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Seymour Community School District



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Looking Toward Our Future



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Scholarships

Scholarships and essay contests are listed on our school website at <http://www.seymour.k12.wi.us/high/localscholarships.cfm> as they become available. Local scholarships became available on Thursday, December 15, 2016. The application deadline for most of the local scholarships is February 6, 2017, other scholarship deadlines do vary. Please contact Susan Conradt at #(920) 833-2306, ext. 430, or sconradt@seymour.k12.wi.us if you have any questions.

High School Musical

Seymour High School will perform "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers", on Feb. 9, 10, and 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm and on Sun. Feb. 12, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the high school auditorium.

During the 1850s, Milly, a pretty young cook, marries Adam, a grizzled woodsman, after a brief courtship. When the two return to Adam's farm, Milly is shocked to meet his six ill-mannered brothers, all of whom live in his cabin. She promptly begins teaching the brothers proper behavior, and most importantly, how to court a woman. But after the brothers kidnap six local girls during a town barn-raising, a group of indignant villagers tries to track them down.

Tickets go on sale Monday, January 30, 2017 at the ThunderZone. For more information please contact Seymour High School at 920-833-2306.

2015-2016 School Performance Report

Information regarding the School Performance Report will be available to the public in May of 2017. If you would like a copy of this report, please call Kristin Augustine at 833-5159, ext. 731, or visit the Seymour Community School District website at: www.seymour.k12.wi.us.

Seymour Middle School News

Seymour Middle School eighth-grade students took part in community service projects before the holiday break. Students selected from a variety of options to participate in. Some students tied fleece blankets that were donated to Community 2000; they also provided the bus drivers and crossing guards with hot chocolate. Some students volunteered at St. Vincent De Paul helping stock shelves and working in the store, while others created holiday crafts that were donated to Good Shepherd Nursing Home. Still others played different types of BINGO-regular, multiplication, addition/subtraction-with students at Rock Ledge Intermediate and Primary School. There was also a group of students who deco-

rated Christmas cookies and delivered them to houses around Seymour. Lastly, a group of students decorated mugs, filled them with hot chocolate packets, and took them to Veterans' Manor in Green Bay. Members of the community appreciated the hard work of the students, but it truly was the students who benefited the most by helping others.

Substitute Teachers Wanted

Seymour Community School District is in need of substitute teachers. If you have an interest in working as a substitute teacher in our district, please contact Daneen Hansen in the district office by calling 833-2304 at ext. 502, email her at dhansen@seymour.k12.wi.us or go to our website at Seymour.k12.wi.us and under the district dropdown select employment opportunities.

The ThunderZone

By Mckendra Heinke

The school store, the ThunderZone, is managed by students that have been in a marketing or accounting class in previous years. This year there are four managers. Co-general managers who are also in charge of marketing are Carley Kuske and McKendra Heinke, website manager is Cody Dey, and finance manager is Kaitlyn VandenHeuvel. Together these four managers work together to run the school store. The store is open each day in the morning before school, and then during the student's lunch mods. The ThunderZone is also located at Courtside, open for certain athletic activities, and in Don's, our local grocery store. Students of the current marketing class help to run the store each day and have an opportunity for extra credit by working at out of school activities. By participating in running a small business students learn skills other students do not have access to. The ThunderZone is here for all of Seymour's team spirit needs and helps to prepare our students for their futures.



Seymour High School 2017-2018 Scheduling

High School Course Selection will begin for the 2017-18 school year soon. Freshmen will register the week of February 6-10 in their Civics classes. Sophomores will register the week of February 13-17 in their English classes. Juniors will receive information in their English 11 classes on January 23 and will be expected to schedule an individual conference with her/his school counselor to discuss future plans & choose classes for senior year anytime between January 25 and February 28.

Parents are encouraged to be an integral part of the course selection/registration process. Please encourage your child to review their course selections with you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's counselor at 833-2306.

Spot Mental Health Warning Signs in Your High School Student

What's Normal and What's Not? Participating in the Connected Community Wellness Screen at no cost can help differentiate between typical adolescent behavior and signs of emotional health concerns. Wellness Screen helps provide valuable information. It either indicates emotional health is right on track or reveals an opportunity to intervene while an issue is in early stages.

How does Wellness Screen work? First, parents/guardians provide consent for teens to participate in the check-up. Then the teens themselves agree to participate in the two-step screening process:

1. Teens complete a 10-minute computerized questionnaire exploring vision, hearing and dental problems; symptoms of depression and anxiety; suicidal thinking and behavior; attention problems; disruptive behavior; and use of drugs and alcohol.
2. Teens meet with a member of the Wellness Screen staff to discuss their checkup. When a check-up indicates reason for concern, parents are notified and assisted in connecting with a community resource for further evaluation. How can I refer an adolescent for a screening check-up? Teens can be scheduled to participate at Seymour Community High School by contacting your student's school counselor or by calling (920) 886-9319 ext. 109.

