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Lady Broncos Class B Volleyball State Champions 2009



MME—Michigan Merit Exam

Michigan high schools are preparing to administer the statewide Michigan Merit Exam (MME) that will be given to all juniors on March 9-11, 2010. Students are required by the State of Michigan to participate in this test. The MME measures students' knowledge of reading, writing, mathematics, social studies and science through a series of tests. The tests include the ACT, WorkKeys tests in reading and mathematics, and additional tests developed by the Michigan State Board of Education. The WorkKeys assessments will measure students' mathematics, locating information, and reading skills when applied to workplace situations. Students will have the option of sending their ACT scores, including the ACT Writing Test, to colleges as part of the application process. Further information regarding the MME Schedule will be mailed to each student's home prior to the tests.

BEGIN-A-GARTEN & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The North Branch Area School District is in the process of identifying students for their

Begin-A-Garten and Kindergarten Programs for the 2010-2011 school year.

If you have a child that will be five on or before December 1, 2010, they would be eligible for our Begin-A-Garten or Kindergarten programs.

Registration Night will be held at
North Branch Elementary
Thursday, April 29, 2010
5:30PM (last name A-M)
7:00PM (last name N-Z)

A copy of the student's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residency MUST be turned in at time of registration. To expedite this process, you may want to make copies of these documents prior to this meeting. However, a copy machine will be available at registration night. For more information, please call (810) 688-3041 or 3042.

High School and Middle School Band Students to perform in the M.S.B.O.A. District III Honors Band 2010

On Saturday, January 30th band students from the Middle School and the High School performed in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 3 Middle School and High School Honors Bands. These students were selected from over 1,000 students who were nominated by their school district band director to participate in one of these groups. Each band is comprised of just over 100 student musicians from the Thumb Region, which represents over 75 school districts. Students are nominated based on their First Division rating earned at Solo and Ensemble Festivals. To achieve these high ratings band students spend hours after school rehearsing with their band directors and accompanists. Congratulations to the students and their parents!



Our Middle School Students that received a First Division Rating and won the honor of acceptance into the Middle School Honors Band are Talon Sherrieb - Alto Saxophone, Rachel Kanaziz - Clarinet, Amber Ondrajka - Flute, and Emily Andersen - French Horn.



Our High School students that received First Division Ratings at State Solo last March and won the honor of participation into the High School Honors Band are Tyler Ormiston - Trumpet and Brandon Parmenter - Trombone.

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Superintendent’s Corner

Telling the Story of North Branch Area Schools

I am very proud of our schools and grateful that I have had an opportunity to serve the community of North Branch. Yet, each day we are challenged, as many of our households are, with the financial crisis that exists in our State. What follows is my letter to our representatives. In my opinion it tells the story of North Branch as well as many of our neighbors.

Dear State Legislators:

As my 40 year career as an educator draws to a close I felt compelled to share my thoughts regarding your lack of ability or willingness to resolve the issues that face Michigan today.

I have been serving as the superintendent of North Branch Area Schools for the past eight years. During that time we have made significant improvements in our educational program, facilities, and the services we provide our children and community.

We are the heart of our community and because of that our community supported a 40 million dollar bond issue 4 years ago that resulted in our district being a show place for Lapeer County. But we are so much more than a facility. We are the “school of choice” for the students in our area. Why? Because we treat our students and their families with respect and demonstrate that we care about their well-being.

We are the heart, because this is where people gather to learn, to celebrate, to watch young athletes, musicians, and actors perform. It is where our senior citizens gather twice a week to meet their friends. This is where they drop off their toys at Christmas for the “Kids Helping Kids” program that has been part of our community tradition for years. Our schools work in concert with all community agencies to assist families in need. Our school district houses Quest Alternative High School that has an 88% graduation rate and no drop outs, just some 5th year seniors. North Branch High School has a 97% graduation rate with a 2.8% drop out rate. Our schools also serve the needs of our 3 & 4 years olds through Head Start, and district pre-school programs.

But we are more. We are a big part of the economy of the community. We are the largest employer for both professional and support staff. North Branch Area Schools provides the salary and health insurance for many of our families. In doing this North Branch Area Schools spends less per pupil on administration, ranking 742 out of 772 Michigan Public Schools and Charter Academies. In reviewing the State Bulletin 1014 North Branch Area Schools ranks 723 out of 772 districts in Revenue Sources. Yet we rank 415 in terms of dollars spent for the Instructional Program. My point being that we spend our dollars for the children.

During my tenure as superintendent the State Foundation Grant has been reduced through executive order cuts in 2002-03 by \$98 per pupil, in 2003-04 by \$74 per pupil and now in 2009-10 by \$165 per pupil. While being asked each year to continue to consolidate and cut.

Over the past 4 years we have reduced our teaching staff by 20 teachers, cut the library media coordinator, food service director, special education coordinator, and reduced our paraprofessionals to only those who meet Federal Program requirements for remedial education and special education. We even reduced our custodial staff from 15 to 13 after adding 168,000 new square feet to our physical plant.

To save money all staff have frozen their wages twice during the past four years, the administration has taken a 4% reduction in pay and we have furloughed staff not represented by a union by 10 days. In January the administration and support staff changed their health insurance carrier, saving the district an additional \$135,000 between January and June.

Gentlemen, my point being that as you discuss restructuring, reforming and reducing education further, we have already done so. The sad thing about all that I have stated is that in my area of the Thumb I am just like my neighbors. We all serve our communities in the manner I have described.

As state legislators it is time you commit to the future of Michigan and our children. It is time you set aside your political differences and look for solutions.

Respectfully,
Alan D. Piwinski
Superintendent
North Branch Area Schools

Winter Road Conditions: Reminders for Parents and Students

The Lapeer County Road Commission wants safety to be the number one priority for all winter drivers in the coming months. Some of the tips that they suggest include:

- Respect Snowplows! Each plow weighs in at a hefty 20 tons and is equipped with a twelve-foot wide blade. What’s more, plows work at a maximum speed of thirty miles per hour, so they are easy to close on quickly. Most snowplow / motorist accidents occur when drivers either strike the trucks from the rear, or try to pass a plow on the left and strike the blade.
- Equip your vehicle with a winter emergency kit which includes items such as: ice scrapers, jumper cables, a snow shovel, traction mats (old rugs and blankets work well), a flashlight, boots, hat and gloves and a bag of de-icing salt.
- Carry a cellular telephone. The single most important safety item to have in your car this winter is a fully charged cellular telephone.
- Give yourself plenty of extra time when traveling.
- Be smart when choosing to drive in bad weather. Lapeer County is thirty miles long and 24 miles wide. It is likely that road conditions will vary greatly in a storm. Always ask yourself if the trip is really necessary.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Strikeleather, the Emergency Management Coordinator for Lapeer County, at (810) 667-0242.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Speech Activities

Model United Nations, Forensics and Legislative Debate make up the Speech Activities at NBHS. This is a learning year as coach and students make the transition from Student Congress to Legislative Debate. Watch for some positive results in the next school year.

Model United Nations (MUN) students traveled to Wayne State University in October to work on global solutions to humankind’s carbon emissions problem. In December the team traveled to Saginaw where they competed in the Tri Valley League Tournament and will compete again in February. Finally, the MUN team will travel to Hope College in March.

The Forensics team has begun competing and will compete every weekend in February and March.

Students choose which weekends to attend, but on average compete in 5 or 6 invitationals. In their first competition at Birmingham Groves High School, Nicole Swope, Jason Armstrong, Elizabeth Goldthwaite and Anabel Leon broke to semi finals. Ms. Goldthwaite placed fourth in impromptu speaking and the team placed third in sweepstakes. Former graduate, Kyle Manthei is coaching the middle school that competed in the Birch Run Invitational’s which gave them a glimpse of what they needed to do to get polished up for the season. To help sharpen their skills the middle school and high school teams will compete against each other under the direction of Rick and Cindy Stevens. The teams encourage you to see their website through the NBHS portal. Recently, as a fundraiser, the forensics team sponsored an ACT workshop through Sylvan learning. Proceeds will go toward overnight trips and supplies.



2009 Harry C Moore Tournament Champs

NBHS would like to congratulate the Boys Varsity Basketball team on winning the Harry C Moore Classic Basketball Tournament. The tournament was held in Capac on December 29th and 30th. In their first contest, North Branch defeated Brown City by a score of 52-36. The Broncos took on the Chiefs of Capac in the Championship game and came up victorious by a score of 48-46.

Kyle Cline and Ryan Kosko were named to the All Tournament Team for their efforts in the wins. Congratulations gentlemen!



Student Drop-off and Pick-up

Parents, please heed posted signs for morning drop off and afternoon pick up. Our goal is to encourage a smooth flow of traffic while maintaining safety. The best place to drop off / pick up your student is in the drop off loop at the front of the building. However, please do not “park” along the yellow curbs. This blocks traffic flow and hinders cars trying to pull out of the parking spaces.

If you choose to drop off your students on the street in the front of the building, please pull forward to the west end of the building (toward the auditorium) so students can safely enter the campus, while not backing up traffic.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Wendy's Heisman Honorees



Dennis Natke II and Kayla Snoblen

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS



Environmental Science Club

The Environmental Science Club at North Branch High School collected 15 bags of garbage on their first foray as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program Saturday, October 17.

“I want my students to have a connection to the world in which they live outside the classroom,” Teacher and organizer of the event Carrie Wenta said. Wenta recently received her Master’s Degree in Education with a natural science emphasis. Our territory is on M-90 between Fish Lake and the village limit.



The group of students Tim Woodworth, Blaine Howard, Samantha Waterman, Mike Kaan, Vickie Billig, Emily Sohn and Alexx June worked for more than three hours on a chilly Saturday morning.

This was our second attempt. Last week the weather wasn’t conducive. Foreign exchange student Gustavo “Goose” Reyes came last week to help. Hopefully, he and more students can join us in the spring.”

