

News and Views

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We are proud!

Thursday evening, August 27, 1999 was a very special night in Vandercook Lake. For the past several years, the district has been involved in a building program. The building project has taken much time and energy to complete. The entire staff and student body has been most cooperative as the construction progressed. Any building project brings about noise, dust, confusion, etc. This project was no different. There were times when it looked like the buildings would never be ready for school this fall. It was exciting to see the buildings become finished during the final few weeks of the summer. The carpets were in, the new furniture arrived, the floors were cleaned and waxed, the painting was completed, the new lockers were installed, the intercoms were functional, grass seed was sprouting, the parking lots were lined, the bleachers were ready Summer is over!

The schools were ready to open. On Thursday night, August 27, 1999, the schools were open for the community to share in this exciting evening. The Open House activities for the Townsend Elementary started the evening with a general assembly to "officially" open the building. During this assembly, which was attend by more that one thousand people, the president of the Board of Education, Randall Treacher, conducted a brief ceremony which included statements by Dave Fleming the Architect, and Burdette Andrews, Superintendent of Schools.

During the ceremony at Townsend Elementary, the Board of Education also announced the establishment of "The Educators Hall of Fame" for each building. The Elementary Hall of Fame shall be at Townsend and the Secondary Hall of Fame shall be at the high school. The Hall of Fame is to recognize school employees who retire and have twenty-five years of service with the district. Mr. Treacher was proud to announce that Mrs. Marsha Bowers, retired Principal of Townsend Elementary, is the first inductee into the Hall of Fame. Our congratulations to Mrs. Bowers....Following the opening ceremony, everyone was invited to tour the building and meet the teachers. It was truly an impressive evening.

The opening ceremony for the middle school/ high school was held the same evening. The people gathered in the new gym of the middle school for the opening activities. Mr. Anthony Hollow, Principal, introduced Mr. Randall Treacher, President of the Board of Education, who conducted the opening ceremony. Mr. Treacher invited Mr. and Mrs. Burdette Andrews to join him for a special presentation. Mr. Treacher announced that the renovations and new additions were a part of the facility that would now be known as "**Vandercook Lake High School/Middle School, the Burdette W. Andrews Campus**". This dedication is to honor Mr. Andrews for his many years of dedication to the children of this fine community. What a fitting way to end a very exciting evening in Vandercook Lake.

HOMEcomings 1999

The 1999 Vandercook Lake School District Homecoming was a big success. Tremendous school spirit was exhibited by the student body through dress up days, pep rallies and float construction.

The annual homecoming parade was outstanding, with representation from the community as well as from the school. Mrs. Marsha Bowers, recently retired Townsend principal was the "Grand Marshall".

The floats based on the theme "Home Appliances" 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 Jayhawk Band added to our celebration by performing at half-time. Thank you Mr. Bickel, the band, the flag corps and baton twirlers.

We give a huge round of applause to our sports' teams for their tremendous efforts during homecoming week, including our varsity football victory Friday night.

**1999 Homecoming Queen and King
Becky Morgan and Tom Rose**

The Class of 1949 celebrated their 50-year class reunion. They began their festivities by riding on a float in the Homecoming parade.

First Place Float, "Toast the Cardinals" - Class of 2000

Coronation

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

Seventh: Whitney Rose and Tim Corts; **Eighth:** Tara Gerding and Adam Whitworth; **Ninth:** Danielle Ewers and Ryan Essex; **Tenth:** Trista Rink and Jacob Ashley; **Eleventh:** Amy Arnold and Scott Gasser. The senior representatives were: Tom Rose and Amber Gorton; Justin Okley and Becky Morgan; John Sharp and Kara Bushinski; and Chris Stiles and Elizabeth Curfman. Justin Okley and Amber Gorton placed as first runner's up. Brandon O'Neal and Deanna Watkins returned to crown the new King and Queen; **Tom Rose and Becky Morgan.**

The senior high homecoming dance was held Saturday, October 2. The homecoming court, along with the newly crowned king and queen, were introduced. A festive dance was enjoyed by all. The junior high homecoming dance was held on Sept. 26. The 7th and 8th grade princes and princesses were crowned at this dance. The sixth graders enjoyed an activity night in the middle school gym.

We thank Sempliner's Tuxedo World 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 1999 Vandercook Lake Homecoming a success and look forward to your continued support in the future.

