

West Salem School District

July 2011



Newsletter

Questions, Questions, Questions....

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

During the past few weeks I enjoyed a number of opportunities to visit with district residents concerning a variety of issues. It was great to hear from so many of you. With our discussions in mind, I offer a "Q and A" format for this month's newsletter.

How is our 4-K program doing? We just completed our second year of offering four-year old kindergarten. The program has enjoyed healthy participation with more than 100 students participating each year. With respect to results, our staff reported this year's kindergarten students, our first 4K graduates, to be much better prepared both academically and socially than previous groups.

In regards to expenses, in 2010-2011 the 4k program cost approximately \$325,000. This figure includes transportation, facility rental, salaries, day care contracts, and supplies. On the revenue side, our 4k students generated approximately \$381,000 worth of revenue cap authority. In addition, this year we received a \$84,650 state grant to support our connection to local day care centers. Considering the one-time state grant, the rules for calculating average enrollments, and the payment of state aid based on previous year expenses, the upcoming school year will be the first true "regular" year of accounting for this program. Generally speaking, in 2011-2012 the 4k program will again cost \$325,000 with local tax payers paying approximately \$110,000 and the state of Wisconsin approximately \$215,000. Also, the additional revenue cap authority, approximately \$540,000 for the 2011-2012, affords the district protection from further cuts in state funding.

By all measures, the 4k program has been a wonderful addition to our school district. Our children are benefitting from a head start to their educational careers, our families are benefitting from the day care experience, our tax payers are benefitting from the value, and our other programs are benefitting from the additional revenue.

What is happening with our Strategic Planning? In late May, the school board invited a group of citizens in to review the results of the district survey and to offer feedback concerning the survey data and concerning the next steps in the process. The school board followed this meeting by working with a group of district

employees to condense the information into suggestions for a school district mission, vision, and list of value statements. The list of suggestions was turned over to a series of editorial committees who will submit a draft to the school board on June 27th for consideration. The next steps will include using the newly crafted mission, vision, and values as guides for the development of a strategic plan for moving forward.

Thus far the planning process has been rewarding and productive. The school board has benefitted from the data gathered from more than 600 surveys, discussion with citizens, and working with school district employees to put it all into words. The board remains committed to completing the process prior to the beginning of the upcoming school year.

How many retirements did we have and how is the hiring process going? As a result of the uncertainty in Madison and simple timing, our school district experienced fifteen retirements. Three bus drivers: Janet Wolter, Ken Schweiger, and Donald Gensch. One paraprofessional: Annette Apfel. Eleven teachers: Peggy Green (K), Ann Amann (K), Colleen Miller (2), Barb Jessen (2), Carol Hanson (PE), Judy Wimer (ES), Kathy Thompson (6), Chuck Ihle (6), Bill Jensen (6), John Goodwin (HS), and Cindy Patza (HS). This group of wonderful people represent literally hundreds of years of service to our children. We are forever appreciative of their efforts.

In regards to the hiring process, our administrators and their staffs have been working long hours to screen, interview and select candidates to recommend to the school board. Choosing the new members of our team is a critical component to future success. By all accounts, we are selecting bright, talented and energetic educators.

Where did the year go? We have all heard the phrase "the older I get, the faster time goes." If this is the case then I must be getting older fast because the past twelve months have literally flown by. Rather than surrendering to age, I subscribe to the equally popular phrase "if you find a job you love, you'll never work a day in your life." It has been a wonderful first year as your superintendent. I am humbled by your support for public education and awed by your concern for our children. I look forward to many "faster" and even better years in the future.

West Salem School District 2011-2012 School Supply List

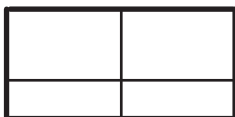
NOTES:

****All backpacks should be no larger than 11"x 13" due to locker size.**

****All gym shoes should be tie or velcro and should have white, non-marking soles for Physical Education class. No zippers, wheels or slip-ons.**

****Please sharpen pencils at home.**

****Please purchase folders with the pockets on the bottom. No side (vertical) pockets.**



Please bring all completed medical forms with you at the time of registration.

4-Year-Old Kindergarten

No name needed on the following items:

- 1 box of Kleenex
- 1 container of Clorox wipes
- 1 box of snacks (fish crackers, pretzels) enough for 20 students
- 1 box washable markers

Students with the last name starting with A-M

- 1 pkg large paper plates
- 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags
- 1 child size Fiskar scissors

Students with the last name starting with N-Z

- 1 box gallon size Ziploc bags
- 1 pkg #2 pencils
- 1 bottle of school glue

All Students-Please mark your child's name on the following:

- 1 sturdy pocket folder
- 1 backpack large enough to fit a standard folder-no wheels
- 1 change of clothing (underwear, socks, pants and shirt) in a ziploc bag to be kept at school

Kindergarten

No name needed on the following items:

- 2 packs of skinny Crayola crayons (24 count)
- 2 Boxes of Crayola broad line Classic Markers
- 6 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 Bottles of Elmer's glue
- 1 Box Crayola thin line Classic Markers

- 1 large pink eraser (no pencil tops)
- 1 large box of Kleenex (boys)
- 1 box Ziploc gallon size bags (boys)
- 1 large pack of napkins (girls)
- 1 small pack of white paper plates (girls)
- 1 box of crackers AND cookies, monthly
- 2 containers of antibacterial wet wipes
- 1 pkg of 24 Ticonderoga brand #2 pencils

Please mark your child's name on the following items:

- 3 plastic pocket folders (Please write your child's first and last name on the front cover.) Pockets should be on the bottom. No vertical pockets. - SEE NOTE
- 1 Very large, sturdy backpack (No wheels allowed) Needs to be able to hold folders, library books, snow pants from home, etc. When purchasing the backpack, make sure your child can open (zip, snap, etc.) the backpack.
- 1 pair of inexpensive tennis shoes to be left at school. Purchase with growing feet in mind. - SEE NOTE
- 1 Beach towel for rest time. (Towel to remain at school). No plastic mats.

