. The Food Pantry is very appreciative of the support of the area Churches and the members of the Southeast Warren Communities. A very special thank you to the families of Richard and Linda Jacobs, and Rudy Wadle for their most generous donations.

WE ARE URGING CHURCHES OF THE DISTRICT TO DESIGNATE ONE SUNDAY DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS A SPECIAL COLLECTION DAY 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 **2006 Christmas Offering** is **December 4, 2006**. Late registrations requests will be honored, provided funds are available. If you wish to receive a Christmas Offering in the way of gift certificate to Fareway, please contact Pauline Ripperger - 534.3208.

Thank you for your continued support!
SOUTHEAST WARREN FOOD PANTRY
Pauline Ripperger

The Southeast Warren Board of Education met in regular session September 11, 2006, in the technology lab of the Junior/Senior High School building. Board Vice President Ron Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The following board members were present: John Burrell, Jennifer Birchette, and Larrie Williams. Chris Hardy was absent. Superintendent Dr. Harold Hulleman, Secondary Principal Terry Gladfelter, Intermediate Principal Cindy Butler, Primary Principal Charlotte Weakland, Transportation Director Joel Mosher, and Board Secretary Julie Wilson were also in attendance, along with members from the community.

AGENDA: Dr. Hulleman noted that agenda had been revised to include item #2 "Approve FFA trip to National Convention" and that the agenda item "Request for Early Graduation" had been deleted. Dr. Hulleman also noted that the parking lot plans and bus bids need to be discussed early in the meeting so that the people involved in the discussion could leave the meeting early. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the agenda as revised. Ayes: 4.

APPROVE PARKING LOT PLANS: Dan Hagen, from Abaci Consulting, was present to review the parking lot plans for Liberty Center. Mr. Hagen indicated that the drainage issues, property lines, and the location of rural water and cable lines would all be addressed. Mr. Hagen estimated a cost of \$150,000, including grading, for the current proposed parking lot plan. Mr. Hagen will develop a grading plan and specifications for the parking lot after the Board has approved the general concept of the parking lot plan. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the parking lot plans pending determination of the property lines and allowance for bus turns in the plans. Ayes: Birchette, Williams, Miller. Nays: Burrell. Motion passed 3:1.

APPROVE SCHOOL BUS BIDS: Joel Mosher reviewed the bids received from Hoglund Bus Company and Thomas Bus Sales for a 71-passenger school bus. Joel recommended accepting the low bid from Thomas Bus Sales, Inc. for a 2007 Thomas bus in the amount of \$73,193, with no options. Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by John Burrell to approve the purchase of a 2007 Thomas bus from Thomas Bus Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$73,193. Ayes: 4.

APPROVE FFA TRIP TO NATIONAL CONVENTION: Adam Brummer and Amanda Lewis presented information to the Board concerning the FFA trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, from October 24 through October 28th. Approximately 13 students and 4 adults will attend the conference. Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by John Burrell to approve the FFA trip to the National Convention. Ayes: 4.

THE BOARDSALUTES: Dr. Hulleman recognized Mr. Ed Dick, Vice President and Apprenticeship and Training Coordinator for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 234, for his contribution to the school and community. When asked to help the District by removing the foundation of the old school house and fill the area with dirt, Ed was quick to respond. Ed was very understanding of delays caused by getting One Call to mark the utilities in the area and then the rain. When the time was right, Ed brought equipment to the site, removed the debris, and filled the area in half a day. It was a great service and definitely saved the District money.

REPORTS:
Transportation reports submitted by Joel Mosher:

We had seven extra bus trips for the month of August. August was spent updating routes and making route changes to balance the drivers' time.

Primary Principal's reports submitted by Charlotte Weakland:

1. We currently have 152 Kindergarten through third grade students enrolled at our building. We also have eighteen three-year-olds and sixteen four-year-olds beginning this week. Below are individual class sizes:

- Mrs. Presley's kindergarten—19 students
- Ms. Marsh's kindergarten—20 students
- Mrs. Keenan's first grade—20 students
- Mrs. Tea's first grade—20 students
- Mrs. Burgin's second grade—22 students
- Mrs. William's second grade—23 students
- Mrs. Baker's third grade—14 students
- Mrs. Young's third grade—14 students.

