It’s another busy Spring at Superior Central! This time of the year means that we are smack in the middle of State Assessment season which can add stress to both students and staff. While we all know that these tests are just a snapshot in time, please remind your students that ALL of the tests COUNT. They always ask, does this count for a grade? Nope, but it counts to see what you’ve learned, where you stack up against your peers, and where we as a district stack up against the other schools in our area and across the state. Also, according to state law, these standardized tests are used in teacher and administrator evaluations. We can argue the worth of standardized tests all day; believe me, I wrote my Masters paper on the topic. The fact remains, standardized tests are part of the American Education System. Until that changes, we need to encourage our students to do the best that they can do. I know we have great kids and a great staff, I’m betting our test results will show the same!

Spring is also the time that we finalize our summer projects. We’ve got another busy summer planned at Superior Central. This year we will be installing a new fire/emergency alarm system throughout the building, re-roofing the elementary gym, and putting new classroom heaters in all the elementary classrooms. All of these projects will be completed because of the generous support of the community through the Sinking Fund and the Technology and Transportation Bond. I can not thank the Superior Central community enough for your support of these two millage which allow us to make improvements to the building without using General Fund dollars. Without your support I’m not sure where we would be financially as a district.

Lastly, we are asking for your help. We are still battling the increasing trend of e-cigarettes and vaping among our students. The consequences for vaping on school grounds are the same as smoking; suspension. If the student is an athlete, the consequences include suspension from athletics. Beyond school consequences, vaping poses serious health risks to our kids. Federal official call it an “epidemic of youth use” and estimate that the number of high school students who vape has risen about 75% in the past year to about 3 million students. What is most concerning to me is that many students and parents assume it’s safe; mostly water. The liquids used in vaping can be filled with all kinds of things. When we have a student vaping at school we aren’t sure if it’s nicotine or marijuana. As we know, nicotine use in adolescence can harm parts of the brain that control attention, learning, mood, and impulse control. Each time a new memory is created, or a new skill is learned, stronger connections, or synapses, are built between brain cells. Young people’s brains build synapses faster than adult brains. Nicotine changes the way these synapses are formed. None of us know what this is doing to the health and wellbeing of our youth.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to lead this district. As always, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to call me @ 439-5532 x 244 or email me @ bvalima@superiorcentralschools.org or better yet, stop in for a visit.

Sincerely,

Bill Valima

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**Board of Education**

Please take notice that upcoming meetings of the Board of Education of the Superior Central School District in Eben Junction, Michigan are scheduled as follows:

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Regular meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month. Work sessions as needed. All meetings are 7:00 PM.

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in these meetings.

Request must be received at least five days in advance of the meeting.
FROM THE OFFICE OF MRS. KATHY McCOWAN  Assistant Principal/Special Programs

BOT (Back on Track):
Student Assistance in Grades 6-12

A new program was started during the 2nd semester: The BOT Room. The purpose is to promote strong academic skills through the implementation of a required support system for general education students.

The BOT room provides:

• Check-in/check-out system
• Work completion away from peers
• Accountability
• Reteaching/Problem solving

The goal is to help all students gain the skills they need to PASS classes, graduate, and succeed beyond high school.

*STUDENTS ARE NOT ADULTS—THEY NEED HELP WITH TIME MANAGEMENT, STUDY SKILLS, CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, ETC. INSTEAD OF ASSUMING IMMATURE OR IRRESPONSIBILITY ASSUME THEY NEED HELP

Summer Reading Program
Grades K-5

Parents: Watch for information coming home regarding our Summer Reading Program led by Mrs. Korpi.

The program runs once a week encouraging a love of reading through STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities.

All information will come home with your child in the next couple weeks! Hope to see your child here!

Family Literacy Night was a huge success. Families enjoyed 4 activities centered around “Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail”.

• Tested their knowledge with trivia bingo
• Built a wagon out of food
• Created a doll from cornhusks
• Played an interactive version of Oregon Trail

Pizza dinner was served along with Ranger’s favorite—BACON!

One School, One Book will return again next year!

