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Wapsie Valley Schools, March 2011 District Newsletter

Iowa Future Website Offers Insight Into 21st Century Instruction

Often times, in education circles, we talk about preparing students for life and learning in the 21st Century. However, as we look at our calendar, we're already more than ten years into the 21st Century, and Wapsie Valley students are currently living and learning in this much-ballyhooed hundred years. Statewide education groups have come together to develop a website that provides insight and perspective into the responsibilities of Iowa schools, communities, and teachers as we prepare our students to be lifelong learners. The Iowa Department of Education, Iowa State Education Association, Iowa Association of School Boards, School Administrators of Iowa, and the AEA's of Iowa all contributed to the effort, www.iowafuture.org.

According to one headline found on the website, "our yesterday is not their tomorrow." To be sure, in many cases the workplaces of twenty-five, ten, even five years ago are not the workplaces that Wapsie Valley students will be entering tomorrow, or in five, ten, and certainly not twenty-five years from now. With that in mind, many educators are calling for a new classroom to prepare students for a new future in living and learning. U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan contributes to the website, as does Harvard Professor Tony Wagner, along with teachers, principals, and superintendents, and leaders in Iowa business and communities. The website includes articles, video clips, and interactive message boards, open to all who would like to join in leading Iowa schools as we lead Iowa students. Please check out the website when you have a few spare minutes, and join in the conversation about preparing schools to prepare today's student: www.iowafuture.org.

Friday, March 18th is a professional development opportunity for teachers in our district that will focus solely on the implementation of technology into our classrooms at Wapsie Valley. Staff members will have opportunities to work and learn in shorter morning break-out sessions to help them learn about various computer applications that can be implemented into their classroom. Devices like the Geometer's Sketch Pad, a tool for mathematics classrooms, and Prezi, a presentation tool for almost any classroom, are just a couple of learning opportunities for teachers in the morning. Afternoon sessions will include opportunities to continue work with Mimeo Interactive White Boards, as well as sessions that will develop staff members' aptitude with Google Apps. We understand that when students are not in school, it can result in a change in schedule for families, but we also know that we value professional development time with our teachers. In order to prepare students for the world they'll know tomorrow, we need to continue to grow as teachers to prepare our classroom for today.

Small Towns, Big Service

Unfortunately, at school, we're faced with medical emergencies that are the result of an accident at school, that might be the result of a medical issue or injury to a student, student-athlete, staff member, or athletic fan, or school visitor. Over the course of the past several months, we've experienced a few of those events, but time and again, we've been assisted quickly, professionally, and effectively, by members of Readlyn's, Oran's, and Fairbank's volunteer ambulance, EMT, and First Responder teams. Few people provide nobler service than those who volunteer to serve and protect our communities, and in our case, our students, staff, and fans. While we may not thank them when they visit our building or grounds, they certainly deserve our gratitude. You serve us in the event of an emergency, at football games, and even when you've come to school to enjoy a ball game. And for your service, our school community is very grateful. If you see a member of our emergency services, thank them for what they do for our communities, and pat them on the back for the service they provide to our Warriors. As always, Go Warriors!

Wapsie Valley Community Schools, 2011-2012 Master Calendar

August 18– May 23

SUMMARY OF CALENDAR

Days in classroom:
 First Semester 86
 Second Semester 94
TOTAL CALENDAR DAYS 180

CALENDAR LEGEND

- Start/End
- Early Dismissal
- Prof. Develop.
- Holidays
- Vacation Days
- Teacher Comp
- TQ PD Days
- Make Up Days

MAKE UP DAYS

- December 22, 2011
- February 20, 2012
- March 2, 2012
- March 9, 2012
- April 5, 2012

Note: In-service Days may be classified as Career Development and/or Professional Development depending on the content of the activities being performed.

Note: Calendars designed with classroom days prior to August 30 must complete the request for early start waiver form as part of the spring 2011 BEDS from the Iowa Department of Education.

