



School Talk

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North Branch Area Schools

August 2016

3.2.1... BLAST OFF! North Branch Space Camp Program

Fifteen years ago the North Branch Space Camp program began. After working at the Lapeer County Educational Technical Center space camp, North Branch teachers--Cindy Lewis, Paul Lewis, Cindy Mitchell, and Anne Sherrieb--were offered an opportunity to go to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama (NASA Marshall Field Center).

Upon return from this week long, educator version of Space Camp, North Branch teachers wanted to provide this rich learning experience for local students. They approached the Ruth Fox principal at the time, Anne Wood, about this idea. With her support and the backing of several Ruth Fox teachers, the Space Camp Scholarship Committee was born. Since then, the group has expanded to include several district employees and wouldn't be possible without the generous support of the North Branch Community.

Raising Proceeds for Space Camp

To raise Space Camp scholarship money, the committee designed an evening fundraiser called the Old-Fashioned Family Christmas (OFFC). The first OFFC was held in December of 2003. This event has many family activities--games, crafts, pictures with Santa, auction items, etc. Proceeds from this community event determines how many students will be sent to camp each year (camp tuition per student is currently \$979 and airfare is around \$650).

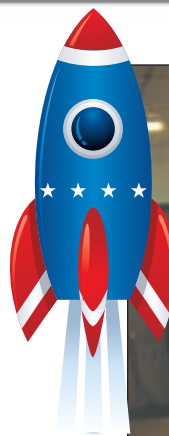
The first year, 4 Ruth Fox students were sent to Huntsville Space Camp. From 2004-2012 enough money

was raised to continue sending 4 students. With increasing community support, 6 students were sent in 2013 & 2014 and 7 students were sent in 2015 & 2016. Since the inception of this initiative, the North Branch Space Camp Scholarship Committee has sent more than 60 students to Huntsville, Alabama!

Applying for Space Camp

In 2013 the program was expanded to include students from Ruth Fox Elementary and the Middle School. Students attending usually participate in the Space Camp Program (ages 9-11) or the Space Academy Program (ages 12-14), though several years ago 2 students elected to try different tracks (Robotics and an Aviation Challenge or Top Gun Fighter Pilot simulation). For the first time, 2 past scholarship winners paid their own way to attend different tracks at the camp. These students found their first camp experience to be so rewarding that they wanted to return to learn more! These students travelled to and from camp with this year's scholarship winners.

Any student from Ruth Fox Elementary or North Branch Middle School is eligible to apply for a full Space Camp scholarship. First, students complete an application which includes a signed permission slip along with 3 letters of recommendation and a 250-word essay explaining why they should be selected to attend. Next, the Space Camp Scholarship Committee carefully reviews all application materials submitted--along with each



Paige Ekstrom on the 5 Degrees of Freedom simulation

student's grades, discipline history, and attendance. To determine top candidates, the Committee uses a rubric to tally total application points earned. The top 12 applicants participate in an interview. During the interview, the panel gets to know each candidate and makes the tough decision who will attend. Winners are announced and preparations for camp begin.

Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center

The North Branch Space Campers usually travel by air to Huntsville, Alabama to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center at the end of June. The space camp experience is 6 days long (Sunday through Friday). During camp students are placed on a team of 15 and are guided through activities all week with camp counselors. Students participate in simulations including the multi-axis trainer, G Force, 1/5 chair, and 5 degrees of freedom. Students are assigned real astronaut jobs and complete mock missions. They participate in group building activities to design new space suits, mission patches, and Mars settlements. All students experience engineering design by making rockets, launching them, modifying, and re-launching. Since it is an international camp they meet students from not only the United States, but all over the world. They learn to work in a group to and to make



Crew 5 posing for the camera



Crew 3 under the shuttle model

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Superintendent's Corner

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. I am excited and honored to begin my first year as the Superintendent of North Branch Area Schools. My family moved to North Branch just before the start of the 2000-2001 school year and we have been deeply involved with the school district and community over the past 16 years. Our five children all graduated from North Branch and received a first class education that successfully prepared them for college. My pledge to you is to work extremely hard to ensure that your children have every opportunity for the same outstanding education.

The North Branch School District is known for its academic excellence due in large part to the dedicated faculty and staff that are truly committed to making a positive difference in the lives of students. This past spring our leadership team challenged all of our employees to thoroughly examine what we do and find ways to improve an already excellent school district. The response has been overwhelming! We have had a number of teachers take leadership roles and apply for grants to improve instruction in the classroom. Our support staff has implemented a number of initiatives that are cost effective and more efficient. There have been many changes over the past few months and I can assure you every decision has been made in the best interest of our K-12 students.

My focus has been on assembling a leadership team that will work tirelessly to support the Board of Education's number one priority: Student Achievement. It is this team approach along with our exceptional staff, committed parents, and caring community that will enable us to continue a tradition of excellence that is North Branch Schools:

Mark Hiltunen: Mr. Hiltunen will continue as the High School and Quest Principal. He is also leading our district in teacher evaluation and expanded post-secondary opportunities for all students.

Cindy Howe: Mrs. Howe will continue as the Middle School Principal and will also assume the leadership position in the Ruth Fox.

Greg Matheson: Mr. Matheson is the Elementary Principal and will also take a leadership role in securing the assistance of outside agencies to serve the needs of

our students.

Amber White: Mrs. White is taking on a significant role as the leader of K-12 Curriculum and Assessment. She will also coordinate all Professional Development for our school district.

Teresa Upleger: Mrs. Upleger is responsible for all Special Education services. She will ensure student needs are met and North Branch is compliant in all special education areas.

Cheryl Bruff: Mrs. Bruff returns as a part-time Finance Director. Under her leadership, North Branch Schools enjoyed 22 years of financial stability. After a three year absence we are grateful she has agreed to return to our school district.

Jeff Drayton: Mr. Drayton is responsible for our technology and facilities. Under his leadership, our district will have a new phone system and new computers for our teachers this fall.

The Board of Education and our administrative team is committed to the safety of our students and staff. In early August we are meeting with our area safety experts and local fire and police officials to review our comprehensive safety plan. On Wednesday, August 24, we will conduct an in-service with every employee in the district to ensure everyone is properly trained in the event of an emergency.

I sincerely hope I have effectively communicated the emphasis we will place on student safety and achievement. Those two issues are primary reasons my family moved to North Branch 16 years ago and became a part of this special community that has always supported the education of its children. I am constantly reminded that our schools belong to our community. I want to invite all parents and community members to get involved with your school district. We will host a community open house on Monday, August 22 in the High School Auditorium from 7-8 p.m. Our entire administrative team will be in attendance and will be available to answer questions.

