



SOLON SPRINGS

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SOLON SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

EAGLE FLYER – JUNE/JULY 2023 NO. 3

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Front Row (L to R): Marianne Lear, Isabel Motina, Gretchen Hammond, Kaya Evans, Ava Dailey, Carson Kaunonen, Heath Hoyt, Brendon Clark, Loreena Trump
Back Row (L to R): Colton Lane-Koehler, Marissa Windsor, Trey Carter, Caiden Cimermanic, Glo Allen, Zoe Smith, Claire Holmstrom, Bailey Monson, Kyra Latvala



On Tuesday, May 9th, three of our middle schoolers from Eagles Academy shared their learning about Sugarbush Harvesting with our 4th grade students in the library. Some of the things they learned were how to identify maple trees by the bark, leaves, and buds, how to tap the trees via a live demonstration, and how the boiling process works to create syrup. After the presentation, all of the students enjoyed homemade maple syrup on top of ice cream!



Winners in Local Art Competition

The 4th through 8th grade students participated in the Northwoods' Invasive Species Poster contest. We had several winners! Congratulations to Sabrina Glassmaker in 6th grade who won 3rd place. There were 11 Honorable mentions, 4th grade: Haedyn Bialka, Tori Schriener and Brynlee Jacobson. 5th grade: Madilynn Zdyb, Jeremiah Tyson and Michael Priem. 6th grade: Addison McCuskey and Allette Guttormson. 7th/8th grade: Halle Johnson, Madison Jacobs and William Lane. There were 10 Slogan winners, 4th grade: Mila Breitzman and Brooklyn Denham. 5th grade: Conner Benson and Jeremiah Tyson. 7th/8th grade: Brody Hankins and Penelope Burfield. I am so proud of my students, they did fantastic work! – Mrs. Semborski



DID YOU KNOW?

Solon Springs School District offers a 7 week Summer School Program for students in PK through grade 12! For more information, please contact: Julie Fromm jfromm@solonk12.net

Mark Your Calendar: SUMMER SCHOOL DATES!!!

Session 1: June 12-23 Session 3: July 24 – August 4
Session 2: July 3-14 Session 4: August 14-18

See the school website for summer school brochures or contact Julie Fromm at: jfromm@solonk12.net

Solon Springs School District proudly offers a variety of educational choices to our students and families. We truly are... *STRONGER TOGETHER!*

**ALTERNATE OPEN ENROLLMENT WINDOW:
OPENS JULY 1**



LEGACY

A cornerstone educational opportunity in the District with a well defined scope and sequence and highly instructed methods of learning.

Serving students in grades PK-12



LEGACY
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

MONTESSORI

This time-tested educational opportunity provides a hands-on, flexible, follow the child approach to learning where all students are valued and is responsive to individuals and families.

Serving students in Children's House- E2 (PK-6)



MONTESSORI
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



VIRTUAL

Virtual school serves self-directed learners who are seeking flexible, rigorous learning opportunities that are not bound by schedules or location.

Serving students in grades K- 12



VIRTUAL
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



EAGLES ACADEMY

At Eagles Academy, students learn through interdisciplinary projects, rooted in our community.

Serving students in middle and high school



EAGLES ACADEMY
SOLO SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLO SPRINGS

The mission of Solon Springs School District is to nurture and empower all learners.



Superintendent's Column

In case you were not aware, the Solon Springs community and school are special places! As an outsider who came here about seven years ago, I have come to love and appreciate the people who live and work here. Sometimes it is easy to overlook and assume that what happens in one's home town is just like everywhere else. That is not the case with the Solon Springs area.



*Frank Helquist
Superintendent*

For instance, one area that makes Solon Springs so unique is that while most schools throughout the state have declining enrollments, ours is up over 20% in the past 6 years or so. Currently we have 322 enrolled students. It is anticipated that in the fall over 330 students will call themselves Eagles! An ever increasing number of students are attending Solon Springs through Open Enrollment.

At the end of June, I will be retiring with many wonderful memories about being fortunate enough to work here. I continue to be amazed at how this is community supports people when needs arise. The volunteerism that is part of the community's DNA, makes all the difference in the world. Within the walls of the school, there are so many hard working and dedicated staff who see their work not as a job, but as a calling.

In July, Peter Hopke will be the new Superintendent, on a full-time basis. He was introduced to you in the April Eagle Flyer. I know that he is excited to be working here in the near future. Pete has been spending some time in the District trying to get a head start in his new role. Besides meeting with staff, he has also attended some School Board meetings.

One of the first things you will notice about Pete is his desire to connect with people in the community. He will be reaching out to the public and local leaders to learn more about Solon Springs and how the school can continue on its course to uniquely meet the needs of students.

With Pete being here full-time, you will find him to be an engaging person to connect with. Pete, as I did, will quickly catch on that the uniqueness of this community and school is so vital. I found these qualities to invigorate me many times!

