



# Wapsie Valley Community School District



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## *Finishing Touches: Wapsie Valley Elementary Schools*

### Wapsie Valley Elementary School Stakeholders:

With spring time upon us, we are fast approaching the close of one school year, and the beginning of another. As you know, this spring brings new opportunities and exciting times to the district with the opening of two new elementary schools. It is no secret that students, staff, and stakeholders owe the district taxpayers and voters a significant debt; voters approved the construction of the two schools, and taxpayers pledged to support the projects as well. Without that support, the drawings of elementary schools that were proposed months ago would not be buildings nearing completion in the coming months. Based on excellent progress being made by Larson Construction, Struxture Architects, and the sub-contractors on this project, the district is making plans to move into the new buildings in August, nearly two months ahead of the originally scheduled completion date.

When the project began, the Board and administrative team developed a short list of “finishing touches” that we wanted to add to the buildings beyond what was in the general contract. At this time, I’m asking members of the community who would like to contribute further to those “finishing touches” to consider a donation for one of the following additions to the elementary schools:

**Classroom Technology:** The Board and administrative team has worked to provide one 52” monitor in each classroom for staff members to display video, PowerPoint, lesson examples, classroom speakers, and the like. The classrooms have been prepared to support this new technology; we do need to purchase the monitors for each classroom. These monitors will add a significant tool for teachers to continue to engage students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Small Furnishings:** All student desks, teacher desks, library tables, garbage cans, and similar furnishings will be moved from the existing building to the new buildings. However, in our new building, we have some space available to us that we simply did not have in our existing building: a conference room and a guidance counselor’s office, and a pre-school classroom for example. Our goal is to provide tables and chairs for these spaces for staff and students to use, but they’ll need to be purchased in addition to what we already have available.

**Cleaning equipment:** Terrazzo floors, carpeted classrooms, and a new gymnasium/cafeteria floor will require different care and different equipment than our wood and cement floors in our current building. We want to provide our staff members with equipment that matches the pride they take in keeping our buildings well kept, and that equipment will require some additional cost.

A question you might ask is “What is my tax money going to? Aren’t I already paying enough for the new schools?” Both are great questions. The two elementary schools will provide a significant increase in space for our students. We now have space for things like pre-school, a nurse’s office for ill children, a guidance counselor’s office, and a music room. The buildings will be heated and cooled by geothermal energy, saving the district general fund dollars through decreased energy costs. Your tax dollars will provide buildings where all instructional space is on a single level. Visitors, students and staff won’t have steps to go up or down to get

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from one part of the building to another. Both buildings will be protected from fire by a sprinkler system, and video surveillance equipment is a part of the project as well. All classrooms will be under one roof, and students won't need to go outside to get from one classroom to another. These are just A FEW of the increased services and provisions that we'll be providing to our students and it is through the support of taxpayers and stakeholders that we're able to do that. I am asking that you consider providing some additional support if you are able, but understand that many of you have already provided support to the project through your tax dollars.

With that said, I can assure you that the taxpayers' support of this project has made the buildings a reality. What I am asking you to consider is supporting the finishing touches that we're putting on the building through a donation. **Donors will be recognized on a plaque at the entrance of the building** based on the following levels of contributions:

- \$5000.00+
- \$1000.00-4999.00
- \$500.00-999.00
- \$100.00-\$499.00
- \$1.00-\$99.00

**If you have any questions** regarding the construction of the schools, the costs associated with this project, or the costs and benefits associated with the "finishing touches" I have described above, please contact me at school (319-638-6711), at home (319-279-3428) or on my cell phone (563-880-3920). If you are part of a community organization, foundation, or business that would like to make a contribution on behalf of your membership or employees, I would love the opportunity to speak to your group.

Donations can be mailed to Wapsie Valley Community Schools, 2535 Viking Avenue, Fairbank, Iowa 50629. Thank you for the support that you've already provided as a community to make these new buildings a reality, and thank you for contributing to the "finishing touches" that will help to serve our students for the next century. As always, Go Warriors!

