

Seniors and Students/Waukesha Volunteer Orientation 2010

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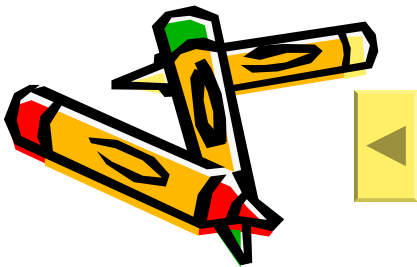
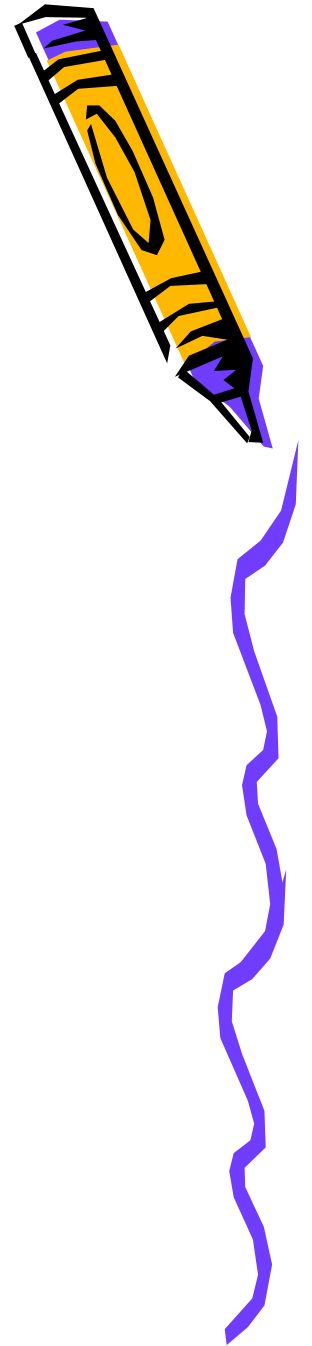
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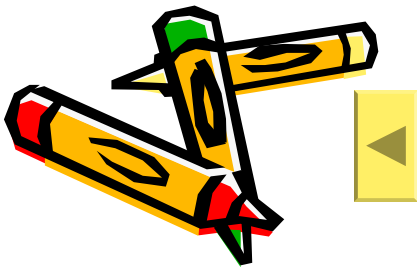
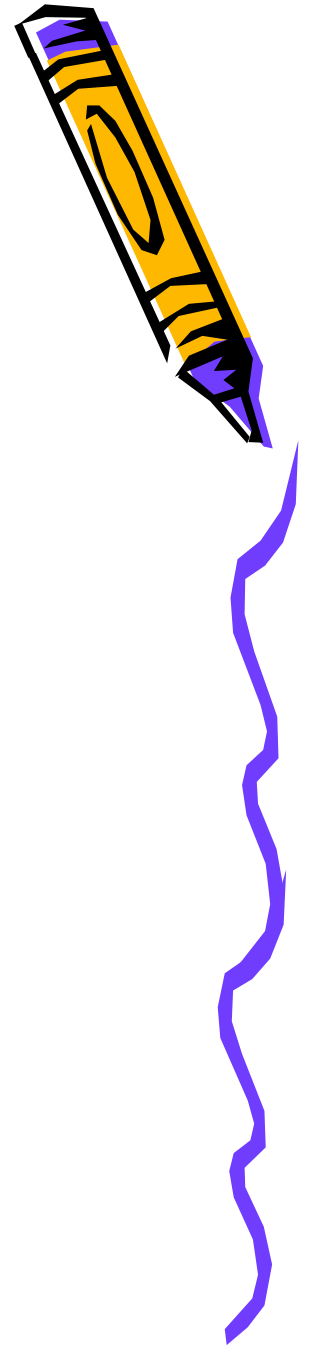
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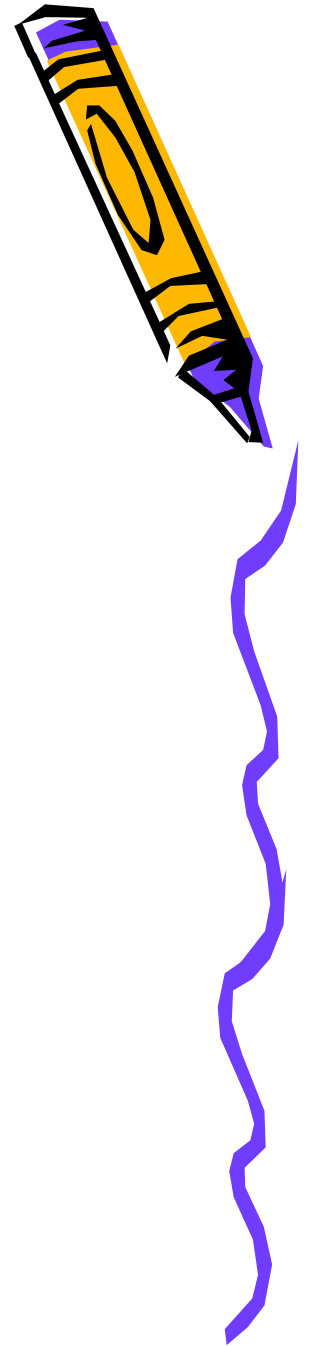
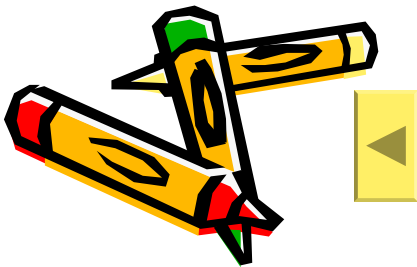
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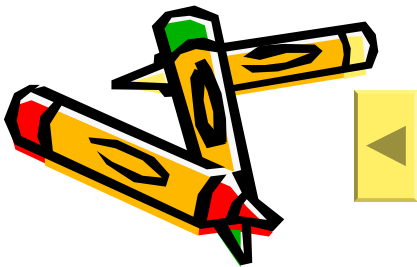
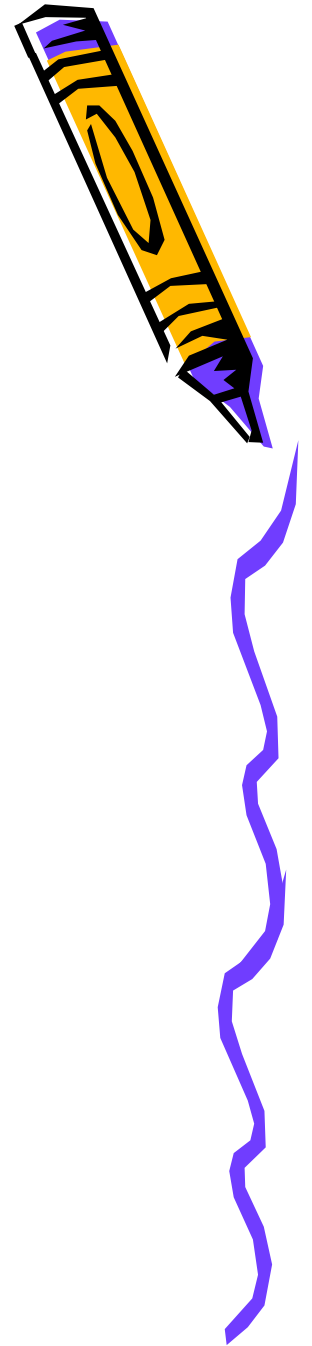
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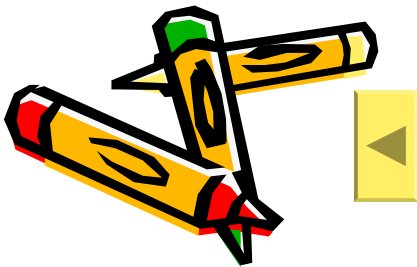
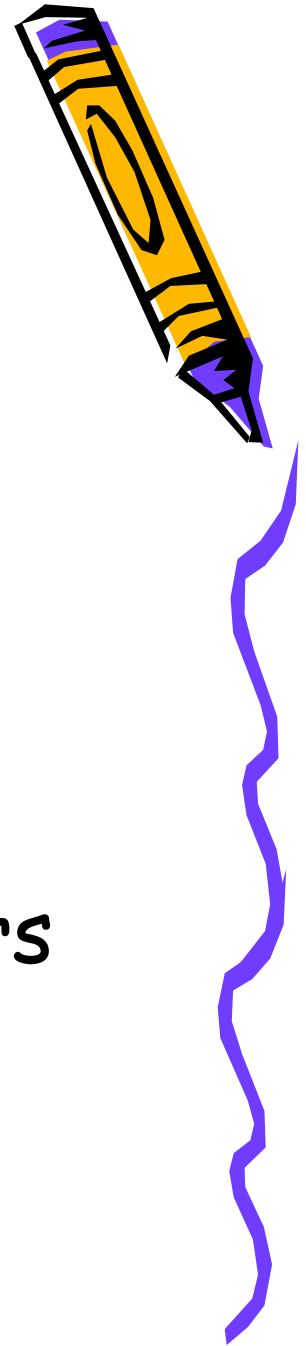
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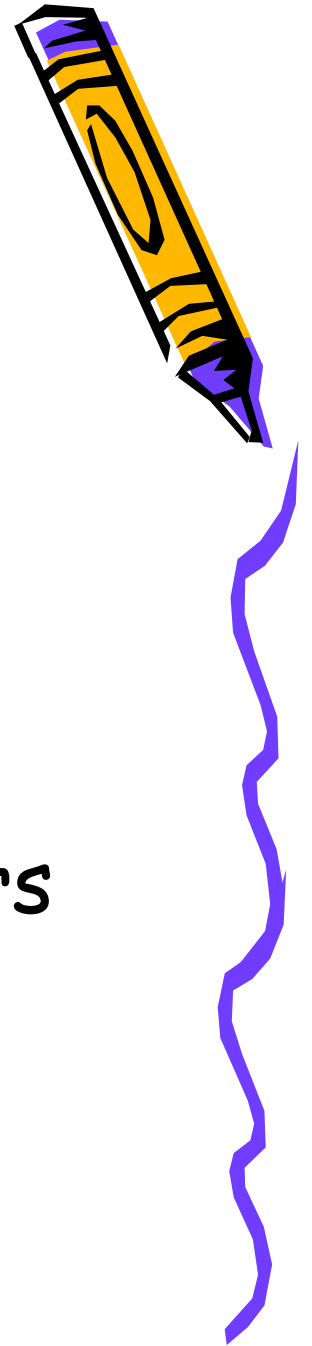
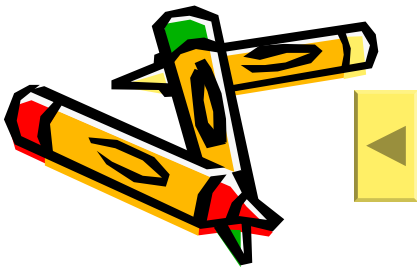
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- RSVP Volunteer Manager—2
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RSVP Volunteer Position Description

