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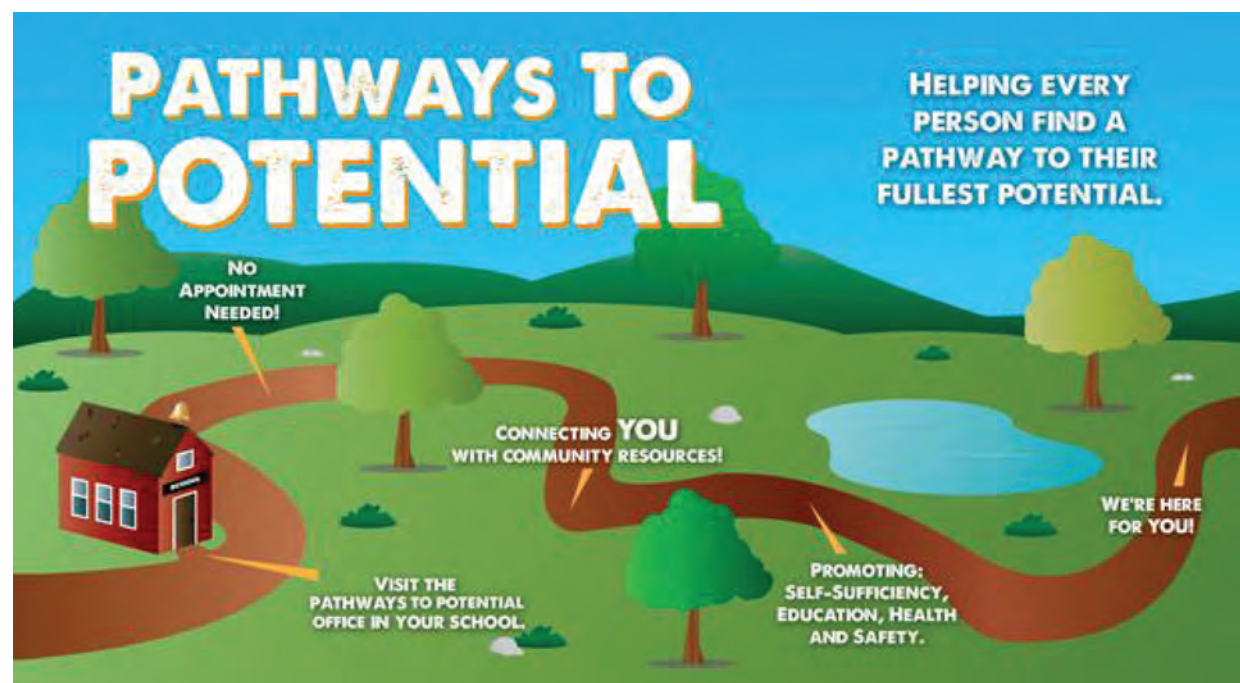
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## Pathways to Potential!

North Muskegon is fortunate to have the Department of Human Services located in the Superintendent's Office. DHS is in charge of the Pathways to Potential program. This program is currently in schools across the state with plans to expand. Below is an explanation of the program.

We believe everyone in Michigan has the potential to achieve their dreams. Some just need extra support and assistance along the way. In an effort to help everyone find a path to their fullest potential, we created Pathways to Potential as a way to break down barriers and deliver services where people need them.

The Pathways approach targets five outcome areas: attendance, education, health, safety and self-sufficiency. It also relies on a number of support networks and partnerships to wrap their arms around children and families to help them succeed. Pathways to Potential puts the support of case workers in your community - where you can easily connect with them. Currently, this program provides "Success Coaches" in neighborhood schools. The "Success Coaches" at North Muskegon are Laurel Scarbrough and LeAnn Jones. Laurel can be contacted at (231) 329-7749 or email [scarbroughl@michigan.gov](mailto:scarbroughl@michigan.gov). LeAnn can be contacted at (231) 329-7748 or email [jonesl23@michigan.gov](mailto:jonesl23@michigan.gov).



# Greetings Norsemen Education Family!



Hello! Welcome to your 2015 winter edition of the Norsemen Pride. I hope the holidays were enjoyable, safe and many memories were made with loved ones. Now, it is time for all of us to get back into our routines and schedules of practices, activities, lessons, events and school – fun and crazy busy all at the same time! As you will see, this edition encompasses many of the exciting things that occurred

last fall. As you go through this newsletter, I hope you feel the incredible pride that generates in our school community. We had a great fall and we will have an amazing winter adding to the continued tradition of excellence here at North Muskegon Public School!

