

THE SAYDEL COMMUNICATOR

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Superintendent's Message

Mr. Douglas Wheeler



Saydel Families & Community:

It is with great pleasure that I write this introduction to the spring Saydel Communicator. Spring is a time to refresh and refocus as we approach the warmer months. While winter was not typical for Iowa, I am sure you are all relieved to see warmer weather and sunny days. In schools, spring is a very busy time as we work hard to finish strong, while at the same time plan for success in the upcoming year. It is such a privilege to lead the talented and dedicated staff of the Saydel Community Schools and work with a fantastic student-centered School

Board. I am excited for you to read about the various points of pride and growth going on in our schools every day in service to our community.

In this introduction, I would like to share a few items impacting our work moving forward. I want to begin by sharing a recent initiative to help tell the story of Iowa Schools. I will then talk through some highlights of this very busy legislative session and how this shapes our work with students moving forward. I will conclude with some good news related to several summer projects that will enhance our facilities as part of our master planning process which aims to update our learning spaces and enhance district infrastructure.

Education is the largest part of the state budget (over 43%) and is a huge responsibility for our state legislature. Unfortunately, sometimes the rhetoric around education budgeting gives way to attacks on public schools, our students and our teachers. These discussions leave the full story of public education incomplete. Often overlooked are the following facts about our state's education system:

- Iowa's graduation rate is the highest in the nation and climbing.
- Iowa's ACT scores top the national average.
- Iowa has the highest access to college courses for K-12 students in the nation.

Our School Board has signed a resolution to support a program from the Iowa Association of School Boards called "The Promise of Iowa" which you can read more about at www.promiseofiowa.org. In the coming year, we will be using information from this initiative to support the story of Saydel students and the successes of Iowa education. I encourage you to visit this site and learn about our great schools, teachers, and students. I also encourage you to help tell the story of Saydel and Iowa public schools to those who may not be involved or have children in our public schools. With this in mind, I would like to update you on some legislative items. At the time I am writing this introduction, the legislature is still in session with many education-related items still up in the air.

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

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Therefore, below are three major items and a quick summary:

- 1. Chapter 20 – Collective Bargaining.** Early in the session, the legislature modified Chapter 20 collective bargaining in several ways. The largest and most visible impact is to make base wages the only mandatory topic of bargaining. Saydel settled with the Saydel Education Association prior to this law going into effect. We are blessed to have a positive relationship with our employee association and union. We remain committed to working with our employees as we implement this new law. We have a dedicated staff that we want to provide with a great work experience in the service of our students.
- 2. State Assessments.** In the last Saydel Communicator, I spent a great deal of time outlining the new state assessment that was on the horizon. The legislature has moved back the implementation of a new state assessment to the 2018-2019 school year. The test that will be implemented may or may not be the Smarter Balanced Assessments.
- 3. Supplemental State Aid set at 1.11.** In a change from the last several years, the legislature set the state aid increase early in the session. Due to enrollment in our district, we will receive \$9,000 less next year than we did for this fiscal year. We have reduced our budget through efficiencies and not replacing some staffing positions. While we look for low impact areas, every area of our school district is important to the success of students. I would encourage you to contact your legislators and advocate for education as an economic development tool. Currently the preferred economic development tool being used at the state level is tax incentives. I would advocate multiple tools are needed to grow a complex Iowa economy, including investing in education.

In a normal year navigating the various items discussed at the state capital can be daunting, but this year took that daunting task to another level. I want to encourage you to both contact and thank your representatives in the House and Senate. They do care and respond. While I do not always agree with them, I have found the state representatives serving Saydel to be responsive and interested in education and children. I encourage you to contact them with your ideas. You can look up your state legislator at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>.

On an exciting note, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some summer projects aligned with our Site Master Plan goal to improve student learning spaces and district infrastructure. We have \$1M in infrastructure improvements planned for summer funded through penny sales tax and Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) funds. As a note to my prior comments regarding

our funding I wanted to forward a reminder that funds intended by Iowa Code to be used for infrastructure cannot be utilized for general fund expenditures such as staffing, materials and utilities. These summer projects include:

- **Installation of a new water main to the High School.** This water main will replace the current 1950s water main that runs across private property. The main will connect at 54th and allow for future fire sprinkler system expansion. The materials used in the 1950s for water mains have a high failure rate. This project will improve water pressure and quality while reducing the potential for cancellations due to water service interruption.
- **Roofing projects at Saydel High School.** These roof replacements are part of a multi-year plan for district-wide roof replacement which will conclude next summer with the final roof replacement being done at Woodside.
- **Renovation of seven high school classrooms.** Seven high school classrooms will receive surface upgrades including new lighting, technology, carpet and skylights. Starting last year with the Cornell Project, we began a process to systematically update all classrooms to ensure flexible and engaging learning spaces. The High School spaces, including purchased furniture will be consistent with our desire to bring a consistent district-wide look and quality to our learning spaces.
- **Upgrades to science rooms and special needs rooms at Woodside.** These upgrades will provide for updated science rooms conducive to curriculum needs. In addition, a special needs classroom will be moved to enhance service to that program. These upgrades will also fit the new district standard for classroom learning spaces established in the Saydel Site Master Plan.

I look forward to sharing these improvements and spaces with our students and families this fall.

If you have made it to the end of this update...thank you for reading. There is always so much exciting information to share about our work and potential as a district. I am confident the pages of this Communicator will highlight many items I could not share in this welcome. It is an exciting time to be an Eagle. Thank you all for your support of your children and the Saydel Schools.

Douglas Wheeler
Superintendent of Schools



Saydel School Board Leaders Honored

May is School Board Recognition Month and an opportunity for local schools and communities to honor Iowa's nearly 1,900 locally elected school board members for their dedication to children and schools.

"Providing our community's children with a sound education is the most important investment we can make," said Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler. "We're proud of our elected leaders in this community and want to thank them for their service. School Board Recognition Month is the time to say thank you and recognize their continuing commitment to our school."

In Saydel Community School District, school board members develop policies and make decisions that impact the entire community. They are responsible for an annual budget of \$24 million, 1,353 students, 242 employees and three buildings.

"School board members make critical decisions and oversee billions in educational expenditures," noted Mr Wheeler. "They donate countless hours of personal time in service to Iowa students".

