

West Salem School District

January 2011



Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

As I reflect back on 2010, we have much to be thankful for. We continue to be blessed by the work of so many wonderful employees and by the presence of so many great students. In the past few months I have witnessed amazing examples of student learning from kindergarteners forming their first letters to seniors writing research papers; enjoyed concerts, ball games, family reading night, art displays, and school lunch with students of all ages; and attended municipality board meetings, business association luncheons, and numerous other community functions. The School District of West Salem is truly a special place.

The district will begin 2011 by tackling the next step in the strategic planning process. We plan to use data from the more than 600 returned surveys to begin charting a map for the future of our school district. We find ourselves at a critical juncture in our history. How are we doing? What is working well? What does our future look like? We have a talented, diverse, and enthusiastic team of school board members and employees ready and willing to take on this important task. *On behalf of our team, we thank you for taking the time to complete the survey and for participating in the process.*

When it comes to planning for the future of our school district, there appears to be two factors that will have a major impact on both the creation of a vision and the execution of a plan. The first such factor is the instability of our state's funding model for education, and the second is the rapidly changing world of technology.

We should all find ourselves concerned about the "state of our State." Our new governor and legislature will be faced with the perfect storm of a stagnant economy, a record budget deficit, and an unsustainable

funding model for many state programs. While most agree it is time for significant adjustments to the way our state does business, the impending change and instability will make planning difficult. The critical steps will be matching our budget to our priorities and becoming better prepared to manage instability.

The evolution of technology and its role in the field of education continues to progress at a breathtaking pace. As with any evolution, there are critical moments along the way that appear to be "game changers." With respect to educational technology, the game changed substantially when computers became more affordable, networkable, and connected to the Internet. We now appear to be on the cusp of two more significant game changers - portability and open content. In short, the device (iPad, laptop, tablet, etc.) will be connected to the student – not to the building, and the student will be connected to the world – not to the school's network. When a mobile device is combined with unlimited content through the Internet, the opportunities for learning will no longer be constrained by time, teacher, school, or location. Like the earlier discussion about finances, planning for such a "game changing" technological event will require clear priorities and adaptability.

2011 promises to be a year filled with optimism, planning, debate, and challenges. Today, maybe more than any time in recent history, the school district must assess its current reality and chart a course for the future. The success and viability of our school district depends upon our ability to navigate and survive in uncharted waters. Our community and our children are counting on us. As your school board begins the process of reshaping their mission, vision, and strategic plan, I ask that you trust in their work, offer your support, and remain engaged in the process. This is serious work for serious people at a critical time – let's make it happen.



Emergency Radio/TV Stations

These are the radio and TV stations we use for school delays and closings. ***Please listen to these stations when inclement weather arises or check their websites.*** The decision to delay or close school is made as soon as possible and the stations are notified promptly. Please refrain from calling the radio stations and the schools as it ties up the phone for necessary calls.

Please discuss with your children what to do if school is unexpectedly dismissed early. Any preparations made in advance will make a hectic time run a little smoother.

Your cooperation is much appreciated.

WIZM - 1410 A.M.
Z-93 - 93.3 F.M.
WRQT - 95.7 F.M.
WKTY - 580 A.M.
KCLH - 94.7 F.M.
KQYB - 98.3 F.M.
KQEG - 102.7 F.M.
WLXR - 104.9 F.M.

WQCC - 106.3 F.M.
WLFN - 1490 A.M.
WKBH - 100.1 F.M.
WFBZ - 105.5 F.M.
WCOW - 97.1 F.M.
WKLJ - 1290 A.M.
WXOW - TV-19
WKBT - TV-8

Students and parents can check school closings and delays on the following websites:



www.wlxr.com
www.lacrosserradiogroup.net
www.cc1063.com
www.1410wizm.com
www.mwfbroadcasting.com
www.classicrock1001.com
www.wkbt.com

Art Student of the Month For January 2011

Molly Klos, a senior at West Salem High School, is the WSHS Art Student of the Month for January. Molly's work is based squarely in realism, as she draws and paints the living and inanimate forms that she observes. Her work concentrates on finding highlights and shadows and replicating their subtleties to the best of her ability. Molly can work in color as well as black and white, transferring what she sees into charcoal drawings, acrylic, and oil paints. The work that she will display in the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts Gallery is a retrospective of her four years in the WSHS Art program. Molly plans on continuing her art career at the post-secondary level.

