

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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Online Parent-Teacher Conference Registration

Online registration opened **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.

SPRING BREAK



March 18 - 22

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 opened February 14th.**

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

Monday-March 25:

At Dike –Loger, Smith, Thompson,

Thursday-March 28:

At Dike –Slack, Thompson

Mr. Cuvelier and Mrs. Harms will not be available either night due to track meets so please email them or contact the school to set up a conference.

REMINDER:

**NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, MARCH 29 (GOOD FRIDAY)
OR MONDAY, APRIL 1**

**EAGLE BLUFF ENVIRONMENTAL
LEARNING CENTER:**

2013 & 2014 Updates

Class of 2013: Grade 8

March brings springtime, and spring brings to mind the **Monday, May 13-Wednesday, May 15** eighth grade class trip to Eagle Bluff. We have a great roster of chaperones for this year that include some Eagle Bluff veteran parents, Laura Eiklenborg and Julie Johnston, joined by Stacie Fobian (RN), Todd Coulter, Jamie Fettkether, Angie Huntington, Alicia Rigdon, and alternates Shad Nichols and John Latusek. As always, any parent who is willing to pay the \$112 fee and would like to chaperone is most welcome! Please let me know if you would like to attend, so that we may include you in the April planning meeting and register you. I have told parents that this is the best \$112 three-day vacation that they will ever buy. They have told me that it was money very well spent. Check out the website at eagle-bluff.org

Insurance forms will arrive after spring break. Each student needs proof of insurance, and if this is an issue, please let Nurse Carol Heetland know, as the very affordable (\$10) Hawk-I application takes 30 days to process. So that students tune-in to each other and tune out distractions, Eagle Bluff asks that we leave cell phones at home. As always, in the case of emergency, students can be accessed. Please discuss this with your student.

And finally, a **HUGE thank you** to all parents who assisted in so many ways during the fundraising for the 2013 class, which began with bake sales and concessions stand sales and maidrites and included picking up litter after football games and selling Hy-Vee coupon booklets. Whew! The fundraising was made more challenging by the loss of the Dike Lions Club assistance and the large size of the class: 75 students strong. DNH parents make the difference!

Class of 2014: Grade 7

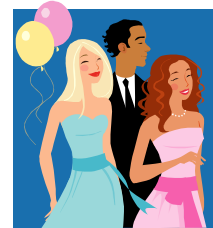
Our fundraising has been in progress since before Christmas for the class of 2014. The chaperone roster is already full, but changes often occur through the year as situations change, so do not hesitate to contact me to get on the alternate list. At this point, chaperones include: Leon

Aalderks, Rob Weissenfluh, Karla Weissenfluh, Missy Hinde, Sarah McCallum, Terri Brown, Lara Kyhl (RN) and alternate Shad Nichols.

A new twist in fundraising is an opportunity presented by the Cedar Falls Pizza Ranch: Please mark **Wednesday, March 27 from 4:30-8:00** on your calendar. We have the opportunity to earn tips and 7% of the sales for bussing tables. Please tell your friends and neighbors to support our effort by dining out, and look for more information to come home with your student. Please contact me directly if you are willing to **drive a carload of student workers** to the CF Pizza Ranch. The time can be broken into two shifts (4:30-6:30; 6:00-8:00), and a 25% discount is available to workers. If this works well, we have signed up for working on **Dec. 11, too.**

Kathy Sundstedt

JH Social Studies



Prom 2013

"A Dream Come True"

Prom 2013 is quickly approaching! The theme has been set and the Junior Class has chosen shades of purple, aqua and iridescent as this year's colors. Prom will be April 20 at Maucker Union on the UNI Campus. The Grand March will begin at 7:30pm and all students are required to be in attendance by 8:00 pm. The evening will begin with a short program at 8:00 pm and dance from 9:00 pm -12:00 am. Please notice the time change! We are looking for parents to help decorate, chaperone the dance, and organize valet parking. If interested please contact Shelley Viet or Katie Slack at the high school.

"Music Man" comes to D-NH!

The junior high students plus several elementary students will be presenting a "Junior" version of the classic musical "Music Man" on Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. and March 14 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The community is invited to attend any/all performances. There is no admission fee. Dike elementary students will attend March 13 and New Hartford elementary/junior high will attend March 14.

