

North Dakota School For the Deaf

Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

"A School Without Walls"

BANNER



*"Looking back with pride;
Looking forward with confidence".*

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Mission Statement

NDSD/RCDHH shall serve as a State Resource Center to provide advocacy, leadership and educational expertise for all individuals in North Dakota who are deaf or hard of hearing.

NDSD Core Values

We express our values by treating everyone **equally with respect, courtesy and dignity.**

Lead—improve lives

Advocate—empower people

Collaborate—build partnerships

Educate—inspire success



Superintendent's Update

Dr. Connie Hovendick

The 2021-2022 school year has been a year of growth. There are new and exciting programs being implemented across the agency.

The North Dakota School for the Deaf Resource Center has been blessed with highly qualified caring staff, including our new employees. The Parent Infant Program Specialist position in Bismarck had been open for a couple of years and we were fortunate to hire Tami Iszler, an experienced preschool Teacher of the Deaf. The day/residential school added a teacher, Kale Smith, from South Dakota who has brought new ideas to our education program, and Amber Gray as an educational assistant. The dorm hired three new counselors this fall, Stephanie Crowell-Goesner, Corene Dockter, and Allison Hoff. Most recently, the Food Service department added Katrina Wickware to their crew.

Five preschoolers enrolled at NDSD this past year. It has been so rewarding to watch these young children learn to express themselves, either with hands or voices. Their signing skills improve daily. Bus drivers have played an essential part in bringing students to NDSD during the week. The older students have taken the little ones under their wings and helped them adjust to being away from home.

The pool renovations were completed and the students have enjoyed the updated and inviting atmosphere. The individualized changing rooms are appreciated by the students and community members who swim here on a daily basis. The main entrance office area also has an appealing new modern look.

The winter of 2022 was a series of blizzards that has tested the patience of students, staff, and parents alike. School closings and late openings became commonplace. I am grateful to the bus drivers who safely brought the students to school and home again. The teachers and students worked hard to keep up on their lessons and are ready to move to their new classes next year.

2021-2022 NDSD/RCDHH Employees

Dr. Connie Hovendick, Superintendent

Education

Wendy Palmer*
Amber Gray, para
Linda Koth
Nicole Parker
Susan Schwab-Kjelland
Kim Shereck
Kale Smith

Communications

Lilia Bakken*
Renae Bitner
Jeanne Johnson
Turi Leiphon
Cindy Mays
Kayla Perez
Lindsey Solberg-Herbel
Nancy Trottier

Dormitory

Sabrina Schmitz*
Patty Cote
Stephanie Crowell-Goeser
Corene Dockter
Allison Hoff
Suzanne Legacie

Admin Services

Diane Frelich*
Shelly Laverdure
Nancy Sylling

Adult Outreach

Pam Smith*
Kathy Frelich
Dawn Sauvageau
Kristen Vetter

Health Services

Tracy Vilandre*
Niki Slater, sub
Lezlee Thorson

Business Manager

Michael Loff

Technology

Kerry Olson-Rysavy*

Facilities/Custodial

Chris Eckes*
Jerry Allery
Erik Hoeltl
Cindy Lee
Brian Morken
Cindy Schneider
Timber Schwab

Outreach

Nicole Swartwout*
Linda Ehlers
Tami Iszler
Denise Marback
Ashley Martin
Lana Zimbelman

Food Service

Chris Eckes*
Emily Anderson
Tate Cichos
Karen Maloney
Katrina Wickware

Lifeguards

Darwin Brokke
Danyel Elverud

Transportation

Barney Bischoff
Arvin Carlson
Alistair Stiven
David Geer

**Department Manager*



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WELCOME NEW STAFF



Stephanie Crowell-Goeser

Hello, my name is Stephanie Crowell-Goeser. I am from Devils Lake and have lived here most of my life. I attended UND-LR and have recently been taking classes at Mayville State for an Early Childhood Education degree.

I have worked at different schools in the surrounding area , six years at the Fort Totten School, and at Fort Totten Head Start for 12 years before joining the NDSD team.

In my free time, I enjoy walking my dog and have a part time job at the Spirit Lake Casino.

Hello, my name is Corene Dockter. I'm originally from Belcourt, ND. I am a former student of NDSD and graduated in 1995. After graduation I attended Gallaudet University on two different occasions. I spent a semester at both NTID, UNDLR and then graduated from Turtle Mountain community college which I earned a certificate as a Microsoft operator. Each college offered me some great experiences in life. I am an adventurous person because I have moved a lot before settling down for the 3rd time here in Devils Lake, just 2 years ago. I have worked a variety of jobs such as housekeeping, restaurants and typist before I started to work at NDSD as a dorm counselor. I love to laugh and have fun at work. My favorite motto is "Deaf people can do anything except hear."



