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VOTE FOR DISTRICT MOTTO

The Spencer School District would like you to vote for your favorite motto. These mottos were created from community and staff input and narrowed by the School Board. Please vote for your favorite. You will be able to vote on our school home-page <http://www.spenceriowaschools.com/> anytime between Feb. 2 and Feb. 20. Thank you.

NEWS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OPEN ENROLLMENT NOTICE

Parents or guardians considering the use of the open enrollment option to enroll their children in another public school district in the State of Iowa for the 2009-2010 school year should be aware of the following dates.

March 1, 2009 – *Last date for regular open enrollment requests for the 2009-2010 school year. If a student meets the definition of good cause under 281-Iowa Administrative Code 17.4 (1) because of a change in residence the application can be accepted after March 1, 2009.*

September 1, 2009 – *The deadline for entering kindergarten students.*

A student who transfers school districts under open enrollment in grades 9-12 shall not be eligible to participate in interscholastic contests and competitions at the varsity level during the first 90 school days of transfer. Parents/guardians of open enrolled students whose income falls below 160% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for transportation assistance.

If you have questions, please contact the superintendent's office at 262-8950.

FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT

Future Freshman Night will be held on Monday, February 9 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. for last names ending A-K and Tuesday, February 10th from 6:00-7:15 p.m. for last names ending L-Z and parents of 1st time High School students. Please contact the High School office at 262-1700 for more information.

KINDERGARTEN HAPPENINGS

Kindergarten students in the Spencer Community School District are currently learning about wood and paper. They will observe the properties of these materials and discover what happens when they are subjected to a number of tests and interactions with other materials. Students learn that wood and paper can be recycled to create new forms of paper or wood that have new properties. Finally, they use what they know about the properties of these materials as they change wood and paper into a variety of products. Throughout the module, students have ample opportunities to compare different kinds of wood, different types of paper, and wood and paper. The concept of trees as natural resources is introduced.

Students in Mrs. Moser's kindergarten class have discovered through experimenting with redwood, pine, basswood, plywood and particleboard that most wood floats, some more easily than others. This experiment has them adding paper clips with a rubber band to discover how much weight must be added to sink their piece of pine and plywood and if it matters whether the paper clips are all on one side of the wood piece or attached to each side.



Key Club Project

Spencer High School Key Club undertook a project of collecting stuffed animals to be given to local organizations for distribution. The high school student body collected over 1,362 stuffed animals.



**SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES.....
TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS!**

ONE.....Parent/Teacher Conferences

Traditional parent-teacher conferences will be held only one evening.

February 11, 2009 **3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

(This evening is reserved for discussion about student academic progress.)

Teachers will mail conference requests to parents of students who are experiencing academic difficulty. All parents are encouraged to schedule conferences with individual teachers, including parents whose students are making satisfactory progress. Please call 262-1700 and ask for Sandy if you wish to schedule a time to meet with your student's teachers. Conferences for this evening will not be scheduled until parents initiate a contact with the school.

TWO.....Registration

Registration for next year's classes will include both **students and parents.**

February 12, 2009 **3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

(This evening is reserved for class registration.)

Every student and his/her parent(s) will have a 10-minute scheduled conference on February 12 with the student's advisor to select the appropriate classes for the 2009-10 school year.

The following registration materials will be handed to all students during Homeroom.

- Graduation requirements
- Current transcript
- Curriculum changes for next year
- Information about courses available at student's grade level
- Development of long term plans

A confirmation card will be hand delivered to parents by the student stating the scheduled time for your February 12 registration conference. Parents should fill out and have their student return the confirmation card to the advisor. The advisor will contact parents who have a conflict with the time and/or date of the conference. Registration materials should be read by both parents and students prior to the conference. Please bring all registration materials to the conference. Feel free to contact the guidance office if you have questions at 262-1700.

We encourage all parents to schedule Parent/Teacher conferences on February 11. We hope to see students and parents on February 12 for registration.

2009 SUMMER DRIVER'S EDUCATION INFORMATION

Sign up for Summer Drivers Education is January 26 – February 12, at the MS and HS offices. Parents of students who signed up will receive an informational letter by March 13th. Registration is due at the high school office by April 3rd. A tentative orientation is scheduled for **Monday, May 18, at 3:45 P.M. in the Middle School Commons.** This is a very important meeting because students will be assigned teachers, driving times will be scheduled, and information on the class will be discussed. The fee for Drivers Education is \$210.00. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Beehler or Mrs. Foerster at 262-1700, or via e-mail at jbeehler@spencer.k12.ia.us

February, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 NWIBA District Jazz Festival	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8 6:00pm Future Freshmen Night A - K @ High School	9 6:00pm Future Freshman Night L-Z @ High School	10 2:30 Dismissal 3:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences @ District	11 2:30 Dismissal 3:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences @ District	12 2:30 Dismissal 3:30pm Parent/Teacher Conferences @ District	13 NO SCHOOL SHS Debate National Qualifier	14 SHS Debate National Qualifier
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
15 B/G TR Practices Begin NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY 9:00am Solo/Ensemble Recital Night @ HS Band Room	16	17	18	19 8:30am Opera Iowa @ Old MS Auditorium	20 State Large Group Speech (Super State) @ ISU	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
22	23 Lewis & Clark Jazz Festival @ Sx. Cy. 5:30pm School Board Meeting @ CO Board Room 7:00pm HS Spring Play Tryouts @ HS Little Theater	24 12:30 Dismissal/Teacher Inservice 12:30pm Early Dismissal	25 HS ITED Testing 7:00pm HS Spring Play Tryouts @ HS Little Theater	26 HS ITED Testing	27 HS ITED Testing	28 BVU Honor Band Distinct Individual Speech, TBD



PSY Newsletter

Positively Spencer Youth (PSY) is made up of parents and community members who want to make a difference with the Spencer youth. The goal of the group is to change the attitude towards substance use and abuse through prevention and education.

Future Events:

February 17th: 7pm

Monthly PSY Meeting, held in Spencer Hospital's Cedar Conference Room

(lower level)

February 27th

HS TEEN CENTER NIGHT @ Spencer Bowl

February 28th

MS TEEN CENTER NIGHT @ Spencer Bowl

OUR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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**To reach PSY:
580-SAFE
info@positivelyyouth.org**

You asked for it!
Spencer Bowl will be transformed into a Teen Center

HS -Friday, February 27th
MS -Saturday, February 28th

Free food

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Pool

Bowling & more

Join us for a night of safe, fun & free activities for the youth of our community! Let's show everyone a Teen Center will be a success!

**Time of event to be determined...
stay tuned!**

Thanks for the great turn out for the dance
Friday, January 9th!

Over 211 students came out on a snowy,
windy night for dancing fun!

Look for more information about another upcoming dance...possibly in honor of St. Patrick's Day!