



# Superintendent Update

## March 5, 2026



# Vision

*What we intend to create*

*Inspire dreams,*

*build integrity,*

*instill hope*

*in our students, our staff, our families  
and our communities.*



# Mission

*Purpose of our work*

*Partner with students, families and communities*

*to challenge all students to achieve their **greatest potential***

*and become informed and engaged citizens.*

# Viking Spotlight

## The Viking Way on Viking Way

Grand Avenue has been symbolically renamed Viking Way.

Several years ago students designed banners that line this road.

Those banners now need replacing.

Using this as an opportunity to expand the project allowing students to lead the project.

# Grant Funding to Support Arts Enrichment

## Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

A Minnesota Legacy Amendment fund that supports arts, arts education, and projects that preserve and celebrate Minnesota's cultural heritage. Under this umbrella, the East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC), a nonprofit organization that supports arts and cultural activities in East Central Minnesota, provided a grant, to support our banner project.



## North Branch Area Education Foundation

The Foundation (NBAEF) has also played a direct role in supporting the Viking Way banner project through its teacher-grant program. The Viking Way Student Banners project was funded as one of the 2025 NBAEF grant recipients.

# Honoring Heritage Through Art

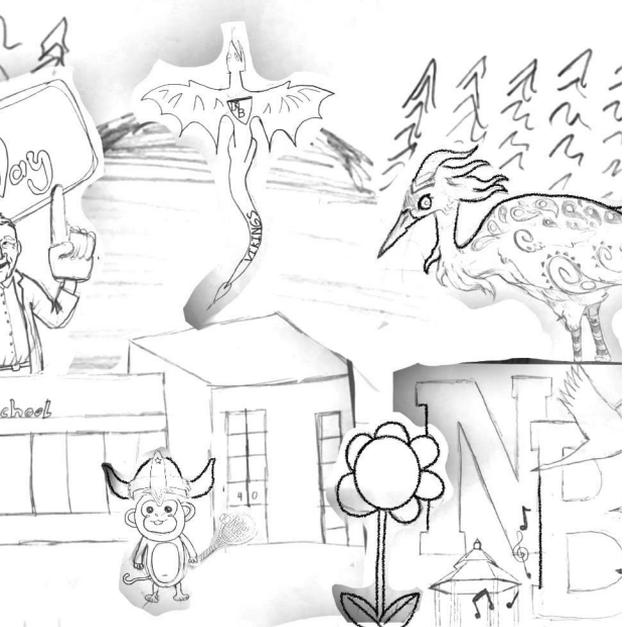
- Students studied Norwegian Rosemaling, a traditional Norwegian decorative art style.
- The flowing patterns and floral designs reflect history, storytelling, and craftsmanship.
- This honors the Scandinavian roots that helped shape our community.





## Storytelling Through Art

Traditional Hmong needlework that uses colorful thread and detailed stitching to create symbolic patterns and images. Students explored this art form to learn how Hmong culture shares stories, identity, and heritage through textile design.



## Collaboration and Creativity

- Students collaborated to create a Hispanic/Latino inspired mural design.
- They even used virtual reality technology to help transfer their ideas onto a larger format.
- This allowed students to blend creativity, technology, and cultural inspiration.



# Connecting to Tradition

- Students created American Indian inspired collage artwork.
- These designs reflect nature, place, and storytelling traditions.
- It encourages students to learn about and respect the Indigenous cultures connected to our region.

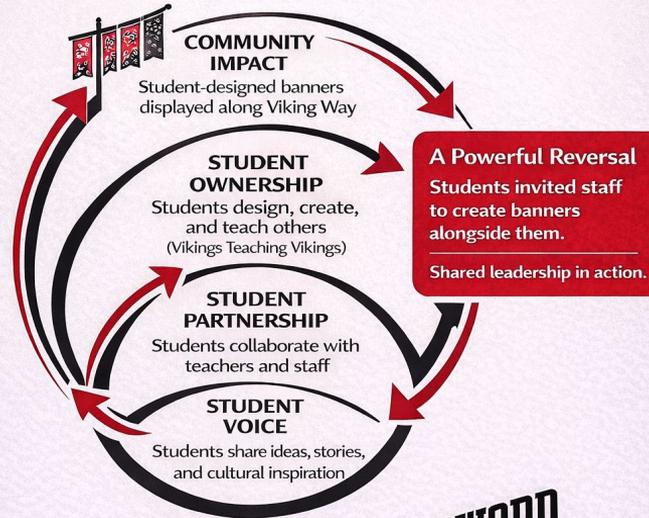


# Vikings Teaching Viking



# Student Ownership in Action

The Viking Way Banner Project



## STAFF FACILITATE THE PROCESS by:

- ✓ Securing grant funding
- ✓ Facilitating cultural exploration
- ✓ Providing artistic guidance and tools
- ✓ Creating space for student leadership
- ✓ Supporting collaboration and peer teaching
- ✓ Learning alongside students from community experts



**Staff facilitate. Students lead.** Collective impact achieved.

# SoWay to go Ella!

Ella Dick scored a 9.55 on vault to earn her a 6th place finish at the MSHSL state gymnastics meet! SKOL and congratulations, Ella!



# Making the Most of It



Foreign exchange students Isabel Nuveen (left) and Eva Glanz were kind enough to tell us about their experiences here at NBAHS this year.

[“Making the Most of It: Eva and Isabel”](#) is featured at the district Facebook.



# Prom and Grand March



The 2026 "Arabian Nights" Senior Prom and Grand March is Saturday, April 25.

- Grand March: 3 - 4:30 pm NBAHS
- Prom: 7:30 - 11:30 pm Jimmy's Event Center, Vadnais

Tickets are available starting March 16. Scan the QR code on the prom flier for more information.



# We Are All The Same

Join us March 20, 2026, from 5–7 PM at the North Branch Area Education Center for the We Are All the Same Sock Hop.

Enjoy a fun-filled evening celebrating World Down Syndrome Day. Many activities and treats are free, with a few cash purchase options available.

All community members are welcome!

The poster has a white background with a blue border at the top and bottom, and a yellow border on the left and right. At the top left, there are two hand icons: a blue one and a yellow one. The main title "WE ARE ALL THE SAME SOCK HOP" is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title, "Free Entry" is written in a blue, cursive font. The date "MARCH 20, 2026" is in bold black. The location "North Branch Area Education Center" and time "5 - 7 PM" are listed. A blue and yellow ribbon icon is on the right. A black banner with white text says "All community members are welcome to attend!". The "ACTIVITIES" section lists: Dance Party with DJ's, Heggies Pizza for purchase (freshly made to order at the event), Free Snacks & Treats, Photo Booth, and Fun Crafts & Activities. On the right side, it says "Join us for an evening of fun to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day." At the bottom, it says "Hosted by North Branch Area Community Education".

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# Bagging Groceries for Viking Scholarships



NBAPS staff will again be bagging groceries at Jerry's Foods to raise money for scholarships for the Viking Class of 2026!

Saturday, April 4 Time: 10 am - 4 pm

See you there!

**SKOL!**

**FORWARD**  
*Together*



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