

West Salem School District

May 2010



Newsletter

From the Superintendent

Amazing! I think you will agree.

As a child I loved SRA reading kits. They had such interesting stories about the unusual animals, events or feats of individuals. I hope you enjoy these true “tales out of West Salem School”.

As I navigated my cart through the meat department in a local grocery store, I stopped to avoid a collision with a “baby cart,” as my granddaughter called them. It was controlled by a young shopper not much larger than the cart. She had her list and was carefully checking each item off as she placed it in the cart. I was *amazed*. The child’s mother spoke into my ear. “Mrs. Burns, this is one of your kindergarten students.” I was taken back to my years as a reading teacher. I learned that food cans have pictures on them, so that individuals who cannot read can identify the contents. Well this young shopper did not need pictures. This is a testimony to the instruction our students are receiving and the awareness of student’s learning capacity at very young ages that brain research has revealed.

Yes, my own granddaughter wrote on her Christmas list “SMART Board”. Her older cousin had dreamed of having her very own overhead, but her younger cousin wished to be equipped with the latest teaching tools in her bedroom classrooms. I remember the pride I had in having a chalk board that I used to teach my dolls and younger siblings. Times have changed.

In a meeting with bus driver Lorna Wehrs, I learned that she had always told her students that it was called a school bus because school was held on the bus as well as in the building. She then told how recently she over heard a four-year-old kindergarten child say, “David, D-A-V-I-D, David, Mary, M-A-R-Y, Mary.” She carefully spelled out all the names of

the other students on her bus and in her class. Yes, our 4K students are learning more than how to play in the sand and/or get along. Great job 4K teachers! Community members who had doubts that this was a babysitting program would be *amazed* with what students are learning and accomplishing.

The final story (all these things happened in one week last month) is about the 5th grade son of a district employee. This child, like many of his peers, left his book at school. Unlike many other students who would arrive at school with an excuse, “The dog ate my homework” he set out to use the computer to solve his problem. He knew the concept that the teacher had taught that day, so he used Google to find a similar worksheet on the topic at his level. He printed it out and solved the problems. However, he knew that in his school text there was always a problem with words. So he asked his mother for assistance in writing this problem related to the concept. He then solved the problem and brought the work to his teacher. The teacher was truly impressed with this student’s level of understanding in searching the Internet, also the level of commitment to solving a challenging responsibility problem, and then his follow through on the homework. He got an A for “amazing.”

I hope you have enjoyed these amazing tales. Children are inspirational. However, they are a product of the West Salem community’s commitment to raising responsible adults that will help solve some of our challenging problems facing our society. I hope you sleep better knowing that “amazing” students and staff are in our midst.

Your partner in education,

Nancy C. Burns
Superintendent



2010 Summer Musical production of

The Wizard of Oz

The performances will be

June 24 - 7:00

June 25 - 7:00

June 26 - 7:00

June 27 - 2:00

In the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts



<http://saytheword.files.wordpress.com>

"The last to go will see the first three go before her. And her little dog too."

—Wicked Witch of the West
<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0032138/quotes?qt0409888>

Animals on School Grounds - Policy 384

Animals are not allowed on school grounds during normal school hours including student drop off and pick up times. Exceptions may be granted by making a written request to the building principal and for licensed service dogs for individuals with an appropriate disability.

Animals other than service animals are not allowed at school activities.

Any animal brought onto school grounds outside of school hours and activities must be properly leashed or otherwise contained or controlled. Owners must pick up and properly dispose of any and all animal droppings left by such animal on the District property and are subject to local laws and ordinances pertaining to animal control.

LEGAL REFERENCE: WI State Statute 106.52 (3) 5.am

West Salem Ordinance 11:08(D)(1)&(2)

APPROVED: January 14, 2008

REVISED: January 25, 2010

Aluminum For Athletics

When cleaning out your garage, consider helping the School District of West Salem athletic program by donating your cans to "Aluminum for Athletics." The can pen for this purpose can be found in the southwest corner of the Heider Center parking lot. All profits will go directly to the betterment of the School District of West Salem sports programs. Aluminum only, please. For more information, please contact LeRoy Krall, Athletic Director, at the West Salem High School.

As you may be aware, Wisconsin recently passed legislation that affects coverage for dependents up to age 27. If you have dependents who are or will be between age 19 and age 27, who are not qualified "tax dependents" and for whom you may need health insurance and/or dental insurance coverage, please read this carefully.

Who is a tax dependent? A tax dependent is someone whom you list on your federal tax form as a dependent.

The new state legislation allows you to request health and/or dental coverage for your dependents who are between ages 19 and 27, and who may not be your tax dependents. While the new state law allows you to add these dependents to your health and/or dental coverage, you may be liable for additional tax for this coverage.

School Board Members

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

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

Kindergarten Registration 2010-2011

Now that West Salem has a 4-Year-Old Kindergarten program, we will no longer be hosting a kindergarten registration. If you have a student who will be five years old by September 1, 2010 and the 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 kindergarten registration information.

