

**Sandwich School District CUSD #430--Monthly Board Meeting
October 18, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Sandwich Community Unit School District #430, DeKalb, Kendall, and LaSalle Counties, Illinois was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Sandwich Middle School.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Miller, Vice President Schroeder, Secretary Saitta, Morse, Englehart, Scharenberg, & Wilson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Woodbury students Silas Schroeder, Charlotte Hartman, Mason Berenyi, Ethan Kolka, Tessa Lueck, Dakota Runge, Emmett Ryan, Colton Runge, and Ella Vandavelde led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES, EXPENDITURES, INVESTMENT PLANS

Ms. Saitta moved, seconded by Dr. Englehart "To approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, the September 26, 2022 special meeting, and the current expenditures, payroll and investment plans."

Ayes: Englehart, Miller, Scharenberg, Saitta, Wilson, Schroeder & Morse. Nays: None.

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD SALUTES

The Board saluted the Kiwanis Club for generously donating \$5,505 to be used for student wellness at Woodbury, Prairie View, and Haskin Elementary Schools.

STUDENT REPORTS

Hello my name is Eliza Shiradelly. I am a senior at Sandwich High School. Next year I plan on attending a four year institution but I am undecided. I plan on majoring in marketing. Things I have participated in: Football, basketball, and competitive Cheer

What I enjoyed about Sandwich High School: is the small town feel, I like the different cultural interests and being able to be friends with many different people.

And now for news from Sandwich High School;

- Homecoming was a few weeks ago and a few things that we did that were fun were spirit week which included dress up days, flag football, and class games. My personal favorite part of spirit week was the flag football game.
- Oct. 20-23 we have our fall play "Leaving Iowa"
- Oct. 27 Jostens will be at SHS presenting to our Seniors about cap and gowns. Jostnes will return on Nov. 4 to place their cap and gown order.

- On Oct. 27, Our counselors will put on a career breakfast with several business leaders that allow SHS students and students from several school districts to meet with the local business leaders. Students were able to ask questions and hear different perspectives from local business leaders.
- On Oct. 27 National Honor Society will have their induction ceremony
- DCPSafe red ribbon week to recognize a healthy life

Fall Sports are coming to an end

Fresh/Soph Football

- Fresh/Soph football record is 7-1

Cross Country

- Boys and Girls cross country conference results Boys placed 4th and girls placed 3rd.
- Regionals are in the coming week

Golf

- Boys Golf placed 7th at regionals
 - Sophomore Noah Campbell was the only Indian who qualified for sectionals and became the first Sandwich golfer to advance to Sectionals since 2016.
- Girls Golf placed 6th and qualified Melody Goldstein for sectionals

Renegade Regiment Band

- On Oct. 9 SHS Regiment Band got 1st in class and grand champion of 1A-4A bands which was 18 bands. Then on Oct. 10 they got 1st in class and all captions.
- Recently held a Music Fest with over 20 bands performing from around the area.

Boys Soccer

- Boys Soccer won their first round of regional matchup against Yorkville Christain. They ended up losing a close 2nd round match up.

OLD BUSINESS

Progressive Business Solutions presented more information regarding solar power panels. How the panels would be installed causes no destruction to the roofs. They further explained the annual cost savings over a 25 year span.

President Miller asked for a straw poll on who would like to see a proposed contract.

Ayes: Saitta, Englehart, Wilson, Schroeder, Scharenberg, Morse & Miller.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. UPDATE ON TYLER (SIS) PROGRAM: Tyler will be obsolete by the end of this school year. After reviewing five different software programs we have selected School Insight/TeacherEase. We will save \$8,200 in the first year and \$9,000 in the second year. We will start in January with the new software for online registration, but we won't be billed until July.
- B. Superintendent Sodaro discussed Elearning Days versus Snow Days and expressed his wish to go back to having Snow Days so we don't lose any further in person learning.
- C. Superintendent Sodaro gave an update on the new District Leadership Team and how well it is going. Assistant Superintendent Janisch will give a more detailed update at the November meeting.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Citizen comments were provided regarding the staff communications and nutritional guidelines.

ENTER CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mrs. Scharenberg to enter closed session to discuss matters related to the appointment, employment, dismissal, compensation or performance of specific employees; collective bargaining, litigation, and the setting of price for sale or lease of property or whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

Ayes: Englehart, Morse, Schroeder, Wilson, Scharenberg, Saitta & Miller Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED Time: 8:00 pm

RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION

The Board re-entered the Regular Session at 9:58 p.m. Roll call vote indicated the following:

Ayes: Englehart, Sharenberg, Morse, Wilson, Schroeder, Saitta and Miller.

APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Schroeder, seconded by Mrs. Scharenberg to approve the closed session minutes of the regular September 20, 2022 meeting.

Ayes: Englehart, Sharenberg, Morse, Wilson, Schroeder, Saitta and Miller. **MOTION CARRIED**

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Morse moved, seconded by Mr. Wilson to "To approve employment of the following staff for the 2022-2023 school year: Ezbeydy Rivera-Asst. Track Coach SHS; Kalista Castillo-6th Gr Boys Basketball Coach; Michael Lee-Head Boys Track Coach SHS; Bolaji Adeoti-Asst. Track Coach SHS; Kalyn Petzer-Athletic Trainer SHS; Stan Guilinger-Freshman Basketball Coach SHS.

