

West Salem School District

May 2013



Newsletter

Teacher Appreciation - 2013

Troy M. Gunderson, Superintendent

The month of May brings a whirlwind of activity as we approach the end of another school year. Sandwiched among field trips, recognition banquets, concerts and the prom is the annual designation of Teacher Appreciation week. In tribute to the many dedicated teachers serving our students, I offer a brief look into the changing landscape called teacher.

In many ways the teaching profession is viewed more as a "calling" than a career decision. One consequence of this "noble air" is the often overlooked employment component to the teaching profession. When reflecting back on wonderful teachers who impact our lives, we often remember them as mentors, leaders and partners. We rarely think of them as employees.

Much like employees in other industries, teachers are experiencing transformational change within their workplace. Trends such as technology, politics and social change are dramatically altering the landscape of education.

Technology is revolutionizing daily work in the teaching profession. We are experiencing a watershed moment in both access and utilization of information. The digital age is literally changing every aspect of a teacher's work day. From communication with parents and students - 100 plus e-mails per day - to flipping instruction by recording a lesson for students to view as homework. The current pace of change is staggering.



Politics and the adjoining culture war cast a wide impact on the teaching profession. Beyond the obvious labor issues of collective bargaining, health insurance, pensions, and local working conditions are the less obvious but equally substantial issues of nationalizing the curriculum, digitizing the assessments and changing the standards. The daily onslaught of "new and better" along with "new and required" can be overwhelming.

Social changes such as family mobility, broader economic disparity, increasing demands for workforce development and cultural violence create the need for expanding the professional capacity of our teachers. As student populations become more diverse, so to must the skill set of our teachers.

As the school year comes to an end, please seize the opportunity to thank a teacher for their hard work. Pause for a moment to consider the "job" of teacher, not just the rewarding smiles and "high fives" from children, but the challenging and dynamic work occurring behind the scenes. Just like those of you working in other fields, there is so much the customer, client or co-worker never sees. Everyone appreciates recognition for a job well done.

Our teachers serve our students through wisdom and leadership. They serve our community as dedicated and conscientious employees. We serve them with our appreciation and gratitude. *Teacher Appreciation 2013 - Thank You!*

Teacher Appreciation Week 2013- May 6-10

1. Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations (WKCE)- Grades 3-8, and 10

The Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) is customized to measure the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards (WMAS). Students in grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 take tests in reading and mathematics. Students in grades 4, 8, and 10 take tests in reading, mathematics, science, language arts, writing, and social studies. WKCE is administered to all students enrolled in Wisconsin public schools during the fall of each school year.

The purpose of the WKCE is to provide information about student attainment of subject-area proficiency to students, parents, and teachers; information to support curriculum and instructional planning; and a measure of accountability for schools and districts. The results of the WKCE are used by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) as an accountability measure for school improvement to meet its statutory requirement of identifying low-performing schools as stipulated by Wisconsin s. 115.38(4), meet the federal Title I (NCLB) requirement to determine how well children are learning, and determine the extent to which schools and districts across the state are meeting the Wisconsin proficiency standards.

Table 1: 2012-13 WKCE Summary

Subject / Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	10
READING	<u>0.0</u>	38.3	45.2	<u>30.8</u>	42.9	62.9	34.8
LANGUAGE	x	86.0	x	x	x	68.6	77.8
MATHEMATICS	53.4	52.4	53.7	53.0	<u>48.8</u>	57.9	41.5
SCIENCE	x	87.9	x	x	x	88.6	81.5
SOCIAL STUDIES	x	98.1	x	x	x	89.2	85.2

Note: "x" signifies students not tested in the subject area, scores represent percentage of students scoring proficient or advanced in the tested grade / subject area. Scores below the State average are underlined.

The scores of the 2012-13 WKCE test, our state mandated standardized test for all 3rd-8th and 10th graders, show positive results for the School District of West Salem. The School District's mission of serving with passion to ignite creativity, innovation, and excellence is evident by our students performing higher than the state and district averages in most tested subject areas.

Our elementary school once again did very well:

- Most grades scored well above the state average in all tested subject areas.
- Grade 4 scored 98.1% proficiency in social studies and 87.9% in science.

Our Middle School scored high as well:

- Grade 8 students did fabulously scoring well above the state average in all subject areas.
- In all grades and in all subject areas but two, students scored above the state average.
- Grade 6 scored slightly below the state average in reading.
- Grade 7 scored slightly below the state average in mathematics.