Now, grab a warm drink and kick back while you enjoy your newest edition of the Norsemen Pride. We have so much to be proud of and celebrate here at NM. As always, please contact me if you have ideas on how we may continue to make this an effective communication piece for our community. I hope to see you soon!

Enjoy your Newsletter and Go Norse!  
Curt Babcock, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools

Sat., Feb. 7	PTO Father/Daughter Dance
February 9-12	Principal Week
Mon., Feb. 9	Elementary Talent Show Auditions, NM Fine Arts Center, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 11	2nd Student Court Day! Elementary Talent Show Rehearsals, NM Fine Arts Center, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 13	No School, Mid-Winter Break
Mon., Feb. 16	No School, Mid-Winter Break
Tues., Feb. 17	PTO Meeting, Elementary Library, 7:00 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 18	Elementary Talent Show Dress Rehearsal, NM Fine Arts Center, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Thur., Feb. 19	Elementary Talent Show, NM Fine Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 23	Music Boosters Meeting, HS Library, 6:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 27	5th grade Field Trip, GR Symphony & Ford Museum, 8:10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

## MARCH

Fri., March 6	French Cabaret, NM Fine Arts Center & Cafeteria, 5:30p.m.
Sat., March 7	French Cabaret, NM Fine Arts Center & Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.
Fri., March 13	1/2 day for students, Records Day, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.) DK Field Trip, Grand Haven YMCA, 8:30a.m – 11:00 a.m.
Sat., March 14	PTO Family Fun Festival, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Mon., March 16	Music Boosters Meeting, HS Library, 6:00 p.m.
Tues., March 17	PTO Meeting, Elementary Library, 7:00 p.m.
Wed., March 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences, Full day of school
Thur., March 19	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1/2 day for students, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning
Thur., March 26	5th grade Musical, NM Fine Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.

## APRIL

Fri., April 3	No School
April 6 - 10	SPRING BREAK! Enjoy!
Wednesday, April 15	4th grade Link-Up Concert, Frauenthal 9:00 a.m.
Mon., April 20	Music Boosters Meeting, HS Library, 6:00 p.m.
Tues., April 21	PTO Meeting, Elementary Library, 7:00 p.m.
Mon., April 27	1/2 day of school for students, Staff In-service, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.)

## MAY

May 4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
Mon., May 4	4th grade Field Days, NM Football Field, 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 5th grade Field Days, NM Football Field, 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. 2nd grade Field Days, NM Football Field, 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. 1st grade Field Days, NM Football Field, 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. 3rd grade Field Days, NM Football Field, 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. DK/K Field Days - Both DK classes attend PM session - 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Thur., May 7	2nd grade Strings Concert, NM Fine Arts Center, 6:00 p.m. 3rd grade Strings Concert, NM Fine Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.
Frid., May 8	AM DK Musical, NM Fine Arts Center, 10:15 a.m. 1st grade Field Trip, John Ball Zoo, 8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thur., May 14	1st grade Field Trip, Camp Pandalouan 8:15 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 4th/5th grade Spring Concert, NM Fine Arts Center, 6:30 p.m. ALL 4th graders perform along with 5th grade Strings and Band Students
Fri., May 15	Kindergarten Alphabop Musical, NM Fine Arts Center, 2:00 p.m.
Tues., May 19	PTO Meeting, Elementary Library, 7:00 p.m.
Mon., May 25	No School, Memorial Day
Fri., May 29	Kindergarten Round-Up, No School for current DK & K students

## JUNE

Tue., June 2	DK Field Trip, Imagination Station, AM 8:40 - 10:45, PM 12:30 - 2:45
Wed., June 3	DK Field Trip - Rain Date, Imagination Station, AM 8:40 - 10:45, PM 12:30 - 2:45 5th grade Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
Thur., June 4	5th grade Promotion, NM Fine Arts Center, 8:30 a.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.) Last Day, 1/2 day of school, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m., Staff In-service End of 2nd Semester

# Elementary Schedule

## JANUARY

Mon., Jan. 5	School Resumes, 1/2 Day for students, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m., Staff In-service PM DK attends 11:55 a.m. - 3:10 p.m. - Parents provide transportation
Fri., Jan. 16	1/2 day for students, Records Day, Dismissal at 11:25 a.m. AM & PM DK attend in the morning (7:55 - 11:25 a.m.)
Mon., Jan. 19	No School for Students - Staff In-service Day
Tues., Jan. 20	PTO Meeting, Elementary Library, 7 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 26	Music Boosters Meeting, HS Library, 6 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

Mon., Feb. 2	3rd grade Strings Open House, Mrs. Budzinskiy's class, NM Fine Arts Center, 9:20 a.m. 2nd grade Strings Open House, Ms. Kueny's class, NM Fine Arts Center, 11:20 a.m.
Tues., Feb. 3	3rd grade Strings Open House, Mrs. Cutler's class, NM Fine Arts Center, 9:20 a.m. 2nd grade Strings Open House, Mrs. Schumacher's class, NM Fine Arts Center, 11:20 a.m.
Wed., Feb. 4	3rd grade Strings Open House, Mrs. Fortmeyer's class, NM Fine Arts Center, 9:20 a.m. 2nd grade Strings Open House, Mrs. Kolkema's class, NM Fine Arts Center, 11:20 a.m.