As I leave, it is hard for me to express the deep level of thankfulness that I have about being able to work here. This has become a treasured place for me . . . and, I hope you appreciate the uniqueness of this area and continue to treasure it as well!

With thanks,

Frank Helquist

Solon Springs Superintendent



Solon Track Students Compete at State!

What a great season for the Solon/Northwood Track and Field team! Three students from Solon qualified for the 2023 WIAA State Track and Field Championship and it was a hot one!!

Isaac Dickenson (grade 10) raced in the 3200M with a time of 10:05 and earned 8th place. On Saturday, he raced in the 1600M with a PR time of 04:31.33 and earned 11th place overall in Division 3. Congrats, Ike!



Cade Lisson (grade 10) ran Friday and moved onto the finals on Saturday. Cade raced in the 400M with a time of 51.62 seconds and earned 8th place overall. Congrats, Cade!



Dylan Taggart (grade 11) ran the 800M with a time of 01:59.12 and earned a spot on the podium at 6th place! Congrats, Dylan!

We are excited about the future of N/SS track and field!

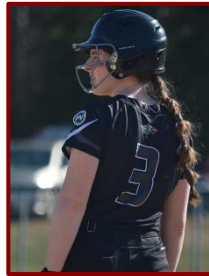


Senator Quinn Visits Grades 4/5

Senator Quinn came on May 15th to talk to 4th, 5th and E2 students about legislative life, how a bill becomes a law and led a student Q&A. In the Q&A one of the issues that was raised that is a current bill in the Senate is affordable housing for rural areas like Solon Springs. Senator Quinn's most favorite part of his job is coming to talk to students about government. Thank you Senator Quinn for coming to our school.

Congrats On A Great Softball Season!

The Northwood/Solon Springs Softball Team was undefeated in the Lakeland East Conference, making them Conference Champions! They have had a very successful regular season with a record of 11-3. Their only losses were to schools in higher divisions than their own. This team earned the second seed in the regional bracket. They won their first round regional game against Birchwood/Winter with a score of 26-0 and won their final regional game against Mellen, 2-1, to officially make them Regional Champs! The team then defeated Drummond 12-2 in the Sectional Semifinals before coming up short to McDonell Central Catholic in the Sectional Final game, just one game before state. What an incredible season!



All Conference:

1st Team:
Kyra Latvala
Bailey Monson

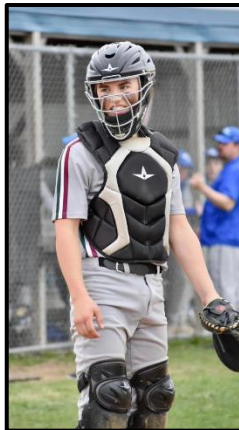
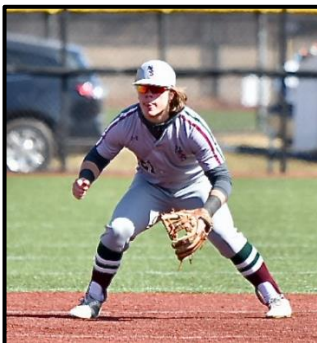
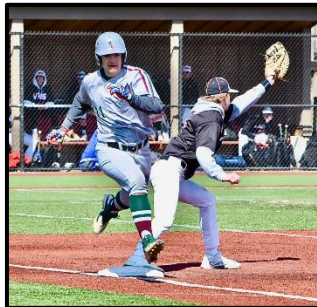


2nd Team:
Ella Postl



Congrats On A Great Baseball Season!

The Northwood/Solon Springs baseball team had another successful season. After a 1-3 start, they won 12 of their last 13 regular season games, winning the East Lakeland Conference championship for the third consecutive season. Post season victories against Bruce and Birchwood/Winter gave N/SS their third straight regional title. A 3-2 loss in the sectional semifinal to Washburn ended their season with a 15-5 record. But with no seniors on this year's team, the 2024 season looks to continue the success of the past three seasons.



All Conference:

1st Team:

Isaiah Ahlberg
Dylan Taggart
Kaden Corlett
Abe Ahlberg

2nd Team:

Alex Slivensky

Player of the Year

Abe Ahlberg



Student Council Leadership Conference in the Dells!

The Student Council members had an opportunity to attend a Leadership Conference in the Dells that taught us ways we can help support and create a positive school climate and culture.

The students are excited and passionate about implementing ideas that will help make students and staff feel seen, heard, valued, and loved.

Here's to leadership!