The students from Saydel Schools are acknowledging the



Saydel School Board members front row, from left: Melissa Sassman, Brian Bowman (president), Jennifer Van Houten (vice-president), Henry Wood. Back row, from left: Chad Vitiritto, Roland Kouski, Jr., and Doug Kayser.

dedication and commitment of the Board in a variety of ways during the May Regular School Board Meeting. Special treats will be provided by Cornell Elementary art students, Woodside Middle School art and ELP students, and Saydel High School art and culinary students.

The men and women serving Saydel Community School District are Brian Bowman, president, Jennifer Van Houten, vice president, Chad Vitiritto, Henry Wood, Doug Kayser, Melissa Sassman and Roland Kouski, Jr.

2016-17 Saydel Music Boosters Sponsorships Received

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Max & Cheryl Clark
Roland & Shari Kouski
Ric Powell & Family
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Doug & Lisa Wheeler

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Ruth Kouski
Glenn & Karen Puffett

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Ruth Kouski
Shari Kouski
Kelly Sprague
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Kyle Luttenegger
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Melissa Sensor
Penney Smith
Cheri Tingley
Jerry Young



CORNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Awesome Things Are Happening At Cornell

Message from
Principal Brian Vaughan



Greetings from Cornell Elementary!

It's been a very busy few months since our last Communicator. My goal is to give you the 360 degree look since we last shared our happenings in our great school.

As shared in the past, our goal is to recognize our students for the positive choices they make every day. We do this

through the use of a school-wide approach called PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support).

When our students are doing things "The Eagle Way" they are being Safe, Open-Minded, Accountable, and Respectful (S.O.A.R). Our students are recognized daily for the great choices they are making in all areas of our school and by all staff members. Our teachers' track the number of SOAR slips students receive and keep a running class total. For every 200 SOAR slips earned by a class, they get to have something special and enjoyable for a day. To this point, our students are now approaching 20,000 SOAR slips as a school.

In addition to SOAR slips I have been enjoying monthly lunches with students that are nominated as "student of the month" for demonstrating "The Eagle Way." If you get the chance to visit Cornell, you will be able to see all the students this year that have received the student of the month award, as we proudly display their picture in our hallway for all to see.

In February, Cornell held our annual Literacy Night to celebrate reading and math in our school. We had 300 students and family members attend and participate in math and reading activities. Not only was the time spent as a family enjoyed, but every student that attended went home with at least one new book. Thanks to everyone involved for making this night a HUGE success!

On February 28, Cornell had a great turnout for our kindergarten information meeting. We were able

to meet many of our parents of our future Little Eagles and provide them with information to help prepare them for the year ahead. If you were not able to attend, please contact our office and we will be happy to help get you started with first steps as well. The Cornell office number is 515-244-8173.

The month of March has been busy with conference nights, which were again extremely well attended with almost 100% of parents attending their child's conference time with the teacher. That means that between preschool-fourth grades we had nearly 500 conferences over the course of two nights!

Cornell Elementary celebrated Read Across America week the first week in March. Schools celebrate this week across America to honor the author Dr. Seuss. The students had fun by dressing up and spending some additional time reading. The highlight of this week was having students from the high school come to Cornell and read-aloud a Dr. Seuss book on his birthday (March 2) in each of our classrooms. Our students enjoyed the stories! Thank you to all of our high school volunteers for being great role models to our Little Eagles!



Kindergarten student Jersie Webb is pictured here reading a favorite book.

In closing, thank you to all of you for the trust and support you provide our great school every single day. Our partnership in educating our students goes hand-in-hand. I hope that you have a great month ahead!

Go Eagles! ~ BE AWESOME TODAY!



Cornell Students Enjoy 2nd Annual Title I Night

The 2nd Annual Title I Night held at Cornell Elementary School in February was very successful. Over 300 people attended the event. Every family left with books as well as reading and math strategies they can use at home to practice their reading and math skills.



Teacher Amy Crane is pictured to the right reading to students. Pictured to the left are Emma Plascencia and Audrina Crane reading together.



Students Enjoy Shopping at Book Fair

Cornell Elementary library hosted a book fair for the school community during parent/teacher conferences.

Students enjoyed visiting the fair and browsing the extensive selection of books and other items.

The fair was a huge success and earned \$2,552.70 in profit which will be used to purchase books from Scholastic for the library.

Thank you to all for your generous and continued support of the library.



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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 MIDDLE SCHOOL

Reflecting On Our TAP Journey

Message from
Principal Joshua Heyer



Being part of the TAP grant over the last four years has afforded teachers and leaders in the Saydel District the chance to gain valuable professional development from some of the more highly regarded experts in our field. Many of the teachers and leaders have taken their new learning and brought it back to our

buildings to share this information in hopes our peers will embed these practices into their daily instruction because they want to grow as educators.

Recently, a group of our educators had the opportunity to travel to New Orleans to participate in the TAP National Conference. I was blessed to be one of those individuals. As most conferences, you hope to walk away from the learning each day with a few critical talking points or an idea that you hope will make a difference for the building you are leading. The TAP National Conference met the criteria for success as I walked away with several ideas on how we can better serve and grow our students.

I think the most powerful learning that took place for me while on this trip was on the plane ride home. I began to reflect on our TAP journey over the last four years, my time as a Master teacher in the district, and my last two years as building principal at Woodside. Through my reflection I concluded three important points I would like to share with you.

“I am thankful I had the opportunity to attend the TAP National Conference. For me, the learning was powerful and the chance to reflect on our journey was invaluable.”

1. Teachers and administration have poured an immense amount of time and energy into improving each student’s educational experience they receive at Woodside. Through this work, adequate curriculum resources have been provided in our building, instructional practices have been enhanced, and student results on various assessments are slowly increasing.

2. Teachers and administration have focused on high leverage instructional strategies to improve the experience at Woodside. In speaking with educators at the National Conference, our district and building initiatives align with change efforts being done throughout the United States. Our most recent work includes aligning assessments to learning targets as well as looking for ways to increase student engagement by creating opportunities for students to have some choice and take personal ownership of their learning.

3. Teachers and administration are not content with the gains we have made and not willing to settle for what we have accomplished. The excitement the conference generated in the Woodside representatives who attended was overwhelming. The conversation between staff members focused around how they can apply this learning at the end of the year and next. The growth mindset by the staff is present and refreshing to observe.

While a bit cliché, change efforts are not a sprint, but rather a marathon. Woodside has changed over the last several years in large part due to the relentless commitment the teachers have for our students. We have grown in our instructional practices, and as the building leader, I am confident the work we are engaging in is going to propel us forward in future years.

