

The Saydel Communicator

April, May and June, 2015

School Hours:

- Cornell 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wed. 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Woodside 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
Wed. 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- High School 7:45 a.m. to 2:46 p.m.
Wed. 8:45 a.m. to 2:46 p.m.

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

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Douglas Wheeler



Saydel Families and supporters,

Spring is here! While this winter was not as harsh as last, I cannot help but get excited as the temperature warms and nature springs back to life. As I reflect on our work this school year, I cannot help but have the same excitement for how the efforts of our staff will carry forward into the coming year. This work will result in great opportunities for our students. I want to share some of this great work and some items we will be working to implement in the coming year.

We are continuing our work to enhance our program of curriculum, instruction and assessment. Teachers in all areas have engaged in the process of identifying what students should know, understand and be able to do using the CORE curriculum as a guiding document. Staff examined where elements of essential learning should occur in a year of instruction and mapped out when and how this learning should take place. The work of curriculum planning is ongoing and will also be influenced by our next steps of program enhancement. As we continue this work, we are transitioning to the analysis of how we assess our students. In other words, do the methods we use to assess students tell us if they have learned what we intended them to learn? Incorporated in the assessment conversation is an analysis of how we give feedback to students so they know exactly what is needed to demonstrate proficiency in a concept or skill. This curriculum revision process is on-going, but through the process, we have identified areas in need of material and resources support.

This year, we have adopted a new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum at the elementary level and have started to pilot this program for K-12 implementation next year. In addition to reading, next year students will experience a new science experience K-8 and the K-5 Math adoption implemented this year will be enhanced with a new math program for 6th-8th grade. At the High School, students next year will experience

several new “Programs of Study.” The intent of a program of study is to create a sequence of classes for students to explore and interest area. These programs of study will offer new opportunities for 9th-12th grade students to experience purposefully sequenced and connected classes in the areas of culinary arts, art, and business. The purpose of this curriculum work and the associated materials adoptions is to create an academic program that is aligned K-12 and provides our students the skills, knowledge and experiences needed to be successful beyond high school, wherever that journey might take them. This work has involved countless hours of work by staff. Our staff should be commended for their excitement and engagement in this process.

In addition to our work on what our students will experience, we continue to effectively utilize and support the Tap system to develop how students experience the curriculum. Teachers continue to meet weekly for embedded professional development guided by assessment data analysis. The Tap system allows us to examine student and school growth frequently and align teacher learning experiences to the needs of our students.

To enhance our efforts to provide students with the best academic experience in the metro, we have started the process of developing a 10-year facility master plan. In partnership with Haila Architecture, we are conducting teacher, student and parent focus groups to gain input on what we should do to develop our facilities in order to provide the best student experience. A large focus of this work will be the design of learning spaces that enhance our continued work in curriculum and instruction. This means creating spaces that are engaging, comfortable and flexible to support collaboration and creativity in every classroom. Our targeted completion date for this site master plan is June.

The work above could not be done without the support and trust of our families, community and staff. As we approach planning for next year, I am excited for what this support continues to bring to our students. Thank you for supporting your child and Saydel Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Wheeler".

Doug Wheeler, Superintendent of Schools.

SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL

Kevin Schulte, Principal

National Merit Scholarship Finalist

Senior Nick Dolan has been recognized as 1 of 15,000 students throughout the nation to become a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. This prestigious recognition is determined by student scores on both PSAT and SAT tests.



Student Success

Our students continue to achieve at high level and earn recognition for their work:

94 students earned academic letters (3.25 GPA for 2 consecutive semesters)

Grant Sherman (12), placed 3rd in the class 3A, 152 pound weight class at the state wrestling tournament.

Robotics Team (Daniel Way (10), Sergio Hernandez (12), Colton Signs (9), Justin Roepsch (12), and Gabe Condon (9)) qualified for the state tournament and won 4 matches at state

36 students earned recognition for most improved GPA

Girls basketball broke the school record for most wins in a season

Dylan Coffin (11) and Austin Moen (12) qualified for the state wrestling tournament

Speech

Justin Roepsch (12), Max Kayser (12), Joey Hassett (12), Chris Hackett (12) all earned 1st chair honors at the HOIAC fine arts festival.

Casey Brown (12) earned a Silver Key Award from The Scholastic Art and Writing Competition.



Saydel High School—cont'd

Student government collected 115 pairs of jeans to serve others affected by natural disasters.

Jenna Jackson (12), Madeline Bozman (12), Kailyn Guerro (11), Casey Brown (12), Kassie Bailey (11), Victoria Trulove (11), and Nicole Axtell (12) earned blue ribbons for their artwork at the HOIAC fine arts festival.



New Opportunities

Next fall our students will have opportunities to further engage in courses that will prepare them for life after high school.

Our business department is offering the High School of Business Program. Saydel has been selected as 1 of 3 schools in the state of Iowa to utilize this curriculum. These engaging courses will offer students the opportunity to graduate high school with the possibility for college credit or an ASK certification.



