



# NEWS THIS WEEK FROM WEST INDIANOLA



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## MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT MATHES

As I am sure you are all aware the economy has not been what we might call "robust." State revenues are not what they have been and state agencies are being asked to cut their budgets by 2%. Schools have not been asked to do that yet. However, I am not expecting to see the sort of state aid we have seen the past four years as a result of the court case.

As you know our fixed costs have gone up along with everyone else's. Last year we spent over \$200,000 more on gas and diesel fuel than the year before. We will spend even more this year. We need to look closely at our transportation costs, including but not limited to field trips, and make sure they are educationally sound and as close to the school as possible. One bus trip to Lawrence and back costs approximately \$250. If we can find the same type of trip within Shawnee County it can save us up to \$200. Out of state trips can be replaced with trips to Washburn or KU/KSU when possible. Athletic teams can double up boys and girls when possible and not schedule "C" team games out of the county. We all need to try to look around and find other alternatives that may be more cost effective whenever school transportation is involved.

We also need to pay attention to our energy consumption. You would be amazed at what we spend on utilities each year. Last year we spent \$620,000 on electricity and natural gas. That is \$51,667 a month!!! We are expecting a 15%-17% increase in electricity this year and 5% to 7% increase in natural gas. That is about \$12,400 a month! So we need to do everything we can to conserve energy. Just little things like closing classroom doors so we aren't heating/cooling the hallway or making sure lights are off when no one is in the room can make a huge difference. Raising the temperature by one degree reduces AC costs by about 8% and each degree beyond that saves an additional 8%. In the winter each degree lower the thermostat is set saves about 6% in heating costs.

We are in very good shape financially. But I believe it is important that we each do our part to conserve energy and at the same time save taxpayer dollars. We need to be comfortable in our classrooms and we need to continue to take students on field trips and other events. We just need to re-think some of the things we are doing to see if there might be a less expensive alternative out there. I know most of us are doing that in our everyday lives at home and we need to do the same at school. Thanks for your help and understanding with this.

Michael Mathes Ed.S.  
Superintendent, Seaman Schools

## NO SCHOOL MONDAY, 9/15 TEACHER TRAINING

### MAP TESTING

MAP testing at West Indianola begins next week. It is important students get a good night's rest and eat a healthy breakfast during the testing window. Please refer to the attached schedule.

## SEAMAN HOMECOMING EARLY DISMISSAL SEPT. 19 - 1:00 P.M.



Next Friday, September 19, the SHS Homecoming Parade will begin at 2:30 p.m. Secondary schools will dismiss at 12 noon and elementary schools will dismiss at 1 p.m.

**Parents need to make sure the school is aware of any change in routine of their child's normal school day departure.**

## W.I. PTO MEETING SEPT. 16 AGENDA

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Welcome                   | 9. Old Business             |
| 2. Call the meeting to order | • JT Enterprises fundraiser |
| 3. Approval of the minutes   | • Ice Cream Social          |
| 4. President's Remarks       | 10. New Business            |
| 5. Treasurer's Report        | • Playground Committee      |
| 6. Principal's Report        | Formation                   |
| 7. Teacher Representatives   | • Yearbook Committee        |
| 8. Volunteer Report          |                             |

**ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME!**

## SCHOOL LUNCHES NEXT WEEK

Monday - No School  
Tuesday - Cheeseburger  
Wednesday - Corn Dog  
Thursday - Turkey/Cheese Wrap  
Friday - Tony's Pepperoni Pizza

Go online to [www.usd345.com](http://www.usd345.com) and click to "Elementary Schools", then "West Indianola" to see newsletters in color, the school calendar, AR list and more.



The Optimist Club's Boys 2nd and 3rd grade and Girls 2nd-6th Basketball leagues will be starting soon. The Girls' league has a 2nd and 3rd Grade division, a 4th Grade division, and a 5th and 6th Grade division. The 2nd and 3rd Grade division for boys is also starting. Registration forms are available from the school, or you may go online to [www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org) for a registration sheet. Registration and fees are sent directly to Sunrise Optimist. If you need more information, you may contact Mike Stock at 246-2263. Registration **deadline is Saturday, September 13**. League play starts Oct. 18th. The older boys' league, grades 4-6, will start in January and February of 09. Registration information will come out in November.



**BOYS' 2ND & 3RD;  
AND 2ND, THROUGH 6TH  
GRADE GIRLS' OPTIMIST  
BASKETBALL STARTING**

## TRUTHFULNESS

- **telling the truth**
- **encourage others to be truthful**
- **not cheating or stealing**
- **admitting when I am wrong**
- **not exaggerating to make things seem different from what they are**

## IMPORTANT BAND NEWS



Attention Beginning Band Members & Families! The location of this year's beginning band class has CHANGED. This year, beginning band will be held in the BAND ROOM at SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL. Enrollment for beginning band has surpassed what the facilities at Seaman Middle School will handle, which is why they have moved their Tuesday/Thursdays morning rehearsals to SHS. Band members who ride the bus to band won't need to change anything (other than getting off at SHS), but band members who are being driven to school will need to be dropped off at SHS at the front door to the new Freshman Center (by the circle drive). Please direct questions to Mr. Simpson at Seaman Middle School.

