



Woodside Middle School

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October 2018 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Woodside Middle School

OCTOBER 12, 2018

Homecoming Football Game, 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 16, 2018

- Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-8 PM; School Dismiss 12:45 PM
- Flu Shot Clinic at Cornell Elementary, 3-6 PM
- Scholastic Book Fair, 3-8 PM

OCTOBER 18, 2018

- Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-8 PM; School Dismiss 12:45 PM
- Flu Shot Clinic at Saydel District Office, 3-6 PM
- Scholastic Book Fair, 3 to 8 PM

OCTOBER 19, 2018

No School; Teacher Professional Development Day

OCTOBER 20, 2018

Monster Dash at Saydel High School, 9:30 AM start time

OCTOBER 23, 2018

7th Grade ICCC Field Trip

OCTOBER 27, 2018

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, Silent Auction & Bake Sale for Washington, D.C. Trip, 7-11 AM

OCTOBER 30, 2018

Picture Retakes

School Hours

WOODSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:45 AM - 2:45 PM

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

NOTE: Each Wednesday school begins one hour later for teacher in-service.

MISSION: Serving the Unique Learning Needs of Each & Every Student

Principal's Message

Greetings Saydel families! The start of the 2018-19 school year has been a great success. The day to day routines have been operating so well, I was caught off guard when I was reviewing the calendar and realized we are already 20% done with the school year. The calendar also reminded me that the month of October is a critical time for our students and families. With this communication, I would like to capture important events that are taking place in October and to emphasize the importance of these events for each student.



Principal Joshua Heyer

Parent Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be October 16 and October 18 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM.

In order to allow our staff adequate time to prepare for conferences, school will dismiss at 12:45 PM on these days. Teachers have sent communication to each parent how to sign-up for PTC. If you did not get a conference time scheduled, please call the Woodside Office at 515-265-3451 so we can find a time for you. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Quarter 1 Grades: The last day of the first quarter will be October 26. If you do not have access to PowerSchool, please stop by the front office during conferences so we can help you. Checking grades, ensuring assignments are completed, and engaging in academic conversations with your child helps foster the importance of school in each of our students. Wednesday after school support is always available for students needing additional help. Contact your child's teacher if you would like to take advantage of this offering.

8th Grade Pancake Breakfast: The annual 8th grade pancake breakfast to raise money for a trip to Washington, D.C., will occur October 27 from 7:00 - 11 AM. The breakfast will be held at the Delaware Township Fire Department. The cost of the meal is a freewill donation and other items will be raffled. The meal and fellowship is always great. The 8th grade students hope to see you there.

7th Grade Trip to ICCC: The 7th grade students will be visiting Iowa Central Community College on October 23. This is to support our effort to get 100% of our students on a college or university campus each year. Other grades will be making college trips in the spring. Look for more information in future newsletters.

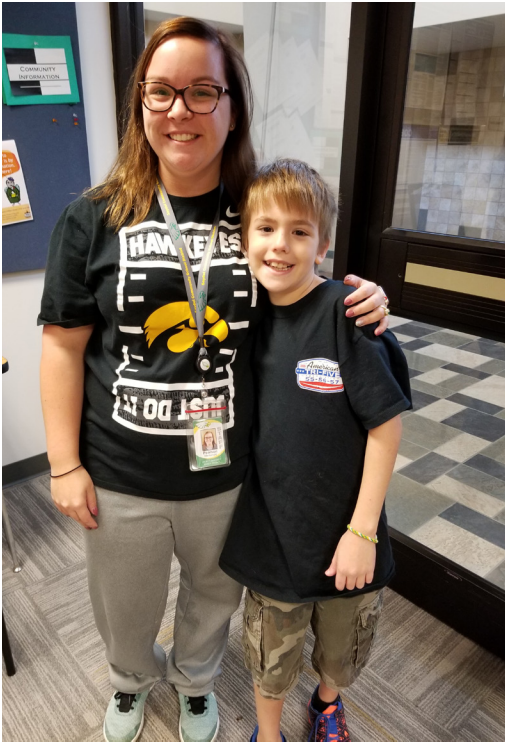
PTO Fundraiser: The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will be kicking off their annual fundraiser on October 15. This is a great way for our PTO to raise money. Each student should bring home a sales packet on this day. Additional packets will be made available in the Woodside front office. You are welcome to stop by and grab a packet if it is needed. All packets should be returned to Woodside by October 29.

