

# Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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## Communique May 2012

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



### DCBA Senior Dinner and Dollars for Scholars Awards Tuesday, May 15

Dinner - 6:30 PM  
High School Multi-Purpose Room  
Awards – 7:00 PM (approx.)  
DNH Auditorium

**Dinner** - The annual DCBA Senior Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Dollars for Scholars Awards Night. The DCBA and Dike-New Hartford Dollars for Scholars organizations are jointly planning this event.

**Awards** - For those members of the community and extended family of graduating seniors who wish to attend only the awards program, seating will be provided. The awards program is scheduled to start shortly after 7:00 p.m. in the DNH auditorium. There is no admission charge to the program.

**Dinner Tickets** - All graduating seniors are guests of the DCBA. Parents/Guardians, members of DCBA, trustees of Dollars for Scholars, school board members, school administration and staff are invited to attend.

Tickets are \$8.00. Tickets for seniors and their parents or guardians may be obtained through the high school office by **Wednesday, May 9.**

## Baccalaureate

Wednesday, May 16  
7:00 PM

Fredsville Lutheran Church  
32756 – 150<sup>th</sup> Street, Dike

All graduating seniors, parents/guardians, relatives, friends and community are invited to attend.

## Awards

### Senior Awards Day

Tuesday, May 15  
8:30 AM  
DNH Auditorium



## Class of 2012 Commencement

Sunday, May 20  
2:00 PM  
Dike-New Hartford  
H.S. Gymnasium

**Class Motto:** “As each of us follows our path in life, we will remember these years. We will remember our friends, the laughter, the pain. Our smiles reflect the memories locked deep within our hearts. Future dreams shine like bright stars against the distant night. We have grown so much, and yet, we will grow forever.” Anonymous

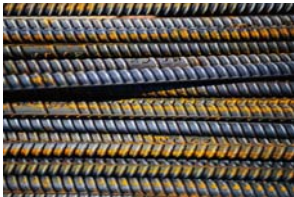
**Class Flower:** White Carnation/tipped blue  
**Class Color:** Regal and Black



## SAVE THE DATE !!!!

We need your **SCRAP METAL!**

The Wolverine Booster Club is hosting a Scrap Metal Drive on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Determination of location, possibility of pick-up and other details are still being worked out. Please be watching our local newspapers and the June Communique for details.

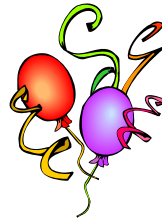


## THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH PROM 2012

Thank you for taking time out of a very busy day to come and help us decorate at the Union. We couldn't have done it without your help! Thanks to those of you who helped with Valet parking and to our chaperones at the dance who stayed to help tear down decorations.

Thanks to Mrs. Freeseaman and Mrs. Bakker for the table decorations.

All of your assistance helped make Prom 2012 a success!



# Congratulations!

- to Nikki Weissenfluh and Katie Glick for placing 5<sup>th</sup> in the skit contest at State Future Problem Solving!
- to Nikki Weissenfluh for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in International Scenario Writing for TAG. She will represent DNH in Indiana in June.



## Back Pack Program

The final distribution of backpacks will be May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Please wash and return the backpack by May 16 to Ms. Timmerman. Thank you to all who participated this year.



## Calendar Updates & Reminders

- April 30** - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to Mississippi River Museum in Dubuque
- May 1** - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade DARE Graduates to the "W" in Waverly  
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Choir Students to Oelwein
- May 7-9** - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to Lanesboro
- May 7** - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to Heery Woods  
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert @Dike - 6:30
- May 8** - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation @New Hartford- 1:20
- May 9** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Orientation @Dike- 10:40
- May 14** - Elementary Fun Cross Country Run-1:00  
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert @ Dike-7:00
- May 15** - NH Preschool Graduation-5:00
- May 16** - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Des Moines
- May 21** - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion @ Dike-7:00
- May 22** - PreS-6 Inflatable Fun in Morning



**Vote! Vote! Vote!  
We need your help  
to win!**

**Hey People! This is important for  
all of us! Please read and react!**

The New Hartford Community has been selected to participate in a nationwide contest to win a free fruit orchard, complete with Irrigation Systems, sponsored by Edy's Fruit Bars and the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation. Your DAILY VOTE, cast for "New Hartford" may mean the difference between the community winning or losing the opportunity to turn one of the FEMA lots into a beneficial orchard for decades to come.

