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Ojibway School chosen for Effective Schools Program

The Ojibway School has been chosen to be one of the pilot schools for the BIA's Effective Schools Program.

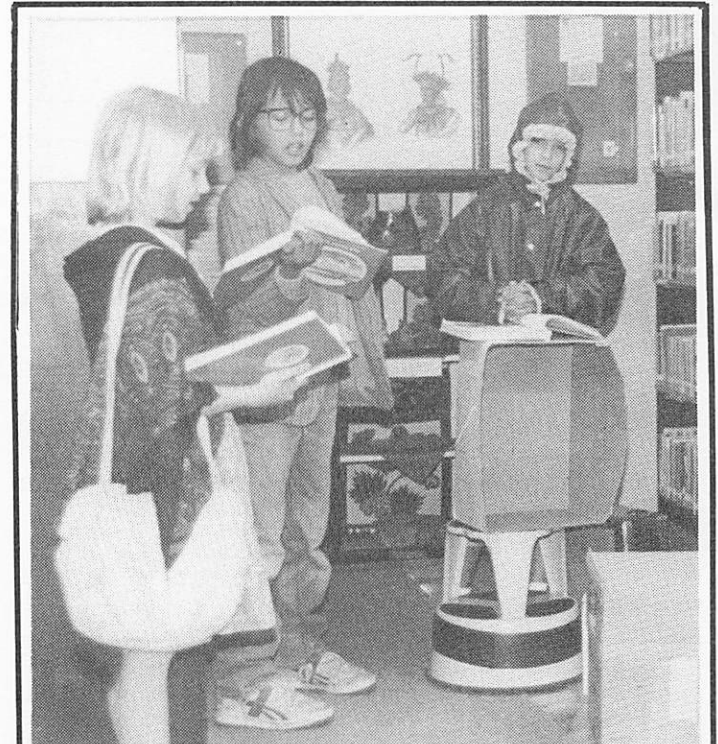
Through this program, FDL will receive money and instruction to help improve the effectiveness of the teaching staff and the school as a whole. Initially the school will receive \$10,000 to be used in any area that is deemed necessary. If funding continues as planned, the school should receive \$100,000 over a three-year period.

Being designated as an effective school also means that the Ojibway School will have access to a great deal of training for the administration and other staff members.

Principal Phil Minkinen would initially like to hire an outside consultant to do a quantitative study of the school during the school year. This would help identify areas that need to be improved upon.

Current research has

identified eight factors that assist schools in becoming more effective. They include: a safe and supportive environment, a clear school mission, instructional leadership, high expectations, opportunity to learn and student time on task, frequent monitoring of student progress, curriculum and instruction, and home-school relations.



Incentive program changes

The new incentive program that was started in March has been modified for grades 7 through 12. If a student is present in classes every day, all day, for a week, the student will receive \$5 on the following Monday.

The incentive program will stay the same as before for the elementary grades. They receive \$1 a day when every student of a particular grade is present during the 8:30 to 8:45 homeroom.

Performing Artists

Fourth graders Josie Virnala, Russell Savage and Jodie Lewis seemed to enjoy performing Paddington Station for their fellow classmates and the fifth and sixth graders.



From the Principal

by Phil Minkkinen

As the school year comes to an end, the number of activities in the school seems to increase. We administered the California Achievement Tests to all students during the last week in April. These tests are given so that we have an accurate measure of the students' growth throughout the year. Parents will receive the parent report of their child's progress when the results are returned to the school. These test scores tell us two things. First, they tell us how much students learned in the course of the school year. Second, they tell us what areas of our curriculum need to be improved.

The Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom is coming up on May 12. This year's prom will be held at the Holiday Inn in Duluth. The junior class has exerted a great deal of time and effort raising money and planning for this event so I hope it will be a success.

The kindergarten roundup is scheduled for May 10 at the

INTRODUCING: English, science, L.D. teachers

This month we would like to introduce the English, science, and high school learning disabilities teachers.

ENGLISH

Becky Philipsek started teaching English to grades 7 through 12 in the fall of 1983. She also teaches journalism as an elective class for grades 11 and 12. This class produces a monthly school newspaper.

