

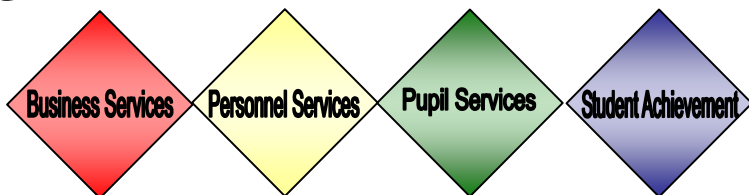


# School District of New London

**DIVISION**

**MONTHLY UPDATE**

**Ann Christopherson  
Director of Pupil Services  
Date: June 2011**



## Donation

The Bret and Janalea Romberg family of New London has donated a stander which their son has outgrown. This compliments a need we have in our Early Childhood: Special Education program and we are grateful for the donation.

### DPI Grant Monies???

DPI has continued to advise us of grant opportunities for AODA work, since the end of Title I-A Safe and Drug Free School dollars. I attended a workshop in early February and started to work on a grant with Joe Pomrening for our high school. Grant monies were then on hold shortly afterward with an anticipated update in June. This past week, I received new and different details for a significantly revised AODA grant competition, assuming that most provisions of the Governor's budget proposal (related to these AODA programs) will be adopted.

A smaller grant program will open again at the start of the 2011-12 school year. Applications will become available late summer and due mid-October. Funding will be based upon student enrollment: populations of 3000 students or more can apply for \$20,000 and those with less than 2999 students can apply for \$10,000.

As what appears to be the trend these days – additional grant dollars from our state continue to be a moving target.



## AN EVERY DAY HERO

Sherry Yandre has served our district as a paraeducator for years and years. For the past 12 years she has served in the capacity of a special education paraeducator in our Cognitive Disabilities – Severe and Functional Skills programs at the secondary and elementary levels.

Sherry is a woman of many talents in our special needs classrooms and puts forth tremendous efforts. I have always encouraged her to go beyond – perhaps to look at becoming a teacher. She always responds with, "I love what I do now. I love the way I am able to work with the children."

Sherry is modest. She doesn't like recognition – but in this board report, she deserves it many times over. Back in October, I wrote in my report of the team of people who worked through an emergency for a child with a significant seizure. One team member was Sherry. Fast-forward to the last week of school, Sherry was again working with that same child who was choking on her food during lunch. Cool and calm Sherry jumped into action with a Heimlich Maneuver and then followed protocol for the child...and continued on through her day.

While I've always stressed that we need proper training – I am also amazed at how individuals continue on through their day after a life-saving event.

### Outagamie County Pre-Action Recognition

In May, NLHS School Counselor, Bill Storck was recognized by the Outagamie County Board for his work with the POPS (Power of Positive Students) program at our high school. The County Board annually recognizes individuals who have contributed to a focus on reduction of alcohol and drugs through viable alternatives. Bill, through his compassion and caring, has been able to move many students in a positive direction.