NESHONOC

YEARBOOK DEDICATION MAY 14

West Salem High School's 2010 Neshonoc yearbook dedication ceremony is set for Friday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts.

The event will reveal this year's dedicatee, who, by tradition, is either a district employee or a community member selected by the Neshonoc's senior editors from among a list of nominees who have made a positive impact on West Salem students. Great anticipation ordinarily precedes the event, for the name of the dedicatee is not divulged until the night of the presentation.

The program, about a half hour in length, will consist of speakers—students, colleagues, friends, and family—recognition of past dedicatees, and introduction of the Neshonoc and journalism staffs.

After the ceremony, yearbooks will be distributed to those who have purchased their books in advance. A limited number of additional books will go on sale the following week.

A reception honoring the dedicatee, as well as former dedicatees and editors, will take place in the Heider Room following the program. Both the program and the reception are free and open to the public.



Parents and students enjoying the District Honors Exhibit.

Select pieces from the show will be on display in the Heider Meeting room and the district office until Next April.



Students and staff at the elementary and middle schools have a “garden bar” as part of their school lunch. The “garden bar” features fresh fruit, veggies and dip, and fresh greens. Encourage your child(ren) to try some of the delicious and healthy meals that the staff prepare.

The lunch menu is available on the district's web site and features such items as roast chicken, turkey and gravy, spaghetti, meatballs, saucy orange chicken, pizza, and chicken tortilla soup.



Volleyball Camp

June 21st-24th

Grades 4-6 (fall 2010) 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Grades 7-8 (fall 2010) 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Camps will be at the West Salem Elementary School.

Contact Darcy Sawyer at 786-2090 ext. 4125
or dsawyer@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Boys and Girls Basketball Camps

July 27-29

Grades K-3 (fall 2010) 10:00 a.m. - noon

Grades 4-6 (fall 2010) 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Camps will be at WSHS

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

Community Art Show

Members of the community had an opportunity to display their artwork in the Heider Center Gallery during the month of April.



Don't be a party to teenage drinking!

- It is illegal to host or allow teen drinking parties in your home
- It is unhealthy and unacceptable for anyone under 21 to drink alcohol
- It is unsafe and illegal for teens to drink and drive
- Parents can be criminally prosecuted for hosting teen alcohol parties
- Parents can be sued in civil court for damages/injuries from teen alcohol parties

Underage use of alcohol is a serious problem that too often leads to harmful consequences for youth and their families. Parents can protect themselves and their teens by following these guides when hosting parties for their children:

- Host safe, alcohol-free activities and events for youth during prom and graduation
- Refuse to supply alcohol to children or allow drinking in their home or on your property
- Be at home when your teenager has a party
- Make sure your teenager's friends do not bring alcohol into your home
- Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol at youth events
- Report underage drinking

For more information contact Coulee Council at 784-4177 (Sponsored by the National Drug Free Action Alliance)

It's not worth it

Being a cool parent could cost you...
Your house, car, boat and your retirement savings

Purchase, provide or pour alcohol for underage drinkers and the people they injure can sue you. And since your homeowners insurance doesn't cover illegal activity – the risk all falls on you!

Wisconsin law provides adults with civil immunity for guests they provide with alcohol, but there's no immunity when alcohol is served to an underage drinker.

West Salem Community Fitness Center

Annie Labus, 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. Fitness center gift certificates are available for purchase and are a great way to stay healthy. Also, check with your insurance provider to see if they offer a reimbursement for your fitness center membership.

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 extension 2275.

It's almost the end of the school year and the start of summer. Are you ready for shorts, tank tops and swim suits? If not you still have time to feel better and look great. Just 30 minutes of exercise a day can help you achieve a healthier lifestyle. The fitness center is one of the only (fitness) facilities that you can pay daily. You don't have to worry about contracts and added fees. Cost is \$2.00 for residents. The walking track is free for all West Salem Residents and a great way to stay out of the hot sun and rainy weather.

The warm weather helps bring a variety of outdoor activities that you can enjoy with your family while getting in shape. Swimming, golfing, going to the park, playing ball, tennis, hiking, volleyball, gardening, and playing horseshoes are just a few of the great ways to add exercise to your families day. Try planning one family activity day a week and doing something new that your kids will enjoy!

All college students returning home for the summer can enjoy using the fitness center for only \$10.00 a month!

We hope to see you soon!

2010 Summer School Program

The West Salem School District is conducting a summer school program for pre-kindergarten through eleventh grade students who reside within the school boundaries. A variety of enrichment activities are planned in math, language arts, science, art, music, physical education, swimming, computer education and drama. Summer school has terms and sessions. The majority of the classes will be held at the elementary and middle schools. Sessions are the times of classes. Session 1 is 9:00 – 10:20 and Session 2 is 10:40 – 12:00.

Term 1 June 7 – June 18

Term 2 June 21 – July 2

Term 3 July 5 – July 16 (swimming only and no busses)

Term 4 August 9 – August 12 & August 16 – August 19 (Academic Literacy, Developmental Reading and Jump Start to 1st Grade classes only and teacher referral is required)

Please mark the following important dates on your calendar:

Friday, April 30 - Summer School schedules will be sent home.

