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Nordic Tribune

What is ND Reading?

The 3rd hour North Dickinson Michigan Virtual High School (MVHS) students are reading several books. Erica VanSlooten is reading a book recommended by her cousin. This book is A Great and Terrible Beauty by Libba Bray. Kyle Challancin is reading False Memory by Dean Koontz, recommended by classmate Lindsey Peterson. Lindsey is reading a book by her favorite author, Dean Koontz's Frankenstein: Prodigal Son. Carly Unrein is reading a book recommended by Cory Roell, Mistaken Identity by Van Ryn and Cerak Families.

The high school and middle school library has also purchased new books for the year. Pretty Little Liar the 5th book by Sara Shepard, Catching Fire by Suzanne Collins, Fable Haven, Secrets of the Dragon Sanctuary by Brandon Mull and The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory. Author Don Piper has donated two autographed books, 90 Minutes in Heaven and Heaven is Real. Many students are on a waiting list anxious to check out all of our new books.

Keep Reading N.D.!

Office Notes

Board Highlights – September 2009

**Accepted policy #5136 – Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices as a second and final reading.
**Hired Colleen Martin as the Sophomore Class Advisor for 2009-2010.

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, The Bear 93.1, WMIQ-94.1, WIMK 94.3 FM, WZNL 1450 AM, WGLQ 97.1, WCMM 102.5, WGKL 105.5, WCHT 600, WYKX 104.7, WDBC 680 AM, ABC TV10 (WBUP), WNMU 90.1, WMXG 106.3.

Walkers Welcomed

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

open during these times.

Field Change for JV Football Game

On October 5th, the JV's will be playing **Rapid River** at the **Mid Pen Football Field at 5:00 PM**

From the Principals:

This year is off to a great start. The following items are things that parents should be aware of as we continue the school year. **If your child is sick**, please be sure to call the office and report that they are ill. Also, have an accurate temperature reading of your child to provide to the office personnel.

Just a reminder: Cell phones are prohibited during school hours. They are to be turned off and stored in student lockers between 8:30 AM and 3:15 PM. Any staff member that sees a cell phone during this time will be turning them in to the office. Students will be unable to pick up their phone from the office as they will only be returned to parents. On

second and third cell phone offenses, students will receive detentions and possibly suspensions. Under no circumstances should an elementary student bring a cell phone to school.

Parental involvement is an important part of our school community. Research reveals many benefits when parents are involved in their child's education, including:
*Higher grades and test scores
*Better attitudes and behavior
*Better school attendance
*More homework completed
*Greater likelihood of graduating from high school
*Better chance of enrolling in postsecondary education.

Showing an interest in your child's education, setting high expectations for achievement and letting your child know you believe in his or her abilities sets a positive context for growth and achievement. Below is a

list of a few things that parents can do to stay involved.

*Offer to be a guest speaker in your child's classroom.

*Attend athletic events.

*Attend band concerts and special programs.

*Offer to help your child's teacher.

*Offer to call other parents to notify them of school events.

If you would like more information regarding parental involvement in schools, please visit ACRN at

<http://cte.ed.gov/acrn/parents/schoolsuccess.htm#1>.

Elementary Library

Teachers and elementary students are anxious to check out books from the library. New elementary books that have been purchased are Marley Goes to School by John Grogan, I Wonder Why: Farm Animals and Pets, The Treasure Map of boys by E. Lockhart, The Mackinac Bridge by Gloria Whelan, and Tell Me Another Scary Story by Carl Reiner. The elementary library added 50 more books to their Accelerated Reader program. This is another way for the elementary students to enjoy a good book.

En la clase de Español—In Spanish Class:

¡Hola! Spanish started in grades K—5. All elementary grades will have Spanish class two times a week. K—2nd grades will meet 20 minutes each class, and grades 3—5 will meet 30 minutes each class. To start our new, exciting adventure in learning, we will begin to learn our pledge of allegiance in Spanish

(in the upper grades) and basic classroom expressions. Parents can encourage and practice with their children at home. Some of the vocabulary included:

alto—stop,

levántense—stand up,

silencio—silence,

saquen....— take out...

levante su mano—raise your hand

escuchen--listen

siéntense—sit down

“Helping Kids with Special Hearts”

It Takes Heart to be a Hero and We Jump! We Shoot! We Save!

North Dickinson's 3rd – 8th grade students will be participating in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart programs. We will be learning about ways to help keep our hearts healthy, the sign and symptoms of heart attacks and strokes. Students will be collecting money for the American Heart Association so they can continue in their mission of **“Changing and saving lives, through education and community service.”**

Students will be getting their AHA packets the beginning of October, collecting money in October, and participating in either Jump Rope for Heart or Hoops for Heart on November 4th.

In October we will also be assessing our current fitness level using the President's Challenge materials.

JV Football Schedule Change

The JV football game that was scheduled for October 22, at Iron Mountain has been rescheduled for October 20th at Iron Mountain at 6:00 PM.

North Dickinson's

“Homecoming Week”, also known as “Spirit Week” was a huge success this year. The Nordic Spirit Days included: Get-Up and Go Day, Fake an Injury Day, Superhero Day, Enemy Colors Day (which involved students dressing in the opposing team colors) and of course, Maroon and White Day on Friday. Friday also included a Pep Rally and Powder Puff game.