Winter Athletics: 7th and 8th grade girl's basketball practice will begin October 25. 7th and 8th grade wrestling will begin October 29. If you are looking for more information about these activities, contact Ashley Frantz (basketball) and Mike Dennis (wrestling) during conferences.



Homecoming Spirit Week





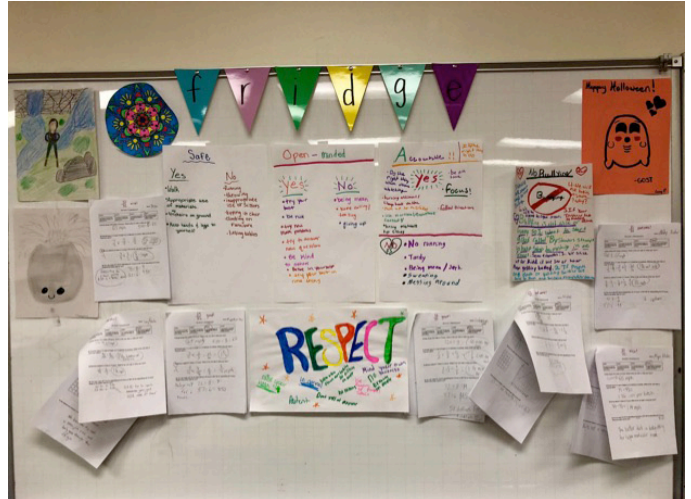
Seventh Grade Math News

By Madeline Flesner, Seventh Grade Math Teacher

In seventh grade math, Woodside students just finished their first unit covering ratios and proportions. They have been so fun to work with throughout the start of this year. They have been open to trying new activities, different methods of learning, and working together. This has resulted in the



students rocking their first unit! As you can see, our classroom "fridge" is full of outstanding student work and creations thus far.



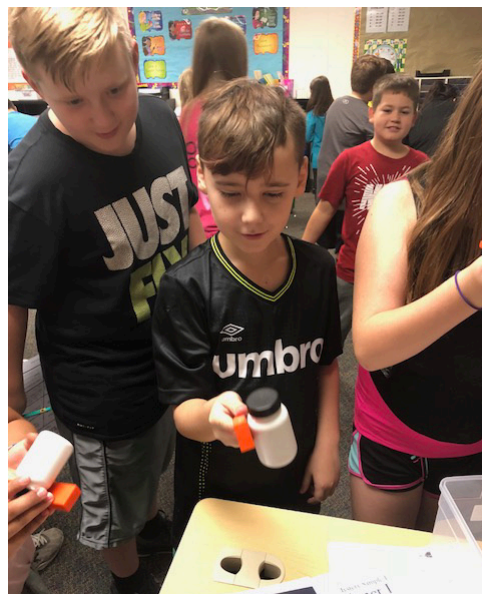
A new thing we are trying out this year in math is giving the students the opportunity to become the teacher. If a student finishes their work early, they can grab a lanyard and go around to help their classmates who are still working. The students have totally taken ownership of this, and it is so awesome to see them truly helping one another and explaining their way of thinking. I am excited to see how much these students continue to grow throughout the rest of the year!

Fifth Graders Study Using Their Senses

By Katie Mary, Fifth Grade Teacher

Fifth grade science students have been studying using their senses to make observations and then turning those observations into inferences. In our first investigation, students received a mystery sample.

Without using their eyes, students had to feel and listen to the sample. They also measured its mass and determined whether it was magnetic. After collecting this data, students made inferences about their mystery sample. Students will use observation and inferencing throughout the year.



Saydel Publishes E-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!

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Emergency Closing Information

2018-19 School Year

Emergency closing information will be communicated through the following:

1. School Messenger (voice & email) by 6:00 AM the day of a closing
2. District Website
3. www.facebook.com/saydelcsd
4. www.twitter.com/saydelcsd

We notify the following television, radio, and Internet news stations for emergency announcements:

- WHO Channel 13
- KCCI Channel 8
- KDSM Fox 17
- KCWI Channel 23.1
- WOI Channel 5
- Kiss 107.5
- WHO 1040 Radio
- The Bus 100.3
- Alt 106.3
- KXNO 1460
- 13Now Smartphone App
- The Des Moines Register

Please note:

While these sites allow us to communicate delays and cancellations, we are not able to provide details through these services. The most detailed information regarding how delays and cancellations affect events, practices, meetings, etc. can be found on our website and School Messenger broadcasts.

