

News and Views

from the Vandercook Lake Public Schools

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Jackson, Michigan

Chuck Miller Honored



Mr. Chuck Miller will be retiring from the Vandercook Lake Public Schools at the end of January of this school year. In appreciation and recognition of the many years of service and dedication to our school and community, several events have taken place.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Miller were honored as this years "Grand Marshals". Mr. Miller has been with the district for over 48 years as a teacher, coach and Athletic Director. During Mr. Miller's tenure at Vandercook Lake Public Schools, he has always worked to provide the best programs and facilities for the students of our district. Through his leadership, the program and facilities are among the finest in the State of Michigan. Mrs. Miller has also played a large role in the programs at Vandercook Lake. She has always been willing to volunteer and do what was necessary in an effort to support the students of Vandercook Lake Public Schools. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller have generously offered their advice, time, and assistance for which our school and the community of Vandercook Lake is eternally grateful. The Vandercook Lake Athletic Boosters honored Mr. and Mrs. Miller during the half time ceremony with Booster representatives Jeff McDaniels and Lynn Adamczyk presenting Chuck and Sandie with engraved watches in appreciation of their dedication and service.

Following the presentation by the boosters, Mr. Hollow, Assistant Superintendent, read a Resolution that had been quietly prepared by the Vandercook Lake Board of Education. The resolution acknowledged some of the many accomplishments Mr. Miller achieved during his career and stated "that on the first day of October, 2004, the athletic facilities on this campus be hereby named in his honor and shall be known as "The Charles N. Miller Athletic Complex" with the sincere thanks and appreciation of the school district and the entire community". Superintendent Bennett presented the official resolution to Chuck. Mr. Randy Treacher, President of the Vandercook Lake Board of Education then presented to Mr. Miller, a replica of the official sign that will be erected designating the athletic facilities as "The Charles N. Miller Athletic Complex". Mr. Miller received a standing ovation from the large homecoming crowd, and he was both genuinely surprised and appreciative of these honors. Congratulations to Chuck and Sandie Miller, Vandercook Lake says "Thank You"!



HOMECOMING 2004



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller - "Grand Marshals"

The 2004 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 floats based on the theme "Olympics - "Pass the torch to Vandy" were clever and colorful. The float pictured at left is the first-place float won by the Sophomore class with the theme, Balance Beam - Slogan of "Crush Em". 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.

Following the Grand Marshals in the homecoming celebration were the floats:

Middle School - "Amalgamation"
 Freshmen - "Serve the Panthers a Loss"
 Sophomores - "Balance Beam - Crush Em"
 Juniors - "Stomp the Panthers"
 Seniors - "Panther, It's What's for Dinner"



**First Place Float - Sophomore Class
 Balance Beam - Slogan "Crush"**

Upon the conclusion of a tough Homecoming loss to Addison, the spectators and players were treated to a fireworks display extravaganza. The beautiful fall night sky was electrified with a spectacular array of colorful and screaming fireworks. A special thanks go out to Phil Tripp and the Auto Body Shop for their donation which made this incredible post-game fireworks display possible.

We thank Sean Kennedy of Pollys for their generous donation of apples that were distributed during the parade. We thank President Tuxedo at the Westwood Mall for the discount our students received on the rental of their tuxedos. We would also like to thank everyone else in the community who made this year's parade and coronation such a huge success!



**Queen and King
 Angela Edward and Patrick Meads**

Half-time Coronation

Last year's 2003 Homecoming king and queen returned to crown the new king and queen: Chad Myers and Jessica Perdeu (pictured on right).

Jessica is the daughter of Brian and Carol Perdeu. She is currently attending Jackson Community College with plans to transfer to Spring Arbor University to pursue a degree in elementary education.

Chad is the son of John and Renee Myers and is a student at Saginaw Valley College.

The following pages (3-5) show pictures of the representatives of their respective classes and the entire court.