Student Leadership

This year Vandercook Lake High School students participated in the Student Leadership Forum on October 11 at Spring Arbor College. A planning group of Becky Morgan, K. C. White, and Dani Lowe with 25 other Vandy students attended. This activity, sponsored by the Jackson Intermediate School District, promotes leadership, motivation and goal setting. It gives the students an opportunity to discuss common concerns with other young people in Jackson County Schools. This program has been a success for a number of years and has proven to be a good communication avenue for our young people.

Lions of Michigan Exchange May be Looking For You

Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program offers summer opportunities for youth to travel and to expand their knowledge of family and community life in other cultures.

Young people between the ages of 16 and 21 may participate. Youths traveling must be of good health, both mentally and physically, and be willing to learn new customs and cultures. Knowledge of foreign languages is not mandatory, except in France where the participant must have previously studied at least one year of French. However, some knowledge of the country that a youth chooses to travel is helpful.

Each cultural exchange is approximately four to eight weeks long, depending on the country to be visited. Youths traveling on the program are responsible for their fees and fares but may write to local Lions clubs and organizations to request sponsorship. Youths traveling on the program stay with Lions-approved families.

We are also looking for families who would like to host a youth for three to six weeks in the winter or summer months.

For more information on the Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program, please call Nancy Ruder at 517-523-2266.

Townsend Playground

After over a year of patience, hard work, planning and prayer, the Townsend playground is well on its way. Many thanks to the volunteers who worked on this labor of love. On September 17 and 18, community members, staff, parents and students joined forces in an extraordinary effort to bring this project to completion.

Members of the work team began arriving at the school before 8:00 A.M. They were greeted with smiles, doughnuts, coffee and assignments. Two separate play structures in two separate areas of the school grounds required two individual groups of volunteers. We learned that teamwork was essential to a successful day. The planning, construction and placement of each segment was important to assure our playground was completed. The work began soon after and the unloading, toting and construction continued for the entire day.

Additional members of the Townsend community worked inside the school as well. The kitchen was full of activity - lots of workers require lots of food. Hot dogs, chips, fruit, brownies and cookies were on the menu for the day. Mrs. Stapley's room was busy with arts and crafts, toys and games (and, of course, snacks) as children passed the time in daycare while their parents worked outside.

When the volunteers completed their tasks and began to leave for the day, each was filled with the accomplishment, joy, and maybe fatigue that comes with a job well done. Or was it? They knew. Those two huge mountains of wood chips would be waiting for them another day.

The Townsend Playground Committee would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following groups and businesses:

Monterey Donations

VCL Board of Education
Weatherwax Foundation
Jackson Community Foundation
Vandercook Lake Baptist Church
Marsha Bowers
Lori and Allan Adair
1998-99 McDevitt Student Council

Food for Assembly Day

Pollys
Little Caesars
Tri County Water
The Water Store
Burger King
Steaks Eatery
Keys Produce

Target

Meijer

Volunteers

Parents, Family Members and Townsend Staff

VCL Lions Club

Athletic Boosters

SADD

National Honor Society

Supplies

Willbee's Transit-Mix Company (Concrete)
Mark Cobb/Bunch Contracting (Moving of wood chips)
John Worden/Consumers Energy (Auger)
Jeff and Harold Moore (Safety fence)
Taylor Rental (Auger)
Kraig Hardcastle/Hardcastle Construction Company (Bobcat)
Summit Gardens (Landscape)
Jesse Lowe/Dick Taylor/J. Lowe Septic (Excavating)

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** boxtops.

We will be collecting throughout the entire school year.

Thank you!

Inclement Weather

Vandercook Lake Schools will be following the same procedure for the 1999-2000 school year 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 & WIND CHILL: 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.

Part-time help is needed

If anyone in the community would be interested in employment with the Vandercook Lake school district, please stop in the central office and fill out an application. There is a need for substitute positions in the areas of custodial, aides, bus drivers, and teachers. Substitute teachers must register with Jackson Intermediate School District to be on our calling list. Bus drivers must have a CDL license. Training for bus driving is provided by the district.

