

THE SAYDEL COMMUNICATOR

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Superintendent's Message

Mr. Douglas Wheeler



Saydel Families & Community:

I hope this message finds you well. Every year, summer passes more quickly! As I write this article, we are approaching August at a lightning pace. We are well prepared for another strong year of success for our students in Saydel. I am excited to share all the great happenings and new opportunities for our students in the upcoming year. If you are new to the Saydel Community, I welcome you and if you are a long-time member of our community welcome back to another great year. Four times per year,

we fill the pages of this publication with information and exciting news about the opportunities our students receive in Saydel Schools; this issue is no different. I will touch on three major topics very briefly and then let you read more from our dedicated staff. These three topics are academic outcomes, community education and summer infrastructure projects.

We leave the 2016-17 school year having graduated another great group of seniors. This group of graduates took advantage not only of the opportunities in the Saydel schools, but were servants of their families and community. I wish them the best of luck; from the list of scholarships, awards and destinations of these graduates, the best is yet to come. It is through our incoming kindergarteners we see the hope and potential of our district and through our seniors we see the result of a strong community and our ability as a smaller school to meet students where they are and assist them in meeting their full potential. While graduation and yearly promotion are key outcomes, we monitor the health of our student achievement in many ways.

This year, our students demonstrated growth in reading and math as evidenced by the Iowa Assessments and interim national assessments given throughout the year. Matched cohorts of students in most grades made significant improvement from performance in past years. This tells us that regardless of where students begin their journey academically, the Saydel Schools, our staff, programs and curriculum are having a positive impact on students in producing academic success. This being said, we are always working to improve, especially in the area of math and early reading to set students on a path to stronger performance and increased opportunities beyond school.

This summer also marked the soft start of our community education program in the form of open gym opportunities and children's drama camp. All residents were mailed a flyer with the early opportunities of this program. While the district does not receive revenues from the new Public Education and Recreation Levy (PERL) until October, we are hard at work beginning this program and learning from our early efforts. As the program continues to develop, we will communicate via our website and publications. If you are interested in creating

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SCHOOL HOURS

CORNELL ELEMENTARY

8:35 AM - 3:30 PM
Wed.: 9:35 AM - 3:30 PM

WOODSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:45 AM - 2:45 PM
Wed.: 8:45 AM - 2:45 PM

SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL

7:45 AM - 2:45 PM
Wed.: 8:45 AM - 2:45 PM

Each Wednesday all schools begin one hour later for teacher in-service.

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and teaching a Community Education class, please fill out the form using the link located in the Community Ed section of the Saydel website.

The summer continues to be busy with several infrastructure improvement projects. These projects are funded through the penny sales tax, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL), and the recent refinancing of district bonds. This summer we will be continuing our work to update learning spaces through the renovation of seven high school classrooms. These classrooms will receive fit and finish upgrades including carpet, paint, storage and furniture as well as the installation of skylights to allow natural light in these interior spaces.

At Woodside, we are working to update both science rooms with fit and finish upgrades and installing a new special needs classroom. The bulk of our expenditures this summer are on continued deferred maintenance projects. These projects include the last phase of roof replacement at the high school and the installation of a new water main service at the high school. While these projects are not visible to students, they do ensure a positive learning environment and responsible planning by our Board of Directors.

Again, I love to speak about all the wonderful things going on in Saydel, but I want to allow my staff who is putting forth the most effort in serving our students day to day to share their news for the upcoming year. I thank you for reading this publication as well as supporting the students and staff of the Saydel Community School District. I look forward to working with you during another great school year.

Yours In Service,

Douglas Wheeler
Superintendent of Schools

Saydel Welcomes New Registrar & Community Education Administrative Assistant

Tricia Zeis joined the Saydel District Office in June as the new District Registrar and Community Education Administrative Assistant. If you stop into the District Office, she will be the first to greet you with a warm smile and help you with your questions. Tricia grew up in the small town of Traer in eastern Iowa, south of the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area. She is a graduate of Waldorf College in Forest City and transferred to Iowa State University to study art and design where she met her husband Rob. Tricia spent 12 years working in the Student Services Department at Des Moines University. After leaving DMU, she worked as an executive administrative assistant at John Deere, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Iowa and began her own photography business.



Tricia lives in Saylorville with her husband Rob and daughter Emilie, who is a student in the Saydel District. When she's not out photographing other families, high school seniors and kids, she enjoys visiting with her parents, four sisters and their families back in her hometown of Traer. Tricia also enjoys gardening, drawing, painting, calligraphy and watching Chicago Cubs baseball! She and daughter Emilie also enjoy catching up with their fire department family at the Saylor Township Fire Department where her husband is one of the assistant chiefs and a paramedic.

Important Vaccinations Notice for 2017-18

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, the Iowa Department of Public Health has made an administrative change in immunizations. They state, "The change requires a one-time dose of meningococcal (A, C, W, Y) vaccine received on or after 10 years of age for applicants in grades 7 and above, if born after September 15, 2004; and two doses of meningococcal (A, C, W, Y) vaccines for applicants in grade 12, if born after September 15, 1999; or one dose if received when applicants are 16 years of age or older."

There will be NO grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement. This means the paperwork needs to be turned in prior to the first day of school.

Now is a great time for your child to receive these immunization requirements and beat the back-to-school rush. Please make preparations before the start of the school year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the nurse at your child's building.

Nichole Foxhoven Joins Saydel as New District Librarian

Nichole Foxhoven will be joining the Saydel team this fall as the new District Teacher Librarian. She will be working at all three schools and is looking forward to meeting and getting to know all of the staff and students that make up Saydel's community.



A graduate of Central College, Nichole has a Bachelor's degree in elementary education with an emphasis on early education. She is currently working on completing her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa.

Nichole believes that the school library can be the heart of the school and will be focused on student success, achievement and fostering a love of lifelong learning. In the library program, she will work to create opportunities and give access to materials that will allow students to be prepared for 21st century success.

Nichole lives in the Beavertdale area. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her dog, family and friends. She enjoys supporting local businesses and local events. During the summer, she loves to travel back to the mountains and experience new places. Nichole said, "I am looking forward to meeting everybody and sharing my love of learning and books!"

Saydel Community School District



**You Are Invited
to Attend the
School Board Election Forum**

Thursday, Sept. 7

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Saydel District Office Board Room

This is an opportunity to meet the candidates who are running for election in September & participate in a Q & A.

Saydel Community School District Important Calendar Dates

School Day:		
Cornell Elementary School	8:35 – 3:30	
Woodside Middle School	7:45 – 2:45	
Saydel High School	7:45 – 2:45	
August	16	New Staff Begins
August	18	All Staff Begins
August	23	First Student Day
September	4	Labor Day - No School
October	16	Teacher Professional Development – No School
October	12 & 17	Parent/Teacher Conferences
October	26	1st Quarter Ends (45 days)
October	27	2nd Quarter Begins
November	22-24	Thanksgiving Break - No School
December	25	Winter Break Begins
January	3	School Resumes
January	10	2nd Quarter Ends (44 days)
January	11	1st Semester Ends (89 days)
January	11	3rd Quarter/2nd Semester Begins
February	12	Teacher Professional Development - No School
March	1 & 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March	9	No School
March	12-16	Spring Break
March	22	3rd Quarter Ends (44 days)
March	23	4th Quarter Begins
April	9	Teacher Professional Development – No School
May	17	Seniors Last Day
May	20	High School Graduation 1:00 PM
May	25	Last Day of School 4th Quarter Ends (45 days) 2nd Semester Ends (89 days)
May	28	Memorial Day
Conferences: 2 hour early dismissal October 12 & 17 and March 1 & 6 <i>Conference Schedule Arranged by Building</i>		
Board Approved: Each Wednesday, every building will begin 1 hour later. Adjusted start time will be used for staff professional development.		
Please Reserve May 29 - June 1 for Weather Cancellation Make-up Days		
District Office 264-0866 Cornell Elementary School 244-8173 Woodside Middle School 265-3451 Saydel High School 262-9325 www.saydel.k12.ia.us		



CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Welcome To The 2017-18 School Year

Message from Principal Brian Vaughan



It is hard to believe in just a few short weeks we will be back in school. I am sure that many of you have been busy this summer whether that be traveling, spending time with family, playing ball games, attending camps or etc. I hope that our students have been able to find time to do some reading, writing, and honing their math skills despite busy summer schedules. I also hope that everyone is looking

forward to the start of another great year at Cornell.