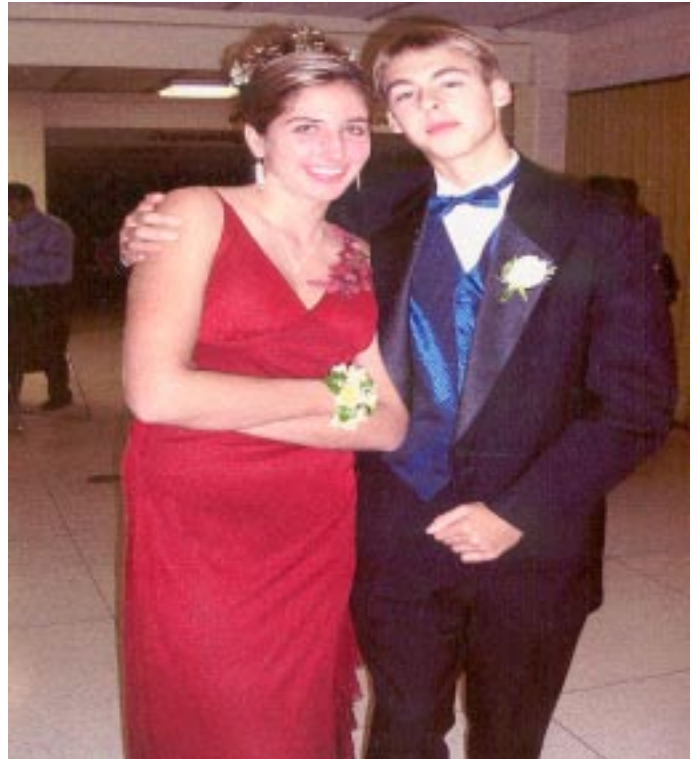
Freshmen Class
Brittani Geirsbach and David Midena



Sophomore Class
Spencer Myers and Tabatha Kelso



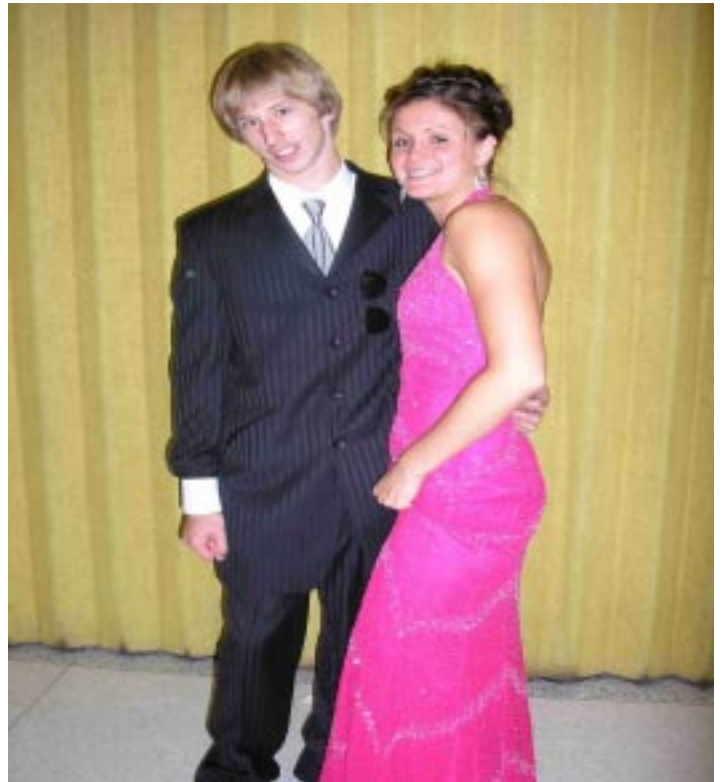
**Senior Class
Whitney Rose and Brandon McCollum**



**Senior Class
Jered Burke and Rachel Benson**



**Senior Class
Tim Corts and Heather Fushi**



**Junior Class
Shannah Gazlay and Richard Gorton**



Homecoming Court



The Class of 1954 celebrated their 50-year class reunion and participated in the Homecoming parade.