# N.M.P.S Interact Winter Coat Drive

Yay! The middle school, high school, and elementary school have helped the Interact Club reach their goal of 850 coats donated! As of Thanksgiving break they have donated a total of 873 coats! The total goal is 1,013 by Christmas break. Besides coats they have also collected around 500 hats, gloves, scarves, and boots. From the start to the end of the winter coat drive, the Interact members have used their Spheres of Influence to partnership with our local community to help others in need. All the winter apparel collected goes to Mission for Area People. (M.A.P) Thank you for working hard to help others in need!



## Dissecting Worms!!

Mrs. Pek and Mrs. Bouman's fourth grade class is learning about vertebrae. A vertebrae is an animal of a large group distinguished by the possession of a backbone or spinal column, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fishes. Does a worm fall into that category? The best way to find out is to dissect one!



*Troy McManus, Isabella Picard, Ben Hoffer and Ella Tarrant*



*Two students doing a test on the worm*



*Seth Poulin and Sam Kartes using their magnifying glass*



*Tyler Lindell listening to instruction before the dissection*



## SCHOOL HOURS

7:55 a.m. First Bell  
8:00 a.m. Tardy Bell (all entry after this time must be through the elementary office)  
11:15 a.m. Morning Discovery Kindergarten dismissal

11:25 a.m. 1/2 day dismissal time  
11:55 a.m. Afternoon Discovery Kindergarten begins  
3:10 p.m. Elementary Dismissal



# Pumpkin Patch

Our third grade class went on a field trip to Weesies Brothers Farms in Montague Michigan. There they enjoyed a hayride out to a pumpkin patch, went through a maze, heard the story of Spookly the square pumpkin and followed a scavenger hunt through the woods. It was a beautiful fall day spent with friends.



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*Wyatt Masri, Cruz Beckstrom, Sawyer Kersman, Kellen Miller, Louis Gressett*

# APPLE Picking

Both our morning and afternoon DK classes got to experience apple picking in October. Students took a field trip to Kooistra's Orchard in Twin Lake. They spent a few hours learning where and how apples grow and picking apples. When the classes got back to school they baked mini apple pies in the oven! The students enjoyed learning where some of our food comes from and how to cook it.



*Gianna Remedio, Addison Walden, Hudsyn Fielstra, Reese Byrnes, Bob Gaston, Raelyn Nielsen, Sawyer Carefelle, Chase Effken, Dan Cooper, Brayden Meeuwenberg, Julian Enders-Ervin, Jackson Dye, Payten Chase, Ms. Anderson, Bailey Beerman, Clare Belmonte*



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*Mrs. Anderson's AM DK class*

# COMMUNITIES

In second grade Social Studies the students learned about communities. Mrs. Kolkema's class shared with us the things they love about the community they live in.



*I love everything, because everything.*  
-Olivia Parker

*I love my community because they  
can give us candy and stickers.*  
-Aaliyah Winston

*My community is one of a kind because  
we have a wonderful school, and  
Muskegon Lake is beautiful.*  
-Ruby Belmonte

*I love my community because it's safe  
and quiet and it has stores and things  
we need and like the best school ever  
with the nicest teachers ever.*  
-CJ Bennett

*My favorite thing about my community  
is everything.*  
-Avery Erickson

*My community is special because there is lots of  
nice people and animals and fun parks to play  
at, and there are awesome schools like NM.*  
-TJ Byard

*I like my community is special and  
because it is a nice place to live. It has  
stores and things that we need.*  
-Virginia Carefelle

*My favorite thing about my community is my  
school because we have a good school.*  
-Brayden Chase

*My community is one of a kind because  
it has everything.*  
-Ian Cisneros

*I love my community because it doesn't have  
as much people and as much cars.*  
-Connor Crawford

*I love my community because my friend  
is my neighbor.*  
-Paige Erndteman

*My community is one of a kind  
because it's beautiful.*  
-Maizylin Hasty

*I love my community because we  
have a Mayor Witham across Walker Park.  
We have shelter and schools.*  
-Kendall Hibbard

