



Northwood-Kensett Community School District VIKING DISPATCH

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FROM THE DESK OF MR. CROZIER

SCHOOL BOARD SUPERHEROES CELEBRATED IN MAY

May is School Board Recognition Month, sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Boards to celebrate the contributions of board members to Iowa public education. The Northwood-Kensett School District is celebrating our school board superheroes for their heroic work serving our students and our school.

While our board members are elected to the position by the community, they serve unpaid. They're volunteers who are true superheroes—they spend a significant amount of time at regular monthly meetings, reviewing board materials, communicating with citizens, taking advantage of board learning opportunities, and attending school functions and activities.

The Northwood-Kensett School District School Board is charged with governing our school district. They set the direction for the district, oversee the budget, develop policies and make decisions that impact the entire community. And most importantly—they are committed to student achievement.

Our school board keeps the district moving forward. They serve over 570 students and 86 employees, and are responsible for an annual budget of \$8,400,000.00. It's a big job for no pay, but our board members serve to meet the needs of our students and our community.

The Northwood-Kensett School District is shining a spotlight on our superheroes at the regular monthly meeting on May 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM. They will receive a certificate of appreciation that evening.

The superheroes serving Northwood-Kensett School District and their years of service are:

Larry Hovey President – 26 Years of Service

John Anderson Vice President – 15 Years of Service

Cindy Pangburn – 14 Years of Service

Roger Harris – 10 Years of Service

Susan Kliment – 10 Years of Service

FROM THE DESK OF MR. BRIAN COSTELLO, ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

On my ride back from fishing in Clear Lake this past weekend, I was slowed by a farmer driving his tractor to a field for planting preparations. The weather has teased us with spring the past couple weeks, but the sight of the farmer in his field was a true sign that spring had finally arrived. Well, May has arrived, which means more farmers in the field and the school year coming to a close. Prior to closing the books on the school year, I want to pass along a few tidbits of information on upcoming events.

- As of this writing, our last day of school will be Friday, May 31st. The elementary school will dismiss at 12:20 for bus students and 12:25 for our walkers.
- During the afternoon of May 28th, elementary students will participate in the annual elementary Track and Field Day. Students will participate in various field events and running events. To protect our track, students WILL need to bring tennis shoes to wear. After the events are over, walkers will be dismissed to go home and bus students will load at the high school. ****We will not have a bus pick up at the elementary**** I hope you have the opportunity to join us to cheer on your child. A letter will be coming home with more details at a later date.
- We'll hold our preschool graduation ceremonies in the elementary gym on May 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Our preschool teachers will send home notes to parents with details.
- We're planning to offer a summer school program again in early June. A few details still need to be worked out, but the basic schedule will have us holding class from 9:00-11:30 from June 10th-28th. More details will be coming.
- A look ahead: Registration for next school year will be Tuesday, August 13th. Opening conferences will be on Thursday, August 22nd, at which time, fall photos by Lifetouch will occur simultaneously. Our first day of classes will be Friday, August 23rd.

Thank you for your support this year. I look forward to working with you again during the next school year.

Kindergarten Orientation:

When: Friday, May 10th, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

(There will be no school for current kindergarten students that day.)

Orientation is for all students in the district who are eligible to attend Kindergarten this fall.

Please contact the office with any students that are not currently in our Pre K program here at Northwood Kensett, so we can get you the information you need for the upcoming year as well as get your child on the class list. The Elementary Office phone is 641-324-1127. Tina's extension is #200. You may also email information to tjohnson@nkvikings.com.