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/university.
 - loan does not apply to private colleges.
 - resident of Jackson County
- 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- 4 PM and Tues - Friday, 8:30 -12: 00 AM.

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 1 through May 15.

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

The Mobile Dentists is an in-school dental outreach program that will be at Vandercook Lake January 11, 2005, for the middle school and high school students. They will be at Townsend Elementary, all day, on Tuesday, November 9, 2004. This program provides: Dental Examinations, Cleanings, Flouride, Radiography, and Sealants. If further dental care is needed, an appropriate referral is made in your area. Scholarships are available. Registration forms will be distributed several weeks prior to dates listed. Contacts are: Middle and High School - Mr. J. Biondolillo. Townsend Elementary - Mrs. Boorman.

Paying for College

Steady increases in fees, room and board since 1980s push cost of degree over \$60,000. (Source: *Detroit Free Press* 8/1/04). Planning ahead can reduce stress and unplanned expense when your children reach collage age.

Some guidelines:

Start early

- ✓ Decide whether you're saving for a public or private college. A private school's cost can be more than double the cost of a public school
- ✓ Create a time line. Figure out how much time you have before you'll need to start paying tuition bills, how much money you've already saved and how much you still need.
- ✓ Establish an investment philosophy.
- ✓ Investigate the opportunities offered by Michigan Educational Trust (MET). The trust allows parents to invest a certain amount of money toward their child's college education and the state, in turn, pays for tuition and fees at any Michigan university. Anyone can contribute or open a MET for a child, i.e., grandparents, aunt, uncle, godparents, family friend, etc. For more information contact your school counselor or call toll free at 1-877-861-6377 or visit www.misaves.com

More than 15 years away

- ✓ Investigate the opportunities offered by Michigan Educational Trust (MET)
- ✓ Consider opening an Education IRA, a tax-deferred account that allows you to save up to \$2,000 a year per child. Earnings can be withdrawn tax-free when used for the child's education.
- ✓ Think about investing in aggressive mutual funds, which allow you to invest in different ways with one goal in mind.

Ten -15 years away

- ✓ Investigate the opportunities offered by Michigan Educational Trust (MET)
- ✓ Look into prepaid tuition plans, which are college savings plans that rise in value at the same rate as college tuition.

Five to 10 years away

- ✓ Investigate the opportunities offered by Michigan Educational Trust (MET)
- ✓ Move a portion of your investments into fixed income or bonds. Fixed-income investments pay a predetermined rate of interest periodically and return investment at the maturity date.

Five year or less

- ✓ Move your child's college money into more conservative investments.
- ✓ Traditional savings accounts, money market accounts and certificates of deposit can help you set aside money for school.

College time

- ✓ Attend VCL's financial aid seminar. Date to be announced
- ✓ Factor in loans, grants and scholarships into your financial planning. Remember the deadlines and plan ahead.
- ✓ See if you child qualifies for a work/study program at the university/college they will be attending.
- ✓ Starting off at a community college can reduce costs.

If you have questions contact Jim Biondolillo/Counselor at VCL High School.



Meet Annie

Vandercook Lake Middle/High School has a therapy dog. Her name is Annie. Annie spends most of her days in Mrs. Leindecker's room. Annie was raised and trained as a leader dog for the blind. She was taught basic obedience commands from the age of 4 weeks until she was one year old. When she turned one year old, she was given a physical by "Leader Dog" and was found to be unfit because of hip dysplasia. She was then retired from the program and adopted by Mrs. Leindecker for the purpose of using her as a therapy dog in our school. What does a therapy dog do? Annie brings joy to everyone she comes in contact with. She helps the 6th graders stand in the lunch line as well as spends one hour a day with the kids in Mrs. Long's PASS room. Annie is a wonderful addition to our school. If you see her in the hallway, be sure to give her a pat.