Child Development Days

Child Development Days is a screening for children with special needs between three and five years of age, and is held in November and April of each school year, in both Seymour and Black Creek. If you have a child who will be at least 3 years, 3 months old by April 1st, 2017, you and your child will be invited to participate in **Seymour Community Schools Child Development Days**.

There are two different ways for you to participate. One option is to attend with your child. If you choose this alternative, your son or daughter 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.

The other option is to have your child screened at his or her preschool/day care location if your child attends Seymour Head Start or Good Shepherd Child Care. If this selection is chosen, parents will need to provide written permission but not be present for the screening. Staff will observe your child's development in a play-based setting and then provide written feedback about his or her development to you.

More information will be mailed to you in the upcoming months. Please call Kristin Augustine, school psychologist, if you need more information (833-5159, ext. 731).

Books On The Bus Update

The Seymour Community School District is committed to helping our students become life-long readers and learners. We also realize that it is not only the parents and classroom teachers that have a positive impact on our youth in this mission. For many of our students the bus ride is long, which presents challenges for those that get restless easily. We are hoping that offering students the opportunity to read during their commute will keep them productively occupied, as well as allow our bus drivers to focus on safely transporting them to their destination. Because of that, we are pleased to tell you that we have expanded "Books on the Bus" this year! We currently have three buses from Black Creek and four from Seymour that now

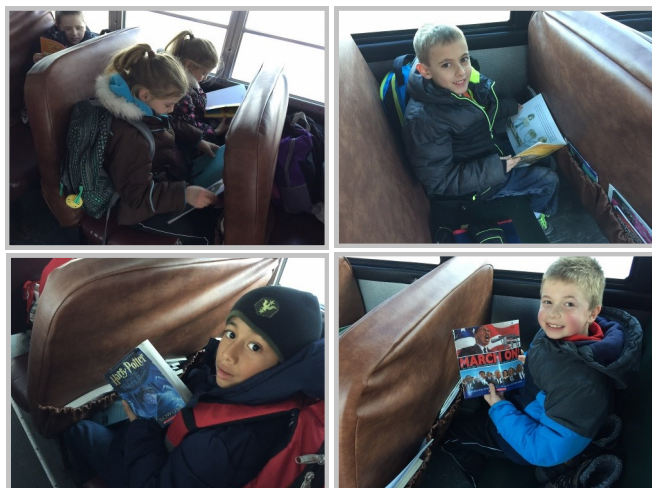
have seat pockets and books, with hopes of further expansion in the future.

With monies committed by our district, along with donations and a grant, participating buses will be equipped with seat pockets in the first few rows of seats, filled with lots of great books that students may elect to read. Our hope is that students will read to themselves or with their seatmates. We foresee possibilities for collaboration between older and younger students as well. Hopefully their commute time will pass quickly as they read and enjoy books together!

The intention is for these books to stay on the bus for everyone to enjoy. We understand that some of these books may make their way into our schools and your classrooms. We are asking that if you find a book that is stamped "Books on the Bus" on its inside cover, you help to see to it that the book gets returned to the bus the next day. With the help of the High School Student Leaders, the books will be rotated monthly so that our bus riders will always have new reading materials at their fingertips! Many Middle and High School readers enjoy reading magazines so we are in the process of obtaining magazine subscriptions to accommodate those reader/riders.

The Southern Door School District began a program like this a few years ago and they have shared their story. We'd like to replicate their success. Here is a link to their video describing their program. <http://video.wpt.org/video/2365434609/>

Please feel free to call or email Sue Resop or Mary Marlowe if you have questions, comments or suggestions. We appreciate hearing from you.





Black Creek Elementary/Middle School Continues to Give

November 8 through November 22 marked the dates of the annual Black Creek School canned food and money drive. Goals were set at 3,500 cans and \$1,500. Both results were notable. The canned food drive collected a total of 3,889 cans. The winners of the elementary ice cream party were Mrs. Ambrosius's class, with 319 cans and Ms. Helm's middle school homeroom with an average of 33.7 cans per student.

The money drive results added even more smiles. With the help of community members, and the school collection, \$2,033.72 was collected! First place and the winners of the pizza party were Mrs. Barth's elementary homeroom with \$206.53 and Mrs. Bloom's middle school homeroom with an average of \$6.60 per student.

Since both goals were met, Principal Wesenberg, as promised, will dress up in a funny costume chosen by the winning homerooms. The community of Black Creek and Black Creek School has much to be proud of again this year!