It is the policy of the Northwood-Kensett Community School District not to illegally discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Keith Fritz Secondary Principal, 704 7th St. N., Northwood, IA 50459, Phone 641-324-2021 x101, kfritz@nkvikings.com who has been designated as the district's Equity Coordinator and to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504, and Iowa Code Section 280.3. For issues with Section 504 Contact Brian Costello Elementary Principal, 504 Coordinator, 1200 First Avenue North, Northwood, IA 50459, Phone 641-324-2021 x201, bcostello@nkvikings.com

News from the Title 1 Reading Department, Mrs. Elaine Hansen

Katherine Hannigan

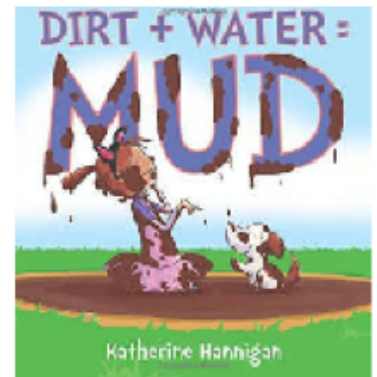
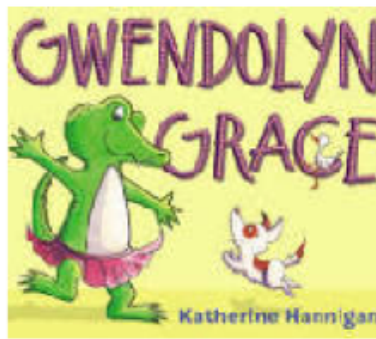
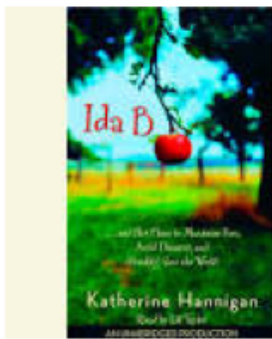
Your child is going to meet a New York Times bestselling Author on May 21, 2019!



Katherine will walk the younger students through the creation of her 3 picture books and illustrations. The older students will learn specific writing tools and techniques through her 2 novels.

Katherine will personally sign each book!!

Sure to be a fun day for the students and staff alike!



Elementary Pillar of the Month Photos



Grades 3 & 4

April third and fourth grade Pillar of the Month students chosen by their teacher for exhibiting quality character traits.

Jackson Grunhoyd - Ms. Seehusen
 Kia Stricker - Mrs. Ubben
 Aydan Schutz - Mrs. Hill
 Landon Nelson - Mr. Einertson

If you see these students out and about, please take a moment to congratulate them for a job well done.

April fifth and sixth grade Pillar of the Month students chosen by their teachers for exhibiting quality character traits.

Addison Mayberry - Ms. Orvedal
 Ashlynn Rollene - Ms. Hagen
 Sophia Butler - Mr. Parks
 Addison Frank - Mr. Severson

If you see these students out and about, please take a moment to congratulate them for a job well done.



Grades 5 & 6

FROM THE DESK OF MR. FRITZ

SNEAK PEAK

A huge fan of going to the movies, this month I thought I'd share with you some previews--written trailers, if you will--of what's to come next year at NKHS. We never stop innovating, improving, and adapting to our changing world, so here's some of what to expect in the 19-20 school year.

- **Changes to WIN time:** this 25 minute daily intervention period provides access to all teachers for all students, time for re-dos and re-teaching, students to collaborate with each other, and extra time for activities like rehearsals and contest preparation. But, we can use that time more effectively so more students are productive during that time. This may mean reducing the frequency of WIN time, changing what time of day it occurs, or adjusting expectations for teachers and students.

- **New testing tools:** in addition to the annual Iowa Assessments, we're going to use FAST testing at the 7th and 8th grade levels for reading and math information, and the ASPIRE test for 10th graders, which is a pre-ACT test. These additional data points will help us see strengths and weaknesses in student understanding of key concepts and guide us in class placement, class selection, and needs for support or enrichment.

- **Improvements in standards-based teaching and learning:** "learning by doing" has been a theme for us on staff this year, especially when it comes to standards-based teaching and learning. Students and staff now fully understand the 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 proficiency scale, and many parents are, too. We're talking about learning targets and growth in more specific terms. And although we saw more low grades than usual our first semester, once students revisited key concepts, worked harder at learning the material better, we then saw fewer low grades than usual.

The business of teaching and learning must be as innovative and current as the field of medicine is--if we don't want doctors relying on 100 year old techniques to treat what ails us, why do people sometimes demand we keep those old methods going in our classrooms?

Senior Project Showcase

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English 12 students will display their senior projects in the Senior Project Showcase on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at Northwood-Kensett High School from 6 to 7 p.m.

