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Wapsie Valley Schools, January 2012 District Newsletter

District stakeholders are reminded that there are several ways to read the district newsletter. If you'd like a copy to be mailed to you, please contact Glenda Hesse at the jr./sr. high school office (319-638-6711), and she'll add you to our mailing list. If you'd like to have the newsletter sent to your e-mail account, please contact Carol Foster, also at the jr./sr. high school office. Lastly, you're also welcome to read the newsletter on our district website, where it is posted each month.

I used to think that cyberspace was fifty years away. What I thought was fifty years away, was only ten years away. And what I thought was ten years away... it was already here. I just wasn't aware of it yet.

---Bruce Sterling, science fiction author

Technology is an ever-changing, ever evolving tool in so much of our lives: how we socialize, how we work, how we communicate, and how we learn. As Sterling notes, it seems that it is difficult to ever really be "ahead" of technological developments. What we can imagine today is probably in development in a laboratory somewhere, or maybe exists as a prototype just down the road. Many of us have had the experience of purchasing a computer, television, camera, or other device, only to find out that a newer, faster, more advanced version was just days away from being available. As we've said before, the world is changing at break-neck pace, and technology is one component that is changing daily, and it's also a vehicle that drives so many other aspects of our life to change.

At Wapsie Valley, we are working to utilize technology to enhance instruction and to engage students in learning. Whether it be through a Google document, or an interactive white board, for example, the key to technology in the classroom is how it impacts instruction and student learning. In an effort to develop a district vision for implementation of technology in our classrooms, and establish goals for use of technology, we have in place a newly-created team of staff members, community members, students, and administrators that is charged with the following objectives:

- *Review district technology implementation data and available technology hardware, software, and infrastructure to develop short term and long term goals for technology purchase, updating, and classroom implementation.*
- *Identify new technology that would be important to utilize for staff and students.*
- *Identify funding sources for purchase of technology.*
- *Identify community partners to support the school district's implementation of new technology.*
- *Make recommendations to the district administrative team and building leadership teams regarding professional development experiences.*

As with many other teams in our district, the strength will come from the varying perspectives that the group brings "to the table." We held our first meeting in early December, and our next meeting will take place in early February. Team

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members include: Phil Kenealy and Amel Ramic (ACES), Alicia Brown-Riggs (staff), Jennifer Matthias (staff), Barry Eberhard (staff), Amanda Grady (staff), Jessica Heying (staff), Tessa Tibbott (student), Dan Youngblut (student), Stetson Shook (student), Melaine Buzynski (community member), John Houston (community member), Wendy Kuhlmann (community member), Tom Risse (community member), Mike Harford (community member), Gregg Eschweiler (administrator), and Jolaine Mast (administrator). Special thanks to these stakeholders for providing their time, insight, expertise, and passion.

If you have special insight or interest in technology implementation in our classrooms, please contact me and we can visit about the work of our technology leadership team and how you might support that work. As a school system, we want to prepare students for work and learning with different pieces of technology, but also prepare them to learn how to utilize technology that might be years away from impacting our daily lives. As we work to provide more opportunities for kids to learn with technology, and teachers to teach with technology, we'll undoubtedly be faced with barriers, but with a team to lead the district, and stakeholders in the district who support our students' continued opportunity for more and more interaction with technology to enhance learning, I know we'll continue to improve and increase our access to and use of the technology that continues to shape the work and play of all of us here in "the Valley." If you'd like to visit with me about our work with technology, don't hesitate to contact me at school (319-638-6711), at home (319-635-2091), or on my cell phone (563-880-3920). As always, Go Warriors! CGARBER

Post Prom Committee Seeking Input and Support

It's time to gear up for Prom--yes, I'm certain Spring is just around the corner! All Junior and Senior parents are needed to make the 2012 Post Prom a memorable one for our children. Our first meeting is Wednesday, January 11th at 7 p.m. at the WVHS Commons.

Meeting agenda:

- *Finalize location.*
- *Determine committees (food, prizes, games and decorating).*
- *Determine future fundraising needs.*

Please connect to this event through me (Janet Huebner) via Face Book or by website at

<http://wvhspostprom.shutterfly.com>. My phone number is 319/279-3778; e-mail is jlhuebner@netins.net. Your feedback is requested to plan accordingly for our kids.

