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Hello Students, Staff, Parents and Community Members:

It has been a gorgeous spring and we hope for a wonderful summer! School events are winding down in our school. Our sports teams are very busy and for the most part are able to participate with few rainouts occurring. All our spring teams are competitive and fun to watch! I am looking forward to my first prom at Cassville and a little further in time, my first graduation at Cassville. Our FFA land judging team will represent the State of Wisconsin in the National FFA contest in Oklahoma and we wish them well.

The end of the school year brings planning, scheduling, and budgeting for next year. We will bid farewell to our seniors and one of our teachers, Mrs. Beth Abing. Mrs. Abing teaches science at our high school and will be missed. We hope to replace her with a person who has the same great qualities! We will also bid farewell to foreign exchange students. At this time we will have three new foreign exchange students and possibly a couple of more for next year.

I had the opportunity to travel with our students on our music trip to Chicago at the beginning of April. It was a great experience and our students represented Cassville very well. We enjoyed orchestra and play performances and toured the "big city" as tourists. It was especially gratifying to see two members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra serenade our students with the Cassville fight song with their instruments when we had an intermission between performance pieces! Ms. Noel Ferguson, Ms. Koreena Wood, and Ms. Jody Addison, our music directors, did a fine job of planning and coordinating the trip.

One of our initiatives for next school year is character education. This initiative involves not only our school but also includes our greater community. We will be going to a conference this summer to help set up a plan similar to a community-wide plan that Potosi put forth this year. We believe this initiative will be a very positive step for our students and community.

As we look forward to end of this school year and the beginning of next year, it is good to reflect upon the fine school year we have had at Cassville. We have a quality school with a quality staff that consistently sends out student citizens who are prepared for the next phases of their lives. I have appreciated working in this community and school and anticipate an even better year next year.

Go Comets!

Mr. Lee Kulland, Superintendent/Principal



Cassville S.T.A.R.S. Continue to Spread Their Message: "Recruiting" Begins to Acquire New STARS

March and April were busy months for Cassville High School's drama troupe S.T.A.R.S. The nine members of "Students Teaching About Real Situations" have performed for the CESA #3 Teen Conference in Fennimore, the S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition meeting in Platteville, and the Cassville Community Supper at the Sand Bar Lounge and Lanes on April 25th. As the group celebrates the great success of our initial year of existence, we look with great excitement to the recruitment of new members from grades eight through eleven to replace the five seniors who will be lost to graduation. While S.T.A.R.S. is about entertainment, it is also about learning, and about real issues that students of all ages and their families encounter. Students who wish to become S.T.A.R.S. must be committed to modeling their activities and choices in alignment with the school's Activity Code. "Not all of the topics presented by S.T.A.R.S. are related to the risk behaviors of youth," stated advisor, Bruce Boyum, "but, my co-advisors, Mrs. Susan Bernhardt and Ms. Karen Paulson and I agree that when those topics are part of the lesson, it is important to have the S.T.A.R.S. role models be sincere and genuine, rather than hypocritical. Otherwise the learning is lost."

The S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition meeting at Southwest Health Center in Platteville on March 25th was a wonderful opportunity for S.T.A.R.S. The drama troupe represented "youth programs" supported by the \$625,000 (over five years) grant written by the coalition that supports prevention efforts throughout Grant County. The troupe received thanks from Kathy Marty, Project Director of S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition in Lancaster, Olivia Shockey of SAMHSA in Washington who was in attendance to see how the grant dollars are being used, as well as many others in attendance. S.T.A.R.S. members were most excited to hear, however, that Cassville High School S.T.A.R.S. performance and their prevention efforts were mentioned specifically by name in a memo to the officers of both the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Endowment of the Arts in Washington, D.C. Vice-President Biden oversees both agencies. We're famous!



