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#### Seymour Community School District

May 2018

### Looking Toward Our Future



#### SCHS 2018 Commencement Ceremony

will be held on June 3, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. in the Seymour High School Fieldhouse.

Friday, June 8, 2018
will be last
school day for
students for the
2017/2018
school year.
Dismissal is at
1:30 p.m.

There will be no school on Memorial Day which is Monday, May 28, 2018.



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### **Dear Seymour Community School District Families,**

The winter weather seemed to hold on extra long this year, but I think I can finally say the spring season is here to stay! It is hard for me to believe how quickly my first year in Seymour has flown by. I have truly enjoyed every minute of it. There have been times that I have heard someone say that things slow down in May and there is less focus on learning. I can tell you just the opposite is true, our teachers and students are busy with the final push to the end of the year!

Every May, during Teacher Appreciation Week, we celebrate teachers and honor them for their commitment to our students. While May 7 -11 is titled "Teacher Appreciation," this is truly a time to recognize all staff who work in our buildings. Each and every staff member on a daily basis is a teacher for our students. On behalf of the School Board and myself, I would like to thank everyone for the impact they make on all our students!

As we wind down one school year, we are already planning for the next. I would like to remind you that there are a few changes related to our school day and calendar for next year. Our first day of school will again be the day after Labor Day, September 4, 2018. Our school day will begin at 7:55 am and end at 3:05 pm. We will not be having a full week for a spring break, but the students will be off from April 19 through April 23 if you would like to plan a vacation for your family. The last day of school will be May 31, 2019. There will also be a change in our graduation, it will be held on May 28 next year.

Have a great summer! Laurie Asher

#### DAR AWARD

Thomas Mueller, principal at Seymour Community High School, announces that Elizabeth Ellis will receive the 2017-18 DAR Good Citizen Award. Elizabeth was selected by the high school teachers. She is the daughter of Mark and Denise Ellis of Seymour, WI. Elizabeth plans on continuing her education working toward either a financial/economics or a political science degree



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.

### Herb Kohl Initiative Scholarship Awarded To Kayleen Flora-Trinkner

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation annually awards its \$10,000 Initiative Scholarship to 100 graduating high school students in public, religious and independent schools throughout Wisconsin and Seymour Community High School was one of the selected schools this year.



### **Seymour High School Seniors To Be Honored**

WLUK FOX 11 will honor our top ten seniors. They will join over 100 Northeast Wisconsin school districts at the Lambeau Field Atrium in Green Bay. Each student attending the ceremony will be videotaped for a series of television vignettes that will be broadcast on fox11online.com. The Green Bay Packers along with other businesses and colleges are sponsoring the 2018 Best of the Class event. SCHS seniors attending this event include Haleigh Bain, Jenna Krause, Josh Krause, Amanda Linskens, Emily Pashouwer, Lauren Rottier, Megan Struble, Seth Swenson, Elisha Ullmer, and Jorey Wussow.

### Seymour High School's Graduation Ceremony is Sunday, June 3, 2018

Students and their families have prepared for high school graduation for many years. The following guidelines have been established so students in the Class of 2018 may be recognized with dignity and respect.

All 2018 graduates are to attend graduation practice on Friday, June 1, at 10:00 a.m. in the field house. A picnic for the graduates will follow practice.

- The recommended dress code for graduates is:
  - For male graduates: dress pants, shirt and tie, and dress shoes.
  - For female graduates: appropriate dresses or dress pants and shirt, and dress shoes.
- So families and friends can enjoy the ceremony with minimal distraction, a professional photograph of individual students receiving their diploma will be available to each graduate.
- Guests will be admitted to the field house by ticket only. Each graduate will receive 10 tickets for family and friends. If unused tickets are available, they will be distributed to graduates who register a need in the

- student services office prior to graduation practice.
- Graduates are expected to obey and respect all school rules. Violations of school rules may result in exclusion from the commencement ceremony and may require graduates to pick up their diploma from school officials at a designated meeting

# SENIOR PICTURES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SEYMOUR YEARBOOK BY NOVEMBER 2, 2018!

Watch for future mailings with picture requirements and submission

instructions. You will need to make sure that your photographer sends in the picture on time AND that your appointment is EARLY ENOUGH for pictures to be available before the deadline. In general, this means that your senior portrait sitting needs to be done before school gets started next year.

