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School Funding Update

By: Claude Siders

The State of Michigan began to close out their books for last year which ended on September 30th. Both the House Fiscal Agency and the Senate Fiscal Agency are reporting surpluses in the School Aide Fund of between \$145 million and \$273 million. This is good news and some would like for that money to be paid out to schools to help offset the \$470 per pupil cut that the legislature did last summer.

However, there is talk in Lansing that many legislators want to bank that money for what they call a "Rainy Day Fund". Most school districts across the state, including North Dickinson, experienced large drops in revenue due to the cuts in funding. I encourage you to contact your legislatures and Governor to let them know how you feel about this issue. The contact information is provided below:

Governor Rick Snyder
PO Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909
517-373-3400
Rick.Snyder@michigan.gov

Senator Tom Casperson
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PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536
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S-1487 House Office Building
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909
EdMcBroom@house.mi.gov

District Begins Long Range Strategic Planning

By: Claude Siders

Approximately 15 Board members, staff, parents and students have begun to meet to map out a strategic plan for the improvement of educational opportunities for North Dickinson students. The group is identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that do or may affect the mission of the school to provide relevant educational opportunities for our kids.

You will be hearing more about the work of this group in the next couple of months. The group will be asking for feedback on issues and plans as they progress through their work.

Security Enhancements to be installed at the School

By: Claude Siders

The board authorized the Administration to seek quotes to install more security cameras within and outside the school. This upgrade will provide eight additional cameras to the already existing eight cameras in the building. These cameras will allow us to better monitor and record events occurring inside and outside the building, especially around entry ways. This project was made possible by the generous support of our citizens through the Bond that was passed in August, 2010.



New Kitchen Equipment Coming by January 1st.

By: Claude Siders

The Board has received bids for a new dishwasher to replace the original dishwasher that was put into service when the building was completed in 1970. A new stainless steel prep table is being installed that will replace an older style. The new table will meet all safety requirements for operation of a kitchen facility. This project was also made possible by the generous support of our citizens through the Bond that was passed in August, 2010.

Volleyball District Tournaments

By: Mike Roell

Volleyball districts will once again follow the non-traditional format. On Monday, October 31st, North Central vs. Bark River-Harris at North Central. Carney will play the winner of that game on Wednesday, November 2nd at the winner's home court. North Dickinson will play Mid Pen at home, on Wednesday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM. If we win, we will play at North Dickinson on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 PM in the finals. All tickets are \$5.00. Athletic passes will not be accepted.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be Monday, November 14th at 8:30 AM. Remember to return your original pictures. Students may also have their picture taken at this time if they missed the first date. Pricing information is available in the office. Payment must accompany the new picture order.

Kindergarten News

By: Michelle Mattson

During the month of October our kindergarteners have been busy learning about owls. We read fiction and nonfiction books and watched videos. We were very fortunate to have Mrs. Phyllis Carlson and her owl Journey come to our class to talk to us about owls. We also had an opportunity to go to the computer lab to do a virtual dissection of an owl pellet. Once we were experts at our dissections, we partnered up with our high school science buddies and did an actual owl pellet dissection.

In the classroom, we have been busy practicing our letters and sounds and even learning some new high frequency words. We are on our way to becoming great readers. Please continue to read with your child every night; it is the greatest gift you can give them.

Just a tidbit into our next month, we will be very busy setting up a Native Village in our classroom and recreating the first Thanksgiving.

First Grade News

By: Angie Mattson

The first graders are really starting to "take off" in reading. We are focusing on short vowel sounds and continue to practice sight words. Please keep practicing these at home as well! In math we are adding using counters, objects, words, pictures and numbers!

We have been talking about American symbols in Social Studies and have talked about being active to stay healthy in health class. Please remember to send children to school with proper outdoor gear. The kids go outside every day unless it is raining or the temperature is too cold. It is a good idea to label everything too!

Third Grade News

By: Jennifer Slagle

The third grade class is doing great. If any parents would like to volunteer and come in and do a project, please let me know. Also, we are always collecting any unwanted craft items for art class. We have been learning about the history of Michigan. The following are two websites that we use daily in our class that could be used at home or at the library.

For reading:

<http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/34d/homework/reading/interactives3.htm>

and for math:

http://www.eduplace.com/kids/mw/g_3.html

PTO news

By: Angie Mattson

A big "thank you" to all students and their parents for making our Fall fundraiser a success! We have raised enough money to put toward an outdoor classroom on our playground area. Construction will start in the Spring on this project. Please remember to keep sending in box tops, milk caps and Econo and Super One receipts!

From the Art Room

By: Jeanne Johnson

The Association of Student Artist's art shows and luncheons began this month. Our first Art Show took place at the end of October, where ND's art students created a work of art. The North Dickinson School staff and the high school student body vote on their favorite work of art. That winner accompanies me to the Chipewewa Club in Iron Mountain for a luncheon and artist workshop. For the next five months, we will hold an art show at school with the Annual Art Show and Banquet held in April. November's Student Artist winner will be announced in the December Newsletter.

