

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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**Dike-New Hartford 2013-2014
Preschool & Kindergarten Registration
Begins Friday, February 8**

such as mailing address, phone number, etc... so we can update our JMC records.
Thank you

SNOW MAKE-UP DAY IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18th (Regular Day of Classes)

Registration papers for the 2013-14 Dike and New Hartford Preschool and Kindergarten classes will be available in the Dike and New Hartford Elementary offices beginning **Friday, February 8, 2013 at 8:00 a.m.** Please return registration papers by Noon Friday, March 1, 2013.

January 28th snow day will be made up on May 23rd. Any future SNOW days will be made up at the end of the year.

Please register your child for these classes as soon as possible. Registration forms are needed to send out Kindergarten Round-Up dates and appointment times, and also for configuration of next year's preschool classes.

Be advised there is a limit on enrollment for preschool, and enrollees will be accepted in the order they register. Pre-school students must be 3 and 4 years of age on or before September 15.

If you know of families who may not have access to this information, please have them notify either the Dike Elementary (989-2487) or New Hartford Elementary (983-2206) office.

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PLEASE call the school and let us know if you have a change in your contact information

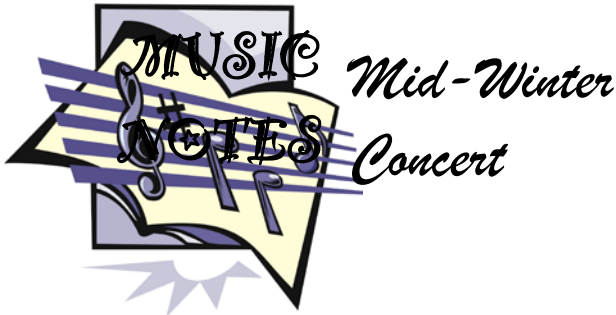


OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

The deadline for open enrollment applications is March 1 for the 2013-2014 school year. Applications must be sent to both the resident and receiving districts. Forms are available at the central administration office.

Low income families may qualify for transportation assistance. High school students lose 90 days of athletic eligibility if they open enroll.

Applications for students in kindergarten are exempt from the open enrollment March 1 deadline and will file in the same manner by September 1. Applications for "good cause" as defined by law for failing to meet the March 1 deadline may be submitted by September 1.



The 6th grade band, junior high band and vocal students and the high school music students will present a mid-winter concert on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. There is no admission fee, however donations will be accepted. The concert will last approximately 70 minutes.

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Cabaret 2013!
The high school show choir, jazz choir and jazz band students invite the public to come and see Cabaret 2013 on February 28 (1:00 p.m.) and March 1 & 2 at 7:00 p.m. Another great show is shaping up and you won't want to miss it!

DIKE-NEW HARTFORD BOOSTER CLUB

Visit our website at www.dnhwolverines.org to see our clothing and get more information about the booster club. We would love to see you at the next booster club meeting!
 Suzanne Neuroth



The DNH Junior/Senior Prom will be held on April 20th at UNI Maucker Union in Cedar Falls from 8:00 – 12:00 a.m.

Prom theme for this year is "A Dream Come True" and colors are Aqua, Purple and Iridescent.

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The Junior Class is beginning the Valentine's Day carnation sales. High school students may order carnations in the high school office: Red for Love, Pink for Secret Admirer, or Yellow for Friendship. Cost is \$4.00 each or two for \$6.00. They will be delivered during the lunch hour and after school on Valentine's Day! Orders must be place by Monday, February 11 at 3:30pm.



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Congratulations to Jann Miller

It is our honor and privilege to inform all the Dike-New Hartford people that our own Jann Miller has been selected to receive the 2012

TRACK AND FIELD COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD at the state level as issued by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). This is in recognition of Coach Miller's final season as our Head Girls' Track Coach in 2011. Congratulations Coach Miller on a very deserving award.
After-Prom Information

Exciting plans are being made for the after-prom party. Recently the after-prom committee toured the UNI Wellness and Recreation Center (WRC). Members of the committee are excited about the possibilities available at the WRC. Junior parents/family members that would like to help during the after-prom party please contact Lori Mulder (ByLoJJ@aol.com or call 319-269-7207). Thank you to community members for supporting after-prom concessions, purchasing Chuck-a-duck opportunities, and donating prizes/cash to this event. It is wonderful that so many in our community are a part of providing a safe and fun event. If you would still like to donate, please send cash donations to DNH After-Prom, c/o Darla Andersen, 15097 X Ave, Cedar Falls IA 50613.