In an effort to continue to develop and enhance communication with all stakeholders within the district, several local community organizations have been gracious enough to allow me to visit their meetings in the coming months. My intention is to discuss district finances, instructional practices, and other information relevant to our community schools. If you'd like me to come to your organization's meeting to visit, please contact me and I'll do my best to accommodate your schedule. At this time, I'm scheduled to visit at the following meetings:

- Oran Fire Department, January 31
- Fairbank Legion and Women's Auxillary, February 8
- Readlyn Community Club, February 9
- Readlyn City Council, February 13
- Fairbank City Council, February 27
- Fairbank Community Club, March 14
- Oran Telephone Company, March 19

Again, if you'd like me to visit your organization's meeting, please contact me at school (319-638-6711), at home (319-635-2091), or on my cell phone (563-880-3920).

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Wapsie Valley Counseling News

Seniors, Scholarships, Financial Aid

Just before the winter vacation Mr. Wharram worked with the Wapsie Valley Class of 2012 during the English IV class periods.

Mrs. Pavelec spends part of the first semester working with the 12th Grade on essays which could be used during the application process for college and scholarships.

Mr. Wharram's time spent with the 12th Grade involved teaching some of the scholarship and financial process using online technology. The technology that was introduced was the I Have A Plan Iowa (IHAPI) website. Specifically, we worked with the Financial Aid section and a national scholarship search engine. The seniors were also introduced to the list of local and regional scholarships on the Wapsie Valley website. Mr. Wharram gave suggestions of how to search and get organized for the busy scholarship season.

After the holiday season the scholarships on the WV website will be updated, and at Mr. Wharram's webpage a scholarship calendar will be posted. Mr. Wharram will do everything possible to introduce the information, write requested letters of recommendation, and issue transcripts to potential scholarship applicants. It is up to the students to take the initiative to pursue these monetary awards. Have a great 2012, the Chinese year of the Dragon. (Ask Mr. Wharram he cares?)

Wapsie Valley Community Schools
Board Approved Bills for December 2011

GEN FUND

ACES	\$6,256.00	Purch Serv
Aable	\$196.50	Purch Serv
Adv Sys	\$18,225.00	Construction
Adv Sys	\$3,583.76	Purch Serv
Agvantage	\$4,131.59	Gas
A James	\$26.98	Supplies
AEA 267	\$184,545.71	Supplies
Art Craft	\$61.00	Purch Serv
B&J Water	\$92.00	Supplies
B&K Auto	\$76.12	Repairs
B Brennan	\$150.00	Purch Serv
Butler REC	\$3,118.11	Electricity
C&J Supplies	\$824.25	Supplies
Casey's	\$577.52	Gas
Casper	\$776.25	Repairs
Cent IA Water	\$409.82	Supplies
C Garber	\$250.00	Travel
Chemsearch	\$412.00	Supplies
City Fairbank	\$3,274.54	Electricity
Cily Readlyn	\$1,799.46	Electricity
Del's	\$42.86	Repairs
Don's	\$259.80	Repairs
EAI Ed.	\$48.45	Supplies
EC REC	\$270.60	Electricity
Edgeton	\$108.67	Supplies
E Doese	\$506.90	Supplies
Fairbank Food	\$192.53	Supplies
Fauser	\$12,958.53	L P Gas
Finney Co	\$335.34	Supplies
Hawkeye CC	\$4,000.00	Tuition
IKON	\$664.44	Purch Serv
IKON	\$335.63	Purch Serv
IA Div Labor	\$50.00	Purch Serv
IA Drug	\$50.00	Purch Serv
IA Reap	\$760.00	Purch Serv
IA Water	\$300.00	Purch Serv
J Dise	\$42.35	Travel
John Deere	\$107.86	Supplies
J Mast	\$568.58	Travel
Kephart's	\$91.55	Supplies
Kwik Trip	\$409.26	Gas
Larson	\$111,001.88	Construction
Larson	\$560.05	Repairs
L Wittenburg	\$29.99	Supplies
M Andrews	\$81.37	Supplies
Marion CSD	\$441.23	Open Enroll
Mediacom	\$249.95	Purch Serv
Mick Gage	\$560.00	Purch Serv
Midwest Tech	\$421.70	Supplies
NetINS	\$14.99	Purch Serv
Oran Tele	\$582.34	Tele
Paragon	\$92.62	Supplies
Pearson Ed	\$173.94	Supplies
Primary Sys	\$573.20	Purch Serv
Pronto	\$213.58	Gas

