

# News and Views

from the Vandercook Lake Public Schools

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## A Message From Superintendent Hollow



For the past eighteen years I have been fortunate enough to serve the students of this district as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, and now superintendent. It is an honor to have been selected to lead this outstanding school district. My pledge to you is to be an accessible and approachable servant leader.

Vandercook Lake Public Schools is the center of the Vandercook Lake community ñ a community entrenched with pride, tradition, and heritage. It is a special community that both embraces and supports its schools, the board of education, the staff, and every student enrolled whether they reside here or attend our fine district as their school of choice.

My predecessors, the late Burdette Andrews and recently retired Ronald Bennett, have left the district in fine shape. It is now my turn to help provide Vandercook Lake students the educational leadership needed to be successful in an ever-changing society.

With your continued trust and support, I look forward to many years of service.

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## HOME COMING 2005

The 2005 Vandercook Lake School District Homecoming was a great success in all aspects. The entire week in school the students demonstrated 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 "Movies- A Walk on the Red Carpet" 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.

The Grand Marshals were Phil and Julie Garrison. Phil is the Technology Director for the district and has been employed for 39 years at Vandercook Lake Schools. Phil's wife, Julie is an elementary teacher for Jackson Public Schools. They have three sons, Jon, Ryan, and Patrick who all reside in Seattle, Washington. Phil and Julie are both graduates of Vandercook Lake Schools. Following the Grand Marshals in the homecoming celebration were the floats:

Middle School - "The Longest Yard"

Freshmen - "Napoleon Dynamite"

Sophomores - "Dukes of Hazzard"

Juniors - "Braveheart"

Seniors - "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"

Upon the conclusion of a tough Homecoming loss to Grass Lake, 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 and Matt Miller 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!



**Mr. and Mrs. Phil Garrison - "Grand Marshals"**



**First Place Float - Junior Class  
"Braveheart"**



**Queen and King  
Chrissy Montgomery and Stephen Eagle**

## Half-time Coronation

Last year's 2004 Homecoming king and queen (Patrick Meads and Angela Edward) returned to crown the new king and queen.

Patrick is the son of Lori and Duane Meads. He is attending Adrian College to study education. He is a member of the Adrian football team.

Angela is the daughter of Mike and Dawn Townley and Einstein Edward. She is now attending Siena Heights University where she is majoring in psychology and minoring in pre-law.

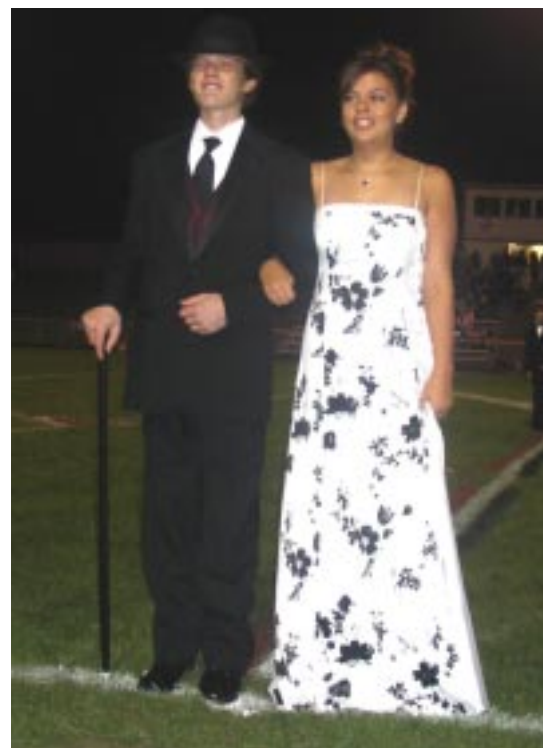
The following show pictures of the representatives of their respective classes.



