

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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Communique December 2012 - January 2013

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Christmas Break and Winter Recess

Classes will dismiss early on
Friday, December 21
for winter break at the following times:

3rd - 8th & High School – Dismiss at 1:10 pm
Elementary – Dismiss at 1:25 pm
Buses Depart at 1:30 pm

Classes Resume
Thursday, January 3

Don't miss the December concerts!

All concerts are held in the auditorium;
admission is free except on Dec. 17.

Monday, Dec. 3 @ 6:30 p.m. Grades 3-4

Monday, Dec. 10 @ 6:30 p.m. Grades 5-6,
7:30 p.m. Grades 7-8

Monday, Dec. 17 @ 7:00 p.m. High School
Band and Choir (**admission \$5/person**)



Final Music Fundraising Projects

Thank you to everyone who purchased fruit, meat and/or cheese. The products will be brought to the school at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Students should make plans to pick up their items and deliver them asap.

9-12th grade band and vocal students will sell frozen food products and candies as a departmental fundraiser. Depending upon how much revenue is made, profits will go into the uniform, equipment and general fund to purchase music. The sale will be January 22 with turn in date February 7. Items will be delivered February 20 - students may designate a Dike or New Hartford pick up site.



Cookie Walk December 17

3rd Annual Cookie Walk

The Spanish Club will be hosting their 3rd Annual Cookie Walk Monday night, December 17, in the DNH Multi-purpose room. It will be from 6:00-6:45 before the HS concert. We will give you a container and you may fill it with your choice of **HOMEMADE** cookies and candies. The cost is \$10.00 per container and all proceeds go towards the 2013 Mexico Trip.



**Conference
Vocal Festival
January 21**

The D-NH High School chorus students will participate in the conference vocal festival at Union/LaPorte City on Monday, January 21. Even though there is no school that day, vocal students are required to participate. Students will leave from the high school at approximately 12:00 noon and be in rehearsal the rest of the day. Students pay for supper or bring a sack lunch. (Details forthcoming). The festival culminates with a 7:00 p.m. concert in the Union High School auditorium. Admission will be \$5/person. This is always a favorite concert as we hear choirs from other conference schools perform in addition to the large, festival choir made up of all the singers. New this year - in the event of inclement weather, the festival will be re-scheduled to the following Thursday, Jan. 24.

FLSP Spanish Club Quilt Raffle

The DNH Spanish Club will be selling raffle tickets for a handmade quilt at all home basketball games and wrestling meets. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for six tickets. The drawing will take place on January 29th at the home basketball game. All proceeds go towards the 2013 Mexico trip. The quilt was made and donated by Jody Bergmann.

FLSP Spanish Club Prom Dress Raffle

The DNH Spanish Club will be selling raffle tickets for a Prom Dress from "Simply I Do" in Cedar Falls. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket or \$20.00 for five tickets. The winner will be given their choice of a dress up to a \$500 value!!! The tickets will be sold at all home basketball and wrestling meets. The drawing will be take place on January 11th at the home basketball game, All proceeds go towards the 2013 Mexico trip.

**Needed: Quart Mason Jars for
"Gifts in a Jar"**

The Spanish Club is once again selling "Gifts in a Jar" for \$10.00 each, This year we are selling Chocolate Chip Cookies, Brownies with or without nuts, Hot Chocolate Mix, and Blueberry muffins. If anyone has Quart Mason Jars they are willing to donate please contact Sara Paar. You may call the school (319-989-2485) or email: sara.paar@dnhcsd.org.



Attention Seniors

Seniors need to submit 2 vertical pictures (no hats, please) and a baby picture to Mrs. Harms by December 21, 2012 for the yearbook.