Visit the yearbook website for up-to-date detailed Information: <a href="http://www.seymour.k12.wi.us/high/">http://www.seymour.k12.wi.us/high/</a> shs yearbook.cfm

Please contact Chelsey Schaumberg or Stacie Kaminski, Yearbook Advisors, via email at <a href="mailto:cschaumberg@seymour.k12.wi.us">cschaumberg@seymour.k12.wi.us</a> or <a href="mailto:skaminski@seymour.12.wi.us">skaminski@seymour.12.wi.us</a> with any questions.

### HIGH SCHOOLERS - PLAN AHEAD FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!

August 14 Schedule Pick up/Pictures for gr. 10, 11 and 12

August 22 Freshmen & new student orientation

August 22 Schedule pick up/pictures

School starts

The 2018-19 School District Calendar is on the district website. For the 2018-19 school year, start time for each day will be 7:55 am and end time for each day will be 3:05 pm.

All students – including Seniors – need to have their pictures taken for new student ID's and gold cards. Students will not receive an ID or gold card until their picture is taken. The course registration process has been completed. The courses selected by the students have been used to determine staffing and the master schedule. Therefore, schedule changes for next year will only be made in extreme situations.



#### **High School Academic Decathlon Team**

The Seymour High School Academic Decathlon team advanced to the state competition for the second year in a row. The group, coached by Mrs. Kellina Mattson and Mrs. Christy Glover, traveled to the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells in early March to compete in the largest academic competition in the country. The students had to participate in interviews, give speeches, and take tests in subjects ranging from economics to literature to calculus. Seth Swenson, senior team member, received a scholarship from the Academic Decathlon organization for being the team's top scoring member.

Front row, from right to left: Stephanie Robertson, Leah Piso. Amanda Linskens

Back row: Helena Jefferson, Dayton Priebe, Brady Madison, Seth Swenson, Dylan Muenster.

HELP KEEP SEYMOUR'S YOUNG LEARNERS SAFE WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL. IF YOU SUSPECT ANY DAN-GEROUS THREATS TO STUDENT SAFETY, PLEASE REPORT IT.



### **Seymour High School Civics**

Students in High School Civics took on a role as a member from the Constitutional Convention in 1787. They learned how difficult it was for our founding fathers to create the Constitution. Some of the issues took a long time to resolve. They had debates, made motions, and voted to create a Constitution very similar or very different from what we have today.



### **Seymour High School Prom**

Seymour Community High School held the junior prom on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Prom court included Kendal Lecker, Hunter Clark, Kendra Bain, Eli Oskey, Mac-Kenzie Ullmer, Del Wendt, Mason Krabbe, Kendra Vanden Huevel, Jadyn Mattson and Vittoria Pazzini.



### **Seymour Middle School Eight Graders Build Volcanoes**

Eighth-grade science students finished their unit on volcanoes. Their unit began by studying the tectonic plates and how their movements impact our earth. Students then studied different types of volcanoes. Each group selected a volcano to research. Facts and pictures were gathered to create a storyboard about their selected volcano. Next each group made their own 3D volcano out of chicken wire, papier mache, and spray paint. For the grand finale, each group presented their storyboard and

erupted their volcano by combining vinegar, soap, and food coloring to baking soda. This unit was explosive!







### SMS Grade 6 Writing

Sixth graders at SMS worked through the writing process to bring their narrative pieces to publication. They drafted, revised, and edited to include purposeful dialogue, figurative language, sensory details, and time shift transitions in their writing. The books were then published into a softcover book and the students celebrated with a gallery walk!