As you can see the upward trend in numbers beginning two years ago this fall in our kindergarten classes, our numbers aren't nearly as strong as outgoing seniors. I have encouraged parents to consider the extra benefits their children enjoy in smaller classes, as well as in a smaller school district, and encourage their friends to enroll their children here.

2. Our twenty-eight third graders are taking the fall MAP tests this week. NWEA just recently announced that they are now offering a test for kindergarten, first, and second graders in reading and math. This is the first year that it is being offered. I have circulated the information about it to our teachers and asked for their written comments. More diagnostic information, especially in the area of reading comprehension would be helpful for us. I don't foresee this as a replacement for our current DIBEL Stesting, but we will follow up with other districts that are opting to implement these tests this first year to see how it works for them. Lack of computer skills, especially at the beginning of the year are a concern for kindergarten and first grade teachers, since the test is taken on the computer for all grades. We have the necessary computer lab and prescribed earphones already and will be including computer skills instruction during library time this year for all grades. If this program is not cost-prohibitive and we feel as a group that the information gained is worthwhile, we may consider adding it for next year.

3. Our annual Open House held the evening of August 29th was a huge success, with the Partners in Education group providing a meal to the many families who attended. Our building looked great, and the staff worked hard at welcoming the parents and grandparents who attended.

4. Representatives of both the Boys and the Girls Scouts of America has been in contact with the school about pursuing a renewed enrollment drive in our school. Representatives of the Boys' group were set up at the Open House to visit with the attending families about the benefits of joining their organization, and sign-up information for the Girls' group was sent home in the weekly newsletter.

5. Our Friday morning whole school character assemblies have been moved to 2:45 p.m. on Fridays to allow our specials classes to begin earlier in the day this year. Mr. Babcock and I continue to conduct those assemblies together—each with a character theme, as well as honoring reading accomplishments for the second and third graders.

I have also rescheduled my morning character lessons with individual classes to coincide with Mr. Babcock's guidance classes on Wednesday afternoons, meeting with the classes not meeting with him on any given Wednesday. We are currently looking at the character trait of "responsibility".

BOARD MINUTES, continued

Intermediate Principal's reports submitted by Cindy Butler:

1. The year has gotten off to a great start! New staff members are learning the ropes and doing a wonderful job. The students and teachers are adjusting to the new schedule and teaching assignments. The new schedule incorporates extra movement between classes which seems to benefit many students.

2. The Greenplain Methodist Church and the Medora Methodist Church each donated a large box of student school supplies to the Intermediate Center. We appreciate their generosity.

3. Open House and Fourth Grade Orientation were well attended. Partners in Education provided a light meal to attendees.

4. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing will begin next week and last for approximately two weeks.

Secondary Principal's reports submitted by Terry Gladfelter:

I am very pleased with the start of the school year. The effort to send out the student handbook at the beginning of August and the review of the handbook during the first three days of school has set a good school climate for the start of the year.

Baseball sportsmanship ratings—I received from the Iowa High School Athletic Association our baseball ratings for the summer 2006 season. Our ratings are based on 39 returned responses from the officials. The chart below shows ratings of the top 10%, bottom 10% and the SEW ratings.

05-06 Season	Top 10%	Bottom 10%	SEW	# of Ratings
Coaches	1.00-1.11	1.83-2.33	2.33	39
Players	1.00-1.12	1.69-2.59	1.23	39
Spectators	1.00-1.19	1.88-2.56	1.33	39

Collaborative Teaching—To meet state and national guidelines for our special ed program, the special ed teachers have been with their students in the general ed classrooms. 80% of our special ed students must be in the general education setting 80% of their day. I have been observing some very positive interactions with the teachers, their collaboration, and the student inclusion in the classroom. The state and AEA have been providing in-service opportunities to help facilitate the collaboration efforts.

