

## Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

# Communique June 2012

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### 2011-2012 Tentative School Calendar Dates

**Classes Begin** – Wednesday, August 15

**Thanksgiving Recess** - November 21-23

**Christmas Recess** – Dec. 22 – Jan. 2

**Spring Recess** - March 18 - March 22

**No School Days for Teacher In-Service** –  
October 15 & April 1

I don't know how it works at home, but at Eagle Bluff our entire group of 73 had ZERO food waste!

For the most part, the weather cooperated: All groups made their way canoeing down the Root River and across the high ropes course, though hail was an extra challenge on Tuesday afternoon. Students also learned about the world beneath their feet in Karst geology class and experienced pioneer life in an 1800's cabin.

Parents of seventh graders have quite a fundraising challenge still remaining for the 2013 trip. If you would like to be involved in that challenge or as a 2013 chaperone, please contact us. Learning is priceless, but it does have a price: \$112/student for May 13-15, 2013.

You can visit Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center online at [eagle-bluff.org](http://eagle-bluff.org) and take the Photo Tour to view facilities or relive your experiences. Summer and weekend programs are open to students and parents.

### Parents and Eagle Bluff Chaperones !



The May 7-9 extended learning opportunities were well received by the Class of 2016 and parent chaperones Marilyn Burke, Jennie Goos, Doug Hensley, John Hill, Suzanne Neuroth, Joni Wright, Julie and Mike Rokes.

Though it's probably gone viral by now, ask any chaperone about their campfire performance!

Students were well behaved and arrived ready to learn, ready to challenge themselves, and ready to deepen friendships. Kids who are connected stay in school. Students won the Eagle Eye award for conserving resources and set a new record in gaining points for their stewardship and curiosity.



### High School Receives Grants



The Art and Math Departments at the high school received grants from the Grundy County Community Foundation. The art department was awarded a \$1620 grant to be used for digital tablets. The Math Department was awarded \$1500 to be used for graphing calculators.



## NEW SCHOOL MEAL REQUIREMENTS

You may have heard that there will be new requirements for school meals. Most of these new rules will begin for school year 2012-2013. Knowing some of the changes that were likely to take place, your food service staff has already been gradually making some of these changes so it wouldn't be such a shock to the students when they were finally required.

### **BIGGEST CHANGES:**

\*Students will now be required to have ½ cup of fruit or vegetables on their tray for it to count as a full meal. Anything less than a full meal will be charged at ala carte prices. We will still offer a variety of fruits and vegetables daily for students to choose from on our salad bar.

\*We are now limited as to how much meat/meat alternate (cheese, yogurt, etc.) and grains we can offer. Previously, we only had a minimum to meet, but could offer more. Now we have to stay within the specified ranges for each age group. This means main entrees may not be as large as they have been. Remember, though, that there are more fruits and vegetables available to our students. We'll have to be a little creative to make this work, but we believe we can make our meals something the students will enjoy.

### **WHAT WE ARE ALREADY DOING:**

\*Half of all grains offered must be whole grain rich. Almost all of our grains offered already meet this requirement.

\*We must offer vegetables from the following groups each week: dark green, orange/red, and legumes. We then have the option to include starchy and other vegetables. We have been working towards this goal by serving fresh veggies, steamed veggies, switching to offer romaine and spinach on our salad bars.

\*Schools have until 2014-2015 to meet the first level of sodium limits. This might be quite a challenge for some districts. We expect as manufacturers reformulate some of their products to bring down sodium levels that it will not be a problem to meet this requirement at all. We've been able to accomplish this by using only the fresh and frozen vegetables and cutting back on canned vegetables which have more sodium.

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP:**

- \*Encourage your children to try new things at home and school.
- \*Join your child for lunch anytime.
- \*If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We're here to help! (319)989-2485

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### **Summer Reminder – Online Safety**

Online safety is an extremely important topic that needs to be discussed inside and outside of school. I am beginning to notice more and more issues in the headlines about child dangers stemming from cyberspace, in particular social networking site references. Social networking and other online technologies can be great tools. However, these tools can open the door for major potential issues. I am a parent of 3, and I'm also beginning to realize that my own children can easily be exposed to the dangers of cyberspace. I found a good website that guides parents\guardians with talking to their child(ren) about online safety. Please see:

<http://www.onguardonline.gov/default.aspx>

The [onguardonline.gov](http://www.onguardonline.gov) website focuses on children of all ages. Pay attention to the Net Cetera: Chatting with Kids About Being Online section. There are games, videos, and a great wealth of information about online safety.

