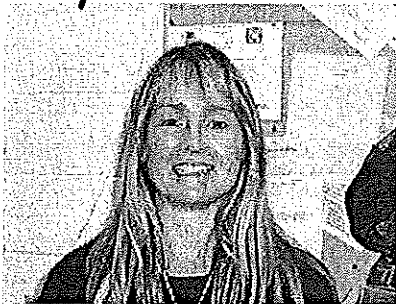


Grant Facts

Your Grant Steering Committee:
Mr. Sabol, Mrs. Fier, Mrs. DeLaura
Mrs. Weber, Mr. Erickson,
Mrs. Hernandez, and
Mrs. Lemke (Grant Site Manager).

Please feel free to speak with any of us regarding your experiences with Grant-initiated or supported activities!!

Meet your School staff:



Mrs. Rebecca Engle, Special Education Teacher. She is expecting a little girl. Mrs. Engle is in her 4th year here. She has horses and loves horseback riding.

1. In the winter I ... would rather be someplace warm but I do enjoy snowboarding, but admit I'm not very good!
2. Something you wish you were good at (besides snowboarding): singing, because I do it loud and often, but not well!
3. Favorite place I've been: the Galapagos Islands. My sister got bitten by a sea lion!



"Ms./Mrs. April" Wald, Secretary Extraordinaire
This is her 5th year at Neosho School. She worked 27 years in a Vet Clinic (as a certified animal tech) and finds this not too different!! Hmmm...

1. Favorite Musician: She says she doesn't have one, but likes Country and Classical.
2. If money was no object, where would you travel? I'd tour Europe and visit the land of my heritage, Austria and Germany.
3. Favorite Fast Food: Arby's, it seems like the healthiest!

This Week's Website

Check it out!!

WWW.
parentfurther.com/resources

great website for parent info, conversation starters, activities...

Upcoming Events

Ropes Challenge Course

at Rogers Memorial Hospital
planned for the
Middle School students !

Tuesday, October 12th

Thank You's

This week, special thanks to the following individuals or groups:

To Kim Stephan and Dorothy Wiebelhaus , the chefs, for making and serving up a great lunch every day!

THANKS!

EXTRA EFFORT

When: Monday - Thursday (3:20-4:20)
Where: Neosho School Library
Why: Students needing help, a quiet place to work, any other great reason
Who: Mr. Pohland will be there to help

Students can be signed up for any or all days each week. Please turn in this form to your teacher.

Parents: Please be prompt in picking up your child at 4:20 P.M.! I look forward to working with many of our children this year.

_____ Monday, October 11
_____ Tuesday, October 12
~~_____~~ Wednesday, October 13 - NO EXTRA EFFORT TODAY
_____ Thursday, October 14

Students Name _____ Grade _____ has my
permission to attend Extra Effort. I understand that I must pick my child up at 4:20 P.M.

Parents
Signature _____

PASSIVE PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Our school is taking part in the Wisconsin Online Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by the Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant. The survey will ask about the health behaviors of 6th through 8th grade students. The survey will ask about behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, and alcohol and other drug use. It will also ask about sexual behaviors that may result in HIV infection, other sexually transmitted diseases, and, unwanted pregnancies and dietary behavior and physical activity.

Students will be asked to fill out a computer-based questionnaire that takes about 25 minutes to complete. They will take the survey during regular class time.

Completing this anonymous Internet survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey. Also, no class or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey will help children in the future by influencing health and safety programs. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary**. No action will be taken against you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

Please see the other side of this form for more facts about the survey. If your child's teacher or principal cannot answer your questions about the survey, call Colleen Lemke at (262)305-4814.

Please read the section below. **If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, check the box, sign and date the form and return the form to the school no later than 10/13, 2010.** Signing and returning this form will dismiss your child from taking the survey. If you have no objection to your child taking part in the survey, you should do nothing with this form. Thank you.

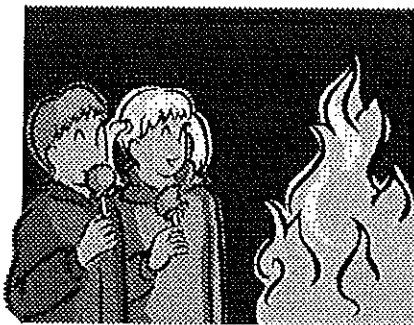
Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

[] My child **may not** take part in this survey.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE NEOSHO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY BONFIRE!!

Who: All students, families, friends and neighbors!

When: Friday, October 22nd from 6:00-8:00pm

Where: At the Shelter in the park

What: We will be selling hot dogs, brats, caramel apples, popcorn, pumpkin pie, hot cider, and hot cocoa!

What else? We will have a Bouncy House, music, and you can “Throw a Pie in the face of a Neosho School Staff Member” (participants have yet to be determined)

Why: We are looking for new ways to raise money for fun activities and field trips for the school

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES THERE!!!