Employment is contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by the Illinois State Board of Education which includes a valid professional licensure, a physical exam/TB test, child abuse form, criminal history background check, and I-9

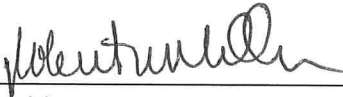
Ayes: Englehart, Sharenberg, Morse, Wilson, Schroeder, Saitta and Miller. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT


Mr. Morse moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to adjourn the October 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Ayes: Englehart, Sharenberg, Morse, Wilson, Schroeder, Saitta and Miller.

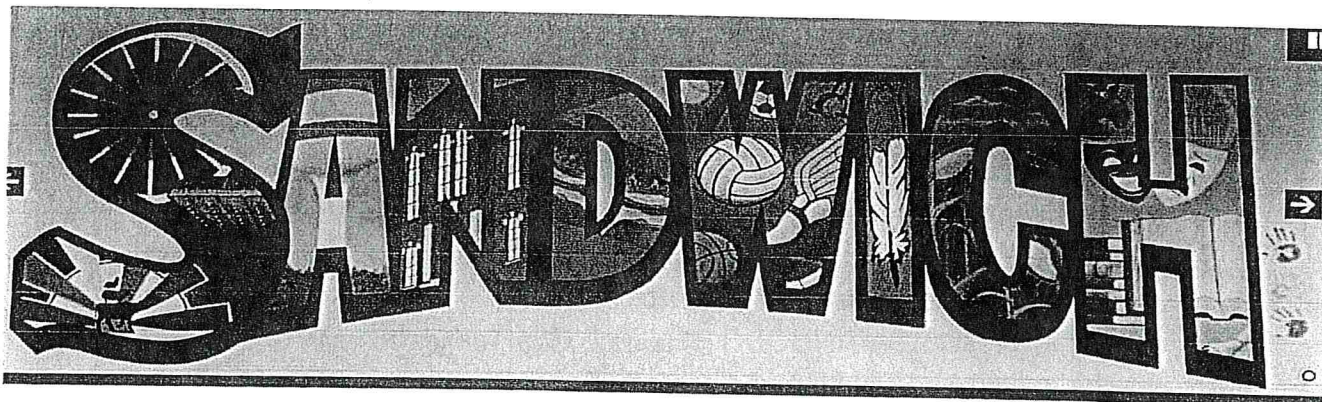
MOTION CARRIED Time 10:07 p.m.



President



Secretary



Board of Education Date: October 18, 2022

School Name: W.W. Woodbury Elementary School

Attendance Rate (to Date): 93.02%

School Improvement Goals:

Continue Implementation of CHAMPS and extend into common areas of the building and combine with school-wide positive behavior recognition.

Goals:

- **COMPLETE:** All classrooms display CHAMPS visual/definitions. (Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation, SUCCESS)
- **COMPLETE:** All classrooms utilize and implement voice level recognition.
- Implement in common areas of building
- **IN PROGRESS:** Implement School Wide Recognition.
 - Identify CHAMPS goals/target behaviors by the month.
 - Determine Goals for Recognition, short and long term and tie to 2nd Step Lessons in the classroom.
 - Track student recognition with a goal for a100% of students to receive positive recognition during the school year.
- **CONTINUOUS REVIEW:** Follow up on progress in ongoing staff meetings to make determinations about next steps and determine targeted goals and areas of need.

Implementation of WIN TIME: WIN stands for “What I Need”, and refers to interventions and/or enrichment. During WIN time, some students receive intervention to work on specific math or reading skills and others might work on other learning tasks that are appropriate for their individual level. Students might work with their classroom teacher, a paraprofessional, with a small group of other students, or a reading teacher during this time. This progress is monitored over time and utilized should students need more support and services determined through our (MTSS) Multi-Tiered System of Supports review process.

Goals:

- COMPLETE: Define 30-45 minutes of WIN time in the classroom schedule.
- IN PROGRESS/CONTINUOUS REVIEW: Teachers and other staff or grade level teams collaborate and meet regularly to discuss WIN Time needs. Use of interventions/enrichment may include Lexia or other web-based programs, individual or small group reteaching, classroom centers and more and are determined based on needs of students in each classroom.
- IN PROGRESS/CONTINUOUS REVIEW: Goal for grade level teams to meet every 4 weeks to discuss WIN time implementation, define challenges and collaborate on ideas regarding what is working with our students. Explore use of data to make modifications for individual students and set specific and measurable school-wide goals after first benchmarking period data review. Implementation progress is reviewed at monthly whole staff meetings.

