



SchoolTalk

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Class of 2026 Graduation Events

FRIDAY, MAY 15

- **LAST DAY** for ALL Seniors.
- **SENIOR WALK OUT** (2:15 p.m.) Seniors will meet in the gym at 2:00 pm and be released out the North Hall at 2:15pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- **BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY** (7:00 p.m.) in the High School Auditorium. This is a non-denominational, inspirational service honoring the achievement and future for the graduates. Attendance is optional, and admission is free. This event is not sponsored by the school.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- **GRADUATION REHEARSAL** (2:00 p.m.) in the Gymnasium (required to participate in the commencement ceremony). Seniors who have met all of the graduation requirements will receive their caps & gowns immediately after rehearsal.
- **SWING-OUT** (5:00 p.m.) Students will line up in their cap & gown at the front of the high school and will march through town. The parade will end at the corner of Main Street and Jefferson. *NOTE: If this event is canceled due to weather, it will not be rescheduled.*

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- **SENIOR CLASS NIGHT** (7:00 p.m.) Students will be honored with local scholarships, awards, NHS stoles, athletic awards, honor cords, etc. Participation is not mandatory but it is nice to see all of the seniors celebrating their accomplishments together. Students should arrive at 6:30 p.m. Students are encouraged to dress up underneath their caps and gowns. (No shorts, tank tops or flip-flops.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

- **COMMENCEMENT** (8:00 p.m.) Seniors, "MUST" arrive in caps and gowns by 7:30 p.m. to line up in the auditorium. Doors to the gymnasium open at 7:15 p.m. if the weather requires an indoor ceremony.
- **PROJECT GRADUATION** (9:30 p.m.) Immediately following the graduation ceremony.

NBHS Valedictorian & Salutatorian Announced

North Branch High School would like to announce the class of 2026 Valedictorian John Ehardt as well as the Salutatorian Addison Cobb.

John Ehardt - Valedictorian

John Ehardt has been named the Valedictorian for the Class of 2026, a distinction earned through his exceptional academic dedication and achievements. Demonstrating intellectual prowess across multiple fields, John recently secured recognition as a National Merit Finalist and was an active member of the National Honor Society. Beyond the classroom, he has been an accomplished and pivotal member of the North Branch High School band program.

Following graduation, John will be heading to Michigan State University where he plans to pursue a demanding dual course of study. He intends to enroll in the Mechanical Engineering program while simultaneously pursuing a degree in Music Performance, reflecting the impressive scope of his talents and future ambitions.



“These two remarkable students are gifted in so many ways and represent the best of our student body. Their achievements and dedication to success both in and out of the classroom are indicative of their bright futures.”

High School Principal
Doug Lindsay

Addison Cobb - Salutatorian

Addison Cobb has been named the Salutatorian for the North Branch High School Class of 2026,

an honor recognizing her exceptional academic achievements. Throughout her high school career, Addison demonstrated a profound commitment not only to her studies—earning the distinction of AP Scholar with Honors—but also to her community. She was an active leader, serving in the Student Council and National Honor Society



and volunteering her time with the Lapeer County Youth Advisory. Beyond her academic and service roles, Addison was a dedicated member of the high school varsity softball team, serving as a team captain.

Looking ahead, Addison is prepared to embark on a distinguished path of service and leadership. Following graduation, she plans to attend the prestigious US Military Academy at West Point, where she will study International Affairs. Addison's commitment, leadership experience, and academic excellence make her a fitting representative of the Class of 2026.

NORTH BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



RUTH FOX MIDDLE SCHOOL



**JIM FISH**

Message from the Superintendent

Dear North Branch Community,

We are rapidly approaching the finish line of another extraordinary year at North Branch Area Schools. With this edition of School Talk arriving on May 8, our seniors have just five days of classes remaining, while our underclassmen have 18 days left, including a final half-day on Friday, June 5.

This is a season of celebration. I encourage you to check the front page of this issue for the full schedule of senior events running from May 17-27, including Baccalaureate, Swing-Out, Senior Class Night, and our Graduation ceremonies for both the High School and Quest. Congratulations to the Class of 2026—your hard work has made us all proud!

Once again, North Branch has been

recognized as a premier destination for education. For the seventh consecutive year, our school district has been voted the “Best of the Best” school district in Lapeer County. Nationally, U.S. News & World Report has ranked NBE, RFMS, and NBHS in the top 40% of schools in the country for 2024 and 2025.

Our commitment to high achievement is perhaps most evident in our academic results. Over a 66-year period (1958–2023), our district saw a total of 14 National Merit recognitions. In just the past two years, we have celebrated three National Merit Finalists. This is a testament to the fact that we are providing our top students with the opportunities they need to excel at the highest level.

We are also proud to announce that North Branch Area Schools is now recognized as a **Unified Champion School**. This means we have committed to a socially inclusive environment where students with and without intellectual disabilities lead and play together. Research shows this program reduces bullying and fosters a culture of acceptance that benefits every student in our buildings.

Our Early Learning Center at the Jefferson Education Services Center

is thriving. By consolidating the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), Little Learners, and FABS, we have created a dedicated hub for our youngest Broncos. We’ve even added air conditioning to the Early Learning Center and are continuing to upgrade all of our facilities, including new fire alarms at the High School and modernized PA systems district-wide.

Looking toward the future, we remain ahead of the curve in Artificial Intelligence (AI) integration with the hiring of an AI Strategist (Cindy Lewis) who has spent this year guiding our district through numerous professional development opportunities. Following our AI Leadership Institute this past summer (led by Dr. Troy Hicks), our staff continues to work with experts from the business world and higher education to ensure our students graduate with the digital literacy skills needed for the modern workforce.

