

# Dike-New Hartford Community Schools Communique September 2016

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2016-2017

## School Calendar Dates

The dates for recesses and teacher in-service days are as follows:

- **Thanksgiving Recess** – November 23 – 25
  - **Christmas Recess** – Dec. 23 – Jan. 2
  - **President’s Day** (Snow Make-Up Day#1) – Feb 20
  - **Spring Recess** – March 13 –17
  - **Good Friday** – Apr 14 (Snow Make-up Day #2)
  - **No School Days for Teacher In-Service Days** – Oct 10, Oct 28, Jan. 16, Feb 3, Apr 17
  - **Early Dismissals for Teacher In-Service Days are 1:30 pm. The days are:** Aug 31, Sep 14, Sep 28 Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9, Dec 7, Jan 11, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 22, Mar 8, Apr 5, Apr 19, May 3, and May 17
- Early Dismissals:** Dec. 22 (Christmas Break)



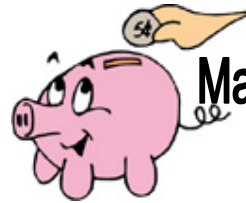
## 2016-17 Athletic Activity Pass

The DNH 2016-17 Athletic Activity Pass allows entry to home events for ALL athletic programs throughout the school year. Cost is \$85/student, \$110/adults and \$350/family (K-12 student). Senior Citizens from the Dike-New Hartford community over age 65 are FREE (show ID & pick up pass). Passes may be purchased in the high school principal’s office or the superintendent’s office.

**Season Passes Only** are available for football and volleyball home events.

Football - \$16.00/Adults/Students

Volleyball - \$12.00/Adults & Students



## Make School Payments On-Line

Access our online payment processing system, **PaySchools**, from our school’s Web site at [www.dnhcsd.org](http://www.dnhcsd.org). In designated areas you can make purchases by clicking the “buy now button.”

The first time you access the system, you will need to create a username and password. After you login, simply select the item(s) you wish to purchase then choose to pay by e-check or credit card. To pay by e-check (directly debiting your bank account), you will enter your bank’s ABA routing number and personal bank account number. To make your purchase by credit card, enter the account number and expiration date for your credit card. After you complete your purchase, an e-mail confirmation and receipt will be sent immediately to you. PaySchools uses Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) software, requires passwords throughout the program and does not store personal bank or credit card information to ensure privacy and security for users.

### We are currently accepting online payments for the following items:

- School Lunch Account
- School Registration Fees
- Kdgn-4th Gr. Annual Classroom Milk Fee
- Pre-School Monthly Tuition Fees
- Athletic Activity Ticket
- Driver Education Fees
- Music Dept. Fees
- Lanesboro
- Graduation Fees
- Technology
- Yearbook

## PTSO Fundraiser

### PreK-2 and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Currently, New Hartford Elementary students are having a The Chip Shoppe fundraiser. The sale begins **August 30** and ends **September 15**. Students will pick up and deliver items they have sold on **October 11** from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in **New Hartford**.

*Please consider purchasing one of these quality products to support the New Hartford PTSO*

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### JH P/T Conference

#### Reminder for Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

Midterm conferences for students in grades 6-8 will be held October 3, from noon - 7:40 p.m. Parents/guardians will be assigned to meet with one teacher. Three weeks before conferences (Sept. 12) a sign-up sheet will be sent home with 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. From this sheet parent/guardians should indicate a time preference for a conference, this sheet should be returned by **September 26**. Once the information is returned and compiled, a follow-up note will be sent home with the students confirming the parents'/guardians' conference time.

**Please** be sure to return the sign-up sheet and look for the follow-up confirmation note. To save money communication will NOT be sent through the postal service.

