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Looking Toward Our Future



Slow for Snow

Severe Weather and School Closings

Student safety is of utmost importance to all of us. If the winter weather threatens the well being of students due to slippery or blocked roadways, poor visibility, or extreme cold temperatures, administrators will assess the conditions and make a determination as to whether or not school should remain open. In the event of school delays or closings you may tune to any of the following for information and updates: WLUK, WFRV, etc. or check our website: www.seymour.k12.wi.us.

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School Cancellations and Delays

Wisconsin winter weather is unpredictable. Since we must make a decision by 5:45 a.m. whether or not to cancel school, the progress of the snowstorm plays an important role in trying to arrive at the best decision for the children in the district. The decision, made by 5:45 a.m. is then given to television and radio stations, as listed, to give parents, bus drivers, and school personnel the notice of the cancellation as quickly as possible.

When it becomes necessary to cancel school during the school day, several additional factors must be considered. A majority of families have both parents/guardians working outside the home. It is necessary to give adequate parent/guardian notification prior to sending children home on the bus at a time when no one is expecting the children to be coming home.

This is especially important for young children. We urge you to review an emergency plan with your children. Make certain that you have told them where to go in case of an early school closing. Should the child go home? To a relative's or neighbors house? Some other designated place? Have your child remind the teacher or report to the school office for help if they are confused about where to go.

Please do not call the school and tie up the lines. Listen to the stations listed below. Parents have the option of keeping their children home from school should they feel the weather conditions merit such action. According to School Board Policy, if parents choose to keep their children home due to weather conditions, the absence will be listed as "excused".

PLEASE REMEMBER TO: Listen to the following radio and television stations for school delays or cancellations: WLUK-TV, WBAY-TV, WFRV-TV, WGBA-TV, WOGB-TV, WAPL, WCHK, WCUB, WDUZ, WECB, WEMI, WHBY, WIXX, WKSZ, WLYD, WLTU, WNAM, WNCY, WNFL, WOGB, WOSH, WOZZ, WPKR, WROE, WSCO, WTAQ, WVOB, WWWX OR WZOR.

As in the past, everyone's complete cooperation is appreciated and helps to ensure that your children arrive home safely.

Local Student Nominated To Compete In National Award Program

Molly Upp, a Seymour High School senior has been



nominated to compete in the national Principal's Leadership Award (PLA) scholarship program, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP). Herff Jones, Inc. funds the PLA program.

Michael Flaherty, principal, Seymour High School, today announced the nomination, which places Upp in the national competition. One hundred national PLA winners will be chosen this spring to receive College scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000.

Participating high school principals from across the country could nominate one senior high student to compete in this year's program. Winners were selected on the basis of their leadership skills, participation in service organizations and clubs, achievements in the arts and sciences, employment experience, and academic record. They also were required to write an essay.

In recognizing leadership in co-curricular activities as well as academic performance, the Principal Leadership Award Scholarship recognizes the importance of a well-rounded education. Co-curricular activities are an essential part of the school curriculum.

While at Seymour High School, Upp has been active in National Honor Society, Diversity Council, S Club and the swim team. She has received an academic award for each semester thus far, attended Badger Girls State, received 4th in the state for her National History Day presentation along with the "Best Display Representing Wisconsin History" award and has held offices with S Club, Band and Swim. Outside of school she has volunteered her time with Habitat for Humanity and Feed My Starving Children. Molly is also a lifeguard at the Seymour Community Aquatic Center. Molly has not yet finalized her college plans. She would like to explore the medical fields of optometry, physical therapist or speech therapist. She is the daughter of Beryl and Laurie Upp, Seymour.

DAR AWARD

Michael J. Flaherty, principal at Seymour Community High School announces that Joshua Rynish will receive the 2010-11 DAR Good Citizen Award. The award is presented annually by the Wisconsin Society Daughters of American Revolution to a sen-



ior girl or boy considered to be most deserving on the basis of four qualities: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

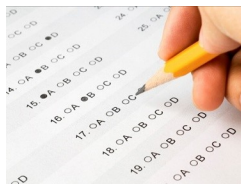
The Appleton Chapter is sponsor for Seymour's representative. Seniors in accredited public high schools are eligible candidates. Joshua was selected by his fellow classmates and the high school scholarship committee.

He is the son of Lee and Chris Rynish of Seymour, WI.