Friday, May 28 - Final copy of Summer School schedule will be sent home.

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No changes will be made to the Summer School schedules after Friday, May 28.

If you register for Summer School and later find that your student will be unable to attend Summer School for any reason, please call the Middle School office as soon as possible, as we have waiting lists.

**Skippers (for 4 & 5 year olds/Pre-5K) swim classes will be July 19 – July 23. Registration for Skippers is done thru the pool on or after June 9.

If you have any Summer School questions, call Janel at the West Salem Middle School at 786-2090 between 9:00-11:00 a.m. or e-mail <jllochen@wsalem.k12.wi.us>.

This year we also have a summer school page on our website <www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>.

If you need an enrollment packet you can view it and print out the registration form (remember it is 2 pages) and you can either mail, fax or e-mail it back to Janel at the Middle School 450 N. Mark St. West Salem, WI 54669. Our fax number is 608-786-1081.

For a full-color version of this and past newsletters, check out the West Salem School District Website at <www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Errol Kindschy. 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 March 4, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Riley Schock led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Errol recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Ann Bina, Errol Kindschy, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke (7:02); Student representative: Riley Schock. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Ward, Scott Scafe, and Warren Frank.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Riley Schock reported on:

1. The high school dance team finished their season.
2. The high school gymnastics team placed eighth at state.
3. The girls placed fourth and the boys placed 11th in division 2 at state bowling.
4. The Quiz Bowl team did well this past weekend.
5. English 110 will be doing Macbeth presentations.
6. The freshman science classes finished rubber band cars.

Correspondence

An e-mail from high school art teacher Quenten Brown regarding the Visual Arts Classic competition; the team earned a first place rating and will compete at state on April 9.

A thank you note for a plant from the family of Rick Wimer, husband of Judy Wimer, was read.

A thank you note from Fran Finco, superintendent candidate, was read.

A thank you note from Susan Herzog-Blumer for the opportunity for high school kids to attend Trees For Tomorrow, was read.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Spraetz reported that the committee met earlier tonight and reviewed preliminary figures for next year's budget and will bring forth proposals at the next meeting.

CESA Board of Control – Mr. Kindschy reported that the cost for the carpet came in less than expected. Twenty staff non-renewals were issued. Wisconsin did not make the first cut for Race To The Top funds. The board talked about West Salem's superintendent search process.

Administrator reports were reviewed. Mr. Buchanan handed out a special report on Differentiation, Modifications & Accommodations in the Classroom Setting, which was prepared by some middle school teachers.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraetz seconded to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of February 22, 2010; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff accepted donations from Kraig & Jennifer Hoff for the OEC, Mya Jacobson for the Elementary School LMC, Jessica Doyle for the High School LMC, and from the United States Army for 20 computers to use throughout the district. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the request from the high school music department to tour New York in the spring of 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #151 Policy and Procedure Development, Revision and Deletion as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #443.2 Student Conduct on School Buses. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #432.2-Procedures bus rider Rules and Disciplinary Action Procedures. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #484 Scheduling Student Activities/ Practices as amended. After some discussion, Mr. Spraeztz called for the vote. A vote was taken, all approved. A vote was taken on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #731 Buildings and Grounds Security. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #753 School Vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #830.3 District Fitness Center/ Indoor Track. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Spraeztz seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #914 Finance Director job description as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #942 Superintendent/School Board Administrative Assistant job description. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #944 Custodian job description as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #954 Business Assistant job description. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to delete policy #443.2-rule Bus Rider Rules and Disciplinary Action. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the co-curricular recommendations: Byron Buelow, varsity golf coach; Charlie Ihle, freshman baseball. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to accept the resignation of Amanda Beld as the seventh grade softball coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Curriculum Director Michael St. Pierre presented a request from the administration for additional early release days for the 2010-2011 school year to be used for professional development. Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve the administration's request for two additional early release days for the 2010-2011 school year: December 8, 2010 and May 4, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the West Salem Education Association 2010-2011 contract renewals as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bina moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve a contract for Sam Ruud as the pool director. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to accept the budget transfers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to accept the CESA #4 contracts as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Bina, Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room –5:30 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Errol Kindschy. 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 March 4, 2010. This meeting was at the request of a board member.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Errol Kindschy led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Scott Scafe recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraeztz, Ann Bina, Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, Officer Brett Myers and Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Tom Ward.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 5:32 p.m. A roll vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mrs. Bina Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session, under exemption provided for in WI Statutes 19.85(1) (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;" and pursuant to Wis. Stat. S. 120.13(1) (c) to discuss, consider and take action, if appropriate, regarding recommendation(s) for pupil expulsion(s).

