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End of the School Year

Summer has finally arrived and this edition of the Viking Press is the last for the 2014-2015 school year. Please remember **that Tuesday, June 9th and Wednesday, June 10th are half days.**

Be safe while enjoying the summer break. We'll see you in the fall!

Superintendent's Article

Raising Responsible Children

By Superintendent Dennis Paquette



"It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities."—Josiah Charles Stamp, English economist.

How capable are our kids? I'm not talking about their math ability or how well they throw a football. Can our kids fend for themselves? Can they operate a vacuum cleaner? Cook a meal? Lodge a complaint? Speak to an adult on their own behalf? Hammer a nail? Change a light bulb?

Many kids today live a life of entitlement. Our kids feel that something is owed to them. Very little is asked of them in terms of responsibilities at home. I have two teenage boys at home. Taking responsibility for one's actions is a common topic of discussion in our house. I know in my house, I often think that it's much easier to do a job myself, especially if I want it done right (or my interpretation of the way I think it should be done).

Consequently, instead of teaching my kids responsibility...I contribute to this problem. My kids have very few responsibilities in the real scheme of things (that is my fault), like most teenagers, my boys run the full spectrum of being very helpful, caring, respectful young men and other times they morph into some type of slob-like, self-absorbed creatures from Hell. Hmmm...

All parents would love to raise responsible children, kids who will clean up after themselves, do for others without being asked, and do the extras that help one to be successful. However, most people view those qualities as a lack of the draw type of occurrence. Know that teaching kids responsibility takes a long time. Don't expect sudden miracles. Continue to talk and teach about responsibility as your child grows. I need to take my own advice.

We need to make sure our children feel the consequences of not taking responsibility (instead of you feeling the consequences). For example, if your child refuses to place his clothes in the hamper to be washed, leaves them on the floor of his room. Shut the door. Don't wash the clothes. When your child panics about not having clean clothes, show him the way to the washer and dryer. Resist the temptation to rescue your kids when they suffer the consequences of not taking responsibility. If your teenager calls from school in the middle of winter wanting a ride home because she's cold and she didn't wear a

coat, empathize with her situation, but don't bail her out (unless, of course, it could be a life threatening situation). Something as simple as a walk in cold, brisk weather can teach a child the benefits of wearing a coat in the winter.

As parents we need to talk less. Kids often refuse to take responsibility because they know we will keep reminding them of what needs to be done. Be clear that you'll give ONE reminder, and then it's up to them. Lead by example. Remember that lessons in responsibility always start with you! If your child hears you saying one thing and then doing the opposite, your kids will be more likely to follow your example rather than follow your command.

When a problem occurs at home – a sink overflowing, a broken bottle, the cable is out, the blender blows the circuit – involve your children in the solution. They might be too young to handle broken glass, but you can talk to them about the importance of finding every shard so that no one gets hurt and teach them the trick of shining a flashlight on the surface to spot fragments you might have missed. Show them where the circuit breaker box is and how you can tell if a circuit has flipped. Allow them to be part of the solution.

Here's the bottom line for parents: If we are intentional in our parenting, our kids have a better shot at growing up confident in their own abilities to take care of themselves and others.



South Walnut Elementary

End of the Year Letter to Students

Dear Students,

I am faced with the bittersweet ending of our time together, but sweet to see all the personal and academic growth you have made in our nine months together. It is never easy to say goodbye at the end of a school year. Thanks to your smiles, enthusiasm and character, it will be hard to let you go for three months.

Thank you for being patient with me my first year at South Walnut. New students, new learning standards, new units to study and new friends made this year remarkable! You helped me to see that you are capable of much more than I expected with incredibly high expectations on the new M-Step test and curriculum. You also helped me to realize what I need to learn so I can do better next year!

Thank you for showing me hope for our future! I am reminded every year how important education is because of your excitement when you come to school and when you learn something new. I am also filled with a desire to make sure that South Walnut will work better for your varied needs and learning styles.

I will continue to brag about how wonderful all of you are and will look forward to hearing your stories about summer when I see you in September! Be safe and make wise choices. Read great books, explore your world outside, and remember what we learned this year!!

