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What is Mrs. Lindholm's Class Reading?

This year Mrs. Lindholm's students have been keeping track of how many books they have been reading. With the 1st semester almost over we calculated just how many books each individual class has read and the number of books all together. Some classes are bigger than others, however, that does not mean they didn't read as many books. Here is the total of books 10th, 11th and 12th graders have been reading from September 8th–December 16th.

10th graders
(27 students)-121 books
11th graders
(45 students)-230 books

12th graders
(27 students)-224 books

Grand Total of books:
575 books!

A super special thank you goes out to those who have donated books to Mrs. Lindholm's class and to Elsa and Dave Brule for donating three Kindles to Mrs. Lindholm's English classes.

Office Notes

Follow Up H1N1 Flu Clinic for 9 Year Olds and Under

The Health Department will return to North Dickinson County School on Monday, January 5, 2010 to give the second H1N1 vaccination to all children 9 years of age and under who received the first vaccination in November, 2009. The clinic will be in the commons and run from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

The H1N1 vaccine will also be available for anyone in the target group defined below who has not yet received the vaccine.

These are the five target groups defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as the priority groups to receive vaccine for H1N1 influenza at this time: pregnant women, people who live with or provide daycare for infants less than 6 months of age, children and young adults from 6 months to 24 years of age, persons 25-64 years of age who have medical

conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza related complications, e.g. diabetes, asthma, heart disease or neurological disease.

Two Recent Board Meetings to Discuss Cost Savings Measures

The board met in special sessions on December 7th and again on December 14th prior to the regular monthly meeting to seek input on cost savings measures and to discuss some of those ideas. The list of proposals received is attached to this newsletter as well as some detail on several of the proposals.

The State of Michigan is facing the worst economic crisis in decades causing a serious shortfall in funding for schools. The per pupil allocation was reduced this fall by \$165. Shortly thereafter the Governor imposed a pro-ration of an additional \$127. That pro-ration has now been tabled until January, 2010. It is anticipated that schools will see another cut to the per pupil funding

by as much as \$200 in January or February.

Next school year looks even bleaker with another \$500 per pupil cut. The Board will be looking at many ways to cut costs or improve revenue. Please look over the attached proposals and let a Board member or me know your thoughts. Also, let us know if you have any other ideas for cost savings.

Contact Your Elected Officials

I have sent two newsletters recently asking you to contact your elected officials to tell them to fix this funding problem for schools. They have the means to correct much of the financial problems but need to hear from you that you believe this is a priority. Keep up the pressure. The sample letter I sent earlier is attached for your convenience to use with the elected officials.

The names and contact information are listed on the next page:

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From the Principals:

Student Drivers: Parents, please be aware if you have a student driver, that there is a release of

liability student parking permit that needs to be filled out and the school needs copies of your child's driver's license, proof of insurance, and registration. Your child can get the permit, which needs to be signed by a parent, from the office.

Head Lice

Being in the school setting there is always a possibility of getting head lice. If your child contracts head lice, apply a shampoo like Nix, and please make every effort to take the following measures:

Treatment of the Environment
Cleaning the environment will help reduce the chances of becoming reinfested with head lice.

Check everyone in the household at the same time, prior to cleaning the environment.

This includes grandparents, younger and older siblings and parents. Statistics have suggested that 60% of people with head lice don't know they have them and have no symptoms. They may be unintentionally infecting others and continuing the cycle.

Launder any personal items that could be infested with head lice.

This includes: clothing, bedding, towels, cloth toys, etc. Items should be washed for at least 10 minutes at a water temperature of 130-140°F. Dry items on high heat for at least 30 minutes. For items that cannot be washed, i.e., stuffed animals, pillows, dry-clean only quilts, seal in a plastic bag and store for 14 days at room temperature or 24 hours in below freezing temperatures.