Quality Truck	\$3,246.95	Repairs
R&R Drainage	\$131.50	Repairs
Readlyn Tele	\$212.77	Tele
Rite Price	\$532.04	Supplies
Softchoice	\$3,081.54	Purch Serv
Spahn&Rose	\$66.53	Supplies
Struxture	\$1,455.13	Fees
Superior Weld	\$346.52	Supplies
Team Lab	\$3,920.74	Supplies
Tiger Direct	\$114.72	Grant
US Cellular	\$141.96	Tele
UNI Book	\$85.84	Supplies
VISA	\$1,464.47	Supplies
VWR	\$123.14	Supplies
VIPS	\$2,814.41	Purch Serv
WV FFA	\$593.40	Purch Serv
Waste Manag	\$818.31	Purch Serv
Courier	\$145.23	Purch Serv
West Music	\$92.00	Supplies
TOTAL	\$385,274.00	

ACTIVITY FUND

4 Seasons	\$1,638.50	Supplies
AEA 267	\$64.28	Supplies
Am. Graphics	\$2,786.38	Resale
C. Davis	\$37.45	Supplies
Culligan	\$26.35	Resale
Chris Bickers	\$4.00	Supplies
Cody Cripe	\$6.00	Supplies
Cody Kleitsch	\$6.00	Supplies
Daktronics	\$20,692.00	Scoreboard
Days Inn	\$358.36	Travel
EB	\$20.00	Fees
E Doese	\$2,881.41	Expenses
Fairbank Food	\$779.13	Supplies
Gr America	\$409.50	Supplies
GTM Sports	\$375.24	Resale
Hawk Scale	\$75.00	Purch Serv
IA FFA	\$625.00	Fees
IA Sports	\$1,812.80	Supplies
IA Corn	\$140.00	Fees
J. Mast	\$290.54	Supplies
K. Meyer	\$9.00	Supplies
K. Zuck	\$15.00	Supplies
K. DeVoe	\$6.00	Supplies
Martin Bros	\$316.46	Supplies
Myers-Cox	\$1,467.82	Supplies
M. Dixon	\$12.00	Supplies
MinnTex	\$4,291.78	Supplies
Pronto	\$183.82	Supplies
QSP	\$1,108.88	Resale
Reiman	\$458.00	Supplies
Starmont	\$70.00	Fees
S. Feltman	\$250.00	Purch Serv
Valley	\$60.00	Fees
Varsity	\$5.61	Purch Serv
Woltz	\$91.00	Fees

Waterloo West	\$60.00	Fees
	\$0.00	
Hot Lunch		
A-E	\$3,346.91	Supplies
Hostess	\$804.67	Supplies
Keck, Inc.	\$703.73	Supplies
Martin Bros	\$9,270.68	Supplies
General Fund	\$14,992.40	Salaries
Kwik Star	\$26.51	Supplies
C.J. Wilson	\$48.75	Refund
	\$29,193.65	

Milk is included with all meals.

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School	3 No School	4 Mini corn dogs, sandwich, hot vegetable, pears	5 French toast, sau- sage, fruit, orange juice	6 Beefburger/ bun, vegetable, mixed fruit, cookie	7
8	9 Weiner winks, green beans, pine- apple, pudding	10 Sub sandwich, oven potatoes, jello w/fruit	11 Goulash, baby carrots, chilled pears, school made rolls Early Dismissal	12 Cook's Choice	13 Hamburger/ bun, hot vegetable, fruit, bar	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day No School	17 Shrimp poppers, mashed potatoes, p-nut butter sand- wich, chilled peaches	18 Pizza, sandwich, corn, fruit, ice cream	19 Cold meat sand- wich, oven pota- toes, fruit, cookie	20 Taco, lettuce, cheese, salsa, sandwich, mixed fruit	21
22	23 Chicken pattie/ bun, vegetable, chilled fruit	24 Hot dog/ bun, corn, fruit, bar	25 Lasagna, lettuce, bread stick, pears Early Dismissal	26 Hot ham & cheese sandwich, vegeta- ble, pineapple, no-bake cookie	27 Cook's Choice	28
29	30 Rib pattie/ bun, hot vegetable, apple crisp	31 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, p-nut butter sand- wich, fruit, cookie				

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