



Sayre Area School District
Since 1882

Redskin Review

Produced by the Sayre High School Journalism Class

Winter/Spring 2004

Literacy classes available

A common misconception about family literacy is that the program is for people who can't read. Literacy includes a range of skills including reading, writing, and math. Literacy is the development and improvement of these skills at whatever level children or adults are functioning.

Family Literacy is based on the principal that parents are their children's most important teachers, and the most influential in their children's literacy development. Family Literacy begins by offering classes or tutoring to meet the educational need of the parent, i.e. GED, brush-up math/reading skills; help with reading or math. The parent's learning is carried over to the rest of the family through parent group classes, and Parent and Child Time (PACT). The parents are encouraged to spend one on one time with their children at home, and our parent educator helps parents with ideas for parent/child literacy activities and offers take-home packs. In addition, parents are urged to volunteer in their children's school, to talk regularly to their child's teacher, and to become familiar with what their child is learning.

Family Literacy is funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of ABLE (Adult Basic and Literacy Education). Family Literacy formally began in Pennsylvania in 1998 and is grant funded in each county. SELF Family Literacy also began in 1998 and is part of the agency, Partners in Family and Community Development, located in Athens.

Family Literacy classes in Athens/Sayre are at the following times and locations: Tuesdays – 9-noon @ Athens United Methodist Church (9-11 – Adult Education and 11-12 – Parent Group); Wednesdays – 10-noon @ Sayre Library - Computer instruction; Thursdays @ Athens United Methodist Church (9-11 Adult Education and 11-12 – Parent Group; 12:30-1:30, Parent Group and 1:30-3:30, Adult Education.

For more information, call SELF Family Literacy at 570-882-8338, or toll free at 1-866-600-8270.



Cafeteria staff at Sayre H.S. enjoy a turkey dinner prepared by students of Mrs. Nudge and Mrs. Walker in appreciation for their devotion and hard work. Student volunteers included Susan Wade, Scott Casselbury, Mindy Ackley, Jason Houghtalen, Brandon Moore and Alicia Vanderpool.

CALENDAR



March 26—End of the third marking period

April 8—Snow Give Back Day (Students report to school)

April 9-12—Easter Break (No school)

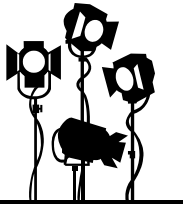
April 13—Snow Give Back Day (No school for students)

May 31—Memorial Day. No school

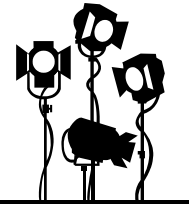
Friday, June 4—Last day of school

Friday, June 4—Graduation

Monday, June 7—Staff day



Redskin Spotlight Awards



The following individuals have recently been awarded Redskin Spotlight awards for their efforts in the Sayre Area School District.

They are: Lee Baumes, Dan Bloss, Jim Brown, Lois Brown, Ed Bustin, Tom Cody, Judy Collins, Sharon Hildebrandt, Cheryl Kulikowski, Robyn Maghamez, Bonnie Merrill, Michelle Murrelle, Diane Nobles, Vickie Pierce, Dan Polinski, Joe Polinski, Ron Prados, Theresa Sargent, Scott Taylor and Gary Webster.

Litchfield fourth grade project focuses on U.S.

Submitted by Ruth Brown

The Litchfield 4th grade wrote acrostics to go with a unit on southeastern United States. An acrostic uses the first letters of words taken in order to form a word or phrase. This one on George Washington Carver is from Riley Card.

George Washington Carver

George Carver found out peanuts make soil better.
Everybody thought it was a good idea.
Over the years he found over 300 products from peanuts.
Really it was quite difficult, though.
Great things could be made.
Everything was made of peanut plants.

Wash with soap which was made of peanuts.
And then use oil, ink, and over 300 more things.
Since he made so many things he needed a lot of land.

He got a lot of land and planted a lot of peanut plants.

In and out of the house picking peanuts.

No one knew what

George Washington Carver was doing.

Then one person asked what he was doing with so many peanuts.