Vacuum. This includes: bare mattresses, carpet, floors, stuffed animals, coat collars, hats, couches,

chairs, and car upholstery. There is no need to discard the vacuum bag after cleaning, except for aesthetic purposes. Head lice cannot survive without a blood meal.

Inspect hairbrushes, combs, hair ties, and barrettes. For washable accessories, wash and dry (on high heat) for at least 30 minutes. Boil combs, brushes and barrettes in water hotter than 130°F. If items cannot be exposed to high heat, soak them in Lysol®, rubbing alcohol or a pediculicide for one hour.

Spraying or fogging a home with insecticides or pediculicides is NOT RECOMMENDED, and may be harmful if used in a poorly ventilated area.

There is a parent's flowchart with more information located in the office if you would like more information.

Schedule Changes –Boys and Girls Basketball

Republic High School does not have a junior varsity boys or girls basketball team therefore some changes have been made in our schedules.

When we play at Republic on January 28th (girls) and February 12th (boys), only our varsity teams will be playing. Start times for these games is 6:00 PM CST.

On January 14th when the Republic boys basketball visit North Dickinson, our junior varsity will play the Iron Mountain Freshmen. Game times will remain the same – 5:30 & 7:00 PM.

Our girl's junior varsity team will play a game at home with the Iron

Mountain Freshmen team on Tuesday, January 12th at 5:30 PM. There is no varsity game on this day.

We are still working on getting a junior varsity game when Republic girls come to North Dickinson on February 11th. Look for this information in your next newsletter.

January 12th – J.V. Girls only (H)
Iron Mountain Freshmen 5:30 PM

January 14th – J.V. Boys vs. Iron Mtn., Freshmen @5:30 – Varsity vs. Republic @7:00 (H)

January 28th – Varsity Girls vs. Republic-(A) 6:00 PM (No J.V. Game)

February 11th – Varsity Girls vs. Republic (H) 6:00 PM (No J.V. Game)

February 12th – Varsity Boys vs. Republic-(A) 6:00 PM (No J.V. Game)

Semester Ends

The end of the first semester is Friday, January 22, 2010. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, January 27th.

Walkers Welcome

Walkers are welcome to use the high school halls before school from 7:00 to 8:00 AM and after school from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. The weight room will also be open during these times.

Financial Aid Night

There will be a Financial Aid Night on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the North Dickinson School Library. Sue Hebert from the Financial Aid Office at Bay de Noc

Community College will be the speaker. She will talk about the financial aid process and answer questions about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

This seminar is for anyone planning to go to any college or vocational/technical school. Seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend. Although it is too early for juniors to apply they and their parents are also welcome

Board Highlights – Special Meeting 12/7/09

-Approved the purchase of a new tractor to be used for snow removal and grass cutting with school forest funds from Antigo Machinery in the amount of \$20,600.

-Authorized the superintendent to request bids for the disposal of the old tractor, including snow blower and back blade, and to set the minimum bid at \$1,500.

-Held a board work session to discuss and receive input from those in attendance on ways the district can save money or cut costs.

-Set Monday, December 14, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. to meet in a work session before the regular board meeting to prioritize cost cutting measures.

Board Highlights – December 2009

-Held a work session on December 7th to discuss and receive input from those in attendance on ways the district can save money or cut costs.

-Held a special board meeting December 14th to discuss and prioritize ways the district can save money or cut costs.

-Approved signing a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement.

-Accepted Neola policies presented as a final reading.

-Approved substitute teacher pay for long term half day substitute.

-Went into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiation strategy.

1987 John Deere Tractor up for Bids

The school is selling to the highest bidder on E-Bay a used 1987 John Deere 755 four wheel drive utility tractor. With a back blade and a front mount pto driven snowblower and wheel weights. A \$1,500.00 minimum bid is required. For tractor specifications and information on how to place a bid on E-Bay go to the schools web site www.go-nordics.com and click on the "Tractor" link. or you can contact the school for more information.