**There will be no school for grades 6-8 on October 3. All other grades will have school**



#### **Substitute Bus Driver**

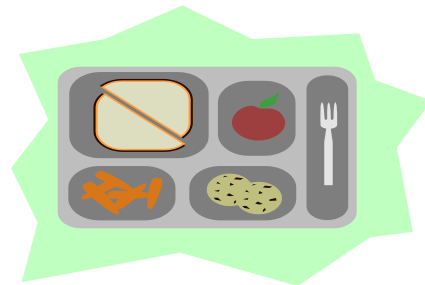
We are looking for substitute bus drivers. If interested, please call Mike Buchholz at 319-989-9334 or 319-346-8061.

## WEEKLY NOTIFICATION OF LOW LUNCH BALANCES

The Dike-New Hartford School uses an automated system through Infinite Campus for breakfast and lunch programs. An account is established for each family into which payments are made for school nutrition purchases.

**A low balance notice is emailed weekly** (on Thursday) to families who have negative balances of (-) \$3.00 or more as a reminder to add money to their account. Notices are mailed weekly to those families who do not have email addresses or have not informed the school of their address. If you have not supplied the school with your email address or have an email address update, please notify the appropriate principal's office.

**To avoid negative balance notices, parents/guardians can deposit a set monthly or weekly dollar amount to maintain a sufficient account balance.**



### **Volunteers Needed in the Dike High School Kitchen**

If you are available from 11 am – 1 pm, we would love to have your help serve lunch to our students. Please contact Angie Callan at 983-2206.



### **Wolverine Invite Cross Country Meet**

On October 4 the Wolverine Invite Cross Country Meet will take place out at Fox Ridge Golf Course. It will start with a Kids Fun for PreK-6th graders starting at 4pm followed by junior high races and high school races. There will be 22 teams participating and around 800 kids running. If you would like to help out with the meet please contact Will Reingardt at [will.reingardt@dnhcsd.org](mailto:will.reingardt@dnhcsd.org).

# OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

The deadline for open enrollment applications was March 1 for the 2016-2017 school year. Applications must be sent to both the resident and receiving districts. Forms are available at the central administration office.

Low income families may qualify for transportation assistance. High school students lose 90 days of athletic eligibility if they open enroll.

Applications for students in kindergarten are exempt from the open enrollment March 1 deadline and will file in the same manner by September 1. Applications for "good cause" as defined by law for failing to meet the March 1 deadline may be submitted by September 1.



## Free Back Pack Program

Dike-New Hartford is partnering with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to provide the Back Pack Program to K-8 students during the 2016-2017 school year. The program is schedule to begin in September and will continue throughout the school year.

The Back Pack Program is a free program that provides kid-friendly, non-perishable food for students most in-need, for the weekends and breaks when school meals are not available and there may be little or no food to eat in the home. Please carefully consider your family's economic status and determine if this program is something needed for your child (ren).

If the Back Pack Program is something your family could utilize, please complete and return a registration form, which is available at either school site.

It is also available on Ms. Timmerman's website. Please call either site Dike Elementary (319-989-2487) or New Hartford Elementary (319-983-2206) if you have any questions.



## On The DNH Website

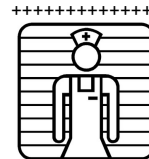
[www.dnhcsd.org](http://www.dnhcsd.org)

Internet access allows families of the district to access the monthly newsletter (*Communique*), lunch menu, activity calendar, monthly board agendas, board minutes, and much more.

**Request for mailing....** If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the high school principal's office (989-2485) to request the *Communique* be sent to your home.

The updated 2016-17 Dike-New Hartford Parent-Teacher Handbook will soon be posted on the webpage for your reference.

Keep the DNH website at your fingertips for various school related announcements posted throughout the school year. You will find our webpage very beneficial!



## Medical Alerts

### Students with Food Allergies

All students with food allergies must have a signed statement from their physician listing allergies to foods and food ingredients. This will be kept on file in the food service office of the building they attend. Please provide the school nurse or head cook with this information at the appropriate attendance site as soon as possible.

