

## READING ASSOCIATION MEETS

The West Central Missouri council of the International Reading Association met on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Lexington Middle School. The twenty six in attendance represented membership from Holden, Crest Ridge, Windsor and Lexington.

Following a delicious potato bar, provided by the host school, the program on "The Seven Strategies to Student Self-Assessment and other Literacy ideas from Reading First and LETRS was presented by the following members of the Lexington School District: Carol McLaughlin, Evelyn Trigg, Linda Florence, Megan Peine, Melissa Berry, Kay Beth Watring and Brad MacLaughlin.

Stephanie Atkinson, President, informed members of the 2, \$125.00 WCM/IRA scholarships to be awarded to members of our IRA council. Stephanie and scholarship committee members, Cathy Woody and Teresa Gibson, will select the winners to be announced at the April meeting. To apply for the scholarship use this link: [www.quia.com/sv/282247.html](http://www.quia.com/sv/282247.html) Applications must be received by 3:00 on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Community Literacy Awards to six members of the area.

The last meeting of the year has been changed to Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, still at 5:30 and at the Johnson County Sheltered Workshop in Warrensburg. The dinner will cost \$8.50, payable at the door. Carol Davis, Treasurer, will conduct a Spring membership drive. The Guest Speaker will be local Warrensburg author, Angela Elsberry Palmer, who will share her Promise Wishes. Members are reminded to bring a children's book to be donated to local medical offices in Warrensburg. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to Sally Davidson, Secretary: [sdavidson@holden.k12.mo.us](mailto:sdavidson@holden.k12.mo.us)

Lexington Literacy Proponents Honored: Front row, left to right: Michelle Roush, Janet Cado, Liz Fenner, Anna Wooden and Pat Worth. Not present for award: Barbara Thieman. Lexington IRA members and staff, back row, left to right: Jill Terrill, Brad MacLaughlin, Penny Rich, Sabra Eads, Linda Florence, Carol McLaughlin, Evelyn Trigg, Kay Beth Watring, Megan Peine and Melissa Berry.

