

North Dakota School For the Deaf

Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

"A School Without Walls"

BANNER



Burton Driggs Pond NDSD

Julie Behles

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

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North Dakota School for the Deaf Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Mission

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.

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Superintendent's Update



Greetings from the Superintendent

Dr. Connie Hovendick

The North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing has been an exciting place to be during the 2017-2018 school year. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the great dedicated staff. We are working hard on goals for our strategic plan which are to:

- become a model school of the deaf on campus,
- become a Resource/Outreach Center for individuals with hearing loss from birth to 21,
- become a Resource/Outreach Center for adults with hearing loss from age 21 to death,
- recruit and hire highly qualified staff for the programs at the NDSD/Resource Center.

The model school completed the accreditation process this year through AdvancEd and received a positive report. The AdvancEd team was impressed with the education that students are receiving at the NDSD Model School. I want to thank all the parents and stakeholders who completed surveys and participated in interviews that helped the team to understand what the school does. We will be making new goals in the fall to reflect the recommendation from AdvancEd, "to share information about the school with stakeholders across the state".

The outreach programs have also had a busy year. The Parent Infant Program and School Age Outreach directed a very successful summer camp for 17 students from across North Dakota at the YMCA Camp at Garrison. Students enjoy meeting and developing relationships with other children with similar hearing losses. They are always sad to see the camp come to an end.

The Adult Outreach Program was showcased in the Rural Electric newsletter and subsequently received over 50 new referrals in one month. This has kept them busy, but it is very rewarding to provide services to so many individuals in their homes across North Dakota.

I anticipate that our programs will continue to provide high quality services to all individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing during the 2018-2019 school year.

Dr. Connie Hovendick

2017-2018 NDSD/RCDHH Employees

Dr. Connie Hovendick, Superintendent

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Dennis Lassig

Dual Sensory Project

Sherri Nelson

Lifeguards

Alivia McCarthy
Addisyn Meyer

**Department Manager*



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



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Welcome New Staff



Hi all! My name is **Zoe Rice** and I am joining the interpreting team here at NDSD/RCDHH. I am originally from Minnesota, but have lived in North Dakota since graduating high school.

I went to LRSC to complete the Interpreter Training Program and am very excited to be here working for NDSD/RCDHH. I love working with such a great variety of people and students and am enjoying all these new experiences!

Dawn Sauvageau is an Adult Outreach Hearing Specialist who holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a minor in Multicultural Studies. Dawn has also taken graduate courses at North Dakota State University in Gerontology. Dawn has worked with older adults in a variety of settings including long-term care, assisted living and independent living. Dawn has also provided case management to individuals who had experienced disaster related events and to individuals receiving public assistance.



Dawn has 2 grown children and 2 fur babies. When she is not working, Dawn loves spending time outside, gardening, reading and traveling.



Hello! My name is **Jeff Huber**, the new guy in the kitchen. I have lived in Devils Lake most of my life. I spent the last 35 years owning and managing *Mr. & Mrs. J's* and *The Old Main* restaurants.

My wife, Brenda, and I have three children and six grandchildren. (#7 is on the way) They keep us very busy and we love it.

I am enjoying working here at NDSD/RCDHH. Everyone has been great to work with and I like the change from the restaurants.

Welcome New Staff



Hi. My name is **Lana Zimbelman** and I'm excited to join the Parent-Infant/School-Age Outreach team at NDSD/RCDHH.

I graduated from Minot State University eons ago with a Bachelor of Science in Education. I double majored in Deaf Education and Elementary Education. I have worked in Manitoba, North Dakota and Alaska in public schools and various non-profit organizations. Most of my career has involved working in a classroom but I have spent time as an outreach provider as well.

I am interested in how people learn and in continuing to develop my sign language skills. I love reading, am addicted to jigsaw puzzles, and can occasionally be found at my art desk working with graphite, charcoal or ink. My husband, Garth, and I have a son named Joseph who is 12.

My name is **Lynette Smith** and I am a Direct Care Associate at NDSD/RCDHH, currently working on night watch.

I made a major life change just over 2 years ago, moving to Devils Lake from Moorhead, MN, to be with my daughter and her family. I grew up in St. Thomas, ND, but raised my daughter in Moorhead. I enjoy spending time with my family, including 2 wonderful grandsons!. I like to crochet, read, and ride motorcycle.

