

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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May 2017

Communique

“Dike-New Hartford School District is an equal opportunity provider.”



Senior Awards Day

Tuesday, May 16

8:30 AM

DNH Auditorium

Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 17 @ 7:00 PM

Fredsville Lutheran Church

32756 150th Street

Cedar Falls, Iowa

All graduating seniors, parents/guardians, relatives, friends and community members are invited to attend. Seniors should gather in the fellowship hall prior to the service. You do not need to wear caps and gowns.



Dike-New Hartford Dollars for Scholars Awards Night

Tuesday May 16

Awards – 7:00 PM

DNH Auditorium



Class of 2017 Commencement

Sunday, May 21

2:00 PM

Dike-New Hartford

H.S. Gymnasium

Class Motto: “What we are is God’s gift to us. What we become is our gift to God.”

Class Flower: Blue tipped Carnation

Class Color: Royal Blue and White

Thank You to All Who Helped with Prom 2017

A huge thank you goes out to those of you who helped make Prom a special evening for our DNH students. Thank you to those of you who purchased Red Wheel products and donated to our fundraising dinners. Thank you to the After-Prom committee for their donation to our entertainment cost. Thank you to Mary Carithers, Jill Wilson, Lisa Freese, Sherree Sharp, Connie Feckers, Leah Johnson, Laura Eiklenborg, Dena & Lizzy Blough for their help with the decorating. To Chelsie Slaba and Lauren Petri for helping with the Grand March. Thank you to our chaperones Chris & Rhonda Heerkes, Irv & Jen Laube, Wayne Slack and Dennis Viet for their help and the quick tear down of the decorations.



Thank You for your support of DNH After Prom 2017

It was a wonderful evening for DNH Juniors and Seniors and their guests. Following Prom, the kids headed to the UNI Wellness and Recreation Center from 12:30 - 3:30am. It was a large group this year with more than 150 students in attendance! The kids grabbed food and drinks to start the night, and then enjoyed an evening of fun.

The biggest hit of the night was a game in the pool called Battleship where groups of kids in canoes used buckets of water to "sink" each other's canoes. Other activities for the night included a rock climbing wall, 9-square, racquetball, ping pong, volleyball and basketball, video and board games, and more! Finally, each Junior and Senior in attendance at After Prom received cash and prize packages totaling at least \$50.00. Overall, it was a busy but fun and safe night for the students!

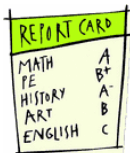
We would like to thank all the area businesses who donated prizes or gave gift cards or cash to help with our After-Prom event. The event would not be possible without your generous support so thank you for continuing to assist the DNH After Prom each year!! It's also important to acknowledge the junior parents who helped fund-raise and organize this giant event. It takes many, many months of work to make it a success. Thanks to everyone for all their hard work! A special thanks to the parents who stayed up all night and worked at After Prom! The night went by quickly and we had a lot of fun as well!

Volunteers are needed to help at the Track and Field Day at Dike Elementary on Wednesday, May 24. If you are interested, please contact the Dike Elementary office at 319-989-2487.



Calendar Updates & Reminders

- May 1 – MAP Testing Begins**
- May 2 – HS Vocal & Band Concert @ 7**
- May 4 – 5th Grade Dare to the "W"**
- May 15,16,17 – 8th Grade to Lanesboro**
- May 15 – 7th Grade to Heery Woods**
- May 15 – 6th Grade to River Museum**
- May 15 – K-2 Concert (Kdg at 6pm -1st & 2nd at 7pm)**
- May 22 – NH Elementary Cross Country Race**
- May 22 – Dike Pre-school Graduation @ 5:30**
- May 24 – Dike Elem Track & Field Day**
- May 25 – NH Pre-school Graduation @ 5**
- May 25 – JH Band (6-8) and Vocal Concert @ 6:30**
- May 29 – Memorial Day – No School**
- May 30 – 8th grade Promotion @ 7**
- May 31 – JH Safety Day**
- June 1 – 5th to Capitol/Living History Farm**
- June 2 – NH Elementary Track & Field Day**
- June 2 – Last Day of School (early dismissal)**



Final 2016-17 Report Cards

Dike and New Hartford Elementary report cards will be sent home with students the last day of school. Junior High and High School report cards will be mailed home.



