



News Bulletin

NSCS K-6, Pre-school applications still accepted

New students and their families are encouraged to apply now for the 2009-10 school year.

NSCS is accepting new student applications and will continue until classes are filled. In the event that we have more applications than seats in a classroom in any or all of the preference categories (a) children of members and former members, and siblings of currently enrolled students, b) residents of Duluth and Alden Townships, and c) residents of all other areas, a lottery will be held.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please call 525-0663, ext. 100.

North Shore Pre-School offers classes for children ages 3—5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, both AM (9:15-11:30 a.m.) and PM (12:15-2:30 p.m.). Students may attend 1, 2, or 3 days per week. Those going into Kindergarten the following year are encouraged to enroll in the 3 day program.

A monthly tuition fee is charged and there is a \$25 registration fee.

Some sessions fill quickly, so please register early. For more information, please call Katy at 525-0663, ext. 106.

Wizard of Oz performance, costumes, set, technology draws rave reviews

Although it all started with a humble black and white setting on a Kansas farm, the NSCS Drama Club's performance of the Wizard of Oz matched the drama and glitz of any Broadway musical.

More than 90 children pre-school through sixth grade danced and sang in elaborate costumes as trees, Munchkins, monkeys, castle guards, and Emerald City princesses in front of standing room only crowds on March 28 and 29.

With Olivia Tormondson portraying the optimistic Dorothy, the classic rendition of the story also featured the talents of Gabe Poe (Uncle Henry), Amanda Weckman (Auntie Em), Jake Hauger (Cowardly Lion), Casey Galyan (Scarecrow), Kyler Kinn (Tin Man), Leah Abrahams (Wicked Witch), Allison Libby (Glinda the Good Witch), and Calvin Luhrson (Wizard of Oz). Channel 6 meteorologist, Dave Anderson, emceed the event and later featured the

show on the news.

The actors and actresses were



backed by a host of adult volunteers including director Michelle Libby, costume designer Chryssa Luhrson, seamstress Vi Hanson, set designer Dee Furo, artists Susan Ranfranz, Lisa Tormondson and Pam Holm; make up artist Leah Hulst;

technical director Corey Hulst; and set construction Eric Hanson and a host of other volunteers.

DVD's of the performance, professionally videotaped by Video my Story, are available by contacting Pam Holm at 834-4149.

NSCS first grade performs Nanny Goat opera

On April 26, the North Shore Community School first graders performed "The Nanny Goat Gruff Opera."

Family and friends were delighted with this darling performance which was the culmination of a beginning unit on Opera in the first grade music class.

Students learned what opera is, some important facts, and then rehearsed their own "story through song."



The mean troll confronts two of the little goats on the bridge during the first grade opera on April 26.

Characters, in great costumes, included bunnies, bumblebees, butterflies, goats, a troll, a crew of sound effects specialists and a narrator.

Student sang, danced and told this famous children's classic through song.

Great job first graders!

- Amy Giddings

NSCS PTA celebrates successful year, plans for next

Two successful fundraisers, the Halloween Carnival and Do North pizza sale, netted the PTA dollars to fund grants to each grade for field trips, the fourth and fifth grade puppeteering experience, and more.

“We hope to do even better next year with the pizza sales, now that everyone is familiar with it,” said Toni Maki, PTA president.

An information meeting featuring Dr. Anthony Macioce on children and nutrition drew a crowd. The PTA would be interested in hearing from parents about other topics of interest.

In May, the annual officer meeting will be conducted. Interested volunteers are always welcome. Direct any questions to tmaki@northshorecommunityschool.org.



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The public is invited to attend Board Meetings regularly scheduled for the third Monday of the month August—June at 6:30 p.m. in the NSCS Library.

NSCS is sponsored by Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center.

How to define *community*? It is at the heart of North Shore *Community* School

On a hot summer day from my home in Duluth, I drafted a letter to NSCS Hiring Committee expressing my sincerest interest in being considered as a candidate for the position of Director. In preparation for my interview, I sought information that explained the use of the term in the school's name.

It's difficult to believe that almost nine months have passed since I mailed that

letter; summer slipped away without warning and the long winter finally came to pass. The truth is, at that time, I had no idea of the significance of the word *community* in the school's name. Diligent research of the written word could never have explained the things I've learned by listening, watching and feeling since the first days of school.

I watched in awe, virtually speechless, as rows and rows of tables were set up for the Fall BBQ. Those tables filled not just with students and their families, but grandparents, neighbors, retired Board members, and alums. That event was, of course, only the beginning.

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n. (pl. -ies) 1. a unified body of individuals a) the people with common interests living in a particular area b) an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common location c) a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society d) a body of persons or nations having a common history or common social, economic, and political inter-

Hundreds of the students' elders poured into the halls on Grandparent's Day, full of love and pride. Before the gym filled with ghouls and goblins, one of my friends who grew up not far from here shared that the Halloween Carnival was one of her fondest memories.

And so the list goes on...the Homesteader's Concert; former employees sending notes to wish me well in my new job; men folding and stacking old metal chairs without anyone asking; meals being made for families faced with the pain of loss; hours and hours of time volunteered to flood the skating rink; community education for adults and students alike; a play

that truly took hundreds over the rainbow; and the list goes on.

I am certain that I have only begun to understand what *community* really means here. I look forward to each moment of listening, watching and feeling in the years to come. I've heard it said that education at North Shore Community School is defined not only by its place *in* the community, but also its relationship *with* the community. It is with great appreciation that I thank you for inviting me in to your community.

-Susan Rose, NSCS Director

Endowment Board funds five grant requests

At its April 21 meeting, the NSCS Endowment Fund board voted to fully fund all five 2009 Endowment grant requests.

Look for more information about these great programs in the upcoming 2009-2010 school year, which have been assisted by earnings from the NSCS Endowment Fund:

- Differentiated Writing Program Materials for Second Grade (Dayna Stretar) \$138
- Preschool Scholarship Funding (NSCS Preschool/Kathy Johnson) \$1,050
- Nature Bags Project Second Grade (Anne Wiszowaty) \$300

- Classroom Garden Project (Sheri Camper) \$200
- Promethean boards/technology needs/teacher laptop (NSCS Technology/Khris Wells) \$1,000

Total awarded: \$2,688.

These grants would not be possible without donations from parents, community members, friends and family of North Shore Community School. Thank you for your continued support of the NSCS Endowment Fund!

The Endowment Board is looking for new members. Please contact Mark Helmer at 525-2188, if you are interested.

-Beth Hendrickson