Saydel High School—cont'd

Our art department, will be offering graphic design courses. These two courses offer students the opportunity to earn college credit and explore interests in a design field that touch most everything we see.

We are also expanding our engineering courses by offering Principles of Engineering. This course engages students in high levels of thinking utilizing physics, math, construction, and many other content areas.

A new opportunity for 9th graders will engage our newest high school students in learning centered around goal-setting, planning for life after high-school, skills of successful people, financial management, and service learning. This course will develop skills that successful people use on a daily basis.

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
4/6/15-4/9/15		Iowa Assessments
5/2/15	8:00 PM	Prom
5/13/15		Senior Semester Finals
5/13/15	7:00 PM	Senior Awards Night
5/14/15		Senior Semester Finals
5/17/15	2:00 PM	Graduation
5/22/15		9-11 Semester Finals
5/26/15		9-11 Semester Finals
5/26/15		Last Day of School

Cornell Elementary

Kristi Powers, Principal

WHEATLEY PORTFOLIO:

We have worked hard all year on our high quality literature curriculum, Wheatley. Each thematic unit is 6 weeks of instruction and our goal is to instill a love of reading for all students. We are getting ready to kick off Unit 6. Take a look at these engaging themes:

Kindergarten: Wonders of Nature, Plants, Bugs, and Frogs

1st Grade: Around the World with a Glass Slipper

2nd Grade: Taking Care of Ourselves

3rd Grade: Fantastic Adventures with Dragons, Gods, and Giants

4th Grade: Literary Heroes

Picture Perfect Science Curriculum

This spring we will be kicking off Picture Perfect Science and our new science materials. Picture Perfect Science provides picture books and science content combined into engaging science lessons. Our staff has been learning about "The 5E Instructional Model" to help them deliver the new materials. This model helps us to have students using inquiry to explore the world. Some of the units students will be exploring include: Stargazers, Loco Beans, Roller Coasters, and If You Find a Rock.



GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL!



Congratulations students and parents for your hard work and effort. It takes all of you and we appreciate your continued efforts. Please bundle Box Tops in packs of 50 (Ziploc bags work great—and have a Box Top you can clip too). Please clip them to size. *Every Box Top must be cut down to size before we send them in.*



March brought the Spring Carnival to Cornell, sponsored by PTO. Many hands make this community building fundraiser a huge success. Numerous volunteers, helped create a great night for the Saydel Community. We also want to say a special thanks to everyone that donated many, many items for the raffle drawing to help raise funds for our school!

Thank you to the following businesses that donated prizes for the 2015 Cornell PTO Carnival Raffle

We appreciate your generous support.

Cornell Elementary, cont'd

Affinity Credit Union Ankeny Diner Artistry by Sonya Bandana's BBQ Bianchis Hilltop Lounge & Big Barn Harley Davidson Big Dog Billiards Bike World Brown Shoe Fit Company Capitol City Equipment Carol Miller & Linda Central Iowa Pool & Spa Chuck's Restaurant Climb Iowa Cornell PTO Dave's Jewelry DeeZeeDes Moines Playhouse Edible Arrangements Family Christian Store Gateway Market Gino's Restaurant Goode's Greenhouse Heartland Chiropractic & Wellness Center Iowa Barnstormers Karl Chevrolet Kyle's Bike Learning Post Legend's Bar and Grill Martinizing Dry Cleaning McCannic's Garage Menards Monica Nuzum Photography Montana Mike's Steakhouse Nading Law Firm Noodles & Co. Olive Garden Omaha Zoo Pittsburg Paints Plaza Lanes Pools of Iowa Powers 2 B Premier Bowling Quilters Cupboard Red Wing Shoe Store Saydel Athletic Department Saydel Boosters Saylorville Chiropractic Scornovacca's Pizza Smokey D's BBQ Sonny's Restaurant Sports Clips Springer Professional Home State Farm (Deb Stubbs Strawberry Patch Ted's Body Shop Total Truck Tumea's & Sons Visual Eyes Windsor Vacuum WineStyle.



Iowa Assessments will be given the week of April 13th through the 17th. Please make sure your Third and Fourth Grade student gets plenty of rest and eats a good breakfast to do their best each day.



2015 – 2016 Registration Information: Kindergarten students must be 5 by September 15, 2015. **Registration is Tuesday, June 2nd 9:00 - 11:30 and 1:30 – 4:30 .** On-line registration is available for students in 1st – 4th grade, with new student walk-in registration time and location to be announced.



May brings flowers and the end of the year activities. We will once again have the annual field day for student participation! Fourth Grade Field Day is Friday, May 15th at the Saydel High School Track. Kindergarten – Third Grade is Friday, May 16th. If you would like to volunteer with either of the Field Days, please contact the Cornell Office, 244-8173. It takes many hands to make this a success!



