

Chalk Board

34 News

WINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring | Summer **June 2014**

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest - CONFUCIUS

Dear Friends,

Many thanks, again, go out to the community and staff members who served on the Kindergarten Task Force. We are very excited to offer full-day kindergarten starting this Fall! Even with this lawsuit being filed against the District, we have kept our focus on our students and our classrooms, and the Board decided not to spend more money on lawyers than on kids - the lawsuit didn't have any merit, but we realized very quickly that proving our case in court would cost more than the tuition itself, and that didn't make sense for any of our stakeholders. The School Board considered dropping the full-day option to solve the lawsuit; but the Board ultimately went a step further, and voted to keep full-day and to drop the tuition charge, instead.



To be sure, we still have fiscal concerns to manage. There are looming issues (such as pension reform and school funding reform) that are threatening school budgets throughout the State. Today, though, we are redoubling our efforts to ensure that offering full-day without tuition will not impact any other District programs.

Again, I would like to thank all the members of the Task Force for their tremendous work, and to thank the countless other members of our community who have supported the District in this initiative. Our first priorities are always to offer the best programs we can while managing the District's limited resources as wisely as possible. We are looking forward to an exciting school year coming up!

Thank you and enjoy a safe summer.

Gwynne Kell, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Winfield Schools

Student Leadership Team

In addition to the activities of our Student Council this year our District also created a Student Leadership Team (SLT), which was comprised of middle school students. The purpose of the SLT was to create a select student leadership group to promote and assist with various school activities that address the IL Social Emotional Learning Standards that builds school community. The students were selected to participate and had to meet the following criteria:



1) maintain 'C' grades and above, 2) behavior is in good standing, 3) must inform teacher in advance if they miss class for an activity, and 4) must make up any missed work on time. Parental permission is required, students sign a contract of expectations and they rotate the leaders within the team quarterly. The inaugural SLT membership included the following students:

6th Graders- Brock Bunn, Danny Bennett, Alya Lutyen, Clare Webber, Xavier Gomez
7th Graders- Bobby Bartlett., John Karwoski, Tyler Neander, Sarah Turek, Kristen Aalbue

8th Graders- Jack Gillespie, Rachel Kent, Elizabeth Nava, Jerod Goodale, Natalie Thompson

Just a few of the activities they organized and/or led include: Walk to school day, lunch peer buddy, Second Step assistance, reading helpers (grades 1st, 2nd), Stuck for a Buck (Coins for Kids) Ronald McDonald House fundraising, math helpers (grades 1st, 2nd) and bully prevention activities. Feedback to the Board of Education from the SLT noted that the experience was life changing for the students regarding leadership and teamwork skills that they acquired. Likewise the staff observed many positive benefits not only for those students who were in the SLT but also those students who were recipients of their good works. The enthusiasm after year one ensures that the second year will be off to a good start.



THE MISSION OF THE WINFIELD SCHOOLS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IS TO CREATE A RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH PROMOTES ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT AND INDEPENDENT THINKING SO THAT STUDENTS ARE PREPARED TO POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY.

WINFIELD SCHOOLS

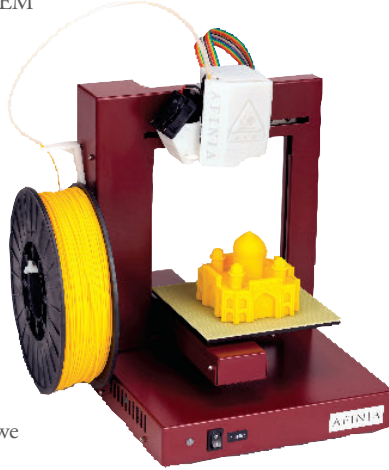
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STEM Education

The middle school students will have a new experience when they enter the former computer lab in the fall. This summer will begin its transformation into a STEM lab. Students will be challenged to design and publish video games using Construct 2 software. They will also utilize problem solving skills to create amusement parks, as well as try their hand at robotics. The STEM lab will include 3-D printers for students to use as part of the Designing and Prototyping module. Our younger students will also be able to explore STEM, which is woven into the inquiry lessons and labs of ScienceFusion, the science series by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt we are piloting in the fall.