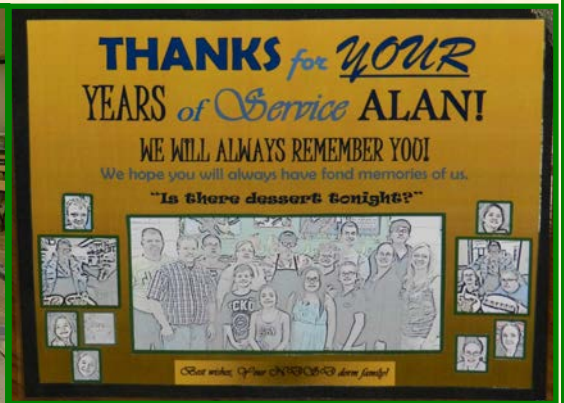


Many thanks to Deborah Quiring (left) for working in Health Services while Nurse Tracy was on maternity leave, and to Cindy Mays (right) for helping in the Pre-K classroom.





Staff take a break from pre-service trainings to witness the solar eclipse.



ALAN BURKHOLDER RETIRES SEPTEMBER 8, 2017

Alan Burkholder worked at NDSD/RCDHH for 13 years in food service and transportation. Following an exceptionally pleasant summer, Alan decided it was time to retire and enjoy life.

Alan was born and raised in Indiana and later worked for the Alaska Game & Fish Dept. However, it is rural Starkweather, ND, that he will always call 'home'. Alan plans to do lots of camping, hunting, home repair and gardening. During some of the winter months, he may visit family in Alabama and explore southern waters on his kayak.

Alan remarks on how he has enjoyed his time at NDSD and is excited to embark on this new chapter of his life. We wish Alan all the best and hope he stops to visit from time to time.

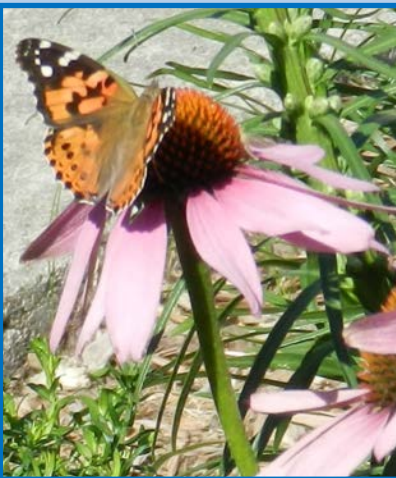
Pollinator Garden

9-6-17

It is the goal of the ND Extension Office to plant a pollinator garden in every county of the state. Lucky for us, master gardeners Celeste Ertelt and Christine Blanchfield selected our campus for this important project.



The purpose of this mission is to protect native bees and insects whose numbers are seriously declining, largely due to use of pesticides.



NDSD/RCDHH Model School Improvement Plan

November 2016



Model School Goals

1. Teachers identify indicators of student learning and growth to measure development of the whole child.

Objective 1. All curriculum will be based on the state standards. The standards will be prioritized for the most important 10-12 standards that will be taught to proficiency.

Objective 2. Each class will have a yearly scope and sequence that will assist teachers with weekly lesson plans.

Objective 3. Teachers will be given common planning time when possible to develop curriculum and review standards.

Objective 4. Teachers will use data to make instructional decisions for students in weekly PLC meetings.

2. Students will achieve to the best of their ability a full repertoire of linguistic and communication competencies in use at their disposal in interactions with both deaf and hearing people.

Objective 1. Students will increase their vocabulary with new words presented weekly and reinforced in all classrooms through sign and oral expression.

Objective 2. Students will increase written and expressive communication in using phrases and sentences involving many different language structures. (following language curriculum)

Objective 3. Students will develop auditory skills progressing through the stages of auditory development detection, discrimination, identification/recognition and comprehension. (following SPICE curriculum)

Objective 4. Students will become familiar with interpreters in classrooms, large settings and electronically (IPads).

3. The Model School will be used as a training site for teachers, interpreters, nurses and others throughout the year.

Objective 1. There is an open invitation to the colleges in the state to bring students to observe and interact with the students at NDSD/RCDHH.

Objective 2. The interpreter classes at LRSC and MSU will bring students to the school as a training site for interpreting experience.