Kindergarten does not need: scissors, pencil boxes, art apron, pencil erasers, or spiral notebooks.

Grade 1

- 2 pocket folders-bottom pockets (no side pockets)
- 2 sturdy PLASTIC pocket folders
- 4 large glue sticks or 8 small glue sticks
- 1 pair of Fiskar scissors (sharp ended)
- 1 box of crayons (24 or 36 count)
- 1 8-count box of Crayola markers
- 1 large box of Kleenex (boys)
- 1 school bag or backpack (no wheels)
- 1 pkg. of napkins
- 1 box of crackers or cookies, monthly
- 2 red college ruled notebooks
- 1 medium size eraser
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes- SEE NOTE

****Elementary-School box for pencils, glue, etc. will be provided.**

****Last Names A-M 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags;**

N-Z 1 box Quart size Ziploc bags

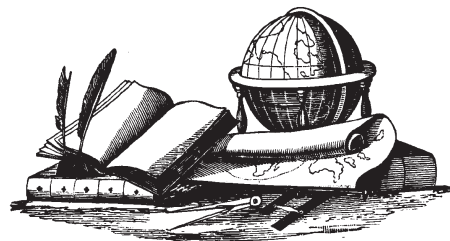
Grade 2

- 1 pkg loose leaf notebook paper, wide-ruled
- 3 spiral notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 2 pkg. of #2 plain sharpened yellow classroom pencils for community use
- 2 sturdy pocket folders with bottom pockets (red, yellow)
- 2 sturdy PLASTIC pocket folders with bottom pockets
- 4 glue sticks
- 1 small pack of 4 dry erase markers
- 1 pencil box
- 2 big erasers
- 1 box of crayons (24 count or larger)
- 1 large box of Kleenex
- 1 box of crackers or snack
- 1 pair of good quality scissors (sharp ended)
- 1 pkg. water-based colored markers (Crayola 8 pack)
- 1 set of long colored pencils
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes- SEE NOTE
- 1 school bag or backpack - SEE NOTE

Grade 3

- 4 spiral notebooks (wide rule, non-perforated)
- 1 pkg. loose leaf notebook paper (wide rule)
- 36 Ticonderoga brand #2 pencils-sharpened, if possible
- 2 3 prong pocket folders
- 1 bottle of Elmer's School Glue
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 good pair (sharp-ended) scissors
- 1 box of crayons (24 or 36 count)
- 1 big eraser (no cap erasers)
- 2 sturdy plastic folders
- 4 pocket folders
- 4 extra-fine tip black Sharpie markers
- 1 highlighter
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 box long colored pencils
- 1 large zippered pencil pouch, NOT school box
- 1 box of crackers for snack, monthly
- 1 school bag or backpack
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes-SEE NOTE

****Girls: 1 box Gallon size freezer Ziploc bags; Boys: 1 box Quart size freezer Ziploc bags**



Please See Notes On Previous Page

Grade 4

- 2 sturdy plastic folder
- 4 pocket folders
- 3 spiral notebooks
- 1 set of colored pencils, 24 count
- 1 8 pk markers
- 2 highlighters
- 1 large eraser
- 2 3-subject notebooks
- 1 box of 48 #2 pencils
- 2 boxes of facial tissue
- 2 large glue sticks
- 2 red pens
- 2 blue or black pens
- 1 pair of good quality scissors
- 1 school bag or backpack-SEE NOTE
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes-SEE NOTE
- 2 extra-fine tip black Sharpie markers

**Grades 4 & 5: FIRST ASSIGNMENT
NOTEBOOK WILL BE PROVIDED.
\$5.00 TO REPLACE IF LOST.**

Grade 5

- 6 sturdy pocket folders 6 *different colors* (bottom pockets only, no side pockets)
- 6 wide-ruled spiral notebooks, *colors to match folders*
- 2 highlighters, each a different color
- 1 pkg. loose leaf paper, wide-ruled
- 1 set colored pencils, 24 count
- 1 pair quality scissors
- 1 pkg. pencil cap erasers
- 1 ruler, inch to 16th & centimeter markings
- 1 calculator
- 1 large box Kleenex
- 1 pencil pouch or school box
- 1 box of #2 pencils - SEE NOTE
- 1 school bag or backpack
- 1 3-ring binder, 1-inch size
- 3 jumbo glue sticks
- 3 red pens
- 2 black pens
- 1 set of thin markers
- 1 pair inexpensive tennis shoes-SEE NOTE
- 1 box of gallon size Ziplock bags (boys)
- 1 box of quart size Ziplock bags (girls)

NOTE: Grades 6-8 reminder-book bags will not be taken from class to class; they are only to be used for carrying materials to and from school. Tissues should be given to your advisor. Please label all supplies with name.