August					Student Days
M	T	W	Th	F	
1	2	3	4	5	
8	9	10	11	12	
15	16	17	18	19	2
22	23	24	25	26	7
29	30	31			
September					
			1	2	12
5	6	7	8	9	16
12	13	14	15	16	21
19	20	21	22	23	26
26	27	28	29	30	31
October					
3	4	5	6	7	36
10	11	12	13	14	40
17	18	19	20	21	45
24	25	26	27	28	50
31					
November					
	1	2	3	4	55
7	8	9	10	11	60
14	15	16	17	18	65
21	22	23	24	25	68
28	29	30			
December					
			1	2	73
5	6	7	8	9	78
12	13	14	15	16	83
19	20	21	22	23	86
26	27	28	29	30	
January					
2	3	4	5	6	89
9	10	11	12	13	94
16	17	18	19	20	98
23	24	25	26	27	103
30	31				
February					
		1	2	3	108
6	7	8	9	10	113
13	14	15	16	17	118
20	21	22	23	24	122
27	28	29			
March					
			1	2	127
5	6	7	8	9	131
12	13	14	15	16	135
19	20	21	22	23	140
26	27	28	29	30	145
April					
2	3	4	5	6	148
9	10	11	12	13	152
16	17	18	19	20	157
23	24	25	26	27	162
30					
May					
	1	2	3	4	167
7	8	9	10	11	172
14	15	16	17	18	177
21	22	23	24	25	180
28	29	30	31		

180 Day Calendar

Date	Events
Aug 10	Registration (11:00-7:00)
Aug 11	Registration (9:00-4:00)
Aug 12	New Staff Orientation
Aug 15-17	Teacher Staff Development
Aug 18	Begin Semester 1
Sept 5	Labor Day (No School)
Oct 14	No School: NACL PD Day
Oct 19	End of 1 st Quarter (43 Days)
Nov 17	Parent-Teacher Conf 4:00-8:00
Nov 22	Parent-Teacher Conf 4:00-8:00
Nov 23	No School: Teacher Comp Day
Nov 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
Dec 21	End Quarter 2 (43 days)
Dec 21	End Semester 2 (86 days)
Dec 22	No School (Make Up Day)
Dec 22-Jan 2	Winter Break (No School)
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 3	TQ PD Day (No School)
Jan 4	Begin Semester 2
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day (No School)
Feb 20	President's Day (Make Up Day)
Mar 2	No School (Make Up Day)
Mar 9	No School (Make Up Day)
Mar 13	End Quarter 3 (47 Days)
Mar 16	TQ PD Day (No School)
Mar 20	Parent-Teacher Conf 4:00-8:00
Mar 22	Parent-Teacher Conf 4:00-8:00
Mar 23	No School (Comp Day)
Apr 5	No School (Make Up Day)
Apr 6	Good Friday
Apr 8	Easter
Apr 9	No School
May 20	Commencement
May 23	End Quarter 4 (47 Days)
May 23	End Semester 2 (94 Days)
May 23	Student Final Day
May 28	Memorial Day (No School)

Wapsie Valley Jr./Sr. High School
Wapsie Valley Happenings
Gregg Eschweiler, Principal

Snow Make-up Days

Wapsie Valley Schools will have school on March 11, 2011 and March 25 for snow make-up days.

FFA Subdistrict Contest Results

Congratulations to the following FFA members on their outstanding accomplishments at the Subdistrict Contest; these students will be advancing on to District Competition on March 5. Those receiving Gold and advancing are: Conduct of Meetings; Garrett Hagenow, Adam Bodensteiner, Crystal Kleitsch, Brianna Cook, Lauren Ambrosy, Adam Joerger, Sydney Cindrich, Alex Schmitz, Collin Dobbs and Ethan Kleitsch; Parliamentary Procedure: Gabby Wittenburg, Dani Gordon, Christy Neil, Makayla Dixon, Kelli Zuck, Brooke Miller, Heather Sommerfeldt, Kylee Price, and Abrah Meyer; Ag Sales: Spencer Cindrich; Creed Speaking: Shereese Folsom; Program of Activities: Jonathan Volker, Karsten Meyer, Kelsey Watts, and silver to Brittne Gordon in Extemporaneous Speaking. Those receiving Gold but not advancing include: Public Speaking: Christopher Schmitt and Job Interview: Sarah Doese.