Internet Safety

Increasingly more often our sentiments expressed to our families, students and staff has had the same "safety" theme. As we celebrate the end of another successful school year for our students we are bombarded with news stories about the inappropriate use of the internet as well as school violence. In response, our school district continues to do our due diligence to educate our students and parents about responsible technology and internet usage.



We stress not only in our policies but also in our practice that it is a privilege to use the internet and NOT a right. To that end, we cannot emphasize enough that parents MUST monitor usage at home, make sure that you have your child's passwords, put parental controls in place, and know your child's online friends. Once again in this issue we are providing you information

about a variety of internet safety and learning sites that you should visit with your children. Please visit our website to access a variety of internet safety tips and tools by clicking on the Technology Department link and then opening the Internet Safety link <http://www.winfield34.org/internetsafety>.

We are excited to announce the addition of two new clubs for next year! Matt Wdowiarz will be sponsoring a Guitar Club and LouAnne Ooton will be sponsoring a Photography Club. After surveying staff and students for new club ideas the students unanimously voted for Guitar Club and Photography Club!



Mark Your Calendar

NOTE: Per state law, the first and last days of school will be a full student attendance day.

July 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31	10-11:30 a.m. Basketball Camp boys and girls grades 4-6 \$45.00 12-1:30 p.m. Volleyball Camp boys and girls grades 6-8 \$45.00 Registration required
Aug. 18	Strategic Planning Orientation Mtg. 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Aug. 19	Institute Day
Aug. 20	Institute Day / Meet the Teacher PreK.-5 th Grade 2:30-3:30
Aug. 21	First full student attendance day PreK-8 th
Aug. 22	Cadence Sports Physicals for 7 th & 8 th graders 1:00-3:15 p.m.
Aug. 28	Board of Education Meeting 6:55 p.m. Budget Hearing; 7:00 p.m. Regular meeting
Sept.	PTO Back to School Ice Cream Social on Primary Playground 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	Labor Day / NO SCHOOL
Sept. 6	Good Old Days 12:00 p.m. Band Performance, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Student Council Penny Carnival
Sept. 7	Good Old Days 1:00 p.m. Staff in Parade
Sept. 9	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Central Commons
Sept. 11	PreK-5 th Grade Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sept. 15-19	Walking School Bus
Sept. 16	6 th -8 th Grade Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	School Improvement Day Early Dismissal / Strategic Planning Data Retreat 12:30-7:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Superintendent's Coffee 8:30 a.m. Primary School
Oct. 8	Walk to School Day
Oct. 13	Columbus Day NO SCHOOL
Oct. 14	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Central Commons
Oct. 20-24	Walking School Bus
Oct. 20	Safety Social 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	School Improvement Day Early Dismissal / Strategic Planning Vision Retreat 12:30-7:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	NO SCHOOL / Teacher Workday
Nov. 3	Parent-Teacher conferences 4:30-7:00 p.m.
Nov. 6,11,13	Parent-Teacher conferences 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 17-21	Walking School Bus
Nov. 24-28	NO SCHOOL
Dec. 6	Strategic Planning Setting Direction Retreat 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Dec. 11	Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 15	Board of Education Meeting / Levy Hearing 6:45 p.m.
Dec. 16	Holiday Music Concert (Grades 2-5)
Dec. 22-Jan. 2	Winter Break
Jan. 5	School Resumes

School calendar information may be found on the Winfield District 34 website at www.winfield34.org

Thank you from the Winfield PTO

District 34 staff, families, and local businesses came together this year to help PTO organize activities that foster the connection between home and school life and to provide resources benefiting district children and their families.