Two last fundraisers are planned. First, Texas Roadhouse coupon sheets are available for \$5. Contact a junior class member if you are interested in purchasing a coupon sheet. (Junior class members, Mr. Cuvelier will have these sheets available at school.) Second, the after-prom committee will be running the AAU Volleyball Tournament concessions on March 2. Mr. Cuvelier will have a sign-up sheet in his room for juniors to volunteer to work shifts on March 2. Junior volunteers will have their names entered for a cash drawing.

The next planning meeting will be held March 11, 6:30 p.m., at the high school library. Junior class parents/family members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Those wanting to help with bringing food, signing in students, or running games during the after-prom party will have the opportunity to sign-up this evening.



Driver Education Registration

If you are interested in your son or daughter taking driver education they may register. Registration forms and additional information can be found online through Mr. Bennett's website (Driver Education Link) or forms can be found in the high school and middle school offices. You may register your student for a future class if you know what session you would like them to be enrolled in. The cost is currently \$280.00 and changes prior to each summer session. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Bennett at 319-989-2485 or email daimien.bennett@dnhcsd.org.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Trisha Ames, Counselor



Dollars for Scholars

Applications to be distributed the first week in February to all seniors. The Dike-New Hartford

local Dollars for Scholars organization will be awarding several scholarships to qualified seniors for this year. All seniors, including early graduates, are urged to apply if they are planning to attend any type of vocational-technical school, community college or 4-year institution. Mrs. Ames will speak with all seniors, go over the application process, distribute applications, and answer any questions. **Once again, all seniors should apply! Early graduates will be sent an application through the mail. The deadline for handing in the applications will be March 13, 2013.**

The next upcoming ACT test date will be **April 13, 2013** and the deadline to register by is **March 8, 2013**

- All juniors are encouraged to take the ACT on the April 13th, 2013 test date. The rationale for testing in April is that the ACT is based on junior level curriculum and April is the latest test date during the junior school year to take the test.
- There is a June test date after the academic year has ended if the student wishes to test after school is no longer in session. The deadline for the June 8, 2013 test is May 3, 2013. To register for the ACT please pick up registration materials in the guidance office and register online at www.actstudent.org.
- Dike-New Hartford's ACT test code # **161260**

****ASVAB**

On Wednesday, February 6th the ASVAB Career Exploration test will be administered at 8:25. The ASVAB test has been redesigned to help all students, whether they are planning on immediate employment after high school in civilian or military occupations, or further education at a university, community college, or vocational institution. This program is designed to help students learn more about themselves and the world of work, identify and explore potentially satisfying occupations, and develop an effective strategy to realize their goals. The ASVAB test allows students to see their skill areas and how those areas correspond to specific occupations. This test will approximately take 3 hours to administer and is free to students. Any sophomore, junior, or senior interested in taking the test please stop in the guidance office to sign up. Students need to sign up by Friday, Feb 1st.



Online Parent-Teacher Conference Registration

Online registration will open February 14th for the March 5th & 7th PreK-8 parent-teacher conferences. In order to access this capability, log on to our website (www.dnhcsd.org), and click the "Parent-Teacher Conference Links" link (a set of instructions will be available on this web page). Click the correct school (Dike Elementary, New Hartford Elementary, Junior High School, or High School), and enter your username and password.

Username = Parent's last name with first initial capitalized (e.g. Smith)

Password = Family Lunch ID (e.g. 123)

If you have difficulty logging into the program, please contact Jeremiah Lehr, Technology Coordinator. Phone: 989-2552 or E-mail: jeremiah.lehr@dnhcsd.org.

If you cannot schedule conferences online, call 989-2487 for Dike Elementary conferences, 983-2206 for New Hartford Elementary & Junior High conferences, or 989-2485 for High School conferences. If you forget to call in, please be aware that others have already scheduled timeslots. Schedules will be posted outside teacher's classrooms, so if you walk-in and haven't scheduled, write your name next to an available timeslot.

Dike & New Hartford Elementary Conferences -

Parents, when registering online for elementary conferences, please remember to schedule a conference time with Title 1 Reading or Resource Room teachers if you have a child involved in either of these programs.