Grade 6

- Large zippered 3 ring binder for holding note-books and paper (e.g. Trapperkeeper)
- 10 spiral notebooks
- 4 plain green pocket folders
- 3 Glue sticks
- 1 Scissors
- 1 set colored pencils
- 1 Loose leaf paper
- 2 1" binder for science and reading
- 5 pens for correcting
- 12 Pencils #2 w/cap erasers
- 1 Ruler with centimeter & inches
- 1 Calculator (A must!!)
- 1 Pencil pouch
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex (for A/A)
- 1 plain yellow pocket folder-choir
- 1 plain pocket folder-general music
- 1 roll of scotch tape
- 4 highlighters
- 2 fine tip black markers (Sharpie)
- 1 pack Post-it Notes 3"x3"
- 1 pack Post-it Flagsize
- 1 3 prong pocket folder for band
- 3 paper grocery bags (to cover textbooks)
- 1 USB Drive "jump drive"

Grade 7

- 1 large zippered 3-ring binder
- 1 3-ring 1" binder (for reading class)
- 1 3-ring 1" soft cover binder (for science)
- 1 pencil pouch
- 8 spiral notebooks
- 1 3 subject notebook with pocket dividers (for Reading)
- 1 ruler with centimeters & inches
- 1 box of colored pencils or markers
- 1 compass
- 4 plain blue pocket folders
- 1 protractor
- 2 black pens
- 1 pair scissors
- 2 blue pens
- 1 eraser
- 2 fine point black markers
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 box of regular pencils
- 1 calculator (scientific)
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 highlighters - different colors
- 1 plain green pocket folder-choir
- 1 plain pocket folder-general music
- 1 roll 3/4" Scotch tape
- 1 pad of 100 Post-it notes 3"x3"
- 1 3 prong pocket folder for band
- 3 paper grocery bags (to cover textbooks)

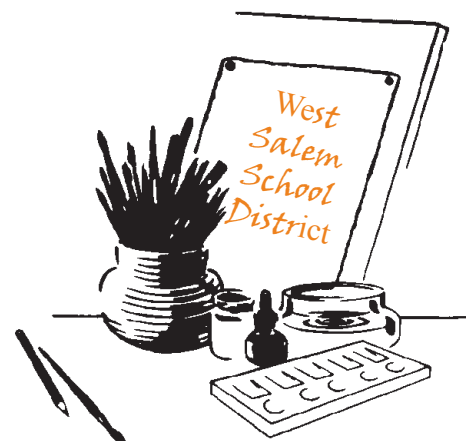
****Purchase English notebook from teacher.**

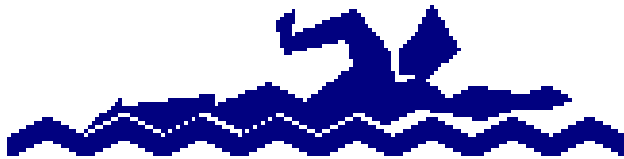
Grade 8

- 2 fine tip black markers
- 1 pencil pouch
- 8 spiral notebooks
- 1 ruler with centimeters
- 1 box of colored pencils
- 1 calculator (scientific)
- 1 pocket folders (general music)
- 3 plain red pocket folders (homework)
- 1 protractor
- black or blue pens
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 eraser
- 2 highlighters-different colors
- 1 glue stick
- 1 box of regular pencils
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 2 3-ring 1" binder for reading and science
- 1 pack of loose leaf paper
- 1 spiral notebook for English
- 1 3-ring binder 1/2" (careers)
- 20 clear top load sheet protectors (careers)
- 1 box of markers
- 1 compass
- 1 pad of 100 Post-it notes 3"x3"
- 1 plain blue pocket folder-choir
- 3 paper grocery bags (to cover textbooks)
- 2 Pack of 3x5" note cards (social studies)
- 1 3 prong pocket folder for band
- 1 USB Drive "jump drive"

**NO backpacks on wheels
(they don't fit in lockers)**

Please bring all completed
medical forms with you at the time
of registration.





Pool Information

Monday-Friday	1:30-5:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday	1:30-5:45 p.m.
Sunday	2:00-5:45 p.m.
Family Swim	Sun. 1:00-2:00 p.m.
	Tues. & Thurs. 8:30-9:30 p.m.
Adult Lap Swim	Mon. - Sat. 12:45-1:30 p.m.
Adult Early Risers	Mon. - Fri. 6:00-8:00 a.m.
Swim Team	Monday-Friday 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Times may vary due to weather, number of swimmers, mechanical problems, and emergency situations. Private parties by reservation only, Saturday and Sundays 6:00-8:00 p.m. E-mail Sam Ruud (ruud.sam@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or call Sam Ruud at the pool to reserve a date and receive paperwork. Proof of insurance will be required. **Cost is dependent on the number of swimmers. Base cost is \$85.**

POOL PASSES WILL BE SOLD AT THE POOL

Membership	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	65.00	95.00
Single High School/Adult	40.00	50.00
Through 8th Grade	35.00	50.00

Daily Admission Fees

Through 8th Grade	1.00
High School (9-12)	1.50
Adult	1.50
Waders (Accompanied by Parent)	.50

****Refunds cannot be given due to changes in weather or equipment problems.**

***Skippers (Preschool age 3-5) July 25-29**
Classes offered at 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:15, and 11:00 a.m.

***This is a preschool class that works at two different levels, water adjustment skills and beginner swim skills.**

This class is not part of summer school program and costs \$25. Registration for Skippers begins Tuesday, June 14th at the pool. Payment is due at time of registration. Please come to the pool to register your swimmer.

Happy Retirement, Bus Drivers

Donald Gensch - 49 years

Janet Wolter - 33 years

Ken Schweiger - 14 years

Thank you for your many years of dedication to the School District of West Salem.



Congratulations To All The 2011 WSHS Graduates

The West Salem Area Aquatic Center Committee is looking for new members. If you are interested, they meet the first and third Thursdays at the Hazel-Brown Memorial Library at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Becky Auna at 608-786-0097.

Mark Your Calendar!

The PTO will be hosting an electronic recycling event at the elementary school on Saturday, September 17, from 9:00 a.m.-noon. The collection will be a free drop off for electronic items. Items include: computers, monitors, TVs, DVD players, cell phones, computer keyboards, scanners.

