



# *The* Norsemen Pride

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## First Grade Buddies

*By Nate Rosema*

Every school should have a reading Buddies program because kids get better at reading, and it is fun. One fun thing that we do during March is Reading Month is we read to our first grade partners, and they read to us.

Sometimes we get comfy furniture, if it isn't already taken by other buddies. Sometimes we go to Mrs. Lamiman's first grade and the next week her first graders come to Mrs. Fortmeyer's 4th grade classroom. We spend about 20 minutes each week reading to one another.

A good reason to have reading partners is because we get to bond with our little friends, and they look up to us as role models and leaders. When we walk down the hall and we see them, it brings a smile to our faces and brightens up our day. It makes me feel warm inside, like I'm a teacher. We feel like we've made another friend who looks up to us. Also, I feel more mature and helpful. Those are some reasons that every school should have first grade Buddies.

# Greetings Norsemen School Community!

Hmmmm.... Winter, what winter??!! If your family is like ours, you were a little upset with the lack of outdoor winter activity opportunity this year. However, as you will see in the pages



that follow, there was not a lull in activity here at North Muskegon Public Schools! You are going to thoroughly enjoy this edition of the Norsemen Pride as it recaps an incredible winter season in our wonderful school community!

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 2017!

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

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# Elementary Schedule

## MAY

May 1 - 5	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 1 - 26	M-STEP testing for 3rd - 5th grades (more details by mid-March)
Thursday, May 4	Kindergarten Field Trip, Country Dairy, 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, May 5	Early Release for Students - 1:40 p.m. Dismissal, Staff Meetings AM DK attends 7:55 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. PM DK attends 11:10 a.m. - 1:40 p.m.
Monday, May 8	Board of Education Meeting, HS Library, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9	4th grade Field Day, Football Field, 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 10	2nd & 3rd grade Field Day, Football Field, 9 a.m. - 12:15 pm. BOTH AM & PM DK attend 11:55 - 3:10 for Field Days AM & PM DK classes, Kdg. & 1st grades Field Day, Football Field, 12 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 11	4th grade Field Trip, White Pine Village, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. 2nd grade Field Trip, Hackley & Hume Homes, 9:45 am. - 2 p.m. 2nd grade Violin Concert, NM Fine Arts Center/FLEX, 6:00 p.m. 3rd grade Strings Concert, NM Fine Arts Center/FLEX, 7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 12	Early Release for Students - 1:40 p.m. Dismissal, Staff Professional Development AM DK attends 7:55 a.m. - 10:25 a.m. PM DK attends 11:10 a.m. - 1:40 p.m. Kindergarten Alphabop Program, NM Fine Arts Center/FLEX, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16	4th & 5th grade Spring Concert, NM Fine Arts Center/FLEX, 6:30 p.m. (ALL 4th grade students, 5th grade Band and Strings students) PTO Meeting, Elementary Library, 7 p.m. ALL NM Parents are invited!
Thursday, May 18	1st grade Field Trip, Camp Pandalouan, 8:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, May 19	1st grade Musical, NM Fine Arts Center/FLEX, 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23	3rd grade Field Trip, Heritage Park, 11:15 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Thursday, May 25	1st grade Field Trip, John Ball Zoo, 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. New Parent DK/Kindergarten Meeting, NM Fine Arts Center/FLEX, 6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 26	Kindergarten Round-Up, No School for current DK & K students School of Choice applications due no later than 3 p.m.
Monday, May 29	No School, Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 30	3rd grade Field Trip, Michigan Adventure, 9:30 a.m.



Wednesday, May 31	PM DK Field Trip, Imagination Station & Miss Lisa's, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
<b>JUNE</b>	
Friday, June 2	AM DK Field Trip, Imagination Station & Miss Lisa's, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Monday, June 5	Kindergarten Field Trip, Tuesink's Pony Farm, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 7	5th grade Student Breakfast, Community United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m. 2nd grade Field Trip, Dutch Village, 8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, June 8	1/2 day of school ALL students (DK-AM & PM attend in morning together) 11:25 a.m. Dismissal, Staff Full Day 5th grade Promotion, NM Fine Arts Center/FLEX, 8:30 a.m.
Monday, June 12	Board of Education Meeting, Elementary Library, 6 p.m.
*** Calendar Subject To Change ***	

# School Hours

7:55 a.m.	First Bell
7:55 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

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# 2D and 3D Shape Scavenger Hunt

First grade has been learning about the different attributes (sides, color, vertices, etc) of 2-D and 3-D shapes. We decided to take our expertise and see if we could find 3-D shapes in our world. On our scavenger hunt we found 3-D shapes as small as a woodchip (rectangular prism) to as large as the North Muskegon water tower (sphere). We even found 3-D shapes right here in our classroom!