Little Viking Pride,
Mrs. Bitzer

Bangor Middle School

Survivor: M-STEP - End of Testing Celebration

On April 14th, Bangor Middle School began an exciting journey into the new state assessment known as the M-STEP. This stands for Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress. Students were tested in the areas of English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies. The testing window opened on Monday, April 13th and closed on Friday, June 5th. Specific grade levels were scheduled for testing at different times throughout the overall testing window.

The staff at the middle school recognized how disruptive this testing would be to our students. We knew that it would have an impact on morale throughout the building. We decided to put together a committee of teachers to figure out a way to make the testing experience enjoyable for everyone. The committee consisted of Mr. Davison, Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Jamrog, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bitzer, Ms. Burnaby, and Mr. Kore. Together we came up with the idea for the Survivor: M-STEP Experience.

The Survivor M-STEP experience consisted of a very detailed daily schedule created by Ms. Burnaby for all staff to follow. This way we knew what was being tested, when it was being tested, who was being tested, and where they were taking the test on any given day. The entire building participated in a Survivor kick-off day the Thursday before spring break where classes all had a Survivor theme to them and at the end of the day our grade level "tribes" converged on the gym for a special assembly to celebrate the start of the Survivor M-STEP Experience. Every grade received a kick-off breakfast served to them on their first day of testing by their grade

level staff. They participated in "immunity challenges during their lunch hour on testing days, and there was even a special drawing for students that had perfect attendance for all testing days for each grade level.

After 6 weeks of scheduled on-line testing for students in grades 5 through 8. Students were treated to a day of Survivor activities and challenges to celebrate the end of a very successful testing session for the middle school. Teachers created Survivor-themed activities in the building for the morning. Students were then taken out to the football stadium where there was a cook-out for lunch, kickball tournament, and several different challenge stations for each grade level to rotate through for the remainder of the day. It was a great time for everyone!

Special thanks go out to all of the students and staff of Bangor Middle School. Their hard work, focus, and dedication made the Survivor M-STEP experience a success for everyone that was involved. THANK YOU!



South Walnut Elementary

Little Vikings Credit Union Huge Success

On January 28, 2015, South Walnut Elementary held their Grand Opening! Little Vikings Credit Union opened 51 new accounts! Our bank has grown in numbers! We had 293 student transactions totaling over \$2,000.00!! What an amazing chance for our students to save money and enjoy doing it! On May 20, our sixteen bank employees shared a pizza lunch and took in the last de-

posits for this school year. We look forward to opening again in the fall and hiring new fourth grade workers! Continue to save your money and learn the value of saving!



Bangor Middle School

Fourth Marking Period Citizenship Award

The following students received our Citizenship award for outstanding behavior during fourth marking period. These students never received an office referral during the past nine weeks!

