

Superintendent's Note

March 10, 2006

Dear Parents and Students,

March is ISAT testing month for Grades 3-8 and SAT testing month for the primary grades. Testing will begin next week. For the first time all grades 3-8 will be taking the ISAT reading and math tests. In addition, Grades 4 and 7 will take the ISAT science test. Please encourage students to do their best. The best preparation is a good night's sleep the night before and a nutritious breakfast. Students may also bring a snack to school for mid morning on testing days. However, do not bring anything liquid or sticky like pudding, jello etc.

Our girls' volleyball teams have both been successful in tournaments. The 7th grade won their Cal-Ridge Tournament as well as the IESA regional and sectional. They will play in the state tournament among the top 16 teams in the state on Saturday in Hartsburg, IL. GO WILDCATS! The 8th grade team took 3rd in the Cal-Ridge and came in 2nd after the regional championship last night against Grant Park in Grant Park.

Monday is spring picture day. This is a PTA fundraiser. Student pictures will be taken and parents may buy whatever they want when the packages come in rather than ordering ahead as is done in the fall with regular school pictures.

Next Tuesday, the Board of Education will meet on their new meeting night at 7 p.m.

There are two more weeks left in the third quarter. Students make sure assignments are up to date.

A week from Tuesday is Election Day. If you are not going to be able to vote that day you can vote ahead this week at the village hall until Thursday, March 16. Additional funding is necessary to the school if we are going to be able to offer high quality programs to our students. Whether the community supports the proposed referendum or chooses not to do so is in every voter's hands. The school is at a financial crossroads. We are faced with either becoming a bare bones, "fee to do everything" type school or turning things around, so that we can begin to bring back some of the programs that were cut, and renew our mission to efficiently provide educational opportunities to our children that are second to none. It is nice to have the lowest school tax rate in the township, but it is not providing enough revenue. If the proposal passes, our school district will still have the second lowest tax rate in the township. It is going to be up to the voters. Please make sure that you are one of them.

"In all affairs it's a healthy thing now and then to hang a question mark on the things you have long taken for granted." Bertrand Russell 1872-1970, Author and Mathematician

Have a nice week-end

Yours for Wolcott School,

Stephen Harman