

West Salem School District

May 2011



Newsletter

The Choice is Ours

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

The tenuous condition of our state's finances combined with a polarized political climate has produced the recent whirlwind of action, reaction, and debate over the "business" of public education. Lost in this passionate battle over funding public education is a larger "culture war" over the future, and quite possibly, the very existence of public education. Current battle lines are being drawn over what is often referred to as a corporate or private approach to public education. One cornerstone of this approach to public schooling is the introduction of "competition" through student choice. The concept of choice is advanced by such ideas as open-enrollment, charter schools, and voucher programs.

The open-enrollment program allows families to submit requests for permission to enroll their child in a public school district other than the one in which the family resides. If accepted, the resident school pays the new, or destination, school a pre-determined tuition fee for each student who enrolls. The open-enrollment program continues to experience an increase in participation and has provided flexibility to many students and families. The charter school program allows public school districts to form separate schools in order to create "laboratories" for seeking new and alternative approaches. Some common examples of charter schools: environmental schools, on-line virtual schools, technology schools, and schools for at-risk students. The state of Wisconsin has encouraged the development of charter schools through grant funding and by allowing all students to participate under the process of open-enrollment. The voucher system grants the student a "voucher" for the cost of their education and allows the student and their family to "spend" this voucher at a school of their choosing. Wisconsin has allowed vouchers in a very limited scope since 1990. The voucher program is only available to students from very poor families who attend Milwaukee Public Schools. The program, called Milwaukee Parental Choice, is designed to offer children from poor families in Milwaukee the same spectrum of school choice as that of their wealthier urban classmates.

These concepts are once again up for debate as their expansion is part of Governor Walker's agenda for Wisconsin. The governor has proposed changes to all three of these programs. In regards to open-enrollment, he has proposed expanding the current three week application window to a three-month application window. He has also proposed a number of

exemptions allowing special requests for open-enrollment at any time during the school year.

Significant proposed changes to the current charter school program including the elimination of the current limit on enrollments in virtual or internet based charter schools, allowing the creation of charter schools by groups other than public schools such as the state's 4-year UW campuses, relaxing teacher licensing standards in charter schools, requiring charter schools to be the first to draw on general state school aid, and the creation of a politically appointed board to approve non-public school based charter schools throughout the state. These proposals constitute an expansion and deregulation of charter schools.

In regards to vouchers, the proposal includes an increase in the per pupil payment, or the amount of the voucher paid by MPS (Milwaukee Public Schools), an elimination of the current student limit of 22,500 students, an eventual phasing out of the family income limits to allow all families in MPS to participate regardless of income, and an elimination of the requirement to participate in the state testing program. The Milwaukee Parental Choice Program is a landmark program with 20 years worth of data. The good news is the program has provided choice for many of Milwaukee's poorest families. The unfortunate reality is that the students who participate in this program fare no better academically than similar students who chose to remain in their neighborhood schools.

Fewer restrictions on the use of open-enrollment, charter schools managed by outside agencies and an expansion of the Milwaukee voucher program are bold ideas connected not only in their expansion of choice but in their separation from public schools. These initiatives represent a fundamental change in policy. They take tax payer dollars and energy away from public schools to fund non-public choices. In regards to the specific proposals, I offer the current open-enrollment program is functioning very well and the proposed changes will prove to make staffing and budgeting decisions needlessly more difficult. I agree with the idea of expanding opportunities for charter school programs but offer concern over funding private ventures by increasing funding at a time of drastic cuts in general school aid. While the voucher program is restricted to Milwaukee, I have grave concern over removing the limits on family income and on the number of participants.



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I credit the governor and his team for their willingness to offer suggestions for change. His bold proposals about expanding school choice afford the citizens of our state an opportunity to debate a basic underlying question: Are these programs designed to enhance our educational system, or replace it?

In a recent speech to the American Association of School Administrators, Diane Ravitch, Professor of Education at NYU and former Assistant Secretary of Education in the G.H.W. Bush administration, offered "Public education is one of the cornerstones of our democracy. If we weaken it, we weaken our democracy. We must improve it, not privatize it. Every neighborhood should have a good public school. Public schools build community. They are part of our democratic heritage as Americans."

Change is necessary, exciting, and leads to progress. The expansion of school choice for parents and students promises to provide an exciting opportunity to both expand and enhance the educational experiences of our children. The expansion of choice also appears to provide an even more compelling need for the connection to community and the shared experiences that make public education a cornerstone of our democracy. The choice is ours.

