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Senior Graduation

Class of 2002 -- Senior Edition



Commencement will take place at the Potter Center Music Hall, Jackson Community College. Seating will be no problem with an abundance of cushioned seats in an air-conditioned theater. Faculty members will be dressed in college caps and gowns and will lead the senior class into the theater.

Commencement will start at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2002. The seniors will be presented for graduation by Mr. Anthony Hollow, High School Principal. The graduates will be awarded their diplomas by school board members.

Senior class speakers will be: **Thank You:** Erin Sedgman; **Past:** Trista Rink; **Present:** Danielle Lowe; **Future:** Jasmine Gary; . Special music will be provided by the Vandercook Lake Symphonic Band under the direction of Mr. Paul Bickel. Laura Ritson will give the opening and Scott Spencer the closing.

Year-End Activities.....

Many activities have been taking place as the year draws to a close. The Junior-Senior Prom took place on May 4, 2002, at Gene Davis & Sons Convention Center. The Junior Class sponsored the event called "Bed of Roses". They served delicious snacks and provided fun entertainment through the DJ, "Dynamite". Approximately 130 students were in attendance. Thanks to advisors Mrs. June London and Mr. Chris Blackledge for their assistance.

Pictured is Danielle Lowe and Scott Spencer

On May 16, high school band and choir members presented their spring concert. On May 22, Honor Awards Night in recognition of outstanding scholastic and related achievement was held for the senior high school. Graduates and their parents attended a senior dessert before the honors program. The 6th and 7th Grades Awards assembly is scheduled for May 28, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. The 8th Grade Awards assembly will be held at 6:30 p.m. on May 28, 2002 at 6:30 p.m.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday afternoon, June 2, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. Vandercook Lake area pastors will sponsor this service to be held in the Vandercook Lake High School. This is an optional activity.

AWARDS - *Congratulations and Good Luck!*

Following are awards presented to students at Vandercook Lake High School. Other awards are pending and will be announced at a later date:

Academic Parchments: 3.32-3.00-Sean Bos, Jennifer Buhler, Lorren Griffis, Gary Lubahn.

“6” Academic V: 3.33 and above-Jacob Ashley, Adam Briggs, Darci Gutkowski, Katie Lindquist, Joni Orandello, Margo Poole.

First Year Academic Pin:-Michael James

Second Year Academic Pin:-Ronni Boyers, Kera Clemons, Jordan Kuhl, Jill Phillippi, Ashley Rose, Robert Strohm.

Third Year Academic Pin:-Rachael Dunckel, Rebecca Dunckel, Jasmine Gary, Jessica Gazlay, Ashley Gorton, Julie Hancock, Paul Heath, Jeremy Jensen, Danielle Lowe, Tyler Pierce, Jane Porter, Trista Rink, Laura Ritson, Mark Rumsey, Lindsay Saari, Erin Sedgman, Jessica Sheets, Scott Spencer, Jennifer Stevens, Andrea Surbrook, Rebecca Trousdale, Joshua VanEpps, Kirsten Yonnick, Sarah Zebarah.

Citizenship Awards: Seniors: Trista Rink, Tyler Pierce; **Juniors:** Carly Cyphers, Ryan Essex; **Sophomores:** Kimberly Yother, Nicholas Gallagher, Jordan Masters; **Freshmen:** Angela Edward, Jared Burke, Patrick Meads.

Honorary State of Michigan Competitive Scholarships: Jasmine Gary, Michael James, Tyler Pierce, Mark Rumsey, Erin Sedgman, Scott Spencer.

Jackson County Sheriff’s Department Youth Citizenship Award: Erin Sedgman

Outstanding Senior In: Science: Jill Phillippi; **Math:** Mark Rumsey; **Social Studies:** Trista Rink; **Business/Accounting:** Laura Ritson; **Art:** Danielle Lowe, Jeremy Jensen; **Journalism:** Timothy Holliday; **Technology:** Tyler Pierce; **Yearbook:** Rachael Dunckel; **Choir:** Ronni Boyers; **Band:** Jasmine Gary; **English:** Kirsten Yonnick; **Speech:** Danielle Lowe.