Closed Session

Mrs. Brown moved, Mrs. Bina seconded to reconvene into open session at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Bina, Clerk

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

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Errol Kindschy. 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 March 18, 2010.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Warren Frank led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Errol Kindschy recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Errol Kindschy, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Dean Buchanan (7:04), Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Barb Buswell, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representative: Warren Frank. Accounts Manager: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ann Bina, Scott Scafe, Lisa Gerke, and Riley Schock.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Warren Frank reported on:

1. The Senior Exit Project Portfolios were due this past Thursday at 3:30, and only the presentations are left to be done.
2. The spring sports have started.
3. The seniors are working on scholarships.
4. The West Salem Relay for Life will be coming up on April 9, 2010.

Correspondence

A document that was distributed during Celebrate West Salem with real estate values was shared with the Board.

A new State School Reform Package was shared with the Board.

A WASB evaluation form was given to each Board member to fill-out and submit regarding the recent superintendent search service they provided.

On April 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., WASB will have a meeting for new school board members at CESA #4.

A thank you note from the family of former student Craig Meyers, was read.

A thank you note from the students and coaches of the Mathcounts team, was read.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Personnel Committee – Mrs. Brown reported that the committee met earlier tonight and will be bringing forward a recommendation.

Bearing Wall Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported that Phyllis Bartz and Nancy Hinton will be co-recipients of the award.

Policy Committee – Mr. Spraetz reported that the committee met earlier tonight and at the next meeting there should be five policies for first reading, some policies for second reading tonight and one policy went back to the administration.

Supervisor Reports – The supervisor reports were reviewed by the Board.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve of the Regular Board Meeting minutes of March 8, 2010; the Special Board Meeting minutes of March 9, 2010; and invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Ward seconded to accept the donations from Abby Church for the middle school LMC. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Buchanan introduced Mathcounts advisors Tammy Bentzen and Bryan Kinkel. Mrs. Bentzen gave an overview of the program which she and Barb Hoffman started 18 years ago and introduced the team members that were present. The team placed fourth at state. Marla Uebele thanked the Board for their support.

The administration reviewed their needs and options for staffing, and the urgency for a decision so the students scheduling process can go forward. Board members expressed their opinions. The following staff was allowed to express concerns: Janice Stuntebeck, Krista Beron, Mardeana Glasel, Kathy Thompson, and Terri Martinson. Mr. Spraetz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve 1.4 teachers, 1 paraprofessional and to have the high school start scheduling; the middle school to go back and work with staff to figure out the best solution for scheduling and staffing. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to have the administration look at the remainder of the staffing proposals to see what adjustments can be made. Motion carried unanimously.

West Salem High School Athletic Director Mr. LeRoy Krall presented a request for a co-op girls' hockey program with Onalaska at no cost other than awards to the district. Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve the girls' hockey co-op program with Onalaska. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve for the second reading of policy #151 Policy and Procedure Development, Revision and Deletion, #443.2 Student Conduct on School Buses, #432.2-Procedures Bus

Rider Rules and Disciplinary Action Procedures, #484 Scheduling Student Activities/Practices, #731 Buildings and Grounds Security, #753 School Vehicles, #830.3 District Fitness Center/Indoor Track, #914 Finance Director Job Description, #942 Superintendent/School Board Administrative Assistant Job Description, and #944 Custodian, #954 Business Assistant. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraetz moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve Tricia Mulholland as a 3 1/2 hour EEN early childhood paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve Darcy Sawyer as the 7th grade softball coach and Bethany LaDue as the 2009-2010 winter poms coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to accept the resignation and retirement of third grade teacher David Langer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Ward seconded to approve the Youth Options requests for the fall of 2010-2011 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Althoff seconded to approve the outbound and inbound open enrollment requests with the exception of the inbound student who had been expelled from a resident district. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:10 p.m. A roll vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action in closed session the contract and salary for the incoming superintendent and a revised contract addendum and current schedule for the current superintendent 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;" and regarding open enrollment requests pursuant to Wis. Stats §19.85(1)(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.

Closed Session

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Adjournment

Mr. Althoff moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Ward, Acting Clerk

School District of West Salem
Special Board Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2010
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 5:30 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Vice-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 March 23, 2010. 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 Ken Spraetz recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Tom Ward, Scott Scafe, Henry Althoff, and Linda Brown. Also in attendance – Administrators: Nancy Burns, Mark Carlson and Barb Buswell. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ann Bina and Errol Kindschy.

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.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Althoff moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Althoff seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 5:35 p.m. A roll vote was taken Mr. Althoff Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraetz Aye, and Mr. Ward Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session, under exemption provided for in WI Statutes 19.85(1) (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;” and pursuant to Wis. Stat. S. 120.13(1) (c) to discuss, consider and take action, if appropriate, regarding recommendation(s) for pupil expulsion(s).

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Scafe, Acting Clerk

**Mark your calendar -
Neshonoc Yearbook Dedication
and distribution is set for Friday, May 14th.**

Destination Imagination Teams Find Success in Chippewa Falls

All Four West Salem Teams brought home trophies on March 27th. The State competition will be held in Steven's Point on April 17th.