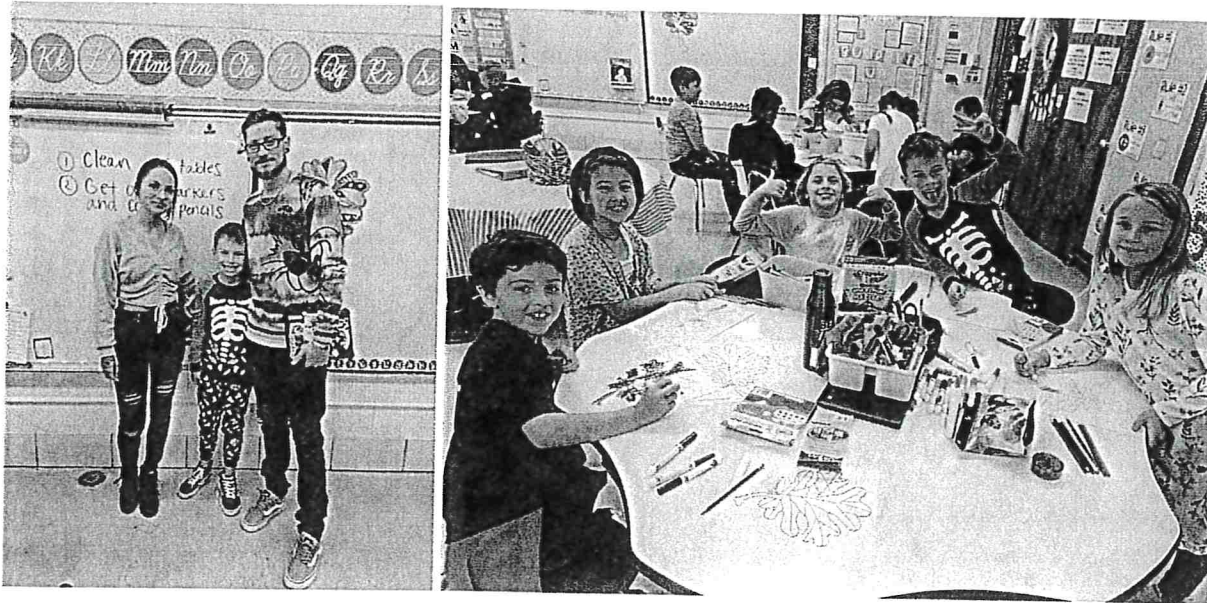
Important dates for next Month:

- 10/14: End of 1st Quarter
- 10/18: Board of Education meeting
- 10/19: Certified Staff Meeting
- 10/21: Kindergarten Field Trip to Kuiper's
- 10/24-10/28: Social-Emotional Screener (SAEBRS)
- 10/28: Halloween Celebration
- 11/8: Election Day, NO SCHOOL
- 11/11: End of Trimester I
- 11/15: Fall Picture Retakes
- 11/16: 3rd Grade Hoover Outdoor Ed
- 11/21: 11:10 Dismissal P/T Conferences
- 11/22: NO SCHOOL, P/T Conferences
- 11/23-11/25: Thanksgiving Break

Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:

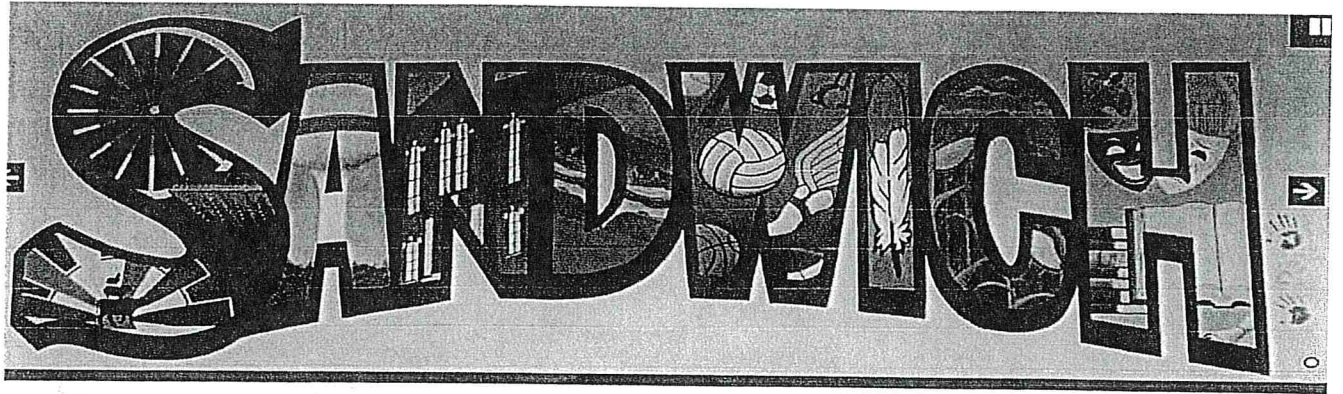
We love having parents back in our building! One of our third grade students, Liam, had the awesome opportunity to introduce his mom and step-dad of Outer Beauty Ink and share about their jobs as tattoo artists. They were able to explain with the students how they draw a design on a piece of paper and then that is what they use to make a tattoo. They led the classes in an art activity where they had the kids trace a leaf onto a piece of paper and add in different details, patterns, and colors inside the leaf. The students loved it!

Liam with his mom & stepdad and enjoying the project with classmates!



Student Recognition: Our most recent recognition was all about grit and perseverance! In Second Step, students have been talking about how learning something new can be challenging, but we don't give up. Mistakes are a part of learning. Mistakes are proof we are trying! Below are students recognized in K, 2nd & 3rd grade!