Junior High Conferences will be held in each teacher's individual classroom. Report cards will be available. Dinner breaks for teachers will be staggered throughout conference time.

Shared teachers will be available at the following dates and sites:

Tuesday-March 5:

At Dike – Gannon, Smith, Thompson, Timmerman

At New Hartford – Miller (Elem), Sentman, Slack

Thursday-March 7:

At Dike – Sentman, Thompson

At New Hartford – Cuvelier, Gannon, Loger, Miller(JH), Smith, Timmerman

High School Conferences will be held on **March 25th & 28th** in each teacher's individual classroom. Online registration will open February 14th.

Shared teachers will be available at the following dates and sites:

Monday-March 25:

At Dike – Cuvelier, Loger, Smith, Thompson,

Thursday-March 28:

At Dike – Cuvelier, Slack, Thompson



Pennies for Patients: Kids making BIG change by collecting SMALL change

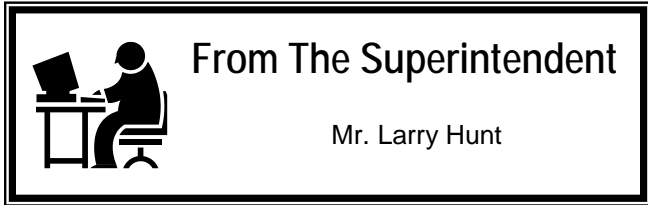
Pennies for Patients is a service learning, character education and philanthropy program that gives students a unique experience making a difference through teamwork—working together to aid thousands of children and adults in the fight blood cancers like leukemia.

How it Works: Students collect spare change over a three-week period starting February 4 through February 22. The change can come from friends or relatives or underneath the couch cushions. What's important is that the change is collected.

Preschool – 12th students not only enjoy participating but feel a great sense of pride in helping others. Their efforts will collect one

more thing in addition to spare change, the
gratitude of cancer patients and their families.

All the proceeds collected will go to the
Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Packets will
be sent home with students with more
information.



I would like to congratulate the Large Group Speech participants along with their coach, Karla Koch on their fine performances on January 19 at Districts. The team performed very well and in fact, qualified every group for the State Competition that will be held on February 2. We wish them the best of luck as they move on. I would also like to congratulate the winter sports programs and their coaches on their seasons. It has been great to see each of the teams compete at high levels. It has been especially gratifying to see the wrestling team improve to a level where they are competing at a high level and expecting to win every time they step on the mat. Keep up the great work and good luck to all of the teams as they proceed down the tournament trail!!!

On December 18 and 19, we had our State Accreditation Site Visit which is conducted once every five years. The visit went very well and the Site Visit team was very pleased with what they observed. As in any of these visits, the team will always point out things you are doing well along with some things they would like to see evaluated for possible improvements. They will also hand out citations for violations that do not meet the State requirements. If a district has any citations, a corrective action plan must be written and submitted to the State with a timeline stating when things will be completed and in compliance. It ended up that we had one minor citation that we have already corrected, and since we had it corrected prior to getting the final report, we will not need to write a corrective action plan. To put this into perspective, it is not uncommon for school districts to have 10 to 20 citations, so we feel very good with having just one that was easily corrected.

The site visit also included an evaluation of our State Preschool Program. This visit also went very well with few corrections that needed to be made. Mary Simons, Nicole Folkerts and Suzanne Perez put in countless hours preparing for this site visit to make sure all of the standards were being met. They did an outstanding job and the site visit team commented that this was one of the best programs they have evaluated. These ladies do an awesome job and we are very fortunate to have them and their classroom para-educators working with our youngest students.

I would like to thank everyone that took part in any phase of the site visit. Your efforts were greatly appreciated!!

**Dike-New Hartford Board of Education
January 4th, 2013 Work Session**

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met January 4, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room with Lizer presiding and members Dieken, Hinde, Nielsen and Koop. Also present was administrator Hunt.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Koop, a contract was approved for Kelsey Box as Family Consumer Science teacher for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year. Vote all aye.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**Dike-New Hartford Board of Education
January 15th, 2013 Work Session**

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met January 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room with Lizer presiding and members Dieken, Nielsen and Koop. Hinde was absent. Also present was administrator Hunt.