High Honors-Gold Cords 3.50 - 4.0: Ronni Boyers, Rachael Dunckel, Rebecca Dunckel, Jasmine Gary, Jessica Gazlay, Ashley Gorton, Julie Hancock, Paul Heath, Michael James, Jeremy Jensen, Danielle Lowe, Jill Phillippi, Tyler Pierce, Jane Porter, Trista Rink, Laura Ritson, Mark Rumsey, Lindsay Saari, Erin Sedgman, Jessica Sheets, Scott Spencer, Jennifer Stevens, Andrea Surbrook, Joshua VanEpps, Kirsten Yonnick, Sarah Zebarah.

Honors-Silver Cords 3.0 - 3.49: Kera Clemons, Lorren Griffis, Jordan Kuhl, Chelsey Middlebrook, Ashley Rose, Robert Strohm, Rebecca Trousdale.

Honor Society: Blue Cords: Rachael Dunckel, Rebecca Dunckel, Jasmine Gary, Jessica Gazlay, Jeremy Jensen, Danielle Lowe, Jill Phillippi, Tyler Pierce, Trista Rink, Laura Ritson, Ashley Rose, Erin Sedgman, Scott Spencer, Jennifer Stevens, Andrea Surbrook, Sarah Zebarah.

Student Council: Red Cords: Rachael Dunckel, Rebecca Dunckel, Jasmine Gary, Jessica Gazlay, Ashley Gorton, Jeremy Jensen, Danielle Lowe, Tyler Pierce, Jessica Sheets, Scott Spencer, Kirsten Yonnick.

Perfect Attendance: Ronni Boyers, Danielle Lowe, Jill Phillippi, Tyler Pierce, Jennifer Stevens.

MASSP & Detroit Free Press Award: Jasmine Gary

Spartan Scholar: Jasmine Gary

Society of Women Engineers: Erin Sedgman

Western Michigan Academic Award: Erin Sedgman

Eastern Michigan Regents Scholarship: Danielle Lowe

Eastern Michigan Academic Scholarship: Danielle Lowe

American Legion Auxiliary Nurses, Physical and Respiratory Therapists Scholarship: Rebecca Dunckel

Southern Michigan Correctional Facility Employees Club: Trista Rink

Michigan Technological University Board of Control Scholarship: Mark Rumsey

Albion College Academic Award: Scott Spencer

DAR Award: Trista Rink

Starting Day for 2002-03 School Year

The first day of school for students for the 2002-02 school year is Wednesday, August 21, 2002. There will be no school on August 30, and September 2 in observance of Labor Day weekend as mandated by law. For those of you who are planning vacations, Christmas break starts on the close of the school day on December 20. Students return to school on January 6, 2003. Students will be off from February 13 through February 17 for winter break. Spring break will start on March 31, through April 4, 2003.

Scholarships

Vandercook Lake Public Schools Memorial Scholarship: Lindsay Saari.

Michael White Memorial Scholarship Award -
Rebecca Dunckel.

United States Army Reserve "Scholar/Athlete":
Ashley Gorton & Jordan Kuhl .

United States Marine Corps -
"Distinguished Athlete":
Jessica Sheets & Scott Spencer.

Scholar Athlete Award:
Jeremy Jensen and Danielle Lowe.

Principals Leadership Award: Danielle Lowe.

*Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar/
Athlete Award Finalist:* Jessica Gazlay, Jeremy
Jensen, Danielle Lowe, Tyler Pierce, Scott Spen-
cer, Kirsten Yonnick.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Student Organization at Vandercook Lake High School hosted an Easter Egg Hunt at Townsend Elementary School on Saturday, March 30, 2002. About 150 K-3 students and family members gathered with high school and junior high student volunteers for a day of fun and treats. Some of the highlights included: face painting, arts and crafts, body drawings, games & activities. The egg hunt itself added to the excitement of this fun day for all.