The North Branch Board of Education and administration continue to prioritize a budget that puts dollars into the classroom. I am pleased to share that:

Taxpayer Savings: By refinancing district debt retirement bonds, we have saved our taxpayers \$2.9 million in interest costs. This past winter, the

Board approved reducing the debt millage from 8.44 to 8.00 mills, decreasing property tax bills for our community.

Infrastructure: We have modernized our transportation fleet with six new buses which includes 3 general education buses, our first new special education bus in a decade, and two electric buses completely funded by a \$1.2 million grant.

Stability: With healthy fund balances and 5-year plans for curriculum, technology, and facilities, NBAS is positioned to remain financially strong regardless of economic shifts.

It is a great time to be a Bronco! Our **School of Choice** window is now open through **August 21**. If you are looking for a district that prioritizes small class sizes, safety, and academic excellence, please consider filling out the online enrollment form found at nbbronscos.net under the **Enroll at NBAS** link.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We look forward to seeing everyone back for the 2026-2027 school year on Monday, August 24, 2026.

Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable summer break!

Jim Fish, Superintendent,
North Branch Area Schools

North Branch Area Schools... A Learning Community Dedicated to Excellence!

North Branch Area Schools adopted the motto of

“ALL IN”

*to reflect the district's
commitment for everyone
involved to give 100 percent
to make the district better
for our students, our families
and our community.*

That commitment includes:

- ★ An extraordinarily dedicated staff that provides excellent learning opportunities for all students
- ★ Kind, caring support staff, including a school nurse
- ★ Safe and modern, air conditioned facilities including new HVAC system at high school
- ★ Technology rich 1:1 classrooms – every student has a learning device
- ★ Gifted & Accelerated Program
- ★ Space Camp Program at U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, Alabama (5th-8th grade)
- ★ Tutoring opportunities
- ★ North Branch Early College
- ★ AP Classes
- ★ Dual Enrollment
- ★ Online Learning
- ★ STEM Academy
- ★ Award Winning Marching & Symphony Bands
- ★ Thriving Theatre Program
- ★ High School Esports program
- ★ New STEM Labs in North Branch Elementary and Ruth Fox Middle School
- ★ State recognized alternative education program
- ★ Wide Variety of Extra Curriculum Offerings
- ★ Lapeer County Educational & Technology Center programs
- ★ No fee athletics program with free admission for all students to athletic events
- ★ Successful Athletic teams at local and state level
- ★ More than 60% of NBAS athletes annually received the Scholar Athlete Award
- ★ District commitment to school safety: Night locks in all buildings, crisis alert emergency badges for all employees, all district employees ALICE trained (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate), full-time school resource officer



2025-2026 Retirement Spotlight



As the school year draws to a close, North Branch Area Schools bids a fond farewell to several staff members who have dedicated years of service to our students, families, and community. **We thank them for their commitment and wish them the very best in retirement.**

RUTH FOX MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lisa (Elizabeth) Grzecki

— 10 Years —



Throughout her 10-year teaching tenure, Mrs. Grzecki has been a cornerstone of the RFMS Special Education

department, known for treating every student with an exceptional level of respect, calmness, and genuine care. A lifelong learner at heart, she constantly sought new strategies, insights and professional development to better serve her students' diverse needs in the classroom. Outside her classroom she provided student opportunities by helping organize Ruth Fox initiatives such as the Old-Fashioned Family Christmas.

Debbie Vallie

— 28 Years —



After 28 years of dedicated service to NBAS, Debbie Vallie has retired from her role as a literacy paraprofessional. With a great love

of reading, Mrs. Vallie's passion for books was only matched by the care and devotion she showed to every student she worked with. Known for always having a smile on her face, she brought a warmth and positivity to the halls that helped make Ruth Fox an extra special place to learn and grow.

Michelle Goldstein

— 29 Years —



For the past 29 years, Mrs. Goldstein has been known for her unique ability to balance rigor with rapport. She

maintained a classroom defined by unwavering consistency and a commitment to holding every student to the highest academic standards. While she most recently taught 5th and 6th grade math, her quick jokes and sharp wit were a constant fixture of her lessons, creating a lively atmosphere.

Anne Sherrieb

— 26 Years —



After 26 years of teaching at Ruth Fox, Anne Sherrieb is embarking on her well-earned retirement. Most recently serving

as a 7th-grade ELA and Science teacher, Mrs. Sherrieb was known for bringing the curriculum to life through hands-on opportunities, lively discussion, and outside presenters who expanded her students' horizons. Whether sharing one of her great stories or bonding with her classes over her well-known love of ice cream, Mrs. Sherrieb created a vibrant classroom culture rooted in curiosity and connection.

NORTH BRANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Carrie Knox

— 34 Years —



Served in various roles, most recently as a literacy and library paraprofessional. Her dedication to fostering a love of

reading has impacted generations of students.

Sara Hyde

— 25 Years —



A founding member of the COMPASS program and instructor for CAMP MAC, Sara most recently served as a STEM teacher and

environmental steward.

Dawn Teichow

— 26 Years —



A versatile supporter of our students for over a quarter-century. Her love of Elvis and her work as a literacy paraprofessional

brought a unique energy to the school.

Sherri Cloutier

— 14 Years —



Known for her warm smile and positivity, Sherri's work as a literacy paraprofessional strengthened the confidence of

countless young readers.

NORTH BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL

Shawn Sorensen

DRAMA

— 23 Years —



A cornerstone of the NBHS drama department, Shawn spent over two decades transforming

the stage into a space where students felt empowered to find their voices. From late-night rehearsals to meticulously planned sets, his passion instilled a level of professionalism in every production. Shawn leaves behind an enduring legacy in the hearts of generations of performers.

