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# THE NORDIC TRIBUNE



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## What Nordic Newbie's are Reading!

By Sunnie Lavigne

Nanao Sugiyama, who is from Tokyo, Japan, is reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. Charlie is a boy who is very poor and loves Willy Wonka's chocolate. A contest comes about where buyers can find a golden ticket in a Willy Wonka chocolate bar. The winner will win a tour of the chocolate factory. There are five tickets in the whole world, so Charlie was thrilled when he used the last of his money to buy a chocolate and found the last golden ticket in his bar. Charlie goes on the best adventure of his life through the building with the mysterious Willy Wonka and his grandfather. Even though Nanao has seen the movie, she still wanted to read the book. She says, "The book is easy to read, I have some trouble with English writing in books, so this one is really good." As a seventeen year old senior at North Dickinson, Nanao is enjoying her stay in the US.

## OFFICE NOTES

### Superintendent Returns From 3 Week Study in

#### Japan

Superintendent Claude Siders participated with 200 other teachers and administrators in a 3 week education and culture trip to Japan through the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund (JFMF) program. JFMF is a government of Japan sponsored program that sends 200 educators in each of the months of June and October from across the United States to Japan. The program is fully funded by the Japanese government.

Siders left on October 14<sup>th</sup> flying to San Francisco where all participants met for orientation meetings and a reception at the home of the Consulate-General of Japan. The JFMF group then flew to Tokyo's Narita Airport the following day. The next four days were spent in Tokyo with tours of the city and the Diet, the Japanese Legislature. The participants were involved in seminars on the Japanese education

system, economy and government. The group heard a very special presentation on Peace Education presented by a survivor of the bombing of Hiroshima. The group was introduced to traditional Japanese theater (Kyogen and Kabuki) dance and music.

On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the participants were given free time to travel in and around Tokyo. Siders had made arrangements with Nanao Sugiyama, ND's Japanese foreign exchange student, to meet her parents and sisters for a tour of Tokyo.

The following day the 200 participants broke up into groups of 20 to travel to their host cities. Siders' Tainai City group traveled by bullet train the next day from Tokyo to Niigata City in the prefecture of Niigata. Niigata is in northern Japan on the Sea of Japan. The train and subway systems in Japan are very efficient. The bullet train to Niigata traveled at 160 mph. The

group stayed the night in Niigata visiting a market and shopping area, a temple and a ceremonial tea house.

On Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, the group boarded a charter bus to visit a university, another temple in Tainai City and the office of the Mayor. Tuesday brought a visit to the Board of Education and Superintendent of Tainai City, a reception with city officials and host families who invited each member of the group into their home for an overnight stay later in the week. Later that evening the group made soba noodles at a noodle shop and ate what they made.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the group visited an elementary, junior and senior high school. Saturday morning each member of the group was picked up by their host family for the overnight stay. Siders' host family was Hideko and Omasu Shinji.

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>,

the Tainai group traveled by bus to stay in a traditional Japanese hotel with a meditation garden and sulfur hot spring baths. The group returned to Tokyo on Monday to attend additional seminars and debriefings on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday afternoon November 1<sup>st</sup> all 200 JFMF participants boarded airplanes to return home.

The main objective of the JFMF program is for each participant to bring back the knowledge they gained about Japan and its people to share in their local school and community. Siders made his first presentation to Mrs. Grunlund's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. He showed pictures and video of his visit to Nakajo Elementary School. The students had many questions about the school, Japanese children and the classes taken by the students. Over the next seven months Siders will be making more presentations in school and in the community. Additional articles will appear in the ND Newsletter this year about the Japanese education system, life in Japan, the economy and government.

### **Christmas Concerts**

The Christmas band concert will be held Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30 P.M. Both middle and high school bands, as well as the chorus, will participate.

**Christmas Break** Friday, December 21st is the last day of school before Christmas break. School will resume on Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

### **All-Night Graduation Party Planning Meeting**

Parents of seniors are encouraged to attend a planning meeting for the

All-Night Graduation Party. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12th, at 6:00 P.M. in the commons area at the school.

### **EMERGENCY CLOSINGS AND DELAYS**

If the school must be closed or the opening delayed because of inclement weather or other conditions, the school will notify the following radio and television stations: WLUC TV6, WJNR - 101.5, WHTO 106.7, WOBE 100.7, The Bear 93.1, WMIQ-WIMK- WZNL 94.1 & 94.3 FM, 1450AM WGLQ, WYKX, WFXD, WHCH, WQXO, WKQS, WIKB, ABC TV 10, WNMU, MXG 106.3

Parents and students are responsible for knowing about emergency closings and delays.

### **DNR Grant**

Thank you Whitetails Unlimited and the DNR for providing \$26,000 for equipment for archery in area schools and for training six teachers to teach archery. Middle and high school students will now have the opportunity to participate in archery for three weeks. Fourth and fifth grades may also do archery. These grades will also be implementing their individual fitness plan, putting the plan into practice, and improving their President's Challenge scores. Other grades will continue with object control activities.

