

Nordic Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2026

Holiday Bazaar

The sophomore class will be hosting a Holiday Bazaar at North Dickinson School on Saturday, November 28th from 10am-3pm. The non-refundable cost will be \$25 for a single spot (8ft long) and \$10 for each additional spot.

Vendors are asked to bring their own tables. We do have a few tables available for rent, \$5 each. The setup time will start on Saturday at 8:00am. Please send your payment and a completed application to reserve your spot by Monday, November 25th. Your payment must be included with your application and sent to:

North Dickinson School
Attention: Heidi Oman - Holiday Bazaar.
W6588 Hwy M-69.
Felch, MI 49831.

Admission is free for the public to attend and there will be concessions and raffles throughout the day. If you would like to sign up to be a vendor or have any questions please contact Heidi Oman or the school office at 906-542-9281. Thank you for supporting the class of 2029!

No Overnight Parking

Just a friendly reminder that overnight parking is not permitted on the school property during the snow removal season. Unauthorized overnight parking may result in your vehicle being towed at your expense. If an emergency arises and you cannot avoid overnight parking, you must contact Mr. Jamie Lindholm to make arrangements to have your vehicle parked in an area that will still allow for efficient snow and ice removal. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Walkers Welcome

Walkers are welcome to use the high school halls before school from 7:00-8:00 AM and after school from 3:00-5:00 PM. The weight room will also be open during these times.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Break

Friday, December 18th is the last day of school before Christmas Break. School will resume on Monday, January 4th, 2026.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes will be Monday, November 2nd. Students may also have their picture taken at this time if they missed the first day.

Telephone Calls

Our **school policy** does not permit us to take students out of class for phone calls, messages, etc., unless it is an **emergency situation**.

Also, if you are aware that your child(ren) are going to be getting off the bus at a stop other than their own, please send a note from home with your child(ren) in the morning. Only under **emergency situations** can we take telephone calls to give student messages to ride the bus to stops other than their own. This includes phone calls home to the parent from the student asking to go to other places than the original destination or to stay after school. Please have this planned prior to arriving at school for the day. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

School Meals

We encourage parents to come in and eat with your child/children. Please be sure to call the day prior or in the morning to ensure that there is enough food prepared. Adult breakfast is \$3 and adult lunches are \$5.25. Please be advised all milks without a meal are .50 regardless of meals being free. Please make sure your child(ren) knows not to take a milk if you did not give them permission.

Vocational Center Driving Rules

Students are expected to take the school bus to and from the Technical Education Center. If a student has to drive, they need to have written permission granted by their parents and approved by the principal. The written note must have a reason. No other students are allowed to be driven to the tech center by the approved driver without a note from the parents of both the driver and the passenger granting permission and approval by the principal. Health occupations students who are attending clinicals are the only students allowed to have a “blank note” allowing them to drive for clinicals. All the other students are required to have permission each time the need for them to drive arises.

Band & Programs

Veterans Day Program:

November 11th at 1:30pm.

Elementary Christmas Concert:

December 9th at 1:30 pm.

Middle and High School Christmas Concert

December 9th at 6pm.

*Reminder for Middle and High School Band students that you need to wear **all black** attire for the Christmas Concert.



Board Highlights - October 2026

- Hired John Fende as 7th grade boys basketball coach
- Hired Stephanie Sawaski as custodian
- Approved to collect FY27 Summer Tax's
- Approved Wood Chip bid from Performance
- Approved First reading of NEOLA Policies

Senior Class Pasty Sale

The seniors are once again selling pasties! The pasties will be homemade and can be ordered with or without onion. Cost will be \$6.00 and can be picked up in the North Dickinson commons area in the afternoon/evening of November 7th. Please make payment to North Dickinson County School when placing your order. Please contact a senior or the school office for ordering at 906-542-9281.



PTO News

We had an amazing turnout for our book fair. Thank you so much to everyone who attended. We were able to get so many new titles for our libraries! Our next Super One receipt turn in will be for the months of October, November and December. Please keep those receipts when you shop for holiday cooking and baking. Thank you Nordic community!



Teacher's Corner

1st Grade

First grade is learning to find digraphs, blends and open and closed syllables in words. We are gaining the skills to be great readers! We want to give a shout out to our fantastic high school helpers Aspen and Ella. The kids love working with you and you are a huge help to me as well! Thank you parents for coming to conferences! It was nice to be able to boast a little about your great kids!

-Mrs. Angie Mattson

2nd Grade

Our second graders had a great time visiting the archives in Felch! We enjoyed learning about items people used in the past and comparing them to what we use today. The students also had the chance to interview community members who shared their memories and experiences and enjoy some time on the playground. On our way back to school, we looked at some local history, including one-room schoolhouses, the fire tower, and the Groveland Mine. A big thank-you to our community members for helping make this such a fun and memorable experience!