 Vandercook Lake Junior and Senior High School

MESSAGE: Should you have any questions regarding your student's progress, please feel free to contact his/her teachers at 782-8167 and leave a message in the Voice Mailbox Numbers listed below:

TEACHER NAME	DEPARTMENT	VOICE MAIL BOX
Ms. Andrijonas	Science/Social Studies	136
Mr. Bareis	Social Studies	141
Mrs. Benson	Special Education	110
Mr. Bickel	Band/Choir	158
Ms. Bigger	Library/Media Center	211
Mr. Biondolillo	Counselor	203
Mr. Blackledge	Science/Math	137
Ms. Blair	Physical Education	216
Mrs. Blossom	Secretary	200
Mrs. Cook	Spanish	140
Mr. Dunckel	Physical Education	215
Mr. Essex	6th Science/Social Studies	160
Mr. Faber	Art/Pottery	154
Mr. Garrison	Computer Specialist	217
Mr. Gass	English	109
Mr. Goedert	English/Social Studies	142
Ms. Haney	Counselor	205
Mrs. Hofer	Social Studies	145
Mr. Hollow	Principal	204
Mrs. Horsfall	Secretary	201
Mrs. Hunter	Secretary	207
Mr. Jacobs	Physical Education/Geography	228
Mrs. Knight	Math/Geography	111
Mrs. Lattas	6th Reading/English	163
Mrs. Ludtke	Special Education	161
Mrs. McVey	Special Education	125
Mr. Miller	Athletic Director	202
Mr. Pepper	Computers/Physics	224
Mr. Peters	Alternative High School	124
Ms. Potts	Assistant Principal/Math	208
Mr. Powers	English	145
Mr. Pryor	Science/Health	138
Mr. Roberts	Special Needs	114
Mr. Robertson	Technology	156
Mr. Roggenbaum	Math/Chemistry	144
Mr. Schonhard	Assistant Principal	206
Mrs. Schupbach	English/Speech/Social Studies	107
Mrs. Schweda	In House/Attendance	127
Mrs. Shafer	Office Technology	143
Ms. Sumerel	Office Technology	128
Mr. Stevenson	Biology/Zoology	134
Mrs. Talerico	Alternative Education	106
Mr. Thompson	Math/Social Studies	112
Mr. Tucker	English	139
Mrs. Ulrich	6th Math	162
Mr. Vibbert	Life Skills/History	108

SENIOR ATHLETES 1998-99

Tara Smith and Adan Villarreal earned top honors in their class as outstanding athletes. This is based on participation, achievement, and academics. Congratulations to these deserving students!

Tara Smith played four sports for four years. Tara is one of the athletes who earned a varsity letter in basketball, volleyball, softball and track. She was captain her senior year in basketball and softball. She graduated with a 3.89 grade point average and is attending Jackson Community College.

Adan Villarreal has been an outstanding cross country and track runner for his four years in high school. His track career was topped off his senior year by being selected captain of the team and earning all-conference honors. Adan also played four years of basketball. In his junior year he was selected the Most Improved player. Congratulations, Adan.

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!!!

The personal trustees of the John George Student Loan Fund want every high school senior who resides in Jackson County or attends school in Jackson County to know that they may be eligible for a college loan.

Need to borrow money for college? John George, the founder of the Jackson Citizen Patriot, originated a trust fund for loaning students money to attend universities, colleges and community colleges supported by the State of Michigan, i.e. state schools. This year, the John George Student Loan Fund will loan qualified students up to \$4,000 per year at a 2% interest rate to attend state schools.

Eligibility to receive a loan is not determined by financial need but students must carry at least 12 hours per semester and maintain 2.25 grade point average in college.

Requests for applications must be made during the months of October, November, and December and are available at 145 South Jackson Street, Jackson, Michigan, and **have to be made in person.**

Inquiries may be directed to Mrs. Karen Friend at 782-8126 between the hours of 8:30 am and 12:30 pm weekdays

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First Grade News

All of the five First Grade classes enjoyed a trip to Binder Park Zoo on a beautiful autumn day. It's one thing to read about giraffes and zebras, etc., but to see them in a natural setting brings science to life.

First Graders in Mrs. Osypczuk's class are excited about the Music and Reading Connection, one of the methods used to teach reading. Children learn to sing stories set to music and memorize them through repeated readings to strengthen reading related skills. Auditory learning takes place but the kids just call it "fun".