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| Adams, Cheyenne E. | Glidden-Fry, Samuel T. | Lorenzo, Ricardo | Ramirez Medrano, Laisha |
| Aragon, Jesus | Gomez, Janet J. | Lorenzo, Yesenia | Ramirez, Christopher C. |
| Arevall, Noemi | Gomez, Jasmin | Luna, Leslie G. | Ramirez-Medrano, Gael |
| Arkasuskas, Joseph | Goril, Tyler J. | Lynch, Hunter W. | Redaway, Austin J. |
| Artis, Lucas W. | Gorman, Claude T. | Magana, Lisandro | Reed, Kiahna |
| Barajas Gutierrez, David | Gray, Laniqua | Marin, Jennifer | Reyna, Lupe |
| Barajas, Maritza | Gregory, Brendan J. | Marin-Hernandez, | Rodriguez, Areli M. |
| Barber, Gabriel A. | Griffioen, Elijah P. | Jose L. | Rodriguez, Mateo |
| Betancourt, Alfredo J. | Guel, Elena A. | Martinez, Alvaro | Rukas, Zachariah S. |
| Betancourt, Yareli | Guel, Joshua N. | Martinez, Blanca E. | Rybarczyk, Brooklyn A. |
| Birner, Alyssa | Hardester, Joseph S. | May, Mason T. | Salomon, Cecelia M. |
| Boles, Brayden | Hardester, Michael | McGee, Keonna M. | Sanders, Kiera M. |
| Bowen, Thomas B. | Hay, Alexander L. | McKinney, Jason M. | Santiago, Siney Y. |
| Brenne, Tyler J. | Hay, Audrey L. | McPike, Kenneth C. | Saucedo, Joanne |
| Brunn, Seth | Hecht, Breanna D. | Medina Demetrio, Jentry | Schneider, Kali A. |
| Brunt, Dirk | Helms, Abigail L. | Medrano, Jacqueline | Sirk, Perry W. |
| Calvillo, Ezmeralda | Hernandez, Araceli | Mejia, Ivan | Sisson, Kyle J. |
| Calvillo, Mayra A. | Hernandez, Diego | Mellinger, Hannah M. | Soria, Amparo |
| Calvillo, Mikaela | Hernandez, Emily M. | Miller, Anthony | Soria, Katalina |
| Canning, Lily E. | Hernandez, Hannah M. | Moench, Abigail E. | Soria, Maria |
| Cardozo-Aviles, Hernan | Hicks, Sarah E. | Moench, Alexandria | Sprague, Morgan P. |
| Cardozo-Aviles, Vladimir | Hicks, Stephanie | Montoya, Anise | Stewart, Vanessa K. |
| Carrillo, Marilyn | Holmes, Harliegh | Muniz, Haily | Stigler, Anton E. |
| Cervantes, Andrew | Hoots, Connor J. | Munoz, Rolando | Stone, Hailee L. |
| Chamness, Paul III | Horn, Paige N. | Munoz, Jose G. | Stormont, Jack G. |
| Coronado-Medina, Gabriel | Householder, Collin N. | Nelson, Ryan | Sugden, Cyris |
| Corzine, Kayla M. | Householder, Hannah | Nichols, Hunter S. | Sullins, Tempest |
| Cox, Shawn J. | Hull, Carter R. | Nieva, Jonathan | Sweeney, Briana |
| Crandall, Lauryn O. | Hunt, Joseph J. | Noe, Braxton J. | Taft, Zion X. |
| Cripps, Brian | Jaco, Hannah | Palacios-Giles, Edgar | Tait, Kendra |
| Csiti, Alexis B. | Jenerou, Kaylee L. | Palacios-Liverato, | Tedford, Keoni R. |
| Cummins, Alexssi | Jones, Emily D. | Norberto | Torres, Summer R. |
| Diaz, Miranda M. | Jones, Jaedon D. | Perez, Araceli | Ulam, Cameron |
| Dixon, Genesis | Keh, Aleena | Perez, Arlette T. | Underwood, Emily C. |
| Eastman, Shelby L. | Kelly, Ehliza M. | Petersen, Jady N. | Vargas, Getsemani |
| Edgar, Anthony G. | Kieszkowski, Taylor M. | Petraneck, Colby T. | Villanueva, Cassandra |
| Eisner, Alyssa D. | Kimbro, Cassandra | Petty, Brendon A. | Villasenor, Samuel |
| Finch, Carter | Klock, McKayla G. | Pittman, Krea | Villegas, Erika S. |
| Fogg, Seth D. | Krumrey, Klara H. | Polk, Nicholas E. | Walantyn, Charles V. |
| Ford, Grace K. | Kuiper, Olivia G. | Polk, Zachary S. | Walker, Christopher J. |
| Foust, Kailah M. | Leon, Cesar I. | Ponce, Jocelyn | Walker, Tameliah D. |
| Franco-Aguirre, Roberto | Levora, Elley | Ponce, Manuel E. | Walker, Tashia |
| Galvez, Jonathon | Lewis, Mary E. | Pop, Emily M. | Weber, Marshall T. |
| Garcia, Jennifer | Little, Dylan G. | Popoca, Lisbeth | Wells, Katana |
| Garcia, Jose Jr | Littlefield, Amara | Popoca, Lizet | Westbrooks, Brandon T. |
| Garcia, JuanCarlos E. | London, Cameron P. | Post, Travis M. | Wheeler, Brandyn |
| Gardner, Emerald P. | London, Victoria P. | Price, Olivia K. | Withey, Zayne |
| Gil, Alex | Lopez Cruz, Elizabeth | Puga, Leonardo X. | Zordan, Joshua |
| Gleason, Grace E. | Lopez, Vanessa | Quinones, Jennifer | |
| | Lopez-Murillo, Marycruz | | |