On that day people planted a few peanut plants.

No one knew why Mr. Carver started it all.

Carver told them, plant peanuts and see.

After awhile people grew a lot of plants and became

Rich. They thanked Mr. Carver for the peanuts, Vegetables and more.

Even though Mr. Carver was famous, became

Rich and helped many people take care of their families.

We thank you Mr. Carver.

Sayrenade 2004 yearbook progressing smoothly

Submitted by Lee Baumes

The 2004 Sayrenade is really moving along! The yearbook staff has been working double-time to produce a wonderful book for everyone to become super excited about! We know that there are some concerns about ordering and reserving your own individual copy of the 2004 Sayrenade, but please don't fret! In early March the staff plans on releasing purchasing information! Listen to the morning announcements for more information!

We can't create the Sayrenade without your help! If you are a senior, or parent of a senior, please bring your senior photo, senior profile, and parent page to Miss Baumes in room 215 at the high school ASAP! Members of the community, if you have any photographs that you feel could enhance the quality of the yearbook, maybe from a sporting or local event, please send them to: Miss Lee Baumes, Sayre Area High School, 331 West Lockhart Street, Sayre, Pa. 18840.

National Honor Society welcomes newest members



Sayre junior students recently inducted in the National Honor Society include, in the front row from left: Megan Brown, William Bustin, Susanne Cochi, John Guirguis, Ashley Houck and Megan Krench. In the back from left are: Katherine Emen, Meghan Miller, Kylene Mullen, Joseph Polinski, Alicia Webster and Melissa Webster. Absent is Krystal Lewis.



Sayre senior members inducted into the National Honor Society are shown above. In the front row from left are: Caleb Briggs, Megan Feusner, Bernie Layton and Kateri Morse. In the back from left are: Coleman Mulkerin, Ryan Mulkerin, Brandon Sweet, Rachael Swingle and Stephanie Yanuzzi.

Sayre art students depict '12 Days of Christmas' in downtown



Megan McClary, ninth grade student at Sayre High School, adds color to her window painting.

Submitted by Dana Twigg

The intent was always there and the weather worked to our favor as the re-scheduling of the Christmas parade allowed time for our students to take a day off from studies to give a little back to our community.

Twelve daring art students were selected from a sign-up list of 43 to represent our school with paintings depicting the 12 Days of Christmas on local business windows. The theme this year was "Cartoon Christmas" and the students were instructed to come up with designs that featured well-known cartoon characters that followed the 12 days theme. That task, as if it were not tough enough, was to be completed in one day. Even though the temperature on "that day" started at 14 degrees, our art students once again did an outstanding job that we can all be proud of.

The art students involved were: Megan Krench, Megan McClary, Jessica Meyer, Meredith Cole, Megan Brown, Ben Richardson, Julianna Noone, Brian Flick, Ashley Houck, Kaitlen Nichols, Andy Brown and Phil Husick.

Sayre High School Band hosts County Band Festival

Submitted by Cheryl Kulikowski

After months of preparation, the Sayre High School Band hosted the 2004 Bradford/Sullivan County Band Festival on February 20-21. Nearly 200 students representing Athens, Canton, Epiphany, Northeast Bradford, Sayre, Sullivan County, Towanda, Troy, and Wyalusing school districts participated in the festival. Junior High students, chosen by director recommendation, worked with guest conductor, Dr. Will Rapp, Director of Bands at Kutztown University, while Senior High students, chosen through a rigorous audition in November, worked with guest conductor, Dr. Casey C. Teske, Director of Bands at Clarion University. This year Sayre had extraordinary student representation, with eleven students in the junior high band and nine students in the senior high band, a dramatic increase from previous years. Both bands prepared programs of challenging and quality band literature which enhanced their aesthetic experience at the festival.

Appreciation is extended to the Sayre band students for their tireless efforts in festival preparation and stage set-up, Mr. Berry and maintenance staff, Mrs. Keysaw and cafeteria staff, administration, high school secretarial staff, high school faculty and staff, and to S.A.M.E. (Sayre Association for Music Education) for their assistance.