Student Leadership Forum

On October 22, 2004, Vandercook Lake High School 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. Freshmen representatives were Kalie Lamb, Jacob McDaniels, Brett Mercer, Rick Schweda, Tyler Snedeker; Sophomores were Emily Masters, Spencer Myers, Brittney O'Rourke, Joel Tallman, Aaron Ruger; Juniors Derrick Fairchild, Shannah Gazlay, Richard Gorton, Dusty O'Dell, Nicole Woolwine; Seniors Brittney Ackerman, Tim Corts, Josh Donaldson, Angela Edward, Brandon McCollum. Leadership representatives Grant Clark, Sara Wahl, and Heather Fushi helped organize this most successful event.Les Essex, Advisor

Athletic Price Changes

At the July school board meeting the board adopted price changes for athletic contests. This went into effect at the beginning of the 2004-05 school year. All varsity contests are \$4.00 for everyone with the exception of varsity baseball and softball which are \$3.00. There is no charge for J.V. baseball and softball. All junior high contests are \$3.00 for everyone.

These price adjustments brings us in line with all of the Cascades Conference. The main reason for the price adjustments is that costs for equipment and officials keep rising.

In order to help offset the price increases, a coupon booklet is offered. The cost of the booklet is \$25.00 for adults which contains ten tickets. The savings is \$15.00. The booklet for students is \$20.00 with ten tickets in it. The savings is \$20.00. Booklets are on sale in the high school office during school hours and at the ticket booth of each game. Booklets save you almost 50%. The tickets are good for all junior and high school home games.

1st Grade News

First Grade is off to a great start! The students have adjusted well to being in school all day and eating lunch at school. The First Grade teachers have planned an exciting year for their students who are eager to learn to read and write stories.

Students in Mrs. Rininger's and Mrs. Allen's rooms have been busy writing in journals and publishing books, some as a class and others individually. They are also enjoying a variety of math games as part of the Investigations portion of our math instruction as well as solving many story problems.

Mrs. Fish and Mrs. Leighton have just finished units on apples. There were many apple activities, including apple graphing and a birthday party for Johnny Appleseed. Their students are looking forward to their pumpkin units.

Mrs. Bailey's class loves science! They really enjoyed the kit called "Water Planet" and are looking forward to their next kits called "Water Works".

2nd Grade News

Second Grade is off to a wonderful start with a trip to Jiffy Mix. We learned about many simple machines that will be studied later in a unit called How Things Move.

The caterpillars have made a home in our classrooms and we have been studying the changes they make from egg to adult. We are able to see how other animals change as well.

We have read many stories in Reading that pertain to pets. It has been fun comparing the authors and illustrators and starting to use this information to write our own stories.

Second Graders are solving lots of mathematical problems and learning some fun games. Ask your child to play these games with you!.....Mrs. Higgins

3rd Grade News

What a change Third Grade is. Most of us are now in the "west wing". We have the very last lunch period of the day - good thing we get snacks after recess! Our morning break is a fitness break and we all do mileage during that time. The office is having a hard time keeping up with the prizes because we've walked so many miles already, and it's only the beginning of October..... We have learned about bar graphs in math and are now working on reading and writing large numbers. In reading, we have read fractured fairy tales. We read three different silly versions of The Three Little Pigs. In November, most classrooms will be going to Pioneer Day at Ella Sharp. In order to prepare for this wonderful program, we will begin reading Little House in the Big Woods soon and learning more about pioneers and the early days of Jackson. Mrs. Morgan's class will be going on their trip in MarchIt has been a great beginning of the school year and we are looking forward to learning so much more.....Mrs. Kinner

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten classes really enjoyed their field trip to Safetyville, a hands-on approach to learning about traffic safety. They all practiced walking safely around the miniature town, learned to dial 911, and were instructed on how to deal with strangers. Their favorite activity was driving the pedal-powered tractors as they practiced obeying traffic signals, railroad crossings and stop signs.