This will be the start of year three for me as Principal at Cornell, and I am excited to be building on many of the great skills and strategies each of our students have been learning and applying. If you are new to our district, I welcome you! You will quickly learn Cornell is an awesome school.

Our great staff is one of the reasons that Cornell is awesome! While many teachers use the summer to “get away” from school work, our staff spent the entire month of June engaging in school work. I started to reflect on the month of June for many of them and the time that they gave to prepare for this upcoming year (including our new staff members), and I want to share their work with you:

- Summer school program for two weeks with our soon-to-be first and second grade students
- One day math workshop at DMACC
- One day reading and language arts unit planning by classroom teachers
- PBIS day long workshop
- Two day TLT (Teacher Leadership Team) retreat
- One day math unit planning
- Graduate (Master’s) classes
- Re-certification classes
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) classes

I would like to recognize and thank each of our teachers for their time and efforts this summer. I am excited for the year ahead, and I am confident the work that has been done will pay dividends in the year ahead.

As we return this year, I am looking forward to starting the year with continued emphasis on our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) systems. At Cornell we S.O.A.R. That means students are expected to be Safe, Open-Minded, Accountable, and Respectful in all they do. This is the way that we will continue to do business at our school which, in return, helps all of our students feel safe and creates a comfortable environment for learning. I am also excited to continue to challenge our students to grow as thinkers and problem solvers. These are all life skills that our children will need as they face challenging situations both academically and emotionally.

When students return to school in August, there will be some new faces in our halls. I am excited to introduce the following new staff members: Kristin Ploeger, Laura Reynolds, Elizabeth Mashek, Kata Shindelar, and Katelyn Neil. Read about them on the next page.

Along with our new staff, there have been some changes within our current staff. They are:

- Kelly Sager will be teaching kindergarten.
- Amy Crane will be teaching first grade.
- Katie Delahunt will be teaching second grade.
- Paul Forristall will be teaching fourth grade.
- Stacy Lindahl will be teaching technology.

In closing, we will have our annual Back To School Night on August 21 (for 4-year-old preschoolers and students grades 1-4 from 4-5:30 PM). This night is for students to find their rooms, where they will be seated on day one, put their materials away, and say hello to their teachers. We are looking forward to seeing our 1st-4th graders on the first day of school, August 23. First day of kindergarten will be August 25, and our preschoolers start on September 7.

Thank you for your trust and support. Our partnership in educating our students goes hand in hand.

Go Eagles! ~ BE AWESOME TODAY!



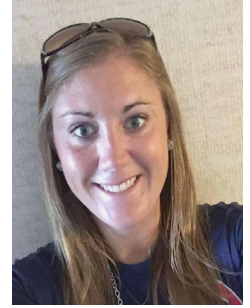
Cornell Elementary Welcomes New Staff

As the new school year begins, Cornell Elementary is welcoming several new teachers and staff members. Following are short biographies so you can get to know who is new at Cornell.

Elizabeth Mashek will be the new physical education teacher at Cornell. This will be her eighth year in teaching and her first year in PE. She attended the University of Iowa and received her undergraduate degree in communication studies/health and sports studies. She then attended Iowa State University to obtain an elementary education degree. She also has a Master of Arts in teaching degree from Morningside College as well as endorsements in K-8 reading, K-12 coaching and K-8 physical education. She lives in Ankeny with her boyfriend and enjoys staying active.



Laura Reynolds is the new special education teacher. She has been busy this summer spending time with family and planning for her upcoming wedding. She enjoys spending time at the Lake of the Ozarks and at her grandparents' farm in Missouri. Living in the Des Moines area is a new and exciting adventure for her!



Katelyn Neil is the new guidance counselor at Cornell. She grew up in the Des Moines area and recently moved back after attending the University of Northern Iowa for her Bachelor's degree and the University of Iowa for her Master's in school counseling. As a school counselor, Katelyn is here to address students' academic, career and social/emotional needs by designing, implementing, evaluating, and enhancing a comprehensive school counseling program that promotes student success. On any given school day, you can find Katelyn teaching guidance lessons, counseling students one-on-one, leading therapeutic small groups, problem-solving around specific behavioral and academic challenges, and facilitating communication between students, parents, and educators.



Kata Shindelar is the new 2nd grade teacher. She was born and raised in Storm Lake, IA, where she graduated from high school in 2007. In 2011, she graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a degree in elementary education and a literacy endorsement. After completing her student teaching in Round Rock, TX, she taught for five years as a 2nd grade teacher in Baxter, IA. She recently married her husband, Dillon, and is currently living in Johnston.



Kristin Ploeger is the new 2nd grade teacher. She is originally from Denison, IA, and she received her undergraduate degree from the University of Northern Iowa in early childhood and elementary education, as well as a minor in early childhood special education. She has spent the past year teaching second grade at Roosevelt Elementary School in Council Bluffs, IA. She has relocated to the Des Moines area with her fiancé, Shane.



Here are the Cornell Elementary PTO Meeting Dates for the 2017-18 School Year.

Meetings are held in the Cornell Library starting at 6:30 PM.

All parents and students are welcome to attend. If you would like more information on PTO or would like

to receive updates on meetings, events, email cornelleaglePTO@gmail.com.

- September 12, 2017
- October 10, 2017
- November 14, 2017
- January 9, 2018
- February 13, 2018
- March 20, 2018
- April 10, 2018
- PTO Carnival is April 7, 2018



WOODSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Planning For A Great New School Year

Message from Principal Joshua Heyer



It is hard to believe the summer is almost over. Preparing for the 2017-18 school year has been taking place the last month and will continue until the arrival of each Woodside student on August 23. I want to welcome you back to the 2017-18 school year and look forward to learning more about and working with the returning students

and families. I also welcome our new students and families to Woodside. We hope the transition to Woodside is a smooth and positive experience.

During the 2016-17 school year, the Woodside building focused on the areas of positive behaviors, college and career awareness, and student differentiation through the implementation of FLEX time. The efforts to ensure these initiatives were implemented last year resulted in a satisfying experience and a positive trend in student growth. As a result, PBIS Rewards online program, college visits for each grade, and FLEX time will continue for this school year.

In addition, Woodside staff is excited to bring a laser focus on reviewing student data and

individualized needs to drive instructional decisions this year. This will result in students establishing individualized goals and setting action plans for making their goals become a reality.