School Board Members

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

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

Heider Center Events

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

Visual Arts Series

Final show of the season

W.S.H.S Senior Art Show

May 1 – May 31

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

Mark Your Calendar...

West Salem High School Summer Musical
presents

PETER PAN

Thursday-Saturday, June 23-25 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 26 - 2:00 p.m.



BOX OFFICE

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

Monday ~ Noon – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Friday - Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Hours will vary during the summer

www.heidercenter.org

**WSHS Graduation, May 29, 2011,
at 1:30 p.m.**

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.

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 in the can pen, please. If you have car or truck batteries to dispose of, please take them to West Salem Auto Repair, 513 Brickl Road, West Salem, WI (Across from Northern Engraving). Dave Eckelberg will hold them until we can turn them in along with the aluminum. For more information, please contact LeRoy Krall, Athletic Director, at the West Salem High School. Thank you for your support of West Salem Athletics.

NESHONOC

YEARBOOK DEDICATION MAY 20

West Salem High School's 2011 Neshonoc yearbook dedication ceremony is set for Friday, May 20, 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, 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.

Volleyball Camp

June 20-21

Grades 4-6 (fall 2011) 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Grades 7-8 (fall 2011) 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Camps will be at the West Salem Elementary School.

Contact Darcy Sawyer at 786-2090 ext. 4125

or sawyer.darcy@wsalem.k12.wi.us

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

Open Enrollment

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

Important open enrollment dates

May 13, 2011 – School districts must notify parents of accepted applicants of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned.

June 10, 2011 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2011-12 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.



Thomas Sacksteder,
Gundersen Lutheran
Hospital's Certified
Executive Chef cooks
with third-graders.



Opportunity for service—Come Join the Fun!

The *Postal Food Drive* is May 14.

The food pantry board is looking for volunteers to help mark and sort the large quantity of food that arrives. Last year because of awesome volunteers, we processed 6500 pounds of food in 6 hours!

Any amount of time between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. would be appreciated. We will be working in the basement of Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 359 N. Leonard St. All ages welcome. Please call Lynette Ender 786-0723 to sign up.

2011 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.

Session 1 is 9:00 – 10:20 and Session 2 is 10:40 – 12:00.

Term 1 June 13 – June 24

Term 2 June 27 – July 8 (no classes on Monday, July 4)

Term 3 July 11 – July 22 (swimming only and no busses)

Term 4 August 8 – August 11 & August 15 – August 18

(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, May 27 - Final copy of Summer School schedule will be sent home.

****No changes will be made to the Summer School schedules after Friday, May 27.****

****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 25 – July 29. Registration for Skippers is done thru the pool on or after June 15.**

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 lochen.janel@wsalem.k12.wi.us.

Please check out our 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/sign up form after 2/25 (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.

West Salem High School Volleyball Camp

August 8-10 at the West Salem High School

Freshmen and Sophomores - 8:30-11:30 a.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.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDENTS EXPLORE

HOW TO RUN AN ONLINE BUSINESS

West Salem High School Entrepreneurship II class is learning many aspects of running an online business through first-hand experience. The students have started by collecting a wide variety of used books, such as fiction and non-fiction, magazines, historical newspapers, and audio books, from community members. With these used books they have been able to create an online store through the website Ecrater which is a free online marketplace and ecommerce website builder. Through Ecrater the students are able to post books free of charge.

Vintage Varieties, the name of their online store, was chosen by the students because it directly reflects the products they plan to sell--a wide array of used items. The students have a small base on Ecrater and are looking to expand. In addition, students are posting local listings on Craigslist and are beginning to explore selling on eBay. By establishing this online business students have delved into such topics as marketing, product photography, and shipping. If their research and development pays off, any profits will further the expansion of the student run business by purchasing supplies and equipment. The plan is for Vintage Varieties to be taken over and run by future Entrepreneurship II students.

The Entrepreneurship class is looking for help from the community. First of all, check out our business at www.vintagevarieties.ecrater.com. Also, if you have experience in running an online business or specialize in an area such as product photography, we would enjoy learning more from you. Please contact Kathy Hilby and the entrepreneurship students at hilby.kathy@wsalem.k12.wi.us.



Student artwork selected to be on display in the Heider Meeting Room - see page 13 for more.

Thank you to the 21st Century Skills K-12 Advisory Board members for volunteering their time to ensure our curriculum is aligned with present and future workforce needs as defined by 21st Century Skills.