DRIVER EDUCATION PARENT/ GUARDIAN MEETING



The parent/guardian meeting for student taking Driver Education in spring/ summer will be held on Monday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Any student who was born before February 1, 1996 is eligible.



ACT Super Friday

On Friday February 4th, students can participate in our ACT Super Friday event. In the morning, students will take an actual retired ACT test. The test will be administered under real ACT conditions so that students have a chance to experience this type of testing. Students will then check their answers and calculate their score. After a pizza lunch break, teachers will be available to answer questions and help students with specific test items. The cost is only \$5.00, which covers the cost of lunch and supplies. Students can sign up in the High School Student Services Office.

Financial Aid Informational Meeting

On Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7 p.m., a Financial Aid informational meeting will be held in the high school auditorium. A financial aid specialist from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay will explain how the financial aid process works and discuss the FAFSA. This applies to students who will be attending any 4 year or technical college. It is most relevant to seniors and their parents.

High School Yearbook

The order deadline is fast approaching to get your yearbook. Students can purchase their yearbook over the phone, online or through the mail. Go to jostensyearbooks.com or call 1-866-282-1516 to order today! Yearbooks cost \$45. **Final order deadline is January 21, 2011.** Please contact Cindy Otto, Yearbook Advisor, via email cotto@seymour.k12.wi.us or phone (920) 833-2306 ext. 416 with any questions.

Seymour High School Thunder-Zone



The ThunderZone, located in the High School, is up and running for the 8th year. Even with mostly new faces, the ThunderZone has not missed a beat and doing very well overall. The store is run by six student managers and marketing teacher, Ms. Cindy Otto. The managers are: General Manager, Merchandise Manager, Promotions Manager, Financial Manager, Web Master, and newly formed Order Processing Manager.

Shawna Gossens, senior, is the General Manager. This job holds most of the responsibility and organization throughout the school year and oversees the other jobs for the ThunderZone. Trevor Gomm, senior, is the Merchandise Manager. His job holds the responsibility of designing and ordering of the apparel. Sanjuana Corona, senior, the Financial Manager. Her job includes the handling of the store's finances. The Promotional Manager job is held by Troy Rottier, senior, who creates all of the promotional flyers and displays that go around school. Sam Wendt, junior, is the Web Master. This position creates the website and handles the orders that are sent online. A newly added position this year is the Processing Manager held by Josh Holz, senior. He works primarily on the making of club shirts, inventory, and tagging of new items.

The ThunderZone has added new and different ap-

parel choices this year. These items include tie dye t-shirts, camouflage t-shirts, fleece, jackets, hats (baseball and winter), sweatshirts, and also a stadium seat for sporting events.

The ThunderZone is open before school from 7:30-7:55, during lunch from 11:25-12:45, and there is also a kiosk set up at most home game events. ThunderZone items can also be purchased at Don's Quality Market and via internet at www.seymourthunderzone.com.

Thunder Talks Enhance Communication Between Parents, Students and School

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 students in grades 5, 8, and 10.

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 the 2010-2011 school year:

Grade 8: December-January

Grade 10: February-April

Grade 5: April-May

Parents will be notified by their child's school counselor and given the opportunity to schedule their Thunder Talks. Scheduling opportunities were also available at fall conferences. Please contact your child's school counselor with any questions you may have about this process or to schedule your child's Thunder Talk.

SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL REALITY STORE

What is it?

An interactive program for students from Seymour High School designed to demonstrate the need for money management skills, provide an opportunity for students to connect with community business leaders, and allow students to exercise budgeting skills.

When is it?

We are looking to hold our first annual event: **Tuesday, March 8, 2011.**

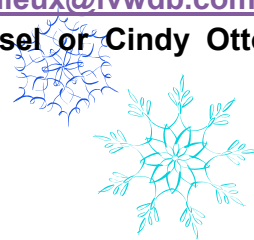
Volunteers begin arriving at 7:15 AM. A brief orientation and question & answer session is held before the students arrive. Students begin arriving at staggered times throughout the morning beginning at 8:15 AM. The event is scheduled to end at noon serving approximately 200 high school students.