ADMINISTRATION

Lori Wierbicki

DIRECTOR OF
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

— 5 Years —



Lori joined our leadership team with a clear mission:

to ensure every student had the support and resources needed to thrive. A tireless advocate for inclusive practices, she worked closely with teachers and parents to navigate the complexities of special education with expertise and empathy. Her leadership fostered a culture of belonging that will benefit our students for years to come.



High School News



DRAMA PROGRAM PERFORMS PECOS BILL

The North Branch High School drama program recently performed their spring musical, "Pecos Bill." Students' performances over the three nights drew in large crowds and positive reviews as the program continues to grow.



NORTH BRANCH EARLY COLLEGE

Earn up to an Associate's Degree, 60+ Transferable College Credits, or a program certificate while in High School at NO COST to you! See your NBHS Counselor for more information.



Baker College

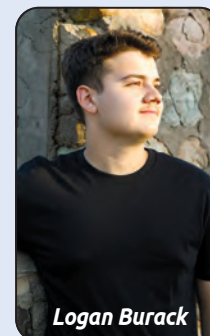
ROCHESTER CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



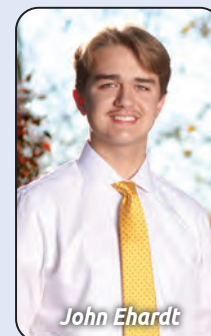
Macomb Community College

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Congratulations Logan Burack & John Ehardt



Logan Burack



John Ehardt

Logan Burack and John Ehardt, both highly accomplished seniors at North Branch High School, have been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalists. This prestigious recognition places them among the nation's most academically talented students, marking a significant milestone in their educational journey.

The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and potential. Approximately 15,000 students nationwide achieve Finalist standing, qualifying them to compete for National Merit Scholarships.

John's selection as a Finalist is a testament to his dedication, hard work, and intellectual curiosity. He has consistently excelled in his academic pursuits, maintaining a rigorous course load while actively participating in extracurricular activities such as Band and National Honor Society.

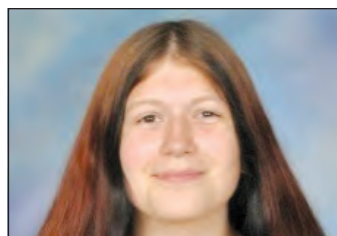
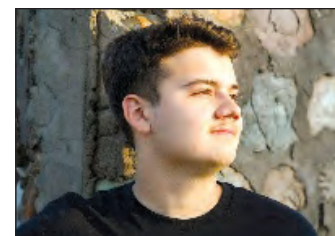
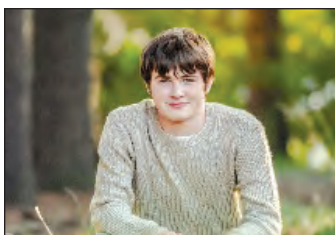
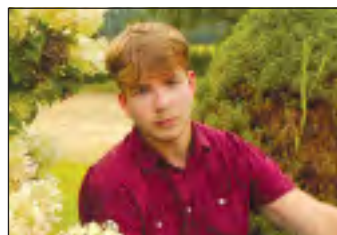
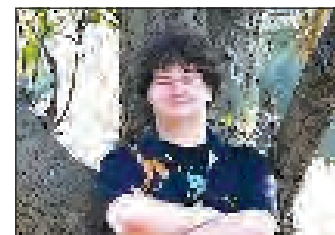
Like John, Logan's recognition as a Finalist is a product of his hard work and dedication in the classroom. He, too, has excelled in his academic pursuits and maintained a rigorous course load. Beyond the classroom, Logan has participated in the basketball program and 4H club.

In the fall, Logan will be attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Chemical Engineering. John plans to attend Michigan State University, where he will have a dual major in Mechanical Engineering and Music Performance.



MSBOA Festival

The high school band performed at the District Band Festival, which it hosted on March 6th & 7th. This year, the band's performance received straight 1s, the highest rating they could acquire. Congratulations to Mr. Ehardt and the members of the band on their continued excellent performance.


Congrats**TOP 25**
Class of 2026**Ezra Amaya****Ashlyn Bennett****Eli Bickel****Ada Brusie****Logan Burack****Addison Cobb****Aubree Deshetsy****John Ehardt****Josie Greschaw****Klaudia Hartzman****Jax Hyma****Greyson Kowalik****Luke LaValley****Addyson Martus****Riley McConnell****Clara McNees****Wyatt Oland****Joseph Pittenger****Sophie Proctor-Vannoorloos****Riley Saint Pierre****Leah Stout****Mia Swish****Addison Thom****Hannah Thomas****Seth Wagner**

Quest High School News



Mr. Rosser Travels To Google Headquarters

As part of the Michigan Teacher of the Year program, Mr. Rosser had the opportunity to receive professional development at Google Headquarters in Santa Clara, California, in February.

Training topics included developments in the use of AI, coding, and effective lesson planning!

LET'S SEE HOW FAR WE'VE COME ►

We are catching up with 2013 Quest graduate Adam Laur! Upon graduation, Adam served our country in the United States Army for 6 years. Since then, Adam has worked as an HVAC Technician.

His advice to Quest students, "You don't have to go to a 4-year college to be successful. The trades offer awesome opportunities for those who wish to work with their hands."



QUEST goes to Lansing...

For years, our Quest students and staff have talked about how amazing it would be to share what we do on a larger scale!

In early March that dream was realized. The Michigan State Board of Education in Lansing invited a current Quest student and two alumni to talk about the positive impact of alternative pathways to graduation!