Board of Education Date: 10/18/2022

School Name: Prairie View Elementary School

Attendance Rate (to Date): 93.8275

School Improvement Goals:

- Implement and monitor the use of common expectations within common areas in our school building.
- Create building-level and classroom-level goal-setting processes to reinforce to our students the importance of goal-setting.
- Investigate and plan (training and funding) for the future training and implementation of the CHAMPS classroom management process.
- As a staff, look for ways to improve the impact of our grade level WIN time.

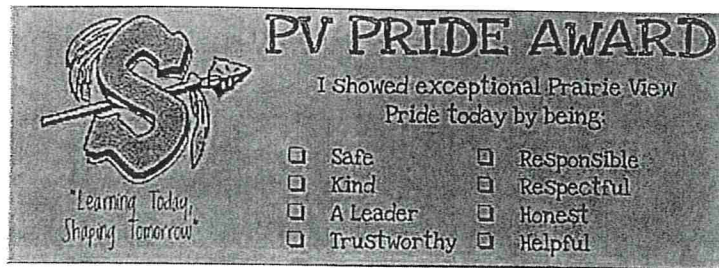
Important dates for next Month:

- October 31-November 4th Fastbridge SAEBRS SEL Screener Makeup Week
- November 1st- Building Evacuation Drill
- November 2nd- Building Staff Meeting
- November 3rd- Fall Picture Retakes
- November 10th- MTSS/Data day
- November 14th- Administrators Meeting
- November 16th- Building Staff Meeting
- November 17th- Kindergarten Hoover Field Trip
- November 21 & 22- Parent/Guardian-Teacher Conferences

Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:

This month, Prairie View has started a new PBIS initiative called "PV Pride." Prairie View staff will be looking for opportunities to recognize students who are demonstrating the following positive characteristics: safe, kind, a leader, trustworthy, responsible, respectful, honest, and helpful. As a staff, our focus will be on both recognizing and modeling positive and appropriate social interactions/behaviors. Therefore, each week one student from each classroom who has received a "PV Pride Award" will receive the opportunity to spin the prize wheel. There are no tangible rewards being provided to our lucky winners. Rather, students will have the chance to have a positive experience with a peer or staff member where additional adult and peer modeling can take place. Examples of rewards are: helping out with morning announcements, lunch with a staff member, reading a book to Mr. Ryan, etc. We are excited to support our young learners as they continue to develop social interaction skills within our school community.

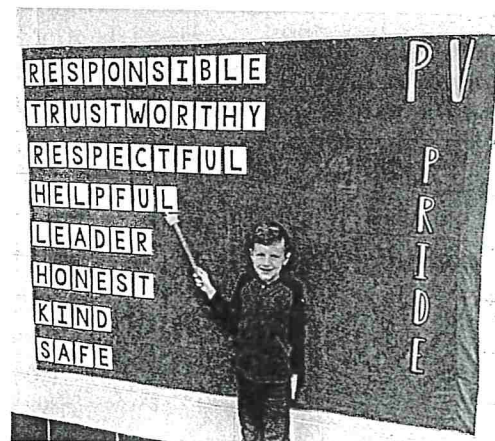
The ticket that will go home with each student who receives recognition

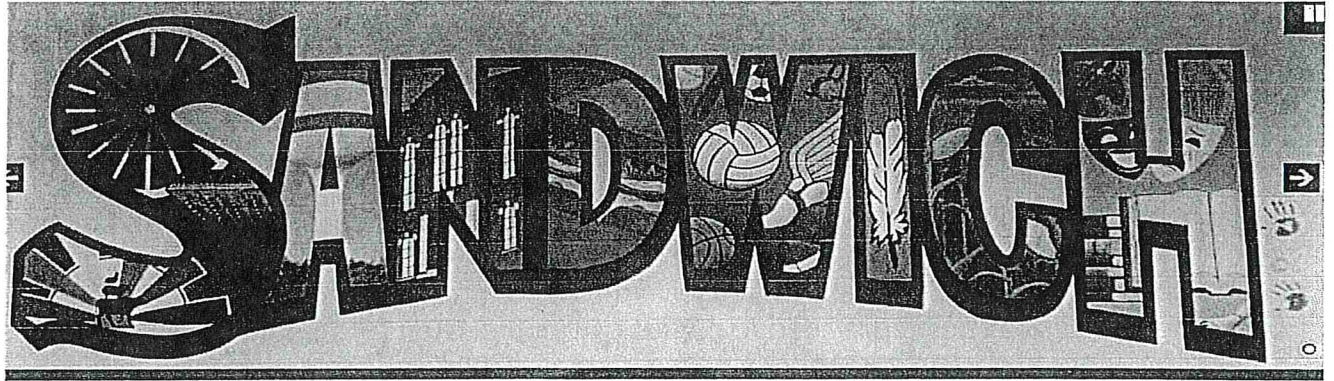


Mrs. Gudmunson showing her class the prize wheel



Photo Backdrop, where students will get their picture taken





October 18, 2022

Lynn G. Haskin Elementary School

Attendance Rate (to Date): 94.98%

School Improvement Goals:

1. By the end of the 2022-2023 school year, the Haskin Elementary School staff will fully implement a universal positive behavior plan with appropriate interventions and supports as measured by each student receiving at least eight recognized positive behaviors by the end of the year.
2. By the end of the 2022-2023 school year, 70% of Haskin 1st through 3rd grade students will have typical or aggressive growth in reading as measured by FastBridge's aReading assessment.

