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SATURDAY MORNING BASKETBALL

The IMHS Boys JV and Varsity Basketball players and coaches hosted a skills "camp" on a weekly basis starting on January 8, on Saturday mornings to grades EK-8. In the camp, Coaches Harvey "Bucky" Johnson, Kyle Johnson, Robin Marttila, and Richard Olds came together to teach skills such as dribbling, passing, shooting, position and spacing, and rebounding. The camp continues every Saturday morning until February 26. Cost is \$40.00, and sign up is at the door. Each camper also receives a t-shirt!





BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORED

The Iron Mountain Public School District exists in part because individuals volunteer their time to make informed decisions about the issues facing public schools. During the first month of the year, the staff, students, and families of the Iron Mountain community recognize, thank, and celebrate the seven individuals who make up the Iron Mountain Public School Board of Education during School Board Recognition Month-

- Rob Langsford, President, serving on the Board since 2011
- Lisa Basanese, Vice President, serving on Board since 2008
- Lisa Carollo, Secretary, serving on Board since 2015
- Shari Picucci-White, Treasurer, serving on Board since 2021
- Geno Basanese, Trustee, serving on Board since 2018
- Foz Burgoon, Trustee, serving on Board since 2015
- Scott Celello, Trustee, who served on the Board from 2002 to 2008 and again since 2019

The Board of Education was honored at the monthly School Board Meeting on Monday, January 10 with certificates of appreciation, and thank you cards featuring students from all four schools in the district.



They were again thanked and honored for their time and service at the home Boys Basketball games on Thursday, January 20, at the first "Iron Mountain Public Schools Board of Education Recognition Night" and were gifted Iron Mountain-embroidered stadium blankets.

The job of a school board member is tough, the hours long and the thanks few and far between. These dedicated volunteers reside in our community. During this month of recognition, we ask you to show your appreciation for their service. Please show your gratitude in some way for their time, effort and dedication to public education's advancement. Most importantly, thank them for being everyday heroes and making our students' success their priority.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 3- 5th and 6th Grade Piano Recitals (6 PM/ 7 PM)

Feb 7- 8th Grade Parent Meeting & 8th-11th Grade Parent Scheduling Night (6:00/ 6:30 PM)

Feb 9- Spring Pupil Count Day

Feb 12- Great Eight Games (See page 11)

Feb 14- No school for students

March 5- Winter Formal (IMHS) (7 PM)

March 10- North Elementary Fine Arts Night/Kindergarten Registration Night (5-7 PM)

TRI-HI-Y SPONSORED BLOOD DRIVE

Tri-Hi-Y Club sponsored a U.P. Regional Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 25 in the Izzo-Mariucci Center. There were 42 donors (students, staff and community members) with 27 units/ donations collected (10 deferrals, 5 incomplete units). The next UPHS Regional Blood Center Blood Drive will be on April 12th from 9:00 am -1:00 pm in the Izzo Mariucci Center.

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLASS EARNS FEMALE DIVERSITY AWARD

According to 2017 Bureau of Labor Statistics data, women represent just 24% of the five million people in computing occupations. But looking into Renee Yake's Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles (AP CSP) class at Iron Mountain High School, you may be surprised to see the class majority is female.

Iron Mountain High School was one of 760 recognized institutions to achieve either 50% or higher female representation in the AP CSP class in the 2020-2021 school year, earning the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award. Last school year, Yake's enrollment was 50 percent female. This year, enrollment by female students have increased to 72 percent.

"It has always been a top priority for me to encourage young women in the math field. Showing high school girls the many STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) career opportunities out there is so important. I love helping all students gain confidence in both math and coding." Mrs. Yake has been teaching high school math for 28 years, and the AP Computer Science Principles course for five years at IMHS.

College Board research says, female students who take AP CSP in high school are more than five times as likely to major in computer science in college, compared to female students of similar background and academic preparation who did not take CSP. 2019 Iron Mountain graduate, Natalie Dykhuis, was a student of Yake's, and speaks highly of the course. She now attends St. Norbert's College in De Pere, Wisconsin, and will be graduating with her degree in Computer Science Education in 2023. "CSP introduced me to the basics of computer science while making me feel equal to everyone. With the knowledge I gained from this class and the encouragement of the Mrs. Yake, I realized that computer science was my passion."

Mrs. Yake loves "teaching AP CSP through code.org's outstanding curriculum, which provides equitable teaching practices and empowers students to learn new things."

<https://www.upmatters.com/news/positively-u-p/ap-computer-science-class-at-iron-mountain-high-school-receives-gender-diversity-award/>

IRON MOUNTAIN PRIDE AWARDS AWARDED

Congratulations to the recipients of the January Iron Mountain Public School Pride Awards, eighth grader Jamie Stehley of Iron Mountain, and Central Middle School STEM teacher, Michele Haferkorn. The Pride Award is given to students or staff members who represent the Mountaineer spirit and district pride.

Jamie is always pleasant, friendly, and helpful to both her classmates and her teachers at Central Middle School. She genuinely cares about her school work and puts forth her very best effort every day. She is always willing to contribute to class discussions and share her answers and ideas. Jamie is a talented young lady with special interests in music and art. Jamie sets a great example for her peers with her smiling face, positive attitude, and friendly demeanor. She is a joy to have in class and an asset to our student body.

