

**WALTHILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY/MARCH 09-10**

**FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

School is back in the full swing after our holiday break. It has been a crazy time dealing with our weather issues. I think everyone was happy to see some sunshine and warmer weather. A lot of us were happy to get out of our houses. We still have a lot of snow to deal with but at least we can get around a little better. Be careful around the school area because there is a lot of snow piled up and it is hard to see the children walking around the corners. I want to thank our school neighbors who allowed us to pile snow in their yards so we could have school.

Thanks to the parents for working with the school in getting your children to school. The bus was not able to get into some of your places and I appreciated you making the effort to bring your children to school. Attendance is such an important part of your child's educational progress, so thanks again for making the effort to bring them to school. I have a feeling we are not done with the winter weather yet. February and March may bring about some more inclement weather. Continue to watch Channel 4, 9, or 14 for any cancellation, early dismissal or late starts.

Take the time to thank our custodial staff for moving the snow around the school building. They spent some late nights and early mornings getting the school ready and providing a safer area for our students. I really appreciate their time and effort.

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for February 11 from 3:00- 7:00. It is important to attend and show your child how much you support them. Continue the open line of communication with our staff to increase your child's opportunities for academic success. Don't forget to check out our school website to experience more about what our students have accomplished throughout the school year. The school website is <http://walthweb.esu1.org>

Thanks again to our community for your continual support of the school. It was great to see everyone in the community working together during those bad weather conditions to help our students. The future becomes brighter for our children when everyone in the community works together.

Sincerely,

Ed Stansberry

**Library**  
**Winter Book Fair**  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**

It's Book Fair time again. This year's theme is the "All You Can Read Diner." Don't worry. As we have done in the past, food will be available. Just please don't eat the books, even if the titles offered are "Funny Lunch", "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Chick", and "It's Raining Cupcakes." Library circulation figures remain high, up 14% in October, and 20% in November, and 2% in December compared to last year. So keep up the pace, and bring your reading appetite to the school library for Parent-Teacher Conferences on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Remember all community members are welcome. See you there!

**Kindergarten**

The first week back from Christmas break we were ready to get back into the swing of things and learn lots, unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with us. Hopefully now we can get started. We are continuing to work on sounding out CVC words (consonant vowel consonant). Parents if you can continue to practice with your students that would be very helpful. We also have been working on measuring to the inch and will start telling time and counting money soon. We have also done lots of reading/research on winter and now we are getting ready to write our winter stories. Remember you can still turn in Hy-Vee receipts from Sioux City and South Sioux City so our school can earn money. Thank you for all you do to help the kids and the school.

**Music News**

The Christmas Concert was a great success. We had a very good crowd in attendance, despite the cold temperatures.

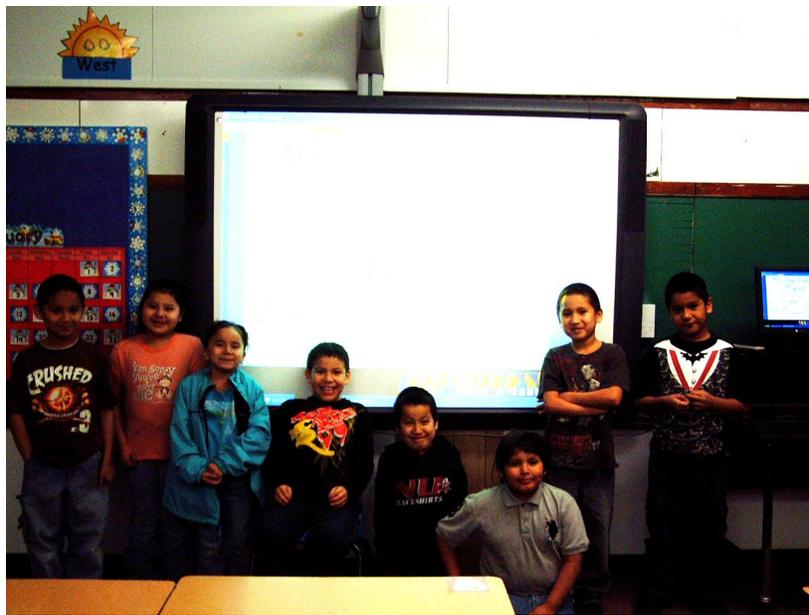
Santa Claus even made an appearance.