I am thankful I had the opportunity to attend the TAP National Conference. For me, the learning was powerful and the chance to reflect on our journey was invaluable. I am proud of where we are at as a building, but looking forward to the possibilities we can accomplish in the near future.

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Woodside Administers CogAT Screening

At Woodside Middle School, Carolyn McCauley, K-8 ELP Coordinator, administered the CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test) screener to all sixth graders in February to help identify students for enrollment in the Saydel District's full-time, 6-8 grade ELP program. Saydel's administration and School Board recently expanded opportunities for Talented and Gifted Screening by committing to screen all students in grade levels 3, 6 and 9. The CogAT assessment is a nationally normed assessment of cognitive ability. It is not an achievement test based on curricula that has been taught, but is an aptitude test that measures a student's general and specific cognitive abilities. It measures learned reasoning and problem-solving skills in three areas: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal, which are closely tied to academic success.



“What A Veteran Means To Me” VFW Essay Winners



The fifth grade classes at Woodside participated in an essay competition for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, District 5, Department of Iowa. Students wrote their essays on the topic of “What A Veteran Means To Me.” Winners were announced during an assembly, where they were awarded cash prizes. All the essays were also entered into the District-wide competition. Lawson Langford won third place honors from the District and Hannah Rizzo won second place from the District. Pictured from left: third place winner Kayden Day, second place winner Lawson Langford, first place winner Hannah Rizzo, and Linda Jones, VFW 9662 Representative. Jones served in the Army for 10 years and after the assembly, the students enjoyed shaking her hand and thanking her for her service.

Woodside Middle School ... Back in 1925!



There is a rich history of approximately 100 years of learning at Woodside Middle School. A few years ago someone was cleaning out an attic nearby and found a photo of Woodside, the students, and staff from 1925. The photo is in rough shape, but Mr. Michael Dennis managed to scan it and restore it digitally to some extent. He is preserving and reframing the original to hang in the building. The photo above is from February 23, 1925. Mr. Dennis said, “Someday we will be the ones being looked back upon. The staff should be proud to work at Woodside and students should do their best to make each day count.”



SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL

The Importance of Growth

Message from
Principal Kevin Schulte

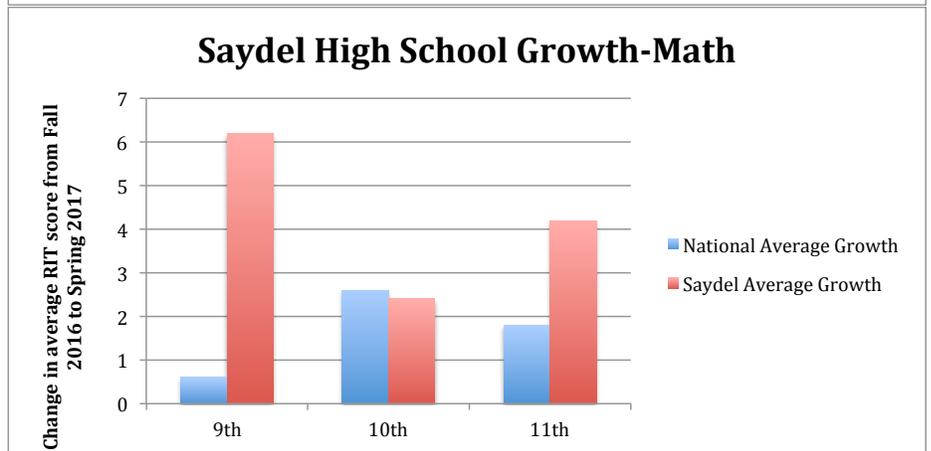
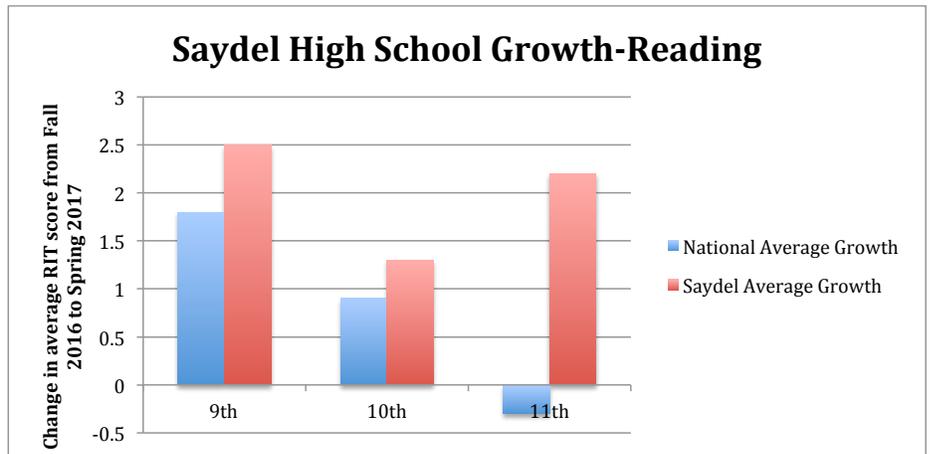


Often times when evaluating the success of a coach, the factor most people focus on is the wins and the losses. The thing that is often times lost sight of is the growth the team undergoes throughout the season. The same can be said for schools.

One of the greatest indicators of school quality is growth students experience while in

the school. The strength of Saydel High School has been further reinforced by student growth that was demonstrated on our recent MAP testing. Each class (grades 9-11), either met or exceeded the growth seen national averages on five of six tests. This is a great testament to great students giving their best effort and our outstanding staff engaging students in high quality instruction. This is one indicator of the success professional learning focused on pushing student thinking.

With our mission, "Everyone's best effort for everyone's best life," growth is a key component. We know that when each individual gives his or her best effort we will all achieve our best lives.



Four Saydel Wrestlers Qualified For State!

Four Saydel High School wrestlers qualified for the state meet this year. Pictured from left are: Coach Tyler Wilson, Hunter Jesse, Klayton Keller, Devon Van Houten, Coach Brian Van Houten, Trevor Sprague and Coach Bill Taylor. Congratulations to these wrestlers!