Corene Dockter



Kale Smith

Hello! My name is Kale Smith, Teacher of the Deaf for middle school. I grew up in small town called Canton near Sioux Falls in South Dakota. I also graduated from South Dakota State University with Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and Dakota State University in Elementary Education in 2018 I previously worked at Communication Services for the Deaf in South Dakota where I provide different kinds of services for deaf and hard of hearing at all age levels. Beside teaching, I love being outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. I also enjoy binge watching Netflix shows. I am looking forward to working with NDSD staff and students.



Allison Hoff

Hello! My name is Allison Hoff, and I'm a new dorm counselor. I am originally from the Bismarck-Mandan area. This is actually my second stint at NDSD. The first time was when I attended NDSD for 11 years and graduated with the NDSD class of 2003.

After graduation, I moved back to Bismarck, attended college, and worked, most recently at Walmart for the past 13 years. After the COVID-19 pandemic started in March 2020, I felt it was time for a change. I'm truly happy to be back in Devils Lake and to have a much needed learning experience working with kids!

I have two older siblings, two stepsisters and three step-nieces/step-nephews each. In my down time, I enjoy playing video games, journaling, cooking, crocheting and also perusing the NDSD Banner database on the Digital Horizons website.

My name is Tami Iszler and I have been a Teacher of the Deaf for more than 25 years. I taught 2 years in Wyoming at the middle school level before having the wonderful opportunity to stay home with my newborn son. In 1999, we moved back to ND and I joined the NDSD Outreach team, serving families and schools in the SW part of the state. Since 2012, I worked for the Bismarck Public Schools teaching preschoolers who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing as well as coordinating the Hearing Services program for the district. I am honored to be back working with the NDSD PIP/School-aged Outreach team.



Tami Iszler



Katrina Wickware

Hello, my name is Katie Wickware. I am from Oregon, but have lived in North Dakota since 1992. My husband and I have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. Six grandchildren live in Devils Lake and two live in Oklahoma.

Currently, I live with my daughter and her family, which includes Landon and Blake, who are students here at NDSD. I am grateful that I get to spend time with them every day.

I have four jobs. I work at NDSD full time and part time at Leever's and Mr. & Mrs. J's restaurant. I also sell Tupperware in my spare time.

I enjoy going to Minot to visit my mom and take her to bingo. I also like being home and watching movies.

2022 RETIREES

NDSD Superintendent Dr. Connie Hovendick will be retiring at the end of June.

This is actually Dr. Hovendick's second retirement. Her first was in 2014 when she left Lake Region Special Education. At that time, NDSD was in search of a new administrator and so the state of North Dakota recruited Dr. Hovendick to take the position part time. That part time position lasted nearly 8 years.



Dr. Connie Hovendick

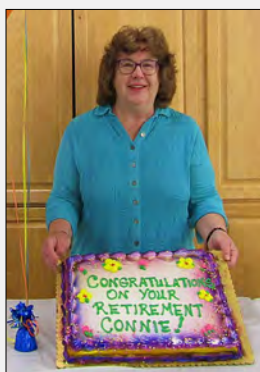
Dr. Hovendick's career in education spans 48 years, beginning with positions with Head Start and Infant Development. From there, she worked for Devils Lake Public Schools as a Special Education Teacher. In 1988, Dr. Hovendick moved to Lake Region Special Education as a Program Coordinator. She would later become the Assistant Director and by 2000, she was that agency's Director.

Dr. Hovendick has been the chief administrator of the School for the Deaf since August, 2014. In a recent newspaper article, Supt. Kristen Baesler stated, "Dr. Hovendick has done an exemplary job serving North Dakotans who are deaf and hard of hearing."

Over the years, Dr. Hovendick has served on boards of more than a dozen professional organizations and has continued to teach professional development courses.

Dr. Hovendick and her husband, David, have four children with growing families in North Dakota, Minnesota, North Carolina and Virginia. Their eleven grandchildren range in age from 1 1/2—20 years old. Plans for the future include traveling and spending more time with family. When she has some free time, Dr. Hovendick enjoys reading and gardening.

All of us at the North Dakota School for the Deaf Resource Center would like to thank Dr. Hovendick for her service and support during the past 8 years and wish her good health and much happiness in her retirement.



2022 RETIREES



NDSD nurse, Lezlee Thorson, will be retiring at the end of the school year. Lezlee has been a dedicated employee of the NDSD Health Services department, providing nursing services to students for the past 15 years. She will be remembered for her compassionate heart and commitment to excellent medical care for the students, families, and staff of NDSD .



Lezlee plans to spend summers camping at the lake and the rest of the year traveling to visit family and friends in various states. Her favorite NDSD memories? "The kids", says Lezlee, "watching them grow up. They've been like my own children."

We thank you Nurse Lezlee for your dedication to NDSD and for your nursing service to all you have cared for over the past 42 years. Best wishes for your retirement.