2014 – 2015 Preschool Registration is ***First Come, First Served*** on **Thursday, June 4th. 9:00 - 11:30 and 1:30 – 4:30. Child must be 3 or 4 on or before September 15, 2014.** Parent/Guardian must provide at registration: 1. Proof of Residency 2. Completed Physical 3. Current, certified record of immunizations*

(* Iowa State Law requires a current, certified record of immunizations be on file in the nurse's office by the first day of school or your child cannot start school that day.)



Last, a note of thanks to the many volunteers who have supported Cornell this year, with their time, talent or treasure. A special thanks to the PTO Board, the many classroom volunteers, homeroom parents and all others that have spent endless hours to help in a variety of ways. We could not do it without you. If interested in participating in PTO, please join us in September.

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Dates: Monday, June 1 – Friday, August 7

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
11:00 a.m. – 12 noon LUNCH

Location: Cornell Elementary
5817 NE 3rd Street, Des Moines

Contact: Amy A'Hearn
515-264-0866 or aheamamv@savdel.net

*Adults may eat. Breakfast \$2.10, Lunch \$3.65



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ATTENTION CLASS OF 1965

The Saydel Class of 1965 will be celebrating its 50 year class reunion with a special weekend of events. Starting at noon on Friday, August 28, 2015 with a golf outing at Copper Creek. All classmates and spouses are invited to a casual barbeque and the home of Robert and Janice Myers at 6:00 PM.

Saturday, August 29, 2015 we will be touring Saydel High School from 10:00-11:00 AM to reminisce, see the wonderful improvements and appreciate how this school district is still serving student needs for so many years.

The "Grand Finale" of our weekend will start at 6:00 PM at the Prairie Meadows Conference Center with a social hour, dinner, entertainment, and reminiscing about long ago times and catching up on the present day life of classmates.

Many classmates have attended our reunions every 5 years and we hope this special milestone will encourage even more Class of '65 members to attend. The committee is still trying to locate the following: Mary Anderson Bickel, Jim Binnebose, Charles Larry Clemens, Susan Ellsworth, Dean Hartwig, Virginis Lewis White, Bill Locke, Larry Maddox, Bob Myers (he had blond hair, not red, in school) and Bob Overton. Please call Larry or Reada at 289-2081 if you can help us locate any of these classmates.

If you haven't be to our reunion in years or maybe never, we look forward to you joining us.

Please contribute to the **SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM CELEBRATION**

How can you help? The cost to host this event for our students is approximately \$15,000. We are asking for donations to help us reach our goal. All donations are tax-deductible. In order to budget for this, we would like to receive all donations by April 15, 2015.

If your business has gift cards/coupons/certificates they would like to donate, they may be sent to the address listed below.

What is After Prom? After-Prom is a supervised party held in a controlled, secure environment that is alcohol and drug free. It is open to all juniors, seniors and their guest regardless of their attendance at the prom.

Who Sponsors After Prom? The parents of the Junior Class at Saydel High School hold fund-raisers including: multiple can drives, raffles, working concession stands, Father-Daughter Dance and Chuck-a-Duck.

We also rely on businesses, parents and community members for donations to help finance this event.

After Prom activities - After Prom Party will be held from 11:30 pm - 4:00 a.m. on May 2, 2015 at Saydel High School. Activities will include: Lazer tag, inflatable games, cash cube, and a magician. Food and drinks will be available during the activities, a hypnotist and prizes will close out the night.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact: Colette Philipsen at cphilipsen04@gmail.com

Thank you for your time and support,

2014 Saydel After Prom Committee

Please complete and mail donation **by April 15, 2015**, to

Saydel After Prom Committee

Saydel High School

5601 NE 7th Street

Des Moines, IA 50313

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution! ___\$100 ___\$75 ___\$50 ___\$35 ___other amount

Please make your check payable to: **Saydel High School After Prom**

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre School and Kindergarten for 2015-167



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OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Parents considering the use of open enrollment option to enroll their children in another public school district in the state of Iowa should be aware of the following deadlines:

March 1, 2015– Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2015-2016 school year.

September 1, 2015– Last date for open enrollment requests for entering kindergarten students for the 2015-2016 school year.

Applications must be filed with the district of residence *and* the receiving district. Parents and students should be aware that open enrollment may result in the loss of athletic eligibility for participation in varsity sports.

Open enrollment forms are available at the Saydel District Office and are also available through the Department of Education website: www.educateiowa.gov.

For further information, visit the Department of Education website: www.educateiowagov.

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



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SCHOOL LISTINGS:

CORNELL ELEMENTARY

Grades PK - 4
5817 NE 3rd Street
Des Moines, IA 50313
PH: 515-244-8173
Mrs. Deb Chiodo, Principal

WOODSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 5 - 8
5810 NE 14th Street
Des Moines, IA 50313
PH: 515-265-3451
Mr. Christopher Feldhans, Principal

SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9 - 12
5601 NE 7th Street
Des Moines, IA 50313
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Mr. Kevin Schulte, Principal
Mr. Adam Busch, Activities Director

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