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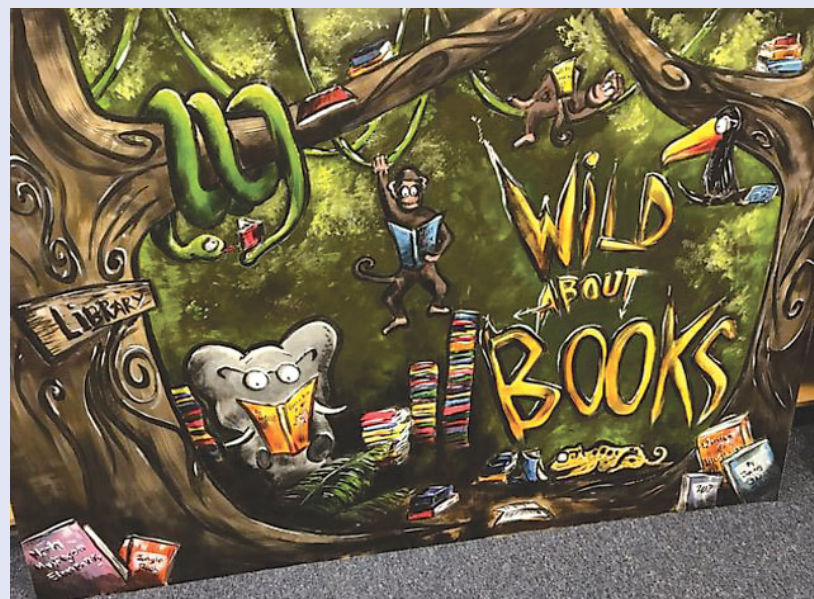




## New Library Mural from student artist, Jimmy Cobb

Our Elementary Media Center has been fortunate again this year to have a mural created by one of North Muskegon's own. High school junior, Jimmy Cobb, designed and painted a mural based on our March is Reading Month theme, "Wild About Books".

This amazing mural will hang in our Elementary Media Center for our students to enjoy in the years to come!



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**Kindergarten Round-up**  
**May 26, 2017**

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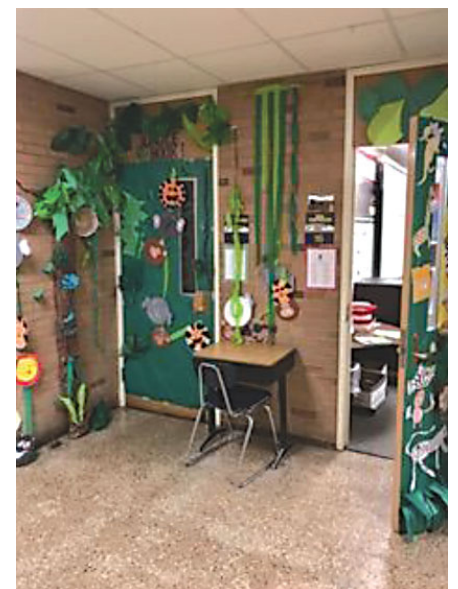
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# March was Reading Month: We were “Wild About Books”!



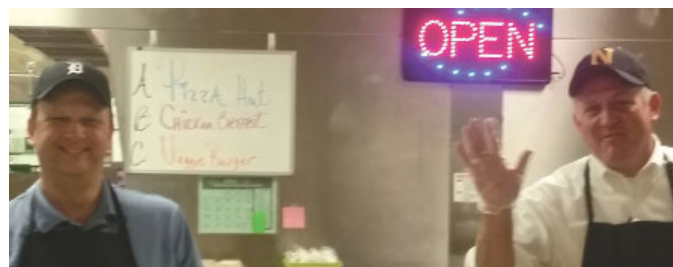
This March, North Muskegon Elementary celebrated March is Reading month with a “Wild About Books” theme. Some of our activities included: a door decorating contest, Monday Book Trivia, the Principal’s Reading Challenge, “Grab your Hat and Read with the Cat” day, Grandparent Breakfast, Snuggle Up with a Good Book Day, Lumberjack Breakfast, Poetry Café, and Camp Read A Lot. We finished off the month with a book fair and a visit from Senator Goeff Hansen.





# Good Morning, Grandparents!

On March 9th the 1st grade classes had their annual Grandparent Breakfast. Dr. Sanocki and Dr. Babcock were on hand to serve the students and their special friends. Both the grandparents and the students really enjoy their time together.



## Mini Grant Used to Purchase Reading Phones



The second grade classes received \$250.00 from Community Foundation for Muskegon County. This mini grant gave us the opportunity to purchase Reading Phones for the students to use during silent reading time.