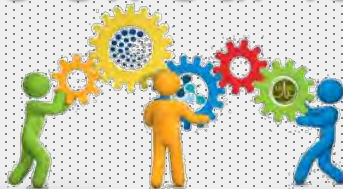
**Brady Ness,
Audiologist
Sanford Health**



**Heidi Brown,
Speech and Language
Pathologist
Altru Regional
Therapy Services**



Also On Our Team



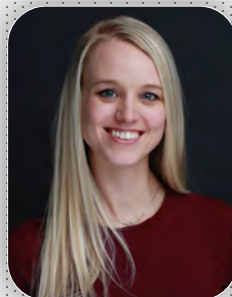
**Kathryn Grzadzielewski
Teacher of the Visually
Impaired
ND Vision Services/
School for the Blind**



**Lisa Hawley,
Counselor
Advanced Counseling
for Change**



**Ashley Sebelius,
Physical Therapist
Lake Region Special Education**



**Brandi Freeman,
Occupational Therapist
Lake Region Special Education**



2022 RETIREES



Pam Smith retiring after 24 years at NDSD

Pam Smith began her career in education in 1978 after earning a BA degree in Secondary Education and Psychology. Her first professional position was teaching psychology classes for two years at Del Norte High School (3500 students) in Albuquerque, NM. "I was 21 years old, and had never imagined teaching in such a HUGE high school that was complete with armed guards in the halls," says Pam. "Looking back, I should have been intimidated, but ah, the hubris of youth..."

Years later, life events would bring Pam home to Williston, North Dakota and when her Godson,

Matthew Saylor was diagnosed with hearing loss, she decided to learn some sign language so she could talk to him. This is what led to her interest in, and decision to pursue a degree in Deaf Education.

In 1992, Pam enrolled at Minot State University in the Deaf Education program, graduating with that degree in 1996. She was hired as an itinerant Deaf Education teacher for Wilmac Special Education in Williston. In 1998, there was an opening at

NDSD for a social studies teacher, and she gratefully accepted the offer, not just as a job, but as a career working with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Pam taught high school social studies at NDSD for eleven fun filled years, serving as class advisor for the classes of 2003 and 2008.

One highlight of her years as a teacher was to help fundraise \$50,000 in order to take a bus load of NDSD students and staff to the Deaf Olympics in Salt Lake City.



In January of 2011, Pam was offered a management position to expand Adult Services for the deaf and hard of hearing, following a legislative mandate for NDSD to serve deaf and hard of hearing citizens from birth to death. Her department has since added three more employees. Together they have completed presentations for lawyers and legal assistants, law enforcement and corrections, community employers, aging service providers, medical staff, assisted living facilities, and nursing home staff regarding best practices when working with individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. These presentations have been valuable and necessary to better understand the



implications of hearing loss and the need for support services under the law. The Adult Outreach Program has grown rapidly to more than 800 clients served, and has had a significant impact on the citizens of North Dakota with hearing loss.

Continuing Education has always been very important to Pam. Over the years she has earned two Bachelors Degrees and two Masters Degrees.

Another of Pam's accomplishments was her four years on the North Dakota Pepnet Team, which focused on the issues surrounding transition of



students with hearing loss.

Ten-year veteran of NDSD Adult Services, Kristen Vetter, has accepted the position of Adult Outreach Coordinator beginning July 1, 2022.

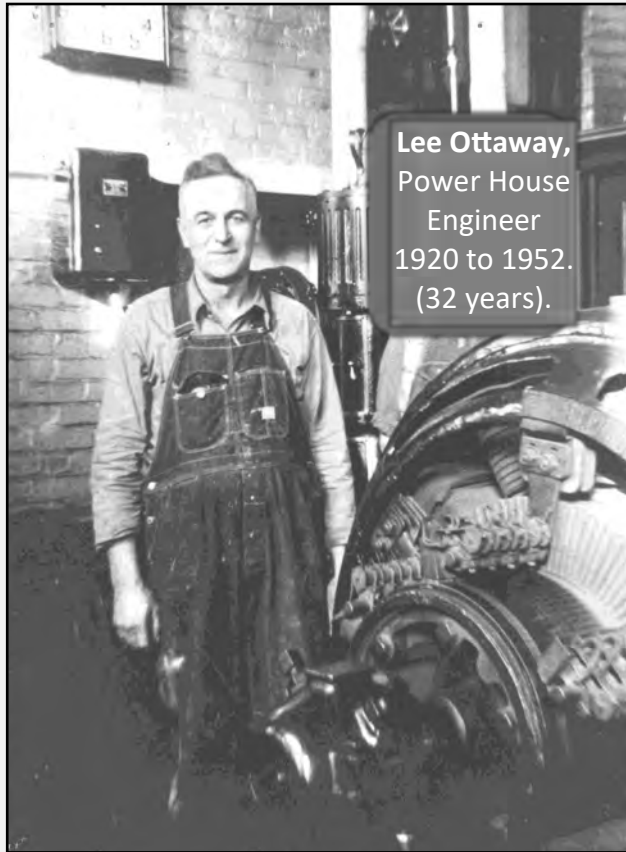
Pam has truly been an advocate and resource for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. She has answered thousands of phone calls, attended hundreds of meetings, and presented to hundreds of service providers across the state of ND. Pam has fulfilled her mission as an employee of the ND School for the Deaf Resource Center by providing advocacy, leadership and educational expertise for individuals of North Dakota who are deaf or hard of hearing. **Best wishes, Pam.**