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Please accept my tax deductible donation to the \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School Construction Project "Finishing Touches" for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

My contribution is made in \_\_\_\_\_'s name.

Contributor's address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contributor's phone \_\_\_\_\_

My donation is intended to provide support in the area of:

- Classroom Technology     Small Furnishings
- Cleaning Equipment     Where Needed

Your donation will be noted on a plaque at the entrance of the elementary school. Thank you for your contribution to Wapsie Valley Schools.

Wapsie Valley Schools Four Year Old Pre-School Registration

Wapsie Valley Schools is excited to offer one morning section of four year old pre-school in Fairbank and one afternoon section of four year old pre-school in Readlyn for the 2010-2011 school year. Please come to pre-school registration to learn more about our staff, our curriculum, and the layout of the new pre-school classrooms.

**Readlyn Elementary School Site: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Fairbank Elementary School Site: Thursday, May 20, 2010 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

A Recollection of our Past, a Celebration of our School, and a Peek into the Future

**Celebrate the 1935 Readlyn Elementary School** at an open house on **Friday, May 14**. Supper served from 5:30-7:00 with a program to follow.

*Share memories and stories of our school building, take a video tour of the new elementary school, and see how you can contribute to the finishing touches of our new building.*

A free will donation will be taken for supper, with proceeds going toward new classroom technology at Readlyn Elementary.

A Recollection of our Past, a Celebration of our School, and a Peek into the Future

**Celebrate the 1918 Fairbank Elementary School** at an open house on **Tuesday, May 18**. Supper served from 5:30-7:00 with a program to follow.

*Share memories and stories of our school building, take a video tour of the new elementary school, and see how you can contribute to the finishing touches of our new building.*

A free will donation will be taken for supper, with proceeds going toward new classroom technology at Fairbank Elementary.

*Local non-profit organizations that may have an interest in items from Readlyn and Fairbank Elementary Schools should make a request in writing to the Superintendent prior to May 14<sup>th</sup>. Please include in your request the items in which you have interest, and your purpose for removing the items from the elementary schools. Those requests will be considered, in cooperation with the Board and General Contractor, and those making a request will be notified of the resulting decision. At the time of notification, a very limited timeline will be provided for groups to remove the approved items. Local citizens may also make requests to be considered, but all requests must be accompanied by the intended purposes the requesting individual has for the item in question.*

*For-profit entities or individuals who have interest in items within the schools should contact the superintendent's office at 319-638-6711 for information on whom they can contact regarding the elementary school buildings.*

*Several requests have been made for single bricks to be provided to community members. The district will make those available to community members at a later time this coming summer.*

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



**Graduation Ceremonies**

The Wapsie Valley Senior Class of 2010 will be graduating on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Gymnasium.

The Wapsie Valley Jr. High Graduation and Awards Ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 in the Auditorium.

**\*\*HOT LUNCH BALANCES\*\***

A reminder to parents that your child's negative lunch account balance needs to be paid by the end of the school year. You can keep track of their balance through our Infinite Campus Program or by calling the building which your child attends to get the balance.

Thank You!

**Foods Class offers Dinner**



The Wapsie Valley Foods Class will be offering dinner to those interested on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 beginning serving at 11:45 a.m. in the FCS room. The menu for the day will be lemon chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, banana split supreme and homemade rolls. The cost of the meal is \$5.00. Those interested are asked to RSVP to the school by May 5, 2010. Thank you for your support!

**"Wapsie Gives Back"**

On April 19th, the Wapsie Valley Music Department presented "Sing for Peace Around the World," by the kindergarten through sixth grade students under the direction of Mrs. Jill Bjorklund and Mrs. Jenifer Dise. Students learned songs from all around the world including several songs in other languages. They also discussed how some children in other parts of the world are not as fortunate as many of us here in America. They decided to hold a free will donation to collect money for the people of Haiti. Through the generosity of our audience members and the help of some fifth and sixth grade ushers, they collected a total of \$421.40! All proceeds went directly to the American Red Cross to help fund the disaster relief effort in Haiti. Mrs. Bjorklund and Mrs. Dise would like to thank all donors for their support; you are a shining example to our young elementary students! It just goes to show that if everyone gives a little of what they have together we can make a big difference. Thank you!

