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A Report from the Wattsburg Area Schools

2005/2006 School Year

September 2005

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Dual Enrollment Program Extends Curriculum

The Wattsburg Area School District continues to expand the course options available to students who are residents of the school district. As part of the recently approved Regional Choice Initiative, a Dual Enrollment Program is now available to eleventh and twelfth grade students who attend Seneca High School and enroll in college courses taught by college professors at the Skill Center building, adjacent to the Erie County Technical School. Students who successfully complete the courses will earn both high school and college credit. These college courses are taught during the regular school day and transportation is provided by the district for students attending Seneca High School. Cost for each 3-credit course is \$300 plus books for courses offered by Edinboro University of Pennsylvania or Gannon University.

To offset the cost of these courses, the school district is seeking a grant which would reimburse parents for all or part of the cost of tuition and books. If the grant is successful, any eleventh or twelfth grade student who is a resident of the Wattsburg Area School District will be eligible to apply for reimbursement of costs incurred while participating in the Regional Choice Initiative's Dual Enrollment Program or any other dual enrollment program in which the student is earning high school and college credits simultaneously. All applications for reimbursement of costs incurred in a dual enrollment program are due in the guidance office of Seneca High School by September 13, 2005. Questions about the Dual Enrollment Program or procedures to seek reimbursement of costs may be addressed to Mr. Vince DiMichele, SHS Counselor, at 824-3400, ext. 4116.

WASD Reaches Out

Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Kathy Holland, has a reputation for reaching out to help those in need. Her friends and colleagues, and many of whom she has supported in the past, are now supporting her and her family in a time of need. Mrs. Holland's daughter, Katy, has been listed with the Cleveland Clinic for a heart transplant and fundraisers to help offset the enormous costs are being planned. On Saturday, September 24, 2005, a Katy Walk will take place on the WASD campus. The walk will be three miles and will start and finish at the playground of the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the walk set for 9:45 a.m. Individuals, as well as families, are encouraged to participate. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. A Chinese Auction will take place after the walk. If you would like to participate in the walk and help to raise funds, please call Miss Julie Sierota at 824-3400, ext. 6674 or 833-6124 with your name and address, or sign up at Wattsburg Area Elementary Center. You will receive your donation envelope by Friday, September 16. Everyone who collects \$200 or more will receive a free "My Heart Belongs to Katy" T-shirt.



Katy Holland

September 8, 2005

First Day of School

Start & Dismissal Times

WAEC 8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WAMS 7:25 a.m. - 2:27 p.m.

SHS 7:30 a.m. - 2:33 p.m.



WASD Welcomes New Staff



Mrs. Serena Anderson

Mrs. Serena Anderson is pleased to become the new eighth grade mathematics teacher in the Wattsburg Area Middle School. Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of Edinboro University with a Bachelor's Degree in Education and concentration in Science. She is certified in Mid-Level Mathematics as well as Elementary Education. Mrs. Anderson is also a graduate of Penn State Behrend with an Associate's Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. She lives in Titusville with her husband, Jeremy, and their two daughters, Katie and Kelsey.



Mrs. Molly Bean

Mrs. Molly Bean, WAMS Physical Education teacher, graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education. She received her Master's Degree in School Administration, as well as certifications in Elementary and Secondary School Administration from Edinboro University. Mrs. Bean has taught in her hometown of Bradford, PA, and many local schools. She most recently worked at the NW Tri-County Intermediate Unit where she held various positions including coordinating the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program and the Safe Schools Initiative. Mrs. Bean, her husband, and children reside in Fairview.

Mr. Christopher Boyd will be teaching Business courses at Seneca this school year. He is a native of Erie, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing from Penn State, and teaching certification in Business/Computers from Mercyhurst College. Mr. Boyd taught middle school math at Roosevelt Middle School in the City of Erie School District during the 2004-05 school year. His hobbies include soccer and golf. Mr. Boyd, his wife, and two children live in Erie.