March (madness) –

The month of counseling deadlines

The month of March means there are many deadlines due in the counseling office.

Scholarships – March is the busiest month for applications for local and regional scholarships. Check the WV website and Mr. Wharram's webpage on updates for these scholarships. Please try to plan ahead for requests for transcripts and especially for letters of recommendation.

Course Registration & Four Year Plans – Mr. Wharram has been working with students in grades 9 – 11 to complete courses registrations and the state required revision of the four year plans. All registrations are due by Monday, March 7. Additionally, grades 9 & 10 will have attached the four year plans that also need parent approval.

College Course Registration – The window at WVHS to register for college courses is March 21 – March 31. Eligible students need to set up an appointment with Mr. Wharram during this time to discuss the opportunities. Registration for the college courses is a separate process from high school registration. This needs to be accomplished in a timely fashion as competition for a seat in these classes is regional, not local.

For more information please contact Mr. Wharram by phone or email.

**Preschool and Kindergarten
Registration
For 2011-12**

Preschool and Kindergarten registration will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at Fairbank Elementary and Readlyn Elementary from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate for verification of age and a copy of their immunizations.

Wapsie Valley Speech News

The Wapsie Valley Speech Team has had a very exciting season! Twenty students have joined the team this year, which has allowed us to try MANY new things, and we have had a LOT of fun experimenting in new categories, learning much, gaining confidence, and meeting MANY new friends from across the state of Iowa.

The first part of our season was Large Group. Nine groups for separate groups prepared for contest. **Improvisation A:** Sean Steil and Trey Cherry; **Improvisation B:** Elizabeth Lockard and Johnson; **Improvisation C:** Kylee Price and Mason Mastin; **Reader's Theatre:** Erika Engler, Kylee Price, Taylor Scharnhorst, Mackenzie Kane, Jessey Land, Jason Peterson, Nicole Fink, and Tessa Tibbot; **Musical Theatre A:** Mackaela Kane and Liz Lockard; **Musical Theatre B:** Gina Owens and Hallee Wiersma; **One Act Play:** Hallee Wiersma, Tessa Tibbot, and Gina Owens; **Radio Broadcasting:** Brianna Larson, Taylor Scharnhorst, Jessica Olds, and Nick Steil; **Short Film:** Jessey Land, Nick Steil, Mason Mastin, and Jay Johnson. District competition was at LaPorte City on January 22nd. Jay and Liz received a I rating on their Improv. and advanced to the State competition at Decorah on February 5th. The other groups did a great job and received Division II ratings.

The second part of our season was/currently is Individual Events. District competition was held on Saturday, February 26th at Maquoketa Valley, Delhi. These students worked very hard and performed with a LOT of heart...every one of them! Thirteen students performed eighteen events. Those results follow: **Nick Steil** – Public Address (II); **Hallee Wiersma** – Literary Program (I) and Prose (I); **Tessa Tibbot** – Storytelling (I) and Solo Musical Theatre (II); **Makayla Dixon** – Improv. (II) and Radio Announcing (II); **Nicole Fink** – Prose (II); **Gina Owens** – After Dinner Speaking (I) and Solo Musical Theatre (I); **Mackaela Kane** – Literary Program (I); **Jessey Land** – Poetry (I) and Storytelling (II); **Brianna Larson** – Literary Program (I); **Taylor Scharnhorst** – Poetry (II); **Liz Lockard** – Solo Musical Theatre (II); **Kylee Price** – Original Oratory (I); and **Sean Steil** – After Dinner Speaking (I). The ten events that earned Division I ratings will now compete at the state competition at Starmont on March 12th.

Congratulations and Good Luck to ALL Speech Students! It has been a great, enthusiastic season!

Wapsie Valley Choral Students Selected for Three Prestigious Honor Choirs

This year students from Wapsie Valley had the opportunity to try out for three honor choirs: Luther's Dorian Festival, Wartburg's Meistersinger Festival, and University of Iowa's Honor Choir Festival. For each honor choir, several students were selected and then learned 4-5 pieces of high quality literature to perform for a public concert.