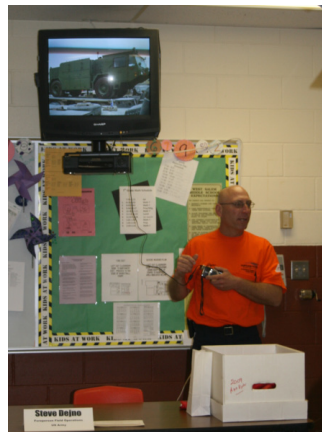
Current Advisory Board Members are: Dave Arndt, Charles Ashbeck, Joseph Atteln, Jamie Betsinger, Bill Brendel, Brent Brigson, Lynne Brown, Barb Buswell, Mark Carlson, Lisa Gerke, Jennifer Grimsled, Troy Gunderson, Stephen Helstad, Eric Hesselberg, Heidi Horton, Ryan Howell, Michelle Kloser, Mike Lang, David Langer, Michael Larson, Gayle Lassen, Brett Meyers, Marcie Peterson, Chris Ruud, Teresa Schnitzler, Corey Sjoquist, Bill Solsrud, Michael St. Pierre, Ted Stein, Janice Stuntebeck, Barb Thompson, Gwen Treu, Lil Twining, Cathy Tyink, Angie Weigel, Tricia Wilson, and Steve Zeman.

We welcome new members! Anyone interested in becoming part of the 21st Century Skills K-12 Advisory Board should contact Cathy Tyink at tyink.cathy@wsalem.k12.wi.us or 608-786-1220 x2332.

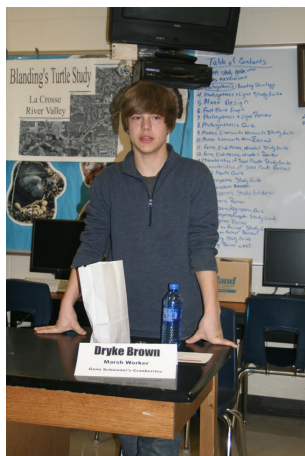


Kim Meyer, a dosimetrist at Gundersen Lutheran, explains treatment planning for cancer patients undergoing radiation therapy treatments.

Steve Dejno shares a clip about the transportation of equipment at Dairyland Power Cooperative.



High school student talks about his work at a cranberry marsh.



CAREER HUNT 2011

On Friday, April 8, twenty-three community members participated in the annual seventh grade Career Hunt. Each participant was either a relative or family friend of a seventh grader. They were set up in six classrooms, and students rotated to the various groups to learn more about their careers. Presenters introduced themselves, spoke briefly about their career or jobs, then answered student questions.

The event was very successful and enjoyed by all. Students appreciated the opportunity to learn about many different careers in a short period of time and hear from classmates parents.

Thank you to the following people who participated in this year's event:

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Participant</u>
Biology Professor (UWL)	Anne Galbraith
Biologist (US Geological Survey)	Mark Gaikowski
Marsh Worker	Dryke Brown
Self-Employed - Dairy Farmer	Michael Hoyer
US Army Instructor (US Army)	Chris Kelley
Lieutenant Colonel (US Army)	Thomas Church
Customer Relations Manager (Pischke Motors)	Margette Quam
Foreperson Field Operations (Dairyland Power)	Steve Dejno
Business Owner (Miller Quick Print)	Matt Miller
Owner/Sign Painter (Brushtalk Signs)	Rob Kneifl
Director of Web Strategy/Digital Media (Ashley Furn.)	Stacy Roshto
Lumber Company Owner (Macdonald & Owen)	David Twite
Lead Patient Account Services (FSH)	Sheila Van Dyck
Financial Aid Administrator (Globe University)	Chris Williams
Small Business Owner (Jay Buckley's Baseball Tours)	Jay Buckley
Director of Store Engineering (Kwik Trip)	Erik Peterson
Dosimetrist (Gundersen Lutheran)	Kim Meyer
Registered Nurse (Gundersen Lutheran)	Stefanie Clements
Dental Hygienist (Daniel Mullenbach, DDS)	Kathy Vehrenkamp
Restaurant Manager (Subway)	Eric Iliff
Bakery Owner (Linda's Bakery)	Marc Anderson
Child Advocacy/Protection (Family & Children's Center)	Jeanne Meyer
Law Enforcement (West Salem Police Dept)	Charles Ashbeck

Janice Stuntebeck
West Salem Middle School
FCS/Careers teacher

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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 13. Again, emailing 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:
langer.david@wsalem.k12.wi.us