English classes, required for all six grades, emphasize writing as a way of improving reading comprehension, increasing thinking skills, and learning about grammar and mechanics. Study skills and oral communication skills also are stressed.

gymnasium. If you have a kindergarten aged child, or know of someone who has a kindergarten aged child, call the school and ask for Cathie Hyopponen. She will be glad to provide you with further information.

The elementary school has a field day scheduled for May 19. This will continue throughout the day. The first event is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Try to join us and see the talents of these young children.

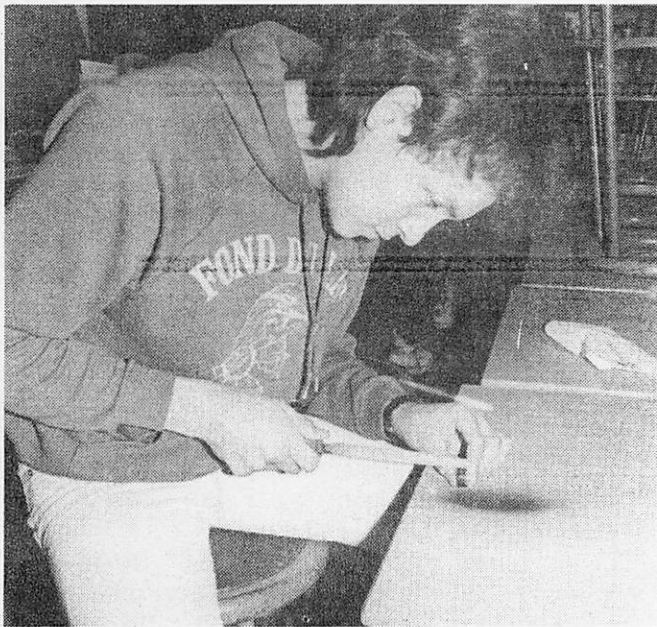
Graduation is scheduled for May 31, at 6 p.m. in the Fond du Lac Gymnasium. This is one of the largest graduating classes we have ever had. Hopefully all parents and interested people will be able to attend this event.

We are planning on conducting summer school again this year. This will include both an elementary and high school program for students who are not quite ready for promotion or are in need of additional credits in order to be promoted. We are also planning to have the summer food service program for all children in this area. The hours for each of these programs have not yet been set. Further information will be available later this spring. The tentative starting day for these programs is June 19.

In addition to her teaching duties, Becky produces the parent newsletter, serves on the Continuing Education/Relicensure Committee, co-advises the 7th grade, and is the staff representative to the School Board.

Becky's experiences include composition instructor for Mesabi Community College, substitute teacher and homebound instructor
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Rings, Rings, Rings

Senior Mike Petite carefully files on his ring which he is making during his elective art class.

B.E.S.T. winners announced for March

Several students were recognized and rewarded under the B.E.S.T. Kid Program for the month of March.

The B.E.S.T. Kid Program is used to recognize good behavior and academic performance. Students selected in the first and second grades receive a prize. Students in grades 3 through 12 each receive \$25.

March's B.E.S.T. Kids:

Kindergarten- Katie Blue, 1st- Felicia Martineau, 2nd- John Korby, 3rd- Lanesse Baker, 4th- April Korby, 5th- Ann Martin, 6th- Linda Martin, 7th- Richelle Mullen, 8th- Nikki Reynolds, 9th- Mel Diver, 10th- James Couture, 11th- Chris Knowlen, 12th- Jean Skinaway.

Kindergarten Roundup scheduled

A Kindergarten Roundup will be held MAY 10th for parents of children who--

- plan on attending Fond Du Lac Ojibway School Kindergarten next fall, and;
- who will be 5 or older by September 1, 1989.

THE ROUNDUP WILL INCLUDE:

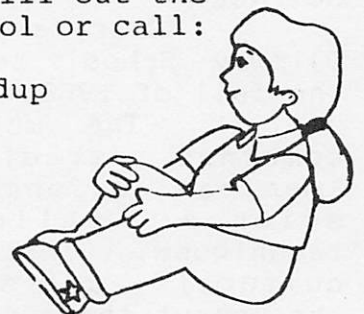
- vision, hearing, and developmental screening
- registration for school next year
- visiting the kindergarten classroom
- meeting the school staff
- having coffee and doughnuts with other kindergarten parents and children

* * * YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER * * *

To schedule a time when you can attend, please fill out the registration form below and return it to the school or call:

Early Childhood Kindergarten Roundup
Fond Du Lac Ojibway School
105 University Road
Cloquet, MN 55720

(218) 879-4593 Ext. 72
-or leave a message at -
Ext. 50



teachers, programs, continued

for the Maple School District, newspaper reporter and public relations writer. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from St. Cloud State University and is currently working on her reading specialist certification at the University of Wisconsin, Superior.