The students were really surprised by the types of trash they found. As part of the program, the club is required to do pick-ups at least twice a year, but Wenta plans that it will be a part of her

Environmental Science class. The class is also responsible for weekly recycling, doing door-to-door pickups in the high school as well as having receptacles for recycling old cell phones, ink cartridges, etc.



Snowcoming Court

Congratulations to Snowcoming Queen Emily Sohn and King Pashko Gjelaj pictured in the center, along with the Senior Court from back left: Kristyn Cordner, Sarah White, Jessica Griffiths, Krista Horton, Caitlynn Baker; front from left: Aaron June, Brian Curell, Casey Franks, Don Huntley and Josh Blay.

The underclassmen representatives were: Juniors Savannah St. Pierre and Dakota Myers, Sophomores Lyndsey Suyama and Troy Burks and Freshmen Michaela Deshetsy and Jeremy Sutton.

Week-long festivities concluded with the Snowcoming Dance Saturday evening. Photo by: Sheryl Bruman Photography

Parent Meeting for Senior Trip to NYC

Parents and their students going to New York City, March 18 to 22, 2010 are cordially invited to attend a parent meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 18, 2010 in the Lecture Hall at North Branch High School. Topics covered include: packing list, emergency contact information, attraction details, hotel and motor coach information, final payment, rules and regulations, etc. Attendance is encouraged!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

"Nothing But Net...books That Is!"

Many eighth grade science students at North Branch Middle School will soon have the opportunity to get their hands on some new technology. Mrs. Hubbell, an eighth grade science teacher, was recently approved to pilot a small scale, information gathering project for the district aimed at determining the quality, value and application of using the popular netbook computers in a classroom setting. Mrs. Hubbell proposed a plan that included the incorporation of some web-based curriculum expansion activities in conjunction with The National Health Institute, as well as some self-created, technology-based research and presentation projects. Students will work in lab groups and cooperatively use the small laptops during class to complete the activities and projects. Mrs. Hubbell and her students look forward to the new and creative opportunities the netbooks offer both teacher and students as they navigate the ever increasing coordination of science and technology.



NBMS was well-represented as winners of the local Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest held Saturday, January 16, 2010. We had five winners that went onto the Regional competition at Romeo on Saturday, February 6, 2010. The five local winners pictured left to right were: Jamie Barrows (8th grade), Erin Ruhlman (8th grade), Madison Skovran (8th grade), Quentin Andrews (7th grade), and Joe Schulte (8th grade).

Monthly Collection for the North Branch Thrift Shop

In the month of January, the Middle School Student Council sponsored Warm Hearts to Warm Hands. They collected hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves. The Student Council and the local community thank you for your generosity to the Warm Hearts to Warm Hands collection.

The remainder of the monthly collections is:

- February – toothbrush, tooth paste, shampoo & conditioner
- March – toilet paper, dish soap, deodorant
- April – baby products (diapers, wipes, baby soap, baby lotion, Q-tips, bottles, pacifiers, baby cereal and other foods, etc.)
- May – Cereal

If anyone would like to donate throughout the rest of the year please drop items off at the front office. Thank you from the Middle School Student Council and the North Branch Community for your donations.

North Branch Board of Education Members Honored at Luncheon

Traditionally, January has been the month set aside to recognize our local school board members who so generously give of their time in service to our students, parents, staff, faculty and community.

On January 29, 2010, the Middle School hosted a luncheon with Board of Education members and staff to honor them for their hard work and dedication. In these tough economic times, our board members are faced with difficult and challenging decisions to keep our district fiscally sound, yet continuing the tradition of excellence that North Branch Areas Schools strive to achieve.

Our thanks to the following members of the North Branch Board of Education: Jack Lewis, President; Ginger Russell, Vice-President; Cathy Severance, Treasurer; Lorrelei Natke, Secretary; Kevin McCrory, Trustee; Rosann Clark, Trustee; Jerry Schlaud, Trustee



Check it out

Check out the article that Bobby Skovran, 8th grade student at NBMS, had published in the January 2010 edition of Woods-N-Water News. It is an article about his deer that he shot during bow season of 2009. The article is found on page 74. Congratulations Bobby on being a published writer!



January Students of the Month



The North Branch Middle School staff has chosen the January Students of the Month. The students will be featured in one of the building showcases and on our school web page throughout the month of January. These students are selected based on the following criteria: citizenship, work ethic, leadership, and academic achievement. Each student has also received Stephen Covey’s book “The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. Congratulations to: Jeffery Armstrong, Jennifer Kaluk, Troy Manthei, Hannah Sweeney, and Samantha White.

North Branch Middle School Students to Participate in the Michigan Art Education Association Regional Show

The Michigan Art Education Association invites its’ members to submit work for a regional show each year to recognize young artists and their incredible artwork. Members may submit five pieces of artwork from each level that he or she teaches. Five students from the Middle School will have work included in this show. The artwork has yet to be chosen, parents of the chosen students will receive notification and permission slips. The exhibit will be on display in Gallery 194 in downtown Lapeer, starting February 23 through March 6. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm. A reception for the honorary young artists will take place on February 27 from 12:00-2:00 pm. From the regional show, pieces will be chosen to become a part of the exhibit at the state level. North Branch has had many artists receive this honor in the past, and we are looking forward to more students being recognized for their artistic endeavors. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Musiel’s class is going bowling!

Mrs. Musiel’s special education class is planning a bowling field trip. Our students will be bowling in Mayville, the first week of March. To create funding for this trip, our class has been selling pickles to the middle school students 7th hour and to Ruth Fox students during choice time on Fridays. We also make soup for the staff at the Ruth Fox Elementary. We would like to sincerely thank all the staff, parents, and students who have been supporting this project.

Middle School Students Hoping to Participate in the Artomatic 2010 Exhibit through VSA Arts of Michigan

VSA Arts of Michigan is a member of the International Network of VSA Arts, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The Middle School has two students who have work that is being considered for their traveling art exhibit. Malika Bryant and Zachary Grosskopf are waiting to hear if their artwork will be chosen as one of the forty pieces that will travel to district VSA arts festivals, art centers and galleries, libraries, as well as a variety of other public venues from April 2010 through March 2011. Malika’s painting,



Artist: Zachary Grosskopf

shown here, was done with watercolor and India ink, her combination of circles and wavy lines created a striking composition. Zachary Grosskopf’s painting, a fauvist landscape, was done with tempera paint. His color choice and brushwork made his painting stand out from the rest. It is an honor in itself to have work chosen to be submitted, if their work makes it on to the next level, an additional announcement will be made.

Calling All 2010 North Branch Middle School Competitors

The North Branch Middle School Spelling Bee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2010. It will be held at the NBMS Media Center starting at 8:00 a.m. and all parents and guests are permitted to attend the competition. Students must pick up a permission slip to be signed by them and a parent and must be returned by Tuesday, February 16 to enroll in the Spelling Bee and get a list of words to study. We want to make sure that each student who chooses to participate in this annual competition has an opportunity to adequately prepare and reach his or her full potential as a spelling bee contestant. Any parent or guest who would like to watch this event are welcome to attend, we simply ask that each visitor register in the office before making their way to the Media Center. The winner of this contest will go onto the Lapeer County Spelling Bee held in mid-March.

Chemistry at the Seventh Grade

All 7th grade Science students have been dabbling in Chemistry this trimester. In recent years the state of Michigan has realigned the Science curriculum and this is the second year that seventh graders have studied chemistry. As you can imagine, this involves some pretty complex concepts! Some topics covered have been physical and chemical properties of matter, chemical and physical reactions, the structure and sub particles of the atom and the organization of the Modern Periodic Table of Elements. In order for students to master many of these abstract concepts, many lab exercises are used. Students have built models of atoms of specific elements and they have researched an element. Their research includes a written report and an oral presentation with a visual aid. Some students have made power point presentations, videos, posters, and 3-D models (including some edible ones). It’s amazing to see the students’ creativity displayed through their work!

Generous Donation Given to the Middle School Art Program

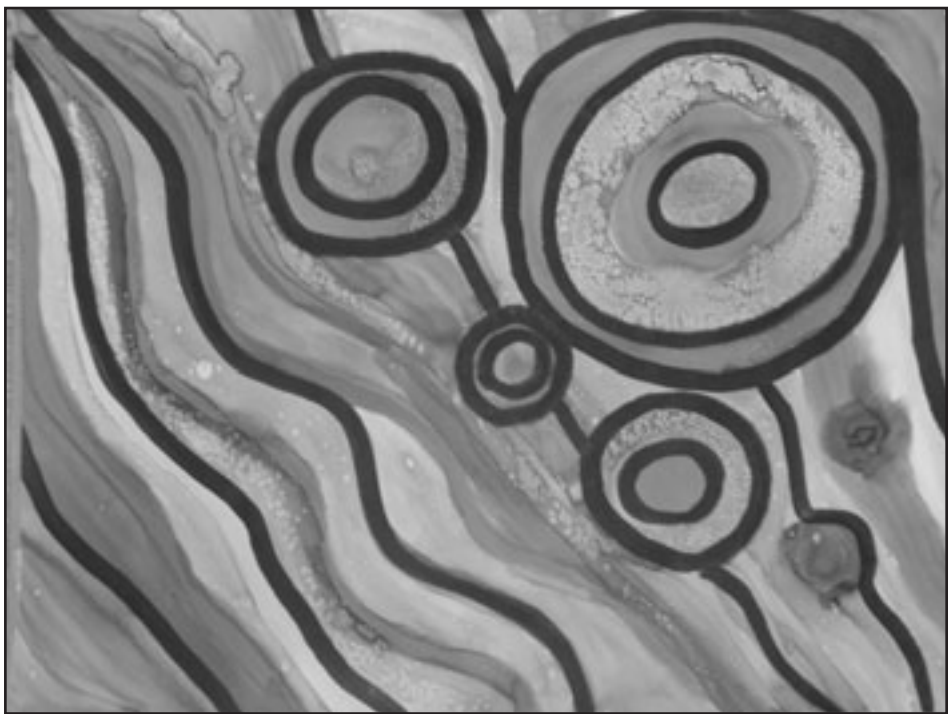
The students in Mrs. Baksa’s Middle School art classes have had the opportunity to participate in an activity called “Barnes and Noble Fridays” for the past six years. On most Fridays, students choose an artist to learn about by picking out a book or magazine in the classroom. Each student is required to fill out a “reading log”, which is like a mini book report that asks questions about the artist’s life and work. Exposing the students to many different styles and time periods of art helps them to develop an understanding of how art reflects culture. And it also sparks ideas that could be used in their own artwork. Students also have the option of purchasing hot chocolate for fifty cents



to enjoy as they read, and to make the classroom feel and smell a little bit like Barnes and Noble.

