

*Dike-New Hartford Community Schools*

**Communique**

**October 2014**

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



**Start Somewhere Walk**

Welcome to our fourth year of participating in the Healthiest State Walk. On Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 10:15 the DNH Community Schools will be sponsoring **Start Somewhere Walks** at each of the Dike and New Hartford campus. We will join hundreds of thousands of Iowans today. In the last three years more than 650,000 Iowans participated in the “Start Somewhere” initiative. In 2010, Iowa ranked 19<sup>th</sup> as the Healthiest State in the nation. In 2011, we moved to 16<sup>th</sup>. Last year, according to the 2013 Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index®, Iowa was #10 in the nation when it comes to being physically, emotionally, and mentally healthy. Though cracking the top 10 is a great improvement from the #19 position we held when the Initiative was announced, we know we can claim the #1 spot by 2016.

While this ranking puts us solidly in the top quarter of the country and is an improvement over our previous ranking of 16<sup>th</sup>, we can still do better. Governor Branstad’s goal is to move to be the healthiest state in the nation in the next two years. The intent of the Healthiest State Walk is to encourage Iowans to take their own steps that will improve our state’s well-being rank as well as their own health and happiness. This initiative partners the Blue Zone Project which Cedar Falls and Waterloo are two local Iowa communities currently selected to go through this process.

Thank you for being one of the Iowans today making strides toward improving the health of our great state of Iowa!

We will walk 1,000 meters which is 2 ½ times around the track. Enjoy!!

Just a reminder there will **NOT** be school on Monday, October 13 & Friday, October 31 (K-12)



**Red Ribbon Week  
October 27-31**

DNH Schools will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week the week of October 27, 2014. Since its beginning in 1986, millions of young people and adults celebrate a healthy, drug-free life by wearing or displaying a Red Ribbon during the Red Ribbon celebration. This nationwide celebration has become a major force for raising public awareness and mobilizing communities to combat alcohol and drug use among youth.

This year Grundy County Public Health will be presenting a 30-minute assembly program to Kindergarten-4th grade on Monday, October 27. They will be speaking with the students, handing out bracelets and cups and having them sign a poster to declare themselves drug free.

Other activities are being planned throughout the rest of the week, which will be announced later.



## LANESBORO FUND RAISER

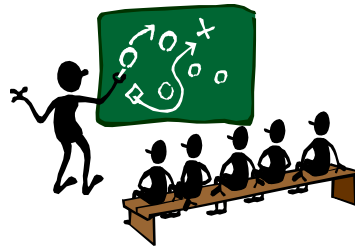
Please come help support the 8th grade class and their trip to Lanesboro. We will be working at Pizza Ranch in Cedar Falls, Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be there from 5-8 PM that night. Please come eat and help us raise money for our trip.

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# Craft Sale

**DNH After Prom Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, November 8th 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 Sandy Becker @ [319-983-2561](tel:319-983-2561) or email her at [sandra.becker@dnhcsd.org](mailto:sandra.becker@dnhcsd.org)



## AIW: A Framework for Academic Excellence

What is AIW and why is the Dike New Hartford High School staff spending most early dismissals focusing upon it for professional development?

Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW) is a research-based framework that helps teachers analyze and improve the quality of student thinking through team-based discussions. Teachers who emphasize AIW in the classroom take their students' learning to a higher level through original (authentic) application of knowledge and skills, rather than routine use of facts and procedures. Careful consideration is taken into intellectual challenges and expectations that are promoted in lessons, assignments and assessments, and the corresponding student work.

Throughout the year, teachers will be sharing learning tasks, videotapes of teaching, and examples of student work with their AIW teams. Staff will reflect upon, analyze, and critique these artifacts and then use the feedback from colleagues to improve student learning by creating rigorous and relevant learning tasks and utilizing instructional techniques that ensure students' authentic intellectual work.

At several times during the year, AIW trained staff will be conducting walkthroughs tallying evidence of questioning that demands higher order thinking skills, instruction and student understanding of concepts and problems, substantive conversation, and value beyond school. This data will be evaluated to determine our success at implementing AIW and look for areas that need improvement. We will focus our professional development to ensure our commitment and integrity for the AIW process.

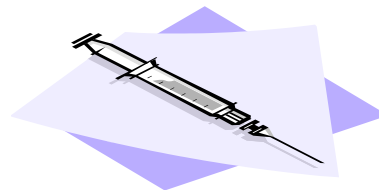


As always, the school year seems to be flying by. We are already over half way through the fall sports seasons, and by the time this Communique is released we will be about 3 weeks from our teams beginning tournament play. This is truly an exciting time of the year and I wish all of our athletes and coaches the best as they head down the tournament trail.

The fall play tryouts have also been held and those students are busy preparing for their production of "Spy School". This play is a comedy drama set in 1961, where an ordinary teenage girl is drafted by the CIA to become a super-secret secret agent. Her mission is to infiltrate an American high school to locate a Russian spy about to send classified space program information to the USSR. It is supposed to be very entertaining with some sarcastic humor. The play will be held on November 7 and 8, at 7:00 PM in the high school auditorium.

Earlier this fall, our beverage contract with Pepsi expired. To renew these types of contracts, we have to open them up for bids from other like vendors. Through this process, we received a bid from Coca-Cola that will save our district approximately \$40,000 over what was offered by Pepsi for the life of the 5 year contract. At the September Board meeting our School Board voted to go with Coca-Cola instead of Pepsi. I'm sure some people will be disappointed in this decision and others will be happy about it based on their preference of soft drink. I would like to let everyone know that this came down to simple dollars and cents for the Board as they try to do their best to be fiscally responsible to our students and community. We will be making the transition to Coca-Cola between the fall and winter sports seasons.

Go Wolverines!!!



Grundy County Public Health will hold flu immunization clinics in Dike on October 16, 2014. The clinic for staff and high school students will be held in the high school library beginning at 7:30 AM. The clinic for elementary students will be held in the elementary library from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

A registration form for both clinics will be sent home with each student in the near future. Information regarding payment for the vaccine will be provided, along with the registration form. Flu shots or flu mist will be offered.

This is a convenient opportunity to immunize your child; and we strongly encourage you to take advantage of these clinics. If you have questions, please feel free to call the school nurse at 319-989-2487, Ext. 3070

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## GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Trisha Ames, Counselor

### ACT

The next scheduled test is December 13<sup>th</sup> and the registration deadline is November 7<sup>th</sup>. All juniors who are planning to take the ACT are urged to wait and test on the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 test date. The deadline to sign up for this date is March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 test date is May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. To register for the ACT go online to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). DNH's school code is 161260.

### Scholarships

Scholarships can be found online at <http://dnhcsd.org/counselor/scholarships>. Toward the bottom of that page there is an updated 14-15' 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.

## **Dike-New Hartford Board of Education September Board Meeting**

After a walk through tour of the New Hartford facilities and grounds, the Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the New Hartford School Library for the annual meeting with Nielsen presiding and members Hinde, Koop, Lizer and Lotts. Also present were administrators Hunt, Textor and Martinek.

Visitors present at the meeting included Suzanne Perez.

The annual meeting agenda was approved on motion of Lizer and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

Merfeld reviewed with the board annual reports including the Certified Annual Report (CAR), Treasurer's Annual Report, Nutrition Fund Annual Report, Activity Fund Annual Report, Transportation Annual Report, and the Special Education Supplement, which were all approved with changes noted on motion of Koop and second of Lizer. Vote all aye.

Hinde was elected president for 2014-15 and Koop vice president. Merfeld administered the oath of office and Hinde assumes the chair.

On motion of Koop and second of Nielsen, Merfeld was re-appointed as secretary for 2014-15 with a salary increase of 4.525%. The oath of office was administered by Hinde.

The law firms of Swisher & Cohrt and Ahlers Law Firm were appointed as legal counsel on motion of Lizer and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

Being no further business, the annual meeting adjourned at 7:55.

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on September 15, 2014 at 7:55 p.m. after the annual meeting for the regular monthly board meeting with Hinde presiding and members Koop, Lizer, Lotts and Nielsen. Also present were administrators Hunt, Textor and Martinek.

Visitors present included Suzanne Perez.

Minutes of the August 18, 2014 regular meeting were approved as written on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

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

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

Lizer moved that the list of SIAC committee members be approved for 2014-15. Second by Koop. Vote all aye. The 2014-15 SIAC Annual District Goals were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

On motion of Lizer and second of Koop, Koop, Lotts and Nielsen were appointed to be the Board representatives to the Butler, Black Hawk and Grundy County Conference Boards respectively. Vote all aye.

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

On motion of Lotts and second of Lizer, the River Hills Consortium Agreement with Cedar Falls Schools was approved. Vote all aye.

The Non-Resident Student Placement Contract with Dubuque Schools was approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

The second reading of policy revisions to series 700, 800 and 900 were approved on motion of Lizer and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

On motion of Lotts and second of Lizer, the second reading of policies 601.1 – School Calendar, 601.2 – School Day, 501.3 – Compulsory Attendance, 803.1 – Disposition of Obsolete Equipment, 502.10 – Use of Motor Vehicles, and 704.2 Sale of Bonds were approved. Vote all aye.

Superintendent Hunt reviewed projected enrollment numbers for the 2014-15 school year.

A contract modification for Jennifer Svoboda from BA to BA+12 was approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

Contracts for Dave Knudsen as PM Bus Driver, Jamie Shakespeare as PT Asst JH Volleyball Coach, Ashtyn Dove for additional pay for Head JH Volleyball Coach and Chris Heerkes as HS Special Ed Associate were approved on motion of Lizer and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

The resignation of Dale Wille as bus driver was approved on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Bids for replacement of the kitchen fire doors in Dike were reviewed for information only.

After reviewing the monthly bills of the general, activity and nutrition funds, they were approved for payment on motion of Koop and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

The financial reports of the general activity and nutrition funds were approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

On motion of Lizer, the 2014-15 Title I application in the amount of \$46,854 was approved. Second by Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Bids from Pepsi and Coca-Cola for concessions and vending were reviewed. On motion of Lizer and second of Koop, the bid of Coca-Cola, with Option A or B to be decided by administration, was approved. Vote four ayes, one nay.

Hunt discussed with the Board possible future facility projects as a result of the walk through tours of both sites.

A Board work session will be scheduled at an upcoming date. Hunt will notify board members of possible dates.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

## Dike-New Hartford Community School Public Notification

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY & AFFIRMATIVE ACTION** - The Dike-New Hartford Community School District shall provide equal opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment in accordance with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action laws, directives and regulations of federal, state and local governing bodies and agencies. This obligation to affirmatively implement equal employment opportunity to all employees and applicants for employment includes hiring, placement, upgrading, transfer or demotion, recruitment, advertising or solicitation for employment, treatment during employment, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and layoff or termination.

Individuals who file an application with either school district will be given consideration for employment if they meet or exceed the qualifications set by the board, administration, and State Department of Education for the class or position for which they apply. In employing school district personnel, the board shall consider the qualifications, credentials, and records of the applicants. It is the policy of the Dike-New Hartford School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. In keeping with the law, the board shall consider the veteran status of applicants.

**EQUITY GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE** – Dike-New Hartford students and parents/guardians are hereby notified that in accordance with federal regulations assuring all students of equal opportunities and treatment in the total education program, grievance procedures have been adopted by the Dike-New Hartford Board of Education. The first step of this procedure is an informal review whereby a student who believes she/he has been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or socioeconomic status should discuss the problem with the teacher or principal. If a formal grievance (Level 2) is requested, it should be initiated within fifteen (15) working days of the alleged discrimination with the Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer (Equity Coordinator) for the facilities at Dike is Irvin Laube, high school principal (319-989-2485 or [irvin.laube@dnhcsd.org](mailto:irvin.laube@dnhcsd.org)); and the Compliance Officer for the facilities at New Hartford is Jerold Martinek, PreK-8 principal (319-983-2206 or [jerold.martinek@dnhcsd.org](mailto:jerold.martinek@dnhcsd.org)). Please feel free to call or visit anytime you wish to have more information, discuss a problem or to begin investigation procedures. In the event that a problem is

not satisfactorily resolved at level two, then it may proceed to level three with the superintendent.

This procedure in no way denies the right of the grievant to file formal complaints with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission, the Federal Office of Civil Rights or other agencies available for mediation or rectification of civil rights grievances or to seek private counsel for complaints alleging discrimination.

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*"In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, or call 800-795-3272 (voice) or 202-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."*

**TITLE VI, IX AND SECTION 504** – The district has a policy against discrimination under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of Educational Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal education opportunity shall be directed to the Title IX Compliance Officer(s) at the respective school addresses: at Dike is Irvin Laube, high school principal (319-989-2485 or [irvin.laube@dnhcsd.org](mailto:irvin.laube@dnhcsd.org)); at New Hartford is Jerold Martinek, PreK-8 principal (319-983-2206 or [jerold.martinek@dnhcsd.org](mailto:jerold.martinek@dnhcsd.org)) or the superintendent in his/her absence (319-989-2552).

**ENGLISH SECOND LANGUAGE/ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS PLAN (ESL/ELL)** - At Dike-New Hartford Community School District, we welcome all learners. In order to meet the needs of all students we ask that any families notify the office if the primary language spoken in the home is something other than English. This will initiate the process to help in using of our district ESL/ELL Plan. Questions or notification can be made by calling the superintendent's office at 319-989-2552.

# October 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 6p 9th FB St.Ansgar @ Dike 6:30p DFS@DikePeoplesBank  4:15p JH VB @ Union 4:15p JH FB @ E.Marshall	3 7p FB @ MFL MarMac	4  9a 8th VB @ Gladbrook 9a 7th VB @ Dike
5	6 6p JV FB W'loo West @ Dike  4:15p JH FB @ Peet 4:15p JH VB Columbus @ NH	7 4:15p JH & HS CC 5p Wolverine Invite 6p VB @ Sum-Fred	8 Early Dismissal 6p PTSO Mtg. @ NH	9  4:15 JH VB Sum-Fred @ NH 4:15p JH FB A-P @ NH	10 7p FB S.Winn @ Dike	11 8:30a VB @ CR Jefferson  9a JH VB 8th @ Dike
12	13 No School 6p JV VB @ Dike 6p JV FB @ Nashua-P'field	14 4:45p JH & HS CC @ Union 6p VB Union @ Dike "Senior Parents Night"  4:00p 7thgr VB @ Wellsburg	15 8:30a PSAT	16 7p HS Vocal Concert  4:15p JH FB @ Wapsie 4:00p 8thgr @ Wellsburg	17 7p FB @ Sum-Fred	18 9a VB @ Council Bluffs 9a JV VB @ Dike 9a CC Conf. JH & HS @Reinbeck
19	20 6p JV FB Jesup @ Dike 6p DEPO Mtg.	21 VB Reg.	22 Early Dismissal	23 CC-Dist.	24 7p FB Jesup @ Dike "Senior Parent's Night"	25 All-State Music Auditions  5:30-8pNH PTSO Fall Festival 5:30-8p NH Title 1 ParentNite
26	27	28 7p VB-Reg	29 FB 1st Rd. Playoffs	30 HS PT Conferences	31 No School Halloween VB Reg.	

# BREAKFAST

October 2014

## Dike-New Hartford

\* monday

\* tuesday

\* wednesday

\* thursday

\* friday

Choice of Breakfast  
As shown  
Or Cereal/Yogurt with  
Fruit or Juice and Milk.

Menu Subject  
To change  
Without notice.