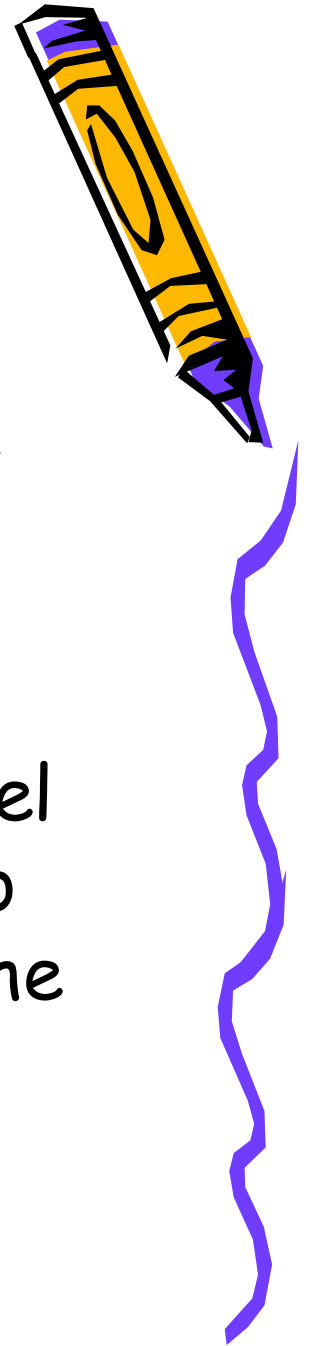
- ❖ The volunteer will provide tutoring, mentoring, and encouragement to students in a school setting on a one to one or small group basis

