



## Winnebago Schools Mission

*An educational community that  
inspires and assists each  
individual to make the greatest  
use of his or her potential.*

## Upcoming Events

June	
21	7:00 p.m. Winnebago CUSD #323 Board of Education Meeting @ Jean McNair
July	
14	2:00-7:00 p.m. New Family Registration at individual schools
14	4:00-6:00 p.m. Yearbook pickup at Jean McNair
15	9:00-11:00 a.m. Yearbook pickup at Jean McNair
19	Mail-in registration papers and payments due
19	7:00 p.m. Winnebago CUSD #323 Board of Education Meeting @ Jean McNair
August	
11	New Family Registration at individual schools
16	7:00 p.m. Winnebago CUSD #323 Board of Education Meeting @ Jean McNair
20	K-5 Class lists posted on the doors of the school
25	First day of student attendance 8:30 a.m. Orientation with parents-Kindergarten 8:15-10:45 a.m.- Simon 7:50-11:00 a.m. McNair, WMS, WHS
26	First full day of school
30	8:30 a.m.-Early Childhood
31	Full Day-Early Childhood
Sept.	
6	No School - Labor Day
	For more information on upcoming events log onto <a href="http://www.winnebagoschools.org">www.winnebagoschools.org</a>



## On Your Marks...

**First graders get ready to hop during the Hippity Hop Race at Dorothy Simon Elementary Field Days.**

## Winnebago Track Teams have great finish

### *Girl's track team earn medals at state meet*

Congratulations to the girl's track team on representing Winnebago at the IHSA state track meet in Charleston on Sat., May 22. The 4x800 relay team of Alex Palm, Jessica Palm, Betsy Gray, and Tessa Hoefle finished fourth with a time of 9:42. Tessa Hoefle then returned less than an hour later to compete in the 3200 run capturing seventh to earn her second state medal of the day.

### *Boy's track team takes second in state*

The boy's track team had an impressive showing downstate, taking second as a team and competing well in both field and track events. In discus, Alex Thompson took first. Nathaneal Rittmeyer took third in pole vault. Alex Thompson placed fifth in shot put.

In the 4x100, Tay Shanklin, Mike Mann, Neal Leonard, and Marcus Posley placed sixth. In the 4x200 the same team of Shanklin, Mann, Leonard, and Posley took second place.

In the 4x400, Tyler Busch, Brandon Clinite, Mike Mann, and Marcus Posley finished fourth place.

## Update on District Gold Card program

The Winnebago Board of Education approved changes in the Gold Card program at their May meeting. In April, the Board of Education had approved a \$2 charge for all seniors for district events. Upon further review and reconsideration, the Board approved returning to the procedure of free admission to all Gold Card members to district events.

Members must register each September to prove eligibility for the program and have a yearly sticker placed on their card. All cards will be required to have the yearly sticker for admission to events. Eligibility includes 60 years of age or older and a Winnebago CUSD #323 resident.

## Winnebago CUSD #323 District office summer hours

In a cost reduction effort, Winnebago CUSD #323 District office will be closed on Fridays beginning the week of June 7. The office also will be closed the week of July 5.

## Seward resident seated as new school board member

Paul Williams took his oath as a new Winnebago CUSD #323 Board Member. The board interviewed six applicants and made their selection during the closed session prior to the regular monthly board meeting on Mon., May 17.

Williams took his oath during the meeting. He is a resident of Seward, has three children and is married to a Winnebago alumni. He is an applicator for the Stephenson Service Co.

## Fourth graders host Poetry Cafe

Students in Mrs. Crandall's and Mrs. Babbitt's fourth grade classes hosted a Poetry Café to showcase the poetry projects they worked on this spring. Students wrote and read different types of poetry and then created booklets.

## Winnebago CUSD #323 honors Tracy Miller and Chris Draves as Employees of the Month

Winnebago CUSD #323 honored Tracy Miller and Chris Draves as Employees of the Month for April. Miller is a physical education teacher at Jean McNair Elementary. Draves is a librarian at Jean McNair. Denise Eilers nominated them for coordinating and implementing the McNair Winter Olympics.

In her nomination, Eilers wrote, "thrilling, friendly competition was the focus at McNair for five weeks of Olympic activities thanks to the hard work and coordination of Tracy Miller and Chris Draves."

Students had an Olympic experience complete with selecting a country for each classroom to represent, lighting the torch and cauldron, athletic and academic competitions, and closing ceremonies with gold medals.

Miller and Draves coordinated staff in creating a grand entrance to McNair so students could view scores and display

Olympic facts. They got kids fired-up about gold medal hunts; encouraged good sportsmanship and reading in the library; and the students got excited about watching classroom countries compete in the Winter Olympics in Canada!

They also created energy at McNair that pulled staff and students together for friendly competition!

"Mrs. Draves and Miss Miller deserve this recognition for going above and beyond, not just for the McNair Olympics, but for everyday! They deserve a gold medal for a job well done!

As Employee of the Month, Draves and Miller will receive a \$50 cash award, a gift certificate to Anna's Pizza and Pasta, and a premium parking space. Any district employee can be nominated as Employee of the Month. Nomination forms are available online.



Chris Draves and Tracy Miller

## Board Approves Hiring Secondary Education Bi-lingual Aide

The Board of Education approved hiring a ELL – (English Language Learners ) Aide for the secondary level. At this time over 40 students, educated in all five buildings, are receiving services from one aide who was hired in August, 2008.

This position would work closely with the existing aide, and focus on secondary schools. Students and families would benefit from the services and time another aide would provide.

## Winnebago Class of 2010 Graduated on May 23

Winnebago CUSD #323 held its graduation on May 23, with 131 students. The following is a listing of the students and their future plans:

53%	Attend a four year college or university	3%	Enlist in Armed Forces
34%	Attend a two year college	1.4%	Immediate employment
3.6%	Attend a vocational school	4.3%	Undecided
0.7%	Apprenticeship		