

## President's Message

### Another New School Year is Here!!!

Summer? WHAT summer??? As usual, as slowly as the clock runs in the month of May, it speeds up incredibly during June, July and August! In a blink, we're back at school!

This summer has been an eventful one for IAMLE. Under the adept leadership of Rick Herrig, Summer Camp at Simpson College was a great success! Participants worked with a great group of facilitators, learning, sharing, and having a great time on the lovely Simpson campus in Indianola. This year's format focused on allowing teams and individuals to tailor their learning to meet their specific needs "back home", and gave participants "real stuff" to use with their students and colleagues. As you look for staff development opportunities for the future, keep Summer Camp 2005 in mind! Watch [www.iamle.org](http://www.iamle.org) for more information in the spring.

The IAMLE Board of Directors has seen some changes over the past few months. President Jeff Schumacher moves to Past President. Jeff's leadership has been tremendous, and IAMLE is a stronger, more vibrant organization as a result. Executive Director and long time board member Rick Herrig leaves the board after many years. Rick is well known in middle level circles around the state and nation, and has always brought a deep commitment and unbridled enthusiasm for the middle level to everything he's done. Rick will continue to serve as Summer Camp Director for IAMLE. Board members Sharon Hauser, Megan Balong, Brenda

Hodnett and Tim Wernetin have served IAMLE well, and will all be missed. New faces on the board include Building Representative Coordinator Vicki Westerly from Interstate 35 – Truro, Southeast Director Amanda Stablein, Northeast Director Bill Soesbe and Treasurer Matt DeBaene from Davenport. Brad Buck from Waukee moves from Treasurer to President-Elect, and Waverly-Shell Rock's Steve Kwikkel from At-Large Director to Executive Director. The Board is reaching out to Southwest Iowa educators to fill the vacancy in that area. IAMLE's website editor position is also vacant at this time.

This year middle level educators have two outstanding learning events within a relatively short drive for everyone. The Midwest Regional Middle Level Conference will be held in Omaha October 6-8. The National Middle School Association's annual conference will take place in Minneapolis November 3- 6. Both are tremendous opportunities, and this proximity to all of Iowa should allow us great participation.

Middle level educators are special people! IAMLE's mission is to provide collegial support, staff development, and state and nation-wide advocacy for middle level education. Please feel free to contact any board member with questions, concerns, and suggestions on how we might better fulfill our mission and provide quality service to middle level teachers and kids throughout the state!!!

Marc A. McCoy, Ph.D.  
IAMLE President  
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- Summer Camp Information



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## Meet Your New Treasurer

Hello. My name is Matt DeBaene and I am the current IAMLE treasurer. I have been teaching 7th grade language arts at Wood Intermediate in Davenport, Iowa for five years. For three years now I have had the fortune to not only teach but to also serve as Wood's director of athletics and activities. Although teaching itself will keep one busy, it is a pleasure to be able to be a part of helping create positive extracurricular activities for the middle school student.

The middle school years are an age that I find challenging and intriguing. I am always looking for ways to better myself as a teacher and am fortunate to be around so many great professionals. It is exciting to see what best practices and strategies in middle level education will be unearthed and I look forward to playing a role in those strategies.



## Gone Fishing

I like fishing. No, I love to fish. Mark Twain once said, "Fishing is as close to...". Some fishermen will say they don't really care if they catch fish or not. According to this type of "fisherman", they simply enjoy being outdoors and the solitude. What a load of...

I fish to catch fish. Spending several hours in a boat or on the bank of a lake or river and not catching fish is like kissing your sister. Or so I'm told. Therefore, over the years, I've become pretty adept at dissecting a new piece of water in order to catch fish. To what do I owe my consistent success?

Knowledge. After 30 years of chasing most species of freshwater fish, I've become pretty efficient in applying what I've learned about each specie, its habitat needs, seasonal influences, and current weather conditions to my advantage. In virtually every fishing situation I've encountered I've been able to apply a few very basic and universal techniques to ensure a successful day on the water. The more I've learned, the more efficient I've become.