NEW HARTFORD PHYSICAL EDUCATION XC RACE

When: May 22nd

Time: Pre-K – 2nd (½ mile race @ 1:30)
5th grade (1-mile race @ 1:50)

Place: Finish on the New Hartford Track

**Last Day of School
Friday, June 2
1:30 dismissal for
Elementary & JH**

Class Schedule Last Day of School for High School Students

The last day of school for high school students will be on the dismissal schedule listed below. Once students have checked out they are dismissed from school and expected to leave the building and grounds. **School buses will depart at 1:30 PM.** The high school parking lot will be closed from 11:30-3:30 PM.

Checkout times for high school students:

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| 10:00 Juniors A-M | 10:40 Sophomores N-Z |
| 10:15 Juniors N-Z | 10:50 Freshmen A-M |
| 10:30 Sophomores A-M | 11:00 Freshmen N-Z |



DRIVER EDUCATION

Those interested in having your son or daughter sign up to take driver education, registration for any session is continuously open. Students must be 14 years old and have an instructional permit to take the class. **Class must be paid in full prior to the start date, per school board policy.** Any questions on cost or possibility of fees being waived due to free and reduced can be directed to the superintendent's office at 319-989-2552. Registration can be done by contacting Mr. Bennett at daimien.bennett@dnhcsd.org or having your student sign up at school. Start date for each session are listed below:

- Fall – First Wednesday in September
 - Spring – First Monday in February
 - Summer – First Monday in May
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Counselor's Corner:

The next upcoming ACT test date will be June 10, 2017 and the deadline to register by is May 10, 2017

- 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**
- Students need to report to their assigned test center by 8:00 a.m. Students need to make sure they bring with them their admission ticket, I.D., calculator, and a couple of No. 2 pencils.



Back Pack Program

The final distribution for the backpacks will be the week of **May 19 & 20, 2017**. Please wash the backpack and return to school with your child so that he/she may participate again next year.



Monday, May 15: The second graders from New Hartford Elementary will go to Dike Elementary. While in Dike, they will have a school tour, meet Mr. Textor, and their future teachers. They will also have lunch and a recess together before returning to New Hartford.



NEICDA (Honor Choir)

The following 5th & 6th grade students did perform on Tuesday, April 25 in Oelwein (Emersen Cutsforth, Angelina Rondeau, Ryan Merrill, Walker Weedman, Sam Heerts, Josie Wenger and Samantha Anema).



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 8th – 12th

In May, we will take some time to recognize the people who make our school as strong as it is.

May 8, Nurse Appreciation Day - It is so nice to have their caring and knowledgeable skills here to help when we have medical needs.

May 9, Teacher & Administrator Appreciation Day - Teachers will be recognized in honor of their hard work and dedication to students.

May 10, Bus/Transportation Appreciation Day - In May, we will recognize our transportation director and bus drivers for their care and caution in transporting children safely from place to place.

May 11, Nutrition & Custodial Staff Appreciation Day - Outstanding meals and cleanliness of buildings help create a tremendous learning environment for students.

May 12, Teacher Associate Appreciation Day - Teacher associates, who provide such a fantastic support network for our teachers.

All Week - School Board Appreciation - These people, whom we have chosen to represent us, shoulder the heavy load of making difficult decisions they believe are in the best interests of the whole district. They spend countless hours volunteering their time and giving freely of their talents.

ALL of these people are what make Dike-New Hartford such a fine district

May is School Board Recognition Month

Thank you for your dedication to the
Dike-New Hartford Community School!