Objective 3. Teachers, parents, and others will be invited to observe the classes and other school activities.



Celebrate AdvancEd Report

- ♦ The North Dakota School for the Deaf has established a positive caring culture while focusing on its essential belief: “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.”
- ♦ Parents and teachers report appreciation for the support from administration.
- ♦ Students and parents express pride in the committed and passionate teachers.
- ♦ Instructional staff share a sense of gratitude for the numerous leadership-building opportunities available to them as teacher leaders.
- ♦ The school has expanded and redefined its scope of service to meet the changing needs of its students and community.
- ♦ Services consist of direct service to enrolled students, integration when programming with DLPS, and provide assistive and outreach services across the state of North Dakota.
- ♦ Statewide trainings offer opportunities for deaf awareness and intervention services in remote areas to ensure that all community members have equitable access to assistive technologies.
- ♦ Care is designed to ensure that early identification and intervention, as well as aged care, is provided to clients across the state.
- ♦ Collaboration is the strength of the school. All stakeholder groups expressed a deep appreciation for the instruction and service provided by the school and staff.
- ♦ While the Team noted internal successes and mechanisms for engagement and communication, external stakeholders could be engaged at a higher level to help drive mission and purpose through the development of a communication plan. This plan will bring clarity, focus and intentionality to the mission statement, as the institution expands its umbrella of impact across the state.

NDS D/RCDHH

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember."



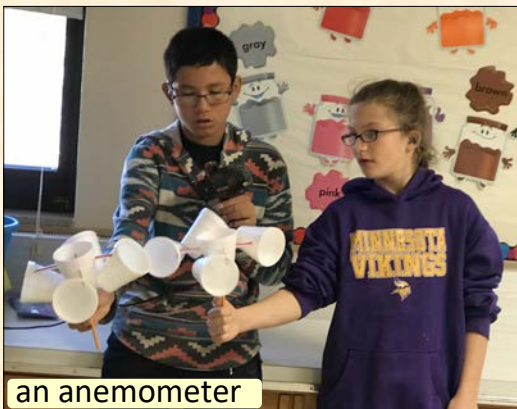
learning about North Dakota counties with a puzzle



testing our weather vanes



habitat dioramas



an anemometer



homemade thermometer



using technology to learn math facts



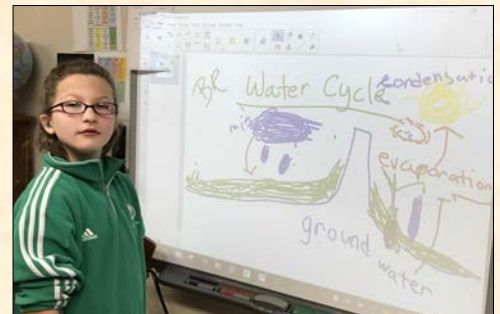
horticulture



Auditory Training



learning language playing a fun game



illustrating the water cycle

MODEL SCHOOL

"Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin



wind
erosion



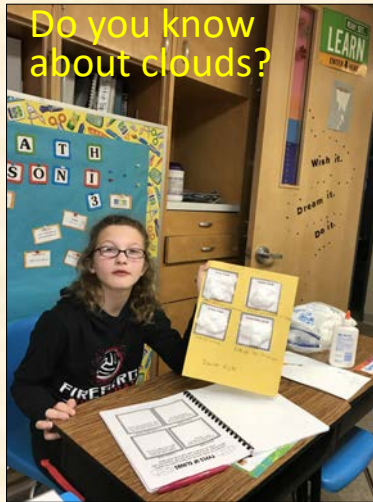
close look at animal pelts



homespun rain gauges



water
weathering



Do you know
about clouds?



all about apples



inside an
amaryllis

Kinley and Landon are using manipulatives to learn place value in Mrs. Koth's class.





Deaf Awareness Week

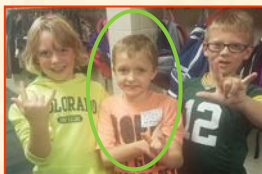
September 24-30, 2017

Full Inclusion with Sign Language!



NDSD students presented **All About Me** charts, books and slideshows. They talked about their families, favorite things and included information on their hearing losses and the hearing devices they use.

