

North Central
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*North Central Elementary School
W5465 Third Street
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The purpose of this Annual Education Report is to meet the requirements of *Michigan Public acts 25, 335 and 336*. This report is intended to provide information about the 2007-08 school year. As required by law, this Annual Education Report will be filed with the Menominee County Intermediate School District and will be presented to the public at a regularly scheduled NCAS Board of Education Meeting. It will also be posted on the school's website.

This report was prepared by the current principal, staff members, SIT Team, parents and students.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings,
As the new principal of North Central Elementary School, I am impressed by the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our students and the support of our parents and community. As a small rural school, these factors are necessary to provide the quality education present at North Central Elementary. It is also obvious our previous administrator, Mr. Donald Palmer, provided the vision and leadership we needed to continue to improve the overall program. Our goal is to continue this improvement each year. Working together as a "TEAM" we will achieve this goal. As you will see in the report, we are very proud of our students and staff at North central Elementary.

Sincerely,
Andrew M. Hongisto, Principal

MISSION STATEMENT

“The staff of the North Central Area School District believes that, in order to provide a quality education for all children, we must have the cooperation of school personnel with community support. Together we shall provide the skills necessary for developing students intellectually, socially, emotionally and physically. By establishing and maintaining high standards, we hope to develop responsible, productive citizens who will be prepared to meet the challenges of the future.”

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SCHOOL REPORT CARD

COMPOSITE GRADE

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North Central Elementary is proud to have received the highest grade possible on the 2008 AYP/EducationYES! State Status Report. This report card provides an assessment of several measures of the school's performance. An achievement score for each content area is computed by averaging the Status and Change scores for a content area. A preliminary aggregate achievement score is derived by averaging the scores from each content area (at the elementary level only English language arts and Math scores are used). The preliminary aggregate score is weighted 67% and the School Self-Assessment (Indicator score) is weighted 33% in calculating the preliminary score/ grade for a school.



STUDENT ASSESSTMENT

In addition to the MEAP testing Program, North Central students are assessed using the MI-Access test (alternative to the MEAP test), LETTERS, DIBELS, NAEP (federal test similar to the MEAP test, and the Stanford Achievement Test.

SPECIALIZED SCHOOLS

Menominee County Intermediate School District operates specialized schools for trainable mentally impaired and severely mentally impaired students who live throughout the ISD.

Students attending these schools must go through a formal diagnostic evaluation to determine if the student is eligible for Special Education Services. If deemed eligible, the student's teacher then develops individual goals and objectives. Each year another meeting is held to review the student's progress and to develop goals for the next year.

The Menominee County also provides the following services in the following areas: Social Work, Physical Therapy, Speech/Language, Vision and Hearing Impaired consultants, Occupational Therapy, and School Psychological Services.

North Central High School Students are also eligible to attend the Phoenix Alternative School, which is run by the North Menominee Community Schools.

CORE CURRICULUM

The Core Curriculum refers to the education program offered to our students. The State of Michigan Grade Content Level Expectations are the driving force behind the development of our school's goals and objectives. Professional Development Opportunities are offered to all staff members in areas such as: content area concepts, instructional techniques, teaching materials, discipline in the classroom and various assessments.

Staff development activities regarding the implementation and improvements in the core curriculum areas are conducted through workshops, in-service training and staff meetings. Our previous contact with "Co-nect," our provider for the Comprehensive School Reform Grant, has enabled the staff to improve each curricular area. Student

progress toward goal attainment is monitored through assessments like Letters, Dibels, MEAP, Mi-Access, Stanford Achievement Tests and teacher generated tests.

ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE

North Central Elementary provides a variety of assistance programs to help students in need. They include, but are not limited to:

- *Special Education*
- *At-Risk Remediation*
- *Educational Aide Support*
- *Title 1*
- *Parent Volunteers*
- *Foster Grandparents Program*



DATA DIS-AGGREGATION

The State of Michigan provides MEAP test results, including a Data Analysis report that gives districts valuable. These reports are evaluated for strengths and weaknesses. Content areas needing revisions, become a focus for the School Improvement Team for the following year.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Research on parental involvement shows that students are more successful in school when parents support, volunteer, and become involved in their child's education. Parents of students in grades 2-6 use *POWER SCHOOL* to stay abreast of their child's academic progress. With the use of this technology we feel parents are now able to

