

Scales Mound Newsletter

2011 Illinois School Report Card “A Good Report”

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) recently released the 2011 School Report Cards for Scales Mound Schools. Each Illinois school district receives an annual report card from ISBE which includes various data about local schools. Some of the information included in this Report Card is: attendance rates, student to teacher ratios, graduation rates and student test results from the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and the Prairie State Achievement Examination (PSAE). The Report Cards are available on the District website at www.scalesmound.net.

Scales Mound Schools have traditionally had positive State Report Cards and this year is no exception. Although there is always room for improvement, our 2011 School Report Cards are excellent in most areas. Our District student attendance was over 96%, well above the State norm. Our pupil to teacher ratio remains lower than State average, as our students get the sort of personal attention they need to succeed in the classroom. Our 3rd through 8th grade Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) results were also outstanding, as 95.3% of our students met or exceeded State standards, which is significantly higher than State

averages. Our 3rd and 4th graders had exceptional results, as 100% of our students met or exceeded in reading and math and nearly 92% in science. Junior High students also scored well on the ISAT, specifically in science and math. In science, 100% of our 7th grade students met or exceeded State standards and in math more than 91% of 6th-8th grade students did the same.

The graduating class of 2011 significantly outpaced State averages on the ACT, where Scales Mound students had an overall composite score of 22.6 compared to the State average of 20.6. Our graduation rate was also 100% again this year, as our graduation rate has been 99% over the past decade. The 2011 High School junior class PSAE scores were mixed, with higher than average scores in math and lower than normal scores in reading. Consequently, our high school made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in math but did not do so in reading. Overall, we are pleased, but not completely satisfied with the Report Cards results. Once again, we tested very well, but nevertheless, we will continue to work to get better. We believe this good Report Card is a testimony to an outstanding staff, excellent students, concerned parents, and a supportive community.

Fall Dinner Before the Wizard of Oz

November 4, 2011 in the School Cafeteria

4:00-7:00 pm

Menu: Turkey & Dressing/BBQ Sandwiches
Potato Salad, Baked beans, Chips, Desert, &
Beverage

Tickets sold by juniors & their parents
also at the door.

Carry outs & delivery available
all proceeds go to SMHS Post Prom

Guidance Counselor's Corner

Testing Dates:

November 2
ACT Explore for all 8th graders

November 9
ACT Plan for all Sophomores

November 15
ASVAB - Vocational Aptitude Battery
for interested Juniors and Seniors,
periods 1-4.

Rotary Sophomore Student of the Quarter

Congratulations to Brady Staver, son of Ron Staver and Connie Parker, for being chosen Sophomore Student of the Quarter by the Galena Rotary Chapter. Each quarter, high school teachers recommend up to two sophomores. Mr. Banfi then gives the recommendations to a Rotarian to take to their next Rotary meeting. Selection by the Galena Rotary is based on the student showing academic improvement and good character during the quarter. Again, congratulations to Brady for a great job!

Please remember to call the office to schedule your Parent Teacher Conference times.

Parent Teacher Conference Dates and Times

Tuesday, November 1st 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 3rd 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Pre-K and Kindergarten Field Trip

The PreK and Kindergarten classes enjoyed a fun and educational day at the pumpkin patch in Lancaster, WI. They explored pumpkins in the field, ran through a corn maze, learned how to shuck corn in a 1920's corn "sheller". It is used for "shelling" corn. They also enjoyed the petting zoo and went on a hayride.



FIRE PREVENTION POSTERS

Art students in grades K-5 recently participated in the annual fire prevention poster contest, sponsored by the Galena Territory Fire Department (a division of Scales Mound Fire Department). The posters were displayed at the Galena Territory Fire Department's Annual Pork Chop Supper, which was held at the Property Owner's Association on October 8th. This year's theme was "Protect Your Family From Fire." At the Kindergarten level, students colored a picture of "Sparky the fire dog."

The winners were: 1st place- Emily Wiederholt, 2nd place- Abigail Frank, 3rd place- Amanda Withington. In 1st grade, students learned how to write "bubble letters" and then drew a picture to go along with them. The winners were: 1st place- Ella Distler, 2nd place- Sydney Driscoll, 3rd place- Mickayla Bass.

Second through fifth graders learned, reviewed and practiced various compositional elements and principles as they created their posters. The 2nd grade winners were: 1st place- Josie Korte, 2nd place- Morgan Shetler, 3rd place- Tom Winter. In 3rd grade: 1st place- Ari Nottrott, 2nd place- Osian Leahy, 3rd place- McKenzie Bader. For 4th grade: 1st place- Jenna Korte, 2nd place- Cameron Ziarko, 3rd place- Jamie Frey. And lastly, the 5th grader winners were: 1st place- Julia Cogan, 2nd place- Desaray Bordner, 3rd place- Trinity Law. EVERY participant received a "free frozen custard" token for Culver's, and each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners was awarded a \$5 gift certificate to McDonald's. Congratulations to all of these fine young artists and thank you to the Galena Territory Fire Department for sponsoring the contest and supporting the arts in our community.

Wendy's High School Heisman Award

Congratulations to Lauren Winter, daughter of Steve and Angie Winter, and to Greg Cox, son of Boyd and Trisha Cox, for being nominated for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award. College bound high school seniors are nominated for this award based upon their athletic and academic achievements.

The Wendy's High School Heisman is awarded in conjunction with the collegiate Heisman Award. This award honors the nation's top high school seniors who best exemplify a supreme Citizen-Scholar-Athlete. "These students are truly in a league of their own," says Archie Griffin, the only two-time winner of the prestigious Heisman Memorial Trophy and program spokesperson. Each student nominated for the award has gone above and beyond expectations to help those in need, enhance their education, and pursue their dreams. Wendy's and the National Association of Secondary School Principals sponsor this program each year to recognize high school seniors. Lauren and Greg will be awarded certificates at the spring High School Awards Night.

