

# C.U.S.D. 432

## Somonauk School District *E-NEWS*

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## The Next Regular Meeting of the District 432

**Board of Education is**

**Monday, December 14, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Somonauk Middle School Library**

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## BUDGET BRAINSTORMING MEETINGS

Two Budget Brainstorming Meetings have been held to address the budget for the 2010-2011 school year. See [www.somonauk.net](http://www.somonauk.net) for an overview of the meetings: powerpoint presentations from November 9th and December 2nd, brainstorming options, and questions and answers. The Board of Education will be reviewing all input from community and employees as they make decisions for the 2010-2011 school year.

### DISTRICT #432 MISSION STATEMENT

**A Community That  
Works Together to  
Help Each Child  
Reach His/Her  
Potential**

## **DISTRICT #432 NOMINATED FOR DEKALB EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD**

**Brian Davis, Somonauk High School, Driver Education teacher, Melissa Gamble, Second Grade Teacher, Justin Snider, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director and Lanette Yingling, Somonauk High School Paraprofessional are the nominees for the DeKalb County Community Foundation Excellence in Education Award. Each year in May, the district names the Somonauk Excellence in Education recipients who are selected by a district committee and then nominated for the DeKalb County Award. Winners will be announced in March 2010 for the DeKalb County Award. Good Luck to you all!!**

## **DISTRICT #432 CARING FOR OTHERS**

The James R. Wood Elementary School, in the spirit of caring for others, had the Christmas Tree/Giving Tree at the Winter Concert with over 100 tags on the tree identifying needed items for families in the district—only 4 tags were left.! JRW also collected enough cans to weigh more than custodian Mr. Russell—the students collected 1045 lbs of food!

The Middle School students are collecting macaroni and cheese, which they will distribute to the local food pantries. The Middle School teachers are collecting diapers, formula and wipes for families.

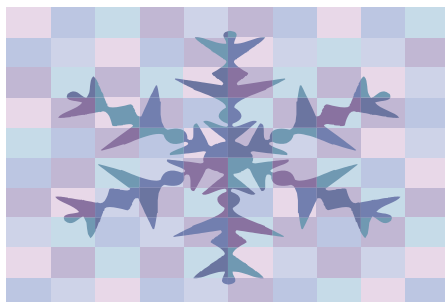
The High School collected canned goods at the Blue and Gold Night and distributed to families and the local food pantry. Students and staff prepared Thanksgiving meals for families in the district. Coats have also been collected for those in need.

# When the Weather Outside is Frightful

District #432 uses several means to alert parents of District #432 students of school closure because of inclement weather. The primary method is through an automated phone message that will be delivered by 6:00 a.m. In addition, notification of school closures will be posted on the district home page at [www.somonauk.net](http://www.somonauk.net) and also on WSPY 107.1FM.

The decision to close school is based on the following criteria:

- \* ***Is it safe for children to be out in the weather?*** There are no specific temperatures which automatically trigger a decision to close school. But, special consideration is taken when actual temperatures fall below zero or the wind chill falls below  $-20$  degrees.
- \* ***Can children be safely transported to and from school?*** That is, can buses and other district vehicles start and are the roads safe for travel?
- \* ***Can schools be operated safely?*** Are buildings warm? Can parking lots be cleared of snow? Can students and staff get to and from buildings safely?



## **BAND AND CHOIR HOLIDAY CONCERTS**

**Somonauk High School Band and Chorus will perform at the Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Somonauk High School.**

**Somonauk Middle School Band and Chorus will perform at the Winter Concert on Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Somonauk High School.**



## **IMPORTANT DATES**

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| <b>December 14</b>                | <b>Board of Education Meeting<br/>Somonauk Middle School 7:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>December 21-<br/>January 3</b> | <b>Winter Break</b>  |
| <b>January 4</b>                  | <b>School Resumes</b>  |
| <b>January 9</b>                  | <b>Pack the Place</b>  |
| <b>January 18</b>                 | <b>Board of Education Meeting<br/>Somonauk Middle School 7:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>January 22</b>                 | <b>Teacher Institute Day—NO School</b>                                 |