Each day of DAW, mainstream students shared deaf awareness stickers with their hearing classmates and taught them some sign language.





Deaf Awareness Week

SPECIAL EVENTS

American School for the Deaf (ASD)
was established in 1817.
It was the very first deaf school in America.



ASD - 1817



ASD - 2017



School historian, Lilia Bakken, composed and displayed a PowerPoint presentation on the First American School for the Deaf, otherwise referred to as Mother School, in honor of its 200th anniversary.

How old is
North Dakota School for the Deaf?



NDS - 1890

2017
- 1890
127 years old!



NDS - 2017

Did you know that almost every state
has its own School for the Deaf?



Founders



NDS
Anson Spear
Deaf man
32 years old
Established School for the
Deaf in North Dakota.



ASD
Laurent Clerc
Deaf man
32 years old
Established the School for
the Deaf in Connecticut.



FRIENDS OF THE DEAF MISSION—Lisa Ginther, LRSC ASL Interpreting Studies Program Coordinator, and Pastor Michael Jarrett recently returned from a mission to Cameroon, Africa, where they are working to establish a school for deaf children. Dressed in African clothing, Lisa and Pastor Michael showed pictures from their trip, talked about conditions and culture for these deaf children, displayed many pieces of African art and even brought samples of typical foods from the region.



BANNER FLASHBACK

1945

John A. DeLance, Poet and Patriot

Submitted by Lilia Bakken

John DeLance, graduated from the North Dakota School for the Deaf in 1915. During World War II, John was noted for being the only deaf commissioned officer in the U.S. Army. This is an unusual feat because deaf people were not permitted to join the military. During the war, John was wounded and was awarded a Purple Heart. Nick Braunagel, former classmate and friend of John's (and editor of the **Banner**), was proud of his friend and his accomplishments. Nick dedicated an entire issue of the **Banner** in honor of John and his heroic service to our country.

Following are some short excerpts taken from the **Banner**, 1945:

Dr. J. W. Blattner, Superintendent at the ND School for the Deaf (1912 to 1915) wrote: My friend and former pupil, Nick Braunagel, asked me to submit an article in commendation for John DeLance, that noted deaf mechanical genius, poet, self-advanced scholar, intrepid hero and patriot. The army needed a welder to lay a pipeline up a dangerous, snow-covered mountain to bring down melted snow to supply drinking water for the army's soldiers. So that he might be 'the boss in the job' and give orders to soldiers, it was expedient that 'Deaf John' be made an officer. Thus John DeLance attained the distinction of being the only known commissioned deaf army officer in the history of our country. It is doubtful that the officer who read the *Oath of Allegiance* was aware that John could not hear.

John J. McNeill, minister, wrote: John is of that breed of men who are not afraid to go out and get things done. His pioneering spirit played a large part toward his being selected as one of the original "Alaska Scouts" that quickly organized a band of rough and ready soldiers who did so much to pave the way for our speedy recovery of Attu and Kiska Islands in the Aleutians in 1943. It would be well for the younger generation of deaf people to take stock of the fact that the pioneering spirit of America is not yet dead.

Winfield Scott Runde, a former teacher of John's at NDSD, wrote: War came. John laid aside his pen, donned the uniform of a soldier, went forth with stout heart to the bleak Attu, endured danger, privations, accomplished a he-man's job and finally returned home a hero worthy to be placed among the bravest of the brave. The hope of the nation rests with such brave hearts. We are proud of our own Johnny who grew up and by his work and deeds earned the acclaim of men.

The ND State Library is in the process of digitalizing (scanning and uploading) all of the **Banners** from 1891 to present.

September at Home

By John A. DeLance

I will not be with you to see
September go this year.
Will miss the wild geese overhead,
Outlined sharp and clear.

Returned from my mission,
Tired at end of day,
I long for September's golden days,
Half the world away.

To read more about John and his accomplishments and to read some of the poetry John wrote, go to [https://](https://cdm16921.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16921coll12)

cdm16921.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16921coll12 and search the **Banner**, February, 1946, Vol. 55, Number 5.



First Lieut. John A. DeLance



Sherri Nelson

retiring from NDSD/RCDHH after 28 years of service

By Pam Smith

Sherri began her remarkable career at Minot State University where she received a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Speech Pathology. She later attended graduate school at the University of Washington in Seattle, earning her Master's degree in Audiology, with certifications in Pediatric and Clinical Audiology.