Chief Master Sergeant David Holmes, Jr. comes to Wattsburg as Seneca's Air Force Jr. ROTC instructor. He is a graduate of Antelope Valley High School in Lancaster, CA, and earned his Associate Degree in Aerospace Technology from the Community College of the Air Force. Chief Holmes retired from the Air Force after serving 30 years in aircraft maintenance, with his most recent position being maintenance superintendent of 2,200 personnel. He enjoys running, hiking, backpacking, skiing, and Scouts. Chief Holmes resides in Fairview with his wife and son, Jason.

Mr. James Lucas joins the staff at the Elementary Center as a welcome addition to the third grade team. He

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Mr. Christopher Boyd



Chief Holmes



Mr. James Lucas

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holds a degree in Psychology from Penn State University and has a degree in Elementary Education from Mercyhurst College. Mr. Lucas is a familiar face at the Elementary Center. Last year, he served as a full-time substitute during the first semester in Mrs. William's third grade class. From January until the end of the year, he filled in for Ms. McAvoy in first grade. Mr. Lucas is a native of Conneaut Lake, PA. Just this summer, he and his wife, Ruby, were married.

Mrs. Julie McGaughey is the district's new Gifted teacher. She holds degrees in both Elementary Education and Character Education from Edinboro University. Mrs. McGaughey brings with her much teaching experience as a day-to-day substitute. She also worked as a full-time substitute for Mrs. Colleen Bahm as the district's Gifted teacher last school year. Mrs. McGaughey lives in North East with her husband, Brian, and two children, Melissa and Trisha. She and her family operate their own fruit farm. In her free time, Mrs. McGaughey enjoys horseback riding.

Ms. Gina Narducci joins the Wattsburg Area School District as Seneca's Chemistry teacher. Ms. Narducci earned her Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry at Gannon University. She was previously employed at Microbac Laboratories and her hobbies include music and movies. Ms. Narducci resides in North East.



SHS Bobcat Bullet...

Seneca bonfire is scheduled for
Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00
p.m. Come and have fun!

Ms. Barbara Schock, Transportation Coordinator

Ms. Barbara Schock has been appointed Wattsburg Area School District Transportation Coordinator. Ms. Schock graduated from Seneca High School and has been a bus driver for the District for 27 years. Originally from Greene Township, she now resides in Erie. Mother of two daughters, Ms. Schock enjoys golfing with her two grandsons, Bryce, 7 and Kady, 5.



Mrs. Julie McGaughey



Ms. Gina Narducci



Ms. Barbara Schock

Renovation Update

The renovation project at Seneca is progressing well. The gymnasium, cafeteria, kitchen, two new science rooms, three new math rooms, two new family/consumer science classrooms, three industrial arts classrooms, and the music room are slated for completion by September 8th, the first day of the school year. The third floor humanities area should be completed after the start of school.

Students will especially like cafeteria changes. Seating will consist of six-person booths, tables, countertops with stools, and a small area where students can stand and eat. Students will also have access to the snack shack and to the school store from inside the cafeteria. Student Council has even planned to purchase a jukebox for lunchtime entertainment!

While the parking area in front of the gym will still be used by the construction companies, student parking in the rear of the building should be completed by the first day of school.

Final completion of the renovation project is scheduled for January, 2006.

Early Dismissal Notes

Occasionally, the weather, or an unforeseen circumstance, dictates that students be released from school earlier than their usual dismissal times. In these instances, the following procedures will be implemented.

1. The news media (TV, radio) will be contacted to announce early dismissal.
2. An early dismissal notice will be posted on the WASD website.
3. Middle school and high school students will be dismissed first.
4. Calls will be made to emergency phone numbers of elementary school students.
5. Elementary school students will be dismissed.
6. Elementary school students whose parents, guardians, or older siblings are not at home will be returned to the Elementary Center for parent pickup.

Note: Parents, please make sure that emergency phone numbers are kept current.

