

The Saydel Communicator

February—March 2015

School Hours:

- Cornell 8:35 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Wed. 9:35 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



Fellow Eagles,

I hope this edition of the Communicator finds you relaxed and on your way to a great 2015. This is a busy time of year in Saydel Schools. We are persisting in our effort to better the experience of each and every student in our district. At the same time, we are planning for how to carry this work into the coming years. In this update, I will give a quick overview of the work we are currently engaging in and the work we are planning to do in the coming months. With your continued support we can ensure a great future for our students and our district.

Throughout the year, teachers have utilized each Wednesday and several subject-specific curriculum days to examine what we are expecting our students to know, understand and do at the conclusion of each year and by the time they graduate. The focus of this work is to ensure expectations are consistent with state/national curriculum and Saydel's commitment to high expectations for all students. Teachers are developing unit plans aimed at utilizing the curriculum to engage students in the critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will be essential for success beyond school. In addition, we have committed resources to the implementation of a new English Language Arts curriculum k-12 and a new K-6 science curriculum. Teachers at Cornell and Woodside have worked to ensure effective use of new math curriculum materials approved last year. Teachers in every building are identifying the appropriate scope, sequence and resources necessary to ensure a quality curriculum with high expectations for all students. I could not be more proud of the progress we have made in the area of curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Our end goal is to provide a learning experience that accelerates all students toward high academic achievement. We are also working to ensure the physical school environment contributes to the learning process.

We are beginning the process of developing a 10-year Site Master Plan for facilities. Now that the \$7.89 million bond referendum projects are complete, the Board plans to engage staff and the community in the development of a site master plan that will inform facility improvement decisions in the coming years. The focus of this plan will be to ensure solid infrastructure, while working to improve and enhance academic environments for students. This plan will be developed throughout the second half of this school year and drive decision-making for the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PEL), which provides the money for infrastructure improvements throughout the district. These new efforts in curriculum and facilities are combined with a great deal of work in the area of teacher leadership.

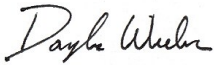
Superintendent's Message—cont'd

Teacher leadership continues to be a major focus of our work in Saydel. This past year, improved performance on state assessments offered great support for the idea that improving quality teaching will impact student achievement. As one of the original 38 schools to receive the Teacher Leadership & Compensation (TLC) Grant, we have utilized new state resources to create curriculum development facilitator positions. These facilitators meet regularly with our Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment and work to provide leadership to their colleagues on

curriculum planning and implementation. We continue to place a strong emphasis on developing as a Teacher Advancement Program (TAP) district. As part of the TAP program, teachers are observed by trained teacher leaders and administrators four times per year. After these observations, teachers receive reinforcement and refinement to support growth in instructional design and delivery. In addition to observations, teachers meet weekly for applied on-going professional development during the school day. The TAP program has provided a framework for teacher development and growth. As one of only two school districts in Iowa to receive a grant to implement TAP, our students are benefitting from the new knowledge and skills our teachers are gaining by participating in the TAP system.

As I sit down to write this quarterly update, I always find it difficult to condense all of the great things going on in Saydel into one manageable article. I cannot emphasize enough that our students are the focus of this work and the reason we are so committed to teaching and learning. It is the support of community and parents that make our work and student success possible. Thank you for your role in making Saydel Schools a destination for students, families and staff.

Sincerely,



Douglas Wheeler
Superintendent of Schools

Correction: In the last communicator, a printing error resulted in the following enrollment chart not being included in my update. Enrollment in the coming years will continue to impact our financial planning. Currently, we are graduating on average 130 students per year, but only enrolling 95 in Kindergarten. State funding follows the student, please tell your friends and neighbors about the great things we are doing to ensure big city opportunities with small school commitment to our students and families.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Students Served as of Oct. 1 Count Date	1289	1316	1327	1327	1305

SAYDEL HIGH SCHOOL

The second semester is in full swing. Our staff and students are continually pursuing and monitoring the goals set throughout the year. Each student has had three progress checks on their individual goals set at the beginning of the year. MAP testing will provide us with our next standardized measure toward our goal that **every student will demonstrate one year's growth on both math and reading tests for Iowa Assessments**. We are looking to build on last year's increase in percentage of students demonstrating growth (10% increase in reading and 4% increase in math).