- The team coached by Stephanie Sharp (grade2/3) took 1st place and is going to state.
- The team coached by Angie Stefferud (grade 4/5) took 2nd and going to state.
- The team coached by Danielle Tsukano (grades 3-6) took 2nd place.
- The team coached by Heidi Ebert (middle school) took 3rd place.

2010 Swimming Pool Information

**The pool will open with regular hours on
Saturday, June 5th.**

Early Risers will begin Tuesday, June 1st.

Monday-Saturday	1:30-5:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Sunday	1:30-5:30 p.m.
Family Swim	Sun. Noon - 1:30 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, Sundays 6:00-8:00 p.m. E-mail Sam Ruud (ruusam@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 \$40-\$85 for the two-hour rental, depending on the number of swimmers.**

Swimming Lessons

Students must pre-register with the middle school office for lessons. Students must have completed kindergarten in order to be part of the summer school swim sessions.

Session I	June 7 - June 18
Session II	June 21 - July 2
Session III	July 5- July 16

POOL PASSES WILL BE SOLD AT THE POOL
STARTING JUNE 5TH.

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 19-23
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 \$20. Registration for Skippers begins Tuesday, June 8th at the pool. Payment is due at time of registration. Please come to the pool to register your swimmer.

West Salem Sharks Swim Team

There will be an informational meeting for swimmers and their parents for the summer season on Monday, June 7th, at the West Salem Pool at 5:00 p.m. We will not swim this day. The first practice will be Tuesday, June 8th from 5:00-6:30 p.m for the 8-10 year olds. The registration cost for the swim team is \$25, which includes swim meet fees, coaching, and a t-shirt. Please bring the registration fee to the meeting, along with your child's t-shirt size. Practices for 8-10 year olds are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00-6:30 p.m., and 11-12 year olds practice Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, weather permitting. Swimmers ages 8-18 are welcome. We hope to give the swimmers four opportunities to swim in meets this summer, including both home and away meets. This is a fun way to meet friends, learn and improve swimming skills, and have a good time.

Questions can be sent to
sruud@wsalem.k12.wi.us

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

The 09-10 final display in the Heider Center Gallery will be the West Salem High School Senior Art Show.
May 1-31, 2010



Sharon Lovejoy, popular gardener, will present a show at the Heider Center on **Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7:00.** Tickets for reserve seats are \$12 regular adult and \$10 senior citizens. Ms. Lovejoy has appeared often on PBS Victory Garden and HGTV. She has written several books, the most popular being Trowel & Error: Over 700 Tips and Remedies.

Sharon maintains a website at
<Sharonlovejoy.com>.

www.heidercenter.org

Important Open Enrollment Dates

May 14, 2010 – School districts must notify parents of accepted applicants of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned.

June 11, 2010 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2010-11 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

For more information on Open Enrollment, go to:
<<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
maryjo.cleaver@dpi.wi.gov
merry.larsen@dpi.wi.gov

WANTED: Volunteers for Lakeview Health Center, 902 E. Garland St. West Salem. Many, many different volunteer opportunities. Flexible hours-you decide. For more information, contact Carol LeClaire, Volunteer Outreach Specialist at 786-1400.

It's time for gardening!

After-school and Summer Gardening

Spring schedule:

As the weather gets warmer and the ground dries out, our Elementary School "Giving Garden" begs for help. It loves to feel the hands and feet of gardeners working it over, getting it ready to plant as the weather warms. Children of all ages are welcome.

Mr. David Langer offers children and families the opportunity to work after school in the garden under his supervision through the month of May. This usually occurs between 3:30 and 5:00. But because weather conditions and his schedules vary, he uses email to contact his workers. A return email or written permission to stay is required for elementary school children.

This is an occasional option this spring for an after school activity that is supervised and free. It is meant to establish an interest in gardening.

Summer schedule:

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

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



School Store

By West Salem High School Journalists
Elizabeth Reschke and Presley Giese

With spring coming students might be looking for new clothing, so why not make it panther clothing? The school store is located in the West Salem High School commons. It serves as a local store, filled with panther gear. The best sellers are the sweatshirts. The store also offers pants, t-shirts, scarves, hats, and all black and orange apparel. Shoppers have an option of getting anything customized.

The store is open to the public during school hours to those who are interested in taking a look. Deb Tourville, an office secretary, and Bobbi Barbieur, the commons supervisor, are there to open it up if needed.