Sherri was first employed at NDSD in 1985, hired as the audiologist. She returned to the private sector and worked as an audiologist for six ENTs and in a Cochlear Implant program in Portland, Oregon. She moved to Minneapolis and worked at the Park Nicolette Clinic as an audiologist, focusing on patient care, as well as participating in an Otitis Media research study.

In 1990, Sherri returned to Devils Lake, and served as the Parent/Infant Outreach Coordinator for several years. During that time, she also worked summer camps, committees, and security. Her beloved daughter, Annie, who passed away in infancy from Trisomy 13, was Sherri's inspiration to work in the Deaf-Blind world. For the past 12 years, she has been the Coordinator of the Dual Sensory (Deaf-Blind) Project for North Dakota. Sherri was also a 4-year team member on the ND Pepnet Team, a nationwide project whose mission was to improve the transition of Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or Deaf-Blind students from high school to secondary pursuits. She has been co-facilitating the *Open Hands Open Access* Deaf-Blind Training modules for the Dakota Cohort, along with Rose Moehring from the South Dakota Deaf-Blind Project, which has provided high quality Deaf-Blind training to more than 380 educators. Sherri has found this work to be a highlight of her career.

Sherri recently completed a second Master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education. For the past nine years, she has held a second job, working for the Right Track programs in Grand Forks and Fargo, screening infants for developmental delays.

As her big sister and NDSD co-worker, I am so very proud of the difference Sherri has made in the lives of North Dakota children who are Deaf-Blind, as well as the families and agencies with whom she has collaborated over the years. She will be missed!

Although retiring from NDSD, Sherri is not retiring from work. She is going back to her first love—early intervention work at the Anne Carlson Center in Fargo.

In her spare time, Sherri enjoys spending time with her family: Matthew, an NDSD alum, and his wife Tania; Kelsey, an elementary school teacher in Minnesota, and her husband Tyler; Sydney, who will be a junior in high school next fall; and her three precious granddaughters, Brynley, Raemi, and Brielle. Sherri is looking forward to the birth of her fourth grandchild--another girl--in late summer.

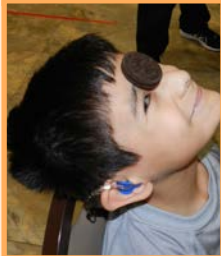


Best wishes, Sherri !



Happy Halloween

Instead of a traditional Halloween party, and in keeping with the school **Wellness Policy**, High School students facilitated games for the younger ones. Each game was an exercise in movement, balance, and skill.



FACE THE COOKIE
BALLOON RACE
YOGA BENDER
PUMPKIN BALANCE
CANDY CORN DIP



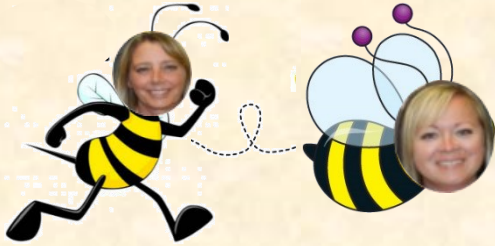
Fire Prevention Week October 8-14



Dickinson State University students in the **Children With Exceptionalities** class paid a virtual visit to NDSD again this fall. These future teachers met with **NDSD Model School** educators to learn about strategies for teaching hearing impaired students in the mainstream. NDSD students featured their hearing equipment, including a Baha, cochlear implants and Roger receivers/microphones.



Nov. 2017



BUSY LIL' BEES!



Adult Outreach Services continues to expand across the state of North Dakota with the addition of our newest (and pretty awesome) staff member, Dawn Sauvageau, in Fargo, ND.

The Adult Outreach team is proud to have been highlighted in the *North Dakota Living* magazine that reaches more than 100,000 North Dakota residents:

“Those with hearing loss may often feel isolated, particularly in rural areas where resources may not be readily available. The N.D. School for the Deaf/ Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adult Outreach Services reach all North Dakotans with hearing loss.” (*North Dakota Living*, April 2018)

As a result of this article, we have received over 40 new client referrals. In addition to providing direct client services, we continue to focus on providing educational presentations as per our strategic plan goals, as well as facilitate group events.

