

# NICE NEWS



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**NICE Community Schools**  
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## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - FULL DAY

Hello NICE Families and Friends,

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy our summer break. We've been busy these last few months here at school with our renovations to our Career and Technical Education Wing, District Kitchen, and WHS Cafeteria. Our remodeled spaces will be beautiful once they are done. We are on schedule to have them substantially completed by August 25, with just some work on the outside and a few finishing touches happening after that date. Our summer building projects are made possible by our Sinking Fund. Every year we are thankful that fund exists and we appreciate our community's support in our most recent Sinking Fund election. Our building improvement and renovation funds are set through the year 2033.

We have a number of new faculty positions staffed by topnotch educators who will help our students this coming school year. We have a new Math Specialist at ARS, a fourth counseling position, and we have added a teaching position in our middle school, just to name a few. Our new faculty and staff members will team together with our veteran Patriots to guide our students and support our families throughout our new school year. We are excited to get started!

If you need anything this year, please reach out to our faculty, staff, and administration. We are all in this together and will help each other however we can. That is the key to a successful school year, working together.

I hope you all have a great end of summer. As athletic programs, college classes, and clubs get up and running, we draw closer to all our students being back in action on Tuesday, September 5. We'll see each other then if not before.

All my best,  
Bryan DeAugustine, Superintendent

Dear Aspen Ridge Families,

Welcome back! We are looking forward to the new school year!

Please join us for our annual Open House on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:00 pm. For those looking to get involved with the school, be sure to stop in the Family Resource Room to learn about the variety of opportunities that are available.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,  
Chris Marana and Griffin Lawson  
Principals, Aspen Ridge School

### SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

The NICE Community School District is accepting Schools of Choice applications for the 2023-2024 school year. Application forms are available in the Superintendent's Office or online at [www.nice.k12.mi.us](http://www.nice.k12.mi.us) and will be accepted for the first semester through September 8, 2023. For more information, please contact the Superintendent's Office at 906-485-1021.

### PATRIOT PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP

Each spring the Westwood All Sports Booster Club provides scholarships in the amount of \$500 to two senior athletes. There are a variety of levels of support, beginning at \$10 and shown below. Your name will be printed as a Patriot Pride Member in the Westwood High School Sports Programs for the fall and winter seasons.

**Patriot—\$100   Red—\$50   White—\$25   Blue—\$10**

For more information, please contact a member of the Booster Club or call the office at Westwood High School at (906) 485-1023.

Dear Westwood Families

On behalf of NICE Community Schools I would like to welcome you to the 50th year of Westwood High School. Our Westwood family is committed to providing each student with a high quality education and will work tirelessly to create a school environment where each student feels respected, safe, and cared for. The key to student success is involvement and willingness to be a part of our school community. The variety of programs and activities that we offer on the NICE campus provide an opportunity for every student to find a way to actively participate in our school. We are proud of our long history of excellence and grateful that you have chosen Westwood High School as your partner in education this school year. It's going to be a great school year!

Sincerely,  
Cliff Fossitt  
Principal  
Westwood High School

### ONLINE LEARNING AT NICE

The Patriot Online Academy is a State of Michigan, accredited online public school that is FREE to students K-12. We provide the opportunity for students to enroll as a part-time or full-time student with the NICE Community School district. Over the last several years, many students in grades K-12 enrolled in both 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. For more information, contact Kurt Corcoran, Patriot Online Academy Coordinator, by email at [corcorank@nice.k12.mi.us](mailto:corcorank@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>.



## SCHOOL MEAL PRICES

There will be no cost for school meals (breakfast & lunch) for all K-12 students this school year. Milk is included with each meal served but all students can purchase additional milk for 50 cents per carton. A la carte items are still available for purchase for students in grades 4-12 as long as they have money in their accounts.

**\*Applications for free meals are still being sent home and we encourage families to complete and return them. A lot of funding for programs and services in a school 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 even though meals are free this year. You may fill out the form even if you do not plan to have your child take advantage of the school's lunch program.**

### ◆ SCHOOL BREAKFAST & LUNCH WILL BE SERVED OPENING DAY

**Aspen Ridge School Breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m. & Westwood High School Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.**

Parents are encouraged to use the **"SchoolPay" online option\*** to pay for meals using a card or e-check. 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. \*SchoolPay details are available on the district website.