	ACT Composite	ACT English	ACT Math	ACT Reading	ACT Science
LOCAL	50%	54%	46%	50%	54%
IOWA	71%	65%	63%	68%	74%
NATION	60%	57%	53%	59%	62%

Five-Year Trend-Average ACT Scores

Grad Yr	Total Tested		English		Math	Reading		Science		Composite		
	Local	State	Local	State	Local	Local	State	Local	State	Local	State	
01-02	31	23,805	19.7	21.2	19.8	21.7	19.5	22.4	20.7	22.1	20.1	22.9
02-03	23	24,200	20.5	21.3	19.3	21.6	20.6	22.4	20.5	22.1	20.2	22.0
03-04	23	23,591	19.5	21.4	20.1	21.8	20.1	22.4	20.8	22.1	20.3	22.0
04-05	31	22,545	19.4	21.5	20.2	21.7	20.1	22.4	21.7	22.1	20.4	22.0
05-06	26	22,233	19.7	21.6	19.7	21.8	19.5	22.5	20.0	22.1	19.8	22.1

ACT Results—The two charts show how our SEW graduates are doing locally, nationally, and over a five year period. Of our 26 ACT-tested 2006 graduates, the percentages of students scoring at or above the state's identified college success indicator of an ACT score of 20 are indicated below:

Athletic Department reports submitted by Dave Ripperger:

We held our annual parents meeting on August 24. During the meeting we talked about the new state-mandated eligibility rules that are now in effect across the state. These rules mandate that students should be passing all classes and determine the amount of time the student is ineligible (twenty school days). In our estimation, and what we told the parents, this should have little effect on our current eligibility rules (only 12 students would have been impacted by these rules). These state rules often allow for delayed consequences when a student-athlete becomes ineligible. We feel that our current

point improvement), there was a significant drop in the coach's ratings (a 2.33 rating which made it the lowest in the state). Mr. Gladfelter, Dr. Hulleman, and myself are trying to rectify the situation.

Football season is well underway. This season is off to a successful start with an impressive win over Winfield-Mt. Union last week. Coaches Oliver and Carr have reported to me 43 players. We kicked off the season with our annual scrimmage night and alumni football game. A pretty big crowd was on hand to watch the old guys get their revenge on the youngsters. I think there is some buzz for this team this year based upon some of the changes for other teams in the district, but also many "experts" have claimed this may be the toughest district in the state. Our schedule may also be among the toughest in the state with us facing #6 WACO, #1 Madrid, and defending state champ North Mahaska.

JH Football is also off to good start. Mr. Bauer informed me that he has twenty-five boys on the squad. They open the season tonight (Thursday, September 7) at Eddyville-Blakesburg. We will be having two home games (September 12 vs Wayne, September 19 vs Pleasantville). We did have to juggle the schedule a little due to Martensdale-St. Mary's moving to an 8-man schedule.

HS Volleyball has higher expectations as well. Mr. Dicks has thirty-two girls led by six seniors on his roster this year. Speaking with Mr. Dicks, he definitely felt the team may be one of his better teams in recent memory. We have shuffled the schedule a little bit by attending the Albia Tournament (we placed third) and dropping Nodaway Valley and picking up Iowa Christian Academy.

academic eligibility rules at Southeast Warren do a better job of policing grades and immediately discipline students for poor academic results. More information is available to you on this website of frequently asked questions: http://www.state.ia.us/educate/faq/doc/guidance_athletic_eligibility_rule_36152.pdf.

Baseball sportsmanship ratings have been returned to the school by the IHSA. Although we saw improvements in the ratings for the players (a 1.01 point improvement) and spectators (0.36

BOARD MINUTES, continued

Our opening home game is September 11 vs Iowa Christian, but will follow that up with a POI game against Central Decatur on September 12.

JH Volleyball has started their engines too. Mr. Dirx has told me he has twenty-seven girls out for the team. There will be home games in Lacona on September 11 and September 14.

Cross Country is also speeding off too. Mr. Tierney has six harriers on the squad this year (four boys and two girls) and is hoping for some big things from Jake Larson this year. We are also talking about trying to host a cross country meet next year on the Dennis Oliver farm north of Milo. We have looked at the potential course and feel that it will be a adequate appealing to what we think a cross country race should look like.

I will also be continuing the student-athletes spotlight for our fall sports programs. The coaches will nominate their athletes based upon impact and past results. I am looking forward to this because it will highlight our students with some positive feedback, let the community know a little more about our athletes, and help establish some pride into each individual program.

