Dear Northern Hills Families,

Here is the last full edition of our school newsletter and it’s hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year. Time really does fly when you are having fun, and it has been a fun year. It’s been fun to have kindergarten in our school and fun to finally enjoy all the construction we endured last school year and into this fall.

We will do one last abbreviated newsletter and send it out at the beginning of June. It will contain some end of the year information in addition to the dates for back to school registration and pictures for the 2016-2017 school year.

Our 5th grade recognition event and concert will take place on Thursday, May 26 in the Performing Arts Center at Onalaska High School beginning at 6:30 p.m. The 5th grade recognition event is a perfect time to celebrate what these students have learned and accomplished during their elementary years. It doesn't seem so long ago that these 5th graders walked through our doors as 1st graders, and now they are the leaders and main helpers with many school events. I know they will represent Northern Hills very well as they head off to middle school in the fall. For you 5th grade parents, thank you for sharing your kids with us! For those of you with younger children, your 5th grade recognition time will be here before you know it.

As always, if you have a question, concern, or compliment about Northern Hills please give us a call.

Sincerely, Curt Rees

LCM End of the Year News..............RETURN ALL BOOKS BY-MAY 20

We have a lot of great resources in the Library Media Center. Some of them are on the shelves and some are online. We have access to e-books through our library catalog and through Tumblebook Library. We also have a great online tool called PebbleGo. Some of our resources require a password. Earlier this year I sent home a bookmark with all of the passwords, but I will send another copy home before the end of school so everyone can definitely use our online resources over the summer.

We will continue checking out library books until May 17th. Students will still be able to check out books required for school assignments if necessary though. All books will be due by May 20th. Please look for any library books that may still be hiding under beds and couches. :) There are no fines for late materials, but students are asked to pay replacement costs if books are lost or damaged so badly that they cannot be used again. Thanks for helping to get books back quickly! Remember, we have a Little Free Library if students want to trade books or borrow books. Happy reading!

Crystal Brunelle, LMC Director

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Dates to Remember......

**March 31**-May 1 ONLINE Summer School Registration
You can read about what courses are available by visiting our website. ANY questions regarding summer school, please contact Todd Antony @ antto@onalaskaschools.com or (608) 783-5644.

**MAY**
2.....PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
4 thru 6.....5th grade to EBELC-Lanesboro, MN
6.....Food Pantry, 2:15-3:15 pm @ Irving Pertzsch
7.....RSVP presents “Are you Smarter than a 5th grader?”
   Our very own 5th grader Bennett Janikowski and Mr. Gargaro will be at the Valley View Mall, from 10 am to 12:00 pm
9.....4th & 5th grade CHOIR preforming on stage at N.Hills, 6:30 pm. Students should arrive at 6 pm.
13...Kindergarten Fine Arts Music Program, 10:45-11:20 am
12...PTO Chicken-Q, 4 pm to 7 pm
14...ALL DISTRICT ‘ART’ show @ OMS in the gym, 10 am-3 pm
18...District Parent Meeting in the LMC at OHS, 6:30 pm
19...Prek Field Trip to Riverside & Myrick Park, 9:15-12:15 pm
20...District Fun Run
20...2nd grade Field Trip to Myrick Park, 9:30-1:30 pm
25...Kindergarten to Irving Pertzsch-storyteller, 1-2:10 pm
26...5th Recognition/Music Event, 6:30 pm in the PAC at the high school. (Students, please come at 6 pm.)
27...NO School
28...OHS Graduation
30...Memorial Day- NO School

**JUNE**
1....Kindergarten Field Trip-Hixon and Kids Coulee
3....Field Day
3.....Food Pantry, 2:15-3:15 pm @ Irving Pertzsch
6.....Yearbooks will be distributed.
8.....5th grade Picnic
8.....Last day for prekindergarten classes.
9... LAST DAY!!! EARLY Dismissal, 12:20 pm.

