

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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2013-2014 Tentative School Calendar Dates

Classes Begin – Wednesday, August 21-1:10 dismissal

Thanksgiving Recess - November 27-29

Christmas Recess – Dec. 23 – Jan. 2

Spring Recess - March 17 - March 21

No School Days for Teacher In-Service – Oct. 14, Nov. 15, & Apr. 21



Parents and Eagle Bluff Chaperones!

The class of 2017 has participated in DNH's thirteenth year of extended learning opportunities at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center. Many thanks to this year's stalwart chaperones: Candi Fettkether, Stacie Fobian, Dana Foster, Karen Heerkes, Wanda Hoepfner, Angie Huntington, Julianne Johnston, Dan Klatt, John Latusek, Shad Nicol and Alicia Rigdon.

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

I don't know how it works at home, but at Eagle Bluff our entire group of 87 had ZERO pounds of food

waste! The tradition of the "Food Waste Nazi" lives on!

Despite untimely May cold and snow, the weather cooperated: All groups were able to canoe the Root River and experience the high ropes course. Students also learned about the world beneath their feet in Karst geology class and experienced pioneer life in an 1800's cabin. Ask them about flailing wheat or making fire.

Parents of **seventh graders** have quite a fundraising challenge still remaining for their 2014 trip. Parents of seventh graders should mark their calendars for the DEC. 11 Pizza Ranch event, which was a huge success during March this year.

If you would like to be involved in that fundraising challenge please contact Alicia Rigdon, who will be assuming the leadership challenge in 2014. 2014 chaperones include Leon Alderks, the Weissenfluhs, Sarah McCallum, Rachel Wardell, Missy Hinde, Terri Brown and Lara Kyhl. Although the 2014 chaperone roster is full, changes often occur. If you are interested, please ask to be put on the alternative list. As always, parents may participate if they are able to shoulder the cost. Learning is priceless, but it does have a price: \$114/person for May 2014.

You can visit Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center online at 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.

Thank you to Nurse Carol Heetland and all parents who provided an abundance of campfire and evening snacks!

Kathy

BOOSTER CLUB

The Dike-New Hartford Booster Club is looking for people interested in volunteering their time and skills with the clothing committee. We are also looking for individuals who want to help with memberships and other committees. We would love to have more people attend the meetings and get involved!

The clothing committee is working on getting some summer DNH clothing. Look for this at the home baseball and softball games this summer. All clothing is also available online at

www.dnhwolverines.org.

Have a great summer!



NEW SCHOOL MEAL REQUIREMENTS

You may have heard that there will be new requirements for school meals. Most of these new rules will begin in the 2012-2013 school year. 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

Angie Callan
Food Service Director

SUMMER WEIGHT LIFTING SCHEDULE

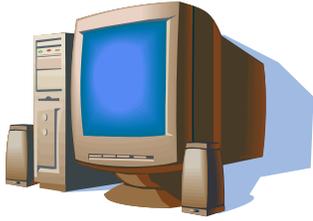


The weight room will be this summer starting Monday June 3 and will be open until Friday, July 26.

Dead week is July 28-Aug 3.

High School lifting times: 5:45-6:30, 6:30-7:30 and 7:30-8:30 on M-W-Th

Junior High lifting times: 7-8, and 8-9 on Tues & Fri



**Dike-New Hartford CSD Technology
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New Student Information System

DNH is currently implementing a new student information system called Infinite Campus. Prior to the 2013-2014 school year, information will be sent out notifying parents/guardians about accessing the new portal. This portal will give you access to student grades, attendance, progress reports, lunch balances, etc. If you have any questions about this system, please contact Mr. Lehr by e-mail: jeremiah.lehr@dnhcsd.org

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/>

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

Web Filtering at Home

I have recently installed a web filtering device at home, called iBoss (my kids don't like it - tells me it's working!). Here is the iboss website:

http://iboss.com/home_integration.html

The device cost around \$60 and approximately \$50 per year for filtering updates. This filters web traffic at the gateway, so any device on your wireless network will be subject to web filtering you control (e.g. blocking pornography, etc.). I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about this. As an employee of Dike-New Hartford CSD, I am not endorsing this product specifically, but merely the concept of filtering your devices at home.. District provided student laptops next year will be filtered on and off campus through a similar appliance.