PTO ran several fundraisers this year including a Lou Malnati's pizza sale, Cook's Night Out, holiday greenery sale, and a Prosek's plant sale. Our biggest and most successful fundraiser of the year was Trivia Night, which raised almost \$8,000 to support our school. We organized family friendly activities such as an ice cream social, sledding day, family game night, and family movie nights. We partnered with many businesses throughout the community in hopes of thanking them for the support they give to our school. We were glad to find ways throughout the school year to support and thank the dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators of our district.

Thanks to the participation of our school community this year, PTO was able to purchase school supplies such as timers and games, dry erase tables for classrooms, and sponsor a Cosley Zoo in-class program. PTO brought educational and entertaining all-school assemblies, including a BMX Stunt show and Collective Beat music performance.

None of this would be possible without the energy, talents, and time of our membership, **THANK YOU** for volunteering to help make a difference! This summer, please consider participating in these ongoing programs to help raise money for our students and teachers:

- **Box Tops for Education** – clip labels or shop online through BTFE.com
- **Campbell's Soup Labels** – clip labels from Campbell's food products
- **My Coke Rewards Program** – collect codes on Coca-Cola or Powerade products
- **Ink Cartridge Recycling** – turn in used printer ink cartridges (any size)
- **Fundico.org** – Shop Amazon.com through www.Fundico.org to earn \$ for our school at no cost to you
- **Target Debit/Credit Reward Program** – 5% goes back to you and 5% goes to the school

See the PTO website for more details on these initiatives.
<http://www.winfieldtigerspto.blogspot.com/>

Have a great summer.

Sincerely,
Dan Janowick &
Eileen Tibble,
PTO Co-Presidents



enjoyed some physical activity and social time as they walked and talked in the company of parents and peers.

This program would not be possible without PTO support and parent volunteers. Parent Volunteers are needed for future Walking School Bus weeks so please register your child and indicate your willingness to participate as a Walking School Bus 'Driver' on the form which can be accessed on the District website. Your child must be registered to participate.

To register for next year and for more information follow this link:
<http://goo.gl/IiogIL>

Walking School Bus

On Monday, May 19th Winfield School kicked off its first Walking School Bus week. The Walking School Bus is a Wellness initiative supported through the Safe Routes to School Grant, which was awarded through the IL Dept. of Transportation. Because of its success this initiative will continue next school year during the months of September through November of 2014 and March through May of 2015. Parent volunteers (identified by special vests) walked students to school every morning the week of May 19 through May 23 along two designated routes. When they arrived at school students were received by 8th grade volunteers who marked their Walking School Bus tags, which were entered into a raffle drawing for gift certificates. Students

From The School Board President, Bob Brown

Learning is the primary focus of Winfield School District 34. While this certainly applies to the students in our classrooms, it also applies to the rest of our district. Our teachers, staff and administrators spend a lot of time each year learning new techniques and best practices to become better at educating the children of Winfield. Many days, when the children have a half day or day off from school, the teachers, staff, and administration are hard at work perfecting their craft. The learning doesn't stop there. Even the school board spends time learning how to be better board members and become better equipped to handle the decisions, policies, and problems that they face within our school district. Most school board training is run by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). This training covers the basics of school board governance such as how tax levy's work, how to manage a school budget, how to govern by policy and the relationship between the school board and the superintendent. It also covers topical issues like contract negotiations, common core curriculum, innovative ways to integrate technology into



education, how to prevent and respond to issues of bullying, and many more. This training usually takes the form of an all-day class on a Saturday, an online class or a weekend in November at the School Board Conference in Chicago. All of our board members participate in training in addition to the time spent on board responsibilities. In addition, as a testament to the amount of time that our board members spend learning how to be more effective at their work, two of our members are recognized as IASB LeaderShop Academy Members (Lynn Kammes and Deanna Mustafa) and one is recognized as an IASB LeaderShop Academy Fellow and IASB Master Board Member (Bob Brown). It requires a commitment of time and dedication to serve on a school board. It takes more time and dedication to participate in learning opportunities to become the best possible board member. I want to recognize that the members of our school board are committed and dedicated to do whatever it takes to serve our community and the children in our district with excellence. It is a privilege to serve with them.