Our High School students scored above the state average in all subject areas:

- In three subject areas, language, science, and social studies, grade 10 students scored well above the state average.

As a district:

- We ranked 2nd or 3rd in achievement in most tested grade levels by subject compared to Holmen, Onalaska, G.E.T., La Crosse, and Black River Falls.

Keep in mind that in addition to the federal and state testing, staff members administer a variety of other assessments of students in its pursuit of ensuring high-quality educational programming. When viewed together, each of these measures provide valuable data that assists classroom teachers with making instructional decisions that maximize learning.

Should you wish to review student achievement and program participation data for each of our district schools, please access our 2012-13 School Performance Report via our district website under Wisconsin Education Links and click [Wisconsin District and School Performance Report](#) or contact the district office to request a copy of this document.

Michael St. Pierre
Director of Instruction



Bike Rodeo

When: Wednesday, May 22, from 5:30-7:30 pm

Why: To educate students on bike safety, rules of the road, and general bike education

Who: 4-12 year olds

Where: Lion's Shelter (rain or shine!)

Come and participate in a variety of stations that will be focusing on safety, bike education, and the rules of the road.

Bring your bicycle, a helmet (if you have one, if not one will be provided), and a smile! We will have prizes to give away as well!

Volunteers Needed! If you would like to volunteer to help at a station, please contact Erin Ellerbach at: ellerbach.erin@wsalem.k12.wi.us

A very special "THANK YOU!" to the music parents who volunteered on Saturday, March 23 at our District Solo/ Ensemble Festival held at WSHS! *Thank You for supporting a Fine Arts Education!*

Congratulations Logo Contest Winner

The Wisconsin Marketing Education Association (WMEA) board selected their logo which was submitted by high school student Seth Walker.



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.

School Board Members

Tom Ward	397-9873
Scott Scafe	786-0969
Jason Falck	786-0935
Thomas Helgeson	612-0018
Syl Clements	786-1491
Jane Halverson	786-1067
Ken Schlimgen	786-4382

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

Aluminum For Athletics

When cleaning up around the garage, etc., you are encouraged to bring all aluminum cans to the can pen in the southwest corner of the Heider Auditorium parking lot for recycling. West Salem Athletics will gain full benefit of this collection project.

Also, if you have any car or truck batteries for recycling, please drop them off at West Salem Auto Repair at 513 Brickl Road, West Salem. Dave Eckelberg and the guys there have graciously offered their services to be our collection point for those recyclable batteries.

Heider Center

Marie W. Heider Center for the Arts

2013-2014 SEASON TICKETS
will go on sale Sunday, May 5th at Mayfair.



Box Office
(608)786-2550

Monday: Noon to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.
Friday: Noon to 4:00 p.m.

www.heidercenter.org

Visual Arts Series

West Salem High School Senior Art Show
May 1-31, 2013
Reception: May 23, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Correction - In the April District Newsletter, the wrong date was listed for the Neshonoc yearbook dedication.

NESHONOC YEARBOOK DEDICATION MAY 17

WEST SALEM HIGH SCHOOL'S 2013 NESHONOC YEARBOOK DEDICATION CEREMONY IS SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 17, 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 AN HOUR IN LENGTH, WILL CONSIST OF SPEAKERS—STUDENTS, COLLEAGUES, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY—RECOGNITION OF PAST DEDICATEES, AND AN 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.

Open Enrollment

For more information, visit the DPI website:
http://sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc.

Public School Open Enrollment Program
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841

Toll-free: 888-245-2732

Email: openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov

Important open enrollment dates

- June 7, 2013 – Nonresident school districts must mail notices of approval or denial. If the application is approved, the school district must notify the parents of the specific school or program to which the student is assigned. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.
- June 14, 2013 – Resident districts must notify applicants if the application is denied. If the application is denied, parents have 30 days to file an appeal.
- June 28, 2013 – Parents of accepted applicants must notify the nonresident district if the student will attend the nonresident district in the 2013-14 school year. If the parent fails to make this notification, the nonresident district may refuse to allow the student to attend the district.

Opportunity for service—Come Join the Fun!

The *Postal Food Drive* is May 11, 2013.

The food pantry board is looking for volunteers to help mark and sort the large quantity of food that arrives. Last year we were short volunteers and couldn't get the food processed in one day. Any amount of time between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 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.

