



BIG BAY DE NOC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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OUR FUTURE BEGINS NOW !

APRIL / MAY 2009



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 4/24,25,26 Drama Production "Oklahoma"
- 5/2 * Spring Prom
- 5/3 * Athletic Banquet
- 5/7 * Engineering Olympics
- 5/11 * School Board Meeting 6:30
- 5/13 * Honors Night
- 5/16 * Senior Class Trip May 16-20
- 5/21 * Last Day for Readiness Students
* Student Art Show May 21 & 22
- 5/22 * Kindergarten Graduation
- 5/24 * High School Commencement 7:00
* All Night Substance Free Grad Party (school multi room)
- 5/25 * NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 6/4 * Last Day of School
* Students Dismissed at Noon
- 6/8 * June School Board Meeting 6:30

Public Library Hours
Weekdays from 3:00 - 5:00
when school is in session



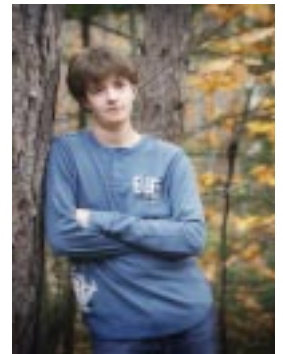
SCHOOL WEBSITE is
www.bigbayschool.com
* Annual school calendar
* Breakfast/lunch menu
* Announcements
* Athletic Schedules
* PowerSchool Student Information System

TOP SENIORS NAMED

ARIEL JA DENNIS is the daughter of Henry and Becky Dennis, and is a resident of Cooks, Michigan. Ariel has attended Big Bay de Noc School since preschool and will graduate this year as Valedictorian with a cumulative 4.0 GPA. Most of Ariel's free time is spent participating in school activities. She is treasurer of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the Senior Class, Captain of the Quiz Bowl team, and a member of the Yearbook staff. In the past, Ariel also participated in Engineering Olympics and was treasurer of the Big Bay de Noc chapter of Youth in Government. Ariel is also active athletically, participating in varsity cheerleading for three years, JV and varsity basketball for three years, and taking stats for varsity track for four. Ariel spends time after school tutoring, is a mentor for High-5, and participates in activities sponsored by the Grace Baptist Youth Group. Ariel's future plans include attending Bay College for two years, then transferring to Ferris State University to finish a Bachelor's degree in radiography.



JOSHUA JAMES FRANKOVICH, the son of Tim Frankovich and Gina Lynts is this year's Salutatorian. Josh has attended Big Bay de Noc since pre-school and will graduate with a 3.858 GPA. Throughout his years at Big Bay, Josh has participated in track, golf, Engineering Olympics, student council, and is a current member of the National Honor Society. Josh enjoys spending time with his friends, getting outdoors, and loves music. After graduation, Josh plans to attend Michigan Tech in the Air Force ROTC program and graduate as a 2nd Lieutenant, hoping to eventually become a fighter pilot.



Mark your calendars for...
RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN'S MUSICAL

Oklahoma

With a cast of 25 students from grades 9-12

Under the Direction of Theresa Root and Assistant Director Lisa Radebaugh

Performance Dates/Times:

- * Friday, April 24 -7:00 p.m.
- * Saturday, April 25 -7:00
- * Sunday, April 26 - 3:00

Tickets \$7 at the door 45 minutes before show time.



ATHLETIC BANQUET - MAY 3

The Booster Club would like to remind everyone that the Athletic Banquet will be held May 3 at the Garden Community Building. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., dinner begins at 6:00 p.m., awards start at 7:00. Due to the poor economy we have adjusted our prices this year; adult dinners are \$7.00, children who are not high school athletes the cost is \$5.00. Please get your tickets in advance as they will not be sold at the door. We will have prizes to give away. Any donated prizes would be greatly appreciated.



