

# Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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## NOVEMBER 2016 COMMUNIQUE

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



### Music Department Successes!

#### All-State

Congratulations to the students who participated in All-State auditions at Hampton-Dumont High School on Saturday, Oct. 22. Representing D-NH was Mallory Laube auditioning on flute and Lainey Fager auditioning as a soprano. Musical skills and overall musicianship are challenged and improved through the rehearsal process. Only 17% of students in Iowa who audition for All-State are selected.



#### Daylight Savings Time Ends November 5



### THANKSGIVING BREAK

REMINDER NO SCHOOL  
NOVEMBER 23, 24, 25  
THANKSGIVING BREAK

#### LOW OR NEGATIVE LUNCH BALANCES

Families who have low or negative lunch balances receive every other day email reminders to add money to their account.

All negative balances need to be resolved by December 31, 2016. If you need to set up a payment plan, please call the school at 319-989-2552 and ask for Teri Rawdon.

Notices are mailed to families who do not have email addresses on record.

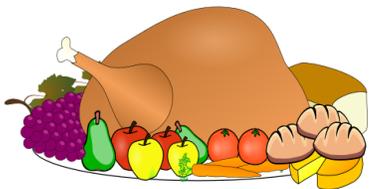


## REMINDER: CRAFT SHOW

**DNH After Prom Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, November 5th 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 Lara Kyhl at 983-2225 or email her [kyhlrn@hotmail.com](mailto:kyhlrn@hotmail.com)

**Hope you are able to attend!**



## COME TO THE DNH COMMUNITY DAY TURKEY DINNER for LUNCH

Day: Thursday, Nov 17, 2016  
Time: 11 am – 12:45 pm  
Serving: Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner  
Cost: \$5.00  
Place: At the Dike and NH Cafeterias

Please call the school if you are planning on attending by November 11th. Call 983-2206 for lunch in New Hartford or 989-2552 for lunch in Dike.

## Come to our Grand Event (in NH only)

KIDS "Have Lunch with Someone Grand"

Day: Thursday, Nov 17, 2016

Lunch time per class:

K-2 10:55

5<sup>th</sup> 11:20

6<sup>th</sup> 11:45

7<sup>th</sup> 12:12

8<sup>th</sup> 12:37

Serving: Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner

Cost: \$5.00

With shopping before or after lunch at the Book Fair.

Please **RSVP** by November 11th for our Grand Event by calling 983-2206



2016-2017 Yearbooks for Sale!

Students can purchase a yearbook through [jostensyearbooks.com](http://jostensyearbooks.com), PaySchool, or Ms. Petri. Sale price of \$45 is available until December 31. Get your yearbook today!

If you have any questions about purchasing a yearbook, contact Ms. Petri at [lauren.petri@dnhcscd.org](mailto:lauren.petri@dnhcscd.org).



**New Hartford Library  
Book Fair  
“Bookaneer”  
Where books are the  
treasure!**

Visit the New Hartford Elementary and Junior High Library Book Fair. This year's theme is Bookaneer: Where books are the treasure!

**Dates:** November 14-November 22  
**Hours:** 8:00AM - 3:30  
**Conference Nights, Nov. 17 & Nov. 21:** Open until 7:45PM

See the DNH Libraries website for more information.

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**PreK-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
November 17th & 21st  
3:45 – 7:40 PM**

On-line registration for parent-teacher conferences will be available for K-8 grades in the Dike-New Hartford School District beginning **November 3**. **Instructions are included under Technology News**. Conferences will be held in each individual teacher's classroom. **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 17:**

**At New Hartford** –Bingman, Garwood, Reingardt (JH), Slack, Benschoter

**At Dike Elementary** – Timmerman, and Smith (Bingman is in NH both nights but you can still schedule conferences with her in NH)

**November 21:**

**At New Hartford** – Cuvelier, Smith, Bingman, Reingardt (Elem), Timmerman

**At Dike Elementary** – Garwood, Meester

**JUST A REMINDER SMITH IS IN ROOM # 123 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL**

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



**FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL  
COUNSELOR**  
Trisha Ames, High School Counselor

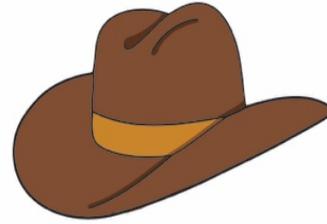
**Scholarships**

- Scholarships can be found online at <http://dnhcsd.org/counselor/scholarships>. Toward the bottom of that page there is an updated 16-17' scholarship booklet with all of the current scholarships that come through our school. There are also links to various websites to search for scholarships. Students should always check with the institution they are planning on attending for possible scholarship opportunities first.

**DNH High School Science Fair**

**Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Noon to 12:40pm**  
*Auditorium Hallway*  
**Come learn from young scientists!**

**Guests are invited to attend.**  
Please enter through the Auditorium or Main Office Entrance. Doors will unlock at Noon and close at 12:30pm.



**BUCKSHOT AND  
BLOSSOMS**

While the Dike-New Hartford sports teams have been excelling, the drama students have been preparing their Fall performance. Students have been rehearsing for the last two months.

*Buckshot and Blossoms*, a rootin', tootin' spoof of the Old West, will be performed Nov. 3 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and on Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium in Dike. Admission is \$5/person.

Down at the Trail Dust Hotel, the evil Whip (Andrew Sloth) of the Whip Lash Gang is scheming to rob citizens while his partner-in-crime, Pearl of Pecos (Madeline Sherwood), deals marked cards. Meanwhile, the town has a new sheriff, Johnny Wright (Nathan Sharp), also known as "The Fastest Gun in the West." The lovely Annabelle Rawlins (Adeline Johnston), owner of the mine that Whip is trying to claim as his own, turns up with her campaign against guns inside town limits.