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 1 OEC-Grade 1 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00
OEC-Kindergarten Volunteer training - 12:00-2:00
- 2 **May Fair**
District Sale/Disposal
- 3 Golf-JV at Viroqua/Westby (18 holes) 1:00
Track-FR/SO at Mel-Min FR-SO Meet - 4:30
OEC-Kindergarten (AM-Antony, Crow; PM-Green)
- 4 Grade 4 Spring Concert - 6:30, Heider Center
Golf-V at BRF Invite - 1:00
Softball-JV/V at GET - 5:00/5:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) Aquinas - 5:00/7:00
OEC-Kindergarten (AM-Amann, Macha;
PM-Wizner, Zinn)
- 5 OEC-Grade 1 (Christianson, Kammel, Macdonald)
- 6 Golf-JV at GET (BRF/Luther) 3:00
Softball-JV/V (H) BRF - 5:00/5:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) Wisconsin Heights - 5:00/7:00
OEC-Grade 1 (Brodsky, Slotten, Wagner)
- 7 Golf-V at BRF - 3:00
Softball-JV/V at Onalaska - 4:30/4:30
Track-V at Coulee/South Central Meet at UWL-TBA
OEC-Grade 1 Rain Date
OEC-Grade 2 Staff Training
- 8 Golf-V at Viroqua Invite - 8:30
Soccer-V at Mt. Horeb Invite - 11:00/2:00
OEC-Grade 2 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00
- 10 Golf-JV at Luther (GET/Viroqua) - 3:00
Track-V at Viroqua Invite - 4:15
OEC-Kindergarten Rain Date
OEC-Grade 2 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30
- 11 Softball-JV/V at Viroqua - 5:00/5:00
Soccer-V/JV at Holmen - 4:00/5:30
Golf-V (H) WS (La Crescent) - 4:30
OEC-Grade 2 (Jessen, Miller)
- 12 OEC-Grade 2 (Schwartz, Servais)
- 13 Soccer-JV/V (H) Logan - 5:00/7:00
OEC-Grade 2 (Court, Hickey)
- 14 Softball-JV/V at Westby
Neshonoc Yearbook Dedication- 7:00
- 15 Golf-V at Conference Meet at Drugan's - 8:00
Softball-JV/V at Tomah Invite - 11:00/1:15
OEC-Grade 3 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00
Soccer-JV at Tomah Invite
Track-V at Conference Meet at Westby
- 17 OEC-Grade 3 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30
OEC-Special Needs Students - PM
Softball-JV/V (H) Luther 5:00/5:00
- 18 OEC-Grade 3 (Brudos, Mathison, Ranzenberger)
Track-JV at Conference JV Meet at GET - 4:15
Golf-JV (H) West Salem Invite - 1:00
Soccer-V (H) Mauston - 7:00



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First-ever
WSHS
Book Fair.



Graduation
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- 20 OEC-Grade 3 (Langer, Patterson, Weber)
Golf-V/JV at Holmen Invite - Noon
Track-V at Norse Invite at Whitehall
Softball-JV/V (H) Arcadia - 5:00/5:00
- 21 OEC-Grade 3 Rain Date
Soccer-JV/V at Lodi - 5:00/7:00
- 22 Softball-JV/V (H) Aquinas - 10:00/10:00
Softball-JV/V (H) WI Rapids Assumption - 2:00/2:00
- 23 OEC-Woodsie Training
- 24 Track-Regionals
- 24-28 OEC-Grade 7
- 25 Soccer-V (H) WI Rapids Assumption - 7:00
- 25-26 Golf-Regionals at Mosinee
- 27 Soccer-JV/V at Onalaska - 5:00/7:00
Track-Sectionals
Softball-Regional Quarterfinals
- 30 **Graduation - 1:30**

WEST SALEM REACHES SEMI-FINALS IN BATTLE OF THE BRAINS

After advancing from the opening rounds of thirty teams competing in the High School Challenge last October, one West Salem Quiz Bowl team battled it out with six other finalists in the season's Super Challenge quarter and semi-finals Saturday, March 6th, at St. Mary's College in Winona.

Led by Captain Joe Faella, the team easily trounced Winona Cotter, 190-110, in the quarter finals, setting them up to face La Crosse Logan, the odds-on favorite to win the championship. West Salem fell, 110-155, to the Rangers, who advanced to the championship match.

West Salem's quarter-final match against Cotter will be aired on Fox Channel 25 at 10 a.m. Easter Sunday morning. Their match against Logan airs Sunday, April 25th, also at 10 a.m. The Championships will air at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 9th.

West Salem competitors included Faella, Zach Rigotti, Justin Sagler, Emily Ender, and alternate Tanner Zimmerman.

West Salem also sent three teams to a local Quiz Bowl competition, Saturday, March 13th, at Holmen High School. Results were not available at the time the Prowler went to print.

Also representing West Salem at the Holmen competition are the teams of Kat Huston, Adrian Rice, Sarah Hulberg and Chris Stockus and of Scott Horton, Alicia Powers, Rachel Jahnke, and Jennifer Kelley.

"Quiz Bowl is an co-curricular activity where the members don't get much recognition for doing well, so being competitive is driven by internal motivation, which means that it takes a select group of people to be able to achieve success," said advisor Laura Deal. "The group this year is probably one of the most successful teams I've coached in the last few years. They are a young team so I am excited at the prospect of having a large number of returning members, and I look forward to future competitions."



Math teacher Jonathan Jones with his new haircut. He had made a deal with the students that if they raised \$400 for the Relay for Life before Easter Break, they could shave/cut his hair anyway they wanted too. Senior Gavin McClintock had the privilege to "style" his hair ala Mr. T. The cut took place Monday morning, right after returning from Easter Break.