In math, we are learning to tell time to the nearest five minutes and continuing to build our understanding of place value. In science, we are exploring the life cycles of frogs and butterflies. We are also learning about the history, cultures, and modern lives of different Native American tribes across the United States. We have lots of interesting things to learn about this month!

-Mrs. Jeanne Johnson

5th Grade

I would like to thank all the parents for coming to the PT conferences, also to those who allowed me to talk to them on the phone. This is just another reason to add to the long list why North Dickinson is a wonderful place. Your involvement in your children's education is extremely important, and I enjoyed our conversations about their progress here in 5th grade and at ND. I truly believe it helps in their success now and moving forward. Again ... THANK YOU!

The 5th graders again will have another book report due at the end of the 2nd 9 weeks. I've explained to the students not to wait until the last minute. They should be wrapping up the reading portion as soon as possible, so they don't have to type it up on it the last days before due. Thanks to the parents for helping in this. Those students that are still not confident with their multiplication facts should continue to practice at home.

The students will be continue working through a program with Michigan State Trooper Geno Basanese called "Choosing to be Great". He discusses situations in life that students will encounter and how to correctly work through them. They are involved in small skits in which they are in these situations and then Trooper will have a class discussion about them. Keep an eye on the volunteer list for bringing treats in for parties. It was sent home in the beginning of October.

Finally....GOOD LUCK HUNTERS!

-Mr. Mike Lindholm

Veterans Day Program

We would like to invite the community to attend our annual Veterans Day Celebration on Wednesday, November 11th at 1:30PM in the school gymnasium.

The program will feature patriotic music performed by the high school and the elementary music classes, conducted by Mx. Madeline Gabka. We will once again be honoring veterans who attend the ceremony by introducing them and sharing when and where they served our country. We will also be giving each Veteran a small gift as a token of our appreciation.



Veterans Meal

We invite any Veteran to come and eat lunch free of charge at 11:45am on Monday, November 11th, prior to the program. Turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, and a dinner roll will be served. Please call the school (906-542-9281) prior to notify us of your coming so we can have enough food prepared.

Elementary Christmas Program

This year, the Elementary Christmas Program will take place on December 9th at 1:30PM. The 5th grade class will also be playing their instruments during the program. 5th grade students are not required to wear concert black but Mx. Gabka asks that the students don't wear jeans or t-shirts.



School Driveways and Parking Lots

We would like to remind the public about several items related to traffic for safety and security reasons. First is that traffic is only permitted in the front driveway and lower parking lot during school hours. Traffic is not permitted around the sides or rear of the building except for school buses, school maintenance vehicles or emergency vehicles. This includes dropping off or picking up daycare/preschool children and when picking up students after school dismisses. The children need to be picked up in the front of the school, do not drive around the back of the school.

Upper parking lot is one-way traffic. In the upper driveway and parking lot, the traffic should enter from the east and drive to the west. Traffic should enter from the side towards the potato fields and exit towards the Nordic Trading Post.

The driveways and parking lot maximum speed is 10 mph. SLOW is the correct speed. Please drive slow and expect young children to dart out from behind other vehicles.

The front of the school along the sidewalks is for loading and unloading. A spot is reserved for school buses, law enforcement and maintenance vehicles. The signs are posted along the sidewalk, please obey the signs. Last but not least, the speed limit on M69 has been increased in the school zone to 35 mph. The speed limit in the school zone and the times that the speed limit must be reduced are mandated by state law. A reminder to all, that traffic fines are doubled in school zones.

Head Lice Awareness

This article is to increase head lice awareness so that you may take steps at home to help prevent your child from becoming infested with head lice. Any time children come together, particularly at the start of the school year or following any social grouping like Girl/Club Scouts, Brownies, Little League, dance groups, or sleepovers, detected head lice cases commonly increase. Recent studies show that head lice are seldom spread in the school setting. Direct, physical, head-to-head contact is the usual method of transmission. Lice do not jump or fly. They survive only for a short time away from the human head and have difficulty crawling or clinging to smooth surfaces. Check your child's head weekly for lice and/or nits (eggs). Mature lice, which are no bigger than a sesame seed, avoid light and are hard to see. Lice eggs or "nits" are normally found close to the scalp usually within one quarter inch. They appear as tiny whitish ovals that are "glued" to the hair shaft. They cannot be easily flicked away as dandruff can and they cannot survive on pets. Head lice do not transmit disease and are not a serious medical condition. If you find head lice on your child, please notify the school and treat him/her with lice shampoo following package instructions. A second treatment may be required in seven to ten days. Continue to examine the child and all family members for three weeks and treat only if live lice or nits are found one quarter inch or less from the scalp.

Steps to Help Prevent the Spread of Head Lice:

- Check your child's head weekly for signs of head lice.
- Teach your child not to share or trade personal items such as hats, combs, brushes, headbands, and barrettes.
- Contain long hair in braids or ponytails, especially in younger children.
- Teach children to avoid head-to-head contact.

For more information regarding head lice or its treatment, please feel free to contact the school office or your local health department.

Boosting School Attendance: Every Day Counts!