**Patrick Meads and Angela Edward**



**Freshmen Class  
Christopher Holt and Britney Campbell**



**Sophomore Class  
Chase Cady and Belinda Eagle**



**Junior Class**  
**Wesley Carter and Cara Willbee**



**Senior Class**  
**Derrick Fairchild and Chelsea Maxson**



**Senior Class**  
**Dustin O'Dell and Tabitha Swaenepoel**



**Senior Class**  
**Richard Gorton and Krista Jensen**

## 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:** Andy Adair, Stephen Eagle, Derrick Fairchild, Giselle Fischman, Shelly Fushi, Meghan Gallagher, Shannah Gazlay, Cierra Howard, Andrew Jackson, Krista Jensen, Cori King, Chelsea Maxson, Katherine Mollitor, Chrissy Montgomery, Mattie Nichols, Alyssa Passino, Tabitha Swaenepoel, Athena Spitler, Colin Treacher, Kyle VanDusen, Nichole Woolwine, Dawn Yother.

**Juniors:** Grant Clark, Tyler Hale, Courtney Hamblin, Lindsey Horton, Cory Hurley, Elizabeth Marriott, Emily Masters, Nick Melchiori, Katie Moor, Beth Moore, Spencer Myers, Brittany O'Rourke, Sam Partin, Dan Perdew, Tracy Raymond, Chaz Suomala, Valerie Swihart, Nicole Tripp, Cara Willbee.

## Career Cruising Now Available

Vandercook Lake students and parents now have access to an excellent new Career Preparation program called Career Cruising. The program can be accessed from any computer connected to the internet. The program features an interest inventory that selects careers for you based on your personal results, a college/financial aid research tool, 6,000+ careers to explore in detail, and each student's EDP is now within the Career Cruising program. Students need to get their individual ID and passwords from Mrs. Shafer to access their EDP's. To access the program, do the following:

1. On the internet, go to [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)
2. Type in User ID: vandercook
3. Type in Password: jayhawks
4. Click on Start Cruising
5. Start with the Matchmaker interest inventory and go from there!
6. Call Mrs. Shafer at 782-8167 (ext. 143) if you have questions

### MiChild Insurance Program

If you do not have medical insurance, you may qualify for MiChild Insurance. MiChild covers the following: Regular checkups, Shots, Emergency Care, Dental Care, Pharmacy, Hospital Care, Prenatal Care and Delivery, Vision and Hearing and Mental Health & Substance Abuse services. To apply, best choice is on line at [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch), then click on Health Care Coverage, Click on Children & Teen, Click on MiChild - options print application or apply. If you choose apply on line, you will be informed immediately if you qualify. You may also get an application from Mr. Biondolillo (VCL counselor) or call 800-988-6300 for an application.

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## **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:

- ï Financial need - This is determined by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - ï must graduate from a Jackson County high school.
  - ï plan to attend a public college or university
  - ï maintained a 2.5 GPA while in high school & college as a full time student.
  - ï may borrow up to \$4000.00. Maximum \$1,000 per year.
- Contact Person/Business: ìThe Jackson Community Foundationî at 787-1321.  
Request must be made in November.

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

Eligibility:

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

Applications are available October 1 through April 30 and may be downloaded from [www.johngeorge.org](http://www.johngeorge.org). Must be submitted no later than May 1. Contact Person/Business: Mrs. Karen Friend Ph. 782-8126 at 145 S. Jackson St., during the week between the hours: Monday 1- 5 PM and Tues - Friday, 8:30 a.m. -12: 00 p.m.

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

Eligibility:

- ï Attend a college/university in Michigan
- ï residence in Michigan past 3 years
- ï graduated from a high school in Jackson county
- ï 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.

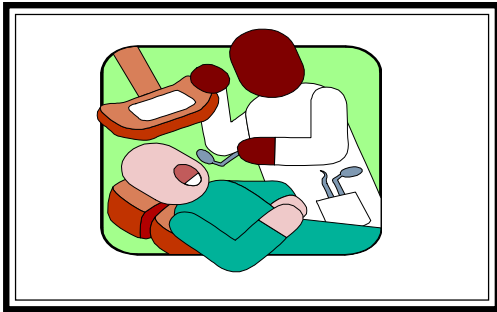
### **THE WOMENÍ CLUB OF JACKSON**

Eligibility:

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

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

## Mobile Dentists



The Mobile Dentists is an in-school dental outreach program that will be at Vandercook Lake February 24, 2006, for the middle school and high school students. They will be at Townsend Elementary November 9 and 10, 2005. This program provides: Dental Examinations, Cleanings, Fluoride, 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 college 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](http://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 your 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.