Mrs. Baksa has a great-uncle, by the name of Richard Lambert, who is a retired secondary art teacher and currently resides in Katy, Texas. He has been an inspiration to her throughout her life, as he is an accomplished artist

and was an exceptional art teacher to hundreds of students in South Lion, Michigan. On his recent visit to family in Michigan, he heard about the Barnes and Noble Friday activity. He expressed a desire to donate between 75 and 100 books to Mrs. Baksa and her Middle School art students. These are large hard cover books with beautiful full color pictures of famous paintings, sculptures, and photography. The books have started to arrive from Texas, and they are going to be a phenomenal addition to the classroom library of art books!



Artist: Malika Bryant

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Bugs, Bugs, and More Bugs! The 7TH Graders are Going “Buggy”!

On Thursday, May 13, 2010, 5 coach busses will pull out of the North Branch Middle School parking lot at approximately 6:30 a.m. with 268 adventure-seekers aboard! The 7th graders, teachers, and chaperones will travel to Grand Rapids, Michigan for a *very* full day of fun, adventure, and discovery.

The day will begin with a tour of the Frederik Meijer Botanical Gardens and Sculpture Park, where visitors can view many gardens filled with amazing sculptures. The next stop will be at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Participants will not only be able to tour the awesome everyday exhibits at the museum, but will also have a chance to involve themselves in a special interactive, robotic, bug exhibit where insects like the praying mantis will be several times larger than the humans! Humans can also go into a Bug House *and* a Bug Lab—IF THEY DARE! After lunch, the North Branch travelers will find themselves at the Grand Rapids IMAX Theater immersed in “Under the Sea” 3D with Jim Carrey as the narrator. “All aboard!” as we travel to the John Ball Zoo that is home to over 1,100 animals from Africa, Asia, Australia, South America, and the United States. We will not only see a phenomenal collection of animals, we will also have the opportunity to learn about ancient cultures. The students will eat dinner in Portland and then travel the remaining miles back to North Branch after a very eventful day. Whew!

The busses are expected to arrive back in North Branch at approximately 8:30 p.m. This will be a very busy and totally terrific day! What a wonderful opportunity for everyone attending! Many 7th graders were able to raise all, or a significant portion of the cost of this trip (\$60.00) by participating in the flower bulb and candle fundraisers offered to them in the Fall of 2009.

Book Clubs are Everywhere!



Here at the Middle School, the Girls’ Book Club is into its second trimester of fun! Along with exploring authors, making bookmarks, sharing novels through a teacher read-aloud, we’ve added a weekly newspaper exploration and magazine connection. Everything we do is to support the fact that reading is a crucial part of our everyday lives.

The reading connection continues through the North Branch Community Book Club. We meet once a month at the public library for coffee, snacks, and friendly book discussion. Contact Annette Schulte at 656-0588 if you’re interested and please consider joining us anytime!

Finally, a big thank you to Kelly Lovasz at the North Branch Library for passing on information she found at www.michiganhumanities.org. This website highlights The Great Michigan Read, a book club for the entire state. With a statewide focus on a single book, it encourages Michiganians to learn more about their state, their history, and their society. The book of choice is entitled Stealing Buddha’s Dinner by Michigan author, Bich Minh Nguyen. Check it out!



Mr. Sippell’s Phys. Ed. class showing off their volleyball talent

Honor Roll

7th Grade

Thomas Ajlouni, Quentin Andrews, Jonathan Ankley, Jeffery Armstrong, Connor Atkins, Cade Baker, Alexander Balzer, Bradley Bates, Kayla Belavek, Brenden Bennett, Dillian Bentley, Brandon Berlin, Scott Bollon, Austin Bowling, Amanda Bowman, Emma Brandt, Seth Brandt, Emily Brewer, Daniel Bridger, Tyler Brooks, Abigail Brusie, Trevor Burhans, Tyler Burhans, Zachary Butterfield, Drew Callahan, Niquole Caringi, Austen Carpenter, Ashley Chapin, Lance Chapman, Hannah Cheney, Shainne Clemens, Katrina Conley, Brittany Cooper, Ashley Costa, Morgan Coulter, Hannah Covey, Julia Coville, Mitchell Curtis, Alyssa DeMeyers, Levi Deshetsky, Ashley Drako, Bailey Dudas, Jillian Dufort, Kamron Dutcher, Kyla Dutcher, Sierra Duty, Sarah Eckert, Stephanie Eisele, Madison Ekstrom, Madison Farnsworth, Zachary Ferrier, Travis Fike, Zachary Fish, Kourtney Frank, Jared Freeland, Adam Friend, Cheyenne Garwood, Curtis Garza, Kyle Gombar, Emily Good, Kelci Gormley, Benjamin Graham, Brittany Gray, Michael Grego, Lauren Greschaw, Landon Haight, Kamren Hatfield, Nicole Hawk, Austin Hillaker, Christopher Hodges, Terry Honicutt, Haley Huffman, Heather Hunt, Sara Innes, Hannah Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Jacquelyn Jones, Cassi Karpovich, Maddison Kempa, Destiny Kirby, Tyler Kohler, Darius Kronz, Jessica Laur, Steven Leach, Duncan Lewis, Philip MacMillan, Jedidiah Maxam, Calla McNulty, Brenden Miller, Madison Morgan, Austin Mullens, Jessica Myers, Jessica Neff, Joshua Newsom, Brendan Olso, Ryan Opperma, Christian Owens, Donovan Pace, Fox Parton, Austin Parvin, Jaelin Pratt, Taylor Reeser, Skler Reeves, Taylor Richmond, Brannon Roach, Madelyn Robinson, Jessie Roge, Reilly Rosseau, Madelynn Ruhlman, Blake Schlaud, Brieghanna Schlaud, Brandon Seeley, Victoria Severance, Megan Shaw, Talon Sherrieb, Dakota Simpson, Shane Skalski, Shanna Skalski, Sydney Skalski, Aerial Skinner, Gunner Skouson, Madison Skovran, Julia Slesinski, Joshua Snoblen, Kolen Snoblen, Marlo Stevens, Jared Swadling, Hannah Sweeney, Devin Tedford, Jazlyn Teichow, Jessica Terry, Angelica Thibodeau, Jeremy Tumblin, Raymond Turner, Jeremiah Violet, Derek Wadley, Brianna Walters, Brandy Wilcox, Laura Wilson, Brittany Winkleman, Karl Wolf, Katelynn Woodman, Ronald Yeager, Jason Yelland, David Zender



7th Grade All As

8th Graders

Emily Andersen, Jamie Barrows, Brady Beckwith, Cheyanne Bennett, Nickohl Bjornson, Christopher Blackmer, Kaleb Bonner, Kenneth Boss, Nikki Brewer, Nicole Bridger, Kaylee Bryan, Cassandra Cartagena-Ortiz, Nyles Chambers, Tyler Cheney, Alexander Cloutier, Jacquelyn Coppo, Tyler Cross, Shannon Deaton, Chelsey Fricke, Hannah Gordon, Ruthann Gowan, Erik Griffin, Kayla Hagen, Levi Hanna, Jessica Harmon, Jennifer Havermale, Cody Hawk, Jacob Heck, Brendon Hester, Cody Howe, Ashley Incarnati, Sarah Johnson, Kiplin Kaldahl, Jennifer Kaluk, Rachel Kanaziz, Jessica Kasperowicz, Jacob Kinney, Kasey Klingler, Nickolas Knowles, Haleigh Laur, Keith Lipka, Sarah Lombardo, Elizabeth Lovasz, Troy Manthei, Tyler Marek, Damian Mathews, Olivia McCormick, Erika Meier, Kaitlyn Miklovich, Allison Newbegin, Aaron Ondrajka, Amber Ondrajka, Stephanie Osborne, Jacob Pasek, Jodi Payne, Jessica Powell, Cayla Raymond, Kelsey Reffer, Chloe Ross, Erin Ruhlman, Morgan Sawgle, Sarah Schaller, Noel Schloper, Allison Schneider, Joseph Schulte, Robert Skovran III, Olivia Smith, Kendra Snoblen, Jordan Stack, Douglas Stikeleather, Mariah Studer, Zane Studer, Andrew Sutherland, Candace Sutter, Mary Taylor, Cassandra Truax, Hunter Turner, John Utley, Eriberto Valle, Tyler Vaughn, Mary Verellen, Chelsie Vipperman, Kody Vroegindewey, Austin Walker, Claretta Walker, Tiffany Walker, Rachel Warda, Nathaniel Weingartz, Kristen White, Samantha White, Dominique Whitney, Brady Wilcox, Haley Winkelbauer, Taylor Winslow, Jacob Young, Shaunna Young



8th Grade All As

Holiday Season Support

The staff and students at the Middle School assisted three different groups throughout the last couple of months to provide a special holiday for some local families and the pets at Paradise Animal Shelter. The students started out with donating over 200 pounds of cat/dog food and a dozen animal play toys. This was done as part of an Eagle Scout project that Dylan Barriger designed.

North Branch Middle School also adopted three children to make sure that they had a spectacular holiday season. These children were provided with clothing and toys graciously collected by our students and staff.

Finally, the staff and students, along with students’ families donated toys and money to go toward the County-wide Toys for Tots program. We collected over 150 toys and over \$275 to assist families with providing the little ones throughout the county with a “little extra” during the holiday season.

The staff and students are currently collecting hats, mittens, and scarves for the North Branch Thrift Shop for the month of January and will collect toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and cream rinse for the month of February.

Varsity Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mar. 30	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	4:00
Mar. 31	IMLAY CITY	HOME	4:00
Apr. 12	LAPEER WEST	HOME	4:00
Apr. 15	BROWN CITY	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 21	ALMONT	HOME	4:00
Apr. 22	BULLOCK CREEK	HOME	4:00
Apr. 23	CAPAC	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 26	MERRILL	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 29	LAPEER EAST	HOME	4:00
May 03	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	4:00
May 06	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	4:00
May 10	CARO	HOME	4:00
May 13	YALE	HOME	4:00
May 15	NORTH BRANCH INV	HOME	10:00
May 17	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:00
May 21	GARBER	HOME	4:00
May 24	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:00
May 29	WILLIAMSTON TOURN	AWAY	TBD
Jun. 01	PRE-DIST GAME @ IMLAY	TBD	TBD
Jun. 4/5	DISTRICTS @ IMLAY	AWAY	TBD

Varsity Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mar. 30	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	4:00
Mar. 31	IMLAY CITY	HOME	4:00
Apr. 12	LAPEER WEST	HOME	4:00
Apr. 15	BROWN CITY	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 17	BULLOCK CREEK INV	AWAY	10:00
Apr. 21	ALMONT	HOME	4:00
Apr. 22	BULLOCK CREEK	HOME	4:00
Apr. 24	BAY CITY WESTERN	AWAY	10:00
Apr. 26	MERRILL	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 29	LAPEER EAST	HOME	4:00
May 03	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	4:00
May 06	BIRDGEPORT	HOME	4:00
May 10	CARO	HOME	4:00
May 13	YALE	HOME	4:00
May 15	HEMLOCK TOURN	AWAY	9:00
May 17	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:00
May 21	GARBER	HOME	4:00
May 24	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:00
Jun 01	PRE-DIST GAME @ IMLAY	TBD	TBD
June 4/5	DISTRICTS @ IMLAY	AWAY	TBD

Varsity Girls' Soccer Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mar. 30	LAKEVILLE	HOME	4:30
Mar. 31	BROWN CITY	HOME	4:30
Apr. 15	CARROLLTON	AWAY	4:30
Apr. 17	IMLAY CITY INV.	AWAY	10:00
Apr. 19	CARO	AWAY	4:30
Apr. 21	LAPEER EAST	AWAY	6:30
Apr. 22	MILLINGTON	HOME	4:30
Apr. 26	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:30
Apr. 29	VALLEY LUTHERAN	AWAY	4:30
May 03	BIRCH RUN	HOME	4:30
May 05	GARBER	AWAY	4:30
May 06	CARROLLTON	HOME	4:30
May 10	CARO	HOME	4:30
May 13	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:30
May 17	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
May 20	VALLEY LUTHERAN	HOME	4:30
May 24	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	4:30
May 27	GARBER	HOME	4:30

Varsity Track & Field Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mar. 31	CHESANING, IMLAY CTY, LKVL	HOME	4:00
Apr. 14	VALLEY LUTHERAN w /ALMA	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 16	COUNTY MEET	HOME	4:00
Apr. 20	MAYVILLE RELAYS	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 23	FRANKENMUTH INV	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 28	BRIDGEPORT /CARO	HOME	4:00
May 05	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:00
May 07	CARMAN AINSWORTH INV	AWAY	3:00
May 12	FRANKENMUTH /GARBER	HOME	4:00
May 14	MARYSVILLE INV.	AWAY	4:00
May 18	TVC EAST MEET AT M'TON	AWAY	4:00
May 21 or 22	REGIONALS	TBD	TBD
Jun 01	THUMB MEET AT CARO	AWAY	TBD
Jun 05	STATE FINALS	TBD	TBD

J.V. Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mar. 30	LAKEVILLE	HOME	4:00
Mar. 31	IMLAY CITY	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 12	LAPEER WEST	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 15	BROWN CITY	HOME	4:00
Apr. 17	NORTH BRANCH INV	HOME	10:00
Apr. 19	MARLETTE	HOME	4:00
Apr. 21	ALMONT	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 22	BULLOCK CREEK	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 26	MERRILL	HOME	4:00
Apr. 29	LAPEER EAST	AWAY	4:00
May 01	MARYSVILLE TOURN	AWAY	10:00
May 03	BIRCH RUN	HOME	4:00
May 06	BRIDGEPORT	AWAY	4:00
May 10	CARO	AWAY	4:15
May 13	YALE	AWAY	4:00
May 17	MILLINGTON	HOME	4:00
May 21	GARBER	AWAY	4:00
May 24	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:00

J.V. Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mar. 30	LAKEVILLE	HOME	4:00
Mar. 31	IMLAY CITY	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 12	LAPEER WEST	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 15	BROWN CITY	HOME	4:00
Apr. 17	BAD AXE	AWAY	12:00
Apr. 19	MARLETTE	HOME	4:00
Apr. 21	ALMONT	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 22	BULLOCK CREEK	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 26	MERRILL	HOME	4:00
Apr. 29	LAPEER EAST	AWAY	4:00
May 01	SWARTZ CREEK INV	AWAY	9:00
May 03	BIRCH RUN	HOME	4:00
May 06	BRIDGEPORT	AWAY	4:00
May 10	CARO	AWAY	4:15
May 13	YALE	AWAY	4:00
May 17	MILLINGTON	HOME	4:00
May 21	GARBER	AWAY	4:00
May 24	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:00

J.V. Girls' Soccer Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Apr. 14	LAKERS	HOME	5:00
Apr. 21	LAPEER EAST	AWAY	4:30
Apr. 22	MILLINGTON	HOME	6:00
Apr. 23	CROS-LEX	AWAY	4:30
Apr. 26	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	6:00
Apr. 29	VALLEY LUTHERAN	AWAY	4:30
May 03	BIRCH RUN	HOME	6:00
May 05	GARBER	AWAY	6:00
May 10	CROS-LEX	HOME	6:00
May 13	MILLINGTON	AWAY	6:00
May 17	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	6:00
May 20	VALLEY LUTHERAN	HOME	6:00
May 24	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	6:00
May 25	LAKERS	AWAY	5:00
May 27	GARBER	HOME	6:00

Jr. High Track & Field Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Apr, 26	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:30
Apr. 29	CARROLLTON	HOME	4:30
May 03	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
May 10	BIRCH RUN	HOME	4:30
May 12	GOODRICH INVITE	AWAY	4:30
May 13	CHESANING w /FREELAND	AWAY	4:30
May 17	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	4:30
May 20	CARO	AWAY	4:30
May 26	TVC MEET	HOME	2:30

Golf Schedule

DATE	HOST SCHOOL	PLACE	TIME
Apr. 12	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:00
Apr. 21	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	3:00
Apr. 24	BULLOCK CREEK INV	AWAY	9:00
May 12	BROWN CITY INV	AWAY	8:30
May 14	TVC JAMBOREE	HOME	3:00
May 20	TVC JAMBOREE @ BIRCH RUN	AWAY	1:00
May 24	CARO	AWAY	4:30

North Branch Broncos Sports News

North Branch had a very successful Fall Sports season with the volleyball team winning the first ever Team State Championship in the history of North Branch athletics and the football team advancing to the state playoffs for the second time ever. Equally impressive is that 113 of 195 student-athletes earned a 3.2 or higher grade point average through the first trimester mid-term for an impressive 57.95% of our athletes. In addition, the football and volleyball teams were Academic All-State and 5 fall athletes earned recognition for Individual Academic All-State. Those five athletes are Mitchell Brusie (football), Elliott Orr and Brandon Parmenter (Boys' Soccer), and Katie Smillie and Kara Stuewer (volleyball). When it comes to high school sports, it has always been our philosophy that educational athletics is much more than wins and losses as the vast majority of our student-athletes become successful leaders in their post-high school years.

Our winter sports' season is rapidly drawing to a close as the teams get ready for the MHSAA tournaments:

Boys' Basketball

The Broncos were 8-3 at the mid-point of the season and won its first ever Harry C. Moore Christmas Tournament Championship. North Branch will participate in the Croswell-Lexington District playing on Monday, March 8 against Millington at 5:30 p.m. The District Semi-Finals will be on Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. vs. Caro with the District Finals on Friday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. North Branch will host the Class B Regional Tournament with Regional Semi-Finals on Monday, March 15 at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. The Regional Finals will be held on Wednesday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Girls' Basketball

The Lady Broncos were 8-5 after the first half of TVC play and all alone in second place in the division with its only losses to Frankenmuth. North Branch will be participating in the Caro Districts playing on Monday, March 1 vs. Caro at 7:30 p.m. The District Semi-Finals will be on Wednesday, March 3 vs. Croswell-Lexington at 7:30 p.m. with the District Finals on Friday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. Millington will be hosting the Class B Girls' Regional Tournament on Tuesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 11.

Boys' and Girls' Bowling

Under the guidance of new coach Bill Barkowska, the bowling teams have been steadily improving throughout the season. North Branch will be participating in the TVC Tournament on Saturday, February 20 at State Lanes in Saginaw. The boys' and girls' teams will be bowling in the Regional Tournament at Monitor Lanes in Bay City with the team tournament on Friday, February 26 and the singles competition on Saturday, February 27.