Mrs. Corrie Castle's class enjoys working in daily literacy centers and making their own class big books. Children have their own "Book Boxes" where they are keeping little books made at school. Quite a collection will be had by the end of First Grade. The class is excited about adopting a manatee named "Star" who lives in Florida. The focus is that endangered species need our help!

Having their own desks and books is great according to the children in Mrs. Barrett's First Grade classroom. Lots of plants, cockatiels (Goldie and Nicki), plus lots of goldfish provide a science setting in this First Grade room. Counting money, using bar graphs, taking part in D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything and Read) keep children happy and interested in school.

Writing a sentence or two as a spin-off from reading so many books written by incredible authors is a part of Mrs. Frankila's reading program. A daily classroom news report given by the children and printed on chart paper gives more reading practice. An emphasis on grammar is taught and one child takes the news of the day home. Children anxiously wait for their turn.

Mrs. Siegrist's class has been studying zoo, farm, wild and tame animals. We are also exploring what animals make the best pets. We will be voting on which pet to adopt. Each student has also chosen a tree to adopt, which was identified. The trees will be measured and observed throughout the school year as we learn about the changes that occur with the seasons.....Mrs. Frankila

Second Grade News

Second Grade is off to a wonderful start. The children visited Jiffy Mix, Timber Town, the Gerald Eddy Geological Center in September, and Flavor Fruit Farms in October. The children enjoyed the noisy machines in the Jiffy Mix Plant, lunch at Timber Town Park, and the showcase of rocks followed by a 25-minute hike on a nature trail at the Geology Center. At Flavor Fruit Farms, the children visited the apple orchard, the pumpkin patch, fed deer, observed cider being made, and even got to sample doughnuts and cider. It has been a wonderful start to the new school year; and there's much more to come.....Mrs. Hause

Third Grade News

The Third Grade has had many new things to deal with this year. We have had to get used to having wonderful playground equipment to play on, having art in the Art Room and not in our classroom, and that long walk to the Cafeteria every day.

In reading, we are finishing our first theme, "Oink, Oink, Oink", where we read three different versions of the "Three Little Pigs". Ask your child which one they liked the most. We have gone over addition and subtraction facts in math, as well as reading and writing 4-digit numbers. Please keep working on the facts with your children. We will be starting time and money soon. In science, we will be switching teachers in a few weeks. By the end of the year, all students will have had all five Third Grade teachers for 6-7 weeks.....Mrs. Kinner

Fourth Grade News

The Fourth Graders are enjoying a new school year in a new building. They are thrilled with their nice, carpeted large rooms, drinking fountains and TVs. We are busily studying about plants in our science class. We have been watching several "Bill Nye, the Science Guy" videos. They have helped us to understand plants a lot better.

Our whole Language Arts Program has changed this year due to our new reading series. It is very challenging to all of us.

We have several big events coming up in the next few months. The first big one is our Halloween parade and party. Then we have parent-teacher conferences. In early December, we go to Lansing to the Michigan Natural History Museum....This year is already flying by too fast.....Mrs. Hume

Fifth Grade News

We Fifth Graders are writing to you from our new location at Townsend School! The great thing is we feel right at home in this fine new facility.

We are planning a 5th/6th Grade candy sale to help defray the costs of trips to the Potter Center and perhaps a Greenfield Village trip. More information about these events is forthcoming.

This is the beginning of a new era at Townsend School, as well as for the entire school system. This group of Fifth Graders, on a whole, is a fine group of children and are wonderful examples for the younger students to emulate. We are proud of our school, our students and your children.....Fifth Grade Staff

Kindergarten

Kindergarten classes are excited about the Letter People. Each week a new letter person arrives to help the children learn a letter and its sound. They love the songs and stories as well as activities we do to reinforce them. They have enjoyed making and tasting apple sauce, butter, doughnuts and a fantastic fruit salad.

They also are really enjoying the songs and big books in our new reading series. Each child completed an "I Am Special" book to share with their families. We acted out the story "Rain" for another Kindergarten class. The children are also becoming good detectives when searching for a particular letter in print.

The children have participated in making graphs of their favorite colors, favorite dinosaurs, beginning letter in their name, and fruit they brought for our salad. We are also working very hard to learn patterns by clapping them or building them with colored unifix cubes.

All Kindergarten children went on a field trip to Safetyville where they learned traffic safety rules by being pedestrians and drivers (on push pedal tractors) in a pretend town. Area police officers taught them how to cross streets safely.

Sounds of laughter and delight are heard when the children get to play on our lovely new playground. We are so thankful for all the wonderful volunteers who made it a reality.....Mrs. Elzinga

General music students have been initiating the spaces of the "new Townsend" by performing appropriate songs in large groups. Last May first and second graders gathered in the new cafeteria before its use and performed the song, "P-I-Z-Z-A". Students sang and did a movement routine with individual paper plate pizzas which they had made in music class. Teachers and helpers enjoyed the performance, and students agreed that it was a "cool" way to celebrate a terrific new lunchroom.

Townsend
Music Students
Initiate New Facility

.....Lynda Childs,
Elementary Music Teacher

Music classes are taking place
in a beautiful new classroom.
The program dates for 2000
are:

Tuesday, January 18
Grades 3-5 7pm
Townsend Gym

Tuesday, April 18
Grades 1-2 7 pm
Townsend Gym

Thursday, May 4
Kindergarten and BK
6:30 pm
Place to be announced

**Please put these dates on
your calendar now and plan
to attend.**

On the first Wednesday of the current school year, the Townsend Gym was the setting for an all-school assembly. Students sang "I Like School" and "Give a Little Kindness" led by Mrs. Childs and a group of 5th grade helpers. These songs were chosen to set the tone for an enthusiastic school climate, one that will be welcoming and pleasant for staff and students alike. The sound of over 600 children singing together made our new gym "really rock"!

Popcorn Day

Friday is "popcorn day" for the Townsend students. Each Friday, our special education classroom will be popping popcorn and selling it for \$.50. Each week we will be selling to two grade levels, and will announce the grade levels during the week. Your child may purchase as many bags as he or she would like. All bags are folded and taped for taking home!

This summer I was awarded a pre-vocational grant, with which I purchased a commercial popcorn popper. All profits return to our classroom to be used for pre-vocational materials, to prepare our students for their future education as well as employment. We hope everyone enjoys the popcorn and thank you for supporting our classroom!.....Mrs. Johnson

Books for Newborns

The teachers at Townsend Elementary School are continuing a program for any Vandercook family with a newborn baby. We would like to make a brief home visit to present the family with a hard-cover book and suggestions for reading to your child. We would love for grandparents, neighbors, or families to call the school at 784-6133 when the baby is born so we can arrange a convenient time to deliver the book. We want to support and encourage a great start for all our future students.

Townsend Staff are "Winners"

Over fifty staff members from Townsend Elementary met on August 17 with the goal of creating a "winning school culture". Led by Michael M. Jones, a human resource consultant, staff members worked together in groups to brainstorm activities or observable attributes that would, if put in place, distinguish Townsend Elementary from other schools. Principal Paul Chilcote inspired everyone with his vision of the future and belief that "none of us are here by accident or chance, but we are all here by design for a specific purpose". In the next few months, Townsend staff members will meet again, facilitated by Michael Jones, to design our school's future.....Mrs. Osypczuk

What is "MiChild"?

Insurance for Children....

Vandercook Lake parents, there is an exceptional insurance program, MiChild that your children could qualify for. A family of four could make \$33,000 a year and still qualify for the MiChild Insurance program. MiChild provides complete coverage for children under age 19, including **dental care**, and there are **no copays or deductibles**. To find out more about MiChild Insurance for your children, contact Mr. Biondolillo at the high school (782-8167 ext. 203 or Mrs. Michelle Boorman at Townsend Elementary (784-6133 ext. 601).

APPLE PIE SALE

Beginning Wednesday, October 27, orders will be taken from any Vandercook Lake middle-senior high school students for apple pies. The pies will cost \$5.00 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.

WANTED.....

Parents to join Vandercook Lake P.T.O.

Research has shown that parental involvement improves children's education. So come and join us November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Art Room At Townsend Elementary.

Welcome new staff members

Tammie Sumerel

High School: Madison High School (Adrian)
College: Oral Roberts Univ., Siena Hgts Univ., Central Michigan University
Major: Business Education
Minor: Mathematics
Degree: B.S.Accounting (ORU); Pursuing master of secondary education at Siena Heights and master of Business Education at CMU.
Assignment: BST Instructor/Accounting
Family: Single
Previous Experience: 1994-96 taught 7-12 grade mathematics at Christian Life Academy in Baton Rouge, LA. Student taught (1998) and worked at my Alma Mater,

Madison High, from 1996-98. Taught at Grass Lake Schools (1998-99)

Hobbies and Interests: Coaching girls sports, watching football and playing basketball, volleyball, and touch football.