**State Solo & Ensemble Results**

Congratulations to all of our WV high school musicians who performed at State Solo & Ensemble contest at Jesup on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Receiving Division I ratings were Liz Lockard on her vocal solo, the double male quartet, girls triple trio, Sean Steil on his trumpet solo and Sean and Kristie Boies on their trumpet and clarinet duet and Koby Edler and Joseph Kuhlmann on their duet. Koby and Joseph also received an Outstanding Performance Award, the highest award of the day, which qualifies them to sing in the statewide showcase at ISU on May 11th. Receiving Division II ratings were vocal soloists Brittnie Gordon, Jason Ryan, Seth Wolff, Joseph Kuhlmann, Gina Owens, Koby Edler, Jordan Wheeler, Kaycie Edler, Spencer Cindrich, Ryan Pilcher, as well as the Mixed Ensemble and Chamber Choir.

**Upcoming Music Events:**

- Sat. May 8            State Large Group Music Contest (HS band & choir) @ Sumner Band performs @ 8:30 a.m. & Choir performs @ 11:00 a.m.
- Mon. May 17        Spring Awards Concert (7-12 band & choir) 7:00 p.m. in the Aud.
- Sun. May 23        Commencement (HS Choir) 2:00 p.m.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday,  
**June 2, 2010.**

There will be no breakfast or lunch served.  
 The Wapsie Valley Administration, Faculty and Staff  
 would like to wish everyone a  
 very happy and safe summer vacation.

**"Facebook" for Accelerated Reader Characters**

Check out [www.bookbookwv.webs.com](http://www.bookbookwv.webs.com) to see Mrs. Henning's 7th grade students' "Facebook" for their AR (Accelerated Reader) characters. Each student picked their favorite character from a book, and then created a profile page and creative writings describing the character and the novel. They're working hard on their pages, and new pages are being added daily. Special thanks go to Austin Manross, Morgan Meinecke, and Brianne Miller for creating the page and teaching Mrs. Henning and their classmates how to use the website.



# Fairbank Feature

May 2010



## Invent Iowa Participants Advanced to State!

Congratulations to the following Fairbank Elementary students who advanced to the Invent Iowa competition at the state level, which was held Saturday, April 24: Cody Brown, Austin Shepherd, Meghan Kleitsch, Hayley Kleinheksel, Kinley Saulsberry, and Samantha Folsom. Results from the state competition will be revealed in May.

The road to the state competition began this fall when several students and teachers began working after school to assemble their inventions and prepare their presentations. Students were challenged to come up with an original invention based on a need, research to see if their invention already existed, and work to prepare a model of the invention and a log of the process they went through in its development.

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

## Thanks for your Support!

*\*WVEF has approved a number of grants for Fairbank Elementary: Preschool materials, Jolly Phonics/Grammar, and take-home books for our rural schools.*

*\*Buchanan County Foundation approved a grant to increase the number of take-home books for K-2 and begin take-home books for third grade.*

Fairbank staff and students thank you!!!!

## Upcoming Dates



May 5/19

Early Dismissals

May 20: 6:30

Pre-School Registration

June 2

Last day of school

## Walk-a-Thon

Our annual walk-a-thon will be held the last day of school, June 2. Stay tuned to the Thursday letter to learn further details about our fundraising efforts!!