*My community is special because  
we have a mayor named Mayor Witham,  
and we have fire fighters.*  
-Elliot Imboden

*I love my community because of all the trees,  
and it is a peaceful place and all the nice  
people and all my delightful friends.*  
-Max Lasser

*My community is one of a kind because it is  
safer than any other community I know of,  
and it is where my friends and family live, and  
because this school is where Greg, Mandy, and  
technically my whole family went to school.*  
-Addison Lopez

*My favorite thing about my community  
is all of the parks. My favorite things  
about the parks are the swings.*  
-Kaylee Martin

*I like living in my community because  
it is safe and the police station is  
really close to my house.*  
-Emerson Moulton

*My community is special. It is for  
kids to ride bikes around.*  
-Logan Stack

*My community is one of a kind  
because we have a wonderful school.*  
-Hunter Soelberg

*I love our community because there are  
lots of trees and cherry trees. In Michigan  
there are lots of different trees. The flowers  
are beautiful and the food is delicious.*  
-Paige Slayton

*My community is special because  
it has parks. The slide is fun.*  
-Austin Pike

# North Muskegon Norsemen

## 2015 Winter Sports Schedule

### BOYS JV & VARSITY BASKETBALL

Dec 9	Home	Muskegon Catholic	5:30
Dec 12	Away	@ Hart	6:00
Dec 18	Away	@ Oakridge	6:00
Dec 23	Home	Western MI Christian	5:30
Jan 6	Away	@ Mason County Central	6:00
Jan 9	Home	Shelby	5:30
Jan 13	Away	@ Holton	5:30
Jan 15	Home	Whitehall	5:30
Jan 20	Home	Ravenna	5:30
Jan 23	Away	@ Montague	5:30
Jan 29	Home	Hart	5:30
Jan 30	Away	@ Manistee	6:00
Feb 3	Home	Oakridge	5:30
Feb 6	Home	Mason County Central	5:30
Feb 10	Home	Fruitport	5:30
Feb 12	Away	@ Shelby	6:00
Feb 17	Away	@ Whitehall	5:30
Feb 20	Away	@ Ravenna	5:30
Feb 27	Home	Montague	5:30
Mar 3	Away	@ Saugatuck	5:30

### GIRLS JV & VARSITY BASKETBALL

Dec 2	Home	Muskegon Catholic	5:30
Dec 5	Away	@ Hart	6:00
Dec 9	Away	@ Oakridge	6:00
Dec 11	Home	Mason County Central	5:30
Dec 16	Home	Shelby	5:30
Jan 8	Home	Ravenna	5:30
Jan 13	Away	@ Montague	5:30
Jan 16	Home	Hart	5:30
Jan 19	Home	Western MI Christian	5:30
Jan 22	Home	Oakridge	5:30
Jan 27	Away	@ Mason County Central	6:00
Jan 30	Away	@ Shelby	6:00
Feb 2	Away	@ Fruitport Cal. Christian	5:30

Feb 3	Away	@ Holton	5:30
Feb 5	Away	@ Whitehall	5:30
Feb 10	Away	@ Ravenna	5:30
Feb 13	Home	Montague	5:30
Feb 17	Home	Holland Black River	5:30
Feb 19	Home	Whitehall	5:30
Feb 24	Home	Saugatuck	5:30

### BOYS FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Dec 9	Away	@ Saugatuck	4:30
Dec 11	Home	Fremont	4:00
Dec 18	Home	Reeths-Puffer	4:00
Dec 23	Home	Western MI Christian	4:00
Jan 6	Away	@ Whitehall	4:00
Jan 8	Home	Ravenna	4:00
Jan 9	Home	Mona Shores	4:00
Jan 13	Away	@ Fremont	4:00
Jan 15	Home	Whitehall	4:00
Jan 22	Away	@ Spring Lake	4:00
Feb 6	Away	@ Ravenna	4:00
Feb 10	Home	Fruitport	4:00
Feb 17	Away	@ Whitehall	?

