



# SOLON SPRINGS

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School District of Solon Springs

Eagle Flyer

May/June/July 2025

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 GRADUATES

Back row: Clyde Featherly, Ella Postl, Kyle Stegmann, Blake Udeen  
Micheal Khalar, Cade Lisson, Logan Smith, Isaac Dickenson  
Front Row: Lilyanne Wright, Lilian Lane, Teegan Metz, Silas Kidder,  
Paetyn Simenson, Cash Kastern and Gavin Nelson



## Montessori Crossover Ceremony.



 *Class of*  
**2032**



 *Class of*  
**2037**

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 *Class of*  
**2038**





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# Superintendent Column:

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Peter Hopke  
Superintendent

Greetings families and community members:

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the 2024-25 school year already. It has been a productive year that has gone by in a flash. The District has been hard at work with improvement plans, increased collaboration, and exploration of new opportunities for our students. The District had students participate in Superior Days to get a better understanding of how our state government operates. Students were able to interact with legislators from across the state in Madison and discuss topics that are impacting the District and community. We are adding Spanish and Family and Consumer Education classes for MS and HS students in 2025-26. We are continuing to refine a consistent schedule for elementary, middle school, and high school that focuses on both universal instruction as well as interventions for students who need more intensive instruction. We have established a new mission, vision, and commitments for the District to drive our work. We have established essential standards in reading and English Language Arts that focus our instruction across the District to increase student performance and achievement. Next year, we will be doing the same for math. As I reflect on this year, our team has done a significant amount of great work...and it shows. Please take a moment to show your appreciation for the work that they do for our students.

This summer, the District is conducting a building assessment and study to determine infrastructure needs for our current building and facilities as well as potential issues that will need to be addressed with a capital improvement to add space for the daycare, workout space, and a couple classrooms. The bids for the study were requested in May and will be presented in August. The intent is to have information for families and community members at the Open House event at the end of August. This will give families and community members an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback as we develop more definitive plans for this potential project. Please stay tuned to Board meetings on YouTube or in person.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful, fun, and safe summer. Enjoy spending time outdoors and participating in activities with family and friends. We look forward to seeing students returning in the fall.

Respectfully,

*Pete Hopke*

Solon Springs Superintendent - [phopke@solonk12.net](mailto:phopke@solonk12.net)

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Do you have community news, information, or ideas  
that could be shared in our newsletter?

If so, please contact Christine Nordness: [cnordness@solonk12.net](mailto:cnordness@solonk12.net)



# Principal Report



Anne Kriskovich  
Principal

Dear School District of Solon Springs Families,

As the school year winds down, I wanted to take a moment to connect with you and share some exciting updates from the School District of Solon Springs.

## Get Ready for Summer Learning!

Summer break is just around the corner, but learning doesn't have to stop! We are thrilled to offer a dynamic **Summer School program** designed to keep our students engaged, enrich their learning, and provide opportunities for growth. This year's program will offer three sessions: **June 16-27, July 7-18, & July 28 - August 8**, Monday through Friday, from **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**. We will be offering a variety of engaging lessons and activities for students in grades 4K-5 and high school credit recovery, focusing on areas such as literacy, math enrichment, and hands-on science activities. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to reinforce skills, explore new interests, and prevent summer learning loss in a fun and supportive environment. For more information, please reach out to Julie Fromm, [jfromm@solonk12.net](mailto:jfromm@solonk12.net) or 715-378-2263 x262

## Making Every Day Count: Focusing on Student Attendance

We've been placing a strong emphasis on the importance of consistent student attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, social-emotional development, and building a strong sense of community within our classrooms. We understand that occasional absences are unavoidable, but we encourage all families to prioritize getting their children to school on time, every day possible. Every day of learning provides valuable opportunities for growth and connection. Let's continue to work together to ensure all our students benefit from every moment of their education.

## Collaborative Success: Our Powerful PLC Work

We are incredibly proud of the dedication and collaborative efforts of our staff. Our teachers have been deeply engaged in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), working together to analyze student data, share best practices, and refine their instructional strategies. This focused and collaborative work is truly making a difference in our classrooms. We are seeing a positive influence on student learning, which is reflected in our assessment results. The commitment of our educators to continuous improvement and their collaborative approach is key to our students' academic growth. It's inspiring to see the positive impact of their collective efforts.