Guidance News

After the New Year, it doesn't take long for things to get rolling in the Guidance Department. With the end of the semester came the end of junior high guidance classes, "Values & Choices" in the 7th Grade and 8th Grade Careers. High school juniors have completed their Career Research Papers, a project which is a collaboration between Guidance and Mrs. Bernhardt's English classes. (Mrs. Bernhardt has most of the hard work to do, . . . but it has been a great project to integrate the two departments). Many of those same juniors will look to take their first college entrance exams through American College Testing, the ACT in April or June. Registration for this important test should be completed now.

Fieldtrips will soon be scheduled for 8th grade and 10th grade students to Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore. This spring's tour will include some of the newly constructed campus expansion! A fieldtrip to a regional business will also be planned as a culmination of the eighth graders Careers class. Junior students are encouraged to take advantage of college visit days specifically planned on many post-secondary campuses or "program shadows" this spring and throughout the summer months.



Congratulations to the 2010 Yearbook Ad Sales Campaign Winners! Each of the following students won a free yearbook: 1st Place - Brittney Johll selling \$940.00, 2nd Place - Kayla Mergen selling \$875.00, 3rd Place - Andrea Scholl selling \$745.00, and 4th Place - Kelsey Borcharding selling \$415.00. The entire yearbook staff together raised \$4,550 to help pay for the yearbooks.



Nine Cassville Students Participate in PLUNGE

School Counselor, Bruce Boyum, accompanied nine members of the sophomore class to the Second Annual Plunge on April 15, 2010, in Lancaster. The Plunge is an innovative approach designed to immerse participants into the depths of the problems, causes, and consequences of underage drinking and underage drinking and driving. The students started by witnessing a "mock" accident involving an intoxicated driver. After watching the services of emergency and first-responder providers, students from throughout Grant County followed the consequences of the tragedy for the various "victims" and "victim's families" from the Grant Regional Health Center Emergency Room, to the Martin-Schwartz Funeral Home and finally to Judge Day's Court Room. After lunch, students heard from insurance providers regarding the long- and short-term effects of an alcohol related accident. To end the day, students had the opportunity to hear a presentation from the Backstrom Family of Minnesota. Mr. & Mrs. Backstrom lost three of their five sons in an automobile accident in which an intoxicated driver struck the car in which their three sons were traveling. The students chosen from the sophomore class were nominated by teachers for their leadership/leadership potential and their ability to influence their peers. It is the school's hope that those who were chosen to attend this event will share the experience and lessons learned with their peers throughout the school. As a community member, should you know or have reason to encounter any of the students listed below, please ask them about their experience at the Plunge. In that way the learning will continue

Students attending the Plunge with Mr. Boyum were: Harley Anderson, Nate Baliff, Dakota Bernhardt, Jessica DePriest, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Chris Meier, Stephanie Muench, Josh D. Mumm, and Vince Reynolds.



Nominees for Barley Lau Good Citizen Award

The nominations from all of the school's classes, organizations/clubs, and activities have been received for the Barley Lau Good Citizen Award given annually by the Cassville Lions Club. Twenty-eight students were nominated for this prestigious award. The Barley Lau Good Citizen Award is earned through an attitude of personal commitment of character and service to one's family, friends, school, and community. It is doubtful that any one occasion or good deed would qualify an individual for consideration for this honor. One builds character daily in the way he/she thinks and acts. Good citizenship is rooted in decency, generosity, cooperation, assistance in trouble, and devotion to duty. These are qualities that one must develop over several years of student life in Cassville, enough so, to draw positive attention to a student. The nominees for the 2010 Barley Lau Good Citizen Award are:

Isaac Okey
 Emily Ballweg
 Gabrielle Schauff
 Gabel Schaal
 Kirsta Wieseler
 Leanne Hampton
 Phoebe Fure
 Chase Pebworth
 Cody Junk
 Kevin Seng
 Brooke Becwar
 Kayla Mergen
 Madeline Bode
 Gage Cederquist