Please join us for our performance! It is sure to be a rip-roaring time for all!

# Wreath Making Party

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-4:00pm

@ DNH Shop Classroom

Cost is \$15 to make ONE wreath to  
take home with you.

## What is Provided:

Greenery  
Heated Work Space  
Crochet Rings  
Wire  
Some tools available to share

## What to Bring:

Hand Pruners  
Wire Cutters  
Gloves  
Special Decorations  
Snack to Share



RSVP to Mrs. Slaba via email ([chelsie.slaba@dnhcsl.org](mailto:chelsie.slaba@dnhcsl.org)) by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Funds support DNH Science Club.



## Dike-New Hartford - 2017 senior Class choices

### Class Motto:

"What we are is God's gift to us.  
What we become is our gift to  
God." Anonymous

### Class Colors:

Royal Blue and White

### Class Flower:

Blue Tipped White Carnation

## Thank You From Wolverine Cross Country



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the runners, teams, coaches, spectators and volunteers during the Wolverine Invitational at the Fox Ridge Golf Course. We had 894 runners competing at the Invitational. Thank you for your time and effort allowing our young adults to participate in a sport that requires a unique ability to compete against oneself. 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 Reingardt



# 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](http://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](http://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.



## From The Superintendent

Larry Hunt

We have just completed our certified enrollment for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Unfortunately, this year we have seen a decrease in our certified enrollment from 899.66 down to 885.19, which is a decrease of 14.47 students. There are several factors that play into this number, one of which is the actual number of students we directly serve on a daily basis. When we look at that number, we see there is a much smaller decrease from 889.66 to 888.19 which is a decrease of only 1.47.

Although this is a decrease for this year, we have been fortunate to see an overall increase over the last six years of 87.53 students.

These numbers are important because they are what our Supplemental State Aid (SSA) is based upon. This is the money the State sends us each year to run the district and it is set by our State Legislators. This is especially important since we have been seeing very low and/or no increases to our SSA in recent years. The average increase in SSA over the last 6 years has been 1.92% and our average increase in General Fund expenditures over that same time period has been 4.58%. Obviously, with the comparison of these numbers, we would not have been able to balance our budget without an overall increase in our student population. If we had seen a decrease in enrollment over the last 6 years, we would most likely be in very similar financial situations as many other rural schools across the State. Which would have meant that we would need to cut programming and/or staff to stay within our budget. With a decrease in enrollment this year, it will be very important that we see a reasonable increase in our SSA to offset the decrease in student enrollment.

I'm quite sure school funding will be a "hot topic" during the 2017 legislative session. Please realize that SSA has a direct impact on our school district and it determines the programs we are able to offer our students. It can also have a direct impact on class sizes and staffing. If you have any contact with our State Legislators, please encourage them to take a strong look at school funding and make sure they set it at a level that will at least sustain our current programming. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to give me a call at 319-989-2552.

On a separate note, 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!!!

Go Wolverines!!!

## Dike-New Hartford Board of Education October Board Minutes

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the regular monthly meeting with Lizer presiding and members Hinde and Nielsen. Koop and Lotts were absent. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube and Martinek.

Visitors present at the meeting included Kristi Watson.

The September 19, 2016 annual and regular meeting minutes were approved as written on

motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

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

Wade Campbell from School Bus Sales and Mike Guzallis from REI presented information regarding the upgrade of our school bus cameras. Purchase of the camera system was tabled until all board members are present.

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

Early graduation requests from Hayes Michaelsen and Miranda Jacobsen at the end of the first trimester, subject to meeting all graduation requirements were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Hunt reviewed October 2016 certified enrollment numbers showing a decrease of 14.47 students.

Series 400 Board Policies were approved for the second reading on motion of Hinde and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Special Education contracts from Gladbrook-Reinbeck and Dubuque were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

On motion of Hinde and second of Nielsen, contracts for Ashley Morales and Molly Volding, both teacher associates were approved. Vote all aye.

Nielsen moved that the amount allowed for registration fees and travel expenses to coaching clinics be increased to \$200 for head coaches and \$150 for assistant coaches. Second by Hinde. Vote all aye.

The bid from Allied Glass in the amount of \$21,684 for New Hartford outside door repairs was approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

The request for use of the NH football field by an outside group was tabled to allow gathering more information from the group.

The process to renew our instructional support program will begin at the November board meeting.

An anonymous donation of two portable defibrillators was accepted on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

The bills of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved for payment on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

On motion of Hinde and second of Nielsen, financial reports of the General, Activity and Nutrition funds were approved as presented. Vote all aye.

The RFP for architectural services regarding summer 2017 high school stadium improvements was approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

Discussion was held regarding the possible schedule for state volleyball if our team qualifies for the tournament.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



## TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Dear DNH Parents/Guardians,

### **Parent-Teacher Conference time is coming soon for K-8.**

The online parent-teacher conference program will be available beginning November 3, 2016 at 12:01 am. The system will be available until 12:00 pm on November 17, 2016. It will reopen November 21, 2016 at 12:01 am and remain open until noon on November 21. Username and password conventions to this system are as follows: username = Firstname.Lastname, and your password = family lunch id (e.g. UN=Jeremiah.Lehr and PW=123). You can see how your username is setup by logging into the parent portal of Infinite Campus, and looking at the spelling of your name in the upper right hand corner. For the password, click on the student drop down menu in the top left hand corner of the portal, select a student, and click on the Family ID link on the left. If you are new to the district, please call the applicable building office to get your password. **Parents of elementary students should sign up in the respective elementary section. Also, 5<sup>th</sup> grade is located in the New Hartford Elementary system.** If you have any problems logging into the system, contact your respective building office.