Building Goals for 2005-06 School Year

Each year, goals are established for each WASD school building. The 2005-06 goals are as follows:

Wattsburg Area Elementary Center

- To initiate the Comprehensive Literacy Approach in Grades 3 and 4.
- To expand the Foreign Language Program from Kindergarten to Grade 1.
- To improve students' mastery of math competencies.

Wattsburg Area Middle School

- To implement after-school tutoring in math and reading during Homework Club.
- To implement training for teachers to help them assess students in math and reading with a new assessment called "4-Sight."
- To focus on the class theme, "*Be a CLASS Act!*" Character, Learning, Attitude, Solutions, and Success.

Seneca High School

- To implement the "Grading for Learning" concept in all courses.
- To develop uniform assessments for each course aligned with PSSA standards, anchors, and eligible content.
- To manage the completion of the renovation process.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Community Grant

The Wattsburg Area School District received \$8,437 from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Grant for the 2005-06 school year. The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act stipulates that in order to be eligible to receive a grant, the Local Educational Agency (LEA) must submit an application to the State Educational Agency (SEA) assuring that the programs and activities to be funded comply with the six Principles of Effectiveness described in Section 4115 of the SDFSC Act of 2001 and foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports academic achievement. In addition, the LEA must develop its application through timely and meaningful consultation with state and local government representatives, representatives of the schools to be served including parents, students and teachers, and a drug and alcohol agency representative(s).

This year's grant has been written to focus on the following areas:

- Performance Measures: Reduction of the number of alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drug (ATOD) policy violations.
- Performance Indicators: Reduction of the number of disciplinary infractions related to ATOD offenses from year to year by 1-2% each year.
- Evaluation Methods: Comparison of yearly disciplinary referrals related to ATOD offenses.

Periodic evaluations will be used to measure the effectiveness of the prevention and intervention programs to increase the skills of the students in rejecting alcohol, tobacco, and drug use by:

1. Utilizing the SAP drug and alcohol counselor and the SAP mental health liaison so that students can access their services more readily. Student accessibility to these services at weekly SAP meetings will be monitored. Success of the services based on the student case being opened and/or closed will also be monitored.
2. Utilizing Seneca Solutions and Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) as a peer mentoring group for high school students to work with middle school and elementary students in making positive choices when faced with alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drug use.
3. Conducting periodic discipline reviews to monitor the number of referrals related to ATOD violations, as well as the number of SAP referrals as stated above.

Monies from this grant will be used to purchase SAP liaison services, supplies for Red Ribbon Week, Wellness Week, and teacher training.

Tech Talk

As always, summer is a busy time for WASD's technology department. When renovations are complete, all teachers will have new teacher stations connected to ceiling-mounted projectors for instruction. The following labs will be in place: Media Center lab, CAD/Graphic Arts lab, two Business labs, Math lab, Social Studies lab, and Language Arts lab.

In the middle school, teacher stations have been replaced and ten new computers have been added to the Media Center. A+Learning Systems software has been installed. This is a program for math and reading in all middle grades.

Wattsburg Area Elementary Center will have at least one additional computer added to each classroom.

Eight new rack mounted servers have been added to better serve all buildings.

The Wattsburg Area School District continues to meet student technological needs.

Athletic News

Athletic prices for the 2005-06 school year will remain the same as last year.

All students participating in organized after-school activities, including athletics, are required to pay an activity fee to help defray the cost of supervision for the activity. The fee for high school students is \$30. Middle school students will pay \$20. There is a maximum of \$90 for annual activity fees per family.

After school hours, students are only allowed to remain on school grounds if they are participating in a school-sponsored activity.



WAMS Bobcat Bullet...

WAMS has been awarded \$10,000 through a grant to purchase handheld computers that students will be able to use to develop their writing skills!

GO Bobcats

WAMSAG News

Wattsburg Area Middle School Action Group (WAMSAG) will be sponsoring the one and only middle school fundraiser. Superb Fundraising, which has run the middle school fundraiser before, has agreed to give the school a great return on sales at 45% with many prize incentives including the ever popular "money machine"!