Scott Schnering
 Harley Cederquist
 Lucus Kinyon
 Tamara Mumm
 Saige Bierman
 Katie Mumm
 Tyler Kirschbaum
 Harley Anderson
 Sid Kirschbaum
 Faye Demes
 Dustin Bierman
 Tiffany Junk
 Emily Koch
 Greg Kutterna

Watch around the Cassville community for the posters listing and honoring these nominees. Congratulations to these students and their families. Voting will soon take place among the Cassville High School faculty and the Barley Lau Good Citizen will be announced at Senior Class Awards Night on Tuesday, May 25.



High School News

Cassville High School's ten **eighth grade** students attended **Wisconsin Covenant Day** on May 3rd at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College with other eighth graders from around southwest Wisconsin. Wisconsin Covenant Day honored all of the 8th graders who sign the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge, as well as the Wisconsin Covenant high school students who continue to work to fulfill the pledge. In addition to celebrating this commitment, Wisconsin Covenant Day gave students the opportunity to visit a college campus and see what higher education has to offer. The Wisconsin Covenant is a program whereby students commit to maintaining a "B" average through high school, maintain

good citizenship, and participate in community service. Should they be successful in meeting their pledge upon graduation from high school, they will be guaranteed attendance to one of the public or private post-secondary colleges or the Wisconsin technical college system with a financial aid package to help pay for their education, based on the families' need as determined by the federal student aid formulas. Good luck eighth graders as you begin high school next fall!

Spanish Exploratory 7-8 just finished a unit on habitats. They learned names of continents, habitats and animals in Spanish. They constructed pop-out booklets about the habitats and animal descriptions in Spanish. The students read them to their family and friends. The high school Spanish students are all busy learning about food in Spanish.

The **Spanish I** students will be choosing a recipe and translating it to Spanish. They will then make their food and bring it to class where everyone will try it.

Spanish II students are working on a menu for their restaurant. They will make the food on the menu and invite a staff member to join them.

Spanish III and IV will go on a cruise. Spanish III provides the entertainment where the food they choose is described through music. The Spanish IV students must convince the class that their food is the best. The high school students will prepare for the annual Cinco de Mayo parade which is held for elementary, middle and high school.

Mr. Reising's Physical Education classes recently completed 3 on 3 basketball challenge, dodge ball, pickle ball, badminton, and indoor archery activities. Presently the classes are outside participating in golf, flag football, speedball, soccer, fitness walking, softball, and field hockey.

Personal Fitness classes continue to work very hard in the gym and personal fitness room to improve athletic performance, reduce incidence of injury, and develop positive lifelong health and fitness habits. The following have earned the clubs listed.

Silver Club:

Tyler Kirschbaum
 Dallas Bernhardt
 Jordan McMillan
 Dakota Bernhardt

Bronze Club:

Edward Cedgard
 Zach Meier
 Ryan Mergen
 Chance Morley
 Scott Schnering
 Isaiah Okey
 Joe Hochhausen
 Harley Cederquist
 Jordan Fure
 Garrett Schauff
 Jacob Haas
 Tiffany Junk

This year's **7th and 8th grade** students are working on improving their reading comprehension. During first semester, they learned about literary devices and read novels as a group with Mrs. Bernhardt. Although they don't formally meet for reading class this semester, they are participating in an **Accelerated Reading** program. At the beginning of the third quarter, students took a placement test. Based on this test, students learned what their individual reading levels were. They then selected books within their reading zone and endeavored to meet preset goals by passing tests over the books they read. Because there was a wide range in ability, each student had a different number of points to attain per quarter. The percentage of points earned were assigned a letter grade that counted for 20% of their English grade with Mr. Corbett.