Great Students Doing Great Things

Michaela Bobenhouse (12) has been selected from over 102,000 applicants as Semifinalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program. She is one of twenty-four Iowa seniors to be selected for this recognition

30 students helped save lives by donating blood

Austin Moen (12) won his 100th wrestling match

Jack Aagesen (11), Brett Guy (11), Casey Brown (12), and Angela Pitt (11) were selected for the Dorian Honor Choir.

Grant Sherman, senior, was named 3A first team all-state punter and also won his 100th career wrestling match.

Audrey Westpahl and Kaley Kuehl led a drive to collect 86 toys for Toys for Tots.

Our student council "adopted" a family for the year to help provide meals throughout the year.

Date	Time	Event	Location
2/4/15	6:30 PM	Music Boosters	HS Choir Room
2/5/15	7:00 PM	8 th Grade Parent Meeting-Course Registration	Auditorium
2/15/15		Progress Reports Sent Out	
2/18/15	6:00 PM	Athletic Boosters	HS Library
2/25/15	10:00 AM	Academic Awards Assembly	Auditorium
2/26/15	4:00 – 8:00 PM	Parent-Teacher Conferences	HS North Gym
3/3/15	4:00 – 8:00 PM	Parent-Teacher Conferences	HS North Gym
3/9/15 - 3/12/15		MAP Testing	
3/13/15		No School	HS Library
3/16/15 – 3/20/15		Spring Break	
3/18/15	6:00 PM	Athletic Boosters	HS Library

The Saydel Community Demonstrates Caring for Children and Families During the 2014 Holiday Season

On behalf of the Saydel Community School District, a very special THANK YOU to the following businesses, churches, schools, organization, 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 39 sponsors were able to serve a total of 95 families with a total of 193 children. In addition to this, 27 Thanksgiving baskets and 6 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.

All Saints Catholic Church	Ramona Weber
St. Vincent DePaul	Saydel High School Choir
Marquisville Methodist Church	Saydel High School Staff
Jay and Michelle Knudsen	Woodside Middle School Staff
Lynette Allison family	Stacie DeHaan
Meerle Hicks (AFSCME)	Dwayne Scott
Gary and Barb Ruebel	VFW #9662 (Auxillary)
Bethany Reform Church	Paul and Cindy Cahill and family
Mickey Miklus	Steve and Deb McEachron and family
Tender Heart Day Care	Saydel District Office Staff
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (XYZ Group)	N.I.C.E. (Norwood Inn Christmas Elves)
Saydel Music Boosters	Kevin and Kelly Schulte
Shawn Pavlik and Family	St. Luke's Catholic Church
Shannon Larson	Harryette Larson
Affinity Credit Union/Cornell PTO	Debbie Cox and Family
Chemorse	Adria Milliard
Saydel ELL Program	Saydel High School Student Government
Saydel High School Office Staff	Kline Electric
Daisy Marcketti Family	Craig and Cyndi Simiens

Shop with a Cop Program

CORNELL ELEMENTARY

Deb Chiodo, Principal



Our monthly Character Groups continue to remind students of the importance of the six pillars and how they look at Cornell every day. Each month students are recognized by their teacher, and given a special treat in the lunchroom, wear a vest for the day and have their picture taken, to display outside the classroom. Again, we want to thank our PTO and Affinity Credit Union for their donations for student recognition.



Spring pictures at Cornell are Thursday, February 5, 2014. Please bring your smiles!



The PTO meetings are Tuesday, February 10th and March 10th at 6:30 pm in the Cornell library. School Board Meetings are Monday, February 9th and Monday March 9th at 6:00 pm, at the District Office. Everyone is always welcome to attend PTO and School Board Meetings.



