

# News and Views

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## **DAR WINNER SELECTED** **Amber Lynn Dunckel**

In 1934 the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution established a Good Citizens Contest in high schools. This award is to recognize and encourage outstanding young people in the pursuit of high ideals. The established qualities for good citizens are based upon:

1. Leadership: personality, self control assumption of responsibility
2. Dependability: truthfulness, loyalty, and punctuality
3. Service: cooperation, courtesy, consideration of others
4. Patriotism: unselfish interest in family, school, community, and nation.

During the month of October, the teachers were asked to nominate a senior student for the DAR award. The top three teacher nominee names were presented to the senior class for their final vote. Amber Dunckel was chosen to receive a Good Citizen Pin and Certificate from the Sarah Treat Prudden Chapter of the NSDAR for Jackson County on February 3, 2007.

During December Amber began her state competition by completing a questionnaire and submitting a letter of recommendation, complete transcript, and graduation picture. Amber also wrote a 500-word essay on a topic selected by the NSDAR.

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## Michigan Merit Exam

All Vandercook Lake 11th grade students will be taking the Michigan Merit Examination (MME) on March 13-15. The test will be administered in the middle school gymnasium. We would like juniors to report to school by 7:40am each morning during this testing cycle. The testing will begin promptly at 8:00am. This does require the juniors to be at school by 7:40am on Wednesday, March 14th.

The MME is essentially replacing the MEAP test. The MME will consist of the following components: ACT Plus Writing Test (Day One), the ACT Workkeys (Day 2) and state augmented tests for Science, Math and Social Studies (Day 2 and 3). The augmented tests will have a similar look to the old MEAP tests.

In support of our students participating in the MME, the Vandercook Lake School Board has recognized the participation in the MME as a guideline for graduation from Vandercook Lake High School. Also, please remember that the MME has a significant impact on the scholarships that will be available to your student. Students who do not participate in the MME are potentially losing \$4,000 that can be used towards furthering their education after high school. The new Michigan Promise Scholarship is setup to reward students who do well on the MME, but it also recognizes students who participated by making the money available to them after two successful years in college or trade school. Either way students must participate to be eligible for the scholarship.

As an added incentive for the students, we will be offering a half day of school off on the afternoon of Friday, March 16th. Passes will be distributed to all juniors who complete each section of the MME. Students will be able to leave at their normal lunchtime

Currently on the website is a link to the ACT Online Prep site where all Vandercook juniors can participate in practice for the MME's ACT portion. This is free to the students as the district has covered the cost of this opportunity.

Continue to keep an eye on the new electronic sign in front of McDevitt and also the Vandercook Lake website for more details and information. Please feel free to call Mr. Schonhard (HS Principal - 782-8167) or Mr. Koziol (Curriculum Director-782-0342) at any time with any questions.

## ACT EXPLORE Test

Eighth grade students at Vandercook Lake Middle School will be participating in the ACT EXPLORE test in April. The EXPLORE test will provide students with an opportunity to begin exploring different career choices, as well as assessing academic progress. There is no cost to the students for this assessment. This test is the first component of the ACT testing sequence that culminates with the ACT test in 11th grade. Vandercook Lake students also take the second assessment of the sequence, the ACT PLAN, in the fall of their 10th grade year. We feel that it is important for our students to be prepared for the ACT. According to ACT studies, students who take both the EXPLORE and PLAN tests perform, on average, two points better on the ACT test than students who do not. If you have any further questions regarding the EXPLORE test please feel free to call Mrs. Rudloff (782-8167 ext. 204) or Mr. Koziol (782-0342).

## **Vandercook Lake Easter Egg Hunt**

The ninth annual Easter egg hunt has been scheduled for Saturday, March 24th from 10:00-12:00am. The middle/high school student councils sponsor this event every year to provide a fun and enjoyable activity for K-3rd Townsend elementary students and their parents. The event will begin in the gymnasium at Townsend elementary at 10:00am. The K-3 Townsend students will have the opportunity to participate in many activities including face painting, arts and crafts, an obstacle course, various games and of course the egg hunt. The Easter Bunny himself may even make a visit. Please mark your calendars. If you have any question related to this event, please contact Mark Schonhard at the high school.