This is important for all of us. The fruit will be available to you, the community, the school and the food bank! It also helps the town look better which will promote new families to move in.

Voting has already begun, but it's not too late to start voting! People of all ages are invited to cast **one e-mail vote per day per person** from now until August 29<sup>th</sup> by visiting:  
[www.communitiesTakeRoot.com](http://www.communitiesTakeRoot.com).

**However, if the community can win that first month, the voting stops!** The first five winners (those who have the most votes) will be announced on May 30, with additional winners chosen on July 2, July 31 and August 30. The 17 locations with the most votes will win a fruit orchard provided by Edy's Fruit Bars and planted by the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation.

New Hartford is in competition with 100+ organizations, so please use Twitter, Face book, YouTube and e-mail to encourage all your e-mail contacts , friends, neighbors, family , co-workers, doctors, nurses, etc. to visit the web site and cast your vote for New Hartford each day. We even have people in Sweden involved already encouraging people to vote. (If you do not have a computer, visit your library and cast your vote there.) If you have trouble setting up the web site call: 319-983-2659 For any additional information, contact Carol Chapman at: 319-983-2659



**Community  
Clean-Up Day  
May 2nd**

Dike-New Hartford High School students and staff will once again be participating in a community clean-up day.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> groups of high school students will take to the streets to give back to the communities that have supported us throughout the years. High school students and faculty will be cleaning ditches, parks, and streets in and around Dike. They will also be helping out with spring jobs at local businesses and homes in the community.

If you would like us to contact you for future community service days, please call the high school at 319-989-2485 and we will give you a call.

Thank you for your support and all you do for the Dike-New Hartford Community School District.

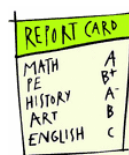
**Last Day of School  
Tuesday, May 22  
1:30 Dismissal**

***Class Schedule Last Day of School  
for High School Students***

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

**Checkout times for high school students:**

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



**Final 2011-12 Report Cards**

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

# Upcoming Orientations



**4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Tuesday, May 8:** The fourth grade students will travel to New Hartford for a tour of the building. The students will also meet Mr. Martinek.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Wednesday, May 9:** New Hartford second graders will travel to Dike to meet some their future classmates. The students will also have lunch and recess together before returning to New Hartford Elementary in the afternoon.

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

**REMINDER-ACT APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE 9<sup>th</sup> TEST DATE IS May 4th, 2012** - To register for the June test date please pick up an application in the guidance office or register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). ACT prep materials can be picked up in the guidance office. Students need to report to their assigned test center by 8:00 a.m. Students need to make sure they bring with them their admission ticket, I.D., calculator, and a couple of No. 2 pencils.

*Thanks*  
**Staff Appreciation Weeks**  
From Superintendent Larry Hunt

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

**April 25, Administrative Professional Day** - to show our appreciation for all of the hard work our secretarial staff does for us.

**May 9, Nurse Appreciation Day** - It is so nice to have their caring and knowledgeable skills here to help when we have medical needs.

**May 8, Teacher Appreciation Day** - Teachers will be recognized in honor of their hard work and dedication to students.

**April 2-6, Transportation Appreciation Day** - In May, we will recognize our transportation director and bus drivers for their care and caution in transporting children safely from place to place.

**May 7-11 Nutrition & Custodial Staff Appreciation Day** - Outstanding meals and cleanliness of buildings help create a tremendous learning environment for students.

**May 6, Teacher Associate Appreciation Day** - Teacher associates, who provide such a fantastic support network for our teachers.