- Jerry Nielsen
- Meinard Koop
- Melissa Hinde – Vice President
- Tom Lizer - President
- Christa Lotts
- Julie Merfeld – Secretary



Much thanks to ALL of our generous Booster supporters! Your gifts create excellence for Dike-New Hartford Schools



Summer Reading Program 2017

Where: Dike Public Library
Date: June 7th
Time: 10:00 AM

The library would accept student volunteers during the Summer Reading Program during June

BEAVER CREEK DAYS



We are looking for school groups, teams, or individuals to organize and run sand volleyball, bags, dodge ball, and/or basketball tournaments during New Hartford Beaver Creek Days on Saturday, June 3rd to raise money for their group. Please contact us by May 15th if you are interested in any of these tournaments. Again, this year we are having a New Hartford King contest on Friday, June 2nd at 7:30 pm. We are looking for current New Hartford Sophomore, Junior, and Senior boys to participate as contestants. Please contact us by May 31st if you are interested. The winner will be chosen by random draw and will win a cash prize and the title of Mr. New Hartford 2017. New this year we are having an old timer's softball game on Friday, June 2nd starting at 8:00 pm. The old timers will play against current Jr. High & High School students and this is open to anyone 7th grade and older.

Please contact Lori Palmersheim at [319-404-9008](tel:319-404-9008) by text or call.



Superhero Community Picnic at Beaver Creek Days

A community picnic will be held during Beaver Creek Days on Saturday, June 3. Please join us as we honor our local heroes and citizenship award winners. A picnic style meal consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, coleslaw, chips, corn, dessert, and lemonade will be held from 5:30-6:30 at the New Hartford Community Building. During the picnic you can visit with our local emergency heroes and several superheroes will be among the crowd! Tickets can be purchased in advance at the New Hartford City Hall, Martin Memorial Library, or from committee members - Georgia Bennett, Lori Palmersheim, or Sandy Becker. Ticket prices are as follows: Advanced adult tickets \$5, children ages 6-12 \$3, and 5 years and younger will eat free. Tickets will be available at the door also for \$6 adult, children 6-12 \$3, and under 5 free. Please join us for a night of superheroes, all proceeds will be donated to our New Hartford emergency services and the Lion's Club. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for the New Hartford Citizen awards may pick forms at the city hall or city library.

Author Jill Esbaum visits DNH Elementary students

It was a great day to learn about being an author! Iowa author, Jill Esbaum, visited with all Dike-New Hartford elementary students about how she comes up with an idea, the process of writing and editing, and the end product of a published book. Students had many questions to ask Ms. Esbaum, of course and were wonderful audience members. Students' particularly loved the fun facts about the hoatzin (stinkbird) and why it doesn't get eaten by other predators as well as how the young birds have a claw in their elbow to help them climb. Mostly though, Jill wanted students to know that they can be what they chose so long as they believe in themselves and continue to work at whatever their passion is!



Dike-New Hartford Board of Education

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on April 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the regular monthly meeting with Lizer presiding and members Hinde, Koop, Lotts and Nielsen. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube and Martinek.

Visitors present included Suzanne Perez, Sabrina Mai, Karissa Schulze, Mary Simons and Stacy Ascher.

Minutes from the March 20, 2017 regular meeting and the April 10, 2017 budget hearing were approved as written on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

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

CVW Coordinator Stacy Ascher presented information relating to internships and job shadow opportunities offered to DNH students.

Perez, Mai, Schulze and Simons gave information relating to the DNH preschool program.

Oral and written reports of the principals and technology coordinator were reviewed with no action taken.

On motion of Koop and second of Nielsen, the student teaching agreement with UNI was approved. Vote all aye.

Due to extra hours built into our 2016-17 school calendar, the last day of school for students will be Friday, June 2 on motion of Hinde and second of Koop. Teacher in-service will be held on June 5. Vote all aye.