## **Middle School Fundraiser**

February 15th, 2007 Grades 6-8 kicked-off a magazine fundraiser. Detailed information was sent home. This will help support Student Council sponsored events. We thank you for your continued support.

## **Upcoming Events.....**

*STAND*, students taking a new direction, will host a Karaoke night on March 13th. Students in grades 6-7 are invited for a fun filled night of Karaoke and other great activities.

*MARCH* is reading month! Please encourage your student by reading the newspaper, talking about books, taking them to the local library, and setting time aside from busy schedules for reading.

*SPELLING BEE* will be March 13th at the Western High School auditorium. The event will begin at 6:00p.m. Mrs. Laura has been coaching our middle school students who are participating in the event. Come out and encourage them.

*BOATER SAFETY* for 6th grade students starts the week of March 19th through the 23rd. Students learn rules for boating and passenger safety.

*BREAKOUT*, a drug preventative program, is scheduled for April 30th-May 4th. The sixth grade students attend two-hour sessions learning about the effects of drugs and how to say NO.

*MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION* for incoming fall sixth grade students is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th, at 6:15pm in the middle school library. This is a brief overview of school policies, procedures, and expectations along with an opportunity to meet your student's teachers.

The Athletic Boosters are sponsoring a dinner/raffle/dance on Saturday, April 14, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. Only 200 tickets will be available. Ticket prices are \$65 and are good for one couple - includes meal, dance and raffle. Over \$4000 will be raffled during the evening. Act III, with Mr. Steve Tucker will provide the entertainment for the evening. Tickets are available from Booster members or at the high school office. Call the high school at 782-8167 and ask for Jodi (ext. 201) for more information.

### Four Year Old Pre-School Registration

Registration for next year will begin following Spring Break on April 9, 2007. If you have a child who will be four on or before December 1, 2007, but not five before December 1, 2007, please contact the McDevitt office at 782-0342 or stop into the office for a registration packet.

### Summer Child Care Program

Registration for this year's summer program will begin April 30, 2007. There will be a few changes to the program this year. Parents will be charged on the basis of a schedule that will be required for each week. The new childcare rates that were implemented for the second semester of this school year will be in effect for the summer session. Packets with all of the updated information will be available during registration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the McDevitt office at 782-0342.

### WINTERFEST 2007

During the week of January 22 our middle/high school students demonstrated their school spirit and their support for our athletic teams by participating in numerous Winter fest activities, which were both enjoyable and entertaining. During the summer our high school student council members selected specific dress up days for each day of the week which were well received by the majority of our student body. On Friday, January 26th the freshmen and sophomores competed against the juniors and seniors in our annual wall decorating contest. Although all four classes did an exceptional job decorating the walls in the gymnasium, the juniors and seniors were proclaimed the winners of the contest. On Friday afternoon the middle/high school students further displayed their school pride in what was one of the most spirited pep rallies in recent memory. Later that night, in front of a packed house of Jayhawk fans the high school basketball team crushed cross town rival Napoleon 55-23. During halftime of the game the Winterfest student representatives were announced. The following students were representatives of their respective classes. 9th Grade: Tyler Stevens & Erica Dunckel; 10th Grade: Thomas Andrews and SooShin Ju; 11th Grade Jake McDaniels and LeAnn Page. The senior candidates for King and Queen of Winterfest 2007 were: Grant Clark and Cara Willbee; Billy Bessey and Samantha Partin; Spencer Myers and Brittany O'Rourke; Dustin Whitford and Robin Snedeker. Last years Winterfest King & Queen: Brandon White & Meghan Gallagher returned to crown the "2007 King & Queen" Billy Bessey and Samantha Partin.

The Winterfest festivities concluded with a high school dance Saturday night sponsored by our (SADD) organization. The members of (SADD) did a terrific job decorating the gymnasium and the dance was well attended.