Saydel Students Doing Great Things

- Hunter Jesse (12), Devon Van Houten (12), Klayton Keller (11), and Trevor Sprague (11) qualified for the state tournament. Klayton qualified for the second consecutive year.
- Ada Miklus (11), Aubreigh Shineflew (10), Brandon Webb (10), Chevy Kelley (12), David Parker (12), Lisa VanZandt (11), Mikaela Becker (12), Salena Leon (11) and Stone Simon (11) earned awards at the Heart of Iowa Fine Arts Festival.
- Reilly Aagesen (10) earned an outstanding attorney award at the regional mock trial contest.
- Vocal Fusion received a Division I rating at the Iowa High School Music Association State Jazz Choir Contest.
- Joe Peer (12) was one of three students chosen to perform a solo at Wartburg’s Meistersinger Choir Festival.
- Student council members presented their adopt a family program at the START Leadership Conference.
- Our girls basketball team earned a team GPA of 3.58 which earned them the Distinguished in Academic Achievement Award from the Iowa High School Girls Athletic Union. The students included Olivia Erdelt (12), Ashley Kouski (12), Rachel Bartleman (12), Lexi Carney (11), Destiny Butters (10), Gracie Bear (10), Darian Garcia (10), Megan Schmidt (12), Hannah Bowman (11), Jayda Tolentino (11), Katie Schmidt (11), Sarah Stocker (11), Alle Thompson (10), Sophia Barton (10), Emily Chiles (9), Alyssa Monroe (10), Kearra Abrams (10), Jessica Guzman (11).



OLIVIA ERDELT ASHLEY KOUSKI RACHEL BARTLEMAN LEXI CARNEY DESTINY BUTTERS GRACIE BEAR DARIAN GARCIA MEGAN SCHMIDT HANNAH BOWMAN
 JAYDA TOLENTINO KATIE SCHMIDT SARAH STOCKER ALLE THOMPSON SOPHIA BARTON EMILY CHILES ALYSSA MONROE KERRA ABRAMS JESSICA GUZMAN

Students Participate In START Leadership Conference

Saydel High School Student Government members Ashley Kouski, Emma Harkness, Jessica Guzman, Logan Guy, Morgan Ramirez, Taylor Perry, Sydney Dhabolt, and Alyssa Monroe presented their “Adopt a Family” program in Council Bluffs, IA, at the START Leadership Conference on March 3, 2017.

Student Government members have been doing this community service for over nine years throughout the Saydel District. This is a partnership with Saydel’s United Way representative who selects the families Student Government adopts for holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

The students discussed the process, the list they put together, the collection of items, the baskets they created for the families and talked about the empathy as well as the pleasure students experience when participating in this program.





Activities, Athletics & Awards, Oh My!

Message from Director of Activities & Community Education Melissa Crosse



Let me start by saying, thank you for the warm welcome from the students, staff and community members. In the short time that I have worked in the district, I am extremely impressed with the climate and culture of the entire Saydel community. It has truly been my pleasure making the transition into the district and I look forward to a successful year!

A special shout out to everyone that answered the millions of questions I have asked, the kindness and patience provided, and the flexibility shown; especially coaches, district office employees and Principal Kevin Schulte.

Winter Celebrations and Success

As the Winter Season came to an end, coaches and students were excited for the end of year banquets. Boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading and wrestling all enjoyed a short period of rest and winter season celebrations.

The "Walk of Champions" kicked off the celebration ritual as wrestling made its mark; bringing four students who qualified to the State Wrestling Tournament at Wells Fargo Arena, downtown Des Moines in late February. Congratulations to the State Qualifiers, Klayton Keller, Devon Van Houten, Trevor Sprague and Hunter Jesse; Head Coach Tyler Wilson, Assistant Coaches Stacey Rice and Brian Van Houten.



Boys and girls basketball look forward to summer camps, clinics and team building opportunities; including working with elementary and middle school students.

Cheerleading also finished the season with Eagle Pride; attending and cheering at the State Wrestling Tournament. Members of cheerleading look forward to summer activities in skill building, teamwork and school spirit.

Spring Activities

The Spring Season is in session, offering boys golf, varsity boys and girls track, middle school track, and boys and girls tennis. This year, Saydel High School is excited to host a variety of dates for all spring sports, including three track meets. Parents interested in volunteering at a track meet can email crosseemelissa@saydel.net.

Eagles in the NEWS!

Saydel High School Junior, Devin Walker was nominated for *The Des Moines Register* & Nike, I AM SPORT Award for his continuous encouragement to youth for participation in sports and academics. Devin was voted as a finalist, and the winner will be announced at the Award Assembly, June 24 at Wells Fargo Arena, by guest speaker Shaquille O'Neal.



Health Grant Offers YOGA for High School Students

The Director of Activities and Director of Food Service are pairing up to offer new opportunities for students at the high school, utilizing the CDC Wellness Grant. The district will be offering fitness classes after school 3 - 4 PM, April 19 and April 26; Yoga and Aerobics/Zumba will be the first of two classes offered to students. Over 50 students have already signed up for the first round of classes, and if the popularity continues, these types of classes will be included in the new Community Education Program, starting Fall 2017.



School & Community Health Fair

May 2 will mark the 2nd Annual Health Fair at Saydel High School. The Activities Department and iJAG will offer students the opportunity to spend time exploring and learning about health topics, meet community health vendors and take home free giveaways. This year, the Health Fair will have an extended time so parents, guardians and community members can attend. Stop by Saydel High School May 2 from 3 - 6 PM for free entrance, free community resources and a chance to win prizes.

Do You Get the Eagle Express?

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

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 comradery, 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.



Members of the National Honor Society Eagle Chapter

National Honor Society is an organization that nationally recognizes a high school's best and brightest individuals. Students who are considered for membership must have sophomore standing or higher and maintain at least a 3.25 GPA. In addition, a faculty selection committee looks for those students who exemplify the four pillars of National Honor Society: scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The students who most reflect these qualities at Saydel High School were recognized on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

The students pictured from left to right are listed with the year in which they were inducted. First row: Kendra Wickre 2015, Aitzel Rodriguez 2016, Shelby Weber 2016, Anneliese Barton 2015, Megan Schmidt 2015, Lisa Van Zandt 2016, Sarah Stocker 2016, Hannah Bowman 2016, Katie Schmidt, 2016, Daniel Way 2015. Second row: Rachel Bartleman 2016, Colton Signs 2017, Reilly Aagesen 2017, Cody Boozell 2017, Taylor Conley 2017, Darian Garcia 2017, Craig Garrison 2017, Emily Harden 2017, Jackson Jarrell 2017, Devon Van Houten 2017, Peter Walkwitz 2017. Third row: B'Elanna Trulove 2017, Jayda Tolentino 2017, Ashley Kouski 2017, Manfredo Mazariegos 2017, Jaelynn Myers 2017, Katie Plascencia 2017, Leslie Rogers 2017, TJ Stephenson 2017, Dalton Silver 2017, Andrew Malone 2017, Jacob Kuehl 2017, Nate Sepich 2016.

