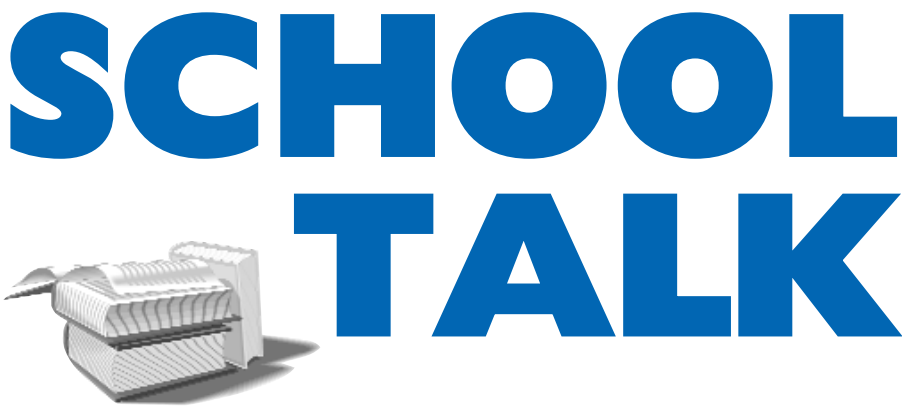


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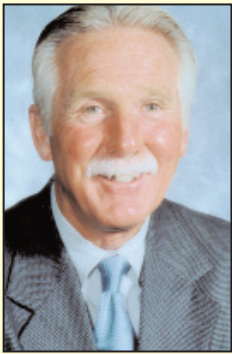
DATES	COMMENTS
FIRST TRIMESTER	
9/4-11/30	First Day of school for students
September 4	No school for students Teacher in-service
September 28	No school for students
November 21	No school Thanksgiving break
November 22-23	End of first trimester 1/2 day for students
November 29	No school for students
November 30	
12/3-3-7	SECOND TRIMESTER
Dec 24- Jan 2	Winter break
January 3	School resumes
January 21	No school Martin Luther King day
February 18	No school Presidents Day
March 6	End of second trimester 1/2 day for students
March 7	No school for students
3/10-6/5	THIRD TRIMESTER
March 21	No school Good Friday
March 24	No school
April 7 - 11	Spring break
May 26	No school Memorial Day
June 5*	Last Day of school 1/2 day for students

* Tentative based on snow days

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Superintendent’s Corner

Looking Forward
to a Great School Year



I am very proud and excited about the opening of the 2007-08 school year. I have always operated from the philosophy that every decision the school district makes, whether it involves curriculum, staffing, finances, or buildings—must be centered on the needs of our students. We must always put students first. Student achievement is our mission, and it must also be our passion.

Our students are achieving! For the fourth year in a row all North Branch Areas Schools made Adequate Yearly Progress with the exception of High School English Language Arts. We are very proud of our students’ efforts and look forward to continued improvement. Our District School Improvement Team, composed of staff from all levels, is in the process of updating our School Improvement Plan to ensure that we continue to make progress in meeting the requirements of NCLB. Our school improvement teams are focusing on reading and writing as our major achievement goals. These are the academic areas that require our greatest attention.

With regard to the district’s financial well being, in spite of the State’s tough financial times, your Board of Education has continued their commitment to maintaining programs and services for our students. They remain true to their mission to provide the very best they can for our students, staff, and community. They have approved the opening of the new Fitness Center for students and community and continue to support programs and services that can be used for all.

It is a cliché, but it is very true. “It takes a whole Village to raise a child!” I want to recognize the efforts of the community members who make a difference in the lives our students. Our Athletic Boosters contribute so much, if you haven’t already noticed the new press box being built for our baseball program, please take time to do so. It is a wonderful addition to our athletic complex. To our Soccer Club Supporters, a huge thanks for the continued development of our soccer program. I also want to thank the many Alumni who support our athletic programs by participating in the Alumni Football game with Imlay City. To our Band Boosters thank you for your support of the music program. To Motor Moms and Dads, and the many parents who volunteer to help a child, we thank you! All of you make a difference in the development of our young children and you make North Branch Area Schools a special place to be.

Finally, the additions and the renovations of the high school are complete with the construction of the new elementary schools underway. We expect that they will be ready in late fall of 2008. We are getting ready to bid out the Ruth Fox and the North Branch Middle School project with construction beginning next spring and completed in September of 2008.

In closing, I want everyone to know that managing a school district involves more than leadership; it requires a massive team effort. Our professional and support staff are dedicated to providing the best for our students. I am counting on the involvement of every student, staff member, administrator, parent, board member, and community members, as we join forces to be the very best we can be!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

September 4, 2007

a full day for students (grades 1st – 12th)
Kindergarten students begin September 5th
2007-2008 Building Schedules
High School & Middle School – 7:35 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Ruth Fox Elementary – 8:40 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
North Branch Elementary – 8:45 a.m. – 4:05 p.m.
AM Kindergarten 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
PM Kindergarten – 12:50 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.

NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS

Mission Statement

North Branch Area Schools...leading a community effort in a caring environment dedicated to excellence, ensuring that our children acquire knowledge and life-long learning skills.

Beliefs

We believe:

- Children come first
- Each child can learn
- Collaboration among parents, children, staff, and the community is essential to school success
- Learning is a life-long experience
- A safe and caring environment is essential to quality learning
- High expectations lead to an individual’s highest achievement
- In creating educational opportunities to meet individual needs
- Successful schools continually evaluate and adapt to changing needs
- The responsibility for our children’s overall success rests with the entire community

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?

NEED HELP SOLVING A PROBLEM?

You are encouraged to contact any of the following individuals to assist you in answering your school-related questions, or to assist you in resolving problems. We are always open to your suggestions and ideas for improving North Branch Area Schools. Please feel free to clip this list of phone numbers and save it in the front of your telephone book for future reference.

Al Piwinski, Superintendent.....810-688-3570
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Matt Hess, Director of Operations & Transportation.....810-688-3660
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Stacy Moyer, Director of Food Services.....810-688-2226
Louis Dominick, Maintenance/Custodial Supervisor810-688-4625

FITNESS CENTER810-688-3003
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Carolyn Medland, Counselor.....810-688-3564
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“Designing and building a new school has its challenges”



Building a “new school” brings great excitement to a community. It also presents many challenges as you move to complete the project. Classroom teachers want large rooms, more storage, the latest technology, new furniture and equipment, more parking, etc. Principals want better security, good traffic flow, bigger offices, gyms, libraries, cafeteria, wide hallways, more classrooms, etc. Support staff wants the latest kitchen equipment, easy maintenance, more storage, new cleaning equipment, etc. The community wants a safe and inviting school, use of the buildings, and attractive buildings. The Board of Education wants to ensure that they keep their promises to staff and the community and to complete the project on time. All of this has to be accomplished while keeping the project on budget.



As we have progressed with our construction project the greatest challenge thus far has been keeping our costs within the budget in an ever changing construction market. This has caused some delays requiring some redesign and value engineering being applied to our project. It has also been a challenge to work with the many agencies involved in issuing permits to proceed with the work. The new elementary school required continuous phone calls to the state to obtain a building permit. These delays have resulted in a three to four month



delay in the construction of the new elementary schools. At this time we will complete the project in the fall of 2008 but it will be in November or December rather than the original completion date of September. The High School additions and renovations will be complete as promised this fall and Ruth Fox and the Middle School will be completed by next September. The delays in the elementary school will cause a setback in the renovation of the old North Branch Elementary and the Transportation Facility. I think anyone who has experienced the construction of a new home or business can relate to these challenges.

What I am most proud of is that meeting the instructional needs of our students is our number one priority. Improving learning spaces for students is what this project is all about. The new additions and renovations to our high school include 10 new classrooms. Our drafting room has been moved to the new wing and will provide the latest in CAD design technology for students to use. By moving drafting to the new addition we have been able to expand our industrial arts/woodworking area, dramatically increasing its size. We have added two new science classrooms and a lab for Biology and completely remodeled our



Chemistry and Physics labs. With the addition of the new offices at the front of the building we have redesigned the old offices into new special education learning spaces. We’ve added two new computer labs that can be opened to serve as many as 60 students as well as a new media arts studio. With regard to the renovations, all classrooms have been re-carpeted or have new tile, the hallways and the media center have also been re-carpeted, and many areas have been repainted, with new ceiling tile and new casework. Mechanically, we have replaced the cooling tower, added new sinks to the bathrooms, and replaced all toilet partitions. Finally, the fitness center will be available for student and community use when school opens. Frankly, I think it is the showplace of our project; it is going to be a special place for all to use.

The new elementary schools site work is completed, foundations are poured and the masonry walls have been started. The school will begin to take shape



this fall and will be built throughout the winter months. The delays were frustrating but once complete this building will serve the children and the community for many years to come. The architecture is representative of our rural nature and will look very special on the corner of Jefferson and Elm Creek. One aspect that I am most pleased with is that this building will have a steel roof for durability and will provide energy savings in the future. The building looks like it belongs.

The new cafetorium joining Ruth Fox and the Middle School will begin in the spring with the renovations taking place next summer. These buildings will be ready to go when students return next September.

Yes, many aspects of a major construction project can be frustrating. Costs, delays, etc. but in the end we will have some of the best facilities in the area. Places for our children to learn and grow and places that people will want to send their children to. As a community member you should be very proud, your vision will support North Branch’s continued growth for the future.

