



November 1, 2010

Greetings,

Each year about this time as you look out of the window, you see either orange and brown leaves that have fallen to the ground or those that are just barely staying on the trees. This scene is a sure sign that we are in autumn and that the freezing temperatures, the ice and snow, and the howling winds of winter are just around the corner.

With winter always comes the potential of closing school for the day as well as the occasional early dismissal of school due to weather conditions. In the past when we have had to close school, it has been announced on radio and television stations. That practice will continue, however, this year in an effort to communicate announcements of this nature to you, Indian Creek has also implemented a service called "AlertNow."

The AlertNow service is one that is used by thousands of schools in all 50 of the states. It allows a school district to send out important information quickly, not only to parents but to staff as well. This information is sent via phone (and eventually, here, it will also be sent by e-mail). The AlertNow system will make up to four attempts to reach each phone number, with three minutes between each call. (If the message is not delivered by the fourth attempt, it is considered a failed number.) The system is able to leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail. The main purpose of using this system is for disseminating information to you about emergency situations and school delays or cancellations due to inclement weather.

If you are the parent or the guardian of a student enrolled in the Indian Creek School District, you are not required to register specifically for the AlertNow parent notification and communication system. ALL parents and guardians of students who attend our schools are automatically enrolled. Please know that we have been working since the end of June, 2010 to get the AlertNow service in place. Our hope is that it will be ready for use by November 1, 2010.

Sincerely,  
*Pamela R. Rockwood*  
Superintendent

## **ICMS TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETING:**

Indian Creek Middle School will host a program by Mary Hess, asset Specialist from DeKalb County Keep Encouraging Youth to Succeed Initiative (KEYS). The mission of the DeKalb County KEYS Initiative is to engage the community to build developmental assets with our youth through education, practice and promotion.

They are committed to the growth and success of our county's youth through educating the public on the value of the 40 Developmental Assets, and ensuring that our own businesses and organizations practice the behaviors needed to encourage youth to succeed and grow up to be caring, competent, and productive members of society. Mary Hess will be talking to us about the **40 Ways to Build Assets to Help Our Youth Succeed.**

**WHEN:** Monday, November 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Indian Creek Middle School

**WHAT:** 40 Ways to Build Assets to Help Our Youth Succeed!

Parents, grandparents, local businesses, organizations, and leaders of our community are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

**N.I.C.E. CENTER FOOD DRIVE:** The Indian Creek High School Student Council is hosting a food drive to benefit the N.I.C.E. Center. The drive will take place from November 29-December 17 at the high school. Students and the public will be able to bring in nonperishable food items (canned items, paper products, etc.) to the school. There will be a collective basket in each advisement room and also in the main lobby. Along with the food drive, there will also be a large container in the office for people to donate any spare change to benefit the N.I.C.E. Center. We are hoping for a great success to help benefit the people of our community.

Thank you,  
Student Council Food Drive Committee

**ICHS 2010 GOLF:** Boys golf team members were: Ian Anderson, Alex Bremner, Josh Johnson, Tyler Lieving, Matt Reynolds, and Colton Stockon.

Overall Record: 14-7

LTC Conference Record: 11-1 (first place)

LTC Tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> place

All Conference Honors: Ian Anderson, Alex Bremner, Josh Johnson, Matt Reynolds

October 5 Regional at McNabb (Edgewood Golf Course) Tyler Lieving shot a 95 and Matt Reynolds shot a 94 just missing the cut score of 91. Alex Bremner shot a 75 (third place medal) advanced to the sectional.

October 11 Sectional at Algonquin Golf Club of Illinois Alex Bremner shot a 75 for first place individual/second place overall to advance to the state tournament.

October 15 & 16 State Tournament at Bloomington (Prairie Vista Golf Club). Alex shot a day one score of 80 and a day 2 score of 83 to finish in 46<sup>th</sup> place out of 112 golfers.

Dave Olson, Head Golf Coach

JV BOYS GOLF SEASON HIGHLIGHTS: team record for seven 9-hole matches was 4 second place finishes, 2 third place finishes, and a 5<sup>th</sup> place invitational finish. We also had an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Ottawa JV 18 hole invitational. Individual accomplishments were: Sophomore Tyler Reynolds earned 37 match points, while each of the freshman earned the following match points respectively: Justin Hatfield 17 pts.; Garrett Parks 13 pts.; Lane Rissman 22 pts.; Josh Sandine 15 pts.; and Devin Wittke 7 pts.

Duane Farnsworth, Assistant Golf Coach

GIRLS GOLF NEWS: Kalia Foster advanced to sectionals shooting a 98 in the regional and then shooting an outstanding 90 in the sectional. That would have advanced out of any other girls sectional in the state that day, but unfortunately not in the sectional she was in. The girls golf team consisted of Virginia Fillicetti, Natalie Harper, Ellen Witte, Lauren Francis, Samantha Bergstrand, and Kalia Foster.

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS: There will be a Sports Booster meeting on Wednesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the ICHS faculty room. All ICMS and ICHS parents are invited and encouraged to attend booster meetings. Future meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

New this year for Wolfwear is embroidered items...sweatshirts, denim shirts, blankets, tote bags, etc.!! These make great Christmas gifts!

Thank you to everyone that helped at the ICMS Tip-Off Tournament!!!

SAVE THE DATE! The annual softball spaghetti supper will be on Friday, December 17 in the Indian Creek High School cafeteria. More information will be in the December newsletter.

### **It's Time to "Tip your Hat" to School Board Members:**

School board members are ordinary people who wear many different hats in their everyday lives. They might be farmers or bankers, homemakers or doctors, truck drivers or professors, business owners or retirees.

But they all put on the same hat when they get to the board room. It's a hat that represents an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. And it's time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

The time school board members spend in board meetings represents just a fraction of the actual hours that they devote to leading their districts. They attend meetings and seminars to learn how to be better board members. They attend extracurricular events to support their schools. And often they are involved in other community activities, representing themselves, their community and their district.

School board members are charged with a unique job. They must listen to the voices of their community and then craft a vision, mission and goals for their district that accurately reflect those voices in the design. They must guard two of the community's most precious resources – their children and their tax dollars – while they create the best educational environment possible with the money available.

Too often communities are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into their decisions. As a result, the efforts of school board members often go unrecognized and unrewarded.

November 15, 2010, has been designated as School Board Member Day in Illinois. This is a time to show appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for schools.

Join with others from throughout Illinois in a “tip of the hat” to the men and women who provide the grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

We “tip our hat” to the Indian Creek C.U.S.D. #425 school board members: Charles Foster, President; Vaughn Boehne, Vice President; Pamela Ottengheime, Secretary; Cheryl Palombo, Jill Konen, Jim Hicks, and Shari Conley.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS:** Nominating petitions for the April 5, 2011 board of education election are available in the district office at 506 S. Shabbona Road, Shabbona on any business day between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Petitions must be filed in the same office no earlier than 8 a.m. Monday, December 13 and no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, December 20. Candidates elected will serve four year terms expiring in April 2015. There is a two-year unexpired term that will expire in April 2013. The circulated petition sheets must specify whether the candidate seeks election for a full term or to fill the vacancy. Petitions must be signed by at least 50 voters of the school district. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Indian Creek C.U.S.D. No. 425 office at 815/824-2197.

**YEARBOOKS ARE HERE!** The 2009-10 yearbooks are here! If you purchased a book, you can pick it up in the office or have a family member pick it up for you. If you want a non-family member to pick up the book, you need to call or email Ms. Rhodes at 815/824-2197 or [jrhodes@kidsroe.org](mailto:jrhodes@kidsroe.org). If you're not sure if you bought a book, contact Ms. Rhodes and she will check for you.

The Indian Creek High School yearbook class, "The Pack", would like to thank all the community members, local businesses, and student organizations for their help in creating the yearbook. Your contributions were very beneficial to our yearbook class.

A special thanks to Community Concern for Children and Indian Creek Education Foundation for their generous donations. With your help, the yearbook class will be able to have the yearbook published at a reasonable price for the students. Thank you for your continued support.

NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC COORDINATOR: We are soon approaching the end of the fall season and entering the winter season at Indian Creek. Middle School boys basketball has already started, with Indian Creek taking second in the IC Tip-Off Classic, losing to Ottawa St. Francis 38-34 in the championship game. This year's golf teams finished strong, with two golfers advancing to sectionals (Kalia Foster and Alex Bremner). Alex advanced all the way to the state finals in Bloomington, where he finished in the middle of the pack. Kalia Foster advanced to the sectionals shooting an outstanding 90.

The boys soccer season ended the season with a winning record, and played in the regional semi-finals hosted at the Indian Creek soccer field in Waterman. The team played in the Little 10 conference championship game also for only the second time in school history, losing to Hinckley-Big Rock 2-0 in the final. The varsity volleyball team placed third in the Little 10 Tournament, while the sophomore team took first in their Little 10 Tournament. IC varsity is currently ranked second in their upcoming regional being played at Hinckley-Big Rock.

Some upcoming important dates are the Fall Sports Awards Night, which will be held at Indian Creek High School on Wednesday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. This is for all athletes in high school fall sports. Also, the winter sports teams will have Meet The T-Wolves on Friday, November 12 starting at 5:30 p.m. in the high school gym. This is for all athletes participating in basketball (boys and girls), cheerleading and drill team. Winter sports picture day for ICHS will be on Wednesday, November 17 right after school for both boys and girls basketball, cheerleading, drill team, and color guard.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR: Juniors and seniors who need help in making post-secondary plans should attend College Night at Kishwaukee Community College on November 3, 2010 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. There will be valuable information on colleges, military organizations, and financial aid. Over 70 colleges and universities have been invited.

CAREER CRUISING: Career Cruising is an internet-based career guidance and portfolio development system. The system provides career interest and work skills assessment, in-depth occupation profiles, multimedia interviews with nearly 1,100 employees in over 550 occupational areas, comprehensive information on over 4,000 technical schools, colleges and universities nationwide, a career portfolio, and printable lesson plans, assignments, and worksheets. The career and skills assessments provide students with clear and helpful personal feedback. To login, go to

[www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com). The username is Indian. The password is Creek. We hope you find this to be a useful tool when planning your child's future. This system was granted for three years to our school from VALEES (Valley Education for Employment System).

**SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:** Please visit the scholarship file, read the daily announcements, or visit T-Wolves Guidance on facebook.

**EXPLORE/PLAN TESTING:** Freshman and sophomores will be taking the EXPLORE (freshmen)/PLAN (sophomore) test on Wednesday, December 1. These tests help students prepare for the ACT test, which they take as juniors and is an important test in regards to college admissions and readiness. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lindley.

**2011-2012 REGISTRATION:** All underclassmen (juniors-current freshmen) and incoming freshmen will be receiving registration sheets for high school courses for the next school year around mid-November. Please take some time and consideration in filling these sheets out with your child. More information will be provided when the sheets are passed out. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lindley.

**F.F.A. NEWS:** What an exciting month for the Indian Creek F.F.A.! This past month has been a much calmer month, but still a very exciting one. Twelve members attended this year's National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 20-23. They all attended: a Lady Antebellum concert, Wolf Park, Tuttle Orchard, as well as the awesome career show available. There was also the chapter's fun pumpkin carving and movie night on October 27. Everyone who attended got to carve a pumpkin for our contest. The chapter also provided pizza for dinner and the movie Invictus was shown right after the pumpkin carving. Another exciting upcoming event for the chapter is the fruit sales. The fruit sales will start the first week of November through November 29. There are a variety of fruits, cheeses, and beef sticks/sausage available through Blue Freedom. This is a MAJOR fundraiser for the chapter so please find any of our members or call the high school office if you are interested in purchasing anything!! Thank you to everyone who supports the Indian Creek Chapter and its members!

Jordan Flewellyn, Reporter

**WEATHER WATCH:** Do you have a winter weather plan? We are approaching the time of year when weather conditions can change quickly. We need to make arrangements for school closing days (in the event that becomes necessary). We trust that all our families will also make arrangements in that event.

If school must be cancelled or closed early because of poor weather conditions, or any other emergency, the following radio stations will announce local school closings: WSPY-FM 107.1, WLBK 1360 AM, B95-WDKB 94.9 FM, and WGN 720 AM, and TV channel 23. If the weather appears to be bad on any given morning, please turn to one of these stations for information regarding our district. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS! CHECK THE INDIANCREEKSCHOOLS.ORG WEBSITE.** Families should discuss and prepare the procedure they will follow in the event of school closing.

N.H.S. BLOOD DRIVE: The Indian Creek High School National Honor Society will host a blood drive on Tuesday, November 2 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the high school gym. All donors will receive a free pair of flannel lounge pants. Photo ID is required. As the need for blood is always constant, it is important that we support and encourage the young generation of today to continue to give the “Gift of Life” by donating blood. Research shows that students who become blood donors in high school frequently go on to become seasoned donors throughout their adult lives. For an easy and safe blood donation, donors should eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids before giving blood, bring a picture ID, preferably with proof of age (such as driver’s license, school ID, etc.), notify staff of medical conditions and current medications as they may affect the eligibility for donation, and tell the staff if they have latex or iodine allergy and special precautions will be taken. Any person 17 years of age or older may donate blood, if the donation can be completely voluntary, without the necessity of obtaining the permission or authorization of his or her parent or guardian. Any person 16 years of age may donate blood, if that person obtains written permission or authorization from his or her parent or guardian. The public is also invited to donate blood. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Mr. Farnsworth at the high school at 815/824-2197.

STATE REPORT CARDS: The State Board of Education will release the state report cards by October 31. At this writing, there were not available on the state’s website. As soon as they become available they will be available on the Indian Creek school district website as well as by hard copy for those requesting one. Hard copies are available by calling the district office at 815/824-2197.

F.F.A. FRUIT SALES: The Indian Creek F.F.A. chapter is once again selling fruit and premium cheese and sausage. Sale dates are November 1 through November 30 with delivery at the high school around the week of December 13. Orders may be placed with any F.F.A. member or by calling the high school office at 815/824-2197.

Mixed fruit (small box approx. 14 lbs. 24-30 ct.)	\$25
(each mixed fruit gift box contains: navel oranges, ruby red grapefruit, red delicious, golden delicious, granny smith, fuji, braeburn, and honeycrisp apples, D'Anjou and bosc pears, and peppermint pinwheel candies)	
Holiday twin gift pack (2) 10 lb. mixed fruit boxes	\$35
Tropical mixed fruit box (approx. 24 lbs. 30-35 ct.)	\$35
(each tropical mixed fruit box contains the contents of a mixed fruit box plus a pineapple)	
Triple Treat Gold – premium gold pineapples (3 ct. per box)	\$18
Red Delicious apples (40-44 ct.)	\$25
Golden Delicious apples (40-44 ct.)	\$25
Granny Smith apples (40-44 ct.)	\$25
Mixed apples (40-44 ct.)	\$27
(red, golden, Granny Smith, Fuji, Braeburn)	
Apple and pear combo (36-44 ct.)	\$27
(red, golden Granny Smith, Fuji, Braeburn apples and D'Anjou Pears)	
D'Anjou pears (22-30 ct.)	\$18
Navel oranges (24-44 ct.)	\$20
Navel oranges (48-88 ct.)	\$28
Ruby red grapefruit (18-24 ct.)	\$20
Ruby red grapefruit (36-48 ct.)	\$26
Tangelos (40-60 ct.)	\$20
Citrus combo (8-10 ct. grapefruit, 16-20 ct. oranges)	\$23
Beef sausage combo	\$25
(16 oz. garlic salami, 16 oz. old fashioned summer sausage, 16 oz. double smoked summer sausage)	
Snack pack	\$24
(8 oz. beef sticks, 4 oz. string cheese, 2 oz. dried beef steak slices, 4 oz. honey ham sticks, 4 oz. pepperoni sticks, 4 pkgs. honey roasted peanuts, 4 biscoff cookies)	
Party pack	\$37
(16 oz. garlic salami, 16 oz. double smoked summer sausage, 8 oz. beef sticks, 8 oz. sharp cheddar, Monterey jack, and string cheeses, 16 oz. sharp cheddar cheese spread, 15 oz. garden vegetable cheese spread, 4.75 oz. honey mustard)	
16 oz. sharp cheddar cheese crock	\$21
Cheese lover's pick	\$24
(16 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, 16 oz. Monterey jack cheese, 16 oz. Colby-jack cheese)	
Beef sticks (2.5 lb. bag)	\$24
Gourmet combo	\$26
(16 oz. garlic salami, 16 oz. double smoked summer sausage, 8 oz. sharp cheddar cheese, 8 oz. Monterey jack cheese, 8 oz. Colby-jack cheese)	
Snack stick trio	\$23
(8 oz. beef sticks, 8 oz. honey ham sticks, 8 oz. pepperoni sticks)	
Cheese combo pack	\$24
(8 oz. cheddar cheese, 8 oz. Monterey jack cheese, 8 oz. Colby-jack cheese, 8 oz. salami cheese, 8 oz. hot pepper cheese)	
Cheese spread cups	\$24
(16 oz. sharp cheddar, garlic and herb; 15 oz. garden vegetable cold pack cheese spreads)	