*Thank you to the numerous families who donated items for the raffle. In addition, to the following businesses for supporting our efforts: Main Street Pizza, Snack Bar, Chatham Co-op, Super One Foods, Limestone Pizza, Family Fare, PTO, and Booster Club.
SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL
2018-2019 Third Quarter
Congratulations to the following students for being named to the Honor Roll for the third marking period.
An * denotes all A's

UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ms. Thompson's 3rd Grade:  Marlene Johnson, Meredith Kempker, Alina Kolpack, Rebecca Koski, Lillian Lindgren, Conor McDonnald, Kendra Pederson, Myah Pickett, Isaac Rondeau, Natalia Salmi, Lilly Simon, Kylie Stuer

Ms. Kelto's 4th Grade:  Andrew Charlebois, Rory Hancock*, Ryder Kroupa, Caleb McGee, Jasmine Nesberg*, Kianna Perron, Josiah Peterson, Lucille Tyner, Elijah Valima, Gavin Vining

Miss Saberniak's 4th Grade:  Kyle Ely, Teagan Hall, Josie Knaus, Aidan Korpi, Evan Simon, Peyton Sobieski, William Spranger*, Hannah Theodore

Mrs. Tyner's 5th Grade:  Isaiah Albro, Joseph Augustyn, Jamie Brown, Kiera McDonnald, Jack McDougall, Cole Ozoga,

Mrs. Maki's 5th Grade:  Gwenyth Charlebois, Isaac Gleason*, Parker Lindgren, Giovanni Pizzi, Danica Purdy, Blake Tanner,

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

6th grade:  Drew Begovac, Ruth Johnson, Kate McGee, Sierra Moore, Calla Porter*, Derick Tyner

7th grade:  Craig Adams, Ruby Bernard, Alice Hancock, Liam McDougall, Makenzie Oliver, Faith Pizzi, Ava Porter, Clara Rondeau, Breanna Swajanen*, Lily Swetic, Dani Wares


9th grade:  Katrina Augustyn, Charlotte Charlebois, Riley Johnson, Garrett Koski, Eva LaVallie*, Willow Lindgren, Dakota Maki, Olivia Millin, Ethan Phillipson*, Anna Robinson, Emma Rutter, Olivia Vieu


11th grade:  Katie Burns, Will Carlson, Wyatt Fink, Lily Harris, Caleb Johnson*, Jeremy Koski, Maddie Lancour, Lillyona LaVallie*, Avery Lindgren, Elizabeth Molag, Willow Pasanen, Ethan Pizzi, Chloe Platias*, Addie Rondeau, Elizabeth Swajanen, Ellie Swick, Abigail Thayer, Danika Walters, Jessica Walters

12th grade:  Sydney Emard, Aurora Fisher, Noah Groulx*, Charlotte Himes, DJ Johns, Jada Johnson, Isabelle Kulik, Ethan La- Vallie, Laurie Leppanen, Brandon Lyle, Sophia Maki, Brigitta Perron, Melanie Shuman, Caitlin Thompson, Samantha Thompson, Matthew Timonen, Alayna Tyner, Cassandra Whitmarsh*
2018-2019 Science Olympiad

Science Olympiad has had another great season! Division C (grades 10-12) beat every other team in the UP to earn 1st place at the regional tournament at NMU! Division B (grades 6-9) earned 4th place. Both teams were invited to Michigan State University to compete at the state competition on April 27, 2019.

Team members this year are:

**Seniors** - Laurie Leppanen, Eddy Fink, Brigitta Perron, Isabelle Kulik, Matthew Timonen, Bailey Morgan, Melanie Shuman, and Chyann Hall.


**Sophomores** - Diane Augustyn, Mason Porter, Kyle Frusti, Josie Valima, and Rhyse Hall. **Freshmen** - Ethan Phillipson and Olivia Millin.


**7th grade** - Liam McDougall, Bree Swajanen, Lily Swetich, and Alice Hancock.

**6th grade** - Calla Porter, Rachael Davis, Drew Begovac, and Derek Tyner.

**Alternates** - Matthew Pokela and Nikolas Pasco.

A special thanks goes out to all of the coaches and parents who dedicated their time and energy to support our team and help make this season a success. Additional thanks go to Heidi Swajanen for her role as “team mom” and special event/hotel coordinator for the MSU trip. Lastly, thanks to the local VFW for continuing to donate to our program each year!