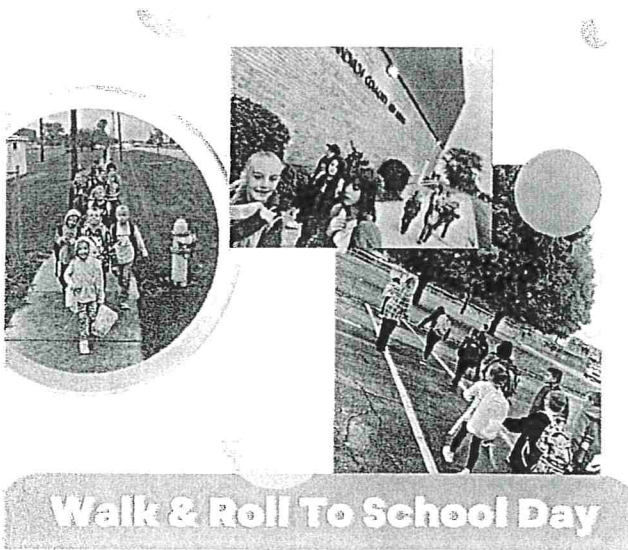
Important dates for next Month:

October 18-24, 2022 - Fall Book Fair
October 24-28, 2022 - Red Ribbon Week
October 20, 2022 - Haskin Literacy Night
November 2 & 4, 2022 - Erin's Law
November 3, 2022 - Kindergarten Hoover
November 3, 2022 - H.O.P. 5 B's Fundraiser
November 7, 2022 - Fall Picture Retakes
November 8, 2022 - No School Election Day
November 9, 2022 - Cake Roll Delivery
November 11, 2022 - End of First Trimester

Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:

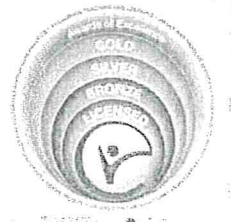
- Pre-K: Haskin's preschool program continues to meet the eligibility requirements for the ExceleRate Illinois GOLD Circle of Quality.
- 2nd Grade Students: These students led a Character Counts Assembly focusing on fairness.

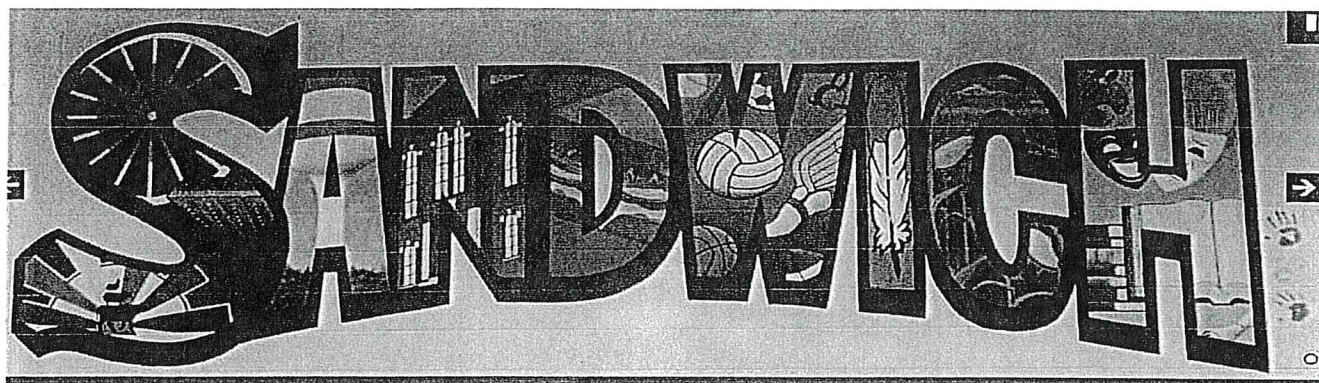
Pictures



Congratulations

Haskin's Pre-K program continues to meet the eligibility requirements for the ExceleRate Illinois Gold Circle of Quality!





Board of Education Date: 10-18-2022

School Name: Herman E. Dummer School

Attendance Rate (to Date):

4th Grade - 95.91

5th Grade - 95.61

Total School - 95.75

School Improvement Goals:

- **Continue team planning**
- **Evaluate and refine our standards based grading and report cards**
- **Implement ReadyGen with fidelity**
- **Pilot Envisions Math**
- **Improve home/school communication and involvement**
- **Continue our work with the subgroup, CWD, to improve test scores on the IAR test**

Important dates for next Month:

Oct. 31-Nov. 4 - Book Fair

Nov. 8 - No School

Nov. 9 - Dummer Parent Group 6:30

Nov. 10 - Bundt Cake fundraiser forms due

Nov. 11 - End of Trimester 1

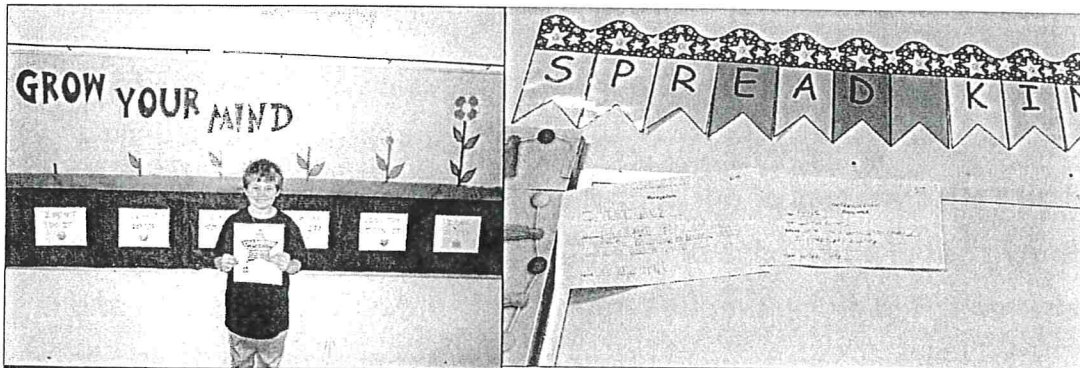
Nov. 11 - Dummer Incentive Day

Nov. 15 - Board Meeting 7:00 PM

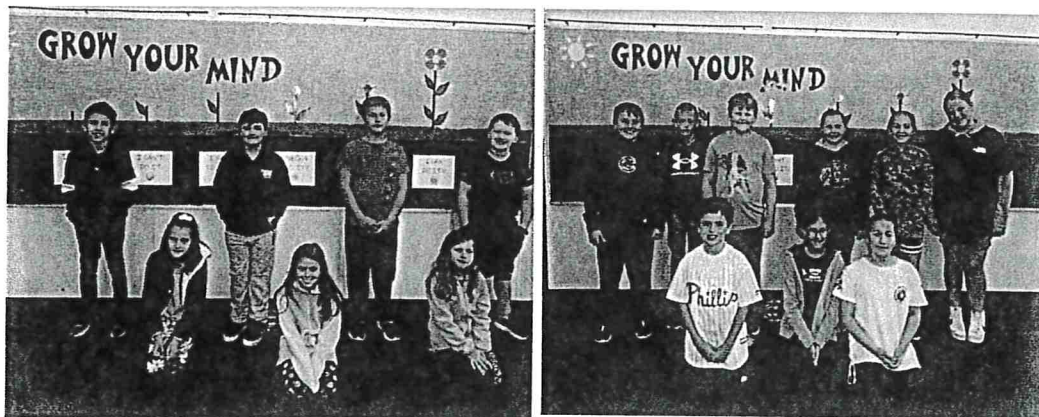
- Nov. 16 - Bundt Cake Pick-up 3:15-5:00 PM
- Nov. 18 - Report Cards and Benchmark Data go home
- Nov. 21 - 11:10 dismissal and P/T conferences
- Nov. 22 P/T conferences
- Nov. 23 - No School
- Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 25 - No School

Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:

Dummer School started our Student of the Month, Character Counts, and our Student to Student Character Counts this past month. For our Student to Student Character Counts, students have an opportunity to acknowledge another student for doing something with great character. Every Friday, all these names go into a grade-level bucket and one name is drawn out of a 4th grade bucket and a 5th grade bucket. The parents/guardians of the students whose names have been drawn, are sent an email saying how proud we are of them and the students are given a small gift bag. Their compliment is hung in the hallway for all to see.



October Character Counts and Student to Student Character Counts



October 4th and 5th Grade Students of the Month

Board of Education Date: October 18, 2022

School Name: Sandwich Middle School

Attendance Rate (to Date):

6th Grade - 94.86%

7th Grade - 96.73%

8th Grade - 95.63%

School Wide - 95.70%

School Improvement Goals:

The staff at Sandwich Middle School will be focusing on a couple of different areas this year to improve our learning environment. The first area of focus will be to improve our focus and effectiveness of our school environmental committees. We are also working to improve our effectiveness of Team Time/PLC Time. We are also focused on the implementation of an intervention period. This process is underway and is already being implemented. Our students have already taken their first FastBridge Benchmarking tests. We will use this data to place students in the correct interventions.

Important dates for next Month:

10/20/22- SMS 7/8GBB @ Plano 4:15 pm

10/21/22- 1st Quarter Report Cards

10/27/22- SMS 7/8 GBB Home v. Reed Custer 4:30 pm

11/2/22- SMS 7/8 BBB @ Waltham 5:00pm

11/3/22- SMS 7/8 GBB Home v. Peru Parkside 4:30 pm

11/8/22- No School- State Election Day

11/10/22- SMS 8 BBB @ ICS Tournament
11/12/22- SMS 8 BBB @ ICS Tournament
11/14/22- SMS 7/8 GBB Home v. Morris Saratoga 4:30 pm
11/21/22- SMS P/T Conferences 11:10 Dismissal
11/21/22- SMS 7/8 BBB @ Mendota Northbrook 4:30 pm
11/22/22- SMS P/T COncferences- No School
11/22/22- SMS 7/8 BBB Home v. Reed Custer 4:30 pm

Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month: SMS Cross Country

The SMS cross country season came to an end on October 8th. The team had a great season with many kids setting personal bests this year with their times. Coaches Chad Hicks and Maddie McGuire got the most out of all the kids on the team and helped grow their love of running. In total they had about 35 kids from 5th - 8th grade on the team this past season.