Current student **Alex Kozlowski** (2026), and graduates **Ian Kutchev** (2020) and **Zach Lucia** (2006) shared the impact Quest, and having a 2nd chance, has had on their lives!

They all spoke eloquently and with humility as they shared their path to their current success!

Our only detractor was that we only had the privilege of sharing 3 stories! We could have told hundreds!



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Quest High School News

Duck, Dodge, and DOMINATE

Quest hosted the Thumb Alternative Sports League Dodgeball Championship today! The Quest boys team won their third straight championship in dominating fashion going 7-1 on the day. In the girls' division, Quest was able to go 5-3, good for a share of the championship. The Thumb Alternative Sports League (TASL) was created by Quest in 2012 as a partnership between local alternative programs. It gives Quest students an opportunity to be part of a team and learn through competition and camaraderie!



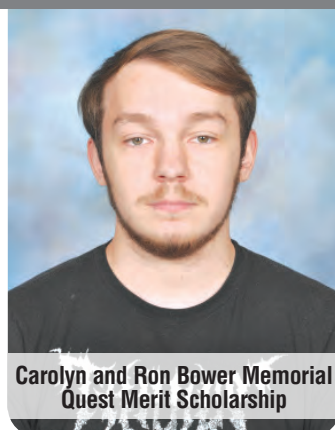
Congrats!
GRADUATES

Quest Graduation

will be held at the North Branch High School auditorium on
Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 6 p.m.
 No tickets are necessary. All community members are invited.



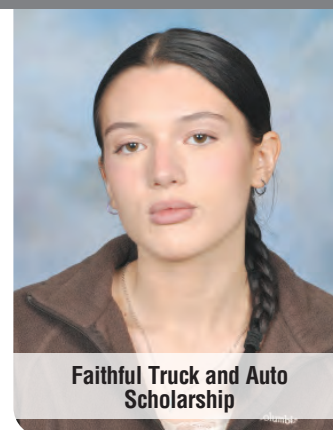
Nick Kloss



Alex Kozlowski



Alivia Grice



Alanna Reynolds



Jackson Miller

Quest Students Awarded Scholarships!

Congratulations to the 2026 Quest scholarship winners. Nick Kloss, Alex Kozlowski, and Alivia Grice won the Carolyn and Ron Bower

Memorial Quest Merit Scholarship. Nick Kloss also won the Faithful Truck and Auto Scholarship, along with Alanna Reynolds and

Jackson Miller. Thank you to the late Carolyn and Ron Bower and Bill and Wendy McKnight for their contributions to our graduates!

Ruth Fox Middle School News



RFMS Artists Featured at Gallery 194

Student creativity is taking center stage as Ruth Fox Middle School joined the annual Lapeer County Schools' Art Show. The exhibit, hosted at Gallery 194 in downtown Lapeer, took place during February and March.

Selecting pieces for the show is a challenging task each year, as the halls of Ruth Fox are filled with exceptional talent. This year's selection focuses on representing all grade levels and highlighting a diverse range of artistic mediums and projects.

County Art Show Participants

The following students were selected to represent Ruth Fox in the county-wide exhibit:

- **5th Grade:** Marlena Gawlas, Grace Beadle, Natalie DeWitte
- **6th Grade:** Tucker Reynolds
- **7th Grade:** Adelyn Ferris, Nora Robles, Hailey Dipple, Layla Searles, Angela Hinson, Aurora Marcotte
- **8th Grade:** Karli Jenkins-Russell, Ruthie Wingett, Aurora Calimeri, Anna Couch, Aaliyah Mauws

Region 10 Honors

In addition to the county show, the Michigan Art Education Association is concurrently hosting the Region 10 Art Show. We are proud to announce that five additional students have been selected for this prestigious regional display:

- **Millihana Bearden (5th)**
- **Gabriella Margrif (6th)**
- **Jackson Colosky (6th)**
- **Rylee Yacks (7th)**
- **Ava Dickenson (8th)**

Congratulations to all of our young artists!



POSTER CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Trista Haslett for placing 1st in the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts' poster contest.



LEGO Robotics

The Ruth Fox Lego Mechanics participated in the Flint FIRST Lego League competition in Flint.



5th and 6th grade division RFMS winners: 1st place Caylin Daniels, 2nd place Claire Blackwell, 3rd place Ava Ortgies and 4th place Ally Osborne.

7th and 8th grade division RFMS winners: 1st place Kathleen Dinanath, 2nd place Silas Opperman, 3rd place Joseph Beckett, and 4th place Emily Kelly.

Spelling Bee

Ruth Fox Middle School News



Elks Americanism Essay Contestants

Ruth Fox students were recently invited to participate in the Americanism Essay Contest, sponsored by the Lapeer Elks Lodge #2567. This year's writing prompt challenged students to reflect on the theme: "What does service to your country mean to you?"

We would like to extend a special thank you to Kathleen Dinanath, Danika Franklin, Addison Lawson, Lyla Cooper, and Braedyn Grout

for submitting such thoughtful and inspiring essays. Each participant received a letter of commendation and a Certificate of Participation.

A special congratulations goes to Addison Lawson, who earned 1st place in her division! Addison has been invited to the Elks Lodge to officially receive her award.

Congratulations to all of our participants for representing Ruth Fox so well!



SPACE CAMP

Space Camp Crew #22 has been selected to represent RFMS in Huntsville, Alabama! Congratulations to Delaney McFalls, Rowan Hopp, Gemeri Stratton, Silas Opperman, Zoey Suszko.



RFMS Scientists Shine at U of M Flint Regional Fair

Thirty-three students from the Ruth Fox Middle showcased 20 original projects at the U of M Flint Riverfront Conference Center on Saturday, March 14.