The fourth graders are excited for their visit to the Sioux City Symphony orchestra concert on Feb. 11. This is a free annual event sponsored by the Symphony. It is one of two concerts for young people each year. We will be studying all about the orchestra during the coming weeks, in preparation for our visit.

High School music students are studying the musical The King and I, dabbling in a little acting, singing and history surrounding the true story of the show.

## **Mrs. Burcham's 2nd Grade**

Everyone was ready to get back to school. It was a nice Christmas break for all. We were not real disappointed that it snowed and we had a few more days off. Now we will need to work hard and catch up. We have a new Promethean Board in our classroom and everyone likes to work on it. It's fun to do math problems on the board and then make them magically disappear. We are subtracting with regrouping in math. We studied states of matter, heat sources, and sound in science. We will be learning about magnetic poles next. Mrs. Jensen helped us make cool penguins in art. Every week we do a different fun art project. Our school year is going amazingly fast. Our 100th day of school will be on January 29th. That is if we don't have any more snowstorms.



**Parent Teacher Conferences**  
**Thursday**  
**February 11 3pm-7pm**

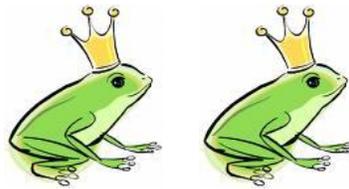
### **5<sup>th</sup> Graders Dream BIG**

Mrs. Wood's fifth grade class kicked off their "Dream Big" theme by talking to actor, director, and musician Richard Myles (Blackfoot) and director Mischa Perez (Mayan Descent) using the classroom interactive white board and Skype. The two men talked about how they "dreamed big" and got their foot in the door of the movie industry. They stressed the importance of believing in yourself and supporting others around you. They talked to each student asking about their dreams and hopes for the future. They encouraged everyone to go for their dreams and never give up. Students will be talking to several people over the course of the semester. Kia Russell commented, "It was cool to meet Richard and I was really excited to meet both of them. They told us to follow our dreams and that was a good thing. My favorite part was when I got to talk to them."

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Establish Advisory Groups**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students established their advisory groups the second week in January. Advisory groups consist of students that work well together, have different strengths and weaknesses, and want to help the others in their group achieve. All classes discussed their strengths and the pros and cons of certain individuals joining the same groups. In the end, each class divided into four groups. These groups will work together for the remainder of the year. They will help, encourage, and teach each other along the way. Jaeclyn Olson commented, "It is fun to do. It is good to see what everyone else is curious about and you can hear things from other people that you haven't thought of. I think the groups are a good idea because the people can make more decisions on what they want to do and to learn how to help people if they are stuck on something." Group members help each other keep track of assignments due, late work, and keep track of work for individuals that miss classes. Each week the groups write questions or concerns in their group notebook and one member of each group meets with the facilitator (Mrs. Wood) to go over them. The facilitator also uses this time to inform students of special assignments or events that are coming up. The representatives then leave Advisory Council and report back to the rest of their group on what was discussed during the meeting. Mrs. Wood reported, "Advisory groups are a great way to help students become more self-reliant and become more involved in their educational process. This is the second year I have established groups and the students seem to enjoy being involved in classroom decisions and helping one another."

In Mr. Redden's room, we have had an exciting time so far in the New Year. He was recently one of the teacher's to receive a Promethean board for his room. Having this board has already improved student interaction and created a better learning environment. The students are very excited and seem to be more interested and engaged in learning. As of right now the 7th graders are learning about Acids, Bases, and Solutions. The 8th graders are learning about Bacteria, Viruses and will be dissecting frogs sometime in April. Overall, the students are doing a good job and with the New Year comes a new start.