The Senior Project requires each student to research a topic of choice, write a research paper about the topic, and complete and display a project related to the topic. The student's final project must take a minimum of 30 hours to complete.

This year's seniors are working on projects that include furniture refinishing, quilting, sword forging, and cooking/baking --along with many others. Seniors will be available to discuss their projects and to answer questions during the Senior Project Showcase.

The public is invited to view the projects, which will be located in the front hallway, the student center (lunchroom) and parking lot of the high school building.

Character Counts Breakfast Jr. Sr. H.S.

Students are named by teachers as they portray the character trait that is spotlighted for the month. The April and May character spotlight was/is Citizenship.

The Character Counts students of the month for April were: Drew Wilder, Riley Treslan, James Zaragoza, Kenny Conlin, Cody Wahl, Kennedy Eskildsen, Megan Ocel, Angel Martin, Peyton Pangburn, Kayde Weber, Chase Preece, Janette Jim, Thomas Rodemeyer, Clara Davidson, Damon Reyerson, Nathan Hannemann, Hunter Moeller, Austin Efflandt, Chase Preece, Josiah Kliment, Ben Yezek, Lexey Tindall and Dalton Logeman. Congratulations are in order for all of these fine students!

**There will be no preschool classes on the following dates due to continuing education for staff:
May 1st and May 8th.**

FOOD PANTRY NEWS, Mr. Michael Reindl

Over the summer vacation when the N-K Food Pantry is closed there is another food pantry in Northwood where N-K students and their families are welcome. Manna of Worth County is located at 94 9th St. N in Northwood. Our hours are Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on Thursdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We provide a variety of choices and distribute food to families based on family size. If your family is hungry or food insecure please visit us this summer.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK IS MAY 6TH- MAY 10TH. Please join us in celebrating our fantastic staff here at Northwood Kensett Community School District and around the United States! Making a difference in students' lives DAILY!

Winding Down!By Tina Johnson

As the school year is winding down, I would like to take this opportunity to update parents of the ongoing effort to streamline the registration process online. We are striving to provide all documents online so that you can take care of registration online if you want to. The plan is to have the needed documents available to download by the end of July, as well as the electronic signature option. It will make the process simpler for you if you have the online JMC parent module set up and in place before hand. Please email or call either Clara at the high school or Tina at the elementary if you need help with this process.

Counselors' Corner, Mrs. Ashley Williams

The 2nd grade put on a great Character Counts assembly about citizenship! They shared different ways to show citizenship in the community, at school, and at home!

In April, 6th graders had the opportunity to share their career projects with family, community members, teachers, and younger grades at the 6th grade showcase. This was a wonderful opportunities for students to share their interests with others. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend!

In 6th grade Guidance, we will continue working on getting ready for Jr. High. This will include asking questions that will be answered by 8th grade students and learning how to open padlocks. Additionally, we will be traveling to the Jr. High/ High School for orientation on May 9th. They will have an opportunity to ask more questions and they will tour the building.

Throughout the month of May, we are going to focusing on college and career readiness in Guidance. Grades K-6 and 8th grade have been doing a variety of career exploration activities. Each child has unique ideas about what careers they want to have when they become adults, and they are excited to share those ideas. We have been able to briefly explore many careers in Guidance this month.



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April Character Counts
Assembly drawing winners
are pictured above.

6th Grade Showcase
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News from the Classroom! - Math Counts by Mrs. Lori Willert

Then to North Iowa Land Fill for a lesson on how to protect our environment.

We saw how products are recycled and some mulched before touring the mountain of garbage. 300 ton are added to the pile every day.

While there, we gave Mitzi Brunsvold our collection of worn out calculator batteries.



This is a good photo of students giving Mitzi the used batteries for proper disposal pictured above:

Back row left to right:
Marli Backhaus,
Thomas Block,
Nathan Hannemann,
Andrew Breitsprecher,
Hayden Moore.