As we dive deeper into the school year, we want to emphasize the importance of regular attendance and the positive impact it has on student success. Each day of learning is a building block in your child's education, and consistent attendance can significantly influence their academic performance and social development.

Why Attendance Matters:

- **Academic Success:** Research shows that students who attend school regularly tend to achieve higher grades and are more engaged in their studies. Each lesson missed is a missed opportunity to learn and grow.
- **Social Skills:** School is not just about academics; it's also a place to develop friendships and social skills. Regular attendance helps students build relationships with peers and teachers, fostering a sense of belonging and community.
- **Routine and Responsibility:** Establishing a consistent routine encourages responsibility and helps students develop time management skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Attendance Policies:

- **Attendance Tracking:** Attendance is taken daily and parents can view attendance on PowerSchool.
- **Excused Absences:** As a reminder, you should notify the school by calling the office if your child is going to be absent.
- **Unexcused Absences:** Absences without a valid reason are classified as unexcused.

Documented Absence:

- Either Medical or Dental (requires a note from the doctor)
- Family Emergency such as a death in the family or grave illness
- Church related absence (with a letter from church leader)
- Pre-Approved vacation of 5 days or more.

Tardiness: Arriving late can disrupt the learning environment. Students arriving after the start of class will need to check in at the office and may face consequences for repeated tardiness. A child is allowed 2 tardies, and on the 3rd tardy they will be assigned a detention.

Policy on Non-Documented Absences: Any student with non-documented absences exceeding 5 days per marking period (or a total of 10 per semester) may face the loss of credit for courses. In such cases, the student will be required to "make up" time by serving detention or attending Saturday school.

Thank you for your continued support in making school a priority. Let's work together to make sure our students are present and ready to learn!

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6th-12th have a choice of Pizza or Pepperoni Calzone. Students must order their choice in the morning with their first-hon teacher. With this choice you must take either a vegetable or fruit to be counted as a meal. All milk served is 1% or fat free. Water is offered in the cafeteria at lunchtime. K-12th is offered romaine salad daily. 6th-12th are offered fresh vegetables daily which may include carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, red & green peppers.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

2 NORDIC BOWL
POPCORN CHICKEN
MASHED POT./GRAVY
CORN
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

3 BBQ RIBLET
CHIPS
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

4 CHICKEN & CHEESE
QUESADILLA
FRESH CARROTS
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

5 HAM & CHEESE
CALZONE
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

6 STUFFED CRUST
PEPPERONI PIZZA
FRESH VEGETABLES
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

9 MINI CORN DOGS
TATER TOTS
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

10 TACO BITES
CORN
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

11 TURKEY IN GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES
CORN
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

12 TURKEY/CHEESE SUB
TOSTITOS/SALSA
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

13 CHEESY BREAD
MARINARA SAUCE
FRESH VEGETABLES
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

16 FRENCH TOAST
STICKS
SAUSAGE
HASH BROWNS
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

17 WALKING TACO
CORN
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

18 STROMBOLI
GREEN BEANS
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

19 CHICKEN NUGGETS
SMILES
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

20 PEPPERONI CALZONE
FRESH VEGETABLES
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

27 TANGERINE CHICKEN
BROWN RICE
ORIENTAL
VEGETABLES
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

24 CHEESEBURGER
FRENCH FRIES
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

25 PEPPERONI
BREADSTICK
FRESH VEGETABLES
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

26 NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING
BREAK

27 NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING
BREAK

30 MINI CORN DOGS
TATER TOTS
FRUIT
CHOICE OF MILK

BREAKFAST

Monday:
Mini Pancakes

Tuesday:
Strawberry Bagel

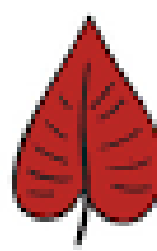
Wednesday:
Mini Cinni

Thursday:
**Chocolate Chip
Muffin, Yogurt**

Friday:
UBR Bar

****All breakfasts
served with fruit,
juice and milk****

**Menu is
subject to
change.**



November 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2. Picture Retakes Boys MS BB vs West Iron at 5:30	3.	4. Hosting Volleyball Districts	5.	6.	7.
9. Boys MS BB at Iron Mountain at 5:30	10.	11. Veteran's Day 1:30pm Veteran's Program	12. Boys MS BB at Norway at 5:30	13.	14. Girls Basketball Breakfast Fundraiser
16. Boys MS BB at Iron Mountain at 5:30	17.	18. Girls Basketball Practice Begins	19. Boys MS BB vs Norway at 5:30	20.	21.
23. Boys MS BB vs Forest Park at 5:30	24.	25.	26. Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Break	27. Thanksgiving Break	28. Holiday Bazaar
30. Boys MS BB vs Forest Park at 5:00	1. Boys MS BB at Forest Park at 5:30	2.	3. Boys BB vs Carney at 5pm 2pm UP Health System Blood Drive	4.	5.

All games subject to change