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OFFICE NOTES

What Nordic Newbie's are Reading!

By Sunnie Lavigne

Sarah Gunder of Denmark is reading a book called To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Sarah is a 16 year old junior and says the book mainly has to do with racism. A young boy and a girl, who live with their father, attempt to help an African American man, who supposedly committed a crime, escapes from the law. The book takes place in the south in the 1920's, during the times of major racism. The two kids are raised by their African American maid who takes good care of them. Sarah says, "This book is very good and interesting. I'm happy we don't live like that now though. Denmark still has some racism so I know how it is."

Another exchange student is reading The Last of the Breed by Louis L' Amour. Jorge Vargas from Bolivia is 17 and is enjoying his College Prep class with Mrs. Lindholm, where the seniors are all reading this book. The Last of the Breed is about an American soldier who is a pilot. During the Cold War he loses control of his plane over communist Russia and escapes the KGB (Russian soldiers) and has to run from them through Siberia. So far Jorge says that the American soldier hasn't been captured and that some parts of the book are interesting.

ICE Campaign - "In Case of Emergency"

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during an emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as "ICE." For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference! ICE will speak for you when you are not able to.

Board Highlights – October 8, 2007

Approved a resolution recognizing Joe Reddinger's 200th football victory.

Mr. Nurmi presented the district's annual report.

Accepted the resignation of Mike Christian as the 8th grade boys basketball coach for the 2007-08 school year.

Heard a presentation on Superintendent Siders planned educational trip to Japan.

Appointed Mike Roell temporary superintendent from October 14, 2007 to November 1, 2007.

Approved payment for one-half the cost of the State required Live Scan fingerprinting for all support staff, coaches, and administrators hired prior to January 1, 2006.

PTO Fundraiser Pick Up

The PTO fundraiser pick up is on Thursday, November 8, from 3:00 - 5:30. All items must be paid in full for the pick up.

Volleyball District Tournaments

The district volleyball tournament will be held at Bark River-Harris

High School on Saturday, November 3rd beginning at 9:00 A.M. All tickets are \$5.00. North Dickinson will be playing Carney at 9:00 A.M. The winner plays Bark River at 11:00. Championship game at 1:00.

Veteran's Day Program

All veterans and community members are invited to the 21st annual Veteran's Day program on Monday, November 12th. The program will begin at 1:30 P.M. in the Carl F. Lemin Gymnasium. Hope to see you there.

Early Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 8th. School will be dismissed at 12:45 P.M. that day. Teachers will be available from 1:30-4:00 and 5:00-7:30 P.M.

No School Dates

There will be no school on November 15, and 16th (hunting season) and November 22nd, 23rd (Thanksgiving).

Christmas Concert

The Christmas band concert will be held Tuesday, December 4th at 7:30 P.M. Both the middle school and high school bands as well as the chorus will participate. The Christmas program for the elementary and the 5th and 6th grade band will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 19th.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be on Wednesday, November 28th. Remember to return your original pictures. Students may also have their picture taken at this time if they missed the first session. Pricing information is available in the office. Payment

must accompany new picture orders.

Christmas Break

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

A Musical Note

Music students are preparing for the upcoming Veteran's Day Program on Monday, November 12th. The High School Band will perform along with the High School Choir and the 3rd through 5th grades.

M.S.B.O.A. Honors Band will be held in Marquette on the N.M.U. Campus on November 30th and December 1st. Several Nordic High School band students are busy preparing audition tapes for selection into Honors Band. Students are selected from all of the schools in the M.S.B.O.A. District 14. They meet in Marquette and rehearse all day Friday. On Saturday, they rehearse in the morning and perform at noon.

The upcoming Christmas Concert is on Tuesday, December 4th. This performance will include the Jr. High Band, High School Choir, and High School Band. The Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 19th at 1:30 p.m. The 5th grade and 6th grade band will perform along with the musical selections sung by Kindergarten through 5th grade classes. Melinda Whitaker has had the opportunity to co-op with the Norway High School Jazz Band this year. Rehearsals have been every Monday evening. We are looking forward to seeing her perform with this group!

Guest Speakers at N.D.

