

NICE NEWS



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 - FULL DAY

REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS & START TIMES		
	High School	Aspen Ridge School
School Begins	8:05 AM	8:19 AM
School Ends	3:00 PM	3:11 PM
<i>Where to report on September 6th:</i>	<i>Gymnasium</i>	<i>Designated Rooms/ 6-8 Gymnasium</i>

SUPERINTENDENT'S WELCOME

Hello NICE Community Schools Family,

Another brilliant school year is upon us and our school family continues to grow as we look to enroll our greatest number of students in the past five years. The attraction and strength of our district comes from our students, our families and our community. Time and again we prove that we value a well-rounded educational experience for our kids. We focus on individualized and personalized attention for our students with a deeply committed faculty and staff who are dedicated to pursuing excellence in everything we do.

When I take a look around our campus and walk through our halls, I see over and over again our investment in our children. Over the past few years alone, we've continued beautifying and growing our academic spaces and outdoor spaces. A few examples include two brand new classrooms and interior renovations at Aspen Ridge, a completely remodeled science wing, media center and auditorium at Westwood, and a beautiful new tennis complex that is utilized every nice day by our students and community. When we couple all of this with our students' natural academic prowess, extracurricular talents and dedication to hard work we get a truly amazing school district.

This year we will continue our tradition of overcoming any challenges that come our way, celebrating our many successes and creating a fantastic school experience for our students that is built upon a growing history of strength, integrity and excellence. We are NICE Community Schools and we are proud to be the Patriots.

Sincerely,

Bryan DeAugustine

Bryan DeAugustine, Superintendent

Dear Aspen Ridge Families,

Welcome back! All of us here at Aspen Ridge are excited for the new school year. Mark your calendar for our annual Open House on Wednesday, August 31, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet new staff, reconnect with others, and visit your child's classroom. The Family Resource Room and the PTO offer a variety of opportunities for you to become involved. Make sure to stop and see them if you are interested in working as a parent volunteer.

The feeling of kicking off a new school year never gets old! I look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has the best possible experience here at Aspen Ridge. I hope to see you at the Open House, but if you miss it do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

Go Patriots!

Sincerely,

Chris Marana

Principal, Aspen Ridge Elementary School

Dear Aspen Ridge Families,

Welcome back! We are looking forward to another great year at Aspen Ridge Middle School. We are proud and excited to partner with all parents/guardians and community members to provide the best educational experience possible. Our school has much to offer and we encourage our students to become involved in our school community as much as possible.

Our Open House will be held on Wednesday, August 31st from 6-7 pm, with a brief 6th grade optional parent meeting at 5:30 pm in the gymnasium.

Sincerely,

Jon Beckman

Principal, Aspen Ridge Middle School

Dear Patriot,

It is with pride that I welcome you back to the 43rd year of Westwood High School. Our administrators, teachers, coaches, and support personnel are looking forward to a new school year and we want to make it as productive as possible for our students and community.

The Westwood family is committed to student success and will work tirelessly to ensure that everyone receives a quality high school experience.

The key to student success is involvement and willingness to be a part of our school family. The variety of programs and activities that we offer on the NICE campus present an opportunity for every student to find a way to actively participate in our school.

Be proud that you are part of a long history of excellence. Know that through your hard work you will soon join the long line of distinguished alumni.

Sincerely,

Dave Boase

Principal, Westwood High School

IMPORTANT DATES**September 6**

First Day for Students

November 24, 25

No School – Thanksgiving Break

Dec 22-30

No School (Winter Break)

January 2

Classes Resume

March 27-31

No School – Spring Break

April 3

Classes Resume

April 14

No school – Good Friday

May 29

No school – Memorial Day

FALL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

The Ishpeming-Negaunee-NICE Community Schools Fall Enrichment Classes will begin on September 19. Registration for fall enrichment classes will begin on September 12,

WELCOME ABOARD

This year, the NICE District will welcome the following new teaching staff:

Arica Altobello, Speech Therapist

Alyssa Anttila, Second Grade Teacher

Karen Liimatta, Special Education Teacher

Shannon Rochon, Second Grade Teacher

Jaime VanEnkevort, English Teacher

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

NICE is still accepting applications for foreign exchange students for the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact your local representative of a CSJET certified exchange program for more information.