We have a number of new staff this year. The teachers joining the Woodside team are Mark Walker (special education), Samantha Nolte (English Learners), Madeline Flesner (7th grade math), Kathleen Meitl (8th grade science), Sara Williams (reading interventionist), Kelly Scott (special education), and Nichole Foxhoven (librarian). Transfers in the building include Anne DaLuga (6th grade math/science) and Caleb Hales (master teacher). I am thrilled with the addition of the new staff and excited to observe their commitment to student growth.

My mission is to ensure each child is equipped with the skills needed to become the individual they aspire to be. The Woodside staff is eager to support each child this school year. I invite each family to begin the school year on a positive note by attending Back To School Night on August 21. We look forward to welcoming you to our school and working collectively with you to obtain your child's goals. Please draw your attention to the Back To School Night details on page 9 of this *Communicator*.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the hallways soon!

Woodside Middle School Important Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
August 1	12:30 – 6:30 PM	Walk in Registration	District Office
August 2	7:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Walk in Registration	District Office
August 16		New Staff Begin	District Office
August 18		Returning Staff Begin	
August 21	5:00 – 6:30 PM	6 th - 8 th Grade Back To School	Woodside
August 21	6:30 – 7:30 PM	5 th Grade Back To School Night/Orientation	Woodside
August 23	8:45 AM – 2:45 PM	First Day of School	Woodside
September 5-8	7:45 AM – 2:45 PM	Fall MAP Testing	Woodside
September 7	4:30 PM	7 th Grade Football (North Polk)	Saydel HS
September 7	6:00 PM	8 th Grade Football (North Polk)	Saydel HS
September 7	4:30 PM	MS Cross Country (Johnston)	Camp Dodge
September 7	4:30 PM	8 th Grade Volleyball (South Hamilton)	Woodside
September 7	4:30 PM	7 th Grade Volleyball (South Hamilton)	Jewell Elementary
September 22		1 st Quarter Midterm	



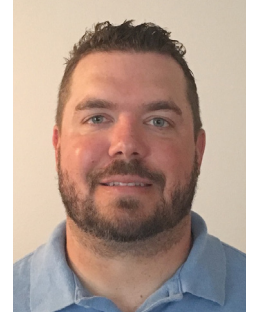
New Staff Members Join Woodside Middle School

Woodside is pleased to welcome several new teachers when the new school year begins.

Madeline Flesner is replacing Annie Gallaher and will be teaching 7th grade math. Madeline is beginning her teaching career with Woodside. She received her degree from University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA. Her most recent student teaching experience was in the Iowa City School District.



Mark Walker is replacing Melinda Aeschliman and will be teaching 6-8 grade reading and writing special education. Mark is entering his tenth year of teaching. He received his degree from Luther College in Decorah, IA. His most recent teaching position was with Cedar Rapids School District. Mark also plans to coach sports for Saydel.



Kathy Meitl is replacing Anne DaLuga and will be teaching 8th grade science. Kathy is entering her third year of teaching. She received her degree from University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS. Her most recent teaching position was with Norwalk School District.

Sara Williams is replacing Marilyn Jungman and will be serving as 5th-8th grade reading interventionist. Sara is entering her eighth year of teaching. She received her degree from Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, IA. Her most recent teaching position was with Brookings School District in Brookings, SD.

Samantha Nolte is replacing Manhaz Shojaie and will be working with our 5th-12th grade English Language students. Samantha is entering her eighth year of teaching. She received her degree from University of Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, IA. Her most recent teaching position was with Marshalltown School District.



Saydel Staff Transfers:

Anne DaLuga is replacing Becky Atterberg and will be teaching 6th grade math and science. Anne has worked in the Saydel District for several years and is looking forward to the opportunity to join the 6th grade team. Anne will also serve as a mentor teacher for the 5th/6th grade math and science teachers.



Kelly Scott is replacing Stacey Rice and will be teaching 5th-8th grade BD/LD special education. Kelly is entering his 13th year of teaching. He received his degree from University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA. His most recent occupation was working at Iowa Army National Guard as an IT supervisor. Kelly also plans to coach volleyball for the District.



Caleb Hales has worked in the Saydel District for the last two years, serving as a TAP Master Teacher at Saydel High School. Caleb's new role will afford him the opportunity to lead math/science teachers at Woodside Middle School and Saydel High School.

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Preparing For The New School Year At Woodside

A construction project, new furniture, rearrangement of old spaces to improve learning, and technology tweaks are just a few things taking place this summer at Woodside Middle School. Here are some details on how things are changing to improve student learning for the 2017-18 school year.

Construction: Bergstrom Construction is remodeling two science and two special education classrooms. The project includes installation of appropriate resources, removal of outdated equipment, adjusting cabinets, new surfaces, new furniture, and improved technology. The remodeled classrooms will enhance instruction and allow the building to function more efficiently. Stop by rooms 116 and 118 during Back To School Night to see the improvements.



Construction work on the new special education area is well on its way to completion.

Furniture: Four sets of classroom chairs were purchased for the upcoming school year. The new chairs will be placed in the 7th and 8th grade math and science rooms. The chairs are ergonomically friendly for students and a vibrant color palette was selected to brighten up the space. In addition, these classrooms are getting a few standing height tables with the intent to pilot flexible seating for students. This will allow students to sit or stand based on their personal learning needs.



Construction work in Room 118 is at the mid-point of completion.

Lockers: Lockers for 5th and 6th grade students have been in the same hallway space for several years. This puts a high number of students in one location during passing periods. To reduce the congestion during passing periods, a number of lockers are being moved to the 6th grade pod. This change will reduce congestion during passing periods as well as place 6th grade student lockers in closer proximity to their classrooms.

Technology: Students in 5th-8th grade will be issued a Chromebook again this year. Chromebooks for students in 5th-6th grade will stay in their core teacher's classroom and will be checked out on an as need basis. Storage/charger stations have been purchased and installed in these classrooms. This is a change for 6th grade students. Chromebooks for students in 7th-8th grade will be assigned to the students and allowed to go back and forth from home and school. This is the same practice as previous years.

PTO NEWS

Here are the Woodside PTO Meeting Dates for the 2017-18 School Year.

- August 31, 2017
- September 28, 2017
- October 26, 2017
- November 30, 2017
- January 25, 2018
- February 22, 2018
- March 22, 2018
- April 26, 2018

Meetings are held in the Woodside Library starting at 6:30 PM. All parents and students are welcome to attend. If you would like more information on PTO or would like to receive updates on meetings and events, please send an email to woodsideeaglespto@gmail.com.

Saydel Schools Publish Monthly Digital Newsletters!

If you would like to receive the school newsletters that feature what is happening at Cornell Elementary School, Woodside Middle School & Saydel High School, you can subscribe by emailing newsletter@saydel.net. Just e-mail which newsletters you would like to receive and then watch for them in your Inbox! We do not share your email address with outside parties.



Woodside Back To School Night News

On August 21, students and parents are encouraged to attend Back To School Night at Woodside. The evening will be broken into two sessions. The first session will be for 6th-8th grade families from 5-6:30 PM. The second session will be for 5th grade families from 6:30-7:30 PM. The 5th grade session will begin in the gym with introductions, greet the teachers, and a simulated daily schedule. We recognize some of our families have children in both of these groups. If you are one of these families, you are encouraged to attend the first session around 6 PM for your younger child followed by your older child. The goals for the night are:

- Allow students, parents, and teachers to meet and begin to build a working relationship.
- Bring supplies to school so students do not need to bring them the first day of school.
- Encourage families to familiarize themselves with the Woodside building.
- Allow students and families to walk daily schedules to practice daily school routine.
- Expose each family to the vast opportunities at Woodside.