After weeks of after-school research, prototyping, and testing, students defended their work before panels of three professional judges. Between interviews, the young scientists met with a NASA researcher whose voice has traveled to space and witnessed live demonstrations involving liquid nitrogen.

The following students were recognized for their outstanding contributions to science and engineering:

- **"Invented for Life" Award:** Joseph Blackmon, Autumn Weston, and Joslyn Gossett.
- **6th Place:** Kami Rodriguez and Charlotte Hauxwell.
- **7th Place:** Gabe Grondin, Jackson Colosky, and Seth Hinsberger.
- **7th Place:** Autumn Weston and

Joslyn Gossett.

- **Participation Recognition:** Dominic Garrisi and Liam Pung.

Every student participant received a commemorative blue t-shirt and was honored with an Honorable Mention or higher during a school-wide recognition ceremony held on Friday, March 20, in the Ruth Fox gym. We are incredibly proud of these students for their hard work, curiosity, and professional conduct during the competition.



5th Grade Visit to Chatfield

Ruth Fox Middle School Fifth Graders had the privilege of attending their first field trip to Chatfield this past March. Students experienced different classes including using indigenous tools, fire starting, wood cutting, maple syrup making, orienteering, and more. They gained a wealth of information through hands-on learning! It was a very positive adventure!

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Elementary School News

March is Reading Month

Every student at NBE kicked off March is Reading Month with a free book!

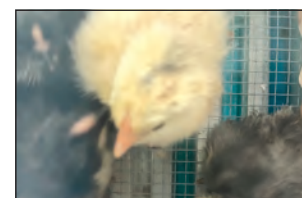
NBE loves to read!



29 Chicks Hatched



29 chicks hatched! They spent two weeks in the classroom, giving students hands-on opportunities to explore the life cycle of chickens. During their stay, the class made many connections to classroom content, and the chicks even visited other classes as reading buddies before going home with students to continue the learning.

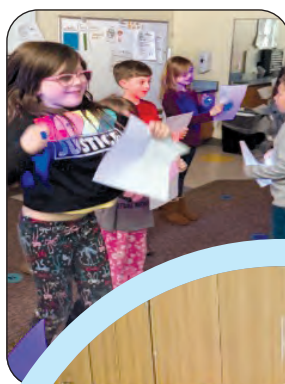


Reading Fun

NBE welcomed Doug Sheer from Sheer Genius for an interactive Adventures in Reading show to celebrate March is Reading Month! The assembly was full of comedy, outrageous fun, and language arts magic that got students excited about reading.



Using Light to Communicate



In Mrs. Burack's class students explored how light travels and carries messages across a distance. The students used handheld flashlights and colorful filters to create their own secret codes to send messages to their partners. The experiment illustrated how we can use light to communicate in our everyday world!



Blessings

Thank you to Austin Smith from Smith Insurance Agency, and the Michigan Farm Bureau family for awarding North Branch Area School District a \$2,500 Agents for Change Grant! This support will help our Blessings in a Backpack program fight childhood hunger in our community. Thank you also to Mrs. Hathcock and Mrs. June who head the program at NBE.



Elementary School News

Our Broncos Showed SO Much Heart This Year!

Together, we raised an incredible \$9,904.89 for the American Heart Association and had 69 students complete Finn's Mission, where they learned Hands-Only CPR, a life-saving skill.

This was more than just a fundraiser, it was a community service effort that helped others while teaching our students how to care for their own hearts and the hearts of those around them.



A special shoutout to our top student fundraiser, Clark Kramer!
Way to go, Clark!

We kicked off our celebration assembly with the sweetest moment, Laney Pyles from Mrs. Bailey's class shared a heart poem. She was funny, enthusiastic, and set the perfect tone for the entire event!

As part of our celebration, we held a Jump Rope Challenge during our celebration assembly with selected students from each 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade class competing to see who could complete the most jumps in one minute. It was so fun to watch our students show off their skills,



confidence, and endurance!

Students who completed Finn's Mission and our top fundraisers earned the chance to slime our brave staff members. Thank you to the teachers who volunteered (and those who got extra slimy!) for making it such a fun and memorable experience for our students.

We are so proud of our Broncos for their generosity, leadership, and excitement throughout this challenge.

Thank you to our families for your continued support!

Meet Pete!

BK/K students got a special visit from Pete the Cat for March is Reading month.



Healthy Habits

Special thanks to Aspire Rural Health Systems, especially Dr. DiCarlo and his trusty sidekick Scout the Squirrel for being special guest readers for our 2nd graders. Students learned about healthy habits and also got some Q and A time.



5TH ANNUAL
NBE Fine Arts Night
MAY 15, 5:30-8:00PM

PERFORMANCES BY:
UKULELE CLUB
4TH GRADE RECORDER STUDENTS
& HS BAND

ALL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WILL HAVE ART ON DISPLAY !!

ART MAKING STATIONS, FOOD TRUCKS & MORE!!!

