

Scales Mound School Newsletter

April 2012

Final Year For Two Scales Mound Staff Members

Karlyn Van Gelder and Raymond Banfi will retire at the conclusion of this school year. Together they have served the Scales Mound School District for 51 years. Mr. Banfi has been the guidance counselor for 19 years and Mrs. Van Gelder has been a teacher in the Scales Mound School District for 32 years.



Mr. Banfi grew up in Cicero, Illinois. He was the oldest of six children. He graduated from Morton East High School where he played basketball, baseball and ran cross country. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Wisconsin Platteville and played on the basketball team. He married his college sweetheart in 1976 and raised his family in Platteville. He has been active in youth athletics, as he has coached baseball, basketball, soccer, and football. In 1978, he received his Master's Degree from UW-Platteville. He worked at the Grant County Community Action Program as a social worker and taught in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. For the past nineteen years, he has been the Scales Mound School District counselor. Mr. Banfi enjoys all sports (even continues to watch the Cubs) and stays active by swimming each morning before he comes to work. He is active in his community in volunteer work with needy families and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. In retirement, he plans to work part-time in the counseling field and plans to attend some Brewers' and Cubs' games...and yes he does predict a Cubs' World Series victory in the near future. Mr. Banfi shared,

"I will greatly miss working with all the students and former graduates of Scales Mound. I will also miss working with all of the fantastic school staff, administrators and the School Board. I want to thank all of the supportive people I have worked with over the years."

Principal, Matt Wiederholt, shared, "I would like thank Mr. Banfi for his nearly twenty years of service to the Scales Mound School District. We wish him nothing but the best in his retirement."



Mrs. Karlyn Van Gelder began her teaching career at St. Joseph the Worker in Dubuque. She then took a teaching position at the Eisenhower School in Dubuque and came to Scales Mound in 1980 as a part-time art teacher. For the last 22 years she has taught second grade. Mrs. Van Gelder earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Iowa and a Master's Degree from Walden University. She is married to Tom and has three children and three little grandchildren. Along with volunteer work, she plans to enjoy her retirement by learning to fish (her grandchildren's favorite thing), catching up on reading, gardening, biking and traveling. She shared,

"ever since I was in Miss McDonald's 4th grade class, I knew I wanted to be a teacher. It has been my personal calling. It's God's blessing. I honestly love coming to school each days....(except on snowy ice-covered roads). I will miss the children, the smiles, the hugs, their enthusiasm and the joy of learning."

Steve Bianchetta, Scales Mound Superintendent, stated, "Scales Mound School has been very fortunate to have a teacher like Karlyn Van Gelder work with our children. She is skilled, passionate and one of the best teachers I have ever worked with. She not only has had a positive influence on countless students over her career, but has also served as a fantastic role model for many other teachers. She will be greatly missed." Mrs. Van Gelder shared:

*"I couldn't have been in a better place than this warm caring community of Scales Mound. It truly values its children and its school. The School Board, faculty and staff are the best. I have made so many good friends and learned so much. Thank you for all of the support and encouragement over the many years. I will miss it ALL."
.....and we will miss you.*

Scales Mound School Pre-School Screening

April 16th and April 17th

A free screening is available for children birth through 5 years old.

Please call the school to set up an appointment, 845-2215.

Guidance Counselor's Corner

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSULT AWARENESS MONTH

Remember our three word rule if someone breaks our touching rules: **NO! GO! TELL!** Amy Doolittle, Prevention Educator from Riverview Center, has been invited back to be our guest speaker on May 2 & 3. She will provide age-appropriate information and make a clear distinction between good touch, bad touch and confusing touch. She will teach our elementary students the three word rule mentioned above and also our 6-12 grade students about dating relations, gender roles in the media and sexual harassment, etc.

