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Elementary Library Near Completion

By: Claude Siders

Thanks to the generous support of Elsa and David Brule, the Elementary Library has undergone a major transformation this past year and is nearing completion. All the original shelves have been replaced with custom built shelving. New shelving has been added in the two expanded rooms of the library. A SmartBoard (interactive white board) has been added. Additional cabinets have been added throughout the library. There are eight new round tables with 38 chairs for individual students and small group work.

A cozy reading area with a jungle theme rug, three large stuffed animals (a lion, giraffe and elephant) sit next to a large brown comfortable chair in the center of one segment of the library. Our guest readers will find a very warm and comfortable place to read exciting tales from the shelves of our library.

There are two new Accelerated Reader labs with three stations each added in the passageway through the library area. The Accelerated Reader program has been updated to a web based program. This will allow students access to all books on our shelves as they participate in the Accelerated Reader program. This web based program will provide greater reading assessment for each student and give teachers and aides the tools to better individualize instruction and remediation. Because this is web based, students will be able to do their activities at home.

Mrs. Brule has been very involved throughout the library renovation providing insight into the best ways to design the library to gain maximum engagement with our students. Mrs. Brule has spent many, many hours working in the library to move, clean, shelve and display books to entice students to pick up and read a book.

We are still waiting on three short sofas and six comfortable chairs which should arrive soon. With the completion of the library we decided it is important to celebrate the renovated library. All of this is done to draw children into a love of reading and increasing their reading skills. Please join us during Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 10th to tour our school libraries, which are second to none in the UP and the state.

1st Grade Gets New Desks and Much More

By: Claude Siders

The 1st grade has just received all new student desks, two Accelerated Reader computers, a computer table for the computers with two chairs, a Lego© table and Lego© blocks, a reading chair and a computer table for the teacher. Ms. Angie Mattson, the teacher, has also received a new built in desk unit. All of these improvements for the 1st grade room and in many other places in the building are provided through the generosity of the Brules. Thank you to Dan Casey, Lynn Ackerman, Eric Curtis, Emily Curtis, Jim Thoune, Amanda Thoune, Darrell Oman, John Mattson, Angie Mattson, Ricki Mattson, Sophie Mattson, Jeanne Johnson, Amy Hord, Aiden Hord, Susan Lucas, Samantha Lucas and Joyce Williams for volunteering your time to help with the desks and get the room set up.

ND has a staff and facilities unequalled by any other school in the UP.

North Dickinson Receives "A" Grade From State

By: Claude Siders

The North Dickinson was recently graded as an "A" school by the Michigan Department of Education "EdYes" accreditation program. The "A" rating is derived from

improved student achievement as well as 45 indicators of exemplary practices that are researched based for improving student achievement. Thank you to the parents, students, staff and community for helping our students be the best they can be and for once again proving that we have a "small school with BIG RESULTS".

MS/HS Library

By: Lorrie Jauquet

There have been many changes and updates in the High School Library. (And more to come!) After only a few short weeks in school our circulation is already in full swing. New books are arriving daily. There is a new section for "classics" and "graphic novels" along with many National Award Winning titles. As always, new releases for current series have arrived or have been pre-ordered. Students are very excited about the current changes and can look forward to more in the near future. Happy Reading!

Community Flu Clinic

The Dickinson-Iron District Health Department will be having a Flu Clinic on Thursday, October 13, 2011 from 3:00-5:00 PM in the North Dickinson Cafeteria. This clinic is for anyone 6 months of age or older. For those without insurance the cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children/adolescents between the ages of 6 months and 18 years. The Health Department will bill the following for the flu immunization:

Medicare Part B

Michigan Medicaid

Private Health Insurance

Pneumococcal and Tdap vaccine also are available. Call 774-1868 to make an appointment.

From the Principal:

Homecoming week is October 3 – 7. The special dress up days are attached in this newsletter. Although this is a fun time, we appreciate your help in making sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and also for school.

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, along with applying a shampoo like Nix, please make every effort to take the following measures.

Treatment of the Environment

Cleaning the environment will help reduce the chances of becoming re-infested 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.

Kindergarten News

By: Michelle Mattson

We had a great start to our kindergarten year. We have been busy learning the routines of kindergarten and all the fun things we can do in our classroom. We have been studying shapes and numbers in math. In reading we started to learn some letters and their sounds. We have even learned a few sight words!

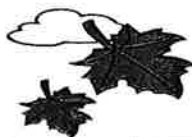
In the month of September we talked about Johnny Appleseed and did some fun projects about apples. Some of our projects included making patterns with apples and paint, making an apple tree season mural, and we even made our own applesauce.

I can't wait for the kindergarteners to see what I have planned for them next month. October will bring some very fun and exciting things. One thing for the children to look forward to is building their own reading library with books they can read alone. I can hardly wait.