Dike-New Hartford will be hosting state solo/small ensemble music contest on Saturday, April 6. Parent volunteers are needed. Please contact Mrs. Loger or Mrs. Slack.

CABARET

Cabaret is this week! Don't miss the Thursday afternoon matinee at 1:30 or Friday & Saturday night performances at 7:00 p.m. The high school jazz band, jazz choir and show choir students have a great show prepared! The show choir will begin the show with an Elvis Presley piece called "Come on Everybody". The jazz band songs will include favorites such as "Runaway Baby" and "Make Me Smile". The jazz choir will entertain with fun version of "Spider Man" and "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey". In addition, great entertainment will be provided by soloists and small group performers including Mandy Miller, Kori Roberts, Emma Henze, Lexi Schmitz, Kristi Koch, Lydia Pakala, Dylan Giberson, Josh Latting, Krissy Nielsen, Ben Bryson and Erica Fernandez. Rogette Lizer, Kelsey Morales, Megan Andersen and Stephanie Faust (from G.C.) will present a hip-hop dance. Lexi Schmitz, Lauren Sharp, Carrie Grassley, Byron Fritch, Marcus Luna & Cody Snider have a fun skit ready to entertain!!! Brett Schwickerath will "perform" his electronic composition. Admission is \$5/person. Persons who attend the Thursday afternoon matinee should pay the \$5 admission fee in the auditorium light/sound booth room.



Dollars for Scholars

Dollars for Scholars: The Door to Door campaign will be held on March 10 in Dike, New Hartford and Stout from 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Seniors will be canvassing the towns and asking for scholarship donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity in support of our seniors as they pursue higher education! If you are not contacted and wish to donate to the scholarship fund, please send your donation to Linda Ohrt-Treasurer, Dike-New Hartford Dollars for Scholars, PO Box C, Dike, Iowa 50624.

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After-Prom Information

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.

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Trisha Ames, 9-12 School Counselor

REMINDER-ACT APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL 13th TEST DATE IS March 8, 2013- All juniors who are planning to take the ACT are urged to test 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 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 8th, 2013 test date is May 3rd, 2013. To register for the April or June test dates please pick up an application in the guidance office or register online at www.actstudent.org.

Dollars for Scholars Applications Due March 13th.

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. **Once again, all seniors should apply!** Applications were distributed to all seniors on February 12, 2013. Early graduates were sent an application through the mail. **DEADLINE TO HAND IN THE APPLICATION IS MARCH 13th, 2013.**



Once again we are blessed with fine performances from our students. The Speech students continue to do well at their competitions with the individual participants receiving 16 Division I ratings at their District Competition. The following students will be competing at State which will be held on March 9.

- Derrick Franzen--Acting and Storytelling
- Rogette Lizer--Acting
- Megan Andersen--Acting and Prose
- Mackenzie Johnston--Poetry and Literary
- Ben Bryson--Radio News and Acting
- Ethan Philo--Original Oratory
- Erica Fernandez--Musical Theater
- Abby Klug--Improv and Prose
- Lauren Sharp--Improv and Acting
- Megan Garcia--Literary Program

Our Academic Decathlon team members also did very well at their Regional, qualifying for the State Competition on March 1 and 2 which will be held in Cedar Rapids. This is a new program at the high school this year and the members of the State qualifying team are Derrick Franzen, Katie Glick, Andrew Heidemann, and Nicole Weissenfluh. Athletically, the girls basketball team went 16 – 7 setting the school record for most wins in a season. The wrestling team finished with an 18-9 dual meet record winning the Starmont Duals and placing 2nd at the GR-NT tournament. The team had 4 District Qualifiers and Terry Mooty placed 6th at the State Wrestling Tournament at 182 pounds. The boys basketball team is currently 17 – 9 heading into the State Tournament on Monday, March 4. Great job by all of our participating students!!! Last month I reported to you that we had our State Accreditation Site Visit in December. At that time we did not have our final report back, but we have now received it from the State. Within the next couple of weeks we will be posting it on the school website so that everyone will have access to the same information. As you review the report, please remember that the recommendations in the report are ideas for us to consider as we move the district forward; not guidelines that we have to comply to. However, there are few things that we feel we will need to give strong consideration to so we are giving our students the best education possible for them to be successful in a global society.