I went into education because.....I enjoy learning and working with young people. I hope to have an impact on them in the positive way my past teachers had on me.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is...to provide a positive learning environment for young people, while striving to be the best educator I can be so young people can become productive citizens.

I am looking forward to.....teaching at VCL for many years. There are many good things happening at VCL and several super people to be around. VCL is the type of place I have dreamed of teaching at!

Jerry Peters

High School: East Lansing High School
College: University of Michigan; Michigan State University
Major: Zoology; Education; Reading (B.A. Degree)
Minor: Social Sciences, Instruction (M. A. Degree)
Assignment: Alternative Education, Grades 9-12
Family: Wife, Rosemary who is a 3rd grade teacher at Jackson Public Schools; 4 daughters, ages 19-28 (two working, one in college, one working and in college, and one married).
Previous Experience: Twenty-three and a half years teaching GED prep and pre-

release skills for Michigan Dept. of Corrections; two years of public schools (grades 4-8); two years in the Peace Corps, and teaching math and biology (grades 8-12).

Hobbies and Interests: Sailing a small sailboat; reading; music, yardwork; church and community.

I went into education because.....I enjoyed my Peace Corps teaching experience so much, I returned to college after my B.A. to be certified as a teacher.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is...to create an atmosphere in which students can develop their skills and abilities academically, socially, and personally; believe that all students can do this.

I am looking forward to.....obtaining goals which I have set for alternative education class.

Lyman Robertson

High School: Bedford - Temperance, Michigan
College: Spring Arbor College
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Science and Social Science
Degree: B.A.
Assignment: Vandercook Lake Junior/Senior High Technology
Family: Single
Previous Experience: Two years of substitute teaching at Vandercook Lake and Northwest school districts.
Hobbies and Interests: Drawing, singing, volleyball, soccer..

I went into education because.....of the potential to make a difference in a child's life and in our community.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is...in the right setting, with the right motivation, anyone can learn. It is my goal to find those ways to motivate.

I am looking forward to.....becoming a part of the team at Vandercook Lake Junior/Senior High School and finally doing what I went to school for!

Eric Jacobs

High School: Jenkins High School, Chewelah Washington
College: Spring Arbor College
Major: Exercise and Sports Science
Minor: History
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Assignment: Vandercook Lake Middle School Physical Education, and 9th Grade Geography
Family: I have been married for two years to my beautiful wife, Michele Jacobs.
Previous Experience: My student teaching was completed at both the elementary and high school levels at Vandercook Lake.
Hobbies and Interests: I enjoy playing/coaching/watching sports; weightlifting, fishing, and traveling.

I went into education because..I enjoy working with our future citizens, helping them overcome the new challenges that face them each day.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is...to provide the students with the knowledge to have a healthy, productive, lifelong learning style

I am looking forward to.....being an active part of a positive and successful learning environment.

Welcome new staff members

Corrie Castle

High School: Northwest High School
College: Michigan State University
Major: Child Development/Elementary Education
Minor: English
Degree: Bachelor of Science

Assignment: First Grade Teacher - Townsend Elementary

Family: Husband Brian.

Previous Experience: I completed intern teaching at Towar Gardens Headstart in East Lansing, and first grade at Elliott Elementary in Holt. Last year I worked at McDevitt Elementary doing substitute and teacher's aide work.

Hobbies and Interests: Rollerblading, golfing, travelling, taking pictures and taking care of our two cats.

I went into education because.....I enjoy working with young people and want to be a positive influence for children.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is...to impact lives, and motivate children to learn all they can. I want to reach all children by teaching to their different learning styles.

I am looking forward to...a very successful year in my teaching, and starting a wonderful career with Vandercook Lake Schools.

Chris VanEpps

High School: Vandercook Lake
College: Adrian College
Major: English
Minor: Planned Elementary Education

Degree: BA (English) -- Elementary Education Certificate

Assignment: Fifth Grade at Townsend Elementary; 8th Grade Football Coach; VL Middle School

Family: Wife, Shelly.

Hobbies or Interests: Include sports and computers.