BANNER FLASHBACK

Ottaway Family

Submitted by Lilia Bakken,
Communications Coordinator



Lee Ottaway,
Power House
Engineer
1920 to 1952.
(32 years).

Lee Ottaway

Lee Ottaway began working in NDSD's Powerhouse in 1920 (shortly after his 8-year-old daughter, Leora, entered NDSD in 1919). When Lee first began his duties, he worked as the 'Night Engineer and Watchman'. A few years later, Lee was promoted to 'Chief Engineer.' He worked at NDSD until 1952 (32 years). Mr. Ottaway was well-liked by students and staff. He often helped to build props for NDSD stage events, made playground equipment, and built wooden toys for the children. Lee's wife, Murriel, also worked at NDSD. From 1920 to 1922, Mrs. Ottaway served as the Night Nurse and from 1922 to 1924 worked as a Housemother in the boys' dorm. Mr. Ottaway retired in 1952. Lee and Murriel continued to live in Devils Lake after Lee's retirement.

Lee and Murriel Ottaway had one daughter. Her name was **Vivia Leora Ottaway**, born December 13, 1911. Leora's cause of deafness was listed as 'spinal meningitis.' In 1919, at age 8, Leora entered NDSD. She did well in school and, as a senior, became Valedictorian of the *Class of 1930*. During the graduation ceremony, Leora gave her farewell address. Part of her address follows: "Everything has its beginning and its ending. Now our school days have come to an end. The ending is both happy and sad; happy, because we are receiving our diplomas, and sad because we are to leave our dear superintendent, teachers and friends, whom we have learned to love and whom we have looked up to as our protectors. We are greatly indebted to our parents for the many sacrifices they have made that we might obtain our education. We earnestly hope that they will never have cause to be disappointed in us. Dear classmates, as we prepare to leave, let us always live up to our class motto, "Courage to live right", then we shall have no fear that we have not lived as expected of us, graduates of the *North Dakota School for the Deaf*. Our love for thee, our school, will ever linger, true and faithful, long as life shall last.



From 1931 to 1936, Leora attended Gallaudet College. While in college, Leora met **Leslie Hinnant** and, in 1937, they were married. From 1940 to 1954, the Hinnants lived in Cando, ND, where Leslie established a jewelry and watchmaking business. Leslie accepted graduates of NDSD as interns and taught them about the trade of watchmaking. Leslie operated his business for 14 years. In 1949, while living in Cando, Leslie fulfilled his dream of learning to fly. He took private flying lessons at the local airport and was the **first deaf person in**

ND to obtain a private pilot's license (one of very few deaf pilots in the nation).

In 1954, the Hinnant's moved east where Leora obtained a job as a teacher at the *Virginia School for the Deaf*. Leslie became the head teacher of graphic arts at the *Rochester School for the Deaf*. Later, Leslie became the teacher of printing at the *Virginia School for the Deaf* where Leora worked.

In 1981, Leslie was inducted into the *North Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame* for his prowess in high school football and basketball at the *NC School for the Deaf*.



In 1988, Leora was honored by the *Virginia Association of the Deaf* as 'Mother of the Year.'

Leslie and Leora had two children, Wendall and Donna. As adults, both worked in the deaf education profession.



Hinnant pictured with the Frelich children.

1953 NDSD campus



2021



Deaf Awareness Week

September 20-26



**Celebrating Thriving
Deaf Communities**



Deaf Awareness Week is always a busy time on and off of the NDSD Resource Center campus. This year, the Parent-Infant Program staff gave a special presentation that included video recordings of several NDSD alumni success stories. Students enjoyed outdoor sign language games and presented signed stories for their public school mainstream classmates.



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2021 NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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NDSD Language Facilitator, Cindy Mays, was adopted into the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) tribe by the Two Bulls/Winter family on 7/10/21. Her Lakota name is “Wica Nape un ubcante ognaka win” which means “She loves the people with her heart and her hands”.

As part of our celebration of **Native American Heritage Month**, Cindy shared stories and displayed her vast collection of artifacts.



Student craft projects and edible art.



Indian Tacos for lunch.



Teepee village made by NDSD students.