We wish you an enjoyable last few weeks of summer. The first day of school is Monday, August 29 and it will be a full-day for students. Please contact your child's school or our office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Jim Fish
North Branch Superintendent

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL August 29, 2016

**SCHOOL OF CHOICE APPLICATIONS ARE BEING
ACCEPTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9, 2016**

OFFICE HOURS BEGINNING AUGUST 24

NB Elementary - 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Ruth Fox – 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Middle School– 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

High School– 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

2016-17 Building Schedules

High School (grades 9 – 12) - 7:15 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Middle School (grades 7 – 8) - 7:15 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Ruth Fox Elementary (grades 5 – 6) - 7:15 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

North Branch Elementary (grades K – 4) 8:38 a.m. – 3:42 p.m.

1/2 Day Schedule

Elementary (K-4) ends at 12:15

Secondary (5-12) ends at 10:50

High School Orientation

10th / 11th / 12th Grades

Wednesday, August 17th

9:00 a.m. – Noon

9th Grade

Wednesday, August 17th

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MAKE-UP DAY (9th – 12th)

Wednesday, August 24th

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Middle School Orientation (Grades 7-8)

8th Grade

Wednesday, August 24th

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

7th Grade

Thursday, August 25th

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

DANCE for 7th & 8th Grade

Thursday, August 25th

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Ruth Fox Open House(Grades 5-6)

5th & 6th Grade

Tuesday, August 23rd

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

NB Elementary (Grades K-4)

Meet the Teacher Night

Wednesday, August 24th - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

North Branch Alumni Association Annual Reunion

**North Branch graduates from the Class of 1966 or prior
are invited and encouraged to attend**

Join us for a day of reminiscing, socializing and dinner.

Sunday, September 11, 2016



NB High School Cafeteria

Dinner is at 1:00pm
socialization time prior

\$16.00 per person

To purchase tickets or for
more information contact

Anabel Harris

4368 Huron St.

North Branch, MI 48461

810-348-6278

Annual Pesticide Notification

State of Michigan law requires that schools that may apply pesticides on school property must provide an annual advisory to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that North Branch Area Schools utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, you will receive advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school grounds or buildings during this school year. Please note that notification is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application.

Advance notification of pesticide appli-

cations, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school building. The second method will be posting information on the school building web site.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please complete the information below and submit to: Jeff Drayton, Director of Operations and Technology, North Branch Area Schools, P.O. Box 3620, North Branch MI 48461

Pesticide prior notification request should include:

- Parent/Guardian Name
- Student Name
- Home Address
- Telephone Numbers (Day/Evening)
- School Building or Site
- Please indicate whether prior notification is requested for treatments inside, outside or both
- Please sign and date the request
- Requests must be filed annually

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request.

2016-2017 Band Schedule

Sat., Sept. 17	CMU Band Day at Central Michigan University	All Day
Fri., Oct. 14	Last 4 Steps Marching Band and 7th & 8th at MS Gym	5:30 pm
Sat., Oct. 15	Scholastic Marching Band Competition at T.B.A.	All Day
Thurs., Nov. 10	Tentative more info ASAP Band-O-Rama at H.S. Aud/Gym	7pm
Sat., Nov. 5	Music and a Meal (7th – 12th) at Sweet Chapel	5 – 7 pm
Sat., Dec. 3	M.S.B.O.A. Middle School Solo Ensemble	T.B.A.
Thurs., Dec. 8	Ruth Fox Bands Christmas Concert at H.S. Auditorium	7 pm
Tues., Dec. 13	Middle School Bands Christmas Concert at H.S. Auditorium	7 pm
Thurs., Dec. 15	High School Christmas Concert at H.S. Auditorium	7 pm
Sat., Jan. 28	District III M.S.B.O.A. Honors Band at Ortonville/Brandon (Middle School/High School)	All Day
Sat., Feb. 11	M.S.B.O.A. High School District S & E at Imlay City H.S.	All Day
Tues., Feb. 21	M. S. Pre-Festival Concert at H.S. Auditorium	7 pm
Thurs., Feb. 23	H. S. Pre-Festival Concert at H.S. Auditorium	7 pm
Fri./Sat., Mar. 3 & 4	M.S.B.O.A. High School District Festival at Hosting	T.B.A.
Sat., Mar. 18	M.S.B.O.A. High School State S & E at Lapeer High School	T.B.A.
Wed./Thurs./Fri., April 26, 27, 28 or 29	M.S.B.O.A. State Band Festival at T.B.A.	T.B.A.
Thurs., May 18	High School Collage Concert at H.S. Auditorium	7 pm
Mon., May 22	High School Band Banquet at H.S. Cafeteria	6 pm
Tues., May 23	Swing Out Marching Broncos at H.S. Band Room	4:30pm
Mon., May 29	Memorial Day Marching Broncos at Clifford/North Branch	9 a.m.
Mon., June 5th	Grand Collage Concert (5th – HS bands) at H.S. Gym	7 pm



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decisions. Students learn about space not only by doing activities but by listening to experts, watching NASA videos at the camp's IMAX theater, and each week a NASA astronaut visits to share their experiences. At the end of the week all students graduate from camp in an official ceremony.

All students that have gone to Space Camp on a scholarship have done a wonderful job representing North Branch in a responsible and respectful way. Many students have received camp group awards for their efforts including Mission Patch Award (the most creative team mission patch), Commander's Cup, and Team of the Week. Individual awards are also given and Noah Manthei received the Right Stuff Award for being exceptional camper of the week in 2015.

Cindy Mitchell, Middle School teacher and original member of the committee, accompanies each group of students as a chaperone. She makes all the arrangements for flight

and camp, helps both parents and students through the experience, and takes lots of pictures to share with everyone. You can check them out on Facebook: North Branch Space Campers.

Students come back and help promote the program by walking in both the 4th of July and Christmas parades and bringing their families and friends to help at the OFFC.

Mark Your Calendar!

The next OFFC will be held at Ruth Fox Elementary on Friday, December the 16, 2017. The Committee is always looking for volunteers to both organize and help the night of the event and to donate auction items.

The North Branch Space Camp Scholarship Committee fully believes in the Huntsville, Alabama Space Camp experience. They believe the camp program can shape and even change the course of a student's life and will continue to work with district colleagues and the community to make funds available for this unique learning opportunity.

A.H.E.R.A. Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that schools be inspected for asbestos at least once every three years. The inspection must identify, catalog, and provide directions for maintaining asbestos found in any school buildings. The inspection reports are on file in the principal's office at each building. Jeff Drayton, the Facility Supervisor is the designated person responsible for maintaining these records and insuring that any necessary maintenance is properly completed. All of the school district's maintenance and custodial staff have received the required training in understanding and handling issues relating to asbestos containing materials. Questions concerning North Branch Area School's asbestos management plan should be directed to Jeff Drayton at (810) 688-3570.



Our food service department welcomes your family for the 2016-2017 school year and we welcome those families that are new to our school district.

North Branch Area Schools will continue to operate our own food service program and we promise to continue to deliver healthy, good, quality food and services to you and your children.

North Branch Area Schools follow the "Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs." We will be offering healthier school lunches with more fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins and choice of milk.

Breakfast is offered daily in all schools. Students who eat breakfast perform better in school. Research shows that students who eat a healthy breakfast show increased attention at school, visit the nurse less often, and have lower rates of tardiness and absenteeism.