Special Seniors

This year's graduating class would like to recognize seniors Ronni Boyers, Danielle Lowe and Jennifer Stevens. They have maintained perfect attendance during their entire high school years. Senior -Tyler Pierce has had perfect attendance for his final three years of school. Jill Phillippi has had perfect attendance for her senior year. Vandercook Lake High School is proud to honor these special seniors.

(Left-Right: Jill Phillippi, Jennifer Stevens, Tyler Pierce,
Danielle Lowe)

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is an organization of students dedicated to serving the school, the community and themselves. Members are elected on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and citizenship. Final election and approval of a membership rests with the executive board, faculty and staff.

Seniors: Rachael Dunckel, Rebecca Dunckel, Jasmine Gary, Jessica Gazlay, Jeremy Jensen, Danielle Lowe, Jill Phillippi, Tyler Pierce, Trista Rink, Laura Ritson, Ashley Rose, Erin Sedgman, Scott Spencer, Jennifer Stevens, Andrea Surbrook, Sarah Zebarah.

Juniors: Leah Adair, Lindsay Adamczyk, Sierra Arnold, Jordan Clark, Carly Cyphers, Ryan Essex, Christopher Fischer, David Higgins, Abbey Hobbick, Tara Long, Danielle Mannor, David Richarardson, Nicole Zebarah.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Director of Bands: Paul Bickel

Director of Choirs: Matt Laura

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE PARTICIPANTS:

Brittani Ackerman-flute solo

Rebekah VanEpps-flute solo

Colleen McCormick-flute solo

Jasmine Gary-clarinet solo

Ronni Boyers and Jasmine Gary-flute/clarinet duet

Kara LeFaive and Samantha Baldwin-flute duet

Scott Spencer-piano solo

GRADUATING SENIORS

Jacob Ashley-Saxophone, Jazz

Ronni Boyers-Flute, Choir

Jason Cassidy-Clarinet, Choir

Kera Clemons-Flute/Sax

Brad Devereaux-Percussion

Jasmine Gary-Clarinet, Choir, Jazz, Drum Major

Jessica Gazlay-Clarinet, Jazz

Julie Hancock-Flute, Choir

Paul Heath-French horn, Drum Major

Michael James-Trumpet, Jazz

Jordan Kuhl-Percussion

Katie Lindquist-Flute, Flag, Jazz

Tyler Pierce-Choir

Jill Phillippi-Flute/Sax, Flag, Jazz

Heather Poole-Flute, Flag, Choir

Trista Rink-Clarinet

Laura Ritson-Clarinet

Ashley Rose-Trombone

Erin Sedgman-Choir, Piano

Scott Spencer-Percussion, Piano

Andrea Surbrook-Flute

Rebecca Trousdale-Clarinet, Choir

Graduate to play with International Band

Jasmine Gary will be touring with the Blue Lake International Band this summer. She will perform her clarinet across Europe and the United States. She also received a "I" at both District and State Solo/Ensemble festival this year.

Middle School Honors Band Participants

Jasmine Landwehr and Valerie Wilcox.

UM Marching Band Crisler Concert Participant

Michael James, Trumpet

YEAR IN REVIEW

August	Band Camp at Spring Arbor University
September	Home football games
October	Marching Band Invitational Middle School Concert
November	Choir and Jazz Concert Christmas Parade
December	Holiday Concert at Potter Center HS Band as Basketball Band at U of M
January	Male Vocal Arts Day at U of M Middle School Honors Band Jazz Band Festival
February	Elementary Band Concert High School Solo/Ensemble Concert Band Clinic
March	High School Choral Festival MS Choir to University of Michigan Middle School Band Festival High School Band Festival State Solo/Ensemble HS Band New York Tour
April	Friars Concert
May	Elementary/Middle School Concert Senior Gathering High School Concert

Upcoming Band Events:

May 26	Jackson Rose City Jazz Festival Cascades Park
May 27	Memorial Day Parade
June 2	HS Choir at Baccalaureate
June 3	HS Band at Commencement (Potter Center)
June 11	Middle & High School Bands perform at Cedar Point
July 29-- August 2	High School Marching Band Camp

ATTENTION ALL BAND GRADUATES
Friday, September 27, 2002 at Homecoming
is the Alumni Band Bash! All graduates are
invited to participate! Contact Mr. Bickel
at 782-8167 ext. 158 to register. You will
receive music and be included in the free
meal, courtesy of Music Boosters. You will
be recognized with your graduating class at
halftime.

Top Ten Senior Students

Danielle Lowe:

Daughter of Diane Lowe and Donald Lowe. Plans to attend Eastern Michigan University to pursue a degree in teaching and play on the EMU softball team.

Erin Sedgman: Daughter of Timothy and Lorraine Sedgman. Plans to attend Jackson Community College and transfer to Michigan State University.

Trista Rink: Daughter of Carolyn and Raymond Rink. Plans to attend either Spring Arbor University or Western Michigan to become a teacher or engineer. She is enlisted in Army National Guard.

Jasmine Gary: Daughter of Angela and David Edmons. Plans to attend Michigan State University James Madison College. Major undecided.

Laura Ritson: Daughter of Craig and Kim Ritson. Plans to attend Western Michigan University and pursue a degree in Pre-Med.

Scott Spencer: Son of William and Mary Spencer. Plans to attend Michigan State University or Albion College in Pre-Med.

Jeremy Jensen: Son of Kelly and Debbie Jensen. Plans to attend Michigan State University.

Kirsten Yonnick: Daughter of D'Vonne and Douglas Yonnick. Plans to attend Michigan State University, Lyman Briggs School of Medicine to become a pediatrician.

Mark Rumsey: Son of Monica and Oscar Garza. Plans to attend Michigan Tech to major in Chemical Engineering.

Jessica Gazlay: Daughter of Louann and Scott Gazlay. Plans to attend Jackson Community College, transfer to Michigan State University to become a radiologist.

Tyler Pierce: Son of Ann and Gary Pierce. Plans to attend Jackson Community College, transfer to Western Michigan to pursue a degree in engineering.

**Jackson Community College
Departmental Scholarships:**

Kera Clemons	Biology and Geology
Rachael Dunckel	Nursing
Jessica Gazlay	Allied Health
Paul Heath	Social Studies & Science
Tyler Pierce	Chemistry & Physics
Jane Porter	Allied Health
Lindsay Saari	Technology, Information Education
Erin Sedgman	Mathematics & Science
Jessica Sheets	Allied Health
Jennifer Stevens	Language & Literature
Andrea Surbrook	Social Studies & Science
Kirsten Yonnick	Nursing
Sarah Zebarah	Language & Literature

Hoops for Heart

The Fifth annual "Hoops for Heart " event took place in the high school gym on March 22, 2002. Over 100 students and teachers participated in the tournament which was held to support the American Heart Association. The total funds raised for the American Heart Association were close to \$3,000. Winners in the White Division were: Adam Sprangel, Brandie Melchiori, and David Andrews. Winners in the Red Division were: Adam Briggs, Rachael Dunckel and Christopher Derossett.

TEN THINGS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES NEED TO KNOW BUT MAY NOT HAVE LEARNED

1. Life is not fair. Get used to it.
2. The World won't care about your self esteem as much as your school and your parents do.
3. You will not make \$40,000 a year right out of high school.
4. If you think your teacher is rough, wait until you get a boss.
5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for less glamorous jobs. They called it "Opportunity".
6. If you screw up, it's not your parents fault.
7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying YOUR bills, Cleaning YOUR room.
8. Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find "yourself".
9. Be nice to nerds; chances are you'll end up working for nerds.
10. Living fast and dying young is romantic until you see one of your peers at room temperature.....(Author Unknown)