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2011

Marie Heider Meeting Room –7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice 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 10, 2011.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Roll Call

Present: Ken Spraetz, Jason Falck, Tom Ward (via teleconference), Errol Kindschy, Scott Scafe, Linda Brown, and Thomas Helgeson. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Finance Director: Davita Molling (7:05), Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Barb Buswell.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The Neshonoc yearbook staff has met their final deadline for the book, and have started working on the Times of Our Lives.
2. The latest edition of the Panther Prowler was distributed today.
3. The high school student council has been planning a benefit for multiple sclerosis.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. The NHS hosted their annual blood drive with the Red Cross.
2. Ten individuals from the forensics team will be competing at the state level.
3. The high school student council is currently meeting for recommended changes to the student handbook.

Correspondence

A thank you note from the family of Lee Wallace was read. A thank you note from Jennifer Wheeler, Dawn Crow, Cheryl Kammel, Sherri Wizner, Deelyn Christianson, Carrie Johnson, and Chris Antony was read.

Public comments on non-agenda items –Mr. Chase Miller requested to speak to the Board. Mr. Kindschy asked if he could speak when the hockey co-op is discussed.

Written and Oral Reports

Support Staff and Professional Staff Negotiations Committee – Mr. Kindschy reported on the meetings that took place last week.

Transportation Committee – Mrs. Brown reported that the committee met earlier tonight and discussed adding the purchase of a bus to the 2011-12 budget year; the sale of two buses; and the trade in of vehicles towards the purchase of a newer vehicle for replacement.

CESA #4 – Mr. Kindschy reported that 24 CESA #4 staff were given notices of non-renewal.

Administrator reports were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of February 28, 2011; the Special Board meeting minutes of March 8, 2011, as amended; and the invoices to be paid. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

The following people were permitted to speak regarding the hockey program and co-op renewal: Chase Miller, Tom Grosskopf, Hockey Coach Randy Groth, LeRoy Krall, Tom Molland of Sparta and Roxanne Grosskopf. Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Spraeztz seconded to not renew the hockey co-op. After some discussion, Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to call for the question. A roll vote was taken on the question: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Question carried unanimously. A roll vote was taken on the motion to not renew the co-op: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion failed. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Ward seconded continue with the two-year hockey co-op with the option of getting out after one year. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the Youth Options requests for the fall of 2011. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson was given directions in the selection of a Strategic Planning Facilitator.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #131 School Board Elections. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion failed unanimously. Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to send policy #131 School Board Elections back to the Policy Committee for further review. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #175 Annual District Meeting. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #186 Citizen Participation at Board Meetings. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for the first reading of policy #345.5 Graduation. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeztz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to delete policy #190 Recognition of Accomplishments. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve procedure #190 Recognition of Accomplishments. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to issue West Salem Education Association contract renewals for 2011-2012 to those on the list provided. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to table the hiring of a part-time transportation paraprofessional. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeztz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve co-curricular recommendations. 7th grade softball, Amanda Beld; 8th grade softball, Brian Lusk; middle school track, Bill Jensen; head boys' golf, Eric Sorenson; JV boys' golf, Tony Berg; JV girls' soccer, Lance Matthews; volunteer softball-Roderick Hamilton, Jeanne Babiash, Alyssa Umberger; and volunteer track & field-Aaron Logan and Jacob Welch. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept, with gratitude and regret, the resignation of Kindergarten Teacher Peggy Green. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

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March 28, 2011

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Buswell, John Smalley, and Michael St. Pierre; Student representatives: Christina Locante and Kolton Christenson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Mark Carlson, Davita Molling and Lisa Gerke.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve the agenda as amended by delaying the Rtl presentation until Principal Buchanan arrives. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Christina Locante reported on:

1. The seniors will be presenting their SEP in classes and the community presentation will be on May 4, 2011.
2. This Friday and Saturday the Relay for Life of West Salem will be held.

Kolton Christenson reported on:

1. Last Thursday was the K-12 Artist Reception for the District Honors Art Show.
2. Local scholarship applications are due.
3. The high school track team has competed in two indoor meets already.
4. The high school hosted solo and ensemble this past weekend.
5. The VAC (Visual Arts Classic) regional competition is April 1, with VAC State competition on April 8.
6. The High Quiz Bowl team competed on March 5 and won Consolation Champs. On April 2, three teams will be competing at Holmen.
7. Auditions will be held for the summer musical, *Peter Pan*, for students in grades 8-12.

Correspondence

A summary of the recent State Mathcounts Competition was read as well as a thank you note from the team members and the coaches.