Art Student of the Month



Rachel Auna is the West Salem High School Art Department Student of the Month for April. While Rachel creates art in the 'traditional' sense (drawing, painting, and ceramics), the true beauty of her work is manifested when she combines her love for visual art and textiles. This work often blurs the line between art and craft in a witty, tongue-in-cheek manner. Some of her art is meant to be worn, while other pieces are created from using sewing materials and techniques in a way that is meant to be viewed rather than tried on. CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL AUNA!



School Board Meeting

There was a full house at the April 8 school board meeting. Student artwork was honored and will be on display in the Heider Meeting Room for one year. This was the last board meeting for student board representatives Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson.



Engaging Parents as Partners

As a parent of a child with a disability, you may not always know where to turn to for support and advocacy. This month's focus is on Wisconsin Family Ties. Wisconsin Family Ties is one of several local agencies that assist families.

A Family Advocate is available in the community free of charge through Wisconsin Family Ties (WFT). WFT is a statewide not-for-profit organization run by families for families. Their mission is to provide greater understanding, acceptance, and support in the community for families who have children with special needs.

Wisconsin Family Ties has a number of highly trained Family Advocates located throughout the state and all are parents of children with special needs. Family Advocates team up with individual families and the professionals working with them to help guide them through the steps they may need to take – without judgment because they've been there too. Whether it's working with schools, child welfare, mental health services, developmental or physical disabilities or the juvenile justice system, the family advocate can help families clarify their options and access support for their children.

Vicky Shanley works with families in La Crosse County, regardless of their child's abilities. Please feel free to contact Vicky to learn more about what WFT can offer your family.

Contact Information:

Vicky Shanley, Family Advocate, La Crosse County, (608)317-0275

To learn more about Wisconsin Family Ties please check out their web site. <http://www.wifamilyties.org/>

If you would like a brochure about WFT please contact Tiffany Lisk, Family Engagement Liaison for the West Salem School District. You may reach Tiffany at 786-1662 or you may e-mail her at lisk.tiffany@wsalem.k12.wi.us

WSHS Graduation, May 26, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.
8th Grade Promotion, May 30, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.

Centralized Registration. All students NEW to the West Salem School District will need to register at the District Office prior to attending the elementary, middle or the high school. The District Office is located at 405 Hamlin Street East. Additional information is posted on our website. www.wsalem.k12.wi.us and click on New Student Registration.

The 2012-2013 School Year Student Calendar is available on the District's website. The Early Release dates have been set.
www.wsalem.k12.wi.us

The West Salem School District prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact the Pupil Services Director at (608)786-0700. To file a complaint of discrimination write to: Pupil Services Director at 405 East Hamlin Street, West Salem, WI 54669 or call 608-786-0700. The West Salem School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Looking For Used Cell Phones

The Knights of Columbus is collecting used cell phones. There is a box located in the District office to drop off any used cell phones. Proceeds from the collection of the phones will be used for Special Olympics. Thank You.

The Wisconsin School District Performance Report has been updated with data from the 2011-12 school year. The information can be viewed at <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/>.

THANK YOU!

Taco Nacho Night was once again a huge success! The Village People Organization would like to thank and recognize the support from the La Crosse Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the West Salem School District, private businesses, individuals, volunteers, and those that came to enjoy the festive evening. Because of the widespread involvement, the Boys' & Girls' Club of West Salem will receive a much-appreciated boost in covering the day-to-day operational expenses.

It truly does take a village to raise a child, especially when the village is lucky enough to have a Boys' & Girls' Club to create a "POSITIVE PLACE" for kids!

Manthei Science Scholarship

This scholarship is given by Barbara and Dennis Manthei. It is to be awarded to a student who graduated from West Salem High School and has completed their sophomore or junior year of course work at a university. The student's major may be in a technical field such as engineering or food science or the health professions such as pharmacy, nursing, physical therapy or premed. Application deadline is June 1. The application information is available on the student service page of the district website.

**West Salem High School Scholarship Awards Night
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
7:00 Heider Center**

8th Annual Mayfair Arts Festival

Sunday, May 5, 2013
West Salem High School

Announcing the 2013-2014 Heider Center Season

The 8th annual Mayfair Arts Festival, one of the major Heider Center Arts Board fundraisers, will take place on Sunday, May 5, at the West Salem High School.

Activities will include:

- Art Fair from 10:00-3:00 p.m. with artwork for sale
- Free kids' art activities from 10:00-2:00 p.m.
- Silent auction items to bid on from 10:00-2:00 p.m.
- Door prizes from Heider Center
- Entertainment by local youth (instrumental, vocal and dance)
- Chicken-que by Premier Catering from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Please get your chicken-que tickets from any Heider Center Arts Board Member or call the Heider Center Box Office at 786-2550.
- Other concessions will be available
- Plants and flowers will be sold by the high school FFA

Come and join the Arts Board for great Family Fun! The perfect place to shop for that special Mother's Day gift. All events take place in the high school gym and commons area.