### Medication Administration Procedure

Please make sure **all medication**, both prescription and non-prescription, are sent to school in the **original container**. **Include a note from the parent** with time, dose to be given, and why. No medication will be given without parent permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Meet the TLC Coaches



As Mr. Hunt mentioned in the June issue of the Communique, the main premise of the TLC process is that student achievement will increase as teacher instruction improves. Therefore, the TLC team's mission is to increase student achievement by providing a framework for innovative teachers to demonstrate their leadership potential while fostering trusting relationships and enhancing support for professional development.

As DNH begins the Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) journey, we will provide monthly updates on how the TLC process is progressing. We would like to introduce you to the four instructional coaches, Amanda Bonjour, Diane Eilderts, Amy Seitz, and Joanna Seymour.

Amanda Bonjour is the Literacy Coach for the district. She has taught 7th and 8th grade literature and language arts for the past 5

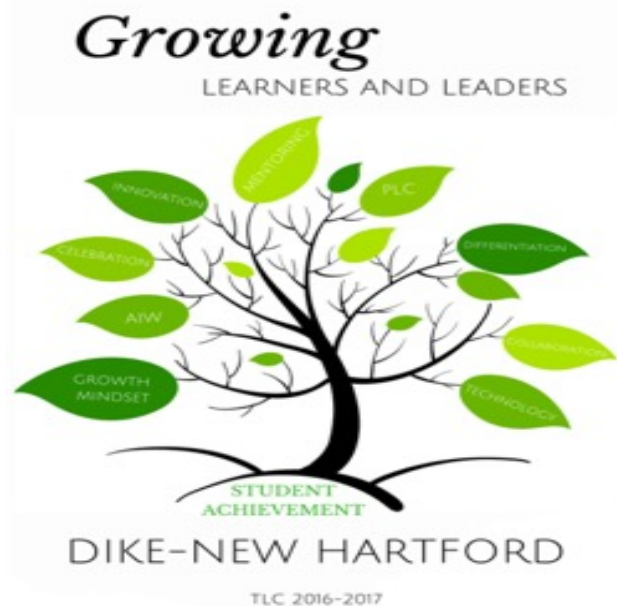
years, 2 of them being at DNH. She is excited to begin this new journey and to collaborate with all teachers throughout the district.

Diane Eilderts is a K-12 Mathematics Coach. She has taught 7th and 8th grade math and exploratories for 24 years, all at DNH. She is looking forward to working with the TLC team and seeing how she can improve math learning at all levels.

Amy Seitz will serve as the Mentoring and Collaboration Coach. Previously Mrs. Seitz taught secondary English for 15 years, the last 7 of those being at DNH. In addition, Mrs. Seitz will continue to serve as the high school Student Council adviser and Speech coach. She is excited to work with the mentor teachers and new professionals.

Joanna Seymour has been the Technology Integrationist for Dike-New Hartford since 2013-2014 when we launched the Digital Learning Environment. Her role has evolved over time in order to meet the technology and learning needs of the district. She will continue to provide technology support to the teachers and students as well as help teachers to analyze student learning needs and assist in utilizing technology tools to best meet those needs.

For more information on TLC at DNH, please visit our website <http://www.dnhlearners.com>



# Football TV Raffle



Raffle tickets are now available for the Wolverine Football TV raffle. The Wolverine Football team is raffling off a 60" LED HDTV. Drawing will be held at halftime of the Homecoming game on September 23 vs. West Marshall. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00 and are available from any Wolverine Football player.

Access Network (ICAN) to provide a free financial aid presentation **at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016 in room 101.**

➤ 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 Comparison
- Aid Options
- Scholarship Process
- Where to Go for Help

## NOTICE

A \$15.00 insufficient fund fee will be assessed for offsetting costs incurred by the Dike-New Hartford School District for processing an insufficient fund check Or on-line payment. Reoccurrence of insufficient fund problems may well result in the district not accepting personal checks.

*Trisha Ames*

*High School Counselor*

JUNIORS & SENIORS...Colleges and Military Representatives come to DNH to inform students and answer questions about their organizations. Please stop in and see Mrs. Ames to sign up if you are interested.

