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DUNKERTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“Empowering students to be life-long learners and caring, responsible citizens.”

Welcome Back

By James Stanton, Superintendent

SCHOOL STARTS ON AUGUST 23!!! I hope you are ready because we are!!

Welcome everyone to the 2016 – 2017 school year. Welcome back to those students, community members, and staff that are returning, and welcome to the Dunkerton Teaching and Learning Community to those students, staff, and community members that will be new to the system. For those of you that are new, I can relate to the nervousness and awkwardness that comes with being the “new kid in town”, as I am also in your shoes as I embark on the new endeavor of being a shared Superintendent with Wapsie Valley. I must share that all those that I have met in my new surroundings at Wapsie Valley so far have been extremely friendly and helpful, as I am sure you will find the students, staff, and community to be here in Dunkerton.

One of the most encouraging things that I have witnessed in my past 8 years here is the passion that you all possess for education at Dunkerton Schools and how you all make the learning environment one of creating world class opportunities for your students. I feel that you truly believe in and strive to accomplish the mission statement of your district, which is “Empowering Students to be Lifelong Learners, and Caring, Responsible Citizens”. But I also get the sense that you want to

go beyond mere learning and towards creating opportunities that will allow your students to become competitive in the world market place and comfortable in a global economy. Nobody can predict what the wave of the future will be. Who knew 40 years ago that we would all be carrying cellular phones and be so dependent upon technology and the internet? We had never even heard of those things 40 years ago, and now they are the most dominant features of our society. If we have learned nothing else from history, we have certainly learned that we cannot predict the future and what it holds for our children. Knowing that, schools must prepare students to not only be proficient in the 3 R’s, but to also become proficient problem solvers and adults who can adapt to the ever changing world.

I am looking forward to another great year and working with each and every one of you. My email is jstanton@dunkerton.k12.ia.us and the office number is 319-822-4295. Thanks to everyone for all that you do to make Dunkerton Schools a happy and safe place for our kids to go to school every day and to our taxpayers for making it all possible. We couldn’t do it without you.

Stay in touch,
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Important Dates

August 23: 1st Day of School/Early Dismissal

August 24: Early Dismissal/Staff In-Service

August 29: 1st Day of Preschool

September 5: Labor Day/No School

September 7: Early Dismissal/Staff In-Service

Upcoming Activities to Note

August 25: 1st VB game vs Hudson/GMG

August 26: 1st FB game @ Clarksville

August 30: 1st CC meet @ Oelwein

September 8: Hosting Dunkerton CC meet @ Wapsie Ridge Golf Course

October 14: Homecoming Game

October 15: Craft Show

National Honor Society

Powderpuff Football 2016

Powderpuff Football will take place Sunday, October 9 at 2 pm. This event, sponsored by the Dunkerton National Honor Society, will kick off Homecoming Week 2016. Admission will be \$2 at the gate, with all proceeds helping to support NHS service projects throughout the year. Come cheer on the high school girls playing football and their coaches at the Dunkerton High School football field. We hope to see you Sunday, October 9 at 2pm!

Backpack Program

Dunkerton will be expanding the Backpack Program to grades K-12 this school year. Grades K-6 participated in this program last year, but it will now include middle school and high school this year. The Backpack Program is run through Northeast Iowa Food Bank and provides food for kids from families who are in need that is shelf stable, kid friendly, and healthy. If you would like your child or children to take part in the program, obtain a form from the elementary school or high school office, complete it, and return it to Brian Smith, the elementary guidance counselor, at any point in the school year.

