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WELCOME 2010-11 New Teachers to Spencer Community Schools



(Left to right) - front row sitting: Tracy Cordova (Preschool), Debbie Ortiz (Elementary), Amy Thompson (Elementary), Katie Balk (High School), Mollie O'Mara (High School), Rachel Springman (High School), Lisa Van Drunen (Elementary), Kory Petzenhauser (High School)
(Left to right) - second row standing: Nancy De Geest (Elementary), Molly VanderLinden (High School), Lindsey McGill (Middle School), Denise Cole (High School), Megan McCabe (Middle School), Emily Johns (Elementary), Byrna Eckard (Librarian), and Holly Sieg (Preschool). Missing from photo: Matt Ruden (Middle School).

DATES TO REMEMBER

OPEN HOUSES:

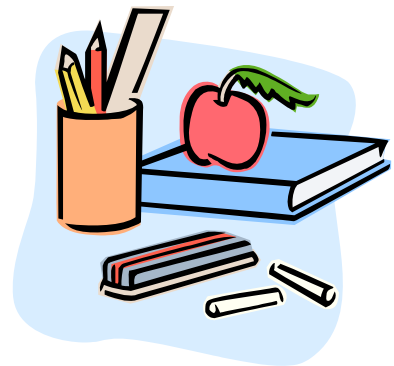
August 31	MS	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	HS	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Johnson	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Lincoln	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Fairview	6:30 p.m.

PICTURE DAYS:

Sept. 1	High School
Sept. 2	Middle School
Sept. 3	Elementary

NO SCHOOL DAYS

Sept. 6	Labor Day
Sept. 17	Fair Day



SVMB

Our Mission: To Support Spencer Schools Music Programs

The Spencer Vocal Music Boosters (SVMB) supports nearly 200 students in the high school vocal music department and all of the K-8 students of the Spencer Community School District. The purpose of this organization is to provide both musical and financial assistance to all of the many music opportunities in the Spencer School district. SVMB provides funds to maintain a sound music program that continues to support our student's academic excellence. With five large vocal music groups, numerous small group, and soloists requiring music, costumes, folders, robes, t-shirts, equipment and instruments, the need continues to grow each year.

SVMB meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm in the high school vocal room. We are always looking for fresh ideas and suggestions. For questions or comments, please contact De Linda Leu at deleu@smunet.net or Cindy Kramer at sckramer@smunet.net.

What does SVMB do?

- * Help/encourage the Spencer Music Department and students
- * Assist with jazz choir and small group contests
- * Scholarships for music camps and Senior college scholarships
- * Support elementary and middle school vocal music
- * Help support the music theory class
- * Raise funds for choir trips

Wish List

People are always asking "what does the music department need?" Here is a list of some of the items the department (band and vocal) is in need of:

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| 9 Volt Batteries | Extension Chords | AA Batteries | Power Strips |
| Itunes Gift Cards | Recordable CDs | Printer Paper | Heavy Duty Hose Reel |
| Pitch Pipes | Electronic Metronomes | Mic Chord | Mic Clips |
| AAA Batteries | Plastic Totes (Large or Small) | | |



Tear off here are return to SVMB

Become a Booster Today!!!

I would like to make a donation and become a financial supporter of the Spencer Vocal Music Boosters: (Please check at which level you would like to participate)

- Conductor \$1000 and up
- Soloist \$749-\$999
- Duet \$500-\$749
- Trio \$250-\$499
- Quartet \$100-\$249
- Madrigal \$50-\$99
- Chamber \$30-\$49
- Chorus \$15-\$29



Please make checks payable to:
Spencer Vocal Music Boosters

Mail to: Kris McDermott
1204 11th Street West
Spencer, Iowa 51301

Name *

Business *

Address

Email

Phone

* if applicable - will be printed in 2010-2011 programs

- Please check this box if you do not wish your name/business to be published in the vocal music programs.

Spencer Vocal Music Boosters Members aren't just parents of High School Choir students. Please considering contributing to help support the musical growth of Spencer Students

Spencer High School Homecoming 2010

THEME: Around the World

Homecoming Week Schedule

- Saturday, September 18 9:00 AM Window Decorating, Downtown @ businesses
9:00 AM VB @ Forest City
10:00 AM XC @ Carroll Kuemper
12:30 PM GSW @ Charles City
- Monday, September 20 Dress up day – College
4:45 PM JV VB Tourney (H)
5:00 PM 9/10 FB @ Algona
7:00 PM Speech & Drama Orientation (Old MS Aud.)
- Tuesday, September 21 Dress up day – Nerd
5:00 PM JV/V XC @ Sheldon
- Wednesday, Sept. 22 Dress up day – Foreign Country
5:30 PM Powder Puff Football
7:00 PM Coronation, Fieldhouse
8:30 PM – FREE Movie, Positively Spencer Youth
- Thursday, September 23 Dress up day – Dress for Success
5:00 – 6:30 PM Talent show participants present to Administration
5:30 PM Fr/JV VB (H)
7:00 PM V VB (H) with Cherokee
Boys VB to follow VB
- Friday, September 24 Dress up day - Spirit Day – Purple & Gold
1:30 – 3:25 PM Talent Show, Pep Rally, and tug-o-war
7:00 PM Spencer vs. Storm Lake
Dance 9:00 PM – Midnight, SHS Student Center
- Saturday, September 25 Window teardown
N Central Marching Band @ Ft. Dodge

Homecoming Court

MC for Coronation

TAILTWISTERS

The Tailtwisters Booster Club was formed in 1981 for the purpose of aiding the Spencer Community Schools in maintaining a quality activity program. Funds raised by the Tailtwisters supplement the budget of the Activity Director and benefit all participants in athletic activities currently available at Spencer High School.