Second Grade News

By: Katharine Peterson

The second graders are really enjoying the beautiful new elementary library, and are finding many new books that are exciting to read. In social studies we have been studying about different kinds of landforms, and in science we have been studying about plants. We made seed collections showing different kinds of seeds. We also ate sweet corn from Ms. Peterson's garden!



Third Grade News

By: Jennifer Slagle

We are off to a great start in third grade. This is just a reminder that spelling words and reading homework are sent home every Monday. The reading assignment is worth 10 points for the Language Arts grade, and the spelling test is on Friday. In Social Studies, we are learning about the history of Michigan with the focus on the Three Rings of Fire Tribes. We are reading the Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich to learn more about an Ojibwa tribe. We are learning about place values in math. If you would like to volunteer a special talent or skill for our class, please let me know.

Physical Education News

By: Paulette Holmes

The Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart fund raising events for the American Heart Association to promote heart research and healthy living have begun. Students in grades three through eight will be asking for donations to help the American Heart Association. The events will both be held on November 2, 2011, at North Dickinson. Hoops for Heart (involve grades six through eight) will be held in the morning in the Lemn Gymnasium from 8:45-12:02. Jump Rope for Heart (third grade through fifth grade) will be held in the Lemn Gymnasium from 1:30-3:00 with thank you treats in their rooms following the events. Mrs. Holmes has not met with students to set goals and incentives yet but will probably agree to some hair scary plan.

All students have or will soon be checking their current fitness level. Middle school and high school students have or will soon be comparing their individual results with the standards of the President's Challenge. Then they will develop a plan to improve weak areas of fitness and maintain strong areas of fitness.

Besides checking for fitness, middle school and high school students are engaged in a football unit of study. Elementary students had been using the playground equipment to further develop muscular strength and endurance.

Nordic Early Childhood Center

Services for Pregnant Women and Children 0-3 & High Quality Preschool Available

The Dickinson-Iron ISD Department of Early Childhood Education continues to accept applications for the Early Head Start, Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs at our Nordic Center located in Felch as well as other centers in Dickinson -Iron counties. Our Felch center is located near the North Dickinson School. These high quality programs are available at no charge.

Children that turn 3 or 4 years of age by December 1, 2011 are eligible to attend Head Start. Children that turned 4 years of age by December 1st, 2011 are eligible to attend Great Start Readiness during the current school year. The Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs is a comprehensive pre-school program and involves the family in the total development of the child. The curriculum is designed to address all aspects of the children's development and lesson plans are designed to address all aspects of the children's development and lesson plans are designed to meet individual children's needs. Children do not need to be potty trained.

According to Casey McCormick, Director of the Department of Early Childhood Education, research indicates that children who are provided with a high quality preschool experience show significant developmental growth when compared to children from the same background who did not attend a high quality preschool program.

Early Head Start provides support for pregnant women and families with children age 0-3. The program offers weekly, year round home based services and also offers play groups. Early Head Start recognizes parents as the child's primary teacher and provides information and resources on child development, health, nutrition, safety, special need and community resources.

If you have any questions or would like to submit an application for your child, please call the Nordic Center at 542-3367 or the Dickinson-iron Intermediate School District Department of Early Childhood Education at 779-2695 or go to www.diisd.org.

ND Reads

By: Vicki Lindholm

Everyone wants to be perfect. Well maybe not everyone, but in Ellen Hopkins' new soon-to-be best seller, Perfect, the reader is given an insight to four high school seniors and their motivation to become perfect. The challenges they face of becoming who they are to what others want them to be are the perfect conflict in this novel. Ellen Hopkins makes us question how far teens will go to satisfy others and struggle with who they want to be. Like Ellen Hopkins' other books this book is also written in poetry form which makes it a quick and interesting read.

For all the Wimpy Kid fans, Cabin Fever will be coming out on November 15th. That's right, opening day of deer season. Cabin Fever gives us the story of what it is like to be snowed in. Humph, this could be anyone's story when living in the U.P. Hopefully, this story will be just as funny and entertaining as the other Wimpy Kid books. If you find yourself snowed in or just want to do something different, cuddle up with your favorite blanket, your cup of whatever, and enjoy a great book.

Homecoming

Homecoming will be October 3rd through the 7th. The theme this year will be 19-something. The week will be started with a Powder Puff Game on Monday at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$1.00.

Monday- Get Up and Go Day
 Tuesday- Cowboy Day
 Wednesday- Professional Dress Day
 Thursday- Class Color Day:
 Kindergarten- Black
 First Grade- Blue
 Second Grade- Red
 Third Grade- Green
 Fourth Grade- Yellow
 Fifth Grade- Orange
 Middle School and High school will have Decades Day for Thursday:
 6th Grade- 60's
 7th Grade- 70's

8th Grade - 80's
 9th Grade - 50's
 10th Grade - 70's
 11th Grade - 60's
 12th Grade - 80's
 Friday: Maroon and White Day- GO NORDICS!!!
 Floats and crowning at halftime of Football Game vs. North Central on Friday the 7th.