Class of 2002

Row 1: Jennifer Sheets, Eric Lewan, Danielle Lowe, Michael James, Erin Sedgman
Row 2: Dusty Knapp, Jennifer Stevens, Jacob Ashley, Brandon Swanson, Sarah Zebarah
Row 3: Robert Strohm, Andrea Surbrook, Janie Porter, Ronni Boyers, Josh Evans
Row 4: Rachael Dunckel, Rebecca Dunckel, Loren Griffis, Jason Cassidy, Trista Rink
Row 5: Laura Ritson, Rebecca Trousdale, Tim Holliday, Josh VanEpps, Randy Cowan
Row 6: Tyler Pierce, Alesha Rogers, Darci Gutkowski, Kera Clemons, Jessica Jayne



Class of 2002

Row 1: Alan Peterson, Jill Phillippi, Rickie Fisher, Kristen DeRossett, Jennifer Buhler

Row 2: Jordan Kuhl, Ashley Gorton, Eric McGee, Julie Hancock, Jasmine Gary

Row 3: Adam Briggs, Brad Devereaux, Kirsten Yonnick, Lindsay Saari, Heather Poole

Row 4: Chelsey Middlebrook, Sean Bos, Jessica Gazlay, Brock Horsfall, Ashley Rose

Row 5: Scott Spencer, Jeremy Jensen, Paul Heath, Margo Poole, Mark Rumsey

Row 6: Katie Lindquist, Gary Lubahn, Brian Nesbitt, Joni Orandello

Check out our Home Page

The Vandercook Lake Public Schools are part of a consortium of schools called the South Central Networking Consortium. (SCNC) We pay an annual fee to the MSU Computer Laboratory to help us maintain and operate our own web server. (Dell PowerEdge 2500) This Unix based web server is located in the Technology Department at the High School. With our own Web server we offer Internet Access on our Novell network to students and staff, dialup Internet access to school staff, email services to school staff in addition to DNS, Radius, FTP and other services.

This local web presence is connected via fiber optic cable to the Intermediate School district and out to the Internet. One of the Technology Directors (Phil Garrison) jobs is to maintain the schools website. All web site work is done locally, we do not employ any outside help. All pages are constructed by Mr. Garrison or by students in Mr. Tom Peppers Computer Projects classes (Athletic Pages). We try to keep the site simple and make information about the school district easy to find. Access to the web is fast over the school network but most users in this area still use dialup for home access making it important that web pages be simple to load quickly. We try to keep pages printable, especially those that might contain calendars or schedules. Feel free to print out any information you like.

Our address on the web is <http://scnc.vandy.k12.mi.us>. We invite you to make this page your home page on the Internet. When you go to the page main topics are listed on the left side.

- * Calendar - listings of all school and community events
- * District Data - Staff listings, Board of Education data, area history page, Alumni information.
- * Central Admin - Information and pictures about Central Administrative staff.
- * News & Views - Archive of recent issues of the "News and Views"
- * Search Places - Links to places on the Internet where you can find information.
- * Teachers/Staff - Links and information designed for district teachers and staff.
- * Tutorial/How to - Links to training sites and tutorial sites on the web.
- * High School Page - page dedicated to high school students and groups.
- * Middle School Page - Page dedicated to middle school students and groups.
- * Townsend School Page - Page dedicated to Townsend school students and groups.
- * McDevitt School Page - Page dedicated to McDevitt school students and groups.
- * Vandy Links - Light hearted page showing links gleaned from search engines on the titles such as jayhawks, Vandercook Lake, etc.
- * Tech Info - Information links on technology related links.
- * Tech Policies - Statements of policies and Administrative guidelines used in our district.
- * Site Info - Contact information

Please feel free to visit any of these pages. The site is constantly changing and is due for a major overhaul this summer. Feel free to constructively criticize by contacting Mr. Garrison at the High School

WARNING : Do not be scammed by slick scholarship search companies, which charge a fee for services. You should be wary of any service that **guarantees** a scholarship(s), or charges you fees, or that requires you to provide a credit card or bank account number for services. Also, do not pay to have your students "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" form completed. We will have a seminar in the fall to walk you through the process.