May Fair Arts Festival 2010

Sunday, May 2
West Salem High School Commons

Art Fair - 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Regional Artists will be selling their art work. Garden sculptures, jewelry, paintings, pottery, photos, and blown glass will be for sale. This is a great opportunity to find that one-of-a-kind Mothers Day gift and it's not too early to start shopping for Christmas. There will be a Silent Auction from 10:00-3:00 that will include items from area businesses and donations from many of the artists. There also will be music and dance performances along with face painting and childrens' art activities.

Chicken-Q - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

1/2 chicken dinner including potato salad, baked beans and dinner roll will be prepared by Premier Catering. ****Beverage Not Included**** Concessions will be available.

- Chicken-Q tickets are available from any West Salem Fine Arts Board member.
- To reserve your dinners, please contact Peggy Green, 786-1962.
- Chicken-Q tickets are also available at the Heider Center Box Office.
- Please purchase tickets in advance.
- A minimal number of tickets will be available at the door.

Join us for the **5th Annual May Fair Arts Festival.**

Sunday, May 2nd

Mark your calendar for this
fun family event.

This event is sponsored by
the West Salem Fine Arts Board and the
West Salem Music Department.

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• ***The school district will also be having a***
• ***sale/disposal from 10:00-2:00.***
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Increase the Peace

By: Jenna Thompson

A student walks to his locker. As he goes to turn his combination; he sees that his locker is covered with gum. Worse, it looks like chewed gum. It completely covers his locker. It's on his knob, it's on the slider and it even covers the key slot. There is no way to open his locker without having to touch the gum.

Moments like this constitute high school bullying. Increasingly schools are being called upon to take greater responsibility to prevent these kinds of actions.

Respect was one of the main topic at West Salem High School's diversity club assembly. The assembly started off with school counselor Lynne Brown talking about Panther Pride and the letters pride spells out ('P' for panther) 'R' for respect, 'I' for integrity, 'D' for dedication and finally 'E' for excellence.

Our handbook says, "Respect is the cornerstone of our relationships with each other. All procedures and policies, whether specifically written or implied, commit us to respect the dignity and worth of each individual at West Salem High School and strive never to degrade or diminish any member of our school community by our conduct or attitudes. Our goal is to acknowledge diversity and build community by practicing hospitality, civility and respect."

Many teachers presented their own little speech about something that connected with the teacher who was speaking. John Goodwin, a history teacher who is known for his jokes throughout the school talked about how saying 'Just Kidding' doesn't mean that what you just said is forgotten.

Eli Weber, a high school student teacher assisting Jeff Maves' classes, talked about how bullying is wrong and how words can hurt more than people think. Weber took his historical background and applied it to the assembly. Weber said words in Ho Chunk then translated into English and told what the words meant.

Kimberly Volden and Cindy Patza also presented information. Patza spoke about the power of words and the fact that what you say in a moment can really hurt someone. Patza also provided an experience she had when she was younger and was with a friend. The words teenage boys said to her friend still haunt Patza today.

After the assembly students went to walk out the exits but were surprised by the fact diversity members were outside the door and handing out surprises. Bracelets saying 'Increase the Peace' with a peace sign were the surprises and every student received one.

"We (diversity members) thought that if students received something cool like wristbands people might remember what the students learned that day," said Brown.

Overall, diversity members were happy that the wristbands were such a hit. Students rushed diversity members to get one. There were three different kinds. They all were tie-dyed. One was camouflage another was blue yellow and green, and the last one was a dark blue, purple and pink color. Even the staff were able to receive a wrist band if they wanted one. Diversity members said it turned out nicely and they hope everyone remembers to Increase the Peace.

LESS IS MORE WITH ACT PREP IN SCHOOL

By West Salem High School Journalism Student,
Christina Locante

Hours upon hours of prepping for a test could insure a good grade for most. When it comes to the ACT, however, it might not be helping high school juniors. According to a study done by the University of Chicago on Chicago high schools, it may be changing the scores for the worst.

In the Chicago area, scores were lower in students that went to schools that spent more time prepping in their core classes. Higher scores were reported where teachers spent less than 20% of their class time on instructing students for the ACT.

The study suggests that devoting too much time to preparation could be taking away from the general knowledge that a student needs to succeed in the ACT. This knowledge would more likely be received in a curriculum that is less focused on the ACT

Juniors got a glimpse into school ACT prep for the math portion in Algebra II when it started on Mar. 18. In the following weeks leading up to the ACT, students watched instructional videos in that included practice questions that might be seen on the ACT and explanations into why the answer was so. Junior Global Studies focuses on the Reading section of the test.

Fever in West Salem High School

by Lucas Wolfe

After years of a pep club hosting a winter fantasy week at West Salem High School, the club decided to take a different approach this year and host spring fever week. The three day event provided students an opportunity to show off their "dreamy" side as each day revolved around the central theme Dreamland. Monday was slumber party day and featured robes, slippers and pajama pants. Nightmare/Vintage day was on Tuesday as students brushed off the dust on their old costumes and Halloween masks. Ending the week was Sweet Dreams/Fairytale day. Senior Donavon Colin led the school in spirit as he dressed all three days.