Important Vaccinations Notice for 2017-18

Beginning with the 2017-2018 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.



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PTO Carnival Raffle Prize Donors

Thank you to the many parents, teachers, community members and businesses for donating items for the raffle! Your generosity is much appreciated! Special thanks to the following:

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 Applebee's
 Brown Shoe Fit Company
 Blank Park Zoo
 Buffalo Wild Wings
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 Gary & Lisa Christensen
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 Maurices
 Medicap Pharmacy
 Memory Bound
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 Panera Bread
 Pizza Ranch
 Renes Greenhouse
 Scornovacca's Pizza
 SkyZone
 Skywalk Global
 SportsClips
 Staples
 Strawberry Patch
 Ted's Body Shop
 ThirtyOne Gifts (Julie Soma)



Enrollment packets
 available at
 Cornell Elementary
 or online at
www.saydel.k12.ia.us



SAYDEL Eagle's Nest Summer Program Is Back

May 30 - Aug. 11, 2017

LOCATION: Cornell Elementary School

- *Field Trips & Outdoor Play
- *Bi-Weekly Themes
- *Academic Support
- *Fun With Friends
- *All Districts Welcome
- *Affordable (State Assistance Accepted)
- *Breakfast & Hot Lunch Served June 5-August 11
(Children will need to bring breakfast & sack lunch the first week of camp.)

Pre-K to 6th Graders Welcome



Contact Eagle's Nest Coordinator Christine Bailey for details:
515-244-8173, ext. 3207 or baileychristine@saydel.net

Saydel Community Demonstrates Caring During Holidays

On behalf of the Saydel Community School District, a very special THANK YOU to the following businesses, churches, schools, organizations, individual sponsors, and groups for their outstanding kindness and generosity this holiday season. This very special program sponsored by the Saydel Student Assistance Team continues to grow. The program started in 1994 with one sponsor serving one needy family.

This year 46 sponsors were able to serve a total of 112 families with a total of 212 children. In addition to this, 28 Thanksgiving baskets and 23 Christmas baskets were delivered to families for the holiday. Our words of gratitude will never be enough to THANK YOU for brightening the HEARTS and HOMES of these very special children and families in the Saydel community.

Affinity Credit Union
 All Saint Catholic Church
 Bethany Reform Church
 Brown Shoe Fit Co.
 Casey's Credit Card Department
 Capitol City Church
 Chemorse
 Cherity Keller
 Cornell Elementary PTO
 Craig & Cyndi Simiens
 Daisy Marcketti family
 Debbie Cox & family
 Gary & Barb Ruebel
 Girl Scout Troop #423
 Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
 Harryette Larson
 Henry and Angela Wood & family
 Jason Mullins
 Jay and Michelle Knudsen
 Jennifer Van Houten
 Julie Watson
 Jessica Perry
 Kathy and Jerry Koeppel

Kathy Kramme
 Kevin & Kelly Schulte
 Lynette Allison family
 Marquisville Church
 Merle Hicks (AFSCME)
 Music Boosters
 N.I.C.E. (Norwood Inn Christmas Elves)
 Paul and Cindy Cahill & family
 Ron and Amanda Kouski & family
 Russell Ozimek
 Steve and Deb McEachron & family
 St. Luke's Catholic Church
 Shannon Larson
 Saydel District Office
 Saydel High School
 Saydel High School Student Government
 Saydel High School Office & Guidance Staff
 St. Vincent DePaul
 Tim and Elsie Cloyd
 Tender Heart Day Care
 The Flooring Guys
 VFW #9662 (Auxillary)
 Wendy Berry Brown & group

Saydel Retirement Reception

Monday, May 8, 2017, District Office Board Room

The Saydel community is invited to attend a Retirement Reception on Monday, May 8, 2017 from 5 PM - 6 PM in the Saydel District Office Board Room to honor the six staff members who are retiring at the end of the school year. Awards will be presented during the Regular School Board Meeting which will begin at 6 PM.

The reception will be in honor of:

- Melinda Aeschilman, Special Education Teacher
- Cindy Cahill, District Social Worker
- Pamela Hagen, Special Education Teacher
- Marilyn Jungman, Success Program Teacher
- Aileen Meyer, District Librarian
- Jane Prange, District Office Receptionist



Saydel Booster Memberships

BUSINESS PLATINUM EAGLE

Chemorse
 Rising Star/All Iowa Stone & Gutter
 The Results Group, L.L.C.
 Iowa Demolition Inc.
 R Rogers Septic LLC
 Jason's Lawn & Tree Care
 Goode Greenhouses
 Tesdell Electric

BUSINESS GOLD EAGLE

Heartland Chiropractic & Wellness Ctr.
 Capital City Equipment Co.
 Iowa State Bank
 Affinity Credit Union

BUSINESS GREEN EAGLE

Struthers Brothers Kawasaki-Suzuki, Inc.

BUSINESS SILVER EAGLE

Walker Construction & Painting
 John Sandin Painting
 Decarlo Demolition Company
 Seth Wicks Construction
 Schneider Graphics
 Xtreme Liners of Central Iowa

INDIVIDUAL GOLD EAGLE

Doug & Lisa Wheeler
 Kevin & Kelly Schulte
 Roland & Shari Kouski
 Randy & Joleen Stephenson
 Kevin Farnsley
 Doug & Susan Cline
 Rollie Madison
 Brett Hersom
 Ric Powell

INDIVIDUAL SILVER EAGLE

Missy Burr
 Joshua & Denna Heyer
 Ruth Kouski

INDIVIDUAL GREEN EAGLE

Roland & Shari Kouski
 Brian & Diba VanHouten

INDIVIDUAL PLATINUM EAGLE

Corey Myers
 Scott Myers
 Kelly & Tana Sprague

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 Kyle Luttenegger
 Michael Puffett
 Julie Rolf
 Melissa Sensor
 Penney Smith
 Cheri Tingley
 Jerry Young



Financial Focus

Report from Business Manager Ryan Eidahl & Superintendent Douglas Wheeler

This issue’s financial focus is more general and topical than those in the past few issues. Since this legislative season has been so active, we have received questions regarding school choice and private school instruction. With this in mind, we wanted to take this opportunity to answer some questions related to the finances of this issue with our community.