The sale starts Friday, September 9th, with a student assembly kickoff in the brand new Seneca auditorium. This is an annual event and all funds raised will directly benefit all middle school students through field trips, science programs, art and literature, and math programs.

The ongoing community support of WAMSAG fundraisers is greatly appreciated. If you are interested in WAMSAG or are willing to help with the distribution of the annual fundraiser in November, please call WAMSAG President, Mrs. Dawn Smith at 739-9598.

WAMSAG Officers for 2005-2006:

Dawn Smith ----- President
Emily Sonney ---- Vice-President
Gretchen Thomas ----- Secretary
Pam Teed ----- Treasurer

2005-06 Lunch Prices

Elementary Center

Breakfast/Reduced Price \$.30
Breakfast/Full Price80
Lunch/Reduced Price40
Lunch/Full Price 1.50
Milk45

Middle & High School

Breakfast/Reduced Price \$.30
Breakfast/Full Price80
Lunch/Reduced Price40
Lunch/Full Price 1.65
Milk45

Adopt-A-Book

As a way to celebrate your child's birthday at the Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, we invite you to honor him/her with a contribution to our Birthday Book Club. Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends, and relatives can all participate. The benefits you will have as a member of the Birthday Book Club are:

- ✧ The book you choose will be inscribed with your child's name and a brief message from you.
- ✧ You will have an opportunity to enjoy the book at home with your child for one week before it goes on display at the library.
- ✧ After enjoying the book at home for one week, Birthday Book Club donations will then become a part of our library for the enjoyment of all the children.
- ✧ You will be invited to the Birthday Book Club Member Party at the end of the year.

Joining the Birthday Book Club is easy! A list of suggested books can be obtained at the WAEC office. The list was designed with consideration for the WAEC curriculum, teaching themes, seasonal happenings, student interest, and books already in the collection. If your child has a favorite book, please feel free to write down the title and author. Complete the application below and submit it with a minimum donation of \$18.00 to the WAEC office.



Birthday Book Club

Name of Child _____

Child's Birthday _____ Age _____

Child's Teacher _____

Name of Parents/Guardians _____

Phone No. _____

1st Choice _____

Author _____

2nd Choice _____

Author _____

3rd Choice _____

Author _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ **(\$18.00 minimum donation)**

Please indicate a special dedication for the Book Plate.

This **Birthday Book Club Donation** is given in the honor of (child's name):

You may also include a brief message on the book plate: (Please close it the way you would want it to appear on the book plate. Ex: From, Love, Best Wishes, etc.)

*Payment by cash or check,
payable to Wattsburg Area Elementary Center.*



Legal Notices

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Notice for Directory Information

The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that school districts, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Districts may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Wattsburg Area School District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor Roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request—unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without prior written consent.¹

If you do not want the Wattsburg Area School District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by October 1 of each school year. The Wattsburg Area School District has designated the following information as directory information.

- Student's name
- Address
- Telephone listing
- Electronic mail address
- Photograph
- Date and place of birth
- Major field of study
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended

¹ These laws are: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908), as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (P.L. 107-110), the education bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002* (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provides funding for the Nation's armed forces.

Tobacco Free Campus

Spectators and Visitors — Public Events

Notices are posted to inform spectators and visitors of the tobacco free schools policy. In addition, announcement of the policy is made via the Public Address System at all events.

Spectators or visitors who use tobacco on school property shall be reminded by the principal, supervisor, or his/her designee of the tobacco free school policy.

If someone refuses to stop using tobacco, he/she will be asked by the principal, supervisor, or his/her designee to leave the property. Violators may be referred to the Police or Fire Department.

Chapter 16: Gifted Education

To be in compliance with Pennsylvania state law, the Wattsburg Area School District has established procedures regarding identification of gifted children. The focus of the law, called Chapter 16, is to ensure that students are not identified as mentally gifted based on a single test score.