The past school year, the Tailtwisters purchased or aided in the purchase of equipment for many of the athletic teams and coaches. We also helped with the expenses of teams that traveled to state tournaments and represented the Spencer Tigers.

The Spencer Tailtwisters would not be able to help with the updates to our school's facilities or the purchase of equipment without our community's and Tiger Fans generous support. 2010-2011 Tailtwister memberships are available at four levels: Regular Member \$15-\$49; Junior Varsity Member \$50-\$99; Varsity Member \$100-\$249; or All-Star \$250+.

Memberships may be mailed to:

Tailtwister Booster Club

P.O. Box 711

Spencer, Iowa 51301

Memberships may also be dropped off at high school office. Information should include name, address, and phone number.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community and the athletes who participated in the Gold Card Blitz Night on Sunday, August 22. The athletes exceeded the sales goal we challenged them to. We are very proud of them! If you didn't get a chance to purchase a Gold Card, you may do so by contacting a board member or Roger Johnson at the high school.

Mark your calendars for our annual Football Tailgate to be held August 27th.

Look for the Tailtwisters Tent near the north football stadium entrance.

Please consider adding your support for Spencer High School Athletics and becoming a member of the 2010-2011 Tailtwister Booster Club or by purchasing a Gold Card. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Tailtwister Board Members

Steve Rhode, President

Tim Greenough, Vice President

Ann Baschke, Secretary

Sue Salton, Treasurer

Dana Anderson

Susie Baxter

Tracy Boyd

Steve Labernik

Russ Klemme

Randy Wiemers

FluMist Influenza Vaccine Offered to Middle School and High School Students this Fall

Clay County Public Health and Avera-Spencer Family Care will be offering the FluMist (nasal spray) influenza vaccine at school to current middle and high school students as soon as vaccine becomes available, likely in late September or early October. Please watch the school website for updates.

Studies show that school-age children are up to four times more likely to be infected with influenza than adults. Also, older students traditionally have a low rate of influenza vaccination each year.

Not all children will be able to receive FluMist. Anyone with a chronic respiratory condition, like asthma, will need the flu shot and can get this from his or her healthcare provider. Other restrictions are listed on the consent form.

FluMist will be given at little or no cost depending on insurance coverage. Detailed information about this may be found in the letter and consent forms on the school website under "documents". A FAQ sheet about FluMist is also posted. These forms may also be picked up at the students' school.

Kids love FluMist because it's needle-free! Consider taking advantage of this convenient method to get your child protected from influenza! A consent form for each student should be signed and returned to their school office no later than **September 15**.

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Spencer Community School District provides K-12 instruction on human growth and development including instruction on the following topics in accordance with the Iowa Department of Education: human sexuality, self-esteem, stress management, interpersonal relationships, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

The human growth and development topics are incorporated into the district's K-12 health curriculum, science curriculum, and family consumer science curriculum. Information about the human growth and development curriculum and procedures used for inspecting and reviewing the instructional materials are available upon request.

Students shall not be required to take instruction in human growth and development topics if the student's parent or guardian files a written request with the building principal. Forms for this purpose are available at each building office.

ABUSE OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

It is the policy of the Spencer Community School District that school employees not commit acts of physical or sexual abuse, including inappropriate and intentional sexual behavior, toward students. Any school employee who commits such acts is subject to disciplinary sanctions up to and including discharge. It is the policy of the Spencer Community School District to respond promptly to allegations of abuse of students by school employees by investigating or arranging for full investigations of any allegations and to do so in a reasonably prudent manner. The processing of a complaint or allegation will be handled confidentially to the maximum extent possible. All employees are required to assist in the investigation when requested to provide information, and to maintain the confidentiality of the reporting and investigating process. The Spencer Community School District has appointed a Level I investigator and alternates, and has arranged for a trained, experienced professional to serve as the Level II investigator. The Level I investigator and alternates will be provided training in the conducting of an investigation. The superintendent or designee shall prescribe rules in accordance with the rules adopted by the State Board of Education to carry out this policy.
Level I Investigator Teresa Goehring 262-2710
Level II Investigator Angie Ward 262-3345

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

All members of the Spencer Community School District, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Board, administration, faculty, staff, and students, are expected to conduct themselves at all times so as to provide an atmosphere free from sexual harassment. Any person who engages in sexual harassment while acting as a member of the school community will be in violation of Board Policy 502.10. Violations of this policy by students will be cause for disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion. School employees shall be responsible for promoting understanding and acceptance of, and assuring compliance with state and federal laws and Board policy and procedures governing sexual harassment within the school setting.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

The Spencer Community Schools has asbestos management prepared for all school buildings in the district. These plans are available for your inspection Monday through Friday during regular school office hours at the district office and at each buildings' principal office. As a part of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), all district asbestos containing materials are routinely inspected.

