

From the Superintendent

The weather is turning nice, the days are getting longer, and the 2009-2010 school year is quickly coming to a close. During a scheduled staff meeting, I asked teachers to reflect on the school year and tell me what they thought were some accomplishments and success stories in their classroom. Here are some of their responses.

- Mrs. Borg spoke of the envelopes being sent off to the soldiers who graduated from Wakefield serving in the military.
- Mr. Brenn said the state assessments given at the sixth grade level went well for the students.
- Mrs. Metzler was proud of her students and how they performed for the science fair. She also credited Mrs. Amber Johnson for all of her help.
- Mrs. Johnson was pleased with how her students were reading and writing with Mrs. Gutzman's class. A joint project was going very well between the two classrooms.
- Mrs. Carroll continues to learn more and more about the Smartboard in her classroom. She continues to incorporate it in more of her lessons.
- Mrs. Carson spoke of students starting to understand why they completed some of the assignments at the beginning of the year and how they are starting to bring what they learned all together.
- Mr. Hassler was proud of his students this year and how they performed at all of the art shows. His students brought home ten golds, four silvers, and best of show from the Lewis and Clark Conference Art Show.
- Mrs. Garwood talked about the morning health run with the students keeps her motivated and how the Smartboard was a great addition to her classroom.
- Mr. Eaton was excited that 21 first graders were able to run the mile in less than ten minutes.
- Mrs. Vander Weil reported that all of the 11th graders passed the statewide writing assessment.
- Mrs. Eaton worked with her Smartboard more and was impressed with her students' work on their Shel Silverstein poetry unit.
- Mrs. Simmons reported that 97% of the 8th graders passed the statewide writing assessment.
- Mrs. Anderson said that her chemistry students have done well this year even though there were few in the class.
- Mr. Volk and his classes will complete all of the projects started this year before school is out!
- Mrs. Nicholson reported that the high school choir received a superior rating (I) at the the district music contest.
- Mr. Trenhaile said that students participated in Class C All State Band this year. The students auditioned to be a part of the group and were selected.
- Mrs. Mitchell had success with FCCLA this year by qualifying two groups for the state convention.
- Mrs. Kaufmann said that the preschoolers are making headway and that most are making amazing progress.

As you can tell from what the teachers are saying, there are many accomplishments and successes to celebrate this year.

The administration has a couple major accomplishments to report this year. The most successful being the preschool moving to the elementary building. This year the preschool count has gone from a count of 12 students at the beginning of the year to 36 as of right now. Next year, there is a potential for over 50 students! The administration has been working all year, along with teachers, to put on some great professional development concerning technology, reading, and ways to enhance their curriculum. Also, the principals are working on completing a K-12 student handbook for next year.

The school board has a couple accomplishments to report this year as well. Security has been increased at the building by adding cameras and changing the locks. Both are a passive way to make sure that your children are safe at school and the improvements made to the school are protected. The board has also invested resources in fixing the air movement problem in the gym and is completing the track project which was approved so that the students would not have to run on the streets. To their credit, the board is about halfway done with revising and updating the school board policies. The board also updated their goals for the district at their annual board retreat. They also hired three individuals this year, a science teacher, an elementary principal, and a superintendent.

There are so many other ways in which all of the school stakeholders (parents, students, staff, administration, school board, and patrons) have done to better the education at Wakefield Community School. Please tell us your stories by email me at cwaddle@esu1.org with yours.