

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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Music Department Successes!

All-State

Congratulations to the students who participated in All-State auditions at Hampton-Dumont High School on Saturday, Oct. 26. Representing D-NH were Alexa Schmitz on alto saxophone, Krissy Nielsen on trumpet, Mallory Laube on flute, Rachel Pakala on violin and vocalists Katie Glick and Hailey Junker. Musical skills and overall musicianship are challenged and improved through the rehearsal process. Special congratulations to Rachel Pakala on being accepted to the All-State orchestra and choir. Only 17% of students in Iowa who audition for All-State are selected. Competition is extremely tight. The All-State festival is Nov. 21-23 in Ames with a final concert on Nov. 23 in the Hilton Coliseum. Tickets may be ordered through Ticketmaster.

Opus

Congratulations to the 5th-8th grade students who participated in Opus auditions this fall. Accepted into the 5th/6th choir were Lainey Fager and Delphia McCallum. The students will rehearse on Thursday, November 21st with a concert that evening in Stephens Auditorium in Ames.

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 3



**Dike-New Hartford High School
Presents:
The Musical Annie
Nov. 7th & 9th @ 7 pm
Matinee @ 1 pm on Nov. 7th at the
D-NH High School Auditorium**

We don't need anything but **YOU!** The D-NH players invite you to the Broadway hit "Annie".

Not only will this show feature the talent of D-NH High School but will feature Dike Elementary 3rd and 4th graders playing the role of the Orphans.

Performances are Thursday, Nov. 7th at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$5/person - available at the door - activity passes **CANNOT** be honored due to licensing restrictions. We hope to see you there.



**REMINDER:
CRAFT SHOW**

DNH After Prom Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, November 9th from 9:00 - 2:00 in the New Hartford Multi-Purpose Room and Gym at the School.

\$1 admission, food stand also available for breakfast and lunch with many homemade goodies. All proceeds from booth rental, admission and food stand go to the DNH after prom. If anyone is interested in setting up a booth please contact Marlas Latwesen @ 983-2956 or email her at marlas.latwesen@dnhcsd.org.

Hope you are able to attend!
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LOW OR NEGATIVE LUNCH BALANCES

Families who have low or negative balances receive weekly email reminders to add money to their account.

All negative balances need to be resolved by December 31, 2013. If you need to set up a payment plan, please call the school at 319-989-2552.

Notices are mailed to families who do not have email addresses on record. Please supply the school with your email address as soon as you can.

**PreK-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 21st & 25th
3:45 – 7:40 PM**

On-line registration for parent-teacher conferences will be available for all grades in the Dike-New Hartford School District beginning **November 7. Instructions are included under Technology News.** Conferences will be held in each individual teacher's classroom. Report cards along with online registration instructions will be sent home with K-4 students and mailed home for grades 5-12. **NOTE TO PARENTS OF ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: When parents of elementary students sign up for conferences, they should also sign up for a conference with Title 1 and Resource Room teachers if appropriate.**

Shared Teachers Building Assignment Dates:
November 21:
At New Hartford –Miller(Elem), Cuvelier Timmerman, Thompson
At Dike Elementary – Smith,

November 25:
At New Hartford – Cuvelier, Miller(JH), Eiklenborg, Smith, Slack, Sentman, Thompson
At Dike Elementary – Timmerman,

Dinner breaks at the Dike Elementary & New Hartford buildings will be staggered through the conference time.



Dear DNH Patrons,

Parent-Teacher Conference time is coming soon. The online parent-teacher conference program will be available beginning November 7, 2013 at 12:01 am. The system will be available until 12:00 pm on November 21, 2013. It will reopen November 22, 2013 at 12:01 am and remain open until noon on November 25. Please use your parent/guardian credentials for JMC to login to this system (our old student information system):
username = last name and password = family lunch

id (e.g. UN=Lehr and PW=123). If you are new to the district, please call the applicable building office to get your password. **Parents of 5th & 6th grade students should sign up in the Junior High Section.** If you have any problems logging into the system, contact your respective building office. **Instructions for accessing the PTC system are under the Parent/Teacher Conference link on the website. If you would like a copy of instructions mailed to you, please contact the applicable building office.**

The Infinite Campus Parent Portal should be available for you to login and view student attendance, grade data, lunch data, and demographic information for your contact record. I encourage you to keep demographic information, such as address, e-mail, etc., up-to-date as we are beginning to communicate more frequently via e-mail. If you have any problems with logging into the system, contact Jeremiah Lehr. **Instructions for accessing Infinite Campus Parent Portal are on the website under Infinite Campus Links. If you would like a copy of instructions mailed to you, please contact the applicable building office. If you do not have your portal activation key, e-mail Jeremiah Lehr.**

FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR
Trisha Ames, High School Counselor

ARE YOU HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE?
Come to the FREE Financial Aid Presentation at Dike-New Hartford High School

- Dike-New Hartford High School guidance office has invited a representative from the Iowa College Access Network (ICAN) to provide a free financial aid presentation **at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013 in room 113.**
- The goal of the Financial Aid Program is to help high school seniors and their parent/guardian understand the process of applying for financial aid and scholarships, offer effective tools for college cost comparisons, and learn how they can access additional help. The following topics are covered during the presentation.

- Financial Aid Process
- FAFSA Application Review
- Understanding the Results
- Understanding Costs - College Comparisons
- Aid Options
- Scholarship Process
- Where to Go for Help

Thank You From Wolverine Cross Country



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers during the Wolverine Invitational at the Fox Ridge golf course. Once again we had over 800 runners competing at the Invitational. Thank you for your time and effort to allow our young adults to participate in a sport that requires a unique ability to compete in one self. This year is no different as coaches and parents from area schools are appreciative of the workers and how we treat their teams. Thank you to the Booster Club for donating the fruit and water for the runners. A special thanks to Fox Ridge Golf Course for allowing us to host our meet and sponsor activities throughout the year in supporting Wolverine athletics.

Coach Cuvelier



DNH Booster Club

We would love to have more members join our meetings and give input. Check the DNH website for updated meeting times.

It is NOT too late to join the booster club! You can visit our website or stop in any school office for the membership form. Please consider joining this great organization and help support our kids!! The clothing committee is selling our DNH merchandise on our website www.dnhwolverines.org. We will get your order to you as soon as possible. The website has lots of information including, booster club members, pictures of items for sale, meeting minutes and agendas, officers names, committee names, and season shirts.

The clothing committee will be open a couple of times before Christmas at home basketball games and concerts. Order your stuff now to make sure we have your size in stock. DNH Wolverine clothing and other items make perfect Christmas and birthday gifts. Show your support of the Wolverines!

We are still doing our 3 team NFL scramble weekly. For only \$20, you can get a ticket to win up to \$100 each week. Winners are posted on the DNH school website each week. See Curt Johnson if you still need a ticket.

The DNH Booster Club has purchased a HD camera to help with live streaming DNH events with better clarity. Check the school website to see when we will be live streaming our next event. If you are interested in helping record the events, please let Mark Parker know.

Hope to see everyone at the next booster club meeting, Nov. 20th at 6:30 pm in the high school library!

Family Memberships

Wolverine - \$250

DeGeeter	Devin & Ashley
Goos	Brock & Jennifer
Luhring	Eric & Tammy
Smith	Kelly & Elaine

Blue & White - \$100

Arends	Ron & Karen
Becker	Joe & Connie
Beuter	Tony & Shellie
Coulthard	Dan
DeGroot	Clint & Mardith
Feckers	Brad & Connie
Graves	David & Kristal
Hager	Barry & Leslee
Hunt	Larry & Lori
Jensen	Jeff & Jennifer
Kannigieter	Kendall & Nicole
Kinney	Gerald & Keri
Koop	Angie & Steve
Kopriva	Tim & Juli
Landphair	Ron & Allyson
Laube	Irv & Jennifer
Martinek	Jerry & Cindy
Mead	Rod & Amy
Meester	Chad & Karla
Nicholson	Kelly & Tonya
Nielsen	Steve & Linda
Norton	Tony & Angie
Petersen	Bobbi & Duane
Petersen	Ryan & Beth
Ragsdale	Reece & Stacie
Schmitz	Michael & Lindsey
Textor	Tom & Shannon
Verhulst	Tom & Jennifer
Weissenfluh	Rob & Karla
Wildeboer	Chris & Lisa
Wright	Lonnie & Joni



