

Superintendent Update

May 8, 2025



At the forefront of educational excellence



WHAT WE INTEND TO CREATE

*Inspire dreams, build integrity and instill hope
in our students, our staff, our families and our communities.*

OUR PURPOSE

Partner with students, staff, families and communities to challenge all
students to achieve their greatest potential and become informed and
engaged citizens.

Viking Spotlight: Staff Appreciation Week

To All NBAPS Staff – With Gratitude

In classrooms, offices, halls, and more,
You open hearts and learning doors.
With care you guide, support, and teach,
Inspire minds, encourage each.

You greet each day with strength and grace,
A steady smile, a warm embrace.
From buses, books, and lunchroom trays,
You brighten all our students' days.

This week we pause to say out loud,
You make us endlessly proud.
With cookies, chips, and stickers too,
These tokens come with thanks to you.

Though words and treats could never show,
The depth of thanks we truly owe—
Please know you're valued through and through,
And NBAPS runs because of you.

With heartfelt thanks,
The NBAPS Administrative Team



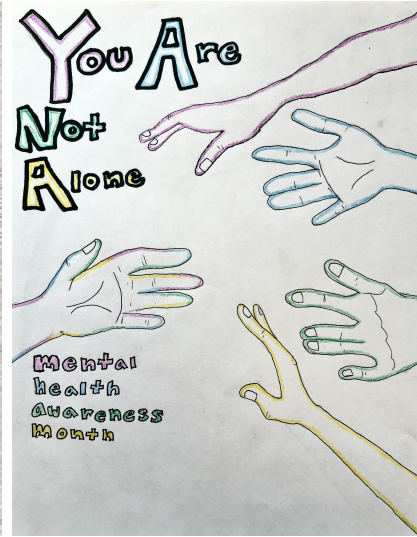
Elementary Choir Concerts



Mental Health Awareness Poster Contest



Chisago County Public Health organized a poster contest to promote mental health awareness amongst students and community members. Four students were chosen to earn recognition and three of the four students were North Branch Area Middle School students!



Each student had a unique interpretation of the theme and their own way to portray the importance of this topic. The winners were:

Daylynn Unrein--8th grade (butterfly)

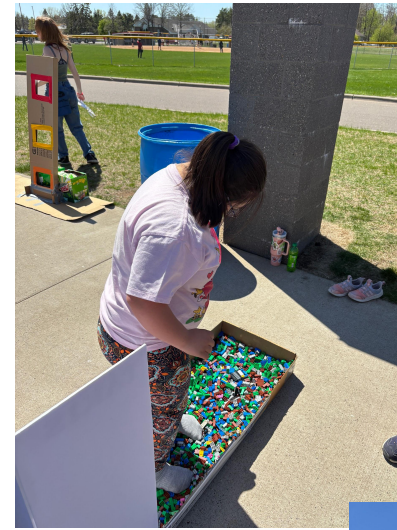
Sydelle Jasmer--7th grade (reaching hands)

Abigail Autey--7th grade (pointing hands)

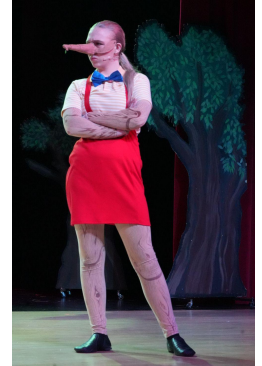
Future Forward Day



Car Show and other Activities



Shrek the Musical



Adaptive Bowlers going to State



Four of our high schoolers qualified for the team competition and two middle schoolers qualified for the singles competition.

State Participants:

Team

Ben Elliott
LeeAnn Otterson
Madelyn Phillips
Noah Bodsberg

Singles

Ian Gilkerson
Lillian Kim

The state bowling tournament takes place tomorrow at Bowlero in Brooklyn Park.



Class of 2024 Graduation Outcomes



We are pleased to report continued success in graduation outcomes for the Viking Class of 2024. These results reflect the district's commitment to preparing each student for successful postsecondary pathways through traditional and extended support models.

Graduation Rate Overview

- The initial four-year graduation rate for the Class of 2024 at NBAHS was 89%.

Continued Progress

- 12 students continued making academic progress at the Norse ALC. 4 additional students from the class of 2024 have received their diplomas.
- 4 DLA students are continuing to gain credits towards earning their diplomas. 1 additional student from the Class of 2024 received his diploma.