### ARE YOU HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE?

Come to the FREE Financial Aid Presentation at Dike-New Hartford High School for Seniors & Their Parents

- Dike-New Hartford High School guidance office has invited a representative from the Iowa College

### JUNIORS AND THE PSAT/NMSQT TESTS

On Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> all JUNIORS have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT test. This will be done onsite starting at 8:20-11:28. **This is generally intended for students who are in the top 15% in their class.** This test assesses your critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills. **The fee is \$15.00 per student payable to DNH.** Students should stop in the guidance office ASAP and see Mrs. Ames about signing up and picking up pre-test materials. **Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> is the last day to sign up for the PSAT with Mrs. Ames. Deadline for turning in your money is Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reminder to those still needing to take the ACT:** The next scheduled test is October 22<sup>nd</sup> and the registration deadline is September 16<sup>th</sup>. Seniors if you haven't done so yet this would be the ACT test date to pick. Please visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register online.

## YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

2015-16 Yearbooks have arrived! Students who ordered yearbooks can pick them up in the high school office. If you did not order a yearbook but would like one there are still some available.

Contact Mrs. Seitz at [amy.seitz@dnhcsd.org](mailto:amy.seitz@dnhcsd.org) to get yours today.

## LANESBORO TRIP

The Dike New Hartford 8th Grade class has the privilege of going on a class trip to Eagle Bluff Learning Center. This center is located in Lanesboro, Minnesota. The students participate in many group activities including canoeing and a high ropes course, and also participate in a science class and social studies class.

This experience is awesome, and gives them a chance to have some time together before they move onto high school. It is beneficial for our students to work together on various fundraisers (prior to the trip) and then at the trip grow together in a learning environment. The dates of the trip are May 15-17th, 2017.

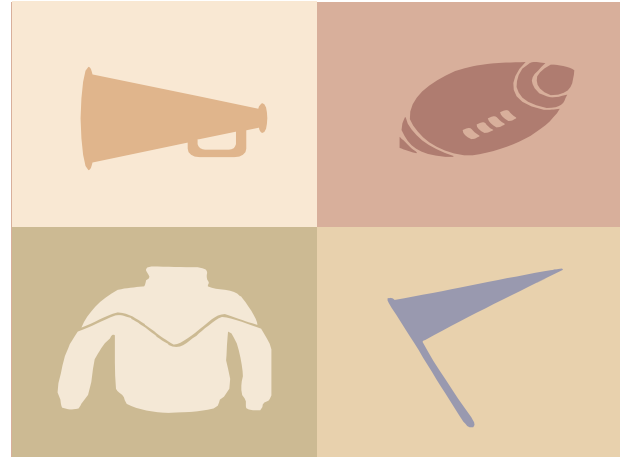
There are many opportunities to help with fundraising efforts.

We will be doing concession stands at the JH as a way to raise money. All 8th grade students and their parents should consider helping out when possible. Here are the dates:

September 20th -- Football vs Peet JH @ 4:15pm  
September 20th -- Volleyball vs GR @ 4:15pm  
September 26th -- Volleyball vs BMAP @ 4:15pm  
September 29th -- Football vs A-P @ 4:15pm  
October 1st -- Volleyball tournament in Dike @ 8:30 am  
October 3rd -- Volleyball vs A-P @ 4:15pm  
October 1st -- Volleyball tournament in Dike @ 8:30 am  
October 10th -- Volleyball vs GC @ 4:15pm  
October 13th -- Volleyball vs Denver @ 4:15pm  
October 13th -- Football vs Hudson @ 5:00pm

To sign up, contact Suzanne Neuroth or Melissa Loger, or go online at <http://signup.com/go/U1xKfi> or the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1789351181310216/>. Thanks!

## DIKE-NEW HARTFORD BOOSTER CLUB



Watch the school calendar and website for Booster Club meeting dates. We always welcome new people to come to our meetings! If you haven't joined the booster club, it is **NOT** too late. We welcome any family or business memberships along with sponsoring of games. Please contact the high school office or check online to get a form.