After-Prom Information

Fundraising efforts for after-prom are well underway. Home sporting events will provide more opportunities for fundraising efforts through the winter months. Pizza and bars will be sold at home basketball games. Volunteers are needed to help serve these meals and make bars. Contact Susan Parker (susan.parker@dnhcsd.org) if you are able to help. Chuck-a-Duck will also be a fun fundraising opportunity at home basketball games. Juniors, if you would like to volunteer to help with Chuck-a-Duck contact Ann O'Connor (ann.oconnor@a-pcsd.net). Junior volunteers will have their names entered for a cash drawing. Thank you to community members for supporting fundraising efforts through purchasing 50-50 raffle tickets, buying Texas Roadhouse rolls, supporting the New Hartford Craft Sale, etc. We hope that you will continue to support the after-prom fundraising efforts at home basketball games. The after-prom committee will visit the UNI Wellness and Recreation Center for a tour early next year. The date and time will be announced in an upcoming Communique or by e-mail. Junior class parents/family members are encouraged to attend the tour and the meeting following the tour for after-prom planning.



Basketball Season Pass

Basketball season passes available for home events.

Cost: \$50/Adults & Students.

Passes may be purchased in the principals' office



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“Table Tennis Table Needed”

Anyone who has a table tennis table you are no longer using and willing to donate, the Jr. High Physical Education Dept. is in need of one or two. Please email Jann Miller or send an email if you have one to donate. Thank you



Emergency Weather Plans

It's that time of year again when adverse weather conditions make for adjustments in school openings or closings. There are various resources available to check for school closings, late arrivals or early dismissals:

1. Radio/TV (see below)
2. DNH Webpage (for early dismissals)
3. KWWL Webpage: www.kwwl.com
4. Email Notification by Iowa School Alerts - (sign up at <https://schoolalerts.iowa.gov>)
5. Cell Phone Notification by KWWL - (sign up at www.kwwl.com)

Please be sure to include on your list the following radio and TV stations to listen for information pertaining to school closings, late arrivals, or early dismissals due to inclement weather.

KOEL (AM 950)	KXEL (AM 1540)
KWLO (AM 1330)	KCVM (FM 96.1)
KKCV (HOG-FM 98.5)	KLMJ (FM 104.9)
KQCR (FM 98.9)	KKHQ (FM 92.3)
WMT (AM 600)	KWWL-TV (Channel 7)
KWAY (99.3 FM)	KCRG-TV (Channel 9)
KCRR (FM 97.7)	KGAN-TV (Channel 2)

Pre-School Late Arrival & Early Dismissal Procedures

Whenever school is delayed due to adverse weather conditions the following guidelines apply:

If there is a delay of more than one hour there is no preschool.

Early Dismissal: If an early dismissal is announced BEFORE the start of afternoon class, there is no afternoon pre-school.



LATE ARRIVALS AND EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Please take note: Whenever school is delayed, all before-school meetings, practices and rehearsals are canceled. All after-school, evening meetings, practices, rehearsals and events are cancelled when school is dismissed early or cancelled because of adverse weather conditions.

Parents/Guardians, be sure your child knows what to do or where to go in the event school is dismissed early because of weather or emergency conditions. Parents/Guardians of rural elementary children riding buses are encouraged to inform their child's teacher of any special arrangements in the event of such an emergency.

EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULES

Scheduled 1:30 early dismissal procedures:

3rd-8th & High School dismiss at 1:10.
Shuttles leave at 1:15.

Elementary students dismissed in time so all students are on buses by 1:30.

1:30 – Route buses depart.

Early Dismissal for WEATHER:

(follow same procedures as above)

3rd-8th and High School dismissed 20 minutes before announced dismissal time.

Shuttles depart 5 minutes later. Route buses depart at announced dismissal time.



Weather Related Services

KWWL Cell Phone Notification

KWWL is offering a great service for parents, teachers, or anyone who wants immediate information on school closings, cancellations, or delays. This important information can be delivered directly to your cell phone!

Signup is easy...

