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# Wakefield School News

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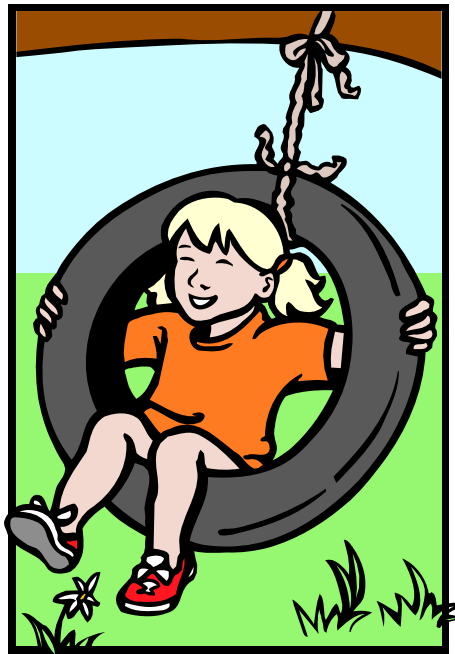
FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

LAST DAY MAY 20

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## Another outstanding year!

The 2008-09 school year is rapidly coming to a close. I would like to thank the parents, students, staff, and community for another outstanding year! It is exciting to see the student growth that has occurred since August. The staff at Wakefield Community Schools (including bus drivers, kitchen staff, custodians, office staff and paraprofessionals) has worked very hard at providing quality educational opportunities to all students in a positive environment. The results are evident all around us – students are doing great things. When parent involvement, community support, school staff, and students work together



Have a  
fun and  
safe  
summer!

within a supportive environment, good things will happen.

Congratulations are also in order to the Wakefield Community School Class of 2008. Their individual and their collective accomplishments are many, and their futures are bright.

Note the last day of school for students will be Tuesday, May 20. Students will be dismissed at 2:00pm.

The Wakefield Board of Education has approved the 2008-09 school calendar. The first day for students will be August 19, 2008.

*Bill Heimann, Superintendent*

**WAKEFIELD COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL  
2008-2009**



**August 2008**

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**September 2008**

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**November 2008**

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**December 2008**

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**February 2009**

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**April 2009**

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**May 2009**

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**June 2009**

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**July 2009**

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August 15 & 18 Teacher Pre Service  
 August 18 Meet & Greet -6:00 p.m.  
 August 19 Students 1<sup>st</sup> Day

September 1 Labor Day No School

October 2 Parent Teacher Conferences  
 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 1:00 p.m. Dismissal

October 3 No School  
 October 17 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

November 27-28 Thanksgiving Vacation

December 23 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
 2:00 Dismissal

January 5 Begin 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

February 12 Parent Teacher Conferences  
 3:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
 1:00 p.m. Dismissal

February 13 No School

March 6 Spring Break  
 March 13 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

April 10-13 Easter Break

May 17 Graduation  
 May 19 2:00 p.m. Dismissal  
 End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter

May 20 Teacher Work Day

Snow Days May 21-22, 26-28

**Two-hour late starts for teacher in-service**  
 Sept. 8, 22      Dec. 1, 15      March 9, 23  
 Oct. 6, 20      Jan. 19      April 20  
 Nov. 17      Feb. 2, 16      May 4

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# Principal's Notes

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Jason Heitz, Secondary Principal

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## Calendar Reminders/Changes for May 2008

**\*\*\*HONOR'S NIGHT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MAY 13 (instead of May 5).**

\*Athletic Banquet is May 6.

\*DISTRICT Track is May 8 @ Hartington. STATE Track is May 16, 17 @ Omaha.

\*DISTRICT Golf is May 12 @ Norfolk. STATE Golf is May 20, 21 @ Kearney.

\*Last day for SENIORS is May 13.

\*GRADUATION is Sunday, May 18, 2:30, in the main gym.

\*Last day of school for grades K-11 is May 20, with a 2:00 dismissal that day.



### End-of-the-Year Reminders

The end of the school year is always marked by numerous activities and events. With the busy month of May coming soon, students and parents may need a few reminders:

- Students must pay all their library fines and lunch bills before being checked out for the year.
- Report Cards (for grades 7-11) will be available in the office (from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) during the week of May 27.
- There is a 2:00 dismissal on the last day of school, May 20.
- Students are reminded that their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grades are averaged with their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter grades in order to calculate their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grades. This makes the last few weeks of the school year just as important as the first few weeks! Keep working hard!



## From the Principal's Pen

*Craig Patzel, K-6 Principal*

# Elementary staff will see several changes for 2008-09 school year

Wakefield Elementary will see several staff changes for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Kathy Muller, Mrs. Janyce McQuistan, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Shelly Anderson have chosen to retire at the end of this school year. Ms. Snyder has also decided to pursue other avenues.

*'Thank you for years of dedication and hard work'*

I would like to thank them for all the hard-work and time they have devoted to our students and school. I wish them well in their future endeavors.

Timarie Bebee will be our new Kindergarten teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Bebee is a former graduate of Wakefield Community School. She is completing her Elementary Education Endorsement at Nebraska Wesleyan University. While attending Wesleyan, Ms. Bebee also obtained a degree in Business Administration. In her free time, she enjoys running and scrap-booking.