West Salem Athletic Booster Club Fun Night Saturday, February 12, 2011 Fox Hollow Banquet Hall

Something New... Live music by the band Hwy 16
playing from 8:00-midnight

Beverage, hot and cold appetizers,
and sandwiches at end of night

Games of chance

Raffle for Fox Hollow Golf Membership,
multiple gift cards and
a 2-night stay at Jellystone's Three Bears Lodge.

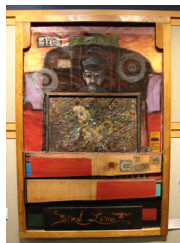
Silent Auction items include Wisconsin Badgers
football tickets, Packers football, and many other items.

Cost: \$15.00

Doors open at 7:00.

Contact Brian Babiash at 792-9330 or Terri Martinson,
martinson.terri@wsalem.k12.wi.us, or any booster
club member for tickets by February 1.

Heider Center Gallery Community On Display in December



High School Registration for 2011 Freshmen

8th Grade Parents, do you wonder:

- How does my 8th grade student register for HS classes?
- How is high school different from middle school?
- What extra curricular activities can my child get involved in at the high school?
- What should I be doing now to prepare my 8th grader for 9th grade?

If you would like answers to these questions and more, plan to attend the registration meeting on January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Heider Center auditorium. The meeting will last approximately 45 minutes. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Lang at the Middle School or Lynne Brown at the High School.

Here are some pictures from the **PTO Celebrity Story Night** held in November. There were more than 100 children who attended the event, with each child able to choose a book to take home that evening.



A BIG THANKS
to everyone!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The West Salem Senior Center is in need of a few volunteers to help setup and serve lunch at the Center. Volunteers are also needed to deliver meals to seniors in and around West Salem during the week. Even if you can only help one or two days a week, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The Senior Center is open Monday thru Friday (excluding holidays) from 10:30 thru 12:30 and volunteers are needed to cover those times. So if you are interested and can spare a few hours even one day a week, contact Tammy Caspersen at the Center by calling 786-2975.

SENIOR CITIZENS WANTED

Are you a senior citizen looking to get together with other seniors for a noon meal and some socializing? If so, then this is for you. The West Salem Senior Center serves lunch Monday thru Friday (excluding holidays) to seniors from around the area. There are also opportunities to socialize, play cards and participate in a little exercise on alternating days. If this sounds interesting to you and you'd like more information, contact the Senior Center by calling 786-2975.

School Board Members

Tom Ward	~~~~~	397-9873
Errol Kindschy	~~~~~	786-1675
Scott Scafe	~~~~~	786-0969
Linda Brown	~~~~~	786-3027
Ken Spraetz	~~~~~	786-0017
Thomas Helgeson	~~~~~	612-0018
Jason Falck	~~~~~	397-3972

Board meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of each month.

The West Salem School District does not discriminate against pupils on the basis of sex, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, religion, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disabilities or handicap in its education programs or activities. Federal law prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap.

Open Enrollment

You may apply for open enrollment from
February 7-25, 2011, on-line at
<https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>

For more information, visit the DPI website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>

Who may participate in open enrollment?

- Students in 5-year-old kindergarten to grade 12 may apply to participate in open enrollment.
- Open enrollment for prekindergarten, 4-year-old kindergarten and early childhood education is limited. Parents should call their resident school districts to find out if their preschool-aged children qualify for open enrollment.

How and when may parents apply?

The open enrollment application period for the 2011-12 school year is February 7-25, 2011. The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on February 25, 2011. Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

Parents may apply in one of two ways:

- On-line (recommended) at <https://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp>.
- Although on-line application is recommended, paper applications may be obtained from the Department of Public Instruction or any school district after January 3, 2011, and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district during the application period.

Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841
Toll-free: 888-245-2732

Email: DPIopenenrollment@dpi.wi.gov

Web site: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>

FAQ: *Can an open enrolled student participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities in the nonresident school district?*

Open enrolled students have the same rights and responsibilities as resident students.