- Just go to the KWWL website: www.kwwl.com
- Click on the "Weather" tab
- Click Text Alerts icon in Storm Track 7 advanced tools section
- Enter mobile number, etc.
- Under School Closings, check "Public Schools" then choose Dike-New Hartford
- You will receive a confirmation text message with a code number.

If you have any questions, please email sms@kwwl.com.

Iowa School Alerts E-mail Notification

As winter weather season approaches, may you be reminded that our school district uses an automatic notification system managed by the Iowa Department of Administrative Services. This system is called Iowa School Alerts. If you have not signed up for this service, please do so by going to: <http://schoolalerts.iowa.gov/>. Also remember to update e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers in the system. This system sends text messages and e-mails to subscribers.



Attention Drivers...

Of Snowmobiles & 4-Wheelers

Please DO NOT drive snowmobiles or 4-wheelers onto school property. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter in order to keep our school grounds in their best condition.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Trisha Ames, High School Counselor

Covering the cost of higher education can be a challenge. The good news is that financial aid can help. The more you and your parents know about financial aid, the better prepared you'll be to make the best choices. The most important thing you can do to secure financial aid is to start planning as early as possible.

Are you heading off to college?

Come to the FREE Financial Aid Presentation at Dike-New Hartford High School

Dike-New Hartford High School guidance office has invited a representative from the Iowa Student Loan College Access Network (ICAN) to provide a free financial aid presentation at **5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 10, 2012** in room 122.

The presentation is geared to high school seniors and their parents. High school juniors and their parents are also welcome to attend.

Topics will include:

- Completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Electronic processing
- Deadlines
- Overview of the financial aid process
- Types of financial assistance available
- Scholarships and scams
- Helpful tips
- Where to go for help



Attention Parent/Guardians of 2013 Seniors

Senior choices for class motto, flower and colors for May 19, 2013 graduation:

Class Motto:

The memories we've shared
The times we've had together,
They will stay with us always.
--goodbye is not forever.

Unknown

Class Colors: Dawn Gray and Regal

Class Flower: Blue Daisy



DNH Booster Club

The DNH Booster Club would like to thank all of the families and businesses that have already joined the booster club. It is NOT too late to join and get involved with this great organization. You can get forms at any DNH school site, or by going online at www.dnhwolverines.org.

We would like to thank all of our fall sponsors of our football and volleyball games listed below. If you are interested in sponsoring any of our winter activities, wrestling or basketball, please contact Suzanne Neuroth at 319-239-1732 or ksneuroth@aol.com. It is a great opportunity to support the Wolverines and get your business name out into the community. The cost is \$100 and includes 2 free tickets into the game, 2 drinks, and 2 popcorns. We will work with you to promote your business throughout the event and put your name in the program.

We will have clothing out and available at the Dec. 14th basketball game, just in time for Christmas! Please make sure to stop in during the game and support the booster club and get some great WOLVERINE merchandise. If you can't make it, you can always order online at www.dnhwolverines.org.

FOOTBALL SPONSORS:

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Iowa Savings Bank

VOLLEYBALL SPONSOR:

Beaver Creek Grill





Winter Weather Dismissals - With the possibility of inclement weather quickly approaching, please be sure to listen to the radio or watch your local television channels for weather related announcements. Make sure you have a plan in place for your child if weather conditions alter the start or dismissal times of our school day.

Thanksgiving Meal - Our nutrition staff once again provided a delicious Thanksgiving meal to students and members of the community. This is an excellent time to visit school and enjoy a great meal with our students and staff. Our Christmas dinner will be December 12. Please call with reservations by December 5.

Sportsmanship – If you are planning on attending winter activities, please remember that we want you to be loud, proud, and positive for the Wolverines. We ask that you support our students and coaches in a positive manner and never show disrespect for them or opposing teams and fans. We also ask that you show respect for all officials and realize that some calls will go against us. In these situations, it doesn't help the outcome of the game to yell at or be disrespectful towards an official.

