

# News and Views

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## HOMECOMING 2001

The 2001 Vandercook Lake School District Homecoming was a great success in all aspects. The entire week in school showed tremendous school spirit with various dress-up days and class competitions. The pep assembly held on Friday before the game was filled with enthusiasm and added to the planned festivities.

The homecoming parade was larger and more spirited than ever with participants from the community as well as from the school. The Armed Forces were honored as this years "Grand Marshalls". We felt it was important to pay tribute to them as our country faces one of its most adverse times in history. Our thoughts and prayers will be with our National leaders and all of the men and women in our armed forces until this tragedy is resolved.

The floats based on the theme "Popular Games" were clever and colorful. A special thank you to the families who hosted the float-making sessions and to the parents and teachers who supervised the construction. It is this type of involvement that makes our school and activities such a success.

### First Place Float - Senior Class

The Vandercook Lake Jayhawk Marching Band paid tribute to Detroit's 300th year anniversary by performing selections from the legends of Motown. "I Want You Back"--The Jackson 5; "You Can't Hurry Love"--Diana Ross and the Supremes; "Shop Around"--Smokey Robinson and the Miracles; "Money (That's What I Want)"--Barry Gordy; and "Respect"--Aretha Franklin. This performance was also judged at the band's Seventh Annual Marching Invitational, where they received high marks and praise from all three clinicians. Congratulations to our fine marching band.

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## Free Vision and Hearing Testing

The Jackson County Health Department Hearing and Vision walk-in-clinic offers free testing for everyone, children through adults. Screening is held at the Jackson County Health Department, 1697 Lansing Avenue (517) 788-4420 on the first and third Friday every month from 1:00-4:30 p.m., September to the first week in June.

## FAIM

Families Active in the Middle School (FAIM) meets the second Monday of each month at 8:30 p.m. in the high school library. FAIM is having a positive impact on our middle school students and their families. FAIM offers the opportunity to meet other parents, discuss middle school issues, and plan student activities. Please try to attend these meetings and become a member of FAIM.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Micki Clemons was chosen as Miss Junior Jackson and will be competing for the title of Miss Junior Michigan on February 24-25. The winner of the state will travel to New York City to compete for the national title of Miss Junior America.

## The 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.

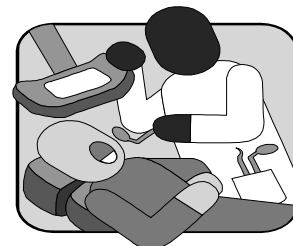
**Seniors:** Rachael Dunckel, Rebecca Dunckel, Jasmine Gary, Jessica Gazlay, Jeremy Jensen, Dani Lowe, Jill Phillippi, Tyler Pierce, Trista Rink, Laura Ritson, Ashley Rose, Erin Sedgman, Scott Spencer, Jenny Stevens, Andrea Surbrook, Sarah Zebarah.

**Juniors:** Leah Adair, Lindsay Adamczyk, Sierra Arnold, Jordan Clark, Carly Cyphers, Ryan Essex, Chris Fischer, David Higgins, Abbey Hobbick, Tara Long, Danielle Mannor, David Richardson, Clint Vanhooser, Nikki Zebarah

## Mobile Dentists

Mobile dentists will be at Vandercook Lake High School on November 22 and Townsend Elementary December 4. Mobile dentists is an in-school dental outreach program that provides:

- \* Dental examination
- \* Cleanings
- \* Fluoride
- \* Radiographs
- \* Sealants



Service can be FREE! If you did not receive an application, contact the high school or Townsend elementary.

### Coronation

After the game, the coronation ceremony was held in the gym. The representatives were:

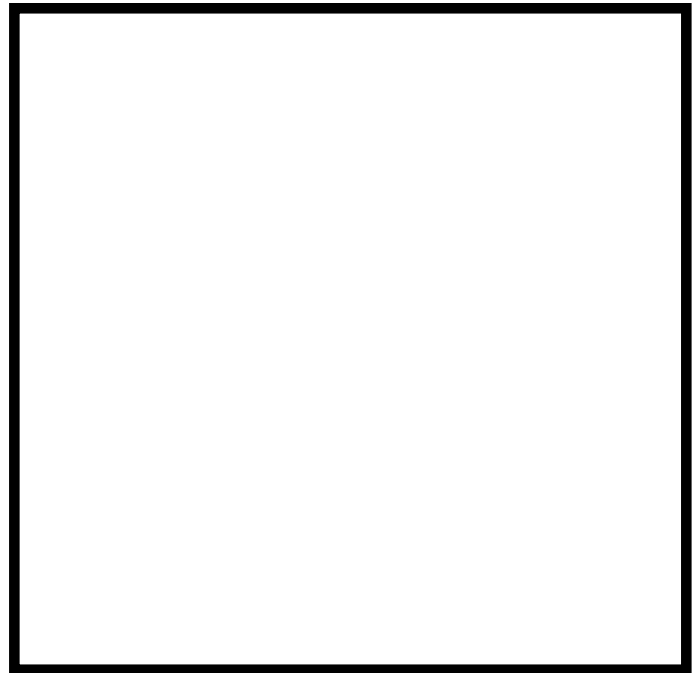
**Seventh:** Joel Tallman and Katie Moor; **Ninth:** Patrick Meads and Shiloh Maples; **Tenth:** Adam Whitworth and Jessica Perdew; **Eleventh:** Chris Fischer and Danielle Mannor. The senior representatives were: Scott Spencer and Rachael Dunkel; Jordan Kuhl and Jessica Gazlay; Jacob Ashley and Kirsten Yonnick; Brad Devereaux and Chelsey Middlebrook. Brad Devereaux and and Kirsten Yonnick placed as first runner's up. Jacob Cure and Nicole Essex returned to crown the new King and Queen: **Jordan Kuhl and Jessica Gazlay.**