You can also get more information here: <http://www.northeastiowafoodbank.org/Programs/BackPack%20Program.aspx>



School Supplies Donation

When Lindsay Messerer and her husband Mike started their own business selling LuLaRoe clothing, they also started another tradition. Making a donation to a local charity based upon their sales at that particular event, they call it the "Fashion Compassion Project". At their last event, which was held at The Electric Park Ballroom, they decided to make their charity be a local school. The winning school was selected by having customers who made a purchase put the names of their schools into the drawing. The winning school of the drawing would receive \$1 for every purchase made, and the local sales team brought in bags of school supplies to give to the winning school also. The winner of this particular event was Dunkerton Community Schools!!! Lindsay contacted Superintendent Jim Stanton on Wednesday, and they delivered the check and all the school supplies on Friday (See picture of the Messerer Family presenting Superintendent Stanton with check and supplies.). Mr. Stanton was absolutely amazed by the generous donation and the amount of supplies that had been donated. Mr. Stanton states that the supplies will be put to good use as many of our families struggle to be able to afford school supplies. He also states that this program will help to supplement the program started by the Nesbit family a few years ago following the passing of long-time school employee and bus driver Barb Nesbit. It will also help to relieve some of the burden on teachers, many of whom supply their students with school supplies. Dunkerton Community Schools would like to thank the LuLaRoe team for their generous donation of school supplies, Mary Lyons for entering Dunkerton Schools in the drawing, and mostly The Messerer Family for stating the "Fashion Compassion Project". Also pictured is the lunch table loaded with school supplies.

2016 Dunkerton FALL CRAFT SALE

ADMISSION \$1 OCTOBER 15th

9am-2pm AT THE SCHOOL

LARGE VARIETY OF CRAFTERS

TASTY HOMEMADE PIES AND SOUPS

Email Julie Behrens, Committee Chair, for vendor and other related information. juliebehrens@yahoo.com

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NEW STAFF

Ms. Schipper

Ms. Schipper is our new kindergarten teacher. This will be her first year of teaching. She graduated high school from Dike-New Hartford and got her teaching degree from UNI. Her interests include running, being outside, and spending time with friends and family. Her son, Kellan, is 3 years old and will be starting pre-k here at Dunkerton this year.

Ms. Eastman

Ms. Eastman is starting her first year of teaching as our new 1st grade teacher. She went to high school at Waterloo Christian School and went on to graduate from UNI. Ms. Eastman is excited to join the Dunkerton team and Raider Nation. She is also classically trained in vocal music and enjoys singing in an area choir.

Ms. McIntosh

Ms. McIntosh is joining our team as the new 2nd grade teacher. This will be her 5th year of teaching. She graduated from Jesup High School and then went on to get her degree at UNI. Her family includes her husband, Lyle, and her children, Elsie, Lane, Laycie, and Mallorie. Ms. McIntosh is looking forward to having an impact on education here.

Ms. Mills

Ms. Mills will be our special education teacher, focusing on the functional class for grades 6-12. She has two years of teaching experience in the middle grades. Ms. Mills went to high school in Fargo, North Dakota and graduated from Upper Iowa University. She is married to Andy and has four children, Sam, Joe, Noel, and Nick. She is ready to be a Raider!

Ms. Opheim

Ms. Opheim is our new middle school special education teacher. This year will be her first year of teaching. She graduated high school from City High in Iowa City and got her teaching degree from UNI. She enjoys watching and participating in sports, baking, and spending time with family.

Ms. Fossum

Ms. Fossum is joining the Raider Nation as our high school math teacher. As a first year teacher, she is excited to start her career at Dunkerton. She went to high school in Stoughton, Wisconsin and graduated from Wartburg College. Her hobbies include photography, painting, attending concerts, tennis, movies, reading, music, and camping.

Ms. Lanphier

Ms. Lanphier is beginning her first year of teaching as our high school science teacher. She graduated high school from Eddyville-Blakesburg and went on to earn her degree from William Penn University. She is married to her husband, Tyler, and spends her time fishing, reading, shopping, and spending time with family and friends.

Ms. Ung

Ms. Ung is beginning her sixth year of teaching here at Dunkerton. She is our new 2-4 special education teacher this year. Ms. Ung graduated high school from Decorah and went to UNI for her degree. She enjoys biking, hiking, and watching movies on a rainy day. She just married Justin right before school started!