The Pep Rally began at 1:35 P.M., followed by a Powder Puff Game; a football skirmish between all participating high school girls. The victory went to the Seniors/Juniors (Varsity).

Friday's game was between the North Dickinson Nordics and the Engadine Eagles. The game began at 6:00 P.M. with a victory from our Nordics. Friday's half-time show included floats from each of the high school grades (9th-12th) with seniors receiving 1st, juniors 2nd, sophomores 3rd and freshmen 4th place. This year's theme was “Superheroes”. During the half-time show, the 2009-10 Homecoming King/Queen and Prince/Princess were crowned. **Erica Johnson and Bryce Jauquet** were crowned ND's princess and prince while **Sam Skogman and Marco Caceres** were crowned queen and king of the 2009 North Dickinson Homecoming.

The Nominees for Homecoming Court were: (Boys) **Dylan Fesnick, Bryon Harper, Dillon Steinbrecher, Christian Helms, Bryce Jauquet, Jesse Cousineau, Marco Caceres, Shad Gustafson, Mike Miller, and Joe Hruska.** (Girls) **Grace Carey,**

Hanna Oman, Whitney Feak, Jacy Strauss, Erica Johnson, Breanne Stroud, Samantha Skogman, Kortnie Longtin, Melanie Roell and Casandra Anderson.

Elementary News

Mrs. Mattson-1st Grade

The first graders are really settling in. We are reading stories in our reading books and are thrilled to be learning Spanish!! Thank you first grade parents for listening to your children read! They are so proud that they can read to you now! Keep practicing those words - it makes a big difference! Soon we will be adding in math and we will be working on a classroom timeline in social studies class. We are off to a GREAT start!

3RD Grade Mrs. Slagle

The year is going great. The third graders are very eager to learn. I would like to remind you that Reading Homework is sent home every Monday and due on Friday. It is worth 15 points towards to reading grade. The spelling words are also listed on my website. These are current and we do one section each week. If anyone ever has any craft supplies or shoe boxes that they do not want, please send them in. Please feel free to call me at school if you ever have any questions or concerns.

PTO Information

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 Womens Auxilliary

Nordic Sports

This year the North Dickinson varsity football team includes **Terry Mays, Daniel Knapp, Jon Kowlaczyk, Max Smith, Mike Miller, Joe Hruska, Dillon Steinbrecher, John Fende, Justin Kowlaczyk, Jordan Helms, Jacob Nurmi, Mike Lucia, Paul Rotter, Kody Hoffman, John Mashak, Cody Mays, Eli Johnson, Shad Gustafson, Alex Whalen, Jamie Strong, Marco Caceres, Christian Helms and Bryce Jauquet.** So far this season they are undefeated 5-0. The varsity coach is Joe Reddinger. He is assisted by Chris Mattson and Brian Olson. Coach Mattson says, "The team is looking much better than the beginning of the year and they get better each week."

The 2009 J.V. football team consists of **Ken Pekarek, Cory Johnson, Dominic Christian, Chad Steppig, Bryon Harper, Cody Berg, Ben Reith, Ricky Reith, Dylan Dario, Brady Mashak, Cuyler Bates, Austin Johnson, Sean Conery, Alex Schuiteman and Dylan Fesnick.** The J.V. coach is Mike Christian. He is assisted by Mike Lindholm and manager Tori Christian. At this point the team is 2-3. Coach Christian says "They still have a ways to go, we only have five sophomores and the rest are freshmen. But they are working hard and getting better."

The Varsity volleyball team this year includes **Erica Johnson, Emily Lehto, Meakayla Mohr, Melanie Roell, Chelsea Knapp, Samantha Skogman, Carly Unrein, Brianne Berg, Kelsie Luedtke, Mariah Johnson and Amy Roell.** The team is coached by Sandy Haustein.

Playing on the J.V. volleyball team are **Taylor Fenner, Ellen Murray, Heather Roell, Whitney Feak, Brittany Charlevoix, Taylor Steele, Chisaki Benno, Megan Palluconi, Kailey Cootware, Marissa Jau-**

quet, Makensie Jacobson, Hanna Oman and Megan Conery. The J.V. is coached by Colleen Martin.

The 8th grade junior high girl's basketball team includes **Khea Nelson, Abigail Steinbrecher, Cayla Carey, Kimberly Cary, Winter Steinbrecher, Hannah Miller, Gina Rotter, Debbie Starnes Samantha Wickman, Heather Crawford, Mikaela Voirol and Chrissy Pringle.** The girls are coached by Carl Lemin.

The 7th grade junior high girl's basketball team includes **Lexi Steele, Jeanine Cousineau, Frankie Priestap, Chelsey Stroud, Miranda Jacobson, Alexis Bosma, Maria Roell, Irelynn Hesse and Brandie Smith.** The girls are coached by Dick Lindholm

This year the junior class is going to be selling t-shirts as a fundraiser. The shirts will have different Nordic quotes on them from teachers, coaches etc. If anybody knows any good Nordic quotes please let Anna Christian know.