Emergency Closing Notes

- ✓ For AM delays, Eagle's Nest delays from its original start time.
- ✓ For PM early release, Eagle's Nest will be open one hour after school dismisses.
- ✓ If there is a delay, AM preschool will be cancelled.
- ✓ Check the school website for information about practices and events for your child.
- ✓ Automatic e-mail & text alerts available from:

www.kcci.com, www.whotv.com, www.woi-tv.com

1-Hour Delay Start Times

- Cornell - 9:35 AM
- Woodside - 8:45 AM
- High School - 8:45 AM
- Eagle's Nest 7:00 AM

2-Hour Delay Start Times

- Cornell - 10:35 AM
- Woodside - 9:45 AM
- High School - 9:45 AM
- Eagle's Nest 8:00 AM

SAYDEL BOOSTER MEMBERSHIPS

Thanks to the following businesses and individuals who support the Saydel Athletic Boosters through membership.

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Anania Real Estate Team
All Iowa Stone & Gutter
Complete Plumbing Services
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Walker Construction & Painting
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GREEN EAGLE

Pizza Ranch (Ankeny)

FAMILY PLATINUM EAGLE

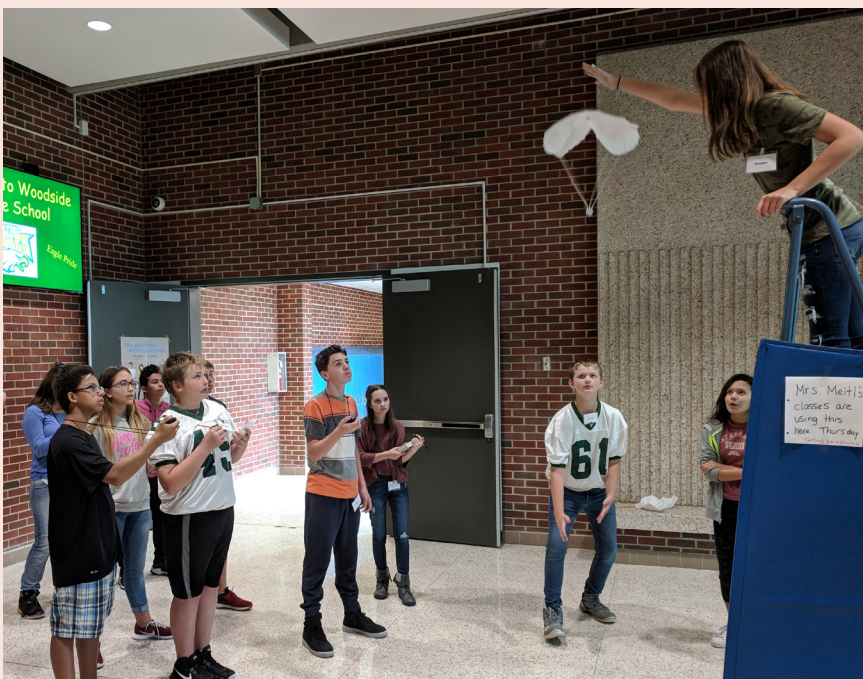
Doug & Sue Cline
Randy Miklus
Corey Myers
Scott Myers
Kevin & Kelly Schulte
Kelly & Mary Scott
Henry & Angela Wood

Thank You

Eighth Grade Science Update

By Kathleen Meitl, Eighth Grade Science Teacher

We've been busy in 8th grade science completing challenges that help students work through the engineering design process. After building miniature catapults, groups tested variables to help them determine the best design for a slow-falling parachute. They got to test their best iterations against all other groups. We are wrapping up the unit with a challenge to build a tower that meets specific criteria and constraints. As a final assessment students explain the tower design process, which includes writing a clear and concise procedure and evaluating solutions. In our next unit we will be exploring gravity and our solar system as we study astronomy.