Mrs. Haferkorn is a "student-centered" teacher. She teaches to the needs of the whole child, not just the academics. She helps her students with all of their classes by being part of the building's MTSS team, SAT Process, and when students visit her because of the bond she has built with them. She continues to look for opportunities for her students to feel a sense of belonging here at Iron Mountain Public Schools. She is a teacher, coach, and mentor to her students. We at Iron Mountain Public Schools are so proud of Jamie and Mrs. Haferkorn. Congratulations to both of the Pride Award recipients!



Jamie and Mrs. Haferkorn pose with the Iron Mountain Board of Education



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

North Elementary

TIE DYE TUESDAY



GET IT MOVIN' MONDAY



TWINNING THURSDAY



GREEN FRIDAY

North Elementary students were asked to participate in a Mental Health Awareness Week, and dressed up for the importance of exercise, knowing your emotions, being there for one another, and wearing the color green, the color of mental health awareness.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

North Elementary



To put the cherry on top of Mental Health Awareness Week, the Central Middle School and Iron Mountain High School Be Nice. Club visited North Elementary Friday, January 21 and discussed the importance of including others this afternoon. The club performed skits for the elementary, involving the students with questions about social scenarios. Students won Be Nice. prizes for their participation and answers!

Thank you to the Be Nice. Club members who prepared and participated for the assembly:

Isabella Brown, Kurt Adiao Ryan, Akina Asanuma, Kyle Lautzenheiser, Hailey Greenleaf, Aziza Burgoon, Gavin DuBose, Anna Gartland, Kailey Jayne, Andrew Larsen, and Abby Ward



https://www.uppermichiganssource.com/video/2022/01/22/be-nice-presents-mental-health-anti-bullying-presentation-dickinson-county-elementary-school/?fbclid=IwAR27vFk3Jldtgr8VoVBJfhx07AVxXGJ_EIN_npAJgP2KWx0TQcHssfy-do

THE 1ST ANNUAL RICHARD OLDS ROUNDBALL CLASSIC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Dear Team Manager,

The 1st Annual Richard Olds Roundball Classic will take place on Saturday, February 26th and Sunday, February 27th at Iron Mountain High School. Richard Olds has been a coach at Iron Mountain for over 50 years and has dedicated his life to Mountaineer Athletics, especially the basketball program. The proceeds from the tournament will go to an annual scholarship in the name of Richard Olds that will be given to a student athlete that has participated in the basketball program for four years while in high school. The entry fee will be \$150 per team, with a guarantee of 2 games in a double elimination format. Classes will be formed if needed, depending on the number of teams entered. Mail your team rosters and entry fee to Iron Mountain High School, 300 West B Street, Iron Mountain, MI 49801 in care of Harvey Johnson. Make all checks out to Harvey Johnson. Contact Harvey "Bucky" Johnson at johnsonh@imschools.org or (906) 221-5701.

MHSAA rules apply for the tournament, except there will be two 20 minute half's with a running clock that will be stopped in the last 2 minutes of each half. There will be a 5 minute half time period as well. 1st place will receive T-Shirts and a Championship Trophy. The deadline to enter is Friday, February 18th.



WSMA'S MENOMINEE RIVER CONFERENCE HONORS BAND CONCERT

The WSMA's Menominee River Conference Honors Band Concert directed by renowned composer, Michael Sweeney, was a cumulation of honors band students from Iron Mountain, Carney-Nadeau, Gwinn, Jeffers, Kingsford, Niagara, North Dickinson, Norway, Pembine, Republic-Michigamme, West Iron County, and Westwood High Schools.

Great job and congratulations to the Iron Mountain students who performed on Saturday, January 15: Madison Supanich, Anika Cameron, Myles Mundy, Ali Metras, Abby Richer, Emily Copley, Hailey Greenleaf, Bella Brown, Amelia Siodlak, and Andrew Larsen and to Iron Mountain Schools Band Director, Mr. Craig Recla

See a live performance from the concert here:
<https://www.facebook.com/impublichools/videos/1095472897908954>

LOCAL MUSICIAN VISITS IMHS CHORUS CLASS

Singer and songwriter, Trevor Ohlsen, visited with the Iron Mountain Schools Chorus class on Thursday, January 6. The visitor candidly spoke with the class about his positive experiences with middle school and high school solo and ensemble, band, and choir and how his past lead his success as an artist and to releasing his new album, "These Are My Memories".

Ohlsen is an Iron Mountain local and graduate of Kingsford High School. He played tenor saxophone, guitar, and piano through his time at Kingsford High. During his time in high school, he started performing, and realized his natural predisposition to enjoy music.

"I'm a big believer of saying "Yes" to things", Ohlsen said to the classroom. The singer/songwriter expressed the importance of leaning into that which makes him uncomfortable. Trevor shared with the Chorus class that at one time he was afraid to talk in front of people, but now has performed for a 5000-person audience. "One thing leads to another, and to another..."