## **ACT PLAN Update:**

All 10th grade students will be taking the ACT PLAN on November 10, 2005. The ACT PLAN will assist teachers in helping students develop skills for the ACT/Merit Exam, which is crucial in students acquiring college admission, financial aid and scholarships. Due to the importance of the ACT PLAN, the district will pick-up the cost of this assessment for each student. Students will need to know their social security number on November 8 when the answer sheets are filled out. A brochure for the ACT PLAN is available upon request at the high school office.

### **Re: School Calendar**

Governor Granholm recently signed into Law a revised calendar stipulating that schools cannot begin their new academic year until after Labor Day. This change was brought about in hopes of stimulating the State Tourism Industry.

Our calendar will be affected by this legal change. We will be in constant conversation with all of our constituents to help determine the most reasonable schedule that is similar with the Intermediate School District and other County Schools.

We will keep you posted on developments as our Board of Education considers all options.

## **Reminder -Athletic Price Changes**

The board of education 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.**

## 2nd Grade News

Second graders in Mrs. Siegristís and Mrs. Jonesí room have adjusted very well to following classroom routines. Each morning, an amazing amount of responsibility is required as each student rotates through a personal schedule as the teacher holds reading groups with others. Students rotate through ìHands Onî stations that include poetry reading, wall reading, buddy reading, writing, spelling, overhead projector activities, computer use, science, and math. Parents should be very proud of their childís attentiveness and use of self-control at these stations.

Throughout the day students practice writing skills by making lists, answering questions in a short response, and writing lengthier text about a main idea. Students are leaning to focus on two or three specific skills while they write. These Focus Correction Areas (FCAs) separate the writing traits being practiced from the rest of their written text.

A recent visit to Jiffy Mix had classroom discussions centering on the use of conveyor belts to make peopleís lives easier. Jiffy Mix has several sizes of conveyor belts, up high and down low, to move their baking mixes along the production line. It might be fun for your family to recall where conveyor belts make your lives easier.

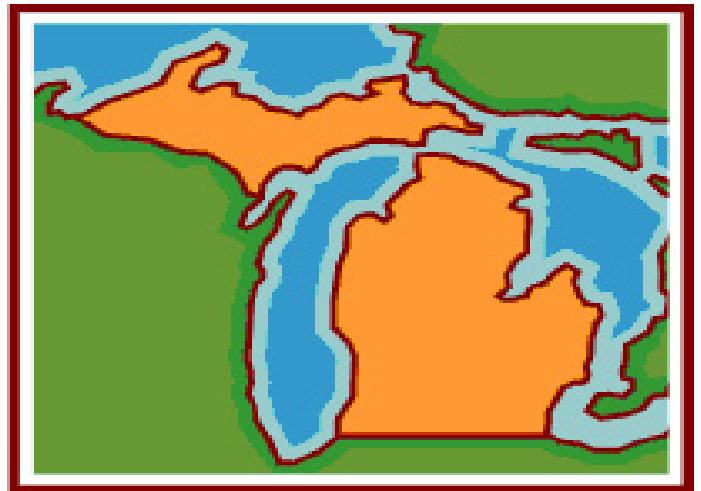
Life Cycles, especially the Monarch butterfly, has been our focus in science. Children have learned about habitats, food chains, physical characteristics used for survival, and how animals survive through the winter. Most students decided they are a little envious of the Monarchs because they get to fly south for the whole winter. Ask your child why you would not want to be a Monarch on their return trip.



## 4th Grade News

Fourth graders at Townsend have been busy improving their writing. We are adding simileís, vivid verbs, and ìsalsâ words to make our stories more creative. We are reading novels, learning about earth materials and energy, exploring regions of the United States and doing our best on the MEAP.

At the end of this month we will be traveling to Lansing to visit the Michigan Capital and the Michigan Historical Museum. Fourth grade is off and running to a great start!



## 3rd Grade News

This third grade class is taking the MEAP for the first time. They are working hard preparing for this significant event.