In order to motivate the readers and make the process more fun, students earned prizes for attaining their goals. Some of the prizes included passes to the Media Center, free homework passes, snacks from the vending machine, or a free school breakfast with a friend. Local businesses donated more significant prizes for the end of the quarter drawing for students who reached 100% of their goal. Congratulations to the students who hit their 100% goal for third quarter: (8th graders) Logan Kartman, Brandon Laufenberg, Brett Little, Cheyenne Mumm, Sean Murray, and Codi Schwab; (7th graders) Lucas DePriest, Kami Kedley, Brad Klein, Tyler Koehler, Hayley Williams, and Tarka White. Students have set new goals for fourth quarter and are making good progress.

Mrs. Bernhardt wants to recognize the following businesses who very generously donated prizes for the Accelerated Reading program this year. The Cassville School District and its staff and students are very grateful for their overwhelming support of this very worthwhile program. A complete list of the businesses with the type of donation follows:

- Okey's Market - video rentals**
- Vogt's Town Pump - gift certificates**
- Sand Bar Lounge and Lanes - free bowling**
- Whitetail Bluff Campground and Resort - passes for jumping pillow and pool**
- Rivers Cafe - pie/cake with ice cream**
- Stonefield Historic Site - gift bags with various items**
- A & W Restaurant - root beer floats**
- McDonald's Restaurant - ice cream cones**
- Potosi Brewery - root beer growlers with refills**
- Grantland Theater - movie passes**
- Wal-Mart Stores - gift certificates**
- Walker's Clothing and Shoes - gift certificates**
- Alliant Energy - cash donation**
- Star Cinema - movie passes**



We want to thank our local businesses again not only for these generous donations but also for recognizing and supporting the importance of education in our community!



On Wednesday, April 21, **Anne McIntyre from Herzog College** in Madison, Wisconsin spoke to Mrs. Oswald's **Personal Finance** classes on the topic of "The Plastic Piranha" and also to **Web Page Design and Information Processing** classes on the topic of "Careers in Technology". Her presentations were both informative and interactive.

On Thursday, March 26 Cassville High School seniors attended the **8th Annual Reality Check** financial literacy simulation at the Armory in Prairie du Chien. Six area schools participated including Cassville, Seneca, River Ridge, Prairie du Chien, Wauzeka, and Boscobel.

Reality Check gave the seniors a first-hand look at the realities of life. They gained an insight and better understanding of the pressures associated with living costs and monthly spending once they get out on their own. Students spent the day receiving a paycheck, buying homes, cars, insurance, clothing, vacations, and paying for taxes, speeding tickets, broken water pipes, dental care, investing, and more. Some of the students spent additional time filling out applications and interviewing for a second job when they found they could not remain solvent on their primary income. The Reality Check activity overall gives students an excellent taste of reality as they prepare for their future, and addresses the ongoing need for all students to be prepared to make wise financial decisions.

Attending the event as chaperones were Resource Specialist Mr. Casey and Educational Aide Robin Rouse. Mr. Kulland, Superintendent, worked at the event giving exit interviews. Mrs. Oswald, Personal Finance Instructor and the Cassville contact for Reality Check, helped organize and worked at the event as well.





Biology II students planned activities for **4K** and **grades 1-6** to celebrate the **40th Anniversary of Earth Day**. The high school students planned crafts with recycled materials for Grades 3-6. On April 21, 3rd graders made bugs from egg cartons, 4th graders made beanbags from old socks. Two liter bottles were used by 5th graders to make terrariums and by 6th graders to make bird feeders.

Friday, April 23, the students worked with 4-K, 1st and 2nd grade on projects. 4-K made "Little Earths" from coffee filters and food coloring. 1st graders made colorful butterfly window hangings and 2nd graders created clour mobiles. The Biology II students enjoyed the shared activities as much as the elementary students did. It was a great learning experience in many ways!