Last fall, 81% of W-SR Jr. High eighth graders tested as proficient or having advanced skill proficiency in reading. Compared to the previous year's eighth graders, this was a 13 percent increase. Pretty good right? What did we do? I can tell you what we didn't do. We didn't bribe them. No gimmicks, no promises of bizarre stunts by the principal or outlandish dances or parties. What we did do worked for us. We simply asked the students to do their best. We told them that this was their job and if they did their part, we would do ours.



Our part meant we would make the days leading up to the tests productive by making sure we gave each student the best opportunity to succeed given our current skills, knowledge and resources. We then asked students to think about being a part of something

bigger than themselves and to focus on the needs of the group. We suggested that they had a unique opportunity, as a group, to set a new standard by which all other eighth grade classes would be measured. They were asked to set the standard. The rest was history.

Now for the million-dollar question, "Can we replicate this formula for success?" To be honest, I don't know. As you know, each year we test a different group of eighth graders. That's the wild card we all face year. Needless to say, our students this year will have their own unique collective personality. It'll be up to each team to begin the process of dissecting this personality and how best to work with their students both individually and as a whole. From the first day of classes to the days leading up to the tests, our teachers won't waste time with tricks, fads or gimmicks. Our time with students is too precious. Relying on proven methods and strategies from their many years of experience plus a few new skills learned over the previous year, our teachers have become pretty efficient at maximizing the available instructional time in order to achieve the greatest results.

Whatever goals you may have for

this coming school year, I would encourage all of you to spend some time reflecting on what you can do to help each student reach their fullest potential. If you're a part of a team, make sure you share with your colleagues what you personally and professionally can give to the team and your students. Like being faced with a new body of water to be fished, drawing on your past experiences and learning as much as you can about your new students will pay dividends. I'll guarantee you this year's eighth graders are not like last year's. What worked last year, may or may not work this year. What appealed to students then may not hold the same level of interest now. To assume everything you did last year WAS effective and WILL work again with this year's students is a recipe for heartbreak.

Each time I hit the water for a day of fishing, it's not uncommon for me to carry four to five fishing poles. Each pole has a unique application and is rigged differently. And, though I might be fishing a familiar body of water where past experience has told me what I *should do*, more times than not it's the other pole rigged with a different bait, that by day's end has put the most fish on the end of my line.

Have a great year and, "Good fishin'!"

Steve Kwikkel

Executive Director

W-SR Jr. High School

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## New Southeast Director!

My name is Amanda Stablein, and this is my second year at Wood Intermediate School. I teach 6<sup>th</sup> grade life skills, 7<sup>th</sup> grade health, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student leadership. I graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1997 and am working on a masters in Administration from Western Illinois University.

I look forward to serving on IAMLE's board of directors as your representative. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Amanda Stablein

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## Greeting from the Northeast!

I am excited about assuming the responsibilities of the Northeast Iowa Sectional Director for IAMLE. I am passionate about middle school teaching and felt it was the time in my career to become involved in a larger capacity. I was bitten by the middle school bug while doing field experiences for my undergraduate degree. I had always thought I wanted to teach at the secondary level, but loved the energy and challenges young adolescents provided. I went on to complete my master's degree in middle school education from the University of Northern Iowa and my destiny was set. My goals and aspirations as a teacher and person were recently revisited with the birth of my first child on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Will, a 9 pound baby boy (if you know my wife or myself - that is big for us), has opened my eyes to a different world and I believe that will make me an even better educator.

