

SILAS WILLARD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Summer, 2009

Dear Parents:

It doesn't seem possible that our year is coming to an end. I would like to thank you for your continued outstanding support! We appreciate the dedicated staff, hardworking students, and involved parents, who have worked together to help make this year such a success.

On May 26, our Kindergarten classes presented their annual music program, "Kaleidoscope". We thank them and our staff members—Mrs. Dexter, Ms. DeVena, Mrs. Sandall, Mrs. Yelm, Mrs. Lunardi, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Seibert, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Legg—for all of the hard work that went into making this program possible!

During the month of May, Silas celebrated Staff Appreciation Week, May 4-8. We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated, hardworking staff. Thank you to all who volunteered during this week. We appreciate all who helped cover classrooms on Wednesday during the luncheon, all who made such delicious treats for that luncheon, and especially Mrs. Kersh for hosting the luncheon again in her home this year!

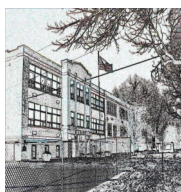
This is a bitter-sweet time of year for all of us. Mrs. Sandall, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Gottenborg, Mrs. Richards, and Mrs. Crock, will be leaving the Silas staff. We appreciate their years of dedicated service to so many students in our district. We wish them long, healthy, and happy retirements!. Mrs. Cummings will be taking Mrs. Crock's 2nd grade classroom. We welcome several new staff members: Mrs. Cindy Ankeny, who will take Mrs. Cummings' 4th grade classroom; Ms. Finley who will take Mrs. Sandall's Kindergarten classroom; Ms. Kinsman who will take Mrs. Gottenborg's LD position; and Ms. Salfeety will take Mrs. Steven's Speech position.

We wish you a happy and safe summer. Please help keep your children in the reading habit throughout their vacation! We will look forward to those of you returning to Silas next August.

Sincerely,

John Shelly, Principal

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Pre-Registration Packets

If you have not returned your pre-registration packets, please do so as soon as possible. Please return them even if your child will not be attending Silas Willard next year.

Thank you.

P.T.O. News

We look forward to seeing you at our P.T.O. Table during Registration. Please plan to attend our meetings. Your help with various committees will be greatly appreciated.

We thank this year's officers for all of their hard work!

President: Gayle Webb

Vice President: Missy Flaherty

Secretary: Kristi Spencer

Treasurer: Karen Kistler

Congratulations to Next Year's P.T.O. Officers:

President: Kristi Perez

Vice President: Jennifer Burdick

Secretary: Kristi Spencer

Treasurer: Karen Kistler

Ice Cream Social

Thanks to our PTO and all parent volunteers who worked so hard to make our Ice Cream Social such a success—we were so lucky to be able to hold this outside!

Congratulations Readermania Participants

Congratulations to our 79 Readermania qualifiers for having won the following awards at the Readermania Festival May 13: Most Qualifying Readers Traveling Trophy and Most Books Read—a Plaque we are able to keep signifying that our 4th and 5th graders read a total of 1,390 Readermania Books! We thank our students, parents, and staff for your strong support!

Railroad Safety Contest Winners

Congratulations to Tiernan Smith and Heaven Grayson, who won 1st and 2nd place respectively in the Railroad Safety Contest this spring. Tiernan won \$150 worth of Amtrack Vouchers! Heaven won \$100 worth of Amtrack Vouchers! We also congratulate Amber Cooper, a student from Gale School, who won third place and \$50 in Amtrack Vouchers. All three will have their RR Safety posters on Billboards in town!

Food Service Department Job Openings

District #205 has several openings coming up in the Food Service Department. Parents may apply and check for openings at the Food Service office over the summer. This office is located at the Central Board Office, 932 Harrison Street.

DARE Club Cell Phones for Soldiers

At the final DARE Club meeting held May 19, students were treated to the annual end-of-the-year celebration! During this time, students participated in a variety of exciting running games. We thank all who have donated 100 cell phones this year for the Cell Phones for Soldiers campaign! We appreciate the hard work of Mrs. Sandall, Mrs. Ruehmer, and Officer Woolsey, who have sponsored our DARE Club again this year!

Student Council Information 2009-2010

We thank Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Smith for sponsoring Student Council during this school year.

Congratulations to the following officers for next year:

President: Alexa Eastburg

Vice-President: Hailey Woodring

Secretary: Jacie Kersh

Treasurer: Austin Parkinson

Bike Rodeo

Silas conducted the Bike Rodeo May 27. We thank Mrs. Pettit, the Galesburg Police Department, and all who helped conduct this safety exercise!

CUSD No. 205 District Title I Parent Meeting

June 1, 2009

4:00PM at Nielson School

A meeting to review the 2008-2009 school year and plan for next year will be held this date at Nielson School. Included will be information about Title I services in the buildings and information about Reading Recovery.

Parents are encouraged to attend and find out more about this valuable service for students in our elementary schools.

Parental input is solicited for the Title One Federal Program for Educational Improvement. Call the Curriculum Office, 343-5717.

Willard Watch Thank-You

On May 27, the Silas staff thanked our 5th Grade students for having served as Willard Watch Lunchroom helpers this year. 5th graders were treated to a Pizza Party at Happy Joe's Pizza. We thank Mr. Rux for planning the schedule, and Mr. Rux, Mrs. Totten, and Mrs. Jordan, for helping out with the party!

Staff Luncheon May 6 A Special Thank You

A very special THANK YOU to our host, Mrs. Kersh, for letting us have the staff luncheon at her spacious and beautiful home! THANK YOU to those of you who helped in the classroom and/or made delicious food. This made the staff luncheon a success! We truly are fortunate to have such great teachers and staff at Silas Willard. Thank you again to all of you who contributed to this event!

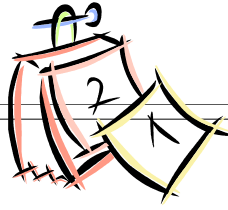
Silas Willard Luau May 29 Thank you

Congratulations to all who had a hand in making our annual Luau such a success! Everyone had a great time! We thank Missy Flaherty for all her hard work and for organizing this event. We had music from WGIL, thanks to Terri Cavanaugh and Rick Heath. Thanks to our P.T.O. and all parent volunteers for pitching in to make this such a success! Congratulations to our students who finished the year having had no office referrals whatsoever! These students were honored the morning of the Silas Luau by participation in a drawing to receive some special gifts purchased with the help of our Silas P.T.O. A series of 8 drawings were held throughout the morning with 8 winners from each grade level. We thank our P.T.O. for funding this contest and our PAWS Committee, in particular, Mrs. McGee, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Brown for the organization and planning that went into making this a success.



Moving? Please let the office know

If your student will not be attending Silas Willard next year, please call the school office and let us know. (343-3917).
Thanks!



Upcoming Dates

Thursday, June 4, 2009
Last day student attendance

Friday, June 5, 2009
NO SCHOOL for students

Monday, June 8, 2009
10:00AM-Noon: Report Card Pick-Up
No buses running

School Office closes for summer June 15, 2009

REGISTRATION FOR 2009-2010
August 12: 11:00AM to 7:00PM
August 13: 11:00AM to 7:00PM
August 14: 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Open House/Back to School Bash All Grades

Thursday, August 27, 2009: 5:30-7:30PM

5:30-6:30; Open House

6:30-7:30: Bash

Get ticket for bash when you visit your child's classroom

First 1/2 Day of School
Monday, August 24, 2009

2:35 Early Dismissal
Tuesday August 25 through Friday, September 4, 2009

Monday, September 7, 2009
LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL