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Indian Creek FFA Alumni Club Calf Sale  
Sunday, November 21st, 2010**

Viewing @ Noon Sale begins @ 1:00 P.M.

Located at Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds

1146 Franklin Road, Amboy, Illinois

1/2 Mile East of Routes 251 and 30

**Large variety of steers and heifers scheduled to sell.**

Entry forms may be faxed, mailed or emailed to the information below, fees may be paid on sale day \$61 to consign each calf. All forms are online this year at the school's website, [www.indiancreekschools.org/ichs/html](http://www.indiancreekschools.org/ichs/html) Forms are on right side of page, half way down. Click on FFA Club Calf Sale, when form comes up click "Save As" to "My Documents". Type your information, save again and then you can attach to an email or print off and send.

PICTURES MAY BE EMAILED ASAP TO BE PUBLISHED ON COLOR POSTERS

FAX: 815-824-2199

MAIL: 506 S. Shabbona Rd

Shabbona, IL 60550

EMAIL: [flemingfeed@gmail.com](mailto:flemingfeed@gmail.com)

ATTENTION: LISA FLEMING & LAURA HARVELL

If you have problems getting a copy of these forms, please call us at (815)824-2291 and leave message.

# Indian Creek Education Foundation

The Indian Creek Education Foundation was founded in 1994 to provide scholarships and supplement academic resources within the Indian Creek School District. The not-for-profit Foundation relies on the generosity of the Indian Creek community for its financial support. Funding for various academic purposes is allocated on a priority basis by the a volunteer, eleven-member Board of Directors, broadly representing the geographic area of the school district. Our students are the future work force for business, industry, and government. In an effort to provide the quality of education necessary for a well trained work force, we ask your assistance in supporting the Foundation.

Since inception in 1994, the Foundation has awarded over \$110,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and alumni of Indian Creek as well as granted almost another \$100,000 for computers, special ed., software, band equipment, etc.

Our generous contributors for 2010 are listed below. The Foundation Board hopes that you will share our enthusiasm and commitment by helping to support excellence in education. Your donation today will open the door to a brighter tomorrow.

Thank you for your consideration and support.  
Indian Creek Education Foundation Board Members

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We appreciate your consideration and support. Please make contributions payable to the **Indian Creek Education Foundation** and send to: P.O. Box 426, Shabbona, IL 60556. Your tax-deductible contributions are the key to our future success.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in: \_\_\_ Charitable Trusts \_\_\_ Wills/Bequests \_\_\_ Memorials  
\_\_\_ Orphan Stock Program \_\_\_ Donating my time  
\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Thank you to our 2010 Golfers