All students have selected an occupation and researched the monthly income for their occupation in this area of the country. During this simulation, students are 28 years old and married, but their spouse is unemployed. (It is a bad economy after all.) Each student visits a bank, deposits their pay, and receives a checkbook. After depositing their paycheck, Uncle Sam is waiting to deduct taxes. Prior to the day of the event, students have received instruction in the following areas:

- Career search & selection
- Checkbook balancing skills
- Check writing skills
- Budget preparation
- Student loans

Business volunteers are needed to sponsor booths such as housing, insurance, clothing, groceries, county government, utilities, etc. Students visit every booth during their time in the store and pay their monthly bills based on the choices they have made for housing and transportation and their

family status. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information about this event, please contact Kim Lemieux (klemieux@fvwdb.com) or you can talk to Katie Grassel or Cindy Otto at Seymour High School.



Seymour Middle School Honors Veterans



VETERAN'S DAY, two words that don't mean much to some, but should mean a lot to everybody. Some veterans never get recognized at all, and that's not right. That's why we do the Veteran's Day program at SMS. We feel that veterans should be respected and honored, because if it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have any where near the freedoms we have today. In some countries, women have to wear a veil to go out in public. We have things today because of the veterans. When we do our SMS Veteran's Day program, we put up decorations and make programs. We sing songs and recognize the vets for what they're worth. This year, we even had a flag routine performed to a music video. We want the veterans to know that we're grateful for what they've done, and we'll never forget it. Thank your veteran today, so that they will know you care.

Michaela Thurow

7th Grade SMS Student

4-K at Good Shepherd

By: Mary Greuel-Director

With one school year under our belts, we were anxious to start our second year of 4-K. It is hard to believe that it is already December. The children and teachers have been busy preparing for the holidays. To emphasize the spirit and importance of giving, the children made applesauce ornaments to give to the residents of the Good Shepherd Nursing



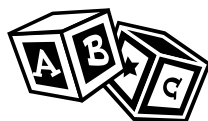
Home. Our 4-K families joined us for milk and muffins in celebration of Thanksgiving, and we all shared what we are thankful for. Harlan Volkman and the Seymour Fire

Explorers came in and talked with us about Fire Safety. On Community Helper week, Mary Greuel brought in the ambulance and talked to us about what happens on the rescue squad. Sarah Tracy talked to us about her experiences in the army. We made cards that we sent to the Veterans. We went on an adventure to an apple orchard and pumpkin patch.

We had a Literacy Outreach Day where we played literacy games and made literacy projects. The children and adults had a great time. Having parent volunteers on field trips and in the classrooms, bring a touch of home to the 4-K environment. While the children have already learned so much in the first few months of school, the months ahead will be filled with exciting new learning experiences. Mixing learning activities with fun makes 4-K an awesome place to be!



Little Minds Academy



LMA is off to a booming start!

With a full house, we have made new friends, celebrated Grandparents' Day, toured the fire station, taken a trip to an apple orchard and prepared a Thanksgiving meal to share with our families.

The students of LMA take turns working with the teachers as well as doing whole group learning and individual learning centers to reinforce concepts taught. Counting, playing games, gym, science, singing, library book check-out, stories, snack, show-n-tell, cutting and gluing, learning about the alphabet and making weekly letter books are just a few of the many activities the children are busy with.

We have an open door policy and are blessed with having families visit, assist in the classroom and attend field trips with us.

Please visit Little Minds Academy at www.littlemindsacademy.com.

Second Grade Gives Generously

Second grade students at Rock Ledge collected brand new toys and donated them to Toys for Tots this year instead of a gift exchange for themselves and their teachers. What a great feeling we had when Sergeant Morris came to our school to meet us and pick up our gifts. An amazing amount of children's Christmases were brighter and happier due to the generosity of our Rock Ledge Second Graders!



Seymour High School Winter Sports Schedules

Boys Varsity and JV Basketball

Thursday,	Jan. 6	New London	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Tuesday,	Jan. 11	Kimberly	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Thursday,	Jan. 13	Denmark	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Tuesday,	Jan. 18	West DePere	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Friday,	Jan. 21	Marinette	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Thursday,	Jan. 27	at Oconto Falls	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Saturday,	Jan. 29	WYB Border Battle, MN	11:30 a.m.
Monday,	Jan. 31	at Luxemburg-Casco (JV)	7:15 p.m.
Tuesday,	Feb. 1	at Luxemburg-Casco (V)	6:00 p.m.
Friday,	Feb. 4	Hortonville	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Thursday,	Feb. 10	Shawano	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Tuesday,	Feb. 15	at New London	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Saturday,	Feb. 19	at Appleton West	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Thursday,	Feb. 24	at Denmark	5:45/7:15 p.m.