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

1. August 14, 2006 board minutes
 2. Financial reports
- Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ayes: 4.

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

1. The "Doc" talks letter that will be going out with all employees' paychecks will address student achievement and "getting tough" academically.
2. The IASB District #8 Meeting will be held in Truro on October 19th. The focus of the meeting will be on "Defining Student Standards: How High is High Enough?"
3. The ABLE I Orientation for board members will be held in Leon on October 3 or Oskaloosa on October 4.
4. Training has been provided for the new Acellus math program at the high school level.
5. The Board was asked for input on community groups that he could present information to concerning the District.
6. A copy of the job descriptions for the superintendent, principals, ELP coordinator, and athletic director were given to board members to

review. Discussion of the job descriptions will be held at a future board meeting.

SINKING FLOORS: Dr. Hulleman related to the Board that the concrete pumping was successful in raising the floors in the girls' locker room and art room. The damaged floor tiles have been replaced. The water meter was read daily and there is no indication of an internal water leak. Dr. Hulleman has requested a copy of the engineer's report from the concrete pumping company, however, that engineer has recommended contacting a geo-engineer to look at the situation. Dr. Hulleman will contact the City of Indianola to check on the cost of having a camera run under the floor to see if the problem can be determined.

SEWER LINE PROBLEM: Dr. Hulleman related that Affordable Drain & Sewer Service had returned to mark the exact location of a sewer line problem by the portables at the High School. The Board directed Dr. Hulleman to proceed with repairs to the sewer line.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the appointments of Betty Carpenter, One-on-One Associate; Janelle Counts, One-on-One Associate, Michael Dale, Study Hall Monitor; Billy Mason, Substitute Bus Driver; Deanna Hommer, Daycare Associate; Ron Smith, Head HS Girls' Basketball Coach; Bradi Smith, Assistant HS Girls' Basketball Coach; John Burrell, Head HS Boys' Basketball Coach; Shelley Mitzelfelt, HS Student Council Advisor and Co-Head Junior Class Sponsor; Cathy Burrell, Co-Head Junior Class Sponsor; the resignations of John Burrell, Head HS Girls' Basketball Coach and Cathy Burrell, Assistant HS Girls' Basketball Coach and HS Girls' Basketball Chaperone; and a request for unpaid leave from Janet Hendrickson.

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the appointments of Betty Carpenter, Janelle Counts, Michael Dale, Billy Mason and Deanna Hommer. Ayes: 4.

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the supplemental appointments of Ron Smith, Bradi Smith, John Burrell, Shelley Mitzelfelt, and Cathy Burrell. Ayes: Birchette, Miller, Williams. John Burrell abstained from voting. Motion passed 3:0.

Motion by Larrie Williams, seconded by Jennifer Birchette to approve the resignations of John Burrell and Cathy Burrell. Ayes: Birchette,

Williams, Miller. John Burrell abstained from voting. Motion passed 3:0.

Motion by Jennifer Birchette, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve Janet Hendrickson's request for unpaid leave. Ayes: 4.

CHILDREN FIRST FORUM COMMITTEE: Dr. Hulleman presented the list of proposed members for the Children First Forum Committee. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the Children First Forum Committee members as presented. Ayes: 4.

BOARD POLICY 803.5: Dr. Hulleman recommended approving the revision of Board Policy 803.5, "Approval & Payment for Goods & Services". The Iowa Legislature has amended the law that governs payment of bills by local school districts. The revision to the policy reflects those changes. Motion by John Burrell, seconded by Larrie Williams to approve the revision of Board Policy 803.5, "Approval & Payment for Goods & Services." Ayes: 4.

Vice President Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.



Presented by
Southeast Warren Drama Department

Friday, Nov. 3, 7:00
Saturday, Nov. 4, 7:00
-- Dinner Served 5:30-6:45
Sunday, Nov. 5, 7:00

Tickets available at the door

Vocal Music

The vocal music department is very busy with the sounds of many voices raised in song. First, we are preparing for the musical "Annie" which will be presented in the High School Cafetorium. One hundred and three students have been working hard to prepare this classic tale told in song, acting and dance. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. Dinner will be served Saturday, free will donation.

