

Things You Should Know May 5, 2010

U-46 Board of Education has a New Student Member

Last year Andrew Boston from South Elgin High School became the first student representative to serve on the Board of Education. Andrew added a student voice to the Board and brought a unique perspective. With his graduation imminent the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council went through the process of selecting his replacement.

The process is completely student-driven. The candidates are selected by the each high school's Principal Advisory Council. In mid-February, the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council met to review the candidates' submitted material. Their goal was to select those students who could represent the voices of all students and who had the inner-drive to make a difference.



Based on their review of each candidate, and the interviews they conducted, they recommended Nasir Almasri of Bartlett High School to be the representative with Joe Kellenberger of Elgin High School to serve as his alternate. The Board accepted their recommendation and Nasir was sworn in at the May 3 Board meeting.

Photo: Pat Broncato, U-46 Chief Legal Officer administers the

Oath of Office to Nasir.

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U-46 Employee Recognized at Judson Prayer Breakfast

Since 1989 community members have gathered at Judson University for the Golden Corridor



Community Prayer Breakfast. During this event time is set aside to recognize the volunteer efforts of persons in the community who have generously shared their time and talents with others. This year the winner of the D. Ray Wilson Award was Nancy Schueneman. Nancy works with U-46's Project Access tutoring our homeless students. She also serves as Family Literacy Coordinator in the Adult Education Program working with adult education students with school age children. Her efforts help students stay in the program and succeed.

Center, Jayne Shover Easter Seal Center, Elgin Junior Woman's Club, Altrusa International and the Sherman Auxiliary.

She continues to help those in need through her volunteer work. She is active in the YWCA, Greater Elgin Family Care

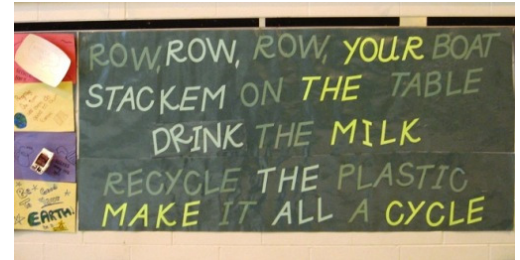
U-46 has been lucky to have employees dedicated to making things better for the students we serve, our families and our communities.

Photo: Dr. Jerry Cain, Judson University President; Dr. Jon Tuin, Principal of Larkin High School;

Nancy Schueneman; Dr. Torres, Superintendent U-46.

It Sounded Like Row, Row, Row Your Boat...

During a trip to Clinton a few months ago Bryan Arnold, Compliance and Systems Coordinator, heard what sounded like children singing a familiar song. It turned out to be a recycling song to the same tune - and that was music to his ears! On the wall of the lunchroom were new words to the old tune. According to Arnold, "This school has really embraced the recycling program and has actively involved the students in the process."



Recycling isn't the only way Clinton is helping conserve energy and save money. The school is number 6 out of all 43 elementary schools and early learning centers when it comes to energy reduction in the first semester. They are proof that if everyone does a little it ends up in a lot of savings for the district.

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Battle of the Books

"In which nonfiction book were some poor families forced to live in makeshift neighborhoods with the houses made of cardboard, wood scraps, canvas, sheets of tin and packing crates?" The answer is... *Children of the Great Depression*. Questions like this are a part of the BOB or Battle of the Books.

Battle of the Books is a contest for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students who reside in or attend a school within the district of Gail Borden, Bartlett, and Poplar Creek Library districts. Students read from a list of seventy books that include fiction, nonfiction, and picture books. The purpose of the contest is to promote quality reading and to introduce the students to literary works and genres that they might not otherwise select.

The BOB season culminated in a celebration at South Elgin High School. All 32 participating teams were invited to attend. First place was awarded to Centennial Elementary in Bartlett, second place went to Clinton Elementary, South Elgin, and third place went to Bartlett Elementary. John Hendrix, illustrator of *Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek*, was the special guest. He explained to the students how he became an illustrator and how important illustrations are to a story. After the program, he was available to autograph books.

Congratulations to all of these students and their sponsors.

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