On January 8, 2011, Koby Edler headed up to Decorah after being selected for the elite Chamber Choir, while Brittne Gordon, Liz Lockard, Gina Owens, and Hallee Wiersma joined him for the rest of the Dorian Festival on January 9-10. Dorian is one of the largest honor choirs in the nation with over 1200 students performing in the final concert. It also has a solo competition in which Koby Edler advanced to the semi-final round. Shortly after, Makayla Dixon, Koby Edler, Liz Lockard, Taylor Scharnhorst, Tessa Tibbott, and Seth Wolff attended our local Meistersinger Festival in Waverly under the direction of Dr. Lee Nelson. While in attendance, students had the chance to hear several collegiate ensembles, which showed a great variety of musical styles offered at Wartburg.

The honor choir season came to a close with Spencer Cindrich, Koby Edler, Gina Owens, Jason Ryan, and Jacob Sorenson performing at the U of I Honor Choir in Iowa City. This intimate choir even performed an aleatoric piece that gave them a completely new experience with modern music. Congratulations to all honor choir participants!

Honor Bands held throughout the school year:

Honor Band festivals also involve one (or sometimes more) day of rehearsals culminating in a final, public performance. All-together, we had seven high school, six junior high, and six elementary students take part in this musical honor!

The first honor band festival included many of our Wapsie students. Hosted at Applington-Parkersburg, our North Iowa Cedar League (NICL) conference had its honor band on November 16th. Seven students were accepted: Tessa Tibbott - flute, Kristie Boies - clarinet, Nick Steil - clarinet, Shereese Folsom - alto sax, Garrett Kalenske - tenor sax, Sean Steil - trumpet, and Adam Bodensteiner - trombone. This concert included a final performance by the two festival bands as well as a "junk percussion" ensemble that used buckets and drum sticks to perform drum-line style music.

On December 4th, the North East Iowa Bandmasters Association (NEIBA) held its annual honor band festival at Oelwein High School. Two high school students, Kristie Boies, and Adam Bodensteiner, and three junior high students, Marina Hilbert - (8th) flute, Jenni Peterson - (8th) clarinet, and Desiree Folsom - (8th) clarinet were accepted to participate in one of the four ensembles that performed!

The end of January was the beginning of the main Honor Band season. We had three high school students participate in four honor bands this winter/spring. On January 29-30, Kristie Boies, Sean Steil, and Adam Bodensteiner, participated in the Meistersinger Honor Band festival held at Wartburg College. They rehearsed throughout both days and had a concert on Sunday afternoon.

On February 4-5, 2011, Sean Steil and Adam Bodensteiner attended the Cyclone Honor Band at Iowa State University. This honor band weekend included a Friday afternoon performance by ISU's top ensemble, with a percussion-feature piece that was outstanding. Saturday's concert by the Honor Bands was held in C. Y. Stephen's Auditorium, an excellent venue for some very excellent music.

Then, on February 10-12th, Kristie Boies attended the Northern Festival of Bands at the University of Northern Iowa. This honor band weekend featured many small performances scattered throughout the days by groups of UNI students including the UNI Flute Ensemble, UNI Taiko Drum Ensemble, a Woodwind Quintet and the Bluff Street Brass Quintet. The UNI Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony performed a concert Friday Night as well. The Symphonic Band's performance included guest artists, Irish folk musicians, who performed the original folk songs that were then played in the band-arrangement by Percy Granger, a very effective way to hear and understand the music!

The end of February brought a new experience for Wapsie. The first-ever Young Musicians' Honor Band at the College Community campus accepted six elementary students (four 5th and two 6th graders)! They rehearsed all-day Saturday the 26th, and held a public performance that afternoon in the state-of-the-art concert hall at Prairie High School. It was a very cool experience for them! Congratulations to Brandon Mitchell, 6th grade baritone; Anna Sauerbrei, 6th grade percussion; Madison Landsgard, 5th grade flute; Sidney Schnor, 5th grade flute; Makenzie Briddle, 5th grade clarinet; and Landen Dobbs 5th grade trumpet!