North Branch Area Schools Cafeteria News...

Our food service department and Chartwells welcome your child back to the 2007-2008 school year. Chartwells has mapped out an approach to a wellness partnership, called Balanced Choices, our signature comprehensive approach to the health and well-being of students. This program assists students in making the most nutritious meal, snack, beverage and vending choices.

We take serving our student customers very seriously. Breakfast is offered daily in all schools. The results are in...children who eat breakfast perform better in school. Research shows that children who eat a healthy breakfast show increased attention at school, visit the nurse less often, and have lower rates of tardiness and absenteeism.

Please fill out one Family Meal Application per household and return it as soon as possible. Students must have a new application on file by September 30, 2007. Thank you for your participation in North Branch Area School's breakfast and lunch program. Please contact Stacy Moyer, Director of Dining Services at 810-688-2226, with any questions or concerns.

2007-2008 Meal Prices

Elementary:	Breakfast \$1.00	Lunch \$1.75
Secondary:	Breakfast \$1.25	Lunch \$2.00
	Sandwich Central \$2.00	Adult \$3.00
	Milk: \$.40	

Did you know?

Parents of students attending North Branch Area Schools can enjoy the convenience of sending in meal money on a weekly or monthly basis. You may send in a check or cash to prepay for meals. Here is how the system works:

Send a check payable to North Branch Area Schools or cash in an envelope. Include the name(s) and grade(s) of the student(s) for whom the meal is being paid. This payment and information may be sent to the building your student attends.

The money will be immediately deposited in your student's meal account. As your student(s) check out of the food service line, their purchase will be automatically debited from their account balance.

When the amount of your account gets low, your student(s) will be notified. You may then send in additional funds.

Any balance on your account at the conclusion of a school year will either be refunded to you by check or the balance may be carried forward to the next school year, or transferred to another child's account.

Give our prepaid meal program a try. It's secure and convenient.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFO

For the most detailed information, tune in to the following radio and television stations.

WMPC 1230 AM	Wings 103.1	WCRZ 107.9
WNEM (Channel 5)	WJRT (Channel 12)	WDIV (Channel 4)

Other radio and television stations may pick up the announcements through the Michigan State Police Lien Network.
Or visit: www.cancellations.com

- The decision to cancel the regular school day program is usually made about 5:30 am/no later than 6:00 a.m. if possible. Only in unusually severe weather conditions is a decision made the night before.
 - Occasionally school is dismissed early because of weather or afternoon kindergarten classes may be cancelled. These announcements will be made on the same stations indicated above.
 - It is very important that all parents talk with their children about the procedure to be followed in the event of early release. The school must be notified in advance of any special arrangements or transportation.
 - Planning in advance reduces stress and anxiety for your children and saves many last minute phone calls to the school.
- In the event of a tornado or severe thunderstorm watches/warnings it may be necessary to extend the school day rather than send children home in threatening weather.
 - Generally, decisions or information about athletic events and other extracurricular activities on days when school is cancelled will be made after 10:30 a.m.
 - Elementary students are returned to the school if the bus driver determines they cannot be left at home.
 - Parents and students are also asked to avoid calling the bus garage on snowy mornings to inquire about school closings.
 - Decisions about school cancellation or early dismissal are made in the best interest of student safety.

Exciting updates await students

By Adair Aumock, Director of Curriculum & Technology, aaumock@nbbrncos.net



As North Branch High School students return this fall, they will enjoy a newly expanded and updated building. This new facility will help teachers and students learn 21st century skills and knowledge in exciting new ways.

As the office has moved, the Physical Fitness center has grown, and the new classroom wing has expanded, we've also been working to improve access to technology for student learning and communications. Over 150 computers have been added to the high school for this coming school year, giving students greater access than ever before to electronic resources and tools for learning.

We have updated our existing "Computers" classroom with new machines, and we added two new computer labs available on a check out basis for classes to do on-line activities. The exciting thing about these labs is that they are adjacent to one another with a removable wall, which when opened, gives our high school a 62 station computer training lab-the only one like it in this area. We've also re-designed our media center to give students better access to materials while maintaining 30 computers for students to use for research or projects.

Across the hall from the new labs is a new drafting classroom with a state-of-the-art computer workstation at every desk. Drafting will be taught in a blended format with board and computer skills taught simultaneously, better preparing students for the workforce they might choose to enter. The students will be learning to use industry standard software tools in this exciting career based subject.

The corner of the new hall houses our television/media production studio. This impressive room expands another popular career based program. The new room will allow students to learn and participate in a fully operational studio, control room, and editing bay in their studies.

In addition to classroom upgrades and additional cabling, we've also worked this summer to implement a new phone system that will ultimately improve access to staff while improving efficiency and total cost of ownership. We hope that this new phone system, along with Family Access, e-mail, and our website (www.nbbrncos.net), will continue to improve communication between the school and home.

This is the first phase of technology upgrades planned for North Branch Area Schools. As we progress through the next 18 months, we are planning to equip every room with projectors, sound reinforcement systems, and full wireless access across our campus.

On behalf of all North Branch Area Schools students and staff, I'd like to thank you again for your support and trust in making these upgrades possible. I hope you'll agree that North Branch truly is a learning community dedicated to excellence!

Transportation and Operations News for 07-08

Matthew Hess, Director of Operations and Transportation

The Operations Department consisting of the Custodial, Maintenance, Grounds and Utility personnel have been working extra hard this summer. Our staff has been working with and around the building contractors to make sure that your student's rooms, halls, lockers, and facilities are all ready to go for the new school year.

It is amazing to see what takes place over the course of a summer season at North Branch Area Schools as each area is cleaned, repaired, upgraded if necessary and put back together for the beginning of a new year. Our staff takes a great deal of pride in their buildings and it shows all year long.

The Transportation Department is coming back to some positive changes as the system adapts to the new requirements of this year and looks forward to the upcoming changes for next year. Each year parents and students should look forward to improvements in the busing system and schedules that allows the district to operate with more efficiency to better serve you.

We are again using the postcard notification system for your route information. Please look over the information when it arrives and notify us if there are any changes needed.

If you have any questions or comments regarding our services in Transportation or Operations, it is easy to reach us and we welcome your feedback. Please feel free to leave a message if you get our voice mail in these areas.

The Operations Department can be reached at Operations@NBBC Broncos.net or 810.688.4625.

The Transportation Department can be reached at Transportation@NBBC Broncos.net or 810.688.3660.

Ehardt's Pharmacy

Presents

FREE SEMINAR - NATURAL APPROACHES to ADD/ADHD

North Branch High School, Tuesday, September 25, 2007

The presenter is Pamela Sadler, Registered Nurse, Nutritionist, and Homeopath that has over 10 years of experience in natural remedies. The discussion will cover effective nutritional, herbal, and homeopathic approaches for children and adults. Please stop by our North Branch Ehardt's Pharmacy location or call (810) 688-3090 to register today.

Welcome to a new school year

The Faculty and Staff of NBHS are hard at work preparing for the 2007-08 school year. We are looking forward to an exciting new year in our upgraded facilities. As our enrollment nears 900 students, the building project, which provides us with 10 additional classrooms and two computer labs, brings us some much needed room and flexibility. We can't thank the community enough for supporting our students and providing them with such a fabulous school. An open house will be scheduled for sometime in September so that the parents and community can see for themselves, what a marvelous facility we now have.

New Opening Procedures for High School Students

A new process will be implemented this year at the high school where students will come in on a scheduled date to complete necessary paperwork. Students will turn in completed/updated Emergency contact information sent home and the Acceptable Use Policy for computer usage. They will receive schedules, bus information, the school calendar, locker numbers and combinations, teacher room numbers and a new map of the school. Students will also have the opportunity to pick up other information such as sport schedules and passes, and applications for parking stickers, free and reduced lunch, and parent volunteers. Students will be given information regarding the 2007-2008 year-books and any fines and fees that are owed to the district before graduation. This process is planned so that time spent on procedural paperwork will be minimized and educational time will be maximized. It is very important that parents update the Emergency Card information so that contacts can be made more promptly when an emergency may suddenly occur. Acceptable Use Policies need to be signed yearly as a reminder to parents and students of the need for proper computer usage. We are hoping that this will be an annual process with additions made that will provide more educational time for students as we start each school year.

Handbook Changes at the High School

There are a couple of changes to the High School Student Handbook that we want parents and students to be aware of before the school year begins. These changes are to help ensure more educational opportunities for all students and to better secure personal, sometimes quite costly, materials. I-Pods and other listening devices will not be allowed during the educational time of the school day. If students are found with these in their possession from 7:35 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., the device will be taken and handed to the office staff where the student will pick this up at the end of the day. If this occurs three times, a parent/guardian will be required to pick up the device so that this matter may be discussed. This will cut back on potential theft or loss of these expensive pieces of auditory equipment and give students the opportunity to be more focused on their educational process. The other change involves our dress code. Jeans or other pants with holes mid-thigh or higher may not be worn. Again, we are working on distractions that may take away from the educational process of each student in the building and we feel that not allowing this kind of clothing will help students be more focused.

Our goal when making any change in the handbook is always in the best interest of the student body. The opportunity for the most educational growth comes with minimal distractions. Each student will receive a student handbook on the first day of school. Please review all polices with your students, paying particular attention to the attendance policy. We would like to remind parents to make every effort possible to contact the high school office (688-3001) within 24 hours to verify student absences.

