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Greetings Norseman Education Family!



Wow - what a winter! As much as my family and I enjoy the winter season, it is wonderful to be experiencing the warmer days. I hope you and your family had a great winter

and are enjoying our start to spring.

The end of the school year is such an exciting and busy time. Please be sure to take in some of our students' performances, athletic events and other activities. We are very fortunate to have so many incredibly talented young people in our community - it is a joy to watch them excel in their areas of interest. Several of those talented students will be moving to the next chapter in their lives very soon congratulations to the Class of 2014! The Norsemen pride is alive and well as depicted in the pages of this newest edition! Now, get ready to enjoy your spring edition of the Norsemen Pride! 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, Curt Babcock, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools

Elementary Schedule

MAY

Thursday, May 1	Kindergarten field trip to Country Dairy, 11:20 a.m 2:30 p.m.
	3rd grade Pool School, YMCA, 9:30 - 10:30
May 5-9	Teacher Appreciation Week
Monday, May 5	4th grade Field Day, 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.
	(4th gr. to eat lunch 12:35 - 1:20)
	5th grade Field Day, 12:30 - 2:45 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6	2nd grade Field Day, 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.
	1st grade Field Day, 12:30 - 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday, May 7	4th grade Link-Up Recorder Program, Frauenthal, 9:30 a.m 10:30 a.n
	3rd grade Field Day, 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.
	DK & Kindergarten Field Day, 12:30 - 2:45 p.m. (Both DK classes
	will attend the PM session!)
	DK/K New Parent Meeting, NM Fine Arts Center, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 8	A.C.E.S. (All Children Exercise Simultaneously), Walker Park, 10:00 a.m.
	3rd grade Pool School, YMCA, 9:30 - 10:30
	2nd grade Strings Performance, NM Fine Arts Center, 6 p.m.
	3rd grade Strings Performance, NM Fine Arts Center, 7 p.m.
Friday, May 9	Kindergarten Round-Up Day, No School for current DK/K students
	First grade field trip to John Ball Park Zoo, 8:15 a.m 3 p.m.
Monday, May 12	Board of Education Regular Meeting, MS/HS Library, 7:00 p.m.
	DK field trip to Camp Pendalouan, AM 8:30 - 11 a.m., PM 12:30 - 3 p.m
Thursday, May 15	First grade field trip to Camp Pendalouan, 8:15 a.m 3 p.m
	3rd grade Pool School, YMCA, 9:30 - 10:30
	Upper Elementary (4th/5th) Band & Strings Concert,
	Fine Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, May 16 AM	DK Musical, NM Fine Arts Center, 10:00 a.m.
	Kindergarten Alphabop program, NM Fine Arts Center, 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 20	Last PTO Meeting, Elementary Library, 7 p.m.
Thursday, May 22	3rd grade Pool School, YMCA, 9:30 - 10:30
Friday, May 23	4th grade field trip to White Pine Village, 8:15 a.m 2:45 p.m.
Monday, May 26	Memorial Day - NO School
Thursday, May 29	3rd grade field trip to Michigan's Adventure, 9:30 a.m 2:30 p.m.
Friday, May 30	Kindergarten field trip to Teusink's Pony Farm, 9 a.m 2 p.m.
	2nd grade field trip to Dutch Village, 8:15 a.m 2:45 p.m.
JUNE	

Tuesday, June 3	DK Field Trip to Imagination Station, AM 8:30 - 11 a.m., PM 12:30 - 3 p.m.
	2nd grade field trip to Lewis' Farm Market, 9:30 a.m 2:00 p.m.
Wenesday, June 4	5th grade breakfast, 9:30 a.m. DK Field Trip (Rain Date)
	to Imagination Station, AM 8:30 - 11 a.m., PM 12:30 - 3 p.m.
Thursday, June 5	5th grade promotion, NM Fine Arts Center, 8:30 a.m.
	LAST DAY, 1/2 day of school, dismissal at 11:15 a.m.
	(PM DK attend) End of 2nd Semester
Monday, June 9	Board of Education Retreat, Elementary Library, 6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 23	Board of Education Meeting, Elementary Library, 7:00 p.m.