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

The NICE Community School District is accepting new non-resident schools of choice applications for the 2016-2017 school year for all grades and all programs. Application forms are available in the Superintendent's office or online at <http://www.nice.k12.mi.us> (click on Schools of Choice) and will be accepted through September 9, 2016. If you would like more information on programs and options available for your child, contact the central office at 485-1021.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

The cost for school lunch will be \$2.80 per day for all K-12 students. Breakfast will be \$1.70 per day. Lunches have increased by 10 cents per day as a result of a requirement from the federal government to ensure that sufficient funds are provided to the food service account for paid lunches. Reduced prices remain the same (30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch per day). Milk is included with each meal served but students can purchase additional milk for 50 cents per carton.

SCHOOL LUNCH WILL BE SERVED OPENING DAY

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**BREAKFAST WILL START
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

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BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE EVERY DAY THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR AT EACH SCHOOL

Aspen Ridge School Breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m.

Westwood Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

Parents are encouraged to use the "Payschools" online option to pay for meals using a debit or credit card. Student account histories showing purchases and balances are available through Family Access. Payments will still be accepted in the school office in check or cash. Students will have the same pin numbers as last year.

In many cases, funding for programs and services in a district is based upon the free and reduced lunch count for that district. Please help us secure the maximum possible federal funding by completing a free or reduced lunch application form if you think you may qualify. You may fill out the form even if you do not plan to have your child take advantage of the school's lunch program.

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FREE/REDUCED MEAL BENEFITS FROM LAST SCHOOL YEAR WILL END

Students and families who qualified for free or reduced price meals last school year (2015-2016) **MUST fill out a new application** for this school year (2016-2017). The free or reduced benefits from last year will only be carried-over until **Monday, October 17, 2016**. After that, if no new application is on file, meals will be charged at full price. The school will not send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

Applications will be sent home with each student on the first day of school. They can also be picked up at each school office or downloaded and printed from the district website: www.nice.k12.mi.us.

To avoid an interruption of benefits, don't forget to re-apply for free or reduced price meals each school year!

KIDS CLUB

NICE Community School District Kids Club After School Program provides after-school activities and childcare for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Kids Club operates Monday through Friday from dismissal through 5:30 p.m. The program will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Registration information will be available in the Aspen Ridge School Office and on the district website. The fee is based on the number of days children will attend. All past due balances must be paid in full before we can accept your child's enrollment into the program.

NICE START

The NICE Start preschool program provides 3- and 4-year old children the opportunity to develop skills necessary for Kindergarten and beyond. Children enrolled in NICE Start will have opportunities to demonstrate problem-solving skills, the capacity to make good choices and will exhibit positive social behaviors. The program begins Monday, September 12, 2016.

Please call the Central Office at 906-485-1021 or send an email to marge@nice.k12.mi.us if you have any questions.

NICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS UPDATE:

Another exciting year of Patriots athletics is here! Our student athletes have had a great summer of workouts in preparation for our upcoming seasons. We pride ourselves in putting the student first in student-athlete, while competing in one of the toughest conferences in the state of Michigan.

Please visit our athletics website at www.patriotsathletics.com to stay up to date with schedules and results. We also post information on the NICE Community Schools Facebook page.

Pay to participate remains the same for this school year at \$80 per sport at WHS and \$60 at Aspen Ridge, with a family cap of \$300. Again this year if a WHS athlete competes in all 3 seasons the third season will only be \$40. Additionally, NICE Community Schools will again provide sports passes to all of our students in grades Pre-K through 12. We feel it is an important part of a student's education to be involved. Take advantage of this and get out and support our Patriots!