LOCAL YOUTH ATTENDS HUGH O'BRIAN WORLD LEADERSHIP CONGRESS IN WASHINGTON D.C.

Young Marine Gunnery Sergeant, Alexander C. Havermale, a junior at North Branch High School, was one of only six Young Marines chosen nationally from over 12,000 to travel to Washington D.C. as an Ambassador for the 2007 Hugh O'Brian World Leadership Congress. HOBY, considered to be the country's top youth leadership development organization was founded in 1958 by veteran actor Hugh O'Brian. HOBY's mission is to provide lifelong leadership development opportunities that empower individuals to achieve their highest potential; to help young people make a difference and become positive catalysts for change—in the home, school, work-place, and community. Alexander is a member of the Eastern Michigan Young Marines Unit for which he was an ambassador at the Michigan State HOBY in June. Alexander has a great interest in government with hopes of someday becoming president of the United States. This was his third trip to Washington with two of them serving at the Pentagon with the Young Marines.



School Picture Day Set

School pictures for all students in grades 9 through 12 will take place on Thursday, September 6, 2007. This year, we will be using Photo Factory USA for our photography needs (PhotoFactory® USA, INC has been a family owned company in the city of Davison, MI since 1986). This company will provide many new options and services that families will find very convenient. Picture package information can be obtained at the high school office.

Counselor's Corner

September brings us the start of a new school year and the need for students to begin some of their post high school planning. Seniors who have taken the ACT and wish to improve their scores, need to pick up vouchers (for a free ACT!) beginning the second week of school if they plan to register by Friday, September 21st for the October 27th test. Remember, students who have free or reduced lunch, may also receive fee waivers for ACT and College applications. College applications for MSU and U of M should be completed by the end of September. All other four year college applications should be completed before Thanksgiving. We work diligently to help seniors make choices for their future. Whether it is a trade school, four year college, or a technical degree, we believe that learning must continue after high school. We urge our parents to begin frequent conversations at home to help their students plan for the future appropriately. Seniors and juniors are encouraged to visit the schools they may want to spend time and money at after high school. Juniors and sophomores who want to take the PSAT on Tuesday, October 16, will have an opportunity to sign up in September. This test has identified our past National Merit Scholars. These test scores can be used for Dual Enrollment eligibility. Many juniors will be attending the Ed-tech center and perhaps finding a career for themselves. We encourage discussion at home regarding dedication to those programs since the experience is likened to a job. Both attendance and effort are important. Juniors will be taking the A.S.V.A.B. test this year. It is a great tool to help students select a career path both in the civilian and military worlds. Sophomores will be taking the PLAN test in the fall. Now that the ACT is part of the new Michigan Merit exam, this pre-ACT test, can help identify areas of strength and weakness. We encourage students to try their best in order to make this tool effective. These test score will be used to determine a student's eligibility to participate in Dual Enrollment. The test also has a great career discovery tool attached to it. Freshmen come to us with many questions and not always a sense of assuredness. We help alleviate as much of that through an orientation program guided by our Link Crew. One of the repeating comments from upper classman as they look back at their earlier years in high school was that "I should have tried harder as a freshman". Ninth grade is an important year and sets the tone for the years to come. We look forward to being with your student(s) on August 23rd and hope to see each student's parent during our open house that evening as well!

All of the above testing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday October 16th; Freshmen= MEAP Social Studies, Sophomores=PLAN, Juniors= A.S.V.A.B., Seniors=Iowa.

Access to Student Directory Information

Under the General Provisions (Section 9528) of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, student directory information (names, addresses, and telephone listing) must be made available to military recruiters in every branch of the U.S. Military and institutions of higher education, upon their formal request. In order to receive funding under *No Child Left Behind*, districts must comply with this request. Failure to comply in a timely manner could lead to the withholding of federal funds. A secondary school student or the parent of the student may request that the student's name, address and telephone listing, not be released without prior written parental consent, and the local educational agency shall comply with this request. If you would like to exercise this option, please contact the high school office in writing. Parents can also find more information regarding *No Child Left Behind* by going to the following website: <http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/nclbguide/parentsguide.html>

2008 YEARBOOKS

Like to save \$\$? Take advantage of the Early Bird Special for your student's 2008 yearbook. You may purchase a BRONCONIAN yearbook for \$45 without a name or \$50 with a name at the Early Bird Special sale September 20 & 21, October 18 & 19 during school lunches OR complete the information and send in with your student to Rm. 115 BEFORE or AFTER school.

Name: _____

With Name: \$50 _____ Without Name: \$45 _____

With Name: \$50 Name print as you want it to appear: _____

Grade: _____ Phone number: _____

Seniors only: I authorize _____ to pick up my yearbook the fall of 2008. Signature: _____

Early Bird expires 12/20/07.

Questions: Contact Ms. Stover-Lange 810-688-3001 or rstoverlange@nbbronzos.net

The North Branch Marching Broncos' Summer Marching Camp

The traditional week of marching band camp began July 30th at 7:30 AM sharp in the Ruth Fox band room. Due to construction at the high school, the camp was moved to the Ruth Fox and middle school band rooms. All the vets from the previous year and the rookies (freshmen and transfer students new to the program) met with the anticipation of learning new things, meeting with friends, and making new friends.

Each day began at 7:30 AM on the marching field with stretches, calisthenics, and basic marching technique practice. After lunch, which was around noon, they had music rehearsals and sectionals. The days ended at 3:30 PM, and uniform fittings lasted until 4:30 PM. It was a HOT week, with temperatures in the 90s every day! Despite the temperature, the band students were awesome and completed two of four drills with music.

This year's show features the music of the ever-popular motion picture, *The Blues Brothers*, with the tunes of "I Can't Turn You Loose," "Soul Man," "Flip, Plop and Fly," "Soul Finger," and "Think."

Friday's 2:00 PM Parent Show brought the week to a close!

Note: The pictures are not in full uniform because of the closing of the high school for construction.

The 2007 Marching Broncos



Color Guard



Drum Major



French Horns



Flute Section



Alto Saxophones



Low Brass Section



Drum Line



Trumpet Section



Clarinet Section

North Branch Broncos Sports News

The 2006-2007 year will be one to be remembered by North Branch athletic fans. The Broncos won four TVC titles last year with championships in football, girls' bowling, volleyball, and wrestling. Also, the varsity football team tied a school record for victories with a 9-2 record and won its first ever playoff game over Mt. Morris while advancing to the District Finals. The varsity volleyball team set a school record for victories finishing 74-3-1 overall and won District, Regional, and State Semi-Final contests advancing all the way to the Class A State Championship game. The varsity baseball team won its second consecutive District Championship, while the varsity softball team won District and Regional Championships. It was a busy summer at the high school as the majority of our athletes spent a great deal of time preparing for the 2007-2008 athletic year. Our athletes participated in numerous camps and scrimmages in preparation for the upcoming school year. The football team hosted four 7-7 scrimmages and attended a team camp at Northwood University. The boys' soccer team hosted a camp and along with the girls' soccer team attended a camp at Saginaw Valley State University. The girls' basketball team had open gyms twice a week and attended a shoot-out at Imlay City High School. The wrestling team went to camp at Central Michigan University and the volleyball team hosted a Grand Valley State University camp. Our boys' basketball team went to team camp at Adrian College and participated in quite a few scrimmages during the summer. Of course, our baseball and softball players competed all summer long on traveling teams or in local tournaments. The cheerleading teams attended team camp as well to prepare for their second year as a competitive team in addition to sideline cheering during the football season. Also, many of our athletes spent a great deal of time preparing physically in the strength training room and doing speed and agility drills. Everyone is anticipating a successful 2007-2008 athletic year and it begins with our fall sports' teams:

Football: The 2006 season ended with the Broncos finishing with a 9-2 overall record for its second consecutive winning season and first ever TVC East Championship. The Broncos qualified for the playoffs for the first time ever and was honorable mention state ranked in Div. IV. After demolishing Mt. Morris in the playoff opener, North Branch was defeated by a very tough Flint Powers team in the District Finals. There is a lot of momentum going into this season with 23 returning letter winners and excellent talent from last year's 8-1 JV team. The season opener will be on Friday, August 24 against rival Imlay City with kickoff at 7:00 p.m. at Krepp's Field. The Broncos will play 4 out of their first five games at home in excellent weather so fans are encouraged to buy passes at the athletic office during school hours. The TVC East will be as tough as ever with Birch Run, Millington, and Garber all making the playoffs last year. The marching band will perform its annual *Light's Out Show* at half time of the September 14 game vs. Bridgeport. Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, October 5 vs. Caro. North Branch will close out the season on Friday, October 19 at Yale who replaces Capac on the schedule.



Varsity Cheerleading 2007

This year North Branch Area Schools has one of the biggest varsity cheer teams with 19 girls participating. The team is getting ready for cheerleading camp in Clare, MI, upcoming games and the community pep rally.



Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country: Coach Jason Castle is back again as the boys' and girls' coach. He led the boys' team to a 3rd place TVC East finish last year, and the girls' team to a 4th place league finish. The boys' team has very small numbers and needs a few more runners in order to compete as a team. The girls' team has 13 athletes running this year and is one of the favorites to take the TVC East title. North Branch will host the County Meet on Thursday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Cheerleading: Amanda Howard returns for her fourth year as the varsity coach. She has done a phenomenal job with our cheerleading program, and this winter will lead the squad in competition for its second season. Our cheerleaders perform at a very high level and are extremely important in creating a spirited atmosphere at our athletic events.