The Summit Township Fire Department came to our classes to teach fire safety during Fire Prevention Week. The highlight for the children was getting to walk through the fire truck and listen to the siren. We really appreciate the time our firemen volunteer to teach young children skills that could be lifesaving.

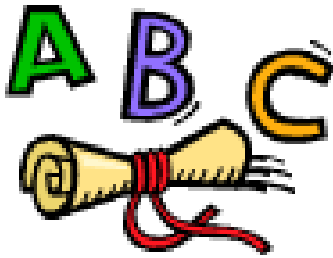
Mrs. Marsh's classes have enjoyed exploring their five senses with activities in math, language arts and science. We explored our sense of sight by looking through magnifying glasses and sorting various objects. We also made a graph about our eye colors. We had lots of fun making a yummy book about peanut butter and jelly. We used our sense of hearing to listen to loud and soft noises. More fun activities and experiments will be happening soon!

The children in Mrs. Stapley's and Mrs. Elzinga's classes have enjoyed some special treats to reinforce the letter people we've met so far this year. We made apple sauce for Miss A, tasted cotton candy for Mr. C, and made doughnuts for Mr. D. The boys and girls learn how to form each letter using sign language as well as the sound each letter makes.

The classes have enjoyed making shapes on geoboards and graphing their favorite dinosaur. We are now working on patterns in math and practice counting every day. Singing songs to learn the days of the week and months of the year, along with stories and activities to improve cutting and coloring skills keeps us very busy....Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Stapley and Mrs. Elzinga

4th Grade News

Fall is a busy time of learning for Fourth Graders at Townsend Elementary School. On the writing portion of the MEAP, students are expected to take a position on an issue and support it with details. We are perfecting this type of writing as well as personal narratives. We are also involved in "word study" spelling where we compare and contrast word patterns to help us become better writers and readers. If you stop by a Fourth Grade classroom, you will see: novels being read, animals being studied, bar and line graphs being created, and many math concepts being explored. In addition, if you want to learn more about Michigan, a Fourth Grader at Townsend Elementary may be your best resource! As you can see, we are raking in piles of knowledge this fall season!



5th Grade News

Fall is here and the Fifth Graders at Townsend Elementary are as busy as beavers! Talk to a Fifth Grader and they will tell you that any good writer uses similes and metaphors to make their writing more descriptive. Not only are we learning to be descriptive writers, we are also learning how to have an active voice in our community by writing business letters. Along with writing, you will also catch us reading. Enter the world of Narnia with Miss Grant's class as they read, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Jump back in time with Mr. Packer's class as they read, *The Watson's Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Or, stop by Mrs. Yocum's room and listen to the story, *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Michaelson. To top it all off, we are learning about simple machines in Science, working on multiplication and division clusters in Math, and applying Core Democratic Values to our lives in Social Studies. It's clear that we are off to a great start! We are excited and looking forward to all the new things we still have yet to learn this year!

Townsend Art Room

The students have been working hard in the Art Room. They have been learning how lines and shapes can bring about different feelings in artwork. Grades One through Five have looked at famous artists and their works of art. The students studied the works of art looking at how the artist used lines in their artwork.

- 1st Graders looked at different city paintings.
- 2nd Graders - Claude Monet's water lily paintings
- 3rd Graders - Juan Gris's cubism style paintings
- 4th Graders - Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa
- 5th Graders - Pablo Picasso's cubism style paintings



After viewing the famous artwork, the students then inspired by what they learned, created their own masterpieces. After the students finish up units on line and shape, we will learn about color. I look forward to more creativity and enthusiasm in the coming months with your children.....Mrs. Richardson

Townsend Library

Mrs. French returned this year from maternity leave to the position of Librarian at Townsend Elementary. She previously taught fifth grade at Townsend. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. French back to Townsend Elementary and appreciate the many interesting activities going on in the library.