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.

Calendar of Events

JULY

- 1 Baseball-V at Blair-Taylor - 7:00
- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Baseball-JV Arcadia (H) 4:00/6:00
- Baseball-V at Lincoln - 7:00
- 6 Baseball-JV at Luther - 5:30
- 7 Baseball-JV at Holmen Legion - 1:00/3:00
- Baseball-V at Whitehall - 7:00
- 8 Baseball-JV GET (H) 4:30
- Baseball-V GET (H) 7:00
- 9 Baseball-V North Stars (H) 12:00/2:00
- 11 Baseball-JV Bi-State (H) 4:30
- Baseball-V Bi-State (H) 7:00
- 12 Baseball-V Mel-Min vs. WS at Whitehall - TBA
- 13 Baseball-V at Holmen Legion - 5:30
- 14 Baseball-V La Crosse North Stars (H) 7:00
- 15 Baseball Regionals
- 19 Baseball Regionals
- 22 Baseball Sectionals at Arcadia
- 27-28 Baseball State

AUGUST

- 1 Fall Sports Meeting
- 3 Football Practice Begins
- 8 Boys' Soccer Practice Begins
- 9 Girls' Tennis Practice Begins
- 15 Cross Country Practice Begins
- 15 Volleyball Practice Begins
- 15 SR-JR Registration for 2011-2012 School Year
- 16 SO-FR Registration for 2011-2012 School Year

School Board Members

Tom Ward ~~~~~ 397-9873
 Ken Spraetz ~~~~~ 786-0017
 Linda Brown ~~~~~ 786-3027
 Scott Scafe ~~~~~ 786-0969
 Errol Kindschy ~~~~~ 786-1675
 Thomas Helgeson ~~~~~ 612-0018
 Jason Falck ~~~~~ 786-0935

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

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

2011-2012 Mainstage Season

Street Corner Symphony
 Sunday, October 23, 2011
 7:30 p.m.



Guys & Does
 Wednesday, November 9, 2011
 7:30 p.m.



White Ghost Shivers
 Friday, February 3, 2012
 7:30 p.m.



The Water Coolers
 Thursday, February 16, 2012
 7:30 p.m.



Ricky Nelson Remembered
 Monday, April 30, 2012
 7:30 p.m.



**Discounted Season Tickets on sale
 through July 15, 2011.
 **Individual show tickets go on sale
 August 29, 2011.
 **Box Office - (608)786-2550
 **Summer Hours:
 Mon, Wed, Fri: Noon - 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

West Salem High School Volleyball Camp

August 8-10 at the West Salem High School
 Sophomores and Freshmen - 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
 Juniors and Seniors - 12:30-4:00 p.m.
 *Brochures can be picked up at the
 West Salem Park and Rec. Office
 or the West Salem High School Office.

Boys and Girls Basketball Camps - July 25-28

Grades K-3 (fall 2011) 10:30 a.m. - noon
 Grades 4-6 (fall 2011) 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
 Camps will be at WSHS

Contact Scott Koepnick: 786-1220 ext 2014, or
 783-1136, or koepnick.scott@wsalem.k12.wi.us

2011-2012 School Calendar

Go to the school district web site:

www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

On left side click on District Calendar.

Gardening Summer Schedule

Mr. Langer holds a regular work night each Monday (weather permitting) throughout the summer from 5:00 to 7:00 beginning June 13. E-mailing will be used to communicate a cancelation or to set up additional times or days to work based on garden needs.

If you are interested, email Mr. Langer and you will be placed on the gardening email list:
lander.david@wsalem.k12.wi.us

*The Staff and Students of West Salem High School
Invite the Class of 2015 to our annual*

LINK CREW FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Friday, August 26, 201
WSHS Gymnasium

Open Enrollment

If your child(ren) was approved for open enrollment, please contact the non-resident school district to register your child(ren).

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

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

The purpose of this orientation is to make the transition from middle school to high school a positive one. Seniors and juniors will be serving as leaders and mentors to the freshman. Large and small group activities are designed to address students' needs and concerns in an enjoyable manner. Students should wear comfortable shoes and clothing, as this will be an active day! Lunch will be served at this event. Students will be expected to attend and stay for the duration of the event. If you have any questions, please call Link Crew Coordinators Andrea Armstrong at 608-386-1775 or Justin Jehn at 608-786-0844.

Attention Parents of Students Entering 6th, 9th and 12th Grades

In the 2008-09 school year, the Wisconsin School Immunization law was changed to require one dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine for students in grades 6, 9 and 12 and a second dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for students in grades K, 6 and 12. If your child has had chickenpox disease the vaccine is not required. **Beginning in the 2011-2012 school year, the Tdap requirement will expand to include students in grades 6 through 12 and the second dose varicella requirement will expand to include students in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12.**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices also recommends meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4) for students at 11 or 12 years of age, or at age 13 through 18 years if not previously vaccinated, and human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine for **girls** at 11 or 12 years of age, or at age 13 through 18 years if not previously vaccinated. At this time, the Wisconsin School Immunization law does NOT require MCV4 vaccine or HPV vaccine for students.

For your convenience, the La Crosse County Health Department will offer these vaccines at no charge to protect your child and bring him/her into compliance with the law. Please call 785-9723 to set up an appointment. You may also contact your health care provider to get the required immunizations. **PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S IMMUNIZATION RECORD ALONG WITH YOU TO SCHOOL REGISTRATION.** If you have any questions please contact the nurse's office.

Neshonoc Yearbook Information

ATTENTION: Class of 2012

A yearbook deadline to begin thinking about... Each senior needs photos for the following publications: *The 2012 Neshonoc Yearbook*, *the Coulee News*, *the Times of Our Lives*, and *the Senior Slideshow*.