This coming school year will be my fifth year of teaching science at Waverly-Shell Rock. We are currently in our second year of implementing middle school concepts. We have always had aspects of the middle school philosophy, but recently adopted a team-based schedule and developed an advisor-advisee program. The changes have been challenging, but the benefits are well worth the efforts. Many asked why we were making changes when what we had was effective. The problem was that we had flatlined in the sense that we were no longer making student achievement improvements. Many had attempted to implement middle school ideas before, but due to limited resources, facility issues, and differences in philosophies, the changes were never made. However, with guidance from administration and support from teachers and parents two years ago, we made the needed changes. We have encountered our problems and unexpected difficulties, but believe we have a much better system now. The process is ongoing, but with colleagues such as yourself who have provided support and guidance, the implementation has been much easier.

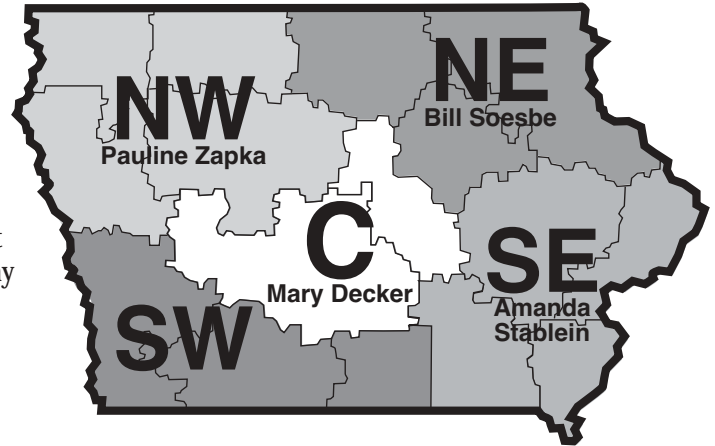


Mark your calendars now for the Midwest Regional Middle Level Educators Conference in Omaha, Nebraska on October 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and start to think about our own sectional conference which will be held in Waverly during March or April 2005. Present to your peers and/or attend to learn more about middle school education and grow as a professional.

I hope that I can provide you with insight and assistance during my

term. Likewise, I will call on you for help and guidance. Thank you for a wonderful opportunity and please contact me by email [soesbeb@waverly-shellrock.k12.ia.us](mailto:soesbeb@waverly-shellrock.k12.ia.us) if I can assist in any way.

Bill Soesbe



## Reaching Out Within Your Building

I am Victoria Westerly, the newly appointed Building Rep Coordinator for IAMLE. I teach 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade language arts at Interstate 35 Middle School in Truro. As Building Rep Coordinator, I will keep in touch with building representatives across the state with occasional e-mails and updates as to upcoming IAMLE sponsored events and news regarding the association. One personal goal of mine is to reach more teachers and staff members at middle schools in Iowa who have yet to hear the message of IAMLE.

A membership drive is being organized for September and into October to help celebrate the Month of the Young Adolescent. The Month of the Young Adolescent is designed to increase awareness of the components of middle level philosophy and best practice, the needs of the young adolescents we serve, and the progress we have made to date throughout the state of Iowa and our nation in middle level education. More importantly, the celebration during October allows us at IAMLE in conjunction with NMSA to remind all who impact the lives of young adolescents every day, that middle school students learn best in a

nurturing environment where their academic, social, physical and emotional needs are being met before, during, and after school by adults trained specifically for this age group and where each student has a specific place of belonging with an adult advocate in an advisor/advisee setting. Student achievement is impacted significantly when interdisciplinary teams are collaborating to bring their students integrated, thematic, and differentiated instruction in a setting where time is used to meet the needs of the students and the curriculum. This is the message we will continue to share throughout our membership drive and into the school year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding IAMLE membership or services we at IAMLE can provide for you. You may also send me any information or articles regarding activities at your school you would like to pass on to other middle school staff. The more we share information and great ideas, the more we collaborate to give our students what they need, the more successful the 2004-2005 school year will be. Contact me at my e-mail address [vwesterly@I-35.k12.ia.us](mailto:vwesterly@I-35.k12.ia.us) or by phone at 641-765-4908. Have a great year!