	Breakfast Times	Lunch Times
High School	6:50am – 7:15am	10:37am
Middle School	6:50am – 7:15am	10:34am
Ruth Fox	6:50am – 7:15am	10:30am
Elementary	8:05am – 8:38am	11:00am

This last year, we tried something new by giving high school students a second chance to get breakfast. That time is at 8:00am, after first hour. So, now, our students have two chances to get fueled up for a full day of learning.

The Application for Free and Reduced School Meals is available at all school offices. Directions for filling out the form are attached to each application and also available on the district web site. Applications will be sent home with Elementary students during the first week of school. Please complete **ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD** and return it as soon as possible. Applications **MUST BE FILLED OUT WITHIN THE FIRST 30 DAYS OF SCHOOL**. Those families qualifying at the end of the 2015-2016 school year will receive free or reduced breakfast and lunch for the first 30 days of school. After the first 30 days of school, if the school does not receive a **NEW APPLICATION** from the family for the 2016-2017 school year, the family will be adjusted to a paid/normal lunch. (PLEASE SEE THE CHART BELOW FOR THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR AND THE MEAL PRICING INFORMATION.)

Food Service News



QUALIFYING FOR FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Your child(ren) may qualify for free or reduced Priced school meals if your income falls within the limits on this chart.

How Do I Pay For Lunch?

Our system provides complete anonymity to students eligible for free and reduced price meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$423
2	\$29,637	\$2,470	\$570
3	\$37,296	\$3,108	\$718
4	\$44,955	\$3,747	\$865
5	\$52,614	\$4,385	\$1,012
6	\$60,273	\$5,023	\$1,160
7	\$67,951	\$5,663	\$1,307
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$1,455
Each additional household member add:	\$7,696	\$642*	\$148*

Payments can be made using the on-line convenience of our payment processing system, PaySchools. There is no charge for using PaySchools. This program allows you to make payments online via e-check or credit card at your convenience from our school's Web site. Family Access is a helpful tool to track your student's purchases, balances and payments. Login to Family & Student Access.

Our system is a debt system, meaning there needs to be money placed on a student's account in order for the student to debt the account when getting breakfast or lunch. It is our policy that if a student's account goes below -\$5.00, they will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with white milk until payment, or payment arrangements, are made. Payments may be applied to your student's account on a weekly, monthly or annual basis. PaySchools is our preferred method of payment. Daily payments are accepted, but not recommended. One form of payment can be sent in for multiple students, just be sure to notate how much should be applied to each account. For example: one check can be written for the total amount and a note stating how much you want in each account.

We do not accept payment over the phone. Payments

can be made by cash/check and can be sent to school with your student, or mailed to: North Branch Area Schools Attn: Food Service, PO Box 3620, North Branch, MI 48461

Meal Pricing for 2016/17

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary (Pre-K -4):	\$1.50	\$2.45
Ruth Fox Elementary (5-6):	\$1.50	\$2.45
Middle & High School (7-12)	\$1.75	\$2.85
Adult Meals:	\$2.75	\$3.75
Free Meals:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reduced Meals:	\$0.30	\$0.40

Milk is included with all meals; however, if purchased without a meal it is considered ala carte and is charged \$.50.

What Qualifies As A Lunch?

Menu items are offered daily from all 5 lunch component categories. Your child must select at least 3 of the 5 components (for all grades) for their choices to be considered a lunch, which is priced as a unit. If they choose less than the minimum required, their account will be charged separately for each item. The Food Service Staff can assist your child if they have any questions while making their selections.

Thank you for your participation in the breakfast and lunch program and North Branch Area Schools. Please contact the Food Service Secretary or the Food Service Supervisor, Louise Nellenbach at (810)688-2226 with any questions or concerns. You may also visit our website under Departments on the District Home Page (www.nbbrncos.net) for more information.

If a doctor has determined that your child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, the school will make **SUBSTITUTIONS AS PRESCRIBED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN** at no extra charge. The "REQUEST FOR SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS ACCOMODATIONS FORM", must be submitted to the Food Service Department. This form is available on the District Home Page (www.nbbrncos.net) site located as Food Service Documents, under the Food Services tab, and is also available from the Food Service office at (810)688-2226.

Substitute Cooks and Cashiers Needed!

Please Call Food Services at (810)688-2226 and (810)688-3570 or visit our website at www.nbbrncos.net

Operational Millage Renewal Information

The district's operational millage will expire December 2016. The November ballot is asking voters to renew this millage. This millage is only assessed on non-homestead and non-agricultural properties it is not assessed on single family homes.

This is not a new tax – it has been approved by voters since 1994 when Proposal A passed in law. This is a renewal of the current millage that expires at the end of this year.

The funding provided from the state is

directly offset by the 18 mill operational tax levy whether or not it is actually levied. For instance, this year the foundation allowance is \$7,511. The non-homestead taxable value is \$63,138,488 and 18 mills on that value is \$1,136,488. This amount is divided by the blended general education student count of 2296, which equals \$495 per pupil. The state reduces the foundation allowance paid to the district accordingly (\$7,511 - \$495 = \$7,016). This is the formula that is used for paying state aid, it does

not matter if the district levies the full 18 mills or not. Therefore, it is critical to the district to be able to assess the full 18 mills.

The Board of Education reviewed several options for ballot language for this millage. The Board approved language asking the voters to approve the current levy of 17.8866 mills plus an additional .5 mills with the understanding the district cannot levy more than a total of 18 mills. The millage would be for six years expiring in 2022. The district cannot

assess more than the 18 mills, but this millage is subject to Headlee (MRF) and was reduced this year. The .5 additional mills would restore the millage to the fully allowable 18 mills plus provide a cushion against future rollbacks.

The operational millage is not assessed on single family homes or agricultural properties. It is assessed on commercial, business, and industrial properties.

This is not a new tax it is a renewal of the expiring tax levy.

Nicole Bevilacqua



My name is Nicole Bevilacqua and I graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education. I majored in Mathematics and minored in English

while I also obtained the Middle Level Education endorsement which specializes me in teaching grades five through nine. This past year I worked at Oakview Middle School in Lake Orion as the Math Learning Support Specialist teacher. It was a wonderful first year teaching experience; however, I am excited to be working with a more diverse group of learners of various ages!

North Branch is a family that I cannot wait to be a part of! I believe that my instructional abilities, together with my enthusiasm and strong work ethic, will be an excellent addition to your school community.

Rebecca Brandt



My name is Rebecca Brandt and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a special education teacher at the high school. I am looking forward to applying my experience and knowledge as I

work with students in our community.

I received my education from Saginaw Valley State University. Through majoring in special education and a minoring in math I completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2009. Following graduation, I taught in a fifth and sixth grade classroom at a Lutheran school. My passion for special education led me to another teaching opportunity and for the past six years I have taught high school math in a secondary resource room. I have also co-taught in a general education environment in which I gained valuable experience—working with both general and special education students. In 2013, I continued my education and completed a master's degree in special education at Saginaw Valley State University.