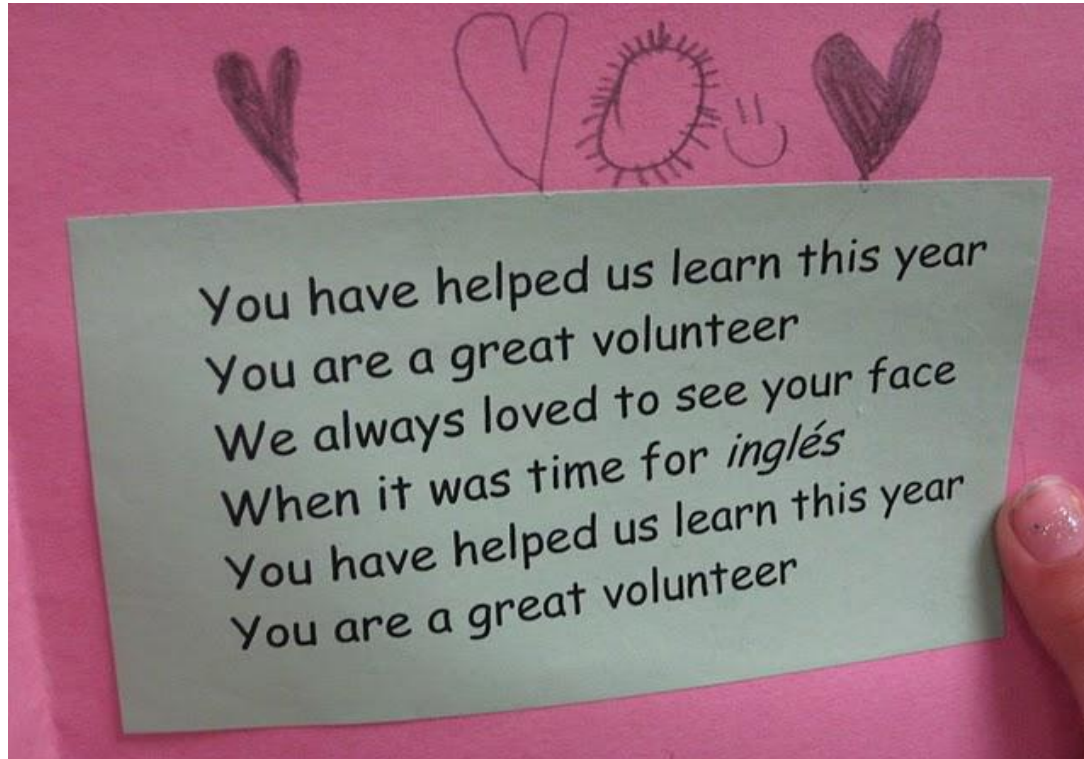


The Purpose of Volunteering Is...



- ❖ To increase the academic achievement and/or school satisfaction level of students who participate in the program.



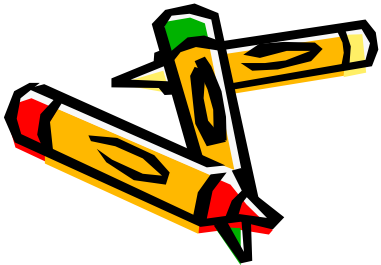
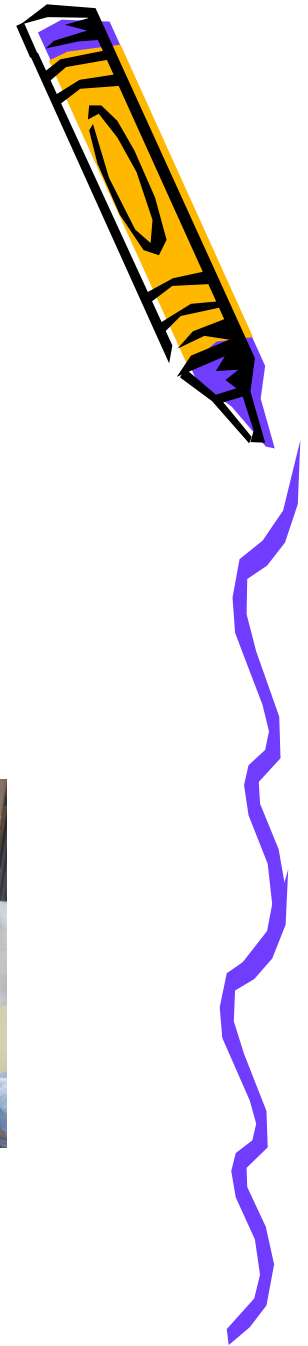


You have helped us learn this year
You are a great volunteer
We always loved to see your face
When it was time for *inglés*
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❖ To provide
volunteer service
that addresses
educational needs
in community
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To create meaningful relationships with students



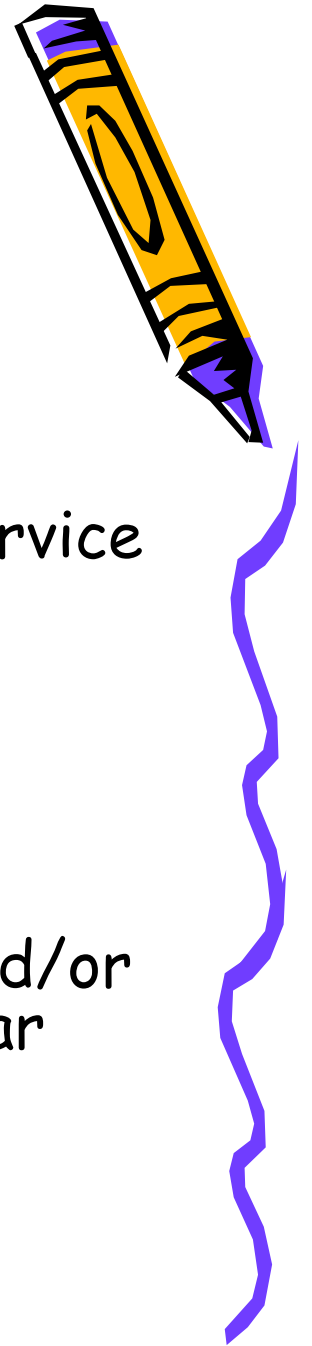
Service Learning Volunteers...

