

# Inside

Seymour Community School District



Winter 2013/2014

## Looking Toward Our Future



### Dress For The Weather

Students should be sent to school with adequate warm winter clothing. Children spend several minutes each day in the outdoors while at school. Without warm coats, hats, mittens and boots they may not fully enjoy their outdoor experience.

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## DAR AWARD

Michael J. Flaherty, principal at Seymour community High School announces that Ryan Krahn will receive the 2013-14 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. Ryan was selected by his fellow classmates and the high school scholarship committee.

He is the son of Steven and Nancy Krahn of Seymour, WI. Ryan plans on continuing his education working toward an engineering degree.

## Black Creek El/Mid School Shows Strong Community and District Pride:

Over these first four months of school the staff and students have impressed everyone in the district, with

their desire to build and maintain working relationships with the local community members and businesses. The school has partnered with local businesses like: Sal's Foods, B.C. Auto, Black Creek Dental, and B.C. Creations. Many wonderful student opportunities have been generated due to these partnerships.

The students are working hand and hand with the community, as well. They have volunteered at the Salvation Army. A Penny War raised cash donations and holiday gifts that went to Community 2000 in Seymour. Students also collected can goods and nonperishable items during a Can Drive; which will stay at local food pantries that assist some of our Seymour Community School District families.



This time of year is considered, "A time to help out ones fellow man." The evidence absolutely shows that the relationships between the staff and students at Black Creek El/Mid School and its community partners; truly, embodies this.

## Thunder Talk Conferences

Grade 10 Thunder Talk Conferences are being scheduled during the months of March, April and May 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 Student Services at: 833-2306, ext. 430, to schedule your student's Thunder Talk Conference.

**Appointments must be scheduled by February 21, 2014!**



*Several groups of third grade students at Rock Ledge Intermediate read an Leveled Literacy Intervention book about the history of duct tape. Later they got to check out an entire outfit made of duct tape brought in by one of the Resource Room teachers.*

## 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR ASBESTOS 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 con-

tinue 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 asbestos containing materials from Rooms 352 and 353 from the Seymour Middle School in February of 2013.

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 Tim Diermeier, Facilities Coordinator, at 920-833-2304.



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.

### **The PACE Program is Always Open for Enrollment**

The Spring session for the Parent And Child Enrichment (PACE) Program began the week of January 20, but PACE is always open for enrollment. PACE is designed for families with children ages birth to five years-old to foster parent and child interaction in a fun, structured environment.

Come try one of the playgroups offered during the day and in the evening both in Seymour and Black Creek – whatever works in your schedule (see inset for PACE schedule).

The Spring Session (session 2) of the PACE program runs 17 weeks from January 20-May 22. Cost per session is only \$25 for your first child, \$20 for your second child, and \$5 for each additional child, with a maximum of \$50 per family. Children birth to age one are free, but donations are appreciated. *That's less than \$1 a week for each child!* And, scholarships are available. Attend PACE to register.

#### **2013-2014 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.

### **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Winterfest at Seymour Middle School – Saturday, March 1, 2014, 10 am-2 pm**

Join CFRC on March 1, 2014, at the Seymour Middle School from 10 am to 2 pm for our 13<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, food and so much more! The Randy Peterson concert begins at 10:30 am, but doors open at 10 am. Watch for more details!

**CFRC is now selling Seroogy candy bars for just \$1 each!**

**Stop by the CFRC Classrooms – Room 703 in Rock Ledge Primary  
or Room 108 at Black Creek Elementary/Middle School to check out our variety.**

### **“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!**

**To register for any of our events or be added to our e-mail list, contact us at  
[cfrc@seymour.k12.wi.us](mailto:cfrc@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.**





## WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME SICK FROM SCHOOL

In general, your child should stay home from school if he or she is too uncomfortable to participate in all activities and stay in the classroom; if he needs more medical attention than the school can give, or if she might be spreading harmful diseases/illnesses to others.

“If you think they’re not going to learn much or they will be miserable, it’s not worthwhile” (Joseph Bresee, CDC, Aug 2012).

Here are some of the most common childhood illnesses:

**Fever:** A child with a low-grade temperature, without any other symptoms, who feels perfectly normal can probably go to school. Sometimes children’s temperatures may fluctuate, so, behavior rather than a low-grade temperature is often better to look at when questioning if a child is sick.

**Rash:** Irritations of the skin are somewhat tricky because they could be a few things. It could be a harmless allergic reaction, a sign of serious illness, a slight virus, or just irritation due to weather, allergies, or friction. Also, some rashes do not show up until the child has already been contagious for few days.