## Educators of the Year Announced

At the June business meeting of the IAMLE Board of Directors, TWO individuals were named Iowa Middle Level Educator of the Year. Jerry Javitz and Marilyn Phelan will share this year's award, in honor of long-time middle level advocate and educator R. Paul Brim.

Jerry Javitz has been a social studies teacher at Wood Intermediate School in Davenport since 1974, in addition to teaching assignments at Davenport Central High School and middle schools in Illinois. Jerry is a committed educator and community volunteer. In the words of colleague Sherry Scott, "Jerry has the most positive attitude toward middle school of anyone that I have know. His philosophy is that students can and will learn given adequate opportunities, time, and have teachers who care about them....he does it all!

Marilyn Phelan, a health educator at Bettendorf MS has practiced her craft in the Quad Cities area since 1975. Her resume is filled with awards, recognition, and a wide variety of professional activities. Michelle Brunty, a counselor at Bettendorf Middle School, has this to say about Marilyn: "Is Marilyn an exemplary role model to other middle level educators? Absolutely! Has Marilyn's life positively affected the lives of hundreds and hundreds of sixth, seventh, and eighth graders? A very emphatic "YES"! In the words of Ghandi, one can truly say that Marilyn's "life is her message."

Awards will be presented at the Midwest Regional Middle Level Conference in Omaha in October.

## Month of the Young Adolescent

October is the Month of the Young Adolescent. Start planning now to join the collaborative effort of education, health, and youth-oriented organizations. This effort was initiated by the National Middle School Association and promotes 4 key messages:

- The importance of parents being knowledgeable about young adolescents and being actively involved in their lives
- The understanding that healthy bodies plus healthy minds equal healthy young adolescents
- The realization that the education young adolescents experience during this formative period of life will, in large measure, determine the future for all citizens
- The knowledge that every young adolescent should have the opportunity to pursue his or her dreams and aspirations, and post-secondary education should be a possibility for all

We can organize with our parents and community to make this an extra special time for our students. What a great way to kick off that parent involvement initiative you've been planning or have a student gathering with purpose. For more information or ideas for promotion, visit NMSA's website.

## Mini-Grants Awarded

At this summer's IAMLE board retreat, board members had the great fortune of reading about the many awesome learning opportunities that Iowa educators want to provide for their students. IAMLE is providing grants to the following four schools to help them turn their ideas into reality.

Waverly-Shell Rock JRHS  
Awarded \$1280.00

Project Name: Interdisciplinary Curriculum with Technology Integration  
Waverly Shell-Rock JRHS has been making a concerted effort to move from a junior-high based philosophy to a middle-school philosophy. This year they will be focusing on creating interdisciplinary curriculum that has technology integrated within it. One unit described in the grant is based on the water quality of the Cedar River. Items purchased with the grant money that will facilitate this unit include an LCD projector and handheld microscope.

Shell Rock Elementary  
Awarded \$ 400.00

Project Name: Fast Track  
Fast Track is an after school program serving 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Goals of the program include providing academic, social, emotional, and behavior support for identified students, and strengthening relations between these students, their parents, and school staff. Funds provided will be used to purchase instructional supplies, materials, and nutritional items.

Sergeant Bluff-Luton Middle School  
Awarded: \$563.00

Project Name: Reading Olympics

The purpose of Reading Olympics is to encourage children to read more than they currently do, to read a greater variety of books, and to enjoy the excitement of reading and talking about books. Funds will be used to purchase Reading Olympic journals for students, Accelerated Reader tests, and small awards.

Bettendorf Middle School  
Awarded: \$340.00

Project Name: SOUP

SOUP is an extra-curricular group with the purpose of developing strategies to create a warmer school climate and decreasing the amount of bullying and harassment in the building. The intent is for students to be more successful academically as a result of their feelings of acceptance and belonging. Supplies for meetings and student t-shirts will be purchased with the funds.