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Observance of **Native American Heritage Month**
continued with a special presentation by NDSD parents
Cloee St.Clair and Jesse Cuny. These special guests

displayed a large collection of handmade regalia and jewelry and shared cultural stories, traditions and songs. They also provided materials and instruction for the students to create their own dreamcatchers and beaded Indian corn cobs.

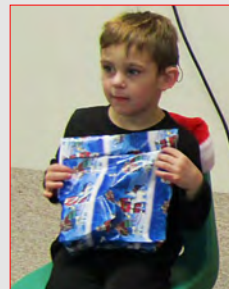


NDSD Students board The *Polar Express*

NDSD cook, Emily, orchestrated the transformation of our dining room into scenes from The Polar Express.

Students read the Caldecott Award winning book by Chris Van Allsburg, and then climbed aboard the magical train for hot chocolate, popcorn and the movie.

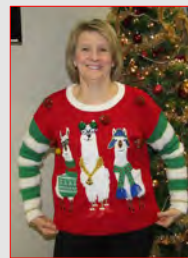




Christmas SPIRIT LOADING



The
MAGIC OF
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NEVER ENDS
ITS GREATEST
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family & friends



Parent-Infant and School-Age Outreach Department

The North Dakota School for the Deaf Parent-Infant and School-Age Outreach Department offered both in-person and virtual activities for families across the state. In the fall, pictured below, regional pumpkin patch visits were held around North Dakota for families of children with hearing loss.



Pictured left - Throughout the year, families in the Parent-Infant Program received “You’ve been...” packets in the mail. These packets included holiday activities and art projects that families could do together.

The Parent-Infant Program and School-Age Outreach Specialists presented to all the Developmental Disabilities offices, who serve as the state’s entry point for infants diagnosed with hearing loss. Each presentation included a review of the referral process as well as the services we can provide to families.



Berry Acres, Minot, September 26, 2021



Lil' Bitz, Fargo, September 26, 2021



Patch on the Point, E. Grand Forks, October 2, 2021



Papa's Pumpkin Patch, Bismarck, October 2, 2021



Cottonwood Forest, Williston, September 27, 2021



Hope Christian Academy Pumpkins in the Patch,
Dickinson October 9, 2021

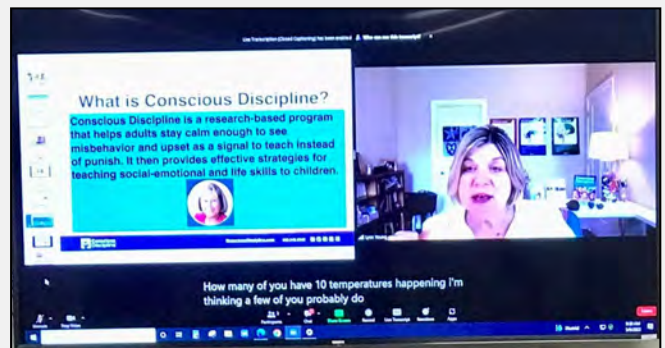


December brought many smiles around North Dakota to the faces of children with hearing loss. Pictured above, Deaf Santa provided an inclusive experience for the boys and girls who were looking forward to informing him of their wishes. Both sign language users and spoken language users were able to communicate back and forth with Deaf Santa.

During the busy year, the Outreach Specialists provided numerous in-services to North Dakota schools. Because of the interest in these in-services, a pilot course was developed, addressing the impact of hearing loss and strategies in five one-hour trainings to support students in accessing the curriculum.


In May, pictured below, Lynn Young of Raleigh, North Carolina, presented at the 2022 Parent Engagement Seminar via Zoom about what effect language has on behavior. The day concluded with a parent panel providing insights and personal experiences of their hearing loss journey.

The department collaborated with the ND Hands & Voices Chapter for the regional pumpkin patches as well as the 2022 Parent Engagement Seminar.



ADULT OUTREACH

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



**We are pleased to be on the road again,
providing services across the state of North Dakota.**

The **Adult Outreach Resource Groups** have started opening up for meetings again. As of this writing, we have resumed group meetings in Devils Lake, Jamestown, Wahpeton, and Bismarck, and hope to soon add Fargo, Valley City, and Minot to that list.

Throughout this past year, our team:

- continued to present to all of the **Police Officer Training Academies** across the state.
- displayed many informational **booths** set up at various events.
- researched new ways to improve communication through **speech dictation apps**, using them both for one-on-one visits and group meetings.
- presented at the **Long-Term Care Convention** in Fargo, which was available both in person and remotely.
- attended the **Regions Hospital Annual Conference** regarding Mental Health featuring Steve Hamerdinger from Alabama Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing.
- provided 652 consultation visits (July 2021-March 2022).