For parents and students who are presently juniors: The following free scholarship searches will provide all scholarship information FREE. You may access these web sites at the Vandy home page <http://scnc.vandy.k12.mi.us>.

MI-Search (Free Michigan Scholarship Program) is a non-profit service of the State of Michigan which can be accessed at www.MI-StudentAid.org. Complete and submit your application next summer (between junior & senior year).

FastWEB (www.fastweb.com) - fast WEB is a free on-line scholarship search service available on the World Wide Web. After entering information about your background, educational goals and interests, you will be presented with a list of organizations that offer scholarships for which you may be eligible. www.gocollege.com is another excellent, free, financial aid web site. You may also access career and college information. It is also a good choice to visit several college campuses your child may be considering this summer. If you have questions concerning scholarships or financial aid contact, Jim Biondolillo, high school counselor at 782-8167.

Regular School Election Monday - June 10, 2002

June 10, 2002 is the regular school election. The election will be held in the high school library. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. There are two vacancies to be filled in this election.

D'Vonne Yonnick's term has expired and she has chosen not to run for re-election. Mrs. Yonnick has faithfully served on the Board of Education since 1986.

One other incumbent candidate's term has expired and has filed petitions for the next four-year term. He is:

Philip Lewan: Mr. Lewan has been on the school board since 1990. He is a long-time member of the community. He has two children who have graduated from Vandercook Lake Public Schools.

The following individual has filed petitions for the open four-year term: He is:

Kenneth Stevens: Mr. Stevens is a graduate of Vandercook Lake High School. He has two children enrolled in the district. He is employed at Melling Tool Company in the engineering department.

**Please Vote
June 10, 2002**

2001-2002 School Accreditation Renewed

Principal, Anthony Hollow, of Vandercook Lake Middle/High School announced that the school's North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) accreditation has been extended through the 2001-2002 school year. This action was taken at the NCA's Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois on April 2, 2002.

Along with hosting periodic on-site evaluations by a visiting team of educators, each NCA school is accredited on the basis of an annual report on conditions in the school and on such supplementary information as the Commission on Schools requests. "The continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school.

The North Central Association is the largest of the country's regional accrediting agencies. It is a voluntary coalition of over 8,000 schools and over 1,000 colleges and universities in the 19-state region of the central United States. The Association works with schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of accreditation and school improvement. NCA currently accredits 1,564 schools in Michigan.

4-Year Old Preschool Program Registration

Registration for the 2002-03 school year will continue this summer. There will be a morning session and an afternoon session. If you have a child who will be 4 on or before December 1, 2002, but not 5 before December 1, 2002, please contact the McDevitt school office at 782-0342 or stop in the McDevitt office for registration information. To register during the summer break, call the central office at 782-9044.

McDevitt School Childcare Registration

Childcare registration will be August 6 and 7 in the McDevitt office from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. Students must be enrolled in Vandercook Lake Schools to register for childcare. Four-year old children in the pre-school program are also eligible to register for childcare. Information regarding fees and times will be available during registration. Call Mrs. Harvey at 782-0342 if you have any questions regarding childcare.

Golf Outing

On Saturday, July 20, 2002, the First Annual Vandercook Lake Football Golf Outing will be held at Pine Hollow golf course. Lunch will be at 12:00 p.m. Door prizes, closest to the pin and longest drive prizes will be awarded.

Details

- \$60 per person
- 4 person scramble
- 18 holes with cart
- Lunch
- T-shirt
- Door prizes
- 2 closest to pin prizes
- 2 longest drive prizes
- \$10 for lunch only

This is open to all alumni, parents of current players, faculty and friends. For more information, call Ryan Irwin at 782-8167.