- Engage in meaningful, hands-on community service which connects academic instruction through volunteer experiences that focus on critical, reflective thinking and personal civic responsibility.



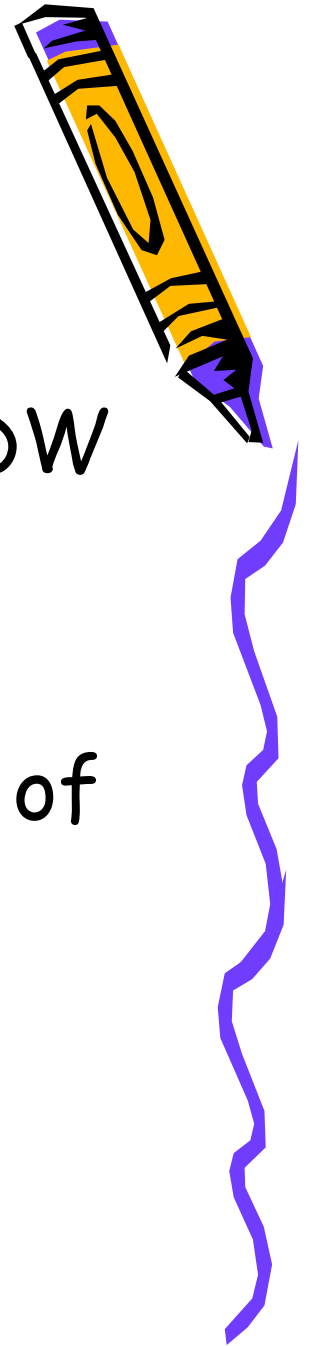
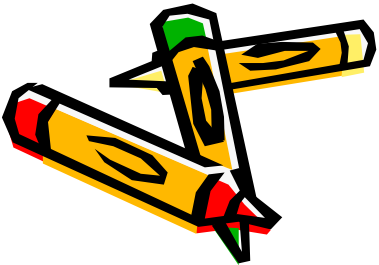
Volunteer Qualifications

- Age 55 or older; or any age participant in a service learning program offered by a participating community partner
- Completed an RSVP registration form
- Willing and able to volunteer with children and/or teachers at the school they attend on a regular weekly basis



Volunteer Qualifications

- Undergo and pass an RSVP and SDW background check
- Exhibit health up to the demands of the position without detriment to self or the students served



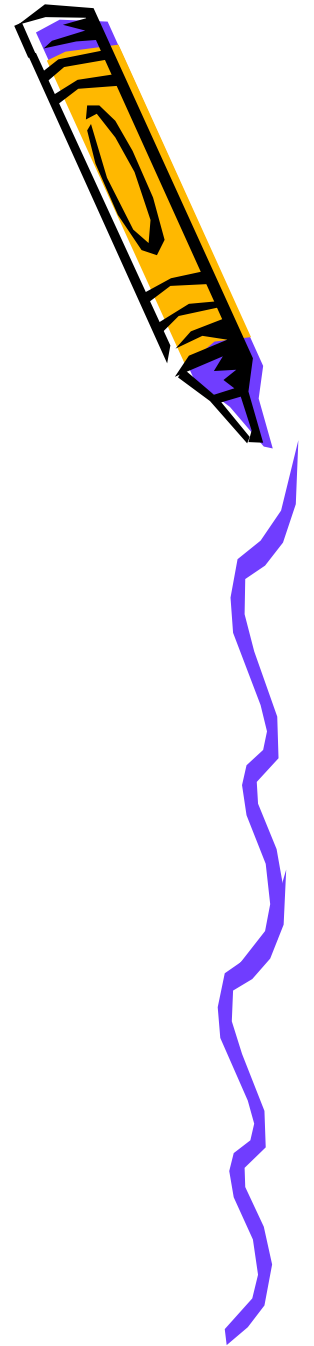
Expectations at the School Site

- Be on time
- Sign in
- Dress appropriately
- Act responsibly
- Wear a nametag
- Defer to teacher or principal
- Know the school policies; when in doubt, ask the school secretary or teacher



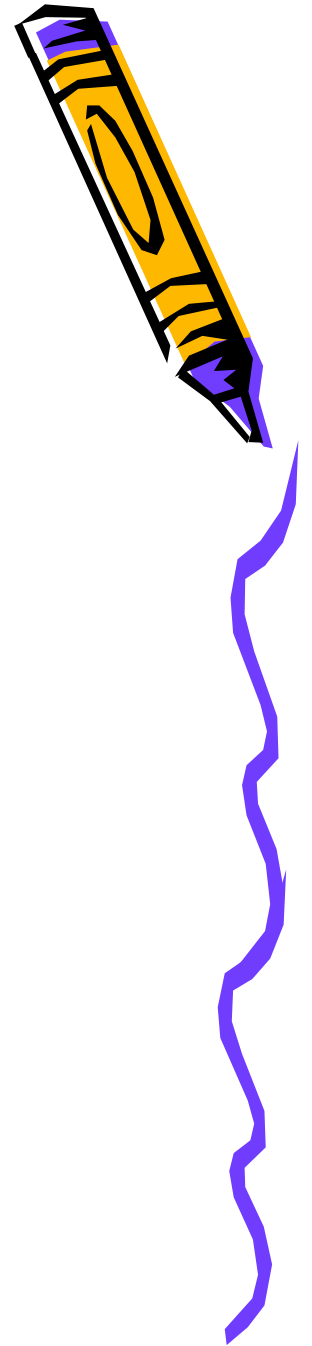
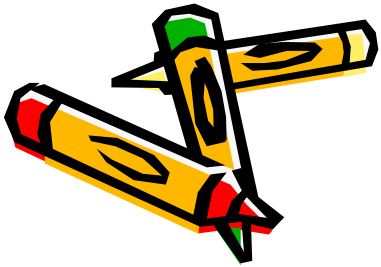
Roles and Sample Volunteer Duties