There are always lots of new clothing items available to purchase. The clothing will be available at all home football and many volleyball games. You can also order any time on the booster club website at [www.dnhwolverines.org/](http://www.dnhwolverines.org/)

Another upcoming fundraiser this year is the collection of cans/plastic bottles to be taken to a redemption center with the proceeds going to support Booster Club projects. Watch for a trailer in the next few weeks near the tennis court/shelter house area at the high school.

The Booster Club is selling "NFL Cards" for \$20 a piece as a fundraiser for the 2016-2017 school year. Each week, every card is assigned 3 teams. The highest three total scoring cards and lowest two total scoring cards for the week are paid out:

- \*Highest = \$100
- \*2nd Highest = \$60
- \*3rd Highest = \$40
- \*Lowest = \$20
- \*2nd Lowest = \$10

Each card gets an entry to each of the 17 NFL weeks. Winners will be notified, and checks will be mailed out each month. For more clarification or to buy a card, please contact Curt Johnson or Cody Eichmeier.

## NOTICE

### **ASBESTOS HAZARD EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT -**

The only known friable asbestos materials identified and existing in the facilities at Dike are located above the ceiling in the lower elementary corridor (1957 building). The asbestos materials are in pipe joints and are in good condition. The presence presents no danger to students or the public and is monitored every 6 months. The only other asbestos containing materials known to remain in the facilities at Dike are the floor tile in the elementary, high school 2-story and industrial arts buildings. The presence of asbestos in the floor tile presents no danger to students and the public and continues to be monitored every 6 months. Facilities at the New Hartford site are free of any known friable and non-friable asbestos containing materials.

The district has an AHERA plan on file for all district facilities. The plan may be inspected in the superintendent's office during normal working hours of 8:00-4:00 p.m. Direct any concerns or questions to the district's AHERA Compliance Officer who is the superintendent of the schools.

### **HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL DISCLOSURE PLAN -**

Comprehensive Hazardous Chemical Disclosure Plans for the Dike-New Hartford Community School have been prepared. The plans include signing of buildings and rooms in which materials may be stored. The plans are on file in the superintendent's office and may be inspected during normal working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The facilities have been inspected and the plans have been reviewed by OSHA.

**RADON TESTING & LEVELS -** Dike-New Hartford School facilities have been tested for radon levels. The results for the most part revealed radon levels well below the pCi/L level necessitating corrective measures. All facilities registering levels of radon of concern to be monitored are served by tunnels, below ground services and/or unique ventilation system. Radon test results are on file in the Office of Superintendent of Schools and may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**LEAD IN DOMESTIC WATER -** Samples from various Dike-New Hartford facility locations have been submitted to an approved hygienic laboratory for analysis. The analysis levels of lead are less than .001 milligrams per liter which is well below the EPA standard of .05 milligrams per liter. The report for each district may be reviewed in the superintendent's office.

## **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 families notify the office by September 10 if the primary language spoken in the home is something other than English. This will initiate the process to help in using our district ESL/ELL Plan. Questions or notification can be made by calling the superintendent at 989-2552.

## **In America, Homeless Children Are Never School-less Children**

All school-age children are entitled to a free, appropriate public education and all necessary support services and assistance including but not limited to –

- Compensatory education
- Special education
- English as a second language
- Vocational courses or programs
- Programs for gifted and talented students
- Health services
- Food and nutrition programs
- School transportation

These services and assistance are provided to homeless pupils on the same basis as services provided to resident pupils.

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education shall make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children and youth of school age within the district, encourage their enrollment and eliminate existing barriers to their receiving education which may exist in district policies or practices. A homeless child may be identified accordingly:

- **ON THE STREET:** living on the streets, without nominal housing.
- **QUASI-HOMELESS:** living in make-shift shelter such as cars, tents, abandoned buildings, etc.
- **SHELTERS:** living in temporary residence facility for individuals or families (e.g. youth-runaway, family, or abuse shelters, or other shelter facility).
- **DOUBLING-UP:** children and immediate family have moved in with other relatives or friends; without such arrangement they would be without home or shelter.
- **NEAR-HOMELESS:** without entitlements (e.g. fuel or rent assistance) these families would be homeless.