Brian Johnson will be our new 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Johnson graduated from Wakefield Community School. He received his bachelor's degree from UNL and his masters from Wayne State College. He and his wife, Donna, have been married 8 years this May. Their son, Zachary, will be five in April and they are expecting a new addition to the family in July. Mr. Johnson enjoys camping, reading, sports, and working outdoors.

Susan Metzler will be our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Metzler is also a graduate of Wakefield Community School. She received both her bachelors and masters degrees from Wayne State College. She and her husband, Chad, have a daughter named Jordan. They are also expecting a new addition to their family this July. Mrs. Metzler enjoys spending time with family and friends, reading, sports, and shopping.

We are excited to have Ms. Bebee, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Metzler as a part of our staff. Their enthusiasm and passion for education will be an asset to our staff and students.

## *Congratulations!!*

Congratulations to Brenda Gallardo and Brianna Samuelson for placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the District Oration Contest that was held on Thursday, April 17. Both girls will compete in the Regional Competition at 1:00pm on Friday, May 9 at the Morningside Branch Library in Sioux City.

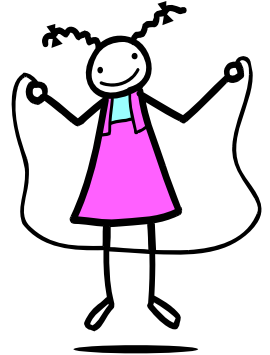
## *Plan to Attend Family Math Night*

Wakefield Family Math Night will be held on Thursday, May 1 from 4:00-5:00 in the gymnasium. A group of Wayne

State College students will be teaching a number of math games to the elementary students that participate. Snacks will be provided and parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

## *Fun Day May 13!!*

The annual Wakefield Elementary Fun Day will be held on Tuesday, May 13 from 12:30-3:35. Elementary students participate in a variety of events. Families are invited and encouraged to attend.



***THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR  
WILL BE ON MAY 20***

***SCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 2:00***

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## The Most Anticipated Moment

*The most anticipated moment for a parent is the sound of a child's first words. But what if the words are delayed, jumbled, or never come at all. Speech and language problems can affect early learning and self-esteem. Give your child a chance by seeking proper treatment from a speech-language pathologist. Contact Educational Service Unit #1 at 402-287-2061 in Wakefield, NE to make a speech/language referral for your child.*





# *From the counselor's desk*

By Branis Knezevic,  
K-12 Guidance Counselor

## **Seniors ... borrow wisely for college!**

The financial aid award letter you received from your college indicates the loans you qualify to borrow. They may include loans you borrow directly from the school (Perkins), from a lender (Stafford Loans), or from the federal government (Direct Loans). In addition, your parents may qualify for the PLUS loan. Your college will provide borrowing procedures.

Before you borrow, estimate your future monthly loan payments using our *Student Loan Repayment Calculator* at [www.educationquest.org/calc.asp](http://www.educationquest.org/calc.asp).

The key is to borrow WISELY. Think about how debt may affect your future lifestyle. Here are some different types of aid:

*Grants* are typically based on financial need and do not have to be paid back. An example is the Pell Grant. Eligibility often depends on your FAFSA results.

*Scholarships* are based on achievement or talent and also do not need to be paid back.

*Loans* must be paid back, with interest. There are federal student loans, federal parent loans and private loans. The good news is that interest rates for federal student and parent loans are at historic lows. However, you must demonstrate financial need for some loans, like the Perkins Loan.

*Federal Work-Study* provides part-time jobs for students with financial need. Jobs are available on and off campus and listed through the school's financial aid office.

Here are some more helpful tips:

- Carefully research the college you plan to attend to make sure it's a good fit. Transferring to three different schools will add additional years of school and loan debt.
- Estimate your future salary and compare it to the amount of student loans you think you will need.
- Work while you go to college and use that money to pay living expenses

- Use your student loan money *only* for tuition, books and fees.
- Keep track of your student loan debt. Don't wait until you graduate to find out how much money you owe.

## Summertime is planning time for juniors

Juniors...summer is the time for serious college planning. Here are your assignments:

- Start narrowing your college choices. Tour a few schools this summer. Visit EducationQuest and search the Internet for information about colleges that interest you.
- Update your [Activities Resume](#) on the EducationQuest web site. Include extracurricular activities, honors, awards and part-time jobs.
- Identify teachers, coaches and counselors who will write letters of recommendation for you —you'll need them for admission and scholarship applications. .
- Look for scholarships. Free resources include your guidance counselor and *ScholarshipQuest* at [www.educationquest.org](http://www.educationquest.org), which has over 1,500 local and statewide scholarships. Pay attention to the scholarships seniors are earning.
- Find a summer job to help pay for college expenses. Ask prospective employers if they offer education assistance programs.

## May “To Do” List for Seniors

- \_\_\_ Apply for student loans, if necessary
- \_\_\_ Register for freshmen orientation
- \_\_\_ Start a list of dorm room essentials