Make checks payable to: Vandercook Lake Athletics, 1000 Golf Avenue, Jackson, MI 49203 to the attention of Ryan Irwin. Deadline - July 12.

Thank you to Jensen Mercury for their donation of a car for a Hole-in-One!

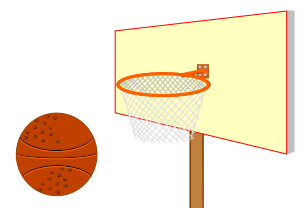
Save Campbell's Labels, General Mills Box Tops, and Holsum Bread

Townsend and McDevitt Elementary Schools continue to collect food labels from Campbell for school equipment. They are also saving the wrappers from Holsum bread and box tops from General Mills. Even if you don't have a student attending elementary school, our students would benefit from your support if you saved and brought in these items.

Summer Basketball Fun

Any middle or high school student looking to stay active and have fun this summer should attend our open gym this summer.

Vandercook Lake Schools and the Jackson County Sheriff's Department is sponsoring this program. A flyer will be sent out announcing the dates and times before the end of the school year.



See you There!

McDevitt Basic Kindergarten Students Enjoy Dressing the Part

In the past couple of months the basic Kindergarten children have been busy learning about many things. A few fond memories were our plane trip to Hawaii as a wrap up unit for our transportation, Ocean and Hawaii units. After discussing the many different forms of transportation, the children decided a plane trip would get us to our destination the quickest. With many helpful parents and grandparents we pulled off a real airport with purchased tickets, checked luggage, window seats on the plane with peanuts, juice and a movie. The children then disembarked in Hawaii and were greeted by women in muumuus, handing out leis. A bountiful feast with many new taste-testing experiences awaited them. A few were fresh pineapple, guava, and coconut. One of our grandparents flew home from Hawaii the day before our adventure, and brought home many delicious candies. Coconut balls, Chocolate macadamia nuts, and we even had real Hawaiian shaved ice with the little umbrellas. The children tried their hand at the limbo and awed their parents with some Hawaiian language. Their favorite word was “tutu” for grandma. They gave a lovely performance of a Hula dance as well. The children truly did visit Hawaii! The children in room 103 have also experienced metamorphosis during our bug and insect unit by making their own set of butterfly wings. Each child had a chance to be wrapped up in a toilet paper cocoon or as they referred to it “chrysalis” and then broke out and tested their new wings. Included with butterflies the children learned about ants, bees and ladybugs which all fall under the category of insects since they all have 6 legs, three body parts and an antennae. They will even sing the song about this if you would ask them.

Our wrap up unit to farm days, was a farm breakfast and hoedown. the children learned about different products that cows, sheep, chickens and pigs provide, so eggs bacon and home-made butter on toast was just the answer for our hoedown. The children also learned some big words like, “mammal” babies born alive, versus “oviparous”, animals, insets and amphibians hatched from eggs. The friends in room 103 just keep on growing and maturing everyday, pure joy for the teachers!

MAY***Year End Calendar***

27	Memorial Day-No School
28	Senior Exams
28	8th Grade Awards 6:30 p.m.
29	Golf/Baseball/Softball Awards Dessert 6:30p.m.
29	Senior Exams
30	Track Awards Dessert 6:30 p.m.
31	Baccalaureate Practice 9:00 a.m.

JUNE

2	Baccalaureate - 3:00 p.m. High School
3	Graduation - 8:00 p.m. at Potter Center

**2001-2002 BOOK REFUNDS
AND REPORT CARDS**

Book refunds and report cards will be mailed during the **week of June 24** *if a self-addressed stamped envelope was turned into the high school office*. They may be picked up in the high school office after June 24 . Summer office hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Immunizations

When any student is new to the Vandercook Lake school district, the State of Michigan requires that they bring with them their birth certificate, social security card, and immunization records. The State also requires their shots be brought up-to-date. They cannot start school without this. This is also for students who may have previously attended here, left for awhile to go to another school, then returned.

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