**Samantha Partin and Billy Bessey  
Queen and King**



The Vandercook Lake school district proudly presents our new community electronic sign located in front of the McDevitt building. One hundred percent of the cost was donated by the following organizations:

A & A Market  
Coca Cola  
Jackson Community Foundation  
Athletic Boosters  
Townsend Elementary PTO  
Gene Davis and Sons  
Music Boosters  
Football Fund  
Youth Football  
Coaches  
Lions Club  
High School/Middle School Student Council  
Bone Island Grille

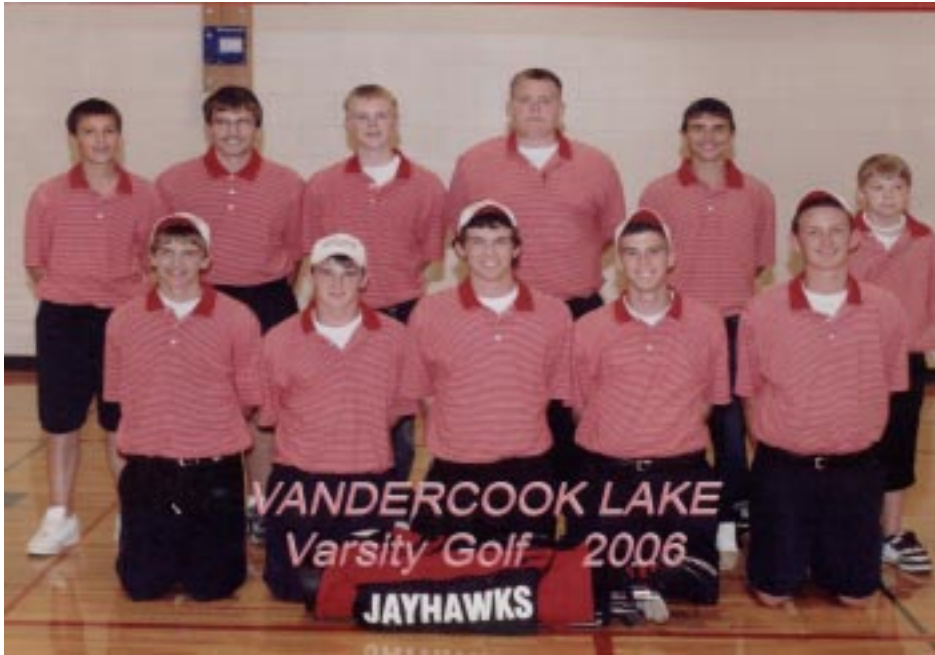


**TRANSPORTATION/BUSING REMINDER!**

Students attempting to ride on any school bus, that they are not registered for, must present parental/guardian permission, approved by the administrator, to the driver before they will be able to board the bus.

**Vandercook Lake Schools Webpage Update**

When "surfing" the net, stop by <http://scnc.vandy.k12.mi.us> for the latest happenings of all the Vandercook Lake Schools. Check the main page for links to the most current information.



**Get Your Yearbooks!!** Just a reminder to all parents, grandparents, and students.....Middle and high school yearbooks are for sale at the high school. The middle school book is all color and costs only \$15.00. The high school yearbook (The Reviewer) is one hundred and twenty-eight full color pages. The price of the book is \$40.00. Checks should be made payable to Vandercook Lake High School and turned in to Mr. Tucker or Ms. Decker. A class representative will also be present at parent/teacher conferences to process orders. Don't miss out on this historic opportunity.

## All Conference Athletes

All Conference athletes have been announced for the recently concluded fall season. Vandercook Lake was represented by the following: Football – Dan Perdeu, receiver. Boy’s Cross Country - John Shoemaker, Sid Buckley, and Danny Tice. Girl’s Cross Country – Chelsea Prough and Michelle Burke. Sid Buckley also was named to the 1st team all area cross country squad.

Congratulations to the boy’s golf team on an outstanding season. They placed 3rd in the conference and won a division 4 district title, the first district title in the school’s history. Team members are (L-R) back row Zach Austin, Daniel Cichy, Dillon Fall, Josh Hale, Jacob Fagan, Chas Swaenepoel. Front row Tyler Suomala, Ken Strohm, Chaz Suomala, Chris Willbee, Greg Brown.