### BOYS MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Nov 19	Home	Whitehall	4:00
Nov 24	Away	@ Oakridge	4:00
Dec 1	Away	@ Ravenna	4:00
Dec 3	Home	Shelby	4:00
Dec 8	Away	@ Hart	4:00
Dec 10	Home	Montague	4:00
Dec 15	Away	@ Mason County	4:00
Dec 17	Home	Ravenna	4:00
Jan 8	Home	Oakridge	4:00
Jan 12	Home	Tournament at NM	4:00
Jan 14,15	Home	Tournament Away	4:00

**BOYS ICE HOCKEY - CO-OP**

Nov 22	Away	@ East Grand Rapids	8:00
Nov 29	Home	Forest Hills Central	2:00
Nov 29	Home	Multiple Opponents-Alumni Game	4:00
Dec 3	Away	@ Mona Shore	7:30
Dec 5	Away	@ GR Christian	8:00
Dec 6	Away	@ Davison High School	7:00
Dec 10	Home	East Kentwood	7:30
Dec 13	Home	Manistee	10:00
Dec 26,27	Away	@ St. Claire Shores Tournament	TBA
Jan 7	Home	GR Catholic Central	7:30
Jan 9	Away	@ Northville High School	7:30
Jan 14	Away	@ East Kentwood	7:00
Jan 21	Home	Mona Shores	7:30
Jan 23	Home	Stoney Creek High School	7:00
Jan 24	Home	Lake Orion High School	2:00
Jan 30	Away	@ Mattawan	TBA
Feb 4	Home	East Grand Rapids	7:30
Feb 6,7	Away	@ Michigan HS Showcase	TBA
Feb 11	Home	Rockford	7:30
Feb 13,14	Home	Walled Lake Central HS	TBA

Feb 21	Away	@ Forest Hills Central	3:00
Feb 25	Away	@ Rockford	8:00
Feb 27	Away	@ G.R. Catholic Central	7:30
Mar 3,5	Away	@ Regionals	TBA
Mar 10,12	Away	@ Quarterfinals & Semifinals	TBA
Mar 14	Away	@ MHSAA Final	TBA

**BOYS SWIMMING CO-OP**

Dec 6	Away	@ Ludington	9:00
Dec 10	Away	@ Fremont	6:00
Dec 12	Away	@ Ottawa Hills	6:00
Dec 17	Away	@ Ottawa Hills	6:00
Jan 8	Away	@ Fremont	6:00
Jan 10	Away	@ Spring Lake	9:00
Jan 15	Away	@ Ludington	6:00
Jan 22	Away	@ Spring Lake	6:00
Jan 29	Away	@ Manistee	6:00
Feb 7	Away	@ Ottawa Hills	9:00
Feb 10	Away	@ Ludington	6:00
Feb 20	Away	@ Manistee (conference)	12:30
Feb 21	Away	@ Manistee (conference)	TBA

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**North Muskegon Students... Making a Difference!**  
In November, in honor of National Awareness Month, Emily Lindback, John Simon, and Michelle Flynn, provided Heather White with Every Woman's Place with around 200 hoodies and coats collected from their school by North Muskegon District. The clothing went to homeless youth in the Muskegon area.

**White Pine Village**  
The 6th grade classes took a field trip to White Pine Village in Mason County, West Virginia. The village was founded in 1875 as a logging village. It contains over 300 mansions and is a state of history dedicated to preserving the past. Many of the buildings, including the Mason County Courthouse that was built in 1840, are original and were moved to the village. There were visitors depicting lumberjacks, from the school and home cases, bringing something together what it was like in the late 1800s and early 1900s. An old business is also open and was also a part of the town. The students really enjoyed trying the locally made ice cream.

**Do you have a child that is turning 5 by October 1, 2014 or by December 1, 2014 at the very latest? Are they ready for Kindergarten?**  
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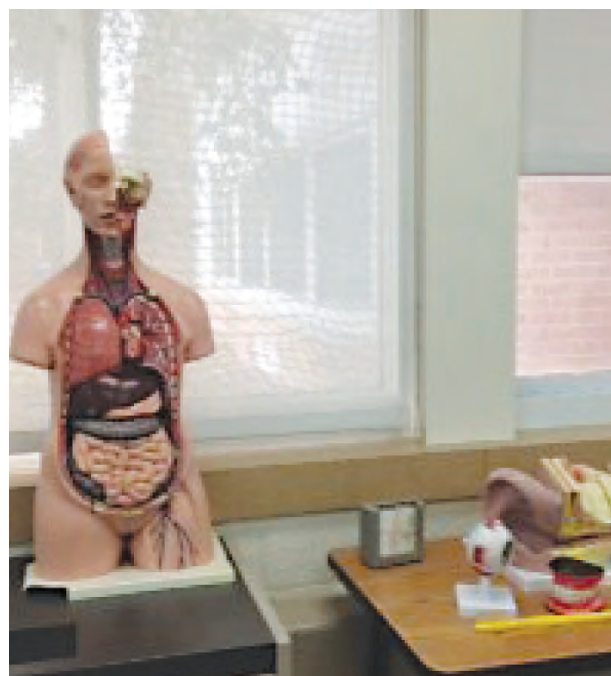
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# EXPLORATION LAB

An opportunity presented itself to North Muskegon Elementary this past fall. Our regional CI room was discontinued due to a county-wide decision. So, that made for some space at the Elementary School to be used in new and exciting ways.