### **What's happening in Mrs. Nelsen's Room**

It has been a busy year in Mrs. Nelsen's class. The students are very excited to begin working on the Promethean board. This is an interactive board that is connected using a computer. The students have been working hard on writing, reading, math and social skills. Students are completing reading checkouts every week to monitor their reading progress. In math, students are taking daily timed tests to see if they can learn their basic math facts "swing of things". With everyone's help we can make this semester a good and productive one.



### **School Cents**

Once again, Walthill Public Schools is participating in Hy-Vee's school cents. When you shop at Hy-Vee, save your receipts for your groceries, flowers, or prescriptions. Have your child bring the receipts to their teachers. For every \$100.00 turned into the school, we earn \$1.00. The school does not look at what was purchased or how it was paid for, all we want is the receipt so the school can earn money. Any questions, please call Mrs. Rodasky at 846-5432

The Wathill staff is in the process of switching over from our NAHPLC model to Advanced Ed., which is Advancing Excellence in Education Worldwide. Walthill Public School is going for the National Accreditation, where the school will be compared to other schools nationwide.

The school will have a readiness visit this March to inform the staff our strengths and weaknesses. This data will then help the school get ready for the external team visit March 2011. The overall purpose of an external team visit is to add an outside, objective view of the progress of the work accomplished by the school. There is a degree of validation of the work of local committees, but the primary purpose is to enlist the professional advice and collaboration of colleagues from outside the district.

The District school wide goal is that all K-12 students will improve their math scores across the curriculum, and the staff will use the data collected to see where improvements are needed.

Jill Anderson and Kathy Meyer

## **PEP**

Parents Encouraging Parents

March 18-20, 2010

Midtown Holiday Inn

Grand Island, Nebraska

Are you a Nebraska parent of a child with special needs? Does your child have an IFSP or an IEP? Then this conference is for you!

No registration fee

Lodging and most meals are provided

Enrollment is limited to 100 participants and registration is on a first come, first serve basis.

Please contact Shannon Burgett at Walthill School for a registration form.

846-5432

**Check out our website <http://walthweb.esu1.org>**

## Child Find

The Walthill Public School requests your help in locating handicapped children. The school implements the Federal Handicapped Children's Act (PL 94-142) which guarantees a free appropriate public educational program for all children between the ages of 0 and 21 years of age. If you have a student or know of any young person with special needs between 0-21 years of age that is not enrolled in an appropriate public education program, please call 402-846-5432 or write to

Shannon Burgett

Special Education Coordinator  
PO Box 3C  
Walthill, NE 68067

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## **Winter Weather Information**

The following is a list of where announcements about school closing, late starts, and early outs can be heard.

### **Television**

KTIV Channel 4 (Sioux City)  
KCAU Channel 9 (Sioux City)  
KMEG Channel 14 (Sioux City)

### **Radio**

KMNS 620 AM (Sioux City)  
KSCJ 780 AM (Sioux City)  
KTCH 1590 AM (Wayne)  
KTIC 840 AM (West Point)

### **SNOW CAP**

A Winter Weather Alert service-any delays, cancellations, or postponements will appear on the website: <http://snowcaponline.net/siouxland.php>

You can also subscribe to receive alerts via email or text message for Walthill Public Schools. To subscribe to this service, visit the above website, search for Walthill Public Schools and follow the online instructions.



# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 JHGBB at Emerson at 2:30	3	4	5	6
7	8 Scholastic Book Fair VGBB & VBBB Lewis & Clark Tourney	9 Scholastic Book Fair VGBB & VBBB home vs. Gayville at 6:00 & 8:00 Parent's Night	10 Scholastic Book Fair	11 Scholastic Book Fair Student Early Dismissal at 1:30 P/T Conferences from 3:00—7:00	12 No School VGBB & VBBB home vs. Emerson at 6:15 & 8:00	13
14	15 Scholastic Book Fair VGBB Sub-Districts	16 VGBB Sub-Districts	17	18 VGBB Sub-Districts K-6 Out of My Tree Assembly at 8:45	19	20
21	22 Students: No School Curriculum VBBB Sub-Districts	23 VBBB Sub-Districts	24	25 VBBB Sub-Districts	26 VGBB District Final	27
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# March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 VBBB District Final	3	4 VGBB State Tourney at Lincoln	5 VGBB State Tourney at Lincoln	6 VGBB State Tourney at Lincoln
7	8	9	10	11 Students Early Dismissal at 1:30 End of 3rd Quarter VBBB State Tourney at Lincoln	12 No School VBBB State Tourney at Lincoln	13 VBBB State Tourney at Lincoln
14	15	16	17 	18	19	20
21	22 Student Early Dismissal at 1:30	23	24	25	26	27
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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED**

**February and March  
Calendars for Activities, lunch  
And Project are enclosed**

**Important Dates to remember**



**Feb 11** Students out 1:30  
Parent Teacher Conf. 3pm-7pm  
**Feb. 12** No School  
**Feb. 22** No School  
**March 11** Students out 1:30  
**March 12** No School  
**March 22** Students out 1:30

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# Frostbite

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Exposure to below-freezing temperatures can cause frostbite, a rare but serious condition that requires emergency care. Frostbite can affect any area of the skin and in extreme cold can develop within minutes.



## Signs and Symptoms

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- aching pain or numbness, most often on hands, feet, face, and ears
- skin that feels hard and waxy, with a white or grayish yellow color



## What to Do:

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If you think a child is frostbitten **call the doctor right away**. Begin these steps:

- Bring the child indoors immediately. **Do not try to thaw frostbite unless you're in a warm place** (warming and then re-exposing frozen parts to cold can cause permanent damage).
- Remove wet clothing.
- **Do not rub frostbitten parts** – treat them gently.
- **Do not use dry heat** – such as a fireplace, oven, or heating pad-to thaw frostbite.
- **Do not break any blisters.**
- Warm the frostbitten parts in **warm (not hot) water** for about 30 minutes.
- Place clean cotton balls between frostbitten fingers and toes after they've been warmed.
- Loosely wrap warmed areas with clean bandages to prevent refreezing.
- Give the child acetaminophen or ibuprofen for pain.

**Seek Emergency Medical Care if the Child Has:**

- a body part or area of skin that is turning white and hard



## Think Prevention!

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Stay updated on weather forecasts. Keep kids warm and dry in cold weather. Loose-fitting, layered warm clothes are best. Have kids wear well-insulated boots, thick socks, hats, scarves, and mittens. Icepacks applied directly to the skin can cause frostbite – always cover icepacks with a cloth before applying to the skin.