Curt Alsvig	Mike Arends	Clint Baker
Steve Bremner	Nancy Danforth	Jake Finley
Tara Faivre	Jason Fletcher	Rob Gatz
Kevin Gordon	Kooper Gordon	Stephanie Herrmann
Alex Johnson	Jim Johnson	Josh Merchant
Kellie Merchant	Blake Mitchell	Jay Mitchell
Kyle Mitchell	Bob O'Donnell	Matt Orstead
Butch Overby	Rep. Bob Pritchard	Michael Radtke
Tyson Riffle	Sandy Rueff	Verle Rueff
Brad Russell	Bob Russell	Linda Russell
Jack Ryen	Eric Schrader	Bob Skabo

# **Indian Creek Education Foundation 2010 Donor List**

**Thank you for your donations and continued support**

Shabbona Community Chest	Farmers and Traders State Bank
Waterman Community Chest	Waterman State Bank
Indian Oaks Country Club	Resource Bank
Family of Amy Todd Fleming	National Bank and Trust
Robert and Linda Daniel	Monsanto - Waterman Site
Ted and Betty Kesner	Don and Dave Erickson - Stein Seed
Bob Kesner	Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Randall
Dr. Robert and Jo Ann Skabo	Keith and Jan Foster
Dr. Alvin and Diane Watne	R. Bend Farms
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Honey Hill Orchard -- Steve and Kathy Bock	Foster's Financial Management
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Christine J. Johnson - Dekalb County Treasurer	Ken and Kathy Spears
Waterman Class of 1948	Chicagoland Skydiving
Community Concern for Children	Barb Bend
Unit 425 Educators Association	Tony North
Waterman Lions Club	Pizza Villa - Dekalb
Shabbona Lions Club	Casey's General Stores
Mike and Ann Arends	Bob and Mary Pritchard
Elizabeth Shapiro & Bob O'Donnell	Russ and Carol Heck
Phil and Rita Nielsen	Dairy Queen
Rockford Ice Hogs	Hughes Creek Country Club
Kane County Cougars	Buffalo Wild Wings
Chicago Cubs	Castle Bank
Chicago Wolves	Bob and Marge McDonald
Tom and Carole Melton	Family of Robert Evensen
State Representative Robert Pritchard	Craig Cinnamon Christmas Trees

Come to the Reading Round-up  
At Wild, Wild, W.E.S.!

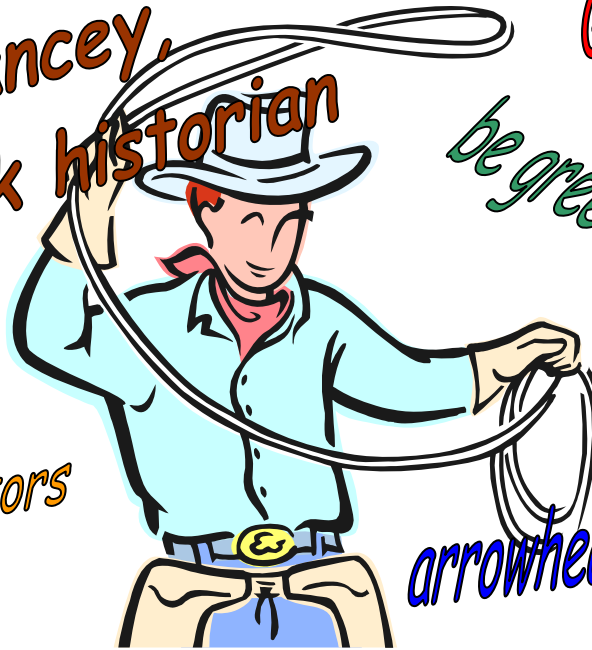
Family Reading Night  
At W.E.S.

Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Special Guest author,  
Robert Dancey,  
Wild Bill Hickok historian

Gold Rush Bingo

many great presentors



be greeted by a real horse  
arrowhead display and info

Waterman families should mark their calendars for an evening together at  
Waterman Elementary School

- Many sessions to pick from!
- **Free goodie bags and books for all children**
- Special door prizes
- Dress up in your western duds(optional)
- Children should be accompanied by an adult