I went into education because...I really enjoy working with children. It's the most rewarding profession on the planet.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is.....to teach all of my students not only the ABC's of school, but to teach them to be role models and leaders outside of the school system as well.

I look forward to.....the future growth of Vandercook Lake, both in its schools and community.

Jill Cripe

High School: Adrian High School
College: Central Michigan University and Adrian College
Major: Therapeutic Recreation and Education
Minor: Planned EI, Psychology, Science
Degree: B.A.

Assignment: 4th Grade Teacher - Townsend Elementary

Family: Husband, Gary; sons: Scott (14) Adam (11); daughter: Kara (9)

Previous Experience: Taught science and math on inpt. psych unit for adolescents and kindergarten 1/2 year in Adrian.

Hobbies or Interests: Swimming, sewing, decorating the house, and gardening.

I went into education because.....I love being around kids and want to have a positive impact on their lives.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is....all children can learn, and they each have special gifts to share with the rest of us.

I am looking forward to.....learning with my students here at Townsend!

Terry Siegrist

High School: Western High School
College: Michigan State University Certified: Spring Arbor College
Major: English
Minor: Theatre
Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Assignment: First grade teacher at Townsend Elementary

Family: Married to Randy (20 years). Mother of four teenagers: Jeremy 19, Autumn 18, Joshua 15, and Jameson 13.

Previous Experience: Three years of student teaching in Jackson County. Years of volunteer work at my children's elementary and junior high schools.

Hobbies or Interests: Camping, being a "bleacher" Mom, and spending time with family and friends. During presidential elections - watching political talk shows.

I went into education because.....I have wanted to teach from a very early age and that desire stayed with me. I love working with children and hope to make a positive impact on the lives of my students.

My goal/philosophy as an educator is.....to be the best that I can be and to bring that desire to my students, as well as giving them the tools they need to be all that they can.

I am looking forward to....many years of teaching children and learning from them. I'm looking forward to all that it means to teach elementary students.

Vandercook Lake High School Winter Sports Schedule

VARSDITY & JV Basketball

12/7	at Springport	5:30
12/10	Manchester	5:30
12/14	at Jackson Baptist	5:30
12/17	Napoleon	5:30
1/4	Columbia Central	5:30
1/7	at Grass Lake	5:30
1/14	At East Jackson	5:30
1/21	Addison	5:30
1/25	Concord	5:30
1/28	at Hanover Horton	5:30
2/1	at Michigan Center	5:30
2/4	at Manchester	5:30
2/8	at Napoleon	5:30
2/11	Grass Lake	5:30
2/15	Waldron	5:30
2/18	East Jackson	5:30
2/22	at Dansville	5:30
2/25	at Addison	5:30
2/29	Hanover Horton	5:30
3/3	Michigan Center	5:30
3/6	Districts	TBA

Coaches:

Varsity: Mark Bareis
JV Les Essex

VARSDITY & JV Volleyball

12/18	at Jonesville Inv.	8:30am
1/3	Jackson Baptist	6:00
1/6	Hanover Horton	6:30
1/8	at E. Jackson Inv. (V)	9:00am
1/15	Vandy Tourn (JV)	9:00am
1/20	at Manchester	6:30
1/22	Var. at Hillsdale Col.	5:30
1/24	Lumen Christi	6:30
1/27	Addison	6:30
1/31	at Leslie	6:30
2/3	at Michigan Center	6:30
2/5	JV at Concord	8:00am
	Var at Morenci	9:00am
2/10	at Grass Lake	6:30
2/12	at Spring Arbor Inv.	8:30am
2/14	at Columbia Central	6:30
2/17	Napoleon	6:30
2/19	JV at E.J. Tourn.	9:00am
2/24	at E. Jackson	6:30
2/28	Western	6:30
3/1	Conference meet	
3/4	District	TBA
3/11	Regional	TBA

Coaches:

Varsity: Sue Hause
JV Becky Scholten

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

11/15	at Napoleon	4:30
11/17	Addison	4:30
11/22	at Hanover Horton	4:30
11/23	East Jackson	4:30
11/29	Grass Lake	4:30
12/1	at Manchester	4:30
12/6	at Michigan Center	4:30
12/8	Napoleon	4:30
12/13	at Addison	4:30
12/15	Hanover-Horton	4:30

Coaches:

7th - Chris VanEpps
8th - Wes Stevenson

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

1/18	Jackson Bapt.	4:30
1/24	at Napoleon	4:30
1/26	Addison	4:30
1/31	at Hanover-Horton	4:30
2/2	East Jackson	4:30
2/7	Grass Lake	4:30
2/9	at Manchester	4:30
2/14	at Michigan Center	4:30
2/16	Napoleon	4:30
2/23	at Addison	4:30
2/28	Hanover-Horton	4:30

Coaches:

7th - Sue Haney
8th - Heather Clemons/Shelly Handy

**Vandercook Lake High School
Winter Sports Schedule**

VARSITY WRESTLING

12/2	At Maple Valley	
12/4	at Concord Invt.	8:00am
12/8	at Napoleon	6:30
12/11	Vandy Invt.	9:00am
12/18		
1/5	Grass Lake at HH	6:30
1/8	at Union City	10:00am
1/15	at Erie Mason	9:30am
1/19	at East Jackson	6:30
1/22	at Napoleon Invt.	TBA
1/26	Michigan Center	6:30
2/2	Addison	6:30
2/5	Dansville Invt.	TBA
2/9	at Manchester	6:30
2/12	Conference	
	at Manchester	TBA
2/16	Team District	TBA
2/19	Indiv. District	TBA
2/23	Team Regional	TBA
2/26	Indiv. Regional	TBA

Coach: Jay Horsfall
Asst. Chris Blackledge

JV WRESTLING

12/6	at Western	6:00
12/13	at Napoleon/scrim	6:00
12/20	at Col. Central	9:00am
1/3	at Hanover Horton	6:00
1/17	at Manchester/scrim	6:00
1/24	at Addison/scrim	6:00
1/31	at Michigan Center	6:00

Coach: Chris Blackledge

JUNIOR HIGH WRESTLING

1/31	Napoleon	4:30
2/5	at Nap. Invt.	9:30am
2/9	at Addison	4:30
2/11	at Co. Central Invt.	
2/14	Hanover-Horton	4:30
2/16	at East Jackson	4:30
2/23	at Grass Lake	4:30
2/28	Manchester	4:30
3/1	Mich. Center	4:30

Coach: Jay Horsfall
Chris Blackledge

Athletic Ticket Booklets

The Athletic Department is offering a booklet of ten tickets for both students and adults. Student booklets will cost \$15.00 and adults \$20.00. This is about a 50% savings. Booklets may be purchased at Mrs. Hunter's office in the high school.

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JAYHAWKS

CALENDAR - 1999-2000

November	3	Marching Band Concert - High School Gym 7:00 p.m.
	4	Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-4; 7-9 pm; 1/2 Day of School
	5	Parent-Teacher Conferences 1-3 pm; 1/2 Day of School
	8	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 p.m.
	16	Elementary Picture Retakes
	20	Apple Pie Sale
	25-26	Thanksgiving Break
December	4-5	5th-6th Grade Girls' Basketball Tournament
	9	Holiday Band Concert High School Gym 7:00 p.m.
	13	Board Meeting - HS Library 6:00 p.m
	17-Jan3	Winter Break
2000		
January	3	School Resumes
	17	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 p.m.
	17,18,19,20	Exams
	21	Teachers Record Day - No school for students
	29	Junior High Military Ball 8-10 p.m.
February	5-6	5th and 6th Grade Boys Basketball
	14	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 p.m.
	17	1/2 Day - H.S and Elementary
	18-21	No school - Winter Break
March	2	Parent Teacher Conferences 1-4; 7-9:00 pm, 1/2 Day of School
	3	Parent Teacher Conferences 1-3; 1/2 Day of School
	13	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 p.m.
	14	Junior High Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
	25	Senior High Military Ball 8-11 p.m.
April	3-7	Spring Break
	15	Cherry Pie Sale
	17	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 pm.
	21	Good Friday - No School
May	3	Prom
	8	Board Meeting - HS Library - 6:00 pm.
	18	5th Grade Orientation
	18	Spring Band Concert
	19	6th Grade Student High School Tour
	24	Senior Dessert/Awards Night
	26	1/2 Day School
	29	Memorial Day - No School
June	4	Baccalaureate
	5	Commencement - Potter Center 8:00 pm
	6,7,8	Exams
		Last Day for Students

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