The district conducts ongoing screening activities to nominate potential candidates. Children may be referred by parents or teachers. Parents who feel strongly that their child may be gifted should contact the school guidance counselor to initiate gifted screening on behalf of their son or daughter. The gifted screening process will include a review of the student's record, past test scores, report card grades, and input from those familiar with the student's learning strengths and needs.

The following multiple criteria are considered in the identification process:

- strong teacher recommendation
- group achievement test scores at the 95th percentile or higher in total reading or total math on a nationally-normed standardized test.
- a full scale (or composite) IQ score of 130 or higher or an individually administered intelligence test. (This test will be given by the school psychologist.)

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

Under the *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974* (FERPA), educational agencies such as a school districts must annually notify parents of students or eligible students (i.e., students who are 18 years of age or are attending a post-secondary educational institution) of their rights under FERPA, 20 U.S.C.S. §1232g, and the corresponding regulations, 34 C.F.R. Part 99.

The federal regulations to FERPA set forth what this notice must contain and informs parents or eligible students that they have the right to:

1. inspect and review the student's education records;
2. seek amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights;
3. consent to disclosures of "personally identifiable information" contained in the student's education records,

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except to the extent that FERPA and the regulations authorize disclosure without consent;

4. file with the Department of Education a complaint concerning alleged failures by the educational agency to comply with the requirements of FERPA and the regulations.

Locker Notice

All 7th through 12th grade students are assigned a locker. All school lockers are and remain the property of the school district. As such, students have no expectation of privacy in their lockers.

The Board reserves the right to authorize its employees to inspect a student's locker at any time for the purpose of determining whether the locker is improperly used for the storage of contraband, a substance or object the possession of which is illegal, or any material that poses a hazard to the safety and good order of the schools.

Students shall be notified annually, or more often if deemed appropriate, by the administration concerning the contents of this policy.

Locks will be provided by the school at no cost for use by all 7th through 12th grade students. These locks must be used by the students and kept on their lockers at all times. They are the property of the school district, and must be turned in at the end of the school year. If you have already purchased a lock, it can be used on the student's gym locker. Students in grades 5 and 6 will continue to use their cubbies which are located in their homerooms.

Special Education Services

The Wattsburg Area School District hereby notifies parents and guardians of special education services available to eligible students ages 3 to 21. If you suspect that your child may have a learning problem requiring special education services, there is help through the school district.

There are a variety of services available. Some services are in the district and some are in neighboring districts, depending on the individual needs of the student. All services are at no cost to the parents. The types of support include:

1. Early Intervention: for children 3-5 years of age with development delays or disabilities.
2. Learning Support: for students with learning problems in academic areas associated with learning disabilities or mild mental retardation.
3. Emotional Support: for students with emotional and behavioral mental health problems.
4. Speech/Language Support: for students with speech and language communication problems affecting their learning.
5. Life Skills Support: for students who require instruction in daily living skills and readiness for basic skills associated with moderate to severe mental retardation.
6. Sensory Support: for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind or have visual impairments.
7. Autistic Support: for students with autism or a pervasive developmental disorder.

8. Physical Support: for students with physical problems such as cerebral palsy.
9. Gifted Support: for students who are mentally gifted and need enrichment/advancement to their curricula.
10. Multi-handicapped Support: for students who have a combination of disabilities such as mental retardation and a physical disability.

Students with disabilities who do not require special education services but who need some accommodations, can receive support through Protected Handicapped service agreements.

The district participates in proactive screening activities to help identify students who may be experiencing difficulties. The screening activities include the following:

- Level I: Screening of group-based data such as cumulative records, enrollment records, health records, report cards and group achievement tests. This is done when a student enrolls in the school district and after group testing is completed each spring in Grades 1-9 and Grade 11.
- Level II: Screening of sensory areas which include motor, hearing, vision and speech and language skills. This is done when a problem is suspected and/or as required by the Pennsylvania School Code.
- Level III: Screening by the Instructional Support Team (Grades K-6) which include the parent/guardian in determining strengths and needs of the student. The team determines strategies to use to help the student to be successful in school.

