# The Greyhound Press

Sorento School

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School begins at 8:20

Dismissal at 2:55

Please do not drop off students earlier than 7:30 am

Students must be signed out if you are picking them up from school early

## Sorento School's Monthly Newsletter May 11, 2007

#### From Mr. Carpenter:

If you have any questions, please feel free to call. We are always glad to help you and your student.



We have approximately ten days of school remaining in the 2006-2007 school year. 8th grade graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm. The last day for students will be on May 24th and we will dismiss at 2:00 pm. Students will be picked up at regular bus time on May 29 and they will come in to the school to get their reports cards . Buses will then start their drop offs back at home beginning around 9:00 am and then the summer will officially begin.

I can't express enough to all the students, teachers, parents and community members who have made my first year here so very enjoyable. Sorento School is definitely a special place and it has definitely captured my heart. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer vacation and I will see everyone when school resumes in August.

Our school and district have developed a unit wide **Character Education** program that will focus on one character trait each month. The purpose of this program is to introduce and familiarize all students with characteristics of those traits.

August/September Responsibility December Service March Caring October Self Control Courage Fairness January April November Citizenship **February** Honesty May Respect

### **Sorento PTO News**

#### **Dates to Remember!!!**

PTO Meeting (cafeteria) Every 3rd Monday of the Month @6:30 pm

Spring Concert Thursday, May 10
Sports Banquet May 17—6:00 pm
Labels/Box tops year-round

\*Please watch for an agenda for each meeting on the "Weekly Activities." This is the I/2 sheet that goes home on Fridays.

## **Important Dates of Interest**

*May 14	5th/6th Grade School Play—5:30-8:00 pm
*May 17	Athletic Awards Banquet—6;00 pm
*May 18	All School Picnic— 9:30 am—2:30 pm –Patriot Park
*May 21	Upper Pod Field Trip to St. Louis—All Day
*May 21	School Board Meeting—7:00 pm
*May 22	8th Grade Graduation—6:00 pm
*May 22	1st/2nd Grades to Ballard Nature Center—All Day
*May 23	Volunteer Breakfast—7:45 am
*May 24	Last Day for Students—2:00 pm Dismissal
*May 25	Teacher Institute
*May 29	Students pick up Report Cards

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## **ATTENTION PARENTS**

The Bond County School District requires certain paper work and fees that must be turned in and or paid before your child can receive their report card at the end of the year. The following items must be taken care of before school is dismissed. Library fines, athletic fees, lunch accounts, and book rental fees must be paid as soon as possible. The State of Illinois requires that students show proof of a dental exam by May 15, 2007. If these items have not been taken care of or you have questions regarding certain paperwork, please call the office at 272-4111

## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT...... Mr. Ernie Oakley

Our spotlight this month will focus on another one of our National Board Certified teachers Mr. Oakley. He grew up in Casey, Illinois and graduated from Casey-Westfield High School. After graduation, Mr. Oakley attended Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. He began his teaching career at Sorento school after college graduation. Besides Sorento School, Mr. Oakley taught math at Bond County High School and Kaskaskia College. Mr. Oakley received his Master's degree from Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville. It was in 2004 that Mr. Oakley became a National Board Certified Teacher. He and his wife have two children, Elizabeth and Evan, who attend Greenville Elementary School. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends and at-

#### LIBRARY NEWS

The library has items for sale!!!!! Students can purchase the following items.

PENCILS- 25 CENTS CRAYONS(24 COUNT)-75 CENTS ERASERS—25 CENTS NOTEBOOKS - \$1.25

#### **Art Projects Displayed**

Sorento School student art projects will be displayed at the Greenville Free Methodist church during the month of May. Please stop by and see our student's work.

#### **LOST AND FOUND**

Students and parents, please take a look at our lost and found items that are hanging up on the coat rack near the back door of the school. There are many items that have been collected since the beginning of the second semester.

Just for the Parents........... We need your help!!!
We would ask that you not go to your child's classroom to pick them up at the end of the day prior to
2:55 pm. Due to a limited amount of time in the afternoon, our teachers use every minute for instructional time to cover core subjects. We certainly do
not want to offend anyone because we appreciate
you visiting and volunteering at Sorento school.

# Goodbye 8th Grade and Good Luck!

On Tuesday, May 22, at 6:00 pm we will say goodbye to 21 eighth grade students at Sorento School We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors and we hope that high school will be an enjoyable time in their lives. The graduating 8th graders are Tonya Almedariz, Elvis Arnold, Ben Bassett, Dylan Cruthis, Lauren Davidson, Greg Diveley, Kelsey Doty, Johnathon Elliott, Ryan Gilkeson, Sarah Kolodgie, Jeffrey Madorin, Bailey Matt, Ryan McBride, Jacob Mims, Doug Potts, Paul Schreiber, Heather Schuster, Rhys Strader, Justin Volentine, Nathan Volentine, We will miss you very much!!!

## Sorento Computer Lab

We have received a generous donation from Mr. John Hopkins of Truck Centers Inc. and the Sorento PTO towards making a computer lab a reality for our students. We have \$13,500 dollars to this date and we need a few more thousand dollars toward our goal of \$20,000. If you are interested in donating or have a fundraising idea, please contact Mr. Carpenter at 217-272-4111. "TOGETHER, WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING"