

Southern Door County Schools NEWSLETTER



Fall 2011

THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN

By Joseph Innis, District Administrator

The beginning of the 2011-2012 school year is approaching very quickly. I hope our students have enjoyed the summer break and are prepared to begin the new year.

The first day of school for students will be Thursday, September 1, 2011. Teachers will begin the new year with three days of professional development on August 29, 30, and 31.

As we look forward to the 2011-2012 school year, there are several initiatives the district and our staff will focus on.

Implementation of Response to Intervention (RtI), a federal mandate must be completed by December 2012.

The main purpose of RtI will be to provide interventions (assistance) to students who are below expected achievement levels in English Language Arts and Math. A multi-level system of support will be developed for students who are in need of additional assistance in these areas.

This past summer building leadership teams were formed and goals were developed at the elementary, middle, and high school levels for the implementation of RtI. Additional work on RtI will be done throughout the upcoming year.

The State of Wisconsin, along with many other states, recently adopted a new set of learning standards

called Common Core State Standards (CCSS). These standards apply to English Language Arts and Mathematics. Our staff will continue working to align our curriculum, instruction, and assessments to these standards as the year progresses.

Utilizing additional universal screeners to determine student achievement levels is another initiative we will be involved in this year. Universal screeners are testing measures such as the current MAP tests given at various grades to determine how students are doing in various subject areas. Data collected from the screening is used to revise curriculum and determine what additional assistance is needed for individual

students.

Overall we feel these initiatives will continue to improve our schools and continue to build on the culture of ongoing improvement we have developed at Southern Door.

As the new year begins, we again welcome the participation of parents and the community in our school programs and activities. One of the great things about Southern Door is the involvement of the entire community in the education of Southern Door children. I encourage you to continue this effort as you have in the past.

We are looking forward to an excellent 2011-2012 school year. Your ongoing assistance and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SOUTHERN DOOR COMMUNITY AUDITORIUM NEWS

By: Terry Lundahl

The Southern Door Community Auditorium will soon be embarking on a new and exciting chapter as it turns 20 this coming year. With an eye to the future and nod to the 50th anniversary of the Southern Door County School District, plans are being developed for a landscaped brick plaza on a grassy area near the auditorium's main entrance. Plans for the site include a brick-paved plaza in which individuals, families, businesses and foundations will be able to purchase a brick featuring a fully customizable engraving. Plans for future amenities on the plaza include a sculpture, benches, and lighting. Proceeds from the plaza will help fund auditorium improvements and upgrades. Please visit sdauditorium.org as plans and details are finalized. Interested businesses or individuals looking to help install the plaza or donate labor can call Terry Lundahl at 920-493-5979.

Local Ag Teacher Recognized at State Conference

The Southern Door County School District's Agricultural Educator, Jeanna James, was recognized as a Sectional Winner for the Outstanding Young Member Award. James was nominated by her peers and had to complete an application for this award. In the application, James highlighted that in her 3 years of teaching she had many accomplishments. Some of her accomplishments that were noted were: 75% completion rate of student's Supervised Agricultural Experience Projects in the classroom and creating community contacts for guest speakers and field trips.

James was also elected to serve on the board of directors as the Section 9 Alternate Vice-President. As a board member, responsibilities will include assisting in the planning and facilitating of the annual Professional Development Conference as well as overseeing the administration of the WAAE. Each member elected to the board will serve a two year term as an alternate followed by 2 years as vice-president of the organization. Serving on the board demonstrates leadership and dedication to the field of agricultural education. Board members also serve as delegates to the NAAE (National Association of Agricultural Educators) convention. This November that convention will take place in St. Louis, Missouri.

WAAE is comprised of approximately 320 middle school, high school, technical college and university educators. The focus of the association is to provide professional development, legislative support, and educational resources for teachers to enhance their local agriculture education programs.

For more information about your local agriculture education program and to find out how you can support agriculture in your community please contact your local agriculture education instructor or call WAAE at 262-224-7553.

The Haunted Mansion Provides Support for SD Programs

The Haunted Mansion located at Quietwoods South Camping Resort will return for its 6th season of scares! In 2010, nearly \$14,000 was donated to support various school programs including: k-12 music/arts programs, k-12 academic enrichment opportunities, grades 6-12 athletics, nature center, Waniger school project, and FFA.