We created an Exploration Lab where students and teachers can explore topics in greater depth and with more flexibility than a regular classroom. The tables are mobile and are able to be flipped up for storage and the chairs are height adjustable and on wheels. The shelves are stocked with equipment with everything from microscopes and magnifying glasses to markers and crayons. In short, this space is now used for exciting thinking and learning in all subject areas. In addition, we have a Study Room which can be utilized for small groups or as an extension of the Exploration Lab.



## Mrs. Berry wins the Cool Teacher Award



Hi my name is Amiya Reed, I am a sixth grade student at North Muskegon Middle School. I nominated Mrs. Berry for the WGvu's Cool Teacher Awards and she won! Mrs Berry teaches 6th and 7th grade math and I nominated her because she makes math fun! I really like being in her class because she is so funny and strict but not too strict! For winning the cool teacher award Mrs Berry won an Amtrak train trip to Chicago with her family. <http://www.wgvu.org/coolteacher/>

# NORSE UNITED

Norse United is in our second year mentoring North Muskegon Elementary students. This club was formed to pay it forward to the next generation of Norsemen. Elementary students are paired with High School students with the intention of making a positive school connection. Students meet at least once per week, one on one to help increase self esteem and emotional development. High school students volunteer their time and understand the impact they can make on the life of a child.

Jack Webster is mentoring for the first time. His 2nd grade buddy is "a joy to work with and knows the impact that is already being made by the smiles in the hall". Nicole Smith, secretary of our club, is mentoring for the second year. Her Kindergarten buddy is "a pleasure to work with and coming out of her 'shell' as the weeks pass". Norse United is open to any HS student in good standing wanting to make a difference.

Currently we have several mentors looking for elementary students! For more information, contact club supervisor, Tina Gallo, School Counselor at [tgallo@nmps.net](mailto:tgallo@nmps.net)



## Adapted from The Eyes That ARE UPON YOU

- Author unknown

"There are little eyes upon you, and they're watching night and day;  
There are little ears that quickly take in, every word you say.  
There are little hands all eager to do, anything you do;  
And a little boy or girl who's dreaming of the day they'll be like you."

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# The Wizard of Oz

## A Whole Lot of Glitter!!!

On November 20, 21 & 22 North Muskegon students performed The Wizard of Oz. The yellow brick road to opening night started the first week of school with auditions. After the roles were determined it was time to get to work. Rehearsals ran upwards of 192 hours. The rehearsals took place after school, at lunch, and a few Saturday/Sunday rehearsals. Putting in all that time demonstrated a serious dedication of the lead roles. Four weeks into the process Jitterbugs & other cast members joined and two weeks after that Munchkins were added into the fold. The cast faced challenges of students stepping down and new faces stepping up building a family like atmosphere to the final bow.

The community was so supportive right down to our young audience members oohs and aahs. Senior Bethany Lawson, a veteran to the Norse stage, as Dorothy played her role with ease and was complimented by junior Amanda Williams as Scare Crow. Hannah Gascho played the Lion and Holly Persicke was the Tin Man. The cast was graced with Deziray Taylor bringing Glenda to life and Sommer Lawrence frightened the crowd as the Wicked Witch. The Great Oz of the Norse production was Mitch Edick whose character admits "I'm a very good man, but a very poor wizard." The cast of 38 and crew of 2 equal 40 students from elementary, middle school, and high school coupled with approximately 20 ushers and lobby support totaling 60 involved Norsemen.

The play was co-directed, choreographed, and produced by Jeff Reeths and Toni Seyferth. Liz and Tino Corridan, Matt Gongalski, and Jessamy Hulings brought their creative gifts to make the experience a colorful fun time for all! This entertaining experience left young audiences singing show songs as they walked the elementary halls on Monday.

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On December 3rd Mrs. Seyferth's theater class will perform a student created and directed classroom project. "We're All In This Together" and two acts from The Outsiders and High School Musical.



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# Exchange Program with Paray-Le-Monial, France

Within the framework of our partnership with the private high school Lycee Jeanne d'Arc from paray-Le-Monial (Burgundy, France), a 10-week exchange program was implemented this school year 2014-15. Three students: Ian Collins

(10th grade), Madeline Huisingh (11th grade) and Morgan Wittkopp (10th grade) have been in France attending school since October 18 and they will be there until December 28. They are living in families with children of their age who attend the same school.