SUMMER SAFETY TIPS FROM THE WINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

■ “Hang Up or Hands Free” phone law

– Effective January 01, 2014, House Bill 1247 prohibits the operation of a motor vehicle on any Illinois road while using a mobile phone or electronic communication device.

■ Remember to always keep your garage doors closed even during the day while you are at home and keep your vehicle doors locked at all times. Residents have been victims of burglaries due to unlocked/open property.

■ **Impaired Driving** – while it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater, driving ability can be impaired below the legal limit too. If you plan to drink, designate a non-drinking driver.

■ **Playground Safety** – Check all playground equipment before letting kids play on it. Surfaces that are too hot may cause burns, loose or unsecured ropes or chains can cause accidental strangulation and proper playground surfacing materials can reduce the risk of head or severe injury in the event of a fall.

■ **Water Safety** – Most drowning and near-drowning incidents happen when a child falls into a pool or is left alone in a bathtub. Supervise children playing in and around water, and for preschool age children, practice “touch supervision”, where you are only an arm’s length away at all times. Adults should not be involved in other distracting activities, such as mowing or on the phone, while supervising children in or around water. Even where lifeguards are present, children should be supervised and also exercise the buddy system in water.

If you own a swimming pool at home, install a four-sided pool fence that completely separates the pool area from the house and yard and clear the pool and pool deck of toys. Remove visible floats, balls or toys from the pool area immediately after use so children are not tempted to enter the pool area unsupervised.

■ **Sun/Heat Protection** – besides the immediate effect of sunburn, long term sun exposure can cause skin cancer, eye damage and heat illness – Wear protective clothing, a hat, sunglasses, sun screen and stay hydrated.

Do not leave children or pets inside a car. The temperature inside a vehicle can rise to 25 degrees ABOVE the outdoor temperature therefore causing a green-house effect. Children are more sensitive to heat than adults and quickly can lose the ability to cool their body temperatures down; therefore leading to dehydration, heat stroke, seizures or even death in these conditions.

■ **Bicycle Safety** – bicycle helmets reduce the risk of head and brain injuries in the event of a crash. Also following the bicycle rules of the road, wearing fluorescent or reflective clothing and activating lighting can improve visibility while riding a bicycle.

■ **Pedestrian Safety** – Teach children to walk and not run across the street, always cross with an adult and avoid running out from in-between parked cars. When crossing the street, try to make eye contact with drivers to insure they see you and use sidewalks when possible and hold your child’s hand near moving and parked cars. School aged children should always travel with a buddy – never walk alone.

■ **Summer First Aid Kits** – Every family should have an easily accessible first aid kit at home and in their vehicle while travelling. The kit should also include emergency numbers, dentist and doctor phone numbers, poison control number and current prescription information for all family members.

■ **Planning for Emergencies, Storms or Evacuation** – MAKE A PLAN! Learn about disasters, discuss your plan with your family and prepare. Know how to shut off your utilities and keep a fire extinguisher in your home. Build an Emergency Kit – water, food, flashlight, battery operated radio, medications, family contact information, cash and pet supplies if you have a pet. Practice your “shelter in place” plan at home and have a reunification place should family get separated during an emergency or disaster.

■ **Dog Ownership and Bite Prevention** – work with a local shelter, rescue organization or a reputable breeder – they can often help you find breeds that will be a good fit for your household. Be sensitive to cues that children are fearful of a dog. Dogs with histories of aggression are not suitable for households with children. Never leave infants or young children alone with a dog and don’t play aggressive games with your dog.