The high point of the season came when both the girls and boys teams placed 1st at the Richland Invite at the end of September. The Girls team was able to post a perfect score at that meet, taking the top five positions at the finish. Both teams just finished their season up at Sectionals on Oct. 8th. The girls were able to place 5th at this race and the boys finished 6th. Many of our racers were able to PR at Sectionals. Unfortunately we were not able to qualify for state this year, as our Sectional was one of the toughest in the state.

Going forward the SMS cross country team is set up to have a very successful season in the next few years.



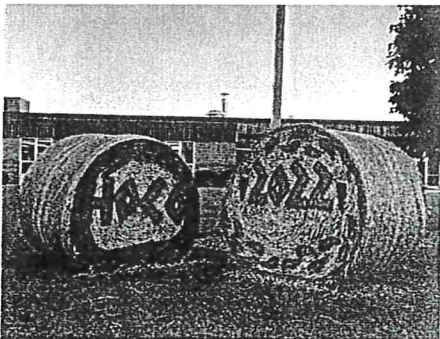


Board of Education Date: Oct. 13, 2022

School Name: Sandwich High School

Board Recognition

Shane Connell and Laurie Mullen-putting together to get the straw bales painted with the Art Club and Art 3 class to help decorate for Homecoming.



Soccer

Kayden Page, for "athlete of the week". His 4 goal, 2 assist performance led the way for Sandwich Varsity Soccer's second playoff win in program history. He's been stellar all season and helped the team win their second ever regional game.

Regiment Band

Mr. Heinekamp

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Attendance Rate (to Date): 93%

School Improvement Goals:

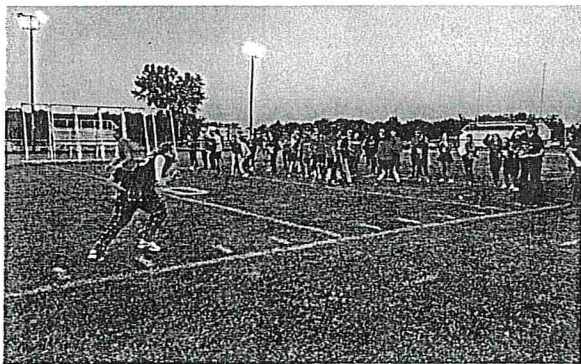
Domain 4: Improving Teaching and Learning: My goal for the 2022-2023 school year is to improve teaching and learning

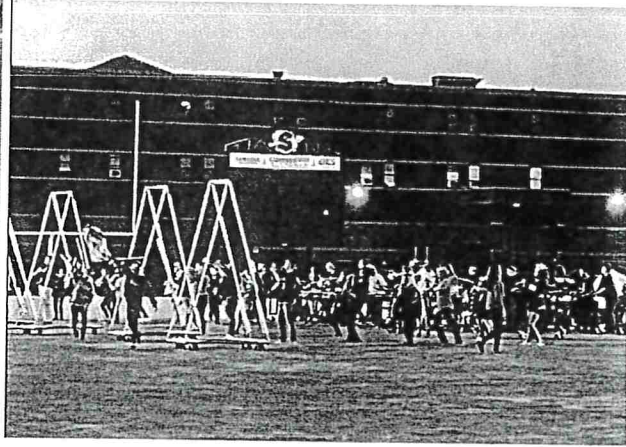
Domain 6: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of High Expectations: My goal for the 2021-2022 school year is to create a culture that supports social emotional learning.

Important dates for next Month:

- Oct. 21-23 Fall Play (Details Below)
- Oct.24 Red Ribbon Week to support a drug free life
- Nov. 1 FAFSA Night
- Nov. 2 Blood Drive
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Ceremony

Pictures (Up to 2)







Logo by Mrs. Laurie Mullen

The Sandwich High School Drama Club is proud to present its 2022 fall play: *Leaving Iowa*, by Tim Clue and Spike Manton. The show will be performed October 21-23. The Friday and Saturday performances are at 7pm, with the closing Sunday performance being a 2pm matinee.

Tickets can be purchased at www.sandwicharts.ludus.com. For Friday and Sunday's performances, admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens. Saturday will be a "dessert theatre" presentation: all tickets on Saturday include intermission treats provided by the SHS National Honor Society. Tickets for this performance are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens.

Leaving Iowa is produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois.

From Dramatic Publishing Company:

"*Leaving Iowa* is dubbed 'a comedy about family vacations.' More specifically, it is the story of Don Browning, a middle-aged writer, who returns home and decides to finally take his father's ashes to his childhood home, as requested. But when Don discovers Grandma's house is now a grocery store, he begins traveling across Iowa searching for a proper resting place for his father. This father-and-son road trip shifts smoothly from the present to Don's memories of the annual, torturous vacations of his childhood. Don's existential journey leads him to reconcile his past and present at the center of the United States. *Leaving Iowa* is a postcard to anyone who has ever found himself or herself driving alone on a road, revisiting fond memories of his or her youth."