The senior high homecoming dance was held Saturday, September 22. The homecoming court, along with the newly crowned king and queen, were introduced. A festive dance was enjoyed by all. The Middle school homecoming dance was held on September 25. The 7th grade prince and princess were crowned at this dance. The sixth graders enjoyed an activity night in the middle school gym.

We thank Tuxedo World at Jackson Crossing for the tuxedos. We especially thank all of the people who loaned cars and helped to make the parade and coronation such a success.

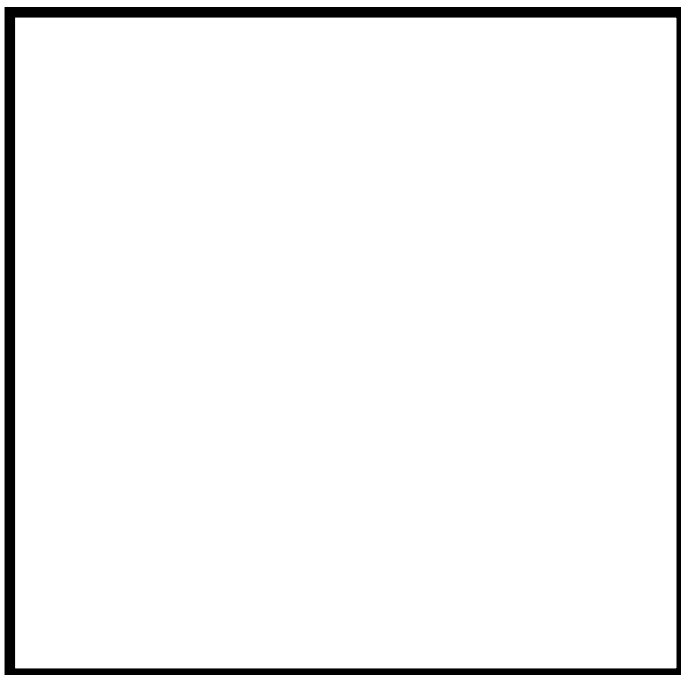
In conclusion, we thank everyone who had a hand in making the 2001 Vandercook Lake Homecoming a success and look forward to your continued support in the future.

### Curriculum Workers

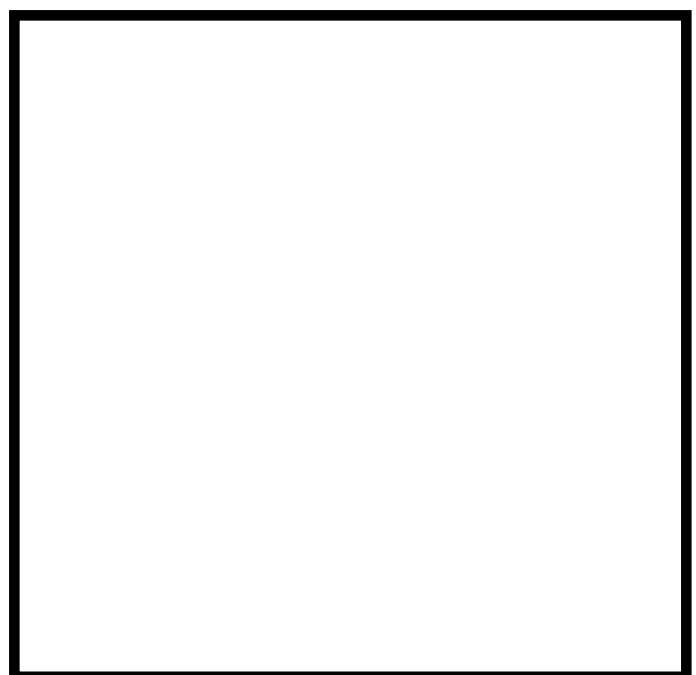


L-R) Sheryl Waite, Judine Bennett, Mindy Kinner

The curriculum work at Vandercook Lake is a year-round process. Many teachers participated this summer in a curriculum alignment workshop at the Jackson ISD. During common planning, the teachers have continued to work on the curriculum at each grade level and in each content area. The teachers are developing sample lessons and assessments for each of the state benchmarks. Both Townsend and the High School are working on Professional Development activities that will assist in delivering curriculum.