Competitive Cheerleading

The competitive cheer team is in a league for the first time ever competing in the TVC West Division. North Branch has finished fourth in every competition but one in which the team took third place. The team has been working extremely hard and has posted its highest total for points (600+) in its brief history. North Branch will be competing in the Division II Tournament on Saturday, February 20 at Oxford High School beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Wrestling

Dan Ranger has done an excellent job taking over the wrestling program at North Branch. The team is competing with no seniors in its line-up and many freshmen. Despite its youth, North Branch has already won 5 more matches than last year and finished the season at 3-3 in the TVC East Division. North Branch will host the Team Districts on Thursday, February 11 with Lapeer East taking on Lapeer West at 6:00 p.m. and North Branch taking on the winner for the District Championship. In addition, North Branch is also fortunate enough to host the Individual Wrestling Districts which will get underway at 9:30 a.m. at North Branch High School on Saturday, February 13.

Notes of Interest:

- The Booster club will be holding its 10th annual Reverse Raffle on Saturday, February 27 at the K of C Hall in Imlay City with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. The evening will feature a Western theme this year and a great time is guaranteed. Tickets are \$50.00 per person which includes dinner and a chance to win over \$4,500.00 in prizes including the grand prize of \$2,000.00. Tickets may be purchased in the athletic office, from any booster member, or head coach at North Branch. Please call 688-2518 for more information.
- We will have a number of booster meetings in February. We will meet in the high school media center for three consecutive Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: February 10, 17, and 24. All North Branch parents and/or individuals interested in supporting North Branch athletics are invited to attend the meetings.
- The winter sports' banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 23 in the high school cafeteria beginning at 6:00 p.m.
- Individuals or families are encouraged to sign up for the Meijer Rewards Program. This can be done on-line at Meijer.com/rewards and our athletic code is #303694. Over \$2,500.00 has been raised to support athletics by those participating in this free program.
- Thanks to the 30+ businesses who participated in the Community Advertising project this fall by purchasing banners that were hung at the football games. We appreciate your loyal support.
- Community members are encouraged to visit Highschoolsports.net for the most up-to-date athletic schedules. The spring sports' schedules are included in this issue of school talk. Due to budget cuts, we will not be publishing another issue of school talk until well into the spring sports' season. We will have a recap of the winter sports and give you up-dates on the spring sports in the May edition of School Talk including where the MHSAA District Tournaments will be held for baseball, softball, girls' soccer, and boys' and girls' track.

Fall 2009 All Conference Athletes



Front row (l-r): Jordan Fish, Danika Racknor, Kara Stuewer, Hailey Smillie, Katie Owens, Shanel Johnstone, Catherine Brusie, Jessica McKnight, Maggie Verellen; Back row (l-r): Ron Jones, Brandon Urchick, Cody Kipp, Dylan Johnson, Daniel Thompson, Doug Griffin, Ethan Deshetsky, Dennis Natke II, Kyle Cline, Aaron June, Mitch Brusie, Brandon Parmenter, Elliot Orr, Layne Molosky, Bryan Gray. Not pictured: Katie Smillie, Zach Thibodeau, Patrick Ankley



R-L: Keegan Martus, Shelby Warburton, Anthony Rinconeno, Jacob Armstrong

Athletic Honors

Football

Doug Griffin: 1st Team Quarterback; Kyle Cline: 1st Team Punter, 1st Team Defensive Lineman; Mitch Brusie: 1st Team Linebacker, 2ns Team Offensive Lineman, Academic All-State; Dennis Natke: 1st Team Defensive Back, 2nd Team Running Back; Jacob Armstrong: Honorable Mention; Brandon Urchick: Honorable Mention; Bryan Gray: Honorable Mention; Ethan Deshetsky: Honorable Mention; Ron Jones: Honorable Mention; Anthony Rinconeno: Honorable Mention; Daniel Thompson: Honorable Mention; Shelby Warburton: Honorable Mention

Volleyball

Catherine Brusie: 1st Team, All Region, 1st Team All State; Jordan Fish: 1st Team, All Region, 1st Team All State; Katie Owens: 1st Team, All Region, 2nd Team All State; Danika Racknor: 2nd Team, All Region, Honorable Mention All State; Kara Stuewer: 2nd Team, All Region, Academic All State; Shanel Johnstone: Honorable Mention; Hailey Smillie: Honorable Mention; Layne Molosky: Honorable Mention; Katie Smillie: Academic All Stars

Boys' Soccer

Elliot Orr: 1st Team, All District, Honorable Mention All State, Academic All State; Cody Kipp: 1st Team, All District; Zach Thibodeau: 2nd Team, All District; Keegan Martus: 2nd Team, All District; Dylan Johnson: Honorable Mention; Patrick Ankley: All District; Brandon Parmenter: Academic All Stars

Cross Country

Aaron June: 2nd Team; Jessica McKnight: Honorable Mention; Maggie Verellen: Honorable Mention

Undefeated 8th grade Volleyball 2009-2010



Ruth Fox Elementary Students to Participate in the Michigan Art Education Association Regional Show

The Michigan Art Education Association invites its members to submit work for a regional show each year to recognize young artists and their incredible artwork. Members may submit five pieces of artwork from each level that he or she teaches. Five



Artist: Blake Hoeksema

Circus Time

Christmas brought some “clowning around” for the Habitat Heroes. Mr. Sieh, Mrs. Sherrieb, Ms. Bower, and Mrs. Stevenson took the Habitat Heroes to the circus as a Christmas present. The students were lucky enough to experience the best performance yet, according to the teachers. They saw five motorcycles being driven in a sphere, a fantastic tumbling act, a trapeze artist who almost fell to the ground, a woman hanging by her feet at the top of the arena and several poodles performing tricks. However, the most memorable act had to have been the elephants!

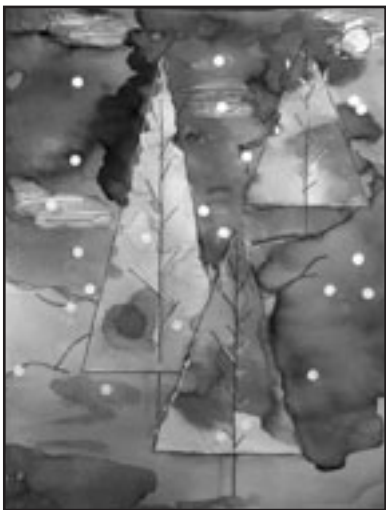


Band Students Perform!

Students in 5th and 6th Grade Bands had an opportunity to perform for both their parents and the school just before the holidays. Band takes a lot of commitment and students attend band each day while they are at Ruth Fox Elementary School. The progress they make is amazing! The bands are directed by Mr. & Mrs. Ehardt!

Old-Fashioned Family Christmas

On Tuesday, December 15th, the 7th Annual OFFC (Old-Fashioned Family Christmas) was held at Ruth Fox. There were many family activities to do such as crafts, a hayride, a cookie walk, and MANY auction items to bid on. Santa arrived on a Harley to talk to the boys and girls. Enough money was raised to send 4 Ruth Fox students to Space Camp this upcoming summer.



Artist: Jacob Thomas

Teachers Take Their Show on the Road!

The Ruth Fox Teachers surprised students by performing a Christmas play for them just before Christmas break! Students never knew that their teachers were so talented! The staff had a lot of fun with the play and the students loved seeing their teachers in costumes! Pictured are Paul Lewis and Jill Murphy as elves, while Mr. Sieh and Mrs. Sherrieb play Mr. & Mrs. Claus!



Sock it to Siegler has Another Successful Year!

Each year, Tammy Siegler graciously volunteers to be the “target” for the annual collection for the North Branch Thrift Shop. Students bring in their donations of socks, mittens and hats and have a chance to hurl their items at Mrs. Siegler. Those students who manage to hit her in the head receive a prize! It does sound a bit crazy, but the kids love it and Mrs. Siegler never really gets hurt—she just gets a bit tired from dodging all of those items that students donate! The Thrift Shop uses the donated items to help needy families at Christmas!



Hartley Trip

The Habitat Heroes recently returned from their long awaited trip to the Hartley Outdoor Education Center in St. Charles, Michigan. While they were there the students participated in four different educational classes: Confidence Course, Indian Heritage, Coal Mine, and Lumber jack Lore. During the classes the students were able to complete confidence building activities (as seen in the picture), visit historic Native American style homes, tour an old coal mine, and compete in lumber jack competitions. In the evenings they were able to enjoy the fabulous sledding hills and the infamous Almost Anything Goes game show. The team had a wonderful time. This was an experience that everyone will remember for a very long time.



Students Are Thankful For Veterans!

Ruth Fox held their 2nd annual celebration in honor of area Veterans on November 24th! The celebration is held at Thanksgiving to show our thankfulness for what Veterans have done for our country. Students wrote essays and poems to honor the Veterans and also presented the American Legion with a check for \$350.00. Students had a chance to visit with the Veterans and share stories with them.

Throughout the year, students send cards and notes to area Veterans to let them know how important they are and how thankful we are for their sacrifice to our country.

Trimester Success!!!

Students at Ruth Fox Elementary School who made the honor roll for the first trimester were treated to ice cream sundaes and then had a chance to play different board games in the gym. Generally, students also have to have missed three or less days of school as well. However, due to the flu during the first trimester, staff chose to waive this part of the requirement. The second trimester will require students to meet both criteria in order to attend. The staff at Ruth Fox Elementary School believes that attendance and achievement are both very important and they work hard to promote this to students.

Working on Algebra Concepts

Students on the Mitchell/Murphy/Hamm Team began working on their Algebra Unit at the beginning of February. Each group of students ran an experiment on endurance to see how many jumping jacks they could do in 2 minutes. Once the data was collected, they created coordinate graphs to assist them in looking for patterns. Students also worked on concepts such as independent and dependent variable, scale, linear graphs, and rates through this experiment.