Front row left to right: Alexis Halbach,
Reina Trospen,
Lindsey Davidson,
Josie Einertson

News from the classroom - Mrs. Smalley-TAG Instructor

The Northwood-Kensett Junior High Pizzathon team competed at the St. Ansgar competition. PizzaThon is designed for middle school TAG teams of 4 to 8 students. Students ultimately develop their own pizza along with a marketing plan to sell it.

On competition day, each team prepares and bakes their pizza to be judged as well as present their marketing plan to a panel of judges. Their first presentation will be baking the pizza. They were scored based on creativity, taste, appearance, presentation, and teamwork. They also presented their marketing report that will be judged based on creativity in design of pizza, team cooperation, quality of communications, the amount of research they have done, how effective their "sales pitch" is, professionalism, and creativity in presentation of idea.

The N-K team received the 1st place award in both the pizza and marketing presentation. They created the Thanksgiving Day Pizza.

Thanksgiving Dinner Pizza

Made by Northwood-Kensett Middle School TAG

Ingredients:

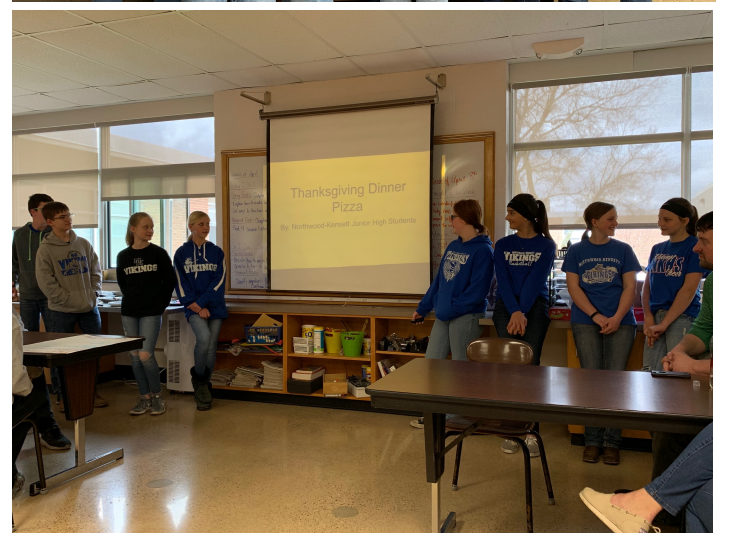
- Turkey Breast - Cooked and Shredded
- Cooking Spray
- Stuffing Mix
 - Water
 - 4 Tbsp. Butter
- Pillsbury Crescent Rolls
- Jar of Turkey Gravy
- Can of Cranberry Sauce
- Pack of Mashed Potatoes
 - Microwaveable

Recipe:

1. Cook turkey breast in a crockpot for 6-8 hours or overnight in a ½ cup of water. Remove and shred turkey.
2. Spray cookie sheet pan with cooking spray.
3. Roll out crescent rolls on cookie sheet. Make sure to pinch the seams closed. Put in oven at 350 degrees for 9-11 minutes
4. Meanwhile, add stuffing, water, and butter into a microwave safe bowl. Microwave for 6 minutes. Take out of microwave and fluff.
5. Put gravy in a microwave dish and microwave for 2 minutes, stir and microwave for two more minutes.
6. Microwave potatoes for 3 minutes (or read directions on package.)

Assembly of Pizza:

1. Take out pizza from oven.
2. Put on a layer of gravy covering the crescent rolls.
3. Put potatoes on top of gravy.
4. Add shredded turkey.
5. Add stuffing.
6. Pour on a layer of gravy and top with a spoonful of cranberry sauce.



News from the Classroom, by Ms. Lisa Hagen

A Busy Year for Sixth Grade

The year started with Motion, Force, and Models units in science, Ancient History in Social Studies, Every Day math, and using our reading/writing series to learn strategies to become better readers and writers.

In the fall, we had our first field trip to Hormel Nature Center in Austin, MN. We had a chance to get involved with nature as we hiked and gathered data about water quality.

The winter months brought an end to our Egyptian unit with our pyramids and papers about pharaohs. The rest of the student body enjoyed looking at our pyramids in the library. We went to Hormel Nature Center for our second field for a day of survival skills (fire building), and cross country skiing or bird habitats.