When you walk into the building using the south entrance, we will hand each family their child's schedule and a map of our building. We will have volunteers to assist with directions and answer questions. Families are welcome to acquaint themselves with their child's day by walking the building, greeting their teachers, and clarifying any questions which may arise.

Students Enjoy Summer STEM Camp

This summer, several Woodside students experienced a week-long STEM Summer Camp (STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). This camp had a different STEM focus each day. STEM Camp teachers Linda Reid and Terry Brix facilitated many great learning opportunities for the campers. They worked with several great organizations in the Des Moines metro area to provide some unique and enriching experiences for our campers.



Some highlights of the camp involved campers going to the Des Moines Botanical Center to take part in their "Wonders of Water" program. Campers were able to conduct their own tests on various samples of water while learning about the importance of caring for land and waterways. Campers were able

to take part in some work to benefit our Saydel community during this camp as well by planting tomatoes in a raised garden bed for Cornell Elementary. Campers had to decide how much soil and water to add and how to space the plants for optimal growth. The plants are being maintained by Eagle's Nest students who will also enjoy the harvest, along with Cornell students in the fall. Campers also spent a day at the Science Center of Iowa where they got to explore the Science Center and taken in the IMAX movie "Dream Big: Engineering Our World." Overall, the week was successful in giving our campers different experiences that connected different elements of STEM.

Upcoming Events

AUGUST 1, 2017

Online & Walk-in Registration Begins for 2017-18 School Year, 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM

AUGUST 2, 2017

Online & Walk-in Registration Begins for 2017-18 School Year, 7 AM - 1 PM

AUGUST 9, 2017

Durham Bus Transportation Forms Due!!

AUGUST 14, 2017

Regular School Board Meeting, 6 PM

AUGUST 16, 2017

- New Staff Begins
- Athletic Booster Meeting in HS Library, 6 PM

AUGUST 18, 2017

All Staff Begins

AUGUST 21, 2017

- 1st-4th Grade & 4-Year-Old Preschool Cornell Back To School Night, 4-5:30 PM
- 6th-8th Grade Woodside Back To School Night, 5-6:30 PM
- 5th Grade Woodside Back To School Night/Orientation, 6:30-7:30 PM
- Freshmen/New Student High School Orientation, 6-8:30 PM

AUGUST 23, 2017

First Day of School; School Pictures for High School

AUGUST 25, 2017

First Day of School for Kindergarten

SEPTEMBER 4

No School, Labor Day

SEPTEMBER 7

- First Day of Preschool
- School Board Election Forum at Saydel District Office Board Room, 6 PM

SEPTEMBER 10-16

Homecoming Week

SEPTEMBER 14

Fall Academic Awards Assembly in HS Auditorium

SEPTEMBER 20

Athletic Booster Meeting in HS Library, 6 PM

OCTOBER 12, 2017

- Flu Shot Clinic, Cornell Elementary, 3-7 PM
- Parent Teacher Conferences

OCTOBER 16, 2017

No School, Teacher Professional Development Day

OCTOBER 17, 2017

- Flu Shot Clinic, Saydel District Office, 3-7 PM
- Parent Teacher Conferences

NOVEMBER 22-24, 2017

No School, Thanksgiving Break



SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL

Exciting Changes for 2017-18 School Year

Message from Principal Kevin Schulte



Creating an environment where every student feels connected and challenged to become his or her best self has always been my goal for Saydel High School. Each year we get to renew our efforts to help each student reach their fullest potential. I am excited that we have several things taking place this fall to help achieve that goal.

Student Leadership Retreat

This fall we hope to host a student leadership retreat planned by and planned for students. We began the planning work in July and look forward to our inaugural retreat in October. This retreat will be meant to develop leaders within all facets of our school and determine ways to further connect all students to school.

Student Assessment

Last year, we began our work developing tiered learning targets. These targets are intended to clearly define what is expected of students to achieve success with defined standards. This year, we strive to further implement the use of these targets in all classes. Clearly defining the learning expectations is a key part to challenging each and every student.

Schedule Adjustment

We are adjusting our schedule so that all eight periods meet every day, which is a shift away from our modified block of the past couple years. With this adjustment, we will be able to provide both exciting extensions and targeted intervention opportunities for students.

These are a few of the adjustments that will continue to propel our success. I am looking forward to the implementation of these additions. Having students walk through the front doors with the opportunity to become their best self is what excites me most.

New Student Opportunities

- *Power Reading* - In response to our student data, we are adding this course to support student needing more assistance to ensure their success in reading.
- *Principles of Biomedical Science* - This are the first course in our biomedical strand. Through student surveys it was determined that we had a need for courses with a focus on health science.

- *Human Body Systems* - This is the second course in our health sciences strand that will focus on solving real world medical problems.
- *AP US Government and Politics* - This is the third year that Saydel High School has added an Advanced Placement (AP) course. This course will offer students an additional challenge for Government, a required class.
- *Principles of Management* - This course offers intense learning focused on different areas of management, including human resources management, risk management, project management, and knowledge management.
- *Business Strategies* - This is the culminating course for our High School of Business pathway. Students will create and run their own business and will tackle problems real business professionals face, such as interviewing, hiring staff, keeping financial records, evaluating results, and much more.
- *Calculus* - This is another advanced class that we are adding to our curriculum. Students will be able to earn college credit with this course that focuses on advanced math topics.

Construction

This summer seven classrooms are undergoing construction. Each of the classrooms will have a skylight installed. The upgrades also include new carpet, student furniture, and teacher furniture. These upgrades will enhance the learning environment by providing natural light, which has been shown to benefit student learning.

Freshman/New Student Orientation

Each year students embark on a new chapter of their educational careers by entering high school. Both new students and parents may experience anxiety over the transition to high school. Our goal at Saydel High School is to make the transition into high school as smooth and positive as possible.

In order to help students and parents ease into the high school, we will be hosting a freshmen/new student orientation on August 21 at 6 PM. The goals of this orientation are to allow students and parents to find classrooms, meet teachers, meet student leaders, find lockers, and ask questions. Students and parents will accomplish this by walking through a shortened schedule to get a brief experience of a school day. If you have a 9th grader or a student new to the high school, please attend the orientation on August 21 at 6 PM.



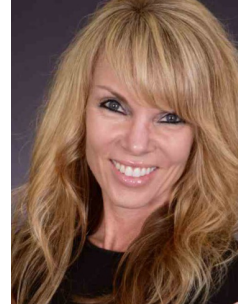
New Staff at Saydel High School

Saydel High School has had the opportunity to bring on some great new teachers to help move our students forward. Following are short biographies so you can get to know who is new at Saydel High School.

Justin Blake is starting his teaching career with Saydel as a science teacher. He is a graduate of Iowa State University with high-quality student teaching experiences.



Marcey Norland will be teaching geometry. This will be her 13th year of teaching. Marcey has taught a variety of classes. Last year, she taught math at Winterset High School.



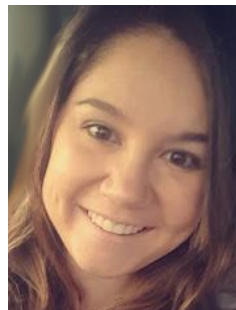
Ashley Gilles will begin her teaching career in a dual role. She will be teaching both special education and social studies.



