

HASKIN *Pride*



SEPTEMBER 2010

What a wonderful beginning of the year we have had! “Welcome to Our Team” is our 2010-2011 school theme at Haskin. The children are already into a routine and are settling in well. The teachers are enthusiastic about the year and are looking forward to working with the students. The energy and atmosphere in the building is very positive and we are all ready for learning! There are some new faces on the Haskin staff that I would like to introduce the Haskin community to:



Hello, my name is Chad Gross. I am the new Physical Education Teacher at Haskin Elementary school. I have lived in Ottawa, Illinois my entire life, and that is where I still reside today. I went to Ottawa Township High School and then graduated from Eastern Illinois University, where I received my degree in Kinesiology and Sports Studies. I am a sports enthusiast and am a big fan of the Chicago Bears, Bulls and Blackhawks. I also am recently engaged and planning on getting married in the summertime. Feel free to stop in at Haskin

anytime if you need to talk about your child in Physical Education. I am looking forward to a wonderful and productive year.

My name is Betty Lippman. I have worked in the Sandwich School District for eight years. I'm married and have three daughters, six grandchildren, and one great grandson.



Hi, I'm Barbie Dupasquier and I come to Haskin from Dummer Elementary. I've been in the District for 9 ½ years now, and have lived in Sandwich for 22 years. I grew up in Melrose Park, have an older sister and an older brother, which makes me the baby of the family. I am a single mom, have one son named Dylan who is 17 and a senior this year, two step children, and two years

ago was blessed with a grandson named Sebastian! I have two cats, two lizards, like to read, watch movies, enjoy spending time with family and friends, and I love Johnny Depp!!

Hi, my name is Erin Killey. I am originally from Sandwich and I'm excited to be working with third graders at Haskin, as well as sixth, seventh and eighth graders at the middle school. I majored in Music Education at Western Illinois University and graduated in December 2009. I'm looking forward to an excellent year here in District #430.



Hello everyone! My name is Megan Anderson, and I am a student teacher from NIU. I will be working in second grade with Amy Gomes through December, and anticipate a great semester here at Haskin school. I am pursuing my Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education, and will be graduating in May of 2011. In my *rare* free moments, I enjoy reading, walking, and spending time with my family. I look forward to my experience at Haskin and growing as a future teacher.



SAFETY AT HASKIN

We hope everyone knows we love having parents involved in our daily activities at Haskin. You are always welcome to visit or volunteer. We also want to keep all of our students safe. When you come into the school, we ask that you sign in at the office. Even if you spend a lot of time volunteering here at school, not everyone might recognize your face. It is impossible for all of the Haskin staff to know all of the families. Thank you for helping us provide a safe school for your children.



DISMISSAL PICK-UP PROCEDURES

You should have received a paper about safety procedures at dismissal time. Please become familiar with the procedures. We want all of our students to be safe. Remember, dismissal is at 2:50 p.m.



BRING YOUR SMILE

Fall Picture Day is Friday, Sept. 17th. Your student will be bringing home the information shortly. All students have their picture taken. Besides being used for class pictures, their picture will be on their new, permanent lunch ticket. If you wish to purchase pictures, please fill out the appropriate envelope and return it with the money enclosed.



REPORT AN ABSENCE

To report an absence, parents or guardians are to call the school at 815-786-8812 before 8:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. An answering machine will take calls before 7:00 a.m. and after 3:30 p.m. If a phone call is not received, a reasonable attempt will be made to contact a parent or guardian. If contact cannot be made, the absence will be considered UNEXCUSED. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Please be reminded that school is in session from 8:10 to 2:50. Students who arrive late to school are considered tardy and need to sign in at the office. Three tardies count as one unexcused absence. Please make sure your child(ren) arrive(s) before the tardy bell rings.

CHECK IT OUT

SANDWICH SCHOOLS WEBSITE: www.sandwich430.org

Sandwich School District #430 provides much information on its website in an effort to enhance and strengthen its communication with our parents and the public. Once at the site, you will be able to review news from all of the schools, the School Report card, the minutes from the Board of Education meetings, lunch menus, the school calendar and much more. Please visit us.