A new writing program is being started and the children are focusing their writing on certain areas. We are already seeing an improvement in the subject.

Our wonderful state of Michigan will be the emphasis for Social Studies this year, along with some of the Core Democratic Values.

In Science, we are going to study Plants, our Earth, Sound, and Solids, Liquids and Gases.

Our first field trip of the year will be coming up in November. We will be visiting the old schoolhouse at Ella Sharp Park. It will be very interesting to learn how schools were run long ago.

As you can see, we have a very busy year planned.

## Multiage Grade News

The multiage classrooms have had "lift off" and are on their way to a fantastic school year. Many exciting things have been happening in the classrooms. The students enjoy a great start to their day doing clip-ons. During clip-ons the students engage in such activities as phonics games, pattern blocks, reading books, art creations, take a parts, and many more.

All of the multiage classrooms have been learning about Life Cycle in science. We have focused mainly on the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. Our classes were featured in the Citizen Patriot when we released three of our butterflies. We will be ending the unit by planting bulbs in front of the school that will bring color and brightness to our school in the spring!

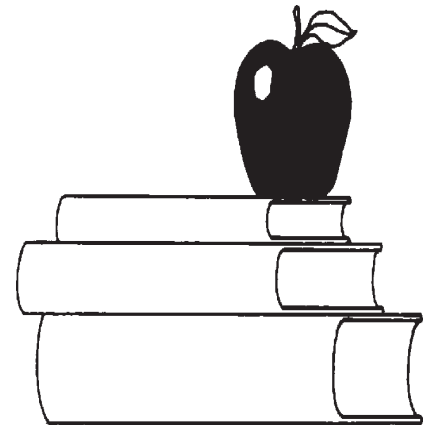
The classes recently took a field trip to Jiffy Mix in Chelsea, Michigan where the students learned about the production of Jiffy mixes and were able to tour the factory. The tour was loud but extremely interesting!

These are only a few of the fun, exciting things happening in the multiage classrooms. Many more are sure to come.

## Reading Recovery from Townsend

Reading Recovery provides short-term intensive one-on-one tutoring to first grade students struggling with literacy. Townsend Elementary has provided this intervention since 2000, servicing over ninety children needing help to become better readers and writers. Trained teachers provide individualized instruction to support students' efforts to become independent readers in their classrooms.

Reading Recovery teachers work in conjunction with classroom teachers to meet the needs of students requiring additional instruction to progress in the area of literacy. This fall, there are eleven students participating in Reading Recovery and many more who receive additional instruction in their classroom by Reading Recovery teachers.



## Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten classes were treated to a very special field trip to Safetyville. In this miniature town buildings, streets, sidewalks, traffic signs, signals, railroad tracks and push pedal tractors with seat belts are used to help the children learn very important rules for pedestrian and traffic safety.

Our Kindergarten children practiced calling 911 on a pay phone. They learned the importance of staying calm, speaking clearly into the phone, knowing their names and addresses as well as their phone numbers. They practiced pedestrian safety skills and learned to recognize important street signs.

Officer France from the Jackson County Sheriff's department talked with the children and gave them information on pedestrian safety, seat belt usage and stranger safety. Robin Neeb from the Jackson County Intermediate School District coordinates this fine, hands-on program for young children. The lessons are taught in a fun and developmentally appropriate manner making them both meaningful and useful to the students. These are skills that will benefit our students for a lifetime.

We would like to thank Officer France and Robin Neeb, the Jackson County Intermediate School District and all the kind sponsors for this excellent and important program for our students.



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## **Programs from Townsend**

Townsend Elementary provides our students with several programs each year presented by community groups.

Kindergarten through fifth grade opportunities are the Families and Schools Together Program (FAST) and the Grow Up Safe Program (G.U.S.) both provided by Family Service and Children's Aid of Jackson.

The FAST program is an innovative and collaborative prevention and parent empowerment program in which the entire family gathers and participates in fun activities designed to strengthen the family bond, (Families attend eight FAST sessions, one evening per week from 5:30 to 8:00 pm on Thursday nights at Townsend). After participating, families graduate from FAST and they are encouraged to join the monthly FASTWORKS program. FASTWORKS stands for Families And Schools Together/Wonderful Opportunities to Raise Kids Successfully. Parents plan the activities done in FASTWORKS. The activities often include fieldtrips or group picnics.