Left to right: Brandon Rypstra, Da'Niya Bates, Ava Butzow, Seth Poulin, Madisyn McKay Eli Rudicil, Lillian Atkinson-Miller and Jackson Erne

Beginning Life's Journey Butterflies Fall into Mrs. Cutler's Class



By: Eli Rudicil and Jackson Erne

In early October Mrs. Cutler's class brought in Monarch caterpillars and watched them change into butterflies. In science we had been learning about the Monarchs and there life cycle; egg, larva, pupa, and adult.

Jackson brought in a caterpillar from his house in the woods to school. The class watched it turn into a butterfly in a glass jar on the heater. It took a few weeks in his green cocoon, but finally in late October he came out. He was looking wet, cold, and confused when we took him outside at about 9:30 by the cross walk. At first he wouldn't come out. Finally, he came out onto Eli's finger. Eli passed the butterfly to Jackson to release him. We took a picture and then sent it of on its journey.

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President reports! The students were assigned a president. They gave a presentation to the class, acting as the president they chose.

A Glance Around the School



Mrs. Merkey's class wearing the frog hats they made



3rd grade class on a field trip at the Winter Sports Complex. They went ice skating, cross country skiing, and down the luge



Mrs. Schumacher's class conducting Science experiments



5th grade field trip to the Grand Rapids Symphony, Gerald R. Ford Museum and then to Burger King for lunch!



Mrs. Andersons class field trip to the fire barn



Nicholas Dana, Onna Heikkila, Rolando Lopez and Jack Injerd in Mr. Schuitema's 4th grade Science class



Mrs. Swier's class field trip to Nelson Farm



Waylon Kevern, Addison Falkowski and Elizabeth Bayne counting sea creatures for Math class in Mrs. Swier's class







CAMP PENDALOUAN

In September, the 4th and 5th grade classes spent the day at Camp Pendalouan. The kids cut and pulled logs just like the lumberjacks did, they also studied pond life, collected kindling and built a fire, went on a treasure hunt, and learned how to canoe.

Clockwise from top left:

 Ethan Koman, Andrew Brown and Jason Bogue. 2) Studying Pond Life. 3) Ryan Hildwein

and Michael Boetman. 4) Studying Pond Life. 5) Ben Hendrickson, Dylan Boyd, Trevor Bell and Maddie Wright.



NORTH MUSKEGON ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Come join us at the following fund raising events and help support athletics at North Muskegon!

Friday June 13, 2014

Northside Summer Kick-Off Walker Park 5:00pm to 10:00pm Rotisserie Roasted 1/2 Chicken with Side Dishes and Dessert Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Cash Bar with Beer, Wine, Pop and Water. Entertainment provided by Talented North Muskegon High School Students!

Friday August 8, 2014

Norse Open at Lincoln Golf Club 12:00pm with a 1:00pm Shot Gun Start \$280.00 per foursome \$70 per person. Includes a cart and dinner following golf. Tee sponsorships available. For more information contact: Steve Bliss @ 231-744-6808 Will Meier @ 231-719-1131

The North Muskegon Boosters have provided over \$85,000 in support to Norse Athletic programs since 2011.

