



NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WEST INDIANOLA



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March 27, 2009

STATE ASSESSMENT TIME IS HERE

All W.I. students in 3rd through 6th graders will be participating in the Kansas State assessments in Mathematics and Reading this spring. In addition, 4th graders will take the Science Assessment and 6th graders will take the Social Studies Assessment. The math and reading testing will begin shortly after spring break, **March 25-April 7**. It will be important for students to be at school every day of their testing, as they are taking the tests on computers and scheduling time for everyone to have computer time is tight. A good breakfast will help our students have plenty of energy to do well on the tests. A good night's rest will help our students stay alert through the tests. Practicing academic skills they have learned since the school year began will help them show their true achievement level. Importantly, parent support and encouragement will tell our students that they CAN do their very best on these tests.

****Please see attached schedule.**

PTO OFFICERS NEEDED FOR 2009-2010

The W.I. PTO is looking for officers for next school year. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate anyone, please contact Mrs. Anderson @ 286-8550 during school hours, or Michelle Morrison (817-9897) after 4:00 p.m.

All nominees will be contacted and must agree to run before their names will be placed on the ballot. Voting will take place at the April 21 PTO meeting.

Elected officers are:

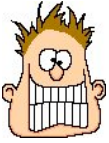
President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the P.T.O. board, be an ex-officio member of all committees, appoint special committees, and perform all duties normally pertaining to the office. The newly elected president shall appoint the committee chairs for the next school year.

Vice-President: The vice-president shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of the office of the president in the president's absence, act as an aide to the president in the performance of his (her) duties, and assist in program planning of regular meetings. In the event the president cannot serve out his/her term, the vice-president automatically becomes the president.

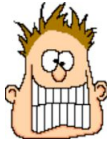
Secretary: The secretary shall keep a written record of all meetings of the organization and its officers' meetings and perform all normal duties of the office.

Treasurer: The treasurer shall be responsible for collecting and depositing all monies due the organization, keep an account book showing receipts and expenditures, pay all approved bills of the organization and present a full financial report when called for. A bookkeeping or accounting background or experience would be helpful in this position.

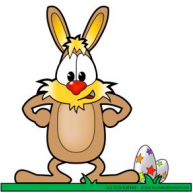
Volunteer Coordinator: The Volunteer Coordinator will establish and maintain a volunteer list to staff all programs and events. The Volunteer Coordinator will provide a list of these volunteers, the program or event budget (as applicable), and other relevant information to the committee chairperson for each program or event.



SPRING PICTURE ORDERS



Individual picture packets were sent home with students this week for pictures taken by Life Touch on March 9th. Class pictures were also taken at that time, but are not yet available. Each picture packet contains 5 sheets of pictures available for purchase. Please follow the packet instructions for ordering. Make checks payable to **Life Touch, Inc.** **The ordering deadline is Tuesday, March 31st.** All pictures you do not wish to purchase need to be returned to school by March 31st. If you have any questions, please call the school at 286-8550.



HOP UNTIL YOU DROP!

Shawnee North Community Center, 300 NE 43rd St, is sponsoring this new fun-filled fitness activity, Wednesday, April 1 starting at 6:00 PM. Join the Easter Bunny and find Easter eggs filled with fitness directions, this is a free family event. Call 286-0676 for more information.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM MARCH 31



There will be a forum for the candidates who are running for the Seaman Board of Education on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at North Fairview Elementary School. This event will begin at 7:00 PM. Those participating in the forum are James "Jamie" Andrews, Rebecca Crawford, Michael Lesser, Shawn Bush and Susan Fowler-Hentzler. North Fairview is located on NE 39th street and Croco Road.



BAND & ORCHESTRA FAIR FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

On Monday, April 6th, USD 345 will be having our Band & Orchestra Fair from 6-8pm at Seaman High School. The Fair will be an opportunity for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students to meet our district's instrumental music teachers, learn about the band and orchestra programs, *and actually get to try out all of the different instruments!*

Each participating student will receive a "score card" that they will take from room to room, and the teachers in each room will assist them with trying out each instrument. By the end of the night, parents will have a good idea of what instrument is best suited for their student in order to achieve maximum success. 5th graders that did not start an instrument this year are welcome and encouraged to join the band as 6th graders. If you have any questions, or are unable to attend but have a student interested in starting an instrument, please email or call Ryan Simpson at Seaman Middle School - rsimpson@usd345.com, 286-8400.

FORMS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE THE OFFICE:

YMCA Volleyball
 Shawnee County Parks & Recreation Soccer
 Shawnee County Parks & Recreation Baseball

Shawnee County Parks & Recreation After School Program
 YMCA Strong Kids Program
 Sunrise Optimist Tee-Ball, Soft Ball, & Baseball

SCHOOL LUNCHES March 30 – APRIL 3

Monday – Turkey Fritter

Tuesday – Chicken Nuggets

Wednesday – Taco Nacho

Thursday – Chili/Cheese Wrap

Friday – Hamburger

What is Earwax?

