

# SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTE

May 12, 2006

Dear Parents and Students:

Just three weeks of school left. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. The next weeks will be busy ones.

The final Cal-Ridge Conference event of the year took place Tuesday as Wolcott hosted the annual conference track meet. We were able to field two teams, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade boys and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls. The boys came in 5<sup>th</sup> and the girls 3<sup>rd</sup>. Way to go Wildcats! Thank you to Paula Frezza and the Booster club parents and staff members who helped for organizing and running a great meet. I understand that it is the earliest the events were completed in anyone's memory. Thank you to Thornwood High School for letting us use their excellent facility. Another nice thing is that we won't have to run it for another 6 years.

The annual awards banquet is being organized by the Boosters as well and will take place in the gym at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. Notices have gone home. The charge is \$8 per person for everyone, including students.

May is field trip month. Community based education goes into full swing at Wolcott. Several trips are planned for the next two weeks. Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade will visit historic Graue Mill in Oakbrook and the Robert Crown Center for Health Education in Hinsdale. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> will visit the Lincoln Park Zoo Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Pre-K and Kindergarten will go to the zoo on Monday, May 22. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will tour the quarry Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will tour downtown Chicago on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and perform science experiments as well as enjoy Great America on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Classes not mentioned took their field trips earlier in the year.

The band and chorus students will show their talents at their Spring Concert on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Mr. Lemmon has an end of the year picnic planned for these Students on Friday afternoon, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The PTA spring Book Fair is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> as well. Thank you to the PTA and especially the committee, Kathy Jahnke, Penny Thompson, and Vicky Zander for making Teacher Appreciation Week so special for our faculty and staff. There were delicious lunches, treats, decorations, and surprises: something every day! It was the nicest Teacher Appreciation Week I have ever experienced. Everyone felt truly appreciated.

Tonight's big event for grades 5-8 is the end of year Hawaiian Themed Dance sponsored by the Booster Club. Aloha! Booster Club Spirit Week Notices for next week have gone out. A change: Due to the number of students involved in band and chorus, **Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> Backwards and Inside Out Day has been cancelled.** Backwards and Inside Out Aficionados may combine it with Hat Day on Wednesday, the 17<sup>th</sup> if they so wish. Modesty and Anti-Gang measures still apply during Spirit Week.

A reminder: Please remember to return the Community Technology Survey.

*"Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines."* Leroy "Satchel" Paige 1906-1982, Baseball Player

Yours for Wolcott School,

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