

Voice of the Pines

Back-to-School Edition 2014-2015



Newsletter for Residents of the Northland Pines School District



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Welcome to the 2014-2015 School Year

We are rapidly approaching the start of the 2014-15 school year. On behalf of the School Board, Administration and Staff; a BIG welcome back to everyone. We are looking forward to an exciting year here at Northland Pines. Most staff is currently in place with seventeen new employees joining us this year. Our annual financial audit was completed in July and our budget hearing and annual meeting will be held September 29th at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Large Group Instruction Room.

The school buildings are spotless thanks to the hard work of our great custodial staff. A number of projects have been completed over the summer months:

- Window project in the K8 building
- Exterior and interior renovation of the Phoenix Center building
- One new section of handicap accessible bleachers at the football field and renovation of the existing bleachers
- Concrete work throughout the Eagle River Campus
- Technology upgrades
- Softball dugouts completed

I will once again continue with my quarterly Coffee Klatch for any community member to attend, and in addition I will be hosting two Veterans' Coffee Socials, both held at Eagle River Roasters. Also, I will be conducting eight public tours of our school buildings. This will give you an opportunity to see any of our schools, classrooms and campuses, and ask any questions regarding the Northland Pines School District. Please see complete schedule below for specific dates and times of these events.

If you are not already a member of the Pines Community Wellness Center, I encourage you to check out our website for information or come to the High School and get a tour of our great fitness facility and classes we offer! The first annual Moonlight Run fundraiser for the Pines Community Wellness Center was a great success with nearly 400 runners! Everyone had a great time and we received numerous compliments from our runners on the entire event. Due to the rain we were unable to set up the 50 foot long obstacle course and bounce house; however, there was a full moon out for our 1k and 5k runners! Thank you to everyone that participated and/or volunteered their time and efforts to support this annual event. We couldn't have done it without your help!

Here's to a great 2014-15 school year!

- Thursday, September 18, 2014 @ 2 p.m. - Veterans' Coffee Social
- Friday, October 3, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - Tour Land O' Lakes & SOAR
- Friday, October 17, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - Tour St. Germain
- Thursday, October 23, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m. - Coffee Klatch
- Friday, October 24, 2014 @ 10 a.m. - Tour High School & Phoenix Center
- Friday, October 24, 2014 @ 1 p.m. - Tour Eagle River & Middle School
- Thursday, January 29, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m. - Coffee Klatch
- Thursday, February 26, 2015 @ 9 a.m. - Veterans' Coffee Social
- Thursday, March 19, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m. - Coffee Klatch
- Friday, April 17, 2015 @ 10 a.m. - Tour Eagle River & Middle School
- Friday, April 17, 2015 @ 1 p.m. - Tour High School & Phoenix Center
- Friday, April 24, 2015 @ 10 a.m. - Tour St. Germain
- Friday, May 1, 2015 @ 10 a.m. - Tour Land O' Lakes & SOAR
- Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m. - Coffee Klatch

Back to School Open House Schedule

All families are invited!

Land O' Lakes Elementary - PICTURE DAY!
ALL Grades - Monday, August 25, 2-6 p.m.

St. Germain Elementary - PICTURE DAY!
ALL Grades - Monday, August 25, 2-6 p.m.

Eagle River Elementary - PICTURE DAY!
ALL Grades - Thursday, August 28, 2-6 p.m.

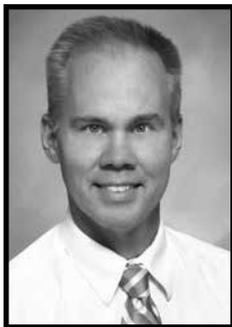
SOAR Charter School
Thursday, August 28, 2-6 p.m.

Northland Pines Middle School Walk-Abouts
Wednesday, August 20, 12:30-4 p.m.
Thursday, August 21, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Northland Pines Middle School Open House
Thursday, September 4, 4-6:30 p.m.

Eagle Extravaganza (NPHS Open House)
Wednesday, August 27, 5-7 p.m.

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Northland Pines Meeting All State DPI Goals

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is advancing education in Wisconsin. They have introduced a program called Agenda 2017. The goals for this program are:

- Further increase the graduation rate from 85.7% to 92%.
- Increase career and college readiness from 49% to 67%.
- Close graduation, career and college readiness gaps by 50%.
- Increase the percentage of students scoring “proficient” in 3rd grade reading and 8th grade math.
- Adopt the Fair Funding for Our Future plan to make school finance more equitable.

We at Northland Pines are well beyond these goals already, but there is always room for improvement. We are in the process of setting our own goals that far exceed state standards. Some of the standards that we are considering:

- Ranking #1 in all academic categories in the Great Northern Conference.
- Ranking in the top 5% of school districts in Wisconsin.

Additionally, Governor Walker challenged school districts to emphasize vocational and specialized skill training. As a district, we will strive to offer our students the best in educational opportunities. We will also work diligently at being great citizens of the Northwoods. We will work hard at providing our taxpayers the best value for their tax dollar.

Information on School Board Policies

Northland Pines School District policies and guidelines are accessible online at neola.com/northland-wi/. For additional information on Board policies, agendas, or other issues of consideration, please contact Susie Block, Board Secretary, at (715) 479-6487 option 1, ext. 2.

2014-2015 NPSD School Board Meetings

The Board of Education invites and encourages community members to be involved and informed about issues affecting Northland Pines students. All regular board meetings begin at **6 p.m.** and are **held in the Northland Pines High School LGI (Large Group Instruction) Room.**

The School Board meeting schedule for the 2014-2015 school year:

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| Monday, August 25, 2014 | Monday, January 26, 2015 |
| Monday, September 29, 2014 at 5 p.m.
(Due to annual meeting at 6 p.m.) | Monday, February 23, 2015 |
| Monday, October 27, 2014 | Monday, March 23, 2015 |
| Monday, November 17, 2014 | Monday, April 27, 2015 |
| Monday, December 15, 2014 | Tuesday, May 18, 2015 |
| | Monday, June 22, 2015 |

Board of Education

- Jim Mulleady, President
- John Sarama, Vice President
- Holly McCormack, Clerk
- Eric Neff, Deputy Clerk
- Jennifer Payne, Treasurer
- Mike Sealander, Member
- Amy Decker, Member

The Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing for the Northland Pines School District will be held Monday, September 29, 2014, beginning at 6 p.m. in the High School LGI.

Options Counseling Offers Services on the Pines Campus

Options Treatment Programs is working in conjunction with the Northland Pines School District to provide quality confidential mental health services to children and adolescents within the school setting.

The goal of providing outpatient mental health services within the school environment is to improve access to clinical mental health services to children, adolescents and their families with respect to the child and family’s needs. The heart of Option’s school based therapy service is in addressing the mental health symptoms of the child/adolescent that interfere with the quality and success in their daily life in a setting that is therapeutic and convenient for the client and the family. Interventions will address coping and management of concerns and symptoms of the individual with inclusion of the family to assist in goal-setting, treatment planning and stability for positive outcomes. Therapeutic intervention within the school allows children, adolescents and their families a therapeutically favorable location to address and achieve the most positive outcomes. **For more information, contact Dr. Maggie Peterson at (715) 479-8989.**

Night School - Adult Literacy Options Expand Learning Opportunities

Are you interested in finishing high school? Want to have access to adult learning services? Northland Pines School District offers evening services through the Library Media Center at the high school. Enroll by contacting Lisa Achterberg at (715) 479-4123 or at enroll@npsd.k12.wi.us



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District Business Manager
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What's New in Finance for 2014-15

As we move into the new program year, we hope to have some improvements for staff and community supporters here in the Business Office. We also continue to monitor legislative changes.

We have new software up and running so that our many District groups who conduct fundraisers may now "check out" a device to accept credit card payments.

We are developing new procedures for tracking fixed assets, necessitated by cost considerations, 1:1 technology implementations, and our goal to have best practices in place for asset management. There is much to consider from a legislative standpoint:

- 2013 ACT 336 allows a school board with an approved long-term capital improvement plan (minimum of 10 years) to establish a trust funded with a transfer from the general fund to a long-term capital improvement trust fund. A board would be prohibited from removing money deposited into this fund for a period of five years. This may work well for many districts, but there are pros and cons. Cash-flows are a consideration. Can we afford to have money tied up for ten years? What if unforeseen events necessitated the need for reserves? Is a board able to predict building and maintenance needs, interest trends, safety needs, technology needs, and enrollment trends with enough certainty to commit to a ten-year plan? Certainly there is much food for thought.
- The SEC has stepped in with new regulations that effectively separate the duties of underwriters as compared to bond issuers. Previously, financial firms were able to have a dual role as both underwriter and issuer. The SEC says no more. They wish to protect municipal bond issuers from what can be viewed as a conflict of interest, with the underwriter's primary duty to the investor.
- Food Service regulations continue to

change, with new regulations as to content and calories affecting snacks and concessions in an all-encompassing approach to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

While the above are just a few examples of our ever-changing environment, we look forward to another year of continued success both financially and educationally here at Northland Pines as we continue to work towards changes for the better on all fronts.

Northland Pines School District Contacts

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Dr. Mike Richie, District Administrator
Susie Block, Executive Assistant
Margo Smith, Business Manager
Dave Bohnen, Supervisor Buildings & Grounds

District Centralized Enrollment Office

(Located in the high school guidance office)
Phone: (715) 479-4123 Fax: (715) 479-1995
Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lisa Achterberg, Data Manager
For all student grade levels 4K through 12

District Pupil Services Office

(Located in the ERES)
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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Maggie Peterson, Director of Pupil Services
Shari Curtis, Pupil Services Secretary
Caryn Jacob, RN, School District Nurse
Matthew Krusack, School District Psychologist

Northland Pines High School (Grades 9-12)

1800 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, WI 54521
Phone: (715) 479-4473 Fax: (715) 479-5808
Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Student Schedule: 8:20 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

Jim Brewer, High School Principal
Brian Margelofsky, Activities Director
Kelly Wransky, School Counselor

Phoenix Center Alternative Education

(Located behind the high school)
Phone: (715) 479-3450 Fax: (715) 479-5808

Josh Tilley, Alternative Education Teacher
Linda Zimmer, Alternative Education Para

Northland Pines Middle School (Grades 6-8)

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Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Student Schedule: 8:20 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

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Karie Blemke, Assistant Principal
Fritz Crall, Supervisor Building & Grounds
Craig Rismson, School Counselor

SOAR Charter School (Grades 5-8)

6485 Town Hall Road, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540
Phone: (715) 547-3619 Fax: (715) 547-3903
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Student Schedule: 8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs.

Scott Foster, Principal
Don Anderson, Advisor
Kate Neville, Advisor
Robin Indermuehle, Advisor

Eagle River Elementary School (Grades 4K-5)

1700 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, WI 54521
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Office Hours: 7:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Student Schedule: 8:20 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

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Karie Blemke, Assistant Principal
Erica Lane, School Counselor

Land O' Lakes Elementary School (Grades 4K-5)

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Student Schedule: 8:20 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

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Erica Lane, School Counselor

St. Germain Elementary School (Grades 4K-5)

8234 Hwy 70 West, St. Germain, WI 54558
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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Student Schedule: 8:20 a.m. - 3:25 p.m.

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Erica Lane, School Counselor

Pines Community Wellness Center

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Becky Jefferson,
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Northland Pines has several collaborative relationships within the community, each successful for their mutually beneficial results. One to note is the relationship with CornerStone Custom Builders, Inc. Our school partners with CornerStone for the Building Trades program to help students get hands on experiences in design and construction. They apply concepts from math and geometry class in all phases of the project. The participants come from varying educational backgrounds, including students with educational disabilities, and all get to learn new skills and gain experience from hands-on learning opportunities that make them more employable as adults.

TLC Coffee Service started in the 2009-10 school year as a district-run micro-business run by students with disabilities, serving coffee and pastries to staff on a weekly basis. Students with varying disabilities, work on functional curriculum to take orders, design the menu, shop and prepare the products, and bill the customers. Students who work for TLC apply for their jobs and learn all the skills necessary to run a successful service-based business, with the goal of future, independent employment in a community setting.

In the upcoming school year, business partners, The Blend and Eagle River Roasters, are joining the TLC team by donating coffee for the micro-business which will support their current business and enable them to expand to light catering for small groups and events. For example, on Saturday, October 18, NPSD will host Ed Camp at the high school, a free training for teachers in the Northwoods and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. TLC employees will cater to approximately 200 Northwoods teachers. For the last two years Intelligentsia Coffee company out of Chicago donated coffee to the program. We are thankful to have found support more locally and are excited to work with these two businesses in a mutually beneficial way.

Many area businesses have opened their doors to help all students gain job experience that helps further post-secondary success. These businesses realize the benefits of promoting social involvement and integration in the workplace have on our businesses, our community and the individuals that are meaningfully employed.



Eagle River Roasters



The Blend

Thank you to:

- Leif's Cafe
- Arrow Gift Shop
- Ice Arena
- Shopko
- Seifert's
- Pick 'n Save
- New Beginnings
- Walgreen's
- Subway
- McDonald's
- Horants
- Little Pinecone's
- Northwoods Canine Center
- Trigs
- Best Western Derby Inn
- Salon and Spa on Railroad
- CornerStone Custom Builders
- The Northwood's Children's Museum
- Nelson's Ace Hardware

Northland Pines Kids and Staff Connect with Community to Fight Cancer

By Gretchen Yagow

June 20, 2014. This was an enormously important day for those who have fought cancer and lost, those who have fought cancer and have survived, and those who are currently fighting cancer and need help from all of us to survive. It was the date of the Northwoods Relay for Life.

One of the initiatives the Northland Pines School District feels very strongly about is helping all those in our school community understand the importance of connecting within our community by participating in events and functions that support our citizens in all ways.

Cancer has made its appearance not only within staff but also within our student population. Fighting cancer is an incredibly difficult thing to do, and it takes everyone to help a victim with strength and encouragement to fight the fight. Children often feel as if there is little they can do to make an impression on a problem or be part of the solution. This year this changed among the staff and the students in the NPSD.

Many within the district, both adults and children decided to join the fight against cancer by participating in the Northwoods Relay for Life, which took place Friday, June 20, 2014. Participants were as young as one-year old, these were children of our staff members. Students in 4K all the way to grade 5 at Eagle River Elementary School sold daffodils and handed out scratch cards to raise money for cancer research. Staff at the middle school developed a team and fund raised, children at the Eagle River Elementary School also developed a team as well as staff and students at SOAR, the district's charter school, all participating in the Relay.



As a result, the children of our district connected with many people who have or are fighting cancer and became an important part of their life, even if it was for one evening. The wonderful stories the children heard from the survivors help the children understand the value of research and development within the medical community and how much its success affects people within our community. The smiles on the faces of the survivors and the smiles and looks of awe on the faces of the children demonstrated the impact our district's participation had on all in attendance. Hopefully this participation will grow and even more wonderful memories will be made for years to come.



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Welcome Back!!

Ready? Set. Go!

Here we are once again ready for a new and productive start to the 2014-15 school year. Over the summer much was prepared for your students to have a successful school year. Our teachers were trained in new reading curriculum and have reviewed our math series. They have read children's novels, found enticing units to implement, and some have researched best practices in education, taken graduate classes and prepared themselves to begin the new school year with excitement, all for your child.

In grades kindergarten through second, our teachers have been trained in the SuperKids program from Rowland Reading, a WI-based company. This core instructional program emphasizes instruction on systematic phonics, all five essential elements of reading, integrates reading, writing, spelling, and grammar along with fun! This reading program effectively teaches children how to read so by the time they leave the primary grades, they are fluent readers. Once into third through fifth, students will transition into the Wonders Reading program. This reading and language arts program combines research-based instruction with new tools to meet today's challenges. Each component and lesson is designed for effective and efficient instruction. Additionally, science and social studies content can be blended into the instruction of reading. Our teachers are excited to start a new adventure with their students for the betterment of their future and our district.

Our math program, enVisions, was very successful last year. Teachers want to make it even better this year. New standards require students to explain how they found an answer or why they worked a problem in a certain way. No longer are students required to sit and do row after row of the same type of problem. Education is changing to the needs of society and that of employers' desires. The enVisions math program is designed around these beliefs. Soon we should start to see improvement in our overall district scores with the changes we are implementing.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact your child's teacher, principal or myself. We are here to be a partner in your child's education.

Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS)

By Donna Hejtmanek

This past spring and summer, three Northland Pines elementary teachers were invited to attend the Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) training authored by the renowned Dr. Louisa Moats. This training, sponsored by the Milwaukee Teachers Reading Project and the Wisconsin Reading Coalition, was composed of seven day-long sessions held in Milwaukee, WI.

These sessions were attended by Nanci Foster, Stacy Tomaszewski, and Donna Hejtmanek and focused on the following topics:

- The Challenge of Learning to Read
- Speech Sounds of English; Phonetics, Phonology, and Phoneme Awareness
- Spellography for Teachers, How English Spelling Works
- Building Vocabulary and Oral Language
- Getting Up to Speed: Developing Fluency
- Teaching Phonics, Word Study and the Alphabetic Principle
- Teaching Beginning Spelling and Writing

This training helps further prepare these teachers to fully understand the science of reading, using current brain research in the areas of reading and language acquisition.



Summer Reading Rain or Shine in St. Germain

St. Germain Elementary School's summer reading program, Popsicles in the Park, was July 8. Despite the rain and cooler temps, we had a fantastic turnout of excited young readers. Students were eager to exchange the books in their book bags, share their journals and, of course, enjoy a Popsicle.

Land O' Lakes Elementary School

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Can't Wait to get Started

Going to Land O' Lakes Elementary is something that I look forward to each and every day. The 2014-15 school year is going to be another great year as we look to make it the best one ever. As we look at changes we will be making some significant curriculum changes and improving on the ones we did last year. Our Land O' Lakes family will also have some significant changes as well.

In the area of curriculum changes we will be introducing a new reading series to help us make sure that every child leaving Land O' Lakes Elementary can read at grade level. Students in kindergarten through second grade will be using Superkids and students in third & fourth grade will be using a product called Wonders. We will be in year 2 of our math series which helped us show improvement in our students' abilities in math. These changes took time to pilot and research and we are confident that there will be a positive impact on our students.

Our Land O' Lakes family will have some significant changes this year. Not only are there the typical students moving in and out we have some changes in staff as well. With Mrs. Erickson moving we have added Ms. Renee Simon to be our new 3rd and

4th grade multiage teacher. Mrs. Peterson, Physical Education teacher, also retired this summer and we are in the process of finding a replacement for her. Congratulations to Mrs. Peterson and we hope you have a very enjoyable retirement! Also, Mrs. Tomaszewski will now have two jobs in our building, she will be the Special Education teacher for both Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR. Taking over her duties as the Title 1 Reading Teacher is Mrs. Patti Darr. Mrs. Darr comes from teaching the last two years at Eagle River Elementary and teaching in Watersmeet prior to that. Even though change is tough and we are losing some great teachers, we are looking forward to welcoming our new family members with open arms.

The 2014-15 school year cannot start soon enough if you ask me, I am sure my students do not all feel the same. We will continue to build on what makes us a great elementary school and that is great teachers wanting to see every child succeed!

ATTENTION SCHOOL VISITORS

Individuals other than the Northland Pines School District pupils, staff or Board of Education members are regarded as visitors. Visitors are asked to please report to the school office to sign in. Visitors need to bring their drivers license in as they will be scanned by our Raptor system to ensure student safety. A photo ID badge will be printed for visitors to wear while they are in the building.

Community iPad Training Impacts Staff and Students

By Dave Strong, District Technology Coach

As a district, Northland Pines is one of the leaders in Wisconsin both in the quality of education our students receive and the technology available for learning. Three years ago the Technology Committee offered its first Community iPad training. Since then we've offered free opportunities for community members to come into the school and receive instruction on the basics to more advanced uses of iPads, iPhones and, more recently, Chromebooks and other mobile devices.

I hear from community members how appreciative they are and how much they learn at the trainings. I want to take a moment to let the Northland Pines community know that we get just as much from the trainings as you do. It's a small way we can give back to the community in which we choose to live, work and raise our families.

After every training, I leave feeling energized and excited. I share this sentiment with our volunteer staff members and students who also enjoy the opportunity to volunteer a little of their time to help our community become more comfortable with their technology. The teacher in me loves to watch our students working with adult members of the community, many who come into the training apprehensive and nervous and leave smiling; enjoying not only the training, but the time they were able to spend with students that are willing to share what they have learned.

As we move into year four of our free community offerings, keep checking our website and local publications for information about fall and winter opportunities.

SOAR Charter School

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Better Yet - Year 2

By Scott Foster, Principal

Starting a school from scratch, SOAR Charter School, was a wonderful experience and year two is looking to be even better. We will go from having 45 students to 63 students and adding a third advisor when we open the doors this fall. We feel we had a great first year, however we are excited to build on our successes and improve on the areas that did not meet our expectations. The biggest difference going into year two is that we have had one year of experience and parents and our students were able to give us feedback to make our school even better.

With the addition of more than 20 new students, we are excited to add another staff member to our team. Robin Indermuehle will be our new advisor for the 2014-15 school year. Robin brings a varied background and comes to us as a certified science teacher. She has been teaching science at Northland Pines High School for the past 11 years, has been part of all charter school committees and very active in alternative teaching methods throughout her career. She brings passion for learning and for her students as does the rest of our staff. That is why we feel she will make a great fit at SOAR.

In year two we are looking forward to building on what went well, and we will continue to teach our students to be 21st century learners. Community service will continue to grow as our students contributed more than 1100 hours to their communities last school year. We will continue to learn outside of the walls with great field studies and guest speakers. We also will look forward to preparing our first group of 8th graders to move on to high school. There are so many more things to share, but the best way to do that is to come and visit us. Please feel free to contact me, sfoster@npsd.k12.wi.us or call (715) 547-3619 to schedule a visit or better yet, volunteer!

The Northland Pines School District is about having everyone reach their potential and we know that SOAR is helping the district and its students do that.



School of Options & Applied Research

- Project Based Learning
- 21st Century Learning Skills
- Student Centered
- Multi-age Groupings
- Technology Driven
- Learning Outside the Walls
- Environmental Conservation
- Community Connections
- Grades 5-8

**Interested in
attending SOAR
for the 2015-2016
school year?
Contact the
school for more
information:
(715) 547-3619**

Gmail Accounts for Parents and Guardians of SOAR Students

When school begins this fall, all new SOAR students will be set up with a Google account. Students will be using Google email (Gmail) as a primary communication channel with advisors and their project partners. They also will be utilizing several of the other Google products including Google Calendar, Google Docs, Google Sheets (spreadsheets), etc. These products can be easily shared among students, advisors and families. We encourage all parents, for ease of access to the great communication tools, to set up a personal and **free** Gmail account. If you already have a Gmail account, you are already set up to access these features. Please email SOAR advisors Don Anderson at danderson@npsd.k12.wi.us or Kate Neville at kneville@npsd.k12.wi.us with any questions.

Follow these steps to create a Gmail account:

1. Go to: gmail.com
2. Select **Create An Account** in the upper right hand corner
3. Fill out the information required and select a user name and password.

You are set to go!

Chromebook Handbook
Please watch the Northland Pines School District website for changes in the Chromebook handbook prior to school starting.

Eagle River Elementary/Middle School

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Exciting Changes for the New School Year

As summer comes to an end, staff are prepared and excited to begin another great school year that will bring changes, excitement and enhanced learning opportunities to Eagle River Elementary School and Northland Pines Middle School. Much of what we will be doing next year is building on the great initiatives that have been implemented over the past few years such as PBIS, RtI, increased staff collaboration, new curriculum and more. Even though we will spend

a great deal of effort improving on our newer initiatives, we are always looking for ways to improve at NPSD and there will be a few more changes for this upcoming year.

One of the largest changes for myself will be moving from being the Principal of Eagle River Elementary School (ERES) to being Principal of ERES and the Northland Pines Middle School (NPMS). I greatly look forward to this as I love to work with early adolescents just as much as I love to work with elementary-aged students. I feel honored and humbled to become Principal of such a great school and especially to follow such a wonderful leader, Jacqueline Coghlan. Mrs. Coghlan led NPMS to great improvements in her sixteen years serving as the principal. In fact, much of the students' and staffs' success is in thanks to her contributions and leadership. Moreover, part of my excitement in being part of the NPMS team is due to Mrs. Coghlan's work in establishing an outstanding school with a dedicated and talented staff.

One of the largest initiatives that will be coming for the NPMS staff and students this fall will be implementing 1:1 technology with Google Chromebooks. Staff have been busy training over the summer to become familiar

with the Chromebooks and technology/programs that will be utilized. Implementing 1:1 at the high school has been successful and we are excited to bring the 1:1 to fifth grade through eighth grade on the Eagle River campus. The use of this technology will help engage students, transform instruction, and prepare students for education and work in the digital age. Staff have embraced this change and students are excited for it.

In addition to the changes at NPMS, there are a number of changes at ERES as well. One of these changes will be the implementation of a new reading curriculum in kindergarten through fifth grade. Last year, staff were trained and began using a new math series, and now we will have a new literacy program that will improve our reading and writing instruction. The use of these two programs will greatly improve student reading and math skills for years to come. Along with the new reading series, we will have several new staff members joining ERES. We will have two new kindergarten teachers, a new special education teacher, a new 4K teacher, and two teachers filling in for the year for staff that are on leave. With all of the new curriculum and staff, I am confident we will maintain a team that is as cohesive as ever, and because of their collaboration and hard work, ERES will continue to strive.

I'm excited for another school year that will be filled with changes, and I look forward to beginning this journey with our new assistant principal for the ERES and NPMS, Karie Jo Blemke. Karie has had vast experience coaching and teaching in a middle school setting and will be a tremendous asset to our building along with all of our other new teachers. The new staff and changes for the 2014-15 school year will help us accomplish our goal of having all students reach their greatest potential here at Northland Pines.

All American Kids Club Hosts First "All American Social"

By Sarah Simac & Nanci Foster

This spring the All American Kids Club hosted its first annual All American Social. Veterans from local VFW Post 8637 met with Eagle River Elementary School students and shared pictures and memories of their military experiences. Children had many questions about the veterans' service and the places around the world where they served. During the 2014-15 school year, the All American Kids Club looks forward to hosting more events where students can meet and interact with the veterans they send letters to. In addition, the club will continue to hold its monthly meetings, instilling a sense of pride and patriotism in students who will be working on a variety of patriotic projects and mailings.

The club is also looking forward to taking its second annual field trip to the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan, to deliver special projects to veterans being treated there. If you would like more information about the All American Kids Club, would like to add a veteran to our mailing list, or would like to make a donation to the club, please contact Sarah Simac or Nanci Foster at the Eagle River Elementary School, (715) 479-6471.





Karie Jo Blemke
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Eager to Become an Eagle!

"You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great sights. You'll join the high fliers, who soar to great heights" –Dr. Seuss. It's that time of year again, and I am honored to be a part of the journey and introduce myself to you as the new assistant principal of the Eagle River Elementary and Middle School K8 Building. For the past seven years I have been a middle school language arts teacher in Rhinelander, WI. I have coached figure skating around the area, have a passion for art, and enjoy many Northwood's activities such as running, biking, boating and snowmobiling. After completing my Master's in Educational Leadership this spring, I am excited and eager to become an Eagle and begin the next step of my career here at Northland Pines.

As an educational leader, I am thrilled to be a part of the Northland Pines School District and work as a collaborator in an already highly effective team environment; it truly is a great place to be that fosters a creative and positive learning atmosphere for students. With a dedicated staff and community, I am confident Northland Pines sets a high bar for student achievement that rises to meet today's challenges in education and helps make every child college and career ready. Overall, I am excited to become a member of your community and school, and I am looking forward to meeting families and students at our beginning of the school year activities. Let the learning begin!



Winning a fishing trip with a guide were Northland Pines Middle School students, front row from left, Hadley Kruse, Payton Calix, Cierrah Ryan, Morgan Phillipich, Logan Howe, Nathan Madl, Brian Eades, Brenden Erdle, Rachel Beyersdorf, Hayley Conley, Marie Milanowski, Amy Deditz, Brett Wilkins, Ryan Peterson, Gillian Bellman and Pazia Peterson; back row, Colton Clure, Don Wahl, Nathan Walker, Tanner Kiesow, Bradley Stephens, Adam Sima, Evie Pusich, Annalise Callaghan, Dreanna Schneider, Robert Livingston, Rebecca Beyersdorf, Siera Eggleston, Meredith Kohls, Carter Heller, Burke Anderson, Nic Cato and Cody Reeves.

Eagle River Elementary & Middle School Safety Reminder

As we embark on the 2014-15 school year, the Northland Pines School District is reminding everyone to use extra caution to ensure the safety of our children when entering/leaving the 4K-8 parking lots.

The west side of the parking lot in front of the elementary school is for parents who park and accompany their child(ren) into the building.

Parents are reminded to use the angle parking spaces on the east side (closest to the bus lane) in front of the school for parent pick-up/drop-off. There are clearly identified cross-walks to ensure the safety of everyone using them.

Thank you for your cooperation as the school district continues to keep your child's/children's safety in mind.

EDUCATION FIRST - SAFETY ALWAYS

Guides for Grades

Many students at the Northland Pines Middle School improved their grades during the recently completed school year with incentive from the Guides for Grades program. Eagle River fishing guide, Yukon Jack, came up with the idea for the program 16 years ago. The program has been going strong ever since.

During a middle school assembly for grades 6, 7 and 8, Yukon Jack explained to the students why it is important to do well in school. The students in the photo to the left went fishing with a guide over the summer. 160 students were eligible for the program. Every student eligible received a tackle bag filled with fishing supplies from sponsors of the program.

Change in address, phone number or email address? Please contact school secretary:

Eagle River Elementary: (715) 479-6471

SOAR/Land O' Lakes Elementary: (715) 547-3619

St. Germain Elementary: (715) 542-3632

Northland Pines Middle School: (715) 479-6479

Northland Pines High School: (715) 479-4473

Northland Pines High School

1800 Pleasure Island Rd. Eagle River, WI 54521 npsd.k12.wi.us/high (715) 479-4473



Jim Brewer, Principal
jbrewer@npsd.k12.wi.us

NPHS Moving Forward

The 2014-15 school year is fast approaching and we at Northland Pines High School are eager for the year to begin. A great deal of hard work and effort has been put in this summer to making sure the students continue to have a world class educational experience. The custodial and maintenance staff has done an outstanding job of maintaining a physical environment that is optimal

for learning. Numerous teachers have taken courses and attended workshops geared towards increasing the rigor and relevancy in their classrooms which should translate into greater student achievement. As an administrator, I took two Doctorate in Educational Leadership courses this summer focusing on educational research and student behavior. The professional development opportunities engaged by many affords the staff at NPHS to not only self-reflect upon past practice, but to generate ideas for future success. Northland Pines High School has seen a flurry of success over the past couple of years and has implemented many new initiatives.

This past year saw the implementation of the Modified Block and 1:1 with Chromebooks. The positive results of these initiatives included a reduction in tardiness, less absenteeism, reduced behavior referrals, and the failure rate decreased by nearly 10%. The increased access to technology allowed for greater communication by all constituents, which improved the quality of student work. Improvements such as these can only be accomplished by having a willingness to be progressive in our thoughts, deeds, and actions.

Eagle Extravaganza Wednesday, Aug. 27, 5-7 p.m.

Eagle Extravaganza is an open house for all freshmen and new students to the Northland Pines High School. Students will have the opportunity to meet staff, advisors and coaches for all activities and clubs.

Eagle Extravaganza will be in the parking lot behind the high school, by the football field. Rain location is the NPHS Fieldhouse. There will be games, activities, a dunk tank and concessions.

Freshmen and new high school students are encouraged to attend and will be able to view the school and check out their classrooms and lockers.

Current NPHS students and their families are also welcome to attend this event.

Eagle River/Northland Pines Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Set for Friday, August 22

The Eagle River/Northland Pines Athletic Hall of Fame will induct the 1981 NPHS Varsity Football team, Jerry Burkett, Roland Christensen and Dennis Snedden for the 2014-15 year.

The enshrinement ceremony will be Friday, August 22, prior to the Northland Pines football game against Wittenberg-Birnamwood. The public is welcome to attend the 4:30 p.m. ceremony to be held in the Northland Pines Auditorium. The inductees will also be introduced at half time of the football game.

Following the football game there will be a reception held at the Eagle River Country Club. The inductees and their families, former teammates, coaches, friends, staff members and inductees from previous years are all welcome to attend.

The Eagle River Union High School/Northland Pines Athletic Hall of Fame is located by the entrance to the field house. We encourage all to view the hall of fame while visiting the high school.

All the changes, initiatives and modifications made recently, has afforded NPHS the distinction of being rated #33 in the State by *U.S. News and World Report*, have a State Report Card of 80.8, which puts NPHS in the top tier of all schools, our students are scoring above state average on every high stakes assessment, more students are open enrolling than leaving, and our students as indicated by the 2014 senior exit survey are proud to be graduates of Northland Pines High School.

The 2014-15 school year will see continued modifications such as an increase of five minutes to the student day. This simple change will add fifteen hours of instruction throughout the school year. Another change will be the requirement to conduct student surveys in every classroom multiple times of the year to give feedback to instructors. Students are our customers and their feedback will help drive instruction to the benefit of student learning.

The overall success of NPHS and individual student learning is a credit to every member of this community. We each play a role in ensuring that our students are equipped with the tools necessary to compete in a global society. Your support is vital for continued academic, social, and emotional growth of our students and I thank you for your involvement in providing a top quality education for the students of Northland Pines High School.

Homecoming Parade! Friday, September 12 @ 4 PM Downtown Eagle River Show your Eagle Pride!

NPSD Activity Schedules and Ticket Information



Brian Margelofsky
NPSD Activities Director
bmargelofsky@npsd.k12.wi.us

Schedules for the 2014-15 Northland Pines Activities can be viewed on our district website at npsd.k12.wi.us. Athletic Sports schedules, the NPSD Fine Arts Schedule, the H.S. Fieldhouse and Pines Community Wellness Center schedules are all available for viewing and printing.

Athletic season passes are available to purchase in the High School Activities Office or at the ticket table of HOME sporting events.

Please visit the Great Northern Conference web page for conference game schedules, rosters, stats, and driving directions to event locations by going to: <http://goo.gl/NQLzqt>

Northland Pines High School athletic trainer coverage is sponsored by Marshfield Clinic. Zach Furtak is the new trainer for Northland Pines athletes. He will provide rehab and injury diagnosis on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:15-12:45 in the H.S. Training Room or by appointment. The athletic trainer will also provide coverage at home sporting events.

Parent-Athlete-Coaches Meeting (PAC Meeting) for fall sports is set for Monday, August 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the NPHS Commons.

Topics presented/hand-outs available will include:

- Physical cards, Code of Conduct, Emergency Forms, & Athletic Fee of \$25.
- Grade Requirements & Transportation Protocol
- Practice and Game Schedules
- Bus Departure Times

Questions regarding this meeting can be directed to Northland Pines High School Activities Office: (715) 479-6286.

Please see the NPSD website for required forms:

- WIAA Physical Cards: <http://goo.gl/Bt6k8t>
- Alternate Year Cards: <http://goo.gl/7cYZqB>
- Emergency Medical Cards
- Concussion forms

Fall Coaches Contact Information

Football: Eric Swanson (715) 889-1029, eswanson@npsd.k12.wi.us
Boys Soccer: Andres Paez (715) 891-0838, andrespaez@gmail.com
Volleyball: Julie Smith (715) 891-2018, jusmith@npsd.k12.wi.us
Cross Country: Don Czarapata (715) 892-7483, dczarapata@npsd.k12.wi.us
Cheer: Kristina Parker (715) 891-1588, kparker@npsd.k12.wi.us

Northland Pines School District Mission Statement

Northland Pines School District is dedicated to empowering all individuals to reach their potential. We will be accountable and work together to:

- Model what is expected
- Nurture a safe, healthy, and trusting environment
- Provide a challenging and engaging curriculum
- Promote life-long learning
- Build School, family, and community partnerships
- Celebrate cultural diversity, talents and strengths
- Thrive in a global society
- Foster continuous improvement

Northland Pines online store for apparel:

Shop.MyLocker.net

Northland Pines School Locker #EH765

Use promo code #BT445 to get \$9 off your order!

Support Eagle Athletics

The 2014-15 Northland Pines athletic season passes are available to purchase in the high school offices or at events.

Prices:

Adult \$25 (up to age 62)

Family \$40

Seniors FREE! (ages 62+)

Senior Citizens (age 62+) and all students living in the Northland Pines School District (public & private) are invited to attend Northland Pines events, FREE OF CHARGE! Senior Citizen passes are available at the High School Activities office, or at HOME sporting events. Passes cover all regularly scheduled home sporting events. Passes are not honored for WIAA Tournament games.

Evening Student Activity Bus

The Activity Bus for High School and Middle School students will be available three evenings a week on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday for students participating in their school activities. The buses depart at 6:05 p.m. from the parking lot behind the high school.



Social Media, Website, Newsletter and more!



Ashley Martin, Webmaster
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Hello! I would like to formally introduce myself to you. I am Ashley Martin, the Webmaster & Public Relations Coordinator at Northland Pines. I have been here for one year now and you have probably seen me behind a camera at school events taking photos or videos of our students. I do my best to keep our website, Facebook and Twitter up-to-date with school events, news, weather related school closures, lunch menus, photos and more. I also tape and edit Dr. Mike Richie's monthly videocasts. I coordinate with local TV stations, radio stations and the local newspapers to have them come to our events. Did I mention I handle the design and layout of the Voice of the Pines newsletter you are reading?

Due to the many ways we are able to communicate with you, via social media, our website, each school's newsletter, and local media, we feel we can cut back on the Voice of the Pines newsletter. We typically send out four per year; however last year we went to three, and this year we are going to have this edition you are reading right now and one more in the spring. This will also save the district some money, which is always a good thing!

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me any time. You can email me: amartin@npsd.k12.wi.us or call (715) 479-6487 Opt. 1, Ext. 3.

First Annual Moonlight Run was a Success!

Congratulations to Camp Nicolet (pictured right) for winning both the camp participation award and the camp best time award! Congratulations to Emilie Robins, top female overall winner, and to Devin Sauvola, the top male overall winner! Great job to all the kids ages 10 and under that participated in our 1k kids run! Thank you to all of our sponsors, runners and volunteers!



Bus Safety Tips

From Greg and Sue Herfindahl, Owners of Schilleman Bus Service of Eagle River, Inc.

Welcome to another school year! Schilleman Bus Service of Eagle River, Inc. is looking forward to providing safe and reliable transportation for your children to the Northland Pines School District buildings. As always, we ask you, and parents/guardians, to assist the bus drivers in encouraging and supporting appropriate and safe bus driving habits. It is very important that the children follow bus rules and pay close attention to the danger zones that surround a school bus. While loading and unloading a bus, children should secure any items that they are carrying, such as balls, etc. so that the items do not become loose and roll under the bus or into the roadway. While waiting at a bus stop area, children need to refrain from horseplay which may result into a child being pushed toward the bus or roadway. Remind your children how important it is for them to pay close attention to the hand signals and emergency signals of the bus driver while loading and unloading the school bus; they are not to cross a road while loading or unloading until the bus driver has signaled that it is clear for them to do so. Basic respect and responsibility on the part of your children will ensure a safe and enjoyable ride to and from school every day.