TAKE THESE SPECIFICATIONS TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER—You are responsible for making sure you have a photo that meets the yearbook staff's requirements!

4 Photos Needed:

1. Yearbook/Coulee News (formal headshot)
2. Times of Our Lives (headshot—less formal)
3. Senior Picture for the Senior Slideshow
4. Baby Picture for the Senior Slideshow

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SPECIFICS:

YEARBOOK SENIOR PICTURE SIZE- Wallet

*Head shot (head and top of shoulders only)

*Standard wallet size

*MUST be in color

*No full length

*Must be formal, semi-formal

*No background scenery

*No "mistys"

*No hats, props, etc.

*NOTE: Some studios may send a headshot for the yearbook; consult your studio to be sure the yearbook staff will receive your photos.

Photographers may also send your portrait on a cd or via email. Specify 300 dpi jpeg format.

PLEASE LABEL ALL PHOTOS for the publication it will be used and *PUT IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR NAME ON IT*. (This will ensure that your photos will be returned promptly and together.) *SUBMIT ALL PHOTOS TOGETHER*. They will not be accepted if you don't have all 4 photos. Put your photos in the silver box in Room 242 (yearbook advisor's room).

**ALL PHOTOS DUE BY NO LATER THAN:
Friday, November 9, 2011**

Ads For Grads/Friendship Ads

The Neshonoc Yearbook Ads for Grads program is a wonderful way to congratulate seniors on their accomplishments. The size options include anything from a full-page to an 1/8th page ad. The larger options provide more room for multiple photos and longer messages. Remember: The longer your message, the less space available to showcase your grad's picture(s).

Friendship Ads are also an option for seniors. The ads provide an opportunity for seniors to celebrate their friendships with pictures and a message.

If interested please fill out the following form and turn it in to the yearbook staff by Monday, January 9, 2012

ADS FOR GRADS AND FRIENDSHIP ADS

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Graduate's Name: _____

Ad size: ___ 1/8 (\$40) ___ 1/4 (\$65)

 ___ 1/2 (\$100) ___ Full page (\$185)

Message: _____

If the ad includes photos, please label them clearly, and send them along with this form and payment in full. Please make checks payable to West Salem High School. (Photos will be returned shortly after our final March deadline. If you need them back earlier, please contact the yearbook staff.)

2012 Times of Our Lives Order Form

(Underclassmen Only; Seniors are covered in class fees)

Every underclassman will want to have a Times of Our Lives. This valuable supplement to your yearbook not only showcases the seniors, but also re-caps all the spring events that the yearbook is unable to publish in time for spring delivery. Plus, you get to contribute to and personalize its contents yourself! How? By joining in the tribute to the seniors and sending your own special message(s) to seniors who were important to you. We know you will also enjoy the Senior's "Wills" to the underclassmen, their "Words of Wisdom," and their "Most Likely" or "Senior Superlatives" showcase section. At only \$3.00, the Times of Our Lives is a true bargain and publication that you will cherish forever.

You may purchase your Times at registration as part of the yearbook sales event or from the yearbook staff later in the school year. The Times will be distributed with the yearbooks in May.

West Salem Community Fitness Center

Annie Labus, Fitness Center Director

Greetings from the Fitness Center,

If you're looking to find a way to stay motivated this summer, a local 5k run/walk might be just what you're looking for. Each month you can find at least one run/walk in our area. They can cost anywhere from \$5.00 to \$20.00 and the cost normally goes towards a t-shirt and a local charity. Registering ahead of time will help push you towards your goal of completing the race. It doesn't matter if you run or walk, the feeling you get when you complete the race is priceless. This can also be a family event. Pack the little kids in the stroller, or let older children walk with you. Start a daily routine of walking or running about 4-6 weeks before the big day. You can make a goal of a time you want to finish the race in or just make finishing the race your goal. Lots of people of all different fitness levels participate so don't feel discouraged about signing up if you're just starting out.

Look for the La Crosse Chileda Classic July 2nd and Knights of Columbus Kornfest Fun Run/walk August 20th (Holmen).

Yogalates and Zumba are still in full swing. Please Call or check the district website under fitness center for current dates and times. Water Aerobics will begin the end of July on Mondays 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the pool. You can also get out of the heat and enjoy the air conditioning in the fitness center.

Hope to see you soon!

Current Fitness Center Hours

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.

Clean shoes are required to enter the fitness center and indoor track. Current fitness center hours and class schedules are specified on the school website www.wsalem.k12.wi.us. Click on the fitness center icon to get the latest information about your community fitness center. You may call 786-1220 ext. 2275.

Are you Transferring to a Different College or Do You Need a Copy of Your High School Transcript?

If you are a WSHS graduate and need a copy of your high school transcript please follow one of the following steps:

- 1) Send a letter/note to the high school student services office that includes:
 - a) full name as it appears on high school transcript
 - b) birth date
 - c) graduation year
 - d) address of where to send the transcript
 - e) graduate's signature (required)
 - f) \$2.00 fee per copy
- 2) Stop in during office hours to complete and sign a transcript request form and pay fee. Requests via phone or e-mail will not be honored. The graduate's signature is required on all requests for transcripts.

Current year graduates do not pay to have their transcripts sent to their college of choice.

FYI - The high school does not keep a copy of your high school diploma.

High School Information

Office Hours

June 27 - July 4	Closed
July 5-7	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
July 11-14	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
July 18-21	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
July 25-28	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
August 1-5	Closed
Beginning August 8	7:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. (M-F)

Registration

August 15	
Seniors	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Juniors	1:00-4:00 p.m.
August 16	
Sophmores	8:30-11:30 a.m.
Freshman	1:00-4:00 p.m.
Make-Up Time	4:00-6:00 p.m.