Please contact me if you have any school related questions, comments, or concerns. Have a great summer!

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Dike-New Hartford Board of Education

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on May 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room with Koop presiding and members Dieken, Hinde, and Nielsen. Lizer was absent. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube, Lehr, Martinek and Textor.

Visitors present at the meeting included Linda Hensley, Alison Bixby, Kara DeWall, Suzanne Perez, Karol Boike and Don McCallum.

The Agenda was approved as amended on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Minutes of the April 15, 2013 regular meeting and the April 30, 2013 special meeting were approved as written on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Written and oral reports of the building principals and technology coordinator were reviewed. Lizer arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Hunt presented members of the Board of Education with Certificates of Appreciation for their service on the Board.

The 2013-14 Board of Education meetings will continue to be held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The Education Service Agreements with Hawkeye Community College were approved on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Hunt and Textor reviewed with the board class sizes and level of special needs for the current 3rd grade class. On motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, the addition of a section of fourth grade for the 2013-14 school year was approved.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Koop, the resignation from Janice Albrecht as special education teacher at the end of the 2012-13 school year was approved. Vote all aye.

The 2012-13 contract for Kendall Gent as .5 FTE HS Baseball Coach was approved on

motion of Dieken and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

A contract for Laura Eiklenborg as .5 FTE Technology Teacher for 2013-14 was approved on motion of Dieken and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

Due to the change to Infinite Campus, up to four extra contracted days for Trisha Ames in the summer of 2013 based on her 2012-13 salary were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken. Vote all aye.

The bids for a 2014 F-350 pickup from Witham Auto Center in the amount of \$26,363 and a Boss VXT 8'2" V-Plow for \$5,541 from Futureline Truck Equipment were approved on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Summer maintenance project bids were approved on motion of Dieken and second of Nielsen for up to \$9,540 to Advanced Refinishers for electrostatic paint of JH lockers. Vote all aye. Also, on motion of Koop and second of Hinde, the bid from D&W Flooring for \$13,605.15 to replace tile in the old JH locker rooms was approved. Vote all aye.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Koop, 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 on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

The agreement for participation in the Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing was approved on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

The proposed 2013-14 school fees were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

Hunt informed the Board that Sumner-Fredericksburg has made an official application to join the NICL Conference for the 2014-15 school year.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Dike-New Hartford High School

Summer 2013 Baseball & Softball Schedule

Admissions for all NICH baseball and softball games will be \$5.00/adults and \$5.00/students. There are 13 home baseball games and 10 home softball games this season. If you have purchased a 2012-13 athletic activity pass, this will allow you entrance to all home baseball and softball games.

2013 Baseball				2013 Softball			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
May 23	S. Hardin	DNH	5:30	May 23	S.Hardin	DNH	6:00
May 24	St. Ansgar/MFL MarMac	Buck Stadium	4:00/5:30	May 28	Hudson	DNH	6:00
May 28	Hudson	DNH	5:30	May 30	Denver	Denver	6:00
May 30	Denver	Denver	5:30	June 1	Hudson	Hudson	6:00
June 1	Nashua-Plainfield	Nashua	10:00	June 3	Aplington-Parkersburg	A-P	6:00
June 3	Aplington-Parkersburg	Parkersburg	5:30	June 4	Wapsie-Valley	DNH	6:00
June 4	WapsieValley	DNH	5:30	June 7	Union	DNH	6:00
June 6	DonBosco	DNH	5:30	June 8	AGWSR/N.Tama	DNH	9:00
June 7	Union	DNH	5:30	June 11	Jesup	DNH	6:00
June 8	AGWSR	DNH	9:00	June 14	Hudson	Hudson	6:00
June 11	Jesup	DNH	5:30	June 15	N.Tama	N.Tama	9:00
June 13	Turkey Valley	DNH	5:30	June 17	Denver	DNH	6:00
June 14	Hudson	Hudson	5:30	June 18	Aplington-Parkerburg	A-P	6:00
June 15	N.Butler	N.Butler	9:00	June 20	N.Tama	N.Tama	6:00
June 17	Denver	DNH	5:30	June 21	Wapsie Valley	Wapsie Valley	6:00
June 18	A-P	DNH	5:30	June 22	Dunkerton	Dunkerton	6:00
June 20	Dunkerton	Dunkerton	5:30	June 24	Union	LaPorte City	6:00
June 21	Wapsie Valley	Wapsie Valley	5:30	June 25	Dunkerton	DNH	6:00
June 22	BCLUW (JV)	BCLUW	9:00	June 27	Jesup	Jesup	6:00
June 24	Union	Union	5:30	June 28	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	6:00
June 27	Belle Plaine	Belle Plaine	5:30	June 29	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	9:00
June 28	Jesup	Jesup	5:30	July 1	AGWSR	DNH	6:00
June 29	BCLUW	Beaman	10:30	July 2	Grundy Center	GrundyCenter	6:00
July 1	AGWSR	DNH	5:30	July 3	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	DNH	6:00
July 2	Grundy Center	GrundyCenter	5:30				
July 3	Gladbrook-Reinbeck	DNH	5:30				
July 9	W.Marshall	W.Marshall	5:30				
July 10	N.Tama	DNH	5:30				