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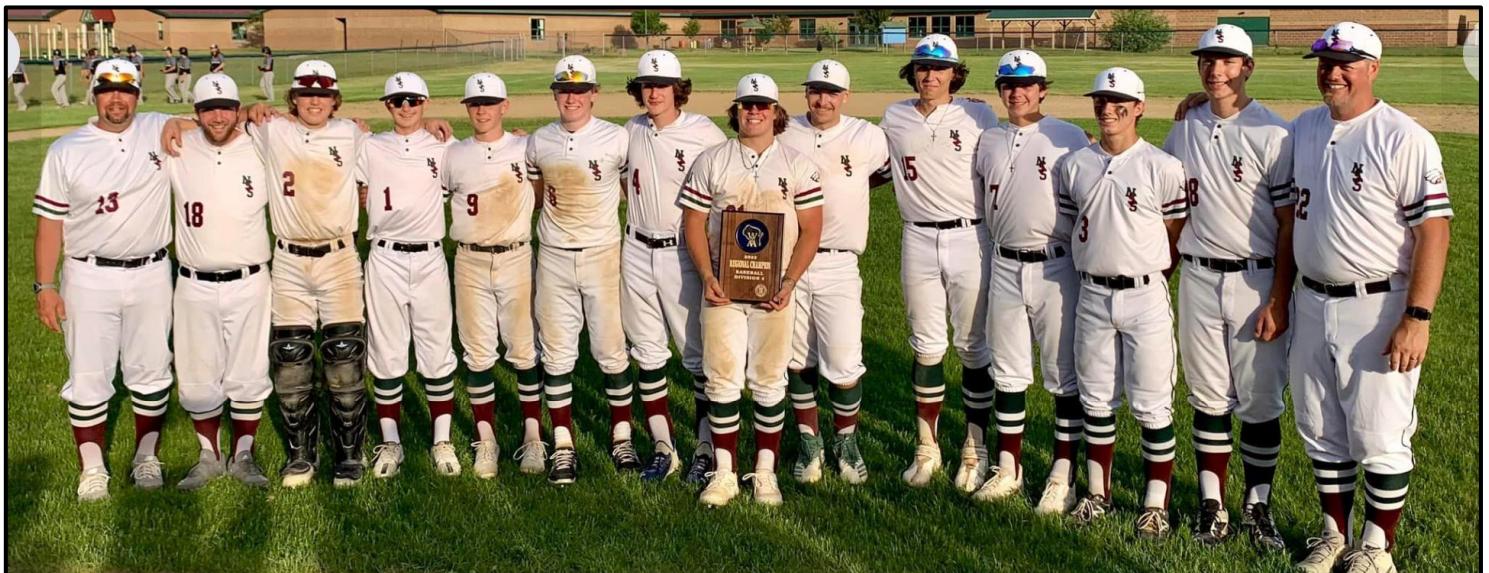


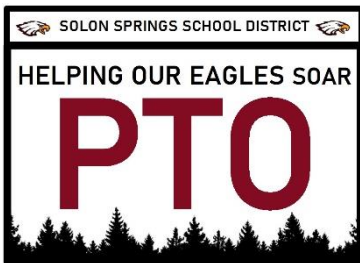


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THAT'S A WRAP!

Thank you for helping the Solon Springs PTO have an amazing 2022-2023 year!

2023 Color Run Fundraiser
45 students participated in the fundraiser, raising almost \$2400!!

Here is how the PTO supported our students this year:

Students

- Back to School Dinner
- Halloween Craft & Rootbeer Floats
- Halloween Carnival
- Holiday Snowman Soup
- Where's Waldo Books
- Valentine Grams
- Field Trips
- End of year Snack
- Spirit Wear Winners
- Books for all students
- Color Run T-shirts

Teachers

- Dinner during P/T conferences
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Spirit Wear Winners

See you Next year



The students in the National Honor Society chose a book to read and gift to selected elementary classrooms. This was done in Honor of Tracy Spurling, a graduate of Solon Springs. ☆

Want more info about PTO? Please email Melinda: pto@solonk12.net



Every year, prior to graduation, Mrs. Zosel takes the senior class on their last service project to pick up trash along the road. This year was a rainy day, but they got the job done! ☆



At the end of every school year, students in grades 8-11 canoe down the Brule River. This annual trip is a great way for students and staff to wrap up the year and also get to explore a local destination that is special to our area! ☆



Elementary students enjoy activities and a picnic at Lucius Woods for the last day of school to celebrate the start of summer!



Congratulations to our Legacy 5th grade students on moving to Middle School next year!



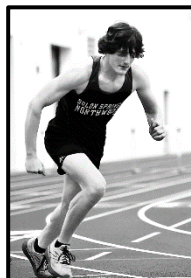
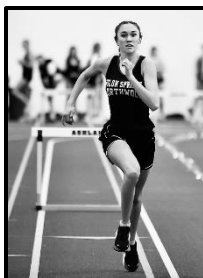
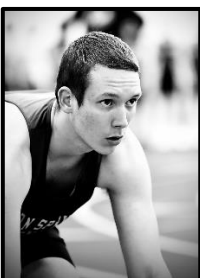
Congratulations to our Legacy Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students!