The **Cassville High School Forensics** team completed another successful season with an impressive showing at the State Tournament in Madison. Not only did all eight students who were on the team qualify for the tournament, four of them had perfect scores and brought home gold medals for their performances. The team is only losing two seniors in Emily Ballweg and Tami Mumm, but they were great competitors, who always seemed to rise to the occasion when we went to tournaments. Both Mr. Corbett and Mr. Casey agreed that the two provided good leadership and many laughs over the years. They also thought that the wry smiles and off-beat sense of humor they brought to the trips and competition will be sorely missed. Both coaches wanted to thank the Seniors for all their work and dedication to the program. The gold medalists for this year were Emily Ballweg, Tami Mumm, Grace Ballweg, and Kelsea Kirschbaum. Earning silver medals were Chase Pebworth, Rachel Ackerman, and Paige Hampton. Just missing out on a silver with her difficult rendition of an Edgar A. Poe selection was Hannah Rupp who earned a bronze. Congratulations to all the participants!



In January, Junior High students participated in the **Knights of Columbus Knowledge Contest** within their English and Math Classes. Schools that participated in this included River Ridge Middle School, St. Mary's--Bloomington, St. Charles, and Cassville Public Schools. Results of this first round of tests were: **Brittany Markley** - 2nd Place Spelling, 2nd Place Math for 7th Grade; **Logan Kartman** - 1st Place Spelling for 8th Grade; **Walker Gotzinger** - 2nd Place Math for 6th Grade. Brittany and Walker competed on Saturday, March 6th in the Diocesan competition in Sauk City where Brittany placed 3rd in Math.



Music News

Twenty-three High School Music students either cashed in their fund raising points, wrote out their checks, or a combination of the two so that they could go on the much anticipated **music trip**, an event that will now happen just once every four years. Transported by Warco charter bus and driven by Darrell Noethe, the students, Ms. Wood, Ms. Addison, Ms. Ferguson and Mr. Kulland could not have found a more beautiful spring week to be in the Windy City. The afternoon of their arrival, they visited Millennium Park and got to experience "The Bean" before walking a short distance to Orchestra Hall on North Michigan Avenue. They had a very personal VIP tour of Orchestra Hall, from top to bottom, and including a phenomenal music library, and later that evening attended a CSO Concert. It was a Russian music program, with lots of dramatic music, including a Stravinsky piano concerto performed by the legendary Rudolph Serkin's son, Peter, also by now a legend as well. A very interesting highlight of the concert happened during intermission when our friend Burl Lane followed by CSO violinist and part time Cassville resident John Bartholemew and another orchestra member who was willing to partake of this moment marched out into the audience waving the Cassville School pennant and playing the school song. A patron sitting near some of our students said he had been coming to the symphony for 30 years and never saw anything like this before! While this experience will remain in our memories forever, there were other wonderful moments to remember as well. A visit to the Shedd Aquarium, seeing "Sue" at the Natural History Museum, having lunch and playing games at ESPN Zone, eating at Hard Rock Cafe just before seeing an enchanting production of BEAUTY AND THE BEAST at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, and of course riding the giant ferris wheel at Navy Pier and spending some money shopping on North Michigan Avenue were the ingredients for a great trip for all of our music students.

Music and Forensics students presented an evening of entertainment for their appreciative audience for **Fine Arts Night** on Sunday, April 18. Our own junior and senior high performers were joined by Chicago Symphony Orchestra member and Cassville friend and neighbor Burl Lane, who played a clarinet duet with Maddie Bode and later took a moment to talk with the audience about the importance of music education before treating everyone to a saxophone solo. It's not every day that we can come to the Cassville High School gym and hear a world class performer, but those of us who were there that night did just that.

In addition to the High School Chorus and the Handbell Choir performances, which were under the direction of student teacher Jody Addison, there were individual performances by Music and/or Forensics performers Nolan Ackerman, Alyssa Adrian, Andrea Okey, Hannah Rupp, Adam Kirschbaum, Jennifer Tanaka, Austin Mellem, Codi Schwab, Destiny Cederquist, Gage Kaufman, Katie Muller, Payton Brinkman, Chase Pebworth, Tamara Mumm, Hayley Williams, Gabrielle Schauff, Katie Williams, Logan Kartman, Jared Kartman, Emily Ballweg, Grace Ballweg, Kelsea Kirschbaum, and Isaac Okey.