Ruth Fox Title I Literacy Services

by Amber White, Ruth Fox Elementary Literacy Coach



I believe our school district provides superior reading instruction, but even with excellent teaching, some students are unable to make the year of growth required to remain an on-grade level reader. An important part of my job as Ruth Fox’s Literacy

Coach/Reading Specialist is identifying which students would benefit most from Title I services during the school year. In the fall, Ruth Fox teachers administer grade level story and informational passages with follow-up comprehension questions to all students. Individual performance is closely examined in conjunction with each child’s instructional Star reading level, their most recent performance on the English Language Arts MEAP, as well as several other indicators. Collectively, this data helps me identify who will receive additional reading and writing Title I support during the calendar year.

Ruth Fox Title I students receive literacy aide support, guided reading instruction, and additional reading instruction during the first (5th grade) or last (6th grade) twelve week session of our building-wide reading enrichment. In the fall, winter, and spring, these students are assessed with a diagnostic reading assessment. Results from this assessment are used to tailor responsive instruction in reading, as well as provide a measure of each student’s individual reading progress. The winter check-in provides a gauge: What progress is each child making? Are the selected interventions, instructional strategies, and resources working? If a child is slipping or making little-to-no progress, what other action can be taken and thoughtfully planned out?

One of the best ways for any student to make progress as a reader is to do a lot of reading beyond the school day. It is essential that students are reading a book that “fits”. Think Goldilocks. Not too hard, not too easy, but just right! An easy, accurate way for students to make sure they are well-matched to the text is to use the “I Pick” strategy below.

How to “PICK” a Good-Fitting Book

- Purpose: Am I reading for pleasure or information?
- Interest: What kind of things do I like? What genres interest me? What authors do I enjoy?
- Comprehension: Reading is thinking. Randomly pick a page to read. When I get to the end, ask myself, “Did I understand what I just read?” Yes=good-fit! No=find a new book!
- Know most of the words: Do I know most of the words? If I know all the words is it too easy? *Be careful...it’s possible to know all the words and still not comprehend what’s in front of you!

Ruth Fox Elementary: Creating Readers Beyond the School Day

There’s a new endangered species...beyond the school day readers. Research shows there are a growing number of students who can read but choose not to. This reluctance to read when one has the ability is known as aliteracy. Interest and choice play a significant role in combating this problem.

As a way to inspire our students to become voracious readers, Ruth Fox staff has continued to implement an afternoon reading enrichment time. Every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00-3:30pm, Ruth Fox students head out to their self-selected reading choice time. Students are immersed in engaging mediums—Jeff Kinney’s Diary of the Wimpy Kid Series or Amelia’s Notebook Series by Marissa Moss—interesting genres, amazing authors, and high interest reading, like Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science. Our goal: to help students find something they enjoy reading because this increases the likelihood that they will continue to pick up a book beyond the school day.

With March Reading Awareness Month just around the corner, Ruth Fox staff wanted to keep the reading momentum going. All students will be receiving a March Reading Log to record their beyond the school day reading from March 2nd-March 22nd (these documents can be found on the Ruth Fox Website under “Classrooms”, click on “Language Arts Support”, then click on “RFE Literacy News”). For every hour read, students will earn one fake Ruth Fox Dollar. Our building goal is to reach \$5,000. If students meet this goal, RFE staff will be making fools of themselves at our “It Pays to Read” Celebration on April 1st.

Reading is thinking. To create lifelong readers, we need to get our students thinking about the value of reading. Reading makes us wiser about our life and the world around us. If we truly want to prepare students for the world they are going to inherit, reading is one of the best tools we can arm them with.



Technology Rules!!!

Students in Mrs. Woodruff’s computer class are learning many new skills. They have learned typing skills, research skills, PowerPoint, WordArt, etc. Pictured is Lee St. Onge with a copy of the business card that he created!

Collecting Pennies for Haiti



Did you know that 5,000 pennies = \$50? The North Branch Elementary School collected \$420.50 in just pennies for the Red Cross-Haiti Fund in just one week! The total amount for the whole school was \$2,230! Mrs. Bodnar’s third grade class collected and sorted all the money that was turned in. Tri-County Bank was gracious enough to roll all the money for the school. Butterscotch Castle Daycare gave a \$250 check for the Haiti Relief Fund. Our class found out It was wonderful to see all the students pull together to help others in need.

Kids Helping Kids

Since the 1990s North Branch Elementary families, students and staff have generously given to the less fortunate in our community. Even in a tough economy, this year was no exception. In the Second Grade sponsored program called, “Kids Helping Kids,” we were able to raise over 1400 items to be donated to the Emergency Aid/Thrift Shop for Christmas baskets, helping those in need this Christmas. The Second Graders had a big job carrying, sorting, counting, and packing up everything to be sent to the Masonic Lodge. We would like to thank Mr. McCardle and Mr. Hosner for loading the trucks and transporting everything for us. We also would like to thank all the wonderful North Branch Elementary families for their generous support, once again, to this very worthwhile project.



Walk-A-Thon Success

Thanks to the support of our great families we have new benches and picnic tables at the Elementary School. The benches in the front of the building are laser cut with a welcome message to help visitors identify Elm Creek and Jefferson Trail doors to the building. We have added two benches on the fitness track that surrounds the playground in the back of the building. The students will also enjoy the opportunity to have lunch, snack, or read a good book at the two new picnic tables under the pavilion near the playground. All of these items were purchased with funds raised from our 2nd annual Walk-A-Thon held at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

The staff and students at the Elementary School have made health and exercise a focus in this time of rising childhood obesity and our annual Walk-A-Thon is one initiative that we have implemented to support this focus. This year we will be hosting our Walk-A-Thon on June 4th. If you would like to make a prize or monetary donation for our program, or volunteer your time please contact the Elementary School at 810-688-3042.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

New Tradition at North Branch Elementary School



The annual Halloween Parade of the students at the Elementary School took a new look this year. In lieu of hiking the traditional route through town, the students had planned to walk the sidewalks and the fitness track around the building, however Mother Nature called for a different plan when the day brought rain to the parade. The students still looked adorable and their smiles gleamed brightly as they paraded through the halls and the gymnasium inside the building. Parents were able to line the halls and crowd into the bleachers as the costumed students and teachers made their way around.



Story Skeletons

Mrs. Gormley's and Mrs. Eaton's 4th grade students have been very busy readers this trimester. The students have taken part in their first 6 week book project. Every 6 weeks, their students will be asked to read a book at home from a different genre and then complete a project based on the story elements and comprehension strategies that have been taught at school. This trimester the students worked on story skeletons. The students will also present their book projects to their class. The first book project was a huge success and the students proved to live up to the challenge. They were creative, interesting, and the projects sparked many students to try new books. The story skeleton's project was displayed in our library. Keep watching for the next book project to come from these talented and hardworking students. It is already in progress.

Gear up for Kindergarten

North Branch Elementary School will be hosting their second annual "Gear Up for Kindergarten". This special activity is for incoming kindergartners for the 2010-2011 school year and will take place on Thursday, March 4 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the "new" NB Elementary School located at 4055 Elm Creek Road.

"Gear Up for Kindergarten" is a great opportunity for students to become acquainted with the school and for parents to learn about the kindergarten programs and what they can do to prepare their little ones for school. The March 4th event is the second of a two part program. At the first program that was held in January children participated in breakfast in the cafeteria, story time and a building tour while their parents met with the kindergarten staff, had a tour and informational meeting. During the second event, students will participate in story time, crafts and a bus tour while their parents meet with staff.

If you have a child that will be five on or before December 1, 2010, please call to register, 810-688-3041, and plan to attend this informative event.



It's a Pizza! It's a Pizza Pie!

Kindergarten students have been cooking up some fun. After reading the well-known classic, The Little Red Hen, students compared the familiar tale to The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza, then prepared, cooked and ate their very own pizza.



NB Elementary would like to say...THANK YOU!!

Quite often we think about how lucky we are to have such caring people, parents, families, students, volunteers, staff and businesses in our community and then wonder if we have remembered to say thank you. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and recognize some for their generosity.

In the beginning of the school year we received many much needed backpacks filled with school supplies from the Youth Advisory Council of the Lapeer County Community Foundation and some from Nicki Seeley and Melissa Rogers. At Christmas the Youngert family donated a huge, artificial Christmas tree and Campbells Green House brought us all the ornaments to make it beautiful. Mrs. Conger brought in hand knitted hats and scarves that are so warm and nice. Mrs. Billig donated some puzzles and Mrs. Dodds and Wal-Mart some Hungry Caterpillar books that we'll give to our incoming kindergartners. We even received some dictionaries for classrooms from the Kiwanas Club.

Our students and families are always so giving when it comes to our annual "Kids Helping Kids" at Christmas time, bringing in winter wear for students in need, and their latest collection of coins to help the children in Haiti.

Everyone's thoughtfulness impacts so many of our students and families throughout the year, be it through monetary gifts, needed items or volunteering time and effort...we appreciate each and everyone. THANK YOU!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Learning in 3RD Grade



The 3rd grade students in Mrs. Bader’s classroom have been very busy learning and practicing many new third grade skills and strategies. During science experiments, her students have fun applying their measuring skills. Students had to compare the motion of a cotton ball and plastic jumping frog after applying force. Metric measurement was used in the data collection process to be later used with class discussions and assessment. During a friction experiment, students used metric



mass measurement to determine the amount of force it would take to move objects with different surfaces.

Her students put their grammar skills to the test when using adjectives. The students had great fun writing adjectives on balloons to describe characteristics of their classmates. Lots of laughs and learning were shared practicing grammar this trimester.

They used many problem solving strategies and manipulatives to understand key math concepts. Katelin Winkleman chose to solve her problem of the day using cubes. Another small group chose to use real money to answer questions based on addition and subtraction problems.

Narrative writing has been a focus for most of the year in 3rd grade. Nick and Julian are practicing peer conferencing by sharing their comments and suggestions to improve each other’s writing piece.

Mrs. Bader’s students are excited to continue to explore fun ways to learn 3rd grade concepts.



New Student Teachers

North Branch Elementary is pleased to welcome two student teachers to our building. Jamie Marston is completing her internship in speech pathology with Sue Sexton and Lori Trisch and Tina Yelland is student teaching in third grade with Holly Berridge. Welcome!