Public comments on non-agenda items – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Spratz reported that the committee met earlier tonight and there will be three policies for a second reading on tonight's agenda, and one policy for a first reading at the next board meeting.

Supervisor reports were reviewed. Mr. Gunderson reported on the budget process and components of the governor's budget bill.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of March 14, 2011, and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept donations from Raunaque and Amber Oshan for the PBIS/IMPACT fundraiser, and from the *GAP EasyMatch* Program for the High School Link Crew. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson and Director of Technology Bill Solsrud gave an update on the status of the district's technology infrastructure.

Mr. St. Pierre, Mr. Smalley, Mr. Buchanan and Mrs. Buswell presented information on how RtI (Response to Instruction) is being used throughout the district.

Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to authorize administrators to approve applications for open enrollment to attend the School District of West Salem or Leave the School District of West Salem to attend another district, per the Department of Public Instruction guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #175 Annual District Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #186 Citizen Participation at Board Meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to approve for a second reading of policy #345.5 Graduation. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve a contract for Sam Ruud as the pool director for 2011-2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the 2011-2012 CESA #4 contracts for services as modified by eliminating item #320 21st Century Technology Leadership. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spraeetz seconded to bring back from the table the hiring of a part-time transportation paraprofessional. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the administrations' recommendation to hire Ammar Sabar as a

part-time transportation paraprofessional. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spraeetz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Abstain. Motion carried.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to approve co-curricular recommendations. Head cross country, Liz Faller; assistant cross country, Laura Deal; head girl's tennis, Julie Kamla; head football, Wayne Sackett; assistant football, Mike Malott and Bob Gorniak; JV football, Justin Jehn; freshman football, Jamie Olson and Jonathan Jones; head boys' soccer, Jason Mahlum; head volleyball, Darcy Sawyer; JV volleyball, Andrea Koch; freshman volleyball, Brian Lusk; fall cheerleading, Diane Thompson; volunteer girls' soccer, Lauren Turinetti, Brandi Krueger; and volunteer track, Adam Miller and Shane Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the retirement, with regret, of high school English teacher Lucinda Patza. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the retirement of elementary school paraprofessional Annette Apfel. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the resignation of elementary school special education Judy Wimer. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mr. Kindschy seconded to accept the retirement of sixth grade teacher Charles Ihle. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the retirement of sixth grade teacher Kathleen Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to accept the retirement of second grade teacher Colleen Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the retirement of second grade teacher Barb Jessen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Spraeetz moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to direct the Board President to send a note on the Boards behalf to the retirees, thanking them for their years of dedicated service. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fred Kusch from JFK Associates, Inc. and The Growth Coach reviewed a proposed plan if selected as the strategic planning facilitator.

Mr. Ward welcomes the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action regarding selection and negotiating a fee with a strategic planning facilitator and discuss negotiating fees for shared services with an area school district pursuant to Wis. Stat §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.

Mrs. Brown moved, Mr. Spratz seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:59 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mrs. Brown Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Spratz Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, and Mr. Kindschy Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mrs. Brown seconded to reconvene into open session at 9:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to contract with Mr. Fred Kusch of JFK Associates and the Growth Coach with the cost not to exceed \$9,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Kindschy moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Brown, Clerk

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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 extension 2275.

West Salem Community Fitness Center

Annie Labus, Fitness Director

Greetings from the Fitness Center,

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY! This article is for you moms. You do so much for everyone around you, from finding lost toys under the sofa, reading the same favorite story each night, feeding that mob of hungry teenage boys, shopping endlessly for that perfect prom dress, not to mention supporting your grown-up babies in college, getting married and the births of those precious grandchildren. Your job never ends! All you moms deserve the very best and that means remembering to take time to take care of yourself. Exercise is one of the best gifts you can give yourself and your family. I know you’re thinking I hardly have time to eat breakfast and shower let alone exercise, but a healthy you is a better you and means you will be able to continue taking care of those you love for a very long time. Taking 30 minutes a day for exercise can be very rewarding. Go outside and take a walk, take the family out biking, or head into the fitness center and watch your favorite TV show while using one of our cardio machines. Try one of our many fitness classes or maybe take a few laps around our walking track.

Below are a few yummy, kid-friendly recipes for making mom breakfast in bed. Have your children help out by adding fruit to these fun easy recipes.

Fruit Kabobs

Other fruits can be substituted for any of the kabob ingredients listed below.