**Good Sportsmanship Honors for the fall season were awarded to both the boys and girls Cross Country Teams, coached by Tom Gass and Dan Roggenbaum respectively. Awards are voted by the coaches of the Cascade Conference. Congratulations to these teams and their coaches!**

## 4th, 5th, and 6th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament

The weekend of February 2-4, the Vandercook Lake Athletic Boosters hosted games for 32 basketball teams. Games were played at both the Townsend and MS/HS buildings. All proceeds are used to purchase uniforms and to improve facilities for our athletes. This event is successful because of the many volunteers involved. A big thank-you is extended to all involved, especially the parents, coaches, and athletes helping with concessions, high school/middle school athletes for keeping score and running time clocks, and Randy Straub, Jeff McDaniels, and Dave Negus for organizing the entire weekend.

## Winter Sports Dessert

**March 14**

Awards for all high school teams this winter season will be given out on Thursday, March 14, 2007. Dessert is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Awards ceremony will begin immediately following the dessert.

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## News from Vandercook Lake Schools S.A.D.D. Organization

Vandy has its own very active S.A.D.D. chapter (Students Against Destructive Decisions). S.A.D.D. is an organization for students in grades 9-12. Our officers are: President-Samantha Partin; Vice-President-Amanda Corts; Secretaries-Ashley Strong and Michelle Burke; Treasurers-Cara Rink and Mikaila Rose; Public Relations-Chelsea Moore; Historian-Dustin Whitford, and our Activity Coordinators-Brandon Whitford and Courtney Hamblin. Our purpose is to help students make good choices and to have fun with friends in a drug and alcohol free environment. Our advisor is Mrs. Rita McVey.

The 21st Annual Leadership Conference at Shanty Creek Resort was held in November with many of our S.A.D.D. members attending. Speakers from around the United States were brought in to tell how destructive decisions could turn a life upside down. Different schools and people put on the workshops. These workshops help to develop skills such as leadership and communication. They also showed how to relax and deal with diversity. This conference allowed students to meet other students from all over Michigan. There is a group of selected students that help to run the conference and many other events throughout the year. It is called the Student Advisory Board (SAB). This year we are lucky enough to have a member on it....she is Alise Richardson.

S.A.D.D. members organized the Winterfest dance. The theme this year was "A Winter Royal Ball". Members decorated the gym with scrolls of royal guest lists that had the names of all students 9-12 written on crowns. Lights and snowflakes were strung throughout the gym. All had a wonderful time.

On February 2-4 many S.A.D.D. members attended the Peer Resistance Skills (PRS) and S.T.A.N.D. training in Attica, Michigan. The goal of this program was to build skills in students to teach others how to resist peer and social pressures. Students were taught skills for being assertive in peer interactions, and practiced how to teach these skills through skits designed by the students. The training was designed to teach younger students how to refuse drug offers in a socially acceptable manner. The S.A.D.D. members will visit fifth grade classrooms later in the year to teach fifth graders how to resist drugs and alcohol with assertive behavior. The S.A.D.D. members that attended the conference along with their advisor Mrs. McVey were Chelsea Moore, Kristen Morgan, Kasey Vaughn, Annetta Whiting, Ashley Strong, Cara Rink, Brandon Whitford, and Patrick Furlong. Mrs. Rink was a chaperone for the group.

S.A.D.D. has many upcoming events in our schedule. One is the Youth Leading Change Conference on March 8th. When we were at the PRS/S.T.A.N.D. Training in Attica, MI, we met five girls from Cousino S.A.D.D. chapter and we plan to have a lock-in with them. On March 24th we are going to Joe's Crab Shack and a movie in Ann Arbor. We also have things planned like: S.A.D.D. Awareness Week, an assembly, and the M.A.D.D. Victim Impact Panel, along with presenting the PRS training to the fifth graders. In April, we will be doing crafts at the Easter Egg Hunt. In June we have our annual S.A.D.D. trip to Cedar Point.

New members are always welcome, just walk in. We meet every other Wednesday, after school, in the library.

