



Winter 2013

## Looking Toward Our Future



Please drive slow when on  
snow.

*"Children are  
our most  
valuable natural  
resource."*

Herbert Hoover

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## Black Creek School Hits the Jackpot Thanks to a Good Friend

It's not everyday someone hands you a check for \$10,000, but Betty Tesch of Black Creek did just that for the Black Creek School on Monday, Nov. 19.

Tesch entered the Walgreen's "Back-to-School Check-In for the Chance to Win Sweepstakes" in late August. She was notified on Oct. 10 that she had won \$10,000 for the school. Tesch told faculty gathered for the presentation that she enters a lot of contests, but usually looks for ones that benefit someone else.

Black Creek Interim Principal Kim Benson said, "We're so grateful for Betty and the Walgreen's Corporation for this wonderful gift."

The school plans to use the money to enhance student learning and provide enrichment experiences for the students.



Photo courtesy of Rick Cohler



## Author Scott Langteau Visits Rock Ledge Intermediate Center

Scott Langteau, author of The Sofa Boy and The Question, paid a visit to Mrs. Knuth's and Mrs. Martin's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes in October. Scott read both of

his books to the classes. He then spoke with the students about the process of creating a book from inspiration to publishing. The kids had many wonderful questions for Scott. Thanks to Jaime Wroblewski for setting up this wonderful opportunity!

## Driver Education Parent/Guardian Meeting

The parent/guardian meeting for students taking Driver Education in spring/summer will be held on Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Any student who was born before February 1, 1998 is eligible.



## **Seymour FFA**

Helping out the community, getting involved in workshops and leadership conferences, and attending the National Convention, Seymour FFA has been busy doing it all.

Seymour FFA has constantly been busy and working hard from the beginning of the school year, to the present. In an effort to give back to the community, members cleaned road ditches on Highway 55 in early September. The Seymour FFA also attended a Sectional Leadership Workshop that was held at Oconto Falls High School. The students gained lifelong leadership lessons to bring back to their chapter.

October was an important month for all FFA members. From October 23 through 27, seventeen members of the Seymour FFA attended The National Convention held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention was one FFA members will never forget. We left having gained much knowledge and wisdom. Following the National Convention, the Seymour FFA attended the 212/36 conference which focuses on taking it to the next degree. Students that attend always have a great time and learn valuable leadership skills to carry with them throughout their lives. Members also just finished the fruit, cheese and sausage fundraiser. This is the FFA's biggest fundraiser.

Seymour FFA will prepare themselves for FFA week and all the events that this week holds in February. During this week some of the FFA mem-

bers will attend the Alumni Banquet, which will honor and recognize the Seymour Alumni. In the near future you can expect Seymour FFA to attend a speaking contest in Coleman on January 17<sup>th</sup>. Several of the Seymour FFA members will compete in this competition in the areas of job interview, discussion, extemporaneous, and creed. This is a great opportunity for members to polish their speaking skills.

FFA is full of great opportunities. The leadership skills you can learn, and opportunities it offers are endless. Every event they have attended, or plan on attending is a positive opportunity for all FFA members. The Seymour FFA will continue being involved and working hard, just as they always do. Any questions about the FFA can be directed to any FFA officer or the advisor, Mr. Schroeder. Feel free to call 920-833-7118 ext. 418 or email, [jschroeder@seymour.k12.wi.us](mailto:jschroeder@seymour.k12.wi.us).

## **DAR Good Citizen Award**

Michael J. Flaherty, principal at Seymour community High School announces that Paige Bunkelman will receive the 2012-13 DAR Good Citizen Award. The award is presented annually by the Wisconsin Society Daughters of American Revolution to a senior girl or boy considered to be most deserving on the basis of four qualities: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.



The Appleton Chapter is sponsor for Seymour's representative. Seniors in accredited public high schools are eligible candidates. Paige was selected by her fellow classmates and the high school scholarship committee.

She is the daughter of Kip and Brenda Bunkelman of Seymour, WI. Paige plans on continuing her education working toward a nursing degree.