As we move into these final weeks of the school year, let's continue to support our students and celebrate their achievements. Thank you again for being such a vital part of the School District of Solon Springs community. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 715-378-2263 x203 or send an email, [akriskovich@solonk12.net](mailto:akriskovich@solonk12.net) and I will be happy to assist the best that I can.

Sincerely,  
Anne Kriskovich  
4K-12 Principal



# Track Season 2025




Our 2025 Track & Field team has worked hard this year! It has been a privilege to be able to coach these inspiring and motivated group of athletes. They all bring something special to the team, including their incredibly hard work ethic.

Each day brings something new and little successes turn into bigger successes. Athletes this year have broken new school records in almost every event this year! They have multiple events they will compete in at Regionals May 27th. The top four for each event will compete at Sectionals on Friday. We are excited to see what we can do!

We wish our seniors; Isaac Dickenson, Cade Lisson, Logan Smith, the best of luck in their future endeavors. Cade Lisson and Isaac Dickenson will be trading their Solon Springs- Eagle maroon and gold to University of Minnesota Duluth -Bulldog maroon and gold where they will both be running Track & Field and Isaac will also run Cross Country.

# CONGRATULATIONS



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School District

## OUTSTANDING TEACHER OF THE NORTHLAND

**JOANNE ZOSEL**  
HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE

*Congratulations on being chosen for Outstanding Teacher of the Northland! Thank you for your incredible dedication and service over the last 39 years. Your patience, commitment and tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on countless students. We are so grateful for everything you have done and continue to do - your legacy will be felt for years to come!*





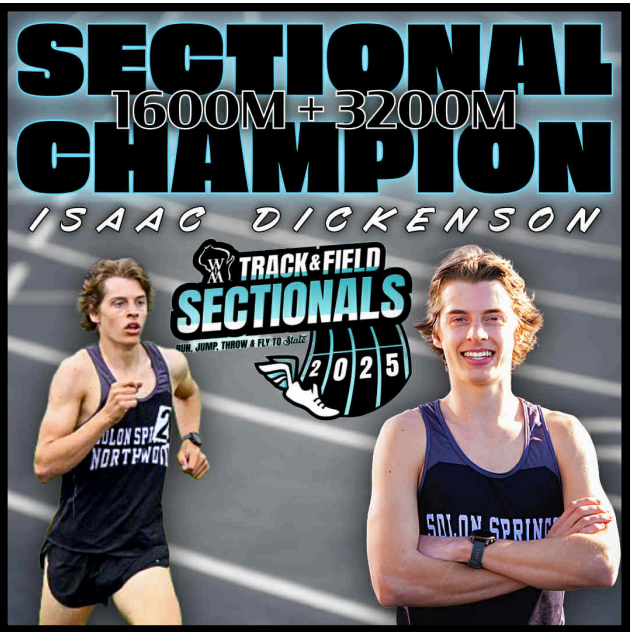
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School District

## TOP 3 FINALIST: PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE TEACHING IN THE STATE

**KELSEY RIDER**  
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS

*Congratulations on being one of the top three finalists in the state for National Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Your passion for education and dedication to our students does not go unnoticed.*







# Northwood/Solon Springs Softball



## CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING LAKELAND CONFERENCE CHAMPS FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> YEAR IN A ROW!

The N/SS softball team has put together an impressive 2025 season, delivering big hits, clutch plays, and plenty of glove-flashing defense. With playoffs just around the corner on May 27th, the squad is looking to keep the momentum rolling—staying focused and fired up for the challenges ahead. Coaches credit the team’s success to consistent effort and a group that genuinely enjoys playing together. If their current form is any indication, the NSS squad isn’t just showing up for playoffs, they are planning to make a run. Follow along on YouTube Channel NSS CoOp.

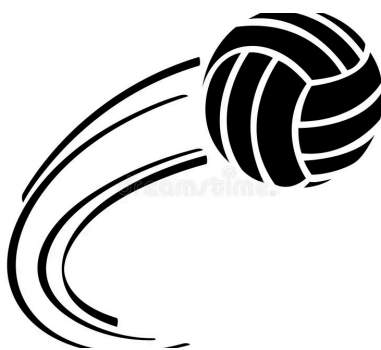


# Northwood/Solon Springs Baseball



## CONGRATULATIONS ON BEING LAKELAND EAST CONFERENCE CHAMPS FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> YEAR IN A ROW!