LinkCrew Freshmen Orientation will be August 26 - 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with lunch provided.



4th & 5th Grade Track & Field Meet - see page 13 for more.

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2011
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 May 5, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Mr. Kindschy led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Taylor Gile recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson (7:06), Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representative: Taylor Gile. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Jason Falck, Linda Brown, Megan Tabbert.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. Last week high school students took a survey on whether ARC should be kept in the next school year's schedule, and what people like about ARC and what should be changed. ARC was well received and students would like to keep ARC in the schedule.
2. This past Saturday, high school students celebrated prom.
3. National Honor Society (NHS) released letters of acceptance for next year's new members.
4. The annual senior art show started this month and will be running until May 31.

Correspondence – None.

Public comments – None.

Parent Shannon Wiese signed-up, but spoke later during the meeting on the topic of the renewal of elementary and middle school lease with the La Crosse Day Care Centers.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Spraetz reported on the meeting of the previous week. Policies are on tonight's agenda for a first reading.

Finance Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported the committee met earlier tonight and discussed the 10-11 and 11-12 budget, the elementary and middle school remodeling projects, pupil count/audit, and nonunion employee compensation.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of April 25, 2011 and the Special Board meeting of April 26, 2011; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Parent Shannon Wiese asked the board to give consideration to open up for bids the after/before school program before making a decision. Mr. Gunderson reviewed the recent discussions with La Crosse Day Care Centers and with the YMCA.

US Cellular representative Jim Weinmann answered questions the Board had on the proposed cell tower on light pole. The Board will wait for a lease to be constructed before making a decision.

West Salem Middle School Social Studies Teacher Jenny Morgan gave a presentation on the E2T2 Technology Grant that was received.

Mr. Gunderson offered a budget summary and plans to achieve a balanced budget.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to proceed with the elementary and middle school remodeling projects as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the staffing proposal for 2011-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the 2011-2012 support staff contract renewals as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #443 Student Conduct Rules and Discipline Guidelines as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #443.1 Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #446 Locker and Student Searches as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to send back to the Policy Committee, policy #831 Tobacco/Use/Possession on School Premises and #831-Rule Tobacco Prohibition Enforcement Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the Board committee assignments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The next Strategic planning session for the administrators, board members and involved teachers will be on May 24, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to name the district office conference room, the Eugene Ertz Conference Room as per Board policy #841, Naming School Facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no resignations/retirements to act upon.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2011
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 May 19, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Ken Spraetz led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Lisa Gerke recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the agenda as Amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Taylor Gile reported on:

1. Neshonoc Yearbook Dedication was last Friday. Chuck Bockenfeld was this year's dedicatee.
2. The male and female athletes of the year were announced on Friday. This year's recipients are Jake McCabe and Meagan Koepnick.
3. This Friday, the high school will be having the annual senior sing-out.
4. Graduation will be held this Sunday, May 29, 2011.

Correspondence

Letters of support for the La Crosse Day Care Centers as the provider for surround care were shared with the Board from the following: Nihole Staff, Nolan and Jennifer Nolte, Cindy and Darren Springborn, Michelle Harper, Aaron and Kelly Hillyer, and Chris and Jennifer Wehrenberg.

Public comments – Individuals signed up and will be allowed to speak during agenda item F., before/after school day care contracts.

Written and Oral Reports

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported on the upcoming annual CESA convention in June, contracts for services accepted by school districts and the CESA #4 technology plan.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mrs. Kloser noted that the elementary school received the Healthier US School Challenge Gold Award of Distinction; the first school in Wisconsin to receive this award. Mr. Gunderson had nothing to report.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes of May 9, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Sherry Picha, Michelle Witte, Tom Fell, Barb Omit, and Scott Schumacher signed up to speak during the Citizen Participation at Board Meetings portion of the meeting, and were allowed to speak on behalf of the La Crosse Day Care Centers (Birchwood Day Care). Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the contract with the La Crosse Day Care Centers for one more year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to accept donations from Tanner and Jamie Holst for the early childhood program, from Tom Miller to the OEC, and from Carol Hanson to the elementary school LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Counselor Cathy Tyink and High School Principal Mark Carlson shared with the Board pictures of an on-going project, Flag of Nations, which includes flags hung in the high school commons representing foreign exchange students. This project was started with local support and funds from a West Salem School Board grant.

Mr. Carlson shared letters from parents commending the music department for the handling of the recent severe weather situation and the trip to New York City. Choir Director Amy Hanson and Band Director David Kies shared a video of the trip.

High School Math and Technology Teacher Jonathan Jones shared a student project with the Board. The project was to create a web site for the West Salem Rod and Gun Club. Mr. Roger Fish, board member of the rod and gun club, was present to thank Mr. Jones and the students for their work on the web site.