Justin Russell is rejoining Saydel from Colorado as both a special education teacher and head football coach. He has a vast amount of experience with 10 years as a special education teacher.



Breannah Krips will start her third year of teaching working with our great students leading various science classes. Her previous teaching experience was in Storm Lake, IA.



Terry Voss will be leading our industrial technology classes during his 11th year of teaching. In addition to his education experience, he has a variety of professional experiences within the skilled trades. Terry is joining us from the Des Moines Public Schools.



Saydel High School Important Dates

Date	Time	Event	Location
August 1	12:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Online Registration Assistance	District Office
August 2	7:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Online Registration Assistance	District Office
August 16		New Staff Begin	
August 16	6:00 PM	Athletic Booster Meeting	Library
August 18		All Staff Begin	
August 18	7:30 PM	First Home Football Game and Marching Band Performance	Saydel Stadium
August 21	6:00 PM	Freshman Orientation/ New Student Orientation	Auditorium
August 23		First Day of School-School Pictures	
August 31/Sept. 1		MAP Testing	
August 31	6:30 PM	First Home Volleyball Game	South Gym
September 4		No School-Labor Day	
September 10-16		Homecoming Week	
September 14		Fall Academic Awards Assembly	Auditorium
September 20	6:00 PM	Athletic Booster Meeting	Library
September 25		First Quarter Progress Reports	



Welcome Back, Eagles!

Message from Director of Activities & Community Education Melissa Crosse



As the sun sets on yet another summer, I would like to welcome all of the faculty, staff, coaches, students and parents back to school, for what is going to be a great year. With several activities, athletics, music programs and community education opportunities, Saydel Community School District has much to offer, and I look forward to building our programs and relationships.

Activities

Students should get involved and early because Saydel offers multiple clubs and activities. Involvement in various school activities has been proven in research to help students achieve better academically, socially and emotionally. For a list of clubs and activities, visit www.saydel.k12.ia.us. Then select Activities, Athletics and Activities, Clubs.

Athletics

The summer season was packed with opportunities for students to participate in various forms of physical activity. Saydel High School offered both Speed & Agility sessions as well as open weight room. In addition, basketball and volleyball offered open gym times, all successful bringing in our students throughout the summer months.

The girls softball team had a successful season, closing out several teams early with the mercy rule and ended the season with a team-bonding trip to watch the Softball State Championship Game. You can follow the girls softball team on Twitter @SaydelSoftball.

Baseball knocked it out of the park, literally. Coaches JR Gebhart and Steve Gebhart led the boys to 29 victories, winning All-Conference and Districts. At the Substate game, they claimed victory over Gilbert High School with a score of 4-3, advancing to the State Tournament at Principal Park.

The team also hosted two tournaments; the Jim Gebhart Varsity Classic and the 27 team Prange Classic, in honor of Brent Prange. You can follow the boys baseball team @Saydel_Baseball.

Fall sports programs are ramped up and ready for success. Saydel is proud to announce the new head football coach, Saydel alum Justin Russell and the new head volleyball coach, Saydel alum Karlee Lippert. Both coaches have already begun planning early August camps, practices and are ready for the season to begin. For the detailed schedule, check out the Saydel Activities Calendar; www.saydel.k12.ia.us. Click on the Activities tab, then select Activities Calendar.

FALL SPORTS: Grades 7-12

- Cross Country
- Football
- Volleyball

Music & Fine Arts

The Saydel Music Department ended the school year with much success, hosting the Large Group Contest on May 5, earning the highest scores for both band and choir.

Over the summer, Director Eric Layden and community volunteer Matt Tesdell organized a special opportunity for the music students by hosting the Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps at Saydel. For two days, the group held practices and dress rehearsals, providing Saydel students with the opportunity to view, learn and interact with professional performers in this once in a lifetime experience.

Saydel Marching Band held two camps in late July and rehearsals throughout July and August, preparing for both the half-time show performances and the Marching Band Competitions; beginning late September. More information, dates and schedule can be found at www.saydelmusic.com/band/calendar.

Do You Get The Eagle Express?

Saydel offers a free newsletter, updating students, parents and community members about the activities offered throughout the District. The newsletter is free and arrives via email. To subscribe to this newsletter, please send a message titled "Sign Me Up" to eagleexpress@saydel.net.

Activity Pass

There are endless expenses in order to successfully host a game, tournament or invitational. Therefore, Saydel charges entrance for events. To help cut the cost, Saydel offers an Activities Pass. Please see the form located in this *Communicator*, visit the activities station at

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registration this summer, or stop in the high school at any time to purchase. Passes are available in single or family style.

Community Education

July 1 marked the beginning of Community Education, offering a Youth Drama Camp, Community Open Gym and Community Open Cardio Center. Be on the look out for more Community Ed Opportunities, found on the Saydel home page, under the Community Ed tab. To subscribe for updates, please send a message titled "Sign Me Up" to communityed@saydel.net.

Clothing & Apparel!

The Saydel Activities Booster Club has created a new line of apparel for students, parents, guardians and alumni. You can view these AWESOME new styles in the Eagle Express, or visit the concession stand at home football and volleyball games. Hurry before they sell out!

Parents Get Involved!

The Saydel Athletics Booster Club and The Saydel Music Booster Club need your help! Both booster clubs are never ending in their endeavors to build camaraderie, raise money and offer opportunities within Saydel. Any amount of involvement can help our students and community. To get more information, email saydelmusicboosters@gmail.com or saydelathletics@gmail.com.



Saydel community students participated in a Drama Camp at Saydel High School in July. Instructed by Colleen Babcock, the camp focused on drama skills, stage presence and performance confidence. The camp concluded with a mini-performance on July 21. Drama Camp students pictured front, from left: Madison Rogers, Maci Lowe, Emilie Rogers, Madison Corbin and Michaela Noble. Pictured back, from left: Emilie Zeis, McKayla Wood, Liberty Chally, and Waleila Wharff. Not pictured is Kyrrah Strickler.



CONGRATULATIONS 2017 VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL TEAM!

Pictured back row left to right: Coach Steve Gebhart, Craig Garrison, Cash Lee, John Seufferer, Devin Porter, Devon Van Houten, Nate Sepich, Zach Bobenhouse, Cole Riddlebarger, Gabe Hiatt, and JR Gebhart. Pictured front row left to right: Manager Marissa Chally, Skyler Cardenas, Brandon Reese, Joe Boehler, Maxx Stanton, Klayton Keller, TJ Stephenson, Joey Crees, Trevor Sprague, Cal Gebhart, and Ray Gist.



2017-2018 FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE INFORMATION

Free/Reduced eligibility applications will be available after July 31, 2017.

Free and Reduced Guidelines

If your total household income is within the limits listed in the table below, your children may be eligible for either free or reduced-price school meals. If your child/children qualify for free or reduced-price meals, you may also be eligible for food assistance benefits from the State of Iowa, Department of Human Services (DHS).

Once your application has been received by the nutrition and food service department, please allow up to 10 business days for approval of the application. A confirmation letter of approval or denial will be mailed once the application has been reviewed. If you have any questions, please contact Jessy Sadler, District Director of Food and Nutrition Services at 515-264-0866.