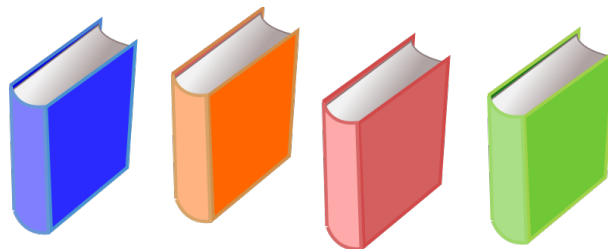
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1. **mail:** U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. **fax:** (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or  
**email:** [Program.Intake@usda.gov](mailto:Program.Intake@usda.gov)

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## 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 school office for assistance if you believe your children may be eligible.

## 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 p.m. 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](http://www.nice.k12.mi.us).

## TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

The Transportation Department welcomes students back for the 2023-2024 school year. Below is the tentative bus schedule for 2023-2024. 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 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.

Spurr, Three Lakes, US 41, Michigamme  
**Crab—Bus #21A**

**STOP:**

6:25 N Shore Dr/Petticoat  
 6:30 21793 Birch Dr  
 6:32 21782 White Pine Dr  
 6:45 Nelson St/Spurr Ct  
 6:55 Fence River Road & Smith Rd  
 7:05 Community Bldg  
 7:10 158 East Main St  
 7:22 US 41/M95  
 7:32 1135 CR CCK  
 7:35 CR CN/CKK  
 7:37 2515 CR CN  
 7:38 1642 CR CN  
 7:40 CR CNA/CN

Champion, 41, Co. Rd. CP  
**Horse—Bus #21D**

**STOP:**

6:29 15838 US Hwy 41  
 6:34 2238/AAJ  
 6:35 AAJ/AJ  
 6:38 FK/FG  
 6:42 2093 CR AK  
 6:43 1699 CR AK  
 6:44 455 CR AK  
 6:48 5967 CR AAJ  
 6:52 Main St & Cemetery St  
 6:54 CR AF/AC Railroad  
 6:56 1292 CR AF  
 6:58 4666 CR AF  
 7:02 5544 CR AF  
 7:04 2641 CR AF  
 7:06 2015 CR AB  
 7:07 503 CR AE  
 7:15 1921 CR FY  
 7:19 2072 CR FX  
 7:21 3728 CR FX  
 7:32 29296 US Hwy 41  
 7:33 28000 US Hwy 41  
 7:34 360 CR CP  
 7:40 3272 CR CP  
 7:46 1015 CR CKL  
 7:51 9584 W US Hwy 41

Humboldt Area, Co. Rd. 478-482, Co. Rd.  
 FD, Kona Lane

**Road Runner—Bus #23B**

**STOP:**

6:55 1529 CR FA  
 6:56 2881 CR FA  
 6:57 3940 CR FA  
 6:59 4874 CR FA  
 7:01 CR FNO/FNR  
 7:05 2299 CR 601  
 7:08 CR 601/CR FFM  
 7:18 8193 CR 478  
 7:22 CR 478/FW  
 7:33 15580 CR 478  
 7:37 CR 482/CM  
 7:43 7600 CR 478  
 7:45 CR 478/Fairway Dr  
 7:46 CR 478/Kona Ln

496 West, Diorite, 41/Greenwood,  
 41 West, Clarksburg

**Elephant—Bus #22A**

**STOP:**

7:20 225 CR CJ  
 7:22 16975 CR 496  
 7:23 19120 CR 496  
 7:26 25725 CR 496  
 7:27 26368 CR 496  
 7:29 445 CR CKK  
 7:31 CR CKK/Granite St  
 7:36 33700 CR 496  
 7:39 CR CKL/CKJ  
 7:41 22839 US Hwy 41  
 7:42 22189 US Hwy 41  
 7:44 13749 US 41  
 7:46 5781 US 41

