

# SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTE

May 26, 2006

Dear Parents and Students:

Here we are at the last week of school. Another year of schooling is about to become history. Summer days are near.

We had a very nice turnout for the Awards Banquet. Everyone enjoyed a delicious catered meal and the opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of our students over the 2005-2006 school year. Thank you to the Booster Club for organizing this festive event.

Field trips have been a big part of the month. I enjoyed accompanying the sixth grade on a tour of the Thornton Quarry, a very interesting place to visit. We learned about the site's primeval history, the current quarrying operation, and got to search for fossils to take home. I learned that they are planning record production this summer with all the road work going on, and are hiring, if anyone is looking for work.

Next week, after the Memorial Day holiday, we will be down to the last four days. There will be **no hot lunch next week**. Free lunch students will have a sack lunch provided Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday, the room parents are providing a hot dog picnic for Grades 1-5 in conjunction with a Field Day in the afternoon. Grades 6 and 7 will have a cookout. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be allowed to leave Thursday as soon as they get their graduation practice "right." I am told that no Wolcott 8<sup>th</sup> grade has ever needed more than one or two tries. Eighth Grade Graduation is Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

Friday, June 2, is report card day. Dismissal will be at 9:30 a.m. All books and school materials must be returned and all damage assessments, fines, and fees paid for students to receive their report card on Friday.

I understand that some Wolcott students in past years have gotten carried away with shaving cream "fights" on the way home the last day of school and have made a mess of other people's property, cars, and public walkways. The Thornton Police Department has asked me to inform Wolcott students and parents that due to numerous complaints from citizens including the filing of police reports which take their attention away from regular duties, they will have extra patrols out that day and may pick up students who are creating a public nuisance or acting unlawfully. In view of this and the fact that aerosols are not allowed at school in the first place, Wolcott School will cooperate in the following ways:

- 1) Any student bringing shaving cream or any other aerosol or propelled substance to school during the last week of school will receive an immediate in-school suspension, even if it means keeping the student on the last day.
- 2) Since early dismissal is a privilege, I have informed the police that any students they have to pick up may be brought back to school where they will lose their early dismissal privilege and spend the rest of the regular school day.

*Advice to students who want to have shaving cream fights on the last day of school "Do it in your own yard with parent permission."*

I hope everyone has a relaxing, enjoyable, and safe summer. See most of you next fall.

**"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."**

Mother Teresa, 1910-1997, Missionary

Yours for Wolcott School,

Stephen Harman