Mr. Faust was able to bring in a guest speaker from Kennocott Minerals into

the school to do a presentation for high school students. The presentation consisted of the history of the company and the concerns people living in the U.P. have about sulfide mining. Sulfide mining in the U.P. is a hot topic and an environmental concern. Kennocott was able to address these concerns and present their side of the issues at hand. However, Save the Wild U.P. advocates were also invited to present their side of the story. They presented why the people in the U.P. should be concerned about sulfide mining. After the presentations students wrote an opinion paper on what side they were on. There was a mix of feelings among the students but all agreed that the presentations were worth seeing.

Steve Lindholm came to the kindergarten and 1st grade rooms to sing songs from his last album. Steve presented both classes with his CD and he is currently working on a new album. He was also able to talk to a few high school students on becoming successful in the music industry. North Dickinson is always excited to see Steve at our school and a special thank you goes out to him from the teachers at N.D.

The American Literature class has finished its Native American Literature Unit. On November 2, Robelle Degenauer will be at the high school to talk to the American Literature students about the Native Americans. She will also be showing her dresses and jewelry along with song and dance.

North Dickinson would like to thank all speakers who come to our school. If anyone else has an interest or would like to share a hobby with the students at North Dickinson, please call the school at 542-9281.



Teachers Featured

Following from last month, we have two more new teachers,

Mr. Brian Olson is currently teaching middle school science and math, and also freshmen science. Mr. Olson is also the sophomore class advisor. He is a 1995 graduate of Kingsford High School. He

attended Concordia University and graduated in 1998. His wife Kristi and he currently live in Norway.

Mrs. Melisa Grunlund is teaching the 4th grade class. She is a 1998 graduate of North Dickinson

County School. She went to college at Northwestern in Minnesota and graduated in 2002. She and her husband, Steve, currently live in Iron Mountain.

** Brittney Oman

The Middle School

just finished with their Halloween dance held on the 26th of October. It was during 6th & 7th hours in the cafeteria. Prizes were given away to the best costumes. The money raised at the dance will go to the three children they adopt at Christmas time.

Also, the Middle School just finished with MEAPS and is now looking forward to deer hunting and Thanksgiving break.

The Middle school girls just finished with their basketball season. On the account of not having enough seventh grade players, the sixth grade joined the seventh grade this year. It was a great experience and will prepare them for next year's basketball season. Soon the middle school boy's basketball will be starting. Just a reminder that there will be a book sale during Parent/Teacher Conferences and will be open to the public. Books will be sold to students K-12th on November 6th through the 9th.

**Ann Brzoznowski

High School Student Council

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Congratulations to Kristin Haustein, Princess; Jordan Marrow, Prince; Cammie Smith, Queen; Derek Mann, King of North Dickinson's 2007 Homecoming. Also congratulations to the freshmen for taking 1st

place on their float.

The TV6 Can-a-thon will be held at North Dickinson school on November 26-30th, to help feed a hungry neighbor. Classes will compete against each other for a movie and popcorn party.

By: Levi Bates

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

Henry Adams

Elem. Library

Elementary Library

There are quite a few new books in the elementary library this month. They include Eggs by Jerry Spinelli, Princess Academy by Shannon Hale, Monday With a Mad Genius by Mary Pope Osborne, and Magic Night by Isabelle Carmody. There are also

new books in the Geronimo Stilton Series and the Ready Freddy Series.

The annual candy corn counting contest has begun! The students are having fun guessing and, of course, hope to win. The library also has a number of good Halloween books for kids of all ages.

This month the first graders are reading cool books. **Alison Mattson** is reading Whitetail Winter. **The Little Kitten** is being read by **Kara Knapp**, **Ashley Steinbrecher** is reading A Dinosaur Named Sue, and **Peyton Carlson** is learning to cook by reading Cooking For Kids.

Girls Volleyball

The girl's volleyball season is coming to an end with an overall record of 12-4 and a 9-1 record in the conference. This year's districts will be held at Bark River-Harris High School November 3, 2007. The girls' first game is at 9:00 A.M. CST. against Carney-Nadeau. Coach O'Neil is pulling up two sophomores, **Meakayla Mohr** and **Mariah Johnson**, to give the varsity a little extra boost. "I have high expectations for this year's tournaments. All we have to do is just play well," says Coach Vicki O'Neil. The J.V. season is also ending well. Their record is 13-3 overall and 9-1 in the conference. Coach Hausteina said she is really pleased with the girls' improvement throughout the season.