**Breakfast:** Offered Daily  
Milk and Juice  
**Lunch:** Offered Daily  
Milk and Salad Bar 7-12

February 2010

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 <b>Raised Donut/Cereal</b> Cheese Burger French Fries Baked Beans Apricots	2 <b>Breakfast Burrito</b> Tomato Soup/Crackers Ham&Cheese Sandwich Carrots/Celery Apple	3 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Roast Beef in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Blueberry Crisp Roll	4 <b>Yogurt/Cereal/Toast</b> Corn Dogs Tri Tots Peas& Carrots Diced Peaches	5 <b>Waffle Sticks/Sausage</b> Enchilada Corn Spanish Rice Sour Apple Jell-o
8 <b>Breakfast Bites/Fruit</b> BBQ Pork on Bun Tri Taters Corn Rosie Applesauce	9 <b>Sausage/Egg/Cheese Biscuit</b> Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots/Celery/Crackers PB&Jelly Sandwich Orange Smiles	10 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Roast Pork in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rosie Applesauce Roll	11 <b>Cinnamon Roll/Cereal</b> Chicken Nuggets French Fries Baked Beans Lime&Pear Jell-o Cookie	12 <b>No School</b>
15 <b>Breakfast Pizza</b> Crispito w Cheese Sauce Corn Spanish Rice Pineapple Tidbits	16 <b>Scrmbl.Eggs/Bacon/Toast</b> Goulash w Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Peas Diced Pears	17 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Fish Sticks Mac & Cheese Glazed Carrots Orange Jell-o Cup Brownie	18 <b>Cocoa Wheats/Toast</b> Chicken Alfredo California Blend Diced Peaches Roll	19 <b>French Toast/Bacon</b> Taco Salad Corn Chips/Salsa White Cake Strawberry/Banana
22 <b>No Students Curriculum Day!</b>	23 <b>Bacon/Egg/Cheese Sand.</b> Chili/Crackers Cinnamon Roll Carrots/Celery Apple	24 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Turkey in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Apricot Roll	25 <b>Muffin/Cereal</b> Beef Stroganoff Broccoli Diced Peaches Roll	26 <b>Pancakes/Sausage</b> Chicken Fajita Garnishes Sour Apple Jell-o Cookie

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March 2010

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 <b>Raised Donuts/Cereal</b> Cheese Burger French Fries Baked Beans Rosie Applesauce	2 <b>Scrmbl.Eggs/Bacon Toast</b> Vegetable Beef Soup Biscuit/Cheese Slice Apricots Cookie	3 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Sweet&Sour Chicken Oriental Rice Egg Roll California Blend Jell-o Fruit Cup	4 <b>Yogurt/Cereal/Toast</b> Spaghetti w Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Peas Diced Pears	5 <b>Waffle Sticks/Sausage</b> Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Banana Pudding
8 <b>Breakfast Bites</b> Brd. Chicken Sandwich Potato wedges Corn Tropical Fruit	9 <b>Sausage/Egg/Cheese Biscuit</b> Corn Dog Mac & Cheese Peas & Carrots Diced Pears	10 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Salisbury Steak Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Diced Peaches Roll	11 <b>Oatmeal w Peaches/Toast</b> Au Gratin Potatoes With Ham California Blend Rosie Applesauce Roll	12 <b>No School</b>
15 <b>Breakfast Pizza/Fruit</b> Crispito w Cheese Sauce Corn Spanish Rice Pineapple Tidbits	16 <b>Breakfast Burrito/Salsa</b> Chicken Nuggets French Fries Peas Lime/Pear Jell-o Cookie	17 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Roast Pork in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rosie Applesauce Roll	18 <b>Cinnamon Roll/Cereal</b> Turkey Teriyaki Oriental Rice California BlendDiced Diced Peaches Roll	19 <b>French Toast/Bacon</b> Fish/Cheese Sandwich Tater Tots Baked Beans Sour Apple Jell-o
22 <b>Pop Tart/Cereal</b> Tavern on Bun Tri Taters Corn Rosie Applesauce	23 <b>Bacon/Egg/Cheese Sand.</b> Goulash w Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Peas Diced Pears	24 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Chicken & Noodles Over Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peach Crisp Roll	25 <b>Muffin/Cereal</b> Hot Dog on Bun Mac & Cheese Glazed Carrots Jell-o Fruit Cup	26 <b>Pancakes/Sausage</b> Tomato Soup/Crackers Grilled Cheese Sandwich Carrots/Celery Diced Peaches Brownie
29 <b>Raised Donut/Cereal</b> Cheese Burger on Bun French Fries Baked Beans Diced Pears	30 <b>Scrambl.Eggs/Bacon/Toast</b> Chili/Crackers Cinnamon Roll Carrots & Celery Apple/Cookie	31 <b>Sausage Gravy/Biscuit</b> Roast Pork inravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans/Roll Blueberry Crisp		

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