**May 6-12, School Board Appreciation Week** - These people, whom we have chosen to represent us, shoulder the heavy load of making difficult decisions they believe are in the best interests of the whole district. They spend countless hours volunteering their time and giving freely of their talents.

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

The district will also be saying goodbye to five long time employees who have dedicated 109 collective years of service. Dianna Bass, Head Cook at New Hartford and Emily Mugge, Technology Associate are retiring with 23 years of service; Julie Rokes, Junior High/High School Science teacher is retiring with 18 years of service; Mike Williams, High School Principal, is retiring after 26 years and Darlys Wiese, Dike School Nurse with 19 years. These employees will be greatly missed.



**May 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

Tom Lizer – President  
Meinard Koop – Vice President  
Randy Dieken  
Jerry Nielsen  
Melissa Hinde  
Don Graves, Secretary

## Dike-New Hartford Board of Education

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met April 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the school board room for a special meeting with Lizer presiding and members Dieken, Hinde, Koop and Nielsen. Also present were administrators Hunt and Textor along with technology coordinator Lehr.

Dennis Furnau was present as an observer/presenter.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, it was moved to approve the location and construction of the outdoor basketball court as discussed at the March board meeting. Vote all aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Dieken, it was moved to approve the sharing agreement with the Waterloo School District for bowling. Vote all aye.

Lehr and Furnau reviewed with the board regarding technology issues which need to be upgraded to provide better services. On motion of Dieken and second of Nielsen, it was moved to obtain specifications and cost estimates prior to the April 16 board meeting. Vote all aye.

Administrator Williams now present at the meeting.

Hunt and Williams reviewed with the board an update on the Western Outreach Center.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55.

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met April 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the school board room for the annual budget Hearing with Lizer presiding and members Dieken, Hinde, Koop and Nielsen. Also present were administrators Hunt, Williams and Martinek and business manager Merfeld.

On motion of Hinde and second of Dieken, it was moved to approve the Resolution that the board of Directors of Dike-New Hartford Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2012-13 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14 of the Code of Iowa. Vote all aye.

In the absence of any oral or written objections, it was moved by Koop and second of Nielsen to certify a Regular Physical Plant & Equipment levy of \$76,237 which is \$.33 per \$1,000 of total assessed valuation. Roll call vote: Dieken-aye; Hinde-aye; Koop-aye; Lizer-aye; Nielsen-aye.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Hinde, it was moved to certify a Voter Approved Physical Plant & Equipment levy of \$115,511 which is \$.50 per \$1,000 of total assessed valuation. Roll call vote: Hinde-aye; Koop-aye; Lizer-aye; Nielsen-aye; Dieken-aye.

On motion of Hinde and second of Dieken, it was moved to certify a Bonds & Interest levy in the amount of \$113,956 which is \$.49327 per \$1,000 assessed valuation for all Dike-New Hartford taxpayers. Roll call vote: Koop-aye; Lizer-aye; Nielsen-aye; Dieken-aye; Hinde-aye.

On motion of Dieken and second of Koop, it was moved to certify unadjusted Instructional Support Program of \$494,662 (unadjusted State aid, income surtax and property tax amounts) which shall not exceed 10% of total regular program district cost and an income surtax of 8%. Roll call vote: Lizer-aye; Nielsen-aye; Dieken-aye; Hinde-aye; Koop-aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Nielsen, it was moved to adopt and certify the proposed budget for 2012-13 school year as per publication in the GRUNDY REGISTER on March 29, 2012 and the PARKERSBURG ECLIPSE on March 28, 2012 for a total budget of \$13,029,901. Roll call vote: Nielsen-aye; Dieken-aye; Hinde-aye; Koop-aye; Lizer-aye.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 followed by a negotiations strategy session as provided by section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa.

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met April 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the school board room for the regular monthly meeting with Lizer presiding and members Dieken, Hinde, Koop and Nielsen. Also present were administrators Hunt, Williams, Martinek and Textor, technology coordinator Lehr and business manager Merfeld.