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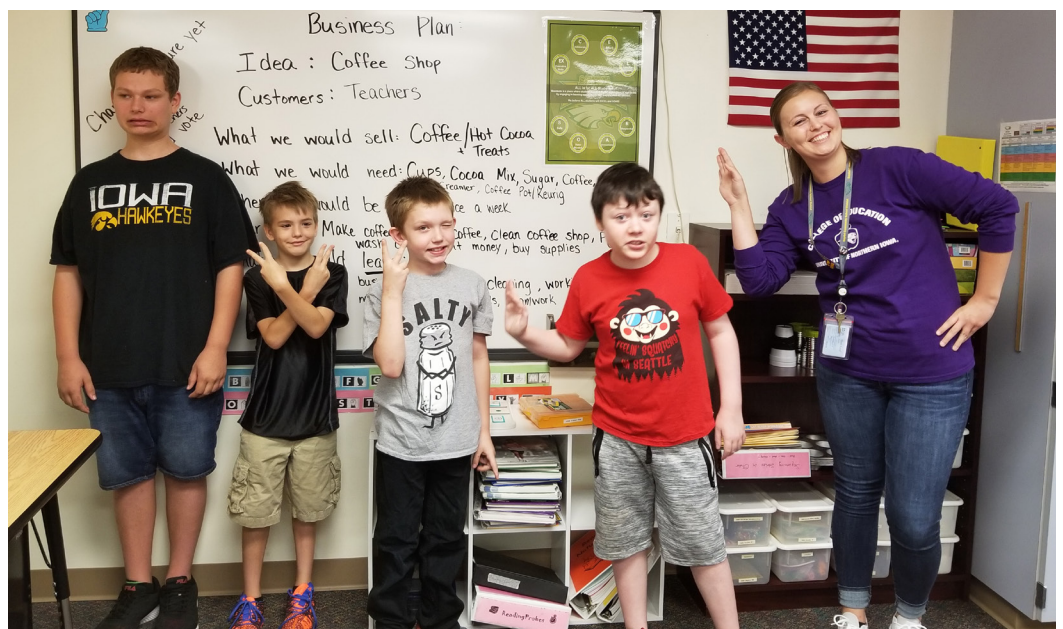


DOT Visits Woodside to Share Case Study

Eighth grade students at Woodside Middle School have been learning about the engineering design process in science class by working through group challenges such as building catapults, parachutes, and towers. To connect these broad scientific principles to the real world, Dr. Michelle Barger, a geochemist with the Iowa DOT, visited Woodside to share one example of how she used this basic process of identifying a problem, testing ideas, and evaluating results in her research. Students were able to hear examples of the same steps they've used in class applied to real work in their community. They also saw a chemistry demonstration and were amazed by the idea of using hi-tech tools they thought were only part of science fiction. Pictured from left: Madison Erickson, Madison Ozimek, Hannah Rizzo, Kyrah Strickler, Dr. Michelle Barger, and Saydel Superintendent Todd Martin.

Woodside Students Present Coffee Shop Business Plan

Woodside Middle School students (pictured from left: Gage Kline, Skylar May Ford, Joseph Warren and Christian Kilburn) and Teacher Lorissa Baker shared a coffee shop business plan with administrative staff recently. This proposal would help students practice life skills and social skills in real-life experiences.



The easiest way to avoid me this year is by getting a flu vaccination. You can get it here!



Date: *Oct. 18, Saydel District Office* **Time:** *3 - 6 PM*

Cost: Most major insurances accepted. Please bring your insurance card. Flu vaccine for uninsured is \$20. Nobody is turned away for the inability to pay.



The Year Is Off to a Great Start!

By Brooke Knudten, Math Teacher

Eagle Time is something new Woodside Middle School has incorporated this year. During Eagle Time, we meet with the same group of students for the first 12 minutes of the day, four days of the week. We play games, talk about exciting or stressful situations in our lives, and check grades. My group of



students is amazing! We have had such a great time getting to know each other and they have mentioned that this is the best way to start their day because it gives them time to get prepared and focused. The pictures are from an activity we played called "Pink Toe". A color and body part are called out and students have to put that body part on something of that color in the room. Students continually ask to play this over and over!



I also teach Math Skills class. This year we have been using a new program and students are working at skills that they may have forgotten or missed in years past. Often this includes basic skills that are vital for them to be successful in their regular classrooms.

Design and Modeling is a STEM class that I teach as well. During the first part of the year, students watch a video and are to create an AFO (Ankle Foot Orthosis) with materials from the classroom. This is something that a child with Cerebral Palsy could use to help them with walking. Students did a wonderful job of using the Design Process to come up with ideas, sketch them and build a prototype. We've moved into other sketches, such as isometric and multi-view, and students are having the opportunity to use building blocks to assist them. Soon we will be creating our own 3x3x3 cubes, which is always a student favorite in this class!