We wish to thank all of the parents and community members who helped us throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you. Also, thanks to all of you who supported our annual raffle. Congratulations to recent Athletic Booster Club Raffle winners:

	\$100	\$50	\$25
3/2	E.J. Unger Rapid River	Bob Miron Nahma	Verna Lakosky Garden
3/9	Charles Hill Huron, OH	Shirley LaVallee Garden	Britt Gray Manistique
3/16	Steve Tibbetts Garden	Ron Nelson Garden	Kayla Ansell Cooks
3/23	Ronald Bells Merrill, MI	Troy Bell Cooks	Ralph Burt Manistique
4/6	Ed Unger Manistique	Kathy Seaman Fayette	Dan Selling Manistique

QUILT WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the following people who were the lucky winners of our elementary quilts: Michelle LaTulip, Tammy Rochefort, and Cindy Swagart. Thank you again to all the people who supported us in this project to raise money for elementary science equipment. And thank you to the person (who wishes to remain anonymous) who donated her time and talents in assembling all the blocks and making such beautiful quilts!

PROM THEME: UNDER THE SEA

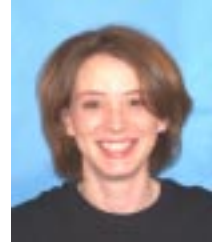
The Junior Class, under the guidance and Mrs. DeeDee Thill, will be hosting "Under the Sea" for the Big Bay de Noc's 2009 Prom on Saturday, May 2. Parents and community members are welcome to come and view the Grand March and the crowning of the 2009 prom king and queen, which will take place at 10:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Please use the southwest gymnasium entrance.



OPIE WINNERS NAMED

Congratulations to this year's Outstanding Person's In Education winners from Big Bay de Noc School: Erika Fix (professional staff member) and Mike Clelland (support staff member). This award is sponsored by the Michigan Education Association and given annually to one teacher and one support staff member at area schools.

Erika Fix has a dedication to teaching and stands out among her peers. She keeps current on state standards and objectives for her subject area and makes sure these objectives are covered in her classes. This dedication to teaching is evident in the Big Bay de Noc student social studies state testing results. Erika has attended various local and national conferences to enhance her teaching techniques and knowledge of the ever-changing social studies requirements. In addition to class work and curriculum work, Erika also gives of her time outside of the classroom through extracurricular organizations. She is actively involved in creating a Youth In Government program that gives students a greater knowledge of the governmental process and real life governmental process experience. Erika is also the high school quiz bowl coach. She shows up early and works during lunch time to help students prepare for upcoming quiz bowl competitions. Our students have excelled in this area since Erika has taken over. She also created an after-school art program allowing secondary students an opportunity to learn and expand their talents. Erika Fix is a great asset to our school and we are proud to have her on our staff.



Mike Clelland has been a bus driver for our district for the past four years. He takes his responsibility as a bus driver very seriously and enjoys working with the kids. He believes in being a positive role model for them and helping them to be truthful and kind to one another. For the past five years Mike has been a member of the Manistique Community Recreation Board and a USA Youth Hockey Referee for six years.



A MUSHING WE WILL GO

For the past several years Mrs. Gollakner's third grade class has studied the history of sled dog racing in celebration of the Great Serum Run of 1925. Reading literature such as Balto, doing Musher Math, following the UP 200 and the Iditarod are a few things that help make learning interesting for the students at this time of the year.

This was the first time, however, that the students had a chance to take a ride of their own. On March 4th the class traveled to Snowy Plains Kennel in Gwinn where Jim and Jackie Winkowski invited them to experience firsthand the thrill of a dog sled ride. It was great fun for everyone involved and we hope to visit again next year.

READING MONTH WRAP UP

On March 23rd the Brege family visited our school for Reading Month to share their love of reading, writing, and drawing. Karen explained how she chooses a topic to write about and how she develops her ideas into a story. She discussed how her family then sits down together to choose five ways each book should end. Darrin, the illustrator, explained how to change a stick person into different characters by adding circles, squares, rectangles, and cylinders. Mick, their son, accompanied his parents on their trip to the U.P., since the main character is modeled after him and his two best friends.