CHAPTER I ENGLISH

Mike Rabideaux is our Chapter I English team teacher. He taught the summer school English program



Mike Rabideaux



Becky Philipsek

In 1987 and that fall started in his present position. He shares a classroom with Becky Philipsek and together they try to meet the English needs of the students.

Mike assesses each student who enters the program and tailors materials to fit the needs of the individual.

In addition to his teaching duties, Mike co-advises the seventh grade class, and has been the assistant football coach for two years. He also teaches G.E.D. classes twice a week.

Mike graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, with a B.A.A. and student taught in the Wrenshall School District. He is currently working on his Masters in Literature from UMD.

SCIENCE

Charlie Karp joined the Ojibway School teaching staff in the fall of 1985.

The science curriculum combines traditional Native American science with modern science philosophies and techniques. There are several cultural units interspersed throughout the curriculum including

a maple sugar unit, Native American Botany, and cultural weather signs.

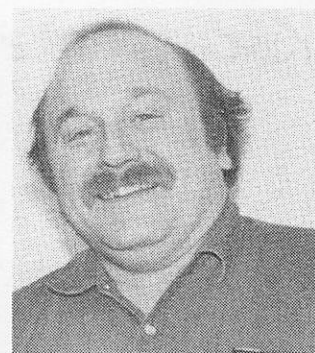
Charlie teaches life science to 7th graders, earth science to 8th graders, physical science to 9th graders, biology to 10th graders, chemistry to 11th graders, and environmental science to 12th graders.

Charlie has been the FDL track coach for 4 years. He also serves on the Continuing Education/Relicensure Committee and the reservation's Fish and Game Management Committee.

He earned a B.S. Degree in Aquatic Biology from Bemidji State University and a B.S. Degree in Science Education from the University of Wyoming. He has taught in Remer and Edgerton, Minnesota. Currently, he is working on his Masters in Biology.



JoAnne Wisniewski
SPECIAL EDUCATION



Charlie Karp

The high school learning disabilities teacher is JoAnne Wisniewski. JoAnne has been with the Ojibway School since February of 1988.

This year she is team teaching with the emotional behavioral disorders teacher, Mary Huard. JoAnne teaches communications and science while Mary teaches history and math.

JoAnne earned her B.S. Degree in Education from the University of Wisconsin, Superior with emphasis in psychology, L.D. and E.D. She is currently working on her Masters in Special Education. Before joining the staff at FDL, she had substitute taught and had taught third and fourth grade.

May Calendar

May is a busy month at school so for your convenience, we have compiled a calendar. Feel free to come and join us during any of the activities.

- May 8 P. DuFault Memorial Picnic
Track meet at Deer River
- May 9 No School- Peter DuFault
Memorial Day
- May 10 Kindergarten Screening
- May 12 Junior/Senior Prom
Track meet at Crosby-Ironton
- May 17 Track meet at Bug School
- May 19 Elementary Field Day
- May 24 High School Awards Day
- May 25 Headstart Graduation
- May 26 Elementary Awards Day
- May 29 No School - Memorial Day
- May 31 Last day of classes
High School Graduation

Honor Rolls announced

Each quarter, after grade point averages (G.P.A.) are computed, the A and B Honor Rolls are announced. In order to be listed on the A Honor Roll, a student must have a G.P.A. of 3.67 to 4.0. B Honor Roll students must have earned a G.P.A. of 3.0 to 3.66.

For third quarter, two students were named to the A Honor Roll. They were 7th grader Richelle Mullen and 9th grader Melody Diver.