Accelerated Reader List of Quizzes: The list of available quizzes for the Accelerated Reader Program is available to students and parents at the Summit Branch of the public library. You can ask at the desk to view this list. They also have several of the books marked for you.....Students can also view this list during their scheduled library time or on flex time at the Townsend School Library. Parents are welcome to see this list at the school library or call Mrs. French at 784-6133, ext. 510 for help.

We are off to a great start in the library! The month of September was "Following Directions" month, so we did numerous activities and read lots of books that had to do with following directions. We used the craft books, drawing books, paper airplane books, and even the cookbooks! The 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades did a great job of following an actual recipe during their library time. In all grades, we talked about the good things that can happen when we follow all of the directions, and following directions can also keep us safe. The 2nd Grade found out what a mess Big Anthony got himself into when he didn't follow directions in *Strega Nona* by Tomie dePaola. The 1st Grade learned about a dog named Pinkerton who got his directions all mixed up. The Kindergarten had fun acting out the book *Five Little Monkeys Jumping On the Bed*. Those naughty monkeys! I have enjoyed getting to know all the students in the school and I am finally starting to learn all their names! (It only took until October ha-ha!) Be sure to stop by the library if you're ever in Townsend. We think it's a happening place!....Mrs. French

Music News from Townsend

Miss Holly Okkema, our new music teacher, is a graduate of Calvin College. She has taught music at all grades, given private piano lessons and has been the music director for several community theatre plays. We are very pleased to welcome Miss Okkema to Townsend Elementary Schools.

I have the pleasure and honor of engaging the students at Townsend in many kinds of musical experiences; and we have had many great ones already this year! The students are all learning the fundamentals of music in different ways. The lower elementary students are discovering the concepts of steady beats, rhythm and pitch through musical play. The older students are becoming adept at reading and matching rhythms and can even compose their own. We are also excited about the new computers that are being installed in the Music Room, which the students will use to further their knowledge of musical concepts and to compose their own pieces through sequencing sounds together.

We are looking forward to the music programs that each grade will present. The dates for those programs will be finalized soon.....Miss Okkema

Townsend's Mileage Club

Townsend's Mileage Club is off and running! Each noon recess students have the opportunity to choose to walk or run on our 1/5-mile track. Students receive rewards for each completed 5 miles. Foote Hospital, the Vandercook Lake Lions Club, our PTO, and Fitness Finders sponsor this successful and fun program.

Last year our students walked/ran over 14,300 miles! Nathaniel Uroda ran 614 of them. Twelve other students ran over 100 miles each (Cody Smith, JaVon Flowers, Stephen Fagan, Shayne Nortley, Lauren Howard, Tyler Scott, Quinn Fischman, Kayla Newman, Caleb Smith, Heather Horsley, Annie Wallen and Jonathan Sauls). Treat parties, extreme bowling and teacher prizes are some of the incentives for classroom participation. We are hoping for even higher totals this year as we keep on "Feelin' Good with the Mileage Club".



PTO News

The Townsend PTO stands for the Parent Teacher Organization. This organization is made up of parents and teachers of our school. We would love to have you join us at our monthly meetings.

PTO conducts one major fundraiser each year. This year we had a fall candy sale. The money raised from this sale funds field trips and assemblies and helps fund Mileage Club....PTO also hosts a fall festival in November. This year's festival is scheduled for Friday, November 12 from 5:30-8:00 PM. We hope to see you there!...PTO also supported Reading Month, MEAP week activities and Destination Imagination.

We have also purchased hundreds of books for our Book Room. This is where leveled books from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade are organized for teacher to use with their students in guided reading. Because of the wide range of levels, students' needs are better able to be addressed. The students really enjoy the variety of books that are made available to them.

We would love to see you at our October meeting. Notes will be coming home with the date and time....Mrs. Rininger, PTO President

The FACT program, or "Family and Child Together", is an interactive program that involves parents or guardians and their child. Specific age-appropriate topics include violence prevention, substance abuse and social skill development as well as nurturing the development of assets in children will be presented to families in a take-home backpack format. This program will be available to first graders at Townsend Elementary and sixth graders at Vandercook Lake middle school this year.