The class had the opportunity to ask questions, and visit with Trevor after class. Ohlsen's advice to those interested in the music industry- "Hone your craft... become a master at what you do. Put in the time and work, there are no shortcuts."



Mrs. Grenier's second graders had a visit from Haley Braiser, a health education consultant from Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (MARESA) today and learned about healthy snacks! The MARESA PE-Nut (Physical education and nutrition) program has two goals- to increase fruit and veggies consumption in students and also increase physical activity. Look at their yummy creations made of rice cakes, sunbutter, carrots, celery, blueberries, and celery!



IM-K DISTRICT SPELLING BEES

Congratulations to the Iron Mountain and Bishop Baraga student finalists of the Iron Mountain District Spelling Bee, who will be moving forward to Regionals! Great job to all who participated.

5th Grade

Champion – Brinley Pickett

Runner Up – Julianna Saldana

6th Grade

Champion – Michael Covitz

Runner Up – Olivia Geneva-Moore

7th Grade

Champion – Connor Pickett

Runner Up – Laelonii Miner

8th Grade

Champion – Addalene Pearson

Runner Up – Noah Cameron



North Elementary School **KINDERGARTEN** REGISTRATION NIGHT

Thursday, March 10, 2022
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



IRON MOUNTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Register your Kindergarten student
for the
2022-2023 school year!

North Elementary School
Fine Arts Night &
Kindergarten Registration Night

North Elementary School
900 5th St
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

March 10, 2022
5:00 PM-7:00 PM

What to Bring:
Photo ID (parents), certified birth
certificate, immunization records,
two proofs of residency

Must be five years old before
September 1, 2022
(Waiver accepted for up to
December 1, 2022)



Meet the staff and teachers



Tour North Elementary School



Meet current parents and students
of North Elementary



Learn about the curriculum



Learn about Title 1 and Special
Education Programs



Take a photo at the Kindergartener
Photo Op



Free t-shirt for those who register



Snowshoeing



Snowboarding



GREAT EIGHT WINTER GAMES 2022

GRADES 4-8



Giant Slalom Skiing

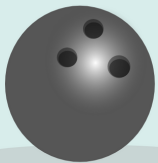


Cross Country Skiing

OPENING CEREMONY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 8:30 AM

Ⓐ KINGSFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

STUDENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN ONE EVENT. FORM AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL OFFICE.



Bowling



Chess

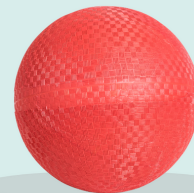


Archery



6-8th Grade

Girls- Volleyball



6-8th Grade

Boys- Dodgeball



4-5th Grade

Basketball

The PTO looks forward to the next EK-6th Grade Fundraiser, cookie dough! Order forms will be out early next week

HOMETOWN COOKIE COLLECTION



Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chip \$18

Pure semi-sweet joy. Zero Trans Fat. U

Candy Cookie \$18

Kids love the fun look as much as the taste of semi-sweet chocolate dots sprinkled throughout this cookie. Zero Trans Fat. U



Peanut Butter Cup \$18

Creamy peanut butter cookie batter irresistibly combined with peanut butter cups. Zero Trans Fat. U



White Chocolate Mac \$18

Huge white chocolate pieces and macadamia nuts make a winning sweet-n-salty combination. Zero Trans Fat. U



Oatmeal Raisin \$18

Delicious oatmeal bursting with premium raisins makes a great snack. Zero Trans Fat. U



Snickerdoodle \$18

We've swirled sugar and cinnamon together to make these irresistible. Zero Trans Fat. U

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YOUR SUPPORT MEANS SO MUCH TO OUR GROUP.
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FEBRUARY | 2022

Iron Mountain Public Schools Hot Lunch Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

31	1 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Apples Cookie	2 Chicken Rice Soup Breadstick Cheese Corn Fruit	3 Corn Dogs Baked Beans Mixed Veggies Fruit	4 Pizza Tossed Salad Fruit
7 BBQ Riblet Sand. Tator Tots Peas and Carrots Fruit	8 Beef & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread Fruit	9 Ham and Cheese Sandwich Graham Bites Carrots with Ranch Pineapple	10 Chicken Patty Buttered Noodles Broccoli Fruit	11 Enchiladas Meat, Cheese Green Beans Apple Sauce
14 NO SCHOOL 	15 Tangerine Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Pineapple	16 Sub Sandwich Lettuce Tomato Peas Fruit	17 Rotini Meat Sauce Breadstick Tossed Salad Fruit	18 Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Corn Peaches
21 Cheese Burgers Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans Fruit	22 Beefy Nachos Meat, Cheese Salsa & Refried Beans Salad Fruit	23 Hot Turkey Sandwich Au Gratin Potatoes Carrots Fruit	24 French Toast Sticks Hash Browns Sausage Applesauce	25 Pizza Green Beans Apples
28 Hot Dog Chips Baked Beans Fruit	1	2	3	4

News

Breakfast served daily at 7:30 at North and Central.

PBJ served daily as an alternate to the main menu item.

Menu subjected to change, based on availability.

Milk Choice
1% white
Fat Free chocolate

Any questions can be directed to the Food and Nutrition Director by calling 779-7735