Periodic surveillances are conducted every six months to check for damage to the asbestos containing materials. Any damages are identified by properly trained individuals. In addition to periodic surveillances, the buildings are reinspected every three years. The purpose of the reinspection is to have a federally certified asbestos inspector reassess the condition of the material.

RELEASE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

The Spencer School District collects and maintains records for each student in order to facilitate the instruction, guidance, and educational progress of the student. The records contain information about the student and his/her education and may include the following types of records: identification data, attendance data, record of achievement, family background data, aptitude tests, educational and vocational plans, honors and activities, discipline data, and objective counselor or teacher ratings and observations. The records of each student are located in the school building which he or she is attending.

The following information may be released to the public in regard to any individual student of the school district as needed: Name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous school or institution attended by the student, and other similar information.

Any student over the age of eighteen or parent not wanting this information released to the public must make objection in writing within 15 days of enrollment to the principal. The objection needs to be renewed annually.



PSY Newsletter

Attention:

If you have a student in grades 7-12 this school year, please consider signing the Parent to Parent Pledge

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:

Sept 21: 7pm

Monthly PSY Meeting, held in Spencer Hospital's Cedar Conference Room (lower level)

OUR MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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To reach PSY:

580-SAFE

info@positivelyouth.org

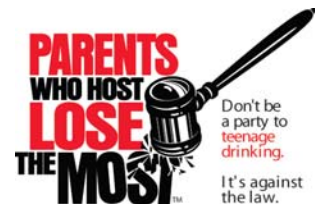
As parents/guardians we believe our involvement is vital in preventing dangerous and illegal use of alcohol and drugs by our children.

We therefore commit to the following:

1. As a parent/guardian we will always ask WHO our students are going to be with, WHERE our student is going, and WHAT our student is going to be doing while they are away from home.
2. We support each other's efforts to keep our students healthy, safe and alcohol/drug free.
3. We will provide only chaperoned, alcohol/drug-free activities and parties for our students and their friends in our homes. When we go out of town for the weekend, on business, etc. we will leave our students with adult supervision.
4. We welcome phone calls from other parents regarding activities for our students. When in doubt, we will call to make sure our students are where they say they will be.
5. We support elimination of hotel/motel, lake home and country parties without proper adult supervision.
6. We support responsible age appropriate curfews.
7. We support the community and school's efforts to eliminate the use of alcohol, tobacco and drugs by our students.

WE SIGN THIS PLEDGE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT OUR NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS WILL BE SHARED WITH OTHER PARENTS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THESE BELIEFS.

To sign the Pledge and be included in the 2010-2011 directory, please contact PSY by calling 5880-SAFE or by emailing info@positivelyouth.org.





Spencer High School - District Calendar Info

September, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30am HS Life Touch Pictures @ HS Little Theater	2 7:30am MS Life Touch Picture Day @ Middle School	3 8:00am Elem. Life Touch Picture Day @ Multiple locations	4
5	LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL	6	7	8	9	10
		Measures of Academic Proress Testing	Measures of Academic Proress Testing	Measures of Academic Proress Testing 6:00pm HS Open House @ High School 7:00pm HS Academic Awards Assembly @ HS Field House	Measures of Academic Proress Testing	8:00am ACT Test Date @ High School
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Clay County Fair Week HS Veterans Day Parade @ Clay County Fair Grounds Measures of Academic Proress Testing	Clay County Fair Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing	Clay County Fair Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing	Clay County Fair Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing	Clay County Fair Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing	Clay County Fair Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing NO SCHOOL - FAIR DAY	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Homecoming Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing 7:00pm Speech & Drama Orientation @ Old MS Auditorium	Homecoming Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing 6:30pm Johnson Open House @ Johnson 6:30pm Lincoln Open House @ Lincoln	Homecoming Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing 7:00pm Homecoming Coronation @ HS Field House 8:30pm Positively Spencer Youth Movie	Homecoming Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing 6:30pm Fairview Open House @ Fairview	Homecoming Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing 2:30pm Elem. Fall parties 9:00pm SHS Homecoming Dance @ HS Student Center	Homecoming Week Measures of Academic Proress Testing 2:30pm MS Tiger Pride Day 9:00pm SHS Homecoming Dance @ HS Student Center	Homecoming Week North Central IA Marching Band @ Ft. Dodge
26	27	28	29	30		
5:30pm Pre-School Family Night @ Johnson 7:00pm Fall Play Tryouts @ Old MS Auditorium	7:00pm Fall Play Tryouts @ Old MS Auditorium	12:30pm 12:30 Dismissal/Teacher Inservice 4:00pm Fall Play Tryouts @ Old MS Auditorium	7:00pm Fall Play Tryouts @ Old MS Auditorium			