

District Announcements

LYNNVILLE-SULLY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2009-2010 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR PARENTS ONLY

Wed., Jan 28, 2009 @ 3:35 P.M.

The kindergarten registration for parents is scheduled for January 28th at 3:35 p.m. in the elementary/middle school north media center. We ask that children not be brought to this meeting.

You will need to bring your child's birth certificate for verification of the date of birth. The hospital issued birth certificate will meet the verification requirement. You also need to obtain a social security number for registration. Children must be five years old by September 15, 2009 to be enrolled in kindergarten. You will be given registration forms to fill out with some of them to be turned in before you leave and others to be turned in at the fall registration.

If you cannot be present at this meeting, please call the school at 594-4445, ext. 125, and we'll send you the necessary forms.

Please use the south parking area during registration. Park in the marked stall areas and come around to the west doors to enter the building. This will eliminate congestion around the bus loading area. The kindergarten screening date is scheduled for April 15th, 2009. You will receive more information about the child screening during the registration meeting.

Make money for L-S

By Jeremy Vander Molen

If you've been looking for an easy way to raise funds for L-S, all you have to do is add a GoodSearch toolbar to your Internet Browser. To get the toolbar go to GoodSearch's website, www.goodsearch.com and click on the link that says: "Add GoodSearch to your IE, Firefox, or Mac toolbar." You can also get to the site off of a link on the L-S homepage. This toolbar is used as a search engine, and the business that created the toolbar will donate \$0.01 for each search made using the toolbar. On the GoodSearch page there is a link that shows how

much has been raised so far. As of November 26, the school has earned \$12.24.

"Using the GoodSearch toolbar is a good, easy way to make money for the school," said L-S cook Shelley Vander Molen.

GoodSearch is a non-profit charity organization that helps out schools, hospitals, and other foundations. A couple of the charities benefiting from the program are the Children's Tumor Foundation, which has earned \$3200, and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which has topped \$10,200. The charity that has made the most money off of

GoodSearch is the ASPCA, which is The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, they have raised \$21,000.

"I got an email about this fundraiser for Character Counts and thought that we could do it for the whole school," said second grade teacher Mrs. Lisa Martin, who got this started at L-S.

GoodSearch works together with GoodShop, a site that allows people to shop through Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, Ebay, Walmart, iTunes, and many more sites. The GoodShop

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT NEEDED FOR AFTER PROM PARTY:

Once again, the Lynnville-Sully senior parents are kicking into high gear and planning an After Prom Party to be held immediately following the Junior-Senior Prom on April 25, 2009. This event will be held in the middle and high school gyms and various rooms in between. Once the students and their dates arrive shortly after prom is over, they will not be allowed to leave until the After Prom Party ends. Many activities are being planned. There will be games, food, entertainment, and prizes. The goal is to keep our young people safe and provide them with a fun, alcohol-and-drug-free environment.

As shown in the past, an event like this can not be possible without the help of the L-S community. Soon area businesses will receive a letter requesting donations of any kind; including money for expenses, prizes, and/or food. For individuals wishing to donate to this event, donation buckets will be set out at some area businesses or you can send a check made payable to "L-S After Prom" to the school at PO Box 210, Sully, IA 50251. Please contact Brad Zegers at 594-3161 or 594-4392 if you have any questions regarding donations.

Some of the fundraising events are already going on at home basketball games: enjoy a homemade root-beer float and leave your coats at the coat-check. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a shopping spree to the Jordan Creek Mall. Watch the school announcements and newspapers for more details on other fundraisers that will be starting. All the proceeds will benefit the After Prom Party.

A pop can drive is also beginning. Wanting to get rid of all of those cans that have been stacking up in your garage? What better time to do it! We'll gladly take your donations. Drop off locations include Co-Line Welding, Killduff Feed and Grain, Kruseman Implement, Sully Coop Oil Station, B.Z. Auto, and Zip N'. If you would like us to pick them up for you, please call Murry and Judy Zegers, 594-4287; Barry and Linda Beyer, 594-4192; Kevin and Julie Van Wyk, 594-3411; Randy and Shelly Rozendaal, 594-4201; Brad Zegers, 594-4392.

Thank you for your consideration of donating to and supporting this event. It has proven to be a success in the past!

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A Closer Look

Black Friday

By Mariah Terlow

The Friday after Thanksgiving is known as the biggest day of shopping of the year. Many L-S students and teachers stayed awake Thursday night into Friday morning to be a part of the insanity.

"It was chaos and people were rude and acting stupid. I will never go again. I was in Des Moines at twelve and I was dead tired by three a.m.," said junior Bryce Doane.

Cheap prices and good deals can make people literally crazy. A Wal-Mart worker in Long Island, New York died from being trampled from anxious customers at the door. Others took a much more level-headed and strategic approach to shopping.

"One person stands in line while the other shops. Then you trade off and go get your things," said high school teacher Susan Lyons.

"You have to go with a plan and know what you're looking for! I lit-

erally bounce out of bed with excitement," said high school teacher Heidi Van Wyk.

Others who hadn't shopped on Black Friday before had varying opinions.

"It was chaotic, but it was worth it because there were a lot of good sales. I look forward to doing it again next Thanksgiving," said junior Krysta Van Maanen.

"The stores were loaded with people and the lines were to the door. It was my first year and I probably won't be going again," said sophomore Matt Smith.

There are also those who, like Smith, went shopping on Black Friday in the past but have no plans to do it again.

"We used to go, but it got to be insane. The last time we went there was a line at Kohl's that wrapped around the whole store, so we said forget it," said Monica Lanser.