### **Board Highlights – November 2007**

- \*Received and placed on file the district audit report for FY07 as presented.
- \*Approved to collect 100% of the district's taxes during the summer of 2008.
- \*Reclassified the PC Tech position from hourly wage to exempt and renamed the position Director of Technology. The new position will include oversight of the district webpage.

- \*Hired Rick Faust as the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach at the Schedule B rate for 2007-08 school year.

- \*Purchased a floor scrubber from Commercial Supply.

- \*Accepted Neola Policies and glossary as a first reading.

- \*Approved a policy change regarding discipline in the middle school/high school handbook effective immediately.

### **Congratulations to Lacey**

**Thoune** for being selected the Student Artist winner for the month of November. Lacey is a junior at North Dickinson and participated in an art workshop along with other students from area schools. The workshop was about working with water colors and was put on by Sue Fraker on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*Jeremy Oakes



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## All I Want For Christmas is...

What do I Want for Christmas?

Christmas is coming up fast. Many students at North Dickinson have a wish list for Santa. Here are some requests for this Christmas year.

- Grace Mattson** would like a pretend pony.
- Emily Curtis** would like a princess bracelet.
- Quenten Ackerman** would like a Lion's football helmet.
- Nick Gagnon** would

like a hot wheel play set.

Second grade boys and girls were able to tell us what they want for Christmas.

**Juliann Wickman** wants a laptop for Christmas.

**Torianna Christian** would like a bike. **John Nelson** wants an ipod nano. **Jared Miller** also wants an ipod nano along with a 22 rifle. Senior **Jack Audette**, said he

would like an Xbox 360.

Sophomore **Jalissa Haugen**, wants an Idiot's Guide to Chemistry.

Brittany Oman

### Music Department News for December

Congratulations to **Amber Bianco, Hannah Carey, and Melinda Whitaker** for being selected into M.S.B.O.A. Honors Band. This year Honors Band was held on November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> in Marquette at the N.M.U. Campus. The band consisted of students from all different schools. They rehearsed together all day on Friday and Saturday morning with the performance at noon on Saturday. They did an awesome job!

The Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. Jr. High Band, H.S. Choir, and H.S. Band will be participating. A social will follow the performance.

The Elementary Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade bands will begin the program followed by the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade music classes.

The Nordic Music Department wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

## High School Student Council

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The Student Council just finished the TV 6 Can-A-Thon contest. Students did very well this year in collecting the much needed food. The student council will be splitting the food in half and sending it to St. Vincent DePaul and the

Channing/Sagola food pantry.

In December, the student council will be selling candy canes with a message for a quarter. This is the only fund-raiser the student council has that keeps the proceeds to help create more positive and healthy programs for students.

**“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”**

**Henry Adams**

## Elem. Library

### Elementary Library-

There are some new books in the elementary library again this month. They are: Getting Air by Dan Gutman, Gimme Cracked Corn and I Will Share by K. O'Malley, The Green Bay Packers by Mark Stewart, and 365 Penguins by J. Fromental. The winners of the Halloween candy corn

contest are **Kalli Balmes, Masyn Alexa, Karanda Smith, Steven Forstrom, and Chelsey Stroud.**

What are the second graders reading? **Lily Segerdahl** is reading The Secret Life of Food, **Alec Challancin** has The Glove of Darth Vader, and **Toriana Christian** is reading Barbie; Fun to Cook.

\*\*Bailey Finendale

### Girls Basketball

The Varsity girls are off to a good start this season. According to Coach Roell, "Practice is going really well and the girls are working hard." They started off their season with two non-conference games against Stephenson and Kingsford. Now they look on in hopes of winning a conference match up at Bark River. This game will be the first step in defending their Conference Championship. This year's team consists of **seniors: Jessica Roell, Betsy Holsworth, Megan Harper, Jasmine Jauquet, Hannah Mikulich, and Nanao Sugiyama, juniors: Brittany Oman, Lacey Thoune, Kristin Luedtke, Chelsea Williams, Kristin Haustein, Laura Carlson, Nicole Knapp, and Stacey Sheldon, and sophomore: Emily Lehto.** The Junior Varsity team is also looking forward to its first conference match and start defending the Conference title. Their team consists of **sophomores: Courtney Longtin, Erin Carey, Kelsie Luedtke, Meakayla Mohr, Mariah Johnson, Melanie Roell, and Samantha Skogman, freshman: Amy Roell, Breanne Stroud, Brianne Berg, Erica Johnson, Karlyn Luedtke, Taylor Conery, and Vicki Wickman.** The girls hope to see you there and sure appreciate some support.

