

WICKHAM NEWSLETTER

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Enrollment Projections and Staffing Changes for 2011-2012

We recently received next school year's projections and staffing allocations. As you can see below, we have been allocated one less classroom section in Team 3 (3rd/4th grades). Due to this staffing decrease and other staff changes, the following changes will be implemented for the fall.

Julie Ewert-Hays has accepted a half-time district position as a Math Area Resource Specialist. The other part of her position will be part time Wickham Instructional Coach and part time Team 4 Math Teacher. These changes take Julie out the classroom, yet we welcome her expertise in these new roles.

Katie Gilpin, current Team 3 Teacher, will move up to Team 4 and will be a fantastic addition to that team.

Other staff changes include Chris Maras becoming a part time Wickham Instructional Coach. The Instructional Coach position which will be shared between Chris Maras and Julie Ewert-Hays will generally include providing professional development for teachers and providing small group instruction.

Also, Dan Vonderhaar, ELP Teacher, is transferring to Weber Elementary where he will be closer to home, yet we will miss his new ideas and presence. Tammy Woodring has accepted a position at the Central Administrative Office. Tammy has served in many roles over the past several years and she will be greatly missed. Paraeducator Jackie Duncan and Maggie Leyendecker are both leaving to pursue other career options, and Mary Soloski is moving out of state. Although their care and dedication to our students will be missed, we wish them well.

Lastly, Wickham will be adding a fourth Modified Program classroom. This means that in addition to Mrs. Wernimont's Primary Classroom, Mrs. Clark's Middle Classroom and Mrs. Perry's Intermediate Classroom we will be adding a fourth classroom. The teacher for that classroom, the new ELP Teacher, the new Secretary and any new paraeducators will be hired over the summer.

Enrollment Projections and Staffing Allocations for 2011-2012:

Team 1: Kindergarten 3 classrooms: anticipated class sizes of approximately 20 Teachers: Jones, Person, Swartzendruber

Team 2: 1st Grade 3 classrooms: anticipated class sizes of approximately 19 Teachers: Gorsh, Johannes, Meeks

2nd Grade 3 classrooms: anticipated class sizes of approximately 25 Teachers: Jorgensen, Kreutner, Schieltz

Team 3: 3rd/4th 4 classrooms: anticipated class sizes of approximately 29 Teachers: Gardner, Krei, Mayer, Shoppa

Team 4: 5th/6th 5 classrooms: anticipated class sizes of approximately 30 Teachers: Fisher, Gilpin, Gray, Kurtz, Turnquist

Wickham 6th Grade Celebration - Thursday, June 2, 1:00 - 1:55

The Kate Wickham Elementary 6th graders and their parents are invited to attend a celebration honoring the 6th grade class of 2011. We will start in the gym with recognitions and a slide show highlighting their 6th grade year. Following, there will be a short refreshment time in the Wickham Community Room.



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This year you can conveniently and securely order your supplies online.

Go to www.customschoolsupplybox.com

Select "School Login" and Wickham Elementary

Enter Username: KWE Password: school (both case sensitive)

Orders will be accepted through May 31st!

Order your supplies now to have them waiting for you at the Back to School Social in August!

Message from Wickham PTO

The last PTO meeting of the year was held on May 17. Members approved the proposed budget that allocates roughly \$16,000 to technology for the 2011-2012 school year. In addition, members elected the following new PTO Board: Liz Croco, President; Amy Thompson, VP; Amy Sunderman, Secretary; Mary Jo Harken, Treasurer; and Kelley Drowne O'Connor, DPO Rep. Congratulations to the new board and many thanks to outgoing board members Toby McCarter, Robyn Davis and Matt Falduto for all their hard work and dedication to the PTO.

If anyone is interested in chairing the Back to School committee, that position is open and needs to be filled before August. Thank you to outgoing chair Emily Huinker who has held the position for the last three years and done an amazing job. Emily can help transition the new chair and fill him or her in on what exactly needs to be done.

PTO is also looking for committee members to help out on the new Variety Show committee that is forming this year to plan the 1st annual Wickham Variety Show. This event will replace the Silent Auction fundraiser (but will not be held at the time of the Fall Fun Fair). It will be a great opportunity for the Wickham community to come together and celebrate our many talents. If interested in helping, please contact committee Chair, Matt Falduto at msfalduto@msn.com.