Congrats On A Great Track Season!

Dedicated: devoted to a task or purpose; having single-minded loyalty or integrity.

Dedication is what makes these individuals an incredible team. Even though they only had 8 boys and 10 girls, they have proven to be well-rounded in amazing ways. In fact, many times, they filled our meets with the maximum number of entries possible and place in the top of our events. Our "family" of runners came to practice and worked hard every day. They got stronger and faster. The boys concluded our indoor and outdoor season becoming Conference Champs. Many athletes made it to sectionals and competed well. Our girls relay teams broke school records along with many individual events. Three of our boys made it to State and competed in 4 events, which was the most in school history! Way to go N/SS Track & Field!



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Next Meetings @ 6 pm:
 June 12
 July 17
 August 22

Meet our School Board Members:



KEITH NORDSKOG, PRESIDENT
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BRAD HUNTER, VICE-PRESIDENT
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JASON CLIFTON, CLERK
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BEN KIDDER, TREASURER
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JOHN SWANBERG, MEMBER
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Congratulations to Frank Helquist and Dave Zosel on their retirement! Thank you for all of your dedication and work in the Solon Springs School District!

QR code for our upcoming events:



Each spring, every class in the school hikes a section of the North Country Trail. Mrs. Fromm organizes the trip so that every year, classes hike a different section. When a student graduates, they've explored a large part of the North Country Trail!

DID YOU KNOW?
 SOLON SCHOOLS WAS AWARDED THE 21ST CENTURY CLC GRANT?? THIS GRANT IS TO EXPAND AFTER SCHOOL LEARNING AND IS \$80,000 ANNUALLY THAT IS RENEWABLE FOR UP TO 5 YEARS!



Thank you to Jake from Dahlberg Light & Power for helping with the egg drop! The fifth grade class studied Newton's Laws of Motion. They spent time creating, testing and revising their mechanism to ensure the egg would not break. Through trial and error they were able to perfect their mechanism to withstand a drop from 60' in the air. They were joined and cheered on by the PK and K students!





SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLON SPRINGS
Regular Monthly School Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: Monday, April 24, 2023
6:00 pm
LOCATION: IMC



- I. **CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL** – Nordskog called the Meeting to Order. Members Present - Keith Nordskog, Jason Clifton, Ben Kidder, and John Swanberg. Member Absent – Brad Hunter. Also present – LeeAnn Garay, Holly Jones, Brittany Hager, Ida Sampson, and Frank Helquist
- II. **REPORT ON HOW THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING** - Published in the Superior Telegram, posted it on High School Door, Bennett Town Hall, & Solon Springs Post Office.
- III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting is on the *third* Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm
- IV. **ELECTION RESULTS** – Canvas results showed that Ben Kidder and John Swanberg were re-elected
- V. **OATHS OF OFFICE** – Clerk Jason Clifton administered the Oaths of Office to Ben Kidder and John Swanberg.
- VI. **AGENDA** – Motion by Kidder and second by Clifton to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
- VII. **BOARD REORGANIZATION** – Board selected President – Nordskog, Vice-President – Hunter, Clerk – Clifton, and Treasurer – Kidder.
- VIII. **BOARD COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS** – Motion by Kidder and second by Swanberg to appoint the following: Policy – Nordskog (Chair) and Swanberg, Facility – Clifton (Chair) and Hunter, Extra-Curricular – Nordskog (Chair) and Kidder, Budget – Entire Board, Curriculum – Clifton (Chair) and Swanberg, WASB Delegate and Alternate – Hunter and Swanberg, Charter School Governance Board Liaison – Clifton, CESA Rep – Swanberg, and Wall of Honor Representative – Nordskog. Motion carried 4-0.
- IX. **MINUTES** – Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to approve the March 21 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.
- X. **EXPENDITURES** – Motion by Kidder and second by Clifton to approve the Expenditures Report.
- XI. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Kidder presented the monthly report
- XII. **ADDITIONAL FINANCE INFORMATION** – Helquist updated Board on monthly balances.
- XIII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Jenny Rose addressed the Board about a pending attachment petition.
- XIV. **REPORTS (Discussion & Action)**
 - A. Board President - None
 - B. Student Council - None
 - C. Athletic Director – Athletic Director Nathan Ahlberg was coaching a baseball game. Helquist summarized the springs sports with emphasis on lower number of baseball athletes and information on dual sport athletes.
 - D. Principal Report – Jones updated Board on staffing, scheduling, and a parent proposed safety coordinator
 - E. Superintendent Report:
 - 1) Health Insurance – MS consultants provided an update on insurance plan and options and need to have proper fund balance. Motion by Kidder and second by Swanberg to approve recommended 12% premium increase.”
 - 2) WASB – Kidder, Swanberg, and Helquist attended New Board Member workshop in Ashland. All felt the event was worthwhile.
 - 3) Charter School – The Governance Board has met twice over the past month, with one being a Board Retreat.
 - 4) COVID – Testing site ends on April 27.
 - 5) Snow Load Days – Brief update of insurance claim processing was presented.
 - 6) Facilities Committee – Next meeting is May 15 at 4:30 pm
 - 7) Foundation –April 21 Fish Fry and Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony went very well with about 160 in attendance. Inductees included Stephanie Ann Klinzing Zaczkowski, Jan Lietha, Jim & Barb Pettit, Sandy Slade, and Chris Willis.
 - 8) Policy Committee – Committee met on April 5 and will again on April 25 meetings as progress is being made to complete update policies.
 - 9) Others as Appropriate – Open Enrollment update: Over 20 applications have been received. Deadline is April 28.
- XV. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
- XVI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Personnel – Motion by Kidder and second by Clifton to approve the retirement of Art Teacher Dave Zosel. Motion carried 4-0.
 - B. Policies – Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to approve First Readings of policies. Motion carried 4-0.
 - C. Shared Services Contract – 2023-24 Shared Services Contract will be acted upon at a later meeting.
 - D. Northern Trust – Motion by Clifton and second by Swanberg to appoint LeeAnn Garay as representative. Motion carried 4-0.
- XVII. **CLOSED SESSION** – Motion by Swanberg and second by Kidder at 8:38 pm pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) (f) and (g) for the purpose of discussing: 1) Personnel matters including employee contracts and compensation, and 2)Employee matter and 3) Legal matter. Motion carried 4-0.
- XVIII. **REGULAR SESSION** – Motion by Swanberg and second by Kidder at 10:59 pm to return to Regular Session for the purpose of taking action on Closed Session discussions and/or for Adjournment. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Clifton and second by Swanberg to approve teacher compensation for 2023-24 as discussed. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Kidder and second by Swanberg to approved extension of Support Staff, Office Staff and Principal contract with language change. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to authorize issuance of Preliminary Notice of Nonrenewal as discussed. Motion carried 4-0.
- XIX. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – Motion by Swanberg and second by Kidder at 11:00 pm to Adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.