Jessica Gazlay and Jordan Kuhl (Queen and King)



(L-R) Rita McVey, Dan Roggenbaum, Charity Emerson

## **COLLEGE FINANCE -- Attention Seniors and Parents**

Listed below are some exceptional low interest loans. Please note the window when request for applications can be made.

### **BIEDERMAN LOAN: 0% INTEREST**

#### **Eligibility:**

- financial need - this is determined by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- must graduate from a Jackson County high school.
- plan to attend a public college or university
- maintained a 2.5 GPA while in high school & college as a full time student.
- may borrow up to \$4000.00. Maximum \$1,000 per year.

Contact Person/Business: "The Jackson Community Foundation" at 787-1321.

Request must be made in November.

### **JOHN GEORGE LOAN: 2% INTEREST**

#### **Eligibility:**

- not determined by financial need but student must carry at least 12 hours per semester and maintain 2.25 GPA while in college.
- up to \$4,000 per year if attending a 4 year college/univ.
- loan does not apply to private colleges.
- resident of Jackson

Contact Person/Business: Mrs. Karen Friend Ph. 782-8126. To be considered, must register in person (can be student or parent) during the months of October, November and December at 145 S. Jackson St., during the week between the hours: Monday 1- 4PM and Tues - Friday, 8:30 -12: 00AM.

### **LOUIS GLICK MEMORIAL TRUST: 3% INT.**

#### **Eligibility:**

- attend a college/university in Michigan
- residence in Michigan past 3 years
- graduated from a high school in Jackson county
- maximum amount \$2,000 per year

Contact Person/Business. Mrs. Ann Diamond, Ph 787-1900. Applications may be obtained at 1410 W. Ganson. Mrs. Diamond works part-time, call for an appointment to pick up an application. Applications are due April 1st through May 15th.

### **THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF JACKSON**

#### **Eligibility:**

- The Student Loan Fund of the Women's Club of Jackson offers low interest loans (3%) for graduates of Jackson County High schools.
- Loans range form \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Contact Person: See Mr. Biondolillo, High School Counselor for an application

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## Relay for Life

Vandercook Lake Public Schools organized a team to take part in this summer's American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The team, made up of teachers, support staff and family members, spent August 3 and 4 walking at Cascades Park to raise funds to help find a cure for cancer.

The event was a lot of fun. Besides having at least one team member walking on the track at all times, team members celebrated the lives of the survivors in our school community by cheering them on during the opening Survivor's Victory Lap. A powerful luminary ceremony was held at twilight honoring survivors as well as those who lost their courageous battle with this disease.

Fun activities were held during each of the 24 hours. Events such as trick or treating for the kids, costume contests, "Let's Make a Deal", and a dunk tank made the weekend a true family affair.

The VCL team would like to thank all the generous people who donated to this important cause. T.J. Freeze provided us with a generous donation as a business sponsor. If anyone in the community would like to join our team, purchase a luminary or make a donation for next year's Relay for Life to be held August 2 and 3, 2002, please contact Cathy Trowbridge or Sheryl Waite at Townsend Elementary (784-6133).

### Student Leadership

On October 8, 2001, Vandercook Lake students participated in the Jackson County Fall Leadership Forum at Spring Arbor University. Students had the opportunity to attend sessions on community leadership, stress, sports, drug awareness and other high interest topics. Mr. Steve Tucker presented sessions on school spirit. Freshmen representatives were Pat Meads, Ashley Adair, Kristen Matthews, Jared Burke; Sophomores were Jason Perry, Adam Sprangel, Nick Gallagher, Jordan Masters, Brandie Melchiori, Lauren Berry; Juniors, David Higgins, Lindsay Adamczyk, Carly Cyphers, Nikki Zebarah, Jereme Wood; Seniors Jasmine Gary, Kera Clemons, Dani Lowe, Josh VanEpps, Jenny Stevens, Paul Heath and Mike James.

### Cascade Conference Sportsmanship Summit

Spring Arbor University hosted a sportsmanship summit of athletes from the Cascade Conference on Monday, October 8, 2001. Each school selected a male and female athlete from grades 7-12. Students participated in activities that emphasized teamwork, cooperation, and leadership with the students from schools in our league. 7th grade Brent Bowersox and Brittany O'Rourke, 8th grade Colin Treacher and Katherine Mollitor, 9th grade Tim Corts and Whitney Rose; 10th grade Randy Hancock and Kristen Yoakam; 11th grade Ryan Essex and Sierra Arnold; 12th grade Tyler Pierce and Ashley Gorton attended.

## SENIOR ATHLETES 2000-2001

Jason Cure, Becky Weaver, and Nicole Essex earned top honors in their class as outstanding athletes. This is based on participation, achievement, and academics. Congratulations to these deserving students!

**Jason Cure** has had an outstanding career in both cross country and track. During his high school career, he has been all conference four times and elected five times by his teammates most valuable runner.

Most runners set their goals to be as good as Jason has been. Jason's career was topped off by making All State his senior year in cross country.

We wish him the best of luck in his future.