_____ **Yes, we will be there!** Family Name _____

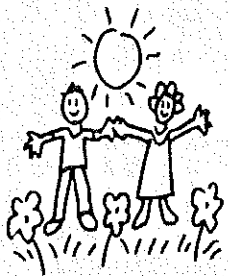
How many people attending _____

I can donate some time to help **set up** **clean up** **sell food**
supervise the Bouncy House

I can donate **a pumpkin pie(or any flavor)** **a tub of whip cream**



Committee News

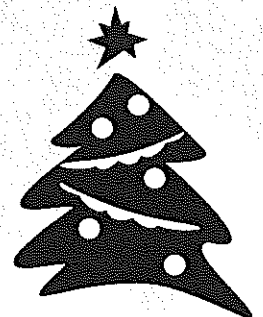


Neosho Public School
Craft & Vendor Fair

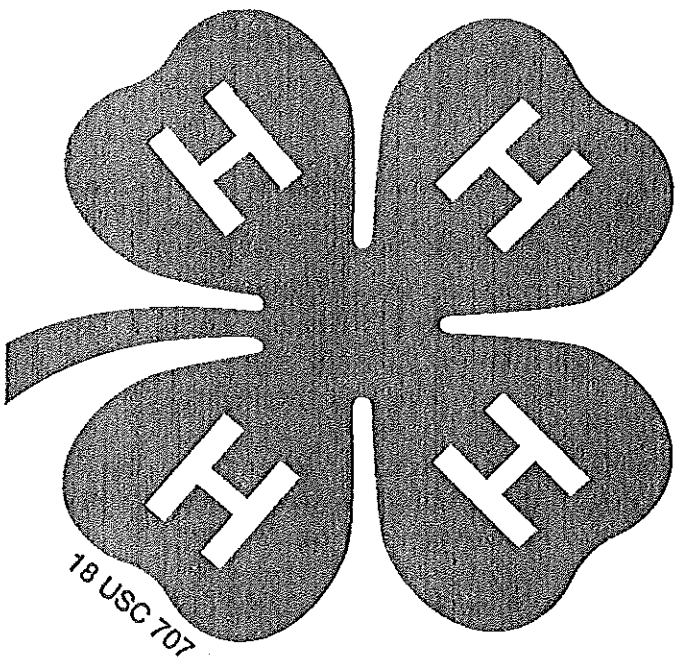
Our annual Craft & Vendor Fair that will be held on Saturday, November 20, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. We still have booth space available for crafters /vendors to rent; if you or anyone you know would like to rent booth space please call Anne Noll at 920-625-3011. Or if you have general questions about the fair or are available to help us the day of the fair, please call Danielle Balmer at 920-625-3433.



The S.O.S Committee would like to start a new tradition in Neosho this year. We would like to have a community Christmas tree at Veteran's Park. (The triangle where the gazebo is) To do this we need a couple of things; a Christmas tree for starters, (we want to plant a permanent Christmas tree next year) and solar tree lights. (there is no electricity at Veteran's Park) We were hoping someone would be able to donate or help us get a deal on a Christmas tree for this year. Then we were also looking for donations for the solar Christmas tree lights and the decorations we want to put around the gazebo. We have already received a couple \$25 donations from school families and local businesses and we are hoping to receive a couple more from area families/businesses/organizations. We are planning on having a community wide Christmas tree dedication with Christmas carols, hot chocolate, etc. on **Thursday, December 2, 2010, at 6:30 pm.** If you have any ideas or are able to help in any way please contact Heather Oldenhoff at 920-625-3805.



JOIN 4-H!



NEOSHO UTOPIANS 4-H CLUB

Meetings are held at Neosho School on the
Seconded Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 14, OPEN HOUSE, SHORT BUSINESS MEETING, SNACKS

For more information call: 920-625-3619 or e-mail: NeoshoUtopians4-H@hotmail.com

WHO CAN JOIN 4-H?

4-H MEMBERSHIP

4-H grade is determined as of October 1, 2008.

First & second graders (as of 10/01/2008) enroll in Dodge County 4-H as Cloverbuds.

Third graders enroll as Explorers.

Starting at fourth grade, members can select from a variety of projects.

Youth continue to be eligible for membership (1) year beyond high school graduation (grade 13). **Member**

graduation option: Graduate from 4-H following high school graduation -or-
One year after high school graduation.

Enrollment is made through local 4-H Clubs. Re-enrolling members **MUST** submit their Enrollment Forms/Behavior Forms **TO GENERAL LEADERS** in September or early October. *These re-enrollment forms are submitted by the General Leader to 4-H Office by October 28, 2008.*

New Members (including Cloverbuds and Explorers) should turn their enrollment forms to their local General Leader as soon as they have decided to become members of a club.

New Member enrollment forms are due by December 29, 2008 to SHOW at Year 2009 FAIR; however, new memberships are accepted at any time.

Once Enrollment Forms are turned in, projects CANNOT be added or changed!