If attacked by a dog, resist the urge to panic or run, this may make the dog feel more confident to attack if it senses fear. Do not make eye contact, but command the dog to back away. If the dog continues to attack, attempt to defend yourself by making contact with or kicking the nose or throat area of the dog, while yelling for help. If you fall or get knocked to the ground, protect your face, chest and throat hydrated.

■ **Lawn Mower Safety** – Only use a mower that stops the mower blade if the handle is let go. Always use eye protection while mowing and prevent injuries from flying objects by picking up all objects prior to mowing. Children under the age of 12 should not operate a mower. Do not allow children to ride as a passenger while operating a ride-on mower and keep children out of the yard while mowing. Always turn off the mower and wait for the blades to stop prior to removing the grass catcher, unclogging the chute, crossing gravel areas or walking away from the mower.

■ **Sign up for “Smart911”** – Sign up for Smart911 and create your own Safety Profile to give 9-1-1 valuable information about yourself, family members, your home, pets and even vehicles that will automatically display on the 9-1-1 call taker’s screen when you make an emergency call. It’s private and secure and you control what information is in your profile. These details can save valuable seconds or even minutes during an emergency.

No one plans to call 9-1-1, but you can plan ahead by signing up at www.smart911.com today

■ **Teach children how to call 911** – in case of an emergency or for police or fire response.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2014

Elaf Agha
Joshua Bloomfield
Jake Burgess
Nicole Coco
Jessica Doyle
Jack Gillespie

Jerod Goodale
Adam Kabbani
Anthony Karales
Rachel Kent
Logan Krupp
Alen Mahmic

Kyle Malay
Michaela McElligott
Cade McHenry
Elizabeth Nava
Daniel Niedzwiedz
Alex Odom

Alina Pancratz
Alexis Perezchica
Aidan Robbins
Melanie Sartore
Komal Shah
Kaya Shipkowski

Emma Stone
Connor Thompson
Natalie Thompson
Samantha Tipton
Sophia Ulbrich
Grace Vanco

Jake Walker
Daniel Weber
Jeffrey Zajac



High Honor Roll

Elaf Agha
Rachel Kent
Natalie Thompson
Nicole Coco
Alex Odom
Samantha Tipton
Jack Gillespie
Melanie Sartore
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Student Council President

Danny Weber

Student Council Secretary

Natalie Thompson

Student Council Treasurer

Jake Walker

Student Council

Executive Board

Kaya Shipkowski
Emma Stone

Student Council

Representatives

Aidan Robbins
Connor Thompson

Henry Howard Award

Jerod Goodale

Band Awards

Nicole Coco
Daniel Niedzwiedz
Emma Stone
Tony Karales
Alexis Perezchica
Samantha Tipton
Kyle Malay
Aidan Robbins
Danny Weber

Elizabeth Nava
Kaya Shipkowski

World Beat

Josh Bloomfield
Jake Burgess
Danny Weber

Drama Outstanding Achievement Awards

Jake Burgess
Alexis Perezchica
Natalie Thompson
Jack Gillespie
Kaya Shipkowski
Grace Vanco
Jerod Goodale
Connor Thompson
Danny Weber

Art Awards

Jake Burgess
Connor Thompson
Jessica Doyle
Danny Weber

Outstanding Athlete Awards

Dan Niedzwiedz
Sophia Ulbrich

Outstanding Participation Award

Nicole Coco

Social Studies-Geography Awards

Alen Mahmic
Danny Weber

Social Studies-Current Events Awards

Jerod Goodale
Jake Walker

Foreign Language Awards

Elaf Agha
Rachel Kent
Josh Bloomfield
Jack Gillespie

Science Awards

Jack Gillespie
Emma Stone
Natalie Thompson
Rachel Kent
Connor Thompson
Samantha Tipton
Kaya Shipkowski