In this focus article, we will address two common questions about the issue of school choice. We hope this article answers a few frequent questions we have been fielding related to school choice.

Question #1 – Do families have a choice in where to send their children for free?

Answer – Yes and No. Families have the right to open enroll students. For example, nearly 20% of Saydel students are open enrolled IN from other districts. In looking at the state level, in the 1990-91 school year 2,757, or .06% of public school children chose to open enroll. In the 2014-15 school year 29,372, or 6.1% of public school children chose to open enroll. However, this open enrollment is contingent on meeting deadlines established by the state. Districts can also choose to close open enrollment access to programs considered at full capacity. For example, Saydel is closed for certain special education, English Language Learning and At-Risk programming. In addition, there are a handful of Iowa districts who do not allow open enrollment OUT of their district due to existing diversity plans. One of these school districts is Des Moines Public Schools. Under diversity plans, certain family demographics are used to determine if open enrollment OUT will be approved.

Question #2 – Is it true that no public money goes to private schools?

Answer – No. According to Iowa.gov, the following are taxpayer investments in non-public schools summarized at the state level:

Regular Program Taxpayer Investment in Non-Public Schools: *	
<u>Taxpayer Funds</u>	<u>Non-Public School Program</u>
\$650,214	Non-Public textbooks
\$8,560,931	Non-Public Transportation
\$11,300,000	School Tuition Tax Credit
\$15,200,000	Tuition and Textbook Tax Credit
\$1,600,000	Non-Public School students in Public HS
\$2,000,000	Home School Assistance
\$13,000,000	50% of Community Partner PS slots
\$52,311,145	Total Non-Public School program Support
<i>* Does not include special education or AEA supports for non-public schools</i>	

Again, the intent of this financial focus is to bring issues of school finance to our public in a smaller topical format. The purpose of this article is not to place a value or judgment on any educational institution, private or public. To the contrary, we believe anyone who chooses to be a teacher or administrator does their best every day in the service of children regardless of the type of school. The purpose of this article is to share some financial facts around the school choice issue.



Durham Hosts Prize Drawing

Turn In Transportation Forms by June 16, 2017 & You Will Be Entered To Win!



On page 23 in this issue of The Saydel Communicator, you will find the Transportation Form for 2017-18. Every student who gets their transportation form to the Saydel District Office/Durham School Services by August 4, 2017, will be guaranteed to have their students on a bus by the first day of school. Plus, everyone who has the form turned in by June 16, 2017, will have their names put into a drawing to win a family fun pack, consisting of four tickets to the new Cinemark Theater in Altoona, plus a \$30 gift card to Culvers, also in Altoona.

Woodside Middle School Hosts Retirement Reception

A reception will be held Thursday, May 18, 2017, from 4 PM - 6:30 PM at the Woodside Middle School cafeteria to honor the following Woodside staff members who are retiring at the end of this school year: Aileen Meyer, District Librarian, Marilyn Jungman, Success Program Teacher, and Melinda Aeschliman, Special Education Teacher. Friends, family, staff and community members are invited to attend. Woodside would like to thank these individuals for their hard work and dedication to the Saydel Community School District.



MARILYN JUNGMAN



AILEEN MEYER



MELINDA AESCHLIMAN

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Saydel Eagles Athletic Booster Club

- The Annual Four Person Best Ball Golf Outing is May 13, 2017. Please visit our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/saydelathletics for details and to print off a registration form if you would like to participate.
- Elections for Athletic Booster Club Board Members will be June 20, 2017. We have two Board members retiring, which leaves only four left. We need a secretary and others to help with our apparel, membership and fundraising chairs. It is difficult to meet the quorum requirement to have an official meeting and being able to carry out any official business with so few members. Visit our Facebook page for more details.
- The Saydel Alumni Softball Tournament (SAST) will be September 2&3. Would you like to help or provide input for our next tournament? Come to one our next meetings or contact us at saydelathletics@gmail.com.
- Saydel Little Eagles Football League is still accepting registrations for Flag Football for 1st – 2nd graders and Tackle Football for 3rd – 6th graders. Please visit www.facebook.com/Saydel-Little-Eagles-Football-League-950382288306702 for more information or send an email to saydelathletics@gmail.com.



Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Update



Message from Director Mary Salazar

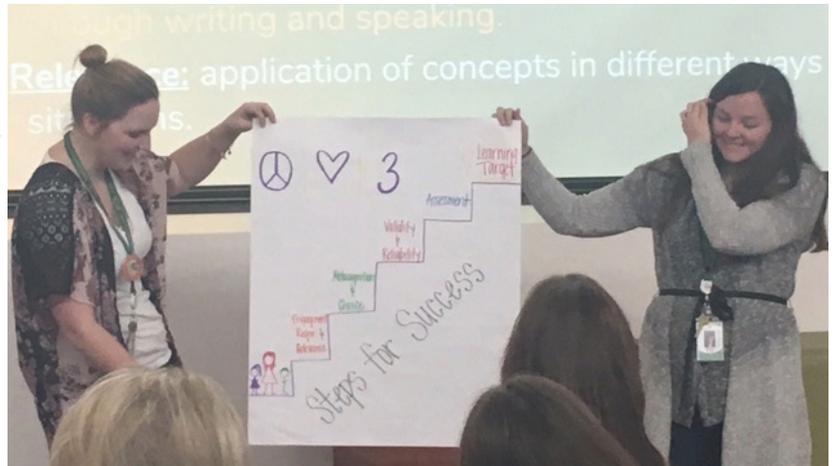
Our Wednesday morning professional development sessions this winter and early spring have been busy for teachers in the Saydel Community School District. Teachers in all three buildings have spent significant time learning about the elements of effective assessment design. Our time has been put to good use thinking about how we can design assessments that align to our standards and allow students to demonstrate mastery of their learning. These professional development sessions were designed using the ideas of assessment expert Nicole Dimich Vagle and her book *Design in Five: Essential Phases to Create Engaging Assessment Practice*.