Please contact me if you have any school related questions, comments, or concerns.



## Dike-New Hartford Board of Education

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met May 21, 2012 at 5:00 pm in the school board room for the regular monthly meeting with Lizer presiding and members Hinde, Koop and Nielsen. Absent-Dieken. Also present were administrators Hunt, Williams, Martinek and Textor, technology coordinator Lehr and business manager, Merfeld.

Visitors present at the meeting included Eric and Darla Andersen, Jan Urbanek, Linda Hensley, Suzanne Perez, Kathy Sundstedt, Julie Rokes and John Fritch.

The agenda was adopted as amended on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Minutes of the April 16 regular meeting and special meetings of April 26 and May 2 were approved as written on motion of Hinde and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

The monthly bills of the general, schoolhouse, nutrition and activity funds were reviewed and approved for payment on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

The monthly financial reports were reviewed and approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

Hunt and Merfeld reviewed with the board the reasons why the 2011-12 budget needs to be amended.

Dieken now present at 5:34.

Hunt presented certificates of appreciation to board members with regard to the Iowa School Board Recognition Week.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, it was moved to continue with regular monthly board meetings to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm. Vote all aye.

Discussion was held regarding the 2012-13 school calendar which had previously been approved at the Feb 20, 2012 board meeting. Since then it was determined that UNI had changed their spring break to one week later than earlier years. On motion of Nielsen and second of Koop, it was moved to amend the district's 2012-13 school calendar so the spring break would coincide with UNI. Voting aye-Koop, Lizer and Nielsen. Voting nay-Dieken and Hinde. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened for a Hearing for public discussion regarding the 2012-13 school calendar and early start date with visitors showing support for the early start date.

On motion of Koop and second of Nielsen, it was moved to approve the early start date waiver for the 2012-13 year. Vote all aye.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, it was moved to enter into a closed session at 6:05 pm as authorized by section 21.5(1)(a) of the open meetings law to review or discuss records which are required or authorized to be kept

confidential. Roll call vote: Dieken-aye; Hinde-aye; Koop-aye; Lizer-aye; Nielsen-aye.

The board came out of closed session at 6:29 at which time a motion was made by Nielsen and second of Koop, to approve the early graduation request of Peyton Koch due to extenuating circumstances and subject to meeting all graduation requirements and verification of authenticity of the parents signatures on the request. Vote all aye.

Member Lizer and Nielsen leave the meeting at 6:55 to attend another school function with Koop assuming the presidents chair.

After reviewing board policy 605.6-Internet-Appropriate Use, it was approved on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

At 7:00 pm, the regular meeting was recessed with a Public Hearing held regarding the review and possible awarding of a contract for the structured cabling upgrade. Since the low bidder on the proposed project is unable to meet the bid specifications, it was moved by Dieken and second of Hinde to table the item until a later date. Vote all aye.

With no further business, the Public Hearing adjourned at 7:10 pm.

At 7:15 pm, May 21, a Public Hearing was held with members Dieken, Hinde and Koop present. Absent-Lizer and Nielsen.

Hunt and Merfeld reviewed with the board the necessity to amend the 2011-12 school budget and on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde, the amendment was approved. Vote all aye.

With no further business, the Hearing adjourned at 7:20 pm with the regular meeting re-convened.

On motion of Hinde and second of Dieken, letters of resignation from Suzanne Perez as cheerleading coach and from Sadie Schwab special education teacher were accepted. Vote all aye.

On motion of Dieken and second of Hinde, a teaching contract was approved for Alicia Rigdon for 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade science. Vote all aye.

On motion of Dieken and second of Hinde, it was moved to approve the purchase of a new football/track scoreboard with the district's financial obligation limited to \$15,000. Vote all aye.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:29 pm and re-convened at 8:15 with Lizer again assuming the president's chair.

On motion of Koop and second of Dieken, it was moved to approve the shared summer weight lifting contract with Don Betts and Greg Moore. Vote all aye.

On motion of Dieken and second of Koop, it was moved to approve the athletic director contract with Mark Parker. Vote all aye.