Thank You - A huge thank you goes out to Rick Dumler and his group at Cedar Valley Electric, Maximum Sight & Sound along with some of our community members for the donation of a new sound system in the DNH High School Gym. This donation is worth approximately \$20,000 and we greatly appreciate their generosity.

I hope that everyone has a safe and restful holiday season and we look forward to a prosperous 2013.

**DIKE-NEW HARTFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
November Board Minutes**

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met November 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room with Lizer presiding and members Dieken and Koop. Absent were Hinde and Nielsen. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube, Martinek, Textor and Lehr.

Minutes of the October 15, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written on motion of Dieken and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

Koop moved the Agenda be approved as amended. Second by Dieken. Vote all aye.

Visitors present at the meeting included Rick Dumler, Brian Shaw, Don McCallum and Katie Slack.

Rick Dumler addressed the Board about the donation of a new sound system in the High School Gym. Dieken moved and Koop seconded to graciously accept the donation. Vote all aye.

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

A work session dealing with technology planning will tentatively be scheduled for December 3 following the elementary concert.

On motion of Koop and second of Dieken, Special Education contracts with Cedar Falls, Dubuque, Grundy Center and Gladbrook Reinbeck were approved. Vote all aye.

An inventory report on district technology was reviewed by Lehr with no action taken.

Proposed changes to policy 905.1 were approved for the first reading on motion of Koop and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Hunt reviewed the sharing agreement with Gladbrook-Reinbeck for a boys' soccer program. The agreement was approved on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Contracts were approved for Brett Froyen as high school boys' tennis coach, and to increase Rhandi Oelmann from 0.5 to 1.0 assistant girls' basketball coach by motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Dieken the bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition Funds were approved. Vote all aye.

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

The current Early Retirement Policy along with a list of eligible employees was reviewed. Discussion was held about the reasons to offer or not offer Early Retirement. The board would like more detailed information about potential cost savings. No action was taken.

Hinde moved and Dieken approved the SBRC Application for Increasing Enrollment in the amount of \$134,422. Vote all aye.

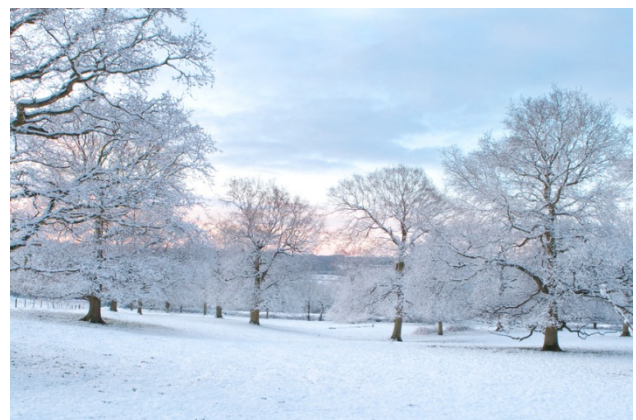
It was the consensus of the board to approve the cross country team trip to Colorado in the summer of 2013.

On motion of Koop and second of Dieken, the scheduled closed session was tabled until all board members could be present. Vote all aye.

The December 17 meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will recess for the high school concert and continue if necessary.

Dieken and Hinde reported on their experiences at the recent IASB Convention.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m.