Erin Menhennick

Kindergarten Round-up

**Who:** Child who will be 5 on September 1, 2019

**What:** Screening and registration for Kindergarten beginning September 2019

**When:** Thursday May 2, 2019

**Where:** Superior Central Elementary School

**How:** Call 439-5531 x 201 for an appointment (Elementary office)

**What to bring:** Original birth certificate, Immunization records & proof of residence
It’s that time of the year again - time to start thinking about the Scholastic Book Fair! This year’s spring book fair will be held the week of May 28th – May 31st. We will be open before and after the Spring Sing. It’s a great time to purchase books for students to read over the summer, so they can avoid the “summer slide.”

This is also a major fundraiser to keep our library supplied with books for our children to read. Thank you for supporting the library – we look forward to seeing you at our book fair!

Our spring Sayklly’s candy fundraiser is over, and it was a huge success. We raised over $4600 for the elementary activities fund. This year, Sayklly’s offered a giant chocolate bunny to the child who sold the most items. Second grader Jerry Kulik was the winner. He sold a whopping 95 items!

Some of the money raised will be used to hold an end of the year celebration for the elementary students. Last year, the students enjoyed popcorn, cotton candy, and jumping in numerous bounce houses on the playground. We are planning on another fun-filled last day of school, thanks to the generosity of the public in supporting the Sayklly’s fundraiser.

School Volunteers: Who are they, what do they do and how do I become one?

A school volunteer is an important part of the school environment. They pick up the gaps not covered by other staff, spark new ideas, do fundraising, chaperon, tutor, coach......

The government defines a school volunteer as: a parent, community member or other adult who assist at a school site or program on a regular or semi-regular basis. Also included in this definition are those who help on a one-time basis transporting or working with children without the direct oversight of District staff. Parents who observe or visit their child at school on a regular basis and stay more than 15 minutes each time are considered volunteers.

A volunteer criminal record check and history affidavit are required for all volunteers.

All volunteers must complete a background check. A copy of your driver’s license should accompany the application. It is now required by the state, doesn’t take very long, is of no cost to the volunteer, confidential and is a precautionary measure for the safety of our children. Forms and information may be picked up at the HS or Elementary office.

Questions or concerns may be addressed to Bill Valima 439-5532 ext. 244
Every Kid in the Park

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore was selected to receive a 2018/2019 school year field trip grant from the National Park Foundation. The grant is part of Every Kid in the Park, which our fourth graders at Superior Central Elementary School were able to participate in, in March.

In addition to our day at PRNL, every fourth grade student received a pass that allows free access to over 2,000 federal lands and waters to the student and their families. After rescheduling because of snow days and the government shutdown, our kids were finally able to enjoy their time at PRNL on Friday, March 15.

Superior Central Service Society and AuTrain 4-H

Semi-Annual Recycling

Saturday April 27  8:00-10:00 am

Accepting clean, steel & aluminum cans, #1 & #2 plastics, newspaper & magazines, cardboard

Please have paper & cardboard bundled

SendMoneyToSchool.com

Thank you to all who are keeping up your lunch balances. If you haven’t signed up yet, it is easy to do. You can check your child’s lunch balance by signing up at SendMoneyToSchool.com.

As a free service, you can check the student’s balance and see how often your child is eating. For a small fee you may deposit money to their lunch account by credit card. The account is easy to set up, all you need is their student number which appears on their report card.

No computer access?
Feel free to call the Kitchen   439-5532 ext. 238 between 8:00 am– 10:30 am
Or call Mrs. Wells    439-5531 ext. 201
Superior Central Athletics - Path to the Future Success

The overall goal of the Superior Central Administration and School Board is to develop the most fair and effective use of general funds to support Superior Central Athletic Activities for the betterment of students and the community. In an effort to maintain an excellent athletic program at Superior, the Administration and Board of Education of Superior Central School are implementing the following plan. The terms “funded” and “non-funded” will no longer exist. All athletic programs will follow the same guidelines and regulations with equality.

Beginning July of 2019 the following guidelines will be followed:

1. Registration Fee
   a. $100 Registration fee for all athletes. *See Registration Guidelines
   b. There is a family cap of $250.
   c. A student athlete who cannot pay the fee, due to financial difficulties, can apply to the athletic director for scholarship consideration. Forms are available in the athletic office; however, qualification is based upon need. All inquiries will be confidential.