My family and I have called North Branch our home for the past nineteen years. I am anticipating a great year as I prepare to serve my community and join the teaching staff here at North Branch. Thank you for entrusting me as a new teacher in our community and I am looking forward to meeting you!

Elizabeth Grzecki



My name is Elizabeth Grzecki, I recently accepted the fulltime position of special education resource room teacher at Ruth Fox Elementary. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself; I

had the pleasure of working at Ruth Fox Elementary as a long-term substitute special education resource room teacher from November 2015 through the end of the school year in June 2016. I have personally been part of the collaboration between parents, students, and staff to ensure the students' success. I'm very excited to have the opportunity to continue working with the North Branch faculty and students, and I'm looking forward to making sure the students continue to come first. I am delighted to be part of the North Branch learning community and I am looking forward to the upcoming school year. Go Broncos!

Robb Heugh



Hello North Branch, my name is Robb Heugh and I am so excited to be teaching at North Branch Middle School. I am a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a graduate of Oakland University and one of

the biggest Detroit Tigers fans around. I am also married and the proud father of two girls and my entire family is looking forward becoming a part of the North Branch community. Go Broncos!

Stacey James



I am beyond excited and very grateful to be given the opportunity to return to North Branch Elementary as a fourth-grade teacher in the fall. I am looking forward to the new adventure as I begin

this new grade level. For those of you, whom I may not have had the pleasure to meet, please allow me to share a little about myself.

I grew up in Kingston and graduated from Kingston High School. I went on to attend the University of Michigan-Flint and graduated with three minors; ZA endorsement for early childhood education, Language Arts, and Mathematics. I began working

for North Branch Schools the following fall. Soon after, I attended Marygrove College and graduated with honors with my Master's Degree in Education.

I taught in North Branch for twelve years as a Kindergarten/1st grade teacher. I am very dedicated to my students and will work hard to offer them a quality education at North Branch Elementary. I am very grateful for this opportunity and excited to be back in the district. I look forward to getting to know and working with all of you soon.

Nick Kolacz



I grew up in Kingston and graduated from Kingston High School in 2010. I did my undergraduate studies at Saginaw Valley State University, graduating in December with an Elementary Education

degree and a Social Studies minor. I am a true, 1st year teacher! I am very interested in Technology and plan on continuing my education with a technology degree. I am very excited to meet my students and get to know them. I pledge to work my hardest to provide them with the wonderful education they deserve. I also am looking forward to working with the 4th grade teachers that have already been so welcoming and helpful!

Mr. Patrick McNulty



It is with great pleasure that I write to reintroduce myself to the school district. My name is Patrick McNulty. I am a proud alum of North Branch High School (Class of 2005), born and raised in this

beautiful community. I am a graduate of the University Of Michigan School Of Education, where I earned my certifications to teach secondary Mathematics and Social Studies. I am honored to have earned the math teaching position in the high school and look forward to the upcoming school year!

I look forward to making new friends and reconnecting with my old ones. Most of all, I am honored to have earned the opportunity to contribute to our wonderful community. Here's to the upcoming year!

As Always, Go Blue! Go Broncos!

Jodi Myers



Hello, my name is Jodi Myers and I am honored to be the new beginagarten teacher! As North Branch graduates, my husband and I have been dedicated to raising our 3 boys in this amazing district.

Since graduation from the University of Michigan-Flint, it has been my dream to be a part of the North Branch Elementary family, I was able to begin that dream 2 years ago when I began teaching at the Little Learners Preschool. I am ecstatic to be moving in to this new position where I can continue to work alongside you to give your precious children the best 1st educational experience they can have! See you soon!

Adrienne Shifflett



With a warm heart I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve North Branch Area Schools once again.

For those who do not know me, let me introduce myself. I previously

taught at North Branch Elementary starting in 2002. I taught a self-contained special education classroom for 4 ½ years then transferred to teach first grade for 6 years. One of the many gifts that come with working in North Branch is the relationship that is developed with our students and families as a teacher, I am continually in awe of our community and our families with the love and support they give to our schools and to each other.

I am looking forward to returning to our North Branch students and again joining the talented school staff at North Branch Elementary.

Teresa Upleger



I grew up in Imlay City. From there, I attended Central Michigan University earning a Bachelor's degree and a Master's Degree in special education. I began my teaching career at

North Branch in the Fall of 1986 when I did my student teaching at Ruth Fox Junior High. I was hired the following year as a Junior High Special Education

NBHS Chemistry Students Inspire Future Scientists

During the spring of 2016, high school chemistry students, along with teacher Mrs. Wagner, demonstrated lively chemical reactions with plenty of entertaining appeal for NBE second grade students. HS students also facilitated a salt and water distillation lesson



showing NBE students another way to separate a salt water mixture besides evaporation. By working across grade levels, high school students received an opportunity to showcase leadership, mentoring, and chemistry talents with our future scientists. The second grade students were exposed to positive peer science role models, challenged to model scientific concepts like evaporation, water surface tension, and chemical reactions, as well as participated in a program that rivaled that of any science show around.

Senior Picture Requirements for Yearbook

As you have your senior pictures taken over the summer, please inform your photographer of the following requirements for the NBHS Yearbook and class composite.

- If hard copy, TWO photos (one for yearbook and one for composite)
- Picture size - 1 ½ inches wide by 2 inches long.
- Head size- 1 ¼ inches (chin to top of head)
- MEDIUM: JPEG preferred (300 dpi or greater) or Color Glossy or black/white
- Plain background: subdued blues, grays, etc.;

NO OUTDOOR SHOTS

- Clothing in photo must follow school dress code
- No Hands, animals, or props in picture
- Those students not submitting a photo will have their student ID picture used.
- Deadline—October 7th, 2016

Questions? Contact Ms. Stover-Lange, (810)-688-3001, ext 2156 or rstoverlange@nbbrncos.net

Local Student Earns National DECA Honor

Sam Waldorf, a senior at Lapeer County Ed-Tech, is the recipient of the 2016 DECA Emerging Leader Honor Award. This award recognizes students studying marketing, finance, hospitality and management for being an academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leader through participation in DECA. The award recipient must be a DECA member in his/her senior year of high school with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better for each of the high school semesters. The DECA chapter advisor at Lapeer County Ed-Tech is Carrie Smith.

Sam Waldorf is the son of Joseph and Leslie Waldorf of North Branch.

DECA is a career and technical student organization composed of more than 210,000 students who are interested in careers in marketing, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality or management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. DECA student members



leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders.

For more information about DECA, visit <http://www.deca.org>.