It's sticky. It's shiny. But, what is earwax and where does it come from? Earwax is made in the outer ear canal, where it slowly makes its way to the opening of the ear. Then it either falls out or is removed when you wash. Earwax has many jobs. It protects and moisturizes the skin of the ear canal preventing dry, itchy ears. It also contains special chemicals that fight off infections that could hurt the skin inside the ear canal. Finally, it acts as a shield between the outside world and the eardrum. When dust, dirt, and other things enter your ear, the earwax traps them so they can't travel any further. To get rid of earwax you do NOTHING! Don't use q-tips to try to remove earwax. Your ear canal and eardrum are very delicate and you may hurt them by trying to get rid of wax this way. Poking around in our ear can also push and pack the wax in further. If you wash your hair regularly, this is enough to keep your ears clean.

CALLING ALL 09-10 KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Kindergarten Round-up will be held on April 9, at 9:30 for all future West Indianola kindergarten students. The Round-up will be held at West Indianola at 9:30 a.m. If you have a child who will be 5 years of age before September 1 and will be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2009, please call the school office to be put on our kindergarten round-up list.

Character Word for March

SINCERITY

Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives

- ❖ behaving honestly
- ❖ meaning what you say; saying what you mean

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

30 – District-wide Band Concert 7:00 p.m. SHS

APRIL

- 1 – 5TH/6TH Graders attend SHS Matinee Performance Noon-2:00 p.m.
- 6 – Band/Orchestra Instrument Fair Seaman High School 6:00-8:00
- 9 – WI Kindergarten Round-up 9:30 a.m. **No Reg. Kindergarten This Day**
- 10 – No School – Teacher Training
- 13 – No School (Would have been snow day make-up)
- 16 – WI 5th-6th Graders to K.C. to Jazz Museum and Negro Baseball Hall of Fame
- 21 – 6th Graders Visit Middle School 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- WI PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Library
- 22 – Cheryl Harness, Author, visits W.I. a.m.
- 23 – Kindergartners to Stephen Fite Concert
- 25 – W.I. PTO Carnival 4:00-7:00
- 27 – No School, Teacher Training
- 28 – Parent Night For Parents of 6th Graders @ Middle School



APRIL

- 29 – 5th Graders to Forbes Field for Star Base
- 3rd Graders to SMS for Fitness

May

- 1 – W.I. Singers Sing at Holidome for TARSP
- 4 -Elementary Orchestra Concert @ SHS at 7:00 p.m.
- W.I. Singers Perform for TARSP @ Holidome 12:10-12:35
- 5 – 6th Grade Track Meet
- 5th Graders to Forbes Field for Star Base
- 6 – 5th Grade Track Meet
- 7 – Rain Date for Track Meet
- Elementary Spring Band Concert @ SMS 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – 2nd Graders Take Community Bus Tour 9:00-12:30
- 5th Graders to Forbes Field for Star Base
- 11-5th Graders to Forbes Field for Star Base
- KF and 6M Play @ 7:00 p.m. in School Gym
- 12- Awards Assembly 3rd-6th Grades 1:30
- 1st & 2nd Grade Activity Day a.m. at Lake Shawnee
- WI PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Library
- Last Day for Elementary Band/Orchestra Practice

Go online to <http://www.usd345.com/vnews/display.v/ART/46d5c5e15f061> to see newsletters in color, the school calendar, AR list and more. You may need to copy and paste.

WEST INDIANOLA MISSION STATEMENT

West Indianola provides a positive environment in which students are guided in acquiring basic academic and decision-making skills and social behaviors empowering them to be responsible, productive citizens in a democratic society.

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AGENCY: Seaman Unified School District #345 does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, handicap, or age in admission or access to or treatment of employment in it's programs or activities. Any questions regarding the districts' compliance with Title VI, Title IX or the Title VI and Section 504 contact the coordinator at 785-575-8600, 901 NW Lyman Road, Topeka, KS 66608.

Notice for a Drug Free Workplace: The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in Seaman USD 345. Violators will be prosecuted.

West Indianola Reading Math State Assessment Schedule 2009

Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading
Wed. 3/25	Th 3/26	Fri. 3/27	Tuesday 3/31	Wed. 4/1	Th. 4/2
9:00-10:00 6C	9:00-10:00 6C	9:00-10:00 6C	9:00-10:00 5M	9:00-10:00 5M	9:00-10:00 5M
10:00-11:00 3H	10:00-11:00 3H	10:00-11:00 3H	10:00-11:00 5B	10:00-11:00 5B	10:00-11:00 5B
11:00-12:00 4S	11:00-12:00 4S	11:00-12:00 4S	4S come to lunch after testing 3J come to lunch at 11:30		
12:00-1:00 3J	12:00-1:00 3J	12:00-1:00 3J			
1:00-2:00 6M	1:00-2:00 6M	1:00-2:00 6M			
2:00-3:00 4B	2:00-3:00 4B	2:00-3:00 4B			

* 3J come to lunch at 11:30

* 4B recess before testing

Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
Tue. 3/31	Wed. 4/1	Th. 4/2	Fri. 4/3	Mon. 4/6	Tues. 4/7
			9:00-10:00 6C	9:00-10:00 6C	9:00-10:00 6C
			10:00-11:00 3J	10:00-11:00 3J	10:00-11:00 3J
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* 3H come to lunch at 11:30

West Indianola Reading Math State Assessment Schedule 2009

Science	Science
Tue. 3/31	Wed. 4/1
12:00-1:00	12:00-1:00
1:00-2:00 4S	1:00-2:00 4S
2:00-3:00 4B	2:00-3:00 4B