Snapshots from Woodside Classrooms



Woodside students recently looked up yoga poses and demonstrated them to the class. Students Joey and Xander did a double pose called the Double Happy Tree! Mental health and stress management are important!



Students in the art room have been working on their robotics projects. Teams were creative this week building unique mechanisms.



Activities

Communication & Information



Email

Check your email for updates,
communication & information.

*Update your email on PowerSchool

Social Media

Follow on Social Media

Saydel Activities & Community Education

Twitter - @SaydelAD

Facebook - Saydel Comm Ed



Activities Calendar

www.saydel.k12.ia.us

Select "ACTIVITIES" Tab

Click "SAYDEL ACTIVITIES CALENDAR"

<https://heartofiowaconference.org/public/genie/67/school/1136/>

Community Ed Registration at Saydel.revtrak.net



Woodside Students Perform at Singfest

Students from Woodside Middle School recently participated in the 8th and 9th Grade Singfest at Central College. This was a joint performance between Central College's A Cappella Choir and a festival choir made up of area 8th and 9th graders, directed by Mark Babcock.

Employee & Family Resources Student Assistance Program (SAP) Service Summary

Employee & Family Resources is dedicated to helping students and their families manage life's challenges so they can reach their full potential.

Licensed mental health counselors and clinical workers are available to assist all students and family members experiencing the stress of life's ups and downs. Services are free and are strictly confidential.

Concerns may include:

- Stress
- Anxiety
- Emotional or mental health
- Family or relationships
- Bullying or peer conflict
- Substance abuse



EFR EMPLOYEE & FAMILY RESOURCES

Convenient In-Person Appointments

Up to three (3) visits per year, per separate issue with qualified counselors. Referrals to additional services if needed. SAP offers services in Spanish and interpreting as needed at no cost to the student or family.

24 Hour Support

For immediate support from counselors, call 800.327.4692
Day & evening appointments are available Monday-Friday

Pancake Breakfast Silent Auction and Bake Sale



Help 8th Grade Students go to Washington DC

Saturday, October 27th, 2018

7:00-11:00 am

Free Will Donation

Delaware Township Fire Station

3992 NE Broadway Ave



Saydel Community School District

YOUTH EAGLE

WRESTLING CLUB

Facebook: Little Eagles Wrestling Club
@Saydelyouthwrestling

Cost: \$60



Practices Mondays & Wednesdays - 6:30-7:30pm

November 5 - February 23

Students Grades K - 6

\$60 includes t-shirt, shorts & tournament entry fee.

Register at Saydel.revtrak.net



Grab Your Favorite Costume!

Join us for the 5th annual Monster Dash 5K/1 Mile walk/run which will take place October 20st at 9:30 AM. Runners can sign up online with long sleeve dry fit shirts guaranteed to all signing up on or before October 7th. Both road races will begin and end at Saydel High School in Des Moines, IA. Runs will be timed with results posted the day of race. Runners are encouraged to wear costumes with prizes going to the best. Packet pickup will occur the day of the race from 8:30 AM through 9:15 AM. Run if you dare!

Registration Fees

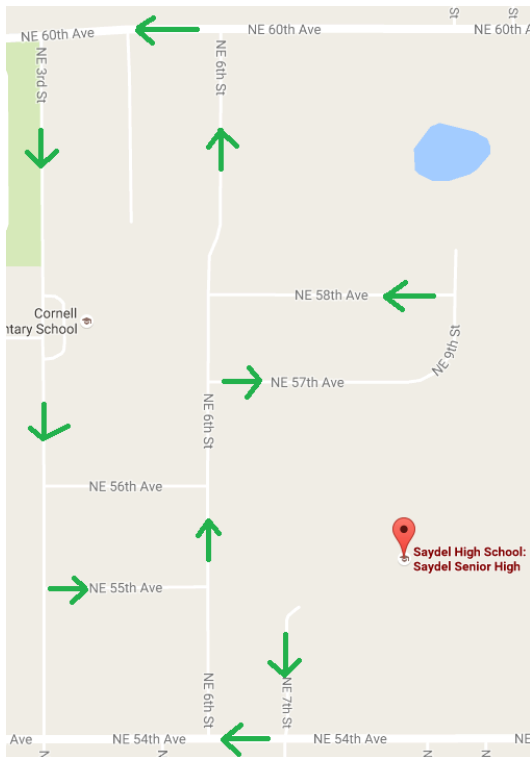
\$15 for students

\$22 for adults

Online sign up at <https://secure.getmeregistered.com/monsterdash>

Race event information and photos will be posted to <https://www.facebook.com/events/2141433956099252/>

Race results will be posted at www.onlineresults.com



Huge Thank You to our Sponsors!