The pep club says its goal was to change things up this year and give people a fun week to look forward to before spring break.

WSHS 5th Graders Pass

DARE Graduation

By Connor Burke

March 5th marked an important rite of passage for this year's fifth graders at West Salem Elementary School. On this date, their D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony was held.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education, or "D.A.R.E.," is a program that most West Salem Elementary graduates remember. D.A.R.E. teaches students about topics such as the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or ways to resist peer pressure. It is also a way for the students to interact with uniformed law officers in a positive environment.

For D.A.R.E. graduation, each student was required to write a piece about what he/she learned during the program. Some students wrote essays, while others wrote plays and letters to themselves. These projects were clever and full of facts. In one such project, students Trenton Anderson and Jayden Beckley created the public service announcement: "Jet fuel, rat poison, sulfuric acid, battery acid, tar. Tastes great, right? If you smoke, that's what you're putting in your lungs every puff."

During the graduation, each class performed a song related to D.A.R.E. Each class also chose a representative or two to read their essays during the ceremony. The following students addressed their classmates during the ceremony.

Mrs. Burdick's Class - McKenzi Fernholz and Will Griffin

Mrs. Czajka's Class - McKenzie Fitzpatrick

Mrs. Jeranek's Class - Isaac Trocinski

Mrs. LaFleur's Class - David Jones

Mrs. O'Neil's Class - Jessa Waldenberger

Mrs. Stachowski's Class - Chloe Modawell

Throughout the year, Deputy John Siegel of the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department, taught the students different lessons on how to resist drugs and many other things. The fifth graders also took a field trip to the county courthouse.

Echoing the sentiments of most of his classmates, Tsuezong Xiong said, "I'm lucky that I had D.A.R.E. class with Deputy Siegel because now I know how to make the right decisions and how bad drugs are."

Part of their training is being trained in using the D.A.R.E. decision-making model:

D = Define the problem, A = Assess the choices, R = Respond to the problem, E = Evaluate the decision.

D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles. Currently it is used in 75 percent of American schools.

The fifth grade teachers have been pleased with the education Deputy Siegel has provided. "Deputy Siegel does a wonderful job teaching our 5th graders," stated 5th grade teacher, Martha Burdick. "The knowledge gained by our students will be of great value as they face the many tough issues and decisions the road ahead can bring. West Salem is lucky to have a D.A.R.E. program."

RUBBER BAND POWERED CARS

By Lindsey Lecheler, Georgie Gensch, Whitney Puent,
WSHS Journalism Students

For quite a few years, both Mr. Dammon and Mr. Jehn have had their physical science students create rubber band powered cars. The purpose of these cars is to teach velocity and motion, as well as friction and speed. As the cars race down the hallway, they show all of these concepts.

Given three weeks, the students are to create a car that can travel about five meters. With this in mind, students race to create them. The cars are made by putting a bunch of materials, such as cardboard, pencils, and glue, together to make a rubber band powered car. The wheels can vary in size and in number, and the size of the car can vary as well. What really matters, however, is if the car can travel across the floor.

"I thought it was going to be hard at first, but it was actually pretty easy." Said Presley Giese, a participating freshman.

Some cars went as far as the whole hallway, some just passed the five meters mark, and others spun out just centimeters away from the start. Some students even had their cars travel in reverse. A trick to making sure they go straight is to make sure the wheels and axles are properly aligned. "There were only one or two that actually went far." Said Giese.

Rubber band cars are a good way to help students understand all the components that make the rubber band cars move.

West Salem High School Volleyball Camp

August 2-4 at the West Salem High School

Juniors and Seniors - 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sophomores and Freshmen - 1:00-4:00 p.m.

*Brochures can be picked up at the West Salem Park and Rec.

Office or the West Salem High School Office.

School District of West Salem – 2010-2011 Student Calendar

Easter is April 24

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First Day of School (*) Sept. 1

PT Conferences 4K-8 (P+) Oct. 27 & Oct. 28

Mar. 30 & Mar. 31

PT Conferences 9-12 (P=) Oct. 7 & Dec. 9

Feb. 24 & May 5

Snow Days (S)

No School Days (N)

Early Release (E) – Dismissal at 12:30

Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24,

Dec. 8, Jan. 26, Feb. 23,

Mar. 30, & May 4

1st-Nov. 5 2nd-Jan. 21

3rd-Mar. 30 4th-June 10

Elementary Trimester Ends (◀) Nov. 24, Mar. 4, June 10

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School District Sale/Disposal

May 2, 2010

10:00-2:00

West Salem High School

(hallway just off the commons)

Items include:

Televisions
Computer monitors
Maytag dishwasher
Tape recorders
Marantz stereo cassette deck
Bikes: Schwinn airdyne, recumbent, stationery
Headphones with large plugs
Overhead projectors
Maytag cooktop
Archery targets and stands

For a complete list check the school's web site.
<www.wsalem.k12.wi.us>

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