N/SS baseball had another successful season. The defending WIAA Division 4 State Runner-ups won their fifth consecutive conference championship. Senior Jared Schultz and junior Isaiah Ahlberg led the team with great pitching and hitting. The two have combined for 32 hits, 7 doubles, 2 triples, a homerun, 50 runs and 48 stolen bases offensively. On the mound, they've pitched to a 7-2 record across 68 innings, giving up only 16 earned runs and 45 hits while striking out 148 batters. Ahlberg also threw a perfect game against Birchwood/Winter in April, the first perfect game in program history. N/SS will play Bruce or Prentice in a WIAA Regional final, with the winner advancing to Sectionals in Athens on June 10th.



HS Volleyball Begins:  
August 18th  
\*First Practice\*



HS/MS Football Begins:  
August 5th  
\*First Practice\*



HS/MS Cross Country  
Begins:  
August 18th  
\*First Practice\*



# Senior Highway Cleanup





# SENIOR

## Spotlight

Class of 2025

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**ISABELLA CURTIS**  
★★★★★  
Hobbies: Reading & Writing  
Favorite Class: Aiding in Mrs. Dahlberg's classroom  
Favorite Memory in School: Helping make brownie waffles with 5<sup>th</sup> grade and PK/K  
Plans after Graduation: Attending North Central Tech College to get a degree in special education paraprofessional.



CLASS OF 2025 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**ISAAC DICKENSON**  
★★★★★  
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, trapping & sports  
Favorite Class: Calculus & Shop  
Favorite Memory in School: Building a cedar strip canoe in shop  
Plans after Graduation: Attending UMD for Civil Engineering and running Track & Cross Country



CLASS OF 2025 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**CLYDE FEATHERLY**  
★★★★★  
Hobbies: Fishing  
Favorite Class: History  
Favorite Memory in School: Graduation  
Plans after Graduation: Pipeline



CLASS OF 2025 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**CASH KASTERN**  
★★★★★  
Hobbies: Fishing  
Favorite Class: History  
Favorite Memory in School: Graduation  
Plans after Graduation: Pipeline



CLASS OF 2025 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**SILAS KIDDER**  
★★★★★  
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, trapping & sports  
Favorite Class: Calculus & Shop  
Favorite Memory in School: Building a cedar strip canoe in shop  
Plans after Graduation: Attending UMD for Civil Engineering and running Track & Cross Country



CLASS OF 2025 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**MICHAEL KHALAR**  
★★★★★  
Hobbies: Hunting  
Plans after Graduation: Entrepreneur



CLASS OF 2025 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**LILLIAN LANE**  
★★★★★  
Hobbies: Painting, video-gaming & photography  
Favorite Class: Art  
Favorite Memory in School: Hanging out with my friends and giving haircuts upon request  
Plans after Graduation: Going to college to be a Psychiatric nurse



CLASS OF 2025 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**CADE LISSON**  
★★★★★  
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, sports & Art  
Favorite Class: Art  
Favorite Memory in School: Senior Class Trip  
Plans after Graduation: Studying Business at UMD and running Track & Field.



CLASS OF 2025 





**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**TEEGAN  
METZ**  
★★★★★



**CLASS OF 2025** 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**GAVIN NELSON**  
★★★★★

Hobbies: Gaming, hanging out with friends, and helping people

Favorite Class: History

Favorite Memory in School: Being a kid and hanging out with my friends

Plans after Graduation: Working hard and going to Northwood Tech for a career in the medical field.



**CLASS OF 2025** 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**ELLA POSTL**  
★★★★★

Hobbies: Shopping

Favorite Class: English

Favorite Memory in School: Virtual learning with more flexibility

Plans after Graduation: Studying Nursing at Northwood Tech



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**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**PAETYN SIMENSON**  
★★★★★

Hobbies: Sports

Favorite Class: Forensic Science

Favorite Memory in School: Messing with Mrs. Makela

Plans after Graduation: Going into the Military



**CLASS OF 2025** 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**LOGAN SMITH**  
★★★★★



**CLASS OF 2025** 

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**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**KYLE STEGMANN**  
★★★★★

Hobbies: Working on cars & working out

Favorite Class: World History

Favorite Memory in School: Graduation

Plans after Graduation: Union Electrician



**CLASS OF 2025** 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**LILYANNE WRIGHT**  
★★★★★



**CLASS OF 2025** 

**SENIOR**  
*Spotlight*  
**BLAKE UDEEN**  
★★★★★



**CLASS OF 2025** 



## Summer School:

Session 1: June 16-27

Session 2: July 7-18

Session 3: July 28 - August 8

Information regarding Summer School:

contact Julie Fromm:

[jfromm@solonk12.net](mailto:jfromm@solonk12.net)



# MS/HS ART

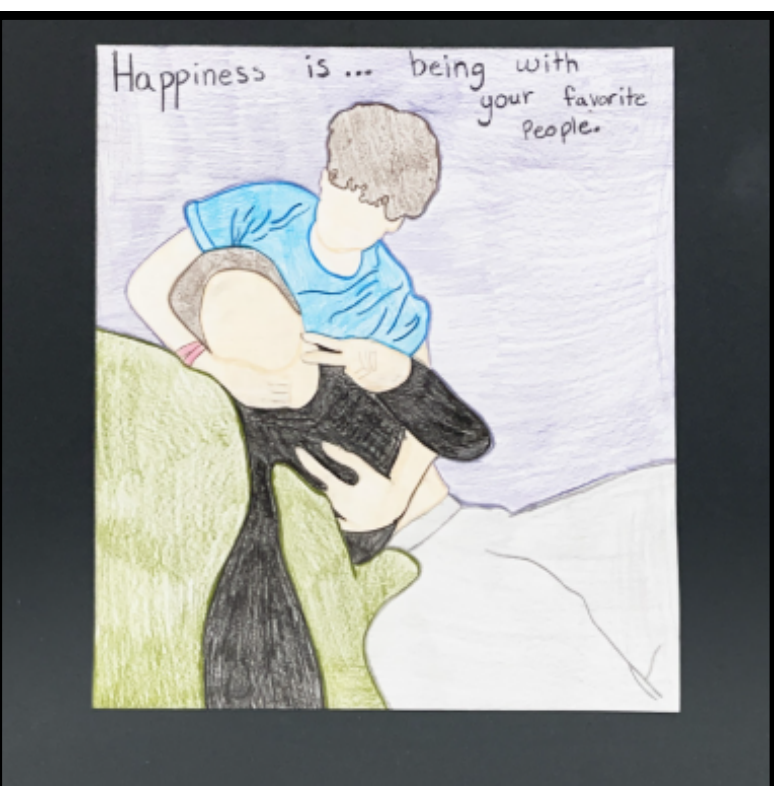
This Month in Art students have been working on submitting work for the 2025 WEA Member Benefits Student Art Contest. The prompt for this contest was “Happiness is” Students were tasked with creating artwork and an artist statement supporting their work using the theme of what Happiness means to them.



