

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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**Dike-New Hartford 2014-2015
Preschool & Kindergarten Registration
Begins Friday, February 28**

Registration papers for the 2014-15 Dike and New Hartford Preschool and Kindergarten classes will be available in the Dike and New Hartford Elementary offices beginning **Friday, February 28, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.** Please return registration papers by **Noon Friday, March 14, 2014.**

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.

On behalf of the high school Health II class we wish to thank everyone for their generous donations to the **Share the Christmas Project**. Through your generous donations we gathered over 240 food items that were donated to the local food bank. We raised over \$400.00 in cash that was donated to our local churches and Adopt-A-Family project. Donations exceeded 120 pairs of mittens, 76 stocking caps, and 15 scarfs that were presented to area churches and students in need of

assistance. We would like to thank each of you for your donations. Barry Cuvelier- Health Instructor

Monday, February 17 will be our first snow make-up day (regular school day)

April 21 will be the second make-up day and June 2 the third make-up snow day. Any future SNOW days will continue to be added to the end of the school year.



OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

The deadline for open enrollment applications is March 1 for the 2014-2015 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.

pictures (no hats, please) and a baby picture to Mrs. Harms ASAP for the yearbook.



5th - 6th grade vocal concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium with the 6-12 band and 7-12 vocal concert at 7.

There is no admission fee, however donations will be accepted. The concert will last approximately 70 minutes.

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Dike & NH K-6 Spring Pictures are on Tuesday, February 25.



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

Prom theme for this year is "A Midnight Fairy Tale"

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Junior Prom is selling carnations for Valentine's Day. The cost is \$2.00 a piece or 1/2 dozen for \$5.00. Order in the high school office by Thursday, February 6. Remember your family and friends too.




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After-Prom Committee Update

We are in the final stages of fundraising for post prom! Thank you so much to all those who helped! It has been a lot of work, time and effort by all of you!

We sent out letters recently to surrounding businesses asking for monetary or gift donations to support our After-Prom. Thank you to our community members for supporting our after-prom concessions, 50/50 raffles, purchasing Chuck-a-duck, and donating prizes/cash to this event. It is wonderful that so many in our community are taking part in providing a safe and fun night for our kids. If you would like to donate, please send donations to DNH After-Prom, c/o Tonya Nicholson, 330 Main Street, Dike, IA 50624.



Attention Seniors

Reminder: Seniors need to submit 2 vertical

We have one After-Prom concession left on February 2 for AAU Volleyball, from 1:00-6:00 and we also have Texas Roadhouse sheets still available for \$10 a sheet. Contact a junior class member if you are interested in purchasing one. (Junior class members, Tonya Nicholson will have these sheets available at school in her classroom.)

The next planning meeting will be held before Spring break. An email will be sent out informing you of the date and time. Junior class parents/family members are encouraged to attend this meeting. Those wanting to help with food, signing in students, or running games during the after-prom party will have the opportunity to sign-up and share ideas to help plan the evening!

We will be scheduling a date soon to visit the WRC to get an idea of where we will set everything up for all our activities. An email will go out letting everyone know when this will be if you are interested in going.

Thanks again for all your support!

**FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**

Trisha Ames, Counselor

The next upcoming ACT test date will be **April 12 2014** and the deadline to register by is **March 7 2014**

- All juniors are encouraged to take the ACT on the April 12th, 2014 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 14, 2014 test is May 9, 2014. 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.

ALL SOPHOMORES TO TOUR HAWKEYE C.C. AND TAKE COMPASS ASSESSMENT- On Thursday, **February 6th** all sophomores will go to Hawkeye Community College to take a tour of a community college campus and take the COMPASS assessment. We feel it is

valuable for all students to tour a community college as part of their post-secondary planning experience. The COMPASS test is a placement test, untimed, on the computer in the areas of reading, writing, and math. The reason we are taking sophomores out to Hawkeye to take the test is two-fold. The first goal of taking the COMPASS now is to use it as the required entrance test for two year vocational programs at any Iowa community college. This gives students the opportunity to test at this time and note any areas of need and retest their junior year. Note: A student may opt to take the ACT and would need the required sub scores of 19 in the areas of English, Reading and Math to be exempt from taking the COMPASS.