A rash that is not accompanied with fever, symptoms, or change in behavior is usually not a cause of concern. However, if the child has a rash with other symptoms, may want to see your pediatrician.

**Cold:** If student can do his/her work and is not disturbing classmates he/she can attend school with mild symptoms of stuffy nose, low-grade temperature, and cough. By the time students have symptoms they have already likely been contagious. Most of those who work in schools are exposed to the common cold viruses regularly.

**Influenza:** Stay Home! This is beyond the common cold, symptoms include: higher fever, body aches or pain, fatigue, sore throat, severe cough, or overall just a general feeling of blah. Temperatures with the flu can be over 102°. Often just by looking at your kids you can tell they are sick.

**Eye Discharge:** It is how it sounds, eye discharge usually accompanied by pink/red color to the whites of the eyes. It is called conjunctivitis (pink eye) and can be caused by viruses, bacteria, or allergens. Those that are viral or bacterial are contagious. It is hard to tell the difference between pink eye and just an eye irritation. Usually if there is a crusty, thick, yellowish drainage you should keep them home and call your pediatrician to get some antibiotic eye drops prescribed. They should be on the drops for 24 hours before returning to school. Really good hand washing and sanitizing things in their reach is a good way to stop the spread.

**Sore Throat:** There are a few causes of sore throat: a bacteria called strep, irritation from a respiratory infection, or sinus drainage. If the sore throat is not severe and there is no fever your child can go to school. If there is a fever, bellyache, headache, or rash with the sore throat it could be strep throat. Most of the time you can make a lab only appointment just to get a strep test to rule out strep. If your child has strep he should not go to school until having been on the antibiotics for 24 hours. If the sore throat is simply viral he should stay home until fever free for 24 hours.

**Vomiting & Diarrhea:** If your child has vomiting or diarrhea she needs to stay home from school. Unless you are absolutely convinced it is a one time deal she should stay home until symptom free for 24 hours.

### **Prevention:**

A simple step to prevent illnesses is frequent hand washing or sanitizing. Hand washing should be with soap, warm water, and scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Remind them to cough and sneeze into their elbows and keep their hands away from their face and eyes. Getting the flu vaccine will also help prevent influenza which can cause kids to miss up to two weeks of school or more.



## Seymour High Junior Prom Committee Hears a "Call to Duty"



Annually, the students of Seymour High School have a Homecoming parade. Each club and class has a float in the parade, and the top three are awarded money for creativity and school spirit. The Junior Prom committee won with a football themed float who's "Call to Duty" was to win the big game. The committee wore camouflage and sang school cheers to the crowd winning first prize for their enthusiasm.

What makes this group of students unique is what they've chosen to do with their prize money. Our committee's goal is to provide a safe and drug free prom and post prom. However, we are also a community focused group and found an even better way to share the prize money.

First, the committee is going to support the Our Kids Program at Rockledge Elementary School. Our Kids is an Ecumenical mission organized by the United Methodist Church to provide healthy snacks for students to take home on weekends.

The committee also held a "Pig Out" picnic with the special needs students at Seymour High School. They shared food and time with the students to experience a more personal approach to giving. Building relationships will be fun for everyone, and will benefit both the committee and the special needs students.

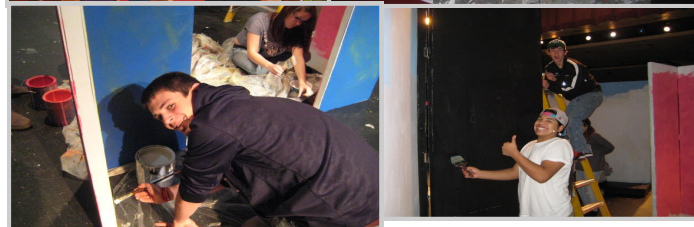


The Prom Committee does feel a "Call to Duty" in caring for the students of the entire Seymour School family.

## High School Musical

Seymour High School will perform ***Legally Blonde - The Musical***, February 14 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday February 16 at 1:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. *Legally Blonde* is a musical with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin and book by Heather Hach. The story is based on the novel *Legally Blonde* by Amanda Brown and the 2001 film of the same name. It tells the story of Elle Woods, a sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend Warner. She discovers how her knowledge of the law can help others, and successfully defends exercise queen Brooke Wyndham in a murder trial.

Tickets go on sale Monday, February 3 at the Seymour ThunderZone. For more information, please contact Seymour High School at (920) 833-2306.