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Proceeds go to Cornell PTO, Woodside PTO, and Saydel Eagle Endowment.

Saydel Parent Involvement Matrix



View Interactive Links at www.saydel.k12.ia.us
or click on links below for resources.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

- Keep books, magazines and [newspapers](#) in your home.
- [Read with your child and let them see you read.](#)
- Take educational trips ([museums](#), [libraries](#), etc).
- Look for things to do with your child.
- Participate in [Community Education](#).

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH SCHOOL

- Check your child's grades/attendance on [PowerSchool](#).
- Speak positively about your child's school.
- [Ask your child what he/she learned at school and require a thoughtful response.](#)
- Attend conferences and family fun nights at school.
- Talk to your child about the benefits of education.
- [Keep in contact with your child's teachers.](#)
- Ask your child about [assignments and grades](#).
- Celebrate your child's successes.
- Direct concerns and questions to [school staff](#).
- Talk to your child about [school safety](#).

FOUNDATION OF SUPPORT

- Praise and encourage your child.
- Ensure your child arrives at school well rested.
- Ensure your child has [transportation](#) and arrives to school and events on time.
- Meet and communicate with your child's friends and acquaintances.
- [Ensure your child is eating a proper diet](#) (breakfast, lunch and dinner).
- Set limits on time with friends, [technology use](#), and work/part-time job schedules.
- Ensure your child's [health care needs](#) are met.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

- Take part in after school activities.
- Attend parent meetings.
- Become a school volunteer.
- Get involved in the [Parent Teacher Organizations](#) and [Booster Clubs](#).
- [Understand Special Services](#)

COMMUNITY TOOLBOX

- [Childcare Resources](#)
- [Healthcare Resources](#)
- [Grief & Loss Resources](#)
- [Housing Resources](#)
- [Mental Health Resources](#)
- [General Community Resources](#)
- [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#)



BOOK FAIR



STARTS ON OCTOBER 15TH

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
OCTOBER 16 & 18 - 3:00-8:00PM**

Open to the students throughout the week

@WOODSIDE LIBRARY

5810 NE 14TH STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50313

SAYDEL WRESTLING

CHILI or Soup

Cook-Off

When: Saturday November 3rd

Set Up: 10AM

Lunch: 11AM-1PM



Where: Saydel High School Cafeteria
5601 NE 7th St. Des Moines, IA

How: \$10.00 to Enter
\$5.00 to Eat

- 2 quart minimum entry, all you can eat
- Winner gets 25% of entry fees
- All Proceeds benefit Saydel Wrestling
- Pop and Water Available



Who: All are welcome, Teachers, Family,
Students, Alumni and Community Members.

For more information or questions contact



Coach Tyler Wilson
515-783-8778
wilsontyler@saydel.net





Deric Van Houten Wins Durham Bus Contest

Woodside Middle School student Deric Van Houten and his family won the Durham Bus Service transportation contest. Every student who returned their transportation form in before August 6 was entered into a contest to win a family fun pack, consisting of tickets to the Cinemark Theatre in Altoona, plus a \$30 gift card to Culvers, also in Altoona. Pictured from left: Durham General Manager Karen Smith, Durham Bus Supervisor & Dispatcher Jimmy Tibben, student Deric Van Houten, and Saydel Superintendent Mr. Todd Martin.

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School Board meetings are held at the Saydel District Office on the second Monday of each month at 6 PM

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 5810 NE 14th Street
 Des Moines, IA 50313
 515-265-3451

We're on the Web:
www.saydel.k12.ia.us

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If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy, please contact the district's **Equity Coordinator, Julie McKibben, Director of Student Services, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, IA 50313; mckibbenjulie@saydel.net.** Office for Civil Rights, Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661; 515-264-0866.