**Becky Weaver** has been the backbone of our cross country team for four years. Through her hard work she influenced many girls to run cross country and track. She lettered eight times. She was All Conference in cross country three times. She was selected most valuable four times in cross country.

Becky is one of the few ladies who have earned the destination of being both Athletic All State and Academic All State. She is most deserving of this award.

**Nicole Essex** has been an outstanding athlete during her four years of high school. She lettered in basketball, volleyball, and softball. She was selected All Conference five times, captain of the basketball, volleyball, and softball teams in her senior year.

Nicole had an injury to her right hand in her sophomore year, but kept right on playing. Her high school career was capped off by being selected first string All State in softball.

Nicole is now attending Western Michigan University.

She is most deserving of this award.

### *Inclement Weather*

Vandercook Lake Schools will be following the same procedure as it has in the previous years regarding school closing.

Factors that cause such closing are usually weather related, though mechanical problems such as water supply or heating problems can also be a cause. The following factors will be taken into consideration regarding the closing of school.

**ICE:** Roads are ice covered and not thawing.

**SNOW:** Snow is of a nature to make roads impassable due to snow depth and/or drifting.

**VISIBILITY:** The density of the fog or constantly blowing snow make driving hazardous.

**TEMPERATURE & WINDCHILL:** The temperature and wind chill factors along with the severity of the conditions.

During the school year, schools and police agencies throughout the county work closely together in tracking storms, monitoring weather and road conditions and communicating concerns that may be cause for delays in starting and/or closing times of school.

Every effort is made to make the decision for closing by 6:00 a.m. Uncertain or rapidly worsening conditions often give cause for decisions to be made later than 6:00 a.m. or with storms arriving during the day, it may be necessary to send the children home early. Jackson radio stations WKHM, WJKN, WIBM, Q106, and WILX-TV will be notified in these situations.

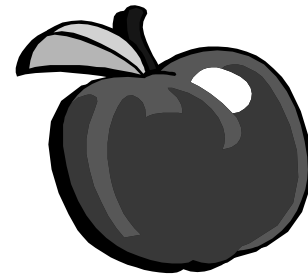
It is very important that the children are dressed appropriately for the ever changing weather. The children also must know where they are to go in case of early closing. We want to assure you, that the decision to delay or close school is taken very seriously. We hope this information helps in your understanding of what is involved in these decisions.

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## First Grade News

First Graders are off to an exciting year! They are learning to read and write like crazy. We have done units on Johnny Appleseed and apples. We have done such things as apple tasting, making apple sauce and many different arts and crafts to go along with the unit.

The First Grade classes took a field trip to Binder Park Zoo at the end of September. Despite the dreary weather we had, the trip was a success. All of the children enjoyed touring the Africa exhibit and seeing the white tiger. It was such a fun-filled day that many of the little ones dozed off on the ride home!.....Miss Schedeler



## Second Grade News

Second Graders have been busy this fall. With a recent visit to Jiffy Mix in Chelsea, the children toured the factory and viewed a slide show presentation, which reinforced their experience of products being made within the factory.

The annual Grandparents Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14. Up to four grandparents are encouraged to attend their Second Grade grandchild's assembly. Details will be sent home with each student.

In all the classrooms, the children are enjoying learning academics through many "hands on" approaches. With science, they are learning about simple machines and lights and shadows. Math is concentrating on problem solving and different types of graphing.....Mrs. Hause

## Third Grade News

The Third Grade classes have been very busy since school started. In reading, our first unit covered fractured fairy tales. We read three different versions of the "3 Little Pigs". Our next unit covers stories from different communities.

In math, we have gone over reading and making different kinds of graphs. Now we are working on reading and writing numbers up to the hundred thousands. We also will be dealing with time.

We have talked about Christopher Columbus and will be learning about the Pilgrims soon in social studies.

Everyone is looking forward to Halloween and having our first classroom party of the year.....Mrs. Kinner

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## Fourth Grade News

Fourth Graders are off to an exciting year. We are happy to welcome Miss Grant as our new Fourth Grade teacher.

Fourth Grade students study Michigan in their social studies curriculum. All of our classrooms have toured the State Capitol and are learning how our State government functions. The beauty and restoration of the building impressed our students. Many classrooms were able to see the senate in session. Mrs. Cripe and Mrs. Gleed's room was visited by our District Representative, Mr. Clark Bisbee, to explain how a law is made. Next month, the Fourth Grade classrooms will be traveling to Lansing again for a tour of the Michigan History Museum.

We have begun using Battle Creek science kits in four of the classrooms. By the end of the year, each class will have completed two kits. Motion, Force & Energy and Magnetism & Electricity are the kits that are covered this year. The kits include many experiments followed by journal responses. Our students really enjoy learning science this way.

Each day, Fourth Graders are practicing problem solving skills and strategies to prepare them for the Math and Reading MEAP. The MEAP is scheduled to be taken in January of 2002. We are hoping that all of our hard work will pay off!.....Mrs. Cripe

## Kindergarten

“Excitement” is the key descriptor for the learning that is taking place in Mrs. Bailey’s Kindergarten room.