Valentine Parties will be held Friday, February 13th in classrooms 2:50 pm – 3:20 pm.



Spring Parent / Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, February 26th and Tuesday, March 3rd, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. We will dismiss at 1:30 Tuesday and Thursday. Our goal continues to be 100% participation at fall *and* spring conferences. Thank you for making this a priority to support and encourage your child to reach their potential.



A reminder, we are accepting *pre-registration* for Kindergarten 2015–2016, (students must be 5 by September 15, 2015). A form is included in the Communicator. To start school, students must have all immunizations/tests up to date and on file with the nurse's office by the first day. If you have questions, please contact your family doctor. Kindergarten registration will be held June 2, 9:00 – 11:30 and 1:30 – 4:30. You must bring proof of residency, birth certificate, immunization records, physical, etc. Registration for Preschool will be June 4, 9:00, 11:30 and 1:30 – 4:30. Proof of residency is required to register your child for preschool. If you have questions regarding registration, contact the Cornell office, 244-8173.



Friday March 13th – Friday, March 20st is Spring Break! School resumes Monday, March 23th.



Cornell Carnival: Saturday, March 28, sponsored by PTO / 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Cornell. Tickets will be available through the school offices before the Carnival and may also be purchased at the Carnival. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Carnival or have a donation of candy, pop or a monetary donation, please bring to the Cornell office. Thank You!



Wendy's Night: February's *Wendy's Night* will be **Thursday, February 5th**, 5:00 – 8:00 and March's *Wendy's Night* will be Thursday, March 5th, same time. Remember, the class with the most students in attendance wins a class "*Frosty's*" party!



Thank you everyone for all of your support raising money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patient Project. Congratulations students, you have raised \$672.23! Your dedication to helping others is inspirational.



Cornell Elementary 2015 - 2016 Kindergarten *Pre-Registration* Information

Please complete this form and return on or before, March 27th to:

Cornell Elementary School 5817 NE 3rd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50313

Cornell Elementary 2015 – 2016 Kindergarten *Pre-Registration*

Child's Name: _____

M ___ **F** ___ **Birth date:** _____ **Home Telephone:** _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Mother/Guardian Name: _____ **Work/Cell Phone:** _____

Father/Guardian Name: _____ **Work/Cell Phone:** _____

**All children must be five years of age on or before
September 15, 2015, to attend Kindergarten.**

Parent/guardian must provide the following

At registration June 2 9:00 – 11:30 or 1:30 – 4:30

1. Current *proof of residency*, as of August 2015
2. Birth Certificate
3. Completed Physical
4. Current, certified record of all immunizations

**** Iowa State Law requires a current, certified record of immunizations form
must be on file in the nurse's office.**

**This immunization record is due the first day of attendance,
or your child will not be able to start school.**

It is the policy of the Saydel Community School District to not discriminate in its educational activities on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, or marital status. Inquiries regarding compliance with Title IX, Title VI, Section 504, or ADA may be directed to Julie McKibben , Saydel Equity Coordinator, in care of the Saydel District Office, 5740 NE 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50313

WOODSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Woodside FIRST Lego League (FLL) teams recently concluded the 2014-15 season. FLL provides students an opportunity to problem solve multiple task and work as a collaborative group to come up with innovative solutions. Both teams had an opportunity to showcase this years learning by competing in local regional competitions. Team Soarin FLE was recognized for the Project portion of the event and Team Eagle Innovators was recognized for their Core Values. Special thanks to our parent helpers whom made this year a success.



“EAGLE INNOVATORS“



“SORAIN FLE”

WOODSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Christopher Feldhans, Principal

Woodside Middle School has been changing around our morning routine in an effort to keep our students safe, but ensuring that they are in well supervised areas before the school day begins. As parents are aware, students may not be dropped off at Woodside before 7:20 in the morning unless they are a part of Eagle’s Nest or here for an activity that is supervised by a teacher or coach.