Hearing Loss Resource Groups are held monthly in various cities across the state and are one of our most popular services. The meetings provide support and inform individuals on an array of topics related to hearing loss, while facilitating introductions and interactions between attendees. Some discussion topics include: noise and age-related hearing loss, tinnitus, ototoxic medications, latest-greatest in technology including assistive technology, communication tips, among others.

Local professionals working in the field of hearing loss and related programs are invited to present at meetings. The groups are open to anyone with a hearing loss, as well as their family members and friends. Resource groups have been established in Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Devils Lake, and Bismarck and have recently added Wahpeton, Valley City, and Minot.

In the upcoming year we look forward to increasing awareness of available services and expanding Adult Outreach across North Dakota.

Have a BEEEEEE-UTIFUL year!

Pam Smith, Kathy Frelich,
Dawn Sauvageau, and Kristen Vetter



'G' is for gingerbread



Superintendent Dr. Connie Hovendick took time from her busy schedule to read *The Gingerbread Boy* story to the children and brought them homemade gingerbread cookies to taste. Afterwards, Ms. Parker arranged for all the students to participate in decorating gingerbread houses. "G" is also for 'good'!

On December 14th, the NDSD elementary students & staff went on a field trip to Carrington to see the **Canadian Pacific Railroad Holiday Train**. The train makes scheduled stops in the US and Canada, collecting food and monetary donations to help restock local food banks, making sure people have access to healthy, nutritious food. Our school held a food drive to collect non-perishable items for this cause. At each stop, the side of the decorated train opens and musicians entertain the crowd for about 30 minutes. Just as the train opened up, huge snowflakes began to fall, making this a true ND holiday experience. The students loved to listen and dance to the live music.



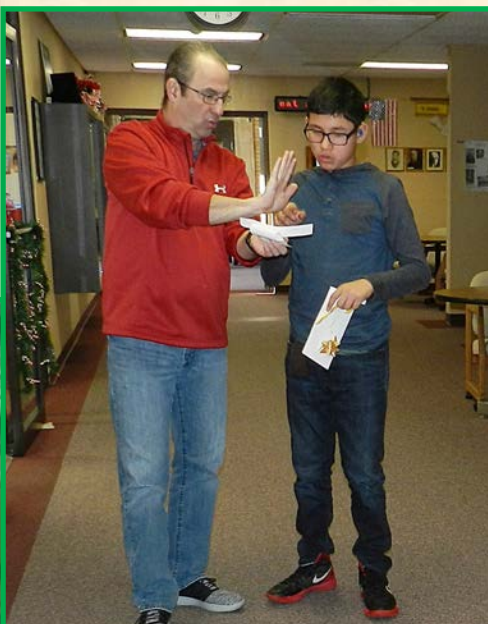


ALL IS MERRY

Staff and students enjoyed a holiday potluck lunch.



Students needed to decipher the clues of this literary scavenger hunt to find their gifts.



AND BRIGHT !



The **ND Friends of Deaf Children Foundation** donated monies for special stocking caps, bearing the iconic NDSD Bulldog. NDSD athletic teams officially became the **Bulldogs** during the 1932-1933 school year and the mascot remains to this day.

No Christmas celebration is complete without a visit from Santa.





Library Lines

Susan



NOVEL GROUP



Wonder, by R.J. Palacio, proved to be an excellent choice for the Novel Group. Parts of the story made us laugh and while other parts brought some to tears. Events and characters' situations led us to rich discussions. **Wonder** is based on the author's real life chance encounter and has inspired the CHOOSE KIND movement.



Imagination is more important than knowledge. Albert Einstein



Puking Pumpkin



Above: Indian bead/feather necklaces
Below: making and testing windsocks



construction



Library Lines, continued



Elementary students reenact a scene from the book, ***The Tea Party in the Woods*** by Akiko Miyakoshi



Book Donation
Sons of Norway
Heim Lodge 178

Once again, the ladies from the Sons of Norway treated us with a gift of lovely new books.



Dr. Seuss's Birthday



Dr. Seuss's birthday party included activities involving language, art, creativity, and physical skills.





Health Services

By Tracy Vilandre, RN, BSN
Director



Today's children grow up immersed in digital media, which has both positive and negative effects on healthy development. Technology can provide wonderful things and teach our children a great deal, but it can also have downsides. Screen time in excess can create a lifestyle of little or no physical activity and it may also interfere with social interactions.