Earn free college credit in high school

North Branch Area Schools is proud to offer a new option for High School students to earn College credits.. The new program, known as the STEM Academy—which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medical—is a five-year high school program, sometimes called Early/Middle College. It provides the opportunity for high school students to earn substantial college credit along with their high school diploma. Upon completion of their fifth year, students

will graduate high school with one of the following: 1) An Associate Degree 2) The Michigan Early/Middle College Association (MEMCA) Technical Certification 3) Up to 60 Transferrable College Credits. The STEM Academy was formed in partnership with Baker College of Flint. Students and Parents interested in enrolling in the program for the 2016-17 school year contact the NBHS counseling office at (810) 688-3564 or going to the following website: <http://stemmacademy.com/>

Student Orientation Dates

Please note: student schedules will not be mailed. They will be available for pick up during the scheduled orientations. These orientations are designed to minimize time out of classes, reduce expenses, and expedite access to student information.

Students are required to come to the NBHS cafeteria according to the following schedule:

10th / 11th / 12th Grades	Wednesday, August 17th	9:00 am – Noon
9th Grade	Wednesday, August 17th	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Freshmen Parent Meeting In HS Auditorium		3:30 pm
Make-Up Day (9th – 12th)	Wednesday, August 24th	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Class of 2020 (freshmen) will be required to attend their entire orientation session from 1:00 - 4:00 pm on Wednesday, August 17th. The counseling department will be holding a freshmen parent meeting at 3:30 pm in the HS auditorium. Although this meeting is optional, it will be very informative, especially for those parents who will have children attending the high school for the first time.

Students in grades 10-12 can drop in any time during their scheduled orientation time. Orientations should take no longer than 30- 60 minutes, depending on each student's needs.

All orientations will address the following:

- School Pictures and Photo ID's (required of ALL students) - Order Forms from the Photo Factory will be mailed home but will also be available at orientations

- Acceptable Use Policy forms (AUP's) for computer usage
- Emergency contact information updates
- Free and Reduced Lunch Forms
- Locker numbers and combinations
- Student Vehicle Registration (\$5 registration fee required)
- Bus #'s with pick-up/drop-off times
- Senior Class Graduation Requirements
- Yearbook sales for 2016-17 (Early Bird Special)
- Senior Class Fees (and past years fines)
- Sports schedules
- Class Voting
- Classroom numbers and map
- 2016-17 Student Schedules

If you have any questions, please contact the main office at (810) 688-3001 beginning on August 15th.

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH.



BOWLING-ALL CONFERENCE

Front Row: Marisol Clemens, 2nd Team; Shelby Honicutt, 2nd Team Back Row: Brennan Bower, Honorable Mention; Cole Fike, Honorable Mention; Morgan Fike, Honorable Mention Not Pictured: Ben Brace, Honorable Mention



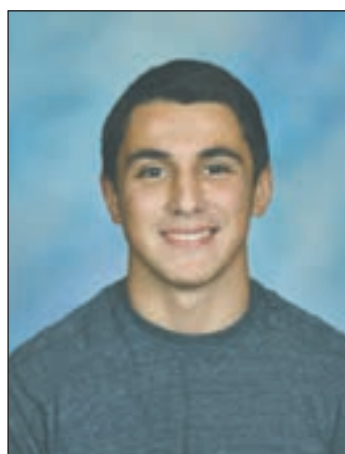
GIRLS' BASKETBALL-ALL CONFERENCE

Chanelle Jones, Carly Warda, Kendall Wilson-Honorable Mention



BOYS' BASKETBALL-ALL CONFERENCE

Chance Calvert & Kaleb Bickel-Honorable Mention



ALL CONFERENCE WRESTLING

Hunter Hohman-2nd Team TVC East, District Champion, Regional Champion, All-State with 4th Place finish, Jacob McNeil-Honorable Mention, Donnellon Guzman-Honorable Mention

COMPETITIVE CHEER

INDIVIDUAL ACADEMIC ALL-STATE HONORS
Kaili Batchelor & Cora Mclean



Society, and others join together for the first North Branch High School Grocery Give Away!



COMPETITIVE CHEER-ALL CONFERENCE

Front Row (l-r): Jordan Gregory, 1st Team; Shelby Schlopert, 1st Team; Marina Robbins, 1st Team. Back Row (l-r): Shawna Trombley, 1st Team; Taylor Kile, 1st Team; Dawn Beall, 1st Team; Ellyn Howland, Honorable Mention; Valerie Sutter, Honorable Mention



A very special and talented Ruth Fox Elementary 6th Grade Soloist Aziyah Cole, sang the National Anthem at the Thumb Meet of Champions Track & Field Event on May 31. This track meet featured the best Track & Field Athletes in the thumb region and was held at Caro High School.

Quest Adds Athletic Participation To Student Offerings

This fall Quest will begin participation in Thumb Alternative Sports League (TASL), in which Quest is the founding member. Other schools participating in the league are Caro, Bad Axe, and Croswell-Lexington alternative programs, as well as the possibility of several other alternative schools participating in select events. For the inaugural season, these alternative high schools will participate in flag football, dodgeball, bowling, softball, and disc golf. Quest Program Coordinator Corey Rosser said, "It's a great opportunity for our students, and really affirms our district's commitment of offering a full education for alternative students."



Quest students' celebrate their 2015-16 Dodgeball Championship

Enroll At Award Winning Quest High School Today!!!

Students interested in enrolling at Quest High School or obtaining more information about the programs offered at Quest, should visit www.nbbrncos.net, click on Quest High School, and fill out the contact form. You can also contact Quest by e-mail at crosser@nbbrncos.net or by phone at (810) 688-7581.

Quest Students Win State-Wide MAEO Scholarships

Each year the Michigan Alternative Education Organization, known as MAEO, awards 6 scholarships to students that attend the more than 300 alternative education high schools in Michigan. Quest High School was fortunate enough to be the home of 2 of this year's winners. Marissa Ortiz and Shania Rowden, pictured on this page, each received college scholarships to put toward their future endeavors at Baker College.



Shania Rowden



Marissa Ortiz

Introducing Mr. David Scalf

Quest High School would like to introduce Mr. David Scalf to the North Branch community. Mr. Scalf was a midyear hire last November. He graduated from Western Michigan University in 2005 and is teaching English, along with Science this coming year. Mr. Scalf had this to say of North Branch, "More than any other teaching job I have had, Quest just feels like home. I hope to be here for a long time." Mr. Scalf has received ringing endorsements from staff and students alike. "Mr. Scalf is great teacher! He is really creative, and you can tell that he loves it here!", Quest student William Gomes.



Plans Underway To Bring Disc Golf To North Branch

Plans are underway to construct a disc golf park open to the North Branch Community on school campus. The tentative plans have the course being named "The Quest" in honor of Quest High School, the alternative high school for North Branch Area Schools, who will be using the setup of the course as an opportunity to serve the community through its construction. Quest Teacher Corey Rosser said of the project, "Bringing a course to North Branch is a dream I've had for a while. When Jim Fish was introduced as the new superintendent he invited all ideas on ways the school could serve the community. The time just felt right!" While North Branch Area Schools has

graciously provided the use of the land for the course, the construction of the course is a community project and will be built using a grant from the Lapeer County Community Foundation as well as donations. The course is slated for the area located just north of the Ruth Fox Elementary building between campus and the Catholic Church. The course will be used by school groups and will be open to all in the community free of charge during non-school hours. Stay tuned for future news regarding potential clubs forming. Those willing to volunteer can contact Corey Rosser at (810) 688-7581 or by e-mail at crosser@nbbrncos.net.