Last year, Amy told our students it is never too late to tell. Riverview Center Inc. is a sexual assault prevention and intervention center that offers counseling and advocacy for survivors of sexual assault, as well as community education programs. To contact Riverview Center Inc. call toll-free at 1-888-777-8155 or log on to www.riverviewcenter.org.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TESTING

Parents, the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) will be administered on April 24 and 25. This assessment was developed by the State of Illinois and is **required for ALL HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS**. If a junior is absent these dates s/he will have to make up the test on May 8 and 9.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are still available for several area scholarships. Please go to the school website on my e-board for applications and due dates. All these scholarships are DUE in April. If you have any questions or need an application you can call me at 845-2215, ext. 114. - Mr. Banfi

Musical Notes:

Musical Excellence

Spring is always a busy time for the Scales Mound School music department! The Scales Mound musicians have been busy at contests and festivals. On Saturday, March 3rd, the HS musicians competed at solo and ensemble contest in Stockton.

Congratulations to the following students:

1st place!

Tara Hohnstadt, Lauren Winter, Jordan Wiene, Jenny Calvert, Corrine Stoewer, Abbey Edmonds, Rachel Schiess, Greg Cox, Lexie Cox, Mia Nottrott, Raechel Raymon, Eron Sigafus, Kevin Dieschbourg, Jack Peart, Kendall Baily, and Melissa Meyer

2nd place!

Austin Lyne, Abbey Edmonds, Rachel Schiess, Mark Arroyo, Jack Peart, DeShea Tullock, Raechel Raymon, Lexie Cox, Lauren Winter, Frank Bruscatto, Kendall Baily, and Cassidy Winslow

On Friday, March 16th, the HS musicians traveled to Durand to participate in the Northwest Upstate Illini Music Conference Festival. The musicians rehearsed challenging music all day, and performed in a concert that evening.

On Saturday, March 17th, the JH musicians competed in large group organizational contest in Harlem. Congratulations to the he JH band which brought home second place, and to the JH choir which brought home first place. The JH choir students will compete in the state choir contest again this year! Keep sharing your gift of music with others, students!

Save the Date!

Join us at 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 3rd for the Scales Mound School Spring Music Concert as we take a journey through the last 80 years of music history!

From Glen Miller, to Frank Sinatra, to Elvis, The Beatles, Madonna, Michael Jackson, Spice Girls, Katy Perry, Britney Spears, and Lady Gaga, there is sure to be something for everyone!

End Of the Year Dates

- April 13th- Mock Accident - Grades 8-12
- May 3- Grades 5-12 Spring Concert- 6:30 PM
- May 7- PTO Meeting- 6:00 PM
- May 7- Elementary Celebration of Learning- 7:00 PM
- May 18- High School Athletic Awards Night- 6:30 PM
- May 22- Jr High Academic and Athletic Awards Night- 6:30 PM
- May 23- High School Academic Awards Night- 6:30 PM
- May 27- High School Graduation- 1:30 PM
- May 29- 8th Grade Promotion- 7:00 PM

ROTARY SOPHOMORE STUDENT OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Katie Whiteside, daughter of Randy and Ann Whiteside, for being selected as the Scales Mound High School Rotary Sophomore Student of The Quarter. The Galena Rotary chose Katie based on all her hard work this quarter and from teacher recommendations. Katie took a full load of classes this semester and has really shown her teachers that 100% effort can raise your grades. Keep up the great work Katie!



Mrs. Kelly becomes a “Teacher Ambassador” to Ukraine

Recently, Mrs. Karen Kelly received notification that she had been awarded a grant to participate in the Teachers for Global Classroom programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The organization selected 68 teachers representing 32 states from a pool of over 400 applicants. Mrs. Kelly was one of three teachers from Illinois selected to participate in the program. The focus of the program is to globalize United States classrooms by providing professional development opportunities to middle and high school teachers. First, a rigorous online course was completed in the fall, then an intense symposium on global education was held in February in Washington D.C. The TGC program includes a two-week professional development exchange in a foreign country. The final requirement is a capstone project emphasizing global education activities in the local school district with a presentation of the curriculum materials next fall in Washington D.C.

Mrs. Kelly has been assigned to co-teach in Odesa, Ukraine, on April 14 through 28. She will travel to Kiev, Ukraine’s capital, on April 14 to spend a few days in orientation and tour the city. Then it will be off to Odesa by train to work with host teacher Elena Urazova, an English teacher at Odesa Educational Complex Gymnasium No. 2. This is a secondary school for students ages 11 to 17. Some of the activities planned for Mrs. Kelly will be meeting with students in a round table format to discuss “life as a teenager in the United States,” share teaching methodology and strategies with Ukrainian teachers and present to students on growing up in middle America. Mrs. Kelly has developed a travel blog she plans to use as a way for students at Scales Mound School to follow her learning adventure. Please feel free to travel along with Mrs. Kelly: <http://mrskellyukraine.wordpress.com/>.



