

## BUDGET UPDATE

Superintendent Derocher

As we approach the Thanksgiving break in the school year, five months into our fiscal year, our budget is still in question. In my twelve years in Negaunee and sixteen years as a Superintendent, overall, this is by far the worst situation I have ever been in. The state and federal governments continue to add requirements and mandates on local school districts while the resources we need to provide a quality education for our young people continues to erode.

Since the adoption of the 2009-10 budget on June 29, 2009, we have lost \$336,188 in expected revenues with another reduction in state revenues of \$184,000 expected next month. The Board of Education had already reduced expenditures by \$667,137 to balance the budget back in June and in my opinion, trimming whatever "fat" we had available in the budget. I will not recommend to the Board that we make any large-scale reductions at this time. We will however, continue to watch every expenditure and use our Fund Balance to insure that we have a balanced budget at the close of the school year. We started the school year with a Fund Balance of \$632,058 or \$435 per student. The current reductions in the Foundation Grant of \$292 will reduce this amount to \$295,870 or \$204 per student. As we look to the 2010-11 school year, we are being told to expect another cut of \$500 per student. If this were to happen, we would need to reduce our expenditures by a total of \$1,122,168 to maintain a balanced budget.

To give you an idea of our costs, check out the following 2009-10 budget figures:

Athletics:	\$ 191,061
Building/classroom supplies:	\$ 150,312
Custodial Services:	\$ 539,456
Non-athletic extra-curriculars:	\$ 30,414
School Administration:	\$ 459,218
SHINE Program	\$ 23,436
Transportation:	\$ 532,608
Utilities:	\$ 415,355

In 2009-10, total wages and benefits for all employees are 85% of the budget. In order to realize the amount of savings necessary to have a balanced budget, personnel will have to be reduced. How many and in what areas will be among the discussion topics as the district moves forward in the budgeting process.

On a lighter side, the renovation to the High School auditorium and the addition of the gymnasium at the Middle School are on time and on budget. We are planning an open house for both the gymnasium and the auditorium on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please come out and view these two great additions to our educational facilities.

## ANOTHER YEAR OF GIVING

Lakeview Elementary School is proud to carry on the tradition of the Giving Tree, a program developed to help those in need during the holiday season. We are in the early stages of planning and Mrs. Sager and Mrs. Boase are looking for sponsor families that would like to participate. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to sponsor a family, please call 475-7803, ext. 110 for Mrs. Sager, or Mrs. Boase, at ext. 102. Thank you for your consideration!



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## REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS

*Pictured below are Major Etelamaki and classroom representatives from Lakeview School standing in front of a flag made out of hands from the students and staff for the Veterans Day assembly at the school*

Students at Lakeview Elementary School celebrated Veterans Day in style with a school-wide assembly in the gym.

Wearing red, white, and blue, students entered the gym to patriotic music performed by the Negaunee High School jazz band.

Guest speaker, Major Etelamaki, from the United States National Guard in Ishpeming spoke about what it means to be a veteran and the support from the school and community while being deployed.

A member of the High School jazz band played taps and the Lakeview School chorus led the student body in God Bless America to end the program.

Thank you to all who are serving or have served our country!



## LION'S CLUB PEACE POSTER CONTEST



Congratulations to Alyssa Blake for her entry into the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest. Middle School Art classes participated in the Peace Poster Contest in October. The posters were then sent to the local Lions Club for judging. Alyssa's poster won at the local level and was sent for judging with other students from the Upper Peninsula. Second and third place were awarded to Reise Caya and Kelsey Erva.



### ATTENTION! Negaunee High School Alumni

The Negaunee High School Alumni Association would like to invite any alumnus of Negaunee High School to join the Alumni Association. Help is needed in the publishing of the annual newsletter. Please come and find out about our association on Tuesday, December 7, 2009. Our meeting will be held in room 200 at the Negaunee High School. If you have any questions please send them to [nhsalum@nereasa.org](mailto:nhsalum@nereasa.org) or call Joan Coduti at 475-9863 or 360-1048. Thank you for your support!