Yours in Sport,
Jon Beckman, NICE Athletic Director

WALKERS @ WHS

Westwood High School is open for adult walkers again beginning October 31, 2016 and ending March 22, 2017. Walking will be permitted on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:00 PM on game nights and 4:30-7:30 PM on other nights. Game schedules will be available in the high school office in November.

SPORTS SCHEDULES ON THE WEB

Visit www.patriotsathletics.com to view schedules and follow the latest news for Westwood High School athletic teams.

Schedules may also be accessed by clicking on the Athletics tab under Westwood High School on the main district website: www.nice.k12.mi.us

ATHLETIC TICKET PRICES

	Athletic Pass Costs	WHS General Admission	ARMS General Admission
Student (Attending another District or college students under the age of 22 with a valid college ID)	\$25	\$3	\$2
Adult (single)	\$40	\$5	\$3
Senior Citizen (Non Resident)	\$25	\$3	\$3
Senior Citizen (Resident)	NA	NA	NA
Adult (couple)	\$60	Note: Season passes are not honored at the Superior Dome or MHSAA Tournament Games.	
3-Member Family	\$70		
4-Member Family	\$85		
5+ Member Family	\$100		

All students attending the NICE District will receive a free sports pass. Passes will be good for admittance to ALL NICE District sponsored athletic events for the entire 2016-17 school year. (Includes all high school and middle school contests). Residents of the NICE District 62 years or older can receive a NICE District "All sports Lifelong Pass" at no cost. You must present a valid drivers license as proof of age and residency at time of issue.

SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS

The Westwood Sports Booster club invites you to join them at their first meeting of the new school year on Monday, September 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at Westwood High School. Come to see how our organization supports athletics at Westwood. All parents are welcome!

Follow NICE on the web!

District Website: www.nice.k12.mi.us

Find us on Facebook:

<http://facebook.com/niceschools>

<http://facebook.com/patriotsonline>

<http://facebook.com/WestwoodPatriotsAlumni>



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The Transportation Department welcomes students back for the 2016-17 school year. Below is the 2016-17 bus schedule. Parents and students are reminded that the pick-up times listed are approximate and can vary, especially for the first few weeks of school. Students are required to arrive at their designated stop at least 10 minutes before the listed time and remain for at least 10 minutes after. Please allow extra time the first week of school for adjustments in the schedule. If you do not have a copy of our Transportation Handbook, please contact the school of office and one will be provided. All new incoming students will be provided a copy of the handbook on the first day of school. Please be aware that some of the buses are operating at or near capacity and bus passes will not be issued. We do not issue passes for birthday parties, sleepovers, scout meetings etc. Parents must arrange for alternative transportation for those occasions.

TO: WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND ASPEN RIDGE SCHOOL

Spurr, Three Lakes, US 41, Michigamme
Rt. #1, Bus # 17A

- STOP:
6:35 27919/US 41
6:45 North Olson Lake Dr.
6:47 21793 Birch Lane
6:49 Petticoat/Stagecoach Ln.
6:52 Petticoat/Northshore Dr.
6:57 Petticoat/Lentz Rd.
7:05 25596 Imperial Heights Road
7:10 Spurr/Petticoat
7:12 25999 Imperial Heights Road
7:13 25837 Fence River Road
7:15 23071 Hyry Rd.
7:30 Michigamme/Main/Barnum
7:34 41 Brown Rd
7:43 US41/M95

Champion, 41, Co. Rd. CP
Rt. #2, Bus #9B

- STOP:
6:55 AAJ/AJ
6:57 921/AK
7:00 FK/FG
7:03 11606 FG
7:11 3445 CR AAJ
7:12 Main/Easy St
7:13 5967/AAJ
7:14 2470/AAJ
7:16 AF/AC Railroad
7:20 1292 AF/AB
7:21 5544/AF
7:22 AB/AE
7:26 16701/US 41
7:29 1921/FY
7:30 2072/FX
7:31 3728/FX
7:32 3970/FX
7:36 360/CP
7:37 2615/CP
7:40 3272/CP