Gold - \$50

Aalderks	Leon & Denise
Andersen	Eric & Darla
Bennett	Mike & Georgia
Bixby	Tim & Sarah
Burke	Marilyn
Buskohl	Matt & Amie
Callan	Angie & Dewey
Cuvelier	Barry & Julie
Cuvelier	Kent & Linda
Daley	Tim & Maureen
Demro	Nancy
Dennis	Dave & Dawn
Dove	Brent & Burnette
Eiklenborg	Kent & Laura
Fails	Mark & Sara
Fettkether	Jamie & Candice
Fobian	Sharon
Fobian	Tim & Stacie
Fritch	John & Trudy
Gibbs	Justin & Andrea
Grassley	Robin & Diane
Gunderson	Don
Harberts	Dave & Julie
Hensley	Doug & Linda
	Dr. Joseph &
Kinsky	Paulette
Kobriger	Tom & Gretchen
Latusek	John & Susie
Lizer	Tom & Deb
Loger	Lance & Melissa
Moore	Greg & Shannon
Moree	Amy & Shawn
Mulgrew	Troy & Sharon
Parker	Susan & Mark
Petersen	Curt & Verlene
Purdy	DeWayne & Jo
Rekers	Matt & Rachel
Schmitz	Greg & Lisa

Sharp	Ron & Sherree
Smith	Bill & Stephanie
Soppe	Mike & Kristin
Starbuck	Ray & Melinda
Varney	Brian & Anne

Silver - \$25

Asche	Mike & Tiffany
Balk	April
Becker	Gary & Sandy
Bennett	Daimien & Suzi
Coulter	Michelle
Ehmen	Rick & Karen
Ellingson	Robert & Jan
Foster	Dana
Freese	Steve & Lisa
Fuller	Josh & Emily
Gerloff	Dennis & Bonnie
Hamilton	Angie
Harms	Diane & Lawrence
Huntington	Jared & Angie
Johnson	Shirley
Joslin	Sara
Kiewiet	Travis & Teresa
Klug	Frances & Randy
Kyhl	Kevin & Lara
Latwesen	Steve & Marlas
Meyer	Tom & Roberta
Neuroth	Kirk & Suzanne
O'Connor	Paul & Ann
Petersen	Brian & Lyn
Roberts	Jill
Samec	Roger & Teresa
Slack	Wayne & Katie
Williams	Laura

Bronze - \$15

Benson	Richard & Karen
Mangrich	Darin & Kendra

2013-2014 DNH Business Memberships

Wolverine \$1000

Outdoor & More
Waterloo Warehousing & Service Co., Inc. -
Kevin & Deb Hemmen

Blue & White \$750

Peoples Savings Bank

Gold \$500

Cedar Valley Electric
Konken Electric, Inc.
State Bank & Trust

Silver \$250

Beaver Creek ATV Club
Bolhuis Repair
Dietrick Mobile Home Park
Farm Bureau Financial Services - Bill
Dunkelburger
Gene Drachenberg - Lockard Realty
HTS Ag - Terry Johnston
K & E Trucking - Kelly & Elaine Smith
Kruger Farms
PAR Farm Company
Remington Seeds, LLC - Dike
Simply "I DO"
The Den - Agape Therapy
Ubben Building Supply
Wingert Chiropractic

Bronze \$100

Bakker Construction
Delta Sports Products, LLC
Dodd's Painting
Fair Ridge Farm, Inc.
Grundy County Memorial Hospital
Heritage Real Estate
JPs 1 More
Kwik Star
Larry's Welding
Mead Construction Co, Inc.
Slice Ultra Shed
Steve Miller Construction, LLC
Unverferth Mfg Co, Inc.
Voss Studio
Wilson Restaurant Supply, Inc.

Other Donations:

The Gym Authority - weight room equipment
Larry's Welding - table for concession stand
Black Hawk Rental - Helium for balloons at
football games

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

REMINDER NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 27, 28, 29
THANKSGIVING BREAK



From The Superintendent



Larry Hunt

As we announced earlier this year, the Junior High school has been identified as a School in Need of Assistance (SINA) under the NO Child Left Behind (NCLB) Legislation through the Federal Government. Mr. Martinek and a group of very dedicated teachers have been working diligently with our Area Education Agency to develop a plan of action to help improve the building status. At this time their plan has been submitted to the State for review and we should find out within a few weeks if the plan will be accepted. To improve upon the SINA designation, we will need the assistance of all of our stakeholders to make sure our students are successful; this is especially true for our parents as they make sure their students are doing what they need to do on a daily basis.

On another note, our certified enrollment count is up 34 students for this school year, which puts our current enrollment at 880. Over the last three years we have seen a total increase of 83 students to our certified enrollment. This is great news for our district and we are very happy to see our school growing when many others across the State are seeing decreases in their enrollment. Since schools are basically financed by the number of students they serve, this enrollment trend helps to keep us financially sound and allows us to continue to provide good educational programming for our students.