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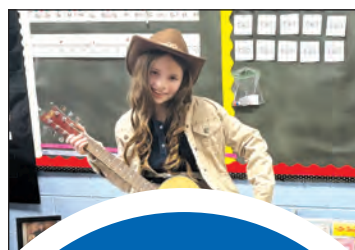
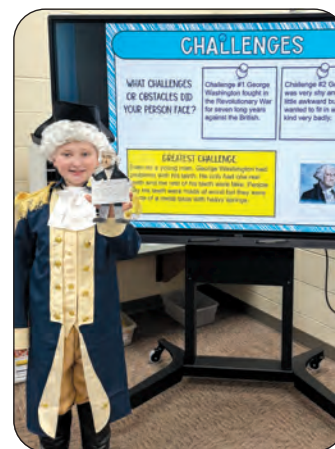
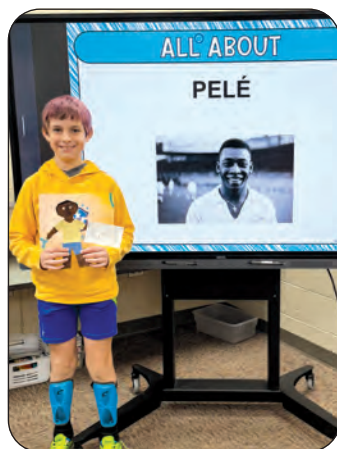
4th Graders Present World-Changing Figures as Biography Project

Ms. Liford's and Mrs. Ferdon's 4th graders leveled up their research skills by diving into the lives of world-changing figures for

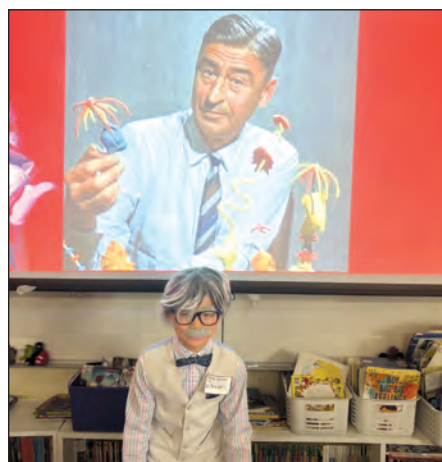
their biography projects. Students moved beyond paper and pencil, using Google Slides to build high-impact multimedia presentations.

This hands-on project blended traditional writing with modern digital storytelling, turning every student into a skilled content

creator. To wrap things up, students took the stage to present their interactive reports and share their discoveries with their classmates.



Mrs. Sieradzki's class has been working hard the last month researching, drafting, and publishing biography reports on a famous person of their choice! This project wrapped up before spring break with the students presenting their reports to the class. Some students chose to dress up as their person adding to the fun!





North Branch Spring Sports Schedule 2026

VARSITY BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
W 03/25/26	Oxford	Away	4:30 PM
W 04/08/26	Imlay City	Away	4:00 PM
F 04/10/26	Standish-Sterling	Home	4:00 PM
T 04/14/26	Yale	Away	4:00 PM
H 04/16/26	Powers Catholic	Away	4:00 PM
F 04/17/26	Detroit Country Day	Away	4:00 PM
S 04/18/26	Swartz Creek/Holly	Away	12:00 PM
T 04/21/26	Almont	Home	4:00 PM
S 04/25/26	Trenton	Away	TBA
T 04/28/26	Cros-Lex	Home	4:00 PM
H 04/30/26	Lapeer	Away	4:00 PM
T 05/05/26	Algonac	Home	4:00 PM
F 05/08/26	Millington	Home	4:00 PM
T 05/12/26	Richmond	Home	4:00 PM
H 05/14/26	Lake Fenton	Home	4:00 PM
S 05/16/26	Gaylord	Home	12:00 PM
T 05/19/26	Armada	Away	4:00 PM
W 05/20/26	Kearsley	TBA	4:00 PM
H 05/21/26	Lakeville	Home	4:00 PM
T 05/26/26	Goodrich	Away	4:00 PM
S 05/30/26	Districts	Home	TBA
W 06/03/26	Regional Semi Final	TBA	TBA
S 06/06/26	Regional Quarterfinal	TBA	TBA
H 06/11/26	Semi Finals	TBA	TBA
F 06/12/26	Semi Finals	TBA	TBA
S 06/13/26	Finals		

JV BLUE BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
W 04/08/26	Imlay City	Home	4:00 PM
F 04/10/26	Standish-Sterling	Home	4:00 PM
S 04/11/26	Oxford	Away	11:00 AM
T 04/14/26	Yale	Away	4:00 PM
H 04/16/26	Powers Catholic	Home	4:00 PM
T 04/21/26	Almont	Home	4:00 PM
H 04/23/26	Sandusky	Away	4:00 PM
T 04/28/26	Cros-Lex	Home	4:00 PM
H 04/30/26	Lapeer	Home	4:00 PM
T 05/05/26	Algonac	Home	4:00 PM
F 05/08/26	Millington	Away	4:00 PM
T 05/12/26	Richmond	Home	4:00 PM
H 05/14/26	Lake Fenton	Away	4:00 PM
T 05/19/26	Armada	Away	4:00 PM
W 05/20/26	Kearsley	Home	4:00 PM

JV WHITE BASEBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
S 04/11/26	Oxford	Home	11:00 AM
M 04/13/26	Richmond	Away	4:00 PM
F 04/17/26	Davison	Home	4:00 PM
H 04/23/26	Yale	Away	4:00 PM
W 04/29/26	Peck	Home	4:00 PM
H 04/30/26	Yale	Home	4:00 PM
T 05/05/26	Davison	Away	4:00 PM
H 05/07/26	Algonac	Home	4:00 PM
M 05/11/26	Richmond	Home	4:00 PM
H 05/19/26	Kingston	Home	4:00 PM