Co. Rd. CA, Gold Mine Lake Area, Co.  
 Rd. 496, Co. Rd. CN

**Dog—Bus #20A**

**STOP:**

7:17 23314 CR CL  
 7:21 18309 CR CL  
 7:22 Greenwood Rd/CR CCL  
 7:23 16151 CR CL  
 7:27 15 Gold Dr  
 7:32 9570 CR 496  
 7:33 8105 CR 496  
 7:36 1293 Goldmine Creek Dr  
 7:39 4548 CR 496  
 7:40 3311 CR 496  
 7:41 2244 CR 496  
 7:42 1791 CR 496  
 7:43 1270 CR 496  
 7:44 850 CR 496  
 7:47 1496 CR 496 SE

581 South, Perch Lake

**Teddy Bear—Bus #21B**

**STOP:**

7:06 58351 CR 581  
 7:10 61465 CR 581  
 7:11 63211 CR 581  
 7:14 N Perch Lk/CR 581  
 7:20 45601 CR 581  
 7:24 3406 CR CCE  
 7:28 Tony's Ln/CR 581  
 7:30 Robin/Dove Ln  
 7:37 CR 581/CR PPL  
 7:38 15975 CR 581  
 7:43 4840 CR PPG  
 7:46 5600 Stoneville Rd  
 7:47 4600 Stoneville Rd  
 7:48 4085 Stoneville Rd  
 7:49 1935 Stoneville Rd

Southwood Lane, 581, Twin Pines  
**Owl—Bus #18A**

STOP:

7:11 21688 CR 581  
7:13 27700 CR 581  
7:14 CR 581 & CR PRG  
7:17 14 Southwood Ln  
7:20 581 Little Store  
7:21 345 CR CPA  
7:22 Partridge/Twin Pines Dr  
7:25 Twin Pines Dr/Partridge Ln S  
7:27 18 Birch Ln  
7:30 5 Birch Ln  
7:33 1201 CR CPA  
7:34 951 CR PRF  
7:35 CR 581/PRF  
7:37 1070 CR PRE  
7:40 605 CR PRE  
7:42 25465 CR 581

Co. Rd. PPV/CD  
**Rooster—Bus #19B**

STOP:

7:10 15800 CR 482  
7:20 250 CR PPR  
7:23 2750 CR PPV  
7:24 1 CR CD  
7:26 3008 CR CD  
7:27 3410 CR CD  
7:28 3671 CR CD  
7:29 3871 CR CD  
7:30 4473 CR CD  
7:31 5590 CR CD  
7:32 Lawer Dr/CR CD  
7:33 Mail Route/Lawer Dr  
7:38 8 CR CH  
7:39 7473 CR CD  
7:40 7775 CR CD

581, CR PB, PBH, National Mine,  
Schweitzers, PGE  
**Giraffe—Bus #19A**

STOP:

6:58 CR PBP/PBQ  
7:01 CR PB/PBP  
7:04 CR PD/PDK  
7:06 CR PD/PDJ  
7:09 1740 CR PD  
7:13 6015 CR PB  
7:15 7370 CR PB  
7:17 7380 CR PB  
7:20 CR PAB & CR PAE  
7:22 CR PAG/Cliffs Dr  
7:24 CR PCC & CR PC  
7:27 10550 CR 476  
7:33 1290 CR PFH  
7:39 900 CR PGE  
7:41 2995 CR PGE  
7:44 7100 CR PG  
7:46 3555 CR PI

Canda Manor, Cedar St, Junction, D & E  
Streets, Apple Ridge, 581  
**Dolphin—Bus #18B**

STOP:

7:18 710 W Empire St  
7:20 135 Cliff St  
7:23 512 W Division  
7:25 730 W Division  
7:27 Cedar St/Willow St  
7:29 Cedar St/Carp St  
7:32 Junction/Washington St  
7:33 422 Washington St  
7:34 442 Washington St  
7:36 626 D Street  
7:39 1065 River Ridge Dr  
7:42 600 E St  
7:43 E St/Adams St  
7:48 245 Apple Ridge Rd  
7:50 5150 CR 581  
7:51 5800 CR 581