Secondly we will use the COMPASS assessment as a screening device for the 2014-15 college courses that will be offered at the Western Outreach Center next school year that are available to juniors and seniors. These courses are taken for high school as well as college credit. The courses offered will fulfill areas in the general education requirements for 4 year college transfer as well as general education requirements for many vocational programs. Hawkeye Community College requires all students (juniors/seniors) who want to take college classes meet certain test score requirements to enroll. Students will need to have the following test scores in either test and/or combination between both in order to enroll. Students who are planning on taking a math class will just need to meet the math requirement. All other classes will require them to meet both the reading and writing/English scores.

ACT Scores

COMPASS Assessment Scores

English- 19	Writing- 65
Reading- 19	Reading- 82
Math- 19	Algebra- 42

We strongly believe test scores will predict success in coursework. We look forward to continue working with Hawkeye Community College to provide the opportunity for students to take college courses.

The following students need to bring in their social security numbers in order to test:

Blaine Becker	Shelby Bertram
John Crew	Jenessa Edwards
Cory Erks	Dylan Giberson
Josh Latting	Sierra Mangrich
Dylan Mrzlak	Katie Nielsen
Kayla Nissen	Nicole Roberts
Tyler Wiese	



Dollars for Scholars Applications:

Just a reminder all DFS applications are due March 25, 2014. All seniors were given information on how to access the new DFS online application prior to Christmas break.



Online Parent-Teacher Conference Registration

Online registration will open **February 24th** for the **March 10th & 13th 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. Dinner breaks for teachers will be staggered throughout conference time.

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

Monday-March 10: (3:45-7:40)

At Dike –Smith, Thompson (available in DEMC), Timmerman

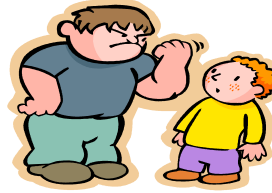
At New Hartford – Cuvelier, Miller (Elem), Houselog, Sentman (½ NH Elem & ½ JH), Slack

Thursday-March 13: (3:45-7:40)

At Dike – Houselog, Sentman, Thompson (available in DEMC)

At New Hartford – Cuvelier, Miller(JH), Smith, Timmerman (½ NH Elem & ½ JH)

High School Conferences will be held on **Thursday, February 6th** starting at 3:45 – 8:25 in each teacher's individual classroom. You will be getting an email with more details about high school parent teacher conferences and when online registration will be open.



Dike New-Hartford High School is a place where all students should feel they belong and are safe from mean, hurtful, and bullying behaviors. Unfortunately, students are reluctant to report mean, hurtful, and bullying behaviors to adults at school or adults at home. Staff members have been watching for behaviors that were once thought of as teasing or rough housing and now report these behaviors to the principal who then checks up on students whose names are being frequently reported. This could be the student who is engaging in behavior that may appear to be teasing but is really mean or bullying behavior or the student who may be the target.

The checking-up step is a way for the principal to screen normal teasing behaviors from mean, hurtful, or bullying behaviors. If students are engaging in mean or hurtful behaviors this does not mean they are bullying. Certain conditions need to be present for behaviors to be considered bullying. Whether the behavior is bullying, mean, or hurtful, students will receive consequences for these behaviors.

The principal uses an Intake and Investigation procedure to determine if a student is a target of bullying. The same procedure is used to determine the perpetrator(s). If it is determined that a student has been bullied, plans are put in place to keep the student safe. The student who has engaged in the bullying behavior also has a plan put in place to make sure the student stops the bullying behavior. These plans are called safety plans and are the key to making sure students feel safe and are safe from mean, hurtful, and bullying behaviors.