- ✓ Listening to students read
- ✓ Helping students with writing projects
- ✓ Reading to students
- ✓ Asking questions to check comprehension



Some Tutoring Tips

- ✓ Introduce Yourself
- ✓ Be friendly, but not a pal
- ✓ Listen
- ✓ Give praise for a job well done
- ✓ Know classroom rules
- ✓ Be considerate of students' feelings
- ✓ Write a note to the teacher, if needed
- ✓ Observe and take notes, if needed



101 Ways to Praise a Child...

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WOW • WAY TO GO • SUPER • YOU'RE SPECIAL • OUTSTANDING • EXCELLENT • GREAT • GOOD • NEAT • WELL DONE • REMARKABLE • I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT • I'M PROUD OF YOU • FANTASTIC • SUPER STAR • NICE WORK • LOOKING GOOD • YOU'RE ON TOP OF IT • BEAUTIFUL • NOW YOU'RE FLYING • YOU'RE CATCHING ON • NOW YOU'VE GOT IT • YOU'RE INCREDIBLE • BRAVO • YOU'RE FANTASTIC • HURRAY FOR YOU • YOU'RE ON TARGET • YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY • HOW NICE • HOW SMART • GOOD JOB • THAT'S INCREDIBLE • HOT DOG • DYNAMITE • YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL • YOU'RE UNIQUE • NOTHING CAN STOP YOU NOW • GOOD FOR YOU • I LIKE YOU YOU'RE A WINNER • REMARKABLE JOB • BEAUTIFUL WORK • SPECTACULAR • YOU'RE SPECTACULAR • YOU'RE DARLING • YOU'RE PRECIOUS • GREAT DISCOVERY • YOU'VE DISCOVERED THE SECRET • YOU FIGURED IT OUT • FANTASTIC JOB • HIP, HIP, HURRAY • BINGO • MAGNIFICENT • MARVELOUS • TERRIFIC • YOU'RE IMPORTANT • PHENOMENAL • YOU'RE SENSATIONAL • SUPER WORK • CREATIVE JOB • SUPER JOB • FANTASTIC JOB • EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE • YOU'RE A REAL TROOPER • YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE • YOU ARE EXCITING • YOU LEARNED IT RIGHT • WHAT AN IMAGINATION • WHAT A GOOD LISTENER • YOU ARE FUN • YOU'RE GROWING UP • YOU TRIED HARD • YOU CARE • BEAUTIFUL SHARING • OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE • YOU'RE A GOOD FRIEND • I TRUST YOU • YOU'RE IMPORTANT • YOU MEAN A LOT TO ME • YOU MAKE ME HAPPY • YOU BELONG • YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND • YOU MAKE ME LAUGH • YOU BRIGHTEN MY DAY • I RESPECT YOU • YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME • THAT'S CORRECT • YOU'RE A JOY • YOU'RE A TREASURE • YOU'RE WONDERFUL • YOU'RE PERFECT • AWESOME • A+ JOB • YOU'RE A-OK • MY BUDDY • YOU MADE MY DAY • THAT'S THE BEST •



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Things to Keep in Mind...

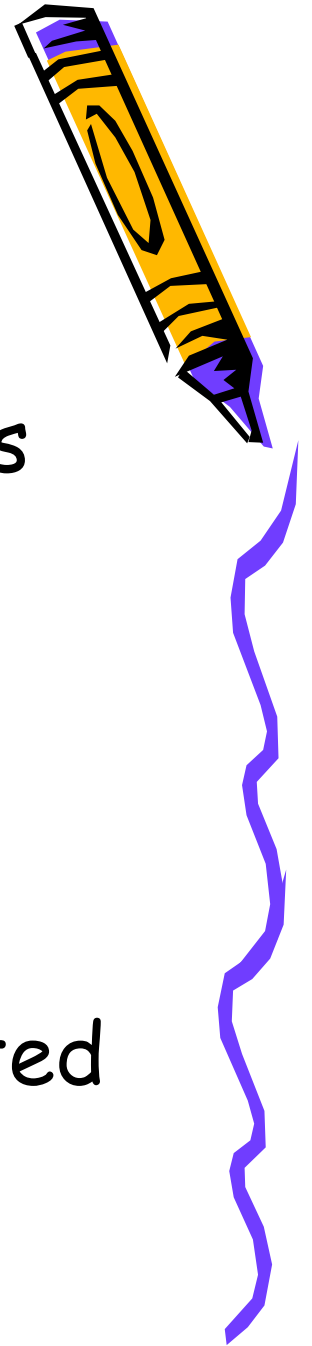


- Do not use pda's in classrooms
- Do not bring gifts
- Do not exchange contact information with students
- Do not bring food to share before checking with teacher
- Discourage physical contact with students



Tangible Rewards to the Volunteer

- Training, orientation and inservices
- Recognition and social events
- Professional portfolio addendums
- Job experience
- Networking in the community
- Mileage reimbursement, if requested



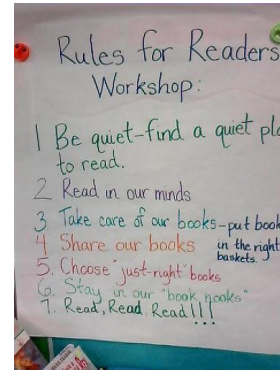
Other Benefits of Volunteering

- Renewed sense of purpose
- Satisfaction in a child's learning
- Creating "community" partnerships with the schools and RSVP
- Adding valuable service to community and County of Waukesha