Show Me The Money!

In Mrs. Bower’s 2nd grade classroom at North Branch Elementary (Jefferson Trail) we make learning fun! Learning about money, and learning how to count money can be a challenge. However, if we turn the challenge into a game it becomes “easy peasy, nice and easy!”

Once coins are identified and known for their value, then we must learn how to count on; beginning with the coin with the greatest value. Working with partners we roll the dice to determine the amount of coins we use first (if we roll 5, then we take 5 coins of the greatest value.) The second roll of the dice will determine the amount of coins we take (if we roll 3, then we take 3 coins of the least value.) Now we have 8 coins to be counted and added together beginning with the coins with the greatest value. Once the students master the strategy of the game; coins may then be manipulated and switched out for more of a challenge.

Aside from learning math objectives and mastering new concepts; playing games also encourages team work, problem solving skills, increases language skills, and promotes quality family time. Therefore, turn off the T.V., D.S., cell phones, computers, etc., and dive into a simple game to improve your child’s brain skills. Turn a cold, long winter into a season of games and fun at home with your child!



Going Undercover

North Branch Investigates is North Branch Elementary’s theme this year. To celebrate the theme, fourth graders kicked off the year by going undercover. Students really got into “getting into” their spy gear. Some students were construction workers, pop stars, cowboys, cowgirls, detectives and we even had a hippy or two. After the transformations were complete, students then wrote about how they got into their spy disguises. This kicked off the writing program for the students and they were thrilled to think about transitioning words and ideas in a new way.



Camp Lael

Our fourth graders attended an outdoor ecology camp in Lapeer this year in October. This camp has 250 acres of beautiful, rolling hills, swamps, and woods located five miles west of Lapeer on Skinner Lake. Camp Lael provided a fun, safe, nurturing learning environment for children. During this three day program, students took part in activities designed to build their child’s awareness of ecology by engaging him/her in fun, experiential, hands-on activities. The curriculum during this three-day program included plants and animals, lake ecology, predator and prey, as well as team building. Students made apple cider, role-played food chains, and learned team building skills. The students had a great time and will remember it for years to come.

Fourth Grade Feasts

As a way to celebrate Thanksgiving and practice measuring skills, fourth graders in Mrs. Eaton’s, Mrs. Gormley’s, Ms. Fitzpatrick’s and Mrs. Mitchell’s classes had a feast. The little chefs made cheesy potatoes, venison meatballs, green bean casserole and pudding pies. Fourth graders used their measuring skills and knowledge of fractions to prepare a meal fit for a king. Once the meal was prepared, long tables full of eager and hungry students filled the Jefferson Trail purple wing while fourth grader Caleigh Fromwiller began the feast with a touching speech about the need to be thankful.

Once the feast began, students were amazed that they created such a delicious meal. Needless to say the leftovers were minimal and all bellies were full. But most importantly students captured a memory and gained awareness for what they were truly capable of. It was an experience that was enjoyed by all.

From the Kitchen...

The North Branch Area Schools Food Services Department is looking forward to spring as we complete our first full year as a wholly “in house” operation. Small changes and slow positive steps have been the hallmark of the change over from a management company to our district management. Be it the opportunities of fresher bakery style bread products to a start at making more “homemade” entrées we are taking steps toward better products and better service.

The kitchens of NBAS offer a variety of lunch options everyday but did you know that we also offer breakfast? Available to every student are breakfast options that range from hot and cold cereals to a variety of hot breakfast entrees, yogurts and baked goods. March 8-10, 2010 is School Breakfast week and I encourage your family to try out our breakfast opportunities at school.

Beginning this month (February) we are adjusting our practices for offering credit to families. The cashiers will allow the “charging” of two meals. After that point we will be unable to offer regular food service to students until their lunch account is brought up to date. Only students in pre-kindergarten through fourth grades will be provided a basic meal (peanut butter and jelly sandwich with milk) at that point.

We have found that the balance statements the cashiers were sending with students were not always making it home. If you have an outstanding balance, monthly statements will now come in the mail. You can send money at any time with your student(s) and our cashiers will credit your account accordingly.

We are working on providing on-line opportunities to pay for school lunches and hope to have that service available at the start of the 2010-11 school year. Balance notification is also available as part of the family access program on the school district website. This service can send an email to you when a lunch balance gets low. We highly recommend that parents investigate this opportunity at www.nbbrncos.net.

We encourage every family in the district to fill out a free or reduced meals application. This government program continues to be a great benefit to many district families. The brief form is available in every school office or we will gladly mail you one. Free and Reduced applications can be filled out and returned at any time during the year and can be filled out anytime family circumstances change during the year.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding food services please call us at 810.688.2226.

Fuel Up To Play 60 at NBMS



During the NFL season, you may have seen ads on television for Fuel Up To Play 60. The National Dairy Council, your local Dairy Council and the National Football league want to empower kids to make smart choices through eating healthier and getting more physical activity. The long-term goal of the program is to engage and inspire youth to take control of their health and wellness.

Physical activity is known to enhance personal health and well-being and to lower risks for premature death and many chronic diseases. Yet many adults and adolescents do not get enough physical activity to reap health benefits. Children and adolescents are more physically active than adults, but the older a child gets the less active he or she becomes. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the lack of physical activity is one of the behaviors which cause the most adverse health and social outcomes.

Of course, you can’t talk about physical activity and not realize that nutrition and being physically active go together. Our country is staring down the barrel of a nutrition crisis. Young people are bombarded with inconsistent messages about food and the role of food in their lives. So many of our kids believe they have to be a on a “diet.” Most don’t even have a working definition for the word “diet.” As Americans, we have marketed the role of food to the point of complacent ignorance. But, when young people are empowered with nutrition knowledge and strategy they tend to want to take control of how and what they eat.

North Branch MS is joining in the Fuel Up To Play 60 program. Your middle school student may be telling you about increased physical activity opportunities through the school and you may hear about activities which empower kids to take control of their own nutrition. If they are not telling you about these opportunities, ask them! Make physical activity and nutrition topics at the dinner table or in the car while on the way to family events or appointments. Visit the website your student will use to earn and track points, www.FuelUpToPlay60.com, and get tips on how you can play a major role in your child’s daily health. Links to more information can be found at <http://www.nbbrncos.net/education/staff/staff.php?sectionid=320&>.

HIGH SCHOOL TRIMESTER ONE HONOR ROLL

Students who earn a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0 or higher during any trimester are placed on the Honor Roll list for that trimester. The students who earned this honor for the first trimester have their names listed in the display case by the High School office and also on the NBHS Website. These honored students listed below, we will be recognized during a special class meeting at the end of the term. We congratulate these hard working students and their accomplishments!

9th Grade: Taylor Allen; Phillip Ankley;Dani Archer; Hannah Arman; Taylor Atkins; Holly Awendt; Edith Bakewell; Ellen Balzer; Paige Brandt; Harry Buckel; Jarrad Buckner; Micayla Buike; Trisha Byars; Kristin Clark; Sarena Conley; Joshua Cornell; Jared Coulter; Samantha Coulter; Alyse Coville; Jennifer Cronin; Kaitlyn Curell; Jennifer Cyrus; Madison Davis; Justin Deason; Amber Delorey; Micaela Deshetsky; Vanessa Dodson; Alyssa Eagle; Tawny Eisele; Paige Ekstrom; Conner Emery; Mariah Fick; Rachel Fish; Karrie Forsy; Corey Franks; Kelsey Friend; Haley Gajda; Joshua Goldsworthy; Amber Gordon; Karli Gormley; Ashley Gray; Corey Griggs; Amanda Hardwick; Julia Harmon; Austin Hart; Chase Hatfield; Lynne Hickey; Chandra Hill; Travis Hill; Keanan Hiltunen; Chance Hoover; Levi Horton; Cody Hughes; Brendan Hurley; Eva Kasperowicz; Ashley Johnson; Edward Johnson; Samantha Jones; Rachael Keesling; Destiny Keesling; Heather Kirkin; David Knettle; Nicholas Kreiner; Bryn Krol; Cassidy Lane; Adam Laur; Bryan Leach; Brenica Levalley; Alyson Light; Jacob Luke; Justin Mackenzie; Mackenzy Marceau; Brianna McKenna; Mikhalia McKinney; Kaitlyn McMillan; Mitchell McMurray; Amanda Morrison; Dalton Natke;Dillon Natke; Trisha Oberlee; Travis Olson; Ryan Ormiston; Justice Osborne-Spencer;Elsie Raymond; Jessica Reeves; Jessie Reid; Benjamin Robinson; Simon Rogers; Alexandra Ruhlman; Tamryn Sanderson-Smith; Makayla Schank; Philip Schueneman; Kathryn Schwartz; Ezekiel Shifflett; Ashley Smith; Isaac

Smith; Ashley Sorensen; Lee Stevens; Jeremy Sutton; Casey Svoboda; Kaitlin Svoboda; Ashley Taube; Ruben Thomas; Kate Thornsberry; Bryan Turner; Ashley Violet; Mitchell Walker; Garrett Washington; Austen Waterman; Janelle Whitney; Bridgett Wolf; Danielle Worden; Shane Wroblewski; Autumn Zender; Steven Zimmerman