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 or can be downloaded from our school website.



2013 Junior High Baseball Schedule



2013 Junior High Softball Schedule

Most double-headers 8th grade plays first followed by the 7th 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
June 7	Hudson	Home	10:00	June 7	Hudson	Home	10:00
June 10	Clarksville	C'ville	10:00	June 10	Clarksville	C'ville	10:00
June 11	Columbus	Home	10:00	June 11	Columbus	Home	10:00
June 12	North Butler	Allison	10:00	June 12	North Butler	Allison	10:00
June 13	Jesup	Home	10:00	June 13	Jesup	Home	10:00
June 14	Denver	Denver	10:00	June 14	Denver	Denver	10:00
June 17	Don Bosco	Home	10:00	June 17	Don Bosco	Home	10:00
June 18	Union	Dysart	10:00	June 18	Union	Dysart	10:00
June 20	Wapsie Valley	Home	10:00	June 20	Wapsie Valley	Home	10:00
June 21	G-R	Reinbeck	10:30	June 21	G-R	Gladbrook	10:30
June 25	North Tama	Traer	10:00	June 25	North Tama	Traer	10:00
June 26	Janesville	J'ville	10:00	June 26	Janesville	J'ville	10:00
June 27	A-P	P'burg	10:00	June 27	A-P	P'burg	10:00
June 29	Conf Tournament	Dike & Hudson	TBA	June 29	Conf Tournament	Jesup	TBA

June 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9a SB @ Hudson 10a Bsb @ Nashua-Plainfield Beaver Creek Days @ NH
2	3 5:30p Bsb/6p SB @ A/P Teacher Work Day- am	4 TN Coed State GF Coed State 5:30p Bsb/6p SB Wapsie @ Dike	5	6 5:30 Bsb Don Bosco @ Dike	7 5:30p Bsb/6p SB Union @ Dike	8 ACT Testing 9a SB @ E.Marshall 9a JVSB @ Dike JV Bsb @ Dike
9	10	11 5:30p Bsb/6p SB Jesup @ Dike	12	13 5:30p Bsb Turkey Valley @ Dike	14 5:30p Bsb/6p SB @ Hudson	15 9a Bsb @ N.Butler 9a SB @ N. Tama
16 Father's Day	17 5:30p Bsb/6p SB Denver @ Dike	18 5:30p Bsb/6p SB A/P @ Dike	19	20 5:30p Bsb @ Dunkerton 6p SB @ N. Tama	21 5:30p Bsb/6p SB @ Wapsie	22 9a SB @ Dunkerton 9a JV Bsb @ BCLUW
23	24 5:30p Bsb/6p SB @ Union	25 6p SB Dunkerton @ Dike	26	27 5:30p SB @ Jesup 5:30p Bsb @ Belle Plaine	28 5:30p Bsb @ Jesup 5:30p SB @ Don Bosco	29 9a SB @ Don Bosco 10:30a Bsb @ BCLUW
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