To ensure the safe delivery of your children in the afternoons, we ask that you choose one drop-off site for your children which will remain consistent on a daily basis. It has proven to be very confusing and upsetting for children and bus drivers to keep track of where a particular child goes on which days. Exceptions to this rule will be allowed for those children who spend time at separate parent households.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns throughout the school year, please contact Greg or Sue Herfindahl of Schilleman Bus Service at (715) 479-2565 or at herfbus@gmail.com.

Busing and Transportation dpi.state.wi.us/sms/transhpg.html

According to Section 121.54(2), Wisconsin Statutes, a pupil attending a public elementary or secondary school, including kindergarten, is entitled to transportation by the public school district in which the pupil resides if the pupil resides two or more miles from the nearest public school the pupil is entitled to attend. In addition, Section 121.54(1), Wis. Stats., provides that districts are not required to transport pupils who reside in the same city as the school they attend.

The Northland Pines School District provides bus transportation for students meeting the state defined criteria for distance, city residence and unusually hazardous transportation areas. The bus schedule and route information is available by contacting Schilleman Bus Service at (715) 479-2565.

Students will ride only assigned school buses and will board and depart from the bus at assigned bus stops. Students will not be permitted to ride unassigned buses for any reason other than an emergency, except as approved by the principal.

A change in a student's regular assigned bus stop may be granted for a special need, if a note from a parent is submitted to the building principal stating the reason for the request and the duration of the change and the principal approves.

Pines received AmeriCorps Farm to School Partnership Grant

Northland Pines School District has received an AmeriCorps Farm to School Partnership Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for the second year in a row. The goal of the Northland Pines AmeriCorps Farm to School program is to provide an innovative approach to decreasing childhood obesity by promoting healthy eating habits in students and increasing access to local foods in schools. The grant provides two half-time AmeriCorps members - a community outreach member and a nutrition education member. These members work throughout the school district.

Through the collaborative efforts of Northland Pines Farm to School AmeriCorps members, school district administration and staff, Food Service, students, and community volunteers, students have received nutrition education and gardening lessons during the 2013-14 school year. Students have been introduced to locally produced food through tastings, the food service has introduced more locally produced food to the lunch menu through local food procurement and school gardens have been established throughout the district.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) launched the regional, multi-site, AmeriCorps Farm to School Program in 2008. DATCP secured funding from Serve WI which supports organizations that provide citizens with the opportunity to serve their community by granting AmeriCorps funds through the Corporation of National and Community Service.

Northland Pines Farm to School is funded solely by community donations and grants. This past year, monies for the partnership grant were matched by generous donations from Security Health, Conserve School, Shopko, and River Valley State Bank. Other organizations and businesses that have supported the establishment of the new school gardens include Cellcom (St. Germain Garden) and the St. Germain Prime Timers (St. Germain Garden), and Katie's Krops (Northland Pines Elementary School Garden). Funds have been raised through our annual fundraiser, Greens and Grass Fest, sale of micro-greens and plants at the Farmers Market, through donation jars at local businesses, and through individual donations from community members.

Going into the 2014-15 School year, the newly

established school gardens, which were built this spring at Eagle River Elementary, St. Germain Elementary, and Land O'Lakes Elementary/ SOAR Charter School, will be significant resources for staff and teachers. They also offer curriculum in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts, as well as being used in Farm to School Nutrition Education Programming.

Many Students have also participated in Farm to School Summer Programming at the school gardens, as well as at Olson Memorial Library. Students have learned hands-on about garden culture by watering, planting, weeding, and harvesting for the Vilas County/ Eagle River Food Pantry. Families and students who are interested in participating or volunteering to help Farm to School in activities ranging from garden maintenance to fundraising and data entry should contact Jasmyn Schmidt, Nutrition Education Coordinator, at (715) 617-7903 or jaschmidt@npsd.k12.wi.us.



St. Germain Elementary School Garden



Land O' Lakes Elementary School Garden



Eagle River Elementary School Garden

Wisconsin School Performance Report

The Wisconsin School Performance Report serves as the state's annual public school report card. The contents of the School Performance Report are organized into two broad categories: Student Performance Indicators and Opportunity-to-Learn Indicators. Student Performance Indicators give readers a look at different measures of achievement including Advanced Placement Test, American College Test (ACT), Graduation Statistics, Knowledge & Concepts Examinations (grades four, eight and ten), Post graduation Intentions, and Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test (formerly Third Grade Reading Test). Opportunity-to-Learn Indicators offer insight into the classes and experiences available to public school pupils.

The Northland Pines School District Performance Report is available to all members of the public online on the NPSD website or at: apps2.dpi.wi.gov/sdpr/district-report.action. **Copies of the School Performance Report can also be obtained by contacting Susie Block in the District Office at (715) 479-6487, option 1, ext. 2.**

Breakfast is served!

New for 2014-15, all NPSD schools will be participating in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and ALL STUDENTS are welcome to participate. Research overwhelmingly shows that school breakfast significantly enhances students' learning. The addition of a SBP ensures ALL students start the day with the nutritional and academic benefits of eating breakfast. More information will be available at each school's open house in August. See you there!

MILK with Lunch: Milk is included as part of the National School Lunch Program. However, ALL students will be charged \$0.45 for milk if they bring a cold lunch from home. Milk is only included as part of the school lunch program. Students, eligible for free/reduced meals, who bring a cold lunch from home, will also be charged \$0.45 for milk.

Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Applications were mailed to all households. This application must be submitted yearly. Please take the time to complete and return to the Food Service Department. Applications will be available all year and can be submitted as needed if your family's income changes.

School Lunch Prices for 2014-2015
 Children need healthy meals to learn. The Northland Pines School District offers healthy meals every school day. The Board of Education has established the following lunch prices for the 2014-2015 school year.

Milk	Carton of Milk	\$0.45
Breakfast (new)	High School (9-12)	\$1.55
	Middle School (6-8)	\$1.55
	Elementary School (PK-5)	\$1.30
	Reduced	\$0.30
Lunch	High School (9-12)	\$2.75
	Middle School (6-8)	\$2.75
	Elementary School (PK-5)	\$2.50
	Reduced	\$0.40

There are far-reaching benefits for all NPSD students beyond participation in the breakfast, lunch, and/or school day milk programs. The percentage of confirmed free/reduced students directly impacts any additional funding or grants available for the school district. Please fill out and return the application today.

Students are not mandated to participate in the lunch program just because the family has returned a completed application. All information provided with the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application is confidential along with student eligibility. Eligible families may have school enrollment fees either waived or reduced, however, we must have your permission to share your information. A "Sharing Information with Other Programs" form was included with the application along with "Student Lunch Profile." Please complete these forms and return to the Food Service Department.

NPSD's Policy Committee reviewed and updated the Food Service Fees Policy 6152.02. The policy explains that the Food Service Program is a "pre-payment program" and families are expected to have a positive balance in each student's account throughout the year. If the balance of a student reaches \$5.00 or less, an automated phone call from the Food Service Department will be made on Thursdays at 7 p.m. If you DO NOT want to receive this phone call, please keep your student's account balance above \$5.00. The call placed in lieu of sending out invoices and is a reminder to add money to your student's account. Please feel free to call the Food Service Department, (715) 479-5800, if you have any questions regarding your student's account. You can review the policy in its entirety on the NPSD website under "District Information - Board Policies" and search for 6152.02.

How to Make Your Family Lunch Payment Online

The Northland Pines School District now provides parents an easy way to pay school-related fees. We have established a secure web store powered by RevTrak. Our new web store offers parents a convenient payment option when adding money to food service accounts or paying school related fees.

Online payments can be made using a Discover, Visa, or MasterCard credit or debit card. Click the icon on the district website to access the store.



Thank you to the Eagle River Historical Society for returning old records to the school district. We greatly appreciate it.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on the Free and Reduced Price School Meals application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number.

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on the chart below.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART - FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$21,590	\$1,800	\$416
2	\$29,101	\$2,426	\$560
3	\$36,612	\$3,051	\$705
4	\$44,123	\$3,677	\$849
5	\$51,634	\$4,303	\$993
6	\$59,145	\$4,929	\$1,138
7	\$66,656	\$5,555	\$1,282
8	\$74,167	\$6,181	\$1,427
Each additional person:	\$7,511	\$620	\$144

We will use your information to determine if you child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

Non-discrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice), (800) 877-8339 (FedRelay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

Drug Free Workplace

The Northland Pines School District Board of Education revised the Drug Free Workplace Policy in April 2013 to now include pre-employment drug testing and current employee drug testing if reasonable suspicion exists. Consistent with the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the Board prohibits the manufacture, possession, use, distribution, dispensing or reporting to work or working under the influence of any controlled substance, illegal drug, mind or mood altering drug, designer drug, prescription drug without a prescription, or any other drug when not used as intended for purposes of mind or mood alteration or intoxication, including alcohol, by any district employee at any time while on district property or while involved in any district-related activity or event. Any employee who violates this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with district guidelines.

Pre-employment drug testing shall be required as a condition of employment for all new hires. All pre-employment drug testing shall be completed for all new hires. All pre-employment drug testing shall be completed prior to beginning employment.

Reasonable Suspicion Drug Testing of Any Current Employee: The district shall require an employee to undergo a drug and/or alcohol test when reasonable individualized suspicion exists to believe the employee is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. Refusal to cooperate in this program may result in discipline, up to and including termination. The district reserves the right to take appropriate action in the circumstances, which may include, without being limited to, remediation, accommodation, discipline, or dismissal from employment.

Drug Free Schools

School Board Policy #5530, neola.com/northland-wi

Students and employees have the right to attend school and work in an environment free from the nonmedical use of alcohol, drugs, and mood-altering substances. The Board of Education recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the entire school community.

