



# Paw Press

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March 18, 7:00pm

## Letter from the Principal

Let me start out and thank all of our parents who turned out for our annual Winter Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to come in and have conversations with our teachers about the achievement of your son/daughter. It was encouraging to see many of you.

This coming week is the week that all of our students will be taking the annual Illinois State Achievement Tests (ISATs). We will begin testing on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and wrap up our regularly scheduled tests on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please help us in having good attendance during this week as it is critical to the work that we do at Somonauk Middle School. Make up exams will be given the following week, March 8<sup>th</sup> through March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already done so, you can access your child's individual grade level's ISAT schedule by going to Somonauk Middle School's website.

We are pleased to announce our March Bobcats of the Month. The following students have demonstrated exemplary character as well as embody our district learner traits. If you see any of these students, please take a moment to congratulate them.

5<sup>th</sup>- Kristen Haag and Nevin Thielk

6<sup>th</sup>- Jacob Bjork and Morgan Martinez

7<sup>th</sup>-

8<sup>th</sup>-

Physical Education and Health- Jordan Buell

Fine Arts-

Congratulations to Ben Rydecki and Olivia Delo who last weekend participated in the DeKalb County Spelling Bee and finished in the Top 3. Ben actually made it to the final two and then lost in the 25<sup>th</sup> round!

Finally, we have updated our school website and are in the process of making additional changes to make it more user-friendly. We will be using our website more frequently in an attempt to "go green" and save on the amount of paper and documents that we sending home. Thanks to Mrs. Vicky Markley, Library Media Center Assistant, and Dr. Beal, District 432 Director of Technology, for their collaboration and hard work in updating our site.

Sincerely,  
Matt Jeffrey

# Pre-Kindergarten News

The Somonauk School District Pre-Kindergarten Program is for students ages 3 to 5 and focuses on students gaining pre-academic and pre-kindergarten readiness skills.

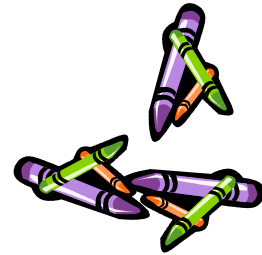
Once again, the district has obtained a grant from the Illinois State Board of Education to fund the program.

The students attend a half-day program at no cost to the parents. The program is provided to

children whose preschool screening indicates a need for pre-kindergarten readiness skills.

To enroll in the program, there is a parent registration form to complete and your child must participate in preschool screening. Preschool screening will be held on Thurs., March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at St. John's Lutheran Church (behind the fire station).

For questions, call Carol Koenig, Director of Student Services at (815)498-2314 ext. 233.



## Pre-School Screening and Kindergarten

Preschool screening and Kindergarten registration will be held on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church on Green Street (behind the fire station). Children aged 3, 4, and 5 are eligible for screening. The areas of screening include vision, hearing, speech, and development. Screening is an excellent opportunity for parents and educators to discuss skills that are necessary for early school success. In order for children to be considered for our preschool programs, they must be screened on these dates. Appointments can be made by calling (815)498-2314 ext233. Please be prepared with your child's name, birth date, desired date and

appointment time, and most importantly your phone number.

Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held at the **same time and location**. Children must be 5 on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to be registered for Kindergarten. Parents need to bring their child's county birth certificate and social security number to registration. In accordance with state law, **hospital birth certificates are not acceptable**. If you are new to the district, you will also need to show proof of residency at this time. This is done by filling out a

Certificate of Residence form and showing at least three of the following:

1. Driver's license
2. Home ownership title or deed
3. Apartment lease
4. Voter registration
5. Utility bills (water, gas, electric)
6. Automobile insurance

Parents with questions or concerns about children aged 2 ½ or younger may also call the above number for a screening appointment.



Smile Illinois/Mobile Dentists is a highly acclaimed, grant-funded, in-school dental prevention program. The dentist and hygienists will be coming to the school on Thursday April 22<sup>nd</sup> during the school day and will provide dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride, and sealants, for your child(ren). This service may be used even if you have a regular dentist but have difficulty finding the time to have an examination and cleaning completed.

## Illinois CHIP Program

Meteor Lodge #283 Ancient Free and Accepted Mason's of Sandwich will be holding an Illinois Child Identification Program at the Somonauk Preschool and Kindergarten registration on Thurs., March 11<sup>th</sup> and Fri., March 12<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran in Somonauk. The appointment times are Thurs. from 10:00

to 6:30p.m., and on Fri. from 8:00 to 1:00p.m.

After screening and Kindergarten registration, parents are welcome to participate in this program held by experts as the "premier child identification program." Parents are given a color photo, DNA sample, fingerprints, and a

recorded interview with the child. The IL CHIP program keeps only the parental permission form. Unlike screening, children from 2-18 are eligible.

This program is funded by the Mason's of Illinois and is free of charge to the parents.

## SMILE ILLINOIS



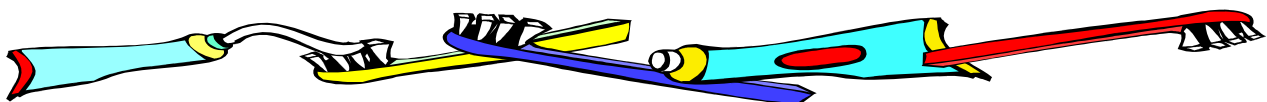
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**ALL** children pre-school through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible for a dental exam through this organization. This examination would meet the requirement for a dental examination for all kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Dental insurance, including Kidcare and Medicaid, is accepted and grant-assistance is available. The fees for this service are listed on the permission form. These rates are available because of additional funding this organization receives.

Permission forms have recently been sent home. Extra forms are available in JRW or SMS office. Completed forms need to be returned to the school as soon as possible! Last year approximately 45 students participated in this program.

If there are any questions please contact Lisa Lee RN at 815-498-2338 ext. 330 or Debbie Franzone RN at ext. 403.





# Junior 10 All Star Game

*Earlville*

*Hinckley/Big Rock*

*Indian Creek*

*Leland*

*Paw Paw*

*Somonauk*

Saturday, March 13, 2010

Somonauk Middle School Gymnasium

9:15 a.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's All Star Game

10:45 a.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boy's All Star Game

Adults - \$2.00 Students - \$1.00 Senior Citizens - Free

Concessions available.

Each team will be comprised of 3-4 student-athletes from eighth grade representing their respective schools.

Hosted by: Somonauk Middle School, 510 W LaSalle Street, Somonauk, IL 60552 815-498-1866