This year, three students have participated in PMEA (Pennsylvania Music Educators Association) District Festivals. On January 14-16, Ashley Houck performed in the District 8 Orchestra, while Joseph Polinski performed with the District 8 Chorus January 27-30.

Most recently, Joseph Polinski and Theodore Lentz shared their musical excellence in the District 8 Band Festival on February 11-14 at Canton High School. For the first time in recent history, 100% of participating Sayre instrumentalists have qualified for the PMEA Region IV Orchestra and Band Festivals, respectively. The opportunity exists for all three students to advance to the state level festivals to be held in Erie, Pennsylvania in April.



Senior high county band members from Sayre include (front row from left): Stephen Polinski, Theodore Lentz, Joseph Polinski and Jonathan Dibble. In the back row from left are: Jonathan Palumbo, Krista Decker, Monica Bixby, Kelly Ammerman and Jennifer Ward.



Junior high county band participants are pictured above. In the front row from left are: Jill Ackley, Tom Ward, Luke Skerpon, Betsy Decker and Felicia Featherson. In the back row from left are: Sarah Parsons, Mitchell Vargason, Josiah Douglas, Lucas Reilly, James Biery and Robert Lathrop.



Theodore Lentz, left, and Joseph Polinski, right, represented Sayre at the District 8 Band Festival at Canton High School. Ashley Houck participated in District 8 orchestra.

The 100th Day of School

Mrs. Norton's Kindergarten Class at Litchfield Elementary School



Making a 100 piece snack mix



Making a 100 star sticker



Making a 100 heart tree

On February 9, 2004 the class celebrated the 100th day of school. Along with the above activities, the children made their own hats and badges to wear. They counted by 1's, 5's and 10's. They experienced 100 seconds by sitting quietly. They exercised by doing 100 jumping jacks. Paper chains were made with 100 links. A school party was held with the other classes to celebrate the day. A 100 item guessing game with riddle clues was played with objects the children found at home. A 100 piece puzzle was started. And, the book *One Hundred Hungry Ants* was read. The children had a wonderful day by learning through a variety of ways.

When You Wish Upon A Star

Empties For Cash

Snyder sixth graders “sell” award-winning books

Submitted by Mrs. Jewell

Sixth grade students in Mrs. Jewell’s classes at Snyder Elementary have been learning about bias and propaganda and how both can be found not only in advertising, but everyday life. Student teacher, Mrs. Patty Carozza from Mansfield University, has been teaching students the different techniques that are used. They have been working on a project that incorporates children’s literature, art critiquing, and how to create an advertisement.

Students were put in groups of twos and threes and choose one book from a huge selection of the Caldecott Award-winning books to critique. They were given a criterion to identify why the book may have been chosen as a Caldecott Award winner. They examined the choice of colors used by the illustrator, definition of pictures, textures used, and how the illustrations complemented the story. The “art critics” were then given the task of creating an advertisement for the book. Their goal was to encourage other students to read the book. The students have been discussing how bias and propaganda techniques were used in advertisements and everyday life. The techniques that some of the students used in their ads were the use of “loaded words,” “jumping on the bandwagon,” and testimonial.

After designing the advertisement, students presented them to their classmates. The class voted on which book would be chosen as the favorite class book. Of course, we renamed the award, as the “Jewell Award.” It was a wonderful experience for the students to be able to look at the illustrations of children’s books and realize how they add so much to a storybook. We might also add that the students did a fine job of “selling” their book and they just may have some natural salespeople in our class!



FROM THE PAST

(This item appeared in the May 1944 issue of the literary magazine, *Sayrenade*)

During the past six months, students of Sayre High have been doing much to aid the war effort. This summer, practically all those who were eligible enrolled in one form of war industry or another. A great many of the boys worked all summer on the Lehigh Valley Railroad as laborers, helpers, section hands, and other important jobs. Another large group, girls especially, found jobs in the Belle Knitting Mill, making Navy “T” shirts. Other industrious students worked during their vacation at the Ingersoll-Rand plant, while some found jobs in essential industries in Elmira.