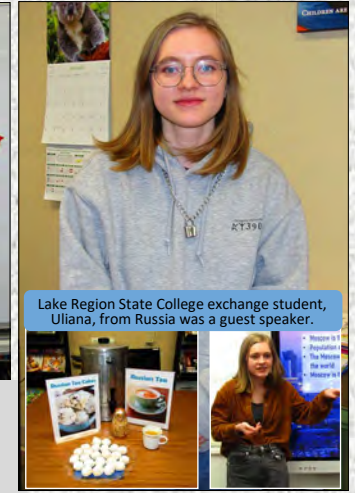
The Adult Outreach Team looks forward to the transition of leadership to **Kristen Vetter** as **Pam Smith** retires. Kristen has been with the program for 10 years.

With that in mind, the Adult Outreach Program will be looking for a candidate to expand services to western North Dakota.



Library Lines

Susan



"The only thing you absolutely need to know is the location of the library." - Albert Einstein



The Novel Group delved into a story with deep social issues.

The NDSD Novel Group read the 2013 Newbery Award winning book, **The One and Only Ivan** by Katharine Applegate. Based on a true story about a gorilla kept in a shopping mall cage for 27 years, the story offers tender lessons about friendship, loyalty, and animal rights and welfare, which led us into many heartfelt conversations.

We celebrated the novel completion by watching the movie adaptation.



Who was your favorite character?

Ally: "Julia because she likes to draw."

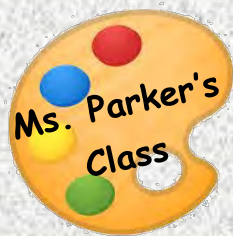
Bailee: "Ruby because she is happy and proud."

Kinley: "Bob because he is funny when he talks."

Jon: "Ivan because he protects Ruby in the mall."

Jordan: "Julia because she is sweet, caring, kind and helpful."

Payton: "Bob because he is funny."



SORRY
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but we are
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First Grade FACES of GRACE

From Mrs. Koth's Room



May

Next stop-2nd GRADE !



September

Happy Birthday, Grace!



October

A PRINCESS for Halloween.



April

HOPPY Easter, everyBUNNY!



November

Native American Month



March

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



December

Ho-ho-ho! Merry Christmas!

hello **first**
GRADE



February

It's TWOSDAY!! 2-22-22



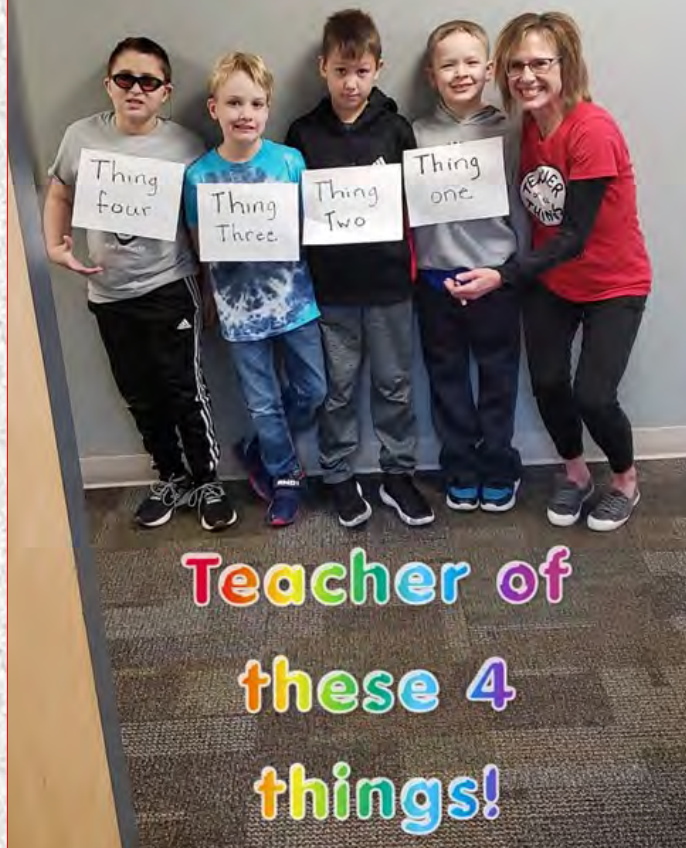
January

Cabin Fever- BEACH DAY



Grace & Mrs. Koth

Happy Dr
Seuss day!