South Walnut Elementary

Apple Tree Preschool Celebrates

Mrs. Shafer and Mrs. Remington celebrated their last day with students on May 28, 2015. Games, picnic lunch, certificates, refreshments and balloon launch ended the bright sunny day on a happy note! We are so excited to have our little friends join us at South Walnut in the fall as Kindergartners!! Get your pencils, crayons and backpacks ready as you head to the "BIG" school!!

Have a GREAT summer!!



Congratulations Community Ed. Center Graduates

The Bangor Community Education Center held its graduation ceremony on May 28, 2015. Fourteen students graduated: Christina Barnes (Community Service award), Lamara Clinton, Abby Colborn, Lauren Collins (Michigan Merit Competitive Scholarship recipient), Gabriela Diaz (Community Service Award), Erik Guajardo, Alexander Hamilton, Anthony Kaczmarczyk, Jesus Martinez, Brenda Mata-Aguirre, Alicia Posey (Community Service Award), Dakota Puckett, Jenelle Ross

(Community Service Award), and Deon Taft. Jenelle Ross gave the student address.

It was a very festive evening with full participation of the Bangor Board of Education along with Superintendent Paquette. The evening was highlighted by the student's celebration of the obstacles they have overcome, and the educational achievements they reached, while being a part of the Virtual Academy. The evening was completed with a cake and punch reception.



Bangor High School

Class of 2015-Scholarship Recipients

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| Byrd, Chelsea- Norm Johnson Memorial Scholarship | Kelly, Deandra- TIP-WMU Scholarship Tuition |
| Cole, Levi- Ross E. Normington Memorial Scholarship, American Red Cross Scholarship, GEAR-UP Scholarship, Bangor Lions Club, Bill Mayhak Memorial Scholarship, Trine University Scholarship | Lancaster, Paige- American Red Cross Scholarship, Viking Club Scholarship, Teri Lynn Wilson Scholarship, GEAR-UP Scholarship, The University of Oklahoma's Academic Achievement Scholarship, The University of Oklahoma's Sooner Heritage Scholarship, Western Michigan University Medallion Scholarship Finalist, Saint Mary's College Dean Scholarship, Loyola University's Damen Scholarship |
| DeVisser, Juliana- American Red Cross Scholarship, Richard Beer Memorial Scholarship, South Haven Health System Auxiliary Scholarship, GEAR-UP Scholarship | Mellinger, Alanis- Adrian College Scholarship, Adrian College Academic Departmental Scholarship, Frances E. Martin Memorial Scholarship |
| Greiner, Breanna- BEA Scholarship, GEAR-UP Scholarship, Dr. Avison & Maude Gano Memorial Scholarship, Viking Club Scholarship | Mendez, Alexander- TIP- WMU Scholarship Tuition, Trine Honor Award |
| Hay, Brittany- American Red Cross Scholarship | Weber, Lindsey- Patrick O. Watkins Memorial Scholarship, American Red Cross Scholarship, South Haven Health Systems Auxiliary Scholarship, GEAR-UP Scholarship |
| Hescott, Jared- Ferris State Provosts Scholarship, Dr. Avison & Maude Gano Memorial Scholarship, National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship, Viking Club Scholarship | Willis, Savion- Norm Johnson Memorial Scholarship |
| Johnson, Quinten- Viking Club Scholarship, Bangor Arts Council Scholarship | |

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

Bangor High School held their commencement ceremony on Friday, May 29th, at 7:00 pm. Keynote speaker, Annie Brown, joined the faculty, staff, and board members, in honoring our seniors. The class of 2015 included many honors and accomplishments including over \$566,000 worth of scholarships for our 61 graduates. Valedictorian, Juliana DeVisser, and Salutatorian, Paige Lancaster, both addressed their classmates. Bangor Public Schools would like to congratulate the entire class of 2015 on all of their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors. Go Vikings!

BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2015

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|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Hugo Alcaraz-Flores | Selena Gallegos | Austin Keeton | Antonio Ruiz |
| Juan Andrade* | Marilyn Gallegos | Kimberlee Kelley | Hannah Rukas |
| Enrique Ayala | Cuevas* | Deandra Kelly* | Zozimo Saldana |
| Chelsea Byrd | Damonique Gallimore | Nicholas Kish | Sanchez |
| Fernando Diaz Calderon | Oscar Gamino Ochoa | Genna Kyle | Mya Shelton |
| Jasmine Campos | Mitchell Gibson | Paige Lancaster* | Paige Lancaster |
| Aja Cannon | Mike Gomez | Dolores Lopez | Nicholas Struble |
| Marco Carrillo-Hernandez | Webster, Marshall T. | Odalys Marin | Kaitlynn Szymanski |
| Cole Clayton | Wells, Katana | Fyndi McCue | Sean Torres |
| Lamar Clinton | Westbrooks, Brandon T. | Dustin McPike | Zepellin Torres |
| Levi Cole | Wheeler, Brandyn | Breanna Greiner | Kaleigh Trainor |
| Frederic Crafts | Withey, Zayne | Brittany Hay | Stephanie Villalobos |
| Breanna Darling | Zordan, Joshua | Jesus Hernandez | Lindsey Weber* |
| Juliana DeVisser* | | Jared Hescott* | Samantha Willett |
| Dorian Fletcher-Guerra | | Hannah Hiatt | Chas Willis |
| Ishmael Hodges | | Ismael Hodges | Exchange Student |
| Faith Johnson | | Maher Ramirez | Nichakan Chumprateep |
| Jacob Freislinger | | Faith Johnson | |
| | | Quinten Johnson | |
| | | Kyle Robertson | |

*Denotes 4 Year Honor Students

Free Summer Meals for Students

The Bangor Public Schools will be offering the Summer Food Service Program for Children. Free meals will be made available to all children 18 years of age and under. A nutritious breakfast, lunch and dinner will be available on a daily basis at both the South Walnut Elementary Building and the Community Education Building. Meals will be served at the following times:

Breakfast 7:30 am-8:30 am • Lunch 11:15 am- 12:45 pm • Dinner 5:00 pm- 6:00pm

Bangor Public Schools welcomes all children to participate in the Summer Food Program. Children do not have to be attending summer school. Encourage your children to come on in and enjoy the nutritious meals we will be providing this summer.

The meals will be served Monday through Friday, June 24th to August 7th.
** Both Sites will be closed on July 3rd, 2015**

Comidas De Verano Gratuitos Para Estudiantes

Las Escuelas Pùblicas de Bangor estarà ofreciendo el Programa de Servicio de Alimentos de Verano para Niños . Las comidas gratuitas estaràn disponibles para todos los niños de 18 años, de edad y menores . Un desayuno nutritivo , almuerzo y cena estaràn disponibles todos los días, tanto en la Primaria South Building Noyal y el Edificio de Educación de la Comunidad. . Las comidas se serviràn en los siguientes horarios :

Desayuno 7:30 am- 8:30 am • Almuerzo 11:15 am a 12:45
Cena de 17:00 pm a 18:00

Bangor Escuelas Pùblicas da la bienvenida a todos los niños a participar en el Programa de Alimentos de Verano. Los niños no tienen que estar asistiendo a la escuela de verano . Anime a sus hijos a venir en y disfrutar de las comidas nutritivas estaremos proporcionando este verano.

Las comidas se serviràn Lunes a Viernes, Junio 24 a Agosto 7 .
** Los dos sitios estaràn cerrados el 03 de Julio 2015 **