*Interested in being a member or leader of  
PTO?*

Call the school for more info! 635-2071

*I am happy to talk with you about our school! If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me!*

**Tara J. Estep, Fairbank/Rural Principal**

[Testep@wapsievalleyschools.org](mailto:Testep@wapsievalleyschools.org)

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Wapsie Valley Community Schools  
Board Approved Bills for April 2010

**General Fund**

ACES	\$6,361.38	Purch Serv
Aable	\$71.50	Purch Serv
Adv. Sys	\$3,411.75	Purch Serv
Adv. Sys	\$141.00	Purch Serv
Agvantage	\$1,984.00	Gas
Allstate Image	\$604.35	Supplies
Ames Environ.	\$500.00	Repair
AEA267	\$161,395.57	Purch Serv
Bankers Trust	\$371,897.50	Repair
Barb Brennan	\$125.00	Purch Serv
Black Hills	\$2,358.55	Gas
Bremer Sheriff	\$456.00	Expense
Butler REC	\$3,166.93	Elec
Carolina Bio	\$508.21	Supplies
Casey's	\$431.05	Gas
CR CSD	\$1,663.80	Open Enroll
CID	\$33.33	Supplies
Cent. IA Water	\$92.69	Purch Serv
C. Garber	\$172.50	Travel
Chase Oil	\$1,286.96	Gas
City Fairbank	\$7,330.88	Elec
City Readlyn	\$601.40	Elec
Del's	\$1,530.94	Repair
Denver CSD	\$11,092.00	Open Enroll
DOE	\$392.00	Purch Serv
Don's	\$930.56	Repair
D. Billhorn	\$90.00	Supplies
D. Bentley	\$90.00	Supplies
Dunkerton CSD	\$8,319.00	Open Enroll
ECREC	\$632.75	Elec
E. Gipper	\$81.50	Travel
Edgeton	\$70.53	Supplies
Fbk Food	\$35.03	Supplies
Haan Crafts	\$842.60	Supplies
Hach Co.	\$56.63	Supplies
Hawkeye CC	\$4,250.00	PSEO
Hillyard	\$1,100.90	Supplies
Hub City	\$13.57	Supplies
Hygenic	\$165.00	Purch Serv
IKON	\$203.00	Purch Serv
Ikon	\$135.19	Purch Serv
ICN	\$165.72	Purch Serv
IDHS	\$464.73	Medicaid
IDLS	\$25.00	Purch Serv
Iowa Telecom	\$326.64	Telephone
Janesville CSD	\$1,386.50	Open Enroll
J. Dise	\$117.55	Supplies
Jesup CSD	\$2,773.00	Open Enroll
J. Bjorklund	\$29.05	Expense
Kwik Trip	\$415.72	Gas
L. Sauerbrei	\$46.60	Travel
Laydon's	\$560.00	Purch Serv
Learning Toys	\$19.42	Supplies
L. Thurm	\$25.84	Supplies
Mediacom	\$249.95	Purch Serv

MBP	\$174.45	Supplies
M. Jush	\$30.00	Supplies
NetINS	\$14.99	Purch Serv
Oelwein CSD	\$2,548.30	Open Enroll
Oran Tele	\$812.41	Telephone
Pronto	\$147.81	Gas
Quality Truck	\$107.20	Repair
Radids Foods	\$83,624.46	Const.
Rite Price	\$2,266.57	Supplies
Roto-rooter	\$197.95	Purch Serv
S. Power	\$357.00	Purch Serv
S. Wilke	\$87.01	Supplies
Schutte	\$250.00	Purch Serv
Sitler's	\$64.36	Supplies
Spahn&Rose	\$12.99	Supplies
Struxture	\$9,598.06	Fees
Superior	\$184.25	Supplies
Swisher&Couhrt	\$180.00	Legal
T. Estep	\$1,177.52	Travel
Team Lab	\$226.25	Supplies
T. Armbrecht	\$200.00	Travel
Waverly News	\$211.69	Ad
Thomas Elec.	\$270.00	Purch Serv
Tripoli CSD	\$2,773.00	Open Enroll
United Supplies	\$2,012.59	Supplies
US Cellular	\$199.12	Telephone
UNI	\$1,797.00	Supplies
Visa	\$733.12	Postage
V. Schellhorn	\$140.00	Supplies
WV Act. Fund	\$840.00	Supplies
Waste Manage.	\$677.94	Purch Serv
Waterloo Courier	\$204.43	Ad
W. Wedemeier	\$120.73	Travel
WCCSD	\$2,773.00	Open Enroll
	\$716,245.47	