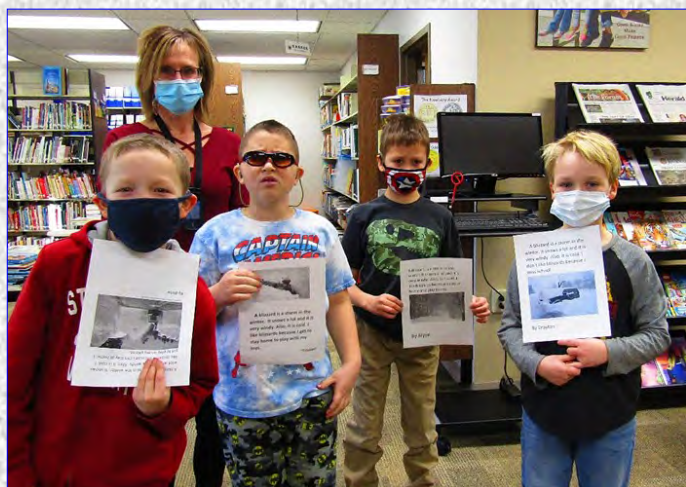


Teacher of
these 4
things!



My boys have
little hands and
BIG hearts.

This was the perfect winter to research
and write reports on blizzards.



MRS. SHERECK'S 3RD & 4TH GRADE



We topped off our September apple unit by
learning to bake apple crisp.



We had fun with High School ASL students
from Great Western Network.





Kale Smith

Teaching *Middle School* is an adventure,
not a job. - Angela K. Bennett, author



Mrs. Palmer



NDSD Collection Expansion

A few years ago, the [State Library](#) (NDSL) formed a digital collection partnership with its sister agency, the [School for the Deaf](#) (NDSD). The [Digital Initiatives Department](#) at NDSL focused on digitizing the school's newsletters and making them publicly available on Digital Horizons. The *Banner*, the official newsletter of NDSD, was first published in 1891, and it is still published today. This digital collection was called the 'North Dakota School for the Deaf Banner.'

Several months ago, NDSL and NDSD decided to expand their collection partnership. The school has such a rich history, dating back to the 1890s, that it seemed appropriate to include more than just newsletters.

The expansion is not yet complete, but several updates have already been made. First and foremost, the name of the collection was changed. 'Banner' was dropped from the title to reflect a broader name: the 'North Dakota School for the Deaf' collection.

The *Banner* newsletters are still a core part of the collection. All issues of the *Banner* have been uploaded and are text searchable. But, other documents, such as the school's trustee minutes and biennial reports, have also been added. Currently, the collection has biennial reports from 1890 to 2019. The collection also has registration ledgers from 1890 to 1933 that include information on the first 600 students who attended the school.

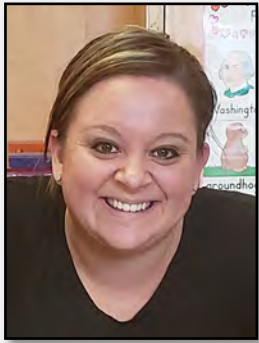
Images now make up a large portion of the collection. These images include buildings, classrooms, sports, graduating classes, superintendents, and many more themes relating to the school. Hundreds more images will be added in the future.

The collection includes newsletters, biennial reports, photographs, videos, objects, and documents relating to NDSD since its inception in the 1890s to the present. Consult the [collection's finding aid](#) to learn more about it and the school, or start exploring the collection by going directly to [Digital Horizons](#).



To view *The North Dakota School for the Deaf Collection*, go to:

<http://digitalhorizonsonline.org/digital/collection/p16921coll12>



Nurse Tracy

Health Services

By Tracy Vilandre, Director of Health Services

Health Services has so much to be thankful for this year. We are thankful that our students have been able to be on campus and in person learning. We are thankful to be ending the school year with



students who are healthy and have shown immense growth not only in their height but in their education as well. We are thankful for the care and the work that Nurse Lezlee has provided to health services over her last 15 years and congratulate her on her retirement. Most of all, we are thankful for an amazing work and school environment that we get to be a part of and look forward to many more years of helping students be healthy, safe and ready to learn.



Attendance Heroes



Good attendance was a primary goal this school year. Each month, students with exemplary attendance were given special recognition.



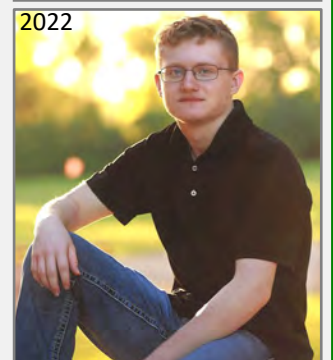
An NDSD Success Story

Collin Rude attended NDSD through 8th grade, and spent 2 years at Devils Lake High School. When his family moved to Starkweather, ND, Collin became somewhat of a celebrity with the school's youngest students and was a big help to their teachers. Collin graduated from Starkweather HS in May and is enrolled for fall classes in the Auto Mechanics program at LRSC.

Congratulations, Collin!