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

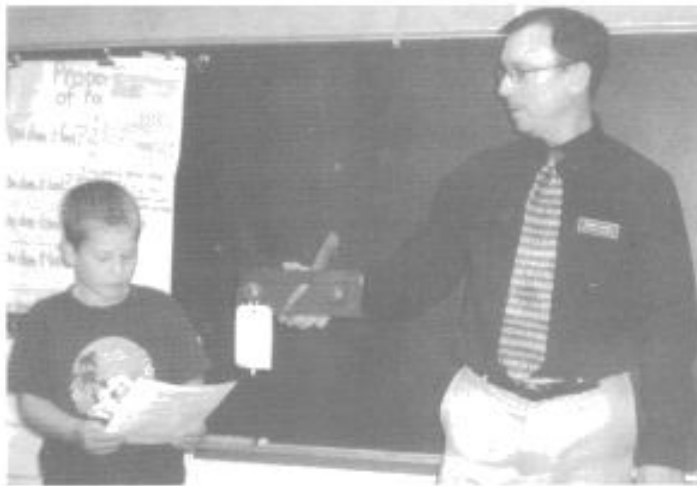
If you see members of both the girl's varsity volleyball team and the girl's cross-country team please congratulate them on winning the Mid Peninsula Conference championships.

### HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS HELP LESS FORTUNATE

Students from Mr. Bertram's high school art classes are trading holiday cards for food and monetary donations to a local charity to be determined. Students and parents can donate food or buy a card for a quarter and then send a greeting of hope to our troops overseas with help from the local VFW, or to the DJ Jacobetti Veterans Home.

## ARTIFACTS TALK TO US

Barry James, of the Michigan Iron Museum, in Negaunee taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students how to be history detectives. The lesson entitled, "Artifacts Talk To Us" helped students explore artifacts from early Michigan history. The Lakeview Parent Teacher Partnership funded Mr. James' visit.



*Kade Martin examines an old carpenter's plane*

## FIRE PREVENTION



In October, sixth-grade students at Negaunee Middle School participated in a fire prevention demonstration and essay contest sponsored by the Negaunee Township Fire Department. Pictured are the winners of the essay contest with members of the fire department.

Front row, from left: Jacob Paupore, third place; Allison Ring, second place; Hanna Anderson, first place. In the back, from left, are fire department personnel Dale Rogers, Kurt Ball and Tim Thomas.

## INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL DIVERSITY PROGRAM



Ake Larson, author and photographer of *Unkle Ake's Field Guide* will be visiting Lakeview Elementary School on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Unkle Ake will be presenting his "Introduction to Animal Diversity" program to 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. His workshop will focus on creative writing and temporary environmental art.

Students in Mrs. Beacco's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom recently used materials found in nature to create their own unique animals. Next, students researched their animal's habitat, life span, eating habits, and other unique characteristics.



*Pictured above is Colton. He is creating the "Canadian-American Largemouth Carnivore"*

# 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](http://www.negaunee.k12.mi.us)

## SENIORS! SENIORS!

Please have your 12<sup>th</sup> gr. student visit the Guidance Office regularly to check on new scholarships, announcements, and important deadlines.

### Important Dates

#### Financial Aid Meeting

Ishpeming High School on  
Mon. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm.  
<http://www.fafsa.gov>

#### College Goal Sunday

Help with filling out the FAFSA  
Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2-4pm - NMU  
<http://www.micollegegoal.org>

#### Helpful Links

<http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>  
<http://www.finaid.org>  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

### 9<sup>th</sup> grade students!

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

## Michigan Merit Exam

In the spring, the 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME).

The MME consists of the ACT test, Work Keys assessment, Michigan Math, Michigan Science and Michigan Social Studies examinations.

The dates will be **March 9-11, 2010** with the make-up dates on **March 23-25, 2010**.

It is imperative that your student is in school during these dates.

#### For more information

<http://www.michigan.gov/mme>  
<http://www.michigan.gov/promise>

#### Free ACT study guides online:

<http://www.actexampracticetests.com>  
<http://www.number2.com>

## the PLAN test

The PLAN test will be given to the 10<sup>th</sup> gr. students on  
Tue., Dec. 15, 2009.

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. The scores on the 10th grade PLAN test and/or 11th grade PSAT test help determine Dual Enrollment eligibility.

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

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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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