**Activity Fund**

AMPI	\$175.00	Supplies
Anderson's	\$1,383.90	Supplies
Arts Attack	\$2,832.00	Grant
L. Beierschmitt	\$53.53	Supplies
Decker's	\$96.00	Supplies
E. Doese	\$1,228.59	Supplies
B. Eberhard	\$115.61	Travel
Fbk Food	\$189.04	Supplies
Fbk Knights	\$55.00	Rent
Foster's Inc.	\$111.84	Supplies
D. Foster	\$264.00	Misc
T. Foster	\$185.00	Misc
Gibson	\$126.05	Supplies
Herff Jones	\$1,879.69	Supplies
Holiday Inn	\$257.50	Travel
IGCA	\$45.00	Fees
IAHSAA	\$109.00	Fees
IHSMA	\$145.00	Fees
ISU Extension	\$240.00	Fees
ISU Soil	\$30.00	Fees

Impact Sports	\$178.00	Supplies
Josten's	\$3,848.40	Purch Serv
Kepharts	\$191.10	Supplies
Kaysers	\$4,234.25	Resale
Maple Grove	\$193.77	Supplies
Martin Bros.	\$224.65	Supplies
MBP	\$108.92	Supplies
Myers-Cox	\$1,090.41	Supplies
McGraw	\$3,000.17	Grant
NASSP	\$81.00	Dues
Natl FFA	\$99.00	Fees
NE FFA	\$30.00	Fees
K. Niebuhr	\$60.00	Supplies
Pronto	\$783.68	Supplies
Red Cross	\$50.00	Donation
Sam's	\$277.56	Supplies
Sport Plaques	\$124.25	Supplies
The Rec Room	\$432.00	Resale
UNI Sports	\$3,000.00	Fees
VIPS	\$10,131.75	Grant
Visa	\$897.15	Supplies
VS Athletics	\$501.81	Supplies
Weber Paper	\$111.95	Supplies
West Music	\$106.00	Supplies
WV Hot Lunch	\$331.86	Supplies
G. Wiersma	\$49.08	Supplies
R. Woods	\$94.80	Supplies
	\$39,753.31	
<b>Hot Lunch</b>		
AE	\$3,813.62	Supplies
Wonder	\$877.54	Supplies
Hawkeye Food	\$6,027.14	Supplies
General Fund	\$12,660.98	Salaries
Fbk Food	\$41.74	Supplies
Keck, Inc.	\$455.81	Supplies
	\$23,876.83	

# May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Milk is included with each meal.						1
2	3 Rib pattie/ bun, vegetable, apple crisp	4 Hot ham slice, mashed potatoes, sandwich, peaches, cookie	5 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, lettuce, bread stick, chilled fruit  1:30 Dismissal	6 Sub sandwich, oven potatoes, fruit	7 French toast, sausage, orange juice, fruit	8
9	10 Mini corn dogs, sandwich, vegetable, pears, bar	11 Pizza, corn, sandwich, ice cream	12 Chicken & noodles, peas, cheese slice, school made rolls, peaches	13 Shrimp poppers, mashed potatoes, p-nut butter sandwich, fruit	14 Beefburger/ bun, green beans, fruit, cookie	15
16	17 Weiner winks, green beans, pineapple, pudding	18 Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, sandwich, fruit, cookie	19 Cook's Choice  1:30 Dismissal	20 Cold meat sandwich, oven potatoes, fruit, bar	21 Taco, lettuce, cheese, salsa, sandwich, mixed fruit	22
23	24 Cook's Choice	25 Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, tea rolls, pears	26 Pizza, corn, sandwich, ice cream	27 Chicken pattie/ bun, vegetable, fruit, cookie	28 Sub sandwich, oven potatoes, fruit	29
30	31 No School	June 1 Cook's Choice	June 2 11:30 Dismissal Summer Break Begins!!!			

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