North Muskegon Norsemen Spring Sports Schedule Pull-Out

North Muskegon 2014 Spring Sports Schedule

BOYS VARSITY BASEBALL

April 15, 2014	At Ravenna (DH)	4:00pm
April 21, 2014	Fruitport (H)	4:30pm
April 22, 2014	Hart (H)(DH)	4:00pm
April 24, 2014	At Orchard View	4:30pm
April 25, 2014	Muskegon (DH)	4:00pm
April 26, 2014	Oakridge	12:00pm
April 28, 2014	At White Cloud (DH)	4:00pm
April 29, 2014	At Mason County Central (DH)	4:00pm
May 1, 2014	Fremont	4:00pm
May 3, 2014	GMAA	TBA
May 6, 2014	Montague (DH)	4:00pm
May 9, 2014	Reeths-Puffer (DH)	4:00pm
May 10, 2014	Western MI Christian (DH)	11:00am
May 12, 2014	Mona Shores (DH)	4:00pm
May 13, 2014	At Whitehall (DH)	4:00pm
May 15, 2014	At Spring Lake (DH)	4:00pm
May 18, 2014	At MCC (DH)	11:00am
May 19, 2014	Holton	4:30pm
May 20, 2014	Shelby (DH)	4:00pm

Head Coach: Warren Kent

BOYS JV BASEBALL

April 15, 2014	Ravenna (DH)	4:00pm
April 17, 2014	Muskegon Catholic (DH)	4:00pm
April 18, 2014	At Oakridge (DH)	4:00pm
April 21, 2014	At Fruitport	4:30pm
April 22, 2014	At Hart (DH)	4:00pm
April 24, 2014	Orchard View	4:30pm
April 25, 2014	At Muskegon	4:00pm
April 28, 2014	White Cloud (DH)	4:00pm
April 29, 2014	Mason County Central (DH)	4:00pm
May 1, 2014	Fremont (DH)	4:00pm
May 6, 2014	At Montague (DH)	4:00pm
May 9, 2014	At Reeths-Puffer (DH)	4:00pm

May 12, 2014	At Mona Shores (DH)	4:00pm
May 13, 2014	Whitehall (DH)	4:00pm
May 15, 2014	Spring Lake (DH)	4:00pm
May 19, 2014	At Holton	4:30pm
May 20, 2014	At Shelby (DH)	4:00pm

Head Coach: Ryan Mieler

BOYS GOLF April 15, 2014 At Ravenna 3:30pm April 17, 2014 Ludington Invite 9:30am April 22, 2014 NM Invite 1:30pm April 25, 2014 At Muskegon Catholic 3:30pm April 28, 2014 1:00pm At Shelby Invite April 29, 2014 At Whitehall 3:30pm April 30, 2014 GMAA TBA 3:30pm May 1, 2014 At Shelby May 5, 2014 At West MI Christian 3:30pm May 6, 2014 At Montague 3:30pm May 8, 2014 At Reeths-Puffer 3:30pm May 12, 2014 TBA At Reeths-Puffer Invite May 13, 2014 At Hart 3:30pm May 16, 2014 At Montague Invite 9:30am May 20, 2014 At Mason County Central 1:30pm May 21-24, 2014 Districts May 28-31, 2014 Regionals June 6-7, 2014 State

Head Coach: Colby Beckstrom

GIRLS SOFTBALL

April 15, 2014	At Ravenna (DH)	4:30pm
April 17, 2014	Grand Haven (DH)	4:00pm
April 18, 2014	Oakridge (DH)	4:00pm
April 19, 2014	Western MI Christian	10:00am
April 21, 2014	At Fruitport	4:30pm
April 22, 2014	Hart (DH)	4:00pm
April 24, 2014	At Orchard View	4:30pm

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April 28, 2014	At White Cloud (DH)	4:00pm
April 29, 2014	At Mason County Central (DH)	4:00pm
May 1, 2014	At Fremont	4:00pm
May 3, 2014	At GMAA	TBA
May 6, 2014	Montague (DH)	4:00pm
May 12, 2014	At Mona Shores (DH)	4:00pm
May 13, 2014	At Whitehall (DH)	4:00pm
May 15, 2014	At Spring Lake (DH)	4:00pm
May 17, 2014	North Muskegon Invite	TBA
May 19, 2014	East Grand Rapids (DH)	4:30pm
May 20, 2014	Shelby (DH)	4:00pm