1 cup of thickly sliced strawberries, 1 cup thick banana slices, 1/2 cup seedless grapes, 1 cup melon & 1 cup large marshmallows.

1. Cut up fruit and place in serving bowl.
2. Make 4 kabobs by sliding a series of kabob ingredients on a bamboo skewer; for example: a banana slice, then a grape, then strawberry, and so forth.
3. Arrange kabobs on a platter.

Mango-Banana Yogurt Smoothie

1/2 cup vanilla nonfat yogurt, 1/2 cup orange juice, 1 cup of ice, one banana, one chopped ripe mango

Put all in blender and blend until smooth.

Thank you Mothers for all you do!

2011 Swimming Pool Information

The pool will open with regular hours on
Saturday, June 11.

Pre-summer hours of 3:30-6:30 p.m. begin May 31.

Early Risers will begin Tuesday, May 31.

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.**

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 13 - June 24
Session II	June 27 - July 8
Session III	July 11- July 22

POOL PASSES WILL BE SOLD AT THE POOL
STARTING MAY 31ST.

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.

West Salem Sharks Swim Team

There will be an informational meeting for swimmers and their parents for the summer season on Monday, June 13th, at the West Salem Pool at 5:00 p.m. We will not swim this day. The first practice will be Tuesday, June 14th from 5:00-6:30 p.m for the 11-18 year olds. The registration cost for the swim team is \$30, 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 and under and 9-10 year olds are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:00-6:30 p.m., and 11-12 year olds and 13 and up practice Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, weather permitting. Swimmers ages 8-18 are welcome. We hope to give the swimmers six 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. Contact Coach Sarah Niebuhr with any questions at niebuhr.sara@uwlax.edu.



Destination Imagination Teams Find Success in Spooner

All four West Salem teams brought home ribbons and certificates on April 1st at the regional competition.

- The team coached by Angie Hemker and Brooke Bakkern (grade 2/3) took 3rd place

- The team coached by Zoë Brown (grade 4/5) took 4th place and also received a Spirit of DI award for Team Work Under Pressure

- The team coached by Angie Hemker (grade 6) took 3rd place.

- The team coached by Heidi Ebert (high school) took 2nd place.



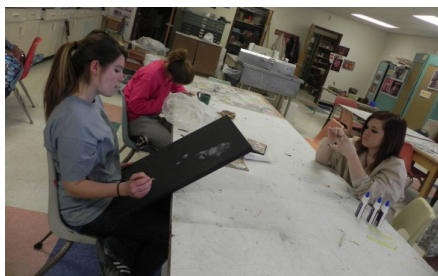
Kindergarten students are painting banners of “places to visit” for their music program - and yes the art room is really that full of “stuff” It is where the magic happens!



Students working on projects on the last day of After School Art for the school year at the elementary school.



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VAC Team Has Great Success!



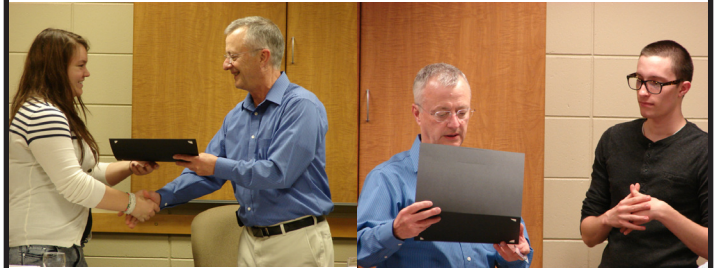
•••On April 1, the West Salem Visual Arts Classic team earned a third consecutive trip to the State VAC competition by beating out 5 other teams at the UW-La Crosse Regional. Each student competed in two individual categories and two team building categories. West Salem earned first place trophies for Art History, Team Critical Thinking, and Overall Points Winner.

•••The 2011 West Salem High School Visual Arts Classic Team competed at the VAC State Competition on Friday, April 8th. The team earned a first place trophy in the Art History Quiz Bowl portion of the competition. The team also earned a third place trophy for overall team points.

This is the first time in over 11 years that a team has placed at the state level. Congratulate these students on an excellent job!

•••If you see the following students, congratulate them on their hard work and commitment to VAC. Kolton Christenson, Katey Ferris, Mariah Falck, Rachel Auna, Seth Walker, Mike Reedy, Many Uebele, Tori Hansen, Johnnyray Hansen, Alicia Powers, Joe Faella, and Zoe Ault-Brinker.