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
T 03/24/26	Brown City	Away	4:00 PM
H 03/26/26	Lakers	Away	5:15 PM
W 04/08/26	Lapeer	Away	4:00 PM
H 04/09/26	Imlay City	Home	4:00 PM
F 04/10/26	Standish-Sterling	Home	4:00 PM
T 04/14/26	Yale	Home	4:00 PM
H 04/16/26	New Lothrop	Away	4:00 PM
T 04/21/26	Almont	Away	4:00 PM
H 04/23/26	Swan Valley	Away	4:00 PM
M 04/27/26	Cass City	Home	4:00 PM
T 04/28/26	Cros-Lex	Away	4:00 PM
T 05/05/26	Algonac	Away	4:00 PM
W 05/06/26	Detroit Country Day	Home	4:30 PM
F 05/08/26	Garber	Away	4:00 PM
T 05/12/26	Richmond	Away	4:00 PM
F 05/15/26	Millington	Home	4:00 PM
S 05/16/26	Lake Orion	Tbd	4:00 PM
T 05/19/26	Armada	Home	4:00 PM
S 05/23/26	Saginaw Heritage Tourn	Away	TBD
S 05/30/26	Districts	Home	TBD

JV SOFTBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
W 04/08/26	Lapeer	Away	4:00 PM
H 04/09/26	Imlay City	Home	4:00 PM
T 04/14/26	Yale	Home	4:00 PM
S 04/18/26	Lake Orion Tournament	Away	TBA
T 04/21/26	Almont	Away	4:00 PM
H 04/23/26	Swan Valley	Away	4:00 PM
T 04/28/26	Cros-Lex	Away	4:00 PM
T 05/05/26	Cass City	Away	4:00 PM
W 05/06/26	Detroit Country Day	Home	4:30 PM
F 05/08/26	Lapeer	Home	4:00 PM
T 05/12/26	Richmond	Away	4:00 PM
F 05/15/26	Millington	Home	4:00 PM
T 05/19/26	Armada	Home	4:00 PM

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
F 03/20/26	Cardinal Mooney	Away	5:00 PM
M 03/23/26	Birch Run	Home	5:00 PM
W 03/25/26	Millington	Home	5:00 PM
W 04/08/26	Yale	Home	5:00 PM
F 04/10/26	USA	Home	5:00 PM
M 04/13/26	Imlay City	Away	7:00 PM
W 04/15/26	Armada	Home	5:00 PM
F 04/17/26	New Life Christian Academy	Home	5:00 PM
M 04/20/26	Almont	Away	4:30 PM
W 04/22/26	Cros-Lex	Away	5:00 PM
F 04/24/26	Brandon	Home	5:00 PM
M 04/27/26	Algonac	Home	5:00 PM
W 04/29/26	Richmond	Home	5:00 PM
F 05/01/26	Carman-Ainsworth	Away	5:00 PM
M 05/04/26	BWAC Tournament	Away	5 or 7
W 05/06/26	BWAC Tournament	Away	5 or 7
F 05/08/26	BWAC Tournament	Away	5 or 7
M 05/11/26	Montrose	Away	5:00 PM
5/20-5/22	Possible Districts	TBA	
5/26-5/30	Possible Districts	TBA	

VARSITY/JV GOLF

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
F 04/10/26	Almont	Away	3:30 PM
S 04/11/26	18 Hole BWAC Event	Away	Tbd
M 04/13/26	Timberwood	Away	3:30 PM
H 04/16/26	Washakie	Home	3:30 PM
F 04/17/26	Lapeer Tune Up	Away	9:00 AM
M 04/20/26	Richmond Forest	Away	3:30 PM
F 04/24/26	Frankenmuth	Away	9:00 AM
M 04/27/26	Midland	Away	9:00 AM
T 04/28/26	Castle Creek	Away	1:30 PM
M 05/04/26	Oak Ridge	Away	11:00 AM
W 05/06/26	Brown City Invite	Away	8:30 AM
M 05/11/26	Huron Shores	Away	12:00 PM
H 05/14/26	CE Gleeson Tournament	Away	8:30 AM
F 05/15/26	Willow Tree	Away	3:30 PM
M 05/18/26	Bobcat Invitational	Away	9:00 AM
T 05/19/26	End of Year BWAC Tournament	Away	9:00 AM

VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
W 03/18/26	Svsu Indoor Invitational	Away	12:00 PM
W 04/08/26	Flint Powers	Away	4:00 PM
F 04/10/26	Shake Off The Rust Invitational	Away	12:00 PM
T 04/14/26	BWAC-Algonac, Richmond, Imlay City	Away	4:00 PM
F 04/17/26	Lapeer Lightning Invitational	Away	3:00 PM
T 04/21/26	BWAC - Yale, Cros-Lex, Imlay City	Away	4:00 PM
F 04/24/26	County Press Nb Invite	Home	3:00 PM
T 04/28/26	BWAC - Imlay City, Armada, Almont	Home	4:00 PM
F 05/01/26	Davison Twilight Classic	Away	12:00 PM
T 05/05/26	BWAC League Meet	Away	1:00 PM
F 05/08/26	Marysville Invitational	Away	TBA
M 05/11/26	Frankenmuth Eagle 9/10 Invitational	Away	3:00 PM
S 05/16/26	Track Regionals	Home	TBA
T 05/19/26	Jr BWAC League Meet	Away	1:00 PM
H 05/21/26	Blue Water Meet Of Champions	Away	3:00 PM
T 05/26/26	Thumb Meet Of Champs	Away	2:00 PM