B Honor Roll students include:

- 7th grade - Brad Northrup
Ira Aubid
Mark Bird
- 8th grade - Chandra Mullen
Lori Northrup
Becky Reynolds
Nikki Reynolds
- 9th grade - David Gitzen
- 10th grade - Tony Longclaws
Eric Berglund
James Couture
- 11th grade - Chris Knowlen
- 12th grade - Jean Skinaway

Students participate in Close-Up Program



Melvin DeFoe, Chris Knowlen, Tony Longclaws, James Couture, and advisor Mary Cane toured Washington, D.C. during the annual Close-up Trip April 2-8. The students were chosen to participate based on good attendance, satisfactory grades, and mature behavior.

Staff discusses abuse

Mandatory reporting of child sexual abuse was discussed during the staff inservice on April 26.

Kathleen Busche, the education coordinator for the Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault, showed a video to the staff and answered questions. Items discussed included the behavioral and physical signs of sexual abuse, the obligation to report suspicions of sexual abuse, and the reporting procedure.

Students study driving

Once again driver's training classes are being conducted for interested Ojibway School students. The classes started April 24 and meet every day from 3 to 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. They are taught by Kermit Nielsen, a teacher from Proctor. Kermit will also be teaching the behind-the-wheel portion of the training.

Track team works hard, places in several events

The track team has been busy practicing since March 3 and has participated in two track meets. The team members are young, but are

May 2 Meet

Girls' Shotput

Mel Diver - 2nd

Chandra Mullen - 4th

Girls' Discus

Mel Diver - 3rd

Boys' Shotput

Eric Berglund - 4th

Boys' Discus

David Gitzen - 2nd

Boys' 4x400 Relay - 5th

Chad Morrin

David Gitzen

Eric Berglund

Ira Aubid

hard workers, according to coach Charlie Karp. The results of the track meets are as follows:

May 4 Bug School Junior High Meet

Girls' Shotput

Mel Diver - 1st

Girls' Discus

Mel Diver - 1st

Becky Reynolds - 3rd

Boys' Shotput

David Gitzen - 3rd

Boys' Discus

David Gitzen - 1st

Ira Aubid - 4th

Chey Thompson - 6th

Boys' Long jump

Ira Aubid - 2nd

Boys' 200 Meter Dash

Ira Aubid - 2nd

Sugar Bush Unit teaches traditional, scientific

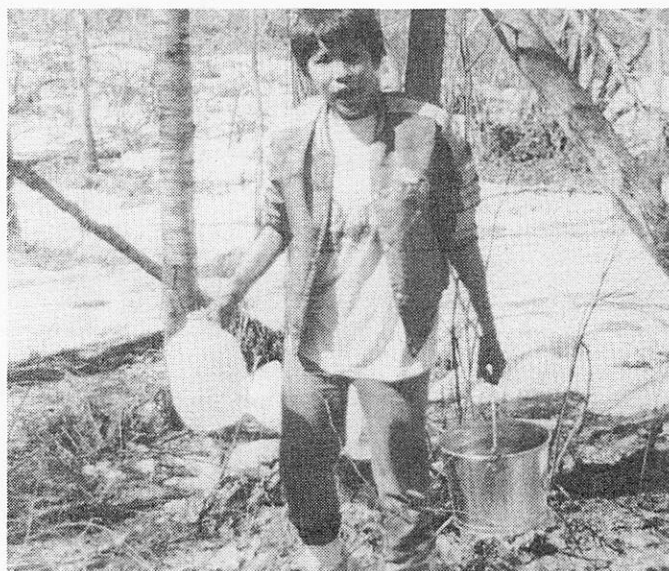
The annual Sugar Bush Unit not only teaches students about the cultural activity of gathering sap, but also provides a hands-on experience for science classes. Life Science students learn about photosynthetic processes, Earth Science students learn of the land and climatic requirements needed for hardwood forests, Physical Science students learn the characteristics of freezing and boiling as they are related to solutions. Biology students learn about botany and natural selection

chemistry students learn about polymerization and crystallization and Environmental Science students learn land management through the selection of the forest site.

Other classes also use the Sugar Bush Unit as a basis for classroom work. For example, in English, students are required to write compositions either explaining what they learned while out in the woods gathering sap or a composition outlining the gathering and boiling processes.



Fourth graders Ken Fosness, Josie Virnala, and April Korby help science teacher Charlie Karp boil the sap into syrup.



Seventh grader Brad Northrup helps gather the sap.