Visitors present at the meeting included Julie Kopriva and Don McCallum.

The agenda was adopted as amended on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Minutes of the March 19 regular meeting were approved as corrected and April 9 special meeting approved as written on motion of Nielsen and second of Koop. Vote all aye. The March 19 minutes are corrected in the first paragraph to show that Hinde arrived at 5:35 instead of 5:25.

Lehr met with the board and reviewed preliminary estimates to update the districts technology needs and on motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, it was moved to direct the administration to obtain bids for the re-structured cabling project. Vote all aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Hinde, it was moved to approve a one week summer individual enrichment program as proposed by teachers Paar and Nicholson which will be offered to 3-6 grade students. Vote all aye.

The list of 2011-12 senior graduates was reviewed and approved on motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken subject to meeting all district requirements. Vote all aye.

The student teaching agreement for 2012-14 with the University of Northern Iowa was approved on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Koop, notices of resignation from Nona Smith as halftime ELL teacher, from Darlys Wiese as Dike school nurse and from Karen Dieken as superintendent secretary were approved effective at the end of the current school year. Voting aye-Dieken, Hinde, Koop and Nielsen with Lizer abstaining.

On motion of Koop and second of Dieken, it was moved to recess for an exempt session as provided by the Closed Meeting law under Iowa Code 21.9 to discuss the salaries and benefits of employees not in a collective bargaining unit. Roll call vote: Dieken-aye; Hinde-aye; Koop-aye; Lizer-aye-Nielsen-aye with the board entering the session at 8:10 and exiting at 8:29 on motion of Dieken and second of Nielsen. Roll call vote: Hinde-aye; Koop-aye; Lizer-aye; Nielsen-aye; Dieken-aye

On motion of Koop and second of Hinde, it was moved to reward Mike Williams if he chooses to retire at the end of the 2011-12 year for his years of service as an administrator in the DNH district, that he be provided with \$20,000 to be used to pay insurance premiums on his behalf and/or contributed to a 403b plan of his choice in equal installments over a 5 year period with this offer made as a non-precedent setting one time action which may or may not be offered in the future. Vote all aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Nielsen, it was moved to adopt the Resolution to opt-out of the Environmentally Preferable Cleaning Mandate. Vote all aye.

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

The monthly financial reports of the district, nutrition and activity funds were reviewed and approved on motion of Dieken and second of Hinde. Vote all aye.

On motion of Hinde and second of Koop, it was moved to approve the Agreement with Iowa Association for Educational Purchasing for school food service for the 2012-13 year. Vote all aye.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, it was moved to approve a two year extension of the contract with district auditor Keith Oltrogge. Vote all aye.

On motion of Dieken and second of Hinde, it was moved to approve the contract with Seating & Athletic Facility Enterprises for the replacement of the gymnasium bleachers at the Dike site. Vote all aye.

The 2010-11 Superintendent's Annual Report was reviewed and approved on motion of Koop and second of Dieken. Vote all aye.

Hunt reviewed with the board proposed summer maintenance projects, an update on the Western Outreach Center and survey results of the April 6 staff in-service.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the May 21 regular monthly board meeting will convene at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 followed by a negotiations strategy session as provided under section 20.17(3) of the Code of Iowa.



# Booster Club

Thank you to the following businesses and club members for supporting the DNH Booster Club in 2011-2012 through your monetary donations and your volunteerism. Your wonderful support is greatly appreciated!