North Lake, Westwood Dr, Woodland Dr  
275 N. Rose St, Seilo, Lawrence  
**Pig—Bus #17C**

STOP:

7:16 Patriot St/Friendship Ln  
7:18 Patriot/Cottage St  
7:19 1070 N Westwood Dr  
7:20 1080 N Westwood Dr  
7:24 School St—middle  
7:26 Friendship Ln—N side  
7:29 1930 N Lake Dr  
7:32 1865 N Lake Dr  
7:35 N Lake Dr/N Rose St  
7:36 N Lake Dr/James St  
7:37 James St/Cindy St  
7:39 Cindy St/N Rose St  
7:41 Lily St/N Pansy St  
7:42 BP Station  
7:43 N Pansy/Randall Dr  
7:44 105 Seilo Ave  
7:46 Lawrence Ave/Maria St  
7:48 375 Stoneville

Westwood Circle, Harrison Hills, S.  
Rose/Glenwood, Peterson, South-  
wood, Flower Streets  
**Lady Bug—Bus #22B**

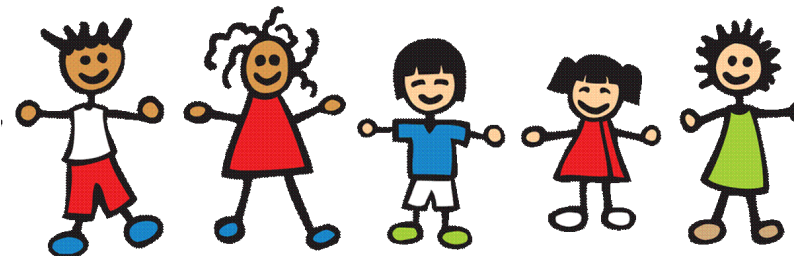
STOP

7:17 115 S Rose St  
7:18 260 S Rose St  
7:19 1760 S Rose St  
7:21 225 S Pansy St  
7:22 100 S Pansy St  
7:24 Ellsworth St/Daisy St  
7:25 110 S Daisy St  
7:26 120 S Lilac St  
7:27 205 S Lilac St  
7:29 1595 Cypress St  
7:31 Cypress/Balsam Ln  
7:32 1575 Aspen Rd  
7:33 Aspen Dr/Ellsworth  
7:35 1670 Ellsworth  
7:36 Glenwood Ln/Westwood Cir  
7:38 1625 Glenwood Ln  
7:39 405 Peterson Ave  
7:40 Glenwood Ln/Peterson Ave  
7:41 Glenwood Ln/S Rose St  
7:42 1770 Glenwood Ln  
7:44 1740 Glendora Ln  
7:46 1743 Rosewood Ln  
7:47 1810 Rosewood Ln

W Ishpeming, Metal Streets, Suncliffe,  
Southwood Dr, Olmsted  
**Frog—Bus #23A**

STOP

7:25 Center St/Marble St  
7:26 Center St/Silver St  
7:27 Center St/Prospect St  
7:29 Center St/Gold St  
7:31 190 S Steel St  
7:33 1060 Suncliffe Dr  
7:34 Hillcrest Dr/Riverview Dr  
7:36 598 River ST  
7:37 Copper St/River St  
7:39 1490 Southwood Dr  
7:41 Southwood Dr/Amanda Ln  
7:42 Southwood Dr/Kari Ln  
7:43 Southwood Dr/Olmsted Ln



Deer Lake, N/S Camp Rd, CR 573,  
Cooper Lake, Highland Dr  
**Lion—Bus #19C**



**STOP:**

- 6:50 418 N Camp Rd
- 6:55 N Camp Rd/Rd 1
- 6:59 994 N Camp Rd
- 7:01 N Camp Rd/Hammond Dr
- 7:08 3183 Deer Lake Rd
- 7:09 3082 Deer Lake Rd
- 7:20 South Camp Rd/3 Mile Rd
- 7:32 1285 Cooper Lake Rd
- 7:34 1052 Cooper Lake Rd
- 7:35 1005 Cooper Lake Rd
- 7:38 N Shore Dr/Lakeview Ln
- 7:41 78 N Shore Dr
- 7:44 194 N Shore Dr
- 7:46 860 Cooper Lake Rd
- 7:47 805 Cooper Lake Rd
- 7:49 Cooper Lake Rd/Highland Dr
- 7:51 535 Cooper Lake Rd