To refer your child for screening/evaluation, contact one of the following places:

Preschool to school age (Ages 3-5): Contact the Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit #5 at 252 Waterford Street, Edinboro, PA 16412, or phone 734-5610 or 1-800-677-5610 and ask for the Early Intervention Project.

Elementary School (Grades K-4): Wattsburg Area Elementary Center, 10780 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509, or phone 824-3400, ext. 4500.

Middle School (Grades 5-8): Wattsburg Area Middle School, 10774 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509, or phone 824-3400, ext. 4544.

High School (Grades 9-12): Seneca High School, 10770 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509, or phone 824-3400, ext. 4507.

Notice is also given to parents/guardians regarding confidentiality requirements for students who are referred for special education services. These requirements are found in both federal and state regulations. Records generated by the identification, evaluation and programming process are confidential and cannot be released outside the school district or intermediate unit without written parent consent. A copy of the Confidential Plan for collection, disseminating and destroying of records can be seen at each district building, including the District Administration Office upon request.

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Civil Rights Policy

The Wattsburg Area School District is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, age, gender or disability in its activities, programs or employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

For more information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact Mrs. Rosalie Constantine, Assistant Superintendent, Title VI, Title IX and Section 504 Coordinator, Wattsburg Area School District Administration Office, 10782 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509 (824-3400).

Integrated Pest Management Notification

The Wattsburg Area School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, housekeeping, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing pests, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the school will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Pesticide applications will be made at a time when only authorized persons have access to the areas being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application. Our regularly scheduled inspections and applications as necessary are scheduled after 11:00 p.m. on the first Friday of each month.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the schools may request prior notification of specific applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify the district in writing. Please include your e-mail address if you would like to be notified electronically.

If chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products, self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices or voids.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry.

If you have any questions, please contact Wattsburg Area School District at 814-824-3400,3400.

Notification of Rights Under PPRA

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment gives parents and students who are 18 or older or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding the school district's conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and conduct of certain physical exams. These include the right to:

1. **Consent to federally funded surveys concerning "protected information."** If the U.S. Department of Education funds a survey in whole or in part, a student's parents or an eligible student must consent in writing before the student may provide information relating to the following categories:
 - Political affiliations;
 - Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
 - Sexual behavior or attitudes;
 - Illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
 - Critical appraisals of student's family members;
 - Privileged or similar relationships recognized by law, such as with attorneys, doctors, and ministers;
 - Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parents; or
 - Income other than that required by law to determine program eligibility.

A survey that concerns any of these points is called a "protected information survey."

2. **Opt out of certain surveys and exams.** Parents and eligible students will receive notice of any of the following activities and will have the right to opt out of them by requesting so in writing.
 - Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for purposes of marketing or selling or otherwise distributing the information to others;
 - Any protected information survey, regardless of funding; and
 - Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent and scheduled by the school, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student or of another student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law.
3. **Inspect certain material:** Surveys may typically be administered in the fall or early spring of the school year. Parents and eligible students have the right to inspect the following, upon request, at the appropriate school building, before the district administers or uses them:
 - Protected information surveys of students (including any instructional materials used in connection with the survey);

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Greene Township Lions Club



“Citizens of the Community” 2005


Take a break, get a cup of coffee, and think about that special person or persons you would like to nominate for the “Citizen of the Community” Award. Any resident within the Wattsburg Area School District, 21 years of age or older, is eligible for nomination. The nominee should have distinguished himself or herself through active and productive service to our community. So, step forward and nominate the person you think has given so much of their time, talent, and skills in making our community a better place to live. When choosing your nominee, consider involvement in community works of local government, church, school, and/or volunteer services.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Greene Township Building Office and several local churches and convenience stores. Mail your form to either Citizen Nomination, c/o Mr. Gary Papucci, 9011 Kuhl Road, Erie PA 16510 or Citizen Nomination c/o Mr. Gene Shelhamer, 1761 Donation Road, Erie, PA 16509

The award dinner will be **Monday, November 14, 2005**, at the Greene Township Building, with **social hour starting at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.**

For dinner reservations, please contact Lion Dick Mester at 825-4741 by November 9, 2005.