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# Muskegon Lumberjack's Reading Caravan

North Muskegon Elementary has joined the Muskegon Lumberjack's Reading Caravan. We have seven elementary classes who have participated in three reading challenges sponsored by the Lumberjacks throughout the year. Students who meet their reading goals receive a prize from the team. The team has also sent players to visit the students to encourage them to read and do well in school. During their latest visit, players, and Jack himself, dropped in on our annual Lumberjack breakfast to visit and sign autographs, then they met with other classes for team building in the library.



## Meet Bubbles!

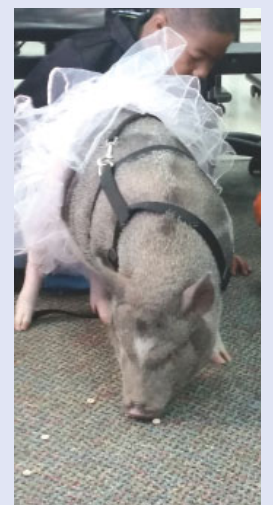
By Ronda Pek

Kearstin Miller is a friend of the Pek family. She recently got a pig for a pet and even more recent just rescued one so she now has two.

Bubbles and Flower are their names. Mrs. Pek asked Kearstin if she would be willing to bring Bubbles in after the second grade finished reading *Charlotte's Web*, as so many students at N.M. have not seen a real pig.

Mrs. Pek tried to describe to students what a county fair was like and how she grew up around all kinds of farm animals. It was difficult to explain how a pig's fur grows and how they eat.

Bringing Bubbles in was perfect! She was an angel and loved the attention. All the students that wanted to pet her were able to and everyone threw out Cheerios to her. Bubbles was thrilled to see so many Cheerios on the floor, but she managed to clean them all up. Bubbles even dressed up for school in a tutu and she was very well behaved. She would love to come again!





# North Muskegon Norsemen 2017 Spring Sports Schedule

## BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

March 28	@Saugatuck	
April 11	Whitehall (DH)	4:00
April 14	@Cedar Springs	4:15
April 18	@Shelby (DH)	4:00
April 20	@WMC (DH)	
April 21	Coopersville	4:15
April 25	Ravenna (DH)	4:00
April 27	@Hesperia (DH)	4:00
April 29	@Boyne Inv.	TBA
May 2	@Hart (DH)	4:00
May 4	Orchard View	4:30
May 6	GMAA	TBA
May 8	@Muskegon	
May 9	Mason CC (DH)	
May 11	@Muskegon Catholic	4:30
May 15	Pentwater (DH)	4:00
May 16	@Montague (DH)	4:00
May 18	Holton 4:30	
May 20	Zeeland West (DH)	TBA
	*At Hope College	
May 22	@Kent City (DH)	4:00
May 23	@Oakridge (DH)	4:00
May 30	Pre-Districts	TBA
June 2-3	Districts	TBA

## BOYS JV BASKETBALL

April 11	@Whithall (DH)	4:00
April 14	Cedar Springs	4:15
April 18	Shelby (DH)	4:00
April 21	@Coopersville	4:15
April 24	Mona Shores	4:00
April 25	@Ravenna (DH)	4:00
May 4	@Orchard View (DH)	4:00
May 5	Saugatuck (DH)	4:15
May 8	Muskegon	4:00
May 9	@Mason CC (DH)	4:00
May 11	Muskegon Catholic	4:30
May 13	@Ludington Inv	TBA
May 16	Montague (DH)	4:00
May 19	Holton	4:30
May 22	Kent City (DH)	4:00
May 23	Oakridge (DH)	4:00

## BOYS GOLF

April 11	@Ravenna	3:30
April 17	@Whitehall	3:30

April 19	NM Hosted	1:30
April 20	WMC/Fruitport	3:30
April 25	@Montague	
April 28	@Ludington Inv.	
May 2	@Shelby	
May 3	GMAA	
May 8	@Hart	3:30
May 12	@Montague Inv.	TBA
May 15	Shorts Inv.	9:00am
May 18 @	Mason CC	3:30
May 24 @	Northpointe Inv.	
May 30-31	Regionals	
June 9	State	

## GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

April 11	Ravenna	5:00
April 12	Manistee	
April 14	Montague	
April 18	@Whitehall	5:00
April 22	NM Tournament	TBA
April 25	Oakridge	5:00
April 27	GR Covenant	5:00
April 29	@Holland Black River	
May 2	Hart	5:00
May 4	Ludington	5:00
May 5	@Saugatuck	5:00
May 9	@Shelby	5:00
May 11	@Reeths Puffer	6:45
May 15	@Mason CC	5:00
May 17	Conference	TBA
May 22	Conference	TBA
May 24	Conference	TBA
May 29-31	Districts	TBA

## GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

March 28	@Saugatuck	
April 11	Whitehall (DH)	4:00
April 18	@Shelby (DH)	4:00
April 25	Ravenna (DH)	4:00
April 27	@Hesperia (DH)	4:00
April 29	@Boyne Inv.	TBA
May 2	@Hart (DH)	4:00
May 4	Orchard View (DH)	4:30
May 6	GMAA	TBA
May 8	@Muskegon	
May 9	Mason CC (DH)	4:00
May 11	@WMC (DH)	4:00
May 13	@Hesperia Inv.	9:00

May 16	@Montague (DH)	4:00
May 18	Fruitport (DH)	4:00
May 19	@Holton (DH)	4:00
May 22	@Kent City (DH)	4:00
May 23	@Oakridge (DH)	4:00

## GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

March 25	@Portland Inv.	4:00
March 29	@Shores Inv. (Norton Pines)	3:30
April 15	@Reeths Puffer	9:00am
April 19	@Manistee	
April 22	@NorthPointe Inv.	
April 24	Fremont	
April 26	@Muskegon Catholic	
April 29	@Grand Haven Inv.	
May 1	@WMC	
May 3	@Whitehall	
May 5-6	GMAA TBA	
May 8	@Ludington	
May 9	@GR West Catholic	4:00
May 10	@Grant	
May 13	Conference Tournament	
May 16	@South Christian	4:00
May 19-20	Regionals	TBA

## HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

April 13	@Ravenna	4:00
April 18	Mason CC	4:00
April 20	Muskegon/MCC	4:00
April 25	@Montague	4:00
May 2	Shelby & Whitehall	4:00
May 5	GMAA	TBA
May 9	Conference Make-Up	TBA
May 16	WMC Meet	TBA
May 19	Regionals	TBA
May 24	West Mich Inv.	TBA

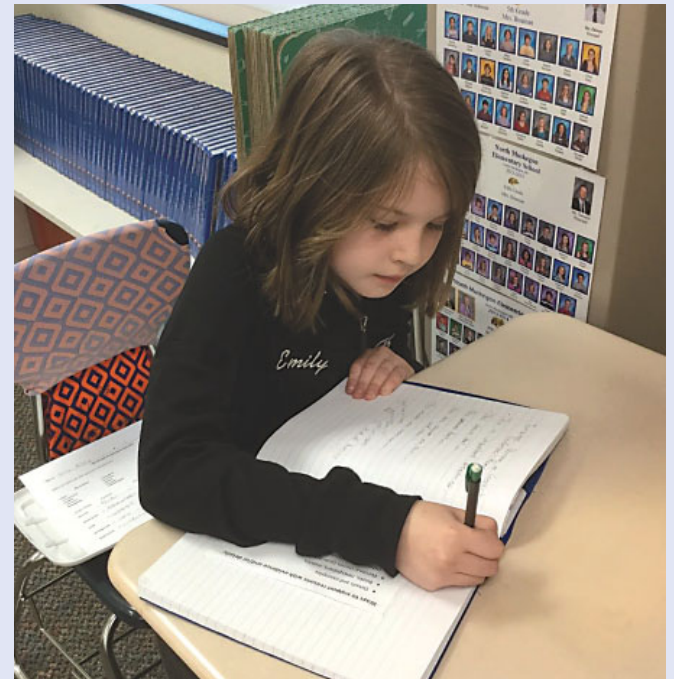
## MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

April 17	Whitehall	4:00
April 19	@Ravenna	4:00
April 24	@Mason CC	4:00
April 26	@Hart	4:00
April 29	GMAA @RP	TBA
May 1	Shelby	4:00
May 3	Oakridge	4:00
May 8	Montague	4:00
May 10	WMC Meet @Ravenna	TBA



# New iPads enrich Elementary Media Center

This year, North Muskegon Elementary added two iPad carts for our elementary classes to utilize. Students in 2nd-5th grades have been using the iPads during library time. They have explored our Follett library software to look up and locate books, learned how to do Google searches, learned how to look up books on the Muskegon Area District Library (MADL) website, learned how to check the guided reading level of books on Scholastic's Book Wizard site, and been able to read eBooks online using Scholastic's BookFlix site. We are looking forward to finding more ways to incorporate technology into the Media Center in the coming years!



## 4th Grade Writing

*By Emily Kraley*

Fourth grade has so many awesome subjects to offer, but I feel that writing is the best. This is because writing is now fun and interesting to me. This is the first year that I have liked writing, not only because of my interest-level, but also because of my writing teacher, Mrs. Fortmeyer. I think she makes writing feel like an expedition, helping us find feelings, skills, and so many more creative ideas that we have never found before!

## Sleeping Bear Dunes

*By CJ Bennett*

In 4th grade, there are not a lot of field trips to look forward to, but going to Sleeping Bear Dunes was the one everyone was looking forward to. Sure, there's Camp Pendaluan in the fall, Lakeshore Ice Rink, a concert at the Frauenthal, and White Pine Village in the spring, and there's a lot to do every day at school. But we need something fun to look forward to as well.