SECOND HARVEST
MOBILE FOOD
PANTRY

The Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry comes to Solon Springs on the last Wednesday of the month. Second Harvest works to provide a solution to hunger or where access is limited.

Fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, dairy, baked goods, and shelf stable items arrive on a refrigerated truck where volunteers help give out the resources to anyone who may need it.

If you would like to volunteer, donate, or use these services, please visit northernlakesfoodbank.org

The mobile food pantry visits:

LAST WEDNESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

Time: Starts at 10:00 am

Location: Community Center



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLON SPRINGS
Regular Monthly School Board Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, May 15, 2023

6:00 p.m. LOCATION: IMC



- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL** – Keith Nordskog called the meeting to order. Board Members present – Jason Clifton, Brad Hunter, Ben Kidder, and John Swanberg. Also present – LeeAnn Garay, Holly Jones, Frank Helquist, Peter Hopke, and eleven others.
- II. REPORT ON HOW THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING** – Agenda was published in the Superior Telegram, posted it on High School Door, Bennett Town Hall, & Solon Springs Post Office.
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS** - Next meeting is on the 3rd Monday, June 19, 2023.
- IV. MEETING DATES** – Board Reviewed possible meeting dates, with approval taking place in June.
- V. AGENDA** – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve the posted Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- VI. MINUTES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Swanberg to approve the April 24 Regular Board meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. EXPENDITURES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the Expenditures Report. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT** – Kidder presented the Treasurer’s Report that will be filed for the Auditors.
- IX. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION** – Helquist reviewed monthly balances including fund balance history and Fund Balance projection. Discussed managing of Fund Balance
- X. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Colton Nelson on paraprofessional wages and Sarah Smith on Snow Day make-up hours and Virtual Day use.
- XI. REPORTS (Discussion & Action)**
 - A. Board President – Nordskog introduced new Superintendent Peter Hopke who was seated at the Board table.
 - B. Student Council - None
 - C. Athletic Director – Nathan Ahlberg was coaching a Baseball game. Baseball and Softball teams can earn first place and track is doing very well with Boys being Conference Champions. Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to approve 2023-24 Coop sports with Northwood. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Clifton and second by Swanberg to approve renewal of coaching contracts as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
 - D. Principal Report – Holly Jones updated Board on year-end activities, enrollment projects, and information on Community Learning Center Grant Award. Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve purchase of 6 year commitment of new High School English Language Arts instructional materials. Motion carried 5-0.
 - E. Superintendent Report:
 - 1) WASB – update on member recognition in June
 - 2) Charter School – E2 Montessori teacher Amanda Guttormson presented an idea to address space needs (more information to be shared at June School Board meeting). Eagles’ Academy Lead Teacher Brittany Hager reviewed end of year activities including Project Night.
 - 3) School Safety Liaison – Carolyn Garay reviewed a proposal for School Crisis Response Coordinator. Additional discussion at June meeting.
 - 4) Facilities Committee – Committee met prior to Board meeting and is finalizing 5 year Maintenance Plan. Projects identified for near term completion include MS/HS locker replacement, new phone system, and furniture upgrades.
 - 5) Policy – Committee meets on May 16 to continue with policy review.
 - 6) Extra-Curricular Committee – Met on May 11 to review coaching salaries and various topics.
 - 7) Improvement Plan – Based upon 2021-22 scores for some students with Individualized Education Plans. This low level DPI alert will include local review of results and development of strategies.
 - 8) Others as Appropriate - None
- XII. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. High School ELA Materials – Approved under Principal Report
 - B. Policies – Motion by Hunter and second by Swanberg to approve final and first readings of policies. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Timber Sale – Consideration of designation of funds received via timber sale tabled until June meeting.
 - B. Personnel – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve resignations of teachers Tim Nelson, Julie Hebert, Jenniffer Groski & cook Cheri Lowney. Motion carried 5-0.
 - C. Personnel – Motion by Clifton and second by Hunter to approve the hiring of Taylor Anderson as PK/K teacher for 2023-24. Motion carried 5-0.
 - D. Open Enrollment – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve all Open Enrollment In applications and all but 1 Open Enrollment Out application. Motion carried 5-0.
 - E. Records Retention – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve new DPI Records Retention Schedule. Motion carried 5-0.
 - F. DNR Grant Resolution – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve DNR Grant Resolution for funds to complete trailhead erosion project. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Swanberg at 8:10 pm pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f) for the purpose of considering employee salaries, an employee agreement, and legal advice discussion. Motion carried 5-0.
- XV. REGULAR SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Swanberg at 10:35 pm to return to Regular Session for the purpose of taking action on Closed Session discussions and/or for Adjournment. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve wage increases for Support and Office staff as discussed. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve an individual employee request. Motion carried 5-0.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton at 10:36 pm to Adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.