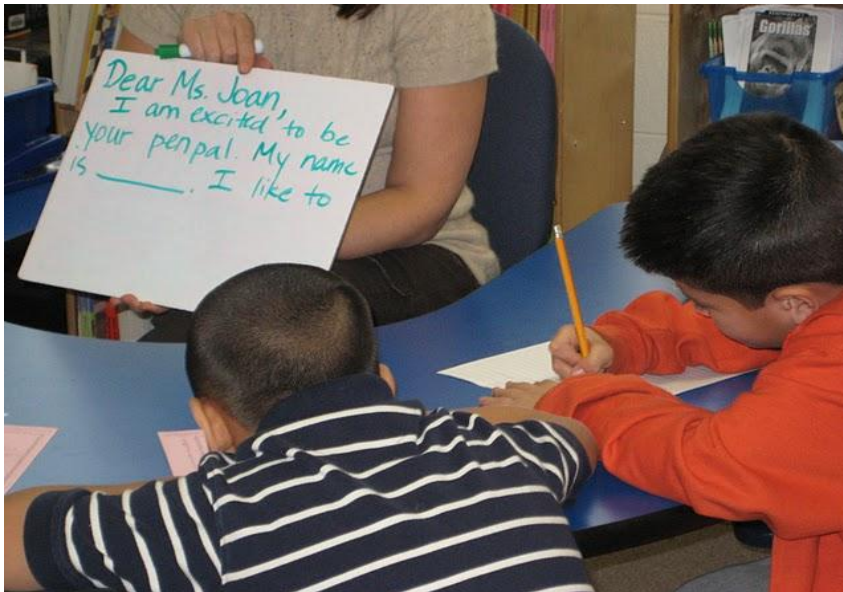


Reader's Workshop

- Talk about selection
- Listen to student
- Choral read
- Take turns reading
- Read for a purpose
- Echo reading
- Help sound out or figure out words
- Read for "connections"



Writer's Workshop

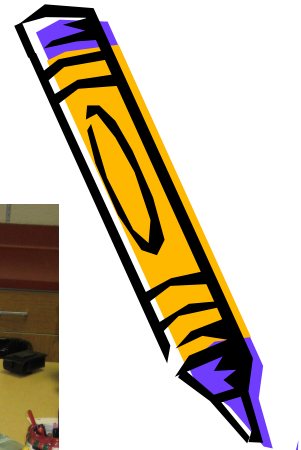


- Students write about what they read
- Brainstorm writing topics
- Draft a rough copy
- Revise and edit their writing
- Share writing aloud

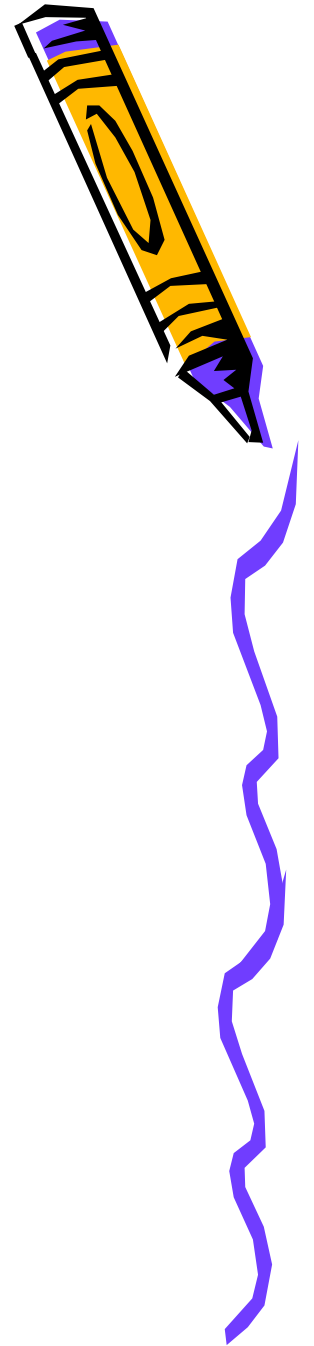


A Word about Mathematics

- Be familiar with grade level math vocabulary
- Be present for the lesson presented by the teacher
- Use websites to "brush up"
- Be prepared before you come to session

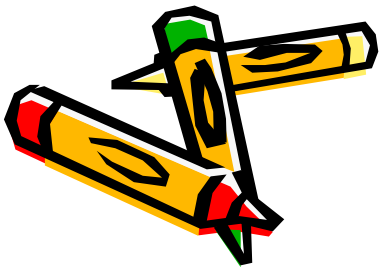
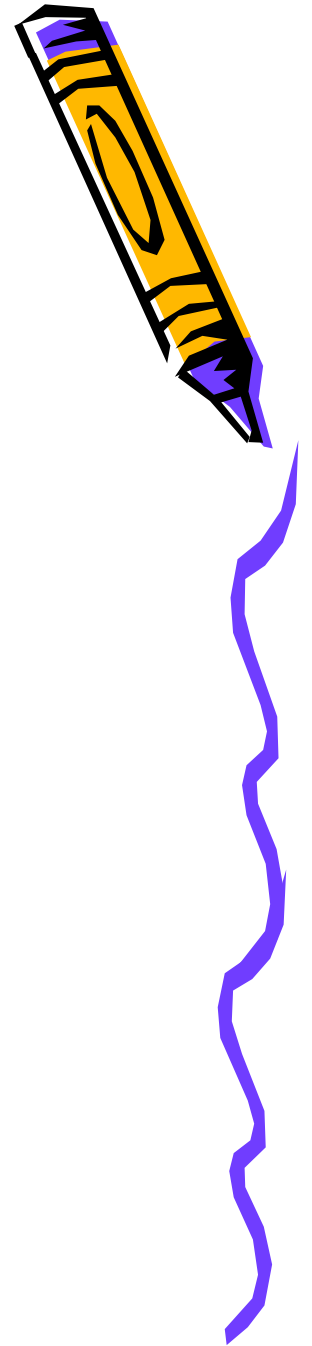