2012 Endangered Species Day Youth Art Contest

Four high school art students chose to participate in the 2012 Endangered Species Day Youth Art Contest, organized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Endangered Species Coalition, the Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art/ University of New Orleans. Entries were required to highlight one or more land and/or ocean-dwelling endangered species: mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish, plant, and/or invertebrate (e.g., insect, spider, snail, coral, crustacean or clam) found in the United States. Entrants were encouraged to depict species found in their region, ideally in the species' usual habitat.

Entries will be judged on the basis of how well the work relates to the endangered species theme, how well the elements of line and form work together, how color enhances the artwork, and how imaginatively the work conveys an idea or emotion.

Every entrant will receive a certificate of participation. In addition, winners will be chosen in each age category (sometime in May) and awards will be presented, ranging from free art supplies to a special plaque.

One Grand Prize winner will be selected and honored with his/her name engraved on a special trophy that was designed by a gifted young artist (Meredith Graf of New Orleans, LA). The grand prize winner will receive a round-trip flight to Washington, D.C. for him/herself and one guardian to attend a reception in May, accommodations provided. In addition, the grand prize winner will receive a one-hour art lesson from well-known artist Wyland (via Skype) and \$50 worth of art supplies.

All entries become property of the Endangered Species Coalition and will not be returned to their creators. Knowing this made it very difficult for these 4 wonderful artists to part with their work. To pay homage to their great efforts, here is a picture of their amazing results. I may be a bit biased, but I truly think these artists did a wonderful job and have a very good chance of being judged at the top of their age categories: Caitlin Carscallen, Abbey Edmonds, Mia Nottrott and Tina Hurlburt. Be sure to compliment these fine artists on a job well done!

Mrs. Wentz, art teacher



MOCK ACCIDENT

The Scales Mound Highland Servant Leadership Team, along with Juvenile Justice and the Scales Mound Fire Department will host a "Mock Accident" on Friday, April 13. The event will be open to students in grades 8 - 12. The day will consist of the "Mock Accident", wake, and trial in the morning, followed by various speakers in the afternoon. A permission slip has been sent home and is due back to school by Wednesday, April 4. Students who will not be attending the accident will be required to be in attendance at school and will be provided other educational activities to do. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either Bev Williams at (815) 281-0203 or Andrea Deckert at (815) 291-9559.

2012 SCALES MOUND COMMUNITY CALENDAR REMINDER!

If you are interested in ordering one (or more) and/or placing listings, now is the time!

Please fill out the sheet from the March Newsletter and return it along with your payment.

No orders will be accepted after May 10th, so do not delay!

Return to Scales Mound School, 210 S. Main St.,
Scales Mound, IL 61075

Questions? Call Staci Duerr at 815-541-0195.

Calendars will be ready no later than September 1, 2012 and will include most school events.

Scales Mound P.T.O. - First Annual Scales Mound Pickin' Day!

The Scales Mound P.T.O. will be hosting their first annual "Scales Mound Pickin' Day" on Saturday, April 14th from 8a.m. to 2p.m. A new take on our old garage sale fundraiser. The P.T.O. will provide the space and do all the advertising, you sell your stuff! It's your sale and your money! Tables will be rented for \$10 each and will be between 6 and 8 feet long. Please feel free to be creative, use all the space you have, on and under the tables! Rent as many tables as you need.

A \$1 admission fee will be charged at the door. Set-up may begin at 6:30a.m. Please remember that the sale goes until 2p.m. and we are asking that **NO ONE** tear down early.

Please mail your checks, made out to the Scales Mound P.T.O. to, Scales Mound P.T.O.

P.O. Box 150

Scales Mound, IL 61075.

Please include the bottom portion of this space with your payment.

If you have any questions please contact Lyndsay Koehler-Plath at 815-541-9506 or by email at buddeyspub@yahoo.com.