I would like to commend all of our students and coaches/sponsors involved in our fall activities for their tremendous accomplishments so far this fall and wish them all the best as they continue their trek into State Competitions and Festivals. Thanks for representing DNH so well!!



Emergency Weather Plans

Adverse weather conditions make for adjustments in school openings or closings. There are various resources available to check for school closings, late arrivals or early dismissals:

1. Local Radio/TV stations
2. DNH Webpage (for early dismissals)
3. KWWL Webpage: www.kwwl.com
4. Email Notification by Iowa School Alerts - (sign up at <https://schoolalerts.iowa.gov>)
5. Cell Phone Notification by KWWL - (sign up at www.kwwl.com)

Please take note that whenever school is delayed, all before-school meetings, practices and rehearsals are canceled. All after-school and evening meetings, practices, rehearsals and events are canceled when school is dismissed early because of adverse weather conditions.

Parents/guardians, be sure your child knows what to do and where to go in the event school is dismissed early because of weather or emergency conditions. Parents/guardians of rural children riding buses are encouraged to inform their child's teacher of any special arrangements in the event school is delayed or dismissed early.

Dike-New Hartford Board of Education October Board Minutes

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on October 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for a public hearing on the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Plan with Nielsen presiding and members Hinde, Koop and Lotts. Lizer was absent. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube, Lehr, Textor and Martinek. In the absence of any written or oral comments, Nielsen declared the hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

Following the public hearing the Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting with Nielsen presiding and members Hinde, Koop and Lotts. Lizer was absent. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube, Lehr, Textor and Martinek.

Visitors present at the meeting included Diane Eilderts.

The minutes of the September 16, 2013 regular meeting and the October 7, 2013 work session were approved as written on motion of Koop and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

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

Reports of the building principals were reviewed with no action taken. Laube shared the latest news on the NICL Conference re-alignment.

On motion of Hinde and second of Koop, Lotts was appointed to represent Dike-New Hartford on the Black Hawk County Conference Board. Vote all aye.

The early graduation requests of Riley Ehmen, Bryce Eubanks, DJ Jacobsen, Amber LeBahn, Jenna Miller, Blake Mobley, Madison Smeins, Ashley Swieter and Adam Warnke at the end of the first trimester were approved on motion of Koop and second of Hinde subject to meeting all graduation requirements. Vote all aye.

Hunt reviewed with the board October 1, 2013 certified enrollment numbers showing an increase of 33.81 students from the previous year.

On motion of Koop and second of Lotts, special education contracts with Cedar Falls Schools, Dubuque Schools, Lakeview Specialty Hospital & Rehab and Waverly-Shell Rock Schools were approved. Vote all aye.

SIAC annual goals for Dike-New Hartford were approved on motion of Lotts and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

The proposed volleyball team trip to Chicago in the Fall of 2014 was discussed with the consensus of the board to allow the trip.

On motion of Lotts and second of Hinde, contracts were approved for Chad Meester for an increase in his 2013-14 teaching contract from .42 FTE to .46 FTE, Mackenzie

Eiklenborg as Shared JH Cheerleading Coach, Travis Mead as Asst HS Wrestling Coach, Mike Myers as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Gary Becker as 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Curt Hansen as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Steve Koop as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, and Tucker Weber as JH Wrestling Coach. Vote all aye with Koop abstaining.

The proposal for an additional .5 FTE coach for HS Girls Basketball was not approved due to lack of a motion.

The unpaid leave requests of Brynn Brass for October 11, 2013 and Tad Brace for December 18-20, 2013 were approved on motion of Koop and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

On motion of Lotts, the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Grundy County was approved. Second of Koop. Vote all aye.

The shower partition bid of V.I.P.S for \$10,432.00 was approved on motion of Lotts and second of Hinde. The original low bid from Lowery McDonald was not fulfilled due to lack of suitable installation. Vote all aye.

Hunt discussed the upcoming modified allowable growth application for dropout prevention and the possibility of increasing Dike-New Hartford's allocation to include options to build support for our struggling students. More information will be presented at the November meeting.

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

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

Hunt discussed with the Board upcoming repairs to the speakers in the elementary gym at Dike. He also talked about the rubberized surface and playground equipment in the preschool playgrounds, and repairs to the drive to the baseball parking area.

IASB convention plans were discussed with board members to notify Hunt of their plans soon. Hinde suggested that we continue the "At the Board Table" discussions. Nielsen volunteered to bring this to future meetings.

The remainder of the meeting was spent going over the DNH Culture and Climate survey results. No closed session was held.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

