

SAVE THE DATES!

ADVOCATES FOR EDUCATION COFFEE
UNDERSTANDING THE SCHOOL FUNDING MAZE

Wednesday, October 18, 7 p.m.

Speaker: **Meredie Scrivner**, AFE co-founder

Hosted by Susan Paul, AFE board member
4743 N. Woodburn Street, Whitefish Bay

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS: How much is too much in Whitefish Bay?

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Wednesday, November 29th, 7 p.m.

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WFB Posts Gifted and Talented Guidelines

Whitefish Bay Schools Director of Instruction Tony Frontier has posted guidelines for the district's Beyond Program on the schools' website. Go to www.wfbschools.com. Click on District Office, then Director of Curriculum/Instruction, then Instruction Office Web, then K-8 GUIDES/Beyond Program (GT).

The document is 23 pages long and includes guidelines for placement in the program and research on what "gifted and talented" means. Parents interested in learning more about Whitefish Bay's gifted and talented program and philosophy are invited to a meeting with Tony Frontier on Tuesday, October 3rd in the evening, in Room 47 of the high school. Look for details in school folders and announcements.

Elections & Education:

The Best Votes for Children

Election season is a good time to learn about school financing and the candidates' stands on education policy in Wisconsin. Advocates for Education does not endorse specific candidates or parties, but does oppose constitutional tax limits, which would further erode Whitefish Bay's control over school funding.

The governor's race is the most important contest affecting education this year. Democratic Governor Jim Doyle's campaign website is www.doylelawton.com. Republican Congressman Mark Green of Green Bay outlines his platform at www.votemarkgreen.com.

Republican Jim Sensenbrenner, www.sensenbrenner.org, is Whitefish Bay's representative in the U.S. House of Representatives. His Democratic opponent is Bryan Kennedy, www.bryankennedyforcongress.org.

Wisconsin State Senator Alberta Darling is not up for reelection; state legislator Sheldon Wasserman is running unopposed.

The Wisconsin Coalition for Children and Families has an election guide at their website, <http://www.wccf.org/projects/vote-forwiskids.html>, with questions to ask about education and other issues affecting children statewide.

The Wisconsin Elections Board site includes general information about voting and the two referenda questions on the ballot, at <http://elections.state.wi.us/>.

Election years are great opportunities to talk about politics and policy with your children, watch candidate debates together, and take children with you when you vote. Advocates for Education endorses the idea of raising engaged, thoughtful voters!



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Advocates for Education is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization that works to promote high quality public education in Whitefish Bay by:

- Informing residents about education issues and encouraging public participation in matters affecting the schools
- Fostering a social and political climate favorable to public education
- Advocating for public policies that promote high quality public education in Whitefish Bay

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AFE President's Letter:

Now that we have snapped photos of our children on their first day of school, attended orientation and back-to-school nights, and taken so many other steps required for a successful start, I invite you to keep supporting your child's education through Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay.

We have so many important issues facing our schools in the upcoming year. For example, as we begin retiring the school district's long-term debt, the district is contemplating a long-term reinvestment strategy that will affect the shape of our schools over the next ten years. This process will require significant community input and support. Many of our school facilities are 50-75 years old and upgrades and renovations will be discussed. The high school stadium project is not paid off yet. Where does this stand? Student enrollment appears to be holding fairly steady this year, which has positive implications for the upcoming budgeting process. Are additional cutbacks in store? The best way to stay apprised of these and other critical issues is to become an AFE member, or if you are already a member, to renew.

At AFE, we keep our ear to the ground so we can communicate with concerned parents and community members about education issues in Whitefish Bay. As a member, you will receive email updates about education-related developments during the year, invitations to events, and the AFE newsletter. Please join us!