Gretchen Hackensmith



Audrey Swanson



Bella Curtis



Lili Lane



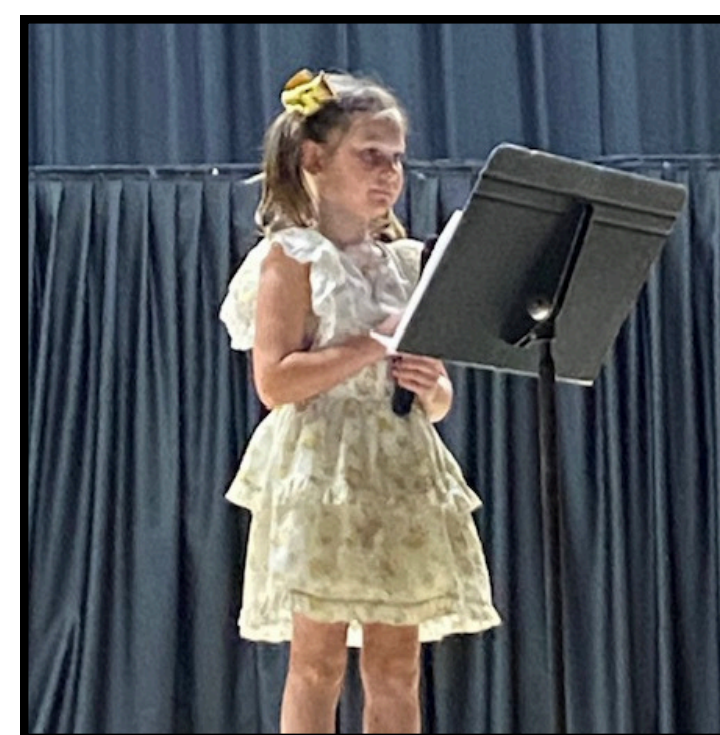
Will Lane



Lilli Espenhain

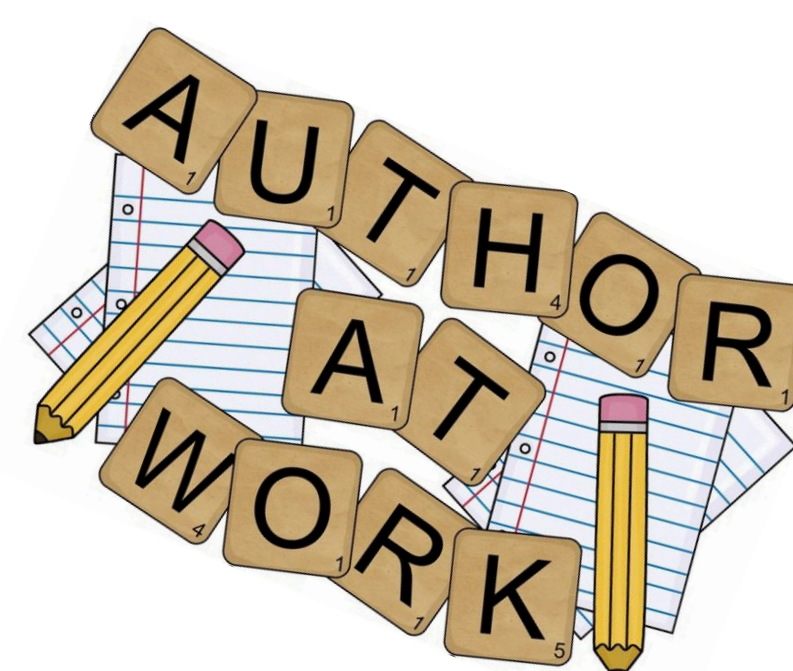
# Solon's Got Talent

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Solon Springs Student Council put on their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual talent show. Students rocked out, performed hilarious skits, performed gymnastics, singing, dancing, and played instruments. It was a great day of talent and we can't wait until next year!



## Published Authors in E1

E1 Linden are published authors. Students worked on different writing throughout the second half of the year. Writing pieces were sent into Studenttreasures Publishing to create a published classroom book for each student.





# Shop Talk



**Valencia Burfield** is another middle school student who has created a beautiful piece of artwork through the use of wood and resin. Her and Katie Kurowicki came up with the idea and the result is stunning. Jacob Taggart, one of the shop's talented aides, helped with the process. Heartfelt work Valencia!



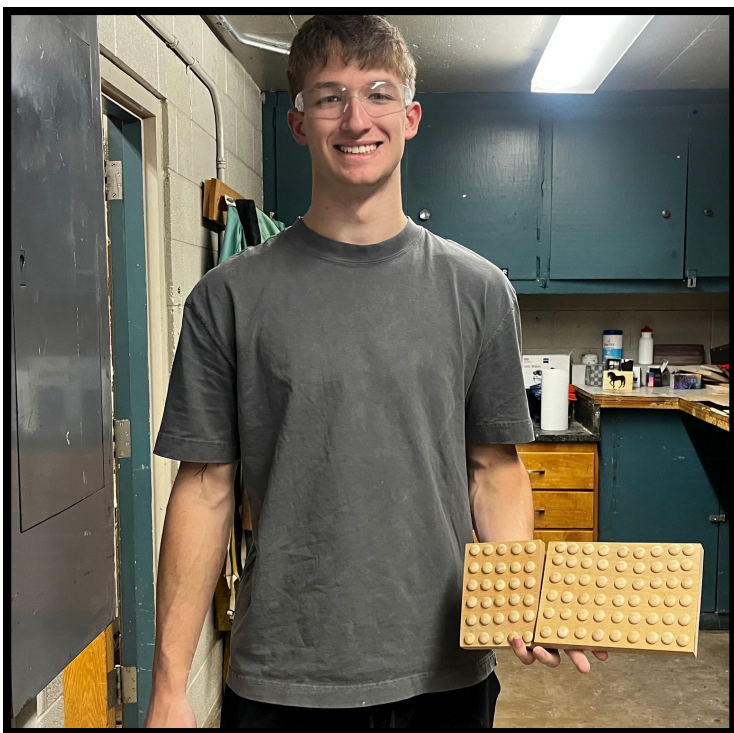
**Anna Dahlberg** created a beautiful cityscape scene she laser engraved onto pine wood. She then meticulously colored the scene with markers, and with help from Penelope Burfield covered the entire piece with clear resin to protect the surface and to give it a gorgeous shine. Great work!