The termination of Sara Paar's 2016-17 contract in order to reduce her overload pay was approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

Contracts for Haley Schneiderman – 2016-17 Asst Girls Tennis, Tony Norton – 2016-17 Head JH Softball and Burnette Dove - transfer to TLC Literacy Coach for 2017-18 were approved on motion of Lotts and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Lotts, the bid from Blue Bird for a 78 passenger 2017 diesel school bus for \$97,368 was approved. Vote all aye.

The contract from Failor Hurley Construction for the 2017 bleacher project was approved on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition Funds were approved for payment on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Hinde, the Financial Reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition Funds were approved as presented. Vote all aye.

The 2017-18 AEA Coop Purchasing Agreement was approved on motion of Koop and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. followed by an exempt session under Iowa Code 20.17(3).

From the Superintendent



Mr. Larry Hunt

Once again, the school year is coming to an end and we will soon be letting out for summer vacation. The end of the school year always marks milestones for our students, staff, and school, and this year is no different. Our seniors will be graduating and moving on to do great things with their lives and our other students will be looking forward to summer activities and enjoying time with their family and friends. As a staff, some of our people will be moving on to take advantage of new career opportunities and others will be attending classes to become better at their profession. This is also the time of the year when some staff members choose to retire to enjoy the "finer" parts of life. Mrs. Debra Knudson, our New Hartford library associate, will be retiring after 6 years of service to the district. We have truly enjoyed having her be part of our staff and wish her the best in her retirement! Mrs. Nona Smith is retiring from the high school. She has been teaching ELL and Special Education for the past 9 years and has done an outstanding job with the students she has worked with. She has been a great person to have on staff and will be dearly missed. Another person retiring is Mrs. Mary Simons from the New Hartford building. Mrs. Simons has served as a preschool teacher in the district since August of 1990, and prior to that she worked out of her home for several years teaching preschool. She has had an outstanding career and has touched the lives of many children, families, and other teachers over the years. Mrs. Simons will be GREATLY missed by everyone in the school district! Also, retiring from the New Hartford building is principal, Mr. Jerry Martinek. Mr. Martinek has served as the building principal in New Hartford for sixteen years, and has been a tremendous asset to the district. He has been a mentor, colleague and friend to many people over that time and we are surely going to miss his service to the district. We wish all of these retiree's great health and happiness as they move forward with their lives. This summer also brings about some improvement to our buildings and grounds. Some of the major projects we are looking at are listed below:

- Remodeled High School Library
- The addition of a handicapped ramp and seating to the home bleachers at the track/football field in Dike.
- Replacement of the visitor bleachers at the Dike track/football field to make them handicapped accessible. This will also include additional paved handicapped parking behind these bleachers.
- Resurfacing along with the repainting of the lines and markings on the track in Dike.
- The purchase of a new school bus for activity trips.

These are major projects that will cost around \$500,000. The funding for these projects will be provided through the State One Cent Sales Tax and the local Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL). It would be very difficult to continue to make improvements to our facilities without the revenue from these funds, therefore we are very grateful to our community members for supporting these financial initiatives.

We would like to wish all of our athletes and coaches the best as they enter into the State qualifying portions of their seasons!

Go Wolverines!!