The Grow Up Safe (G.U.S.) program teaches personal safety to the students through a 45 ñ 60 minute presentation in the classroom. During each presentation, students receive an age-appropriate coloring book or role-play scenarios and learn how to identify adult helpers, potentially harmful situations and safe places. They also learn to identify appropriate touches and inappropriate touches. Parental consent is required for children to attend the presentation. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child. Parental input also helps evaluate the program's success and ensure its ongoing effectiveness.

The Auxiliary of Foote Hospital sponsors and presents to our second grade and multiage classrooms the "I'm in Charge" program. Students experience a 55 ñ minute presentation that stresses the importance of keeping their bodies healthy, and the concept that the students are in charge of what goes into their bodies. Two life size dolls illustrate to the students organs, bones, and the brain of the human body. The dolls also demonstrate that the brain is the control center of the body. The prevention message is given that drug and alcohol use can damage the brain and other organs.

Fourth graders are treated to a performance of "Kids on the Block" (developed by Barbara Aieolla) once a year. Jackson County Intermediate School District staff (including our own speech therapist, Reanay Sheehan) are the puppeteers to child-sized puppets that teach children about handicaps and how to develop positive relationships with their handicapped peers. The puppet skits and a question and answer time focus on the following disabilities: hearing, cognitive, physical, visual impairments, autism, and learning disabilities.

The Summit Fire Department comes to visit our kindergarten classrooms once a year with a fire truck and full fire fighting gear. The students learn first hand fire safety from the fireman. They are given a tour of a fire truck and see a fireman close up outfitted in gear to learn not to be afraid of him if they need to be rescued.

We are pleased to be able to have our students benefit from all of these programs.

### **PTO at Townsend**

Townsend's P.T.O. welcomes all interested community members to join in the effort to provide for our students. Through the generosity of the Vandercook Lake community, the P.T.O. is able to support ventures such as field trips, assemblies, and mileage club. To show our appreciation, Townsend Elementary and Frankenmuth Fundraising Company cordially invite one and all to attend our Fall Festival on November 11, from 5:30 ñ 8:00 pm. Please join us for games, food, and music.

## Student Leadership Forum

On October 21, 2005 Vandercook Lake High School students participated in the 24th Annual 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. Leadership representatives Samantha Ritter, Sara Wahl, and Chelsea Maxson helped organize this most successful event. ....Les Essex, Advisor

### Freshmen

Zach Austin,  
Brogan Dysert  
Amy Higgins  
Jana Horton  
Andrew White

### Sophomores

William Binschus  
Kalie Lamb  
Jessica Luty  
David Midena  
Dustin Whisler

### Juniors

Tyler Hale  
Cory Hurley  
Liz Marriott  
Joe Semora  
Cara Willbee

### Seniors

Abbey Anderson  
Chelsea Cady  
Stephen Eagle  
Al Jackson  
Mattie Nichols

## SENIOR ATHLETES 2004-2005

Deedee Briggs and Brandon McCollum earned top honors in their class as outstanding athletes. This is based on participation, achievement, and academics. Congratulations to these deserving students

Deedee Briggs had an outstanding high school career. She participated in five different sports throughout school; basketball, volleyball, bowling, softball, and track earning 12 varsity letters. She was a member of several conference championships. Deedee was recognized as a scholar athlete by the Cascades conference and the Detroit Free Press. She was the individual state champ in bowling during 2005 and was two-time track state champion in shot put. Deedee is attending Delaware State University on a bowling and track scholarship.

Brandon McCollum had a great high school career. He was a four sport athlete in football, basketball, baseball, and track earning 10 varsity letters. Brandon earned all-conference honors in each sport and earned all-state recognition in track. Brandon remains active in the community by coaching in the youth football league..