On December 28, Ian, Madeline and Morgan will travel back to the United States with their French host students who will stay with them and attend North Muskegon Public Schools for 10 weeks until March 8.

The objectives and advantages of this kind of academic program is manyfold. Students learn firsthand about the challenges and accomplishments of people in other countries. They return home with a broader view of the world and a deeper understanding of themselves. Furthermore, the total immersion in a family and school system is a fabulous way to progress in the foreign language.

At the same time, the length of the exchange is short enough, that the students don't have to worry about long-term separation from their family and friends, or catching up on their work upon their return. The intent is to run the program as smoothly as possible to make it a learning and enjoyable experience without added stress.

So far this exchange program is limited to three students per year, but this may change as it gains ground. It is opened to students in good academic standing in grades 10 to 12.

If you want to know more about the French school, check their website. <http://www.ecparay.fr/>

For more information about the program itself, you can contact Madame Billock. [bbillock@nmps.net](mailto:bbillock@nmps.net)



## \$100 Winners!

September – The Vanderlinde Family  
October – Shirley Wickland  
November – Mark & Mary Moulton

### Congratulations!

(If you're interested in a chance to win \$100 too, join the Norse Victory Club! It's not too late to sign up. See the High School Office for more information.)



# Norse Musicians Participate in Holland Area Youth Orchestra



Three Norse violinists currently participate as members of the 2015 Holland Area Youth Orchestra. Paige Twining, a sophomore, is in her 4th season with the group, while Nikitha Nelapudi, a junior, is in her second year. Grace Erne, sixth grade, joined this fall and is the youngest member of the ensemble. All three violinists study privately with retired North Muskegon strings teacher Diane Lewis.

In its 27th season, the Holland Area Youth Orchestra (HAYO) consists of approximately 65 student musicians in grades 9 – 12 from the lakeshore area who are selected by competitive audition. Auditions consist of performing a solo, scales, and sight-reading

classical repertoire. The orchestra rehearses once a week for two and a half hours and presents two full concerts each season.

HAYO provides pre-professional training for young musicians by using standard literature for full symphonic orchestra, providing an educationally sound musical experience that motivates students to reach their potential. Conducted by Richard Piippo, retired professor of Orchestras and Cello at Hope College and Principal Cellist of the Holland Symphony, HAYO's first concert of the season in November included works by F. Mendelssohn, Philip Glass, and Arvo Pärt. The spring concert will include selections by Strauss, Vivaldi, and Tchaikovsky.



## INTERACT CLUB

On Monday, October 20, 2014, members of the high school Interact Club volunteered at The Taste of Music at the Trilium Banquet Hall. Members served attendees, assisted caterers, helped with setting up decor, and also helped clean up. The proceeds from the event's ticket sales and silent auction are going toward Mission For Area People. The Interact Club is currently working on collecting winter wear - coats, hats, gloves, etc. to donate until late November. The high school club is collaborating with the middle school Interact class and club, and the elementary, which is known as EarlyAct, as well. Students and club members alike can agree, volunteering, making donations, and working to make the community a better place is truly rewarding.





# Muskegon Luge Team

In November, several NM students traveled to Lake Placid, New York as part of the Muskegon Luge Team. The student-athletes stayed at the Olympic Training Center, participated in a four day screening camp, and created many wonderful memories! Dylan Rudicil, Eli Rudicil, Grayson Hinton, Ethan Koman, Andrew Koman, and Dylan Schultz had a great time lugging the olympic track and even received some tips from Muskegon native, Mark Grimmette! A special thank you to Doug Ogden, Jim Rudicil, and the Muskegon Winter Sports Complex for this awesome opportunity!



## Sam Rhine Lecture

By Nicole Smith

On November 10th, Ms. Johnson took us to Grand Valley State University to listen to a lecture given by Sam Rhine. This conference was all about genetics, which pertains to the subject matter we are studying in our AP Biology class. In just three hours, he packed in a whole semester's worth of updates made in the world of genes and cancer. The first topic was titled Genes and Cancer, displaying the U.S. Human Cancer Statistics, Genome Stability, and Tumor Development. Throughout the morning, Mr. Rhine kept stressing to us that all cancer is genetic, but most cancer is NOT inherited. By this, he meant that cancer can not be directly given to you, and that it is a spontaneous mutation of DNA that can happen to anyone. In fact, 95% of cancer is sporadic, so we inherit perfectly normal DNA in our genes from our parents, but it takes one coding error to form a cancer cell. For the final hour of the lecture, the



topic was Regenerative Medicine: Tissue Engineering Producing Replacement Human Tissues and Organs in a Laboratory. These types of artificially grown tissues and organs are called "NeoOrgans". Here, he described different types of tissues that have been engineered already, which include a urinary bladder, ear, heart, kidney, and even animal organs like a rat lung or mouse liver. All of these creations were made possible through stem cell manipulation and the formation of a skin scaffold which is made of collagen, epidermis, and keratinocytes.