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## 2007 COMMUNITY-AS-SCHOOL SENIOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

This semester 10 seniors are participating as interns in the Community-As-School Program.

<b>Intern:</b>	<b>Career Area:</b>	<b>Location(s):</b>
Bioty, Nikki	Legal Field	Jackson Co. Prosecutor's Office
Dunckel, Amber	Ultrasound Tech	Foote Imaging Services
Grzesikowski, Valerie	Legal Field	Jackson Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Kelso, Tabatha	Child Care	McDevitt Child Care
Marriott, Elizabeth	Medical Field	Foote Women & Newborn Passages Center for Women
Moor, Katie	Medical Field Education	Foote Women & Newborn Townsend Elementary School
O'Rourke, Brittany	Athletic Trainer Medical Field	Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists Foote Women & Newborn
Perdew, Dan	Financial Advisor	Richmond Brothers
Suomala, Chaz	Ultrasound Tech	Foote Imaging Services
Willbee, Cara	Education	Townsend Elementary School





Yvonne Kelly w/ Christa Howard (2006-CAS Intern) at Jackson Paraveterinary Clinic



A. D'Amico, B. Hightower w/ Sandy Schaller at Adams Day Spa



Tabitha Kubic w/ Bernice Harvey and children at McDevitt Child Care



Chris Semelko & Amber Dancel w/ Amy Hillier at Franks Imaging Services



Brittany G. Kuntz w/ Brandon Klasing at Oshkoshville School Activities



Dan Pender w/ Matt Carlson (1999 CAS Intern) at Richmond Bookery



Cara Wilbur w/ Peter Vase at Townsend Elementary School



Elizabeth Maxwell at York Hospital Women & Newborn

**Job Shadowing at Vandercook Lake High School**

This year, 60 tenth grade job shadowers were placed in the Jackson area. All of the students reported positive experiences. Job shadowing is a four-hour, one-time visit, with an employer in the student's career interest area. The student "shadows" at the place of business, is given a tour, learns about requirements for the career, and many times experiences "hands-on" activities. If you would like to know more about job shadowing, or if you know an employer who would be a good placement for a student to job shadow with in the future, please contact Patti Shafer, Career Prep Coordinator, at 782-8167, Ext. 143. ....We appreciate the time the following businesses and employees gave to our future working force! Special thanks to the Junior Achievement staff for their fine work in placing the students at outstanding businesses. Also special thanks to all who assisted in transporting the students!