Dee Dee Briggs



Brandon McCollum

**Kathy Burns**

**High School:** Mona Shores (Muskegon)  
**College:** Spring Arbor University  
**Major:** Special Education  
**Minor:** Elementary Education  
**Degree:** Learning Disabled  
**Assignment:** Categorical Room Teacher  
**Family:** husband - Dave. Children Caydee 23, Allyson 20, Tyler 15, Gwen 13, Hayley 11  
**Previous Experience:** Paraprofessional at Western Schools.  
**Hobbies and Interests:** Reading, walking with friends, spending time with church, friends, and family.

**I went into education because.....**when I worked as a paraprofessional, I saw a gap between students who succeeded in school

and those who did not. I felt empathy for those who were struggling. It was then that I had a desire to become a teacher - especially for this population of students.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**to help young people feel valued when they are with me. My philosophy is that all students can learn, but they all learn differently. It is up to me to help them find out how they learn and how they can be successful in school.

**I am looking forward to....**building relationships with the staff, students, and families in Vandercook Lake.

**Jacob Oaster**

**High School:** Battle Creek Central HS  
**College:** Kellogg Community College and Western Michigan University  
**Major:** Music Education

**Degree:** Bachelor Music Education (K-12) Vocal

**Assignment:** Director of Vocal Music - Mentor Program Director.

**Previous Experience:** Two years at Kalamazoo Public Schools, one year at St. Monicas/Hackett Schools (Preinternships) and 6 months at Lakeshore High School - Internship.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Playing guitar, high education seminars and conferences in music; regular concert goer.

**I went into education because.....**of early educators in my life had a positive effect on me. Many positive role models and mentors in music and higher education drove me towards an interest in music education.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is..**music becomes an expression of who a student is and who they have the potential to become. Teaching music is more than helping a few students learn to sing or to play an instrument. It prepares students for a lifetime of appreciation, greater awareness, and sensitivity to the world around them.

**I am looking forward to....**a great year of music and learning at Vandercook Lake Schools.

## *Welcome new high school staff members*

**Kate Decker**

**High School:** Napoleon High School  
**College:** Western Michigan University  
**Major:** English  
**Minor:** Communications  
**Degree:** B.A. Education  
**Assignment:** 10th Grade English  
**Family:** Two older sisters, one younger brother - one dog  
**Previous Experience:** Taught at Napoleon Schools.  
**Hobbies and Interests:** Reading, basketball, running

**I went into education because.....**I come from a long line of educators and knew it was something I always wanted to do.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**all students are learners. You must set your standards high so all students can meet their individual, full potential.

**I am looking forward to....**watching the progression of my students and working with the staff at Vandercook Lake Schools.

**Shelley Mannor**

**High School:** Columbia Central  
**College:** Spring Arbor University  
**Dual Minors:** Science and Social Studies

**Degree:** B.B.A. Business Admin. and Teaching Cert.

**Assignment:** 6th Grade Social Studies

**Family:** Married 15 years to Ken, 2 children: Zach (8th grade), Rachele (5th grade) at Napoleon Schools.

**Previous Experience:** Worked 20 years in business community.

**Hobbies and Interests:** Golf, Sand volleyball, youth group at church.

**I went into education because....** I really love working with students and impacting their futures in any positive way I can.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**that each and every student I encounter, I will do everything necessary to help them be successful.

**I am looking forward to:....**watching my 6th graders as they grow into great 7th graders.

**Elizabeth Jones**



**High School:** Holly High School  
**College:** U of M - Flint  
**Major:** Language Arts  
**Minor:** Social Studies  
**Degree:** BA in Elementary Ed  
 BA in Anthropology  
**Assignment:** First Grade -  
 Townsend Elementary  
**Family:** Husband - John; married 11  
 years - Abby (6); Trey (3)

**Hobbies and Interests:** Camping,  
 Reading, Spending time with stu-  
 dents.

**I went into education because.....**I love to teach!  
**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**to reach every child.  
**I am looking forward to....**the future!