At Sleeping Bear Dune, there are a lot of options for actives, but we went to Sleeping Bear Dunes on a super windy day, so we couldn't go into the woods because of fallen trees and widow makers. We were supposed to go snowshoeing, but there was no snow for that, so we hiked instead. We also had a chance to run on the dunes.

Even though the bus ride seemed to last forever, this was on of the highlights of fourth grade.

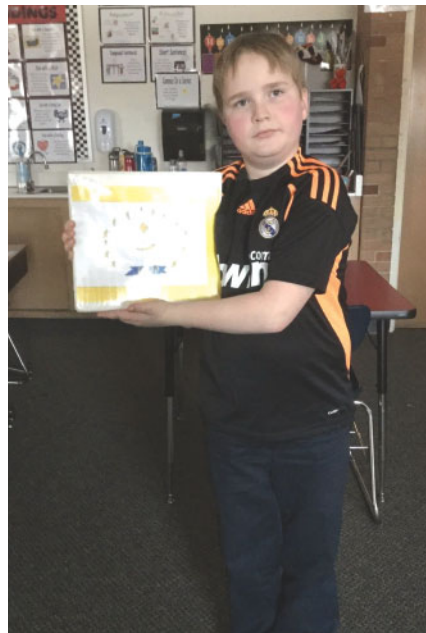




# State Report

By Emerson J. Moulton

This winter we started creating state report notebooks. It was a huge project that lasted for almost two months. We made lots of different chapters that included writing and pictures. There were



four different chapters of writing - informational, narrative nonfiction, and opinion writing. First, we researched the history of one of the 50 states we chose and wrote an informational report. Then we wrote a chapter about someone who either still lives there or once lived there and made it narrative nonfiction. We also wrote an opinion chapter on the state capital city, and a review of the capitol building.

The fourth chapter was information about fun facts that are connected with our state. The fourth chapter was my favorite, and I learned a lot. We also created an acrostic poem, a flag, a map of the region, a map of the state, a license plate, and also designed a commercial. Mrs. Fortmeyer, our writing teacher, and Mrs. Bowman, our social studies teacher, were the directors of this project, and I think they did a good job. I think that it was a really fun project.



## Camp Pendalouan

By Jaxon Bean

This fall, Camp Pendalouan was a great experience for the fourth and fifth graders with all of the activities they were able to participate in. We did a fur trade game, hunting, looking for live creatures in the lake, and we did lumberjack games where we had the chance to try and saw a log. We also had a pillow fight while trying to stay upright on a log. My favorite activity was the fur trade hunt game because we got to hunt for fur, and it was a team challenge. My group and I had the best time during that session.

That day we learned about being a lumberjack, a fur trader, and a scientist with the pond study. We were like Native Americans back in the early days, looking for fish and awesome shells. After all the fun, the fourth and fifth graders took a big group photo, so we could remember how much fun we had during that awesome field trip. I can't wait until next year because I'll be able to go back again.



## Poetry Cafe

By James Young

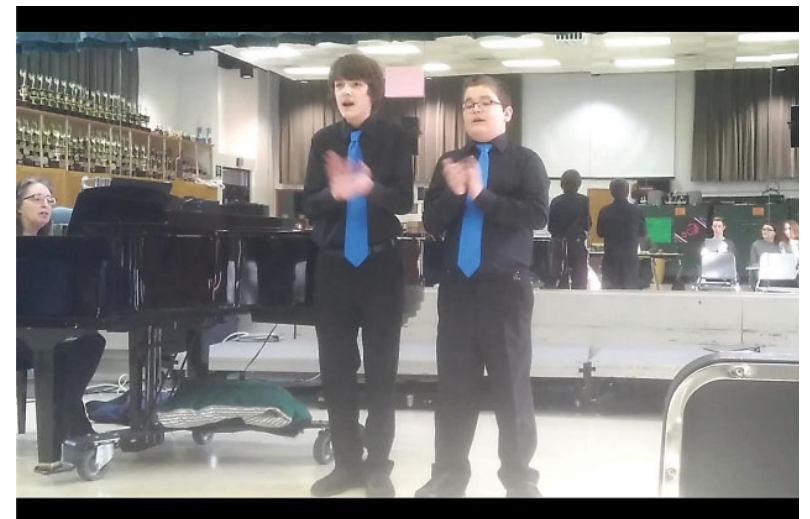
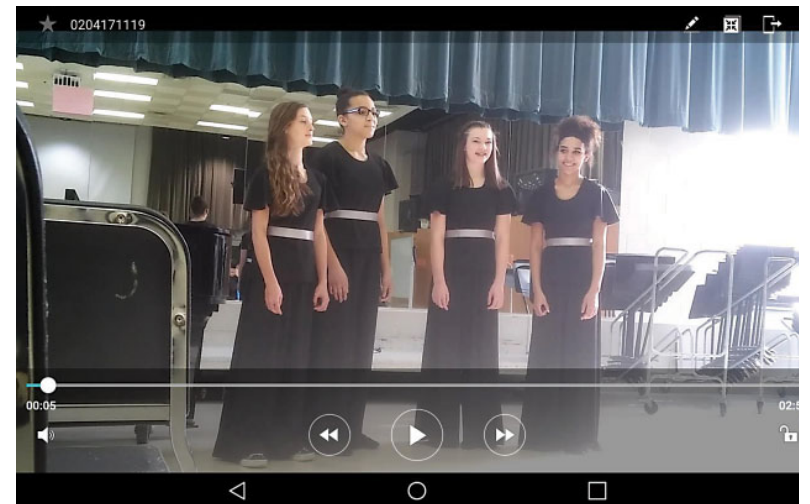
On March 24, the fourth graders at N.M.Elementary participated in a Poetry Cafe for March is Reading Month. We had about 70 fourth graders recite a poem, either with a partner or by themselves. As we walked up when it was our turn, we felt chills going down our backs because we saw everybody staring at us, but with a smile. We were really nervous and feeling pressured, but while the other kids are waiting, they were very quiet. As I was saying my poem, I stuttered and felt like a volcano about to erupt, but I got through it very confidently. After each student recited his or her poem, the others in the room snapped just like groovy poets do. We dressed in black outfits, dark glasses, and cool hats. After all poems were done, our teachers gave us delicious sugar cookies. This is a fun tradition for all North Muskegon's fourth graders each year for reading month.