2. Sports – Minimum Participation
   a. Minimum number per athletic team
      i. Football – 13
      ii. Basketball – 7
      iii. Volleyball – 8
      iv. Cross Country – 5 (per gender)
      v. Track – 6 (per gender)
      vi. Baseball – 12
      vii. Softball – 12
   b. Administrative discretion can be used if numbers are lower.

   b. Sports with lower numbers may be co-oped with other schools if an agreement is reached between the schools.

3. Game Workers and Officials
   All fees associated with game workers and officials will be covered by the district.

4. Transportation
   a. Transportation costs (using Superior Central buses) to and from all athletic events will be covered by the district.

5. Fundraising
   a. There will be 4 Athletic Department Fundraisers plus advertisements (banners)
   b. Program Fundraisers
      i. ALL programs will be allowed to do up to 2 fundraisers per fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th) to raise money for specific needs (not just “for the program"

Beginning July of 2020 – Pending Contract Negotiations:
All coaches will be paid under the Schedule B portion of the SCEA Bargaining Agreement.
Girls Softball

April 19 @ Stephenson 4:00
22 @ Brimley 4:00
29 @ Negaunee 4:00
May 1 vs Gwinn 4:00
6 vs Munising 4:00
7 vs Bark River-Harris 4:00
9 vs Stephenson 4:00
11 @ Newberry TBA
13 vs Brimley 4:00
14 @ Bark River-Harris 4:00
15 vs Norway 4:00
20 @ Munising 4:00
23 vs Rapid River 4:00

Coach: Richard Swajanen

Boys Baseball

April 15 @ Norway 4:00
18 @ North Central 4:00
22 @ Brimley 4:00
26 vs Stephenson 4:00
30 @ Negaunee (double header) 4:00
May 6 vs North Central 4:00
8 vs Negaunee (double header) 4:00
9 vs Bark River-Harris 4:00
11 @ Newberry (tournament) TBA
13 vs Brimley 4:00
15 vs Norway 4:00
23 @ Stephenson 4:00
28 @ Bark River-Harris 4:00

Coach: Walt Smith

High School Track

April 23 @ Stephenson TBA
25 Dome meet 1:00
30 @ Munising TBA
May 2 @ Republic-Michigamme 4:30
6 @ Norway TBA
9 @ Munising TBA
16 Regionals @ Rapid River TBA
21 Skyline Conference @ BR-H TBA

Coach: Sean Seekins

Middle School Track

April 22 @ Rapid River (practice meet) 4:00
24 @ Stephenson 4:30
May 2 @ Bark River-Harris TBA
5 @ Munising TBA
8 @ Munising 4:00
14 Conference meet @ Munising 1:30
15 @ Republic-Michigamme 4:30

Coach: Brenton Fitzpatrick

Superior Central Sports Boosters

Officers: Brenda James, President
Robin Maki, Vice President
Sarah Mannisto, Treasurer
Marla Rondeau, Secretary

Upcoming meetings:
Wednesday, May 1st

Note: Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm in the S.C. Business Office.
*Meetings are subject to change.
We always welcome and appreciate new members!

All times listed are Eastern time. Schedule is subject to change. Check the website for updated schedule

TRASH BAG SALE
Sport Boosters are selling Bear Claw Trash Bags. These bags are 2 mil thick, the 30 and 33 gallon bags are available in assorted colors.

Prices are:
16 gallon bags/50 bags in a box $13.00
30 gallon bags/40 bags in a box $13.00
33 gallon bags/80 bags in a box $26.00

See a member of the Sport Boosters
SUPERIOR CENTRAL SCHOOL CALENDAR of EVENTS
2018-2019

April
18  12:30 dismissal – Teachers Professional Development
19  No School
22  No School
25  Dome meet
27  Recycling -Superior Central Service Society @ MSU 8-10:00

May
  2  Kindergarten Round-up—call for an appointment
  4  Prom
10  Spring Play  7:00 PM
22  Spring Arts Night
26  Graduation
27  No School – Memorial Day
27  Memorial Day program at Pine Grove Cemetery 10:00 AM
28-31 Scholastic Book Fair
31  Elementary Spring Sing  1:30

June
  6 & 7  1:30 dismissal – MS/HS Exams
  7  Last day of School

School Day begins at 8:15 A.M. and ends at 3:11 P.M.

Keep collecting your
Box Tops for Education
and
Tadych’s Econo receipts.
Bring them to school. We earn dollars
To purchase supplies for the school and students.
Thank you.

Check expiration date