Boys' Soccer: Josh Spencer returns for his fourth season as the varsity coach. Last year's team showed outstanding improvement finishing 12-7-3 overall and 7-2-3 in the TVC East Division good for third place. With 10 returning letter winners, the varsity

squad is looking to continue its winning ways and compete for the conference championship. The boys' soccer team will compete in the new TVC East Division with Caro, Frankenmuth, Millington, Garber, Birch Run, and Valley Lutheran. Highlights on the schedule include a tournament at Lapeer East on Saturday, August 25, the home opener against Garber on Wednesday, August 29, and the Sept. 17 home game vs. perennial favorite Frankenmuth. All home games begin at 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball: With the court order switch of girls' basketball now playing in the winter and volleyball in fall, the Lady Broncos return to the court just a mere 5 months after playing in the Class A State Championship match. North Branch finished 74-3-1 last year and was ranked as high as #2 in the state before finishing with a final ranking of #5. The Lady Broncos have won three consecutive TVC East Championships and have not lost a league match in three years going 21-0. While the loss of 8 seniors will be tough, the return of 6 letter winners including 4 starters and a talented group of underclass players, the Lady Broncos have high hopes of winning a

fourth consecutive TVC Championship and of making a deep run in the state tournament. Highlights on the schedule include an invitation to the 32 team Kalamazoo Central Invitational, an opportunity to match up against the consensus top team in the state in East Kentwood on October 13, and the season ending league match at Frankenmuth on Wednesday, October 24 in what could be the battle of league unbeatens for the TVC East Championship.

VARSITY FOOTBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 24	IMLAY CITY	HOME	7:00
Aug. 30	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	7:00
Sep. 07	MILLINGTON	HOME	7:00
Sep. 14	BRIDGEPORT- Light's out	HOME	7:00
Sep. 21	FRANKENMUTH (Pleasant & Band Night)	HOME	7:00
Sep. 28	VASSAR	AWAY	7:00
Oct. 05	CARO- Homecoming	HOME	7:00
Oct. 12	GARBER	AWAY	7:00
Oct. 19	YALE	AWAY	7:00
J.V. FOOTBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 23	IMLAY CITY	AWAY	8:30
Aug. 29	BIRCH RUN	HOME	8:30
Sep. 06	MILLINGTON	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 13	BRIDGEPORT	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 20	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 27	VASSAR	HOME	8:30
Oct. 04	CARO	AWAY	8:30
Oct. 11	GARBER	HOME	8:30
Oct. 18	YALE	HOME	8:30
FRESHMAN FOOTBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 23	IMLAY CITY	AWAY	4:30
Aug. 29	BIRCH RUN	HOME	4:30
Sep. 06	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 13	NOUVEL	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 20	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 27	VASSAR	HOME	4:30
Oct. 04	CARO	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 11	GARBER	HOME	4:30
Oct. 18	YALE	HOME	4:30
8TH GRADE FOOTBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep. 11	SCRIMMAGE		
Sep. 11	MILLINGTON	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 18	BRIDGEPORT	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 25	VASSAR	HOME	5:00
Oct. 02	BIRCH RUN	HOME	5:00
Oct. 09	GARROLLTON	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 16	MILLINGTON	HOME	5:00
Oct. 23	CARO	AWAY	5:00
7TH GRADE FOOTBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep. 19	ALBION	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 26	CROB-LEX	HOME	5:30
Oct. 03	MARLETTE	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 10	MARLETTE	HOME	5:30
Oct. 27	SANDUSKY	HOME	5:00

NOTES OF INTEREST...

• The first booster meeting of the year was held on August 6. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10 at the high school Media Center beginning at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, as the booster club is interested in all ideas and input. The following individuals were elected to office for the 2007-2008

VARSITY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 28	NCCC TOURNAMENT	AWAY	TBD
Aug. 31	DAVISON QUAD w/	AWAY	8:00
Aug. 31	MIDLAND & VALLY LUTHERAN		
Aug. 31	FRANKENMUTH INV	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 01	FREELAND	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 01	GRAND BLANC INV	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 12	BIRCH RUN	HOME	8:00
Sep. 18	BAY CITY CENTRAL	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 19	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	8:00
Sep. 22	KALAMAZOO CENTRAL INV.	AWAY	TBD
Sep. 28	GARBER	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 30	GOODRICH INV	AWAY	TBD
Oct. 05	MILLINGTON	HOME	8:00
Oct. 10	VASSAR	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 13	EAST KENTWOOD INV	AWAY	TBD
Oct. 17	CARD	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 20	ANN ARBOR PIONEER INV.	AWAY	8:30
Oct. 24	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 27	TVC TOURNAMENT	AWAY	TBD

JV GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep. 05	NEWLOTHROP	AWAY	6:00
Sep. 08	GOODRICH INV.	AWAY	TBD
Sep. 10	GOODRICH (QUAD)	AWAY	5:00
Sep. 12	BIRCH RUN	HOME	8:00
Sep. 18	DAVISON TOURN	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 19	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	8:00
Sep. 28	GARBER	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 30	IMLAY CITY INVITE	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 01	NOUVEL	HOME	8:00
Oct. 03	MILLINGTON	HOME	8:00
Oct. 10	VASSAR	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 13	FRANKENMUTH INV	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 17	CARD	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 20	NORTH BRANCH INV	HOME	8:30
Oct. 22	VALLEY LUTHERAN	HOME	8:00
Oct. 24	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	8:00

FRESHMAN GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 30	IMLAY CITY (QUAD)	AWAY	TBD
Sep. 05	NOUVEL	AWAY	6:00
Sep. 08	FRANKENMUTH INV	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 10	GOODRICH (QUAD)	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 12	BIRCH RUN	HOME	8:00
Sep. 18	SMITH VALLEY INV	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 19	BRIDGEPORT	HOME	8:00
Sep. 22	DAVISON TOURN	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 01	NOUVEL	HOME	8:00
Oct. 03	MILLINGTON	HOME	8:00
Oct. 08	IMLAY CITY INVITE	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 10	VASSAR	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 13	BIRCH RUN INVITE	AWAY	TBD
Oct. 17	CARD	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 20	NORTH BRANCH INV	HOME	8:30
Oct. 22	VALLEY LUTHERAN	HOME	8:00
Oct. 24	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	8:00

school year:
Chuck Jacobson: President
Dan Husted: Vice President
Christy Husted: Secretary
Tom Orr: Treasurer
Please contact any of the elected officers or the athletic office if you have any questions about athletic booster activities. Our annual booster membership drive is underway with a membership available for \$10.00. The sole purpose of the booster club is to support the North Branch athletic programs. Memberships may be paid by check and mailed to: North Branch Athletic Office, 6598 Brush Street, North Branch, MI 48461. All businesses or individuals that join the booster club will be recognized in our fall and winter athletic programs.

• Once again, the booster club is selling 6 x 3 vinyl banners to area businesses and individuals interested in showing their support for North Branch athletics. Cost will be \$100.00 for a banner with one color printing. The banner will be navy with white printing or white with navy printing. Businesses or individuals purchasing banners last year will have to renew for this year. Banners will be hung at the football field this fall. Contact a booster member or Athletic Director Jim Fish (688-2518) for more information.

• The seventh annual *North Branch Booster Club Golf Scramble* will be held at Lum Golf Course on Saturday, September 15 with a shot-gun start at 9:00 a.m. Cost to golf is \$50.00, which includes 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast, food at the turn, a meal after play, and cash prizes. We have room for 36 teams. Contact the golf course, a booster member, North Branch Golf Coach Steve Sippell, or Athletic Director Jim Fish in the athletic office to sign your team up.

• The fourth annual Community Pep Rally will be held on Tuesday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the football

VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 28	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
Aug. 29	LAPEER EAST INV.	AWAY	10:00
Aug. 27	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	4:30
Aug. 28	GARBER	HOME	4:30
Sep. 08	BAD AXE INVITE	AWAY	9:00
Sep. 18	CARD	HOME	4:30
Sep. 12	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 14	IMLAY CITY	HOME	4:30
Sep. 17	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:30
Sep. 18	VALLEY LUTHERAN	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 20	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 24	BIRCH RUN	HOME	4:30
Sep. 28	GARBER	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 02	NOUVEL	HOME	4:30
Oct. 03	CARD	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 08	MILLINGTON	HOME	4:30
Oct. 08	OXFORD VALLEY	HOME	4:30
Oct. 11	VALLEY LUTHERAN	HOME	4:30
Oct 18-20	DISTRICTS	TBD	TBD

JV BOYS' SOCCER			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 28	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	8:00
Aug. 29	LAPEER EAST INV.	AWAY	10:00
Sep. 18	CARD	HOME	6:00
Sep. 14	IMLAY CITY	HOME	6:00
Sep. 17	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	6:00
Sep. 18	VALLEY LUTHERAN	AWAY	6:00
Sep. 20	LAKEVILLE	AWAY	6:00
Oct. 08	CARD	AWAY	8:00
Oct. 08	OXFORD VALLEY	HOME	6:00
Oct. 11	VALLEY LUTHERAN	HOME	6:00

field. With the dry weather, *we will not be having a bon-fire this year.* We will be introducing all fall sport teams and coaches. All teams will be holding a parent meeting immediately after the festivities at the stadium. In addition, the marching band will be recognized and perform throughout the evening. The booster club will open a fully stocked concession stand for those wishing to purchase hot dogs or beverages. Please come out to support our student-athletes and band members.

• The booster club is undertaking a major project to recognize all athletes who have earned all-state status at some time in the history of North Branch athletics. We need the help of the community. If you know of an individual who was all-state in any sport, please contact Jim Fish at the athletic office 688-2518. We need some type of documentation such as a newspaper article or all-state certificate for official verification. Also, if there are any community members interested in researching team and individual records for all sports, please contact the athletic office.

TICKET INFORMATION:

Ticket prices will remain the same for the 2007-2008 school year. An individual ticket to all North Branch varsity contests will be \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Freshman/JV football games will be \$4.00, which includes both games. Freshman only contests will be \$3.00 with all Middle School games priced at \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. The best way to see your favorite North Branch team at a significant savings is by purchasing season passes for individuals or families. Passes may be purchased in the athletic office during normal school hours or at the first athletic event.

FOOTBALL

(five varsity, four F/JV, and three Middle School games)
Individual: \$25.00.....savings of \$25.00

NTH BRANCH GIRLS' BASKETBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep. 12	VASSAR	HOME	4:30
Sep. 17	CARD	HOME	4:30
Sep. 18	BRIDGEPORT (A TEAM)	AWAY	8:30
Sep. 24	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 28	CRAMER	HOME	4:30
Oct. 01	MILLINGTON	HOME	4:30
Oct. 08	BIRCH RUN	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 08	VASSAR	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 10	CARD	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 15	BRIDGEPORT (A TEAM)	HOME	5:30
Oct. 17	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:30
Oct. 22	CRAMER	AWAY	4:30

7TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep. 12	VASSAR	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 17	CARD	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 18	BRIDGEPORT (A TEAM)	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 24	FRANKENMUTH	HOME	4:30
Sep. 28	CRAMER	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 01	MILLINGTON	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 03	BIRCH RUN	HOME	4:30
Oct. 08	VASSAR	HOME	4:30
Oct. 10	CARD	HOME	4:30
Oct. 18	BRIDGEPORT (A TEAM)	HOME	4:30
Oct. 17	FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 22	CRAMER	HOME	4:30

Family: \$75.00.....savings of \$115.00 for a family of four

BASKETBALL

(Girls' 10 games and Boys' 9 games)
Individual: \$25.00minimum savings of \$25.00
Free Admittance to Freshman and Middle School games
Passes good for both boys' and girls' contest even when played on separate nights
Family: \$75.00...minimum savings of \$105.00 for a family of four
Free Admittance to Freshman and Middle School games
Passes good for both boys' and girls' contest even when played on separate nights
NOTE: PASSES ARE NOT GOOD FOR THE HARRY C. MOORE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY NORTH BRANCH ON DECEMBER 27 AND 28 OR MHSAA DISTRICTS.

ALL SPORTS PASS

(all home events with the exception of MHSAA tournaments and the Boys' Basketball Christmas Tournament)
Individual: \$60.00...a huge savings!!!
Family: \$125.00...a major savings for any family
NOTE: RATES HAVE NOT INCREASED FOR 5 YEARS
The All Sports Pass is a terrific bargain, even if you attend less than half of the events. The Family All Sports Pass covers parents and all children still in school. Graduated family members will have to purchase their own pass. Our teams will be very competitive and exciting this year. High school sports are still the best bargain for quality and exciting family evenings. If you need more information or have questions or concerns, please call the Athletic Office 688-2518 during normal school hours. Please make plan to get involved in North Branch athletics and support our student-athletes as they continue to strive for excellence both academically and athletically.

CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Aug. 23	CROSS-LEX INV.	AWAY	9:00
Aug. 28	AKRON FAIRGROVE INV	AWAY	4:00
Sep. 01	BROWN CITY INV	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 08	BAD AXE INV	AWAY	10:00
Sep. 11	TVC #1 @ FRANKENMUTH	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 20	TVC #1 @ LAPEER COUNTY MEET	HOME	4:00
Sep. 22	AKRON FAIRGROVE INV	AWAY	10:00
Sep. 28	TVC #2 @ BIRCH RUN	AWAY	4:30
Sep. 28	MARLETTE INVITE	AWAY	4:00
Sep. 28	HARBOR BEACH INV	AWAY	10:00
Oct. 04	MARYSVILLE INVITE	AWAY	TBD
Oct. 08	TVC #3 @ VASSAR	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 13	REEBE INV.	AWAY	TBD
Oct. 18	TVC MEET @ SHEPHERD	AWAY	4:30
Oct. 20	THUMB MEET @ CARD	AWAY	11:00
Oct. 26 or 27	REGIONAL-TBD	TBD	TBD
Nov. 03	SIXTE FINALS	TBD	TBD

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sep. 08	BAD AXE INVITE	AWAY	10:00
Sep. 17	NORTH BRANCH INV	HOME	4:30
Sep. 22	AKRON FAIRGROVE INV.	AWAY	11:00
Sep. 28	MARLETTE INVITE	AWAY	8:00
Sep. 28	HARBOR BEACH INV	AWAY	11:00
Oct. 08	BROWN CITY INV.	AWAY	4:00
Oct. 13	REEBE INV.	AWAY	TBD
Oct. 20	THUMB CHAMP-CARD	AWAY	12:45

MIDDLE SCHOOL TO TACKLE STUDENT READING

Most people would agree that “reading is fundamental”. A person limits his/her options in life if he/she is unable to read. Since it is our purpose to prepare students to become productive citizens in our society the North Branch Middle School staff is taking on a larger role in enhancing student success in reading. Along with assisting student reading in the core content areas we have created two independent classes, “SeminAR” and grade level reading classes (Reading 7/8), to further emphasis our school’s dedication to help students become better readers.

SeminAR is a class that has multiple functions. *Accelerated Reader*, a reading program that has been used in our school district for many years, is the primary function. Its purpose is to encourage students to read and find enjoyment through reading because they get to choose which material interests them. Students read books, take tests over its content, and accumulate points from these tests based on how well they do. The difference from past years is that students will be graded based on their performance related to their ability. Students will be graded on how well he/she performs which emphasizes our stance that reading is important.

Accelerated Reader is a wonderful program for students who are reading at grade level and above. However, what about those who struggle with reading and are performing substantially below grade level? The school district purchased a program called *Jamestown Reading Navigator*, which will be used in the Reading 7/8 classes, to assist us with those students. It uses direct teacher instruction and the internet as the means to help students improve their reading ability. Students spend upwards of ninety minutes a week on the internet program, and the rest of the class time with the teacher. It is very structured. Classes have a lower student/teacher ratio (15/1) to maximize instruction and minimize distractions. Students will use this class as one of their “electives” so that it does not interfere with their core classes.

Reading has always been a priority at the middle school. It is important now more so than ever with the new Michigan Merit High School graduation requirements that go into effect with this year’s freshmen class. We believe that the reading programs we have scheduled for our students will enable them to reach the state’s requirements.



F.A.B.S.
Fun After & Before School

Any North Branch Area School student from
Preschool to 6th grade is eligible to register.
The hours of operation are 6:00 AM – 6:30 PM
every week day.
We are open on 1/2 days,
In-service days and snow days.
F.A.B.S. will be closed for Thanksgiving break,
winter break and spring break.
This program is funded by user fees
\$2.25 per hr. 1st child
\$1.75 per hr. each additional sibling
FABS is licensed by The State of Michigan.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
Fall registration will be available August 13th.
Open house/Parent Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 6:45 p.m.
For further information, contact Leann Gwinn
(810) 688-4634 OR 688-3041 Ext. 2559.

Leann Kerr



My name is Leann Kerr. I grew up in Peck, Michigan and I am the oldest of the four girls in my family. I attended elementary and high school at Peck Community Schools where I participated in cheerleading, track, and basketball. I was also the president of my class and Student Council, as well as treasurer for our chapter of National Honor Society. I graduated in 2001 as one of my class’s three Valedictorians. As a result, I was awarded a full academic scholarship to Saginaw Valley State University.

I completed my Secondary Education Bachelor of Arts in English and history in December of 2005. I graduated summa cum laude, and that same December I married my husband on New Year’s Eve. After graduation, I stayed busy substituting in Sanilac County, working at a daycare, and of course, applying for teaching positions. I was offered an investment banker position at Chase Bank and worked there for a little over a year. I enjoyed my time there very much, but couldn’t resist the urge to begin working toward my ultimate career goal.

Learning and education have always been cornerstones in my life, but I enjoy other things too. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, reading, antiquing, making crafts, decorating my home, and watching and playing sports. Thank you for welcoming me to your community; I am eager to get to know the names and faces within it. I am very excited about this opportunity and I feel very lucky to be employed by such a reputable district. Go Broncos!!

Robyn Stevens



I am a small town girl from Marlette that went off to college at Central Michigan University where I worked hard toward a degree in Secondary Education in Math and English. I went on to teach both subjects in Port Huron for three years. While I was there I had the opportunity to coach Cheerleading at the Varsity level. I learned many things and owe most of my experience to the great teachers, parents and administrators that I had the opportunity to work with.

I am very excited to get back to the close knit community atmosphere that North Branch has to offer. In my spare time when the weather is nice, I enjoy staying active by biking, walking, camping, and skiing. I also am in the business of making hand-crafted jewelry with my mother and my aunt, which I find to be a great way to be creative and spend time with family. I also want to mention that my grandmother graduated from North Branch in the 1940’s, and she is very excited that I am privileged to work in her home town school. I look forward to meeting many students, parents, and teachers as I start my new journey with your community. Thank you for the opportunity.

Kara Brinker

FITNESS TRAINER



I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fitness Management with a Business Concentration from Olivet College. I am also CPR and AED Certified through Lapeer Regional Medical Hospital. With this degree I am considered a Fitness Specialist/Personal Trainer. Therefore, I will be able to work with individuals, one-on-one, that would like my help in making them successful in the weight room. Whether it is weight loss, toning, bulking up, or sport specific, I will provide a program for those in need and monitor them until they have reached their goals. Each program will consist of a beginning evaluation, which will help me come up with exercises that fit their specific needs/ goals and to ensure their safety. I will also oversee the fitness center, to make sure all of the members are performing the exercises correctly and safely and to make sure the center runs smoothly so everyone can enjoy their workouts.

During my internship I worked at Star Fitness in Marshall, Michigan. This provided me the opportunity to put my schooling to use and discover more about the fitness field. It gave me chance to work with members, making exercise programs, showing and explaining the programs, and helping each member reach their goals. At this time I am working toward certification from the National Strength and Conditioning Association. I look forward to working with students and community members in the new Fitness Center Facility at North Branch High School.

RFE Teachers: Enhancing Language Arts Professional Practice

Over the summer, several Ruth Fox teachers had the opportunity to participate in some unique language arts professional development. Theresa Rae (5th grade teacher) and Anne Sherrieb (6th grade teacher) gained certification through the National Writing Project by attending the Saginaw Bay Writing Project’s 2007 Summer Institute. Certification requires a four week intensive process, where teachers strengthen their knowledge of writing through inquiry, demonstrations, professional reading, discussions, literature response groups, writing response groups and most importantly, by writing themselves. The National Writing Projects of Michigan are university-school partnerships. The sites develop regional leadership and research-based practices in reading, writing, and thinking, pre-k-college. As a result of this process, Theresa and Anne have a community of writers to correspond with, as well as a vast list of resources and ideas to share with students and colleagues at Ruth Fox Elementary. Congratulations!



Dorotha Fitzpatrick (4th grade teacher), Tracy Anderson (5th grade teacher), Theresa Rae (5th grade teacher), Anne Sherrieb (6th grade teacher), and Amber White (RFE Literacy Coach) participated in a three day Summer Literature Conference hosted by the Michigan Reading Association. The theme of the conference was *Planting the Seeds: Growing Literate Students for Life*. Teachers heard from keynote speakers Ralph Fletcher, Devin Scillian, and Denise Brennan-Nelson. Break-out sessions were facilitated by literacy experts, as well as renowned authors, Wendy Anderson Halperin, Martin Brennan, Bill Doyle, John Mooy, Lynne Rae Perkins, Jacqui Robbins, Carolyn Stich, and Lisa Wheeler.

Ruth Fox Elementary to Host Orientation/Open House

Ruth Fox Elementary students will have the opportunity to visit their classrooms, meet their teachers, and look at the objectives for the coming year on August 28th! New students and fourth graders will have a short orientation in the gymnasium beginning at 6:00pm. At 6:30pm, all students in grades 4-6 will be invited to meet their teachers. Most of the teachers will begin with a short introduction and a team meeting before issuing locker combinations and selling planners, etc.

We are looking forward to seeing you on August 28th!!!

“Under Construction” Theme is Selected by Ruth Fox Elementary

Each year, the staff at Ruth Fox Elementary selects a theme for the year. It should be no surprise to anyone that the theme for the year will be “Under Construction!” We are very excited to see all of the work that has been completed this past summer and we are looking forward to our turn. Ruth Fox Elementary will have a new cafeteria, a new office location at the front of the building (for security purposes), some minor classroom changes, and most importantly – AIR CONDITIONING! We are very excited and thankful to all of the residents of North Branch for making this a possibility!!!!



Ruth Fox Elementary “Online!”

For the past several years, parents attending Open House have received a copy of the curriculum that students would be learning during the upcoming year. This year, in an effort to become more “tech savvy” the curriculum booklets have been posted online at the school’s website – www.nbbrncos.net! Not only is the curriculum accessible 24/7, but it also saves a lot of paper! Anyone who does not have access to a computer to look the curriculum up online may request a copy of their child’s curriculum by contacting the school office.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SR2S)

North Branch Area Schools has recently begun a “ Safe Routes to School” (SR2S) initiative. SR2S is a national and international movement to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to walk and bike to school. We have three very important goals we would like to accomplish by being part of the SR2S movement.

The first is to have a positive impact on our environment. Vehicle use is recognized as a source of more air pollution than any other single human activity. 85% of children’s trips to school are made by car or bus. We hope to reduce the need for some of our buses and encourage more biking and walking of our students by providing a safer route to school.

The second is the pedestrian impact. We all know and recognize the traffic situation that has existed at North Branch Elementary. We have been very fortunate with never having a student injured or hit by a car at school. Yet 50% of children hit by cars near school are hit by parents of other students. With the construction of our new elementary schools and improved routes to school we hope to continue this good record.

Our third goal is to support and provide more opportunities for physical activity by our students and community members. Michigan is consistently ranked among the worst 10 states for the percentage of overweight/obese adults in the U.S. with the percentage of overweight children and adolescents tripling in the last three decades.

By being part of the SR2S initiative we can apply for a federal grant to put in new sidewalks, walking trails, and bike paths that lead to our school. Our vision is to provide new trails and walkways on the way to school and throughout our campus to create a physical fitness trail system that can be used by people of all ages.

A SR2S team is forming and we invite parents and community members to join the team. Our children’s health and safety is a concern we all share. If you are interested in being part of the SR2S Planning Team please call your child’s school or Central Office at (810) 688-3570.

NORTH BRANCH LIONS CLUB

AUTO CROSS BUMP & RUN

Saturday, September 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Front Wheel Drive cars on a Circle Dirt Track with JUMPS!

Located at the North Branch Lions Club Field on Beecher Street behind Harmon Oil

Admission: Adults \$7 – Children 6 – 12 \$4 – 5 and under FREE
ON SITE FREE PARKING
(Handicap parking/seating available)

Concession stand on site: Hot Dogs – Polish Dogs – Pop Corn – Nachos and Cheese – Bottled Water – Soda Pop
For more information call 810-688-3681

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED!

Volunteers Needed Throughout the District

Volunteers are always needed throughout the district to help with chaperoning school and off-school ground events, classroom help, hallway monitoring, help in media centers, etc. If you were one of the 850 people that signed up for this last year, we want to thank you for your participation as a volunteer. We had a great turn-out and we were never at a loss for wonderful volunteers.

Volunteers need to reapply each year, whether or not they were part of the volunteer staff last year or not. If you are even thinking that you just might want to chaperone something throughout the year, this process needs to be completed well ahead of the event. The process is quite simple. You simply need to call into the office at which you would like to volunteer and request a volunteer application. Fill the application out and send it back into the building you requested the application from and this will get forwarded to Matt Hess, Director of Operations and Transportation. Matt then processes this information to grant clearance for our volunteers. This is a mandated process due to the ever changing world that we live in and for the security of the students and staff that are in each of our buildings. Any time that a community member can help out, we want you to know in advance this act of volunteering is greatly appreciated. Sign up early.

Family Access Forms

Our Family Access numbers have grown throughout the last couple of years and we believe this access puts parents and students more in touch with the ongoing educational process that occurs throughout the school year. It allows parents the opportunity to view their child’s grades at any point throughout the year, as well as check on any attendance issues and disciplinary issues that may come up. It also is a way for teachers to send emails or grade sheets/progress reports out in a timely manner.

If you have already signed up for Family Access, you are all set for the school year. When signing up, you will get a private access code to your family’s school information for every building in the district. If you have already received Family Access, but you have new children that will entering the district this year, you will need to add them to your Family Access.

Family Access is a great daily monitoring system for your children as well as communication with the district, so sign up today. You can now take care of this application process all online. Go to www.nbbrncos.net to view the website and the application for signing up is under Document Downloads-Family Access.

Students' Illustrations
Selected for Publication

Kevin Kaameraad, Michigan author and illustrator, visited North Branch Elementary in April of 2006. Kevin is most well known for The Tomato Collection, but he entertained the students with his singing and puppets based on his well known books. Kevin asked students across Michigan to send in pictures to help illustrate the poem "Natalie" from The Tomato Collection. Two students from North Branch will have their art work included in the poster. Jackie Gucciardi and Jillian Merrit were in second grade when they drew their pictures, when the poster is released they will be in fourth grade. Congratulations to Jackie and Jillian on their publication of their art. Congratulations also to the following students who were runner ups: Kyle Xaypachanh, Beth Anne Shifflett, Hayley Burgess, Julia VanWagoner, Haley Cary, Samantha Gowan and Lauren Scott. The "Natalie Project Poster" will be available this fall. If you would like more information about the "Natalie Poster Project" go to www.tomatocollection.com.