West Salem School District Four-year Old Kindergarten Teachers Anna Squires, Barb Wettstein and Jill Kreibich, along with Rachel Lysne from Little Learners and Tara VonRuden from Birchwood, gave a presentation on the success of the second year of the program. Kindergarten Teacher Peggy Green offered an update on the impact of the 4K program. Mr. Smalley shared the plan for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Brian Brewer, our financial consultant from Baird, provided information on refinancing the debt for our elementary school. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to move forward with the refinancing using Option #2 as presented by Mr. Brewer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to proceed with the Food Service co-op with the Bangor School District and the resulting West Salem staff adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #443 Student Conduct Rules and Discipline Guidelines, #443.1 Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs, #446 Student Search. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the summer school classes and staffing as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the administrations recommendation to hire Dan Schneider as the baseball coach for the "C" team. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept with regret, the resignations from High School Social Studies Teacher Corey Peterson, JV Volleyball Coach Andrea Koch, Bus Driver Jill Schomberg, and retirements from Bus Drivers Donald Gensch, Janet Wolter and Ken Schweiger. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider, and if appropriate, take action regarding the administrators' and non-union district employees' contracts and compensation for the 2011-2012 school year under Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(e) "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session;" and 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. Scafe moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:04 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to issue contracts to the non-union district employees', including the middle school and high school athletic directors, with salaries frozen, except for the salary changes for Michelle Kloser, Tracy Christopherson and Tiffany Lisk. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to reissue contracts to the administrative staff keeping the salary the same and changing the health and retirement language. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Errol Kindschy, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 6, 2011
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 6:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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 June 1, 2011. This meeting was at the request of a Board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance –Superintendent Troy Gunderson, Finance Director Davita Molling, Recording Secretary Patrick Bahr and Director of Technology Bill Solsrud. Excused: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck and Scott Scafe.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve \$10,500 for the installation of a glass panel divider for security reasons. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to designate up to \$25,000 for the purchase of two district vehicles and the disposal of four vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to allow expenditures for the technology infrastructure upgrade up to \$320,000; using residual funds from the 2010-2011 school year, a reduction in Fund 73 contribution for 2011-2012, and fund balance for the remainder. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

The West Salem Special Ed. class participated in its fourth annual Job Olympics, which was held and organized by Central High School, on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. West Salem High School students involved in the day's events displayed first class behavior throughout the day and enjoyed the day, remaining very focused, enthusiastic and supportive of each other. Skills which were put to the test included: honesty, teamwork, organization, flexibility and work ethic. Competition to test these skills included performing in the following tasks: shredding; collating, folding and stuffing envelopes; assembly work; can crushing; sorting and stacking washcloths; bussing tables; silverware sorting and pencil sharpening.

A total of nine local high schools participated and each of the West Salem High School contestants won either



a gold or silver medal in one of the events that they participated in. The grand prize is a traveling trophy, granted to the high school with the most accumulated points. West Salem High School came in a close second. It was a fun working day!

4th & 5th Grade Track & Field Meet

The track meet is the culminating event after our track and field unit for 4th and 5th grade students. The event is held every other year. We had to move the track meet to Thursday, June 9, due to the extreme heat on Tuesday. The students sign up for a minimum of three events (one has to be a field event and one has to be a running event) and a maximum of four events. Events are the following:

Field Events:

Frisbee throw
Softball throw
Long jump
High jump

Running events:

800 meter run
400 meter dash
200 meter dash
100 meter dash
50 meter dash
4 x 100 meter relay
4 x 200 meter relay



The 4th and 5th grade track and field meet is planned and run by the physical education teachers Erin Ellerbach, Carol Hanson and Lindy Meyers with the assistance of a student teacher, Brianna Peyer. We had parent volunteers to help run field events and time the runners. We do not keep any scores, but we do tell the students their time or distance.



School Nutrition News

West Salem Elementary School was recently certified as an award winning school by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's voluntary Healthier US School Challenge!

The Healthier US School Challenge nationally recognizes schools at the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Gold Award of Distinction award levels for: 1) serving school meals that reflect the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2) offering nutrition education, 3) providing physical education and opportunities for students to be active during the day.

West Salem Elementary School received the Gold Award of Distinction and was the first school in Wisconsin to receive the Healthier US School Challenge Award!

We believe that children who learn to make healthy food choices and be physically active at school will continue these habits into adulthood.

Michelle Kloser, School Nutrition Director
786-3078 kloser.michelle@wsalem.k12.wi.us

BIKE RODEO AND SAFETY NIGHT

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

5:00-7:00 p.m.

West Salem Lions' Shelter

WHO: Bike Riders preK (with a parent) -- 6th grade

WHAT TO BRING: a bike, a helmet (if you have one), friends or family, and fun

***Come join us for a bike rodeo where you will be able to have your bike inspected, participate in a skills course, learn about bike safety, helmet safety, and fire safety, have a chance to win a bike, a helmet, other prizes, and much more! Any questions please contact Erin Ellerbach at ellerbach.erin@wsalem.k12.wi.us. Pre-registration and more information can be found on the Parks and Recreation Webpage (<http://www.westsalemwi.com/>)

THE NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION PROCESS HAS CHANGED

The District has implemented centralized registration. All students' NEW to the West Salem School District will need to register at the District Office prior to attending the elementary, middle or the high school. The District Office is located at 405 Hamlin Street East. Additional information is posted on our website. www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

Exciting progress is making its way to the school forest. Nicole Johnson, Wayne Sackett, and Barb Thompson submitted an application for the Tierney Brother's Classroom of the Future grant and won. As part of this grant, a SMART Board and projector will be installed in the lodge at the school forest. A Safari Montage server will also be installed for the whole district to use, and a one year subscription for the elementary leveled Safari Montage content package is also being provided.

Kindergarten Class Has Authors' Celebration



Students read their published books to visitors.



While at the Authors' Celebration, Mrs. Macdonald poses for a picture with 3 of the Fitzpatrick kids and the 3 of the Bahr kids. She was with those families for 5 years total. It would have been six

if she had looped for one more year. Instead she will become a lead teacher for kindergarten and first grade, working with groups of students and teachers.

Congratulations Grant Bohnsack!

The Wisconsin Art Education Association's annual Youth Art Awards have been announced. These awards coincide with the Youth Art Month celebration, which culminates with an exhibition of selected artworks from the entire state of Wisconsin. Student artists range in grade from kindergarten through seniors in high school. This Youth Art Month exhibit was held in the Capitol Rotunda in Madison, Wisconsin in May. This event was attended by dignitaries, art teachers, student artists and parents from all over the state. Youth Art Month is sponsored by W.T. Graham, Nasco Arts and Crafts, Sax Arts and Crafts, and the Department of Public Instruction.