One of the exciting days in September was when our caterpillar turned into a monarch butterfly. What a fun time we had when the class had the opportunity to taste ice cream like a butterfly (with their toes!). Our study of bugs and insects developed from this activity.

Mrs. Brenda Davis from the ISD has been in our room periodically enlarging our vision on how letters and sounds go together to make words - and then how much fun it is to read those words.

In September, we took a field trip to Safetyville to study many of the aspects of traffic safety. In October, we look forward to the Summit Park Fire Department bringing their fire engine over and sharing some principles of fire safety with us.....Mrs. Bailey

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## 5th Grade News

Hello from the Fifth Grade! Some new and exciting things are happening this year. First of all, we wish to welcome Mrs. Donna Yocum, the new addition to our Fifth Grade staff. We're so happy to have her aboard!

Also this year, Mr. Myers, Mr. VanEpps and Mrs. Yocum are teaching a new science curriculum entitled the "Battle Creek Science Kits". The kits are all "hands on" and the students love them. Mr. VanEpp's class has been building simple machines using Legos; and Mr. Myers's class is learning about measurement in "Matter Matters".

We will be going to Storer Camp for a day of challenging team building activities such as "Fire Quest", "Incredible Journey" and "Gimmee Shelter". The day will end with a performance of Dr. Seuss's The Lorax by the camp staff. It will be an exciting day!

This is a wonderful group of kids and it has been a treat working with them!.....Mrs. French

## 4-Year Old Program (Michigan School Readiness)

The Michigan School Readiness preschool program has gotten off to a great start this school year. The 4-year-old students have been busy with puzzles, reading, creating art projects, singing, drawing, playing and getting to know each other and getting used to the daily routine. Also, the students have enjoyed watching their classroom pets including Irene, the Corn Snake who shed her skin in front of amazed little eyes. In September, the preschoolers visited the high school marching band and were given a private concert. The first "field trip" was on the bus to Townsend for picture day. The 4-year-olds came ready for pictures with their best smiles. The field trip at the end of October to Indian Brooke Farms to visit the pumpkin patch and take a hayride was a huge hit. We look forward to the rest of the school year and know we have many more fun days ahead of us.

## Basic Kindergarten

What an exciting and pleasant addition the Basic Kindergarten has been to McDevitt. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Guernsey and the students in room 103 have been very busy since the first day of school. In September, the students participated in dress up days for Homecoming. We saw the craziest hair and what fun clash day was. Mr. Harvey, a Fire Fighter from the Summit Township Fire Department met with the students in October about fire safety, and the students were able to climb up in the fire truck to take a look around. After rescheduling due to rain twice, the class finally had their first field trip to Somerset Beach Camp Ground for a hayride and petting farm visit. The students have been learning sign language with Ms. Nancy and with daily practice, are improving in their fine motor skills, cutting, coloring and clay play. The children have been graphing, sorting, and counting with apples, leaves, shapes, and acorns. The room is often filled with the smell of good food. Cooking and foods have been used to teach colors and shapes. The class will be studying Mexico in December and animals from the Arctic in January. The year has just begun....

## McDevitt Childcare

Childcare at McDevitt, formerly known as Latchkey, continues to be an outstanding program in the district. The students and employees in the program are enjoying the extra rooms available to them for games, art projects, studying, or playing on the computers. The students are also able to play in the gym or on the playground. Wednesday mornings, Mrs. Harvey runs a basketball program for the students while others choose to play games, play on the computer, or watch a video. Contact Mrs. Bonnie Harvey, Childcare supervisor, at 782-0342 if you would like to register your child.



## Patriotic Assembly at Townsend

Our Townsend family gathered on Friday morning, September 14, to observe the National Day of Mourning and Prayer for our national family. Fifth Grader, Jerry Powell, led the Pledge of Allegiance. A class of Fifth Grade students sang a new song called "All of One Heart", which they are preparing for the music program, "Freedom II", on January 15.

All of those assembled then sang several patriotic songs, accompanied by Mrs. Childs on the piano. Miss Schedeler, one of our First Grade teachers, thrilled everyone with a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America", inviting us to sing along on the second time through. We then observed a moment of silence before returning to our classrooms. The students were respectful in paying tribute to our country and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. It made me proud to be their teacher!.....Mrs. Childs, Music Educator

## Freedom II Is Coming

Students in the Fourth and Fifth Grades are now busy working with Mrs. Childs on their music program, "Freedom II", which will be presented at 7:00 PM in the Townsend Gym on Tuesday, January 15, 2002.

This will be a patriotic program emphasizing the freedoms that we enjoy as Americans, and the Core Democratic Values that we need to always uphold. It will be a joy for the ear and eye! You are encouraged to put this date on your calendar now and plan to attend.....Mrs. Childs, Music Educator

## Parents

Don't forget that Townsend School still collects food labels for school equipment from **Campbells**. There are many non-Campbell brands included also. They are **V8, Franco-American, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm, and Prego**.

