

RETIREES HONORED

The Board of Education for the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 2007. Among the items on the agenda for the evening was the opportunity to recognize our Retiring Class of 2007. At this time, we have thirteen employees from across all classifications who are retiring.

Among the 2007 Retiring Class are Lucille Jacqueline Brown (cook – 20+ years of service), Janice Davenport (teacher – 32 years of service), Sue Dryden (cosmetology instructor – 30 years of service), David Gray (bus driver & distribution driver – 30 years of service), Larry Hamrick (teacher – 35 years of service), Jack Hazelbaker (teacher & administrator – 39 years of service), Rita Lucas (aide & secretary – 30 years of service), Rachel Faye Mefford (bus driver & teacher – 27 years of service), Linda Scott (teacher – 31 years of service), Harry Smittle (administrator – 8 years of service), Linda Stepp (teacher & administrator – 30 years of service), Herbena Terhune (teacher – 7 years of service), and Linda Worley (teacher – 35 years of service). This group of retirees represents a combined 352 years of service to the students, parents, and Board of Education. Our combined best wishes are extended to each and every member of this “class” as they begin a new chapter in their lives. The AC/OVSD is grateful for their dedication and service to our youth.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Kindergarten Screening will be held at the North Adams, Peebles, and West Union Elementary buildings on June 18th, 19th, and 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is very

important that all prospective kindergarten students participate in the screening. The information gained from this will help teachers meet the needs of all kindergarten students. If your child is kindergarten age and you have not registered them, please do so no later than June 15th, so they may be scheduled for the screening.

At the elementary level, AC/OV will provide one-week of summer school for students leaving grades two and three. This will be June 18th-22nd at each elementary from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In addition, the district is focusing on preventing summer reading loss by providing “loaner” books to students leaving grades one and two. These books can be checked out at the end of school and exchanged throughout the summer and then returned when school begins. The district, with financial assistance from each elementary P.T.O., purchased books from Scholastic to support this summer reading program.

At the high schools, Ohio Graduation Test Tutoring will take place at the CTC, NAHS, & PHS from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the week of June 25th and then July 2nd, 5th, and 6th. OGT Testing will be the week of July 9th-13th.

With CORE Grant funds from the Ohio Department of Education, the district is conducting Summer Science Camps at each high school. Camp #1 will be the week of July 30th-August 2nd, and students will learn to use a GPS and a compass, as well as working on scientific classification. Camp #2 will be the week of August 6th-August 9th, and students will investigate the laws of motion using a remote control airplane. Both

camps feature a one-day field for students. The learning goals for the summer camps are aligned with the OGT and the camps are for students leaving grades eight and nine.

For any of the district-sponsored summer opportunities, I encourage you to contact your child's principal for more details.

In addition to the above-mentioned summer learning opportunities, the district also has a subscription to Study Island, which is a web-based learning program. Study Island is matched to the OGT and Ohio Achievement Tests and every student has a user name and password that allows them to log on from the internet and access at home or at the any of the Adams County Public Libraries. Speaking of the public libraries, they each have a summer reading program as well! I encourage you to contact them at 386-2556, 587-2085, or 544-2591 for more details.

The Adams County Juvenile Court is sponsoring Summer Recreation at the Adams County Fairgrounds, and you can call 544-2921 for information. In addition, there are sometimes summer learning opportunities at Woodland Altars at 588-4411 or the Edge of Appalachia Preserve at 544-2880. I encourage you to spend time with your child in activities during the summer. You may find it useful to have them involved in some of the summer learning opportunities mentioned or in youth groups such as Little League, 4-H, and Scouts so that they continue to use and expand their knowledge and skills and are engaged in social activities that will assist in their positive growth and development.

Thank you, and have a great and safe summer!

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