1  
Bagel & Cream Cheese  
Yogurt

2  
Breakfast Pizza

3  
Muffin  
Yogurt

6  
Breakfast Bites

7  
Granola Bar  
Yogurt

8  
Bacon, Egg & Cheese

9  
Pop Tart  
Yogurt

10  
Breakfast Sandwich

13  
NO SCHOOL

14  
Muffin  
Yogurt

15  
Pancakes  
Egg

16  
Bagel & Cream Cheese  
Yogurt

17  
Breakfast Bar

20  
Pancake/Sausage on a  
Stick

21  
Pop Tart  
Yogurt

22  
Breakfast Pizza

23  
Cereal Bar  
Yogurt

24  
Breakfast Wrap

27  
Bacon, Egg & Cheese

28  
Bagel & Cream Cheese  
Yogurt

29  
Breakfast Sandwich

30  
Muffin  
Yogurt

31  
NO SCHOOL  
Happy Halloween

### Breakfast Fact

MyPlate recommends:

Start with breakfast. Eat a breakfast that helps you meet your food group needs. People who skip breakfast often weigh more. Eating a nutrient-dense breakfast may help you lose weight and keep it off.

Reference: USDA. MyPlate.gov. Internet: <http://www.myplate.gov/>.



# LUNCH

October 2014

## Dike-New Hartford

\* monday

\* tuesday

\* wednesday

\* thursday

\* friday

All meals include  
Milk and offerings from  
Fruit/Veggie Bars.

Menu Subject  
to change  
Without Notice.

*French Bread Pizza* 1  
*Carrots*  
*Pear Slices*  
*Sherbet*

*Cheeseburger* 2  
*French Fries*  
*Broccoli*  
*Mandarin Oranges*

*Chicken Nuggets* 3  
*Mashed Potatoes*  
*Cinnamon Apple Slices*

*Italian Chicken Sandwich* 6  
*Glazed Carrots*  
*French Fries*  
*Peaches*

*Super Nachos* 7  
*Refried Beans*  
*Juice*

*Deli Wrap* 8  
*Green Beans*  
*Chips*  
*Pear Slices*

*Grilled Cheese Sandwich* 9  
*Baked Potato Bar*  
*Corn*  
*Grapes*

*Corn Dog* 10  
*Cheesy Broccoli*  
*Applesauce*  
*Ice Cream Treat*

NO SCHOOL 13

*Chicken Burrito* 14  
*Spanish Rice*  
*Corn*  
*Applesauce*

*Scalloped Potatoes- Ham* 15  
*Dinner Roll*  
*Broccoli*  
*Pears*

*Maidrite on a Bun* 16  
*French Fries*  
*Carrots*  
*Pineapple Tidbits*

*Popcorn Chicken* 17  
*Baked Beans*  
*Mandarin Oranges*  
*Cookie*

*Tenderloin* 20  
*Cheesy Broccoli*  
*Potato Smiles*  
*Peaches*

*Quesadilla* 21  
*Refried Beans*  
*Mandarin Oranges*

*Spaghetti with Meat Sauce* 22  
*Garlic Bread*  
*Carrots*  
*Pear Slices*

*Breakfast Sandwich* 23  
*Hashbrown Sticks*  
*Juice*

*Chicken Tenders* 24  
*Green Beans*  
*Mashed Potatoes*  
*Pineapple*

*Fish Sandwich* 27  
*Baked Beans*  
*Potato Wedges*  
*Mixed Fruit*

*Taco "Edibowl"* 28  
*Corn*  
*Fiesta Rice*  
*Peaches*

*Beef & Noodles* 29  
*Breadstick*  
*Carrots*  
*Applesauce*

*Chicken* 30  
*Mashed Potatoes & Gravy*  
*Pear Slices*  
*Fruit Crisp*

NO SCHOOL 31

### Lunch Fact

MyPlate recommends:

Choose vegetables rich in color! Brighten your plate with vegetables that are red, orange, or dark green. They not only taste great but also are good for you, too.

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