**JULY**
11-29...Summer School Academic and Enrichment classes.

**AUGUST**
10.....Back-to-School Pictures and Fees from 9 am-2 pm
11.....Back-to-School Pictures and Fees from 1 pm-6 pm

Thank you to Laurie Bingham and the wonderful volunteers that made our ‘Muffins with Mom’ a great success!
Also, to Three Rivers Chiropractic Clinic for the fruit!! YUM
Thank you

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The best way to predict the future is to create it.
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ONALASKA....
Do you know a child who will be four (4) or five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2016? He or she is eligible for pre-kindergarten, which is for 4 year olds and kindergarten, which is for 5 year olds!
Please go to PUPIL SERVICES at 612 Main St to enroll. (It’s part of the Irving Pertzsch Elementary School.) Email psinfo@onalaskaschools.com or call (608) 783-4610.
PreKindergarten Enrollment forms are available on the district website at http://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/parents/pupilsservices/Pre-K%20Enrollment%20Packet%202016-2017%20SY.pdf
1st-12th Enrollment forms are available on the district website at http://www.onalaska.k12.wi.us/parents/pupilsservices/Grades%201-12%20Enrollment%20Packet%202016-2017%20SY.pdf

ANY CHANGES on your child or your information.... please contact Pupil Services at (608) 783-4610.
This information would include:
* address / phone numbers, including cell plus email address
* parent / guardian information / employer name / phone number
* emergency contacts / HEALTH issues / Immunizations

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK.....May 2-6
If you get a chance, take a moment this week to say ‘thank-you’ to your child’s teacher. We are very fortunate to have such wonderful and caring teachers. THANK YOU

4th grade MADISON Trip
The long-anticipated field trip to Madison arrived on April 12. Students look forward to this trip for a number of reasons. The first would be the coach bus ride!! Students are also treated to a guided tour of the Children’s Museum. Where they learn about the logging industry, dairying, homes of Native Americans and how many home and auto improvements evolved over the years. Following lunch in the Museum, they meet the guide that explains the special areas of our Capital. Students were in awe of the beauty found within the walls that house our state government. It’s a fabulous, educational field trip that showcases our State Capital and students will remember for a long time.
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P.E...Physical Education
Physical Education students will be finishing the end of the year with many exciting activities.

May is very busy in the PE classes. We will complete our year end physical fitness practice and testing. We have the annual ‘Fun Run’ through the neighborhood on May 20 in the morning. The fifth grade students will once again lead the school in the field day on Friday June 3 with a rain date of Monday June 6.

Units this month are:
1st & 2nd...fitness practice t-ball / ball skills, lifetime activities
3rd...fitness testing- track events and softball skills-cooperative skills,
4th & 5th...fitness testing- track and softball lifetime activities.

Have a fun summer and stay healthy and active.
Cheryl Faas, PE Teacher

Music Notes
With the end of the school year right around the corner we are starting our last units/projects in music class. 1st and 2nd grade students are practicing reading and writing music as they will be writing their own song in the middle of May. They will then play their song on the Piano or bells. 3rd and 4th grade students have started their recorder unit. They will also be composing their own recorder song in the middle of May.

Finally, 5th graders are preparing for their last elementary music program. Please join us for their program, Stand Tall, on May 26th at 6:30 pm at the OHS Performing Arts Center. This performance will also feature several spotlight performances, highlighting the talents of our 5th grade students.

Mrs. Martin

ART
Northern Hills students are continuing to prepare for our annual art show! The 2015-16 All District Art Show will be held on Saturday, May 14th from 10am - 3pm at Onalaska Middle School. Every art student in the Onalaska School District will have artwork on display. This event is free and open to the public. Come and help celebrate our young artists! See you there!

Have a great May!
Mr. Christensen, Art Teacher

Northern Hills Elementary PTO Minutes
April 4, 2016  Meeting began at 6:00 pm

Attendance: Curt Rees, Matt Waller, Angie Meighan, Leslie Hill, Melissa Carrie, Angela Sagen, Nikki Walleen, Lisa Mack

Curt Rees: Welcome to everyone and introductions. PTO is a great way to get involved in your students school, as well as meet other families through volunteer and social events. PTO events welcome all volunteers, regardless of ability to attend monthly meetings.