Humboldt Area, Co. Rd. CN, Co. Rd. 478-482,
Co. Rd. FD,
Kona Lane
Rt. #3, Bus #15A

- STOP:
6:56 FD/FJ
6:59 FNO/FNR
7:07 FNO/FA
7:08 FH/FB
7:11 10582/M95
7:13 9361 CR 601
7:15 2299 CR 601
7:17 769/FA
7:18 2668/FA
7:22 CN/CNA
7:24 2072/CN
7:26 CN/CCK
7:27 CN/Turnaround
7:28 2515/CN
7:35 7959/CR 478
7:40 15580 CR 478
7:43 482/CM
7:44 6445 CR 478
7:46 478/Fairway Dr.
7:47 478/Kona Lane



TO: WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND ASPEN RIDGE SCHOOL

496 West, Diorite, 41/Greenwood, 41 West,
Clarksburg
Rt. #4, Bus # 10C

- STOP:
7:22 9584 US 41 W
7:25 1848/CJ
7:26 16975/CR 496
7:27 20893/CR 496
7:28 20930/CR 496/CKC
7:29 25725/CR 496
7:33 CKK/Granite
7:35 CKK/CKA South St
7:38 33700 /CR 496
7:39 34150/CR 496
7:41 496/CKJ
7:43 9965/US 41
7:45 5781/US 41
7:47 41/Lawry's Pasty Shop

Co Rd CA, Gold Mine Lake Area, Co. Rd. 496
Rt. #5, Bus # 10B

- STOP:
7:10 1791/CR 496
7:12 2244/CR 496
7:13 496/CKM LEGION
7:15 CR 496/N. Greenwood Lks.
7:16 9750/CR 496
7:18 8578/496
7:20 6900/496
7:25 CL/CU
7:27 14891/CL
7:28 15672/CL
7:29 16151/CL
7:30 17994/CL
7:31 18252/CL
7:35 23314/CL
7:40 14100/CL
7:42 3049/CL
7:43 12047/496
7:50 4045/US 41
7:53 41/CZ

Schools of Choice students must contact the transportation department to register for bus transportation. Bus capacity limits space available. Ridership permitted on first come first served basis only.

**City of Ishpeming
Rt. #6, Bus # 6A**

- STOP:
1. 7:20 N. Second Street/Iron Street
2. 7:25 Iron Street/Fifth Street
3. 7:27 Wabash/Seventh Street
4. 7:28 Empire/Fifth Street
5. 7:29 Vine Street/Sixth Street
6. 7:30 North Street/Phelps
7. 7:40 Canda/Lake Street
8. 7:45 450 W. Empire Street
9. 7:47 701 W. Empire Street
10. 7:52 Cedar/Washington

TO: WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

North Lake
Rt. #7, Bus #13A

- STOP:
7:43 N. Westwood Dr./ Friendship
7:47 1940 Woodland Drive
7:48 2105 Woodland Drive
7:49 2400 Woodland Drive
7:50 2359 Woodland Drive

TO: ASPEN RIDGE SCHOOL ONLY

North Lake
Rt. #9, Bus #13A

- STOP:
8:00 2205 Woodland
8:01 2105 Woodland
8:02 1905 Woodland
8:03 Patriot/Friendship
8:05 1045 N Westwood Dr.
8:06 1020 School St.
8:07 N Westwood/Friendship
8:08 1940 North Lake Dr.
8:10 275 North Rose

TO: WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND ASPEN RIDGE SCHOOL

North and South Camp Rd., CR 573, Aspen
Ridge Rd., Southwood, Westwood Dr.
Rt. #10/11, Bus #17D