**Jessica Flickinger**



**High School:** Laker High School  
**College:** Spring Arbor University  
**Major:** Music  
**Minor:** Elementary Education  
**Degree:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Assignment:** Elementary Music -  
 Townsend Elementary  
**Family:** I recently got married on June  
 25, 2005.  
**Previous Experience:** Student teach-  
 ing: Elementary music (Holt Public  
 Schools) and 4th Grade classroom (East  
 Jackson) Long-term substitute in el-  
 ementary music - Howell Public Schools  
**Hobbies and Interests:** I enjoy play-  
 ing the flute and piano, reading, cooking,  
 and playing sports.

**I went into education because.....**I love working with children and hope to  
 have a positive impact on young lives.  
**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**to share the gift of music with my  
 students. I want to give students the tools to leave Townsend Elementary  
 with a deep understanding and love for music in the world around them.  
**I am looking forward to....**getting to know all of the students and families at  
 Townsend Elementary.

***Welcome new elementary school staff  
 members and Curriculum Director***

**Scott Koziol**



**High School:** Jackson High School  
**College:** Michigan State University  
**Majors:** Social Science/Language Arts  
**Degree:** BA. - Elementary Education; Masters-Educational Admin.  
**Assignment:** Curriculum Director - McDevitt Bldg. Administrator  
**Family:** Wife: Brenda; Daughters: Megan Blake (18 @ MSU)  
 Madeline (6 at Napoleon Schools)  
**Previous Experience:** Ten years teaching at Napoleon. NCA District/  
 building chairperson  
**Hobbies and Interests:** Family trips/golf/MSU

**I went into education because....** I want to help students be successful  
 in all aspects of life.

**My goal/philosophy as an educator is...**that all students can learn and it is  
 my job to make sure that I find the way each individual student learns and use  
 that to ensure that all students are successful.

**I am looking forward to....**helping and working with the students, staff, and  
 community of Vandercook Lake Schools.

**2005-06 CALENDAR**

November	2	Parent Teacher Conferences - 6-8 pm H.S.
	2	Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary (evening)
	3	Parent Teacher Conferences - Elementary (afternoon)
	3	Parent Teacher Conferences - MS/HS 1-4; 6-8 pm 1/2 day for students - Dismissal 11:00 am
	4	1/2 day for students - Dismissal 11:00 am
	9	Fall Athletics Awards Dessert - 6:30 p.m. H.S. Cafeteria
	14	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
	18	Downtown Christmas Parade (Band) - 6:00 pm
	19	Apple Pie Sale Pick-up
	24-25	Thanksgiving Break
December	2,3,4	5th and 6th grade girls basketball tournament
	5	Holiday Concert Middle/High School Band/Choir (JCC)
	12	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 pm
	17,18	7th/8th grade girls basketball
	19 thru	
	January 3, 2006	- Winter Break
January	16	Martin Luther King Day - No School
	17,18,19	Exams
	20	End of First Semester - No School
February	3,4,5	5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball
	16	Mid Winter Break Begins - 1/2 Day School
	17-20	Mid Winter Break
March	1	Parent Teacher Conferences 6-8:00 pm
	2	Parent Teacher Conferences 1-4; 6-8:00 p.m. - 1/2 Day School
	3	1/2 Day School
	16,17,18	7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball
	23	Blood Drive - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
April	3-7	Spring Break
	14	Good Friday - 1/2 Day School
May	4	Lions Club
	6	Prom
	8	5th Grade Orientation 8:00 -9:30 am
	9	5th Grade Orientation 6:15 p.m.
	23	Spring High School/Middle School Band/Choir Concert
	26	1/2 Day School
	29	Memorial Day - No School
	30	6th and 7th Grade Awards 1:30 pm 8th Grade Awards 6:30 pm
	31	Senior Dessert/Awards Night 6:30 pm High School Awards 7:30 pm
June	4	Baccalaureate 3:00 pm - High School
	5	Graduation 8:00 p.m. - Potter Center
	7	Exams - 1/2 Day
	8	Exams - 1/2 Day
	9	No School for Students - Teacher Workday

**APPLE PIE SALE**

**Beginning Friday, October 28, 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 19, between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the high school gym. Any special orders call: Les Essex, Athletic Director at 782-8167.**

**NOTE:**

While visitors are welcome at all school buildings, it is a requirement that visitors stop in the office first and get a pass.

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