Locally, 3rd grader Grant Bohnsack has been one of six students in the state to receive the Sax Arts and Crafts Award. The six art works (one from each region) are chosen by a Madison artist for the student's creative use of the materials and presentation of their work. For his painting of a house, Grant receives a Youth Art Month certificate, a Sax Arts and Crafts certificate and letter of accomplishment. In addition, Grant will receive a \$25.00 gift certificate and a catalog from Sax. Sax is a nationwide arts and crafts supplier, a division of School Specialty. Please congratulate Grant on his artistic accomplishment. This is a photo of his award winning painting.

Angie Hemker
WSES Art Teacher

2010-2011 Dedicatee Announced

By Jacob Noren, WSHS Journalist

This year, former middle school science teacher and current substitute teacher Chuck Bockenfeld was nominated as the 2010-11 Neshonoc yearbook dedicatee.

On May 20, the West Salem community gathered to celebrate the sixty-second annual dedication ceremony. The ceremony was highlighted by goodbyes to the seniors, the year in review, and the dedicatee announcement.

"How much better of a person could they chose?" said former co-worker Errol Kindshy.

Bockenfeld started teaching in 1973 and retired in 2007. He is remembered as an extraordinary science teacher who was both helpful and entertaining. He is also known as a great coach to many athletes, and as a teacher who will always be remembered by his students.

"Lots of wonderful things you (Bockenfeld) helped me with and do," said Kindshy.

Middle school teachers Ellen Bice and Jenny Morgan described Bockenfeld as a "Terrific science teacher," and a "fabulous story teller."

"I was very honored and very surprised," stated Bockenfeld. "Many times as a teacher we feel underappreciated and this certainly makes up for those feelings."

Bockenfeld's friends, former students, and co workers shared many stories about Bockenfeld.

Kindshy shared a few humorous stories such as when they took their 8th grade class to Chicago and they were stuck in a rundown hotel. He also shared Bockenfeld's fear of roller coasters and his love for the merry-go-round and train rides.

Bockenfeld had quite the surprise when they called his name as yearbook dedicatee and his family walked out from behind the curtain. He spent a memorable night with his family and friends and will forever be remember with this year's yearbook.

"As I look back I really have nothing but fond memories," Bockenfeld said.

VENTURING - A Positive Way to Seek Adventure

By: Alyssa Freybler, WSHS Journalist

"As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world." When I said the words in the Venturing Oath I choose to not only live by the words but I also a made a commitment that all Venturers agree to when they join a Venturing Crew, a newer, non-gender specific, branch of the Boy Scouts of America.

Mary Freybler, the current crew leader of Crew 77, learned about Venturing crews when she started her job as the District Executive of the Gateway Area Council. Freybler had no idea about the co-ed option for "crews", which are similar to Boy and Girl Scout troops. Once she learned the purpose and the activities they afford teens she thought it would be perfect for West Salem.

"The community had nothing like these crews. There are so many school programs, but nothing was as constructive, let the kids still have fun, and let them be a part of planning," said Freybler.

Freybler has started two crews, a regular crew in West Salem and a health crew in Sparta. A health crew focuses mainly on health-related activities. She is also in the process of starting two more, one in Tomah and one in Hillsboro. Freybler would like to start crews all over to get more kids involved.

Being the crew leader for Crew 77 also allowed Freybler to spend time with her own children. She could have the opportunity to do fun things and help them learn new activities they couldn't do, and Freybler could see kids grow in leadership and citizenship.

The Venturing Crew program is nationally recognized and provides a positive and fun setting for young people to enjoy a wide variety of activities. A crew is truly led by its members, develops young adults, offers opportunities for travel, provides youth a chance to serve, and is a wholesome place for young people to belong.

A Venturing crew allows both boys and girls to be involved, but participants must be at least 13 years of age and have completed the 8th grade. The purpose of having young people interact through high adventure activities is to develop leadership skills and responsibility. A Crew Advisor, who must be at least 21 years of age, provides the guidance so that Crew members can successfully work through the decision making process and have positive outcomes through participation in a wide variety of activities. Crew members also grow in the areas of citizenship and service projects. Each crew is sponsored by a chartered organization. The organization provides support and resources to the Crew.

Crew 77 is sponsored by the West Salem Lion's Club, which also currently sponsors the Cub Scout Pack 77 and Boy Scout Troop 77.

"The Crew seemed like a natural progression of sponsorship and a way to support the teens in the community," said Freybler.

Currently, Crew 77 has held two planning meetings and one winter outdoor event which consisted of sledding.

"The winter outdoor event was so much fun," said Crew Member Cole Trautsch. "When sledding got cold we went inside and played Just Dance 2, which was hilarious."

The crew also attended a Wisconsin Badger hockey game March 5. A zip-line adventure trip, river camping, aviation experience (first small aircraft flight), community service projects, canoeing and boating might also be in the works for the crew in the near future

"I really like how the crew can be co-ed. I can be with all my friends at once. The members in our crew right now all seem to get along so easily and we have a lot of fun when were all together," said Crew member, Emma Schwartz.

New members can join at any time during the year by contacting a current participant or the Crew advisor.

Middle School Boys Basketball Camp

August 1-6 and August 8-11

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Please contact Coach Hayes for details

920-539-1850 or hayes.chad@wsalem.k12.wi.us

A nice variety of tractors showed up at school on May 25 as part of “drive your tractor to school day.” The students were excited to show off their tractors and proud of the farming heritage that they represent.



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