Head Coach: Larry Witham

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

April 2, 2014	At Muskegon Catholic	5:00pm
April 15, 2014	At Hart	5:00pm
April 18, 2014	At Grant	4:30pm
April 19, 2014	Oakridge	11:00am
April 22, 2014	Shelby	5:00pm
April 24, 2014	At GR Convenant Christian	5:30pm
April 26, 2014	At Holland Black River	9:30am

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Ар	ril 29, 2014	Mason County Central	5:00pm
Ma	ay 1, 2014	At Western MI Christian	6:45pm
Ma	ay 2, 2014	At Manistee	5:00pm
Ma	ay 5, 2014	Whitehall	5:00pm
Ma	ay 6, 2014	At Ravenna	5:00pm
Ma	ay 9, 2014	At Reeths-Puffer	6:45pm
Ma	ay 12, 2014	At Montague	5:00pm

Head Coach: Ryan Berends



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Norse Education Foundation



Growing and Giving!

The Norse Education Foundation continues to grow. Due to this we have been able to increase the number of educational grants provided to our staff, students and school community. Below, you will see the most recent grantees and their specific projects.

> Left: Mrs. Pek and Mrs. Bouman's 4th and 5th Grade Class

Grantee Name	Project Name	Amount of Grant	When Received
Patricia Howard	XBOOKS	\$1,000	Dec. 12, 2013
Ronda Pek	Mini Whites	\$500	Dec. 12, 2013
Debra Johnson	College-Ready Tech Biology Labs	\$544.73	Dec. 12, 2013
K Teachers	Math Bridges	\$1,000	Dec. 12, 2013
Danielle Risley	Fitness Gram	\$609.78	Nov. 13, 2013
Tina Gallo	Norse United	\$250	Nov. 13, 2013
Tanya Kolkema	White Board Tables	\$150	Nov. 13, 2013
Johnson/Bentley	Reading/Math using Hands-On Common Core Materials	\$700.22	March 14, 2014
Sarah Knuth	MMLMI Camp Miniwanca	\$300	March 14, 2014
Bouman, DeLong, Reeths	Reeths Reading Workshop Character	\$415.50	March 14, 2014
Colleen Atkinson	Giant Traveling Maps	\$580	March 14, 2014

If you have donated to the NEF in the past – thank you! We will continue to promote the NEF and greatly appreciate any and all donations no matter the dollar amount. Please consider helping our foundation increase in value.



\$100 Winners!

December – Darek & Kim Senkow January – Curt & Heather Babcock February – Jim & Debbie Potter March – Rex & Sheli Vanderlinde April – Maureen Campbell

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.)

5th GRADE GRADUATION!



Giving Back to the Community During the Holiday Season

This holiday season the North Muskegon Choirs gave back to their community. The Choir Council members decided to help the Salvation Army this year, after helping Every Woman's Place last year. One hundred percent of the proceeds of their holiday concerts were donated to the local branch of the Salvation Army towards their food drive this past winter. In total, the Norse Choir, Junior Norse Choir, and 6th grade Choir raised \$700. At each of their concerts they thanked and applauded all present-serving and veteran service men and women in the audience. The students talk about giving back regularly in class and this is just one way for them to gain first-hand experience.





North Muskegon Athletic Boosters Scholarship Fund

The North Muskegon Athletic Boosters has made the Athletic Department a generous donation to be used for students struggling to pay their participation fees. The legitimacy of how the fund is to be used is overseen by a committee of the Athletic Director, High School Principal and the Superintendent.

If you would like to make a donation to support the North Muskegon Athletic Boosters Scholarship Fund, please feel free. Your tax deductible donation will help support student/athletes with their Pay to Participate Fees.

You can donate by stopping in the Superintendent's Office or by mailing a check. Please make a note on your check "NM Athletic Boosters Scholarship Fund"

Thank you for your continuing support of North Muskegon Athletics.