WILKE'S WILDCATS

The Wilke Wildcats (3-1) had a kick-off celebration on the first day of third grade by learning the team motto "RESPECT!" They discussed team goals and had an opportunity to learn more about all of their teammates! The Wilke Wildcats are well on their way to scoring a touchdown!



VISION AND HEARING SCREENING

Each school year vision/hearing screenings are conducted for Sandwich District 430 schools in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Illinois Department of Public Health. Vision screening will be done as mandated for the following children: Preschool, Kindergarten, 2nd, 8th, special education students, new/transfer students, and students with any other concerns. Hearing screenings will be done for Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, special education students, new/transfer students, and any other concerns. Screenings will be done at Haskin on Nov. 2, 2010 and the rescreening will Nov. 16, 2010.

Vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months and that evaluation is on file at the school. This notice is not a permission to test and is not required to be returned. Vision screening is not an option. If a vision examination report is not on file at the school for your child, your child in the mandated age/grade/group will be screened. If you have any questions, you may contact the school nurse.



LUNCH DEBIT PROGRAM

Lynn G. Haskin students will use a debit card system for lunch/milk. In order to keep parents informed of balances due, every Friday an invoice sheet will be sent home with those students having a negative balance on their cards. This will give parents the capabilities of depositing money into their child's account. Parents can deposit on line by setting up an account or send money to school with your child to purchase a lunch. Label the envelope with the student's name, classroom, teacher and what the money is for. Lunches can be purchased for \$12.00 weekly or \$2.40 for the standard lunch. Milk is \$0.60. Students not having money in his/her account will be allowed to purchase two lunches on credit. Your account will be charged and payment will be expected promptly. After a child has been given two standard lunches on credit, students will be offered a basic school-chosen lunch. Your child's account will continue to be charged the price of a lunch for each basic school-chosen lunch.



YOUNG REMBRANDTS WILL BE HERE THIS FALL!

Young Rembrandts will offer drawing classes at your school, immediately after school for 1 hour. We will create a new project each week. Subject matter will vary. Elementary drawing, art history and cartooning will be presented during these sessions. You will notice some wonderful projects, but please look beyond the art. We are a process based not a product based program. We also foster fine motor skills, math skills, attention to detail, problem solving and innovative thinking. We provide children with confidence, self-esteem, self-expression and a lot of fun during their class. Please consider joining us. If your child wishes to participate, simply fill out the registration form, which will be sent home from your school or visit our website at www.youngrembrandts.com/willkendallcounty-IL/Schedule.aspx to enroll online.

We see our program unlock their potential!

For additional information, check your school flyer or please call 847-760-5050.

Lynne Turk – Director Young Rembrandts

DISTRICT ATTENDANCE POLICY

We feel that perhaps now is a good time to have a quick review of the district attendance policy.

According to the handbook, students shall be permitted no more than seven excused absences, including vacations, per school year. After the student has been excused seven times in one school year, additional excused absences for illnesses may only be verified through a written medical statement from a physician. After seven excused absences, the school office will notify the parents by certified mail. If a student's absence is verified by a doctor's excuse before the student has reached the limit of seven days of excused absences, those absences will not count toward the seven days permitted per year.

The last sentence is a very important one. If you take your child for any kind of a medical appointment during the school day or because of a specific illness, please ask for a doctor's note and then the absence will not be counted toward the seven absences allowed by the district.

Also, be aware of the district's policy on tardies. Three tardies equal one unexcused absence. A tardy can be that a student may also receive a tardy if they leave school early for any reason. This is another good reason to get a doctor's note if you are missing school for an appointment.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

The carry over period for students who were receiving free/reduced lunch for the 09-10 school year will be until October 5, 2010. If you haven't turned in your new 2010-2011 application your child will automatically be put on paid lunches beginning October 6, 2010. Free/reduced lunch applications are available on the website at www.sandwich430.org or you can request one at your child's school. If you have any questions please contact 815-786-2187 ext. #1.

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