Mr. Scalf celebrates with Quest graduate Nick Tody

Quest Graduation

On Thursday, June 2nd, Quest welcomed its 12th graduating class to the stage. This year's graduating class included 32 students. The ceremony was highlighted, as always, by the student speakers, as well as the various college scholarships presented to Quest students. North Branch maintains one of the highest graduation rates for alternative students in Michigan at more than double the state average for graduation rates for such schools, and has graduated 363 students since being established in 2004 by Principal Mark Hiltunen.

Middle School Scholarships Get Students Thinking About Their Future

For the third year in a row, students at North Branch Middle School have been recipients of college scholarships. Yes, you read that correctly – 7th and 8th graders being awarded monies for something they will not experience for another half a decade!

It began three years ago when middle school counselor, Mr. Parsons, and his wife, middle school social studies and English teacher, Mrs. Parsons decided to begin offering the Counselor's Scholarship. The Parsons' were hoping that such an opportunity would allow students to see that the choices they make and the effort they put forth every day matters and that each day they



are paving the path to their future.

The scholarships at the middle school level increased in 2014, when after the unexpected loss of her son, math teacher Mrs. Rae and her family (with the guidance of the Parsons') started a Memorial Scholarship in honor of their son, Isaiah. The Rae family hoped to positively impact students' lives in the process of keeping the memory



of their son alive.

While the two scholarships were started for two entirely different reasons they aim to do the same thing: encourage middle school students to begin looking toward their future and making a positive impact on those around them – every day! To date, the two scholarships have awarded more than \$4500 to over a dozen NBMSI Students.

7th & 8th Grade Trips

8th grade students had the opportunity to visit Washington DC in May. Along with viewing many memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, and Gettysburg Battlefield, our students also participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was a great trip!



NBMS Robotics Club

2015-2016 Season Accomplishments:

- Competition at Kettering University. Out of 4 Robots entered, 2 North Branch teams finished in the 1st & 3rd place alliances.
- For the first time, a North Branch team advanced to the State Championship competition in Battle Creek. We finished 18th out of 32 teams in our division. Expectations are high this year

About our Club

- We recruit primarily from the Middle School but the club is open to students in grades 7-12.
- With the help of our parent volunteers and mentors, the students design, build and program custom robots to compete at a high level.
- We are a self-funded club. We need all of the vol-

unteers, sponsors and aluminum materials that we can get. Contact Chris Viperman at 586-914-7710 if you can help or have any ideas.

- Each year a new game and set of tasks are revealed at the beginning of the school year.
- Our Club will enter 3 robots into competition for the 2016-2017 season.
- Competitions are held in November and December where we compete against teams from throughout the state. Regionals & World competitions are held in the spring.



The 7th grade class trip to Detroit this year was a huge success! Students were able to visit the Detroit Institute of Art and the Detroit Science Center. They walked on the Riverwalk and had dinner at The Hard Rock Café. To end the trip, we watched a live production of The Sound of Music at the Fisher Theater. In addition, we had the opportunity to be a part of a newlywed couple's wedding picture! Memories were made on this trip that will last a lifetime!

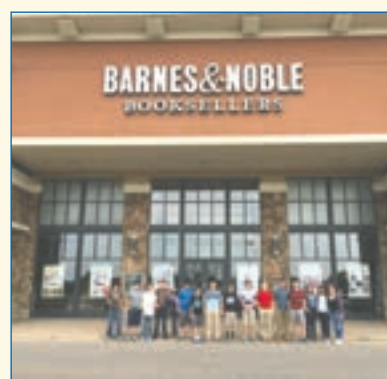
Cedar Point



North Branch Middle School students were rewarded with a trip to Cedar Point for great behavior and good grades all year. Fun was had by all! Dean Transportation donated busses for this event!

Barnes and Noble Trip

One of the many ways that North Branch Middle School promotes reading to our students is by encouraging students to participate in the "40 Book Challenge." Throughout the school year, 15 minutes of ELA classes is dedicated to sustained silent reading. Accomplishments are recognized by the students sharing book reviews as they complete various genres. Many of you know that Mrs. Parsons has been hosting "Barnes and Noble Days" throughout the school year on the first Friday of each month. Our purpose was to celebrate reading and share our book talks with one another. Along with soft lighting, baked goods and hot chocolate, students



looked forward to and enjoyed our Barnes and Noble Days. On Friday, June 10, our English class travelled to Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Genesee Valley Center in Flint for our final celebration!

As guests of Barnes and Noble, we were given a personal tour and samples from Barnes and Noble Café, after which students were given time to shop or purchase treats from the coffee bar.

We never could have done this without our parent volunteers

who drove and chaperoned our students! Thank you to Dawn Deshetsy, Jodi Schultz, and Mr. Pitts! Our students immensely enjoyed our special celebration and it encouraged them to be life long readers!

A giant THANKS!



Ruth Fox Elementary is now a Michigan Green School! Part of being a green school is educating our students and our community on the importance for protecting our environment. Our state tree, the White Pine (Pinus strobes) deserves special attention. It was this tree that attracted European settlement in the mid 1800's.

Ruth Fox 5th graders partnered with the Lapeer Conservation District to sell White Pine seedlings as a fundraising project for Green Schools Projects. Congratulations to Bryce Fitzhenry for earning top selling status at RFES.

Shade Out Cancer

Ruth Fox students and staff once again participated in the Annual "Shade Out Cancer" Walk on June 14. This was the sixth time that we participated in this event and we donated all proceeds to the American Cancer Society! Students and Staff members make donations and walked on the track at the end of the day during Choice Time. The event was the dream of Lily Ragatz when she was a fifth grader at Ruth Fox.



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Teacher, becoming a Bronco for life. Throughout the years, I have worked in several of the District's building, and with many of the current staff. I have had the pleasure of working with numerous students and their families. I enjoy seeing those same students as adults with families of their own.

My most recent teaching assignment has been as a High School Special Education Teacher. In that role, I've also been the Special Education Department Chair and Transition Coordinator for the District. This past year I also took on the role of Special Education Coordinator for grades 7-12. In all of these roles, I've learned a lot and am pleased to accept the position of Special Education Director at North Branch Area Schools. I look forward to changing my role from Teacher to Director, and to continuing my career with North Branch Area Schools.

Alyssa Welling



Hello North Branch! My name is Alyssa Welling, the new special education teacher at North Branch High School. I am genuinely excited to be joining the North Branch Family. I am originally from Lapeer,

graduating in 09' from Lapeer West High School. From there, I took my studies to Grand Valley State University, "Go Lakers!" where I majored in elementary education and special education with an emphasis on emotional and cognitive impairments.