Inter-scholastic athletics are governed by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA), which has recently adopted new rules concerning transfer students. Parents should check with the WIAA or the school district's athletic director about eligibility.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

April 5, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the School District of West Salem on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members will begin on Monday, April 25, 2011.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
School Board Member	Linda Brown
	Term-3 years-Expire April 28, 2014
School Board Member	Tom Ward
	Term-3 years-Expire April 28, 2014

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on January 4, 2011. These forms must be filed in the District Office, 405 East Hamlin Street, between the hours 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Dated this 8th day of November 2010.

Linda A. Brown, Clerk



West Salem Middle
School Students
performing
*School House
Rock*

West Salem Community Fitness Center

Brad Frahm, Fitness Center Director

Current fitness center hours are Monday–Friday mornings 5:00–8:00 a.m., Monday–Thursday evenings 3:00–9:00 p.m., Fridays 3:00–7:00 p.m., Sunday 4:00–7:00 p.m. Yogalates is held on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. All West Salem students and fitness center guests with a year membership may attend our yogalates FREE of charge. Zumba is held Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Clean shoes are required to enter the fitness center and indoor track. It's important to bring an extra pair of shoes to keep our facilities clean. Current fitness center hours and class schedules are specified on the school website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. Click on the fitness center icon or call 786-1220 extension 2275 to get the latest information about your community fitness center. The spring athletic seasons will begin in a couple of months so take advantage of our exceptional facility to maintain and improve your conditioning prior to the season. College students should stay in shape during the winter break at our discounted rates. College memberships are only \$10 per month for full time students.

Core stability training is a trend that has become popular in commercial fitness centers and athletic strength and conditioning facilities. Many individuals who exercise overlook or neglect the core area. The core musculature includes the muscles of the trunk and pelvis that are responsible for maintaining the stability of the spine and pelvis including the abdominals and the muscles of the hips and spine. There are many reasons for one to strengthen the core, which is the link between the lower and upper body. Better core strength can enhance the efficiency of the movements in sports and in everyday activity. A strong core increases the stability of the pelvis and spine and improves body control and balance during movements.

The core is used either actively or as a stabilizer in just about any movement. Core strengthening helps create greater power output, not only from the core musculature, but also from the shoulders, arms, and legs because many of these muscles are anchored to the spine or pelvis. Stronger core muscles can better stabilize the spine and pelvis during strenuous activity. Underdeveloped core muscles may not effectively transfer kinetic energy when running, with greater compensatory stress being placed on the muscles, joints, and connective tissues to maintain a high running velocity.

Perform core training at the beginning of each workout to produce the greatest gains in core strength when your body is fresh and not fatigued. Begin your core training with simple traditional exercises such as abdominal crunches and back extensions before progressing to more complex exercises that more closely mimic the specific dynamic movements required in everyday living and athletic endeavors. Performing some of your exercises on unstable surfaces such as foam mats or balance boards will improve stability and balance. Always exercise opposing muscle groups of the body to prevent the development of muscle imbalances. Vary the movements and the types of resistance that must be overcome.

Many individuals schedule core training at the end of their workout when the body is fatigued. Incorporate core exercises at earlier stages of your workout at the West Salem Community Fitness Center to best strengthen your core. We can give you tips for a variety of exercises that target each aspect of core development including lateral and rotational movements. Start the new year with a commitment to get in the best shape of your life. You will feel better, look better, and have more energy to do the things you enjoy most. It's never too late to get started so stop in today to take advantage of our low rates and exceptional facility.

School District of West Salem Regular Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2010

Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on November 4, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Eric Jensen led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Thomas Helgeson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Christina Locante. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mark Carlson and Kolton Christenson.

Approval of Agenda

Errol Kindschy moved, Scott Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The second quarter of the school year has begun.
2. The sophomores are taking the WKCE this week.
3. The seniors are starting to write their papers for the SEP.

Correspondence

An e-mail from the New Richmond School District Athletic Director, Casey Eckhardt, was read.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee – Mr. Scafe reported that the committee met last Thursday and discussed the following: Sharks Booster Club request, middle school special education room bids, COPS Grant, long range planning and security at the elementary and middle schools.