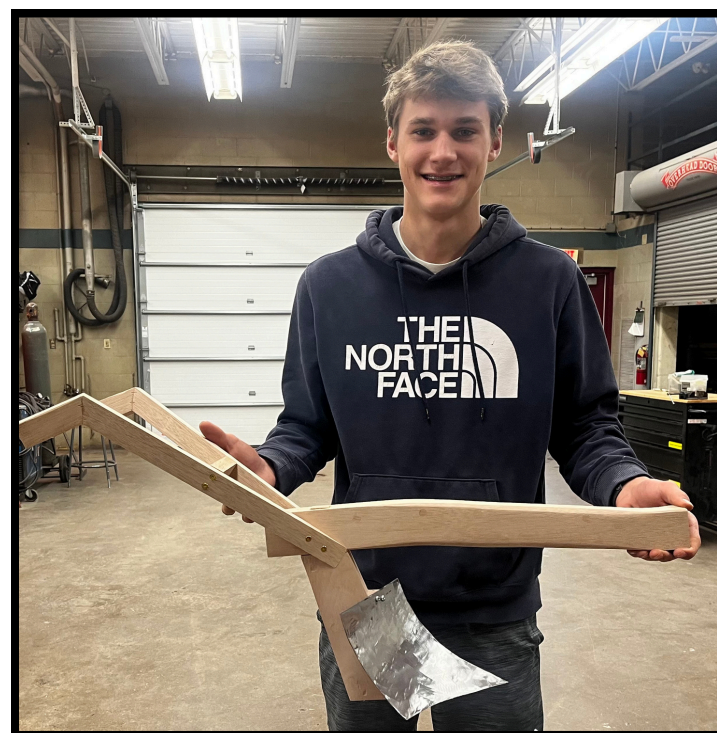
**Katie Kurowicki** created this box for a family member and I bet they were delighted with her craftsmanship and thoughtfulness! She worked hard on this project and even found time throughout the day when she had free time to get it done. The future of Solon Springs Shop looks like it's in good hands. All we can say is wow!



**Mazzy Johnson** designed and made this chess board out of individually cut and fit mahogany and maple boards. The chess pieces she printed out with a 3D printer in Mr. Wiita's art class. This project took a lot of patience and commitment to get it right, and Mazzy got it right! We love it!



**Cade Lisson** designed this ankle recovery device that articulates on a metal rod forcing the user to gain flexibility and strength while using it. He was inspired after injuring his ankle this season and decided he could make a better version than he has seen for sale. And yes, the raised bumps massage the users' feet as well. Innovative work Cade!



**Blaise Kidder** is shown here with a replica plow he expertly designed and made utilizing craftsmanship from the time period. This was not only a shop project, but also part of a presentation in Mr. Rajala's class. Blaise has also made our school awards and trophies this year. Way to go Blaise!



**Isaac Dickenson** is shown here putting the final coat on the cedar strip canoe he worked on all year. He was able to craft this canoe all by himself and that's a challenge. The craftsmanship he has shown throughout this process is amazing! Determination, hard work, and overcoming failures is what it takes to succeed when taking on a project like this and Isaac did just that! We are all amazed, Isaac!





# National Library Week

During National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025 the library held a bookmark contest.

Any elementary student 1st-5th grade who wanted to participate could. The students designed a bookmark and wrote why they loved the library. The bookmark contest forms were hung in the hallway and the staff randomly choose the three winners.

Congratulations to our winners!!