These materials were developed under a grant awarded by The Michigan State Board of Education.

Vandercook Lake Public Schools Sells 2004 Refunding Bonds

The Board of Education of the Vandercook Lake Public Schools is proud to announce the successful sale of its \$4,815,000 2004 Refunding Bonds. The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of refunding the School District's outstanding 1997 School Building and Site Bonds and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. The refinancing reduces the School District's interest expense approximately \$436,000 for the taxpayers and will occur through lower debt payments over the next 18 years.

In preparing to sell the 2004 Refunding Bonds, the school district worked with financial advisor, Stauder, Barch and Associates, Inc. and requested that Standard and Poors Ratings Services evaluate the school district's credit quality. Given the school district's high Standard and Poors rating of "A-" they cited strong financial management and budget controls, stable enrollment, and a growing tax base in their rationale for rating the school district at these levels.

The school district's financing was conducted by the Michigan investment banking office of the brokerage firm, A.G. Edwards and Sons, Inc., the financial advising firm, Stauder, Barch and Associates, Inc. and the law firm serving as bond consul, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. The school district's 2004 refunding bonds were sold at a true interest rate of 4.09% with a final maturity of 2022. Given today's lower interest rate environment and the school district's strong underlying credit quality, the interest expense on the 2004 Bonds was significantly reduced from original projections.

SENIOR ATHLETES 2003-2004

Adam Sprangel and Kali Briggs earned top honors in their class as outstanding athletes. This is based on participation, achievement, and academics. **Congratulations to these deserving students!**

Adam Sprangel had a high school career that most boys would die for. He won four Varsity letters in Track and Cross Country. He was all-conference several times in both sports. He broke the Cross Country record and set the mile run record in Track. Highlighting his career, he was All State in both Cross Country and Track. Adam has been a quiet leader both off and on the track. Congratulations to Adam Sprangel!

Kali Briggs has had the most productive career in Athletics as any athlete has ever had. She has been All Conference in all four sports she played. She also made All State in two different sports - Track and Softball. She has the highest point total ever accumulated by an athlete - either male or female for the Senior Athletic Award. Kali suffered a major injury her senior year and missed most the basketball season and the entire volleyball season. Despite that, she had a great spring her senior year. The hard work and leadership ability has helped Kali be the athlete she is. Congratulations to Kali Briggs!



Gerald "Chip" Williams



High School: Jackson High School (1991)
College: Spring Arbor University (1997) Marygrove College (1993)
Major: Music Education
Minor: Music Education
Degree: Bachelors/Masters
Assignment: Grade 5-12 Band
Family: Wife, Sarah, Two daughters - Alison (6) and Jessica (4)
Previous Experience: Six years at

Sandusky Community Schools

Hobbies and Interests: Golf, camping, spending time with family.

I went into education because.....I love to play music and wanted to help others love it.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is...Teach students to love music now that will stay with them for a lifetime.

I am looking forward to.....spending the rest of my teaching career helping the Music Department at Vandercook Lake Schools to be bigger, better, and stronger.

Brad Manders



High School: Adrian High School
College: The Defiance College
Major: Physical Education
Minor: Health
Degree: Bachelors/Masters
Assignment: High School Physical Conditioning Class, 6th Grade Physical Education, Asst. Varsity Football Coach
Family: Wife, Lora
Previous Experience: Taught health and physical education for last five years at Sand Creek High

School; coached JV Football and Baseball

Hobbies and Interests: Golfing, Hunting, Landscaping

I went into education because.....I wanted to work with young adults and share my passion of sports and physical activity.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is...I want to develop students who grow up and be responsible citizens.

I am looking forward to.....meeting more students and parents at Vandercook Lake Schools.