**PLEASE REPORT BY OCTOBER 30 ANY SUCH PERSONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DIKE-NEW HARTFORD SCHOOLS.** Information provided will be in confidence to state and federal authorities.

## **ABDUCTION PREVENTION**

The Iowa Missing Person Information Clearinghouse has available online the following brochures to provide information regarding abduction prevention:

- Key Abduction Prevention Information for Parents/Guardians
- Key Safety Tips – Abduction Prevention Information for Children

You can find these brochures on the web site at [www.state.ia.us/missing](http://www.state.ia.us/missing) or contact the clearinghouse at 1-800-346-5507 for further information. Clearinghouse staff is also available for presentations regarding abduction prevention.

## FEDERAL LAW

There is a Federal Law that bans students from bringing a weapon onto school property. Any student who brings a weapon onto school property may be expelled for a period of one calendar year. Dike-New Hartford School's handbook states: "Dangerous weapons will be taken from students and others who bring them onto school property. Confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects shall be reported to law enforcement officials and the student will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion. Students bringing a firearm to school shall be expelled for not less than 12 months and will be referred to law enforcement authorities."

This announcement is very important during the hunting season. This policy includes the school parking lot. A student could be in violation of the above regulation without even knowing it. Students bringing a shotgun, rifle or archery equipment to school to go hunting before or after school are in violation. Please be very careful not to bring hunting weapons to school.



### Driver Education Registration Is Underway

Daimien Bennett, Instructor

If you are interested in your son or daughter taking driver education they may register. Registration forms and additional information can be found on-line through Mr. Bennett's website (Driver Education Link) or forms can be found in the high school and middle school offices. You may register your student for a future class if you know what session you would like them to be enrolled in. The cost is currently \$310.00 and changes prior to each summer session. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bennett.



## PARENTS/GUARDIANS NOTIFICATION "No Child Left Behind"

Parents/Guardians in the Dike-New Hartford Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling Mr. Larry Hunt, Superintendent, or sending a letter of request to the Office of the Superintendent, Dike-New Hartford Community Schools, P.O. Box D, Dike, IA 50624

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# Dike-New Hartford



## Wolverines

### Grades 7-12 Parent/Guardian & Coaches Communication Guidelines

#### Parent/Coach Relationship

Both parenting and coaching are extremely difficult vocations. By establishing an understanding of each position, we are better able to accept the actions of the other and provide greater benefit to students. As parents, when your child becomes involved in our program, you have a right to understand what expectations are placed on your child. This begins with clear communication from the coach of your child's team.

#### Communication You Should Expect From Your Child's Coach

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations the coach has for your child as well as all the players on the team.
3. Locations and times of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e. fees, special equipment, off season conditioning.
5. Procedures should your child be injured during practice or contests.
6. Discipline those results in the denial of your child's participation. (Good Conduct Code)

#### Communication Coaches Expect From Parents

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your children become involved in the programs at Dike-New Hartford School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It is important to understand that there also may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. At these times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

#### Appropriate Concerns to Discuss With Coaches

1. The treatment of your child mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept your child's not playing as much as you hope. Coaches are professionals. They

make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be the best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be and should be discussed with your child's coach. Other things, such as those listed below, must be left to the discretion of the coach.

#### Issues Not Appropriate to Discuss With Coaches

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Other student athletes.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the others position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

#### If You Have a Concern to Discuss With a Coach, the Procedure You Should Follow:

1. Call the coach's school phone to set up an appointment. (Junior High 319-983-2206 or High School 319-989-2485)
2. If the coach cannot be reached, call the Director of Activities, Mr. Cody Eichmeier, 319-989-2485 High School or 319-983-2206 Junior High.
3. *Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice.* These can be emotional times for both the parent and the coach. Meetings of this nature usually do not promote resolution.