Policy Committee - Mr. Ward reported that the committee met earlier tonight and went through policies. Policy #112 Harassment will be at the next meeting for a first reading.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Mrs. Gerke and Mrs. Jane Macdonald, Kindergarten Teacher, gave a presentation on Handwriting Without Tears, which is being used at the elementary school.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 25, 2010, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept donations from Harold Garzee and the West Salem Garden Club for the OEC, Jeff Boyne of the National Weather Service for the high school, and from US Cellular for the elementary and middle school music programs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept the co-curricular recommendation for the middle school wrestling head coach, Eric Zinck. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the co-curricular recommendations: Michael Grego, JV boys' basketball coach; Jon Chisholm, volunteer wrestling; Scott Koepnick and Rachel Sackett, volunteer girls' basketball assistants. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Spraeztz seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #141 School Board Officer Duties. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the second reading to reaffirm policy #111 Sexual Harassment; #111-Rule Sexual Harassment Guidelines and Procedures; #111 exhibit, Discrimination Complaint Form; #120 School District Legal Status; #130 School Board Legal Status; #132 Removal of School Board Officers; #133 Filling School Board Vacancies; #150 School Board Powers and Duties; #151.3 Administration in Policy

Absence; #151.4 Board Review of Administrative Rules; #161 School Board Authority; #163 School Board Member Development Opportunities; #164 School Board Member Compensation; #171 Regular School Board Meetings; #171.1 Public Notification of School Board Meetings; #173 Executive Sessions (Closed Sessions); #174 Board Organizational Meetings; #176 Special District Meetings; and #188 Board Member Attendance, WASB State Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #171.4 Remote Participation in Board Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the elementary school second grade teacher job share request with the Board. Mindy Court and Jessica Macha were present to present their request to the Board and answered questions. A straw vote was taken to see if Board members were ready to make a decision. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to table the request until more information is available. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding superintendent expectations pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:36 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Ward announced the approval of the superintendent evaluation document.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on November 18, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Patrick Bahr led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Troy Gunderson recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck (via video conference), Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Christina Locante. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Kolton Christenson.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Helgeson, moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The rough draft of the seniors' SEP paper is due Wednesday.
2. The seniors are deciding their class song, motto and flower.
3. Seven students were selected to see a play on Friday "Yum Yum Room" in Madison.

Correspondence—None.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that Vig & Associates did a presentation, the budget was approved, the building will be paid for by 2014, three goals were established, and the group received a statement of checks that were issued along with an account balance.

Legislative Conference – Mr. Gunderson reported that he, Mr. Kindschy and Mr. Ward attended the conference and hears presentations on the state economy, CESA #6 vision of high schools, technology offerings, and to be proactive with our representatives in Madison.

Supervisor reports were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of November 8, 2010, and the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Carlson presented data on the high school ARC (Achievement Responsibility Collaboration) program and answered questions.

Mrs. Gerke, Elementary School Counselor Gayle Lassen, Middle School Counselor Mike Lang, and Mrs. Buswell reviewed what they do in their respective buildings to be proactive and reactive to bullying.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to postpone until the December meeting to hear the report from the curriculum director on Eighth Grade Technology Assessment. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe to accept donations for the elementary school LMC from Diane Atteln, Judy Thelen, Jeri Lee, and Melanie Weigel. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to remove from the table, the elementary school teacher job share request. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the request for a job share between Jessica Macha and Mindy Court for second grade for the 2011-2012 school year with the condition that our elementary school administration is able to find a representative group of students/families willing to participate. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #112 Harassment. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #141 School Board Officer Duties. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the following positions: Cindy Schroeder, three hour high school food service; JoDee Ramin for two and a half hour elementary school food service, Amanda DeVries for two and a half hour middle school paraprofessional, Kimberly Schumacher for three hour elementary school paraprofessional. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the high school co-curricular recommendations: Tina McGuire, assistant gymnastics; Venessa Mezera, winter dance team, Amy DuPont, volunteer gymnastics; and Brad Skaer, volunteer freshman girls' basketball. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the request by the Sharks Booster Club to donate the cost and construction of a storage shed, installed with Mark Ledmans assistance at no cost to the district. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to set December 13, 2010, as the one Board meeting for the month of December. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs.

Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding a co-curricular appeal pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1) (a) Deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; and (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:55 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Scafe Moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to reconvene into open session at 10:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 10:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

WSHS Art Teacher Quenten Brown



Is the Coulee Region Art

December 16, 2010

Spotlight

Check it out!

<http://art.blogs.wkbt.com/>



Child Development Days

The West Salem Elementary School, community and various Coulee Region agencies will be hosting Child Development Days on Friday, February 11th and Saturday, February 12th. This joint program will offer information about your child's development and the various services available to the families of West Salem.

If you have a child who will be four years old by September 1, 2011, please call the elementary office at 786-1662 to set up an appointment.

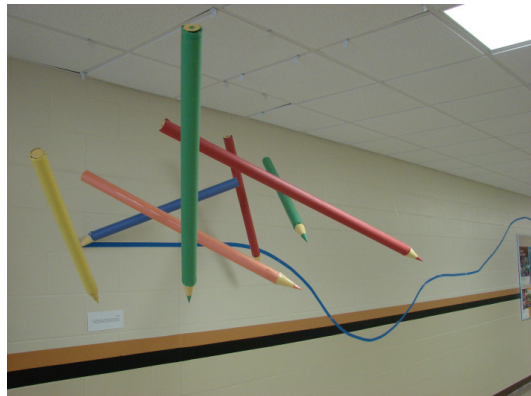
Your child will be participating in a variety of activities through a pre-arranged play area. Social, communication, motor and early learning skills will be observed. Growth and health information will be shared by various health personnel. Handouts and brochures from various community services will also be available to families. The total time needed for the various activities will be approximately one hour.

4-Year-Old Kindergarten Registration

Registration for next fall's 4K class will take place on Thursday, January 27th at 6:30 at the Elementary School. If you have a student who will be four years old by September 1, 2011 please contact the elementary office at 786-1662 to pre-register.

Kindergarten Registration

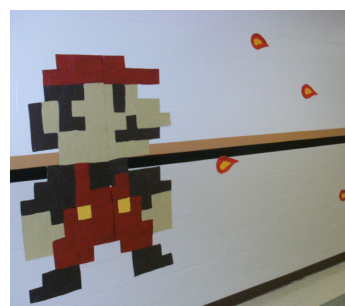
Now that West Salem has a 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program in place, we will no longer be hosting a kindergarten registration. If you have a student who will be five years old by September 1, 2011 and your child does not attend our 4K program, please contact the elementary office at 786-1662 to pre-register. All current 4K students will automatically receive a kindergarten packet.



Art Explorations Class On Display

This is some of the best work that my students have created this semester. These are samples from my Art Explorations class, where we work with non-traditional art, as well as focus on art in the 20th and 21st century. The assignment was to create a piece of installation art that could be displayed in the school. The piece above was created by Senior Allecia Kruser. The piece below was created by Seniors Kolton Christenson and Johnny Ray Hansen. If you want the full effect of the piece in the bottom photo, you need to go to the top of the stairs on the second floor. There is a 'window' made out of scrap wood, with 'feathers' (made from paper) hanging around it. This is the way that the two artists intended the piece to be viewed. Also below are pictures of installations by Connor Burke, Shelby Williams and Jesse Zander.

Quenten Brown
HS Art Teacher



MOCK TRIAL, THE COMPETITION BEGINS

By: Zack Winters, WSHS Journalist

The mock trial case has been released to the schools, which can only mean the teams are now racing to come up with the best performances to perform in the La Crosse county courthouse in February.

Each team is made up of twelve people. Half of those twelve are lawyers, three on the prosecution side, three on the defense. The other half of the team is the actors who brilliantly play the part of the witnesses. Just like the lawyers there are three witnesses to each side.

The presentation starts with an opening statement of both sides, moving onto the first witness, and their lawyer asking them question. This section where they are trying to make the witness look good is called the "direct." Next after the direct is done, a lawyer from the opposite team comes and starts asking the witness questions, trying to make the witness look bad, this is called the "cross."

This is repeated six times until all six witnesses have been directed and crossed. The round ends as the two teams give a final closing statement to the three judges. The two teams go to their meeting rooms and are given a small break until their next performance.

At the end of the day all teams find out how they did. They see if they won against the teams they were debating with earlier in the day.