We would like to encourage everyone to get involved with the Woodside PTO. There are many opportunities to be involved and we would love to have you be a part of this great organization. Please check out the Woodside PTO page on Facebook for more information on how you can get involved.

Woodside teachers are rolling out a building wide reading strategy called, Read Around the Text. Over the next several weeks teachers will teach chunks of the strategy to students in an effort to help students learn how to use text features to develop a better understanding of what they are reading. Each week teachers will gather and analyze data to monitor student progress with this strategy.

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FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

February 7, 2015

from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

at Saydel High School

in the North Gym (old gym)

Dad.....or Dad-like friends.....are invited to bring their favorite Valentines to this memorable fund-raising event to support Saydel's 2015 After Prom Party.

\$15 per couple purchased in advance
\$20 per couple purchased at the door
\$5 additional fee for each extra daughter.

Includes: music provided by a DJ, snack, drink, candy bar and LOTS OF FUN!!
 There will also be photos available for purchase.

We encourage pre-order of your tickets. Please mail by February 1, or you may also turn in your order to the Cornell or Woodside Office by Wednesday, February 4

Tickets may be purchased at the door the night of the event.
 Purchase in advance by filling out the form at the bottom & sending it along with your payment to:

Saydel After Prom
 Saydel High School
 5601 NE 7th
 Des Moines, IA 50313
 (Checks payable to Saydel After Prom)
 Questions contact Jami at jamimcguire76@gmail.com

 REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE MAILED ALONG WITH PAYMENT
 (No tickets will be mailed – simply check-in at the registration table at the dance)

Dad/dad-like friend _____ Telephone Number _____

Daughter/school _____

Daughter #2/school _____

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 March 1, 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 and parents for donations to help finance this event.

After Prom activities - After Prom Party will be held from 11:30 pm - 4:30 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 March 1, 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**

Saydel After Prom Can Drive

Saturday, February 7, 2015

9am – Noon

Drop Off Site -- 6950 NE 14th St, Suite 30

North of Woodside Middle School - approximately 2 miles

Located in the Woodside Business Park West

Please feel free to put cash redeemable cans/bottles/plastic out at the end of your driveway by 8am on February 7, and we will pick them up for you. Redeemables can also be dropped off between 9 and noon at this location.

After Prom is sponsored by the Junior class and their parents. All monies raised will go toward providing an alcohol and drug free After Prom Party following the Junior-Senior Prom.

Any junior student for the 2014-2015 school year and their parent(s) are welcome to come and help.

Call Dianne at 289-2693 for more information.

Thank you for your support!

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.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

We encourage parents to plan ahead and designate an alternate destination for their children if school dismisses early or if school is cancelled for the day.

<u>Television:</u>	<u>AM Radio</u>	<u>FM Radio</u>
WHO Channel 13	WHO 1040 AM	KIOA 93.3 FM
KCCI Channel 8	KRNT 1350 AM	KSTZ Star 102.5 FM
WOI Channel 5	KPSZ 940 AM	KLTI Lite 104.1 FM
KDSM Fox 17	KWKY 1150 AM	KAZR Laser 103.3 FM

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THE UNIQUE LEARNING NEEDS OF EACH AND EVERY
STUDENT

Saydel Board of Education

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Paul Breitbarth, Vice President
Ray Livingston
Kyle Prendergast
Melissa Sassman
Rob Stephenson
Henry Wood

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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www.saydel.k12.ia.us

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
Ph: 515-262-9325
Mr. Kevin Schulte, Principal
Mr. Adam Busch, Activities Director

SAYDEL DISTRICT OFFICE

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Ryan Eidahl, Business Manager
Dr. Simone Alekno, Director of Curriculum
Julie McKibben, Director of Student Services
Amy A'Hearn, Director of Food Services
5740 NE 14th Street
Des Moines, IA 50313
(515) 264-0866 FAX (515) 264-0869

The District Office is adjacent to Woodside Middle School.

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