Thank You, *Lyndsay Koehler-Plath P.T.O. President*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of Tables: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Corner of Character



Amanda Withington is the person of character for kindergarten. Amanda shows respect for her classmates everyday at school by being quiet during work time. She is a student that Mrs. Davis can count on to run errands and do extra chores quickly, without disturbing others. Amanda always has kind words for someone who is hurt or feeling down. Thanks for being a kid with character, Amanda!

Our person of character in first grade is Garrett Pickel. Over the past few weeks, Garrett has really stepped up her behavior to show responsible first grade choices. She chooses appropriate books, and is a good role model during silent reading time. She is also reliable when it comes to working independently. Garrett listens well and completes tasks in a timely manner.



Morgan Shetler is a very trustworthy second grade student. She can always be counted on to do what is asked of her with a smile and positive attitude. She has daily jobs she does for us in the mornings, and she never forgets. We count on Morgan, and she doesn't let us down. What makes Morgan special is her spunk and the happiness she spreads to those around her.



Zoey Grubb is a responsible and trustworthy third grader. She accomplished her Accelerated Reader goal and finished with almost 200% of her goal for the quarter. In addition, Zoey has made great strides on her computer project for science. She is a great friend. Zoey is always willing to share a smile and help out in a time of need. She is a very positive third grader who makes everyone's day brighter. Keep up the good work, Zoey!



Fourth grade's person of character is Jamie Frey. Jamie is a quiet individual who always works hard to do her best even when things are difficult. When participating in games and activities, Jamie always treats her fellow classmates fairly and is there to lend a caring hand when needed. Jamie is a good friend to others and is respectful of other students. Keep up the good work, Jamie!



Desaray Bordner is the fifth grade person of character for citizenship. Desaray is respectful of her classmates and teachers. She volunteers to help when there are jobs to be done. Desaray is a good neighbor in the classroom because she keeps her work area tidy and does not distract others who are working. It is no surprise she is a friend to everyone, with her good-natured and pleasant attitude. Desaray sets a good example by reaching her goals and working hard.



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April 2012 Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	3 Donut Day, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	4 Pancakes and Sausage, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	5 No School	6 No School
9 No School	10 Donut Day, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	11 Pancakes and Sausage, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	12 Fried Egg, Bagel, or Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	13 French Toast or Waffles, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice
16 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	17 Donut Day, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	18 Pancakes and Sausage, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	19 Fried Egg, Bagel, or Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	20 French Toast or Waffles, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice
23 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	24 Donut Day, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	25 Pancakes and Sausage, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	26 Fried Egg, Bagel, or Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice	27 French Toast or Waffles, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice
30 Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Cereal, Fresh Fruit, Milk & Juice				

April 2012 Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Pizza Corn Fruit Cookie Salad Bar	3 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Green Beans Fruit Salad Bar	4 Creamed Chicken Biscuits Mashed Potatoes Corn Salad Bar	5 No School	6 No School
9 No School	10 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Baked beans French Fries Fruit Salad Bar	11 Pork Roast Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll Green Beans Fruit Sub Bar	12 Tacos Corn Apple Crisp Bread & Butter Salad Bar	13 Subs Chips Corn Fruit No Salad Bar
16 P-5 Chicken Nuggets 6-12 Chicken Strips Baked Potato Corn Fruit Salad Bar	17 Chili or Chicken Noodle Muffin Fruit Salad Bar	18 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Peas Fruit Dinner Roll Sub Bar	19 P-5 Hot Dog 6-12 Nachos Corn Fruit Cake Salad Bar	20 Chicken or Fish French Fries Green Beans Fruit Salad Bar
23 French Toast Sausage Hash Browns Apple Sauce Salad Bar	24 BBQ or Corn Dog French Fries Corn Fruit Salad Bar	25 Baked Chicken or Ham Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Sub Bar	26 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Peas Fruit Salad Bar	27 Pizza Corn Fruit Cookie Salad Bar
30 Hamburger or Cheeseburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Salad Bar				

NEED HELP?

Freshman work day will be upon us before we realize it.

No job is too small for our able-bodied workers

helping to plant the garden, raking up soggy, wet leaves, washing windows,
painting, and staining,
are all tasks students can handle

The work day is scheduled for April 24th

If you need help with a spring project, contact Lisa Oellerich at the school

815.845.2215.



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