Even now, during school days, some girls find time to work on an after-school shift at the Belle Knitting. The extra money comes in handy, and the hours do not interfere with regular school work. A good deal of the money earned goes into War Bonds and Stamps.

The students in the lower grades who are not old enough to work in war industries are not remaining idle. Many of them help in scrap metal and paper drives, and others put up war posters. Many of them follow a policy of investing part of their allowance or earnings in War Stamps.

Things like these are a credit to the student and the school. Keep up the good work.

Ted Blau, '45

Career services program new at SHS

Submitted by Becky Horton

There is exciting news for students this year with the addition of Career Development Council services in the Sayre Area School District. The Career Development Council has helped students prepare for a successful transition from high school to college or directly into the workforce for the last 27 years.

Programs available for high school students are:

- **Job Shadowing** – Students in grade 11 and 12 have the opportunity to spend time with a professional in their field of interest learning more about the career including the work environment, education and training required, and details about the work. Shadowing is available for all students, not just the college bound. This experience can take from 1 hour to a full day depending on the career field being explored and the amount of information.
- **Employment Readiness** – Practice job interviews are available to students to help them gain confidence with their interviewing skills. In addition, students can receive help with resumes, job applications, and connections with the Pennsylvania Labor department services.
- **Classroom Speakers and Career Awareness Programs** – Community resources provide information on their companies, positions available, skills required to be successful, and technical information on various employment opportunities.
- **Career Panels:** A panel of professionals will speak to a group of students at a business location on various career categories such as sports careers, medical careers, criminal justice, psychology/ social work etc.
- **Field Trips:** The Career Development received a \$1,000 grant from the State Farm Insurance Company Foundation to pay the transportation costs for students to tour local businesses to learn about employment opportunities.

The Career Development Council is a warehouse of career information and we are committed to helping your students explore their career options. If you have any questions about the programs available to your student, please feel free to contact **Becky Horton**, Career Program Specialist, at 607-795-5320 or email rhorton@sctbores.org.

Notification

Parents of children in Litchfield and H. Austin Snyder Elementary schools have a right to request and receive timely information regarding the professional qualifications of your child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s). If you have any questions regarding the professional qualifications of your child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s), please contact Ann Marie Halstead, elementary principal, or Michelle Murrelle, elementary assistant principal, at (570) 888-7742.

In This Issue

- ◆ Literacy classes
- ◆ Redskin Spotlight Awards
- ◆ Litchfield fourth grade project
- ◆ Sayrenade 2004
- ◆ National Honor Society inductees
- ◆ County Band Festival
- ◆ The War Effort (1944 Sayrenade)
- ◆ Empties For Cash
- ◆ Snyder "sells" award winners

We would like to hear from you!

If you have suggestions for future issues of the school district newsletter or just wish to express a point of view, please send your comments to any school office or send them to the following address:

**Sayre Area School District
Attn: Redskin Review Newsletter
333 W. Lockhart Street
Sayre, PA 18840**

Thanks...

The Redskin Review would like to thank the following people for their help in compiling this issue: Lee Baumes, Sue McMahon, Ruth Brown, Dana Twigg, Cheryl Kulikowski, Linda Norton, Mary Bennett, Rene Murrelle, Jane Jewell and Becky Horton.

The Sayre Area School District is an equal opportunity educational institution and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, origin, sex, disability, age and/or religion in its activities, programs, or employment practices as required by Titles VI and IX, Section 504, Chapter 15, and the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

For information regarding civil rights, grievances and/or facilities that are both accessible to and usable by disabled persons, contact Samuel Moore, Affirmative Action/ Compliance Coordinator, Sayre Area School District, 333 West Lockhart Street, Sayre, PA 18840, (570) 888-7615. For information regarding special programs and services, contact Debra Moore, Special Education Coordinator, at the same location and telephone number.



333 West Lockhart Street
Sayre, PA 18840

Winter/Spring 2004

COMMUNICATION • ACCESSIBILITY • PARTICIPATION • PRIDE

Non-Profit
Organization
U. S. Postage
PAID
PERMIT NO.
185

Residential Customer
Sayre, PA 18840