On motion of Koop and second of Nielsen, the deadline to submit an Application for Early Retirement under Policy 407.6 was extended two weeks to February 15, 2013. Vote all aye.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Dike-New Hartford Board of Education
January 21st, 2013 Board Minutes**

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met January 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room with Lizer presiding and members Dieken, Hinde, Nielsen and Koop. Also present were administrators Hunt, Martinek and Textor.

Minutes of the December 17, 2012 regular meeting were approved with the following correction: Policy 407.6 Early Retirement along with eligible employees and projections of possible savings were reviewed. The first reading of policy 407.6 to offer, etc.; also minutes from the January 4, 2013 and January 15, 2013 special meetings were approved as written on motion of Koop and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Koop moved the Agenda be approved. Second by Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Visitors present at the meeting included Juli Kopriva, Suzanne Perez and Don McCallum.

Written and oral reports of the building principals and technology coordinator were reviewed.

Early graduation requests were approved for Katie Bixby, Zachary LeBahn, Forrest Perkins and Nikole Scoles on motion of Koop and second of Dieken subject to meeting all graduation requirements. Vote all aye.

Changes to Policy 603.4 – Multicultural/Gender Fair Education were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2013-14 school calendar. On motion of Nielsen and second of Koop, the calendar was approved with a start date for students of August 21, 2013 and Spring Break the week of March 17 through 21, 2014. Vote all aye.

On motion of Dieken and second of Hinde, a contract was approved for Amy Seitz as .5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach for 2012-13. Vote all aye. Since a suitable assistant could not be found for the large group portion of the season, on motion of Koop and second of Hinde, a contract was approved for Karla Koch as .5 FTE Assistant Speech Coach for 2012-13. Vote all aye.

The extended unpaid maternity leave request of Koby Capper was approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

On motion of Dieken and second of Nielsen, the recommendation to the Board of Directors to terminate a teacher's contract was accepted. Roll call: Dieken – aye, Hinde – aye, Koop – aye, Lizer – aye, Nielsen – aye.

Hunt updated the board on the status of current school vehicles with no action taken.

The second reading and adoption of Policy 407.6 - Early Retirement was approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

The resolution authorizing the Redemption of \$905,000 School Infrastructure Local Option Sales and Services Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, dated November 1, 2006 was approved on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Roll call: Hinde – aye, Koop – aye, Lizer – aye, Nielsen – aye, Dieken – aye.

The bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

The financial reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition Funds were approved as presented on motion of Koop and second of Dieken. Vote all aye.

At 8:55 p.m., it was moved by Nielsen and second of Koop to enter into a closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session. Roll call: Dieken-aye; Hinde-aye; Koop-aye; Nielsen-aye; Lizer-aye with the board coming out of the closed session at 10:05 p.m.

After further discussion it was the consensus of the Board to offer Superintendent Hunt a one year extension of his contract with a salary to be determined at a later date.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



REMINDER

**SPRING BREAK IS
MARCH 18 – MARCH 22**

February 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 4p JV BB @ Jesup 6:15p BB @ Jesup	2 State Speech Contest, Lg. Group at Dubuque Senior WR Sectionals @ C'ville 5p B-BB @ Don Bosco
3	4 6p B-BB JV S.Tama @ Dike 6:15p G-BB @ Clarksville	5 WR Dual Team Reg. Tourn. 5p. 9-JV-Var B-BB W. Marshall @ Dike 6:15 p G-BB @ S. Hardin	6 1:10p Early Dismissal 8:25a ASVAB	7 6:30p DFS Mtg @ Dike	8	9 WR Dist. ACT Testing
10	11 TF/GF/TN/SC Practice Begins B-BB Dist. @ 7p Dike vs East Marshall	12 G-BB Reg 7p Regional Game @ Dike Lincoln's B'day	13 WR State Dual Team Ash Wednesday	14 WR-State B-BB Dist Valentine's Day	15 WR-State G-BB Reg	16 WR-State
17	18 Make-up Snow Day President's Day G-BB Reg 6p DEPO Mtg.	19 End 2nd Trimester B-BB Dist	20 1:10p Early Dismissal	21 7p. 6-12 gr. Concert	22 Washington's B'day	23 District Speech Individ Events B-BB Substate
24	25 G-BB State	26 G-BB State	27 G-BB State NAEP testing for seniors	28 G-BB State 1p Cabaret Matinee		