This work began with reflecting on why it is important to design assessments that are engaging to students. This work around engagement required teachers to think about how to ensure that students find meaning in the assessments created for them. We also spent time looking at the components of a balanced assessment plan as a way to frame our thinking for this work. Some of the other topics we covered included: validity, reliability, rigor and relevance as they pertain to assessments and assessment design. In addition, teachers explored a variety of assessment methods and started to think about which assessment methods would allow students to demonstrate their level of proficiency on the standard(s) being assessed. With each Wednesday morning session, teachers gained new understanding and knowledge that will be used during the last part of the school year as they design student assessments.

This work around assessment design aligns nicely with the other work we have done this year around creating tiered learning targets based on our Iowa Core standards. Teachers have been working diligently all year in our Wednesday professional development sessions, as well as in their weekly cluster meetings, to ensure that students have the best experiences possible each and every

day. This work around assessments has been a district-wide initiative, with teachers in all three buildings receiving the same learning each week. It has been a very positive experience to work as a united system to provide the best possible experience for Saydel Community School District students at all grade levels.

The culmination of this work around assessment design brought Nicole Dimich Vagle to Saydel Schools to lead our professional development day on April 3 at Capitol City Church. It was exciting to see her pick up where our Wednesday morning work left off as teachers continued the process of creating assessments. Our work around assessment design will continue in the future as an on-going district initiative.



Nicole Schroder and Hannah Boren share the third grade team's vision of assessment design.



Woodside Middle School teachers work on connecting elements of assessment design.



Student Services & Special Education Update



Message from Director Julie McKibben

The second semester has brought some exciting changes to our special education and ELL programs. Both programs have adopted the Really Great Reading curriculum and have started the implementation process.

The results of the last six weeks have shown positive results for our students. The curriculum is being implemented in the first through twelfth grades.

Melinda Aeschliman, fifth grade special education teacher at Woodside said, “The new reading curriculum, Really Great Reading, has given students an opportunity to successfully access phonetic instruction. This instruction offers a multi-sensory approach which features key action hand signals that help students remember phonetic elements. Students have had great success!”



Teacher Melinda Aeschliman is pictured here providing instruction with the Really Great Reading curriculum.

Another exciting change involves our ELP program. The district has taken a close look at how we are identifying and serving our ELP students. The decision was made to screen grades three, six, and nine. This process took place in March and we are anticipating results by the end of the school year. A big thank you to our ELP teachers for their hard work and dedication to their students and program.

The student services department is highlighting the Poverty Simulation that teachers participated in for the February professional development day. The staff at Saydel Community School District recently engaged in a poverty simulation during a professional development day. The poverty simulation assigns participants to one of several

families living in poverty, in which they play a specific role while they live through a “month” in poverty. The month is comprised of four 15-minute “weeks,” during which family members must meet their family’s needs and obligations while burdened under the strain of poverty.

In their reflections upon leaving Saydel’s poverty simulation, teachers consistently remarked on the experience as “eye-opening” for them.



Pictured are Saydel teachers from left Paul Forristall, Travis French and Janis Logan playing their roles as a family that has been “evicted.”



One of the many stations in the poverty simulation was the shopping center. Chris Stammerman played the role of shopping center clerk. He provided employment, cashed paychecks and took payment for groceries from families.



Buildings & Grounds Update

Message from Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds Dan Willson



As you all know we opened a new wing to Cornell Elementary this past fall. What you may not know

is all the lighting installed with this project was done with LED fixtures. LED lighting has come a long way in the past few years and continues to make advancements as well, becoming more affordable.

At Cornell we used a lighting fixture in the corridor that will self dim when no one is present and return to full light once someone comes near it. In the classrooms we have lights divided into two groups, the ones in the front of the room on one switch and the rest on another, both with dimming controls. This works well when our teachers use their digital display boards by dimming down the lights as needed.

We hope to do something similar at the high school this summer when we remodel seven classrooms. LED lighting lets us be creative along with energy savings and reduced maintenance.



Polk County/Prairie Meadows Gives Back to Saydel



The Saydel Community School District appreciates the ongoing support from the Polk County Board of Supervisors and Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino. This support is based on the number of students in our district and averages \$16,000 per year to support special district initiatives. At the March 20 Regular School Board Meeting, the Saydel School Board was presented with a check for \$16,552.70 from Polk County/Prairie Meadows. Pictured from left in front row: Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler, Board President Brian Bowman, Prairie Meadows Director of Community Relations Julie Stewart, Polk County Supervisor Steve Van Oort. Pictured back row, from left: Saydel School Board of Directors Chad Vitiritto, Roland Kouski, Jr., Melissa Sassman, Doug Kayser, and Henry Wood.



Saydel District Recognitions

Saydel Community School District has recently presented some community members, volunteers and Saydel staff for their commitment and dedication toward the betterment of the school district. Shown here are photos taken from recent School Board meetings where these moments of recognition have taken place.



On February 13, the Saydel School Board of Directors recognized the Jordan Creek/West Des Moines Target store #1901 during their Regular Board Meeting. Target recently donated a \$300 gift card to Saydel Schools so items could be purchased to complete the district's emergency kits. Pictured from left: Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler, Target Representatives Alyssa George and Jeanette Mallette, and Saydel School Board President Brian Bowman.



On March 20, 2017, during the Saydel Regular School Board Meeting, Superintendent Mr. Douglas Wheeler honored Capitol City Church in Des Moines. The church and its congregation were recognized for ongoing support which has included facility use and support for Saydel families. Pictured from left: Saydel Superintendent Mr. Wheeler, Capitol City Youth Director Tim Stout, and Saydel School Board President Brian Bowman.