March will bring one more junior high honor band. The Tri-State Honor Band in Decorah accepted three Wapsie students this year: Brianne Miller, 8th grade trumpet; Austin Mitchell, 7th grade trumpet; and Alana Platte, 8th grade percussion. The rehearsals and final concert will be at the Decorah High School on Saturday March 5th.

And there will be one more honor band for the Kristie Boies and Adam Bodensteiner this April - the Coe College Honor Band festival will rehearse on the 11th and have the final performance on April 18th at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.

Congratulations to all our musicians!

MIOSM: Music in our Schools Month

Did you know that in 2006, SAT takers with coursework in music performance scored 57 points higher on the verbal portion of the test and 43 points higher on the math portion (The College Board, Profile of College-Bound Seniors National Report for 2006)? There are many studies proving the benefits of music education. During the month of March, our music department will be celebrating MIOSM with several exciting music events.

We will kick off with our annual Pops Concert on Friday, March 4th at 7pm, featuring our junior and senior high choral and instrumental ensembles including jazz band and our newly founded jazz choir "SoundProof", as well as speech students performing musical theatre selections.

On Friday, March 18th we will have our first ever "Spring Fever" high school dance fundraiser for the Performing Arts Boosters! There will be food, contests, and prizes.

Throughout the month, music fact sheets will be posted and read during daily announcements, a variety of styles of music will be played periodically over the intercom system during passing times, and a few ensembles will travel to the elementary schools to perform an entertaining assembly showcasing the possibilities in music when they get to junior high and high school.

MIOSM will be brought to a close with our Solo and Small Ensemble Showcase on Monday, March 28th at 7pm, as we prepare for contest the following Saturday.

Thanks for helping us celebrate MIOSM and for your continued support of the arts at Wapsie Valley!

