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REGION 1 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR!



Steve Peffers, Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency Superintendent, is pictured presenting Superintendent James Derocher with the Region 1 Superintendent of the Year award.

Congratulations goes out to Superintendent James Derocher on being named Region 1 Superintendent of the Year by the Michigan Association of School Administrators. Steve Peffers, Superintendent of the Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency, made the announcement during public comment at the Board of Education meeting held on November 19th.

"Jim has many years of service to education, many years of being the Superintendent here in Negaunee, has overseen a variety of projects, increased academic achievement from students and has positioned Negaunee as one of our premiere districts in not only our region but in the State as well." Mr. Peffers said.

Region 1 encompasses the entire Upper Peninsula, with 65 school districts and seven intermediate school districts. Mr. Derocher was nominated by the Negaunee school board and was selected by a vote of his peers, Mr. Peffers said.

During public comment a brief video was presented with congratulations by MASA Region 1 President Michele Lemire, Michigan High School Athletic Association Executive Director Jack Roberts and Lou Guizzetti, the Executive Director for Schools Employer Trust and Schools Employer Group. Each said a few words about why Mr. Derocher deserved the award.

"We are very pleased to share a big congratulations to the Negaunee Area Public Schools." Lemire said in the video. "Jim is well deserving. He's known as a team player, a collaborator, someone who has good ground on school finance, school policies and laws."

Mr. Derocher said he felt honored to receive the award and to be chosen by his fellow Superintendents in the Upper Peninsula.

"I knew that my Board President was doing some work to nominate me but to be selected, I was surprised by it." Mr. Derocher stated.

With this honor Mr. Derocher is now one of 10 Superintendents in the running for the State Superintendent of the Year award, which will be announced at the end of January. If selected at the State level Mr. Derocher will be eligible for the National Superintendent of the Year!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE GIVING TREE

Lakeview Elementary is proud to carry on the annual tradition of the Giving Tree Program. The process has been modified throughout the years, but the meaning remains clear: giving gifts to children and families who may otherwise go without this holiday season.

We are so thankful for the generosity of all who partake in this wonderful program.

Whether you sponsored a child, donated items, or contributed to the Giving Tree fund, your kindness has made a difference for many children and families. A great big thank you goes out to the local Highland Clan Motorcycle Club for their continual support and contributions to our program.

On behalf of the many Lakeview children and families touched by your giving hearts, THANK YOU and Happy Holidays to all!



LIONS CLUB PEACE POSTER CONTEST



Pictured above: Haley, Aleda and Jacklyn, Pam Jacobson, NMS art teacher, and Lions Club member Cody Scanlon.

During the month of October, Negaunee Middle School art classes participated in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Close to 100 students took part in this event. The posters were sent to our local Lions Club for judging.

Three students have been recognized for their efforts. The first place poster was designed by Haley Gaboury. Second place went to Aleda Johnson and third to Jacklyn Lenten.

Haley's poster will now advance to the next round, which includes the top posters from around the Upper Peninsula.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM RECEIVES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DONATION

Bishop Eis Council 2894 of the Knights of Columbus in Negaunee recently made a donation to the Negaunee Public Schools' Special Education Program. Pictured at left is Danny Thompson, Trustee of Council 2894, presenting a check for \$822.63 to Jim Derocher, Superintendent of the Schools. The funds were derived from the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll drive.



Hearing/Vision Screenings

The Marquette County Health Department will be providing vision and hearing screens for students of the Negaunee School District, during the month of January. The purpose of the hearing screen is to identify hearing loss. Your child may be referred to an Otolaryngology Clinic to be screened by a medical hearing specialist if he/she fails the preliminary and threshold screening. Grades Kindergarten, Second and Fourth will be screened for hearing. The school will contact you if any referrals are made based on your child's screening.

Many children enter school with eye problems and do not know they see differently. Throughout the growing years, the eyes change as often as clothes sizes. The vision-screening program helps thousands of children in Michigan by periodic screenings and advising parents when there is a need for follow up care. Therefore, grades First, Third, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth will have the vision screening. You will be contacted if a referral is made based on your child's screening. If you have questions/concerns regarding your child's vision/hearing, please contact the district nurse.

Use of Medications in School

As a reminder, it is important that students have the appropriate medication form completed prior to receiving medications in schools, whether it be over the counter or prescribed. Prescription medications or treatments need to have a written authorization from the physician and parent. Please refer to the school handbook for use of medications, or contact your school principal/district nurse if you have any questions regarding use of medications at school.

Immunizations

Thanks to vaccines, widespread epidemics of several illnesses that were once life threatening to children have become a thing of the past. Besides reducing the incidence of the diseases overall, it protects individuals from infection, it protects your community and protects our future (wide spread of vaccinations has resulted in wiping out certain diseases). Please be sure to check if your child is current with immunizations by contacting your primary care provider. If you have any questions about what immunizations your child may need, you may contact your primary care provider, school nurse or local health department.