Black Creek Family Fun Night

This year's TAFTE (Teachers and Families for Education) community outreach event: The Black Creek Family Fun had a wonderful turnout. Everyone got together and enjoyed an amazing dinner, a massive book fair, a nice bake sale, and entertainment for all ages. In the end TAFTE: Black Creek School's PTL organization made some long lasting connections and gained support to help the educational pursuits of the Black Creek Bobcat community.

4K: Building a Bear

On Friday, December 2, 2016, the Black Creek 4K program held a family outreach event at Build-a-Bear Workshop at the Fox River Mall. Each 4K class was able to build a classroom bear that was donated by our TAFTE organization. Prior to the event, the 4K students voted on their favorite bear, a name for their bear, and an outfit. Students then had the opportunity to attend the event and help build their classroom bear. Each child will be able to take their class bear home for a weekend and create a page for the bear's journal of all the fun things they did with their bear.



4K Students Build a Bear Team



Black Creek Elementary/Middle School Holds a Book Fair



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 Lisa Schultz at 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 Lisa 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 and five-year old Kindergarten screenings. If you are not sure if you are listed on our census, you may contact Lisa

and she can confirm your information. All children between the ages of new born through 20 years of age are counted on our census



Rock Ledge Primary Students Are Breaking Out!

Students at Rock Ledge Primary are learning how to persevere, problem-solve, work together, and communicate ideas effectively all by playing a game. Not just any game, but Breakout Edu. The game is based around a box that has up to five different locks. Inside, a special message, a new item for the classroom, or a special treat. RLP students in grades are getting the opportunity to work in small groups and as a class to solve a series of clues which lead them to the correct combinations for the locks. Games encourage team building, as well as a reinforcement of skills and concepts taught in the classroom. While some games have “low-tech” other games might have kids using mobile devices to help them access online articles, websites, and find information to help them along the way. With support of Dr Linskens, District Instructional Technology Coach, and their classroom teachers, Rock Ledge have exposed their students to this innovative learning experience.



Rock Ledge Primary Students Break Out!

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Rock Ledge Intermediate fifth grade students sang at Meadow Wood.



Community Family Resource Centers, Inc. (CFRC) is a non-profit organization providing family-friendly, affordable education and entertainment for children birth to 5th grade. Located in the Black Creek Elementary/Middle School and the Rock Ledge Primary Center, Seymour, CFRC is close and convenient for you and your family. All CFRC programs are open to ALL area residents.

The PACE Program is Always Open for Enrollment

The 2nd session of the Parent And Child Enrichment (PACE) Program begins Monday, January 23, 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!

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, art projects, story time and snack. Join us for PACE during the day or in the evening – whatever works in your schedule! Children under age one are free, but donations are welcome. Cost per session for children one and older is \$25 for the first child, plus \$20 for the second child, and another \$5 for each additional child, with a maximum of \$50 per family. Scholarships are available.

2016-2017 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Winterfest Carnival at Seymour Middle School – Sat., Feb. 4, 10 am-2 pm
CFRC's 16th Annual Winterfest Carnival will feature singer/song writer Tom Pease along with carnival games, bounce houses, basket raffles, food and fun for all ages. Kids, bring your parents and grandparents – you won't want to miss this fun event! This is the biggest annual event and fundraiser for CFRC with close to 400 people expected to partake in the day of family fun.

Young Parent's Discussion Group at Rock Ledge Primary (Room 703) – Tues., Feb. 21, 1-2 pm

Area teen and young parents (ages 13-25) and their children, along with pregnant teens are welcome to attend the Young Parents Discussion Group. During the Young Parent's Group, participants get to know each other through informal discussion, and experts speak on issues of interest to the young parents. New this year is the Caring Closet consisting of infant and child supplies. Young parents can earn points to shop in the Caring Closet by attending the Young Parent's Discussion Group along with achieving personal goals. Attend the Discussion Group to register.

Nutrition & Fitness Family Fun Night at Rock Ledge Intermediate – Tues., Feb. 21, 6-7:30 pm (Register by Feb. 20)

Learn how to be active and make healthy snack choices with your kids, while still having fun, by attending this FREE event on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 6-7:30 pm at the Rock Ledge Intermediate School Gymnasium. Phy. Ed. teachers Mr. Palubicki and Mrs. Cornette will show you and your kids easy ways to get active while school nurse Amber Thompson shows healthy snacks to sample. This event is part of the Fuel Up to Play60 program. Register for this event through CFRC by **Monday, February 20**. Walk-ins are welcome.

“Like” CFRC on Facebook

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

**Register for CFRC events at: www.cfrorseymourbc.com, Events.
Or call: (920) 833-5155 x703, or e-mail: cfrc@seymour.k12.wi.us.**