### **SMS Spreads The Word To End The Word**

On March 28, Tammy Bloom (Black Creek teacher) and her brother, Tim presented for each grade level at SMS. Their message was about acceptance, Down Syndrome and ending the use of the "R" word as part of the National Spread the Word to End the Word Campaign. Seymour Middle School staff showed their support by wearing Spread the Word to End the Word t-shirts. On Thursday, March 29, Tim visited SMS to spend some time in the gym playing one of his favorite sports, basketball and visiting with students in hallways. Also on Thursday, during lunch, students had the opportunity to sign the Spread the Word banner and pledge to no longer use the "R" word. All students who signed the banner put their name in a drawing for a chance to win a Spread the Word t-shirt. It was an amazing couple days of sharing and spreading awareness and kindness at Seymour Middle School.

### SMS Students Participate in Regional History Bee

Four Seymour Middle School students participated in the Regional History Bee on Monday, March 26 in Milwaukee. Eighth graders Andre Stevens



and Dane Swenson, seventh grader Tommy Romanowski, and 6th grader Holden Powell were among 120 students participating in our region. The students took part in three buzzer rounds of 30 questions each. Andre, Dane, and Tommy have advanced to Nationals in Atlanta in June! All participants said they enjoyed the experience!

**Congratulations to All!** 



### Black Creek Middle School Continues their Lock-In Tradition

On Friday, April 6, 2018, students at Black Creek Middle School participated in the Middle School Lockin. Black Creek School was the perfect place to provide the proper blend of excitement and security, which made this event successful. The lock-in allowed students the chance to learn about and enjoy healthy activities such as Capture the Flag, Combat ball, dancing, inflatable hamster balls, and canvas painting, just to name a few. Pizza and an ice-cream social were also highlights of the event. It was evident in the smiles and the positive behaviors throughout the night that students enjoyed participating in the lock in.



#### About TAFFE

The Black Creek Elementary and Middle School is one of the schools in the Seymour Community School District. This a wonderful small community school right in the Village of Black Creek with 448 students ranging from 4K-8th grade.

TAFFE, the teacher and parent group at the school was established over 30 years ago. The name Teachers And Families For Education signifies the collaboration between the teachers and families of students at Black Creek School.

Times may have changed but the mission is still the same. With the economy the way it is today and budget cuts on the way, raising funds for the students at Black Creek School is ever more important. TAFFE aims to continue branching out to benefit students at Black Creek School.

### 2018 Black Creek Elementary Olympics of 2018

2018 The Black Creek Olympics were once again a big Our theme for this year's Olympics was "Being kind to your class, school, and yourself." We kicked things off with a parade around the school showing off their class pride by marching with their classroom made banners. After a short opening ceremony in the gym which included lighting the torch games began



during each classes gym time. Classes competed against each other at their grade level in the events of skeleton, skiing, skating, snowball throw, and the two person bobsled. The students simulated each of the sports. Encouragement and cheering from all of their classmates could be heard by all. After all of the events were finished there was a closing ceremony which awarded the top three students of each grade



level a medal for their accomplishment. There was a lot of fun and excitement throughout all of the events. All students were given a

participation prize at the end of the closing ceremonies. Prizes were provided by the Black Creek PBIS team.

### Rock Ledge Intermediate 4th Graders Dairy Land Adventure

Fourth grade students at Rock Ledge Intermediate School were taken on a dairy land adventure, led by local farmers. Katie Katch, Karen Van Lanen, Brittney Muenster, and Damian Ullmer visited classrooms to teach students about the dairy industry. Students learned about the different breeds of cattle, the steps in getting milk from the farm to the store, the nutritional value of milk, products from dairy cows, and the dairy industry's contribution to the Wisconsin economy. Culminating the unit was a field trip to Birling's Bovines where students learned from experts in the dairy industry about nutrition, herd health, and milk processing, as well as from owners Mike and Cindy Birling. For some students, it was their first farm experience, seeing cows up close, petting calves,



and sitting in the driver's seat of a massive tractor. Thank you to our dairy land leaders, the Birling Family, Seymour Flour Mill, and UW-Extension for making this experience possible. Thank you to Agropur for donating cheese and the Outagamie County Dairy Promotion group for donating ice cream. Milk is great!