This field trip was beneficial to us AP Biology students because it related what we learn in the classroom to the real world. Also, it gave us an inside look as to what things we could do for a career if we were to major in Biology. By attending this conference, we were able to see the bigger picture of what types of things are possible for us to accomplish in the future, further motivating us to extend our scientific career to help better the world in the years to come.



## Varsity Football Reading Program

Students on our varsity football program were assigned to current elementary teachers, DK to 5th grade. The student-athletes were assigned to participating teachers where they would read to the students every Friday during the football season for 20-30 minutes. These student-athletes have become positive role models and serve as a great example of how sports can enrich the academic setting of our entire school.

The student-athletes participating have thoroughly enjoyed their time with young people and have enhanced their high school careers. The message of "Paying Forward" is continuously emphasized to ensure a better future for our next generation of NORSEMEN.

## 2014 FUNDRACER RESULTS



**We had a FABULOUS time! BEST YEAR YET! The weather was beautiful, the kids were amazing, and a BIG THANK YOU to Mrs. B. and all our volunteers!**

GO  
NORSE

CLASS  
WINNER:  
MRS.  
BOUMAN  
\$1,315

MILEAGE:  
805.08  
MILES

EARNINGS:  
\$12,306.26

*Check Out  
Class Pictures  
on the PTO  
Bulletin Board  
or outside the Gym!*

**Longest Distance:**  
Hunter Koekkoek, 5<sup>th</sup>, 3.23 miles!

**CLASS Longest Distance:**  
Mr. Schuitema, 4<sup>th</sup>

**CLASS Highest Pledge Participation:**  
Mrs. Lamiman, 1<sup>st</sup>, 71.4%

**Pledge Earners:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Trenton Loyselle: \$313

2<sup>nd</sup>: Kate Taylor: \$205  
Jack Taylor: \$205

3<sup>rd</sup>: John Caliendo: \$200  
Molly Stewart: \$200

GRAND TOTAL	Mileage	Pledges
Mrs. Anderson	15.38	\$360.00
Mrs. Zonnebelt	14.92	\$472.00
Mrs. Schultz	33.08	\$612.00
Mrs. Swier	33.23	\$225.00
Mrs. Jones	26.92	\$357.76
Mrs. Clark	34.15	\$257.50
Mr. Chandler	35.54	\$823.00
Mrs. Lamiman	36.46	\$610.00
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Mrs. Kueny	38.31	\$408.00
Mrs. Kolkema	42.92	\$420.00
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Mrs. Budzinskiy	50.15	\$771.00
Mrs. Cutler	46.77	\$619.50
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Mrs. Pek	52.46	\$455.00
Mr. Schuitema	56.00	\$1,282.50
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# North Muskegon Cross Country 2014



The Norsemen cross country teams had an outstanding 2014 season. Senior Wesley Collins and freshman Chase Eslick both earned all-state honors by finishing in the top 30 at the state meet held on the grounds of Michigan International Speedway. Significant improvements by the team’s other runners, including Connor Durow, Jake Lorenz, Frank Lee, Jeffrey Bos, Sam Hardy, Noah Brininstool and Jack Webster, allowed the boys’ team to cut their team score and finish in the top ten in the state in Division IV for the first time since 2011. The boys team also finished 3rd in the West Michigan Conference and in the GMAA City Meet against mostly larger schools.

The girl’s team had two all-state runners of its own in Avery Lowe and Chloe Strach. Avery’s 4th place finish at state meet was the highest finish by a North Muskegon runner since Lindsay Neal finished 2nd in 2010. Avery also won the regional championship at Allendale and went on after the season to qualify as one of twelve seniors to represent the state of Michigan against other states at the Mideast Championships in Ohio. Sophomore Chloe Strach entered state meet seeded 44th and had perhaps the best race of her young career to move up to 28th and grab all-state honors. Tough efforts by Corinne Nedeau, Ellie Wilson and Lillian Wilkie-Jones allowed the team to finish 25th in the state in Division IV. The girl’s team also finished 5th in the West Michigan Conference and 5th in the GMAA City Meet.

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