NHS Guidance Office News

For announcements, scholarships, and more, check out our **Guidance Office WikiSpace!**
Follow the **Guidance Office** link from the **Negaunee High School** webpage.
www.negaunee.k12.mi.us

SENIORS!

This is an important year!
Please have your 12th gr. student visit the Guidance Office regularly to check on new scholarships, announcements, and deadlines.

Financial Aid Info

FAFSA: <http://www.fafsa.gov>
You can start by establishing a PIN now!
Visit the site to find out more!

Financial Aid Meeting

Ishpeming High School on
Wed. Jan. 30th, at 7 pm.

Helpful Links

<http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>
<http://www.finaid.org>
Visit the G.O. website for much more!

9th grade students!

Visit the Guidance Office for tips on study skills, stress management, high school course planning and career exploration.
We are here to help you!!

Attention incoming freshman!!

There will be a 9th grade orientation on February 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the Negaunee High School Auditorium.

Michigan Merit Exam

In the spring, the 11th grade students will take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME).
The MME consists of the ACT, Work Keys assessments and the Michigan Math, Science and Social Studies examinations.
The dates will be **March 5-7, 2013** with the make-up dates on **March 19-21, 2013**.
It is imperative that your student is in school during these dates.

For more information

<http://www.michigan.gov/mme>
Free ACT study guides online
<http://www.actexampracticetests.com>
<http://www.number2.com>
<http://www.actstudent.org/sampletest/index.html>

the PLAN test

The **PLAN test** will be given to the 10th grade students in March.

This is a pre-ACT test and assesses the students' skills as well as their interests. The results will be shared with the students and we will be visiting their classrooms to complete career lessons. This is a great predictor of future ACT scores and identifies strengths of the student and weaknesses to work on.

If you have questions or need assistance, feel free to contact us at any time.

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Parents of Elementary and Middle School Students

- START EARLY -

The State of Michigan has savings programs for your child's college education - AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW!



Michigan Education Savings Plan
www.misaves.com
1-877-861-MESP



Michigan Education Trust
www.michigan.gov/setwithmet
1-800-MET-4KID

Michigan Education Savings Program
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MI 529 Advisor
www.mi529advisor.com
1-866-529-8818

ADDITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mark Marana, Negaunee High School Principal, would like to remind all High School parents and students that the first semester exams will take place January 15, 16 and 17th. The first semester will end on January 18, 2013.

Other dates to note are: January 21, 2013, there will be class meetings and scheduling for the 2013-14 school year. On February 5, 2013, starting at 6:30 p.m., all 8th grade students and their parents are invited to attend a ninth grade orientation at the Negaunee High School Auditorium.

PENNY WARS AT THE NEGAUNEE MIDDLE SCHOOL

During the first week in December, students on Negaunee Middle School's student council sponsored a fundraiser called Penny Jug Wars.

The funds raised were used to purchase gifts for children whose families are struggling financially. The gifts were then donated to the Mining Journal's Cheer Club.

Students filled a milk jug in their homeroom with as many pennies as possible. Students then had the opportunity to "bomb" each others homeroom jugs by putting dollar bills into their containers, which negated that value in pennies.


The 14 homerooms throughout the school competed against each other, with the top two classrooms earning a pizza party from Paisano's.

MENTORS NEEDED

Negaunee High School's First Robotic team is in need of community mentors and business sponsors. FIRST Robotics is an organization that gives students a chance to design, build, program and drive their own robot in statewide competitions.

Engineering mentors from the community guide the students in designing, programming, and building the robot. Non-engineering mentors coach the students in the business of running the club including promotion, fundraising, and building team sustainability.

For more information, email Scott Washburn at the following address: swashburn@negauneeschools.org




As we celebrated Veterans Day, in November and reflected on the 71st anniversary of Pearl Harbor, Negaunee Public Schools would like to thank all of the military personnel who have served or are serving our country! We would also like to remember those members and their families who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We salute you!

CITIZENS SUPPORTING THE ARTS FUNDRAISER CONTINUES

You may have noticed during the holidays that the old music shell was once again called upon to perform at Lakeview School. We had hoped to be able to allow it to retire this fall. Our goal of \$10,000 has not yet been reached. We are approximately \$3,000.00 closer and still just as determined to replace it with a better, safer and more acoustically enhancing structure. Please help us to reach this goal by the spring programs of 2013. Donations can be mailed to: Lakeview School, 100 Croix Street, Negaunee, Attn: Lakeview Parent Teacher Partnership (LPTP).

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Regular monthly meetings are normally held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

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