Training on the procedure for Intake and Investigations was provided by the Iowa Department of Education in November to select Iowa high schools as part of the Iowa Safe and

Supportive Schools Initiative. Schools who are seeking Safe School Certification must demonstrate that the school has someone trained as an investigator.



I would like to congratulate the Large Group Speech participants along with their coaches, Ms. Karla Koch and Mrs. Amy Seitz on their outstanding performances at the District Large Group Competition on January 25. The team performed very well qualifying six out of eight groups for the State Competition. Twenty-six individual students will be competing at State, with fourteen of those students qualifying in two separate events. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we wish them the best of luck as they move on to the State competition which will be held on February 8.

I would also like to congratulate the winter sports teams and their coaches on their seasons. At the time this article was written, both the boys and girls basketball teams were 10-2 and in the hunt for Conference Championships. It has been great to see each team compete at high levels. As for the wrestlers, they have also had an outstanding season compiling a dual meet record of 21-4 so far. The school record for wins in a season is 22 and they could have a chance to tie or break that record if they place 1st or 2nd at the Sectional Meet on February 8, which would qualify them for the Regional Dual Team Tournament that would begin on Tuesday February 11. We wish good luck to all of these teams as they wind down their seasons and head down the tournament trail.

On a separate note, I want to remind everyone that because of the days we have missed for weather related issues, we will now be attending school February 17 and April 21, which were snow make up days built into our school calendar, and also on June 2. We are a long way from being done with winter, and the way things have been going, I am anticipating we could still miss future days. At this time, those days will continue to be added to the end of the school year. We will try to have school every day we can and there may be times that as parents you feel it is unsafe for your student/s to travel to school for weather related reasons. If you feel this is the case, please remember that you do make the final decision on whether or not you send your student/s to school due to inclement weather. However, we do ask that you notify your student's building if this is the case. If you have any questions about this please feel free to call the school.

Once again, good luck to all of our students and coaches in their future events!

**Dike-New Hartford Board of Education
January 20th, 2014 Board Minutes**

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on January 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room with Nielsen presiding and members Koop, Lizer and Lotts. Hinde was

For more information regarding the Intake and Investigation process, please contact the high school principal, Irvin Laube at irvin.laube@dnhcsd.org or 319-989-2485.

absent. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube, Lehr, Martinek and Textor.

Visitors present at the meeting included Linda Hensley.

The minutes of the December 16, 2013 regular meeting and the December 30, 2013 special meeting were approved as written on motion of Lizer and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

The agenda was approved as amended on motion of Koop and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

Reports of the building principals and technology coordinator were reviewed with no action taken.

Hinde now present at 7:15 p.m.

Early graduation requests from Brice Beninga, Brian Coulthard, Gavin Dudden, Madyson Hagen, David Kaping, Jonathan Kerr and Levi Lynch, effective at the end of the second trimester were approved on motion of Koop and second of Lizer and subject to meeting all graduation requirements. Vote all aye.

Hunt reviewed with the Board the proposed 2014-15 school calendar. More opportunities for input will be given to other groups, and the calendar will be on the February agenda for adoption.

Resignations from Tabitha Johnson as Dike Elementary teacher associate effective January 24 and from Curt Hansen as 7th grade boys basketball coach effective January 10 were approved on motion of Lizer and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Lotts, a contract for Sean Leonard as Head HS Baseball Coach was approved. Vote all aye.

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

On motion of Lizer and second of Lotts the monthly cell phone/internet stipend for Jeremiah Lehr was increased from \$40 to \$110. Vote all aye.

The Fee Agreement Letter from Structure Architects for summer architectural services was approved on motion of Koop and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

The 2012-13 Superintendent's Annual Report was approved on motion of Koop and second of Lizer. Vote all aye.

The Grundy Register was named the official newspaper of the district on motion of Koop and second of Lizer. Vote all aye.

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

On motion of Koop and second of Hinde, the financial reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved. Vote all aye.