This summer, I challenge all of you to choose sunshine over screen time. Allow yourselves, as a family, to unplug and get outdoors. Parents can play a big role in organizing a creative unplugged play time to allow social interactions, exploration and fresh air.

For more information on appropriate screen times, visit the **American Academy of Pediatrics** at **www.aap.org**.

Your NDSD/RCDHH Health Services team will continue to encourage healthy activity throughout the school year.





FIELD TRIPS

Dorm staff and students visit the
Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot, ND.



May 15, 2018



Students and education staff enjoyed an ideal afternoon at
the lake, practically in our own back yard.

Woodland Resort
Creel Bay
Devils Lake, ND

May 22, 2018



DORM LIFE



We love birthdays around here!
Thanks, families, for sending ~~ME~~ us treats.



projects and patience, we are good at!



volunteering or playing?



We love planning holidays almost as much as we love eating!

When you give a kid a selfie stick...





Students love to learn new recipes and try new foods.



Santa treats us well if we behave !



serving their time before Christmas

Shane completes
Hunter Safety.
BEWARE, BUCKS !



It was all fun and games till the police came.

NDSD/RCDHH SERVICE AWARDS



Cindy Schneider Nancy Trottier



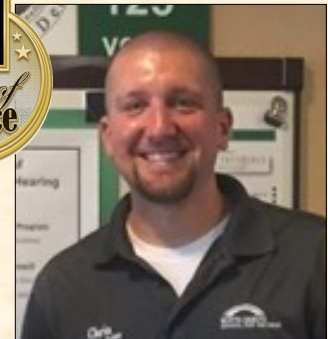
Pam Smith



Shelly Laverdure



Michael Loff



Chris Eckes



Timber Schwab Erik Hoeltl



Amber Schell



Lindsey Solberg-Herbal



Doug Anvik



Kathy Frelich



Turi Hanson



Suzanne Legacie



Tracy Vilandre

STUDENT RECOGNITION

MAY 24, 2018



Pre K



Elementary



Middle School



State Reading Certificates



Collin
graduates
8th grade



2005

Congratulations, Julie!

By Lilia Bakken



2018

On Sunday, May 27, 2018,
Julie Behles graduated from Devils
Lake High School. It is a bit unusual,
because Julie is not from Devils Lake;

she and her family are from Garrison, ND. However, when Julie started school in Garrison at age five, her severe hearing loss prevented her from understanding much of what was being taught. Her parents considered other educational programs that might be more beneficial for their deaf daughter. When Julie was 8 years old, her parents decided to enroll her in the North Dakota School for the Deaf (NDSD) and she has been attending school in Devils Lake ever since.

Julie remembers back to the fall of 2005 and her first day at NDSD. "I was a little girl and when I arrived, I felt nervous. There were so many new faces," she signed, "and many of the people were using sign language that I didn't understand." Fortunately, Julie adapted quickly to her new school and she soon felt comfortable in the sign language environment. Julie was able to communicate easily with other deaf students and learning became accessible to her. Even though her weekend drives back and forth from Garrison to Devils Lake were long, the school years passed quickly.

One of Julie's most vivid memories of attending NDSD was when the high school department closed and NDSD students had to attend high school elsewhere. Julie signed, "It made me feel a little sad when NDSD's high school closed". Julie graduated from 8th grade at NDSD and then decided to continue living in the campus dorm while attending high school in Devils Lake. The two schools are located near each other so Julie could walk back and forth from the dorm to the high school each day. Her decision to stay in the NDSD dorm while attending DLHS allowed her to take advantage of the support services that NDSD staff members (interpreters, resource room teachers and dorm counselors) could provide while she remained a dorm resident.

Julie said, "I've met a lot of new friends at Devils Lake High School and I helped to teach them sign language. I am excited about graduating but I will miss my friends at DLHS and at NDSD."

Julie's plans for the future include attending Lake Region State College in Devils Lake. She hopes to pursue a career as a teacher's aide because she enjoys working in the school setting. Her goal is to work with students who have disabilities. Good luck to Julie!

Splash Camp 2018



Triangle YMCA
Garrison, North Dakota
June 11-15, 2018



DIGITAL HORIZONS

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