Website Resources—
refer to your packet



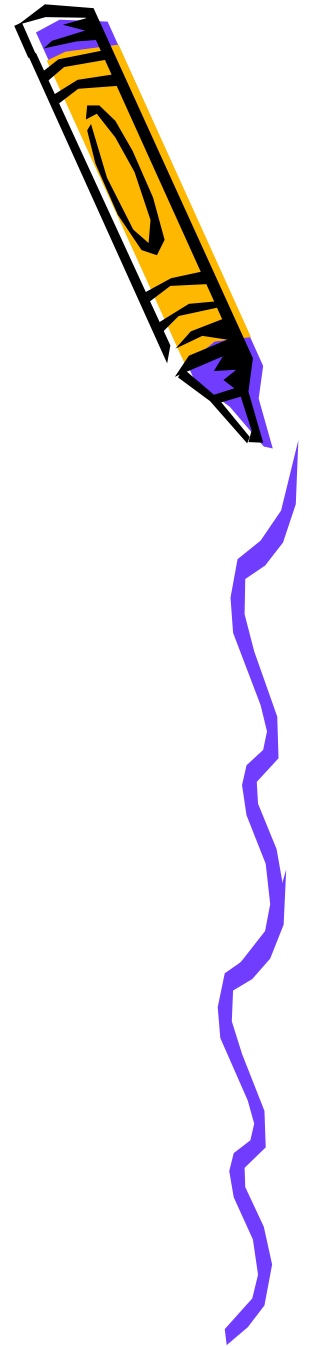
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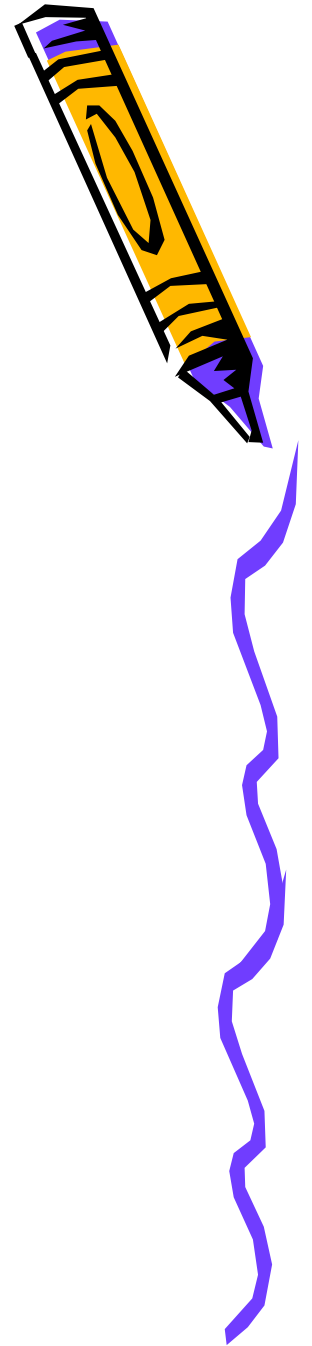
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- Find out about them--they're interesting



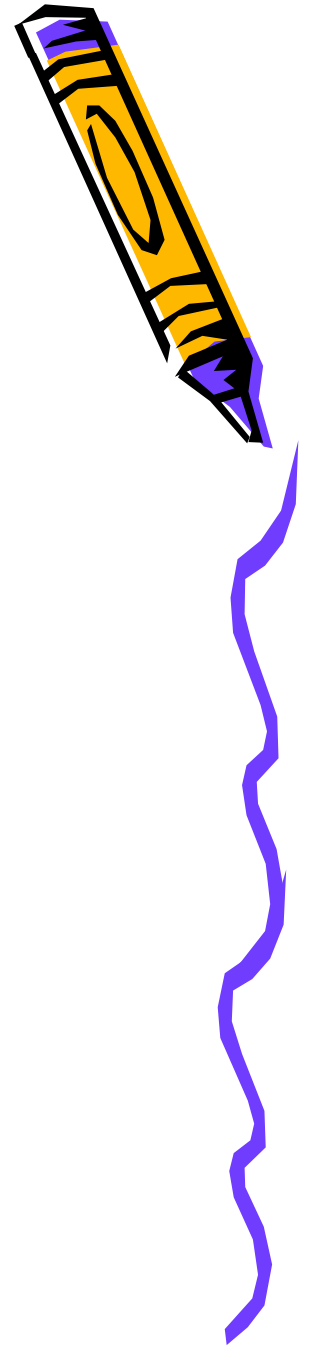
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- They have experience...or not



