

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today



A publication for employees of the St. Clair County School System
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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

I want to take this time to wish each of you and all those you love a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday. I hope that you will spend this time with loved ones and open your heart to appreciate your blessings.

St. Clair County School District's Vision...

"Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today."

We have to prepare our students for the 21st century. It is important for educators to make parallel changes in order to fulfill it's mission in society, namely the preparation of students for the world beyond the classroom. Therefore, the school system must understand and embrace the following 21st century skills within the context of rigorous academic standards.

- ◇ **Digital Age Literacy**... technology today
- ◇ **Inventive Thinking** ...creativity, self direction, and higher order thinking
- ◇ **Interactive Communication**... social and personal skills such as teaming, collaboration, etc.

This provides focus for all stakeholders throughout St. Clair County. As I have stated, WE are committed to do "Whatever It Takes". Remember, failure is not an option.

Our 2009-2010 district goals are :

- ◇ **To increase reading in all core subjects**
- ◇ **To engage students in all classes**
- ◇ **To increase awareness of the special education student's academic goals**

"Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today" is a biweekly publication of the Superintendent's Office ~ Jenny Seals, Superintendent

CHARACTER EDUCATION Gratitude



"The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you." John E. Southard

"Gratitude is the best attitude." Author Unknown



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 25-27– Thanksgiving Holidays (school closed)

Teachers,

I need for you to log onto the SharePoint site <http://www.sharepoint.local/default.aspx> Next, you will log in with your username and password by clicking on the "sign in" button at the top right of the page. Then, go to the District Accreditation tab and complete the Survey Rubric. **Please complete this IMPORTANT task by December 11th, 2009.** If you have any problems with this process, please call or email Russ Stewart

Community Leaders– Please go to <http://www.sccboe.org> and complete the "Parent Community" Survey for District Accreditation. Please complete this by December 11th. I appreciate your help with this.



"Who is Watching You?"

Watch your thoughts; they lead to attitudes.

Watch your attitudes; they lead to words.

Watch your words; they lead to actions.

Watch your actions; they lead to habits.

Watch your habits; they form your character.

Watch your character; it determines your Destiny.

Michael Josephson