West Salem FFA Plant Sale

Sunday, May 5 during Mayfair.

Monday-Friday, May 6-10 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday, May 13-17 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

After May 17th, please make an appointment with Mike Larson by e-mail at larson.michael@wsalem.k12.wi.us or call 608-786-1220 ext. 2304.

Check out the wide variety of plants the high school's green house has to offer.

Annuals: Petunias, Begonia, Snapdragon, Wave Petunia, Marigold, Impatiens, Coleus, Pansy, Zinnia, Aster

Grasses

Herbs: Thyme, Basil, Oregano, Dill, Cilantro, Rosemary, Catnip, Parsley, Chives, Sage, Mint

Vegetables: Pepper, Tomatoes, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Strawberries

West Salem Community Fitness Center

Kelly Kalinowski, Fitness Director

Current fitness center hours:

Monday-Friday mornings 5:00-8:00 a.m.
Monday-Thursday evenings 3:00-9:00 p.m.
Friday evening 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Sunday 4:00-7:00 p.m.

SUMMER HOURS HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY DETERMINED, BUT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE VERY SIMILAR IF NOT EXACTLY THE SAME AS OUR CURRENT HOURS.

Clean shoes are required to enter the fitness center and indoor track. Current fitness center hours, class schedules, and rates 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 also call 786-1220 ext. 2275.

The end of the school year is nearing and summer is just around the corner. Are you ready for shorts, tank tops, and swim suits? If not, you still have time to get in shape, feel better, and look great. Just 30 minutes of exercise a day can help you achieve a healthier lifestyle. Short on long periods of time? Even brief bouts of activity offer benefits. For instance, if you can't fit in one 30-minute walk, try three 10-minute walks instead. What's most important is making regular physical activity part of your lifestyle.

The up and coming warm weather will help bring a variety of outdoor activities that you can enjoy with your whole family, all while improving your health. Moderate aerobic exercises include activities such as brisk walking, swimming, and even mowing the lawn! Other fun ideas include: biking, golfing, going to the park, playing ball, tennis, hiking, gardening, and playing horseshoes. These 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 you and your kids can enjoy together!

Add strength training to your favorite outdoor activity to round out your fitness regimen. Strength training just twice a week can be extremely beneficial. The West Salem Fitness Center is one of the only (fitness) facilities where you can pay daily. You don't have to worry about contracts or added fees. The cost is only \$2.00 a day for West Salem residents. The walking track is free for all residents, and it's a great way to stay out of the hot sun and rainy weather.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS RETURNING HOME FOR THE SUMMER
CAN ENJOY USING THE FITNESS CENTER FOR
ONLY \$10.00 A MONTH!

The West Salem Community Fitness Center has so much to offer! We hope to see you all soon!

Great Job Odyssey of the Mind Teams

West Salem School District students had a great day on Saturday, April 12. 77 of students traveled to Madison to compete in the state OM competition. Trophies and ribbons are awarded to the top 3 teams.

Results

Mrs. Hemker's 8th grade team - 1st
Mr. Newton's 6th grade team - 1st
Mrs. Hemker's 3-5th grade team - 4th
Mrs. Hemker's 2-5th grade team - 5th
Mrs. Johnson's 3-5th grade team - 4th
Mrs. Andres' 3-5th grade team - 2nd
Mrs. Temp's 3-5th grade team - 6th
Mrs. Bradley's 3-5th grade team - 11th
Mrs. Hanson's 2nd graders all brought home participation blue ribbons as they do not compete.
Ms. Dunnum's 8th grade team - 5th
Mr. Andres' 6th grade team - 7th

1st place teams receive an invitation to world finals, May 22-25, in East Lansing, Michigan where over 800 teams from around the world will compete.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of teams from throughout the U.S. and from about 25 other countries participate in the program.

<http://www.odysseyofthemind.com/>



Mrs. Hemker's 8th grade 1st-place team



Mr. Newton's 6th Grade team which took 1st place in Division II Architecture the Musical.