Girls Basketball

The girls' basketball season is starting this month and many of the girls are very excited. Practice begins November 5, with their first game on November 27th at Kingsford. Coach Mike Roell has high expectations with the players that he has. This year's varsity team returns starters **Jessica Roell** and **Betsy Holsworth** along with fellow seniors **Megan Harper**, **Hannah Mikulich**, and **Jasmine Jauquet**. The team will also be receiving a good core of underclassmen that were undefeated in their conference as junior varsity players. These players should make a very competitive team and a fun team to watch. The girls are definitely looking forward to defending the District and Conference Championships. Coach Roell says, "With the returning players and the talent coming in, we should have a strong season if we can just solve the puzzle." Coaching this year's junior varsity team will be Angie Jungwirth, who is looking forward to another successful season; they will also be defending a conference championship. Good Luck to both teams for having a successful season.

**Kristen Hausteina

Boys Football

The J.V Nordics had an amazing season going 6-4 and winning the conference. J.V coach Mike Christian says he expects big things out of his team in the future. Meanwhile, the varsity team went 7-2 losing the conference in a mud bowl game against Cedarville. The Nordics varsity team played their first playoff game Friday in a rematch against Cedarville. Unfortunately they lost in a close battle 12-8.

The Nordics were represented well in all conference polls having ten players making all conference and three making honorable mention. These players were: **A.J Murray**, Tight End; **Nate Johnson**, Offensive Tackle; **Jack Audette**, Offensive Guard; **Justin Dennocenzo**, Offensive Center; **Damien Smith**, Running Back; **John Nurmi**, Kicker. Defensive awards go to: **Daven Bosma**, Defensive End; **Nate Johnson**, Interior Lineman; **Jack Audette**, Linebacker; **Peter Leemen**, Defensive Back. The honorable mention candidates are **Lane Holsworth**, Defensive Back; **Garth Budek**, Running Back; **Paul Roell**, Quarterback. The Nordics earned 3 out of the 4 special awards. Starting with **Nate Johnson, Offensive Linemen of the Year. Damien Smith, Offensive Back of the Year. Jack Audette, Defensive Back of the Year.** The Nordics are very proud of their players and their hard work and having a great season. **Colin Ritz

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-The kindergarten class has finished making their Flat Stanley's and Flat Sally's and will be sending them in the mail. They will come back in February, and then the class will track the places they were sent on the map and globe.

1st Grade-The 1st grade class is working really hard on addition because subtraction is starting soon. Reading is coming along and the kids are getting more confident in sounding out words. Please keep up the good work of listening to your children read and practicing spelling words with them at home. Teacher conferences and PTO pick up day is on November 8th. Mrs. Mattson is looking forward to seeing you there!

2nd Grade-The second grade will be having a Thanksgiving Play on Tuesday; November 20th, 2007 at 2:30 P.M. The play will be performed in the second grade classroom. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Lacey Thoune

3rd 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 third through eighth. On November 20th at 2:30 P.M., the class will be performing 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.

4th Grade news- Fourth grade built a Halloween spook house last month. They have been working 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 so far.

5th 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 says 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

Physical Education

In physical education we've been completing body mass indexes and Presidential Fitness tests. All of the students have been working on curl-ups to measure abdominal strength and endurance and the shuttle run to measure speed and agility. Kindergarten and the first graders are running the quarter mile, second and third graders are running the half mile, and fifth through twelfth graders are running the full mile to measure

heart and lung endurance. They are also working on pull-ups, right angle push-ups, and/or the flex arm hang to measure upper body strength and endurance. Students sit and reach to measure flexibility of the lower back and hamstrings.

The President's Challenge has a web site that individuals and families can go to for more information and other challenges available to encourage physical activity. High school and middle school students participate in many team games and individual

conditioning activities. Elementary students participate in more activities that include: walking, jogging, running, hopping, skipping, jumping, twisting, turning, stretching, kicking, throwing, and tossing.

Dorlita Doyle

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