Learn more about these great projects at your local IAMLE conference and/or at the Midwest Regional Conference in Omaha. All award recipients will present at least once to share their great ideas with others.

The board would like to thank all the schools that applied, and encourage you to continue to seek assistance from IAMLE as you make a difference for young adolescents.



**20th Annual Midwest Regional  
Middle Level Conference  
October 6-8**

**A Middle Level  
Renaissance  
2004**

Jack Berckemeyer  
Rick Wormelli  
Cynthia "Mama J" Johnson

Holiday Inn Convention Center  
Omaha, Nebraska

Hosted by Nebraska Association for Middle Level Education

## DAILY SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, October 6, 2004

Noon - 4:00 P.M.	Pre Conference
5:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Registration
<b>7:00 - 9:00 P.M.</b>	<b>General Session 1</b>
7:00 P.M.	<b>Jack Berckemeyer</b>
8:00 P.M.	<b>Rick Wormelli</b>

### Thursday, October 7, 2004

7:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.	Registration
7:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Exhibits Open
<b>8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>General Session 2</b>
	<b>Rick Wormelli</b>
10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Break and Time to visit Exhibits
10:30 A.M. - 11:20 P.M.	Section 1
11:30 A.M. - 12:20 P.M.	Section 2 or Lunch
12:30 A.M. - 1:20 P.M.	Section 3 or Lunch
1:40 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Section 4
2:40 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.	Section 5
3:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	Iowa State Meeting
3:45 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	State Hospitality Meetings

### Friday, October 8, 2004

7:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Registration
7:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	Exhibits Open
<b>8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>General Session 3</b>
	<b>Cynthia "Mama J" Johnson</b>
10:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Break and Time to visit Exhibits
10:30 A.M. - 11:20 P.M.	Section 6
11:30 A.M. - 12:20 P.M.	Section 6 or Lunch
12:30 A.M. - 1:20 P.M.	Section 8 or Lunch
1:40 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Section 9
2:40 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.	Section 10

## Featured Speakers

### Jack Berckemeyer

Assistant Executive Director, National Middle School Association

Jack Berckemeyer is the current Assistant Executive Director for National Middle School Association. Before moving to Columbus, Ohio, from Denver, Colorado, Jack taught 6th grade at Scott Carpenter Middle School for seven years and at Thunder Ridge Middle School for one year.

During his eight years of teaching, Jack taught various subjects including language arts, social studies, health, expression skills, and physical education. He was named outstanding educator after two years of teaching at Scott Carpenter Middle School, and shortly thereafter he was identified as one of the outstanding educators in the Adams County School District. In 2003, Jack received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Falcon School District.

Jack has presented to several school districts around the country on middle level topics. He has also presented to middle level educators in thirty different national and international locations. Jack is known for his practical teaching ideas that involve and motivate young adolescents.

Mr. Berckemeyer is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado. He has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Middle Level Education, and a K-12 certification in School Administration.

### Rick Wormelli

A practicing middle school teacher currently on leave to work on a doctorate, Rick brings innovation, energy, validity and high standards to both his presentations, and his instructional practice, which includes years teaching math, science, English, health and history. Rick's work has been reported in numerous media, including ABC's *Good Morning America*, *National Geographic* and *Good Housekeeping* magazines, *What Matters Most: Teaching for the 21st Century*, and the *Washington Post*. He is a columnist for the *National Middle School Association's Middle Ground* magazine, and he is the author of the award-winning book, *Meet Me in the Middle: Becoming an Accomplished Middle Level Teacher* and *Day One and Beyond: Practical Matters for New Middle Level Teachers*, both from Stenhouse Publishers. With his substantive presentations, sense of humor, and unconventional approaches, he's been asked to present in 40 states, Canada, China, and at the White House. Rick is a Nationally Board Certified teacher as well as Disney's American Teacher Awards 1996 Outstanding English Teacher of the Nation. He has also been a consultant for the Smithsonian Institution's Natural Partners Program and their search for the Giant Squid.