For More Information

For information about state food assistance benefits, contact 1-877-937-3663 (1-877-YES-FOOD), or apply online at www.yesfood.iowa.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions About Free & Reduced Meals

Children need healthy meals to learn. Saydel Community School District offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.70-\$1.90; lunch costs \$2.65-\$2.90 for secondary (High School and Jr. High School). Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. Following are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process

1. Who can get free or reduced price meals?

- All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, FDPIR, or TANF, are eligible for free meals.
- Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.
- Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals.
- Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

2. How do I know if my children qualify as homeless, migrant, or runaway? Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you

who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail **Julie McKibben** at mckibbenjulie@saydel.net.

3. Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: **Jessy Sadler, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313, 1-515-264-0866.**

4. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are already approved for free meals? No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact **Jessy Sadler, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313, 1-515-264-0866** immediately.

Income Eligibility Reduced-Price Guidelines—July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018					
Family Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	22,311	1,860	930	859	430
2	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	52,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
For each additional family member add:					
	+7,733	+645	+323	+298	+149



5. Can I apply online? Yes! You are encouraged to complete an online application instead of a paper application if you are able. The online application has the same requirements and will ask you for the same information as the paper application. Visit www.saydel.k12.ia.us to begin or to learn more about the online application process.

6. My child's application was approved last year. Do I need to fill out a new one? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. If you do not send in a new application that is approved by the school or you have not been notified that your child is eligible for free meals, your child will be charged the full price for meals.

7. I get WIC. Can my children get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in an application.

8. Will the information I give be checked? Yes. We may also ask you to send written proof of the household income you report.

9. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later? Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.

10. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Ryan Eidahl, Business Manager, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313, 1-515-264-0866.**

11. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen? Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

12. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

13. What if some household members have no income to report? Household members may not receive some types of income we ask you to report on the application, or may not receive income at all. Whenever this happens, please write a 0 in the field. However, if any income fields are left empty or blank, those will also be counted as zeroes. Please be careful when leaving income fields blank, as we will assume you meant to do so.

14. We are in the military. Do we report our income differently? Your basic pay and cash bonuses must be reported as income. If you get any cash value allowances for off-base housing, food, or clothing, it must also be included as income. However, if your

housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. Any additional combat pay resulting from deployment is also excluded from income.

15. What if there isn't enough space on the application for my family? List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper, and attach it to your application. Contact **Jessy Sadler, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313, 1-515-264-0866** to receive a second application.

16. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-877-347-5678.

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- (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
 - (2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or
 - (3) Email: program.intake@usda.gov.
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Foodservice Office:

Visit www.saydel.k12.ia.us for more information

Email: sadlerjessy@saydel.net

Phone: 515.264.0866

Fax: 515.264.0869



Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Update



Message from Director Mary Salazar

As we look to the start of the 2017-18 school year, I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The 2016-17 school year was a busy one for teachers; lots of great work was done around gaining a deeper understanding of standards as well as looking at elements of quality assessments. Teachers worked diligently to start to unpack Iowa Core or other standards. This

work also included creating tiered learning targets. These learning targets have been created with both students and teachers in mind. Each standard is broken down into a set of four learning targets that teachers and students can use to assess student mastery of the standard. Teachers also began to look at the elements of quality assessments during many of our Wednesday morning professional development sessions. Teachers worked to create an assessment that would allow students to show mastery of one or more grade level content area standards.

Before the 2017-18 school year starts teachers will, as always, be preparing and planning for the upcoming year. This summer many teachers have been working on continuing to unpack standards and create tiered learning targets. Other teachers have begun to develop or refine curriculum maps to show the scope and sequence of classes they teach. Both of these tasks are complex and we will continue to work on these as a district in the coming school years. One of the district goals in terms of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment is to ensure that we have a clearly defined K-12 curriculum. We are on our way to reaching that goal through our standards unpacking as well as learning target and assessment creation work. All teachers deserve credit for the tremendous amount of work they have done to ensure students are engaged in meaningful work each day.

Once the school year starts, teachers will continue to refine their knowledge around how to create quality assessments. Balanced and rigorous assessment creation aligned to standards is truly a difficult task so we will continue this learning and work as a district as we move forward. We plan to use some Wednesday morning professional development time as well as teacher in-service days to continue this work. Last spring, we brought in assessment expert and author Nicole Dimich Vagle for a very successful teacher in-service day. We hope to continue our relationship with Nicole and hope to bring her back to the Saydel Community School District.

The start of a new school year also means a recommitment to the TAP System. TAP master teachers will be hard at work again this year designing and delivering weekly cluster meetings for all K-12 teachers. Building TAP Leadership Teams (made up of building principals, master and mentor teachers) began this work over the summer by looking at student assessment data to identify trends. Assessments used include Iowa Assessment and MAP at Woodside and the High School and aReading, aMath, FAST and Iowa Assessments at Cornell. These trends in student performance were used to create school goals for increased student achievement.

The design of these school goals ensures that each weekly cluster meeting is student-focused and data-driven, keeping student growth at the center of all decisions made. TAP Leadership Teams select specific student and teacher strategies to focus on during each cluster cycle of the year. Each week, teachers work diligently on mastering these strategies with the goal of increasing reading achievement in all three buildings, in addition to increasing math achievement at Woodside and Saydel High School. As you can see we have been hard at work and that work and dedication will continue for the 2017-18 school year.



Eagle's Nest Has Openings for the 2017-18 School Year

Cornell Elementary School

- Before school: 6 AM - 8:20 AM
- After school: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- Wednesday mornings: 6 AM - 9:20 AM

Woodside Middle School

- Before school 6 AM - 7:15 AM
- After school 2:45 PM - 5:30 PM
- Wednesday mornings 6 AM - 8:15 AM

(Woodside will be bused to and from Cornell for Eagle's Nest)

For Eagle's Nest fees and information, please contact Alivia Bullis at bullisalivia@saydel.net or call 1-515-263-3037.



Student Services & Special Education Update

Message from Director Julie McKibben



I am very excited to begin my fourth year in the Saydel District. The 2016-17 school year allowed for specific focus in the areas of special education curriculum adoption, Extended Learning Program restructure, and the introduction of an English language learners immersion program.

This summer has been busy with the new addition of Alivia Bullis, Eagle's Nest Coordinator. Alivia brings with her a depth of knowledge in the areas of management, customer service, and childcare. She has kept the children busy with a variety of activities that included both play and academic time. Alivia planned two field trips/guest speakers weekly in June that included picnics at local parks, t-shirt tie dying, safety and fire department presentations, a visit from the smoothie bike, a nature hike, creek walk, insect hunt, and visits to the Des Moines Art Center, Pappajohn Sculpture Park, and Blank Park Zoo. Included in her weekly schedule is a water day and technology day. July outings included bowling, skating at Skate North, fun time at Pump It Up, and trips to the State of Iowa Historical Building and the National Balloon Museum. The summer program ends August 11, 2017.



ALIVIA BULLIS

Eagle's Nest Before and After School Program will begin August 23, 2017. The program will be structured with age

appropriate activities that include hands-on activities, free play, sports and games, and a homework lab. The new Eagle's Nest office is located across from the cafeteria at Cornell Elementary. Feel free to contact Alivia for enrollment information at 1-515-263-3037 or visit the District website.

The 2017-18 school year hopes to bring new, exciting changes to our special programs. Our English Language Learners (ELL) program will bring Nicole Temeyer to Cornell Elementary full time. Nicole will support all levels of our ELL population and include instruction that ranges from a sheltered English immersion program to co-teaching for our support only students. Woodside Middle School and Saydel High School will be supported by Samantha Nolte, who is new to the district. Samantha will also range from a sheltered program to co-teaching.