4-H MEMBERSHIP/COMPETITION POLICY

Statewide 4-H Youth Development has developed two statements about 4-H membership intended to provide consistency to the way young people identify themselves with counties and how they are selected for out-of-county competitive events. *For policies purposes, 4-H membership is defined as having an individual enrollment form on file/entered in the computer membership database at the county extension office.* Policies are effective as of October 1, 1996.

Membership Policy #1

"Youth may not hold 4-H membership in more than one county/state at the same time."

This simply requires that they only hold 4-H membership in a single county at any given time.

Membership Policy #2

"Youth must qualify for participation in district, state or national 4-H competitions through their county of membership." Members must be selected as representatives of only their county of membership, regardless of the location of the qualifying experience.

ENROLLMENT FEES

County 4-H enrollment fee is \$6.00 per member (including Cloverbuds & Exploring Members) and is paid to your local club to be forwarded with club enrollments.

Local club enrollment fees are determined by the individual club.

PROJECT FEES

You may take 3 projects with no extra project fee.

Additional projects have a \$3.00 PER PROJECT fee in addition to County and Club fees. The Dodge County 4-H Leader Associations and UW-Extension subsidize ALL 4-H project areas.

ALL members (new and re-enrolling) MUST complete and return to General Leaders:

- An Enrollment Form and
- Dodge County 4-H Behavior Agreement Form

ideas for parents

Easy Ways to Build Assets for and with Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #6:
Parent
Involvement
in Schooling**
Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their parents are involved in their education and school.

34%
*of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.**

What Are Assets?
Assets are 40 values, experiences, and qualities that help kids succeed. "Parent involvement in schooling" is one of six support assets

* Based on Search Institute surveys of 217,277 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States during the 1999-2000 school year

Staying Involved in School

It's a downward trend. As children start kindergarten, parents are quite involved with their education. We attend parent-teacher conferences, cheer on our children at school concerts and events, and hang up schoolwork in the family art gallery: on the refrigerator.

But sometimes we distance ourselves from school as our children grow older. Kids seem to be doing well without as much of our involvement. They're supposed to be independent. Right?

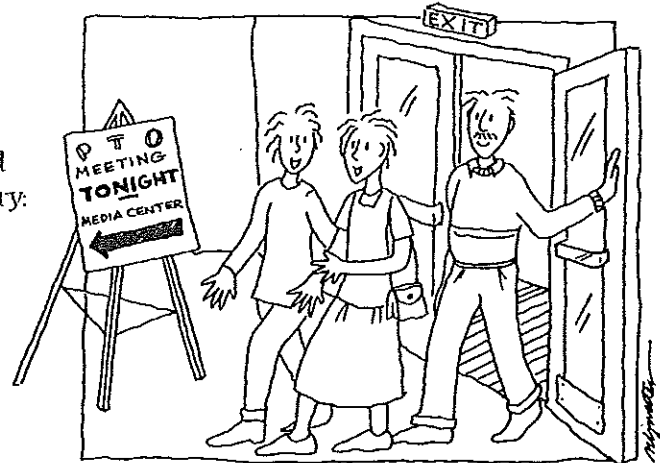
Kids need their parents to stay actively involved in their education throughout middle and high school.

Parents can easily stay involved in small ways that will make a big difference. For example:

- Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teacher(s). Call to check in every other month—before trouble appears. See if teachers have email.
- Join a parent-teacher organization. If you can't volunteer a lot of time, say so.
- Volunteer to help out in small ways. Check with the teacher or the school's volunteer coordinator.
- Help seniors fill out college applications.

The CHALLENGE

Most youth don't have parents who are active in their schooling. Only 34% of young people experience this asset. And involvement drops dramatically across the middle and high school years, from 50% of 6th graders having this asset to only 20% of 12th graders.



- Volunteer to speak on career day.
- Attend all conferences. If you can't make it on the designated date, arrange to meet at another time.
- Read the same book your child is assigned in English class, and talk about it together.

time together

Three ways to be more involved with your child's education:

1. Encourage your child's teacher to meet with both you and your child so that everyone can have a say in expectations and goals.
2. Go to a museum together to look at exhibits that are related to your child's classes.
3. Make attending school events a priority. Keep track of them on a family calendar.

Ways of Staying Involved



When parents participate in their children's education—even in small ways—children can reap great benefits. Here are a few ways to serve:

- Ask teachers about ways to share your culture and traditions with their classes, including food, music, celebrations, and photos.
- Offer to read to the class or individual students.
- Volunteer to tutor struggling students.
- Help out with an art or science activity.
- Supervise children on the playground or in the library.
- Set up and clean up after a classroom party.

Children's Pride

Remember, your children are proud of you and love having the chance to show you off to their teachers and principal.

More Help for Parents

The U.S. Department of Education has available a number of free publications on family involvement in learning. Check out the Web site at www.ed.gov.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- *In what ways would you like me (us) to be involved with your school?*
- *What do you like about other parents who help out at school?*
- *What would make school more enjoyable? Why?*

Final Word

"Forge a partnership with your child's other educators from the start."

—Jacquelyn Saunders, author of *Bringing Out the Best*, a parenting book

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