

Students

Class of 2024: This month the class of 2024 will take their first steps in the Sayre Area School District education system through the kindergarten registration and screening process. This one hour screening process consists of fine motor skills, gross motor skills, concepts, and a speech and language station.

Prom: The juniors and seniors at Sayre High School will be celebrating the prom this month with a theme of Atlantis. This annual tradition includes the crowning of the Prom King, Queen, and the rest of their court.

Activities

Summer Recreation Program: The Sayre School District has been offering an 8 week summer recreation program for more than 25 years to community children from Kindergarten – Ninth grade. This program includes 48 activities, swimming lessons, and an open swim in the afternoon. Since 2008, the program has also included a breakfast and lunch program that is delivered and funded through the Pennsylvania Department of Education in conjunction with the USDA. In the summer of 2010, 11,918 meals were served and approximately 550 children participated in the various activities. This important community benefit was offered last year by the district funding 76% of the costs, with participants off-setting the remaining 24%.

Spring Sports Program: The District offers boys and girls track and field, baseball, and softball programs. These programs have cultivated league, district, and state participants and individuals over the years. Recently, the baseball team has achieved a District IV Championship in each of the last 3 years and the Boy's and Girl's track and field teams have achieved 3 league championships between them in the last 2 years. There have been numerous state track and field champions over the years. Here are a few of the events and people who achieved state championships in Track and Field:

Track

440 yd dash: Ken Truesdale - 1965

880 Relay: Lester Bostwick, Joseph Cost, Charles Anderson, Melvin Skerpon - 1966

Mile Relay: Melvin Skerpon, Thomas Schrader, Wallace Haggerty, Joseph Cost - 1966

Mile: Melvin Skerpon—1966

1600m Relay: Greg Garrity, Doug Perry, Kevin Ferguson, Dave Coyle - 1993

200m dash: Dave Coyle—1993

400m dash: Dave Coyle—1995

Field

Pole Vault: Tom Worthington – 1942

Pole Vault: Tom Worthington – 1943

Discus: Paul Furman—1965

Discus: Ross “Rusty” Wayman-1972

Shot Put: Ross “Rusty” Wayman—1973

You

Community Programs: The Sayre Area School District offers a variety of community focused programs and events. These include a Blood Drive sponsored by the National Honor Society, Snyder Elementary Walking Program, Open Track at the High School, Free Admission to Sporting Events for Senior Citizens, Free Band and Choral Concerts, Music Program visits to local nursing homes during the holiday season, Art Program window painting for Downtown Sayre events, etc. Last year, the District offered a Homecoming Tailgate Party for free to district residents. This event was made available through the generous donations of area businesses.

Fundraising: The Parent-Teacher Group (PTG) at both the Snyder Elementary and Litchfield Elementary raise funds every year to aid in student development. The Snyder PTG alone raised approximately \$12,000 last year. Funds raised from both PTG's have been used to fund field trips, Camp Brule for the 6th graders, Artist in Residency, field days, E-bonds for the top 6th grader in each subject, etc. Other ways funds have enhanced our student experience over the years: All new ADA approved playground equipment at the Snyder Elementary, Science Weekly Readers to follow with current curriculum, Both PTG's contribute \$5 to the yearbooks for every student, and the remaining cost of the yearbooks are funded by Sprit and Pride T-shirts. The PTG's help with the rebuilding of our school library under the guidance of Librarian, Mrs. Leonard, student access to Scholastic Book Fairs (great books at low cost). Their latest fund-raising effort to support our district students is with the Box Tops for Education Collection drive to raise \$5,000 by the beginning of next school year. This effort has officially started! This fundraiser is at no cost to anyone other than clipping Box Tops and sending them in to the school!

Resources

Building costs: The current high school was built in 1928 at a cost of \$500,000. Renovations were started at the high school in 1967, at a cost of \$4,510,000. The Snyder Elementary School was built in 1973 with associated costs of \$4,370,000. This school was built with the closing of Fourth Ward, Elmer Avenue, East Side, Milltown, and South Waverly Schools. The Snyder Elementary School is able to accommodate more than 1,000 students with quality education. The district offers this quality education with \$13,166 in expenditures per student. This includes \$9,714 in instructional costs and only \$632 in debt payments per student.

Building Maintenance: The Sayre Area School District has a maintenance and custodial staff of 19 people. This caring and dedicated staff has helped to maintain our district buildings in quality condition. It is estimated the district is able to save \$40,000 a year by utilizing the skills of our maintenance staff, instead of having to utilize outside resources.

Education

Ready 4: The Ready 4 program is a developmentally appropriate readiness program which provides for the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of children who may need some assistance in getting ready for school. Our early childhood program recognizes that

children experience differences in their rates of growth and in the time at which these changes occur. The program has 30 children enrolled per year.

The program curriculum is based on the philosophy that young children learn by interacting with other children and adults in a learning environment planned around explorations with concrete learning experiences which are relevant to the children. The learning experiences which encourage curiosity and create a sound foundation for learning employ a variety of materials and activities that take place in individual, small group and large group settings.

Staff and Volunteers: The teaching staff consists of 90 teachers. Their educational backgrounds range from bachelor's degrees to a majority having master's degrees. Some examples of School's represented by these degrees include, West Chester University, Bemidji, University of Scranton, Penn State, Wilkes University, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Bloomsburg University, Bucknell University, and Mansfield University. The staff also consists of 25 aides, 12 cafeteria staff, 11 secretaries, and more than 40 volunteers. All staff and volunteers of the district are integral in student achievement.