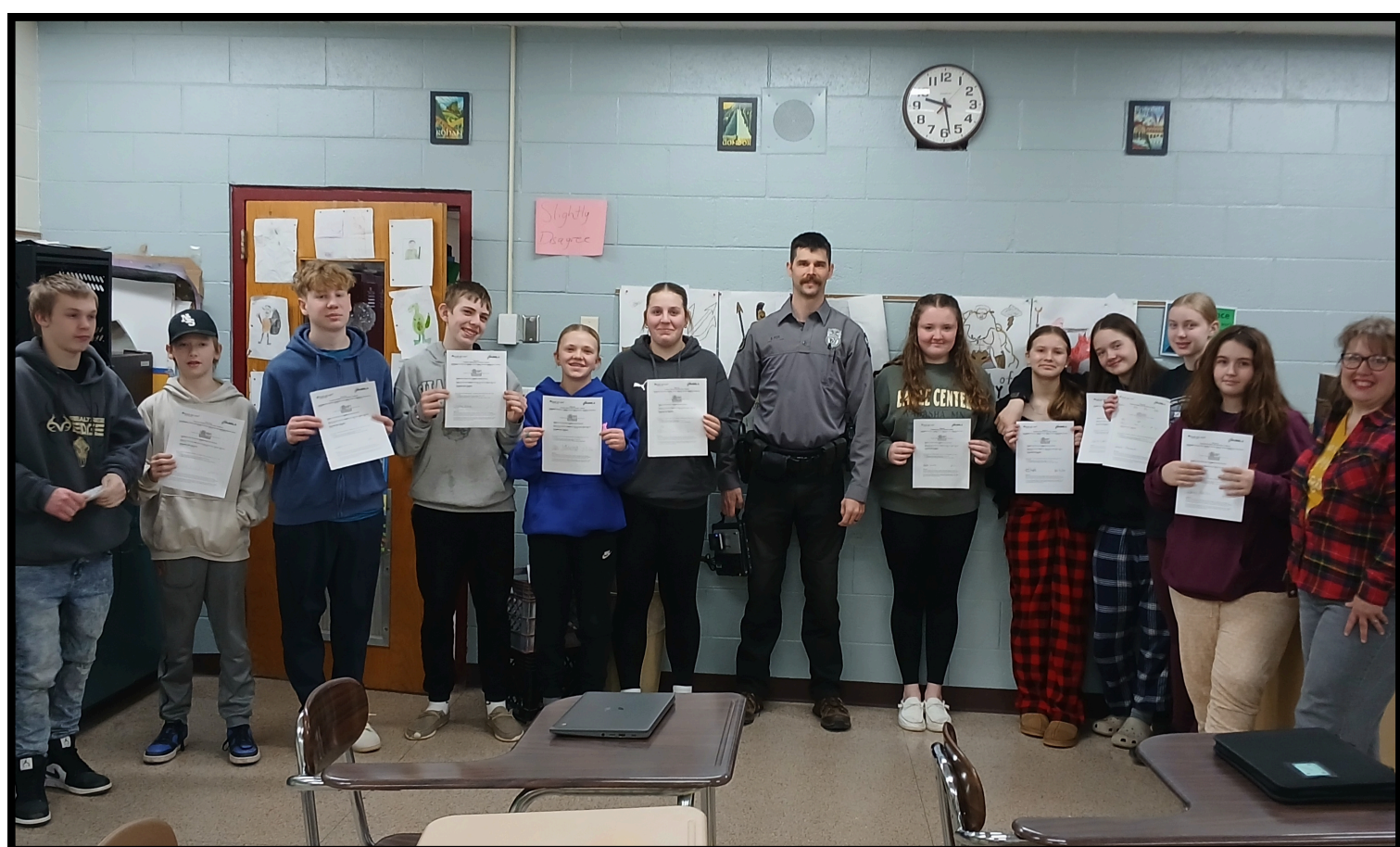
A special participation award went out to all participants.



Left to right: Millianna Tye, Marlee Roffers & Marjorie Sanborn

## Boater Safety

Local Wisconsin Game Warden, Evan Fox, visited class to talk about boat safety, rules & regulations, and answered questions. We have a new group of 8th graders (7 students) to complete the course.



THANK YOU to St.Croix Headwaters Foundation for helping fund this great opportunity!

# Eagles' Nest Childcare



Whether it be fun in the sun, or in the classroom working on projects, these little eagles are always having fun!

Eagles' Nest Childcare is currently accepting infants and pre-school aged children. Please contact our director:

Angie MacLellan at (715) 718-6141



## Twelfth Night

On March 28th, the Freshman class was invited to spend a day immersed in theatre at UWS for their showing of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*! The talented cast helped our students see the characters and story come to life after studying the play in ELA.





## Montessori E2 & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit KBJR

Montessori E2 & Traditional 5<sup>th</sup> grade have been studying water EVERYWHERE - in the atmosphere, on the surface and groundwater! To help us take our learning more in depth, we visited KBJR Weather Station to tour and learn about weather patterns. At Lake Superior Estuarium, we learned about the Lake Superior Watershed. It was a great day of learning outside the classroom and fun was had by all!



