# Preschool/ Elementary News

### The Blue Springs Preschool highlights

- We have learned about the sun and solar energy by making a solar oven.
- The preschoolers are looking to start a compost pile.
- They have learned about rain and clouds and how they work together to help the environment
- The afternoon class recently found a Woolly Bear caterpillar and we are taking care of him as a pet to study his life cycle, his name is Woolly.

#### **Little Raiders Preschool**

Southern's preschool program is getting ready for big changes next year! Some benefits of the changes include:

- Busing provided for the morning and afternoon route (no midday busing)
- Mrs. Manley's 4 year old preschool will now be located in the elementary building, Miss Antholz's classroom will remain in the building north of the elementary.
- Easier transitioning for 3 year old and 4 year old classes.

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# Southern High School

### Southern's Hope Squad

- HOPE Squads are a peer to peer program that partners with local mental health and community agencies. They are comprised of students who are trained to watch for at-risk students—provide friendship, identify warning signs, and seek help from adults. Through evidence-based training modules, HOPE Squad members are empowered to seek help and save a life.
- Currently, the Hope Squad is working on getting their name out to students as well as their purpose. They are doing this by having locker magnets made to identify themselves as Hope Squad members so students will know whom they can go to, they will wear their Hope Squad shirts bi-weekly, and have a banner made with a picture of the squad posted in the school. They are also making plans for Hope Week, April 15th-18th.

### **Southern Helps with Flood Donations**

- Southern students and teachers led the charge of collecting donations for flood relief. None of this could have been possible without the help of the patrons in our community. Southern Schools was able to raise a total of \$4652.66!
- Southern will send a check to North Bend Central for their teacher/student relief fund. Southern Students will also have the chance to tape a teacher of their choice to the wall. A huge thanks to everyone who participated in the drive and donated.



### **Local Scholarships**

- Dorothy Vonderstrasse Huge/Huge
  Foundation
- Wymore EMS
- The Leona and Henry Bachenberg Education Trust
- Jennifer Frerichs Memorial
- New Beginnings Community Club
- Southern Sports Boosters
- Southern Music Boosters
- Brad Morris Memorial
- Ruth Chapman Mallam Memorial
- Wymore American Legion
- Wymore Sons of American Legion
- Wymore Legion Auxiliary
- Barneston Pee Wee Basketball
- Ross and Hazel McKeever Memorial
- Dean and Marilyn Marples
- Southern Youth Sports
- George Miller Lemon Memorial
- Blue Springs Ball Diamond Association Thank you for always supporting our students in their academic achievements.