

## The Sherman Way

By Dr. Ann Yehle

*Sherman Middle School Principal*

### Sherman students and staff establish "Habits for Success"

During the 04-05 school year, Sherman students and staff began to tackle the question, "what are habits a person must have in order to have a successful life and complete tasks in a quality fashion?" To answer this question, groups of Sherman staff and Sherman students came together in various focus groups. These groups engaged in lively discussions, conducted research, and ultimately settled on five essential habits for success. These five habits for success have been introduced school-wide with the 05-06 school year. The five habits for success include imagination, analysis, point of view, determination, and communication.

Sherman students and staff are practicing using these habits and learning how these habits can assist them in being successful on the academic front but also in their lives outside of school as larger members of the Madison community and in their family lives. Through practicing and mastering the habits for success, Sherman students will be better prepared for the world outside of K-12 education.

### Thank you Northside

We thank all of the members of the Northside community that have volunteered their time and fiscal resources to our school. On a daily basis, I see our Sherman students benefiting from your generosity. Even with the out-

pouring of support we have received, we continue to have needs for volunteers as well as other resources. If you are interested in learning more about how you can make a direct positive impact on Sherman Middle School students, please contact me or Kit Laibly at 204-2100. Finally, if you have questions/concerns about Sherman Middle School, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Community musical

Sherman Middle School will be putting on the musical "Makin' It in Middle School" on May 6th, 7th & 8th at East High School. Our guest director is Ms. Selena Lane, a musical theater student at Edgewood College. Ms. Lane has worked extensively with adolescents, and we are fortunate to have her join us in this production. We are looking for community members that would like to be involved in the production. Please contact Julie Wilke at 204-2125 for information on how you can help out.

### Sherman receives grant to promote health & wellness

Sherman has received a large grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support the addition of healthy food items to our school day. This means effective sometime in January until June 2007, we will be able to serve FREE healthy food to all interested students and staff. Look for more information on our Fruits & Vegetables Program in upcoming "Sherman Way" articles.

## Sherman M.S. holds "Battle of the Teams" food drive

In December, the Sherman Middle School Equity Leadership Council organized a school-wide food drive. The council, made up of 7th grade students, set up the drive to be a "Battle of the Teams" with the 4 teams at each grade level competing against each other to win an ice cream sundae party. The two week food drive featured a theme each week, the first week being "Meal in a can or box" and the second being "Personal Care Week." A total of 3,130 items were collected school-wide! The JSZ Team at 6th grade collected 1,296 items, the SUM Team at 7th grade collected 146 items, and the FDB Team at 8th grade collected 1,215 items. All items were donated to the Bashford United Methodist Food Pantry which services our Northside families. Way to go Sherman students!

## Emerson School awarded two grants

By Rosy Bayuk

Emerson Elementary School was recently awarded two grants that are designed to enrich student learning.

The Madison Foundation Grant has funded the Emerson Photography Club, which is currently up and running. Students are learning the skills of photography and photographic display. Students will be learning ways to digitally edit their photographs, and to enhance their photos with captions or stories. Students in the photography club will share their expertise by teaching other students their new skills.

The Dance County Cultural Affairs Commission has awarded Emerson School an "Artist in Residence" grant. During the month of March, artist Shawn Sheehy, a professional papermaker and bookmaker will be working

with third through fifth grade students in art class to create handmade paper. They will then work with Mr. Sheehy to bind handmade books with their paper. Each grade level will learn a unique binding technique for their books. Students will work with their classroom teachers to produce creative writing which they will type themselves in keyboarding class. These works will be partly inspired by students from East High School who will visit and perform original spoken work pieces. The focus of the writings will be based on Emerson's positive behavior school-wide theme.

The project will culminate with an "Arts Night" at Emerson in May. This event will feature an exhibit of handmade books completed by students, and related musical performances. Congratulations Emerson School!

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## Letter

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I would think if one were losing business in one area, one would attempt to increase business in another aspect of the business that's been successful. By ceasing to serve food, Wiganowski isn't doing that. It seems to me that he is perhaps looking for a reason to close his business.

So I'm also wondering why Wiganowski is whining about the smoking ban when he is allowing customers to smoke in his bar? I went there a few months ago and witnessed at least one person openly smoking at the bar. The barista appeared to do nothing about it.

Again, I ask, what is Wiggy whining about? Does he think he is above the law? Apparently so.

*- Lorry Bond, Madison*

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