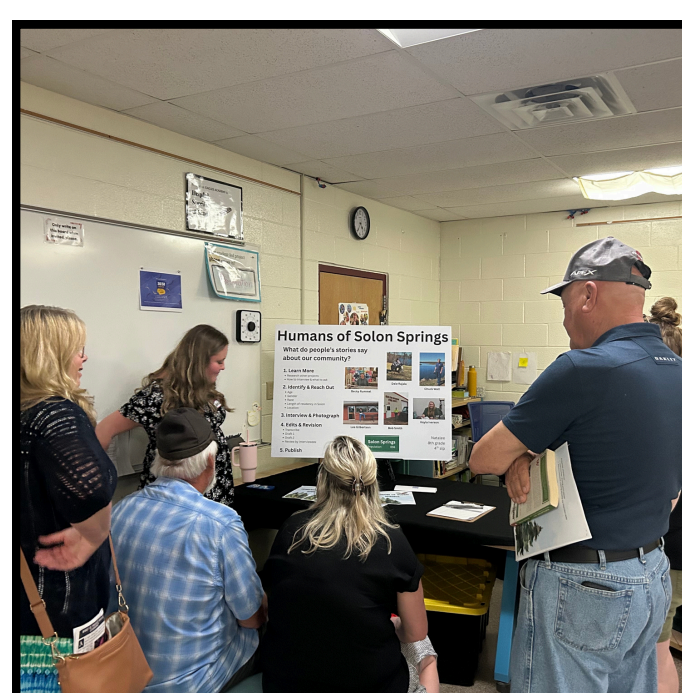
## Montessori E2 & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit Wastewater Treatment Facility

Montessori E2 & Traditional 5<sup>th</sup> grade ventured to the Wastewater Treatment Facility in Superior. We learned what wastewater is, where it comes from and the complete process to treat the water. We were given a detailed tour of the plant to observe and discover each part of the process from wastewater to clean water. The clean water then travels to Lake Superior. We never knew wastewater could be so fun!!



## Project Showcase

In project-based learning (PBL), a public showcase provides an authentic audience for students to present their completed projects and demonstrate skills and knowledge learned throughout the project process. Students at Eagles Academy showcase their learning through their student learning projects (SLPs) twice a year. During our spring showcase, students shared their learning through projects ranging from the science of pickling all the way to becoming an educated tourist in order to travel to Greece. If you are interested in learning more about PBL, how students learn at Eagles Academy, or your student applying to attend Eagles Academy next year, contact Brittany Hager at [bhager@solonk12.net](mailto:bhager@solonk12.net).



### FREE ANNUAL KIDS FISHING CONTEST (NEW) MINNOW RACES (NEW)

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#### PARK CREEK POND

SATURDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

9AM TO NOON  
REGISTRATION STARTS 8:30AM

3 AGE GROUPS  
5 & UNDER, 6 TO 10, 11 TO 14

PRIZES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS  
EVERY CONTESTANT GETS A PRIZE  
FREE FOOD & DRINKS





## Household Application for Summer EBT

Most eligible students will automatically receive Summer EBT benefits and do not need to apply if they are receiving free or reduced price meals at their school.

However, there are some households with eligible students that will need to apply. You may need to apply if:

- you may be eligible for Summer EBT benefits via your household's income and do not want to apply for free or reduced price meal benefits at your student's school.
- your student is enrolled in a school that participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) where all meals are provided to students at no cost and your household does not participate in FoodShare, W-2 Cash Benefits, FDPIR, and/or certain income based Medicaid programs, and you think you may be eligible for Summer EBT benefits based on your household's income.

The following link is the application for Summer EBT only:

<https://wisconsin.summerebtapp.com>

## Romeo & Juliet at Orpheum Theatre

On May 18th, a group of middle and high school band and choir students attended a performance of the Broadway musical Romeo & Juliet at the Orpheum Theatre in Minneapolis. Students raised their own funds and designed this field experience to see a live music theater production in a historic venue.



## District Solo & Ensemble

On April 5, middle and high school band and choir students participated in the District Solo & Ensemble Festival at Rice Lake High School, where they performed pieces for an adjudicator and received formal assessment and feedback.

Performers put in extra effort to expand their music skills and prepare for this event, and represented Solon Springs positively with their musical excellence. Congratulations to all participants for your hard work and courage!



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