## **Grade 10 Thunder Talk Conferences Coming Up**



Grade 10 Thunder Talk Conferences are being scheduled during the months of March and April at Seymour Community High School. These conferences focus on each student's strengths and successes, educational/career development, and planning for the rest of high school and beyond.

Thunder Talk Conferences last about 45 minutes and include parent/guardian, student and counselor, and are offered at various times during the school day. Detailed letters and schedules have been mailed to all Grade 10 parents and guardians. Please contact the Student Services office, 833-2306, ext. 430, to schedule your student's Thunder Talk Conference.

**Appointments must be scheduled by March 1, 2013!**

### **Thunder Talks**

Seymour Community School District provides every student the opportunity to meet three times throughout their school career with their parents and school counselor, separate from parent teacher conferences, in an effort to empower the student in their educational process and future plans. These student-directed conferences, known as Thunder Talks, are scheduled for Grade 5, 8, and 10 students.

Parent involvement in Thunder Talk is integral to the development of a child's personal and social growth, their educational and career development, and future transitioning. Although these meetings are not mandatory, we hope parents will take this opportunity to enhance the communication between themselves, their child, and their child's school counselor.

**Thunder Talk conference timelines for 2012/2013 school year:**

**Grade 8: December-January**

**Grade 10: March and April**

**Grade 5: March 25 – May 4**

Parents will be notified by their child's school counselor and given the opportunity to schedule their Thunder Talks. Please contact your child's School Counselor with any questions you may have about this process or to schedule your child's Thunder Talk.

### **Child Development Days**

Seymour Community School District provides evaluations and special services to those students identified as disabled in accordance with the state and federal guidelines. Each child between birth to 21 years of age is entitled to screening for, and evaluation of, suspected disabling conditions. These services are at no cost to the parents or student identified.

Child Development Days, a screening for children with special needs between three and five years of age, is held in October and April of each school year. If you have a child who will be at least 3 years, 3 months old by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, you and your child will be invited to participate in **Seymour Community Schools Child Development Days**. This event is scheduled on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Black Creek School (3:15 p.m.-6:00 p.m.) and at Rock Ledge Primary Center on both April 18<sup>th</sup> (3:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) and April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (8:15-11:00 a.m.) Please remember these times are approximate.

If you choose to participate in this event, your child will be involved in a small play group while you have the opportunity to meet other parents and talk with school personnel about normal growth and development. You can expect to spend about 40 minutes at school. Before you leave, a member of the screening staff will review her/his observations of your child's development with you as well as answer any questions you might have. Please call Lisa Daubert, school psychologist, if you need more information (833-7199, ext. 310).





Community Family Resource Centers, Inc. (CFRC) is a non-profit organization providing family-friendly, affordable entertainment and education for children birth to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Located in the Black Creek Elementary School and the Rock Ledge Primary Center, Seymour, CFRC is close and convenient for you and your family. Join us for parent networking, parenting tips, referrals to other agencies and more. All CFRC programs and events are open to ALL Seymour Community School District residents.

### **Refer New Families to PACE Playgroups & Win a Shopko Gift Card**

To help get the word out about CFRC's Parent And Child Enrichment (PACE) Playgroups to more area families, an incentive program is once again being offered to families already attending PACE. An existing PACE family will win a \$10 Shopko gift when a family they refer to CFRC registers for the PACE program -- it's that easy!

PACE is designed for families with children ages 0-5 to foster parent and child interaction in a fun, structured environment. PACE focuses on child social skills and learning, parent education and fun through activities including play time, circle-time activities, art projects, story time and snack. Join us for PACE playgroups during the day or in the evening – whatever works in your schedule! Children ages birth to one are free, but donations are welcome. Cost per session for children older than one are \$20 for the first child, \$15 for the second child, and \$10 for each additional child, with a maximum of \$50 per family. And, scholarships are available.

**2012-2013 PACE Schedule**  
**Rock Ledge Primary Center, Seymour**  
Monday 6-7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 9-11 a.m.  
Thursday 9-11 a.m.