The cast for SHS's production of *Leaving Iowa* includes Cooper Akin, Grace Anderson, Emily Beckwith, Sammy Calderon II, Ava Casey, Hannah Fish, Uriel Galvan, Uziel Galvan, Cadee Goldstein, Caroline Gomes, Jazmyn Kubas, Johanna Mitchell, Angel Ramirez, Ethan Rome, Emma Sparks, Ashlyn Strenz, and Michael Toth.

Serving on technical crews are Cerelia Lesko (stage manager), Lilly Mitchell (assistant stage manager), Sevilen Alanis Vega, Owen Bourke, Nick Carlson, Jocelyn Carr, Leah Casey, Ayden Cole, Kaylin Corbett, Jasmine Cruz, Bre DeWitt, Payton DeWitt, Abby Fish, Logan Frantzen, Angelina Jahr, Breyden Johnson, Alyssa Leatrea, Zamélie Lesko, Joseph Mast, Jasmine Nagy, Autumn Owens, Beth Pearson, David Ramos, Ravin Read, Lily Richardson, Mikayla Schiradelly, and Tatianna Steiner.

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

10/18/2022

Glen Bloemker - Director of Technology

Technology regular updates – The Technology department has started this school year quite busy. From August 1st through October 12th, we have closed over 848 tickets which is a little more than last year during the same period. As of this writing, we have 59 open issues ranging from a few printing issues, chromebooks repairs (8/59), a few computer issues, a SOPPA request waiting on the vendor and a few project requests.

With the school year in full swing, we strive daily to keep the district fully operational. We are beginning to look at projects and upgrades that are needing to be done to keep the district operating at full capacity. Some projects being considered are replacement firewall appliances with the ability to operate in tandem in the event of a failure, looking at possible ERATE items to apply for in addition to the normal internet connectivity and working with staff to enhance their teaching experiences in the classroom.

Chromebook Repairs and Support – Currently, there are 8 chromebooks in various stages of being repaired. Replacement parts are being ordered as needed when supplies run low.

Application Updates – ISBE continues to be updated on a weekly basis. Any issues contained in the results are corrected as soon as possible. Fall enrollment counts will begin the verification process by the end of the week with completion due before the end of October.

Tyler SIS K-12 replacement vendor search continues. A team has been assembled consisting of administrators, secretaries, nurses, counselors, teachers and parents to assist with the process of selecting a new vendor. We are in the final stages of selecting a new vendor. All vendors (5) have had a chance to show their system. The two (2) finalists have shown their system to the team and are being rated. Once a vendor has been selected, we will begin price negotiations and establish an implementation process timeline. The goal is to have the new vendor in place and new year registration completed in the new SIS vendor system.

SOPPA compliance is an ongoing process for the district. I continue to process the requests as they come in through the ticket system.

ERATE: There has been no update on the filing for the use of ECF funds to purchase replacement chromebooks for the 2024 school year. This has not been approved yet by USAC and it might not get approved as more requests were filed than monies are available. I keep hoping! The replacement UPS unit for the server room at the High School has been ordered through CDWG. Once they have received final approval on pricing from APC, it will be ordered. I am hoping to have this swap-out completed during the winter break.

Other items – We are also doing our best in the technology arena to keep the district running as smoothly as possible.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
10/18/22
Director of Special Education, Crystal Swan-Gravatt

Professional development and PLC (professional learning community) student services team meetings are in full swing! Thus far this school year, designated paras have participated in Diabetes training, CPR training, and orientation in Medicaid billing. We also have had new paras participate in STAR (Strategies for Teaching Based on Autism Research) workshop which was a two day training. Our speech team has met for speech technical assistance and our STAR teams have met to receive autism technical assistance as well. Our school social workers and school psychologists have met as a PLC team with a focus on suicide intervention / awareness and social emotional curriculum implementation. Our school nurses organized and facilitated CPR training this past month. They have met as a PLC team three times since the beginning of the school year. Our speech PLC team has met twice this year with a focus of managing our growing caseloads of communication needs and speech interventions for our elementary students.

We were able to fill our empty speech and language pathologist position this month and we are excited for our new SLP to join our team! We continue to search for a third full time school psychologist and recruit paraprofessionals to work with our students with disabilities. Currently, we are searching for individuals to fill seven paraprofessional positions across the district.

Our school psychologists continue to be extremely busy leading intervention teams, assessing students, preparing for and attending iep meetings, all the while leading and managing FASTBridge progress monitoring tool for the district. Since the beginning of the school year, many hours were dedicated to entering in new students and organizing progress monitoring for the district. Our school psychs have also been busy working out glitches in the system and they

have been answering questions and assisting classroom teachers and Principals when their students are using FASTBridge. Our students K-8 are assessed in basic reading-math skills and all students take the social emotional screening assessment.

A couple of our school nurses and I will be attending MESH in Bloomington this month. MESH stands for Medicaid Expansion for School Health. We have joined MESH to learn more about the new ways the district can garner funds for the many therapies and therapeutic interventions we deliver to our students with Medicaid eligibility and also have disabilities or are receiving interventions because of a medical or behavioral diagnoses. More information regarding MESH will be forthcoming in the months to come.