Thank you to everyone who has returned their green volunteer forms. If you haven't already done so, please return your volunteer form as soon as possible! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

ARE YOU MOVING????

If your family anticipates a move from Wickham PLEASE let the office know by calling 688-1175.

A special THANKS to our PTO Board, Toby McCarter, Robyn Davis, Liz Croco and Matt Falduto for their service and dedication to our school!

End of the Year School Supply Collection



As in the past, we will collect gently used school supplies to donate to Four Oaks programs for children. Please review with your child whether or not you would like him/her to donate his/her supplies. Collection boxes will be in each classroom during the final 3 days of school.

Also, a few parent volunteers are needed to assist with this project beginning at 10:30am on the last day of school (June 2nd). Please contact Jama Lidral jlidral@yahoo.com 354-6446 if you are able to help. Thanks so much!

Technology Update

Hopefully, you have been keeping track of the recent changes with the PTO budget for next school year and are aware of the growing need for Wickham to acquire commonly accepted pieces of technology that are critical to a basic 21st Century classroom (multimedia projectors, document cameras, and interactive whiteboards). During the May meeting, Teacher Librarian Mrs. Kunde and I shared information about the large discrepancy among district schools in how technology is distributed. (Much of this discrepancy is due to Microsoft settlement money which Wickham did not qualify to receive.) Key points illustrated in the data presented at the meeting, included recognizing that Wickham does not have what is considered to be the basics (listed above), and the vast discrepancy between Wickham's low quantity of technology as compared to other schools in the district. These facts are presented in a recently compiled district report, and a few important Wickham facts are summarized below:

- ***Wickham has the least amount of projectors as compared to ALL other schools in the district***
- ***Our student per document camera ratio is a high 488, while the district average is 92***
- ***We are the only school in the district with no interactive whiteboards***

To access the complete report, go to: <http://www.iccsd.k12.ia.us/technology/Board-Tech-Report-2011-05-09.pdf>

Below are listed sections that might be of most interest to you:

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These concerns are the reason PTO voted to direct the majority of next year's PTO budget to technology. This helps us make some headway toward our overall goal of equipping each classroom with the commonly accepted pieces of technology that are critical to a basic 21st Century classroom (multimedia projectors, document cameras, and interactive whiteboards). If this PTO budget allocation is done for two consecutive years, all classrooms will have projectors and document cameras. We can then begin to think about obtaining interactive whiteboards, with the hope that by then the district will have been able to provide these instructional needs, or will help schools identify alternative funding sources to access. The PTO budget at this point will then return to its original purpose. Thank you to the Wickham families and PTO for your constant support toward our school's needs.

Summer Reading Suggestions

The ICCSD teacher librarians have again this year compiled summer reading lists for our students. These lists are not required reading; they are suggestions of good books to promote reading over the summer. Links to these lists can be found on the Wickham home page. They can also be accessed at the web site below:

<http://www.iccsd.k12.ia.us/library/Bibs/SummerReads.htm>

Please encourage your children to continue their personal reading over the summer. It is one of the best things that they can do to prepare for next school year.

Contact me if you have any questions.

Happy Summer Reading to you and your families!

Cindy Kunde

Wickham Elementary Teacher Librarian

We know that your student's last day in elementary school is special and memorable. However, we ask that any activity that singles out a student or small group of students to mark this occasion, such as limousine rides, be done off school property. Thank you.

Reminder...

The last day of classes is Thursday, June 2nd. Classes dismiss one hour early, at 1:55.

LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure to check the lost and found before the school year ends. Unclaimed items will be donated to the local resource center.

Spring Photos...Please be sure to return your spring photos and/or money!

Calendar of Events

MAY			
Tuesday 31	T4 Service Project – North Ridge Park	10:30 am – 1:30 pm	North Ridge Park
JUNE			
Thursday 2	6 th Grade Celebration	1:00 pm	Gym/Community Room
Thursday 2	Last Day of Classes 1:55 Dismissal		
AUGUST			
Tuesday 16	Back to School Celebration	6:00 – 7:00 pm	Classrooms
Thursday 18	First Day of Classes 1:55 Dismissal		

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK!!