Student:	Career Area:	Location:	Contact:
Zachary Austin	Athletics	Jackson High School	Russell Davis
Nicholas Baxter	Earth/Space Science	Planetarium (Ella Sharp)	Mark Reed
Dani Burge	Education	Spring Arbor University	Sue Pedersen
Michelle Burke	Surgical Technician	Baker College	Paula Hayes
Megan Burkholder	Veterinary Assistant	Animal Hospital of VCL	Dr. Pamela Fouty
Brandie Camp	Journalist/Editor	Jackson Citizen Patriot	Tom Perrin
Britney Campbell	Cosmetologist	Personal Images Salon	Sherry Burditt
Eric Campbell	Drafting/Design	Worthington Specialty	Frank Layman
Kayla Cavender	Journalist	Jackson Citizen Patriot	Tom Perrin
Emilee Conner	Social Work	Lifeways	Heather Bridgewater
Nicole Crabtree	Athletics	Jackson High School	Russell Davis
Lindsey Degi	Physical Therapy	Orthopaedic Rehab	Brandon Klump
Angela Ekins	Cosmetologist	Allure Day Spa	Sandy Schulze
Danielle Fisher	Veterinary Assistant	Blackman Animal Clinic	Dr. Christi Sosinski
Megan Furlong	Veterinary Assistant	Blackman Animal Clinic	Dr. Christi Sosinski
Patrick Furlong	Musician/Recording	Spring Arbor Univ Radio	Carl Fletcher
Shanna Harden	Magazine Journalist	Jackson Magazine	Rich Griffis
Michael Sussex	Veterinary Assistant	Cascades Humane Society	Sue Chambers
Travis Hensley	Computers	Jackson Area Career Center	Steve Keinath
Nathan Herrington	Maintenance	Alpine Lake Apartments	Mary Griffis
Amy Higgins	Event Planning	Grand Rental Station	Leslie Fulmerhouser
Brittney Hightower	Cosmetologist	Allure Day Spa	Sandy Schulze
Jana Horton	Education	Spring Arbor University	Sue Pedersen
Cassandra Howard	Counselor	Lifeways	Heather Bridgewater
Kayla Hutton	Physical Therapy	Orthopaedic Rehab	Brandon Klump
Ricky Jones	Hair Stylist	Sandy's Hair Studio	Sandy Wilson
Tamar Joshua	Disc Jockey	Jackson Radio K 105.3	Shannon Parham
Mackenzie Kurtz	Legal Field	Jackson Police Dept.	Officer Holly Rose
Trenton LeFaive	CAD	Tenneco, Inc.	Teaira Tello
Kyle Lewis	Mechanic	Art Moehn	Ken McCord
Michael Lindsey	Law/Safety	Jackson Fire Dept.	Eric Copeland
Megan Marshall	Child/Youth Care	St. Mary's Child Care	Sue Hutchinson
Megan Masters	Physical Therapy	Orthopaedic Rehab	Brandon Klump
Megan Miller	Journalism	Jackson Citizen Patriot	Tom Perrin
Cesar Miranda Jr.	Computers	Jackson Area Career Center	Steve Keinath
Chelsea Moore	Computers	Jackson Area Career Center	Steve Keinath
Kristen Morgan	Veterinary Assistant	Cascades Humane Society	Sue Chambers
Roxanne Mullins	Veterinary Assistant	Animal Hospital of VCL	Dr. Pamela Fouty
Jolene Nichols	Graphic Design	Great Lakes Graphics	Beth Hayden
Arianna O'Rourke	Athletic Trainer	Orthopaedic Rehab	Brandon Klump
Ariana Osgood	Legal Field	Jackson Police Dept.	Officer Holly Rose
Tabitha Papiersky	Dance Teacher	Toni Marcelle School of Dance	Toni Rushlow
Katelyn Parmalee	Optometry	Gregory Optical	Rita Swartzlander
Alyssa Pitek	Pharmacist	Aumack's Chemist Shop	Tom McKernan
Devon Rauh	Architect	Architonics	Robert Cole
Alise Richardson	Legal/Business	Jackson Coffee Company	Brian Surgener
Cara Rink	Horticulture	Beck's Floral	Cheryl & Gary Beck
Ronni Rodziewicz	Veterinary Assistant	Cascades Humane Society	Sue Chambers
Alexis Roe	Legal Field	Jackson Police Dept.	Officer Holly Rose
Angel Sabo-Harris	Accounting/Business	Worthington Specialty	Frank Layman
Emily Smith	Education	Spring Arbor University	Sue Pedersen
Sarah Smith	Education	Spring Arbor University	Sue Pedersen
Nichole Stevens	Nurse	Center for Family Health	Kelly Cutting
Tyler Suomala	Graphic Design	Great Lakes Graphics	Beth Hayden
Tyler Susskind	Musician/Recording	Jackson Radio K 105.3	Shannon Parham
Amber VanDusen	Education	Spring Arbor University	Sue Pedersen
Andrew White	Architect	Architonics	Robert Cole
Brandon Whitford	Law/Safety	Jackson Fire Dept.	Eric Copeland
Annetta Whiting	Law Enforcement	Jackson Police Dept.	Officer Holly Rose



**Job Shadowing Students 2007 - Patti Shafer Career Prep Coordinator**

## **First Grade News**

The first grade classes have been busy with a variety of things. In Mrs. Bradley's class the children are looking forward to learning about creepy crawly animals as they begin their new unit in reading. They will read about spiders, caterpillars and chameleons. They have also been learning about President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln in time for Presidents Day. In math they are developing "fact power" which means they are learning their basic math facts. In science they are beginning a unit in measuring and sorting. This unit focuses on various ways to measure things.