– David Froiland, Richards parent

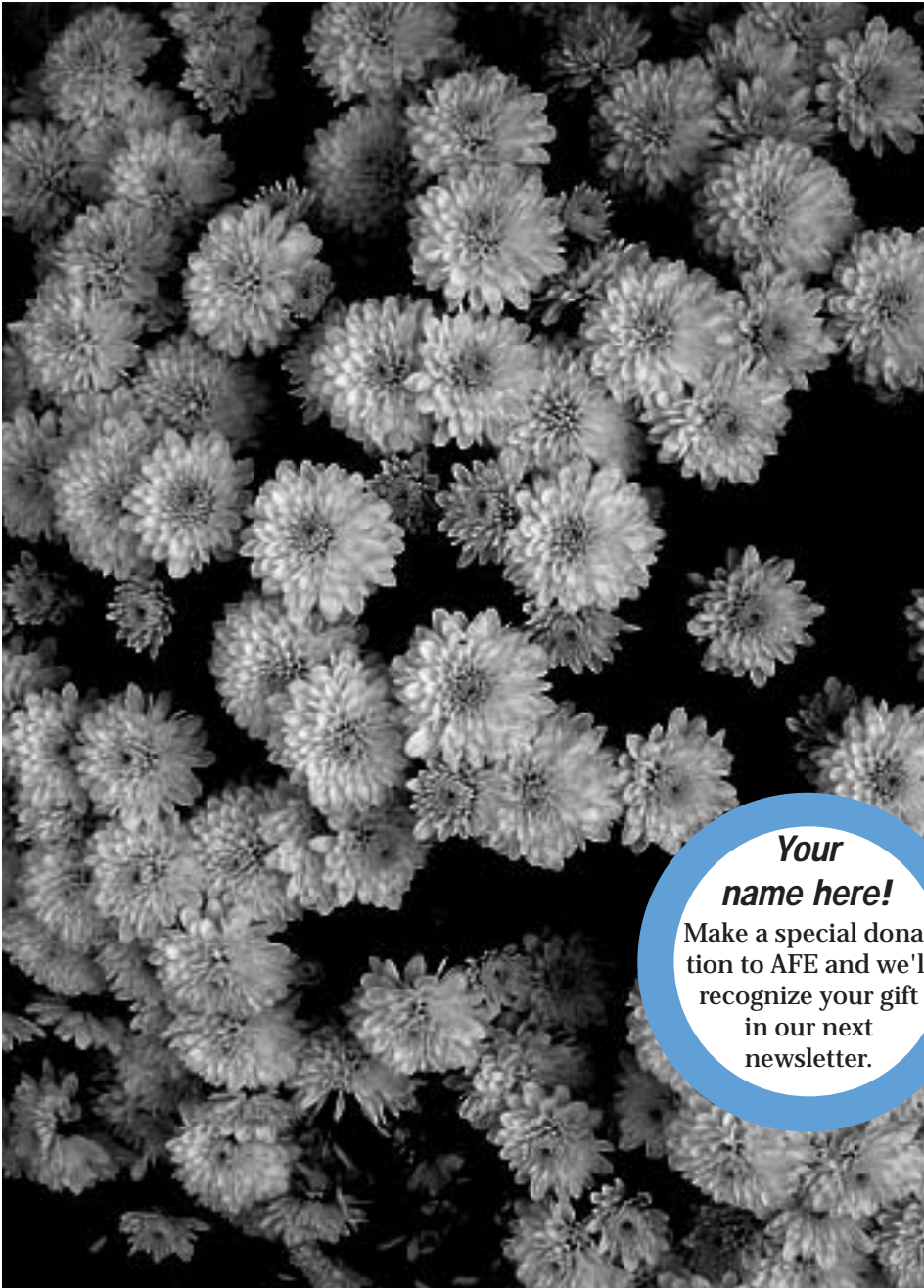


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Human Resources Director stays on

John Hedstrom will remain through the 2006-2007 school year as Director of Human Resources and Special Services for Whitefish Bay schools. He was appointed to the position on a part-time, interim basis earlier this year after the departure of Karen Dvornik, who left to work in the South Milwaukee School District.

Hedstrom came out of retirement after 30 years with the Greenfield School District, most recently as assistant superintendent, to fill the job here. He will continue working part-time for Whitefish Bay through this school year, coordinating hiring and working on custodial and teacher contract negotiations. Hedstrom says he expects to help the district recruit a permanent Human Resources director in 2007.



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New Teachers *Begin School year in Whitefish Bay*

Twenty-two new teachers are settling into the Whitefish Bay School District this fall. The high school added eight teachers, the middle school hired two, and Cumberland and Richards each welcomed six new teachers. Interim Director of Human Resources John Hedstrom says most of Whitefish Bay's education professionals come to the district with degrees from in-state schools. Here are a few thumbnail sketches:

Julie Bauer,

Cumberland Half-Day K5

Julie Bauer is a new half-day K5 teacher at Cumberland. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught kindergarten in Yuma, Arizona for three years, then in Kenosha for two. She

lives in Greendale with her husband, a teacher in Franklin, and their six-month-old child. She's currently enrolled in a master's program in reading.