If you are interested in the entire list, contact Townsend, and we would be more than happy to send one to you. Even if you don't have a child attending Townsend, our students would benefit from your support if you saved and brought in labels.

Also we are still saving **Holsum** wrappers and **General Mills** box tops.

We will be collecting throughout the entire school year.

**Thank you!**

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## Mrs. Hume

The Townsend School family was saddened by the recent death of an excellent dedicated teacher, Jane Hume. Jane began teaching in the elementary school in 1957 in the McDevitt School. For the next 44 years, she represented our district as the essence of professionalism. She cared about every single student.

Jane always took pride in continuing to upgrade her skills. She was always looking for ways to improve her skills to help her students.

Many of the current teachers on our Vandercook staff were her former students. They were fortunate to know her as their teacher and later their colleague.

Jane was always available and eager to help her students. She was a leader, by example, among the faculty. Her dedication served as an inspiration to our entire staff. Her memory will be an inspiration to all those whose many lives she touched.....Diane McQuillan, Assistant Principal - Townsend Elementary

The "Townsend Tribute" dedicated an issue to the memory of Jane Hume. Some of the tributes to her include:

"On Tuesday, August 28, 2001, Mrs. Jane Hume passed away after serving our district for 44 years. Her love for the children and her dedication to teaching will be greatly missed by everyone. My daughter, Melissa, asked me, "What about all the younger kids who will never have her for a teacher?" I think that says a lot for the impact she had on her students" ....Lori Sedgman, Teacher Assistant - Townsend Elementary

"Mrs. Hume was her name to me. I had her for my 5th grade teacher. Gosh, she was the best!! Mrs. Hume was a wonderful role model for me and my three boys that she also taught" .....June (Wood) London, Teacher Assistant - HS

"Hello everyone. I was very sad when I had heard that Mrs. Hume had passed away. I would like to share with you why I am grateful. When I was in fourth grade, I was having very many problems in math, and Mrs. Hume had a tutoring class. I would go to the class after school. I'm very thankful for Mrs. Hume, and very sad that she passed away. But her spirit lives on with us. Thank you" ....Audi Olds, 6th Grade Student, VLMS

"When I was in the 4th grade, it was the day of the Community Exhibition. It was about 1:15 pm and Mrs. Hume lost her wedding ring and she started to cry. Then I found it and she kissed me on my forehead" ....Sean Emery, 5th grade student - Townsend Elementary

"For 25 years I could always count on Jane for her input and encouragement. She was a good friend. I will always miss her." ....Dan Wandell, 4th Grade Teacher, Townsend Elementary

"Mrs. Hume was a most unusual person. She was unusual because of her courage and determination, her commitment and dedication, and because of her faith." .....Paul Chilcote, Principal, Townsend Elementary

**"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every passerby leaves a mark" - Chinese proverb**

# Welcome new staff members

## Karen Beaman

**High School:** Lumen Christi  
**College:** JCC, Spring Arbor Univ.  
**Major:** English  
**Minor:** Elementary Education  
**Degree:** Bachelors  
**Assignment:** 7th Grade English  
**Family:** Husband, Brian. Newly married in June.  
**Previous Experience:** Three years at Our Lady of Fatima School teaching second grade.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Gardening, golf, reading, going on vacation, bowling, yoga, and tap dancing.

**I went into education because.....**teaching was the only thing I've ever wanted to do.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**to teach to the best of my ability. Also, to keep in mind that not all students learn the same. It is important to keep up on techniques and strategies to reach all learners.

**I am looking forward to.....**continuing my education and getting my masters degree.

## Christopher Sexton

**High School:** Baptist Park HS  
**College:** Spring Arbor Univ.  
**Major:** Elementary Education  
**Minor:** Mathematics, Exercise and Sport Science  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Assignment:** Sixth Grade Math  
**Family:** Wife, Angela, and son, Caleb.  
**Previous Experience:** Substitute Teacher

**Hobbies and Interests:** I enjoy playing sports and going camping. I also enjoy spending time with my family. I like reading to my son and also enjoy reading books dealing with history.

**I went into education because....**I enjoy working with children. I love to see the look in their eyes when they understand something new.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is:** One of my major goals as an educator is to be a positive role model for my students. I also want each student to reach their full potential in academics and life, so I hold high expectations for every student.

**I am looking forward to.....**getting to know each of the students and seeing them mature over the years.

## Heather Mergener

## Rene'e Rudloff

**High School:** Western H.S.  
**College:** Spring Arbor Univ.  
**Major:** Social Studies  
**Minor:** Education  
**Degree:** B.S. in Elementary Education  
**Assignment:** 6th Grade Social Studies  
**Family:** Husband, Barry, three sons, Cary, Ryan, and Aaron. One dog, Spot.  
**Previous Experience:** Taught classes for Jackson Community College.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Bicycling, racketball, sailing.

**I went into education because....**I enjoy teaching and working with children.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is....**to build life-long learners who are active within their community.