Mrs. Hemker's 4th place team who was 2.6 points from 3rd place



Mrs. Andres' 3-5th grade 2nd-place team

VAC Places at State

The West Salem High School Visual Arts Classic team participated in the State VAC competition on Friday, April 12th. The eleven member team, comprised of sophomores through seniors, pitted their art talents against seven other teams who advanced from their respective regional competitions. After the paint flew, the graphite and clay settled, and the scores were tallied, West Salem earned the third place trophy in the State competition! This is only the second time in WSHS VAC 15 year history that a team has placed at the state competition!



Congratulations goes out to:

Rachel Auna	Hayden Gullickson
Katie Carlson	Tori Hansen
Seth Walker	Hannah Reedy
Amber Holcomb	Emerson Rabbitt
Anessa Holey	Erica Rich
Ivy King	Coach Quenten Brown

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West Salem High School Volleyball Camp

(for girls entering grades 9-12)
August 13-15, 2013

See brochure for times and cost

*Brochures can be picked up at the
West Salem Park and Rec. Office
or the West Salem Middle School Office.

Volleyball Camp

June 18-20, 2013

(for girls entering grades 4-6)
1:00-3:00 p.m.

West Salem High School Gym

*Brochures can be picked up at the
West Salem Park and Rec. Office
or the West Salem Middle School Office.

West Salem Middle School

Volleyball Camp

(for girls entering grades 7-8)
June 27-28, 2013

See brochure for times and cost

*Brochures can be picked up at the
West Salem Park and Rec. Office
or the West Salem Middle School Office.

American Red Cross Babysitter Training

June 13-14, 2013

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day
West Salem Elementary School

Information and Registration forms can be found at the district office, the elementary school office, and the middle school office. Must be 10 years old or older to participate.

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

2013 Swimming Pool Information

The pool will open with regular hours on
Saturday, June 8, 2013.

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

Early Risers will begin Monday, June 3.

Monday-Friday	1:30-5:00 p.m. & 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Saturday	1:30-5:30 p.m.
Sunday	2:00-5:30 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 Brenna McGuire (mcguire.brenna@wsalem.k12.wi.us) or call the pool at 786-0323 with questions. School use forms are available in the district office. 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 elementary school office for lessons. Students must have completed kindergarten in order to be part of the summer school swim sessions.

Session I	June 10 - June 21
Session II	June 24 - July 5 (No lessons on July 4)
Session III	July 22 - August 9

POOL PASSES WILL BE SOLD AT THE POOL
STARTING JUNE 3.

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 8-12
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 the summer school program and costs \$25. Registration for Skippers begins Monday, June 3, 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 10th, at the West Salem Pool at 5:00 p.m. We will not swim this day. The first practice will be Tuesday, June 11th 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.



Relay For Life Recap

The West Salem Relay for Life Committee and teams would like to thank the West Salem community for all their support. The event raised over \$63,000 with 16 teams participating. The amount of teams was down from last year, but we still managed to make it a great success.

Hugs for Hugo student team had a successful fundraiser on March 19. The team of students organized Bingo and a Bake Sale on the night of conferences. Many families participated and they raised over \$400.00.

Team Captain Halle Baldwin and middle school students from the Little Ladies and Gentlemen team organized a middle school dance.

The Show Choir team partnered with Hugs for Hugo to put on a Pancake Breakfast the morning of the Solo Ensemble competition at the high school.

Student Team Funds Raised Totals

*Hugs for Hugo - \$13,263
Little Ladies and Gentlemen - \$2,559
National Honor Society (NHS) - \$1,716
WSHS Show Choir - \$1,214



All students on Relay for Life teams honored the memory of Ms. Hugo with a song from Wicked called, *For Good!*

*The Macdonald Charitable Foundation, "Helping Others Help Children" has donated to the Relay For Life, including individual teams, for the last several years.



For information on Summer School, please go to the website www.wsaalem.k12.wi.us and click on Summer School or see page 2 of your February 2012 District Newsletter.

Board Policy Update

In January, the school board updated Board Policy #384 regarding pets on school property. As the weather finally warms, it seems a good idea to offer an update of the changes. The updated policy no longer allows pets on school property for any reason, at any time, without prior approval. This change means it will no longer be acceptable to bring your pets to an outdoor athletic event or to "run" your dogs on the school district green spaces. Why make this change? Two primary reasons; students encountering dog waste as they participate in athletics or recess and continuing issues regarding liability and safety. Please note, this policy does not restrict the walking of dogs on the public sidewalks surrounding our campus. Please be sure to remove all waste.

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2013

Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convvene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on April 4, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Kevin Martinson led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Alyssa Noll recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Thomas Helgeson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre, and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Alyssa Noll and Kevin Martinson. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, Davita Molling.