Keep up the great work Lauren and Greg!

SAVE THE DATE!

Scales Mound School Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 4th, 2011

Elementary 1:30 pm

JH/HS 7:00 pm



Have you seen the cute redhead in second grade? Yeah, it is our student teacher, Ms. Meyer. She is from Clarke University and has been teaching in 2nd grade this past quarter. She made learning fun and we are sad to see her leave our classroom. Thank you so much, Ms. Meyer!

In the event of inclement weather, the concerts will be rescheduled to Sunday, December 18th

Corner of Character



Kindergarten - Thomas Hereau

Thomas is always happy to lend a hand when someone is in need. He volunteers to help when there is one last item to put away, regardless of who was using it last. Thomas understands that when we all work together, each of us doing our fair share, our day runs more smoothly.

Grade 1 - Mikayla Bass

Mikayla demonstrates great character traits. She is responsible in her daily activities at school. I can count on her to be prepared and follow directions while working with others. She makes good choices and she is a fair person to play with at recess time.



Grade 2 - Maddison Anderson

Maddison is a very trustworthy child. She can be counted on to do what is asked of her and to do it to the best of her ability. Maddison is conscientious about her work and is very trustworthy when given a job to do. I would trust her to keep a secret. Maddison is the kind of person we can really rely on.

Grade 3 - Taylor Korte

Taylor Korte is a respectful, responsible, 3rd grader. Taylor works diligently on tasks as well as completing the tasks on time. Taylor is a respectful, thoughtful friend willing to help out at anytime. Whether it is a computer project, a partner read, or recess, Taylor is a great helper and friend. Taylor is an outstanding person of character.



Grade 4 - Tyler Allen

Tyler is a responsible student that has really stepped up to the plate when it comes to character traits these past several weeks. Throughout the day you will see Tyler: picking up art work that has fallen in the hallways, helping his friends in the classroom, playing fairly with all ages at recess, and volunteering to assist younger students with AR. Continue the good work Tyler and thank you for being such a great role model.

Grade 5 - Eve Nottrott

Eve takes her role as a student seriously. She is attentive to the teachers and wisely uses her books, computers, and other materials as resources for learning. Eve follows directions the first time they are given. She is cooperative with her classmates and teachers and is a caring friend.



Veterans' Day Program

Thursday, November 10th

Scales Mound Wall of Honor

Please send photographs of area veterans to be added to our "Wall of Honor" display by November 4, 2011

•Photos can be mailed or dropped off at school

Attention: Karen Kelly

•All photos will be computer scanned and returned to you.

•Please include information on branch of the military, rank, and years of service

Veterans' Day

In recognition of Veterans' Day, area veterans and community members are cordially invited to a special program on November 10, 2011 in the Scales Mound Gymnasium at 8:30 a.m.

•Veterans please R.S.V.P. by November 6 at the Scales Mound School Office 815-845-2215

•The public is welcome to attend



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Scales Mound School

November 2011 Breakfast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 31 Scrambled Eggs, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	Nov. 1 Donut Day, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	2 Pancakes and Sausage, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	3 Egg Sandwich or Bagel, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	4 No School
7 Scrambled Eggs, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	8 Donut Day, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	9 Pancakes and Sausage, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	10 Egg Sandwich or Bagel, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	11 No School
14 Scrambled Eggs, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	15 Donut Day, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	16 Pancakes and Sausage, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	17 Egg Sandwich or Bagel, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	18 French Toast or Waffles, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice
21 Scrambled Eggs, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	22 Donut Day, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	23 Pancakes and Sausage, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	24 No School	25 No School
28 Scrambled Eggs, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	29 Donut Day, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	30 Pancakes and Sausage, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	Dec. 1 Egg Sandwich or Bagel, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice	2 French Toast or Waffles, Milk, Fresh Fruit, & Fruit Juice

November 2011 Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct. 31 P-5 Chicken Nuggets 6-12 Chicken Strips French Fries Corn Fruit Salad Bar	Nov. 1 Tacos Peas Fruit Yogurt Salad Bar	2 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Corn Dinner Roll Fruit Salad Bar	3 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Cookie No Bar	4 No School
7 Hamburger or Cheeseburger French Fries Baked Beans Fruit Salad Bar	8 P-5 Hot Dogs 6-12 Nachos Corn Fruit Salad bar	9 Tatar-Tot Casserole Green Beans Dinner Roll Fruit Sub Bar	10 Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup Corn Bread Fruit Salad Bar	11 No School
14 P-5 Chicken Nuggets 6-12 Chicken Strips Baked Potato Corn Fruit Salad Bar	15 P-5 Bosco Sticks 6-12 Dunkers Peas Apple Crisp Salad Bar	16 Turkey Mashed Potatoes Peas Dinner Roll Fruit Sub Bar	17 Tacos Corn Fruit Cookie Salad Bar	18 Chicken or Fish French Fries Carrots Fruit Salad Bar
21 French Toast Sausage Hash Browns Apple Sauce Salad Bar	22 Spaghetti Garlic Bread Corn Fruit Salad Bar	23 BBQ or Corn Dog French Fries Green Beans Fruit Salad Bar	24 No School	25 No School
28 Hamburger or Cheeseburger Baked Beans Fruit Salad Bar	29 P-5 Hot Dogs 6-12 Nachos Carrots Fruit Salad Bar	30 Creamed Chicken Mashed Potatoes Biscuits Corn Ice Cream Sub Bar	Dec. 1 Tacos Corn Fruit Bread and Butter Apple Crisp Salad Bar	2 Pizza Corn Fruit Cookie No Bar