**I am looking forward to.....**helping each student reach their full potential.

**High School:** Eaton Rapids High School  
**College:** Michigan State University (BA); Spring Arbor University (Certification)  
**Major:** Spanish  
**Minor:** French, Psychology  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Assignment:** Spanish Teacher  
**Family:** Husband, Eric, Infant Son, Daniel Paul,

and dog, Spot.

**Previous Experience:** Substitute Teacher

**Hobbies and Interests:** Spending time with family, reading, camping, and travelling.

**I went into education because....**I have always been interested in working with children; what a better way to do this than teaching Spanish, something I also love to do.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is:** to help shape the futures of my students the best way I can and to know that I made a difference.

**I am looking forward to.....**many more years of being an educator!

# Welcome new staff members

## Rene' Smith

**High School:** Vandercook Lake HS

**College:** Greenville College

**Major:** B.S. in Education

**Assignment:** Basic Kindergarten - McDevitt School.

**Family:** Husband, Charles; Daughter, Emily, and Sons, Caleb and Zachary.

**Previous Experience:** One year Columbia and three years at Springport.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Spending time with my 3 children and my husband - camping is a favorite. I love singing with kids at church and helping with summer camp children's programs at Somerset Beach Campground.

**I went into education because.....**I love children!! I love to see the look in their eyes when "they get it". I love their excitement about learning new things. I love to watch the children make new friends, give hugs and share with one another.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**to provide a positive, consistent and loving environment filled with new and exciting experiences and challenges. I want to convey my love of learning to my students. To the families of my students, I want them to realize that education is not a race, but rather a life-long journey.

**I am looking forward to...**seeing all 15 of the children in my class graduate from high school and head out into the world with confidence and ready to achieve their dream.

## Wendy Klintworth

**High School:** Vandercook Lake High School

**College:** Hope College

**Major:** Biology

**Minor:** General Science

**Degree:** B. A.

**Assignment:** Biology, Earth Science, Zoology

**Family:** Husband, Tom, Daughter, Claire

**Previous Experience:** Four years teaching biology and basic biology at Northeast High School.

**Hobbies or Interests:** Spending time with family, reading, scrap-booking.

**I went into education because...**it is important! I like going to school everyday and watching the students discover new things.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**to challenge students and make them responsible for discovering concepts and ideas.

**I am looking forward to.....**being part of the Vandercook community again.

## Marianne Berkemeier

**High School:** Canevin High School, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**College:** University of Dayton/Indiana University

**Major:** Elementary Education

**Degree:** B.S. in Education-Credits toward Reading Specialist

**Assignment:** Reading Recovery - Townsend Elementary

**Family:** Husband, Paul; Four children, Paul (24), Michael (22), David (20), and Danielle (16).

**Previous Experience:** Resource teacher at Columbia Middle School. Resource teacher for 6th grade at Vandercook Middle School.

**Hobbies or Interests:** Events that involve my daughter, Danielle and her cousins, and exercising.

**I went into education because.....**I like kids of all ages. I was a poor reader in the lower grades and know that one can be brought up to level and beyond.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is..**to inspire learning and the love of reading.

**I am looking forward to....**learning and applying the Reading Recovery Program.

## Michelle Griffin

**High School:** Lumen Christi

**College:** JCC/Spring Arbor University/Madonna

**Major:** Social Studies/Early Childhood/Special Education

**Degree:** Bachelors (working on Masters)

**Assignment:** 7th/8th Special Education

**Family:** Three daughters, Brittany (12), Mallory (10), Aimee (8).

**Previous Experience:** Substitute Teacher

**Hobbies or Interests:** My kids.

**I went into education because.....**I love working with kids.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is.....**to help each of my students reach their full potential.

**I am looking forward to.....**completing my masters degree.

## Charity Emerson

**High School:** Hanover-Horton

**College:** Spring Arbor University

**Major:** Social Studies

**Degree:** B.A. in Secondary Education

**Assignment:** Core I and Core II Mathematics

**Family:** Single

**Previous Experience:** First year teacher.

**Hobbies or Interests:** Running, hiking, travel, crafts.

**I went into education because.....**I love math and I love kids.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is..**to give every student an opportunity to have a positive learning experience. My philosophy is every student has the ability to learn.

**I am looking forward to....**more experience in the classroom and meeting more fun, diverse individuals.

**Matthew S. Laura****High School:** Milan High School, Milan, Michigan**College:** University of Michigan**Major:** Choral Music Education**Degree:** Bachelor of Music**Assignment:** Exploratory Music, MS Choir, HS Choir**Family:** Wife, Heidi, and Cat, Irene.**Previous Experience:** Dearborn Public Schools, Band and Choir, Saline Varsity Blues, Various Musicals, Many years of performing**Hobbies or Interests:** Construction, reading, spending time with friends and family**I went into education because.....**I wanted to help students become adults who could work together to solve problems.**My goal/philosophy as an educator is..**everyone works and everyone succeeds - together.**I am looking forward to....**a long time to build relationships and performers.**Sherilyn Renee Grant****High School:** Homestead High School (Fort Wayne, Indiana)**College:** Evangel University (Springfield, Mo.)**Major:** Elementary education**Minor:** Social Sciences**Degree:** Bachelor of Science**Assignment:** 4th Grade Teacher - Townsend Elementary**Family:** Singe - Parents, two younger brothers and younger sister all live in the area.**Previous Experience:** First year teacher.**I went into education because.....**I have always known I would be a teacher. I have a desire to connect with and challenge each student that walks into my classroom.**My goal/philosophy as an educator is..**I believe every student can learn and grow at whatever level they are at. It is my goal to meet them at their level and give them the tools and resources they need to grow, both academically and socially.**I am looking forward to....**learning from and working with the teachers around me. I am very pleased to be a part of the staff at Townsend Elementary!

