

Lawrence County School News

IAM4Kids making a difference in lives of Lawrence County School students

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The IAM4Kids mentoring program for students of Lawrence County Schools continues to make a difference in the lives of the children and youth of our community. Efforts are concentrating on seeking important goals such as a full time position in our system and increasing the number of mentors.



Seaton has resigned from his current job in order to seek

funds for a full time position in Lawrence County Schools to better manage the mentors and reach the goal of 200 mentors that will meet with kids one-on-one on a weekly basis.

At the beginning of the 2010/2011 school year IAM4Kids had six mentors, currently 22 adults have committed to this endeavor and are serving students throughout Lawrence County.

A major goal of IAM4Kids is to help kids discover gifts and purpose of their lives which will aid in molding students into productive citizens.

In order to be a productive citizen, the importance of graduating high school is stressed by the program.

By instilling positive character traits and creating healthy young adults

the circle will be complete with the IAM4Kids children giving back to the community that has provided he or she the stability afforded to them through the mentors.

Steve shares, "If we don't help, support, and love these kids now while they are young, we will be financially supporting these kids when they are older."

Steve continues with what motivated him to become involved in such a ministry, "During 'Operation Deny Flight' there was a kid in my unit that had experienced the same type of childhood that I had. But I never reached out to help. Life at that time was all about me. As a result he ended up taking his life. I realized after that I could have helped him through it but

never cared enough to. That is why I now love working with young people to simply listen and help walk them through some tough times in their lives. Many do not have anyone to simply listen and care. This program isn't for just 'troubled' kids. It is for everyday kids who may just need someone to listen, give direction, or a little boost when life throws them a curve ball (or difficult hand)."

An anonymous parent whose child has benefited from the program describes the impact IAM4Kids has made as, "being the extra support that made a difference and was outside their family. My son is a 7th grader that has done a 180. His attitude is great and his grades are wonderful!"

The IAM4Kids mentor really showed her son that people did care about him. This particular student was really struggling with the loss of his father.

When IAM4Kids came into his life the program has been a blessing to the entire family.

The parent also shares that she wants her younger daughter to be assigned a mentor as she grows up, which proves that every kid can benefit from the extra attention and caring spirit that IAM4Kids possesses.

Recently, this young man suffered the loss of yet another family member but when asked by his mother if she should call the mentor to come back on a regular basis he shared with his mom that because of the mentor he is stronger and can handle

his emotions when tough situations arise.

Lawrence County Schools and IAM4Kids are seeking grant opportunities but are greatly relying on the support of our generous community.

Local donors are needed to support this position with annual, monthly, or one-time gifts.

Individuals, organizations, or businesses that are interested in contributing to this position may contact Steve Seaton at 931-244-0945 for further information.

Funds can be received through First Farmers and Merchant or checks written to 'IAM4Kids' care of Theresa Beck, Treasurer, 43 South Bradley Rd, Leoma TN, 38468. IAM4Kids is a 501 (c) (3) so all donations are tax deductible.



Mr. Barry Holt's fifth graders at Lawrenceburg Public School recently completed a poetry unit. These are original poems written by the following students. Pictured from left are front row: Cole Duke, Emily Pilkinton, Macie Kapsalis, and Marisa Butler. Back row: Rob McGuire, Emma Counce, Ashley Bradley, Chloe Nix, Lexie Gower, and Joseph Shay. Below are the poems written by the students.

L'burg Public students complete poetry unit

Marisa Butler
Beauty of Spring Flower

Gentle yellow Swaying, leaning, growing
Full of love and life and wonder
Tulip

Lexi Gower
A Flower

I saw a beautiful buttercup
The petals looked like rays of sun
I heard a buzzing bee ahead
It was covered in yellow and black stripes
It landed on the flower and took a ball of pollen
The aroma smelled delightful
Then I left the beautiful flower

Macie Kapsalis
Clothes

Shirts, pants and skinny jeans, too
But my favorite is the shoe
You can have satin skirts
Or even silky shirts

Macie Kapsalis
Dolly

The homemade girl
With stuffing inside
She has braided yarn for hair
Sitting on the shelf
She shows off
Her old fashioned clothes
The stitched face is always smiling
She will always be loved

Ashley Bradley
Hunting

Walking tentatively,
Sun glowing on your back,
Marked and shaking,
BOOM,
Running over to your first deer,
With a smile on your face,
Heart pounding like a drum

Cole Duke
Sun

A bright yellow sun in the sky
Feels like fire on my skin
It floats way up high
Full of beauty and majesty

Emma Counce
Rose

Flowers
Pleasant, scarlet
Leaning, swaying, growing
The fragrance dances up your nose
Roses

Chloe Nix
Birds

Birds with feathers of deep blue
Singing a cheerful song
Chirping all day long
Feeding on warm sticky worms

Joseph Shay
Baseball

POW!
Feeling the vibrations of the ball hitting the bat
Tossing the bat in the air like a rocket zooming
From base to base
Sliding in the dirt
Getting to home

Joseph Shay
Playground

Feeling the wind, hit my face
Going back and forth on a swing
Sliding
Down a pole
Hands burning
Spinning around on the tire swing
Having an adventure

Emily Pilkinton
Summer

I watch the petals fall
In the summer breeze
Little kids run
Back and forth
And time blows away

Rob McGuire
A Beautiful Site

They kiss in the dark sky
With their snowy, pointy tips
They're a pretty site

Hickory Dickory Dead opens at SHS Little Theatre tonight 7 p.m.

By: Craig Sodaro
SHS Correspondent

Summertown High School Little Theatre will be having a play on March 4th and 5th at 7 pm. Tickets will cost \$4 each.

A reunion weekend for estranged sisters, Connie and Regan, takes a mysterious turn when they find the host of Hickory

Dickory Inn murdered! With an early snowstorm raging outside and the phone line deliberately cut, it appears the killer is among those at the inn, and they each seem to have something to hide.

Perhaps the victim himself will point a ghostly finger at the real killer! Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer

Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado.

The cast of this play is composed of sophomores, juniors and seniors currently enrolled in the SHS Theatre Arts Class.

For more information you may contact Dena Miller (director) at Summertown High School (931-964-3539)

Lawrence County announces bad weather make-up schedule

Lawrence County Schools currently has two days to make-up due to inclement weather. Lawrence County Director of School Dr. Bill Heath announced the two days will be made up as follows:

Day #1- Lawrence County Schools will now be in session on **Friday March 25**, and students will be in attendance from 8:00am until noon. Lunch will be served prior to student dismissal at noon. The parent-teacher conference originally scheduled for that day will be held from 1:00pm until 4:00pm only.

Day #2- The last day for student attendance has changed to **Wednesday, May 25**. This is a change from May 24th. The Administrative Day for teachers (no students) is now May 26th. The final exam schedule for underclassmen has also changed. Underclassmen

final exams are now May 24th and May 25th.

Summary: School is now in session and students are expected to attend on March 25th and May 25th. Both of these

days will have early dismissal.

"Any future days missed will be added on to the end of the school year," Heath said.

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