

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

As we begin the second semester of the 2010-11 school year, the planning for the 2011-12 school year will take center stage. The economy of the State of Michigan continues to recover, but we are not out of the woods yet. Our school district has made many changes within our operations over the past several years while striving to continue to provide a quality educational system for this community. As I look into my crystal ball, I do not see the challenges we have been facing disappearing as we plan for the 2011-12 school year. The Board of Education will continue to have tough financial decisions to make but the final decisions will always center on what is best for the students and their education.

We will be watching closely what is happening in Lansing in the coming months as our new governor and legislature begin their leadership of the State. There are many rumors in Lansing as to how they will eliminate the projected \$1.8 Billion deficit that faces the general fund, which may affect school funding. We will continue to work hard to maintain adequate funding for K-12 education and to keep the programs we have in our school district.

Mr. Bob Bonetti has announced his retirement as the Principal of Negaunee High School effective at the end of this school year. Mr. Mark Marana has been appointed to be his successor. Mr. Marana has served in an administrative position, as the Assistant Principal at the High School, since 1997, and also the Athletic Director since 2002. He brings experience from Alpena High School and Northern Michigan University. We wish Mr. Bonetti all the best in his retirement.

With the arrival of the real winter weather we all know and sometimes enjoy, please be cautious when dropping off and picking up your child from school. With the slippery conditions and rising snow banks, we need to be watching for children as they are not always watching for us. We are going to be studying the traffic patterns around Lakeview Elementary School to see how we can improve student safety during drop-off and pick-up times. Your cooperation will be requested if we need to change our present practices in order to provide a safer environment for the children.

GIRLS TRACK TEAM UNDEFEATED



The Negaunee Girls Track team went undefeated during the 2010 track season. The girls won 14 meets, including the Mid-Pen Conference Championship, the Regional Championship, and the Negaunee Lions Invitational. The girls finished their perfect season with a victory at the Upper Peninsula Finals. This was the first time the Negaunee girls track team has won the title in Division 1. Way to go Miners!



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OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR NOMINATION

The Negaunee School District, in conjunction with the Cliffs Natural Resources, the Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Chamber of Commerce and other area schools, has formed the West Marquette County Partners for Education. One of the major goals of the Partnership is to honor outstanding students and teachers. On May 6, 2011, the partnership will host our 21th annual Excellence in Education Day. A portion of the program will involve the formal recognition of our finest students and teachers. You are invited to participate in the selection of two teachers – one teacher in grades K-8 and one teacher in grades 6-12 (6th through 8th grade teachers can be in either group) – who have had a positive influence on students in the district. A nomination form is enclosed for your convenience. Just fill in the teacher's name and return the form no later than March 4, 2011, to one of our area schools or the Central Office: 101 South Pioneer Avenue, Negaunee, MI 49866.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER

Please nominate two teachers (one K-8 teacher and one 6-12 teacher) who have the most positive effect on students in the Negaunee School District.

NAME OF TEACHER (K-8th grade): _____

COMMENTS: _____

NAME OF TEACHER (6th – 12th grade): _____

COMMENTS: _____

PAST AWARDEES

1999 Cindy Kotila and Mark Setterlind
2000 Dan Skewis and Richard Koski
2001 Helen Grossman and Marlys Trudgeon
2002 Mary Ganfield and Vineta Miller
2003 Kevin Bell and David Hytinen
2004 Michelle Lammi and Sue Roberts

2005 Sandy Bonsall and RaeAnn Loy
2006 Derek Cardinal and Suanne Trebilcock
2007 Wendy Beacco and Sue Scott
2008 Kathleen Hill and Elizabeth Holmgren
2009 Lisa Bigalk and Pam Jacobson
2010 Todd Backlund and Tristan Palomaki

HIGH SCHOOL

Alexander, Katherine
Backlund, Todd
Bell, Kevin
Bonsall, Karen
*Connin, Jeremy
Debelak, Pam
Ellerbruch, Bill
Grazulis, Marius
Grossman, Helen
Hamlin, Jill
Heinlein, Connie
Holmgren, Elizabeth
Holmgren, Sherri
Houghton, Katherine
Jacobson, Kevin
Johnson, Michael
MacDonald, Sue