### Cynthia "Mama J" Johnson

"A Woman With a Message of Hope"

Cynthia "Mama J" Johnson is living proof that nothing is impossible if you try. Cynthia came up the hard way. The odds were against her. Years ago, people told her that she wouldn't make it. To others, her future appeared bleak; however, she prevailed and beat the odds. Now, she is spreading a message of hope and helping others to achieve their potential. Mama J realizes that in life we sometimes get stuck on how difficult a task is rather than what is necessary to accomplish the task at hand. She has never allowed circumstances to get in her way; impassioned, she encourages others to do the same. Mama J knows that each setback in life was simply a set-up for a comeback.

Today, Cynthia is a spellbinding educator and motivational speaker who leaves her audiences anxious for more. Experienced in elementary, middle, and secondary education at the rural, suburban, and urban settings, excellence is always a must! Not only has she served in the classroom teaching multiple abilities including special education, gifted, and at-risk students, she has also utilized her strengths in the capacity of principalship at both the middle and high school level.

Do you want to make a difference? Does your battery need recharged? Rejuvenate as you sit back and enjoy this unique message of hope. It is never too late to empower yourself and the lives you touch daily. Cynthia "Mama J" Johnson is reshaping the vision of what is possible in the lives of youth and adults, and is credited with having a profound influence on the attitudes and actions of those who hear her.



# Action Labs

## Strategic Air Command Air Force Museum

Thursday, October 4, 2001 at 1:00 P.M.

Visitors will encounter a world-class collection of aircraft, missiles, and other aerospace artifacts including fighter planes from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War and the Cold War, as well as view countless numbers of aerospace related exhibits. Unique gifts and educational items are available at the museum store. Guests may also experience the thrill of flight in the Virtual Reality Flight Simulator for an additional \$3.00 at the museum.

## Joslyn Art Museum

Friday, October 5, 2001 at 10:30 A.M.

Joslyn Art Museum offers a broad range of classroom resource materials that can be borrowed for up to two weeks at no cost except return shipping. Based largely on the museum's permanent collection of artworks from the ancient world to contemporary time, the resources include Outreach Trunks, Instructional Packets, and Videos. This workshop will allow time to examine the resource materials, and to experience a sampler of cross-curricular tours.

## Fontenell Forest Tour

Friday, October 5, 2001 at 1:00 P.M.

Visiting the Fontenelle Forest Nature Center includes a tour of the Katherine and Fred Buffett Forest Learning Center and a test of their 17 miles of hiking trails. Learn about environmental education programs offered to middle school students. Take home some hands-on nature activities to use in your classroom. And, especially, enjoy the fall weather walking on a mile long barrier free boardwalk.

# A Middle Level Renaissance 2004

## Midwest Regional Conference October 6-8

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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Registration

Check or Purchase Order Must Be Enclosed for invoicing before registration confirmation will be sent to you.  
 Please make checks payable to: **Midwest Regional Conference.**

**Pre Conference Registration** only \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

**One Day Registration** (includes lunch and Wed. evening keynotes)

Current Member	\$110 _____	Thurs. _____
Non Member (includes membership)	\$130 _____	Fri. _____

**Two Day Registration** (includes lunch and Wed. evening keynotes)

Current Member	\$160 _____
Non Member (includes membership)	\$180 _____

**Group Registration (Per Building)** — One or Two Day Groups

Directory information of all registrants must be included for all groups

40 staff members and over	\$4,000 _____
7-39 staff members	\$95 per registrant
	Thurs. _____ Fri. _____ Both Days _____

**Student/Parent Registration** — One or Two Days

\$30 \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Summary

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**Pre Conference**  
 Wednesday, October 6  
 Noon-4:00

I/We will attend this session

**Action Lab Registration**  
 Cost: (including transportation)  
 \$10.00 per Action Lab  
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**Strategic Air Command**  
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The User ID is: teach  
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