We are all busy preparing for the upcoming holiday concerts. The Jr. High and High School will be performing on Monday, December 4, 7:00. The Elementary students will be in concert in the High School gymnasium on Monday, December 11. The students will need to be there by 6:45, concert at 7:00.

We are blessed to have so many talented young people. Come and share the gifts of our community's greatest assets, our young people.

Color Guard Garment Order Form

Taking orders until November 20, delivery before Christmas

NAME _____ Total \$ _____

JACKET DESIGN



Names on front available - add \$3
 Green & White: Sizes in Youth & Adult
 S-XL: \$35 XXL: \$38 XXXL: \$40 (need 12 to order Youth-S)
 Sizes & Quantity (indicate youth size with a "Y")
 Full Zip _____
 Pullover _____
 Black: Sizes in Adult only
 XS-XL: \$26 XXL: \$28 XXXL: \$30 XXXXL: \$32
 Sizes & Quantity
 Pullover only _____

BEANIE DESIGN



\$10.00 each

Quantity _____

Green _____
 White _____

SHIRT DESIGN A



\$15 Tye-dye t-shirt (short sleeve)
 Sizes & quantity _____
 Name on back (add \$2) _____
 \$20 Tye-dye t-shirt (long sleeve)
 Sizes & quantity _____
 Name on back (add \$2) _____
 \$25 Green or grey sweatshirt (circle color)
 Sizes & quantity _____
 Name on back (add \$2) _____

Youth _____
 YS (need min. 12 to order)
 YM, YL, YXL
 Adult _____
 S, M, XL, XXL*, XXXL*
 *\$2.00 extra for oversize

If ordering more than one, indicate which shirt(s) need the names



SHIRT DESIGN B

\$10 Green t-shirt (short sleeve)
 Sizes & quantity _____
 Name on back (add \$2) _____
 \$25 Green sweatshirt
 Sizes & quantity _____
 Name on back (add \$2) _____

If ordering more than one, indicate which shirt(s) need the names

Youth _____
 YS (need min. 12 to order)
 YM, YL, YXL
 Adult _____
 S, M, XL, XXL*, XXXL*
 *\$2.00 extra for oversize

From the Guidance Department

Events Planned For The 2006-2007 School Year

- College Planning Night Thursday October 19th (seniors)
- Financial Aid Night Thursday January 18th 2007
- FASFA Completion February 20th 2007 (contact Mr. Tigner for an appointment)
- College Planning Night Tuesday March 13th 2007 (juniors)

High school students from all four grades should be receiving reminders in the mail from the College Planning Center. These reminders prompt students and parents to initiate in a timely manner the tasks needed to complete the college transition process successfully. If you are not receiving yours, please contact the guidance office.

Students need to take the **ACT** in a timely manner. Applications may be acquired from the guidance office or online.

On Wednesday, October 18th the Southeast Warren School offered the **PSAT/NMSQT** Test to 7th-11th grade students. This is a great way to prepare students for future success with test taking. The PSAT/NMSQT is similar to the ACT. The cost is \$12.00. Test results include a complete guide to correct and incorrect answers. The student's original testing booklet is given back to the student as well. This provides each student with the ability to focus on individual academic needs in the classroom. If this process is adopted and continued, this could be an excellent way to improve ACT Scores at Southeast Warren.

Scholarship Process: Things you need to know about the scholarship process.

- Mr. Tigner can provide a list of all scholarships sent to S.E.W.
- Seniors should have a FASTWEB account no later than August during their senior year. (See Mr. Tigner)
- Some scholarships are for juniors only.
- There are many local scholarships available. Niles Scholarship, Milo Legion Scholarship, (the different Legions would love to host a student for the Oratorical Scholarship) 4H Scholarships, Farm Bureau Scholarship, Elk's Scholarship, and the Southeast Warren Dollars For Scholars program. In my office is a catalog containing hundreds of American Legion Scholarships. Most students are eligible for these scholarships.
- The FFA and Ag students can apply for numerous scholarships through their specific groups.