### Women's American Legion Auxiliary Sponsors Writing Contest

Each year the Women's American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a writing contest about Americanism. This year's topic was "What can I personally do to promote Americanism in my school or community?" There were many well written essays. This year's winners are from Mrs. Weis' fifth grade class at RLI are: third place - Thomas Jaykoski , second place - Kitahna Silas, and the first place winner is Danielle Leisgang! All three essays will be printed in the Seymour paper. Danielle will also be reading her essay at Seymour's memorial day program on May 28. Congratulations Thomas, Kitaha, and Danielle! Represented in the picture is the Women's American Legionrepresentative Delores Bartlemem, as well as students Danielle, Kitahna and Thomas.



**Right: Rock Ledge** families celebrated student learning and had fun playing Bingo at the school's Celebration of Learning event.

**Left: Rock Ledge Primary** students celebrated National Poetry Month in April by sharing their favorite poems during Poetry Cafe. Officer TJ Hilgenberg joined Mrs. Lee's kindergarten class.





#### Summer PACE in the Park

PACE is scheduled for the summer for six weeks at Rock Ledge Park in Seymour and at South Park in Black Creek. Parents or caregivers and children will work together on art projects, participate in an activity or game while enjoying one of the local parks. A different theme will be incorporated into the game and activities. A snack will be provided for the children. Summer PACE is open to children of any age as long as they are accompanied by an adult. PACE offers adults time playing with their kids, while meeting other local families. Summer PACE is free, yet a suggested donation of \$3.00 per family would be greatly appreciated and will be utilized to support CFRC.

#### 2018 Summer PACE Schedule and Weekly Themes

#### In Seymour at Rock Ledge Park on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-12:00.

Tuesday, July 10—Gardening
Tuesday, July 17—Pirates
Tuesday, July 24—No PACE (Tammy on vacation)
Tuesday, July 31—Summer Foods
Tuesday, August 7—Monsters Ink
Tuesday, August 14—Paper Tube Art
Tuesday—August 21—Games

#### In Black Creek at South Park on Wednesday mornings from 10:00-12:00

Wednesday, July 11—Gardening
Wednesday, July 18—Pirates
Wednesday, July 25—No PACE (Tammy on vacation)
Wednesday, August 1--Summer Foods
Wednesday, August 8—Monsters Ink
Wednesday, August 15—Paper Tube Art
Wednesday —August 22--Games

\*\*If you like Summer PACE, you'll love CRFC's regular PACE program starting again in September, 2018.\*\*

Watch for Me and My Family Events and Family Education Programs starting in the Fall!

For more information about CFRC and its events visit our website at <a href="www.cfrcseymourbc.com">www.cfrcseymourbc.com</a>
Or contact us at cfrcseymourbc.com or 920-855-5155 Ext 703
Check CFRC on Facebook

#### **Fallen Timbers News**

Greetings from Fallen Timbers Environmental Center! We finished our maple sugar season last week and are grateful for all of the school groups from the Seymour Community School District who attended our programming. We are transitioning into our spring programming, including, but not limited to: Pond Study, Ephemeral Pond Study, Insect Study, Decomposers, Ecosystems Ecology, and off-site programming about Geology of Northeast WI and Wetland Ecosystems Comparisons. Also, our calendar is filling quickly for next school year. We encourage Seymour staff to sign up for 2018-2019 programming as we book groups on a first-come-first-serve-



basis. Our Friends of Fallen Timbers Work Weekend was on April 21, 2018, from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm, and we thank all who came out to help. Lunch was served and work gloves were provided. If you have questions regarding signing up for programs next year please call Fallen Timbers at 920-984-3700.

Happy Spring from the staff at Fallen Timbers Environmental Education Center



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