A spaghetti supper before the show--a track and field fund raiser--made it a "dinner theatre" for many members of our audience.



Twenty-six Cassville High School musicians participated in the **District Solo and Ensemble Festival** held at Wauzeka High School on March 22.

Class C silver medals were earned by: Rachel Ackerman, Harley Anderson, Jessica DePriest, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Hannah Rupp, and Krista Wieseler for their vocal double trio and Adam Kirschbaum for his trumpet solo. Hannah Rupp received a gold medal for her vocal solo.

Maddie Bode received a silver medal for her **Class B** clarinet solo and Katie Williams received a gold medal for her piano solo.

Class A silver medals were earned by: Alyssa Adrian, Emily Ballweg, Katie Muller, Tamara Mumm, Gabrielle Schauff, and Katie Williams for their Class B vocal double trio. Tamara Mumm for her french horn solo, and also for Alyssa Adrian and Tamara Mumm for their vocal duet.

Class A gold medals were earned by Alyssa Adrian, Emily Ballweg, Katie Muller, and Tamara Mumm for their vocal solos and Isaac Okey for his saxophone solo.

The **high school handbell choir** members also received gold medals for their performance. Handbell choir members are Rachel Ackerman, Alyssa Adrian, Harley Anderson, Saige Bierman, Faye Demes, Lucus Kinyon, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Sid Kirschbaum, Greg Kutterna, Stephanie Muench, Katie Mumm, Phillip Reints, Gabrielle Schauff, Rachel Stohs, Tiffany Tarver, Krista Wieseler, and Courtney Williams.



Eighteen **Cassville High School musicians** performed at the **State Solo and Ensemble Festival** on Saturday, April 24 at the UWP. Members of the **Handbell Choir** received silver medals for their performance of CAROL OF THE BELLS. They are Rachel Ackerman, Alyssa Adrian, Harley Anderson, Saige Bierman, Faye Demes, Lucus Kinyon, Kelsea Kirschbaum, Sid Kirschbaum, Greg Kutterna, Stephanie Muench, Katie Mumm, Phillip Reints, Gabrielle Schauff, Rachel Stohs, Tiffany Tarver, Krista Wieseler and Courtney Williams, Katie Muller and Alyssa Adrian received silver medals for their vocal solos; Alyssa Adrian and Emily Ballweg received silver medals for their musical theatre performances. Emily Ballweg received a gold medal for her vocal solo. They represented Cassville with style and determination, and they can be very proud of their accomplishments.



Cassville students were treated to two very fine choral concerts in April. The **UW-P Singers** were here for a morning concert on April 15 and the **Platteville Children's Choirs** (three choirs) came for a performance on April 21. Cassville members of the Children's Choir are Kyran Brinkman, Payton Brinkman, Danielle Evans, Melody Hampton and Maddie Nix.

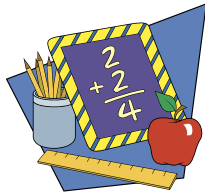


As the school year winds down, **band students** continue to stay busy participating in many events. On April 27, 7th and 8th grade band students had the opportunity to attend a performance entitled **Colorful China** on the **UW-Platteville** campus and learn about the music and dance of the Chinese culture. They also got to visit an exhibit area where they got their names translated into Chinese, learned Chinese knot tying, and made Chinese masks.

The **junior high and high school bands** are working hard to make the final preparations for their spring concert that will take place on Sunday, May 16 at 4:00 pm. Students from both of these bands will also be performing at Class Night on May 25 and for a Memorial Day Program on May 31 so please make sure these dates are on your calendars.