Norse Nature Preserve Outdoor Classroom

Spring is here and everyone is anxious to get outside for fresh air and sunshine. Wouldn't it be great for students to experience nature as

part of their regular learning environment throughout the school year? Last November, ten middle school students attended the Michigan Middle School Leadership Initiative (MMLI) at Camp Miniwanca and returned with that goal in mind. The civic project for MMLI 2013-14 is to build an outdoor classroom. The plan is moving forward and will happen in the Norse Nature Preserve between the playground and Bear Lake. According to Canada's TD Friends of the Environment Foundation,

"Outdoor classroom designs incorporate seating, teaching platforms and natural elements to explore. A well-planned outdoor classroom that is integrated into the school community will become an important

part of your school and can be used for every subject, in every season. There is no standard design for an outdoor classroom; the key is to develop the classroom that will work best for your school grounds and the needs of your school."

Students have been engaged with the Norse Nature Preserve for years. Former Superintendent John

Weaver led elementary students on annual nature walks; Boy Scout Trevor Wilson, class of 2006, labeled trails and trees in 2002 to earn his Eagle Scout; Erin Zettell, class of 2012, directed heavy machinery (a skidder) to clear underbrush for trails; Taylor Bluhm, class of 2012, tagged dead trees that were cut into usable stumps; and Honor Society students removed invasive garlic mustard, cleaned the stairs, and picked up trash in the spring of 2012.

The High School Environmental Club, advised by Ms. Debra Johnson and led by senior Matt Hanley, have plans to construct an observation deck or floating dock along the shoreline of Bear Lake before school starts next fall, and the outdoor classroom group learning area will be added to the Norse Nature Preserve this spring. The group meeting area will have standing tables, tables with stump chairs, and a chalkboard. Next fall,



MMLI pictured left to right: Alyssa Johnson, Marion Eacker, Elizabeth McNally, Corinne Nedeau, Joe Nyblade, Grace Berends, Kendall Hoppa, Mr. Rick Howard, Grace Goszkowicz, Sarah Durow, Leah Lenius, and Logan Page.

teachers in every subject area will be able to use the group learning area and observation deck in the Norse Nature Preserve for instruction and learning activities.

The MMLI students have been meeting once a week during lunch to make the vision for The Rick Howard Outdoor Classroom a reality. They want to honor retired science teacher Mr. Rick Howard because he always wanted an outdoor classroom. Former students from MMLI have joined the cause and are now working with the High School Environmental Club. The development is moving forward because of MMLI advisory help from Mrs. Ellen Berends, architectural planning by Mr. Harry Wierenga, guidance from



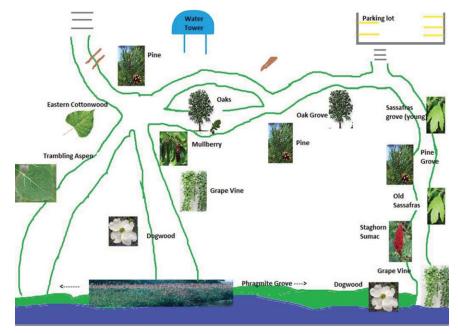
Ms. Debra Johnson, and support from Mr. Rick Howard, Mrs. Mary Bakale, student volunteers, and school administrators. The development and maintenance of the Norse Nature Preserve will take community effort and money.

Fundraising efforts will continue. The MMLI Family Fun Fair on



March 22, 2014 raised nearly \$1,000 and money is available through the Norse Outdoor Classroom Fund established by the Bakales and the Norse Education Foundation. The Bakale fund purchased 30 folding stools and 15 backpacks with nature-exploring supplies for the Elementary in 2012. Any donations should be made payable to NMPS and tagged for the Outdoor Classroom.

Shown on both pages: National Honor Society students clean up the Norse Nature Preserve.