Language Arts Awards

Elaf Agha
Melanie Sartore

Samantha Tipton
Jack Gillespie
Emma Stone
Sophia Ulbrich
Rachel Kent
Natalie Thompson
Danny Weber

Math Awards

Jake Burgess
Kaya Shipkowski
Samantha Tipton
Jerod Goodale
Emma Stone
Sophia Ulbrich
Rachel Kent
Natalie Thompson

Technology Awards

Jack Gillespie
Rachel Kent
Logan Krupp

Service Learning Awards

Elaf Agha
Cade McHenry
Natalie Thompson
Jake Burgess
Alex Odom
Samantha Tipton
Nicole Coco

Aidan Robbins
Jake Walker
Jack Gillespie
Melanie Sartore
Danny Weber
Adam Kabbani
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Rachel Kent
Emma Stone

Student Leadership Team Awards

Jack Gillespie
Rachel Kent
Daniel Niedzwiedz
Jerod Goodale
Elizabeth Nava
Natalie Thompson

Perfect Attendance Awards

Elizabeth Nava
Connor Thompson

John Hemmer Spirit Awards

Nicole Coco
Jerod Goodale

Winfield Sports Year End Review



It has been an exciting year for Winfield sports! So much has happened since our last Chalkboard Sports Update in the fall!

Boys' Basketball

Boys' Basketball was open to all 6th-8th grade boys and 22 students participated.

This year's sponsors were Ron LaFleur and Sue Hempe. The Varsity team placed 3rd in the conference and the Junior Varsity Team placed 2nd. A special thank you goes out to Amanda Moersch, Melissa Doucet, and the Girls' Cheerleading Team for cheering on our athletes during home games!



Girls' Basketball

Girls' Basketball was open to all 7th-8th grade girls and 17 students participated. The sponsors were Sue Hempe and Sonja Magnuson. The Varsity team placed 4th in the conference and the Junior Varsity team placed 2nd.



Track

Track was open to all 6th-8th grade boys and girls with 29 students participating. The sponsors were Ray Serbick and Steve Kahlfeldt. The 8th grade boys and girls team placed first overall and 6th and 7th grade boys and girls teams placed 2nd overall. Many of our athletes placed 1st-3rd in their events and 4 of our athletes broke conference meet records.



Summer Sports Camps

Summer Sports Camps will run July 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and 31st. Basketball for incoming 4th-6th grade boys and girls is scheduled for 10:00-11:30 and volleyball for incoming 6th-8th grade boys and girls will be from 12:00-1:30.

**Once again thank-you to CDH
for sponsoring Health Sports Physicals
for 7th and 8th grade boys and girls.**

It will take place on Friday, August 22nd during the school day.
There is a \$25 fee.

Have a Great Summer! David Brach (Co-AD) & Ray Serbick (Co-AD)

Special Recognition and Thanks...

LEAP donors

Carton Craft
Winfield Lions Club
Caliendo's
Prairie Path Cycles
STC Capital Bank

Cadence Health

- \$14,500 for 2 Crossing Guards
- \$32,480 for 1 full time district nurse
- Participation in Cadence Employee Assistance Program
- Cadence provides annual free flu shots on site for D34 staff
- Beneficiary of annual Community Chest grant dollars per District request (FY2014 received \$4,294)

Office Furniture

Toucan Jewelry donated miscellaneous office furniture.

Music Program Donors

Daniel Conley
Cynthia Sullivan
Daniel O'Neil
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jones

Office Max

Mrs. Nelson, 5th grade teacher won "A Day Made Better" Contest.

Fundinco

Winfield Education Foundation has raised \$2,287.00 through the Fundinco program.

Remember that you can continue to support our Education Foundation's fundraising efforts by making your summer vacation and back-to-school purchases through Amazon by clicking first onto Fundinco.



The link below will take you directly to our Fundinco homepage where you can start shopping by clicking the Amazon button:
<http://www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=8>

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