Deer Lake, Sunnyside, N Randall Dr  
**Cow—Bus #17B**

**STOP:**

- 7:23 Deer Lake Ave/Linden St
- 7:24 Linden St/Washington Ave
- 7:25 Washington Ave/Elm St
- 7:27 105 CR GMA
- 7:30 490 Deer Lake Rd
- 7:38 795 North Lake Dr
- 7:40 Sunnyside
- 7:45 Hollyhock St/Lotus St
- 7:46 115 Tulip St
- 7:47 Randall Dr/Lilac St

City of Ishpeming South  
**Dinosaur—Bus #18C**

**STOP:**

- 7:12 Division St/2nd St
- 7:15 3rd St/Hematite Dr
- 7:17 North St/4th St
- 7:21 Bank St/5th St
- 7:26 462 Jasper St
- 7:29 Marquette St/Jasper St
- 7:31 133 Ready St
- 7:34 Lake St/Johnson St
- 7:37 634 S Pine St
- 7:39 Excelsior St—Middle
- 7:41 112 S Angeline St
- 7:43 Salisbury/Angeline St



City of Ishpeming NE  
**Hippo—Bus #21C**

**STOP:**

- 7:18 Lake St/Barnum St
- 7:19 Lake St/Bancroft
- 7:22 Maple St/Ely
- 7:25 807 N Pine St
- 7:27 Empire St/1st St
- 7:29 Empire St/5th St
- 7:31 Empire St/7th St
- 7:33 Wabash St/7th St
- 7:36 617 Iron St
- 7:39 810 Juniper St
- 7:41 Beech St/Hemlock St
- 7:43 Elliott Ave/Mather Ave
- 7:44 Elliott Ave/Hickory St

# REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS & START TIMES FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

	High School	Aspen Ridge School
School Begins	8:05 a.m.	8:19 a.m.
School Ends	3:00 p.m.	3:11 p.m.
<i>Where to report on September 5th:</i>	<i>1st hour class</i>	<i>Designated Rooms / 6-8 Gymnasium</i>

## IMPORTANT DATES

<b>September 5</b> First Day for Students
<b>November 23, 24</b> No School - Thanksgiving Break
<b>Dec 21-Jan 2</b> No School (Winter Break)
<b>January 3</b> Classes Resume
<b>March 25-April 1</b> No School - Spring Break
<b>April 2</b> Classes Resume
<b>April 5</b> Early Dismissal - Good Friday
<b>May 27</b> No school - Memorial Day
<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS</b> Held the third Monday of each month. Dates and times for upcoming Board meetings are listed at: <a href="http://www.nice.k12.mi.us">www.nice.k12.mi.us</a>

## NICE START

The NICE Start preschool program provides 3- and 4-year old children the opportunity to develop skills necessary for Kindergarten and beyond. The program begins Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Please call the Central Office at 906-485-1021 or send an email to [marge@nice.k12.mi.us](mailto:marge@nice.k12.mi.us) if you

## KIDS CLUB

NICE Community School District Kids Club After School Program provides after-school activities and childcare for children in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Kids Club operates Monday through Friday from dismissal through 5:30 p.m. The program will begin on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Registration information will be available in the Aspen Ridge 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 accept your child's enrollment into the program.**

## 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	<b>Note:</b> 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 2023-2024 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 next meeting of the new school year on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at Westwood High School. Come to see how our organization supports athletics at Westwood. All parents are welcome!

## WALKERS @ WHS

Westwood High School is open for adult walkers again beginning October 23, 2023 and ending March 22, 2024. Walking will be permitted on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on game nights, and 4:30-7:30 p.m. on other nights. Game schedules will be available in the high school office in November.

## 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. The Class of 2023 write-up can be found at [www.nice.k12.mi.us](http://www.nice.k12.mi.us).

To register or get further information, please call (906) 475-4173.

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