Girls Varsity and JV Basketball

Tuesday,	Jan. 4	New London	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Monday,	Jan. 10	at Clintonville	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Friday,	Jan. 14	at Denmark	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Thursday,	Jan. 20	at West De Pere	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Tuesday,	Jan. 25	Oconto Falls	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Friday,	Jan. 28	at Marinette	5:30/7:15 p.m.
Monday,	Jan. 31	at Luxemburg-Casco (JV)	7:15 p.m.
Tuesday,	Feb. 1	at Luxemburg-Casco (V)	7:15 p.m.
Thursday,	Feb. 3	Hortonville	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Friday,	Feb. 11	at Shawano	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Monday,	Feb. 14	at New London	5:45/7:15 p.m.
Saturday,	Feb. 19	at Sheboygan Falls	5:50/7:15 p.m.
Tuesday,	Feb. 22	Two Rivers	5:50/7:15 p.m.
Friday,	Feb. 25	West DePere	5:45/7:15 p.m.

Wrestling Varsity and JV

Tuesday,	Jan. 11	at Coleman	6:00/6:30 p.m.
Thursday,	Jan. 13	Seymour, West DePere at Marinette	4:30/5:00 p.m.
Thursday,	Jan. 20	Denmark	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thursday,	Jan. 27	at New London	6:00/7:00 p.m.
Thursday,	Feb. 3	at Hortonville	6:00/7:00 p.m.

Varsity Tournaments

Saturday,	Dec. 4	Seymour Multi-Dual Tournament	10:00 a.m.
Saturday,	Dec. 11	Battle on the Bay at BayPort	9:15 a.m.
Saturday,	Dec. 18	at Kewaunee	10:00 a.m.
Saturday,	Jan. 8	at Lodi	9:45 a.m.
Saturday,	Jan. 22	at Sheboygan North Invite	10:00 a.m.
Saturday,	Jan. 29	at Pulaski Invite	9:30 a.m.

2010-2011 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 has a goal 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 and Operations and Maintenance.

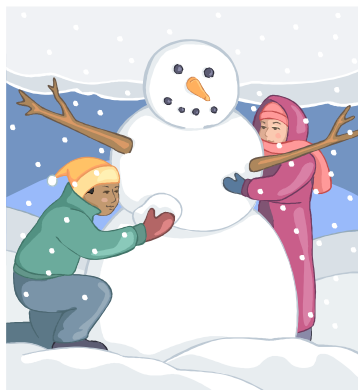
This past year, Seymour Community School District conducted the following with respect to its asbestos containing building materials:

1) Removed, disposed and tested asbestos flooring and mastic in Rooms 212, 215, 222 and 228 at the Rock Ledge Intermediate Center.

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.



Winter Comes But
Once a Year, Get Out
And Enjoy It While
It's Here!

Child Development Days

The 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 1st, 2011, you and your child will be invited to participate in **Seymour Community Schools Child Development Days**. This event is scheduled for April 12th, 2011 at Black Creek School (3:15 p.m.-5:05 p.m.) and at Rock Ledge Primary Center on both April 14th, 2011 (3:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.) and April 15th, 2011 (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).

2009-2010 School Performance Report

Information regarding the School Performance Report will be available to the public in May of 2011. If you would like a copy of this report, please call Lisa Daubert at 833-7199, ext. 310 or visit the Seymour Community School District website: www.seymour.k12.wi.us.

School Census

If you are new to the district, have moved within the district or have given birth to your first child within the past year, please contact Marilyn Menor at (920) 833-2304 or you may go to our website at www.seymour.k12.wi.us and click on "Census Information". Fill out the form provided and when you are finished, click on the "Submit" button and your information will be emailed directly to Marilyn so we can count your child/children on our school census. We use our census lists to contact families who may be eligible for Early Childhood programs and also for four-year old five-year old Kindergarten screenings. If you are not sure if you are listed on our census, you may contact Marilyn and she can confirm your information. All children between the ages of new born through 20 years of age are counted on our census.





10th Annual

Winterfest

Carnival Games, Food, Basket Raffle

Saturday, February 26 · 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Seymour Middle School

Come one, come all!

- Games and Prizes (Tickets 10 for \$1)
- Bouncers with game ticket
- Basket raffle - Theme Baskets!
- Great food at a GREAT price!
- Bake Sale
- So much more!

Closes at 1:30 - must be present to win!



**Proceeds benefit family programs and education
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Contact CFRC at 920-984-3396 x108 for more information, to donate or volunteer!

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