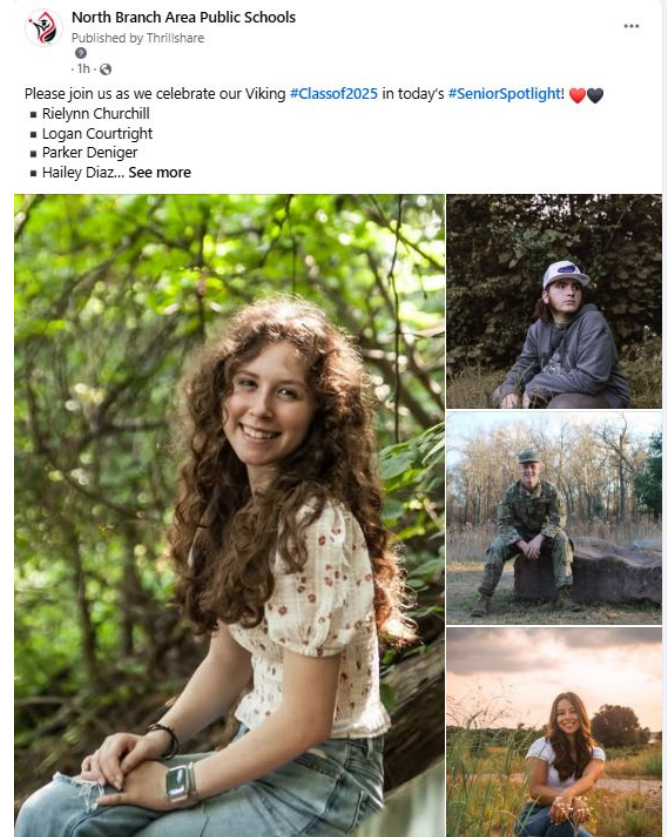
Each student's path is important. Whether they graduate in four years or five, our goal is to support them to the finish line.

Celebrating the Class of 2025



Senior Spotlight has begun!

- Each day, until graduation, NBAPS will feature four members of the Class of 2025!
- Stop by Facebook and congratulate our seniors as they prepare for their next chapter.



3rd Annual Drum and Dance



North Branch Indian Education's

3rd Annual Drum & Dance Exhibition



Ogima Binese- Host Drum
Hoka Hey
Northern Lights



May 16th 5:30-8:00pm
North Branch High School



5:30-6:00 Meal Provided

6:00 Grand Entry & Honoring Graduates

Men's & Women's Traditional Dances

Grass Dance

Hoop Dance

Jingle Dress Dance

Fancy Shawl Dance



38175 Grand Ave

Door 1 for Meal, Door 11 for Exhibition

The third annual Drum and Dance is
May 16

- North Branch Area High School
 - 5:30 - 8 p.m.
 - 5:30 - 6 p.m. - meal provided
 - 6 p.m. - Grand entry

We Walked and Rolled to School



Thanks to all who joined us for Walk and Roll yesterday morning! The weather was almost as good as the company. Thanks also to all those from the NBPD, NBFD, city staff along with the Mayor Schieber, and Chisago County SHIP leaders for being a part of the event.



Chisago County Child Care Coalition

- **Update provided to the Chisago County Board on May 7th by the following Coalition Members:**
 - Erica Bjerketvedt, Director of Early Learning and Community Education
 - Nancy Hoffman, Chisago County HRA-EDA Executive Director
 - Michelle Thomas, ECRDC Economic Resilience Coordinator
 - Katie Malchow, Chisago County Outreach and Initiative Coordinator
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- **The County Board was presented with the work and progress of the Child Care Coalition in its efforts to address the shortage of child care in our county. Four goal areas were highlighted:**
 1. Continuously Monitoring for Funding
 2. Identify Locations for Licensed Child Care
 - Erica highlight the exciting news of the North Branch Hockey Association facility being a future location for school age care.
 3. Explore & Establish Support Services/ Resources
 - Erica highlighted the Child Care Champions training hosted at NBAHS on February 1st
 4. Marketing/ Education of the Community
 - Collaborating to market and launch before and after school childcare in Stacy this Fall



North Branch Area Public Schools – Safety Protocols



Overview

- Safety of students and staff is our priority
- We use the Standard Response Protocols (SRP) from the *I Love U Guys Foundation*.
 - SRP provides a clear, common language for emergency situations.
 - Used nationwide and part of our ongoing training and drills.

SRP: Five Key Actions

- **Hold** – Stay in room; clear the halls.
- **Secure** – Threat outside; lock exterior doors.
- **Lockdown** – Threat inside; lock doors, lights out, out of sight.
- **Evacuate** – Move to a new location safely.
- **Shelter** – Follow safety steps for hazards (e.g., tornado).

Why it matters

- Recent high school incident reminded us these protocols work.
- Staff and students responded quickly and effectively.
- Communication is important—and real-time safety always comes first.
- We remain committed to partnering with law enforcement and families to keep schools safe.