The requests of Suzanne Perez for a one day leave without pay and from Mary Simons for a half day leave without pay were approved on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Hunt reviewed with the board that the low bidder for the gymnasium bleacher replacement is not able to meet installation timelines and desires to withdraw from the project. The next low bidder on the project, Iowa Direct Equipment, will install new bleachers with no additional cost to the district and will meet timelines as specified in the bid document. On motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, it was moved to approve the contract with Iowa Direct Equipment. Vote all aye.

Discussion was held regarding reviewing applications of finalists for the high school principal position. On motion of Koop and second of Hinde, it was moved to have a special meeting for review of the applications tentatively set for May 23 if necessary timelines can be met. Voting aye-Hinde, Koop, Lizer and Nielsen with Dieken voting nay. Motion carried.

Hunt informed the board that Waterloo Columbus has made application to become a member of the NICL east. General consensus of the board that application be denied.

The board reviewed an application to the Energy Association of Iowa Schools with board member Nielsen to obtain additional information from MidAmerican Energy before any action is taken.

A listing of 2013 legislative action priorities was distributed to the board with 5 priorities to be selected for later presentation to IASB.

A work session was scheduled for June 14 at 5:00 pm to meet with Harry Heilenthal with the regular monthly board meeting to be held following at 7:00 pm.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

## **NEW DNH WEBSITE**

Check out Dike-New Hartford's new website at [www.dnhcsd.org](http://www.dnhcsd.org). Special thanks to DeWayne Purdy and his UNI students, including Ashley Hensley, for their assistance in the web design. We hope you will enjoy the new look and features. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns.



## **From The Superintendent**

Mr. Larry Hunt

I would like to congratulate all of the spring activity participants on their outstanding seasons. We had a very eventful spring which saw many of our students qualifying for and taking part in State events. The Band and Chorus had great ratings at their respective competitions. Several of our track athletes participated in the State meet where they competed very well and brought home several medals. Tennis teams once again had fine seasons with the girls ending up as second in the conference. The golf teams also did very well with the girl's team qualifying for the State meet for the first time in school history. I wish the best of luck to the softball and baseball teams as they continue on into the summer with their seasons.

With the school year coming to an end, it gives us time to stop and reflect on everything that has happened and what keeps coming to my mind is; Wow what a year!!! We have great traditions here at DNH and I think everyone did a great job upholding those traditions. I would like to express my thanks to anyone that had a hand in helping our students achieve everything they have during the year.

In February of this year, the DNH School Board approved the calendar for the 2012-2013 school year. The calendar was very similar to the 2011-2012 calendar with corresponding dates being used to begin and end the year. We also used corresponding dates to set the breaks during the year, which included spring break. Traditionally, our spring break has been in alignment with UNI. Quite some time after the board approved our calendar in February, it was realized that UNI had moved their spring break away from the corresponding week. Therefore, our spring break did not align with theirs. Some concern about this was brought to the board and they have decided to amend our calendar so that our spring break will align with UNI. We have posted the new calendar on the school's website.

There will be some changes going on around the buildings this summer, which will include updates and cosmetic improvements to several areas of buildings. Most of this work will be done during the month of June, but some of it will continue on into August. We apologize for any inconveniences you may encounter as you come to the buildings this summer.

I hope everyone takes the opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends this summer.



# Dike-New Hartford High School Summer 2012 Baseball & Softball Schedule

Admissions for all NICL baseball and softball games will be \$5.00/adults and \$5.00/students. There are 8 home baseball games and 9 home softball games this season. If you have purchased a 2011-12 athletic activity pass, this will allow you entrance to all home baseball and softball games.