- STOP:
6:40 CR 573/Braastad Rd
6:48 3575 CR 573
6:50 32 N. Camp Rd
6:51 418 N Camp Rd
6:52 480 N Camp Rd
6:53 N Camp Rd/Rd 1
6:55 1188 N Camp Rd
7:02 3183 CR 573
7:03 3082 CR 573
7:10 S Camp Rd/Three Mile Rd
7:16 435 S Camp Rd
7:22 2370 CR 573
7:46 1080 N Westwood Dr
7:47 1100 N Westwood Dr
7:50 500 N Westwood Dr
7:52 Drop at Westwood
7:55 Drop at Aspen Ridge
7:58 Aspen Ridge Rd/Olmstead Ln
7:59 1965 Southwood
8:01 Southwood/Westwood Dr

TO: WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND ASPEN RIDGE SCHOOL

West Ishpeming, Southwood Dr.
Rt. # 12, Bus # 9A

- STOP:
7:23 W. Ishpeming/Center/Marble
7:24 W. Ishpeming/Center/Prospect
7:25 W. Ishpeming/Center/Gold
7:26 Center/Steel St.
7:27 600 S North Lake Dr.
7:28 Copper/River
7:29 1490 Southwood Dr.
7:31 1805 Southwood Dr.

**TO: WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
AND ASPEN RIDGE SCHOOL**

Iris/Pansy, North Lake Drive, N Rose St.
Rt. # 13, Bus #9A

STOP:

7:42 N. Lake Dr./James
7:47 Iris/Pansy

Deer Lake, Cooper Lake, Highland Drive
Rt. # 14, Bus 6C

STOP:

7:37 Deer Lake/Poplar
7:38 Deer Lake/Linden
7:39 Deer Lake/Elm
7:40 823 Deer Lake
7:42 1200/Cooper Lake
7:43 1115/Cooper Lake
7:45 962/Cooper Lake
7:47 Cooper Lake/N Shore Dr.
7:48 601 Cooper Lake Rd
7:50 Cooper Lk/Highland Dr.
7:56 Sunnyside

581 S, Kielinen Subdivision, Co. Rd. PI
Rt. #15, Bus # 17C

STOP:

7:20 13151/CR CF
7:25 60500/CR 581
7:33 45851/CR 581
7:34 45141/CR 581
7:35 43630/CR 581
7:36 40647/CR 581
7:37 40240/CR 581
7:38 38401/CR 581
7:39 36788/CR 581
7:40 36497/CR 581
7:41 581/CRF
7:42 581/Eagle/Robin/Dove
7:43 581/CDA
7:45 34547/CR 581
7:50 31922/CR 581
7:51 4905/CR PL
7:52 105/CR PL

Southwood Lane, 581, Twin Pines
Rt. #16, Bus 14A

STOP:

7:22 581/PPR
7:24 581/PRF/PRG
7:25 30370/CR 581
7:26 31100/CR 581
7:28 33980/CR 581
7:29 Southwood Lane
7:31 581/Convenience Store
7:33 Twin Pines/Partridge North
7:34 Twin Pines/Birch Lane
7:35 33 Birch Lane
7:36 5 Birch Lane
7:37 1201/CPA
7:38 645/CPA
7:40 25465/CR 581
7:43 21825/CR 581
7:45 19615/CR 581

**TO: WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
AND ASPEN RIDGE SCHOOL**

Co. Rd. PPV/CD
Rt. #17. Bus # 17B

STOP:

7:14 655/PPV
7:15 PPV/PPX
7:16 2750/PPV
7:17 1/CD
7:18 3008/CD
7:19 3208/CD
7:20 3410/CD
7:21 4473/CD
7:22 CD/Lawer Drive
7:23 6195/CD
7:24 7/CH
7:28 940CH
7:31 7775/CR CD
7:34 18261/CD
7:35 17001/CD

Holmes Terrace, Schweitzer's, Beagle
Club Rd., Co. Rd. PPL, PPG, Stoneville Rd,
581
Rt. # 18, Bus #3C

STOP:

6:50 Holmes Terrace
7:00 Washington/Winthrop
7:10 PFH/PFJ/Schweitzer
7:20 1290/PFH
7:22 9695/CR PG
7:28 900/PGE
7:33 9435/PG
7:37 4890/PG
7:38 581/PPM
7:39 581/PPL
7:40 15805/581
7:42 581/PPI
7:43 3075/PPG
7:47 5350/Stoneville
7:48 4600/Stoneville
7:50 3250/Stoneville