SLEEPY HOLLOW, AUTUMN PLAY

By: Zack Winters, Kieran Young, WSHS Journalists

About 175 people piled into the Heider Center Auditorium Thursday, November 11, for the public performance of the high school play "Sleepy Hollow."

"Usually for a one-night performance, only the families of the cast come-about 75 people," said Director Rhonda Andres. The cast of 21 and the four-student stage crew succeeded in designing, setting up the stage and memorizing lines for the performance in less than a month.

"The set was simple yet complicated; the special effects were really good," Andres said after the performance.

Special effects and lighting were designed by technical director Dan Heerts, who was assisted by junior Robert Pittman, who helped with lighting during the performance.

"One of my many favorite parts was when the phantoms came out and made people scream," said Andres, who added that she loves to see the "emotion" the audience shows during the performance.

The drama department is planning on performing another show in the spring. Plans are for this show to be something from Shakespeare.

High Quiz Bowl: Competition

By Jacob Noren, WSHS Journalist

Last weekend West Salem's High Quiz Bowl Team, led by English teacher Laura Deal, left for Winona University, and the team was ready to compete.

The team competed in three groups at Winona University's World Room. Each team competed against two teams from opposing schools. In each match there were three rounds.

Team Orange, led by Kolton Christenson, started out the morning facing Winona. West Salem lost 135-120. Team Orange then came back and faced Onalaska, in which they lost 150-40.

Team Black, led by Joe Faella, competed against Onalaska. West Salem won 150-80. Team Black then proceeded to battle Winona, but lost 170-35.

Finally it was Team Silver led by Kat Huston, that had a turn to step up. Silver faced Holmen and they lost 115-140. Then silver competed against De Soto for their final match of the day. West Salem beat De Soto 150-85. This win allows Team Silver to move onto the next competition which takes place on December 4th.

Please cheer on our high quiz bowl team when they compete on December 4th.

Editor's Note: That competition was rescheduled for January 29th.

MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE AUDITIONS FOR



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The audition for the Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Sleeping Beauty* will be held on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at the Heider Center in West Salem. There are roles for those students Kindergarten through 12th grade. Approximately 50-60 local students will be cast to appear in the show with the MCT Tour Actor/Director. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Students wishing to audition must arrive by the scheduled starting time and stay for the entire two-hour session. The first rehearsal begins approximately 15-30 minutes after the audition.

This is a group audition - no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts. Students should just be ready to come and have a good time!

Rehearsals will be conducted every day from 4 pm to 8:30 pm in the Heider Center Auditorium. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals required for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the audition. Cast members scheduled for the full 4½ hours of rehearsal will be asked to bring a sack lunch, dinner or snack.

The performances will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm and will be presented at The Heider Center Auditorium. The students in the cast will be called for dress rehearsal before the performance that day. All those cast must be available for all scheduled performances.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is a non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana. This coming year more than 65,000 cast members across the globe will take to the stage to the delight and applause of their families, friends, community, neighbors and teachers! The residency in West Salem is made possible by The Heider Center Arts Board with help from Allen Dental, West Salem Area Community Foundation and La Crosse Radio Group.

THE FILM CLUB EXPERIENCE

BY: Adelyn Hanchette WSHS Journalist

The Film Club, which was started last spring, has now begun its 2010- 2011 meetings in the upstairs conference room and the members are gearing up for a fun year.

In the next few months the Film Club will be watching newly released movies, including the popular film *Inception*, which was the movie that was the basis for this year's senior skit, and they will also be eating a lot of pizza and popcorn. Although this is fun, these aren't the only reasons one of the founders of Film Club wants students to attend.

"I want to educate the student body of West Salem High School on film education," said Stephen Helstad.

The other founder, Ben Hanchette, has similar hopes for the students of West Salem High School.

"I hope it sparks an interest in film and I hope afterwards they'll be able to tell the difference between a good film and a bad film," said Hanchette, "It seems like too many bad movies are popular lately... like *Twilight*."

Sorry *Twilight* fans, but you'll have to start your own club because this one is only interested in watching "good" movies. How did the creators of Film Club get it started?

"There aren't enough pages in the paper to tell the whole story about what we had to do to get this club started," Hanchette said.