VARSITY BOYS VOLLYBALL

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
W 03/25/26	Durand	Away	5:30 PM
W 04/08/26	Carman Ainsworth	Away	6:00 PM
T 04/14/26	Mt Morris Tri	Away	TBA
W 04/15/26	Grand Blanc	Away	6:00 PM
S 04/18/26	Nb Vb Tournament	Home	9:00 AM
M 04/20/26	Lake Orion	Away	5:00 PM
W 04/22/26	Midland/Saginaw United	Home	6:00 PM
F 04/24/26	Bentley/Atherton	Home	6:00 PM
M 04/27/26	Clarkston	Away	6:00 PM
W 04/29/26	Bay City Western/Davison	Home	6:00 PM
W 05/06/26	Davison	Away	6:00 PM
F 05/08/26	Bentley/Atherton	Away	6:00 PM
S 05/09/26	Nb Vb Tournament	Home	9:00 AM
T 05/12/26	Mt Morris Tri	Away	TBA
W 05/13/26	Grand Blanc	Away	6:00 PM
M 05/18/26	Midland/Bay City Western	Home	6:00 PM
W 05/20/26	Saginaw	Away	6:00 PM

MS TRACK AND FIELD

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
H 04/23/26	BWAC Vs Armada, Almont	Home	4:00 PM
H 04/30/26	BWAC Vs Cros-Lex, Algonac	Away	4:00 PM
H 05/07/26	BWAC Vs Imlay City, Richmond	Away	4:00 PM
H 05/14/26	BWAC Vs Yale	Home	4:00 PM
H 05/21/26	MS BWAC Meet	Away	1:00 PM





Sports News

Volleyball State Champ Camp



North Branch Volleyball hosted their annual State Champ Camp in February. 128 young ladies came out and learned skills, and enjoyed food, games, and being a part of the team this year. It is always a highlight for our high school girls to give back to the youth and install the love of the sport into the next generation of Broncos!

Athletic Booster Raffle

Thank you to everyone who attended our Annual Booster Raffle in February! Together we were able to raise over \$27,500 to help fund Bronco Athletics! Our wonderful Boosters put on a Groovy time at their 70's theme event. There were many donations from area businesses once again reminding us once again how grateful we are to live where we do!



State Champs

We had 3 Bronco Athletes represent North Branch at the MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Tournament at Ford Field. Christian Rodriguez, Tim Hanna, and Martin Knight. Tim and Martin both took 2nd place finishes in their respective weight classes. All three athletes represented our school amazingly with hard work, determination, dedication, and sportsmanship.



Blue Water Area Conference Honors

BWAC 1st Team



Competitive Cheer:
Mackayla Wheaton



Wrestling:
Tim Hanna and Martin Knight

BWAC 2nd Team



Girls Basketball: Aubree Deshetsky

BWAC Honorable Mention



Boys Basketball
Triston Boyle and Andrew Howell



Girls Basketball:
Sydney Bailey and Allysse Deshetsky



Competitive Cheer:
Skylar Christensen and Jocelynn Miller



Wrestling:
Ayden Felton and Brenнын Porter

BWAC All Defensive team



Girls Basketball: Aubree Deshetsky

AC Upper weight MVP



Wrestling: Martin Knight

Sports News

New Head Boys Track and Field Coach

North Branch Boys Track and Field has a new Head Coach! After the departure of the long time coach Dave Castle, one of our very own teachers has been hired for this position. Sean Rinehart has taken on his first season with North Branch Boys Track and Field. Coach Rinehart stated, "I am incredibly excited and honored to become the head coach of the boys' Varsity Track and Field team here at North Branch. Coach Dave Castle left an indelible mark on this program, this community, and many of these athletes; having the opportunity to follow him after his illustrious career is something that I do not take lightly. If nothing else, our student-athletes are going to work hard every day and dedicate their time and efforts in this program to improving themselves, the team, and their school community."



WELCOME

Sean Rinehart

**New Varsity Boys
Track & Field Coach**

Boys Volleyball

North Branch is excited to announce that we have our first MHSAA Boys Volleyball team.



Coach Curt June has been working with our Broncos to get them ready for the court! Coach June is no stranger to North Branch.

He is a retired teacher from North Branch Schools and has been an assistant coach with our Girls Volleyball program as well. He also started our Boys Volleyball Club before it was a recognized sport through the MHSAA. We are excited to see where this season takes our Broncos!

College signing



Eli Mitchell, Baseball
with Mid-Michigan College



Joel Bruman, Soccer
University of Olivet



Madison Matice, Softball
University of Olivet



Eli Bickel, Football
Michigan State University



Aubree Deshetsy, Volleyball
Indiana Wesleyan University

Academic Awards:

This season 97 of our winter athletes, out of 140, 69% of our winter athletes, managed to maintain a 3.2 or higher-grade point average, earning them our North Branch Scholar Award. 77 of our Winter Varsity Level Athletes earned BWAC All-Academic Awards. Meaning they managed to maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher throughout their season.

SPRING MEET THE TEAMS PHOTOS





2026-2027

NBAS Parent School Calendar

(BOE Approved 11/10/2025)

AUGUST 2026

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August 2026

24 1st Day of School
28 No School

September 2026

4 No School
7 No School - Labor Day

October 2026

7 Count Day
16 No School
30 End of 1st M. Period

November 2026

2 2nd M. Period Begins
9 - 12 P/T Conferences
13 No School
25-27 Thanksgiving Break
30 School Resumes

December 2026

21 - 31 Winter Break

January 2027

1 - 3 Winter Break
4 School Resumes
18 No School
22 ½ Day for Students
22 End of 1st Semester
25 3rd M. Period Begins

February 2027

10 Count Day
12 No School
15 No School –
(Potential
Snow Day Make-Up)

March 2027

8 - 11 P/T Conferences
25 End of 3rd M. Period
26 - 31 Spring Break

April 2027

1 - 4 Spring Break
5 School Resumes
5 4th M. Period Begins

May 2027

28 No School – (Potential
Snow Day Make-Up)
31 Memorial Day

June 2027

10 Last Day – ½ Day
Students

Green Days: School Days

Red Dates: No School

Yellow: Potential Snow Make-up Days