**BIG NEWS - Beginning Band (5<sup>th</sup> grade) is having their first meeting on Thursday, September 18th. This will be a Dry Run where parents and students can see how the bussing works, which door to go in and what to expect from the Mr. Simpson and the other band teachers.**

The first day for 6<sup>th</sup> grade band will be Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### CANDIDATE FORMUM AT SEAMAN HIGH OCT. 5TH

Seaman High School will be the site of a candidate forum on Oct. 6 at 7:00 pm. in the auditorium that will be hosted by - NEA-Seaman. Attending will be the following:

- \* Laura Kelly and Jim Zeller - Senate District #18
- \* Sean Gatewood and Cheryl Reynolds - House District #57
- \* Rocky Fund - House District #50 (unopposed)
- \* Mike Burgess - House District #51 (unopposed)
- \* Carolyn Campbell and Robert Meissner - Kansas Board of Education

Student Council officers will be joining us in the selection of questions for the candidates and will also be assisting with the evening.

### SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION

#### Students with Special Dietary Needs:

Students may have special dietary needs due to a medical disability, food allergy or intolerance to food. If the student is participating in the Federal Child Nutrition Program by eating school lunches or breakfast, there are certain regulations that need to be followed: The Federal Child Nutrition Program regulations

- Require substitutions to the standard meal requirements for participants who are considered disabled and whose disability restricts their diets: and
- Permit substitutions for other participants who are not disabled but who are unable to consume regular program meals because of medical or other special dietary needs.

#### Role of Parent or Guardian:

- ∇ Notify the school of students with special dietary needs due to disabilities.
- ∇ Notify food service staff or school nurse of student disability requiring special dietary considerations.
- ∇ Provide written medical documentation and instructions from health care provider (See Appendix C).
- ∇ Collaborate with Director of Food Service and school nurse to develop a plan that accommodates the student's needs throughout the school including classroom, in the lunchroom, in after-school programs, during school-sponsored activities, and on the school bus.
- ∇ Provide emergency contact information.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### September

- 15 - Teacher Training - No School
- 16-Oct. 3 - MAP Achievement Testing Grades 2-6
- 16 - WI PTO Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Library
- 19 - Early Dismissal Elementary Schools @ 1:00  
- Seaman Homecoming Parade 2:30 p.m.
- 22 - Elem. Band/Orchestra Begin
- 23 - Bus Evacuation Drills @ 8:50 a.m.
- 24 - PTO Skating Party at Sk8-Away for Grades 4-6 6:00-8:00 p.m.

#### October

- 6 - Candidate Forum at SHS @ 7:00 p.m.

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY,  
SEPT. 15 - TEACHER TRAINING**



#### October (cont.)

- 13 - School Pictures -Interstate Studios a.m. (Life Touch will take spring school pictures) [Date changed from Oct. 1]
- 14 - WI PTO Meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Gym - Superintendent Mathes to address parents on future plans for W.I.
- 20- Teacher Training - No School
- 22 - Report Cards Sent Home  
- PTO K-3rd Grades Skating Party at Sk8-away on Fairlawn 6:00-8:00
- 23 - School Pictures Retakes a.m.
- 27-31 - WI Book Fair
- 29 - Halloween Parade 9:00 a.m.  
- Halloween Classroom Parties - Following Parade
- 30-31 - Parent Teacher Conferences - No School

MAP Testing Begins Sept. 16 - See Attached Schedule.

### 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 its 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.

# WI MAP FALL TESTING SCHEDULE 2008-'09

All in the lab

## Tuesday, Sept. 16

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30	6	Reading	6M
10:30-12:00	4	Reading	4S
12:30-2:00	3	Reading	3J
2:00-3:30	5	Reading	5B

## Wednesday, Sept. 17

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30	6	Math	6M
10:30-12:00	4	Math	4S
12:30-2:00	3	Math	3J
2:00-3:30	5	Math	5B

## Thursday, Sept. 18

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30	6	Reading	6C
10:30-12:00	4	Reading	4B
12:30-2:00	3	Reading	3H
2:00-3:30	5	Reading	5M

## Friday, Sept. 19

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30			
10:30-12:00			

**Early Release - Make-Up A.M.**

## Monday, Sept. 22

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30	6	Math	6C
10:30-12:00	4	Math	4B
12:30-2:00	3	Math	3H
2:00-3:30	5	Math	5M

## Tuesday, Sept. 23

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30			
10:30-12:00			
12:30-2:00			
2:00-3:30			

**BUS EVACUATION DRILLS**

**MAKE-UP DAY**

## Wednesday, Sept. 24

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:00	2	Reading	Casteel
10:30-11:30	2	Reading	Lesser

## Thursday, Sept. 25

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:00	2	Reading	Lesser
10:30-11:30	2	Reading	Casteel

# WI MAP FALL TESTING SCHEDULE 2008-'09

All in the lab

## Friday, Sept. 26

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:00	2	Math	Lesser
10:30-11:30	2	Math	Casteel

## Monday, Sept. 29

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:00	2	Math	Casteel
10:30-11:30	2	Math	Lesser

## Tuesday, Sept. 30

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30			
10:30-12:00			
12:30-2:00			
2:00-3:30			

**MAKE-UP DAY**  
**For 2nd Grade**

## Wednesday, Oct. 1

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30	6	Language	6M
10:30-12:00	4	Language	4S
12:30-2:00	3	Language	3J
2:00-3:30	5	Language	5B

## Thursday, Oct. 2

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30	6	Language	6C
10:30-12:00	4	Language	4B
12:30-2:00	3	Language	3H
2:00-3:30	5	Language	5M

## Friday, Oct. 3

Time	Grade	Subject	Teacher
9:00-10:30			
10:30-12:00			
12:30-2:00			
2:00-3:30			

**MAKE-UP DAY**