Welcome new high school staff members

Peggie Sayre



High School: Jackson High School
College: Spring Arbor University
Major: Math
Minor: Physics
Degree: B.A.
Assignment: Math/Physics Teacher
Family: Mom - Mary Beth Sayre
Previous Experience: Actuary (Farm Bureau Insurance)
Hobbies and Interests: Playing softball, volleyball, tennis. Watching baseball - The-

atre, Travel

I went into education because.....I want to be a positive force in the development of youth.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is...to reach all students. Everyone has the capacity to learn. My goal is to ignite the fire in each student so that he/she has the desire to learn and empower themselves.

I am looking forward to.....coaching within the district.

Matthew Markwart

High School: Lakewood
College: Ferris State
Major: General Business
Minor: P. E., Social Studies
Degree: B.A. Business Education w/Vocational Certification
Assignment: Computer Apps I and II - Varsity Football Coach
Family: Wife, Kimberly - One daughter, Lydia
Previous Experience: Marion Public Schools
Hobbies and Interests: Hunting, riding snowmobiles, football, farming
I went into education because.... I like it when students are successful.
My goal/philosophy as an educator is...to help student succeed.

2004-2005 CALENDAR

November	2	Picture Retakes - 8:00-9:00 am - H.S.
	3	Parent Teacher Conferences - 6-8 pm H.S.
	3	Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary (evening)
	4	Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary (afternoon)
	4	Parent Teacher Conferences - MS/HS 1-4; 6-8 pm 1/2 day for students - Dismissal 11:00 am
	5	1/2 day for students - Dismissal 11:00 am
	8	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	19	Downtown Christmas Parade (Band) - 6:00 pm
	20	Apple Pie Sale
	25-26	Thanksgiving Break
December	3,4,5	5th and 6th grade girls basketball tournament
	10-11	Madrigal Dinner - Music Dept. - McDevitt 6-9 pm
	13	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
	15	Financial Aid Night - 7:00 p.m. High School Library
	16	High School/Middle School Band/Choir Concert - JCC
	17,18,19	7th/8th grade girls basketball
	20 thru	January 2, 2005 - Winter Break
2005		
January	3	School Resumes
	17	Martin Luther King Day - No School
	21	End of First Semester - No School
February	10-14	Mid Winter Break - No School
	11,12,13	5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball
Mach	2	Parent Teacher Conferences 6-8:00 p.m.
	3	Parent Teacher Conference 1-4; 6-8 p.m. 1/2 Day students dismissal 11:00 a.m.
	4	1/2 day students dismissal 11:00 a.m.
	18,19,20	7th and 8th grade boys basketball
	24	Blood Drive
	25	Good Friday - 1/2 Day School
	29	Make a Difference Dessert 6:30 p.m.
April	4-8	Spring Break
	14,15,16	Musical
May	7	Prom
	9	5th Grade Orientation 8-9:30 am
	10	5th Grade Parent Orientation 6:15 p.m.
	12	5th/6th Grade Band/Choir
	24	7th/8th Grade Band/Choir
	25	High School Band/Choir
	27	1/2 Day School Dismissal 11:00 a.m.
	30	Memorial Day - No School
	31	6th, 7th, 8th Grade Awards
June	5	Baccalaureate
	6	Graduation
	8	1/2 Day School - Dismissal 11:30 am

APPLE PIE SALE

Beginning Wednesday, October 27, orders will be taken from any Vandercook Lake middle-senior high school student for apple pies. The pies will cost \$6.00 each and weigh three pounds. Pies may be picked up on Saturday November 20, between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the high school gym. Any special orders call: Chuck Miller at 782-8167.

Need Addresses

The Class of 1981 is in need of addresses for the 2006 class reunion. Date we are looking at is September 23, 2006. This date is the day after Homecoming. The other date is after Thanksgiving, November 24 or November 25, 2006. If you are a graduate of the Class of 1981 or know someone that is, please contact me with your name and address.

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