May 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| | 1 Driver Ed. Begins Baseball Practice Begins 4:15p. GF @ Jesup 4:15p. G-Tennis Ia.Falls-Alden @ Dike 5p. G-Track @ Parkersburg 4:15p. JH Track 8th @ Hudson | 2 7p HS Vocal & Band Concert | 3 EARLY DISMISSAL | 4 4:15p. G-Tennis Hamp-Dumont@ Dike 4p. Track NICL Conf @ Union 4:15p. B-GF@Gates 4:15p. G-GF @ S.Hills | 5 4:15p. Golf @ A-E 4:30p. JH Track @ Conrad | 6 State Music Festival Lg. Group @ Cedar Falls HS |
| 7 | 8 10a. G-Golf Conf. @ Jesup 10a. B-Golf Conf. @ Wapsie Softball Practice Begins 4:15p. G-Tennis @ Oelwein 4:30p. G-Track @ Denver 5p. B-Track @ Parkersburg | 9 4:15p. G-Tennis @ Union, LaPorte 5p. Soccer @ Hudson 4p. JH Track Conf @ Sum-Fred | 10 | 11 4p. G-Track -Reg @ Hamp 4p. B-Track Districts @ Hamp 5p. Soccer Columbus @ Hudson | 12 10a. B-Golf Sectionals @ A-E | 13 G-Tennis Team Reg. |
| 14 Mother's Day! | 15 9:30a. G-Golf Reg Meet @Dike 9a. G-Tennis @ Byrnes Park 6th gr. River Museum 7th gr. Heery Woods 8th gr.Lansboro Trip 6p. Kdg Concert / 7p. 1st-2nd gr Concert 7p Board Meeting | 16 8:30a. Senior Awards 8th gr. Lansboro Trip 7p. DFS Senior Awards | 17 EARLY DISMISSAL 7p. Baccalaurate @ Fredsville Church 8th gr. Lansboro Trip | 18 9a. G-Tennis-Reg Indiv @ Brynes Park G-Track-State B-Track State 5p. Soccer G-R @ Hudson | 19 Seniors Last Day 9:30A. B-Golf Districts @ Dike G-Track- State B-Track State | 20 G-Tennis -Team Reg. G-Track -State B-Track State |
| 21 <u>2p Commencement</u> | 22 5:30p. Bsb/6p. SB A-P @ Dike 5:30p Dike Pre-school Graduation 10a. G-Golf Reg Meet @ A-E G-Tennis State NH Elementary CC Race | 23 G- Tennis State 5:30p. JV Bsb @ Parkersburg 5:30p. Soccer @ Waverly 6p. SB S.Hardin @ Dike | 24 Dike El. Track & Field Day | 25 5:30/6p. Bsb/SB @ Hudson 5p NH Pre-school Graduation 6:30p JH Band/Vocal Concert | 26 B-Golf State 5p. SB @ Dunkerton 5:30 p. Bsb DNH vs W. Marshall at Univ of Ia., Ia. City | 27 B-Golf State 1p. Bsb W'loo Bucks @ Riverfront Stad |
| 28 | 29 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day | 30 G-Golf State 4p.Bsb/4p.SB @ Sumner 7p. 8th gr Promotion @ HS Aud. 4:30p. JH Bsb/SB Wapsie @ Dike | 31 G-Golf State 5:30p. JV Bsb Sum-Fred @ Dike 6p. SB-Denver @ Dike JH Safety Day | | | |

MAY

PLEASE CHECK FOR TIMES ON THE ONLINE CALENDAR

Dike - New Hartford Breakfast May 2017

Breakfast is served Mon - Fri

7:45 am - 8:10 am

For a complete breakfast you can have up to 4 items. Start with a fruit or juice then add milk or other options.

The following are offered daily:

Main Entrees count as 2 items

Fresh Fruit Fruit Cup Various Fruit Juices Yogurt Variety of Cereals and Cereal Bars

| <i>Monday</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> | <i>Wednesday</i> | <i>Thursday</i> | <i>Friday</i> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WAFFLES <u>1</u> | BISCUITS & GRAVY <u>2</u> | BREAKFAST SANDWICH <u>3</u> | LONG JOHN <u>4</u> | BAGEL & CREAM CHEESE <u>5</u> |
| BREAKFAST BITES <u>8</u> | BREAKFAST BAR <u>9</u> | PANCAKES <u>10</u> | MINI DONUTS YOGURT <u>11</u> | BREAKFAST WRAP <u>12</u> |
| BREAKFAST BOAT <u>15</u> | BREAKFAST PIZZA <u>16</u> | SAUSAGE/PANCAKE ON A STICK <u>17</u> | WAFFLES <u>18</u> | BISCUITS & GRAVY <u>19</u> |
| LONG JOHN <u>22</u> | BREAKFAST SANDWICH <u>23</u> | BAGEL & CREAM CHEESE <u>24</u> | BREAKFAST BITES <u>25</u> | BREAKFAST BAR <u>26</u> |
| NO SCHOOL <u>29</u> | PANCAKES <u>30</u> | MINI DONUTS YOGURT <u>31</u> | BREAKFAST WRAP <u>1-Jun</u> | BREAKFAST BOAT <u>2-Jun</u> |