This year's attraction will take place on October 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29. The box office is open from 7-10 PM with special lights up and a bag of candy for young children every Saturday night from 6-7 PM. This year's proceeds will once again support academics, arts, athletics, and enrichment

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The SD Athletic Booster Club is looking for new members! Our Booster Club provides "extras" for our athletic programs. Without your help this could not be done. There are many ways parents can help the club raise money. Our biggest fund raiser is the Craft Show - Nov. 6, 2011. Another is our 3 on 3 tournament held Dec. 12, 2011. In addition to those fund raisers, we also sell SD apparel & tend the concession stands for football, baseball & softball throughout the school year. The Booster Club has purchased many items through their 30+ years of service to Southern Door.

Please consider joining our group and help preserve the tradition of Southern Door Athletics. It is the Booster Club's mission to not only maintain this tradition, but to also provide financial support to improve our programs along the way. Attend a meeting! We meet every 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the SDHS library, September - May. For more information, contact any Booster Club Member, or Tree Delarwelle, President - 493-3205.

activities.

We hope you will consider volunteering. We are in need of people to help construct, paint, haul supplies, decorate, work in concession stand and box office, serve as parking attendants, security, first responders, actors, make-up design, drive buses, prepare food for volunteers, and supervise the "survivor" wall. There are opportunities for community members of ALL ages to volunteer. Please join us! The best part is YOUR volunteer hours will directly benefit the group of YOUR choice. It's a great opportunity to work collaboratively with others and have a super spooktacular time!!

For more information, please contact Cory Vandertie, Project Manager for The Haunted Mansion at 493-8134 or cvandertie@southerndoor.k12.wi.us



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

All students are reminded that they need a physical examination form completed and signed by a physician and parent before participating in any athletic program practices or events. Forms are available in the office.

Families are reminded to refer to our middle school webpage from the district's homepage. Current events, building use calendars, athletic schedules, and more can be found at the site.

The middle school will be implementing the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program for the second year. Information about the program is currently on the middle school webpage.

The middle school P.I.E. group will be meeting monthly again this year. Look for details on the middle school webpage and school newsletters.

DISTRICT CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT UPDATE

By Gary Langenberg

Each year the district re-adopts various curriculum documents based on a five year rotation. In 2010-2011 the District Curriculum/Assessment Council was presented with re-adoption information for Science, Health, and Guidance. The district school board approved these curriculum documents based on the Council's recommendation

The test results from the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts-Criterion Referenced Test are official and posted on the district's webpage under the "WINSS" link. Southern Door performed very well on these assessments. To view results, go to the district's webpage and click on the WINSS link. Then click on "State-wide Test Results" for any of our three schools.

The district continues to use the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) tests. These tests were given in the fall and spring to all 4-8 grade students in the areas of reading, language use, and mathematics. Students and their parents are given the scores in fall and challenged to improve them by spring. This is an online assessment that provides immediate results to the students and teachers. In addition to student motivation, the results can be used by teachers for lesson planning and flexible student instructional grouping.

The district has a curriculum "map" located on the website under Curriculum Assessment. Click on Online Curriculum and you will be able to review units, topics, and student learning expectations for many of the content areas. As teachers in each content area complete the

NOTICE TO PARENTS

As a parent of a student at Southern Door Schools you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers that instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for specific information about your child's classroom teachers and requires that we respond in a timely manner when we are asked for such information. You have the right to ask for the following information in regard to your child's teachers:

Whether the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.

Whether the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

The teachers' college major, whether the teacher has advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.

Whether any teachers' assistants or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact the District Office at 825-7311.

work for this curriculum map, new information is published at this site.

This year the teachers of English/Language Arts and Mathematics will be preparing to implement the new Common Core State Standards that have been mandated by the state. The preparation started during the last school year and will continue through the year 2014. In 2014 a new state test will be used to replace the current WKCE tests.

If you have any questions about the district's curriculum and/or assessment programs, please check the district's webpage under the "Curriculum Assessment" link or contact Gary Langenberg, district curriculum and assessment coordinator.