Many scholarships focus on community service. Students should start the community service process early. Most scholarships focus on community service acquired after 8th grade. Some of the most successful students are those whose parents literally work with them to make the scholarship process happen.

The transition from high school to post secondary is important. Please contact me with questions or suggestions about how we can increase awareness and success in this area.

*Thank You
Brenton Tigner
Guidance Counselor
Southeast Warren High School
641-466-3331
tigner@se-warren.k12.ia.us*

National Honor Society News

The National Honor Society held its second meeting October 12th 2006. Office holders are: President-Angie Steil, Vice President-Kevin Manser, Secretary-Mandy Kimzey, Treasurer-Zach Bruce. Members include Tara Prine, Erica Ellingson, Roxanne Vance, Levi Hunerdosse, Cari Ripperger, Emily Claghorn and Jamesa Wadle.

The group will hold their annual Junior High Halloween Dance on October 28th, and will host a Junior High Valentines Dance in February. Other activities include the annual Senior Citizens meal, which is scheduled for Thursday December 7th 2006. Watch for local information. Highway cleanup is an annual event. The members are focusing on individual or group activities involving community service.

A Special Thank You

A special thank you to everyone who contributed toward the Cancer Benefit for Debbie Konrad. We appreciate the donations from business for the auction, the contributions of the local churches and civic organizations, each of the individuals who donated their time and all of the people who attended the Benefit itself. Each of you made an impact in your own special way and we count you among our blessings. A special thank you to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for matching funds and to the American Legion for their donations. It is in times of crisis, when we realize what a great community we are thankful enough to call home.

- The Debbie Konrad Family



Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters

Southeast Warren Athletic Boosters had a busy summer with baseball and softball concessions. Congratulations on a great season to both teams! We are looking forward to fall sports.

Now is a very exciting time to become a member to the Athletic Boosters. In addition to our fund raising and athletic support we are beginning the construction of a new concession stand with restrooms in Milo.

The athletic boosters are in need of new members. We currently have about five or six families that attend the meetings, vote on decisions and make sure our work is done. More help is needed! We welcome anyone and everyone that would like to be a part of Southeast Warren Athletics to join the boosters. There is no cost to become a member and you can make a difference! We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the auditorium in the Liberty Center School. The officers are elected in October.



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN FOR THE 2006/2007

SOUTHEAST WARREN ATHLETIC BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

THE WHITE CLUB - \$15.00

THE WARHAWK CLUB - \$50.00

THE GREEN CLUB - \$25.00

THE SOAR HIGH CLUB - \$100.00-UP

- SPONSORS WILL BE LISTED ON FALL AND WINTER SPORTS PROGRAMS.
- OUR NEXT PROJECT IS A NEW CONCESSION STAND AND RESTROOMS AT THE SOFTBALL/BASEBALL FIELDS.



PLEASE SUPPORT WARHAWK ATHLETICS

REMIT BOTTOM PORTION WITH CHECK

NAME OF SPONSOR(S) _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SE WARREN ATHLETIC BOOSTERS
MAIL TO DEANNA WILLIAMS, 16200 185TH AVE, MILO, IA 50166

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

CAN DRIVE

Saturday, November 4th
9am to 10 am

Drop off points:

Liberty Center — high school

Lacona — city park

Milo — elementary school

Call for out of town pick-ups or other questions:

Lacona - Sherry Manser
641-534-3925

Milo - Sandy Meyers
641-942-7779

Liberty Center - Michaela Lester
641-466-3633.

After Prom Update

Thank you to all the parents who did show at the October meetings. We will be emailing a note to those with email addresses about the date of our November meeting. Please contact the school for that date if you are interested in coming and don't have an email address.

► We are currently selling **Home Interior candles and cutlery**. These would be great gift ideas for Christmas. Please see any senior to place your orders.

► The After Prom Committee is sponsoring live **North Pole calls** on December 7th, for the holiday season. The live calls will be approximately 3-5 minutes long and will be \$4.00 per child. If you would like a special child ages 8 years of age or younger to receive a call from one of our North Pole characters, please contact Susan Falk at 515-490-4365 for details. All proceeds raised will be used to benefit after prom activities.