

Carroll School Board topic:

Health program for kindergartners

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At a Nov. 18 meeting, Carroll School Board heard about a special health program for kindergarten students this school year.

Elementary principal Carolyn O'Connell explained the program, with information provided by school nurse Jennifer Wellbaum.

The program began with a Health Fair on Nov. 14. Students visited five stations to learn about the importance of exercise and making healthy food choices. Students were

given a brief quiz about healthy choices, and their height and weight were recorded. At a wrap-up activity this spring, the quiz will be repeated, and students' height and weight will be recorded again. There also will be monthly activities and a newsletter for parents.

State funds for the two-year grant came through the Carroll County Health Department. It is a shared grant with the Delphi Community School Corporation. The purpose of the program is to educate students about childhood obesity.

O'Connell said the program is one of many responsibilities of the school nurse.

"The school nurse doesn't just put band-aids on anymore," O'Connell said. "She always has something to do."

O'Connell said the school nurse deals not only with physical needs of the students, but emotional and social needs, and home environment, work-

ing with social service agencies. She also coordinates services, such as vision and dental screening, and helps provide education on such subjects as human growth and development, nutrition, and obesity.

"And she has many, many reports to fill out," O'Connell said.

The board adopted a resolution, increasing the appropriations out of the Capital Projects Fund. The additional appropriation is for \$500,000 to pay higher-than-anticipated costs of the current junior-senior high school piping project. The additional appropriation has been advertised, and still needs the approval of the Department of Local Government Finance. Superintendent John Sayers reiterated that this additional appropriation will not raise taxes.

The 2009-2010 school calendar is under consideration. One proposed calendar shows a beginning date for students on

Aug. 11, with the last student day May 18, and Commencement May 29. Another proposed calendar shows a start day for students on Aug. 14, last day May 25, and Commencement May 29. Board president Sam Zook said board members will be taking calendar suggestions up until the next meeting, Dec. 1.

Carroll, Delphi Community, Rossville, and Twin Lakes school corporations go together to choose a representative on the county Area Plan Commission. Carroll's recommendation, by board vote, is Jay Bush. The other school boards also will make recommendations, and ultimately the corporations must agree on one person.

The board approved the following members of the elementary textbook adoption committee: Administrators Carolyn O'Connell and Natalie McQuade, teachers Giselle

Parrett, Diana Brown, Susan Briggs, Cecilia Henning, Diane Routh, Kara Burrous, and Andrea O'Brien, and parents Teresa McGill, Autumn Filbrun, Pattie Evans, and Kim Kitchel.

Carla Richardson has been hired as a full-time bus driver.

The board adopted a 403(b) Plan, a document relating to the corporation's matching retirement program. Adopting the plan is an IRS requirement.

Also approved was the use of the auditorium for the Area 8 Share-the-Fun Contest on May 8.

Seven conference and field trip requests were approved, including a trip by senior English students to see "To Kill A Mockingbird" in Indianapolis, and for FFA students to participate in the area Forestry and Entomology Contest at the Fulton County Fairgrounds.

The next board meeting has been changed to Monday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. A work session will precede the meeting

4-H News

Junior Leaders

Carroll County 4-H Junior Leaders took a trip Nov. 17 to TV18 in Lafayette. The group toured the newsroom where staff members edit stories, watched the 6 p.m. live show and watched them make commercials for the 11 p.m. show. They also practiced being newscasters in front of the green screen. Afterwards, the club went to Pizza Hut to eat. Ariel Randle organized the tour.

Junior Leaders brought story books for WIC for their service project.

The next meeting will be Dec. 8 at Monicals in Delphi. Those attending are asked to bring a gift for the Toy Store.

Horse & Pony Club

The Carroll County 4-H Horse & Pony Awards Banquet was held Nov. 9. After a carry-in dinner, awards and prizes were handed out. The top five award winners were: 1st Brittany Brown; 2nd Kate Schneckloth; 3rd Caleb Bowlin and Mekenzie Gear (tie); 4th Rachel Bowlin; and 5th Kylie Nape.