North Branch Elementary
Open House

Parents and students alike are eagerly preparing for school doors to re-open. The magical and long awaited day is coming just around the corner, so mark your calendars for September 4th (1st-3rd grade students), and September 5th (Begin-a-garten and Kindergarten students). To ensure our students are prepared for the "Big Day", we will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, August 29th from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. This event will allow students to meet their teachers, see their new classroom, and visit with friends and staff members. This opportunity is a welcoming and exciting way to reduce the anxiety that young children often feel when beginning, or returning to school. For parents this is an opportunity to ask any last minute questions, meet their child's teacher, and gather information about classroom routines and supply needs. Teachers welcome the Open House as a chance to initiate valuable communication, and begin building a relationship with families that is essential for a successful learning environment. We are looking forward to an exciting kick off to the 2007/2008 school-year. We hope to see you there!

"P" is for Picnic

This year the North Branch Elementary Parent and Teacher Club will be hosting a Back to School Picnic. We realize that many parents feel rushed to return home from a long day at work, get dinner ready, and make it to the Open House at school. Here is your opportunity to have dinner on us. We will be serving hotdogs, chips, juice and desserts on the front lawn of the Elementary School from 5:00p.m.-6:30p.m.on Wednesday, August 29th. Just pack up a blanket, the family, your appetite, a small donation and join us before attending the Open House. The Parent and Teacher club will do the rest.

We Need YOU

The North Branch Elementary Parent and Teacher Club is looking for new enthusiastic members. If you want to make a difference at our school, and would be able to commit to 2-5 hours of your time throughout the school year, we need you. There are many new changes coming to the North Branch Elementary Family, with Sweet School families joining us in town, many new Pre-school, Begin-a-Garten, and Kindergarten families, with the upcoming "New" building on its way, we will need many new ideas to enhance educational opportunities for our students and parents. The Parent and Teacher Club is an excellent way to stay connected with your child's school, have fun and network with other parents, plus make an impact on over 700 of our communities' most valuable assets...our children. Watch for information on our September meeting on the North Branch Elementary Website (nbbrncos.net), in the school newsletter, and at the Open House on Wednesday, August 29th. Meetings generally last about 1 1/2 hours. We supply the snacks, and free childcare during the meeting, and you just sit back and share time with other parents and grandparents that want to make a difference.

REGISTER YOUR NEW STUDENTS

for
North Branch Elementary School
Preschool – 3rd Grade
at
North Branch Elementary Office
Monday -Friday
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

North Branch Elementary
Pre-School Programs

It's not too late to register your child for Pre-School. We still have available slots open for both the Three Day (Mon/Wed/Fri) and the Two Day (Tues/Thurs) Programs. Please contact the school at 810-688-3041 for more information. These programs are taught by a highly qualified, certified teacher. Don't miss out on your opportunity to jump start your child's education. Call today.

Motor Mom's & Motor Dad's

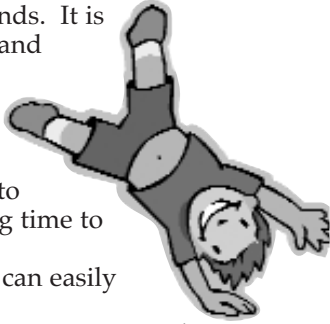
Do you enjoy working with young children? Do you enjoy seeing the smiles on the faces of children as they work and have fun? Could you spare an hour or 2 of your time one day a week to volunteer at school? We are looking for volunteers, young or seasoned, that could commit some time each week at North Branch Elementary as a Motor Mom, Motor Dad, or Motor Grandparent. What is a Motor Mom? This is a dedicated person who works with a classroom or two each week helping the students participate in balance and agility activities which are proven to increase students reading skills. The activities do not require great physical strength to supervise. The only job of a volunteer is to assist and encourage the students to participate, have some fun, and get out and put away the minimal equipment required for the activities. Training is provided for this rewarding position. This would be an excellent opportunity for an individual or group to get out of the house and enjoy the laughter and excitement of young children learning through play. Any interested individuals or groups may contact North Branch Elementary School at 810-688-3041.

Getting your child ready for school

As summer draws to an end the new school year holds the promise of a wonderful year of learning and new friends. It is common for children to be both excited and apprehensive of the new and unknown that a new school year brings. Here are a few tips to help ease the transition from home to school:

- Take the week before school begins to adjust your child's bedtime and waking time to your family's school schedule
- Select school clothes that your child can easily manage on their own
- Attend the Open House so your child is familiar with the teacher and the location of the classroom
- Make sure your child knows and can recite their personal safety information: First and last name, street address, phone number with area code

Be positive and reassuring about your child's fears and the ability to succeed at school



North Branch Elementary
on the Web

New last year, growing and streamlining to meet the needs of parents, the North Branch Elementary school webpage strives to improve communication between home and school. Visit your child's classroom teacher's webpage to find out what is happening in the classroom. Contact your child's teacher through their webpage or the staff email page. Become familiar with the learning expectations for each trimester and each grade. Missed the last School/Home Connection newsletter? You can read it on the web. Can't find the student handbook? It's on our webpage. You can even find your child's back to school supply list. Communicate with the staff and find answers to your questions when you visit North Branch Elementary at www.nbbrncos.net.



North Branch Area Schools
Preschool Program

Your child must be 4 yrs. by December 1st
of the current school year.

LITTLE LEARNERS PRESCHOOL
(Tuition paid four times per year)
Programs available:

- 3 half days per week – begins Monday, September 10th
 - 2 half days per week – begins Tuesday, September 11th
- For more information contact:
Wendy Spivy
810-688-3041 Ext. 2503
wspivy@nbbrncos.net

North Branch Elementary
First Trimester Important Events

Mark these dates on your calendar!

Wednesday, August 29th	5:00-6:30 6:00-7:30
Tuesday, September 4th	8:45-4:05 1:00-4:00
Wednesday, September 5th	8:45-12:00 or 12:50-4:05 12:50-4:05
Monday, September 10th	8:45-12:00 or 12:50-4:05
Tuesday, September 11th	8:45-12:00 or 12:50-4:05
Thursday, September 13th	6:30-7:30
Monday, September 17th	8:50-12:00
Tuesday, September 18th	
Tuesday, September 25th	6:00-8:00

*North Branch Elementary Parents and Teachers Club Picnic
Open House - All families and students welcome
First Day of School - 1st-3rd Grade
Early Childhood Preschool (ECDD) parent and child visitation
First day of school for Begin-A-Garten and Kindergarten
First day of school for Early Childhood Preschool (ECDD)
First day of school for Little Learners, Three Day preschool
First day of school for Little Learners, Two Day preschool
North Branch Elementary Parent and Teacher Club Meeting
First day of school for Michigan School Readiness Preschool
School Picture Day
Curriculum Night*

Alumni Corner



Representing the alumni as Honorary Captain was #12 Howard Myers. A graduate of 1964, Howard was a four year varsity player at Running Back. A team captain as a senior, Howard vividly recalls scoring four touchdowns during Millington's homecoming in a decisive Broncos victory and then he and his teammates were invited to stay for Millington's homecoming dance. Following high school, Howard proudly served the United States of America in the Army's 25th Infantry 1st of the 5th mechanized unit. In 1967, Howard returned from Vietnam as a blinded veteran. A resident of North Branch, Howard is still involved athletically as he is presently training for the Crim Festival of Races.



North Branch Alumni Football Roster 2007

Defensive Coach: Ray Hayes Offensive Coach: Paul Starweck

JERSEY #	Last Name	First	Graduated	Position	Height	Weight
2	Gleason	Jon	1964	WR / DB	5' 8"	160
8	Brinker	Nick	1968	QB / LB	6' 2"	235
9	Groca	Mike	1967	QB / DB	6' 3"	190
10	Myers	Josh	1966	QB / LB	6' 9"	186
11	Clendenen	Cliff	1970	QB / DB	6' 10"	180
11	Lovasz	Stowe	1968	WR / DB	6' 2"	205
11	Scheller	Jeff	1977	TE / DL	6' 3"	210
13	Hampton	James	1966	WR / DB	6' 3"	190
14	Brannan	Chris	1963	QB / DB	6' 0"	230
15	Hulchins	Chip	1968	WR / DB	6' 2"	185
20	June	Curt	1962	TE / DB	6' 4"	220
26	Clemens	Ray	1961	RB / DB	5' 10"	160
27	Clemens	Jeff	1966	RB / DB	6' 0"	180
27	Lewis	Paul	1963	OL / DL	6' 0"	210
33	Miner	Jason	1963	TE / LB	6' 0"	220
33	Strich	Bub	1963	RB / LB	6' 0"	205
35	McDonnell	Jon	1968	OL / DL	5' 5"	190
38	Place	Matt	1967	RB / LB	5' 10"	185
40	Hayes	Scott	2000	OL / DL	6' 1"	240
40	Scharfenger	Joe	1967	RB / LB	6' 0"	230
44	Deshtetky	Daniel	1964	OL / DL	6' 5"	275
44	Golts	Bubbe	1965	RB / LB	5' 11"	225
44	Hensel	Eric	1968	OL / LB	6' 0"	250
63	Welch	Jeff	1963	OL / DL	6' 4"	266
55	Deshtetky	Ralph	1968	OL / DL	6' 4"	285
58	Boughan	Dave	1961	OL / DL	5' 10"	275
64	Ferguson	Brian	1960	RB / LB	6' 0"	200
65	Myers	Chad	1962	OL / LB	5' 11"	230
68	Brusie	Dan	1961	OL / DL	6' 11"	225
67	Brannan	Mike	1966	OL / DL	6' 1"	225
73	Scheller	Jamie	1963	OL / DL	6' 3"	210
77	Fidler	Joel	1968	OL / DL	6' 3"	265
77	Jamison	Lyle	1960	OL / DL	6' 0"	265
83	Pelitt	Bill	1963	OL / DL	6' 10"	205
86	Nagle	Dan	1966	OL / DL	5' 5"	250
88	Heberd	Larry	1969	TE / LB	6' 2"	205
91	Gill	Paul	1968	RB / LB	5' 8"	185
91	Rosa	Joel	1968	RB / DB	6' 0"	210
95	Warren	Chad	1965	TE / LB	6' 1"	225
99	Hampton	Terry	1973	OL / DL	6' 4"	260