Go Wolverines!!!

Dike-New Hartford Board of Education February Board Minutes

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met February 22, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. in the Board Room with Lizer presiding and members Hinde, Nielsen and Koop. Also present were administrators Hunt, Lehr, and Textor.

Minutes of the January 21, 2013 regular meeting and the January 28, 2013 special meeting were approved as written on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

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

Visitors present at the meeting included Suzanne Perez.

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

Sherri Walker, CVW Coordinator updated the Board on the progress of the Western Outreach Center and some of the activities taking place there.

The meeting was opened for a hearing to allow public discussion regarding the 2013-14 school calendar and early start date. With no public comments, the hearing was closed.

On motion of Koop and second of Dieken, the early start date waiver for the 2013-14 school year was approved. Vote all aye.

The 2012-13 Early Retirement Applications of Jean Loger and Kathy Sundstedt were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

Contracts were approved for Daimien Bennett as assistant HS baseball coach for 2012-13 and for Don Betts as assistant HS boys track coach for 2012-13 on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

The resignations of Jean Loger and Kathy Sundstedt effective at the end of the 2012-13 school year were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken. Vote all aye.

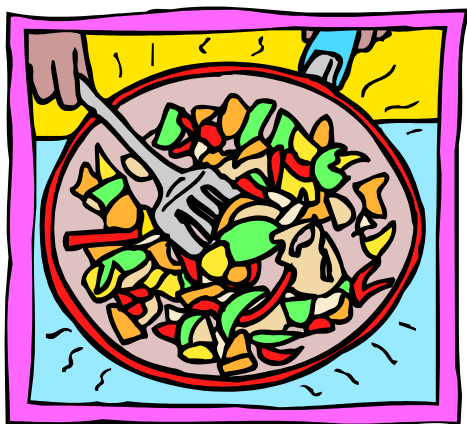
On motion of Nielsen and second of Koop, the bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved. Vote all aye.

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

The budget work session will be scheduled for March 25 at 6 p.m. followed by the regular board meeting, and the 2013-14 budget hearing will be held on April 8 at 6 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Dike-New Hartford Dollars for Scholars Annual Spring Dinner & Pie Sales



High School Multipurpose Room at Dike

Sunday April 7th, 2013

2 Settings - 11 AM and 12:15 PM

Menu

**Chicken Breast, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans,
Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll, Beverage and Dessert**

Adults – \$9⁰⁰Children under 10 – \$5⁰⁰

Tickets are available at:

**State Bank & Trust Dike and New Hartford
Peoples Savings Bank Dike Public Library
Dollars for Scholars Board of Trustees**

→ Advance Sale only ←

Sales close on Monday, April 1st

Variety Of Homemade Whole Pies Will Be On Sale

March 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 7p Cabaret G-BB State	2 7p Cabaret G-BB State
3	4 B-BB State 8:15 p B-BB DNH vs. W.Fork Wells Fargo, Des Moines	5 B-BB State 3:45-7:40p PreK-8 PTC Indoor TF @ Wartburg	6 1:10p Early Dismissal B-BB State	7 B-BB State 3:45-7:40p PreK-8 PTC 6:30p DFS Mtg @ NH	8 B-BB State State Speech Contest	9 B-BB State State Speech Contest
10 Day Light Savings Time Begins	11 B-SC/GF/TN Practice Begins JH Track Practice Begins	12 B-TF Wartburg Invite	13	14 7:00 p JH Musical @ Dike	15	16
17	18 SPRING BREAK G-SC Practice Begins 6p DEPO Mtg.	19 SPRING BREAK 11a G-TF Indoor State UNI-Dome	20 SPRING BREAK	21 SPRING BREAK	22 SPRING BREAK 3p TF NICL Co-ed Conf Indoor@Wartburg	23
24	25 5p TF @ BCLUW HS PT Conf.	26	27 6:30p PSTO Mtg	28 5p TF @ Waverly HS 'PT Conf.	29 No School Good Friday	30
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