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April 28, 2023

Dear Families,

Administrators and Board members attended the annual Northern Michigan University Administrator/Board Workshop this week. Attendees were reminded about the importance of setting high expectations for every student and doing whatever it takes to have every child achieve at high levels. There was also a session on School Safety from Recon Management, a company who specializes in helping organizations to be as safe from threats as possible. Board members and administrators also had “break-out” sessions with peers to discuss leadership and Board topics, such as developing an effective Board meeting.

Family Dodgeball Night took place again this week for the first time in three years. All participants had a wonderful time trying to win the “Golden Dodgeball.” Both Red and Yellow teams were cheered on by their fans and everyone took the game seriously while having fun. It is good to see these family events back on the schedule!

Next week is Staff Appreciation Week and we would like to thank our staff for their caring and dedication to our students and families. Our staff goes above and beyond each day to ensure that each student has a safe, caring and nurturing environment which is infused with the Ojibwe Culture and Language. There are many small tokens of appreciation planned for next week but we cannot thank our staff enough for all of their hard work!

Our last Opening of the year on Wisdom (Nibwaakaawin) will take place in the gym at 8:30 on May 2, 2023. Everyone is invited to attend this very important Cultural event.

Summer school registration for our 2023 Summer School program closed last week. Late registrations should be sent to the office and they will be forwarded to Dr. Gordon for consideration. Summer school takes place from July 5th through August 10th and runs for half-days on Mondays through Thursdays. There are many “hands-on” and

enrichment activities for students to participate in during the summer. Field trips and cultural activities are an important part of the program. Busing, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.

Spring assessments for M-Step and NWEA MAP are continuing this week and everything is going well. These assessments will show which standards our students have mastered and which ones need additional work. Results of these assessments will be shared with parents in the Fall when school resumes and will help staff set individual learning goals for our students. We are confident that our students will score well!.

Please mark your calendars for Spring Family Fun Night which will be held in the cafeteria and gym from 5:00 to 6:30 on May 8, 2023. There will be ice cream, a book giveaway and a Drum Dance Social to celebrate the end of our school year. This will be an exciting event that you will not want to miss!

Mark your calendars for the following concerts:

Middle School Orchestras Spring Concert: 4th grade, 5th grade and on Thursday, May 11 @ 6pm in the Main Gym - students should report to the Music Room before the concert

Evening of the Arts: Monday, May 15, 2023 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Kindergarten thru 8th grade artwork on display in the Middle School Commons & the main K-2 hallways - 5:30pm-7:30pm

1st/2nd grade vocal performance @ 6pm - main gym  
(Students meet in their classrooms @ 5:45pm)

3rd, 4th & 5th grade vocal performance @ 6:45pm - main gym  
(Students meet in their classrooms @ 6:30pm)

Have a great week—we appreciate your continued support!

Sincerely,

*Theresa Kallstrom*

Superintendent JKL School