Treasurer’s Report: All reimbursement requests should go to Angela Sagen – treasurer. SCRIP card requests should be made to Lisa Mack. Supply requests should be submitted using the green form located in the PTO mailbox (bottom right corner).

April Events/Fundraisers:
1st – 4th music program will be held on April 7, 2016. Refreshments will be provided by the PTO.
Domino’s Dough night is Thursday, April 21, 2016. Watch for a flyer to come home with your child.
Muffins with Mom is Friday, April 29, 2016.

May Events/Fundraisers:
4th and 5th grade choir concert will be held Monday, May 9, 2016. Refreshments will be provided by the student’s families.
Annual Chicken Q will be Thursday, May 12, 2016. Volunteers are needed, please email Nikki Walleen at nwalleen72@gmail.com.
The Fun Run is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2016.
5th Grade Recognition will take place on Thursday, May 26, 2016. Refreshments will be provided by the PTO.

Painless Fundraisers:
Don’t forget to bring in your Milk Moola, Campbell’s Soup labels, and Box Tops!!
Information will be coming out soon about a new painless fundraiser – Shoparoo.

Future Fundraising:
Please remember that ALL fundraisers must be approved by the PTO prior to scheduling them. Any fundraising questions can be discussed with the PTO at our monthly meetings. If you are unable to attend please contact Leslie Hill at HillL@westerntc.edu.
Fundraising for EBELC will be limited to the current 5th and 4th grade classes only. Other grade level fundraising will not be approved.

Next meeting: Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:00 pm

PARENT LIAISON INFORMATION…..The role of Parent Liaison was created through the Wisconsin Statewide Parent-Educator Initiative (WSPEI) to aid in the support of families with children or adolescents who have special needs. The Parent Liaison for the School District of Onalaska is Vicky Shanley – 214 15th Ave N – (608) 317-0275 or email shanley5@charter.net . If you are the parent of a child with special needs, please contact Vicky if you have any questions about the special education process.
Wheel to School Week Activities..  
May 2-6

The weather is nice and it’s time to have fun getting to school actively with the Wheel to School Week Challenge. Northern Hills will be competing with other schools in the county for the coveted Silver Spoke award.

This year we are challenging students AND staff to get to school by walking, biking, skating or scooting all week. Every day of participation will earn the students a chance to be entered in a drawing for prizes at the end of the week.

Walking School Bus: (Wednesday, May 4) Join us on our weekly Walking School Bus! We leave promptly at 7:40 a.m. at the corner of East Avenue North and Riders Club Road, arriving at school around 8:00 a.m. If students would like to bring their bikes to ride home after school, they are asked to walk them while participating in the Walking School Bus.

Bicycle Train: (Thursday, May 5). We will be having a Bicycle Train to school on Thursday the 5th. The “train” leaves promptly at 7:40 a.m. at the corner of East Avenue and Riders Club Road and proceeds along the above route. Join at the beginning or wherever the train is closest to your home. Helmets must be worn by participating students and are encouraged for any adults. If your student is not yet comfortable biking at a steady pace, an adult chaperon is highly encouraged.

If you have any questions about the Wheel to School Week activities, please contact Caleb McClung at 7414-533-1420 or caleb.mcclung@gmail.com

Thank you,
Caleb McClung

PS- Bike Train will start at 7:40 am at the corner of East Ave and Riders Club Rd... go down Oak Ave N....to Troy St...to 8th Ave N...to Elizabeth Ln...to Redwood St/ E Spruce St/ 6th Ave N..turn west onto Troy St...then go to the NH playground.

-----HELMETS REQUIRED-----

If you have any questions, please contact Caleb McClung at 414-533-1420 or CALEB.MCCLUNG@GMAIL.COM
Hope to see you “all aboard” the Bike Train!

April 7-MUSIC
1st thru 4th grades music concert.
Kudos to the kiddos! They all did such a wonderful job performing for their families and friends.
A big thank you to Mrs. Martin and to PTO for the cookies and punch.