News from the Art Room

The art students in Art I and Drawing are about to begin a community outreach art project which will be a collaboration between area schools and the Dickinson Pediatric Clinic. The Dickinson Pediatric Clinic is implementing the national *Reach Out and Read Program*, which is a simple, yet highly effective concept. The program features three key elements: volunteers reading with children in pediatric clinic waiting areas, pediatricians educating parents about the importance of reading with their children every day, and giving every child from the age of six months to five years a new book to take home and keep when they come in for a well-child check-up. The Pediatric Clinic is inviting art students to create literacy themed posters that encourage reading. They envision having local student artists assist in this project, which would give back to the community by providing an outlet for their ideas. The theme of each poster is literacy and shall visually promote the importance of reading and/or encourage reading in the home by children and their parents. Students' posters will be displayed on one wall of the clinic on a rotating basis, beginning in Spring of 2010.

Physical Education News

Students began the present marking period developing badminton skills. The two weeks before winter break students developed some archery skills. We began with determining eye dominance followed by constructing and using string bows to practice safety rules and procedures. The second week we set up the archery range in the lower gymnasium. We want to thank Wildlife Unlimited for their support of the physical education archery program. We have also been going outdoors snowshoeing on days when the temperature and wind chill are warm enough to be enjoyable.

After winter break, we will continue looking for snowshoeing opportunities and additional archery skill development. Plans are to wrap up the end of the second marking period developing and refining our bowling skills.

The First Grade

First graders started accelerated reader. Please look for daily test sheets coming home. Also, please keep practicing addition and subtraction facts. We have some really neat science experiments planned for January and February. We are excited to use the new elementary science lab!!

The Third Grade

Mrs. Martin's third grade has been working on estimating and regrouping in Math. The students have done very well on it, and we are looking forward to a great transition into multiplication coming up next!

Mrs. Slagle's third graders have started multiplication. Please be sure to practice these at home so

that they can become fluent. We will be starting science the second semester. Just a reminder to keep reading with your child, and be sure they turn in their reading homework.

All students who wish to be in Reading Olympics must show Mrs. Slagle their journal with at least seven books read and journals completed by January 8th. Absolutely no students will be allowed to join after this date.

Fourth Graders

In social studies the fourth graders are working hard doing research and typing an essay on a famous monument in the United States. In math they are mastering their multiplication facts and learning how to multiply two digit numbers. In science they are learning where water comes from, how to conserve water, and why it is important to conserve water.

P.T.O. saves Econo & Super One Slips, Empty Ink Cartridges, Box Tops for Education, Kids Caps & Cash Milk Tops.

Any Campbell Soup labels we receive go to the Felch VFW Women's Auxilliary

KHS Hockey Schedule

Max Smith, an 11th grade Nordic, participates on the Kingsford hockey team at the Iron Mountain Ice Arena. Here is his hockey schedule for January and February.

Saturday, January 2, Calumet (A) 6:00 CST.

Monday, January 4, Houghton (H) 6:00 CST.

Thursday, January 7, Depere (H) 6:00 CST.

Tuesday, January 12, Hancock (A) 6:00 CST.

Thursday, January 14, Marquette (H) 6:00 CST.

Saturday, January 16, Jeffers (H) 12:00 CST.

Tuesday, January 26, Escanaba (A) 6:00 CST.

Saturday, January 30, Calumet (H) 6:00 CST.

Tuesday, February 2, Marquette (A) 6:00 CST.

Thursday, February 4, Negaunee (H) 6:00 CST.

Tuesday, February 9, Houghton (A) 6:00 CST

Monday, February 15, L'Anse (A) 6:00 CST.

Thursday, February 18, Jeffers (H) 6:00 CST.

Tuesday, February 23, Hancock (H) 6:00 CST.

Good Luck Max, we wish your team the best of luck.

ND Welcomes
Everyone Into A
Safe And Happy
2010 New Year.

*Just A
Reminder to
Keep our
Nordics Safe.
Don't Drink and
Drive!*