Schedule Change- Boys Basketball

Friday, February 10th our junior varsity boys basketball team will play the Westwood Freshman at Republic beginning at 5:00 PM. The time for varsity game at Republic has been changed to 6:30 PM.

JV & Varsity Boys Basketball-Feb. 10th- at Republic- J.V. vs Westwood Freshman @ 5:00 PM- Varsity vs. Republic @ 6:30 PM.

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 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 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.

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.

School Pictures

School pictures will be taken in the morning on Wednesday, October, 5.

Grades 6-12 have a second 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.

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Chicken Fajita Corn Salad Fruit	4 Hot Ham and Cheese Sub Tortilla Chips and Salsa Salad Fruit	5 Pizza Burger French Fries Green Beans Fruit	6 Corn Dogs Buttered Noodles Carrots Fruit	7 Cheeseburger Tater Tots Salad Fruit
10 Hot Dogs Tuna Macaroni Salad Baked Beans Cookie Fruit	11 Chicken Strips Mashed Potatoes/Butter Peas Fruit	12 Turkey Cheese Sub Tortilla Chips and Salsa Salad Fruit	13 Tacos Corn Salad Fruit	14 Chicken Sandwich Buttered Noodles Salad Fruit
17 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Carrots Fruit	18 Pizza Sub Salad Fruit	19 Chili/Cheese Cracker Mozz. Bread Stick Carrots, Dip, Fruit	20 Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Salad Fruit	21 Pizza Salad Fruit
24 Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Salad Fruit	25 French Toast/Syrup Sausage Triangle Tots Fruit	26 Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Peas Fruit	27 Cheeseburger French Fries Veggie Fruit	28 Pizza Salad Ice Cream Fruit
31 Chicken Nuggets French Fries Veggie Fruit HAPPY HALLOWEEN				

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

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.

Board Highlights

August 2011:

- The board agreed to create a community band director position
- Approved NEOLA Bylaws and Policies presented as a final reading
- Tabled the scheduling of a board work session to discuss marketing the school
- Accepted the resignation of Stacy Bruno as an employee of the district and approved the posting for a Title 1 Aide
- Approved the Title 1 instructional aide staff as presented
- Approved the bread and milk bids
- Agreed to seek bids for transportation services for 2011-2012
- Accepted the recommendations for furniture purchases
- Approved the contract for speech therapy services

September 2011:

- Approved the PTO to construct a proposed outdoor classroom (pavilion) on the school grounds as long as there is no cost incurred to the district
- Went into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations strategy
- Hired Steve Trask as a part time high school physical education teacher
- Hired Paula Collier as a Title 1 aide for the 2011-2012 school year
- Hired Jeanne Johnson as the yearbook advisor for the 2011-2012 school year
- Hired Lisa Talon as the National Honor Society advisor for the 2011-2012 school year
- Scheduled a Special Board Meeting for September 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school/middle school library to discuss marketing the school
- Approved the bid submitted by Wright Electric to do the lighting project
- Authorized the superintendent to request separate bids for a dishwasher and steam kettles for the kitchen; request bids for a lock system for the building; and approved the purchase of a trailer at a cost of no more than \$2,700 with the stipulation the trailer has regular tires
- Authorized the use of sinking funds to cover the expense of three built in desks
- Approved a request to PCMI to hire a library clerk position to be funded by a private donation
- Approved to increase the sub custodian hourly rate from \$7.40/hr. to \$9.00/hr. effective immediately
- Approved to freeze wages for the support staff for one year

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 J.V. Volleyball Invit. @ Norway @ 9:00 AM
2	3 Jr. High Girls Basketball-- Home-- West Iron @ 6:00 ***** Poweder Puff Ftball Game @ 6:30	4 Volleyball-- Home-- Forest Park @ 5:30	5 School Pictures	6 J.V. Ftball-- Away-- North Central @6:00 ***** Vball @ Norway (Iron Mtn) @6:00 ***** Jr. High Girls Bball-- Home-- Florence @ 6:00	7 Varsity Foot- ball-- Home-- North Central @6:30 ***** Homecoming Dance 9:00- 11:00	8
9	10 Jr. High Girls Basketball-- Away-Niagara @ 6:00	11 Girls Volley- ball-- Away-- Mid Pen @ 5:00	12	13 Vball-Home-- Bark River @6:00 ***** J.V. Ftball-- Away-- Iron Mtn Freshmen @6:00 ***** Jr High Girls Bball-- Away-- Iron Mtn @6:00	14 Varsity Foot- ball-- Home-- Lake Linden @ 6:00	15
16	17	18 Girls Volley- ball-- Away-- Rapid River @ 5:30	19	20 Girls Volley- ball-- Home-- North Central @ 5:30	21 Varsity Ftball-- Home-- Pickford @6:30 ***** J.V. Ftball-- Home-- Pickford @4:00	22
23	24	25 Girls Volley- ball-- Away-- Bark River @ 5:00	26	27 Girls Volley- ball-- Home-- Carney @ 5:30	28	29
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