The ELP staff will continue their work of enhancing the program through increased identification and the addition of screening at grades 3, 6, and 9. The district will continue to support the restructure of identification to meet state and federal guidelines. Along with the new identification system, the program this year will focus on instruction and how we are meeting the needs of the learners.

The At-Risk department will continue their work on building a strong Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for each building. This work will allow for a tiered approach to identifying and supporting diverse learners within the general education setting as well as within small group instruction. The focus will include both academic and behavioral supports. We will continue to use the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) model across the District. This will include a focus on preventative and responsive approaches with all students in the classroom. A more intensive intervention with individual strategies will be implemented within our Tier 2 model.

Special Education will fully implement the Really Great Reading curriculum this fall. The curriculum provides a comprehensive set of tools to diagnose, group and teach students with weaknesses in their foundational reading skills. Math curriculum will be researched, reviewed, and adopted early in the year with full implementation by second semester. The biggest change in our special education program for the upcoming school year is the new facility for the behavior program. The classroom setting will include separate learning areas that will support individual student needs as well as group learning. A new social curriculum for this program will be implemented in the fall.

Please contact me at the Saydel District Office for any special education/student service needs.



Eagle's Nest enjoyed a fun field trip to the Blank Park Zoo.



Cornell Preschool Program News

The Cornell Preschool Program would like to welcome back new and returning families and students for the 2017-18 school year! We hope you have had a relaxing and fun summer. The Cornell Preschool Program is a safe and caring environment where your child will be able to learn through play and become creative, confident thinkers. We are excited to meet your children and learn, play, and grow together this school year.

Here are a few reminders for the beginning of the school year. The first day of preschool will be September 7. Our 3-year-old program runs from 8:45-11:15 AM. We have both morning and afternoon sessions for our 4-year-old program. Our morning 4-year-old program runs from 8:45-11:45 AM. Our afternoon 4-year-old program runs from 12:15-3:15 PM. All preschool programs are held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Prior to your child starting preschool there are a few requirements. If your child is enrolled in our 3-year-old program, you will need to attend a parent meeting on August 24 at 10 AM in the Cornell cafeteria.

Please bring your child along with you to see the classroom. If your child is enrolled in our 4-year-old program, a home visit is required before your child can begin preschool. Home visits are 20 minutes long and will be held during the week of August 28 between school hours of 9 AM-3 PM.

These home visits are a time for your child to meet their teacher and for you to be given information about the preschool program. You will need to sign up for a home visit during Back To School Night which is held August 21 from 4-5:30 PM at Cornell. You and your child can also explore our preschool classrooms during this time.

Research tells us that children who attend a high-quality preschool enter kindergarten with better pre-reading skills, richer vocabularies, and stronger basic math skills than those who do not. We look forward to a great school year!

Preschool Teachers,

Amber Byrd, Rebecca Singletary & Stephanie Bader

Durham School Services Congratulates Contest Winner *Next Bus Contest Ends August 9*

Congratulations to Trenton Foster and family for winning our transportation contest! Every student who returned their transportation form to us by June 16 was entered into our first summer contest. They are also guaranteed to have their students placed on a bus for the first day of school. Plus, they will be entered into the second contest which increases their chances of winning again.

Pictured from left: Durham Site Supervisor Karen Smith, Jeffrey Foster, Stacey Foster, Trenton Foster, Jeff Foster, Anthony Foster, and Saydel Director of Student Services and Special Education Julie McKibben.

The second contest ends on August 9. Everyone who has the form turned in by then will have their names entered for the drawing of our final family fun pack, consisting of four tickets to the new Cinemark Theater in Altoona, plus a \$30 gift card to Culvers, also in Altoona.

There are two forms for the 2017-18 school year. One is for Saydel resident students and the other is for open enrolled students.



Forms are available at the Saydel District Office, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA, or you can locate them online at www.saydel.k12.ia.us/district/Forms.cfm.

If you have any questions about these transportation forms, call the Saydel District Office at 1-515-264-0866 or Durham School Services at 1-515-266-7760.



SAYDEL EAGLES ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL 5601 NE 7th St DES MOINES, IA 50313

2017 – 2018 Membership Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Family Memberships (check one)

- Platinum Eagle \$250
Includes a family pass* (admission to all home regular season sporting events). Name listed in all programs.
- Gold Eagle \$100
\$25 Saydel merchandise credit. Name listed in all programs.
- Silver Eagle \$50
\$15 Saydel merchandise credit.
Name listed in all programs.
- Green Eagle \$25
Name listed in all programs.
- Eagle \$10
Name listed in all programs.

Business Memberships (check one)

- Platinum Eagle \$500
Includes your business name on back of the 30th annual Saydel Alumni Softball Tourney (SAST) Shirt, **if donated by August 18th**. Also 2x3 banner that will hang during tourney, football games, on the marquee in the gym, and play on TV located in concourse. Name in all programs. If you wish, please choose:
____ Family pass* or ____ \$25 Saydel membership credit
- Gold Eagle \$250
2x3 banner with name will hang during SAST Tourney and football games. \$25 Saydel merchandise credit. Name on marquee in the gym. Name listed in all programs
- Silver Eagle \$100
2x3 banner with name will hang during SAST Tourney and football games. Name on marquee in the gym. Name listed in all programs.
- Green Eagle \$50
Name in all programs and on marquee in gym.

* A family pass is for school-aged children living in the household and parents / guardians.

2016 - 2017 support made possible by your donations & booster club fundraisers

- Baseball Uniforms
- Softball Uniforms
- Track Men
- Basketball Men
- Football Jerseys & other items
- Speed & Agility Summer Camp
- Hudl Sideline – Wireless Instant Replay



Saydel Welcomes New Operations Department

Saydel Community School District is pleased to announce the new staff members that will be leading our Operations Department in the coming year. These new positions are part of a restructuring aimed at reducing costs and increasing focused services.

In addition, this new structure allows Saydel to participate in state sharing incentives available through our shared Preventative Maintenance Position with Bondurant Schools.

Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler said, "I am excited for this new structure and its ability to better serve our students and utilize resources more efficiently."

Don Frisby is the new Supervisor of Preventative Maintenance. He has worked in the HVAC field as both a programmer and a mechanical tech. Don attended school and training at ABC of Iowa and he has taken classes at DMACC.

When asked about what goals he has for his new position at Saydel, Don said, "I look forward to reducing our HVAC costs by 60 percent."

Outside of work, Don enjoys drag racing and spending time with his family.

Kelly Bell is the new Supervisor of Building Maintenance. He is a graduate of Valley High School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration from Grand View College. Kelly previously was employed for seven years at the Van Meter School District as Building and Grounds Supervisor. Prior to that, he was the Supervisor of Grounds at Winterset Community School District. Kelly is also employed at Lowe's Home Improvement as a department manager.



Pictured from left: Supervisor of Preventative Maintenance Don Frisby, Supervisor of Building Maintenance Kelly Bell, and Supervisor of Grounds Maintenance Gerald Young.

Noting his goals for this new position at Saydel, Kelly said, "I want to organize each building and raise the level of cleanliness. I also want to manage the custodial staff and make sure they have the skill set and equipment to do their jobs efficiently."

Outside of work, Kelly enjoys working on his house and landscaping.

Gerald Young is the new Supervisor of Grounds Maintenance. He graduated from Stanley County High School in Fort Pierre, SD, and attended Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown, SD. Before coming to Saydel, Gerald worked at Simpson College for 12 years with their grounds department.