Mileski, Lynn
*Moilanen, Catherine
Morey, Michelle
Nebel, Paula
Paupore, Victoria
Ruokola, Peter
Savolainen, Barbara
Skewis, Andy
Sorensen, Gina
Weaver, Peter
*Also at NMS
MIDDLE SCHOOL
*Bell, Kyle
Bingel, Karen
Boase, Lori
Cardinal, Derek
Churchill, Mark
Delpier, Chuck

Ellingsen, Barbara
Jacobson, Pamela
Jacobson, Paul
Lammi, Michelle
Landick, Steven
Larsen, Lynn
Levi, Louise
*Lindblom, Connie
Loy, RaeAnn
*Niemi, Jeffrey
Palomaki, Tristan
Standerford, Abby
Trebilcock, Suanne
Turner, Heather
*Also at High School
LAKEVIEW SCHOOL
Anderson, Michelle
Baldini, Cathy

Bath, Keri
Beacco, Wendy
Belanger, Karie
Bell, Lori
Bigalk, Lisa
Carlson, Sabina
Clement, Sarah
Coduti, Nicole
Collins, Paul
Finkbeiner, Marianne
Hill, Kathleen
Johnson, Jodi
Kainulainen, Joellynn
Kendall, Cindy
Korpi, Katie
Kus, Molly
Kytta, Mary Jo
LaCombe, Corrie

LaForest, Sandra
Nelson, Bethany
O'Donnell, Michael
Olson, Linnea
Roberts, Susan
Saari, Kyle
Sager, Tori
Scanlon, Connie
Schneider, Nancy
Spaulding, Tracy
Stetson, Shelly
Strazzinski, Emily
Waters, Lori
Young, Amy

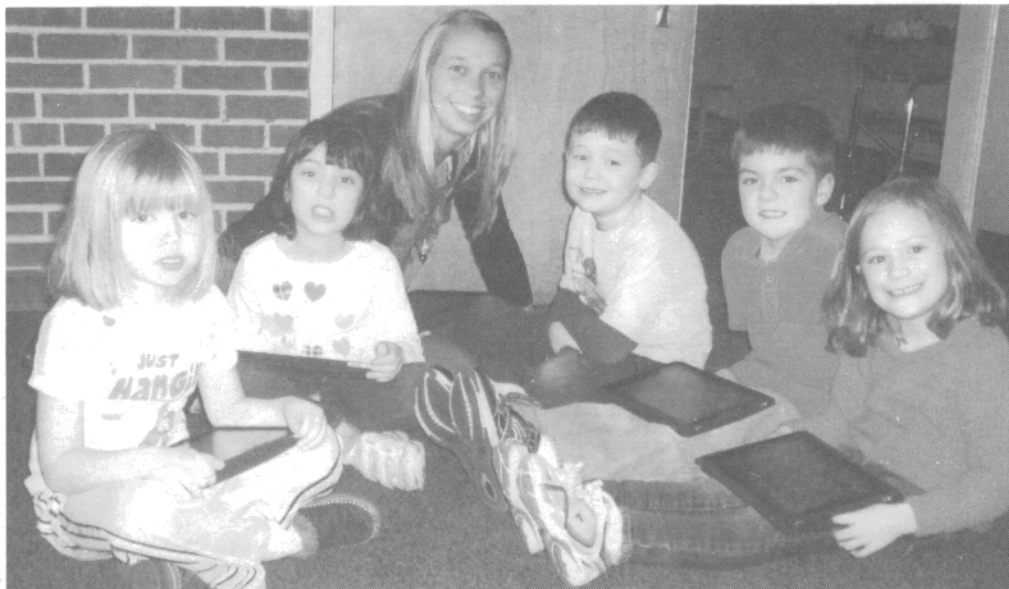
Negaunee Middle School Parent Group 8th Grade Award Nominees Sought

The Negaunee Middle School parent group is seeking nominees for their eighth grade award that is presented during the eighth grade graduation. This award is based on community and/or school involvement, and represents their involvement during middle school. Nominated students must have helped as a "volunteer" either in school, church or in the community as a good citizen. This nomination can be based on a one time event or many, and not be associated with a classroom assignment. Nominations will be taken until May 13th and can be turned into the NMS school office, marked to the attention of NMS Parent Teacher Group. Nomination forms must be signed by an adult, not related to the nominee.

Name of Student _____ Reason For Nomination _____

Signed _____ Title/Organization Name _____

TECHNOLOGY IN KINDERGARTEN



Students in kindergarten play a game on the iPad that supports their Science lessons about food groups. Shown with the children is Annette Kilpela, a student teacher from NMU working with Mrs. Scanlon's class. Students shown from left to right are: Gwyneth Paavola, Cassidy Holcomb, Elijah Collins, Fisher Lahti-Vidlund and Allison Asikainen.

ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

The 2010 Negaunee Girls Cross-Country running team has received the distinct honor, and plaque, for being the number one top academic All-State team in Division 1. These girls, who include Hannah Gottlieb, Kelsey Johns, Alea Juntti, Kendra Klein, Kathrine Knarvik, Wyleen Kniola and Mariah Savolainen had an average G.P.A. of 3.921!

The 2010 Negaunee Boys Cross-Country running team had 2 varsity runners awarded with All-State honors. They are Dylan McKeivitt and Steven Olson.

Also winning individual academic All-State honors are Dylan McKeivitt, Steven Olson, Alea Juntti and Mariah Savolainen.

Congratulations to all!

HEARING/VISION SCREENINGS

The Marquette County Health Department will be providing vision and hearing screens for students of the Negaunee School District, throughout the month of January. The purpose of the hearing screen is to identify hearing loss. A hearing problem can affect a child's behavior or performance in the classroom. 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. The Michigan Department of Public Health and Marquette County Health Department share this cost. Any further treatment costs or follow-up care will be the family's responsibility. 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. Early identification of an eye problem is important, since most eye conditions are easy to correct. 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, follow-up care will be the family's responsibility.

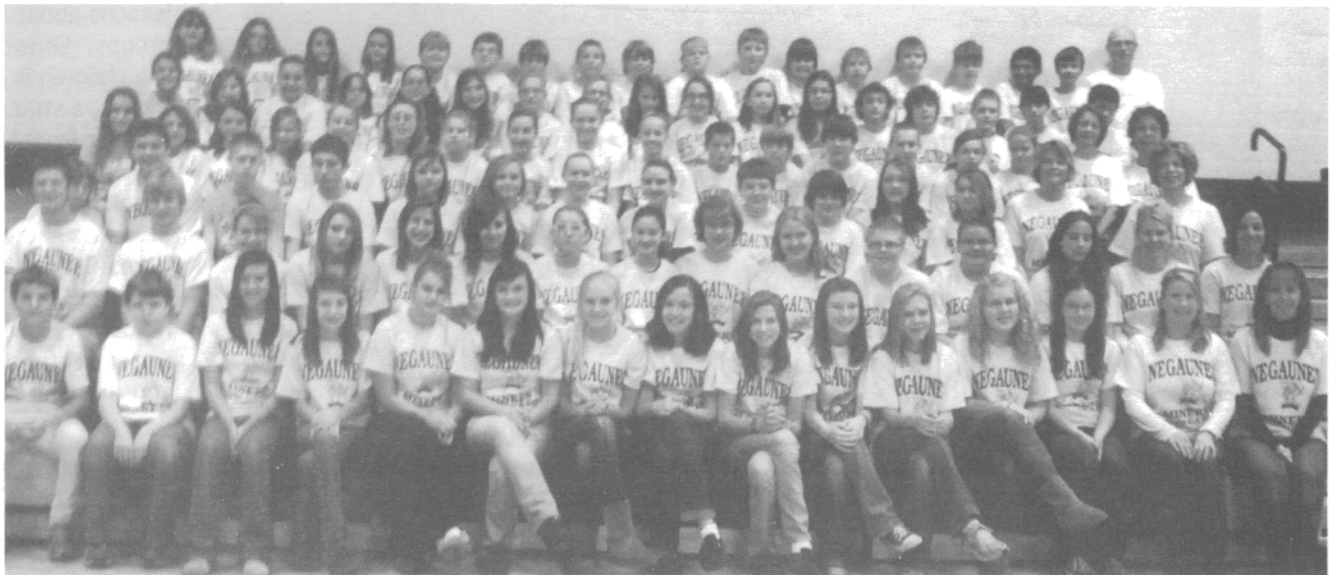
Please call Ronda Mattila RN, School Nurse at 475-7803 ext. 105 if you have questions.