The quote from CompuNet for 17 wireless access points for New Hartford and the HS Auditorium was approved on motion of Lizer and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

Hunt reported on an upcoming raffle for the trapshooting team, an Allen College student nursing agreement and an open enrollment appeal, with no action taken.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned 8:50 p.m.

2013 - 2014 YEARBOOK SALES

Last chance to order your yearbook.

The cost will be \$45.00 orders must be placed and paid by **April 15th**.

There will be no extra yearbooks ordered this year. Only those yearbooks ordered and paid for will be available next year for pick-up.

To order a yearbook complete this form and mail back with payment to:

Checks Payable to DNH School

Dike-New Hartford High School
Attention Diane Harms
330 Main Street
Dike, IA 50624

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____



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 \$290.00 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.



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 3 through February 21. 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.

This year's goal: \$1,300 (if each student brings \$2 we will meet our goal!)

K-12 Teachers: The class that raises the most money between Feb. 3 – Feb. 21 will earn a pizza party. Junior high and high school will be based on your 2nd hour class.

Elementary Teachers: You have received an individual box and a letter to send home with each student. Encourage your students to bring their spare change. Kids love to give to others and this is a great way to encourage this.

Junior High Teachers: You have a box to use for your 2nd hour class. You may want to set a goal for you class. In addition, there should be a goal poster for each grade if you want to create a competition among the junior high grades.

High School Teachers: You have received a box and a goal poster. Please take a few minutes out of your 2nd hour class to set a goal for how much your class plans to collect. Remember, you are competing for a pizza party!

Counting Money: Student Council students will collect money each Friday and a total will be sent out on the following Monday. If you have a large amount of money you would like picked up before Friday, please let me know.

Questions: Contact Amy Seitz at amy.seitz@dnhcsd.org or 989-2485 Ext. 1710.

February 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9a WR Conf @ BCLUW 11a B-BB @ Lorus College Dubuque
2	3 4p 9th G-BB Hamp/Dumt @ Dike 5p 9th B-BB Hamp/Dumt @ Dike 4p BB @ Denver 4p JH B-BB @ Dunkerton 4:15 p JH WR @ NH	4 4p BB Wapsie @ Dike 4p JH 8th B-BB @ St. Pat's 4:15p JH G-BB @ N. Butler 4:15 p JH WR @ Wellsburg	5 Early Dismissal	6 HS PT Conferences 3:45 - 8:25 5:30p 9th G-BB Cedar Falls @ Dike 6:15p JV/Var G-BB @ Wapsie 6:30p DFS Mtg@Dike Peoples Bank 6:30p 9th B-BB Holmes @ Dike 6:30 p B-BB @ Ackley 4p JH G-BB @ NH/B-BB @BMAP 4p JH WR @ Tripoli	7 4p BB Denver @ Dike No School-Teacher Comp Day	8 St.Speech Contest-Lg.Gp. 12 p WR Sectionals @ Hudson 1p B-BB @ Charles City ACT Testing
9	10 4p BB Grundy Ct. @ Dike "Coaches vs Cancer" 4p JH B-BB @ Hud/G-BB @ NH	11 WR Reg. Dual Team 4p BB W. Marshall @ Dike "Senior Parents Night"	12	13 4p 9th B-BB Peet @ Dike 6p 5th/6th Music Concert 7p 6-12gr Band & 7-12 Music Concert	14 VALENTINE'S DAY 4p JV B-BB @ Wapsie 5p 9th B-BB @ Wapsie	15 12p WR Dist. @ A-P
16	17 TF Pracice begins 7p Board Mtg	18 7p G-BB Reg. @ Dike	19 Early Dismissal WR State Dual Team 6:30p Booster Club Mtg.HS Lib.	20 7p B-BB Dist. @ Dike WR- State	21 7p G-BB Reg. @ Dike WR State	22 WR State
23	24 7p G-BB Reg. @ Webster City	25 End of 2nd Trimester B-BB Dist Dike & NH K-6 Spring Pictures	26	27	28 8a Dike&NH PS & Kind Registration Begins	