The Film Club has only gathered twice so far this year and anyone who "goes to West Salem High School, likes eating pizza, and likes watching movies" is encouraged to join or attend.

"Movies are my life and I've never had the opportunity to discuss them with other avid movie lovers," said Kolton Christenson, a member of the club, "I hope we'll be able to discuss in depth the movies we watch and watch more good movies that we haven't seen yet."

The majority of the members of Film Club all agree that this club is a fun one and students should join.

"Film Club is awesome and you get to eat popcorn, watch movies, and hang out with Ben and Stephen," said Logan Andres, who attends many of the club's gatherings.

Those who attended last year but aren't able to attend this year's Fall and Winter meetings because of sports said they "loved Film Club because of the good food and good movies" that come with every gathering of the Film Club. The members of the Film Club that have attended this year encourage others to attend.

"It's a great way to meet new people while watching movies and having fun," Christenson said.

Upcoming events include watching more good movies, including new releases such as *Inception* and *Toy Story 3*, eating popcorn and pizza, and, as Helstad shared, the Film Club will also be planning possible trips to movie theaters to attend *Harry Potter* and the *Deathly Hallows: Part 1* and *Tron Legacy*.

If you'd like to join or attend Film Club listen for an announcement for the date and time of the next gathering and prepare to have fun, eat pizza, and watch great movies.

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

Sleeping Beauty

Call the box office for audition information.
Saturday, January 22, 2011 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline

Saturday, February 19, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Paul Halter "The Juggling Poet"

Saturday, February 12, 2011 2:00 p.m.

Barrage - Animado!

Thursday, April 7, 2011 7:30 p.m.

Bottom Line Duo

Friday, April 15, 2011 7:30 p.m.



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405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI
(608) 786-1220 ext. 4

Monday ~ Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday - Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Hours will vary during the summer

www.heidercenter.org

What Is "Brent The Musical"?

The Heider Center for the Arts

Presents:

BRENT - THE MUSICAL

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets - \$18.00 Reserved Seating



Brent Who???

He just can't make up his mind!

Let Me Be Frank PRODUCTIONS

Brent is a middle-aged man who can't make up his mind. Should he retire from playing softball for The Bar or should he play for the enemy team, The Stadium View? Slow pitch softball can be so demanding. Brent is the best slowpitch pitcher in Green Bay, and his friends Chunky and Frankie Bag-A-Long Johns try to help him make the right choice and not worry about the

newbie pitcher on The Bar's roster. In no way is this story associated with any other famous sports figure with the first name starting with B. It's just a coincidence.

Visual Arts Series

"The Magic of Oils: Painted Illusions"

Jim Romskog

January 1 - January 31

Reception: Wednesday, January 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

"The Strands of Life"

Becky Herlitzke & Deloras Vind

February 1 - February 28

No Reception

K-12 District Honors Show

March 1 - March 31

Reception: Thursday, March 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

"Bon Appetite"