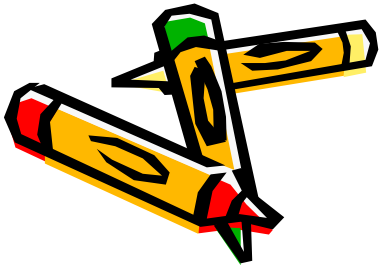
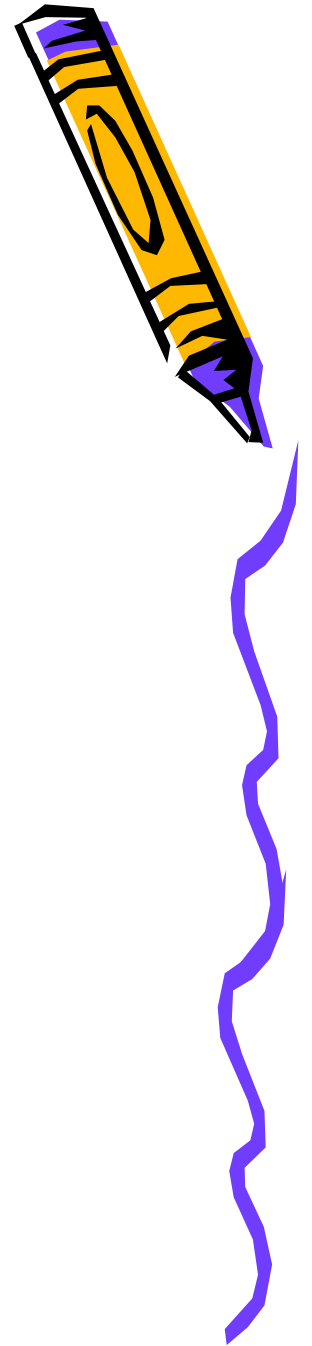
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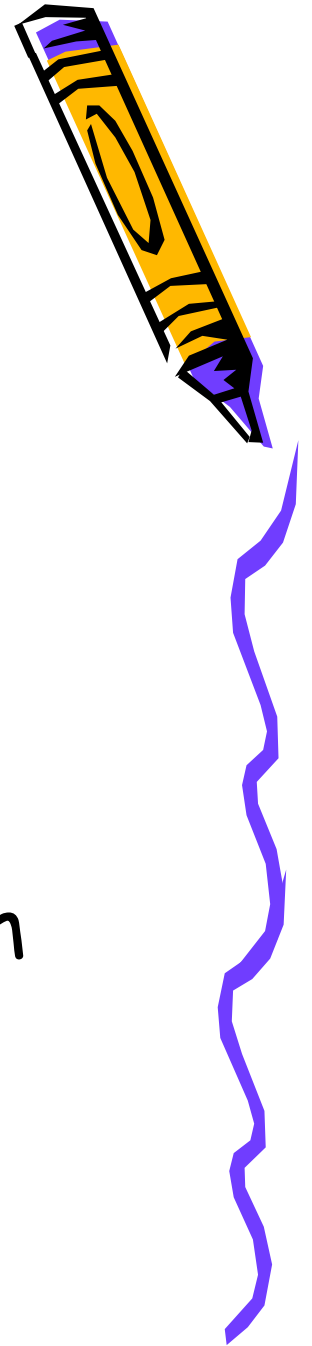
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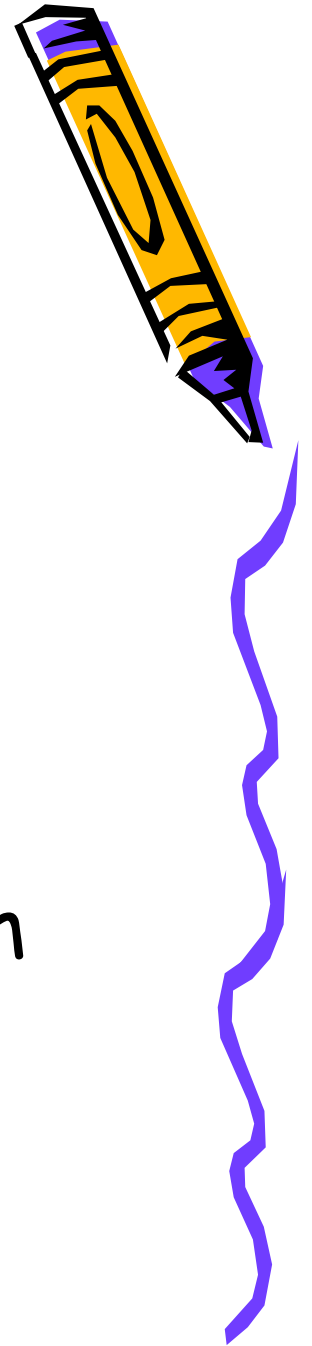
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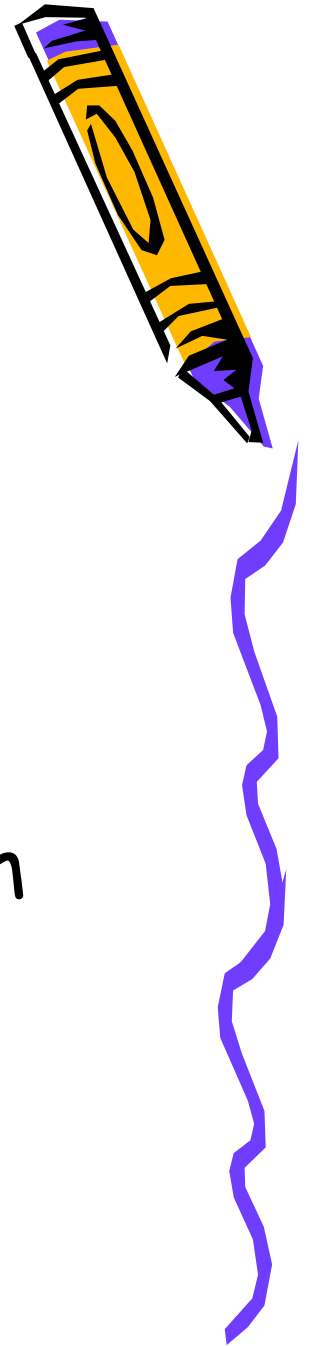
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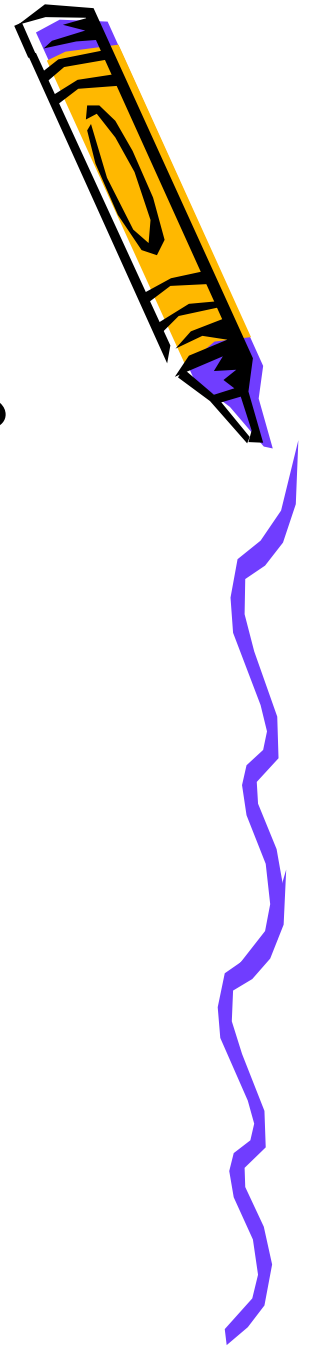
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- You have more in common than you think!!!



Questions

- ✓ Schools, principals, locations, days, and times?
- ✓ School orientation?
- ✓ Orientation packet?
- ✓ Working with senior volunteers?
- ✓ Going the extra mile?
- ✓ School District of Waukesha website?
- ✓ Contacting Lynn Walter-Gibbs?
- ✓ Others?



THE BEGINNING!!!