This spring we experimented with functional texts in writing class. We got to create our own games and had to write directions for playing them. It was hard work but a fun learning experience at the same time!

By the time you read this we will also have completed our 6th Grade Showcase where we displayed our Career Projects. Some of us chose to participate in Invent Iowa this year and our inventions were also displayed at the Showcase.

The 6th grade, in conjunction with 4-H leaders, will once again be planting our garden at the fairgrounds. We are lucky enough to have master gardeners in the area who help us learn about vegetables and flowers. Please come to the fair and check it out!

As we wrap up our last year of elementary, we look forward to a few important days. On May 9th we will have 6th Grade Orientation at the Junior High. That is always an exciting time! Our Spring Concert will be Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 in the elementary gym. The final hurrah of our 6th grade year will be participating in our last Track and Field Day. This will take place at the high school track the afternoon of May 28th.

Nurses Corner-Heather Rheingans, RN

May is National Bike month and we are again fortunate to work in conjunction with the Worth County Sheriff's office to offer bicycle safety to our Elementary students. This will occur on May 7th, with a rain date of May 14th, please encourage your student to ride their bike to school this day so they can participate in the obstacle course! In addition to bicycle safety, we at Northwood Kensett Elementary are participating in National Ride your Bike to School day on May 8th. When biking, parents and children get to appreciate things they don't notice while driving—listening to the sounds of the neighborhood, seeing friends and neighbors and feeling connected with their community. Parents, children and friends can enjoy one another's company without the usual distractions. Bicycling events celebrate these experiences and help make them possible for others. They bring schools and communities together for a common purpose. Most of all, they are fun! We encourage everyone to participate in this event!

Now is a good time to refresh your child's bicycle safety knowledge. The KidsHealth website states that every year, about 300,000 kids go to the emergency department because of bike injuries, and at least 10,000 kids have injuries that require a few days in the hospital. Some of these injuries are so serious that children die, usually from head injuries. Taking a few minutes to discuss some simple rules of the road could be lifesaving.

- Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights just as cars do. Yield to pedestrians, stop at red lights, and be especially careful at intersections.
- Always ride in the same direction as cars do. Never ride against traffic.
- Older kids should try to use bike lanes or designated bike routes whenever you can — not the sidewalk! Kids less than 10 years should ride on the sidewalk.
- Never ride at dusk or in the dark, unless there is a light or reflectors on the bike.
- Always stop and check for traffic in both directions when leaving a driveway, an alley, or a curb.
- Watch traffic closely for turning cars or cars leaving driveways.
- Don't ride too close to parked cars — doors can open suddenly.
- Always walk a bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk and following traffic signals.
- When riding in a group, always ride single file on the street.
- When passing other bikers or people on the street, always pass to their left and call out "On your left!" so they'll watch for you.
- Never share the seat with a friend or ride on the handlebars — only one person should be on a bike at a time. It's easy to lose balance or suddenly swerve into traffic when riding with a passenger.
- Never wear headphones while biking — it's essential to hear everyone else on the road at all times.
- Never hitch a ride on a moving vehicle.

It should also be encouraged to never change directions or lanes without first looking behind you, and always use the correct hand signals. Use your left arm for all hand signals:

- **Left turn:** After checking behind you, hold your arm straight out to the left and ride forward slowly.
- **Stop:** After checking behind you, bend your elbow, pointing your arm downward in an upside down "L" shape and come to a stop.

Nurses Corner-Heather Rheingans, RN

- **Right turn:** After checking behind you, bend your elbow, holding your arm up in an "L" shape, and ride forward slowly. Or, hold your right arm straight out from your side.



Left turn



Stop



Right turn



Right turn alternative

Helmets should also be encouraged, as well as bright colored clothing so that they are easily seen. Below is a picture that my cousin recently posted on [facebook](#) of her son's bicycle helmet. They live in the country and he was riding his bike in their driveway when he fell over and landed on a rock. Lucky for him, he had a helmet on!





Dates*Times*Place

Tuesday, May 7th thru Thursday, May 9th
Before school: 8:00-8:25
After School: 3:15-4:00
Northwood Kensett Elementary Media Center