**Black Creek Elementary School**  
Monday 9-11 a.m.  
Wednesday 9-11 a.m.  
Wednesday 6-7:30 p.m.

The next session of PACE begins Monday, January 21, but PACE is always open for enrollment. Attend PACE to register. Not sure if PACE is what you and your child are looking for? Check us out for FREE your first time!

### **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest at Seymour Middle School – Saturday, February 23, 2013, 10:30 am-2 pm**

Join CFRC on February 23, 2013, at the Seymour Middle School from 10:30 am to 2 pm for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Winterfest Carnival, the biggest annual family event and fundraiser for CFRC. This day of fun for the whole family features singer/song writer Randy Peterson plus food, fun carnival games and prizes, a basket raffle, cake walk and so much more! The Randy Peterson concert begins at 10:30 am, but doors open at 10 am. Cost for the concert is \$3 for children ages three and up; adults and younger children are free. Watch for more details!

### **“Like” CFRC on Facebook**

Make sure to “like” CFRC Black Creek/Seymour on Facebook to be notified of our upcoming events and programs.

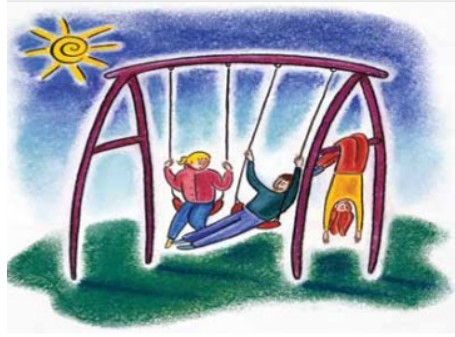
**Watch for More Me & My Family Events And Family Education Programs  
coming in February, March, April and May!**

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**To register for any of our events or be added to our e-mail list, contact us at  
cfr@seymour.k12.wi.us or (920) 833-5155 x703.**

**Visit our website at [www.seymour.k12.wi.us/cfrc.cfm](http://www.seymour.k12.wi.us/cfrc.cfm) for more information.**

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## Information on Influenza

The “flu”, also called Influenza, is a very contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus. It starts around November and is usually seen up through March. It can be mild in nature or very severe, requiring hospitalization. It is different from a cold in that it usually comes on suddenly. Common symptoms of the flu are as follows:

- \*Fever or feeling feverish with chills—not everyone will have a fever
- \*Cough
- \*Sore throat
- \*Runny or stuffy nose
- \*Muscle and body aches
- \*Fatigue (tiredness)
- \*Headache
- \*Children may have vomiting or diarrhea, not common in adults.

Usually when a person gets the flu they can recover in a few days up until 2 weeks. However, pneumonia is a complication of the flu and can be life-threatening. Other complications from getting the flu are bronchitis, sinus infections, and ear infections. The flu can also make certain health conditions worse. For example, adults and children who have asthma will most likely have more asthma attacks because of having the flu.

Flu is spread to others up to 6 feet away by droplets when a person sneezes, coughs or talk. Another way the virus spreads, though not as common, is through touching surfaces with the flu virus and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes. Washing hands or using alcohol-based hand rub is the single best method for preventing spread of the flu.

Those at higher risk for getting the flu are the elderly, people who have chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, and young children. Influenza is unpredictable, it varies from person-to-person and one season to another. Vaccination is one of the best ways to avoid the illness.

We have seen an increase in influenza in our surrounding areas over the last few weeks. There are many more cases currently then at this time last year. Please keep an eye out and be aware of the symptoms and how the virus is spread.

If you or your child gets the flu please stay home until the fever is gone without the use of medicine for at least 24 hours. Limit contact with others and wash your hands often.

Please see [http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/a\\_flu\\_guide\\_for\\_parents.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/a_flu_guide_for_parents.pdf) for further information for parents and having a child with influenza.



Youth Enrichment Services (YES) students singing at Impact Aid meeting.

### Service at SMS

At Seymour Middle School students have been engaging in many service projects throughout the community.

The Diverse Learners group, led by Mr. Bernhardt and Mrs. Vogel, visited Good Shepherd Nursing Home on Thursday, December 13. The students spread their joy by singing holiday songs to the seniors. Even Mrs. Schenk, school principal, joined in on the festivities. This is the second time the Diverse Learners have visited Good Shepherd Nursing Home this year. In November, part of the Diverse Learners group went to Good Shepherd Nursing Home and made a Thanksgiving Day art project.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class decorated and wrote holiday cards for residents at Good Shepherd.