Upcoming Events

MAY 2, 2017

Health & Wellness Fair at High School, 3 PM

MAY 3, 2017

Music Boosters Meeting at High School, 6:30 PM

MAY 8, 2017

- District Retirement Reception, 5 PM - 6 PM
- Regular School Board Meeting, 6 PM

MAY 13, 2017

Annual Four Person Best Ball Golf Outing

MAY 15, 2017

3rd & 4th Grades Music Program at High School Auditorium, 6:30 PM

MAY 17, 2017

Senior Awards Night at High School, 7 PM

MAY 18, 2017

- Fourth Grade Field Day
- Woodside Retirement Reception, 4 PM

MAY 19, 2017

Kindergarten - Third Grade Field Day

MAY 21, 2017

Graduation at High School South Gym, 1 PM

MAY 25 & 26, 2017

Semester Finals

MAY 26, 2017

Last Day of School

MAY 30, 2017

Eagle's Nest Summer Program Begins at Cornell Elementary

JUNE 5, 2017

Summer Food Program Begins at Cornell

JUNE 12, 2017

Regular School Board Meeting, 6 PM

JULY 10, 2017

Regular School Board Meeting, 6 PM

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 14, 2017

Regular School Board Meeting, 6 PM

AUGUST 16, 2017

New Staff Begins

AUGUST 18, 2017

All Staff Begins

AUGUST 23, 2017

First Day of School

Cornell Elementary School Celebrates National Healthy Schools By Receiving Gold Award



HealthierUS School Challenge
Recognizing Excellence in
School Nutrition and Physical Activity



Cornell Elementary improved on their previously earned Silver HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) certification to receive the HealthierUS School Challenge Gold Award in recognition of its outstanding commitment to student health. The HealthierUS School Challenge program recognizes schools that are creating healthy environments by promoting excellence in nutrition, nutrition education and physical activity. Cornell Elementary will receive a \$1,500 monetary award from the United States Department of Agriculture for their success, an award plaque signed by a USDA official, a banner to display in their school, and their name listed on the Team Nutrition Web site. Iowa has not had a Gold HUSSC Award winning school in the past two years.

To qualify for an award, a school must submit a formal application and meet basic criteria set forth by the FNS. The HUSSC criteria reflect the recommendations of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) published recommendations (April 2007) for foods that should be served in schools, outside of the organized school lunch meals. HealthierUS Schools must also have a local school wellness policy, as mandated by Congress. Jessy Sadler, Director of Food and Nutrition Services led the HUSSC application process, along with broad-based support from Superintendent Doug Wheeler. Schools receiving a HUSSC award commit to meeting the criteria throughout their four year certification period. The award will be presented in April to Cornell Elementary and students will participate in a school-wide celebration.



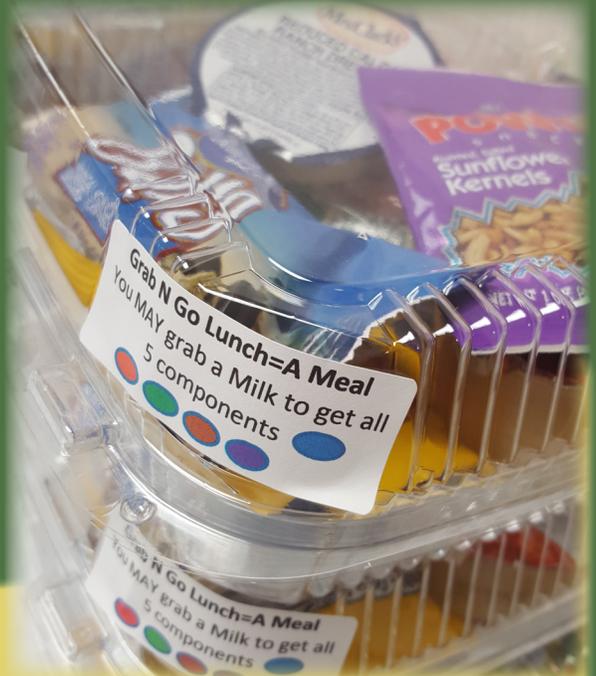
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Summer Meals for Kids & Teens Open to ALL Children 18 & Younger

*Adults may eat for a fee at Cornell location.

June 5 - August 11
Monday - Friday

Cornell Elementary School

5817 NE 3rd Street, Des Moines

Breakfast: 8 AM - 9 AM

Lunch: 11 AM - 12 PM (Noon)

Sunnybrook Mobile Home Park

5975 NE Berwick Drive, Berwick

Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12 PM (Noon)

Questions?

Contact **Jessy Sadler**, Director of Food Services,
at 515-264-0866 or sadlerjessy@saydel.net

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SAYDEL EAGLES
ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
 SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL 5601 NE 7th St, DES MOINES, IA 50313

Annual Four Person Best Ball Golf Outing

Toad Valley Golf Course
Saturday, May 13th, 2017
8am Shotgun Start [Check-In: 7 – 7:30am]

Registration: \$60 per player. Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch and 2 drink tickets.

Captain:	Email:
Player 2:	Email:
Player 3:	Email:
Player 4:	Email:

Prizes:

Men and Women; Winning Team, Longest Drive, Longest Putt, Closest to the Pin and others.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

\$100	Longest Drive
\$100	Longest Putt
\$100	Closest to the Pin
\$200	Tee Box Sponsor
\$500	Free Foursome and Tee Box Sponsor
	Other – If you have another idea for a sponsorship opportunity, please contact Rob.

Make checks payable to: Saydel Eagles Athletic Booster Club

Mail forms to: Saydel Eagles Athletic Booster Club, 5601 NE 7th St, Des Moines, IA 50313

Questions? Email saydelathletics@gmail.com or call us:

Rob Stephenson 770-7445
Cody Pech 782-6413

Shannon Riddlebarger 681-3978
Jeremy Lowe 240-2141

For more information and forms go to our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/saydelathletics

Toad Valley’s Rain Policy

Rain does not constitute stoppage of play. Toad Valley will determine the discontinuance of play based on experience. Should circumstances beyond the control of Toad Valley result in closure of the facility on or during a group’s scheduled event day, the following policy will take precedence: 1-3 holes completed – Full Rain Check, 4-12 holes completed – Half Rain Check, 13-18 holes completed – No Rain Check. The event will take place unless the course has closed. If the outing cannot take place, the Tournament Coordinator will still be billed for any additional golf cars, as this is a fixed cost for Toad Valley. There is no additional fee for rain delays.

Saydel Community School District
Transportation Information Form
2017 – 2018 School Year

Return to Saydel District Office or Durham School Services.

Saydel Fax: 515-264-0869

Durham Fax: 515-265-2998



Please complete this form with as much detail and accuracy as possible; as it will be **used for routing structure and times**. This form is to be **completed every year for each child** and **anytime there is a change** in transportation needs. **This form must be completed and submitted regardless of preferences.** Thank You!

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

Zip: _____ Mailing _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian 1 Name: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Parent/Guardian 2 Name: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

Woodside Middle School

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

Saydel High School

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

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

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School Board meetings are held at the
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