Wapsie Valley Community Schools
February 2011 Board Approved Bills

GENERAL FUND

ACES	\$6,460.32	Purch Serv	R Wenner	\$42.00	Supplies
ACP Direct	\$430.00	Supplies	Scheels	\$810.00	Snow Removal
Aable	\$71.50	Purch Serv	School Spec.	\$57.14	Supplies
Adv. Sys	\$3,457.13	Purch Serv	SimplexGrinnell	\$410.88	Purch Serv
Agvantage	\$3,562.77	Gas	Sitlers	\$60.64	Supplies
Alliant	\$132.37	Elec	Spahn & Rose	\$17.36	Supplies
A Benham	\$260.27	Travel	Superior	\$1,501.15	Supplies
B Brennan	\$150.00	Purch Serv	Swisher	\$240.88	Legal
B Eberhard	\$20.51	Gas	Team	\$3,284.25	Supplies
BH Energy	\$1,574.28	Gas	T Ambrecht	\$228.00	Transp.
Butler REC	\$3,285.86	Elec	Minn Chem	\$633.57	Supplies
Carolina	\$115.85	Supplies	Tuway	\$109.92	Supplies
Casey's	\$969.84	Gas	VISA	\$1,472.80	Supplies
Casper	\$342.00	Supplies	V Schellhorn	\$113.00	Supplies
Cent IA	\$304.00	Supplies	Waste Manage	\$726.21	Purch Serv
Cent IA Water	\$85.32	Water	Waterloo Courier	\$76.39	Ad
C Garber	\$375.00	Purch Serv	WC CSD	\$5,768.00	Open Enroll
Chase Oil	\$436.82	Gas	Windstream	\$283.28	Telephone
City Fairbank	\$3,505.81	Elec	TOTAL	\$77,775.00	
City Readlyn	\$3,041.91	Elec	Act. Fund		
Consolidated	\$959.98	Gas	All Am. Graphic	\$867.00	Resale
Cont. Research	\$198.73	Supplies	Anderson's	\$288.08	Prom Supplies
Del's	\$2,398.99	Repairs	Brain Pop	\$501.20	Grant
Denver CSD	\$7,210.00	Open Enroll	C. Davis	\$189.93	Supplies
Don's	\$3,712.46	Repairs	Decker Sports	\$450.00	Resale
Edgeton	\$92.89	Supplies	J. Dise	\$308.33	Travel
Ed Assessment	\$310.00	Supplies	B. Eberhard	\$84.00	Supplies
Evan-More	\$206.93	Supplies	G. Eschweiler	\$143.30	Supplies
Fbk Food	\$87.27	Supplies	IA Sports	\$1,584.47	Supplies
Farm Plan	\$381.46	Supplies	Jesup Gym	\$1,140.00	Supplies
Fauser	\$11,790.84	Gas	Myers-Cox	\$545.37	Supplies
Fettkether LLC	\$666.18	Purch Serv	K. Niebuhr	\$31.53	Prom Supplies
Harris	\$171.19	Purch Serv	Pronto	\$1,246.26	Supplies
Highley	\$305.50	Supplies	Stumps	\$268.88	Prom Supplies
Hillyard	\$276.65	Supplies	Varsity Cleaner	\$107.50	Purch Serv
IKON	\$415.13	Purch Serv	VISA	\$275.29	Supplies
IKON	\$140.58	Purch Serv	West Music	\$745.38	Supplies
J Dise	\$18.36	Travel	TOTAL	\$8,776.52	
J Miller	\$60.00	Purch Serv	Hot Lunch		
Kwik Trip	\$396.59	Gas	Kerry Even	\$102.00	Supplies
M McKowen	\$41.23	Gas	A-E	\$3,857.78	Supplies
Mediacom	\$249.95	Purch Serv	Wonder	\$950.25	Supplies
Mid-American	\$318.18	Supplies	Fbk Food	\$10.32	Supplies
MBP	\$584.80	Supplies	Martin Bros.	\$6,191.30	Supplies
Natl Geo	\$324.84	Supplies	WV Gen Fund	\$40,000.00	Loan Repay.
NetINS	\$14.99	Purch Serv	WV Gen Fund	\$13,829.88	Salaries
Oran Tele	\$649.97	Telephone	Keck, Inc	\$971.11	Supplies
Pro-ed	\$271.70	Supplies	TOTAL	\$65,912.64	
Pronto	\$318.72	Gas			
Readlyn Tele	\$203.31	Telephone			
Rite Price	\$580.62	Supplies			

All meals include a carton of milk.

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Hot dog/ bun, vegetable, fruit, bar	<i>2</i> Chili, carrot sticks, crackers, applesauce, sweet roll	<i>3</i> Hot ham & cheese sand- wich, vegetable, pineapple, no- bake cookie	<i>4</i> Salisbury steak, mashed pota- toes, gravy, pears, tea rolls	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Rib pattie/ bun, hot vegetable, apple crisp	<i>8</i> Chicken nug- gets, mashed potatoes, p-nut butter sandwich, fruit bar	<i>9</i> Cheese pizza, corn, sandwich, ice cream 1:30 Dismissal	<i>10</i> Taco, lettuce, cheese, salsa, sandwich, fruit	<i>11</i> Fish sandwich, vegetable, cheese slice, strawberry shortcake	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Weiner winks, green beans, pineapple, pud- ding	<i>15</i> Sub sandwich, oven potatoes, jello w/fruit	<i>16</i> Pizza casserole, carrot sticks, pears, school made rolls	<i>17</i> Hamburger/ bun, vegetable, chilled fruit, bar	<i>18</i> No School Teacher Quality Day	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Pizza, corn, sandwich, ice cream	<i>22</i> Grilled pork burger/ bun, vegetable, fruit, cookie	<i>23</i> Chicken & noo- dles, cheese slice, peas, peaches, school made rolls 1:30 Dismissal	<i>24</i> Cold meat sand- wich, oven pota- toes, fruit, cookie	<i>25</i> Shrimp poppers, mashed pota- toes, P-nut but- ter sandwich	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Chicken pattie/ bun, vegetable, chilled fruit	<i>29</i> Cook's Choice	<i>30</i> Lasagna, lettuce, bread stick, chilled fruit	<i>31</i> Hot ham slice, mashed pota- toes, sandwich, peaches, cookie		

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