10th Grade: Shaina Alvesteffer; Patricia Andersen; Benjamin Ankley; Cody Bader; Jamie Becker; Michael Berlin; Stachia Bryant; Christoph Buettnier; Troy Burks; Robert Callahan Taylor Cheney; Alexandra Costa; Russell Cranick; Marissa Divitto; Stephen Dudley; Kimberly Eckert; Megan Elliott; Melissa Elliott; Robert Emert; Rachel Emmons; Dallas Even; Katelyn Fink; Samantha Garza; Derrick Goodrich; Allison Gowan; Cody Graham; Iliana Guerrero; Matthew Haney; Briana Heikkinen; Jessica Heikkinen; Chad Holmes; Ethan Huffaker; Vannessa Hurd; Elizabeth Innes; Julie Jamison; Alex Jankowski; Elizabeth Jones; Austin Kipp; Michael Kozikowski; Troy LaCoursier; Kelli Lane; Hannah Laur; Samantha LaValley; Ashlynn Law; Kaitlyn Liniewski; Jasmine Mabe; William Mathews JR.; Ian McNulty; Christopher Morgan; Celina Nickel; Landon Orr; William Palmer; Eli Parsch; Sarah Pasek; Timothy Powell; Clayton Raska; Gustavo Reyes; Andrew Richmond; Nicole Robinson; Quinn Robinson; Anthony Ross; Brandon Rowe; Megan Sanford; Riley Schank; Alissa Schlaud; Stephanie Schlaud; Jack Schulte; Victoria Seaman; Jordan Seremak; Kalee Sevon; Jorden Simmonds; Darcy Simpson; Anna Skelton; Alicyn Skinner; Chelsea Smith; Paul Smith; Alexander Starbird; Jessica Stiles; Steven Strawn; Whitney Strich; Lyndsey Suyama; Alicia Swoish; Sarah Tackes; Aaron Tribbey Joelle Turnbull; Daniel Turcott; Daniel Valle; Tyler Ventura; Jeffery Versagli; Regina Wells; Jacob Wheatley; Joel Yelland; Carmen Zender

11th Grade: Ryan Addison; Philip Ajlouni; Ryan Barrows; Samantha Bartle; Andrew Beckwith; Caitlyn Bennett; Kendyl Bennett; Kristina

NEED HELP SOLVING A PROBLEM?	
You are encouraged to contact any of the following individuals to assist you in answering your school-related questions, or to assist you in resolving problems. We are always open to your suggestions and ideas for improving North Branch Area Schools.	
Al Piwinski, <i>Superintendent</i>	810-688-3570
Adair Aumock, <i>Director of Curriculum & Technology</i>	810-688-3570
Cheryl Bruff, <i>Director of Finance & Business</i>	810-688-3570
Matt Hess, <i>Director of Operations & Transportation</i>	810-688-3660
Food Services	810-688-2226
Leann Gwinn, <i>FABS Child Care</i>	810-688-4634
District Website	www.nbbrncos.net
HIGH SCHOOL	
Mark Hiltunen, <i>Principal</i>	810-688-3001
John Sherman, <i>Asst. Principal</i>	810-688-3001
Jim Fish, <i>Asst.Principal/Athletic Director</i>	810-688-2518
Richard Stevens, <i>Counselor</i>	810-688-3564
Susan Strump, <i>Counselor</i>	810-688-3564
Georgette Aguilar, <i>Qwest High School</i>	810-688-7581
MIDDLE SCHOOL	
Shelly Cranick, <i>Principal</i>	810-688-4431
Sue Shoemaker, <i>Counselor</i>	810-688-4431
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Ann Wood, <i>Principal</i>	810-688-3284
Tammy Siegler, <i>Counselor</i>	810-688-3284
NORTH BRANCH ELEMENTARY	
Merry Hosner, <i>Principal</i>	810-688-3041
Wendy Spivy, <i>Principal</i>	810-688-3042
Brenda Jefferey, <i>Counselor</i>	810-688-3041

2010 North Branch Summer Recreation Baseball/Softball Registration

Though it may not seem like it, the 2010 baseball/softball season is just around the corner. We will be having two sign-up weekends again this year (Sign-up @ NORTH BRANCH ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA).

Last season, N.B.S.R. proudly registered over 500 baseball/softball players, creating over 40 teams. As we enter the 2010 season, our hopes remain high that we can meet or exceed our 2009 numbers. With that said, we could not make it happen without the help of our N.B.S.R. VOLUNTEERS. If you, or someone you know, would like to help this season please feel free to contact our president, Tim Dufort, or ask during registration for more details.

Please note our TEE-BALL AGE CUTOFF DATE FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS WILL REMAIN APRIL 30TH. Players MUST be 5 years old by April 30, 2010 to participate in the summer recreation program. There will be no exceptions.

Thank you, Tim Dufort, N.B.S.R. President, nbsrbaseball@live.com

2010 Baseball/Softball Registration Dates:
Saturday, February 20th from 10:00AM - 2:00PM
Friday, February 26th from 4:00PM - 7:00PM
Saturday, February 27th from 10:00AM - 2:00PM

F.A.B.S. Fun After & Before School

North Branch Area Schools’ summer child care program is scheduled to begin June 15. Any North Branch Area School student from Preschool to 6th grade is eligible to register.

Summer Registration packets will be available Monday, April 19. The hours of operation are 6:00AM-6:30PM every week day.

This program is funded by user fees and is licensed by The State of Michigan.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Fall 2010 registration will begin August 16th.
For further information, contact F.A.B.S. at (810) 688-4634.

Bjornson; Cassandra Blay; Gavin Bodnar; Michael Boshell; Catrina Briggs; Kara Briggs; Catherine Brusie; Matthew Burger; Marina Byrd; Nathan Calvert; Jacob Carter; Joshua Colbert; Leanna Conley; Mika Cook; Kathleen Craig; Amanda Cranick; Jamie Cripps; Catie Cross; Joshua D’Arcy; Olivia Delong; Donovan Dudas; Alexander Duran; Nathan Dye; Andrea Eaton; Jenna Edwards; Jordan Fish; Meghan Ford; Kyle Fox; Amber Freeland; Kathryn Germaine; Kristina Gersky; Krista Gill; Joshua Goriesky; Chelsea Griffin; Samantha Griffin; Amy Halbert; Kalyn Harbin; Mary Helzer; Linzy Hitchcock;Uriah Horton; Melissa House; Kathryn Humphrys; Miranna Huntley; Daniel Jacobson; Rayenne Kaiser; Melissa Kosinski; Andrea Kreiner; Jonathan Lafavor; Brendan Lane; Evan Lane; Jered Laur; Samantha Lipka; Mary Listwak; Quintin Lockrey; Lauren Lucas; Jacob Lucia; Ryan Lucia; Ellen Martin; Michelle McElroy; Kacee McKenna; Jesica McKnight; Jordan McNish; Anthony Mindelli; Layne Molosky; Ashley Munro; Ashley Murray; Brandon Myers; Dakotah Myers; Lauren Nebel; Matthew Newbegin; Jamie Niester; Ethan Oberlee; Tyler Ormiston; Sara Payne; Katelyn Pfromm; Natalie Phelps; Austin Pincumb; Melissa Pratt; Danika Racknor; Joseph Raymond; Amy Robinson; Alicia Roll; Kelsey Roloson; Angela Root; Whitney Ruhlman;Olivia Saliga; Christopher Sanford; Meghan Scandalito; Emily Schlaud; Hailey Smilie; Cameron Smith; Luke Smith; Shawna Snoblen; Sabrina Sorensen; Savannah St. Pierre; Erica Stevens; Sean Stevens; Taryn Streasick; Dennis Sullivan; Brittany Swadling; Ethan Swain; Elizabeth Swoish; Nicole Swope; Courtney Turner; Brandon Ulochick; Alisha VandeWarker; Alyssa Walker; Justin Walters; Teal Washington; Avery Weingartz; Taylor Wiegele; Kyle Zimmer.

12th Grade: Patrick Ankley; Candice Arn; Rachel Awendt; Felicia Bader; Caitlynn Baker; Linsay Bartle ; Dalton Bates; Adam Beckwith; Alicia Benincasa; Victoria Billig; Cody Bonner; Andrea Bridger; Lauren Brooks; Mitchell Brusie; David Burks; Tonya Calkins; Lacy Childers

Kyle Cline; Samantha Coulter; Reanne Craig; Brian Curell; Emily DesJardins; Ashley Douglas; Claire Dudley; Stephanie Erickson; Matthew Fantin; Sasha Ferrett; Jaymee Ferrier; Kaitlyn Jo Forsy; Chelsea Freeland; Britany Freeman; Julie Gagnon; Brittany Gardner; Pashko Gjellai; Elizabeth Goldthwaite; Ryan Good; Brittany Goodroe; Cassie Goss; Kimberli Greenwood; Douglas Griffin; Jessica Griffiths; Anabel Guerrero-Leon; Adam Hamilton; Robert Hanna; Brianna Harris; Cody Hart; Adam Hauxwell; Megan Hawk; Melissa Heikkinen; Zachary Hensley; Steven Herrick; Brittany Hiltunen; Nathan Holmes; Krista Horton; Sarah Hueter; Donald Huntley; Jody Jamison; Laura Johnson; Kevin Johnston; Shanel Johnstone; Ronald Jones Jr. Alexander June; Jessica Jurkiw; Michael Kaart; Courtney Keeling; Cody Kipp; Robert Knoll; Ryan Kosko; Stephen Lafavor; Tiffany Lambson; Kasey Lane; Anna Lee; Chane’l Leverette; Keegan Martus; Sean Maston; Felicia McCadle; William McKnight II; Robert McMullin; Ethan McNulty; Lauren Morrison; Nickolas Niesluchowski; Elliott Orr; Theodore Orr; David Ottenbacher; Katie Owens; Joshua Palmer; Jaclyn Park;Brandon Parmenter; Caroline Parrish; Kayla Snoblen; Emily Sohn; Jodie Steenrod; Courtney Stephens; Heather Stiles; Zachery Stuewer; Thomas Swoish; Miranda Tanis; Amanda Taylor; Zachery Thibodeau; Daniel Thompson; Samantha Thompson; Hannah Tody; Ashley Toro; Morgaen Vauter ; Kyle Ventura; Nicolas Voigt; Samantha Waterman; Chelsey Wenta; Sarah White; Molly Wickerham; Amanda Wilczak; Alicia Wilson;Timothy Woodworth; Gregory Yacks; Lauren Young