December 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8a WR @ BellePlaine 1p G-BB N.Tama @ Wartburg 5:00p B-BB @ E.Waterloo
2	3 6:30p 3-4gr. Winter Concert	4 4p JV BB A/P @ Dike 6:15p BB A/P @ Dike JH BB vs. AGWSR 4:00 8th only Boys @ Home Girls @ Wellsburg	5 1:10p Early Dismissal	6 6:00p WR Quad @ Dike 6:30p DFS Mtg @ NH JH WR @ S.Tama 4:30 JH BB vs. Wapsie Valley 4:00 Girls @ Home Boys @ Wapsie	7 4p JV BB @ Union 6:15p BB @ Union	8 10a WR @ Central Springs 4:30p G-BB JV-V DonBosco @ Dike ACT Testing
9	10 5:30p Financial Mtg. 6p JV BB @ Hudson 6:30p 5-6gr. Concert 7:30p 7-8 gr. Concert	11 6:15p BB @ Denver JH BB vs. Denver 4:00 Girls @ Denver Boys @ Home	12	13 6:30p WR Double Dual @ Dike JH WR @ Tripoli 4:15 JH BB Boys ONLY Home vs. N Butler 4:00	14 4p JV BB Wapsie @ Dike 6:15p BB Wapsie @ Dike	15 10a WR Dual @ Dike 4p B-BB@Cresco
16 Tate Johnson Wolverine Wrestling Tournament at Dike -1 PM	17 7p HS Concert	18 6:15p BB @ Hudson JH BB 7th only vs. AGWSR 4:00 Girls @ Home Boys @ AGWSR	19 1:10p Early Dismissal	20 4:30p JV BB @ E.Marshall 6:15p BB @ E.Marshall 6:30p WR @ Hudson JH WR @ Eldora 4:15 4p JH BB vs A-P G at Home B-T	21 Early Dismissal (1:10)	22 CHRISTMAS RECESS NO ACTIVITIES
23 CHRISTMAS DAY No Activities	24 CHRISTMAS RECESS No Activities	25 CHRISTMAS RECESS No Activities	26 CHRISTMAS RECESS No Activities	27 CHRISTMAS RECESS	28 CHRISTMAS RECESS	29 CHRISTMAS RECESS
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January 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY No School	2 No School	3 Class Resume JH BB Girls Only 4:00 Home vs. St. Pat's	4 4:30p JV BB Jesup @ Dike 6:15p BB Jesup @ Dike JH BB vs. G-R 4:15 Boys @ Home Girls @ G-R	5 10a WR @ GRNT 9a 9th gr. G-BB @ Clayton-Ridge
6	7 6p JV WR @ BCLUW	8 6:15p B-BB Valley Luther @ Dike JH BB vs. Jesup 4:00 Boys @ Jesup Girls @ Home	9	10 6:30p WR @ Wapsie JH BB Boys @ N Butler 4:00 JH WR @ E Marshall 4:15	11 4p JV BB @ A/P 6:15p BB @ A/P	12 12p WR @ Starmont 4p B-BB Shootout GR @ Wartburg
13	14 4p JH BB vs A/P - B-H/G-T	15 4p JV BB Union @ Dike 6:15p BB Union @ Dike JH BB vs. Union 4:15 Boys @ Home Girls @ Union	16 1:10p Early Dismissal	17 6:30p WR @ Dike	18 4p JV BB Denver @ Dike 6:15p BB Denver @ Dike JH WR Home 4:15	19 Dist Speech Contest, Lg.Group 10a WR @ Alburnett
20	21 No School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 6p DEPO Mtg. NICL Vocal Festival @ Union/LaPorte City 7p Concert	22 4p JV BB GC @ Dike 6:15p BB GC @ Dike Coaches vs Cancer JH BB Boys Only 4:00 Home vs. St. Pat's	23	24 5:30p WR @ A/P	25 4p JV BB @ Wapsie 6:15p BB @ Wapsie JH BB vs. Hudson Boys @ Dike Girls @ Hudson JH WR Home 4:15	26 10:30a WR Conf Tournament at S. Tama
27	28 JH BB vs. Jesup 4:00 Boys @ Home Girls @ Jesup	29 4p JV BB Hudson @ Dike 6:15p BB Hudson @ Dike 4p. JH BB Girls N.Butler @ Home 4:15 p. JH BB Boys @ Union	30	31 6p JV BB @ Jesup JH WR @ Denver 4:15 JH G & BBB @ C'ville 4p		