Approval of Agenda

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

Connection with the Community

Kevin Martinson reported on:

1. Relay for Life was held at the high school this past weekend.
2. The seniors had recently turned in their SEP portfolios.

Alyssa Noll reported on:

1. The high school VICA Skills team will be competing at the state competition.
2. The high school VAC team will be competing at the state competition.
3. High school student Seth Walker was notified that his design was chosen as the Wisconsin Marketing Education Association logo.

Correspondence—None.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

A review of District Performance Initiatives update by Administrators Dean Buchanan, Eric Jensen, John Smalley, Lisa Gerke, Mark Carlson and Mike Malott, Michael St. Pierre, and Troy Gunderson. Mr. Carlson also introduced DECA Advisor Jason Holter. Mr. Holter introduced team who advanced and will compete at the national competition in California –Erin Faella, Kyrsten Stockus and Adam Peterson. Mr. Gunderson also thanked the Coulee News for all the coverage in the recently published edition of the Coulee News.

Art teachers Quenten Brown and Angie Hemker were present to introduce each student to the board member, administrator or district staff who selected their piece of art work to be displayed in the Heider Meeting Room for one year.

Student representative recognition – Mr. Ward acknowledged Kevin Martinson and Alyssa Noll with a certificate of commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards for their service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2013; Invoices to be paid; and an open enrollment request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 budget and related items.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the status of the district's technology and possible purchases. Mr. Helgeson moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to authorize up to \$100,000 for the purchase of new iPads and ancillary items: at a rate of 1:1 in grades 4-5 and 6 per classroom in grades K-3. Motion carried. (6-Aye, 1-Nay)

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the 2013-2014 staffing plan recommendations as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Helgeson seconded to approve the second grade job share request from Jessica Macha and Mindy Court for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Falck seconded to approve the CESA #4 contract for services for a Reading Specialist at a cost of \$25,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed materials for selection of an architect. Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to proceed with the list of 10 Architects that Mr. Gunderson has previously provided and for Mr. Gunderson to modify the Request For Qualifications. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to issue final notices of non-renewal to teachers hired with a one-year contract: Kenneth Breu, Randall Wade, Patricia Cox, Casi Jones, Elisa Trussoni, and Courtney Vesperman. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the resignation of physical education teacher Elizabeth Skaer and the retirement of Deborah Jensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action 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” regarding a benefit for a support staff employee(s).

Mr. Helgeson moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 9:01 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Helgeson Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye.–Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

The following minutes have not been approved by the school board.

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2013
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Ward. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee News, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on April 18, 2013.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

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

Swear In Board Members

Thomas Helgeson, Jason Falck and Scott Scafe were sworn in prior to the start of the board meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Syl Clements, Jane Halverson, Tom Ward, Jason Falck, Ken Schlimgen, and Scott Scafe. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, Mark Carlson, Mike Malott, John Smalley, Michael St. Pierre,

and Lisa Gerke; Student representatives: Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang. Finance Director: Davita Molling, Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Thomas Helgeson and Dean Buchanan.

Approval of Agenda

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

Organization of the 2013-2014 School Board

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to nominate Tom Ward for the office of President. Mr. Schlimgen, moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tom Ward as the President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to nominate Thomas Helgeson for the office of Vice President. Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Helgeson as the Vice President of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to nominate Jason Falck for the office of Clerk. Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jason Falck as the Clerk of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to nominate Scott Scafe the office of Treasurer. Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Clements seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Scott Scafe as Treasurer of the West Salem School Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Carlson introduced the new student board representatives, Kaitlin Brueggen and Zachary Lang.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded a resolution to authorize the board officers to borrow money pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 67.12(3) for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to select the Union State Bank of West Salem as the bank depository. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to authorize facsimile signatures pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to authorize the board officers to invest surplus funds pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 66.042(3). Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to continue with the current schedule to select the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for regular school board meetings and one meeting in December. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to appoint Patrick Bahr as the Deputy Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward asked the members to provide input on committee assignments. Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to approve Tom Ward as the CESA Convention Delegate and Board of Control Representative. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Zachary Lang reported on:

1. The high school VAC (Visual Arts Classic) team competed and placed third at state.
2. The high school VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) competed at the state competition. Taylor Varichak was a repeat champion in small engines/power equipment technology, Harley Lang was the cabinetmaker champion, and the SkillsUSA Chapter Display team finished second.