# One quartet, a trio and a duet... all great acts to remember!

By Alexandria Goodwin

The Middle School Solo and Ensemble groups of this year were one to remember. There were a quartet, a trio and one duet. Sadly, no solos. But all the groups were outstanding with all the amount of energy and passion they had towards their music. The quartet consisted of all 8th grade girls, the trio had all 7th grade girls and the duet had one 7th grade boy and one 8th grade boy. I had asked one person from each group a series of questions to get their perspective on the whole experience and each person had said the same exact word: fun! "More people need to experience S&E," said Brenden Harris, from the duet. "It was fun and I got to know new people! It was a good learning experience!" said Abby Bayne, of the trio. "A positive opportunity for kids!" said Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, the leader of all the groups. Everyone had a positive outcome and almost all of them said they are going to do it again next year! In conclusion, more people should be aware of what an amazing opportunity being in Solo and Ensemble is!




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# Beautiful Performances



Norse Middle and High School Orchestras performed beautifully at Grand Haven High School on Wednesday, March 1st for MSBOA Orchestra Festival. Both orchestras received high praise from the judges and earned first division ratings!



## SEPTEMBER Students of the Month



**Mary Hoopes** is the daughter of Ken and Maria Hoopes. She is the student council executive president, varsity volleyball team captain, and member of National Honor Society. Mary is a three sport athlete and received first-team all state for varsity tennis last year. In the future, she hopes to attend college out of state and pursue an undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering followed by an MBA.

**Thomas Jerald Montgomery** is the son of Bryan and Lieschen Montgomery. He is an active member of the Mock Trial team, Norse United, and National Honor Society. Thomas is a two-year team captain for varsity football and also participates on the varsity basketball and lacrosse teams. In the future, he plans to attend college to study engineering and potentially enter into law schools. Thomas enjoys watching and attending Chicago Cubs baseball and college football games, swimming in Lake Michigan and playing golf in the summer. He loves to travel and vacation with his family.



## OCTOBER Students of the Month



**Lucy Carpenter** is the daughter of Sue and Scott Carpenter. She is a two-year team captain of the varsity swim team, a member of National Honor Society, and a part of the Interact Club.

Lucy also participated as a speaker in the TEDx Muskegon Conference on October 19, 2016. Over the last two years, Lucy has taken senior portraits for over 30 students around the Muskegon area. In the future, she hopes to pursue a career involving photography while attending college to study Communications and Journalism.

**Samuel Joseph Hardy**, son of Mary and Dennis Hardy, is a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, Senior Class President, Cross Country and Track runner, a member in Band, and actively involved in the Community Foundation and his church. Sam is open to different majors and colleges but is currently unsure of where he will attend next year.



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## NOVEMBER Students of the Month



**Brighton Schofield** is the son of Tracy and Adam Schofield. Brighton enjoys playing multiple sports consisting of soccer, baseball, and basketball. In his spare time, he helps or plays with his family. Brighton is a member of multiple organizations including National Honor Society, Norse United, Feeding America and NM orchestra. Brighton plans to participate in either baseball or soccer whereof he attends college.