#### The Next Step

#### What Can A Parent Do If the Meeting With the Coach Did Not Provide A Satisfactory Resolution?

Call and set up an appointment with the Director of Activities to discuss the situation. At this meeting the appropriate next step can be determined.

Research indicates a student involved in co-curricular activities has a greater chance of success during adulthood, therefore, these programs have been established. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope this information provided within this pamphlet makes both your child's and your experience with the Dike-New Hartford High School Athletic Program less stressful and more enjoyable.

Dike-New Hartford High School  
Department of Athletics  
Office: 319-989-2485  
FAX: 319-989-2735  
E-mail: [cody.eichmeier@dnhcsd.org](mailto:cody.eichmeier@dnhcsd.org)



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joanna.seymour@dnhcsd.org], 319-290-6327

### **Local Farmers Help Dike-New Hartford Community School District Win \$10,000 Grant to Improve STEM Education**

*Grant from the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Dike- New Hartford students to develop important and leading skills – helping to shape the future of agriculture*

- **Dike-New Hartford CSD will utilize funds to grow STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills by bolstering its high school's FIRST robotics program.**
- **Farmers from across the U.S. nominated and selected the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant recipients**
- **In 2016, the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program is awarding \$2.3 million to rural public school districts to benefit science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs**

Dike, IA (September 2, 2016) – To feed the world's rapidly growing population and tackle many other global challenges, our country's next generation of leaders will need to be highly-skilled in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). That's why the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Program, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund, has awarded the Dike-New Hartford Community School District with a \$10,000 grant.

Dike-New Hartford plans to use the funds to strengthen their high school robotics program. The students will use STEM skills to design and build a robot that will compete in the 2017 FIRST robotics competition. With this grant, the students will be able to access materials for more complex design that will be competitive at the Iowa Regional.

“We are honored to be nominated and receive this grant. The funds will allow the team to expand their design concepts and acquire the materials to make their robot competitive this season. The team's goal is to design a robot that will advance to the World competition.” said Joanna Seymour, District Technology Integrationist and team mentor.

Earlier this year, farmers in the Dike and New Hartford Communities nominated the district for consideration. After the nomination, the district developed its submission to enhance its STEM education offering through [DNH Robotics]. A group of science and math teachers reviewed each submission and selected Dike-New Hartford as a finalist.

Next, the Program's [Farmer Advisory Council](#), which is composed of approximately 30 farmer leaders from across the country with an interest in agriculture and education, selected Dike-New Hartford for one of the Grow Rural Education Grants. Grant applications were judged based on the merit of the application, need and community support.

The America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program began in 2011. Since 2011, more than \$11 million has been awarded to over 700 rural school districts to enhance STEM education. For a complete list of winners and to learn more about the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program, visit [www.GrowRuralEducation.com](http://www.GrowRuralEducation.com).

## About America's Farmers

The America's Farmers campaign highlights the importance of modern U.S. Agriculture through communications and community outreach programs that partner with farmers to impact rural America. To learn more, visit America's Farmers at [www.AmericasFarmers.com](http://www.AmericasFarmers.com).

## About the Monsanto Fund

The Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where farmers and Monsanto Company employees live and work. Visit the Monsanto Fund at [www.monsantofund.org](http://www.monsantofund.org).

## Dike- New Hartford Board of Education

After a walk-through of the New Hartford facilities on August 15, 2016, the Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met on this date at 7:00 p.m. in the New Hartford School Library for the regular monthly meeting with Nielsen presiding and members Hinde, Koop, Lizer and Lotts. Also present was administrators Hunt, Laube, Lehr, Martinek and Textor.

Visitors present at the meeting included Suzanne Perez, David Pruin and Diane Paige.

Minutes of the July 18, 2016 regular meeting were approved as written on motion of Lizer and second of Koop. Vote all aye.