Yearbook

By: Jeanne Johnson

The 2010-2011 yearbooks are in! If you ordered a yearbook, please stop by the office to pick up your copy. Unfortunately, we do not have any extra yearbooks for purchase.

We have a great ND Yearbook Committee this year! We have been meeting every Wednesday for a "working lunch". They have been working hard at organizing a layout for this year's book. We've been out taking pictures at events, but would welcome any photographs you have taken that can be used for the yearbook. The more pictures to choose from the better!

We will be having a yearbook sale where

you can purchase a yearbook at a discounted price. More information will be given in the coming newsletters.

Yearbooks For Sale

We have a few yearbooks for sale from the following years - 2007, 2008, & 2009. Cost of each book is \$25.00

Library Open House

By: Gretchen Siders

During Parent Teacher Conferences on November 10th, all three libraries in the school will be having an open house. Over the course of the last few months the Elementary Library has undergone extensive renovation and expansion, and we're excited to share it with the community! We invite grownups and children alike to visit the Elementary Library, Middle/High School Library, and the Dickinson County Branch Library to celebrate "Signs of the Season" with us. We will have volunteers in both the Elementary and Middle/High School Libraries who will be reading books to children. Parents, if you need to visit with a teacher and have a small child with you, we have a safe, comfortable space for them. The Branch Library will be offering a simple craft for kids, so check that out too. You also have the opportunity to win a prize by visiting each library and having the provided paper stamped by the librarians. Then, place your slip in the drawing box in the commons to be eligible to win. Even if you don't have teachers to see, we invite you to come and visit your libraries.

End of 1st Marking Period / Report Cards Issued

The first marking period of the 2011-12 school year will end on Friday, November 4th. Report cards will be issued on Wednesday, November 9th.

Blood Drive & Schedules

N.D Blood Drives will be held on November 17th and April 4th from 2:00- 5:30 CST.

October Board Highlights

- Katie King, Spanish Instructor, updated the board on the Spanish program and presented a proposal to organize a trip for the second year Spanish students.
- Requested the Superintendent to bring the resolution to renew the sinking fund millage that is due to expire in 2012 to the November meeting for approval
- Took no action on scheduling a special meeting
- Approved a teacher evaluation system which received input from teachers and board members
- Authorized the Superintendent to award the dishwasher bid to the lowest bidder; seek quotes and award bid to purchase an addition to the CCTV system and to purchase a stainless steel preparation table to the lowest bidder.
- Approved the hiring of Mattea Span as the Community Band Director for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Went into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations strategies

Nordic Community Pep Band

By: Mattea Span

(North Dickinson Community Pep Band is coming soon to a home game near you!)

We are currently putting together a group of musicians to play at North Dickinson home varsity basketball games. We would like to have as many members as possible. Who's able to join? Current students at ND grades 8 through 12 as well as any adult members of the community. Do you know someone who plays an instrument? Encourage them to join!

For more information please plan to attend our kick-off meeting which will be held on Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 PM in the ND High School Library. Don't have an instrument? Don't worry! We'll work hard to find one for you and have some available already. I hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mattea Span at (906)246-3253 or (906)250-3960.

Clear Your Closet: Donate Your Used Band Instruments

By: Mattea Span

Do you have an old musical instrument that you haven't played in years? Please consider donating it. We are putting together a Community Band and would love to have as many instruments available for use as possible. For more information please contact Mattea Span. (906)246-3253 (906)250-3960 .

Early Dismissal / Parent-Teacher Conference

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 10th. School will be dismissed at 12:45 PM. Teachers will be available from 1:30-4:00 and 5:00-7:30 PM.

November – No School Days

There will be no school on Tuesday, November 15th (hunting season), Thursday, November 24th or Friday, November 25th (Thanksgiving).

Jr. High Boys Basketball Time Change

The start time for the junior high boys basketball game at Kingsford-Blue on Thursday, December 8th has been changed to 4:30 PM.

Boys Basketball Schedule Update

When our varsity boys basketball team plays Republic at home on Thursday, January 12th, our junior varsity will play the Kingsford Freshmen team. Game times are 5:30/7:00 PM. On Friday, February 10th our varsity plays at Republic at 6:30 PM and our junior varsity will play the freshmen team at Westwood High School at 5:00 PM.

Christmas Band Concert / Elementary Program

The upcoming Christmas Concert is Tuesday, December 6th at 7:30 PM. This performance will include both the junior and senior high bands. The Christmas program will be held on Tuesday, December 20th at 1:30 PM. The 5th & 6th grade band will perform along with musical selections by the kindergarten through 5th grade students.

Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 21st is the last day of school before the holiday break. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

Walkers Welcome

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

Tutoring Available

There is tutoring available before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:20 – 8:20 AM and after school from 3:20 – 4:20 PM. To schedule tutoring sessions, please contact Ms. Virta or Mr. Sheppard at 542-9281.