# Welcome new staff members

**Daniel Hyliard****High School:** Vandercook Lake High School**College:** Michigan State University**Major:** Earth Science**Degree:** Bachelor of Science**Assignment:** 10th Grade Earth/Space, 7th and 8th Grade Astronomy,

9th Grade Geography

**Family:** Wife, Wendy, and Son, Zachary**Previous Experience:** Student Teacher at Lansing Eastern**Hobbies or Interests:** Astronomy, sports, being with family, yardwork.**I went into education because.....**I want to be a role model to students and help them pursue further education.**My goal/philosophy as an educator is..**encourage my students by example to be responsible citizens.**I am looking forward to....**working as a professional in the school that made me who I am today.**Ryan Irwin****High School:** Monroe High School**College:** Grand Valley State University, CMU**Major:** Education/Sports Medicine**Degree:** Bachelor of Science, Master of Arts- Educational Admin.**Assignment:** Middle School P.E. - High School Physical Conditioning, Football Coach**Family:** Wife, Kristin**Previous Experience:** Two years Lakeview Middle School**Hobbies or Interests:** Coaching football, hunting, fishing, yardwork**I went into education because.....**I enjoy working with students and athletes to make them better people and players.**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...try** to teach children to make good health choices for the rest of their lives.**I am looking forward to....**getting myself established in the community and turning the football program around.**Chadwick W. Frey****High School:** Napoleon High School**College:** Western Michigan University**Major:** History**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts in Education**Assignment:** 7th Grade Social Studies**Family:** Single**Previous Experience:** Government/History Teacher - Reading HS**Hobbies or Interests:** Golf, boating, downhill skiing**I went into education because.....**I loved school. I want to help kids have the same educational experience I did.**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...Every child** regardless of gender or race has the right to a free and unbiased education in the United States.**I am looking forward to....**Vandercook Lake becoming the best school in the country.

**CALENDAR - 2001-2002**

November	5	Boys Golf, Football, Cheerleading, Awards Night 6:30 pm
	7	Parent-Teacher Conferences 7-9 pm;
	8	Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-4 pm; 7-9 pm; 1/2 Day of School - Dismissal 11:00
	9	1/2 Day Dismissal 11:00
	12	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 p.m.
	14	Picture Retakes
	20	Girls Basketball-Cross Country Awards 6:30 pm
	17	Apple Pie Sale
	22-23	Thanksgiving Break
December	8-9	5th-6th Grade Girls' Basketball Tournament
	10	Board Meeting - HS Library 6:00 p.m
	20	Holiday Concert Middle/High School Band/Choir at JCC
	24-Jan 4	Winter Break
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January	7	School Resumes
	14	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 p.m.
	14-17	Exams
	18	Teachers Record Day - <b>No school for students</b>
February	1-3	5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball Tournament
	11	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 p.m
	12	6th Grade Band/Jazz Band Concert 7:30 pm.
	14	1/2 Day - H.S and Elementary - Begin winter break
	15-18	No school - Winter Break
	23	Band Clinic
March	6	Parent Teacher Conferences 7-9:00 pm
	7	Parent Teacher Conferences 1-4; 7-9:00 pm, 1/2 Day of School
	8	1/2 Day of School
	11	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 p.m.
	15	Blood Drive
	29	Good Friday - <b>No School</b>
April	1-5	Spring Break
	15	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 pm.
	18	Exhibition of Learning 7-9:00 pm
May	4	Prom
	13	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 pm.
	13	5th Grade Orientation 8-9:30 am
	14	Spring Middle School Band/Choir Concert 7:30 pm
	14	5th Grade Parent Orientation 6:30 pm
	21	High School Band/Choir Concert 7:30 pm
	22	Senior Dessert 6:30 pm
	22	High School Awards 7:30 pm
	24	1/2 Day of School
	27	Memorial Day - No School
	28	6th and 7th Grade Awards 1:30 pm
	28	8th Grade Awards 6:30 pm
June	2	Baccalaureate
	3	Commencement - Potter Center 8:00 pm
	3,4,5,6	Exams
	5-6	1/2 Days of School
	6	Last Day for Students

**APPLE PIE SALE**

**Beginning Wednesday, November 1, orders will be taken from any Vandercook Lake middle-senior high school student for apple pies. The pies will cost \$5.00 each and weigh three pounds. Pies may be picked up on Saturday November 17, between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the high school gym. Any special orders call: Chuck Miller at 782-8167.**

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