Marti Schwem & Martina Scobic

April 1 - April 30

Reception: Thursday, April 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

W.S.H.S Senior Art Show

May 1 - May 31

Reception: Thursday, May 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

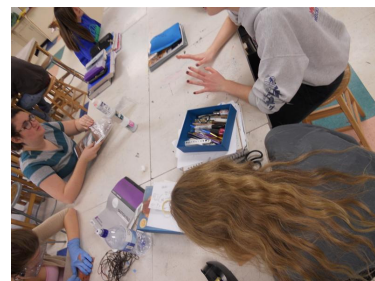


Photo Friday at WSHS



Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year
- 3 Classes Resume
FFA Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 4 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-JV at Baraboo - 5:15
- 5 Ski - Conference GS
- 6 6th Grade Band & Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V at GET - 7:00
Wrestling-JV/V (H) BRF - 6:30/7:00
Hockey-V at Sparta vs. Tomah - 7:30
Hockey-JV at Sparta vs. Tomah - 5:00
Grade 3 PE Night - 7:00
- 7-8 FFA Halftime Conference - Stevens Point
- 8 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Mosinee - 1:00/2:30
Gymnastics-V at Reedsburg Invite - 10:00
Wrestling-V at Westfield Invite
Hockey-V at Altoona - 7:00
- 10 Hockey-V at Onalaska Omni Center vs. Onalaska
- 11 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Onalaska - 5:50/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V (H) GET/Mel-Min - 6:30/7:00
- 12 Ski - Conference GS
- 13 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-V at BRF
- 14 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
- 15 Gymnastics-V at McLellan Invite at Holmen - 2:00
Wrestling V at Mauston Dual Invite - 10:00
Hockey-V at Sparta vs. De Forest - 7:30
Hockey-JV at Sparta vs. De Forest - 7:30
- 17 FFA Officers' Meeting
Ski - Conference Slalom
- 18 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Aquinas - 5:50/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V (H) Arcadia - 7:00
Wrestling-JV/V (H) Aquinas - 6:30/7:00
Hockey-V at Sparta vs. Reedsburg - 7:30
Hockey-JV at Sparta vs Reedsburg - 7:30
- 20 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Onalaska - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V at Viroqua - 6:30/7:00
Hockey-V at Sparta vs. La Crescent - 7:30
Hockey-JV at Sparta vs. Baraboo - 5:30
- 21 Basketball-Boys C/JV at Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
Basketball-Girls JV/C at Onalaska Luther - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics-V at Viroqua Invite - 5:30
Ski-Welch Invitational Slalom
- 22 WSHS Pep Band at La Crosse Center
Basketball-Boys V vs. Onalaska Luther at La Crosse Center - 5:00
Basketball-Girls V vs. Onalaska Luther - La Crosse Center - 3:30
Hockey-V at Sauk Prairie - 7:00
- 24 No School
Gymnastics-JV/V at Holmen - 6:30/7:00

- 25 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Westby - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling-JV/V (H) Arcadia - 6:30/7:00
Hockey-V at Viroqua - 7:30
- 26 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**
- 26 Ski - Conference GS
- 27 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Westby - 6:00/7:30
- 28 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) GET - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-V at Onalaska Omni Center vs. Aquinas - 7:00
- 29 Basketball-Girls V vs Logan at Viterbo - 1:30
Wrestling-V 9H) WS Team Tourney - 9:30
- 31 MS/HS District Jazz Concert - 7:00 p.m.
Basketball-Girls C/JV at Logan - 5:50/7:30
Gymnastics-JV/V (H) Westby - 7:00

FEBRUARY

- 1 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) Holmen - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-V at Sparta vs. Central/Logan
Hockey-JV at Winona - 5:30
- 2 Ski - Conference SL
- 3 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at BRF - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-V at Tomah - 7:00
Hockey-JV at Tomah - 5:00
Grade 1 PE Night - 7:00
- 4 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at GET - 6:00/7:30
- 5 Gymnastics-V at GET Invite
Wrestling-JV/V Conference (H) 10:00
- 5-6 Hockey-JV at Bangor vs. Baraboo
- 7 Wrestling-JV at GET JV Invite - 6:30
Ski - Quillins Cup Invite at Mt. La Crosse
- 8 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V 9H) Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Hockey-V at Sparta vs. Onalaska - 7:0
Hockey-JV at Chippewa Falls - 5:00
- 9 Ski - Conference Super G - Parent's Night
- 10 Gymnastics-JV/V (H) Caledonia - 7:00
- 11-12 Hockey-JV at WI Rapids
- 12 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Richland Center - 1:30/3:00
Wrestling WIAA Regionals at Adams-Friendship
- 15 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Prairie du Chien - 6:00/7:30
Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Viroqua - 6:00/7:30
Wrestling Team Sectionals
- 16 Conference Finale, Slalom - BIB Collection
- 17 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V (H) Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
- 18 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V (H) BRF - 6:00/7:30
Gymnastics Conference at Viroqua - 6:00
- 19 Wrestling Sectionals
- 20-21 Ski - State Meet
- 22 Basketball-Boys C/JV/V at Adams-Friendship - 5:50/7:30
- 23 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**
- 24 Basketball-Girls C/JV/V at Arcadia - 6:00/7:30
- 24-26 Wrestling State at Madison

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Donate Blood
It takes all blood types,
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West Salem Blood Drive

Monday, January 31, 2011

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

625 West Franklin Street, West Salem, WI

Blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of ID required at check-in.

American Red Cross



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