In Mrs. Leighton-Gamel's class the children celebrated Valentines Day with a valentine exchange party. Hundreds Day provided lots of opportunities of working with 100 math problems, licking a lollipop 100 times and writing about how to spend \$100.00. The children also enjoyed learning Spanish for the past 6 weeks from two Panama students, Antonia and Alicia. The children gave them a parting gift of a card signed by all the children and a class book. The children also look forward to the annual "Chili Book-Off", scheduled for March 9th. Many book related activities are planned for the day along with a delicious lunch of home-made chili and other treats.

In Mrs. Rininger's class the children have been reading about spiders. Guided reading groups are going strong and the children also partner read and silent read during this time. Learning centers include activities such as pocket charts, writing in their own individual books and working in writing related activities. We are currently working on money in math. Learning to count by 5's is important when counting nickels and we are often heard chanting our 5's to 100. All of us enjoyed reading books and working on activities about dinosaurs in preparation of our author visit of Paleo Joe. Paleo Joe is not only an author of children's books but a real paleontologist! The children learned many interesting facts about dinosaurs! We feel fortunate to have had such an interesting visitor!

## **Second Grade News**

In Mrs. Hause's class the second grade classrooms have been very busy lately. Mrs. Hause's students have been learning about the earth, sun and moon and have been investigating how things in our environment change over time. Mrs. Fish's and Mrs. Johnson's students have been learning about how things move using simple machines.

Cursive writing has been introduced. They are doing a wonderful job forming letters and connecting them to make words. In math we are working on money and telling time with shapes and fractions coming soon.

It is hard to believe that over half the year is gone. We hope that you have seen the gains that they have made this year from all their hard work. We are proud of how far they have come!

### **3rd Grade News**

The third graders of Townsend are earning points towards graduation. That is, they are earning points for Apple Valley School. Our third graders are not just reading history, but learning history by living it in a simulated one-room school. What was school like for pioneer children in the late 1800s? They will soon visit the Ella Sharp Park Museum for "Pioneer Days" to find out even more. Each boy and girl will dress like pioneer children. They will eat what they ate and even spend time in an actual one-room schoolhouse.

In addition to this field trip the third graders will have a busy month of March. Third graders will attend a Children's Theatre presentation at Jackson Community College. They will participate in a program presented here at Townsend with the Michigan History Society. Also our students will attend the Rural Education Days at the fair grounds.

We recently said good bye to our new friends, Alicia and Antonio, from Panama. This cultural experience provided our students with a wealth of information and appreciation for Panama. As Antonio said, "Our hearts are changed forever." We enjoyed music, dancing, and learning some words in Spanish. We heard about schools and life in their country. But most importantly, we found out how much we are alike. We will miss them both.

### **Fourth Grade**

Wouldn't you like to be back in fourth grade? Exciting activities have been going on like visiting the Michigan History Museum in Lansing and listening to Paleo Joe who is an author and paleologist. The classes of Mrs. Cripe and Mr. VanEpps are studying the earth in science. Mr. Spaan's class is studying and observing animal behaviors. Mr. Snyder's class is electrifying and very shocking.....studying Electricity. Wish you were back in fourth grade? Ask a fourth grade student how exciting it is.

### **Fifth Grade**

Currently the fifth grade classrooms are busy working on many assorted writing projects, math assignments, and science and social studies information as well as preparing for the MEAP in the Fall.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the author visit from Paleo Joe on February 22. They learned many new and interesting facts regarding dinosaurs. Paleo Joe has inspired many of our students to become explorers!

## Art News from Townsend

The art room is a very busy place at Townsend Elementary. The students have been influenced by different artists and their works of art to make their own artwork. The fifth graders, fourth graders, and Kindergarteners are getting ready to display their art at their music program. The students will bring their family members into the art room after their music program is over. They will be able to show their family some of the masterpieces they have created.