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site is www.goodshop.com/?charityid=886143, and it will display a list of many websites that will give a certain percentage, some up to 30%, of sales to the school. GoodShop even works with hotels.com, Priceline, and Expedia.

The website says the average earnings for GoodSearch and GoodShop combined is \$730 a year for a small school with 100 supporters. The average earnings for a medium-sized school of 1000 supporters is \$7300 a year. The averages are calculated by adding the average amount of money made from

purchases and the average amount of earnings from the search toolbar. If everyone would put this toolbar on their computer, the school could make even more money.

"The money earned will go into the school's general fund," said Martin.

"The general fund is used for day to day activities and paying for payroll, textbooks, utilities, and gas for buses," said L-S Business Manager Karla DeCook.

Another easy way to earn money is to buy business supplies through Office Depot. This is a separate fundraiser that was

sent to K-12 Lunch Secretary Cathy Fraker, so she could spread the word. Office Depot will give 5% of their sales back to the school. All that it takes is a school ID number, which can be found at local Office Depots, and they will total up the earnings and give credit to the school for free supplies.

"If local businesses already buy their office supplies from Office Depot, this is an easy way to donate some profit back to L-S by simply using our school id number when they shop or order on-line," said Mrs. Cathy Fraker.

12:01 Twilight

Caitlin Cross

Many girls throughout the high school and across the nation have been waiting not-so-patiently for the new movie "Twilight" to start showing in theatres. The movie is based on the "Twilight Saga" by Stephanie Meyer, whose main characters are mostly vampires.

In the book, a girl named Bella Swan moves to a new town on the East Coast where her father is now living, but she has no clue that the town is inhabited by a family of vampires. Bella soon becomes acquainted with Edward Cullen and begins to catch on to his secret, but instead of running away, she sticks around and learns that being a vampire is not as easy as it looks. Bella and the Cullen's have many extreme adventures and even get into a mess with another group of vampires who want to take Bella away for themselves.

At the L-S library, the books have had to be put on a waiting list because so many girls want to read them.

"I think the movie coming out made people want to read the book more. I recommended the

book to students at the beginning of last year and they didn't want to read about vampires. Now I have a waiting list of six people. It is one of my favorite books of all time and I read a lot," said librarian Monica Lanser.

Seeing that so many girls are planning on going to the movie, many boys in the high school are getting dragged along as well. Boys who probably have no interest in vampires and romance are getting suckered into going to watch the "vampire movie" as many of them call it.

"Taylor [Van Wyk] wanted to go, so I figured I should take her. It really wasn't all that bad of a movie because it had a lot of action in it," said senior Jesse Holder.

"I honestly was not looking forward to seeing this movie. I figured it would just be another movie based on a book that wouldn't be very good, but overall it was a pretty good movie. Edward did kind of give me nightmares though," said senior Danny Zegers.

The movie opened up November 21 at 12:01 a.m. in

Grinnell. Some students and teachers planned on seeing the movie at this time, but because of the girl's basketball game on Friday, members of the team were not able to go see it right away.

"I really wanted to go see the movie at midnight, but because of our game I couldn't go. I was really disappointed," said sophomore Tara Van Rees.

According to Box Office online "Twilight" was ranked number five on MovieTickets.com Top Pre-Sellers of All-Time list. The movie had sold out over 200 shows by Thursday, November 13, from online ticket sales. Box Office online also reports that Twilight made a staggering \$70 million over the weekend of the release.

"It was awesome to finally see things how the author intended them to be. I liked the movie, but I recommend the books as well; they were really good," said junior Katelyn Van Wyk.

"I felt kind of stupid standing in line with all those girls screaming about Edward, but the movie actually had some good action scenes. The love story was a little ridiculous, though," said senior Nick Beyer.

Most, students, male and female, enjoyed the movie when they went to see it, but some felt that the movie was no comparison to the book.

"I was really disappointed because the movie left out so much detailed information that the book included. I felt that the transitions were really choppy and the movie didn't flow that well, but I do recommend the book," said senior Cyannah Doll.



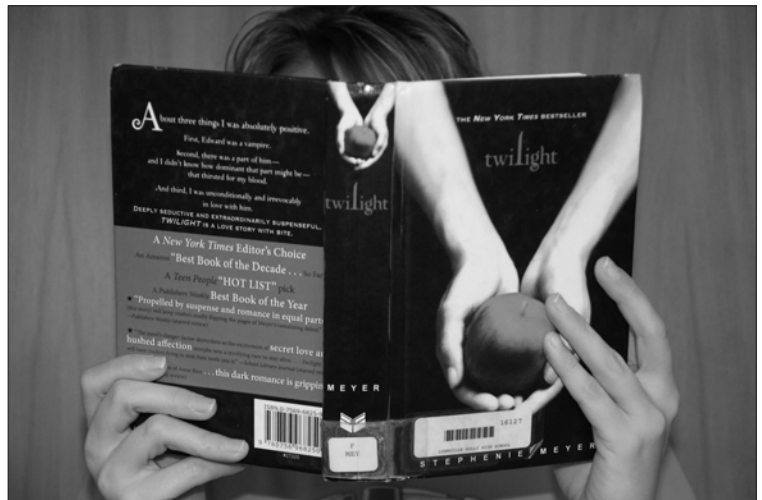
Junior Krysta Van Maanen shows off the Ugg boots she purchased while shopping on Black Friday.

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A Lynnville-Sully student reads intently. Many students in the high school enjoyed the Twilight saga and also attended the movie.