“Drugs” shall mean:

- A. all dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Wisconsin statute;
- B. all chemicals which release toxic vapors;
- C. all alcoholic beverages;
- D. any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted;
- E. “look-alikes”;
- F. anabolic steroids;
- G. any other illegal substance so designated and prohibited by law.

The use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful. The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug and any drug-paraphernalia at any time on the Northland Pines School District property or at any District-related event.

Student Immunization Law Age/Grade Requirements for 2014-2015

dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/

The following are the minimum required immunizations for each age/grade level. It is not a recommended immunization schedule for infants and preschoolers. For that schedule, contact your doctor or local health department.

AGE/GRADE	NUMBER OF DOSES					
Pre K (2 yrs through 4 yrs)	4 DTP/DTaP/DT ²	3 Polio	3 Hep B	1 MMR ⁵	1 Var ⁶	
Grade K through 5	4 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td ¹²	4 Polio ⁴	3 Hep B	2 MMR ⁵	2 Var ⁶	
Grade 6 through 12	4 DTP/DTaP/DT/Td ²	1 Tdap ³	4 Polio ⁴	3 Hep B	2 MMR ⁵	2 Var ⁶

1. DTP/DTaP/DT vaccine for children entering Kindergarten: Your child must have received one dose after their fourth birthday (either the third, fourth or fifth dose) to be compliant. (Note: a dose 4 days or less before the fourth birthday is also acceptable).

2. DTP/DTaP/DT/Td vaccine for students entering Pre K and grades 1 through 12: Four doses are required. However, if your child received the third dose after the fourth birthday, further doses are not required. (Note: a dose four days or less before the fourth birthday is also acceptable).

3. Tdap means adolescent tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine. If your child received a dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within five years of entering the grade in which Tdap is required, your child is compliant and a dose of Tdap vaccine is not required.

4. Polio vaccine for students entering grades Kindergarten through 12: Four doses are required. However, if your child received the third dose after the fourth birthday, further doses are not required. (Note: a dose four days or less before the fourth birthday is also acceptable).

5. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday (Note: a dose four days or less before the first birthday is also acceptable).

6. Var means Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. A history of chickenpox disease is also acceptable.

Don't Wait to Have Your Student Vaccinated!

The start of the new school year is almost here. Don't wait until the very last minute to get your student vaccinated. There are two different vaccines, Tdap and Varicella, that are now required by the Wisconsin Student Immunization law for middle and high school students. Parents must have their children vaccinated or sign a waiver available at their school. Recommendations for both vaccines are made by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for Disease Control and Prevention of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Students affected by this law include those entering grades 6-12. Tdap is the vaccine that protects against a combination of diseases including tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). Tdap vaccination will prevent pertussis infections from occurring and decrease the chance of outbreaks in schools. Children who have had pertussis should still receive a Tdap vaccine because the length of protection provided by the disease is unknown and because the diagnosis can be difficult to confirm. Varicella is the vaccine that protects against chickenpox. Two doses of Varicella are now required unless your child has had the chickenpox. If your child has had a history of chickenpox disease, no Varicella shots are required.

Vaccines are available from your child's doctor or the Vilas County Public Health Department. Don't delay any longer. Schedule an appointment for your student now with the Public Health Department or with a private physician. For more information, please call (715) 479-3656.

Notifying your School when Medical Conditions Change

Please contact the school office or the school Nurse, Caryn Jacob, RN, about any health issues that your child may have. The Northland Pines School District strives to keep every child safe and healthy, and with your help, we can do that together. You can reach the school district nurse at (715) 479-6471, ext. 3353.

Below is a list of medical conditions that the schools need to know about:

- Bee/Wasp/Stinging insect allergies
- Food allergies
- Pet allergies
- Plant/Seasonal allergies
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Seizures
- Digestive or Urinary Problems
- Frequent Bloody Nose
- Migraines/Headaches
- Mental Health Issues: ADD/ADHD, Anxiety, Depression, Eating Disorders
- Rashes
- Heart Conditions

Use of Medication in School

Medication should be given at home if at all possible. When, under exceptional circumstances, a student is required to take medication, it must be in compliance with these guidelines.

Procedures for obtaining and filing medical information:

1. The parent or guardian must provide written consent for a member of the school staff to dispense medication via "Parental Authorization for Medication" form. These forms can be obtained from the school office.
2. Prescription medications will only be administered under the direction of a physician. This is done by the physician or practitioner completing and signing the "Authorization for Medication" form, available in the school office. The parent or guardian must facilitate the completion and signing of the form by the physician.

3. Medication must be received in the original container from the pharmacy. It must be labeled with the following:

- A. Name of Student
- B. Name of Medication
- C. Dosage of Medication
- D. Time the Medication is to be dispensed
- E. Name of the prescribing physician
- F. Name of the pharmacy

4. Appropriate records shall be maintained and periodic instruction will be documented by the completion of a medication administration form.

5. Medication will be stored in a designated container in each building. Any unused medication will be returned to the parent.

The Northland Pines School District reserves the right to refuse any request to dispense medication.

Over the Counter Medication News

Parents, when bringing in over the counter medications for your children to be administered during the school day, please fill out the proper form (Non-prescription (over the counter) Medication Request form) available from your school office. The medication shall be in the original, unopened manufacturer's package/container. It must list in a legible format the ingredients and recommended therapeutic dose.

Information Regarding Meningococcal Disease

(meningococcal meningitis, meningococemia)

What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease includes meningococcal meningitis and meningococemia. Meningococcal meningitis is a severe form of meningitis (inflammation of the meninges, the tissues that cover the brain and spinal cord) caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*. Meningococemia is an infection of the blood with *Neisseria meningitidis*. A person may have either meningococcal meningitis or meningococemia, or both at the same time.

What are the symptoms?

The signs and symptoms of meningococcal disease can vary widely, but include sudden onset of high fever, headache, vomiting, stiff neck and a rash. Sensitivity to light, sleepiness and confusion may also occur. Symptoms may be difficult to detect in infants and the infant may only appear lethargic, irritable, have vomiting, or be feeding poorly. As the disease progresses, patients of any age may have seizures. Meningococcal disease is fatal in 8-15% of cases.

How soon do the symptoms appear?

The symptoms may develop rapidly, sometimes in a matter of hours, but usually over the course of 1-2 days. In some cases, death may occur within hours of the onset of symptoms. The symptoms may appear anytime between 2 and 10 days after exposure, but usually within 3 to 4 days.

Who gets meningococcal disease?

N. meningitidis bacteria are commonly found in the nose and throat without ever causing disease. Nationally, it is estimated that 5-10% of the population is carrying the bacterium at any given time. Most people exposed to *N. meningitidis* do not become ill. It is not well understood why only a few people develop invasive illness, but may be influenced by genetic, immune (e.g., preceding viral illness, immune compromised, societal (e.g., overcrowding, smoke exposure) or physical factors making them more susceptible to disease. Anyone can get meningococcal disease, but it is most common in children under 5. Compared to other persons their age, college freshman, especially those who live in dormitories, are at a slightly increased risk for meningococcal disease.

How is the bacteria that causes the disease spread?

The meningococcus bacteria are spread by direct contacts with respiratory and oral secretions of an infected person.

When/for how long is an infected person able to spread the disease?

A person with meningococcal disease may transmit the disease beginning several days before he/she becomes ill, until the bacteria are no longer present in discharges from the nose and throat. Patients should be excluded from school, daycare or the work place until at least 24 hours after therapy was begun and the illness has subsided.

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Meningococcal Disease**What is the treatment for meningococcal disease?**

Meningococcal disease can be treated with a number of effective antibiotics. Persons who have been in close, direct contact with a patient with meningococcal disease may need to take antibiotics such as rifampin, ciprofloxacin or ceftriaxone as a preventative measure to eliminate the bacteria that they may be carrying in their throat.

Should people who have been in contact with a person with a diagnosed case of meningococcal disease be treated?

Only people who have been in close, direct contact need to be considered for preventative treatment. Close contacts include household members, intimate contacts, persons performing mouth to mouth resuscitation or endotracheal intubation, day care center classmates, or anyone directly exposed to the patient's oral or nasal secretions (e.g., kissing, sharing eating utensils or beverage containers). Direct contacts are usually advised to take preventative antibiotics. Close contacts should be alerted to watch for early signs of illness, especially fever, and seek treatment promptly. Casual contact that might occur in a classroom, office or work setting is not usually significant enough to warrant antibiotic treatment.

Is there a vaccine to prevent meningococcal disease?

There are two vaccines (Menomune®, Menactra™) that will protect against four of the types of meningococcus, including 2 of the 3 types most common in the U.S. (serogroup C, Y, and W-135) and a type that causes epidemics in Africa (serogroup A). Meningococcal vaccines cannot prevent all types of the disease (neither protect against type B). The vaccine is recommended in some outbreak situations or for travelers to areas of the world where high rates of the disease are known to occur. College freshman living in dormitories should consider receiving the vaccine due to their slightly elevated risk of acquiring the disease. In 2005, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended that children receive the new meningococcal vaccine (Menactra™) at their routine 11-12 year old doctor's visit and that for the next two to three years, teens entering high school should also be vaccinated.

For concerns regarding your child, please follow this procedure:

- 1. Contact the teacher - usually the worry or concern can be solved.*
- 2. Contact the building principal for problems that are unresolved or that continue in the classroom.*
- 3. Contact the District Administrator if you are not satisfied with the decisions at the previous levels.*
- 4. Final appeal - write a letter to the Board of Education stating your concern and correspondence at the previous levels.*

Release of Student Photos, Information, Directory Data

During the course of a school year, individual students and student groups are occasionally videotaped and/or photographed in classroom situations, during fine arts performances, on field trips, while participating in athletics, etc. The resulting photo and/or videotape may be used in a variety of ways; to promote the school; to instruct students or staff members; or to orient new parents, staff, and students. The final product could also take a variety of forms: photo displays, slide-presentations, newspaper articles, pamphlets, video programs, magazine articles, newsletters, internet, (website and social media), and the school yearbook.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act allows parent/guardian or eligible student the right to inform the school of their desire that their child not be photographed or videotaped. The educational interests of students require the collection, retention, and use of information about individual students and groups of students. At the same time, a student's right of privacy under Federal and State law mandates careful custodianship and limitations on access to student records. The Northland Pines School District has designated the information below as directory data. Unless a parent denies permission in writing, this may appear in news releases and may be released to the public under the open records law.