The end of the school year also brings the opportunity for **4th grade** students to begin band. In the upcoming weeks they will learn about all the band instruments and get to test them all out. After trying the instruments, they will be able to sign up to be members of the band. I look forward to meeting them and working with them as band members!

On March 2, every music student in grades 5-8 from Cassville Public School and St. Charles School enjoyed a trip to Madison to see and hear the Madison Symphony Orchestra at the Overture Center. This special opportunity was made possible by a grant from Target, which paid for the cost of the charter bus (Warco) and the tickets to the special concert for area students. Ms. Koreena Wood is responsible for writing the grant and the students were very appreciative of her efforts. For most of them, it was their first time at a symphony concert and also the first time they had been in the stunningly large and beautiful Overture Center. After the concert, everyone had the lunch of their choice at the West Towne Food Court before returning to Cassville, just before the end of the school day.



Elementary News

The **5K kindergartners** have been busy putting their knowledge of letters and sight words to good use. They are writing sentences and reading books. The students also enjoyed working with Ms. Oswald's class recently on gifts for their mothers.

The **fifth graders** made marble mazes as an ending activity to a simple machine unit in science. A great variety was created. They were made from wood, plastic, cardboard, and metal. Each maze was timed for its slowest time. Luke Baliff came in the slowest, second was Shania Peacock, and third was Will Baliff. Different art projects are being tried in 5th grade. Right now they are creating a sewing project with cardboard and yarn. Next, they will work with colors with oil and soap.



On March 22, all elementary students in **grades 1-6** presented **AESOP'S ADVENTURES**, a musical that featured some of the most well known of Aesop's fables. Directed by student teacher Jody Addison, the night was a huge success. You may see many AESOP'S ADVENTURES t-shirts around town--each class had its own color. The shirts were paid for by the POPS committee. Ms. Wood's 5th grade band opened the program and she also served as the show's sound technician. Backstage helpers were Mrs. Nix, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Breuer and Ms. Ferguson, who is already searching for another elementary musical to present in 2011!



On Friday, April 23rd, the **Title I** program organized a **Reading Is Fundamental (RIF)** book giveaway. Students in grades 4K – 6 each got to choose a book to take home and enjoy with their families. To see which title each child chose, check out the "Garden of RIF Books" bulletin board in the elementary school! **SAVE THE DATE** for a special, free event on Wednesday, May 19th! Doodles the Clown will be performing for Cassville Elementary & St. Charles students and families at 7:00 PM! Look for more information to come home as the date approaches!

On Thursday, April 22nd, the **Cassville Elementary School** traveled to UW-Platteville to see a wonderful performance of *Henry & Mudge*, which is based on the popular children's book series. Following the musical, students and staff enjoyed a picnic lunch at a Platteville park. A wonderful time was had by all.

The **Fourth Graders** are preparing for their annual trip to Stonefield Village on May 18th. Their recent Wisconsin classes have pertained to the events important to the early days of our state. Lessons have included the study of agriculture, Wisconsin territory to statehood, and Nelson Dewey's life and career. The field trip to the village will include a visit to the schoolhouse, general store, agricultural museum, and Nelson Dewey's homesite. The children are planning ideas for their clothing from turn of the century styles. Lunch pails will be made from large vegetable cans and packed with homemade lunches that would have been appropriate in the 1890's.

The **Second Graders** have been enjoying many Science and Technology activities this spring. They started with the study of birds, researching facts and making three-dimensional models. They teamed with students from Mrs. Abing's science class to make wind socks. The students enjoyed the activities and share a special appreciation for teamwork with high school students as well as a special respect for our earth! We will begin our studies of the planets and finish out the year with a special camping project in our learning centers. One of the most exciting activities has been the integration of the new SMARTBOARD which brings teaching and learning to a new level. The children and Mrs. Kremer love the new SMARTBOARD technology and enjoy the interactive learning that it offers!