The 7th graders hosted a Veteran's Day program honoring the veterans amongst their family, friends, and community members. More than 50 veterans were honored at this year's program which included the Color Guard Squad from Seymour VFW/American Legion, emotional video music tributes, patriotic songs and a poem/skit performed by students.

8<sup>th</sup> graders in Mrs. Jelenic's homeroom/STORM group had a soda sale and raised \$200 for Community 2000.

The STARS students (Students Taking Action and Representing SMS, Mrs. Vogel) partnered with Black Creek Salvation Army to help serve the needs for children in our school district. There has been an overwhelming need in the community this year and STARS students have put together a giving tree to help fulfill the needs. The giving tree was available for both students and staff to partake in. Holiday cards were placed on the tree with the needs for family members listed. With the generosity of many students and staff SMS was able to adopt 3 families. In addition, STARS donated \$200 for other gifts to be purchased for families.



*"There are two ways of spreading light - to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."*  
Edith Wharton



## 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR NOTIFICATION

As a result of federal legislation Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act - AHERA, each primary and secondary school in the nation is required to complete a stringent new inspection for asbestos and to develop a plan of management for all asbestos-containing building materials - ACBM. Seymour Community School District's goal is to be in full compliance with this law and is following the spirit, as well as the letter, of the law. As a matter of policy, Seymour Community School District shall continue to maintain a safe and healthful environment for our community's youth and employees.

In keeping with this legislation, all buildings (including portables and support buildings) owned or leased by the school district were inspected by EPA accredited inspectors and samples were analyzed by an independent laboratory. Based on the inspection, the school prepared and the state approved a comprehensive management plan for handling the asbestos located within its buildings safely and responsibly.

Furthermore, Seymour Community School District has completed its three-year re-inspection requirement by AHERA. Seymour Community School District buildings, where asbestos-containing materials were found, are under repair, removal or being monitored and maintained.

This past year, Seymour Community School District conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

1. Removed, disposed and tested asbestos containing flooring and mastic in Room 351 of the Seymour Middle School.
2. Removed, disposed and tested asbestos containing flooring and mastic in Room 219 at Rock Ledge Intermediate School.
3. Removed, disposed and tested asbestos containing roofing on the Seymour Middle School.

Federal law requires a periodic walk-through (called surveillance) every six months of each area containing asbestos. Also the law requires all buildings to be reinspected three years after a management plan is in effect. This will be accomplished under contract by MacNeil Environmental, Inc.

Short-term workers (outside contractors - i.e. telephone repair workers, electricians and exterminators) must be provided information regarding the location of asbestos in which they may come into contact. All short-term workers shall contact the lead maintenance person for asbestos information before commencing work.

Seymour Community School District has a list of location(s) and type(s) of asbestos-containing materials found in that school building and a description and timetable for their proper management. A copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the district office. Copies are available for 25 cents per page. Questions related to the plan should be directed to Jason Showen, designated Asbestos Program Manager under contract with MacNeil Environmental, Inc., Burnsville MN at 1-800-232-5209 Ext. 130.



## Seymour Middle School to be featured on the CP Center Telethon

SMS students learned about celebrating the abilities and differences of others through interactive activities presented by the Cerebral Palsy (CP) Center. All proceeds from the seventh and eighth grade dance on January 25 will benefit the CP Center in their mission to provide services of inclusion to all its clients. SMS will be featured in the CP Center telethon this spring.

## STUDENTS STOPPING CRIME

If students are aware of drugs, alcohol, weapons, theft, vandalism or harassment in school, and they let someone know, they may be eligible for a cash reward! Students can inform a school administrator, police resource officer, call 920-432-STOP (7867), email [www.432stop.com](http://www.432stop.com), or text tips to GBTIP plus their message to 274637 (crimes). This program is sponsored by Green Bay Area Crime Stoppers.



Enjoy Wisconsin's Winter Season!

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