### Boys Basketball

The Varsity boys are being coached again by Rich Ferguson. According to the coach, practices are going well and the boys are working hard. The boys are excited for the season to begin; it should be competitive and they all look forward to it. Their first game is a tough conference match against Carney Nadeau on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This year's varsity team consists of **seniors: Nate Johnson, Justin Dennocenzo, Pete Leeman, A.J. Murray, John Nurmi, and Garth Budek, junior: Paul Roell, and sophomores: Chis Roell and Mike Miller.**

The Junior Varsity has a new coach this year, Mike Christian. Coach Christian started off with a total of 23 students and is now down to 16. These kids are working hard and the practices are going well.

This year's team consists of **sophomores: Jed Unrein, J.J. Fende, Mike Lucia, and John Mashak, freshmen: Christian Helms, Jamie Strong, Kyle Chiamulera, Kody Hoffman, Dan Knapp, Terry Mays, Bryce Jauquet, Jake Nurmi, Eli Johnson, Jordan Helms, and Gabe Nelson.** Since the boys have 16 players, they have an alternate freshman **Austin Mayes.**

The boys and girls teams both enjoy the fans and look forward to seeing you at the games. They really appreciate the support.

### Kingsford Hockey Schedule

This year the Nordics have two hockey players on the Kingsford team, **Lane Holsworth and Max Smith Bandt.** Their schedule for the month of December is as follows:

Saturday, December 1st, (H) 4:00 P.M.  
Aushwaubenon

Thursday, December 6th, (H) 6:00 P.M.  
Escanaba

December 7th and 8th (A) TBA  
Sault Ste, Marie

Monday, December 10th, (H) 6:00 P.M.  
Lanse

December 14-15th, (A) 5:00 P.M.  
Escanaba Holiday Classic

Monday, December 17th, (A) 6:00 P.M.  
Negaunee

**PTO** The PTO will meet at 6:00 on the second Monday of every month. Anyone interested in being involved is welcome to attend! Volunteers are needed for the PTO fundraiser pick-up. Pick-up is on Thursday, November 8th starting at 3:00 PM. PTO will be collecting milk caps, Econo Foods and Super One receipts. If you have any, please drop them off in the school office.

### **Kindergarten K1-K2**

The kindergarten class would like to thank John Blomquist for donating pumpkins. They also would like to thank the students in Mrs. Sgartlotti's class for putting on a Halloween party for both classes. They had a spider toss, pin the nose on the pumpkin, bean bag toss, ate ghost cake and drank dragon snot. They also made spiders with Dum Dum suckers and pipe cleaners.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

The first graders are working hard on subtraction. They will all be reading accelerated reader books soon. They will be exchanging names for small gifts early in December for their Christmas party. Please keep reading with your children and don't forget to send in Book-It slips for a personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut!

\*\*Lacey Thoune

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade News**-The third graders worked really hard on the MEAP tests that they took in October. Reading Olympics will be kicking off soon for grades three through eight. On November 20<sup>th</sup>, the class performed a Thanksgiving Play with the second grade. Also, if any parents would like to come into the class and share their careers, please contact Mrs.Slagle.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade News**- Fourth grade built a Halloween spook house last month. They have worked on poems and the class did a great job. The kids really enjoy gym this year and they love to play dodge ball. The fourth grade is having a wonderful year.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade News**- There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. The class just finished the MEAPs, which took the students a lot of time and hard work. Mr. Lindholm says, "There is a lot of room for improvement that can be done in the class." He also states that a lot of work should be done, and the kids need to be taught how to concentrate on what they are doing. He hopes to achieve these goals in the classroom by the end of the year.

\*\*Jalissa Haugen

## **Middle School News**

Mrs. O'Neil just finished training to being a Certified Archer by the National Archery in the School programs taught by Randy Allen. She will soon be teaching her students how to be an archer. Mrs. O' Neil's students are currently reading Greek Mythology. Many of her students are also excited about hunting season and can't wait to get a big ol' buck!

Mrs. O'Neil would also like everyone to know that they are still collecting can tabs for Lifeline. If you have any tabs, please bring them into Mrs. O'Neil's room.

Mrs. Wilson's class will be adopting three children for Christmas. One boy, one girl, and one toddler. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade made Christmas cards from recycled Christmas cards for the Mary's Way Assisted Living in Kingsford. Student Council will be delivering the cards around Christmas time and will then go for pizza.

The student council will also be sending care packages with letters to Robert Longtin and other soldiers. Care packages will include Nordic T-shirts and many assorted items that the soldiers need. They will also be sending a care package to Andrew Sweet's mother, Heidi Sweet, who is in the Coastal Province of Serbia. The Student Council would also

appreciate it if students and/or staff would write letters to the soldiers who are recovering in the hospital. These will be sent to them in December.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team would like everyone to know that they had their first game on November 26<sup>th</sup> against Forest Park.

Mrs. Santoni's 8<sup>th</sup> grade English is currently working on inventions that would make life in the future easier. Ideas were inspired by the short story "There Will Come Soft Rains".

\*\*Ann Brzoznowski