Innovator of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Cindy Lewis who was selected for the Henry Ford Teacher Innovator Award. Mrs. Lewis has played a major role in bringing the Henry Ford's teaching Innovation to Ruth Fox. Along with organizing our Innovation Day in September, Mrs. Lewis has helped support the topic of teaching innovation throughout this school year.



Ruth Fox Green Schools Ecology Focus

Ruth Fox Elementary has recently been given 'Green School' status. Over the years we have strived to teach our 5th and 6th graders the importance of ecology and the environment. Improving the field behind the school by adding trees and bird-houses, 6th grade Wonder Projects that focus on ecology, 5th grade gardens (Three Sisters and Monarch) are just a few examples of this Project Based learning theme. Both grades participate in field trips that teach about the outdoors. Fifth graders go to Ecology Camp, where they learn history in a 'hands on manner'. Sixth graders engage in team building outdoor activities at Hartley Center



At camp, Anna Taylor enjoying the clay, sand, and straw mixture on her hands and between her toes while she makes the filler for a 'Wattle and Daub' home (Colonial Settler Style).

Amber White



When I was seven years old, I sat on my Holly Hobbie comforter and jotted down my top career choices on a piece of paper and stuffed it into a Ziggy cartoon character envelope that said, "Do not open until 1995!" (which seemed like an eternity away). My top choice? Teaching.

I am and will always be an educator first (to no surprise my second career option, Solid Gold dancer, never took off). Teaching is what I have genuine passion for and is the fabric of who I am.

For the past 21 years, it has been a gift to work for North Branch Area Schools. This is the community in which I was raised and where my husband, Devon, and I reside. I have had the privilege of working alongside--and at times, standing on the shoulders of--some incredible

teachers, administrators, and support staff who have helped prepare me for my new role as the district's K-12 Director of Curriculum & Instruction. Much of my work with students, teachers, and parents over the years has been informed and shaped by my involvement in professional organizations and an ongoing collaborative learning partnership with Michigan State University.

In my role as Director of Curriculum & Instruction, I am dedicated to supporting innovative ways to grow teaching practices and raise student achievement in North Branch Area Schools. I'm thrilled to be in a position where there is potential for greater impact and outreach and am eager to continue working in consultation and coordination with district leadership, teachers, students, parents and the wider community. I foresee many positive things happening this school year as we work together to make decisions based on what's in the best interest of our students.

Box Tops For Education

A question we get very often here at the Elementary is, "do you collect the General Mills Box Tops For Education". WE CERTAINLY DO! If you have some or have noticed them on boxes, but didn't know what to do, we would love to have you send them with an elementary student or stop in to drop them off. We collect, cut, count and bag thousands of those little box tops you find on General Mills, Hefty, Pillsbury, Kleenex (and the list goes on). For each Box Top we send in, we receive 10 cents. Over the years we have built up a sizeable account and this year we were able to put these funds towards our Technology Initiative here at the Elementary for our students. Kindle Tablets, Smart Boards and Apple TV's were purchased for classrooms and the students and teachers put them to use right away. We have so many plans to purchase more technology items for our classrooms and thank you in advance for any box tops you send in.



Celebrating Success!!

This year, North Branch Elementary, will continue to celebrate the accomplishments of students throughout the school year. Students who demonstrate great classroom effort, good attendance, and model our Bronco Stars of Behavior will continue to be recognized for their efforts. We look forward to celebrating the success of every student this coming school year!

2015-16 Points of Pride

- Average of 170+ students receiving a Perfect or Excellent Attendance award each trimester
- Over 700 students invited to each PBIS celebrations
- 100+ students honored as Terrific Kids

Parents, your involvement in the NBE Parent Teacher Club is key to the success of these celebrations, as well as other events through the school year. For more information on getting involved in the PTC, visit the NBE website - www.nbbrncos.net/schools/NBE.

Writing Mentors

For the 2015-2016 school year, Mrs. Bader's students buddied up with Mrs. Kerr's 10th grade AP students for a writing project. Throughout the year, the students made class visits in the computer labs and shared writing pieces using Google Doc technology. At the end of the year, the 10th grade AP students came for a farewell visit and final writing project. The students collaborated together to create a writing poster.

Our North Branch Community as a Classroom Annual Field Trip

During the spring of 2016, second grade students in North Branch traveled back in time to the Orr Museum where museum curators, Gretchen Orr, Bill Orr, and Regina Thomas shared personal stories, town history, artifacts, and photographs highlighting our town's past. Students explored our town's business community to learn about the unique goods and services provided within our local economy. An ice cream cone enjoyed at the Bulk Food Store was a tasty favorite. Students visited our NB Township Library to learn about a valuable government service along with revving up for summer reading programming at the library. Students demonstrated the patriotism they learned by honoring those veterans memorialized in our community's Memorial Park. Our Bronco-Bots Robotics Team wowed audience members with their robotics projects. Finally, HS chemistry students led by chemistry teacher Mrs. Wagner, entertained students with a multitude of thrilling chemical reactions followed by a hands-on project demonstrating the surface tension of water. This walking field trip costs only \$2.00 per student, "takes a village" of volunteers and chaperones to pull off, but remains a memorable learning experience for all.



NBE is Full of TERRIFIC KIDS



For the 2016-2017 school year, North Branch Elementary will continue its partnership with the Lapeer Kiwanis Club, participating in Terrific Kids. The Kiwanis Terrific Kids program promotes positive student attributes of being: Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, and Capable. These attributes support our school wide Bronco Stars of Behavior. Each month, participating classes nominate 1-2 students to be recognized as a Terrific Kid, for a school wide assembly. Students, families, and community members are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of these Terrific Kids. In 2015-2016, over 100 NBE students were recognized for this honor, receiving a Kiwanis Terrific Kids recognition certificate, a teacher letter of nomination, a Sunrise Stores gift certificate, and a bag of goodies.

North Branch Elementary would like to recognize the generous program support of Lapeer Kiwanis, as we continue to celebrate those students who help make North Branch a great place to learn and grow.



Kaylee Martin signs with Alma College to play softball.



Mackenzie McGough signs with Lawrence Tech to play baseball.