Emergency Closings & 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 TV 6, 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 TV 10 (WBUP), WNMU 90.1, WMXG 106.3, WJNR 101.5 FM, WHTO 106.7, WOBE 100.7, WFXD 103.3, WRUP 98.3, WQXO 1400 AM, WKQS 101.9, WIKB 99.1.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
	Turkey & Cheese on wheat bread Baked Beans Lettuce Fruit	Rotini w/meat sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread Stick Fruit	Chicken Fajitas Corn Salad Fruit	Tony's Pizza (4x6) Peas Salad Fruit
7	8	9	10	11
Sloppy Joes French Fries Carrot Sticks & Dip Fruit	Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes w/ Butter Cooked Carrots Fruit	Corn Dogs Buttered Noodles Steamed Peas Fruit	Ham & Cheese Subs Potato Chips Salad Fruit	Stuffed Crust Pizza Salad Ice Cream Fruit
14	15	16	17	18
Raviolis Green Beans Garlic Bread Stick Fruit	No School Good Luck Hunters! 	Chicken Nuggets French Fries Celery & Carrot Sticks & Dip Fruit	Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas Fruit	French Bread Pizza Salad Fruit
21	22	23	24	25
Chicken Sandwich Buttered Noodles Cooked Carrots Salad Fruit	Cheeseburger Tater Tots Salad Fruit	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Salad Cookie Green Beans Fruit	No School 	No School
28	29	30	1	2
Hot Dogs French Fries Coleslaw Fruit	BBQ Ribs Tater Tots Green Beans Fruit	Pork Patty Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cooked Carrots Fruit	Tacos Corn Salad Fruit	Pizza Sub Salad Fruit

Grades 6-12 have a choice of pizza or third choice of Chicken Sandwich. Students must order their choice with the first hour teacher. All milk served in the cafeteria is 1% or Fat Free. This Menu is subject to change. Meals include condiments, milk, and bread.

Breakfast- Monday: Cereal Fun Box, Tuesday: Egg Patty Homemade Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Fruit, Wednesday: French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Thursday: Egg Patty, Homemade Biscuit, Sausage Gravy, Fruit. Friday: Egg Cheese and Sausage Taco, Fruit and Juice.

Programs Prohibit Discrimination on the basis of race national origin, sex and/or handicap. If you feel you have been discriminated against write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington DC 20250

News from the Counseling Office

We have started using a new program called Career Cruising with our 7th-12th grade students. Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool your child uses to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Career Cruising can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include:

Interest and Skills Assessment - a world-renowned career assessment tool to help people identify suitable career options based on their interests and skills

Career Profiles - thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of different occupations, including direct links between careers and college programs

Multimedia Interviews - interviews with real people in each occupation, which add depth and realism to career profiles

College and Financial Aid Information - comprehensive college and financial aid information, with a number of useful search tools to help students find the right college and the right scholarships

Electronic EDP Tool - available online, so students can develop their education and career plans from wherever they access Career Cruising

Resume Builder - integrated with the portfolio to help students format and print professional-looking resumes quickly and easily

To find out more about Career Cruising, we encourage you to login at www.careercruising.com using the school's access information:

Username: ndcs

Password: nordics

News for Seniors:

All seniors had a conference with Mrs. Jungwirth. In this meeting students reviewed their transcripts to do a credit count, and discussed future career and college plans. Students were also given the opportunity to explore Career Cruising and they were given their account information. Seniors were reminded during the meeting that they should apply to colleges no later than mid-November. Applications are available on-line and in Mrs. Jungwirth's office.

Music Department

The Nordic Music Department has been off to a great start. On Saturday, October 15th, seventy-one high school Band students from North Dickinson, Norway, Iron Mountain, and Kingsford volunteered to come together as a massed band and provide entertainment for the Dickinson Area Community Foundation Fundraising Event held at the Pine Grove Country Club. Following the performance, our twenty-one ND band students went to Pizza Hut for some pizza and fun!

Once again, the Music Department is selling a new selection of Nordic Wear. If you did not receive any information or would like information, go to our website at www.go-nordics.com and click on the Nordic Wear link, or please contact Ms. Anderson at 542-9281.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Volleyball Dis- tricts @ ND ND v.s. Mid Pen @ 6:00 PM	3	4 End of 1st Nine Weeks	5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
6	7 Dr. Ed Seg II Mr. Murray 4:00-6:00	8	9 Report Cards Issued ***** Dr. Ed Seg II Mr. Murray 4:00-6:00	10 Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:30-4:00 5:00-7:30 ***** Early Dismissal @12:45 PM	11 Dr. Ed Seg II Mr. Murray 4:00-6:00	12
13 N.D. Board of Ed Meeting @ 7:00 PM ***** Picture Retakes	14	15 No School 	16	17 Blood Drive @ N.D. 2:00-5:30	18	19
20	21 Dr. Ed. Seg. II Mrs. Talon 3:30-5:30	22	23	24 NO SCHOOL 	25 NO SCHOOL	26
27	28 Jr. High Boys BBall- Away- Forest Park @ 6:00 ***** Dr. Ed. Seg. II Mrs. Talon 3:30-5:30	29 Girls BBall- Away- Kings- ford @ 5:30/7:00 PM	30			