NORDIC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

School Meals

We encourage parents to come in and eat lunch 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 $3.50 and adult lunch is $5.25.

Please be advised all milks without a meal are .50 regardless of meals being free. Please make sure your child knows not to take a milk if you did not give them permission.

Use of Microwaves

The microwaves in the commons area are for Middle School and High School use. We have had requests from elementary school students to heat up their lunch or use the microwaves themselves. The adults monitoring the commons will not be able to heat lunches for your children unless there has been prearranged approval with Mr. Florenski. We do not allow students in K-5 to use the microwaves on their own. Therefore, if you send your child with cold lunch, please do not send something that needs to be heated in the microwave.

Walkers Welcome

Walkers are welcome to use the high school halls from 7:00-8:00 AM and after school from 3:30-5:00 PM. The weight room will also be open during these hours.

Parent-Teacher Conferences and Early Dismissal

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026. School will be dismissed at 12:45 PM. Teachers will be available from 1:30-4:00PM and 5:00-7:30 PM.

End of 1st Marking Period and Report Cards Issued

Friday, October 23rd is the end of the 1st nine week marking period.

Flu Shot Clinic

This year the Flu Vaccine will be offered on October 22nd at 3:30pm-6pm in the Commons Area.



School Pictures

Picture retakes will be on Monday, November 2nd

PTO News

We are very grateful to our community for the continued support for our students and staff! The Dominoes fundraiser was a success. Enjoy your pizza! Our next Super One receipt turn in happens at the beginning of January. Please save October, November and December receipts for this turn in! We look forward to doing a Santa's workshop in the next month or so - stay tuned for details for that event!





*6th-12th have a choice of Pizza or Pepperoni Calzone. Students must order their choice in the morning with their first-hour 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 pepper, green peppers.

TEACHER'S CORNER

5th Grade

This year has been going very well. The students have been very receptive to their new location up in the middle school area and having lockers for the first time. It appears the students have been enjoying being in attendance and seeing their friends and classmates. I also truly enjoy seeing them and trying to positively influence and educate them each day.

Our new math curriculum is rather extensive and we 've been doing a lot of it together in class. We've learned much about different multiplication strategies and we've been learning area and volume. We've also played some math games, which help with factors and multiples.

Our Reading/Writing series "Bookworms" is going well and we are learning together. Some students are becoming fine writers already.

The students have been enjoying watching some science videos from "Mystery Science", which explain some questions about the world around them and the history of how different worldly things were invented.

Please continue to work on multiplication facts until your child is very fluent, since most everything we do in math revolves around knowing multiplication.

We have been trying to complete as much of their schoolwork during our class time, so they shouldn't have much homework, if any. I try to give them as much time in class to complete their daily work, but there will be times they need to complete it at home. Also, continue to read for the book report, which is due by Wednesday, October 21 st . Parents should have seen a format which was sent home explaining the way reports should be written.

Thank you for enabling me to be your child's teacher, sharing and learning together. Please, if you have any questions for me, don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Mike Lindholm

2nd Grade

We are off to a great start in second grade! The first couple of weeks of school have been all about getting to know each other, learning our classroom routines and procedures, and figuring out what it means to be a second grader. We are working hard and having fun.

We have also started some new curriculum this year, including **Orton-Gillingham** for phonics and **Bridges** for math. We are especially loving the hands-on approach to math! Students are using manipulatives, talking about their thinking, solving problems in different ways, and learning that there is often more than one way to get to an answer.

It has been fun watching the students jump right in, try new things, and become more comfortable with our routines each day. We have a busy year ahead, and I am excited to see all that this group will learn and accomplish!

-Mrs. Jeanne Johnson

1st Grade

What a great start we've had! We are learning to navigate a new math curriculum and we are loving all the hands-on games it includes! Along with that, we are immersed in learning new reading patterns, number patterns and some science and social studies mixed in as well. The coming months bring a lot of hands-on learning and also some really fun school -wide happenings. Please make every effort to have good attendance - it's so important! Remember that I'm always available for any questions/concerns you may have. It's a great day to be a (first grade) Nordic!

-Mrs. Angie Mattson

Preschool Applications Being Accepted

The Dickinson-Iron ISD Department of Early Childhood Education is accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year at the North Dickinson Center. Pregnant mothers and children aged up to three may be eligible for the Early Head Start Program. Children ages three and four may be eligible to attend the Head Start or Great Start Readiness preschool programs. The programs are free to families who qualify, and children are not required to be potty-trained prior to enrollment. Families with children with disabilities are encouraged to apply. Early Head Start, Head Start, and Great Start Readiness are comprehensive preschool programs that involve the family in the development of the child. The curriculum is designed to address all aspects of the child's development and lesson plans are created to meet the child's school readiness goals. If you have any questions or would like to apply for your child, please call the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District-Department



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 expect for school buses, school maintenance vehicles or emergency vehicles. This including dropping off or picking up daycare/preschool children and when picking up students after school dismisses. The children need to be picked up in 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. And 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 usually 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 easily be flicked away as dandruff can. Head lice do not transmit disease and are not a serious medical condition. They cannot survive on your pets. If you find headlice 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.

October 2026

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1st Picture Day VB vs Superior Central at 5pm Girls MS BB @ Florence at 5:30pm	**2nd** FB @ Stephenson at 6pm	**3rd**
5th	**6th** VB @ Rapid River at 5pm	**7th** Fall Count Day JV Football @ Stephenson starting at 5:30	**8th** VB Parents Night VB vs North Central at 5pm FB VS Laona Wabeno at 6pm	**9th**	**10th** VB Tournament @ Norway
12th Middle School Boys BB Starts	**13th**	**14th**	**15th** JV Football vs Stephenson at 5:30	**16th** Homecoming! FB vs North Central at 6pm	**17th** Home Volleyball Tournament Homecoming Dance
19th	**20th** Financial Aid Night @ 5:30pm	**21st** Parent teacher conference - (1:30pm-4pm) and (5pm-7:30pm) Students dismissed at 12:45	**22nd** VB vs Forest Park at 5pm - Senior Night JV Football vs Munising at 5:30 Flu Shot Clinic @ 3:30pm-6pm	**23rd** End of 1st 9 Weeks Boys MS BB vs Niagara FB vs Mid Peninsula at 6pm - Senior Night	**24th**
26th Boys MS BB @ Kingsford at 5:30	**27th** VB vs Bark River at 5pm Boys MS BB @ Florence at 5:30	**28th** Professional Development Day (No Students)	**29th** Report Cards Issued VB @ Norway at 5pm	**30th**	**31st** ***Halloween!***