**Lauren Cribbs** is the daughter of Gary and Kelly Cribbs. She is president of the Choir Council, secretary of the Interact Club, a part of the Mackinac Island Honor Scouts, an active volunteer and tour guide at the Milwaukee Clipper, a member of the National Honor Society, and is a regular volunteer at Faithful to Felines cat shelter. She is also a avid Girl Scout who is currently working to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award. Lauren plans to attend Hope College to study genetics and medical research.



## DECEMBER Students of the Month

**Chloe Strach** is the daughter of Amy and Richard Strach. She is involved in Interact and is a member and treasurer for National Honor Society. She participates in Cross Country and



was the team captain during her junior and senior seasons. Chloe enjoys running, reading, listening to music, spending time with friends, and drawing. She is undecided on a college and wants to pursue a degree within the science field.

**Mickayla Greiner** is the daughter of Mike and Robin Greiner. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact and Orchestra Council. Mickayla is actively involved in Community United Methodist Church. She participates in basketball and softball. She plays the cello for the high school orchestra. Mickayla likes reading and spending time with her family and friends. She plans to attend Muskegon Community College after graduation until transferring to a 4-year college in pursuit of a degree in either Chemical or Mechanical Engineering.



## JANUARY Students of the Month



**Riley Wilson Fairfield** is the son of Dan and Becky Fairfield. He is a member of National Honor Society and is highly involved in athletics. He enjoys participating in football, basketball and track and spending time with friends and family. Riley plans to pursue a master's degree in biomedical engineering, but is still undecided on where he will end up next fall.

**Ryleigh Mickenzie Wood** is the daughter of Daniel

Wood and Wendy Gardner Wood. She is a member of Environmental Club, Norse United, Interact, and National Honors Society. Ryleigh is currently dual-enrolled at MCC and will have completed three classes by the time she graduates. She enjoys performing in the choir and spending time with those closet to her. Next fall Ryleigh plans to continue her studies at MCC and then transfer to Ferris state University to study pharmaceutical sciences.



## FEBRUARY Students of the Month



**Michelle Flynn** is the daughter of Dennis and Amy Flynn. She is currently the senior class Vice President and has been the Treasurer of the Interact Club for three years. Michelle

is a member of National Honor Society. She has taken five years of Spanish, four years of French, and has been on two summer exchange programs, one to Bilbao, Spain and one to Nante, France. She has participated in varsity soccer and basketball and is currently running track for the first time. Michelle has been accepted to the James Madison College at Michigan State University and plans on studying Constitutional Democracy and Political Theory along with Spanish. Michelle hopes to continue her travels around the world.

**Spencer Mueller** is the son of Mamie and Jim Mueller. He has been a four year starter for the

varsity by soccer team and the captain his senior year. Spencer has also been a part of NHS for two years and has received a third year academic award. He plans on attending Grand Valley University to pursue a degree in computer engineering and has been accepted in the Grand Valley Honors college to further his learning experience at Grand Valley.



## MARCH Students of the Month



**Hailey Liverance** is the daughter of Laura Letts and Shawn Liverance. She is President of the Rotary Interact Club, a member of National Honor Society, and a fourth-year Choir member. Hailey plans to attend Muskegon Community College in the fall to begin her studies in Political Science.

**Hunter Carl Schotts** is the son of Kathy Stevens and Carl Schotts. He is a member of National Honor Society, Norse United, Student Council, and the Mock Trial team. Hunter has participated in varsity football since his sophomore year, varsity basketball, and currently varsity lacrosse. He enjoys sailing on Muskegon Lake, exploring new places while traveling frequently with family, and pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors. This fall Hunter plans to attend Western Michigan University and earn a double major in economics and communications.



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# Norse Education Foundation News

The Norse Education Foundation is a charitable fund held by the Community Foundation for Muskegon County and advised by a group of NMPS stakeholders; including community members, staff, and parents. Our mission is to enrich the educational experiences of students at North Muskegon Public Schools by funding excellence in teaching and learning beyond what is provided through operating funds.

This year we continued a long tradition of teacher mini-grants at NMPS as we also endeavored to build our endowment and grow the impact of the fund for future generations of NMPS students.

## Congratulations to our Fall 2016 Grantees:

**Cory Daniell, High School Band Teacher:** Marching Band Drill Software. Mr. Daniell was able to purchase Pyware, a 3D drill writing software program that will allow him to efficiently write his own drills for NMHS marching band shows, instead of writing them by hand or contracting with an outside company to write them for him. This software will benefit the High School Band program for years to come.

**Tina Gallo, MS/HS Counselor:** Norse United Mentorship Program. Norse Education Foundation funding for Norse United provides healthy snacks for students participating in Year 4 of this mentor club. NMPS students in grades 4 through 8 are partnered with high school students with the goals of increasing academic performance, self-esteem, and emotional development.