Here are some of the recent highlights in art class. The Kindergarteners have created a Rainforest. The first, second and Multiage have been mixing colors to make new colors. The third graders have made self portraits. The fourth graders have practiced making Chinese characters and have put some of the characters they have learned on a scroll. The fifth graders have made animal sculptures out of clay.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year and all the art masterpieces that are yet to come.....Mrs. Richardson

# Kindergarten Idol

*(This could be your child...)*



**Congratulations!! You are going to...  
Vandercook Lake Public Schools!!**

### **Kindergarten & Young Five's Enrollment Going on Now!**

*All children who will be 5 years of age on or  
before December 1, 2007 are eligible to  
participate.*

### **FULL DAY OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

½day Kindergarten at Townsend plus  
½day structured Childcare at McDevitt

**Please call 784-6133 or stop by and  
see us at Townsend Elementary  
1005 Floyd Ave. for more information.**

### **ROUND-UP DATES:**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

Remember to bring:

- Your Child
- Birth Certificate
- Current Immunization Record

### **Townsend Parent Meeting April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 - 5:30**

**or**

**6:00 - 7:30**

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## Annual School Election - May 8, 2007

On Tuesday May 8, 2007 our annual school election will be held for the Vandercook Lake School District . Check your polling location as it may have changed. Election times: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM.

Registered voters will elect two individuals to represent them for the next four years. The candidates are:

**Michael Horton** - Mike and his wife, Karen, have three children enrolled in the Vandercook Lake Schools.

**Randall Treacher** - Randy has been a member of the Board of Education since 1983. He has two children who have graduated from the Vandercook Lake Schools. Randy is also a graduate of the Vandercook Lake Schools.

**Delinda Woods** - Delinda has been a member of the Board of Education since 1995. She has had two children graduate from the Vandercook Lake Schools.

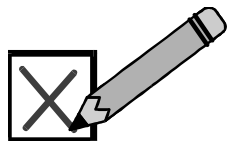
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## Polling Location Change

Summit Township has notified us there has been a change in regard to school election polling locations that will affect Vandercook Lake registered voters. This change will be in effect for this election. Locations for voting are as follows:

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| <b>Precinct 7</b>  | <b>Summit Township Hall - 2121 Francis Street</b>     |
| <b>Precinct 8</b>  | <b>Vandercook Lake High School - 1000 Golf Avenue</b> |
| <b>Precinct 10</b> | <b>Vandercook Lake High School - 1000 Golf Avenue</b> |
| <b>Precinct 11</b> | <b>Vandercook Lake High School - 1000 Golf Avenue</b> |
| <b>Precinct 12</b> | <b>Summit Township Hall - 2121 Francis Street</b>     |

Any questions regarding polling locations should be directed to the Township of Summit at (517) 788-4113.



**Vote on Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

**2006-2007 Year-end Calendar**

<b>March</b>	1	Parent Teacher Conferences- 1:00 -4:00 p.m. 6:00 -8:00 p.m. ½ Day –School Dismissed 11:00 a.m.
	2	½ Day – School Dismissed 11:00 a.m.
	17, 18	7th, 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball
	22	Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m
	27	Make a Difference Dessert 6:30 p.m.
<b>April</b>	2-6	Spring Break
	9	School Resumes
	14	Athletic Cash Bash
<b>May</b>	3	Lions Club
	5	Prom 8:00-11:00 p.m.
	7	5th Grade Student Orientation 8:30-10:00 a.m
	8	5th Grade Parent Orientation 6:15 p.m.
	22	Middle School Spring Concert
	23	High School Spring Concert
	28	MEMORIALDAY–NOSCHOOL
	29	6th & 7th Grade Awards – 1:30-p.m. 8th Grade Awards – 6:30 p.m.
	30	High School Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m. Senior Dessert Immediately Following Awards Ceremony
<b>June</b>	3	Baccalaureate 3:00 p.m. High School
	4	Graduation 8:00 p.m. Potter Center Exam Review Day
	5	Exams
	6	Exams ½ Day – Dismissal 11:00 a.m.
	7	Exams ½ Day - Dismissal 11:00 a.m.
	8	No Students – Teacher Workday

**Annual Blood Drive**

The annual Blood Drive will be March 22 from 8:00am - 2:00 pm in the high school gym. Walk-ins are welcome. You may also make an appointment starting March 6 by calling Marcia Bigger, high school librarian at 782-8167 at extension 211.

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