Kaitlin Brueggen reported on:

1. On April 16, the high school band had a clinician come in and work with the students.
2. The junior class prom court representatives were selected.
3. The NHS (National Honor Society) officers will be elected.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Bill Solsrud was read.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mr. Falk reported that the committee continues to work on the 500's Personnel section of the policy book.

Reports from Michelle Kloser, Scott Johnson, Bill Solsrud, Davita Molling, Rick Kline, and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Clements seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2013; and the invoices to be paid. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Scafe seconded to accept the donation from Abby Solberg and family for the elementary school music department.

Mr. Jensen presented a plan for a district sponsored Servant Leadership program, which is one of the Key Performance Indicators in the Strategic Plan: Workforce Engagement.

Mr. Gunderson reviewed the status of compensation plan for teachers, which is one of the Key Performance Indicators in the Strategic Plan: Finances and Facilities.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to hire Garry Marten as a Maintenance Worker. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Halverson moved, Mr. Scafe to approve offering contracts for the 2013-2014 school year to the school psychologist and teachers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mr. Falck seconded to accept the recommendation to select Tostrud & Temp S.C. for audit services for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, with the option of continuing the contract for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 if services provided are satisfactory. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Gunderson gave an update on the architect selection process and a plan for the next few weeks.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Clements seconded to having the second board meeting in May on either Tuesday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, May 26 before or after graduation. Motion carried unanimously.

High school graduation on May 26, 2013 – Mrs. Halverson will read the Bearing Wall Award at graduation and most of the board members plan on attending the ceremony.

8th Grade Promotion on May 30, 2013 – the ceremony which will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Heider Center.

Mr. Scafe moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to accept the resignation of custodian Robert Severson and special education teacher Allison Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ward welcomed the motion for closed session: The Board will discuss, consider and, if appropriate, take action 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” regarding the performance of a teacher.

Mr. Falck moved, Mr. Scafe seconded that the Board convene in closed session at 8:16 p.m. A roll vote was taken: Mr. Falck Aye, Mr. Scafe Aye, Mr. Ward Aye, Mr. Clements Aye, Mrs. Halverson Aye, and Mr. Schlimgen Aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Adjournment

Mr. Clements moved, Mrs. Halverson seconded to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Falck, Clerk

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 1 OEC - Grade 1 (Johnson & Wizner)
- 2 Soccer-JV/V (H) Logan - 5:00/7:00
OEC - Grade 1 (Antony & Christianson)
- 3 Baseball-JV/V at Viroqua - 5:00
Golf-V at BRF at Skyline- 3:00
Track-V at Coulee/South Central Meet at BRF - 3:45
OEC - Grade 1 (Crow & Wheeler)
- 4 WSHS Prom
OEC - Kindergarten Volunteer Training - 8:00-10:00
- 5 May Fair - WSHS Jazz Bands perform
- 6 Baseball-JV/V (H) Onalaska Luther - 5:00
Track-V at Viroqua Invite - 4:15
OEC - Kindergarten Volunteer Training - 8:30-10:30
OEC - Grade 1 - Rain Date
- 7 Golf-JV (H) at Fox Hollow - 4:30
Baseball-JV/V at Onalaska - 5:00
Softball-JV/V at Arcadia - 5:00
Golf-V at Arcadia Invite at Trempealeau Mtn. - 1:00
Soccer-V/JV at Mauston - 4:30/6:00
OEC - Kindergarten (AM-Powell, Wagner; PM-McConkey, Ranzenberger)
- 8 **Early Release - Students dismissed at 12:20,
Buses leave at 12:30**
- 9 Softball-JV/V (H) Onalaska - 5:00
Soccer-JV/V (H) Onalaska - 5:00/7:00
Golf-V at GET at Ettick - 3:00
OEC - Kindergarten (AM-Bradley, Trussoni; PM-Antony, Brommerich)