## **\*\*2011-2012 Booster Club Business Members\*\***

### **Wolverine**

Gene Drachenberg – Lockard Realty  
Konken Electric, Inc.  
Kruger Farms – Dennis Kruger  
Waterloo Warehousing & Service Co., Inc. –  
Kevin & Deb Hemmen

### **Blue & White**

Beninga Sanitation  
Cedar Valley Electric  
Gregg's Sporting Goods  
PAR Farms Company  
Peoples Savings Bank  
Remmington Seeds, LLC

### **Gold**

B & L Insurance  
Bakker Construction  
Bolhuis Repair  
Gronowski Construction  
Grundy Memorial Hospital  
Fair Ridge Farm Inc.  
Larry's Welding  
Miller Construction Company  
Morgan & Myers  
Print This!  
Secure It Storage  
Voss Studio, Inc.  
Zaneta Construction

### **Silver**

AC Salon – Amy Cleveland  
Palma's Deli & Market

## **\*\*2011-2012 Booster Club Members\*\***

### **Wolverine**

Steve & Michele Henze  
Eric & Tammy Luhring

Wade & Ronda Wiese

### **Blue & White**

Joe & Connie Becker  
Tony & Shellie Beuter  
Brock & Jennie Goos  
Larry & Lori Hunt  
Mark & Meri Koch

Steve & Angie Koop  
Tim & Juli Kopriva  
Dale & Cindy Pool  
Brian & Mikki Strelow  
Tom & Jennifer Verhulst  
Jeff & Jill Wilson

### **Gold**

Don & Sally Betts  
Brad & Dena Blough  
Paul Bridget Bryson  
Dewey & Angie Callan  
Gary & Kim Cordes  
Dave & Dawn Dennis  
Kyle & Stacie Dudden  
Rick & Lisa Dumler  
Brad Feckers  
Jerry & Sara Freeseaman  
John & Trudy Fritch  
Greg & Wendy Gerloff  
Jeff & Kathy Giberson  
Don Gunderson  
Doug & Linda Hensley  
John & Shari Hill  
Jeff & Jennifer Jensen  
Curt & Leah Johnson  
Kendall & Nicole Kannegieter  
Joe & Paulette Kinksey  
Gerald & Kerri Kinney

Tom & Gretchen Kobriger  
Tom & Deb Lizer  
Rod & Amy Mead  
Chad & Karla Meester  
Kenny Miller  
Greg & Shannon Moore  
Kelly & Tonya Nicholson  
Jerry & Karen Nielsen  
Steve & Linda Nielsen  
Tony & Angie Norton  
Mike & Jennifer Palmer  
Matt & Rachel Rekers  
Greg & Lisa Schmitz  
Bob & Georgia Smith  
Mike & Kristin Soppe  
Nathan & Angela Stewart  
Brian & Anne Varney  
Chris & Lisa Wildeboer  
Lonnie & Joni Wright  
Craig & Connie Zabel

### **Silver**

Leon & Denise Alderks  
Eric & Darla Andersen  
Mike & Tiffany Asche  
Daimien & Suzi Bennett  
Marlyn Burke  
Mike & Wanda Christensen  
Michelle Coulter  
Barry & Julie Cuvelier  
Tim & Maureen Daley  
Doug & Diane Debuhr  
Brent & Burnette Dove  
Robert & Jan Ellingson  
Paul & Michelle Gaede  
Rich & Cindy Gronowski  
Angie Hamilton  
Lawrence & Diane Harms  
Josh & Roxanne Heimann  
Travis & Teresa Kiewiet  
Randy & Frances Klug  
Phil & Claudia Knapp

Karla Koch & David Towle  
Kevin & Lara Kyhl  
John & Susie Latusek  
Steve & Marlas Latwesen  
Jean Loger  
Lance & Melissa Loger  
Mark & Michelle Lynch  
Shawn & Amy Moree  
Kent & Vicki Murphy  
Kirk & Suzanne Neuroth  
Paul & Ann O'Connor  
Paul Paige  
Mark & Susan Parker  
Suzanne Perez  
Jeff & Michelle Reinicke  
Jill Roberts  
Roger & Teresa Samec  
Ron & Sherree Sharp  
Laura Williams  
Mike Williams

### **Bronze**

Byron & Laura Dove  
Dave & Julie Harberts

Brian & Lyn Petersen  
Tyler & Jackie Sohn