April 11, 2011, Board Meeting busy with student involvement. Student Board Representatives were thanked for their service. Student artwork will be on display in the Heider Meeting Room for one year. Artists and teachers were also acknowledged at the meeting.



• 2011-2012 School Calendar •

• Go to the school district web site: •

• www.wsalem.k12.wi.us •

• On left side click on District Calendar •

• The current 2010-2011 and the 2011-2012 •

• school calendar will be displayed. •

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.

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 1 **May Fair**
- 2 Golf-JV at Viroqua (Arcadia, BRF, GET, Luther, Westby) 1:00
Golf-V at Westby (Arcadia, BRF, GET, Luther, Viroqua) 3:30
Track-FR/SO at Mel-Min - 4:30
OEC-Kindergarten - AM-Amann, Ranzenberger
OEC-Kindergarten - PM-Green, Macha
- 3 Golf-V at BRF Invite - 1:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) Holmen - 5:00/7:00
Softball-JV/V (H) GET - 5:00
OEC-Kindergarten - AM-McConkey, Wagner
OEC-Kindergarten - PM-Andres, Macdonald
- 4 **Early Release - Dismissal at 12:30**
- 5 Golf-JV at GET (BRF, Luther) 3:00
Soccer-V (H) WI Heights - 7:00
Softball-JV/V at BRF - 5:00
OEC-Kindergarten rain date
- 6 Golf-V at BRF-conference - 4:30
Softball-JV/V (H) Luther - 5:00
Track-V at Coulee/South Central Meet at UWL - 3:30
OEC-Grade 5 rain date
- 7 State solo/ensemble festival at UW-L
Golf-V at Viroqua Invite - 8:30
OEC-Grade 2 volunteer training - 8:00-11:00
- 9 NHS Induction Ceremony - 7:30
Golf-JV at Luther (GET, Viroqua) - 3:15
Track-V at Viroqua Invite - 4:15
OEC-Grade 2 volunteer training - 8:30-11:30
- 10 Grade 4 music program at 6:30
Golf-JV (H) (Luther, Viroqua, Westby) 4:30
Soccer-JV/V (H) Logan - 5:00/7:00
Softball-JV/V (H) Viroqua - 5:00
OEC-Grade 2 - Jessen, Servais
- 11 2011 Scholarship Awards Ceremony - 7:00
OEC-Grade 2 - Miller, Zais
- 12 Grade 6 band and choir concert - 7:30
FFA Banquet - 7:00
Golf-V at GET-conference - 3:00
Softball-JV/V at Luther - 5:00
OEC-Grade 2 - Hickey, Court
- 13 Soccer-JV/V (H) Aquinas - 5:00/7:00
Softball-JV/V at Onalaska - 4:30
OEC-Grade 1 volunteer training - 8:30-11:30
- 14 Golf-V Conference at Drugans - 8:00
Soccer-JV at Tomah Invite - 10:00
Softball-JV/V at Tomah Triangular (Lodi) 1:15
Softball-JV/V at Tomah Triangular (Tomah) 3:30
Track-V at Arcadia-conference
- OEC-Grade 1 volunteer training - 8:00-11:00
- 16 Grade 7 band and choir concert - 7:30
Softball-JV/V (H) Prairie du Chien - 5:00
OEC-Grade 2 rain date
- 17 Golf-JV (H) WS Invite - 1:00
Soccer-JV/V at Mauston - ?/5:00
Softball-JV/V at Assumption - 4:30
Track-JV (H) Conference JV Meet - 4:15
OEC-Grade 1 - Kammel, Wizner
- 18 OEC-Grade 1 - Antony, Christianson, Wheeler
- 19 Grade 8 band and choir concert - 7:30
Golf-V at Holmen Invite - 1:00
Softball-JV/V at Arcadia - 5:00
Track-V at Norse Invite at Whitehall - 4:00
OEC-Grade 1 - Johnson, Crow
- 20 Soccer-JV/V (H) Lodi - 5:00/7:00
OEC-Grade 1 rain date
- 21 Softball-JV/V (H) WS Tourney
OEC-Grade 3 volunteer training - 8:00-11:00
- 22 WSHS Farewell Concert (1:30 Choir, 3:00 Band)
OEC-Woodsie Training
- 23 Track Regionals at Arcadia
- 23-27 OEC-Grade 7
- 24 Soccer-JV/V (H) Baraboo - 5:00/7:00
- 24-25 Golf Regionals at Arcadia
- 26 Soccer-JV/V at Holmen - 5:00/7:00
Softball Regional Quarter Finals
Track-V Sectionals at Boscobel
- 27 WSHS Senior Sing-out
- 29 WSHS Graduation
- 30 Memorial Day - No School
- 31 Soccer-JV/V at WI Rapids Assumption ?/7:00
Softball Regional Semi-Finals
Golf Sectionals at Hayward
OEC-Grade 3 volunteer training - 8:30-11:30