IDOE unveils new Web site

Comet staff report

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) unveiled a new and improved Web site at www.doe.in.gov. Communicating a vision for K-12 education as a driving force for a vital Indiana is at the core of IDOE's mission to support the success of students and the state. The new online presence supports and expands these efforts.

Beginning with key Web pages — and improving others over time — the new site offers enhanced clarity, access and navigation. The new IDOE home page (www.doe.in.gov) creates a single entry point for all school data (www.doe.in.gov/schooldata) and includes a new online

clearinghouse for Indiana's Academic Standards and their accompanying learning resources (www.doe.in.gov/standards).

Everyone is encouraged to visit the IDOE Web site in the coming weeks and let the webmaster know (webmaster@doe.in.gov) when they experience difficulty finding something they found useful on the former site. The IDOE is committed to perpetually refining this online resource to better serve Indiana students, schools and communities.

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Service News

Henderson completes basic training

Army Reserve Pvt. Ethan R. Henderson has graduated from basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., to be a member of the Army National Guard or Reserve Split-option Program.

The program allows students between their junior and

senior year of high school to attend national guard or reserve weekend drills while still in school and pursue a military career specialty after they graduate from high school.

The son of Bob Henderson and Michelle Lynch, both of Delphi, the private is a student at Delphi Community High School.

YMCA Camp Tecumseh has record year

Founded 85 years ago here in Carroll County, YMCA Camp Tecumseh has never served as many campers in a single year than its 35,000 participants this year. With 450 overnight campers, 160 day campers, and 140 staff members each week of the summer, Camp Tecumseh is a hub of activity for children and teens, as well as young adult counselors.

"While it is really satisfying to see so many families want this experience for their children," commented Dave Wright, executive director of the camp. "seeing the positive growth of the campers is what really makes us happy."

The camp's mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

"Our daily chapel program and the evening cabin devotions really help campers to grow spiritually," Wright explained. "Once a family has been involved here they realize Camp Tecumseh is primarily a youth development organization, not just a place to canoe or ride a horse. Our counselors go through extensive training so we can use all the fun activities to help campers build positive character and values."

Many camps for special groups take place at Camp Tecumseh each year as well. The Hoosier Burn Camp for youthful burn victims; Trails of Hope Grief Camp for young people who have lost a loved one; two Royal Family Kids Camps for neglected and abused children; Kidney Camp for youth who need special care for their illness; Touchstone Energy Camp where campers learn about electricity safety combined with a traditional camp experience. Camp Tecumseh has also hosted 4-H Camp annually since 1924.

YMCA Camp Tecumseh is a charitable, not-for-profit organization. Its facilities have been provided through the generosity of donors.

"Since the property was first purchased with contributions in 1924, Camp has been blessed by the support of those who believe strongly in the powerful impact Camp has on the development of youth," Wright said. "Thanks to hundreds of donors, this year more than \$192,000 in direct camperships were pro-

vided for less advantaged children. Additionally, camp has provided more than \$43,000 in community service to groups such as Leadership Carroll County, local church youth groups, as well as elementary and middle school classes."

Last winter the camp provided housing for flood vic-

tims. It also served as a distribution center for relief supplies. In January, Camp Tecumseh headed an effort of YMCA camps from 12 states to donate nearly \$7,000 to flood relief efforts locally. This fall the camp has been providing free housing and meals to mission teams from other states

coming to Carroll County to help rehabilitate flooded homes.

"These are tough economic times for all of us and we hope our donations and camp enrollments hold up in 2009. We want to continue this high level of community service every year," Wright reflected.



Daily morning chapel

Chapels most always start with a few fun songs, usually followed by a skit with some sort of message, topped off with a prayer and a couple of songs at Camp Tecumseh. Many of the songs have hand motions. Most campers list chapels as one of their favorite things about camp. Photo provided



Country Hoedown

Country Hoedown was one of the Friday night themed suppers in the dining hall at Camp Tecumseh. There is a different theme each Friday supper. The cabin groups eat family style with platters of food brought to each table. "You kill it, you fill it." is the rule meaning if you empty the platter, you must go back into the kitchen and ask for more. Photo provided

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