**Phil Freisner, High School Economics Teacher:** Go Venture CEO Business Simulation Computer Program. Mr. Freisner was able to purchase a perpetual license to use this program that allows him to build business simulations targeting specific challenges or learning outcomes, and NMHS Economics students to manage companies. Students will learn introductory business skills; including reviewing budgets, creating business scenarios, and making HR decisions.

**Sarah Knuth, High School English Teacher:** English 10 Drama Field Trip. Norse Education Foundation funds allowed Ms. Knuth's 70+ English 10 students to attend a performance by the Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company at Muskegon's Beardsley Theater. Students were able to broaden their understanding of a Shakespeare play they were studying in class and participate in a new cultural experience.

**Charles Wahl, MS/HS Math and Science Teacher:** I Am Somebody Banners. "I am somebody. I was somebody when I came and I will be a better somebody when I leave." Banners carrying this message will be printed and installed in three prominent locations within our school buildings, with the goal of promoting positive growth mindset in students.

**Thank you** to our 2016 donors to the Norse Education Foundation advised fund at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. Your caring and commitment to the NMPS community will continue to make a lasting impact as we grow our endowment and support projects like those listed above. To learn more about the Norse Education Foundation, contact us at [nef@nmps.net](mailto:nef@nmps.net).

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## 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.)





Picture: Mary Hoopes, Senior and Executive President.

North Muskegon High School Student Council did a school-wide food drive for Mission for Area People food pantry in Muskegon Heights. The students collected and donated 422 food items in total just in time for the holidays.

NMHS Student Council delivered it to the food pantry December 2st. Go Norse! Mr. Grelewitz is the faculty mentor for Student Council.

## A Very Successful NMHS Student Council Food Drive

## AED Safety Program

North Muskegon is a MI HEARTSafe School. For the past 3 years we have been working on Guidelines for our Emergency Response Program. All staff members have either been certified in CPR or received Hands Only CPR Training. On February 10th all staff members participated in a CPR/AED training drill. The staff was divided into 11 Emergency Teams. Each team worked in their area of the school. The scenario for the drill was a student collapsed in the hallway. The goal of the drill was to provide care for the victim; discovering the victim and using an AED, if necessary, within 3 minutes. All teams were successful in achieving the goal! Knowing how to do CPR and use an AED is a lifesaving skill.

We are very fortunate here at North Muskegon to now have a total of 9 AED's. Five AED's are in the building and the remaining four are at our different sports fields; football field, baseball field, tennis courts and softball/soccer field.

Recently we have had people donate money to help pay for the two newest AED's. The purchases were made possible by the generous donations made by the North Muskegon Sports Boosters, Youth Sports Football, Pat & Ed Schroeder, Allyson & Glen Barker and Tom & Susan Burmeister.

People can donate to help support our AED Safety Program. This money will help pay for the ongoing maintenance of the AED's such as; batteries and outdated electrode pads. AED's are checked monthly to insure that they are up and running in case of an emergency.

Another expense we have is CPR Class materials such as disposable mannequin face shields and training valves for face masks. As it stands right now we borrow mannequins and the training video from the North Muskegon Fire Department or West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium. We appreciate the support these two organizations give North Muskegon Public Schools in our ability to provide continued CPR training for staff and students. Hopefully we will be able to purchase our own training materials in the near future.

Those wishing to donate to the AED Safety Program can send their checks made payable to North Muskegon Public Schools, 1600 Mills Avenue, North Muskegon, Michigan 49445. Please make a note on your check that you are making a donation to the AED Safety Program. We would appreciate your support for our life saving program.

## Jimmy Cobb: Student Artist

NMHS's very own Jimmy Cobb won a statewide competition involving 700+ schools for SET SEG's holiday Christmas card. We are so proud of him!!!







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**Our 5th grade classes attended a be nice assembly in March. The assembly was presented to all Middle School and High School students as well as the 5th graders in the Elementary.**

## What is be nice?

be nice. is a positive anti-bullying initiative designed to spread awareness surrounding the issues of bullying and the importance of treating people with civility community- wide. By creating awareness, we will minimize and reduce the devastating effects of bullying such as depression and suicide.

Bullying is a significant issue within our schools and communities both locally and nationally.

The be nice. campaign strives to educate students and community members about how simply “being nice” is an effective way to promote a safe and civil environment within the school and community.

This is what a few of our 5th grade students had to say about the be nice campaign:

**Sofia Dykstra-** “I liked how the ms/hs presented the information. It was a good reminder to be nice.

**Lauren Dahlquist-** No matter what you look like or dress like, we are all the same and deserve to be treated nice.

**Sam Mallon-** It was encouraging.

**Baila Lang-** It made me think of what I can do to make the world a better place.

**Ella Mallon-** The Be Nice program makes you see more of the world. It helps me to be aware of others.

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