The 7th Grade Leadership Class students spent time picking up garbage on the school grounds in honor of Earth Day. They filled up 8 bags! These students are determined to help make the world a better place and think there is no better place to start than at Solon Springs School!



Thinning of the School Forest!

Thinning of the school forest has been completed by Bell Timber. The Environmental Education class, along with others interested in forestry careers, visited the site. Students had an opportunity to ask questions of the professionals on the job, which included former Solon Springs graduate Brent Blaylock (with Bell Timber) and the loggers completing the project. This was a great experience for our students to learn about important careers that exist in and near Solon Springs!



Logan Jones, a Douglas County forester, came to speak with 4th and 5th graders about forestry. They learned how to measure the diameter of a tree, how to measure the basal area (an average number of trees that take up space in an area), and how to identify different types of trees. Students said they enjoyed learning about taking care of trees. Thank you to Logan for visiting our class!



Connor and Kylie show their catch while fishing at Lucius Woods to celebrate the last day of school!



Senior Banners Displayed on Baldwin Avenue

Thank you to everyone that donated to help make sure all of our senior banners could proudly be displayed on Baldwin Avenue. This has become a wonderful tradition for our Solon graduates!



Wolf Ridge Field Trip

In May, fifth graders in Legacy and Montessori school traveled together to Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, MN. They spent three days and two nights learning about Ojibway Heritage, Voyageur Life, Geology, and more! Students also challenge themselves on the high ropes course and indoor rock wall. This annual trip wraps up topics studied in fourth and fifth grade and gives students a great hands on experience! Thank you to everyone who helped to support this trip!



Student Learning Projects in Eagles Academy

Each semester, students at Eagles Academy design and learn through a Student Learning Project (SLP). SLPs challenge students to plan a project around a topic and essential question they are interested in learning about. Together with their advisor, students design the project to include deep academic learning through core subjects such as English, math, social studies, and science. The project also often includes electives such as woodworking, computer science, and art. As students research their questions, they learn through internet research, contacting community members and professionals, and designing, experimenting, or experiencing something related to their topic. After much researching and writing about their project, as well as much reflection and revision, students present their research and projects to the larger community. Below is an article written about the students' Spring Project Showcase experience from the perspective of a student:

"I'm Elli Tyson and I am a sixth grader at Eagles Academy. This was my second project showcase. Our first project showcase was very chaotic but a lot of fun. I feel like this project showcase was a lot more organized only because a lot of us students knew what it was supposed to look like. We started preparing for the project showcase about a week and half before; we started with figuring out what we were going to put on our boards. The day of project showcase was a lot of fun. We had to move a lot of tables and chairs to have a good layout for presenting. Before project showcase we had an option to present to the legacy middle school. I felt like it helped just to get to present to an audience before project showcase. When project showcase started, there were a lot of community members who were very excited to see all of our projects. I had many people come to my presentation. It was super interesting to see a lot of people's faces when I could pronounce Deoxyribonucleic Acid as a sixth grader. When I wasn't presenting, all of Eagles Academy had a small feedback sheet that we had to go around to two different presentations and listen to our classmates and then give good feedback about what they did well, what they could improve on, and what we learned from it. Overall this is such a great experience not only to be in this school but to go to our presentations and learn about the projects we are doing."