Elementary School Students: Student name, school, grade level, age, honors and awards received, participation in school sponsored activities and sports, photograph, name of previous school(s).

Middle School and High School Students: Student name, school, grade level, age, honors and awards received, participation in school sponsored activities and sports, height and weight (if a member of an athletic team), photograph, diplomas and awards received, name of previous school(s).

Recruiter Access to Students/Records: School districts receiving federal education funds are required to provide, on request made by military recruiters or an institution of higher education, access to secondary school students' names, addresses and telephone listings unless access to such information has been restricted by the secondary school student or the student's parents. A secondary school student or the parent of a student may request that the student's name, address and telephone listing not be released to military recruiters or institutions of high education without prior consent; and that the district must comply with such request.

To deny the release of some or all of the items listed above, a parent/guardian must submit a written request to the child's principal by September 19, 2014 (or within two weeks from the date the student enters the Northland Pines School District). There is a withholding recruiter access to students/records form available on our district website for your convenience.

School Board Policy #5771, neola.com/northland-wi

The Board of Education has charged school authorities with the responsibility of safeguarding the safety and well being of the students in their care. In the discharge of that responsibility, school authorities may search school property such as lockers used by students or the person or property, including vehicles, of a student, in accordance with school board policy.

The district retains ownership and possessory control of student desks and lockers and the same may be searched at random by school personnel at any time. A showing of reasonable cause or suspicion is not a necessary precondition to a search under this policy. Students shall not have an expectation of privacy in lockers, desks, or other school property as to prevent examination by a school official. The Board has directed that searches may be conducted by School Administrators and law enforcement personnel.

Northland Pines High School LMC (Library Media Center)

Open to Students and Community Monday through Thursday Evenings

Do you need a quiet place to study, host a study group, read, or have high speed internet access? We have the place for you! The Northland Pines High School Library Media Center is once again open to students and the public Monday through Thursday evenings from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. when school is in session. The LMC, Library Media Center, offers computer scanner and printer use, current magazines and newspapers, reference materials and an awesome environment. The panoramic view is extremely inviting and makes for the perfect surrounding to do whatever it is you need to do in the library setting. Our shelves are filled with books that may be used in the LMC but may only be checked out by our students, as our collection has been designed for their needs. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Davis, Library Media Director, at (715) 479-4473, ext. 3314.

2014-2015 Northland Pines Music Department - Fine Arts Schedule

Friday, September 12	Homecoming	School Day/7:00 p.m.	NPHS
Sunday, September 28	HCPA: Moscow Jazz Orchestra	7:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Monday, October 20	HS/MS Pep Concert	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Saturday, October 25	HCPA: Jaimee Paul	7:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Tuesday, November 11	Veterans' Day Assembly	School Day	HS Fieldhouse
Saturday, November 15	HCPA: Ben Gulley	7:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Monday November 17	HS/MS Jazz Concert	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Tues/Wed November 18-19	Musical Auditions	3:45-6:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Friday, December 5	ERES K Concert	2:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Thursday, December 11	NPMS Concert	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Friday, December 12	ERES grades 2&4 Holiday Concert	2:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Saturday, December 13	HCPA: The Nutcracker by NY Theatre	7:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Monday, December 15	NPHS Concert	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Wednesday, December 17	MS Band Tour	School Day	
Thursday, December 18	HS Band/MS Choir Tour	School Day	
Friday, February 13	Musical	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Saturday, February 14	Musical	7:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Sunday, February 15	Musical	2:00 p.m.	Auditorium
Saturday, February 21	HCPA: Todd Oliver & Friends	7:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Saturday, March 14	Solo/Ensemble	8:00 am-4:00 p.m.	NPHS
Friday, March 20	ERES grades 1,3, & 5 Spring Concert	2:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Saturday, April 11	HCPA: Six Appeal	7:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Wednesday, April 22	Large Group Festival	8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	NPHS
Saturday, April 25	Danceworks Unlimited Shows	1:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Saturday, May 2	State Solo/Ensemble	8:00 am-4:00 p.m.	UWSP
Thursday, May 7	NPMS Choir Concert	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Monday, May 11	NPHS Concert	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Thursday, May 14	NPMS Band Concert	7:00 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Friday, May 15	St. Germain Spring Fling	1:30 p.m.	St. Germain
Saturday, May 16	HCPA: StepCrew	7:30 p.m.	HS Auditorium
Thursday, May 21	LOL Spring Fling	1:30 p.m.	Land O' Lakes
Monday, May 25	Memorial Day	11:00 a.m.	Courthouse
Friday, May 29	Cabaret	6:00 p.m.	Commons
Sunday, June 7	Graduation	1:00 p.m.	HS Fieldhouse



PINES COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER



1800 Pleasure Island Rd. Eagle River, WI 54521 npsd.k12.wi.us/pineswellness (715) 479-4473 ext. 3351

Wellness Center Update

By: Becky Jefferson, Membership/Program Coordinator

The Pines Community Wellness Center has been under the direction of the Northland Pines School District since March 1, 2014. Our goal is to remain a community oriented fitness center and to provide a quality environment for individuals of all ages to come together and workout. Our wellness center offers a wide variety of exercise equipment and classes to enhance your workout experience.

Current classes offered by the Wellness Center are Boot Camp, Total Body Senior, Yoga and Chair-Based Yoga. A new class schedule is planned for the fall beginning on August 17, 2014; through September 28, 2014. A full description of each class can be found at www.npsd.k12.wi.us/wellnesscenter along with information regarding our staff and instructors.

A Strong Women/Strong Bones program will be

implemented this fall at the Wellness Center. Instructors are attending trainings to present this program in coordination with the Vilas County Public Health Department. Stay tuned to future press releases regarding this new program!

The Silver Sneakers program has been up and running at the PCWC since May 1, 2014. This program allows our members, age 65 and older who have participating insurance coverage, to obtain a membership at the wellness center free of charge. For more questions regarding the Silver Sneakers program, contact the office at 715-479-4473 Ext. 3351 or Ext. 3350.

The third Wednesday of every month is a free Senior Day to anyone ages 65 and older who is interested in checking out the PCWC. Our floor staff is available to introduce individuals to the equipment and facilities in the center.

As the Pines Community Wellness Center continues to grow, we appreciate the support of the area businesses, residents and visitors.

Please read these testimonials from some of our members:

By Bruce Platta, Wellness Center Member

I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in Milwaukee in 1997. For me, I had tingling and weakness in both legs, worse on the right as my disease worsened with each successive year. I had to retire from my Chiropractic Practice in 2009 at the age of 50.

I moved to Lac View Desert Lake in March 2011, and began with my neurologist, Dr. Parris, of Minocqua, in September 2011. She did an hour long physical exam on me and documented my condition.

In January 2012, as a New Year's resolution to try to stop the deterioration of my health further, I joined the Eagle River YMCA (now the Wellness Center). Mr. Kevin Schweer was assigned to me as my trainer. He put together a series of exercises tailor-made for me and my disability.

As I used them, I could feel month after month I was getting stronger not only in my legs, arms, and abs, I was gaining strength in my entire body! I have more endurance, can walk farther and yet breathe easier, and not nap during the day. Due to the exercise I actually was getting a fantastic night's sleep, and I was waking up feeling energized!

In October 2013, I saw Dr. Parris for my 2 year neurological checkup; she performed the same hour long physical exam on me that she did back in September 2011. At the end of the exam, she stated, "You are performing better than you did 2 years ago!" We then stared at each other in disbelief for about one minute.

Amazingly, this was without any drugs for M.S. I haven't taken any M.S. drugs since 1997 as they do not cure the disease. This is all due to a diet high in vegetables, fruits, and certain vitamin supplements and EXERCISE AT THE PINES COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER!!!

I am confident because I know I am always under the watchful eye of the Pines Community Wellness Center's dedicated staff. Did I mention I went from a size 36 pants to a size 33 along the way? I urge you to join the Pines Community Wellness Center and see for yourself the positive changes that they can help you make in your health and your life!

NPFS Fieldhouse Public Walking

Citizens may come and utilize the indoor track for walking and running from 5:30 - 8:15 a.m. & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. daily & 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. on evenings there are not events in the Fieldhouse. Please log on to the district website www.npsd.k12.wi.us for evening availability for using the indoor track.

By Robert Q. Blaul, Wellness Center Member

As I looked up the flight of stairs, I said to myself, "Maybe I should not even be here." My insurance company offered a program called "Silver Sneakers" at the YMCA. In the brochure they showed retired happy-go-lucky people exercising in a gym setting. What they did not show was a stroke victim who had trouble walking and talking, never mind the occasional dribbling and holding on to things. I figured, "what the heck?" I had been through a lot worse. So I took one step at a time and made the flight up the stairs. Little did I know, this was my first exercise of Silver Sneakers.

Julia John, a training specialist, broke me in. She showed me the different machines and exercise equipment. I have not forgotten how Julia was so patient with me. I met the rest of the crew and everyone was so nice. I decided from then to go it on my own, but when I needed help, they were always there. Later I was able to take fitness classes as well.

The YMCA was phased out and it became the Pines Community Wellness Center. Julia and the rest of the crew are still there and now Becky Jefferson as well. Initially there was a concern about if Silver Sneakers would continue...but not to worry, Silver Sneakers has also been maintained! At this juncture I can't say enough about the new outlook and positive thinking it took to launch the Pines Community Wellness Center and get everything going. I have met so many people and formed wonderful friendships.

On a personal note - I have made great progress for the three years I have been here. I thank the grace of God and the positive energy it has given me.