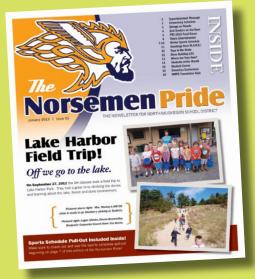


"Nature has been for me, for as long as I remember, a source of solace, inspiration, venture, and delight; a home, a teacher, a companion."

~Lorraine Anderson, author of Sisters of the Earth

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Art in the Moment Challenge

Madeline Huisingh, Kelly Torz and Timara Tisch took 2nd place at the Reeths-Puffer Art in the Moment Challenge on Saturday March 15th.

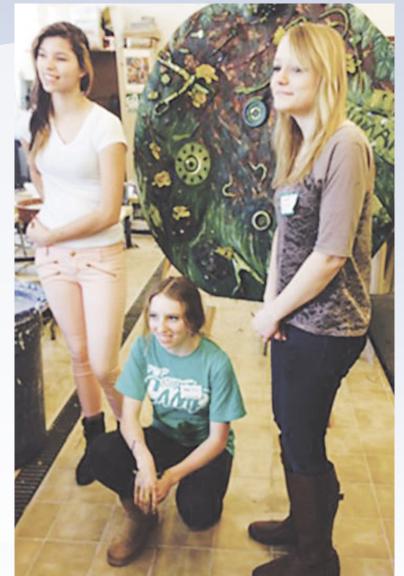
The Challenge...

Each team of 3 students from local high schools had 5 hours to finish a work of art around the theme: Secret Message. They were given a 4'x4' piece of plywood, acrylic paint, tools, a huge table filled with random objects, a key and a floppy disc that they had to incorporate into their work. Great Job team! Go Norse!

Madeline Huisingh, Kelly Torz and Timara Tisch stand with their creation

Congratulations!

Check our Ms. Benaway's weebly site to view more art work @www.norseart.weebly.com



Writing Research Project

NMHS English Teacher Michael Schanhals is participating in the Statewide Writing Research Project which is run by the Oakland Area Intermediate School District and the Writing in Digital Environments department at Michigan State University, and includes 18 veteran English teachers from around the state. The participants are all holders of National Writing Project fellowships.

The project integrates on-site formative work and innovations in technology to look at interactive feedback and peer-review as a means of leveraging critical reading and writing skills. Mr. Schanhals' American Literature classroom has been a model classroom for the researchers and participants in the project, and data has been collected and to be analyzed by the researchers at Michigan State University. The results of the research will help drive curricular improvements nationwide in writing pedagogy and formative feedback loops.

32nd Annual West Michigan Student Showcase



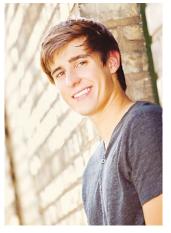
Congratulations to all of our West Michigan Student Showcase Participants. Our students were honored for their excellence in five categories: academics, athletics, performing arts, visual arts and literary arts.



Performing Arts Nominees, Solo/Duo Abby Vermeulen & Cydni Seifert



Group Blue Crew (Ashley Babcock, Deziray Taylor, Maggie Ackley, Josephine Hardman, Haley Klanke, Kaitlyn Talbot, Heather Hayes, Madi Bluhm, Megan Massey, Lauren Bliss, Sommer Lawrence, Sena Precious, Jenna Corgan





Athletic Nominees Brody Scott & Kaitlin Hendrickson



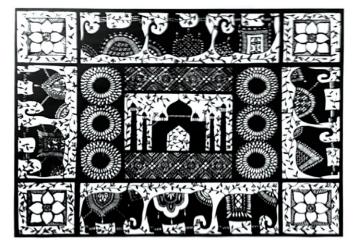
Visual Arts Nominee Nikitha Nelapudi



Academic Nominee Stephen Pallante



Literary Arts Nominee Cyndi Seifert





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