Participating but not playing

JERSEY #	Last Name	First	Graduated	JERSEY #	Name	First	Graduated
31	Bates	Tom	1964	23	Giffin	Jack	1966
12	Blumenrich	Roger	1971	91	Hopkins	Jason	1966
50	Brusie	Dave	1973	55	Klaus	Brian	1966
63	Brusie	Tim	1976	44	Ruhimen	Ed	1966
31	Davis	Chris	1965	24	Rowell	Dan	1977
35	Davis	Ted	1947	71	Sutter	Rick	1979
15	Deshtetky	Ralph	1960	57	Swolch	Travis	1966
45	Deshtetky	Willie	1968	74	Hampton	Sharm	1977
34	Choochis	Jim	1967	44	Springer	Dan	1962
1	Gleason	Dan	Administrator	5	Weinstein	Jeff	1977

Eight-year-old Jacob Oreyer is supporting the Broncos in the memory of his dad, Derek Oreyer #176 from the class of 1967. His dad played on one of the best teams which went undefeated but was not given a playoff spot due to the old point system. Derek passed away in an auto accident in 2003.

Annual Pesticide Notification

As part of the North Branch Area School District’s pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application. If made to the school grounds and building. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please complete the information below and submit to:

Lou Dominick, Facility Supervisor, North Branch Area Schools, 6600 Brush St., P.O. Box 3620, North Branch 48461. (810) 688-4625

Pesticide prior notification request should include:

Parent/ Guardian Name

Student’s Name

Home Address

Telephone Numbers (Daytime & Evening)

School Building or Site

Please indicate whether prior notification is requested for treatment inside the building, on outside grounds or both

Please sign and date the request

Requests must be filed annually

A.H.E.R.A. Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires that schools be inspected for asbestos at least once every three years. The inspection must identify, catalog, and provide directions for maintaining asbestos found in any school buildings. The inspection reports are on file in the principal’s office of each building. Mr. Lou Dominick, the Facility Supervisor is the designated person responsible for maintaining these records and insuring that any necessary maintenance is properly completed. All of the school district’s maintenance and custodial staff have received handling issues relating to asbestos containing materials. Questions concerning North Branch Area School’s asbestos management plan should be directed to Mr. Lou Dominick at (810) 688-4625.

Policy for free and reduced price school meals

North Branch Area Schools, Bishop Kelley Memorial School, Imlay City Christian School, Lapeer County Intermediate School District and Chatfield School today announced its policy for free and reduced price school meals for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program. The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk

TOTAL FAMILY SIZE	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1	\$13,373	\$1,107	\$284	\$211	\$258
2	\$17,797	\$1,494	\$373	\$285	\$343
3	\$23,321	\$1,901	\$481	\$369	\$430
4	\$29,945	\$2,299	\$519	\$393	\$457
5	\$37,669	\$2,811	\$628	\$427	\$494
6	\$46,393	\$3,363	\$748	\$491	\$581
7	\$56,117	\$3,999	\$865	\$555	\$678
8	\$66,841	\$4,748	\$973	\$629	\$765
	\$452*	\$37*	\$182*	\$17*	\$8*

* For each additional family member add:

Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price school meals.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out the form and return it to the school. Additional copies of the application form are available at the principal’s office in each school. Households should answer all questions on the form.

NON FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS: An application which does not contain all of the following information cannot be processed by the school: (1) the total income by source for each household member (such as wages, child support, etc.); (2) names of all household members; (3) social security number of the adult household member who signs the application; and (4) the signature of a household member.

FOOD STAMP/FIP/FDPIR HOUSEHOLDS: If you currently receive Food Stamps, Family Independence Program (FIP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservation (FDPIR) benefits for your child, you only have to list your child’s name and Food Stamp or FIP/FDPIR case number and sign the application.

The information provided by the household is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of



Sign up NOW for the next “Recruit Class”

Become apart of something special - *The Young Marines!*

The Young Marines is the official youth program of the United States Marine Corp League, designed for boys and girls ages 8 - 18. A non-profit organization committed to “Strengthening the Lives of America’s Youth” by teaching the importance of self-confidence, self-discipline, academic achievement, good citizenship, community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines learn new skills, and earn ribbons in areas such as CPR, swimming, map reading, drug prevention, conservation, first aid, academic achievement, community service and physical fitness, just to name a few. The Young Marines make a pledge to live drug-free and have fun doing encampments, hiking, traveling, flying, and much more. Come enjoy the fun and adventure of being a *Young Marine!*

Meeting are every Thredsay from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the

Michigan National Guard
1240 W. Genesee Street,
Lapeer, Michigan.

For more information contact Mr. Havermale at (810) 688-8025 or visit us on the web at www.firewebs.com/eastern-michigan or e-mail us at EasternMichiganYoungMarines@msn.com

determining eligibility, verifying data, or qualifying children for other federal and state programs, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture. The school or other officials may verify applications at any time during the school year.

Households may apply for benefits at any time during the school year. If a household is not currently eligible but has a decrease in household income, an increase in household size or if a household member becomes unemployed, the household should fill out an application at that time.

In most cases, FOSTER CHILDREN are eligible for these benefits regardless of the household’s income. If a household has foster children living with them and they wish to apply for free or reduced price meals for them, the household should contact the school for more information. Under the provisions of the policy, a designated administrator will review applications and determine eligibility.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. The household also has the right to a fair hearing. This can be done by calling or writing the superintendent of the respective district. This can be done by contacting Alan Piwinski, 6600 Brush St., PO Box 3620, North Branch, MI 48461 (810)688-3570. Each school and the central office have a complete policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

Scale for Reduced Priced Meals

Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
\$45,886	\$1,479	\$788	\$727	\$364
\$35,327	\$2,111	\$1,066	\$975	\$488
\$31,794	\$2,648	\$1,284	\$1,222	\$611
\$38,303	\$3,184	\$1,593	\$1,479	\$736
\$43,841	\$3,721	\$1,881	\$1,717	\$868
\$51,079	\$4,387	\$2,128	\$1,965	\$983
\$57,817	\$4,764	\$2,387	\$2,215	\$1,187
\$63,965	\$4,330	\$2,888	\$2,480	\$1,230
\$8,488*	\$630*	\$288*	\$2-8*	\$12*

REAPPLY: You may apply for meal benefits at any time during the school year. If you lose your job, if your income decreases, if your family size increases, if you begin Food Stamps or FIP/FDPIR, fill out an application at that time.

“In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. To file a compliant of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (voice and TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

You will be informed of application approval or denial.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS 2007-2008

To Enter School: State law* prohibits a principal or teacher from admitting new entrants to school without a record of having received at least one dose of each: Measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and chickenpox (varicella).

To Stay in School: You must provide the school with a record showing that your child has received all of the following immunizations:

IMUNIZATIONS	AGES 4 - 6	AGES 7 - 18
Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis**	4 doses are required. If a dose was not given on or after the 4 th Birthday, a booster dose of DTP is required. Most Children will have 5 doses.	4 doses required.
Polio	3 doses are required. If the last dose was not given on or after the 4 th birthday, a booster dose is required. Most children will have 4 doses.	3 doses required
Measles, Mumps & Rubella	2 doses are required. The 1 st dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday. The 2 nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1 st dose.	2 doses are required. The 1 st dose must be given on or after the 1 st birthday. The 2 nd dose must be given at least 28 days from the 1 st dose.
Hepatitis B	3 doses are required. Minimum of 28 days between 1 st and 2 nd doses; minimum of 56 days between 2 nd and 3 rd doses; minimum of 4 months between 1 st and 3 rd doses; and 3 rd dose must be administered on or after 24 weeks or 168 days of age	
Varicella (Chickenpox)	1 dose required on or after 1 st birthday.	1 dose required if received on or after the 1 st birthday but prior to the 13 th birthday OR 2 doses required, administered at least 28 days apart, if the child received the 1 st dose on or after the 13 th birthday.

CHILDREN who have not received the required immunizations WILL BE EXCLUDED from School UNTIL parents provide proof that ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS have been RECEIVED, or until the school has a waiver on file.

*Pore 92, Act 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

**Children ages 4-6 must have received 4 doses of pertussis. DT is only accepted if a signed waiver is on file for that particular dose of pertussis vaccine.

***Reliable history of chickenpox disease is acceptable in lieu of the vaccine.