



# Hematite Highlights

ISHPEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUGUST, 2010

## School Contacts

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## First Day of School

All schools in the Ishpeming School District open for the 2010-2011 school year on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. Teachers will be meeting in the morning and students will report for a half-day in the afternoon. Classes at the Ishpeming High School and the C.L. Phelps School will begin at 12:00 p.m. and classes at the Birchview School will begin at 12:30 p.m. Parents of children in early childhood programs and kindergarten programs will receive a letter explaining the schedule for their children.

## Board of Education

The Board of Education meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ishpeming High School library. Board Members are:

Robert Nadeau — President  
David Leverton — Vice President  
Geno Maino — Secretary  
Angela Kiviniemi — Treasurer  
Jennifer Russi — Trustee  
James Smith — Trustee  
Lyle Warner — Trustee

## Daily School Schedules

	<b>Birchview</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>C.L. Phelps</b>	<b>IHS</b>
<b>Classes Begin</b>	8:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m. (Early Childhood)	8:00 a.m.	8:05 a.m.
<b>Dismissal</b>	3:40 p.m.	3:30 p.m. (Early Childhood)	3:00 p.m.	3:02 p.m.

## Notice - Asbestos Management

As required by Federal and State regulations, the Ishpeming School District has employed the service of AECOM and Environmental Consulting and Inspection Services to monitor and develop guidelines for the encapsulation or removal of asbestos from the buildings of the district. The firm of Lake Shore Environmental Industries, Inc. is the contractor for encapsulation and removal of asbestos. AECOM, Environmental Consulting and Inspection Services, and Lake Shore Environmental are licensed by the State to perform these duties.

The Ishpeming School District has been encapsulating and/or removing asbestos as required under the appropriate State and Federal regulations. A copy of the Ishpeming School District Management Plan for asbestos abatement is available to parents, guardians, employees, and other residents in the Business Office, Ishpeming School District, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming, Michigan during regular office hours. For additional information, contact Anthony Bertucci, Business Manager.

## Freedom of Information Requests

Requests for documents pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) may be directed to Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming, Michigan, 49849.

## Statewide School Safety Information Policy

Pursuant to the Statewide School Safety Information Policy (Public Act 102 of 1999), parents are notified that the Ishpeming School District Board of Education held 0 weapons expulsion hearing in 2009-2010.

## Family Education Rights and Privacy ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students 18 years of age and older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's educational records.

They include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the date of the request. Parents or eligible students may submit a written request to the school principal.
2. The right to request that a student's educational record be amended if the parent or eligible student believes that the educational record is incorrect or misleading. Parents or an eligible student may direct a letter to the school principal stating what part of the educational record is inaccurate or misleading.
3. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records except to the extent that FERPA authorizes release without consent. Unless the parent notifies the Superintendent within 30 days of distribution of this notice, information requested will be provided upon request.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the district to comply with the requirements of FERPA to Family Compliance Office, USOE, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20202-1605.

## Ishpeming Schools Team With Great Lakes Radio/WRUP 98.3 FM

The Board of Education has entered into an agreement with Great Lakes Radio/ 98.3 FM WRUP to broadcast Ishpeming High School girls' basketball, boys' basketball, and football. The Board has named WRUP 98.3 FM as the "Official and Exclusive" radio broadcasting outlet for Ishpeming High School athletics.

In addition to broadcasting contests on the FM dial, Great Lakes Radio will produce a players and coaches show and will do features on academics, activities, and events.

WRUP 98.3 FM has a clear signal for a radius of 75 miles which means that all athletic events will come in loud and clear. Stay tuned as Ishpeming High School reaches across the central Upper Peninsula on WRUP 98.3 FM.

## District Web Site

If you have Internet access, be sure to take a look at the district web site at  
[www.ishpemingschools.com](http://www.ishpemingschools.com)

## Teacher Qualifications

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) requires that all schools provide, upon request, information on teacher qualifications including certification, diploma, college majors, as well as graduate degree information.

Parents may also request this information about any paraprofessional who provides Title I services to their child.

Information on teacher qualifications may be requested by contacting Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming 49849.

## Release of Certain Student Information to Military Recruiters

Federal and Michigan laws require that the Ishpeming High School provide military recruiters, upon request, the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high school students. A parent/guardian or 18 year old student may exercise the option to withhold consent for the release of this information by contacting Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming 49849 or by calling 485-5501.