## PBIS is off and walking at RLI

We are not running in the halls at Rock Ledge Intermediate Center, we are walking! Also, we are doing that quietly, in a straight line, with our hands and feet to ourselves. PBIS, or Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, started at the beginning of the school year and students are proving how proper behavior lends itself to an amazing learning environment. Students were taught the expectations in the hallways, cafeteria, bathrooms, and on the playground in order to know what the appropriate behaviors were. We call that "above the line" behavior, and when students do what is expected, they are "above the line".

Sometimes we make mistakes and fall “below the line”, but staff work with the students to come up with a fix-it plan to get them back above. The fix-it plan could be a demonstration of what is expected, an apology, how to correct the below the line behavior, or a number of other ideas that show that the student will make a better choice next time.



So far, students feel great about themselves and the improvements they have made to the school environment. At an assembly in January, nearly every student had their hand in the air when asked if they liked the way PBIS is going! As an incentive, if they can prove that they can be “above the line” for a whole month, each student will get a piece of duct tape to tape Mr. Kempen to the wall! Sounds like it could be a “sticky” situation, but the students will definitely “stick” to their positive behavior! This will tentatively take place on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Have a positive day!

## Seymour Middle School Spelling Bee

"Country of origin?" "Could you use that in a sentence?" "That's right! It's Spelling Bee time at Seymour Middle School! Seventeen sixth through eighth graders participated in the school-wide spelling bee after winning in their classroom bee back in December. From words like tower and empower to lanai and bulwark, these students did a fantastic job! After twelve rounds Hannah Krueser pulled away with a win for a second year in a row with the word nigh. Hannah will proceed to the 2014 Wisconsin State Journal Regional Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 pm at Washington Middle School in Green Bay.

Congratulations to all classroom finalist who participated in the Spelling Bee: Cooper Warren, Barbera Petzold, Tyler VandeCorput, Jacob Retler, Faith Robinson, Ana Cornelius, Hannah Kreuser, Josh Gribble, Lizzie Wix, Armani Hill, Makenna Taubel, Deven VerVoort, Seth



Swenson, Thomas Dessart, Dalton Inman, Tanner Witthun and Helena Jefferson

## Rock Ledge Primary Teacher Recognized as Channel 5's Terrific Teacher

Congratulations to our very own Terrific Teacher. This January, Carrie Schulz, a Kindergarten teacher at Rock Ledge Primary Center, was recognized as Channel 5's Terrific Teacher. Carrie's news segment can be seen by going to

<http://www.wearegreenbay.com/1fulltext-news/terrific-teacher-carrie-schulz/d/1fulltext-news/ZnWNKw73IkGX28nKtsb3kA>



On Saturday, Jan. 11, students from

Seymour Middle School participated in the Einstein Science Fair held in Green Bay.

## A Message from the Superintendent

Winter has arrived with full force this year. Unprecedented and severe wind chills combined with a deep freeze resulted in three days off school in early January. This deep chill was followed closely by a snow storm that impacted another full day cancellation. As a result we have used all the days built into our school calendar for weather cancellations. State statute requires all public schools to schedule 180 days of instruction and to meet a minimum number of hours of instruction. Superintendents are allowed to call off school for inclement weather and/or parent conferences no more than 5 days. Even though we are still in compliance with the statute regarding days of instruction, we are now at the minimum number of hours. Any late start or early dismissal will put the district below the minimum and create the need for additional time.

In an attempt to avoid adding extra time at the end of the school year, school will now be held on



February 28, 2014 rather than holding parent conferences that day. Parent conferences will still be held the evening of February 27, 2014. This preemptive move will provide the students with an additional face to face day of instruction and add hours to our total that may be necessary to offset any late starts or early dismissals. In the unfortunate event we continue to have full day closures due to severe winter weather, the district may be holding school on Monday April 21, 2014 as well as additional day(s) in June. This decision will be made early in April and information will be immediately provided to our families.

Safe travel for our children on winter roads is our highest priority. Please remember to send your children to school with warm winter clothing. Even on colder days, children can spend several minutes outdoors. Warm hats, coats, mittens and boots are a must. We can all enjoy the winter weather if we are prepared.

## Intruder Training

On Wednesday, January 15, faculty and staff of the Seymour School District were invited to observe an Active Intruder Practice Drill at Rock Ledge Primary Center. The drill was hosted by the City of Seymour Police Department. The practice lasted about an hour and included threat stopping drills, which included simulated gun fire, and room/building clearing exercises. The intent of the training was to inform staff what it may sound and look like in the event of an intruder within our school buildings. The SCSD Safety Team, working in conjunction with local law enforcement, have practiced educational lockdowns in all buildings and are continually working to ensure our preparedness in the event that the safety of our students should be threatened.



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