Donna Malone,

Cumberland Special Ed

Donna Malone is first and second grade special education teacher at Cumberland. She previously taught in the New Berlin school district and in Milwaukee Public Schools for more than 15 years. She received her degree in special education from UW-Milwaukee. She has three children and enjoys cooking and coaching softball.

Adan Burgos,

Cumberland 4th Grade

Adan Burgos joins the fourth grade team at Cumberland. He graduated from Milwaukee Vincent High School in 1999 and UW-La Crosse in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in education. Before coming to Whitefish Bay, he taught fourth and fifth grades in the Greenfield School District. Burgos is a swim coach at Grafton High School and in the Ozaukee Aquatics summer program. He has traveled extensively to Europe, Africa and Asia. He was married in August and lives in Grafton.

Alisa (Leely) Sattel, ESL

Alisa Sattel is Whitefish Bay's new ELL (English language learner) instructor. She will float among the schools, focusing on Cumberland, which serves the most ELL students. She graduated in 1981 from UW-Madison with a degree in international relations and cross-cultural studies. She returned to school to become a teacher, receiving post baccalaureate certification from UW-Milwaukee in 2004 in French, Spanish and ELL. She has worked in West Allis-West Milwaukee,

Shorewood, MPS and Fox Point-Bayside school districts. She graduated from Nicolet High School, has been married for 24 years and has two children.

Julie Stephens,

Elementary Guidance Counselor

Julie Stephens is the new guidance counselor for Cumberland and Richards. She has a bachelor's degree from UW-Madison in child and family studies and a master's degree in educational psychology from UW-Milwaukee. She's worked as a counselor in South Milwaukee, at Catholic East Elementary and in the Brown Deer School District. She's married to Jason, a Whitefish Bay High School graduate, and lives in Shorewood.

Sarah Hintgen,

Richards 3rd Grade

Sarah Hintgen is one of three new third grade teachers at Richards School. She most recently taught third grade in the Sun Prairie School District. She grew up in Elm Grove and went to Brookfield East High School. Hintgen graduated from Edgewood College in Madison and is currently working toward her master's degree in educational psychology from UW-Madison. She recently moved to Milwaukee's East side with her black lab, Bella.

Jessica Suslick,

Richards 3rd Grade

Jessica Suslick also joins the third grade team at Richards. She graduated from UW-Milwaukee in 1999 with her undergraduate degree in education, and this fall with her master's degree in reading/language arts. She taught for the last three years in Mequon and previously in the North Lake and Kettle Moraine school districts. Suslick met her hus-

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The Advocates for Education of Whitefish Bay Website

An independent source of information and discussion for parents of children in Whitefish Bay Schools

AFE forums & coffees

Links to education resources

AFE newsletter archives *covering curriculum, testing, class size and many more school topics and current issues*

School funding updates

Teacher & administrator profiles

Advocates for Education.

Your link to quality schools in Whitefish Bay.

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band rock climbing at the Y; they've been married for a year and recently purchased their first home, in Cedarburg.

**Sharon Mergener,
Richards 4th Grade**

Sharon Mergener is a new fourth grade teacher at Richards. She's been working at the school since November of last year as a fifth third grade teacher, a result of unexpectedly high enrollment. She came from Elm Creative Arts in Milwaukee, where she worked with Richards principal Mark Tenorio. She has a bachelor's degree in fine arts with an emphasis on painting from UW-Milwaukee. She's taught children at the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Walker's Point Center for the Arts and various after school programs and workshops. She says she fell in love with teaching at Elm, and enrolled at Cardinal Stritch for her teaching certification.

**Colleen Mailander,
High School Spanish**

Colleen Mailander is filling a one-year Spanish position at the high school for Julie Reupert, who is on family leave. She will teach Spanish II and AP Spanish. She most recently taught in Oconomowoc. She has a bachelor's degree in Spanish secondary education from UW-Madison and she's starting the master's program at UW-Milwaukee this fall.

**Amanda Seppanen,
High School English**

Amanda Seppanen will teach in the English department. She grew up in Milwaukee and attended Rufus King High School. She graduated from Concordia University in May. In college, she played basketball and soccer, and remained active in her church, teaching Sunday school.