Elementary P.I.E.

(Parents Involved in Education)

As you are building your family's schedule for this upcoming school year, please consider penciling in the monthly Elementary P.I.E. meetings. They are scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month. We meet at 6:00pm in the 4/5 IMC (library). Our purpose is to improve our children's lives by sharing information, discussing issues, and problem solving with input from parents. Remember, your involvement in your child's education is important and we welcome everyone to participate. I look forward to seeing you there. Laurie Connell.

Motivate Your Teen Reader!

By Missy Bousley, Reading Specialist

Getting teen readers to read is a matter of tapping into their interests and making reading a rewarding experience. Consider these suggestions!

- Read together. Have your teen recommend a book for you and you can in turn recommend a book for your teen. After you are both complete, set up a time to talk about the books.

- Go to the blogs. Teens want to read what others are reading. Blogs allow teens to read and chat about books other teens are reading.

- Make reading an event. I read the book Julie and Julia with a friend and then we whipped up a recipe from Julia Child's The Art of French Cooking to celebrate that we finished the book. Voila!

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Please visit our school district website for calendars, menus, student activities, news, and other information.



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Southern Door High School 2011 Fall Athletics



VARSITY FOOTBALL

8/26 at SD vs Brillion, 7:00 PM	9/19 at Wrightstown, 4:30 PM
9/2 at Mishicot, 7:00 PM	9/26 at SD vs Gibraltar, 4:30 PM
9/9 at SD vs Sturgeon Bay, 7:00 PM	9/29 at Sturgeon Bay, 4:30 PM
9/16 at Valders, 7:00 PM	10/3 at SD vs NEW Lutheran, 4:30 PM
9/23 Homecoming vs Chilton, 7:00 PM	10/6 at Algoma, 4:30 PM
9/30 at Wrightstown, 7:00 PM	10/7 at SD vs St. Mary Central, 4:30 PM
10/7 at Oconto, 7:00 PM	10/11,13 WIAA Regional
10/14 at SD vs Kewaunee, 7:00 PM	10/20,22 WIAA Sectional
10/21 Level 1 Playoffs	10/27,28,29 WIAA State at Milwaukee

9/27 at SD Quad, 5:00 PM
9/29 at Sevastopol, 7:00 PM
10/6 at SD vs NEW Lutheran, 7:00 PM
10/8 at Brillion Invite, 9:30 AM
10/11 at Oconto, 7:00 PM
10/15 Packerland Tourny at St. Bay, 10:00 AM
10/18,21,22 WIAA Regional
10/27,29 WIAA Sectional
11/3,4,5 WIAA State at Green Bay

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

8/25 at SD vs Wrightstown, 4:30 PM
8/30 at Gibraltar, 6:30 PM
9/1 at SD vs Sturgeon Bay, 4:30 PM
9/6 at NEW Lutheran, 4:30 PM
9/8 at SD vs Algoma, 4:30 PM
9/12 at St. Mary Central, 6:00 PM
9/13 at Roncalli, 4:30 PM
9/15 at SD vs Kewaunee, 4:30 PM

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

8/24 SD Invite, 9:00 AM
8/27 at Green Bay East Invite, 9:00 AM
8/30 at West DePere, 7:00 PM
9/8 at SD vs Kewaunee, 7:00 PM
9/10 at Oshkosh Lourdes Tourny, 9:00 AM
9/13 at Algoma, 7:00 PM
9/15 at SD vs Sturgeon Bay, 7:00 PM
9/17 at Roncalli Tourny, 9:00 AM
9/22 at SD vs Gibraltar, 5:30 PM

CROSS COUNTRY

8/25 at Gibraltar Invite, 2:00 PM
9/10 at Shawano Invite, 9:00 AM
9/20 at Kewaunee Invite, 4:00 PM
9/22 at Mishicot Invite, 3:55 PM
9/27 at Portage Invite, 4:30 PM
10/7 at Luxemburg-Casco Invite, 4:00 PM
10/13 Conference Meet at Gibraltar, 3:30 PM
10/22 WIAA Sectional
10/29 WIAA State at WI Rapids