JUNE

- 1 Golf Sectionals at Hayward
OEC-Grade 3 - Schwartz, Weber
- 2 Soccer-Regional Semi-Final
OEC-Grade 3 - La Fleur, Mathison, Patterson
- 3 OEC-Grade 3 rain date.
- 3-4 Track State Meet at UWL
- 3-5 FFA in June Dairy Days tent
- 4 June Dairy Days Parade
Soccer Regional Final
- 6-7 Golf State at University Ridge (Madison)
- 7 Softball Sectional Semi-Finals
OEC-Grade 6
- 8 OEC-Grade 6 rain date
- 9 Soccer Sectional Semi-Final
- 10 Last day of 2010-2011 School Year - 12:30
dismissal and buses leave at 12:40
Softball Sectional Finals

High Quiz Bowl: Champions

by WSHS Student Journalist

After many years West Salem's High Quiz Bowl team has finally earned a championship plaque.

Fans who have been following the High School Challenge on television witnessed West Salem take first in the consolation bracket March 5.

The West Salem team, featuring captain Kat Huston, Rachel Jahnke, Jennifer Kelley, Christopher Stockus, and Kolton Christenson, squared off against La Crosse Logan, the other consolation finalist.

Round one ended with Logan in the lead by 20 points, 100-80.

At the end of round two West Salem was still down by 20, 110-90.

A stellar West Salem performance in the final round, however, gave them the 170-160 victory.

"It was pretty intense... We were losing after the first two rounds and I didn't think we would win," said Michael Uebele.

West Salem's championship season made Coach Laura Deal very proud.

"I was really excited after this team pulled out the win," said Deal. "Since I've been coaching quiz bowl my goal has been to win a plaque from St. Mary's. Now it's time to begin accomplishing the next goal."

Deal explained that she would like to see next year's team skip the consolation bracket and capture the championship.

Despite their win in the regular season's finals, the quiz bowl team failed to place in Holman's annual invitational tournament, which ended their season.

"This season was absolutely fun," said Deal. "The dynamics of the teams made the season enjoyable. I will miss our seniors, but I am already looking forward to next year!"

Prom in Dollars

By: Elizabeth Reschke, Student Journalist

It is that time of year, prom is almost here and for the junior class it couldn't come soon enough. As a high school we have a prom Committee and this year it consists of Kelsey Lee, Kendra Roberts, Marissa Johnson, Allison Kelsey, Bryar Hansen, Alex Martinson, Emily Hemker, and Jessie Welch. With the time they have put into it and the ideas that have been brainstormed, the graduating class of 2012 have decided on the theme 'Grecian Garden' which is based on the Greeks.

To some prom may be just a dance, just a date, or to some it may be the only thing they look forward to their junior year. No matter what it is, everyone is impacted by prom in some way.

As we all know there are a lot of preparations that need to happen in order for each individual to attend prom. The qualifications are different for both guys and girls and the expenses of it all can add up in a short time. Things starting at just the tickets for the actual dance can cost around \$10, the tux most guys throw on in not even half the time the girls take to get ready costs anywhere from \$70-\$250, then there is the most important thing; the dress. Girls start not only looking but buying dresses starting in January, those then cost anything from \$150 to \$500. Add in those diamond earrings or a fancy necklace and it can cost another \$20-\$200. When the actual day arrives, the girls prepare by getting their hair done and that can usually cost around \$60, girls have also become into having a tan for prom which can cost around \$30-\$50 and another \$50 for the manicures and pedicures the ladies set a date for.

Few people forget the money they dish out as it is being spent, but it doesn't seem to stop the young generation from doing so. Prom has become an expensive few hours, but the memories can last forever and on May 7th in West Salem that is what exactly what it will be. So the question is, is prom worth all that money to you?

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

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21st Century Skills

It's Time For Gardening

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Donate Blood

***It takes all blood types,
all generations...Especially Yours***

West Salem Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

625 West Franklin Street, West Salem, WI

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

American Red Cross



Appointments call 786-0684. Walk-ins are Welcome.

Last Day of the 2010-2011 School Year

Friday, June 10, 2011

12:30 Dismissal

12:40 Buses Leave

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