- 10 NESHONOC Yearbook Dedication
Softball-JV/V (H) Westby - 5:00
OEC - Kindergarten Rain Date
- 11 Baseball-JV/V (H) Sparta Doubleheader - 11:00/1:00
Softball-JV/V (H) Tourney - 9:00
Golf-V at Conference at Drugan’s - 8:00
Track-V at Conference at Onalaska Luther
OEC - Grade 2 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00
- 13 6th Grade Band & Choir Concert - 6:00
7th Grade Band & Choir Concert - 7:30
Golf-JV at BRF at Skyline - 4:00
OEC - Grade 2 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30
- 14 Golf-JV (H) WS Invite at Fox Hollow - 1:00
Track-JV at Viroqua - 4:15
Baseball-JV/V (H) Arcadia - 5:00
Soccer-JV/V at Central at Fields for Kids - 5:00/7:00
OEC - Grade 2 (Hesse & Krueger)
- 15 WSHS Scholarship Awards Night
OEC - Grade 2 (Hickey, Kochie, Zais)
- 16 Soccer-JV/V (H) Aquinas - 5:00/7:00
Golf-V at Holmen Invite - 1;00
Softball Regional Quarter-Finals
Track-V at Norse Invite at Whitehall - 4:00
OEC - Grade 2 (Court/Macha & Servais)
- 17 Baseball-JV/V (H) Westby - 5:00
OEC - Grade 2 Rain Date
- 18 Baseball-JV/V (H) Greenwood - 12:00/2:00
OEC - Grade 3 Volunteer Training - 8:00-11:00
- 19 WSHS Farewell Choir Concert - 1:30
WSHS Band Farewell Concert - 3:00
OEC - Woodsie Training
- 20 8th Grade Band & Choir Concert - 7:00
Track Regionals at Viroqua
- 20-24 OEC - Grade 7
- 21 Softball Regional Semi-Finals
Soccer-V/JV at Holmen - 4:00/5:45
Baseball-V/JV at C-FC - 5:00/6:45
- 21-20 Golf Regionals at Arcadia
- 23 Softball Regional Finals
Track Sectionals at Boscobel
- 24 WSHS Senior Sing Out
Baseball Regional Quarter-Final
- 26 WSHS Graduation - 1:30 p.m.
- 27 No School - Memorial Day
- 28 Baseball Regional Semi-Finals
Softball Sectional Semi-Finals
OEC - Grade 3 Volunteer Training - 8:30-11:30
- 28-29 Golf Sectionals at Barron
- 29 Baseball Regional Final
OEC - Grade 3 (Mathison & Weber)
- 30 Softball Sectional Finals
Soccer Regional Semi-Final
8th Grade Promotion - 7:00
OEC - Grade 3 (Deml & Schwartz)

- 31-1 Track State at UWL
- 31 OEC - Grade 3 (La Fleur & Patterson)

JUNE

- 1 June Dairy Days - WSMS Band & WSHS Band and Jazz Band perform
Track State at UWL
Soccer Regional Final
- 3 OEC - Grade 3 Rain Date
- 3-4 Golf State at University Ridge-Madison
- 4 Baseball Sectionals
OEC - Grade 8
- 5 OEC - Grade 6
- 6 Soccer Sectional Semi-Final
- 6-8 Softball State
- 7 Last Day of School - 12:30 Dismissal
- 8 Soccer Sectional Final
- 11-13 Baseball State
- 13-15 Soccer State at Uihlein Park
- 20-22 WSHS Summer Musical - 7:00
- 23 WSHS Summer Musical - 2:00

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 22 Summer School Begins

AUGUST

- 9 Last Day of Summer School
- 12-13 Student Registration



A great day for the walking school bus on April 26, led by Chief Ashbeck and Mrs. Ellerbach.



Mark Your Calendar...

West Salem High School Summer Musical
presents

THE MUSIC MAN

BY MEREDITH WILSON

Thursday, June 20 - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, June 21 - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 22 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 23 - 2:00 p.m.

“Adventurous Eaters” Nutrition Night at WSES

The evening was well attended by students and adults. Parents and students enjoyed sampling many of the foods served in our school nutrition program and fresh fruits and vegetables from our Garden Bar. They also enjoyed samples and information from Gundersen Lutheran 500 club, the school garden, healthy snacks booth, Seed Savers, Farm 2 School and Reinhart Foods. Thank you to the PTO and all those involved to make this a success.

- From the Superintendent
 - Test Scores-WKCE
 - THE MUSIC MAN
 - NESHONOC Dedication
- OM, VAC, & VICA - State Results
 - Animals on School Grounds
 - Community Fitness Center
- 2013 Swimming Pool Information
- Heider Center Tickets & Gallery Display
 - School Board Minutes
 - Aluminum for Athletics
- Engaging Parents as Partners
- Summer Camps
- FFA Plant Sale
- Open Enrollment
- Bike Rodeo
- Calendar of Events
 - Mayfair
 - Food Drive
- Adventurous Eaters

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

Monday, June 17, 2013

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 2012-2013 School Year

Friday, June 7, 2013

12:30 Dismissal

12:40 Buses Leave

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