NEGAUNEE STUDENTS AND STAFF TURN THE UP PINK



On November 11 the maize and blue of the Negaunee Miners' was temporarily replaced by the color PINK! Students and staff purchased tee shirts with the proceeds going to breast cancer awareness.

Throughout the UP school districts wore pink on Veterans Day to support the cancer cause.



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.ed.gov>

College Goal Sunday

Help with filling out the FAFSA
Feb. 13th, 2011 at 2-4pm - NMU
<http://www.micollegegoal.org>

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!!

In the spring, the 11th grade students will take the Michigan Merit Exam (MME).
The MME consists of the ACT test, Work Keys assessment and the Michigan Math, Science and Social Studies examinations.
The dates will be **March 1-3, 2011** with the make-up dates on **March 15-17, 2011**.
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.testprepreview.com>

the PLAN test

The **PLAN test** was given to the 10th grade students on **Wednesday Nov. 10, 2010**.

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 can help determine Dual Enrollment eligibility.

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

Michelle Morey: mmorey@maresa.org — 906-475-7861 — Kathy DeAngelo: kdelange@maresa.org

Parents of Elementary 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

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

One of the goals of Negaunee Public Schools is to better meet the needs of children entering our schools. In order to achieve this goal, preschool screening is being offered. During the screening, information is gathered about the child's development, health, and school readiness. Vision and hearing are checked. Availability of Head Start, School Readiness Programs, or Negaunee Special Education Preschool programming is also considered.

Preschool screening is focused on children who will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2011. Children who will be 3 years old by December 1, 2011, should also be screened if there is reason to suspect a developmental delay.

Screening will be held at Lakeview Elementary School in the Preschool Center (near the gym entrance) April 28 and 29, 2011. The process will take about an hour. To make an appointment please call the Head Start office at 228-6522 or 1-800-562-9762.

Negaunee Public Schools Kindergarten/Young Fives Registration

In order to register for Young Fives or Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2011. Registration for these programs for the 2011 - 2012 school year will take place in the Lakeview Library on Thursday, March 3rd from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is an informative and registration meeting for parents. Children need not attend. Parents will have an opportunity to have questions answered by staff regarding transportation, breakfast/lunch, latchkey, and the nurse. To sign up for registration, please call the Lakeview office at 475-7803 ext. 0.

When registering, please bring your child's:

- state-issued birth certificate
- immunization record
- current picture

Kindergarten/Young Fives Screening

Screening will take place Monday, April 11th through Friday, April 15th at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Appointments will be made for this screening when you register.

From the Health Coordinator's Office

If your child has a chronic disease that requires the use of an inhaler or other emergency medication, please be sure that it is available for him/her at school. This is to ensure a safe learning environment for your child while at school. For example, asthmatics often may be triggered with an attack at any time and will need their rescue inhaler immediately. Students are allowed to transport their emergency medication in school with the consent of the parent. Remember, it is important to fill out the appropriate form verifying that he/she indeed needs the medication per school policy. The medication forms are available in the front office. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more information.

Immunization Updates:

Immunizations requirements have changed starting the 2010-2011 school year. Please review your child's vaccine record and/or inquire with your child's physician next time you bring your child to his/her doctors appointment.

*Required for all children: need two doses of varicella or history of chickenpox disease.

*Required for all children 11-18 years: need one dose of meningococcal vaccine and one dose of Tdap vaccine if 5 years have passed since last dose of tetanus/diphtheria

Please call Ronda Mattila RN, School Nurse at 475-7803 ext. 105 if you have questions.

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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.