## C.L. Phelps School Citizenship Award

Christine Leppanen was selected as the Citizen of the Year at the C. L. Phelps Middle School by her eighth grade teachers. She was one of nine nominees. Christine was chosen because of her willingness to help her peers, even when she was not asked to do so. Her academic career at the C.L. Phelps School was outstanding. She made the honor roll every quarter since the fifth grade. Simply put, Christine is an all around great citizen. The teachers presented her with an Ishpeming High School sweatshirt. Christine's parents are Paula and Gordon Leppanen.

Congratulations to Christine and her family!

## Notice of Pesticide Applications

Public Act 131 requires that information be provided regarding pesticide use in and around school buildings. Please note the following:

Pesticides	Demand CS Termidor SC (outside use only) Phantom Max Force FC
Applied By	Guardian Pest Control Company
Application Schedule	Buildings are inspected on the second Friday of each month after dismissal. If a problem is observed, insecticide is applied after dismissal.
Location of Application	Exterior foundation, foundation cracks, pipe openings, storage areas, floor drains, wall cracks, behind sinks
Pesticide	Talstar Plus Fertilizer
Applied By	Superior Lawn Care
Application Schedule	As needed basis - spring, summer, fall
Location Of Application	Direct application to lawn areas

## New Faces

### Faculty/Staff:

Randi Brinkman, First Grade  
 Beth Lawson, Third Grade  
 Vicki Lempinen, High School Principal  
 Jennifer Mathias-Sundberg, Special Education Aide  
 Michelle Peace, Second Grade  
 Amanda Swanson, First Grade  
 Halsey Sleeter, Elementary Resource Room Teacher

### Coaches:

Dylan Jurasin, Varsity Assistant Football Coach  
 John Tizziani, Varsity Assistant Football Coach  
 Dan Waterman, Junior Varsity Football Coach

## 2010-2011 Bus Schedules

The 2010-2011 bus schedules will be available on the District website at [www.ishpemingschools.com](http://www.ishpemingschools.com). For any questions please contact Brian Veale, Transportation Director at 485-6341.

## Notice of Non-Discrimination

The Ishpeming School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, or handicap in the admission to, access to, participation in, benefits of, or employment in its programs or activities as provided by district policy and in compliance with Federal and State law.

For information, please contact Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming 49849 or by calling 485-5501.

## Notice of Non-Discrimination in Vocational and Applied Technology Education

In compliance with the non-discrimination regulations of the Vocational Education Division of the Michigan Department of Education, notice is hereby given that the Ishpeming School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, sex, marital status, or handicap in offering vocational education and applied technology opportunities to students of the school district.

For information, please contact Superintendent Stephen Piereson, 319 East Division Street, Ishpeming 49849 or by calling 485-5501.

## Ishpeming Program Best In State

The Michigan Association of School Boards has awarded the "Monday Morning Playgroup" program at the Birchview School with the coveted "Michigan's Best" award. The playgroup meets each Monday morning at the Birchview School gymnasium under the direction of Mr. Sean O'Donnell who is assisted by Ishpeming High School Key Club students. The playgroup invites preschool children and their parents with games, reading, and consultations with child development specialists.

Ishpeming is the only district in the Upper Peninsula to receive the "Michigan's Best" award.

## Ishpeming Senior Citizen Athletic Passes

Residents of the Ishpeming School District who are at least 62 years of age can receive a district athletic pass at no cost. Residents may receive a pass by presenting a drivers license or other proof of age and residency at the Ishpeming High School office. Once issued, a senior athletic pass does not have to be renewed.

## Best Wishes Principal Sarvello



Congratulations are in order to Ishpeming High School Principal Brian Sarvello. Mr. Sarvello has accepted a top level education consultant position at Marquette – Alger Regional Education Service Agency (MARESA). In his new position Mr. Sarvello will be providing direction to superintendents, principals, and teachers in the 2 county region.

Mr. Sarvello has left his mark at Ishpeming High School and he will be missed.

Best wishes Mr. Sarvello from all of us as you take your career onward and upward.

## Ishpeming Schools Receive Technology Grant

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded the Ishpeming School District with a \$100,000 technology grant. The grant is being used to bring high speed Internet connections to the Birchview School; an upgraded managed wireless Internet connections at all schools; computers, monitors, laser printers; and Internet equipment including firewalls and switches.

Computer technology instruction in Ishpeming begins in young fives and kindergarten and goes through Ishpeming High School. Mrs. Asplund, Mrs. Swanson, and Mr. Syrjala are the computer technology teachers.