During March, Big Bay de Noc Students had a myth of their own to solve! After finding various clues around the building many students were able to figure out that the Bashful Beast of Big Bay de Noc was our very own, Mr. Klein! Mr. Klein, dressed in his beastly best went to each elementary classroom to play a song on his accordion and announce the winners of the Beast Sketching Contest. Winners from each grade, listed from 1st to 3rd are as follows:

K/1 - Austin Farley, Tyler Sundling, Rachel Scott
2nd - Jackson Highlund, Noah Halverson, Sandra Middaugh
3rd - Alexia Mercier, Maddy McPhee, Megan Soulia
4th - Arielle Anderson, Nathan Chandler, Caleb Scheeringa
5th - Kaela Clark, Valerie Miotke, Dylan Rath
6th - Alec Bloom, Vanessa Damer, Tyler Demars
JH/HS - Brenna Marchbanks, Danielle Swayer, Brittany Richard



THIRD ANNUAL ART SHOW

The Big Bay de Noc School's Third Annual Art Show will be open to the public on Thursday, May 21 and Friday, 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The displays will be in the high school art room at the Big Bay de Noc School. Art from Kindergarten to 12th grade will be displayed. Please come join us and celebrate our student's artistic talents!



Parents enjoyed eating breakfast with their children and the Brege Family as part of reading month.



Reading Month "Beast" (center) Cole Klein and two sketching contest winners: Tyler DeMars & Vanessa Damer

TREK TO BAYCLIFF

Freshman student Gene Fletcher has his sites set on June 16. He has organized an event designed to raise money for Bay Cliff Health Camp. Gene has attended this camp in the summer for many years and would like to give something back to it. His goal is to ride in his wheelchair 100 miles from Rapid River to Big Bay, on Lake Superior. Your pledge in support of Gene's adventure will help keep the camp program going for years to come. To date he has raised approximately \$4000. We encourage you to show your support by checking out Gene's website at www.trektobaycliff.com and making a donation to this worthy endeavor.



Memorial Donations

SCHOLARSHIP MEMORIALS

In memory of **VIOLET LEGAULT** :
Wade & Marlene Groleau

In memory of **TOM CARSTENSEN**:
Wade & Marlene Groleau

In memory of **JEANNIE (BARBEAU) GOULD**:
Nick & Patty Thennes



PLAYGROUND MEMORIALS

In memory of **VIOLET LEGAULT**:
Ivonne Robere Barry and Bonnie Rochefort
Don and Suzanne Pomeroy

In memory of **DAVID ST. DENNIS**:
Jim and Carol Morrison

In memory of **DORIS KNIFFEN**:
Don and Suzanne Pomeroy

LIBRARY MEMORIALS

In memory of **BETTY PLANTE**:
Gerard & Mary Jean Bernier

In memory of **KENNY RALPH**:
Gerard & Mary Jean Bernier

Thank you to all the people who participated in the Scholastic Book Fair and made this event a great success. Net profits from this fair of \$560 will go directly into book purchases for the school.



The butterflies are out already in Mrs. Lyle's pre-kindergarten room !

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The Board of Education at its March 9 meeting:

- * approved the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the February 9, 2009 regular School Board meeting as presented.
- * Public Comment: None
- * received the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$555,457.80 which includes accounts payable in the amount of \$61,465.21.
- * Finance Director reviewed the cash flow statement.
- * accepted the low bid from Payne & Dolan in the amount of \$230,789 for our paving project.
- * approved a resolution in support of applying for a grant from the Hannahville Indian Community.
- * approved a resolution in support of applying for a grant from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.
- * approved the second budget amendment for the 2008-2009 school year.
- * moved into execution session at 5:49 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.
- * Resumed regular session at 6:26 p.m.
- * The Board of Education gave Supt. Peterson a very good evaluation.
- * approved the Superintendent's contract as presented.
- * approved the Compass Learning System for a one-time cost.
- * Superintendent Reported:
 - We are working fixing the locker room showers.
 - There has been a lot of discussion regarding Wind Power.
 - We are working on schedules for next year.
 - There will be an Energy Conference held at Bay de Noc Community College on Thursday, March 19th.
- * Principal Reported:
 - Gave the board a copy of a hand-out regarding Eugene Fletcher's Trek to Bay Cliff.
 - Gave the Board members a hand-out reviewing the 2008 MEAP Scores.
- * Public Comment: None
- * adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.



MISSED ROUNDUP ??

Any parents who missed the round up for next year's kindergarten or readiness kindergarten, please contact the school to make an appointment with Mrs. Lalonde at 906-644-2773. We still have lots of room for new faces !