All nominations must be received by the committee by Friday, October 21, 2005. All nomination must be in writing. No phone calls will be accepted.



WAEC Bobcat Bullet...
The Elementary Center welcomes parents and community members as volunteers! From working one-on-one with students to helping with our library book fairs, volunteers contribute much to our students' success. Please consider attending the required Volunteer Training Session at the Elementary Center from 9:30–10:30 on Wednesday, September 28, 2005.

Whom To Call

If you have a question, a concern, or would like more information about a school program, please contact the appropriate school representative at 824-3400, extensions listed below, or visit our website at www.wattsburg.org. You may also contact us by e-mail at wasd@wasd.iu5.org.

To discuss issues involving a particular school or program within a school, please contact the building principal.

Busing concerns should be directed to Ms. Barbara Schock, Transportation Coordinator, by calling 825-7996.

Questions regarding district policy or other areas may be answered by calling Mrs. Lee Constantine, Assistant Superintendent.

Wattsburg Area School District 824-3400

Mr. Frank Bova, Superintendent Ext. 4515
Mrs. Lee Constantine, Asst. Superintendent Ext. 4532
Mr. Thomas Rinke, SHS Principal Ext. 4510
Mr. Ken Berlin, WAMS Principal Ext. 4523
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- Documents used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 - Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.
4. **Receive notification of district policy.** The school district has developed a policy, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, and has made arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected information surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. This Student Rights/Survey Policy is No. 5121.1.
 5. **Report violations.** Parents and eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Dept. of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-4605

WATTSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2005-06 FIRST SEMESTER CALENDAR

Elementary Center	
September	8 First Student Day 8 Kindergarten Split Session 9 Kindergarten Split Session 12 Kindergarten Regular Sessions Begin 13 PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. 28 Volunteer Training, 9:30-10:30 a.m. 29 School Pictures
October	3 Teacher Inservice Day No School for Students 5 Open House, 6:30 p.m. Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2 6 Open House, 6:30 p.m. Grades 3 and 4 11 PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. 28 Fall Celebration, 2:15-3:00 p.m. 31 Act 80 Day No School for Students
November	8 PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. 10 End of First Grading Period 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences No School for Students 24-28 Thanksgiving Vacation
December	13 PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. 21 Winter Celebration, 2:15-3:00 p.m. 22 Christmas Vacation Begins
January	2 Classes Resume 10 PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. 26 End of First Semester 27 Teacher Work Day No School for Students

Middle School	
September	8 First Student Day 28 Open House, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
October	3 Teacher Inservice Day No School for Students 4 WAMSAG Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m. 6 School Pictures 20 End of First Grading Period 31 Act 80 Day No School for Students
November	1 WAMSAG Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m. 18 Act 80 Day No School for Students 24-28 Thanksgiving Vacation
December	6 End of Second Grading Period 6 WAMSAG Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m. 22 Christmas Vacation Begins
January	2 Classes Resume 3 WAMSAG Meeting, 7:00-9:00 p.m. 26 End of First Semester 27 Teacher Work Day No School for Students

High School	
September	8 First Student Day 14 Sports Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 14 Bon Fire, 6:00 p.m. 19 Student Council Induction 20 School Pictures
October	3 Teacher Inservice Day No School for Students 4 Music Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 7-8 Homecoming Weekend 12 Sports Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 31 Act 80 Day No School for Students
November	1 Music Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 9 Sports Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 10 End of First Grading Period 11 & 12 Dinner Theater 18 Act 80 Day No School for Students 24-28 Thanksgiving Vacation
December	6 Music Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 14 Sports Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 22 Christmas Vacation Begins
January	2 Classes resume 3 Music Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 11 Sports Booster's Meeting, 7:30 p.m. 26 End of First Semester 27 Teacher Work Day No School for Students

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