581, CR PB, PBH, National Mine, Apple
Ridge
Rt. # 19, Bus # 15A

STOP:

7:24 PB/PBQ
7:25 PB/PBP
7:27 PDJ/PD
7:28 1740/PD
7:32 6915/PB
7:33 PB/PBA/PCC
7:36 476/PCC
7:38 PAE/PAB
7:39 476/PAA
7:41 245 Apple Ridge
7:42 275 Apple Ridge
7:44 5150/CR 581
7:45 5800/CR 581
7:46 8000/CR 581

City of Ishpeming

Rt. #20, Bus # 2D

STOP:

1. 7:10 1158 S. Pine
2. 7:12 S. Pine/Salisbury
3. 7:13 Excelsior/Middle St.
4. 7:14 N. Angeline/S. Pine
5. 7:20 Division/Second St
6. 7:23 274 Ready St.
7. 7:25 Marquette/Jasper
8. 7:27 133 Ready St.
9. 7:30 Bank St./Fifth St.
10. 7:40 1068 Suncliffe
11. 7:42 Hillcrest/E. Riverview

TO: ASPEN RIDGE ONLY

Westwood Circle, S. Rose/Glenwood
Rosewood/Wildwood
Rt. #21, Bus # 2C

STOP:

7:32 Glenwood/S. Westwood Circle
7:34 1600 Cypress
7:35 Aspen/Balsam
7:36 Aspen Dr. West
7:37 1655 S Westwood Cir
7:38 405 Peterson
7:39 S. Rose/Glenwood
7:40 Rosewood/Wildwood

TO: ASPEN RIDGE ONLY

Glendora, Marigold/Ellsworth, S. Marigold,
S. Pansy, Randall/Rose, Stoneville
Rt. #22, Bus # 2C

STOP:

7:50 115 N Marigold
7:51 Randall/Daisy
7:52 140 S. Daisy
7:53 250 S. Daisy
7:54 205 S. Lilac
7:55 120 S. Lilac
7:56 1305 Randall
7:57 135 Lotus
7:58 115 N. Tulip
7:59 Randall/N. Lilac
8:00 110 S Marigold
8:01 200 S Marigold
8:02 1760 S Rose
8:03 200 S Pansy
8:04 115 S Rose
8:05 Seilo/Maria
8:06 Seilo/Ellsworth
8:07 375/Stoneville
8:08 1740 Glendora Lane

**TO: ISHPEMING HIGH AND ASPEN
RIDGE CO-OP IV**

(*subject to change)

Rt. #25, Bus #14B

STOP:

6:45 17545 CR 496
7:00 1135 CR CCK
7:15 1545 Cypress
7:20 827 Cooper Lake
7:30 2006 Deer Lake Ave
7:38 **ARRIVE AT ISH. HIGH SCHOOL**
7:50 300 Silver
8:10 **ARRIVE AT WESTWOOD**
8:15 **ARRIVE AT ASPEN RIDGE**
8:40 175 Silver St.
8:55 **ARRIVE AT LAKEVIEW**

**TO: ASPEN RIDGE ONLY
ECSE TUES-FRI**

Rt. #26, Bus # 9C- P.M. PICK-UP

STOP:

1. 10:30 25837 Fence River Rd.
2. 11:05 7656 CR 478
3. 11:30 10550 CR 476
4. 11:40 130 S. Pansy St.
5. 11:50 **ARRIVE AT ASPEN RIDGE**

ADULT SERVICES—AN ALTERNATIVE

Adult Services is an alternative high school completion program offered by Ishpeming-Negaunee-NICE Community Education Division under the direction of William Hartman, Director, and Jason Houle, Principal. INN serves students ages 13-19 in the Marquette County area allowing them to earn their high school diploma. The program meets Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Johns School located at 325 S. Pine Street, Ishpeming.