Hours of Operation
 Monday - Friday: 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to noon / Sunday: Closed

Office Hours
 Monday through Friday: 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Membership Fees
 Daily Single: \$5
 Monthly Single: \$25 / Yearly Single: \$275
 Monthly Family: \$40 / Yearly Family: \$440

For more information please visit npsd.k12.wi.us/wellnesscenter

The Aging Brain or "Where did I park my car?"
 A workshop for seniors and others who may be aging in the future!
Wednesday, September 3, 2014 9-10:30 AM

National presenter on brain compatible teaching and learning:
 Dr. Lou Whitaker

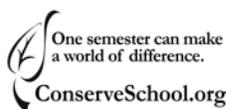
Presented at the Pines Community Wellness Center - 1800 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, WI 54521

Free refreshments! Priceless information!
 Suggested \$5 donation to the Pines Community Wellness Center
 Please REGISTER so we can have an accurate count for handouts and refreshments! Sign up at the Pines Community Wellness Center or online at openmindsenterprise.com



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Enrollment in the Northland Pines School District

Is your child registered?

Students new to the Northland Pines School District should register by contacting Lisa Achterberg in the Centralized Enrollment Office at (715) 479-4123, located in the High School Guidance Office at 1800 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Student Address Change and Tuition Waiver Due to Move

It is imperative that we have correct address information for students and parents/guardians. A change of address should be reported to the child's school secretary. Under certain circumstances, state law permits a student to continue attending a school district even after they move out of the district. Please contact Mary Mulleady, Open Enrollment Coordinator at (715) 479-6487, option 2, ext. 2 for more information or visit sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_oeformz if you plan to move or have already moved outside of the Northland Pines School District boundaries during the school year. "Tuition Waiver Due to Move" application form(s) must be completed by a parent/guardian of the student and returned to the district office as soon as possible after

the move. An "Open Enrollment" application form must then be completed during the following February-April application period for consideration for future attendance according to the rules for open enrollment.

Open Enrollment - sms.dpi.wi.gov/sms_psctoc

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live.

The next window to apply for open enrollment will be from February-April 20, 2015. Parents may apply online at www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp.

Although online application is recommended, applications may be obtained from any school district after January 1, 2014, and must be delivered (hand-delivery is recommended) to the nonresident school district during the application period. The deadline to accept applications is April 30, 2014 at 4 p.m., no exceptions. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Mulleady, Open Enrollment Coordinator at (715) 479-6487, option 2, ext. 2.

How Do Our Schools Compare? Check WISEdash!

<http://wisedash.dpi.wi.gov>

What's in WISEdash? Every year, all Wisconsin school districts collect information about their students, staff, and courses. These data sets are submitted to the Department of Public Instruction where they're stored in a data warehouse, a repository of millions of educational records that are linked and organized by school year. WISEdash gives you an interactive way to select and filter Wisconsin school data from the 2005-06 school year forward. Data is published by the Department of Public Instruction, and are redacted to protect student privacy. Additional historical datasets from 1998 forward can be downloaded. Links to other educational datasets and key reports are available in WISEdash.

Who should use WISEdash? The WISEdash public portal is the front door for parents and community members to discover all types of data about Wisconsin schools and districts. WISEdash can also be used to compare districts, schools, and statewide data.

Why is WISEdash important? Education data is a primary tool to see how our students, schools, and policies are working. Over time, the data showed the results of changes we make in schools, letting us track progress and make adjustments. As stated in Agenda 2017, the goal for Wisconsin is to help ensure every child graduates from high school prepared for both college and career pathways. WISEdash is a key part of Agenda 2017's assessment and data systems emphasis on giving parents and the public more timely, quality data to use for informed decision-making.

Pupil Non-Discrimination Notice

School Board Policy #2260, neola.com/northland-wi

It is the policy of the public schools that no person may be denied admission to any public school in the district or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil service, recreational, or other program or activity because of the person's sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability as required by s. 118.13, Wis. Stats.

This policy also prohibits discrimination as defined by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

School districts encourage informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available to address allegations of violations of the policy in the school district.

Any questions concerning these policies should be directed to: Northland Pines School District, Director of Pupil Services, Dr. Maggie Peterson, (715) 479-8989 ext. 3, 1700 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Northland Pines Computer Use

Northland Pines is committed to facilitating the use of computer technology and wide access to the internet and computer resources for the benefit of pupils, staff and communities. Internet use is allowed for educational purposes only as determined by the staff or administration. The district retains ownership and control over its computers, hardware, and software at all times. To maintain system integrity, monitor network etiquette and ensure that users are using the system responsibly, system administrators may review user files and communications. Users should not expect that files and other information communicated or stored in district servers will be private. The Northland Pines School District expects all users to adhere to the district's Computer Acceptable Use Agreement. All users are required to sign and return the Computer Acceptable Use Agreement.

Campus Portal Account

The School District of Northland Pines is proud to provide you with the Campus Portal as a means to further promote educational excellence and to enhance communication with parents/guardians. The Portal allows each parent/guardian to view their own child's school record via the internet anywhere, anytime.

During the academic school year, parents/guardians will have access to the following data:

- Attendance
- Food Service Balance
- School Fees
- Student's Schedule
- Family Demographic Information
- Elementary parents/guardians will have access to report cards
- Middle and High School parents/guardians will have access to class assignments, progress reports and report cards.

If you need to setup a new portal account or need help with a forgotten username or password, please contact: Lisa Achterberg, NPSD Data Manager at (715) 479-4123 or email enroll@npsd.k12.wi.us.

Use of Cell Phones and Electronic Communication Devices

Please contact your child's school for rules regarding cell phones and electronic communication devices in accordance with *Board Policy 5518, Cell Phones & Electronic Communication Devices*. Board policies can be viewed online at neola.com/northland-wi/

Under no circumstances may ECDs be "On" or otherwise used in any locker rooms. This includes, but is not limited to, the use and possession of a cell phone with a picture feature. The District is not responsible for the loss, theft, damage, or vandalism to ECDs as well as other student property. Students and parents are strongly encouraged to ensure that students do not leave ECDs unattended or unsecured. They are a popular theft item. Using an ECD in an unauthorized manner may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion.

Bullying Prevention Policy

School Board Policy #5517.01, neola.com/northland-wi

The Northland Pines School District is committed to providing a safe, positive, productive, and nurturing educational environment for all of its students. The school community encourages positive interpersonal relations amongst the student body. Bullying toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Bullying is deliberate or intentional behavior using words or actions, intended to cause fear, intimidation, or harm. Bullying may be a repeated behavior and involves an imbalance of power. It includes, but is not necessarily limited to such behaviors as stalking, cyber-bullying, intimidating, menacing, coercing, name-calling, taunting, making threats and hazing.

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Any student that believes s/he has been or is the victim of bullying should immediately report the situation to any teacher, counselor, principal, the Dean of Students, Activities Director, or the District Administrator. The student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate administrator or Board Official. For further information see the policy on the Northland Pines website or contact your building principal.

Quality Teacher Information

dpi.wi.gov/esea/index.html

The Northland Pines School District knows the educational success children experience is directly related to the quality of our educational staff. The Board of Education is committed to hiring and retaining high quality staff members. One measure of teacher quality is their educational background and licensure. All teachers in the Northland Pines School District have at least a Bachelor's degree and are licensed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Below are several specific questions you may have regarding the licensure of the staff members working with your child and the process for locating this information:

1. Is my child's teacher licensed to teach the grades or subjects assigned?
 2. Has the state waived any requirements for my child's teacher? (The status of the qualifications of your child's teacher's licensure can be found on the DPI website at dpi.wi.gov/tepd/lisearch.html. To search this site, click on the "License Look-up", enter the teacher's name in the required fields, then click "Submit". If you do not have computer access, contact your child's principal.
 3. What was the major of my child's teacher in college?
 4. What degrees does my child's teacher hold?
- Answers to questions #3 and #4 can be obtained by contacting Mike Richie, District Administrator, at (715) 479-6487, option 1, ext. 1.
5. Are there instructional aides working with my child? If so, what are their qualifications? (Please contact your child's principal directly to receive an answer to question #5.)

The Board of Education will continue to place a high priority on hiring the most qualified educators and providing support for their continued professional growth. If you would like more information about teacher licensure or other aspects of school operations, please contact Mike Richie, District Administrator, directly at (715) 479-6487, option 1, ext. 1.

Free High Speed Wireless Access is available to the community in the High School Commons after school hours. Contact the high school office at 715.479.4473 with any questions.

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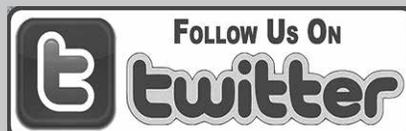
POSTAL CUSTOMER

2014-2015 School Year Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014	First day for ALL Elementary & Middle School Students
Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2014	First day for High School Freshmen & New Students
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014	First day for High School Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors
Friday, Oct. 31, 2014	End of 1st Quarter
Monday, Nov. 10, 2014	No School - District Wide Parent/Teacher Conf. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014	District Wide Parent/Teacher Conf. 4-7:30 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 24 - Fri. Nov 28	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
Mon. Dec. 22 - Fri. Jan. 2	No School - Winter Break
Friday, Jan. 23, 2015	End of 2nd Quarter
Friday, Feb. 6, 2015	No School - Teacher Inservice
Fri. March 27, 2015	End of 3rd Quarter
Mon. March 30 - Fri. April 3	No School - Spring Break
Mon. May 25, 2015	No School - Memorial Day
Saturday, June 7, 2015	Graduation
Wed. June 10, 2015	Last Day of School & End of 4th Quarter
Thurs. June 11, 2015	Teacher Inservice

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Log on to npsd.k12.wi.us for more information on all of the schools, events, athletic schedules, lunch menus and much more!

Attention Non-Residents of the Northland Pines School District

This newsletter is provided to all residents of the Northland Pines School District. The most affordable process used to circulate this newsletter through the district is to use saturation mailing. It is costly to avoid a few non-residents from receiving our newsletter. We apologize for any inconvenience but wish to provide information to all residents. Thank you for understanding.