2010



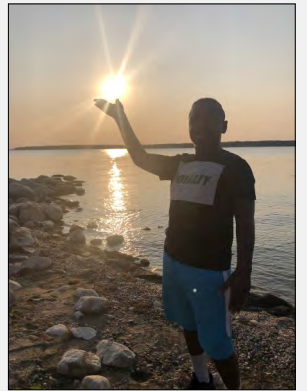
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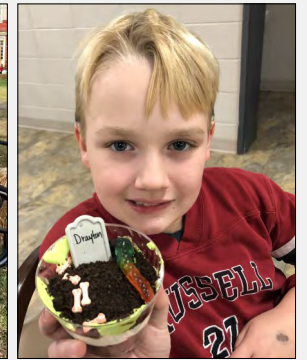
Enjoying the DLHS production of "Mary Poppins Jr." at LRSC.



Dorm



HALLOWEEN 2021 FUN!



Learning about the Devils Lake Search and Rescue.



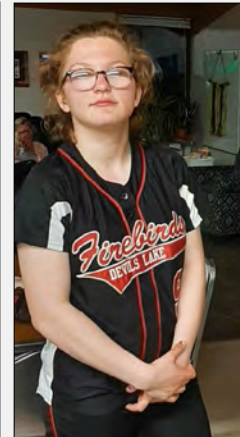
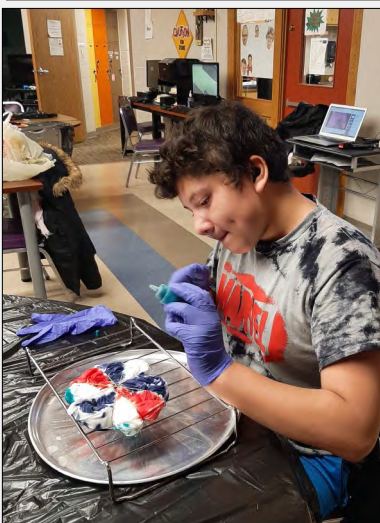
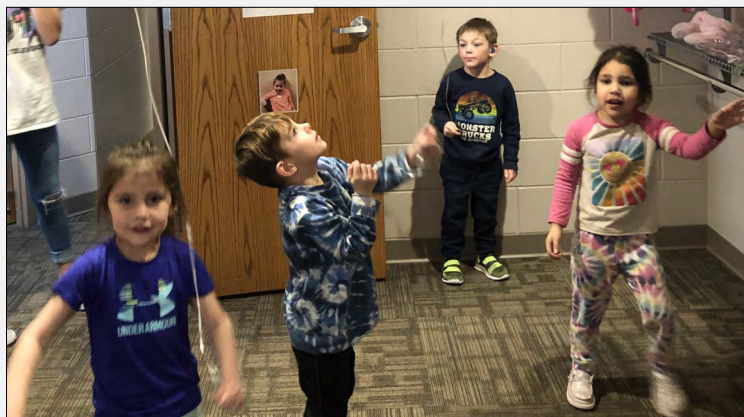
Giving back to the community during the holiday season.



New friends



Life



Some of the dorm students were involved in extracurricular activities . We're so proud of you!



2021-2022 Residential counselors from left to right:

Corene Dockter,
Sabrina Schmitz, *Director of Student Life,*
Allison Hoff,
LPN Lezlee Thorson, *evening nurse,*
Stephanie Crowell-Goeser,
and Patty Cote.

Not pictured: **Suzanne Legacie,** *nightwatch.*



Employee Recognition

25 Years



Linda Ehlers



Wendy Palmer



Pam Smith, *Retiree*



Sabrina Schmitz

24 Years

20 Years

15 Years

10 Years



Nicole Swartwout



Lezlee Thorson, *Retiree*



Cindy Lee



Kristen Vetter

8 Years

5 Years



Dr. Connie Hovendick, *Retiree*



Emily Anderson



Dawn Sauvageau



Lana Zimbelman

STUDENT PROMOTIONS



Students performed "Dive into Summer" with Baby Shark and synchronized 'swimming'.



35 years of summer camps

By Linda Ehlers

This is the 35th anniversary of the summer camp sponsored by the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center. The camp brings together students with differentiated hearing, age 7 to graduation, from across the state to meet and spend time with peers like themselves. It was held June 13-17, 2022, at the Triangle YMCA Camp near Garrison, ND.

The theme this year was “Camp B&B: Birds and Bugs,” Cold, rainy and windy weather was endured, but the campers enjoyed a variety of typical recreational events such as watersports, climbing the 50 foot tower, horseback riding, archery, rifle shooting, a dance, s’mores, and arts and crafts. They also spent an afternoon at the Raging Rivers Waterpark in Mandan.



Back Row: Jake, Jonathan, Kodee, Cindy Mays (counselor), Payton, Haley Klefstad (counselor), Sarah Montecuolo (counselor), Jaylee Anderson (counselor-in-training)

Middle row: Linda Ehlers (Director). Katherine, Sophia, Kinley, Elizabeth, Jordan, Amber Gray (counselor)

Front row: Paul, Grace, Bailey, Kinleigh, Hunter, and Drayton



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