2012 Baseball				2012 Softball			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
May 22	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	GR	5:30	May 22	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	GR	6:00
May 24	West Marshall	DNH	5:30	May 24	West Marshall	DNH	6:00
May 25	St. Ansgar/MFL MarMac	Buck Stadium	2:00/4:00	May 25	North Tama	DNH	6:00
May 29	Aplington-Parkersburg	A/P	5:30	May 29	Aplington-Parkersburg	Parkersburg	6:00
May 31	Wapsie Valley	DNH	5:30	May 31	Wapsie Valley	DNH	6:00
June 2	Nashua-Plainfield	Nashua	12:00	June 1	Ackley	Ackley	6:00
				June 2	Hudson	Hudson	9:00
June 5	Hudson	Hudson	5:30	June 4	Valley Comm	Valley	5:00
June 7	DonBosco	Don Bosco	4:00	June 5	Hudson	Hudson	6:00
June 8	Denver	DNH	5:30	June 7	Denver	DNH	6:00
June 11	Union	Union	5:30	June 9	E.Marshall	LeGrand	12:30
June 12	Jesup	DNH	5:30	June 11	Union	LaPorte	6:00
June 14	Turkey Valley	Turkey Valley	4:00	June 12	Jesup	DNH	6:00
June 15	Aplington-Parkersburg	DNH	5:30	June 15	A-P	DNH	6:00
June 16	N.Butler	Allison	12:00	June 18	Wapsie Valley	Wapsie	4:00
June 18	Wapsie Valley	Wapsie	4:00	June 19	Valley Community	DNH	5:00
				June 21	Hudson	DNH	6:00
June 21	Dunkerton	Buck Stadium	5:30	June 23	Dunkerton	Dunkerton	9:00
June 22	Hudson	DNH	5:30	June 25	Denver	Denver	6:00
June 23	BCLUW (JV)	BCLUW	12:00	June 26	Union	DNH	6:00
June 25	Denver	Denver	5:30	June 28	Jesup	Jesup	6:00
June 26	Union	DNH	5:30	June 29	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	9:00
June 28	Belle Plaine	DNH	5:30	June 30	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	9:00
June 29	Jesup	Jesup	5:30	July 3	Regional	TBD	TBD
June 30	BCLUW (Var)	Beaman	12:00				
July 2	AGWSR	Ackley	5:30				
July 3	Grundy Center	DNH	5:30				
July 7	Districts	TBD	TBD				

## USE OF HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DIAMONDS

Groups and/or organizations desiring to use the diamonds for practices or games are to schedule through the superintendent's office either in person or by calling 989-2552. Preference always will be given to competitive school contests, including those contests which must be rescheduled due to weather conditions and other conflicts. Groups which have scheduled the use of the old diamond by the school or softball diamond will have preference over any individual or group which has not scheduled use of a field. The baseball field will be used for school baseball only because of the grass infield! Individuals/groups are to remain off the diamonds when wet! The shoe imprints created during wet conditions are extremely difficult to remove for both desirable and safe playing conditions.

## PHYSICAL EXAMS FOR ATHLETES

All students out for athletics must have a physical exam before they start their practices. This physical exam is good for one year plus one month from the time of the physical.

Each student will have to make an appointment with his/her family doctor for a physical. If your student is going out for a sport during the year, be sure to have this taken care of before the activity. Physical forms may be picked up in the high school office.



## 2012 Junior High Baseball Schedule



## 2012 Junior High Softball Schedule

Most double-headers 8<sup>th</sup> grade plays first followed by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Schedules will be given to the players, and busing will be provided. Home fields for each squad will be at the DNH High School fields.

2012 Baseball				2012 Softball			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
May 30	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	10:00	May 30	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	10:00
June 1	Hudson	Dike	10:00	June 1	Hudson	Dike	10:00
June 4	AGWSR	AGWSR	10:30	June 4	AGWSR	AGWSR	10:30
June 7	Denver	Denver	10:00	June 7	Denver	Denver	10:00
June 11	Clarksville	Dike	10:00	June 11	Clarksville	Dike	10:00
June 12	A-P	P'Burg	10:00	June 12	A-P	P'Burg	10:00
June 13	N.Butler	Allison	10:00	June 13	N. Butler	Allison	10:00
June 14	Jesup	Dike	10:00	June 14	Jesup	Dike	10:00
June 18	Dunkerton	Dunkerton	10:00	June 18	Dunkerton	Dike	10:00
June 19	N.Tama	Dike	10:00	June 19	N.Tama	Dike	10:00
June 20	Wapsie	Dike	10:00	June 20	Wapsie	Dike	10:00
June 22	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	G-R	10:00	June 22	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	G-R	10:00
June 27	Janesville	Dike	10:00	June 27	Janesville	Dike	10:00
June 28	Union	Union	10:00	June 28	Union	Union	10:00
June 30	Conf. Tourn.	Dike/Hudson	10:00	June 30	Conf. Tourn.	Jesup/Dike	10:00