Students must earn 20 credit hours to receive their diplomas once their original class has graduated. If a student's original class is in school and has not graduated, the student must successfully complete eight semesters. They must complete the same number of credits of that particular graduating district. The Adult Services program offers a multi-disciplinary approach and provides opportunities for student development through individualized instruction. State certified teachers offer classes in Math, English, Physical Education, Science, Social Studies, and Computer Technology following the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

This program provides smaller class sizes, lower student/teacher ratios, and emphasizes the value of caring adults. Since Adult Services is a smaller school organizationally, they can be more relaxed, flexible, and responsive to changing student needs and learning styles. An emphasis on career/vocational opportunities is part of the program's focus. Connections to health and social services, parenting and child care programs, community service, career preparation, and transitional support needed to succeed in post-secondary education or career training programs is offered on an as-needed basis.

On Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Negaunee High School, 19 area adults received their high school diplomas from the Ishpeming-Negaunee-NICE Adult Education Program. During the 48 years of service, the program has graduated 1620 adults, according to Community Schools Director, Bill Hartman.

Graduate speaker for the class of 2016 was Samantha Croschere of the Ishpeming School District and guest speaker was Eric Mason, probation and parole agent. Superintendents Bryan DeAugustine of NICE, Carrie Meyer of Ishpeming, and Dan Skewis of Negaunee, along with their board presidents, Principal Jason Houle, and Community Schools Director Bill Hartman presented diplomas. Father Larry VanDamme of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Ishpeming gave the invocation and benediction. Kitty Kososki, Teacher with the Ishpeming-Negaunee-NICE Community Schools served as Master of Ceremonies.

CHILD & FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

The Child & Family Resource Center at Aspen Ridge invites you to their annual Back to School reception beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6th and again on Wednesday, September 7th. Coffee, juice and goodies will be served. All parents, grandparents and caregivers that are coming to see students off to a successful school year are invited to join us. As always, preschool age children are welcome. We look forward to visiting with you!

The Child & Family Resource Center is also looking for volunteers to help with various projects throughout the school year. Please see Donna or June in the Child & Family Resource Room for details!

PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTICE

The NICE Community School District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize pest exclusion and biological controls. However, as with most pest control programs, chemical controls may also be utilized. Parents have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds or buildings. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be notified following any such application. If you need prior notification, please call your child's building principal.

UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The NICE Board of Education appreciates your interest in the school district. Public participation and open lines of communication are vital to maintaining a successful educational program for students. All regular and special board meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. Board meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the third Monday of the month in the Westwood High School Media Center. Dates and times for upcoming Board meetings are located on the district website at www.nice.k12.mi.us.

ONLINE LEARNING AT NICE

The Patriot Online Academy is a State of Michigan, accredited online public school that is FREE to students K-12 within MARESA school districts. We provide the opportunity for students to enroll as a part-time or full-time student with the NICE Community School district. Last year, over 40 students in grades K-12 enrolled in more than 60 core and elective courses. All of the courses are aligned with Michigan standards and are teacher-led by our own local highly qualified instructors. Our local mentor, Scott Syrjala, who is also a certified educator, is available to help students and monitor their progress.

The NICE Community School District is one of a handful of districts in Michigan to offer students the flexibility to work towards a high school diploma anywhere and anytime. By allowing families to choose a learning environment that fosters their student's ability to focus and excel, Patriot Online Academy offers students a personalized path to success.

For more information, contact Kurt Corcoran, Patriot Online Academy Coordinator, by email at corcoran@nice.k12.mi.us or by phone at 485-1023. Information can be found on the web at

<http://www.nice.k12.mi.us/PatriotOnlineAcademy/Home.aspx>.



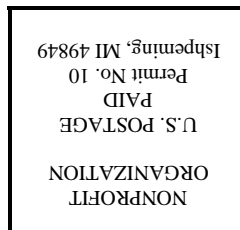
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. Please contact the NICE Community School District Liaison, Jill Zueger at (906) 485-3175 for assistance if you believe your children may be eligible.

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