“stay in touch” easier, and as a result, the percentage of parents attending conferences have dropped. At the fall conferences 83% of students had one or both parents attend.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

School improvement is an ongoing process. The School Improvement Team (SIT) meets several times throughout the year to review progress on goals and to revise goals when necessary. 2007-08 SIT members included:

Don Palmer	Principal
Tracy Hammar	Teacher
Penney Parmet	Teacher
Sharon Charles	Title 1
Doreen Fazer	Title 1
Denise Porath	Teacher

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Following are the 3-5 year goals for North Central Elementary:

- NC Elementary students will improve their writing skills as measured by the MEAP test.
- NC Elementary students will improve their math skills as measured by the MEAP test.
- The NC social studies curriculum will be aligned with the State of Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations.
- The NC Elementary staff will develop activities that encourage parent and community participation.



VOLUNTEERS

Each morning for 13 years, Mrs. Wilma Nelson, a volunteer with the Foster Grandparent Program, enters North Central Elementary with one goal in mind, *“to help students become the best they can be.”* Our “grandmother” reads with young students, helps them write their letters and numbers, and assists them with projects. But, the most important benefit of having a caring “grandmother” like Wilma is the relationship she develops with the students. Each child is made to feel special and they know she will always be there to help them. Our “Foster Grandparent” certainly makes North Central Elementary a great place to learn.



We are also fortunate to have parents volunteer on a daily basis. Whether it's helping in the library, computer lab, or the classroom, parents are always willing to assist and to enhance the educational program at NC Elementary.

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

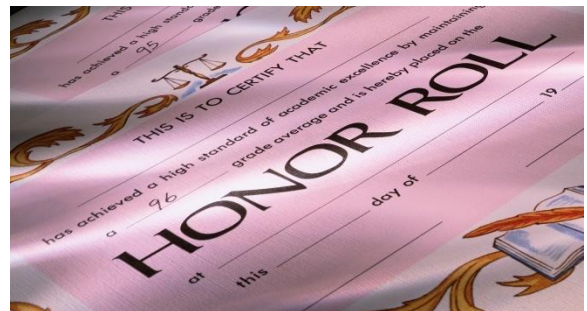
“MISSION POSSIBLE” is an incentive program for students in grades 3-6. The goal of the program is to encourage student involvement in school activities and to reward students for following school policies. Classes receive points for completing specific activities throughout the semester. At the end of the semester, the class earning the most points chooses a reward.

STUDENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The objective of “Student in the Spotlight” is to reward students who go above and beyond to help others. Staff members nominate students when they see them doing a good deed. Each week a new student is selected to be in the “spotlight.” A monthly winner is drawn from weekly winners.

HONOR ROLL

Students are recognized for academic excellence by being named to the HONOR ROLL when their grades for the marking period average a “B or better.”



2007-08 ELEMENTARY

MEAP scores
School Report Card
Community Service projects
Toy and Can Food drives
Reading Month activities
Book Fair
Reading Olympics
Accelerated Reader/Math
Book Share
Book-It
Reading/Gym Buddies
“Wizard of Oz” (play)
Christmas program
Spring Band Concert
Veteran’s Day program
Cards for veterans
Fire Safety
Snowplow Safety
Economics Job Fair
NCA Guarantee

HIGHLIGHTS

Art Exhibits/Contests
School Pride Day
Student in the Spotlight
“Mission Possible”
Support Staff Day
Teacher Appreciation Day
Science challenges
Professional Development
Pizza Fundraiser
Wreath sale
Kindergarten Zoo
Field trips:
***Green Bay (play)**
***Marquette (planetarium)**
***Zoo**
***Pumpkin Patch**
***Tree Farm**
***Fire Station**
***Iron Mine**
***Pinecrest**

OTHER INFORMATION

Due to the tremendous support our community provides, the Annual Pizza Fundraiser was a “HUGE SUCCESS” again. The money raised is used for technology, books, field trips, programs and classroom supplies. Our overall curriculum is greatly enhanced by the funds generated by the Pizza Sale. The students and staff at North Central Elementary would like to thank everyone for their generous support throughout the school year.

THANK YOU !!



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