When asked about what goals he has for his new position, Gerald said, "I would like to have the grounds at each school up to par of where they need to be. The trees need to be trimmed and I want to have more grass and add color to the school property."

Outside of work, Gerald enjoys spending time with family, fishing, listening to music and attending sporting events.

Saydel Welcomes New District Social Worker

Saydel Community School District is pleased to welcome Ann Herrera as the new District Social Worker. Ann will be working with all grade levels and families and is excited to become part of the Saydel community. She recently moved to the Des Moines area to be closer to family from Denver, CO, where she spent four years with her husband. Before that, she lived and worked in Iowa City, IA. Ann is a graduate of St. Ambrose University where she earned her Master's degree in social work and a graduate of Iowa State University where she was an Iowa State Cheerleader. In her free time, Ann loves to spend time with her husband, Chris, and their Wheaten Terrier, Teddi. She loves to go on hikes and bike rides. Ann said, "I look forward to meeting staff, students and families this upcoming school year!"



ANN HERRERA

SAYDEL MUSIC BOOSTERS 2017-2018

Tradition of Excellence



Saydel Music Booster sponsorships are available to businesses, individuals, families, and organizations interested in providing financial support for the Saydel Community School's Music Program. Expenses covered by the Music Boosters include clinicians (choir & band master classes, drum line & color guard instructors), honor festival expenses, scholarships, equipment, accompanists for concerts & contests, travel for students, awards, and more.

All donations to the Saydel Music Booster program are proudly listed in our concert and athletic programs for both Woodside and the High School throughout the school year. Sponsors may elect to remain anonymous at their discretion.

All people are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly Music Boosters meetings regardless of sponsorship. The meetings take place the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the High School Choir Room, and usually last approximately one hour.

Donations for sponsorships are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Detach and return with check made out to Saydel Music Boosters or cash to:



SAYDEL MUSIC BOOSTERS

c/o Saydel High School
5601 NE 7th St.
Des Moines, IA 50313



Platinum Eagle \$250+ Gold Eagle \$100 Silver Eagle \$50 Green Eagle \$25

I would also like to contribute an additional \$15 to sponsor a student who is unable to pay marching band fees.

Circle appropriate recognition

Business

Individual/Family

Alumni

Name: _____
As it should appear in publications Alumni will appear after your name if circled. Example: Jane Doe - Alumni

Please DO NOT publicize my sponsorship in programs, on the web site, or other publications

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____
(We do not share your email information with any other entity.)

Please contact me at the above number as a potential volunteer at music events.



SAYDEL ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY PASS

All passes include admission for home games
(excluding tournaments) for the 2017-18 sports season

STUDENT PASS - grades K-12th \$35

SINGLE PASS - \$115

SEASON PASS - \$60

FAMILY PASS - school & college-aged children, parents/guardians \$200

SENIOR NON-RESIDENT - 65+ non-residents to Saydel School District \$60

SENIOR RESIDENT - 65+ Saydel School District resident with proof of residency FREE

ACTIVITY PASS ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL

NAME(S)	PASS TYPE	QTY.	AMOUNT
	<input type="checkbox"/> Student		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Single		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Season		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior non-resident of Saydel		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Family		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior, FREE resident of Saydel		

Submit to: **Saydel High School, 5601 NE 7th Street, Des Moines IA 50313**



ANNUAL NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Saydel Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following areas of study:

- Business Education
- Family & Consumer Sciences Education
- Industrial Technology and
- Marketing Education

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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

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Students, parents of students, employees, and applicants for employment in the school district have the right to file a formal complaint alleging discrimination. The district has policies and procedures in place to identify and investigate complaints alleging discrimination. If appropriate, the district will take steps to prevent the recurrence of discrimination and to correct its discriminatory effects on the Complainant and others.

A Complainant may attempt to resolve the problem informally by discussing the matter with a building principal or a direct supervisor. However, the Complainant has the right to end the informal process at any time and pursue the formal grievance procedures outlined below. Use of the informal or formal grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies. Please note that informal processes and procedures are not to be used in certain circumstances (e.g., sexual harassment and sexual assault).

Filing a Complaint

A Complainant who wishes to avail himself/herself of this grievance procedure may do so by filing a complaint with the equity coordinator(s). An alternate will be designated in the event it is claimed that the equity coordinator or superintendent committed the alleged discrimination or some other conflict of interest exists. Complaints shall be filed within 180 days of the event giving rise to the complaint or from the date the Complainant could reasonably become aware of such occurrence. The Complainant will state the nature of the complaint and the remedy requested. The equity coordinator(s) shall assist the Complainant as needed.

Investigation

Within 15 working days, the equity coordinator will begin the investigation of the complaint or appoint a qualified person to undertake the investigation (hereinafter "equity coordinator"). If the Complainant is under 18 years of age, the equity coordinator shall notify his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) that they may attend investigatory meetings in which the Complainant is involved. The complaint and identity of the Complainant, Respondent, or witnesses will only be disclosed as reasonably necessary in connection with the investigation or as required by law or policy. The investigation may include, but is not limited to the following:

- A request for the Complainant to provide a written statement regarding the nature of the complaint;
- A request for the individual named in the complaint to provide a written statement;
- A request for witnesses identified during the course of the investigation to provide a written statement;
- Interviews of the Complainant, Respondent, or witnesses;
- An opportunity to present witnesses or other relevant information; and
- Review and collection of documentation or information deemed relevant to the investigation.

Within 60 working days, the equity coordinator shall complete the investigation and issue a report with respect to the findings. The equity coordinator shall notify the Complainant and Respondent of the decision within 5 working days of completing the written report. Notification shall be by U.S. mail, first class.

Decision and Appeal

The complaint is closed after the equity coordinator has issued the report, unless within 10 working days after receiving the decision, either party appeals the decision to the superintendent by making a written request detailing why he/she believes the decision should be reconsidered. The equity coordinator shall promptly forward all materials relative to the complaint and appeal to the Superintendent. Within 30 working days, the superintendent shall affirm, reverse, amend the decision, or direct the equity coordinator to gather additional information. The Superintendent shall notify the Complainant, Respondent, and the equity coordinator of the decision within 5 working days of the decision. Notification shall be by U.S. mail, first class.

- The decision of the Superintendent shall be final.
- The decision of the Superintendent in no way prejudices a party from seeking redress through state or federal agencies as provided by in law.
- This policy and procedures are to be used for complaints of discrimination, in lieu of any other general complaint policies or procedures that may be available.
- If any of the stated timeframes cannot be met by the district, the district will notify the parties and pursue completion as promptly as possible.
- Retaliation against any person, because the person has filed a complaint or assisted or participated in an investigation, is prohibited. Persons found to have engaged in retaliation shall be subject to discipline by appropriate measures.

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Cornell Elementary School

Grades PK - 4
5817 NE 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50313
1-515-244-8173
Mr. Brian Vaughan, Principal

Woodside Middle School

Grades 5-8
5810 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313
1-515-265-3451
Mr. Joshua Heyer, Principal

Saydel High School

Grades 9-12
5601 NE 7th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313
1-515-262-9325
Mr. Kevin Schulte, Principal
Mr. Alex Stubbers, Associate Principal
Melissa Crosse, Director of Activities/Community Education

Saydel District Office (Adjacent to Woodside Middle School)
5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313
1-515-264-0866

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Ryan Eidahl, Business Manager
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