## Exchange Students

Ishpeming High School will be hosting 8 exchange students for the 2010-2011 school year. Our newest Hematites are Bjoern Gundersen from Norway, Christiana Bittencourt from Brazil, Pietro Fanciulli from Italy, Fiona DeGroote from Belgium, Thomas Berglitsch from Austria, Kinga Gatarska from Poland, Moritz Hopp from Germany, and Sze Chung from Hong Kong.

Please welcome these students to our school and our community.

## New I.H.S. Principal



On August 18, 2010, the Board of Education acted to appoint Mrs. Vicki Lempinen as Principal at the Ishpeming High School. Mrs. Lempinen is coming to Ishpeming from the Republic – Michigamme Schools where she was Superintendent/Principal. Mrs. Lempinen's education includes a B.A. degree from Western Michigan University and an M.A. degree from Northern Michigan University. Mrs. Lempinen brings a wealth

of experience to Ishpeming as a vocal music teacher, a classroom teacher, a track and cross country coach, and an athletic director. She is well known in the area as the Director of the Negaunee Male Chorus.

Welcome Mrs. Lempinen!

## Happy Retirement

We had several employees retire at the end of 2009 – 2010 school year. They are:

**Diane DeMilio, Guidance Counselor**

**Mary Ann Dyer, Teacher**

**Rosalind Greenlee, Teacher**

**Valerie Junak, Teacher**

**Marilyn Mahoski, Aide**

**Kathy Mathias, Teacher**

**Joseph Pelkola, Teacher**

**Kristine Riutta, Teacher**

**Paul Steinke, Teacher**

*Thank you for all your years of service.*



## 2010-2011 Calendar

- Professional Development Days For Teachers – Wednesday, September 1, 2010 and Thursday, September 2, 2010
- First Day Of School For Students – Tuesday, September 7, 2010 – Students Report At 12:00 p.m.
- Professional Development Day (No Classes) - Wednesday, November 24, 2010
- Thanksgiving Break – Thursday, November 25, 2010 and Friday, November 26, 2010
- Final Day Of School Before Winter Break – Wednesday, December 22, 2010
- Winter Break – Thursday, December 23, 2010 through Friday, December 31, 2010
- Classes Resume – Monday, January 3, 2011
- Records Day (No Classes) – Friday, January 21, 2011
- Professional Development Day (No Classes) Monday, March 7, 2011
- Final Day Of School Before Spring Break – Friday, April 1, 2011
- Spring Break – Monday, April 4, 2011 through Friday, April 8, 2011
- Classes Resume – Monday, April 11, 2011
- Break Day (No Classes) — Friday, April 22, 2011
- Memorial Day (No Classes) – Monday, May 30, 2011
- Final Student Day (1/2 Day) – Friday, June 3, 2011
- Records Day (1/2 Day Professional Development, 1/2 Day Make-up if necessary) — Monday, June 6, 2011



### Academic Excellence Award Winners

Presidential Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence Sixteen eighth grade students from the C. L. Phelps Middle School were awarded the Presidential Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. In order to qualify for this award, the student must have attained at least a 3.5 grade point average for their eighth grade career, was nominated by a teacher, shown positive citizenship, and was approved by the principal of the school.

The eighth grade faculty and administrator are pleased to have presented this outstanding award to Courtney Allen, Gabriella Croley, Maria Denofre, Natalie Kangas, Christine Leppanen, Edward Mannila, Holli-Lynn Myers, Noah Olgren, Shawn Peterson, Adam Prisk, Mollie Pruett, Robert Riutta, Noah Stetson, Meghan Terres, Andrew Welsh, and Robert Zhulkie. Congratulations to the recipients and their families.

### 2010-2011 Breakfast/Lunch Prices

<u>ELEMENTARY (GRADES PRESCHOOL – 4)</u>	
Breakfast	\$ 5.00 per 5 tickets
Lunch	\$11.25 per 5 tickets
<u>PHELPS SCHOOL (GRADES 5-8)</u>	
Breakfast	\$ 5.00 per 5 tickets
Lunch	\$11.25 per 5 tickets
<u>ISHPEMING HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)</u>	
Breakfast	\$ 5.00 per 5 tickets
Lunch	\$13.75 per 5 tickets

For additional information regarding the food service program, please contact Business Manager Anthony Bertucci at 485-5501.