Article written by: Elli Tyson, 6th Grader at Eagles Academy
Topic: DNA, Essential Question: "How do investigators use DNA to catch criminals?"

Grade 11 Field Trip

On Friday, May 26th students from History 11 were invited down to the Richard I. Bong Memorial Center to learn first-hand about some of the conflicts we've discussed in class. This photograph was taken during a presentation regarding the military service the Veteran presenters had provided when they were younger. In the photo we see Dylan (who was demoted for misconduct in a demonstration held by the vets), Alex, Mika, Kieten, and Jesse (a.k.a. Officer Jesse; as one of the vets called him) wearing authentic military gear from World War 2 all the way up to the modern era. From left to right we see: Jesse, Alex, Mika, Kieten, and Dylan. I'd like to personally thank all of the staff at the Memorial Center, our bus driver Dennis, as well as my students themselves for making this trip so fun and memorable! Thank you all again for an amazing first year of teaching!" - Mr. Gaynor



EAGLES' NEST
SOLOK SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWS FROM THE DAYCARE:

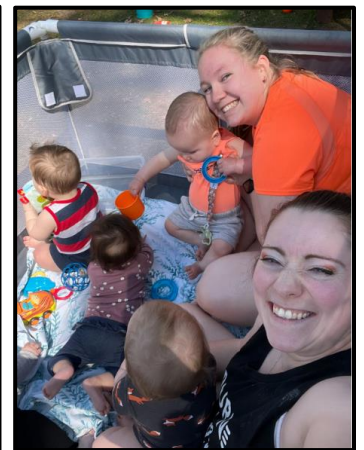
Our rooms are blooming with springtime in our midst and we are excited for summer. We serve ages 6 weeks through 6 years of age, drop-in care, and before and after school care.

Availability:

We are full for the summer and are excited to have new summer teachers to help out. We have been going on field trips around town and exploring our community in the nice weather.

If you would like to get on the waiting list, please contact the daycare.

For more info, please contact Angela (Director) at (715)718-6141
amaclellan@solonk12.net



Do you have community news, information, or ideas that could be shared in our newsletter?
If so, please contact Christine Nordness: cnordness@solonk12.net



HUNTER'S SAFETY EDUCATION!

August 5 (8am - 6pm) at the Gordon Town Hall

August 6 (8am - 4pm?) (*Tentatively done at 4pm, it could be sooner or later depending on how many students are there.*)

Please call Tom Chandler (218)391-1374: Evenings are the best time to call to get your child registered for Hunter Safety.



The E1 classroom enjoyed hatching eggs! They learned about the parts of an egg, the life cycle of a chicken, and how to hatch chickens in an incubator. The students enjoyed learning about the process and holding the baby chicks!

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

VBS!
Monday July 24 - Thursday July 27
12:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursday Closing worship at 5pm.

COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP
GATHERING TIMES:

MISSION COVENANT



Vacation Bible School
RAINFOREST RESCUE
June 12-16, 2023
Mission Covenant Church

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Adoration Saturday:
June 3rd and July 1st
12:00-3:00 pm

COMMUNITY Picnic!
Saturday, June 10th 11:00-2:00 pm
Food, games, raffles!

Corpus Christi Procession
Sunday, June 11th

Food Distribution
June 21st and July 19th 9:30 am

Directory Pictures
July 18th

Youth Soccer 7-12 years
June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31;
5:30-7:00 pm

Contact Office for Friday Montessori
Atrium days, Tuesday Homeschool
Group, Little Flowers and Blue
Knights Clubs #715-378-4431

Mass Times
Saturday's 5:30
Sunday's 8:30

BIRDHOUSE DONATION FROM THE CUB SCOUTS:

This winter the Bear Den - 3rd grade - of Cub Scout Pack 97 needed to build birdhouses for a woodworking requirement. Some of the cubs have been a part of the Solon Springs School summer program and have observed the bluebird houses in the back of the school to help record data on



the activity in the nests. They discovered last fall that several of the birdhouses had been damaged and would no longer be usable. It was decided that they would make new bluebird houses for the school as a service project. The cubs spent several den meetings looking at blueprints, measuring, cutting, building, and painting the birdhouses. This spring they presented four new bluebird houses to Julie Fromm and the Solon Springs Outdoor Education program. That evening the cub scouts attended a presentation about bluebirds from Ms. Fromm. The birdhouses will be located behind the tee-ball field in the back of the school. If you are interested in Cub Scouts for your kindergarten-5th grade child contact Cubmaster97@gmail.com.



UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE:

**Monday,
July 24th
10 am - 2 pm**

Location:
Solon Springs School
For those wanting to donate
blood, please visit:

Memorial Blood Center at:
www.mbc.org

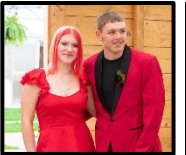
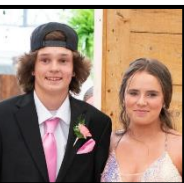
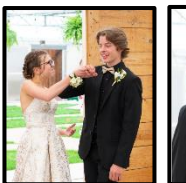


Montessori Crossover

As Mrs. Willis reads the story of Maria Montessori to the crowd at the annual Montessori Crossover program, students wait to crossover to the next level.



PROM 2023
 High school students enjoyed the annual Prom event and dressed in their finest! Thank you to the Atrium for providing a fabulous space!



E2 Trip to Madeline Island

E2 went to Madeline Island on May 30! They took the ferry over to the island for a tour and stopped at the south beach to see Long Island and Big Bay County Park. They ate lunch in the park and explored the lagoon and beach where they skipped rocks and looked for agates!



Thank you to SCHF!

The St. Croix Headwaters Foundation (SCHF) has generously donated 10 brand new Zebco 33 fishing pole combos. The 8th Grade Outdoor/Environmental Education class rigged up the poles with volunteer, Mr. Eric Fromm. He offered instruction on this type of reel and assisted with set-up and tying on hooks. Later in the week, class walked down to the pond to fish. Jacob Taggart caught a nice brook trout. The (SCHF) is also supporting a new addition to the summer school program for taking kids fishing out on the lake. Each student will have a chance to get out on a pontoon boat to fish during the summer! Thank you, SCHF!





On April 27th, 5th grade band students went on a field trip to Shell Lake Arts Center for an exciting day of sectional rehearsals, masterclasses, and a performance. Students had the opportunity to play with other students from Northern Wisconsin and work with renowned Wisconsin educators Bill Simon and Renee Rademaker. Shell Lake Arts Center offers many enriching music opportunities and we are grateful that our students were able to participate!!!



Huge congratulations to Marianne Lear, Bailey Monson, & Isabel Molina: SSA Trio - Exemplary Performance Award. This is the trio's THIRD time winning this award. They sang "Would Like to Meet" by Cecelia MacDowall.



On May 6th, 2023, 10 choir students performed at the WSMA State Solo & Ensemble Festival at UW-Eau Claire. Collectively, they sang a total of 13 pieces of music and earned outstanding scores! This includes 3 silver medals, 24 gold medals, and 2 exemplary performance awards!!

Brandt Larson: Musical Theatre Solo - Gold
Baritone Solo - Silver

Trey Carter: Musical Theatre Solo - Silver

Brandt Larson/Trey Carter: Tenor/Bass Duet - Gold

Marianne Lear: Musical Theatre Solo - Silver
Soprano Solo - Gold

Bailey Monson: Musical Theatre Solo - Gold
Alto Solo - Gold

Bailey Monson and Marianne Lear:
Sop./Alto Duet - Gold

Carlos Molina and Isabel Molina:
Sop./Alto Duet - Gold

Marianne, Bailey, Isabel, and Audrey Swanson:
Treble Barbershop Quartet: Gold

*Marianne, Bailey and Isabel: SSA Trio - Gold and
Exemplary Performance Award

*Zoe Smith, Marianne Lear, Miles Hoyt, Bailey Monson, Audrey Swanson, Kaya Evans, and Isabel Molina: SSA Ensemble: Gold and Exemplary Performance Award

**Above and beyond a gold medal at State Solo & Ensemble is the Exemplary Performance Recognition Award, which less than 5% of all State music performers across the entire state of Wisconsin are selected to receive.*

Huge congratulations to Zoe Smith, Marianne Lear, Miles Hoyt, Bailey Monson, Audrey Swanson, Kaya Evans, and Isabel Molina: SSA Ensemble- Exemplary Performance Award for "Songbird" by Sarah Quartel!



On May 20th, "The Harmonistics" treble barbershop quartet (Audrey, Marianne, Bailey, and Isabel) competed at the Wisconsin Youth Harmony Festival in Stevens Point. They gave a fantastic, energetic, and fun performance of Irving Berlin's "Blue Skies" and placed 2nd out of 17 wonderful quartets, missing the State Championship by only 1 point! We were definitely the smallest school in the contest with others having enrollments of up to over 2,000 students in their high schools. Our girls brought home individual plaques and a \$400 prize. Way to go!! You can hear "The Harmonistics" perform as the opening act for "The Church of Cash" concert at the Lucius Woods Performing Arts Center at 6:15 on July 8th.



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