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Lunch May 2017

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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <u>1</u> Chicken Nuggets <i>or</i> Fish Shapes Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Pretzel Pineapple Tidbits | <u>2</u> Breakfast Sandwich <i>or</i> Tenderloin on a Bun Glazed Carrots Hashbrowns Orange Juice | <u>3</u> Macaroni & Cheese <i>or</i> Chicken & Noodles Green Beans Garlic Breadstick Pears | <u>4</u> French Bread Pizza <i>or</i> Calzone Cheesy Broccoli Monster Cookies Peaches | <u>5</u> Crispy Chicken Sandwich <i>or</i> Spicy Chicken Sandwich Baked Beans French Fries Mixed Fruit |
| <u>8</u> Corn Dog <i>or</i> Chicken & Waffle Bites Seasoned Noodles Broccoli Pears | <u>9</u> Mr Rib on a bun <i>or</i> Meatball Sub Potato Smiles Carrots Cinnamon Apple Slices | <u>10</u> ** DIKE COOKOUT ** NH---Hot Ham & Cheese <i>or</i> Grilled Chicken Sandwich Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Mixed Fruit | <u>11</u> Chicken Fajita <i>or</i> Calzone Refried Beans/Cheese Corn Pineapple Tidbits | <u>12</u> Crispito <i>or</i> Pizza Baked Beans Brownie Peaches |
| ** COOKOUT**Grilled Hot Dog, Brat or Hamburger/Cheeseburger - Baked Beans & Chips | | | | |
| <u>15</u> Turkey Gravy & Biscuit <i>or</i> Cheesy Breadstick & Marinara Broccoli Elf Grahams Mandarin Oranges | <u>16</u> Tacos <i>or</i> Pizza Spanish Rice Corn Pears | <u>17</u> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce <i>or</i> Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Dinner Roll Peaches | <u>18</u> ** NH COOKOUT ** DIKE---Hot Ham & Cheese <i>or</i> Grilled Chicken Sandwich French Fries Baked Beans Apple Slices | <u>19</u> Taco Quesadilla <i>or</i> Breakfast Pizza Corn Ice Cream Applesauce |

**** COOKOUT**Grilled Hot Dog, Brat or Hamburger/Cheeseburger - Baked Beans & Chips**

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| <u>22</u> | | <u>24</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>26</u> |
| French Toast or Pancake | Fish Patty on a Bun or Pizza Burger | Mandarin Chicken or Ravioli & Marinara Sauce | Deli Wrap or Ham & Cheese Sandwich | Taco Pizza or Mini Cheese Pizza |
| Cheese Omelet Hashbrowns Orange Juice | Potato Wedges Cheesy Broccoli Mixed Fruit | Steamed Rice Stir Fry Veggies Fortune Cookie | Chips Baked Beans Pineapple Tidbits | Corn Ice Cream Treat Mandarin Oranges |

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| <u>29</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>31</u> | <u>1-Jun</u> | <u>2-Jun</u> |
| NO SCHOOL | Hot Dog or Mr Rib on a bun | Egg Roll or Quesadilla | Cooks Choice to be announced | PB&J Uncrustable or Ham & Cheese Sandwich |
| HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY | Baked Beans Fries Mixed Fruit | Glazed Carrots Pears Sherbet | | Carrots & Celery Chips Apple Slices |

Have a GREAT Summer!!