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

Administrators and building principals updated the board on current issues.

Hunt reviewed with the board the timeline regarding the Gladbrook-Reinbeck Dissolution process. Current numbers show Columbus and A-P at 203 students, DNH at 205 (smallest 2A schools), MOC-Floyd Valley at 315 (largest 2A

school) and West Burlington at 322 (smallest 3A school). Adding G-R would potentially add 25-30 students per class or 75-90 in grades 9-11 leaving DNH with approx. 300 students – still at 2A levels.

If the DNH Board would object to the proposal, an arbitrator could potentially overrule the objection and move forward with the Dissolution Committee's plan. On motion of Hinde and second of Lizer the Dike-New Hartford Board will not object to the proposal of the Gladbrook-Reinbeck Dissolution Committee. Vote all aye.

Resignations from Rhandi Oelmann – Asst HS Softball Coach, Renee Gingery – HS Language Arts Teacher and Kendall Gent – Asst HS Baseball Coach were approved on motion of Koop and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

On motion of Hinde and second of Lizer contracts for Rhandi Oelmann – Head HS Softball Coach, Holly Halstead – Head JH Cross Country Coach, Chris Shoemaker – Head JH Volleyball Coach, Zach Fowler – 0.25 Asst HS Wrestling Coach, Bryce Jacobs – 0.25 Asst HS Wrestling Coach, Sarah Anema – NH Dishwasher and Kelly Clemen - Health Assistant were approved. Vote all aye.

Lane Changes for Alison Bixby – BA to BA+12, Amanda Bonjour – BA to BA+12, Suzanne Neuroth - BA+24 to MA were approved on motion of Lotts and second of Lizer. Vote all aye.

An anonymous donation of asphalt at the HS Football/Track concessions area was accepted with gratitude on motion of Koop and second of Lotts. Vote all aye.

The price of activity passes was discussed. Hunt reviewed the comparison of other NICL conference schools pricing and the rationale for how those prices are determined. On motion of Lizer and second of Koop, no action was taken regarding 2016-17 activity pass rates. We plan to better publicize the availability of season passes for individual sports, and the issue will be revisited during the winter for the following school year. Vote all aye.

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

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

IASB Convention plans need to be in place by the next board meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m. followed by a negotiations session.

Policy 906 is a new policy recently added to our board policy manual.

**UNMANNED AIRCRAFTS – DRONES**

The following policy applies to the extent not preempted by federal or state regulatory jurisdiction regarding unmanned aircrafts. For purposes of this policy, the term “unmanned aircraft” means an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

The Dike-New Hartford School District believes in maintaining the safety, security, and privacy of students, employees, and visitors. In keeping with this belief, the use or possession of unmanned aircrafts is prohibited on district property or in the space above the property that reasonably can be considered part of the district property.

The superintendent may make an exception to this policy in specific cases where the circumstances warrant such exception. In such situations and prior to approval, unmanned aircraft operators shall:

- Supply proof of insurance meeting liability limits established by the district;
- Present appropriate registration and authorization issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA);
- Sign an agreement holding the district harmless from any

claims of harm to individuals or damage to property; and

- Meet additional requirements as determined appropriate by the district.

If the unmanned aircrafts are operated as part of the district curriculum, prior to adoption into the curriculum, district employees shall work with district administration to ensure the appropriate insurance, registration, and authorizations are in place.

Unmanned aircrafts shall be operated in accordance with Iowa High School Athletic Association and Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union policy.

Failure to abide by this policy may result in local, state, and federal penalties if applicable.

Legal Reference: FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, P.L. 112-95, Title III, Subtitle B. Model Aircraft Operating Standards, FFA AC No. 91-57A (Sept. 2, 2015). OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL, FED. AVIATION ADMIN., State and Local Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Fact Sheet (Dec. 17, 2015). Iowa Code § 279.8. IHSAA Drone Policy

Cross Reference: 602.1 Curriculum Development

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