Davin Friday signs with Baldwin Wallace University to play football

North Branch Fall Sports Schedule

VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 25	YALE	HOME	7:00
Sep. 01	GARBER	HOME	7:00
Sep. 09	BRIDGEPORT	AWAY	7:00
Sep. 16	CARO	AWAY	7:00
Sep. 23	BIRCH RUN (Homecoming)	HOME	7:00
Sep. 30	MILLINGTON	AWAY	7:00
Oct. 07	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	7:00
Oct. 14	LAKEVILLE Band/Sr Night	HOME	7:00
Oct. 21	IMLAY CITY	AWAY	7:00

J. V. FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 24	YALE	AWAY	6:00
Aug. 31	GARBER	AWAY	6:00
Sep. 08	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	6:00
Sep. 15	CARO	HOME	6:00
Sep. 22	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	6:00
Sep. 29	MILLINGTON	HOME	6:00
Oct. 06	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	6:00
Oct. 13	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	6:00
Oct. 20	IMLAY CITY	HOME	6:00

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 24	YALE	AWAY	4:30
Aug. 31	FRANKEN MUTH	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 08	LAKE FENTON	HOME	4:30
Sep. 15	OPEN	HOME	4:30
Sep. 22	GOODRICH	AWAY	6:00
Sep. 29	OPEN	HOME	4:30
Oct. 06	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:30
Oct. 13	OPEN	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 20	IMLAY CITY	HOME	4:30

8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 22	Practice Starts		
Sep. 06	Scrimmage- TBA	TBA	TBA
Sep. 13	GARBER	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 20	CARO	HOME	5:00
Sep. 27	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 04	CARROLLTON	HOME	5:00
Oct. 11	PINCONNING	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 18	BIRCH RUN	HOME	5:00

VARSITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 17	CLARKSTON SCRIMMAG	AWAY	9-N
Aug. 20	GRAND HAVEN INVITE	AWAY	8:30
Aug. 23	NB INVITE	HOME	8:30
Sep. 07	NB QUAD	HOME	5:00
Sep. 10	CROS-LEX INVITE	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 14	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	6:30
Sep. 17	GOODRICH INVITE	AWAY	TBA
Sep. 21	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	6:30
Sep. 24	NOVI INVITE	AWAY TBA	
Sep. 28	GARBER	HOME	6:30
Oct. 05	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	6:30
Oct. 08	MARIAN INVITE	AWAY	8:30
Oct. 12	MILLINGTON	AWAY	6:30
Oct. 15	BEAST OF EAST	AWAY	TBA
Oct. 19	CARO	HOME	6:00
Oct. 22	NB INVITE	HOME	8:30
Oct. 26	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	6:30
Oct. 27	LAKE ORION SCRIMMAG	AWAY	5-8:30
Oct. 29	TVC AT ALMA COLLEGE	AWAY	9:00
10-31 thru	DISTRICTS @ LK	TBD	TBD
11-05			
Nov. 8 & 1	REGIONALS @ IMLAY	TBD	TBD
Nov. 15	QUARTERFINALS	TBD	TBD
Nov. 17 & 18	SEMIFINALS	TBD	TBD
Nov. 19	STATE FINALS	TBD	TBD

JV GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 13	OXFORD SCRIMMAGE	AWAY	12:30
Aug. 20	LAKE ORION INVITE	AWAY	8:30
Aug. 24	MT. MORRIS INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Aug. 27	LINDEN INVITE	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 07	OXFORD QUAD	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 10	OXFORD INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Sep. 14	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	5:30
Sep. 17	MT. MORRIS INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Sep. 20	COUNTRY DAY	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 21	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	5:30
Sep. 24	BIRCH RUN INVITE	AWAY	TBA
Sep. 26	GOODRICH	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 28	GARBER	HOME	5:30
Sep. 29	FLUSHING TRI w/GOODR	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 05	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	5:30
Oct. 08	NB INVITE	HOME	8:30
Oct. 12	MILLINGTON	AWAY	5:30
Oct. 19	CARO	HOME	5:00
Oct. 26	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	5:30

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 20	MT. MORRIS INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Aug. 24	MT. MORRIS INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Aug. 27	LINDEN INVITE	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 07	CLARKSTON QUAD	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 14	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	5:30
Sep. 20	COUNTRY DAY	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 21	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	5:30
Sep. 24	OXFORD INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Sep. 26	GOODRICH	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 28	GARBER	HOME	5:30
Sep. 29	FLUSHING TRI	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 01	NB INVITE	HOME	8:30
Oct. 05	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	5:30
Oct. 12	MILLINGTON	AWAY	5:30
Oct. 19	CARO	HOME	5:00
Oct. 26	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	5:30

VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 18	Scrimmage	HOME	2:00
Aug. 19	YALE	AWAY	4:30
Aug. 22	CAPAC	HOME	4:30
Aug. 24	CLIO	AWAY	4:30
Aug. 31	DAVISON	AWAY	6:45
Sep. 07	GARBER	HOME	4:30
Sep. 08	FLINT KEARSLEY	HOME	4:30
Sep. 10	BAD AXE INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Sep. 12	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 14	LAKEVILLE	HOME	4:30
Sep. 19	CARO	HOME	4:30
Sep. 21	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 26	BIRCH RUN	HOME	4:30
Sep. 28	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 29	MARLETTE	HOME	4:30
Oct. 03	GARBER	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 05	CARO	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 06	GOODRICH	HOME	4:00
Oct. 10	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:30

J.V. BOYS' SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 24	CLIO	AWAY	6:00
Aug. 31	DAVISON	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 07	DAVISON	HOME	6:00
Sep. 08	FLINT KEARSLEY	HOME	6:00
Sep. 14	VALLEY LUTHERAN	HOME	6:00
Sep. 21	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	6:00
Sep. 28	VALLEY LUTHERAN	AWAY	6:00
Oct. 06	GOODRICH	HOME	5:45
Oct. 10	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	6:00

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 25	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	4:15
Sep. 01	LAKEVILLE INVITE	AWAY	TBA
Sep. 10	BAD AXE INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Sep. 13	TVC #1 @ LAKEVILLE	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 16	MSU INVITE	AWAY	1:00
Sep. 20	COUNTY MEET	HOME	4:30
Sep. 27	TVC #2 @ HOME	HOME	4:30
Oct. 04	MEMPHIS INVITE	AWAY	4:15
Oct. 11	TVC #3 @ FRANKENMUT	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 18	TVC MEET @ CARO	AWAY	4:00
Oct. 22	THUMB MEET @ CARO	AWAY	4:00
Oct. 29	REGIONALS	AWAY	TBA
Nov. 05	STATE FINALS @ MIS	AWAY	TBA

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep. 01	LAKEVILLE INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Sep. 10	BAD AXE INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Sep. 13	TVC # @ LAKEVILLE	AWAY	5:30
Sep. 20	COUNTY MEET	HOME	5:30
Sep. 27	TVC #2 @ HOME	HOME	5:30
Oct. 04	MEMPHIS INVITE	AWAY	6:00
Oct. 11	TVC #3 @ FRANKENMUT	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 18	TVC MEET @ CARO	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 22	THUMB MEET @CARO	AWAY	TBA

7TH + 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep. 19	LAKEVILLE	HOME	4:30
Sep. 21	GARBER "A" Teams	HOME	4:30
Sep. 26	CARO	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 28	BIRCH RUN "A" TEAMS	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 03	MILLINGTON	HOME	4:30
Oct. 05	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 10	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 12	BIRCH RUN "A" TEAMS	HOME	4:30
Oct. 17	BRIDGEPORT "B" TEAMS	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 19	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 24	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:30
Oct. 26	CARO	HOME	4:30

*All schedules are subject to change.