Valedictorian - Kaitlyn Nowak - “After high school, I will be attending The University of Michigan College of Engineering. I plan on majoring in Mechanical or Aerospace Engineering, and I hope to pursue a master's degree in my respective field. While at college, I plan on joining engineering design teams and looking into joining a research team to help conduct research on something related to my field of study. Starting this new chapter of my life can be daunting, but I feel prepared to conquer the challenge.”

Salutatorian - Karlie Manor - “After completion of my time at Ida High School, my future education endeavors include the pursuit of a degree in engineering. I have enrolled into the University of Toledo's Jesup Scott Honors College, and will be staying close to home. I hope to one day utilize my higher education in a career that makes an impact in some way. I am thankful for and humbled by being honored as one of my graduating class's top graduates. I am excited to enter this next season in my life, and look forward to what is to come.”
Owen Schassberger, Clayton Satkowski, and John Winkelman represented Ida High School as our Academic All-Stars. All schools in Monroe County are represented at the event. Students must have at least a 3.5 GPA to be selected, also taken into account are the student's citizenship activities, and leadership qualities inside and outside of the school day. Students attended with family members and teachers on April 17th at Laroy's Hall. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Ida High School Band and Choir. Students receive a plaque and a picture along with a Gold Card that allows them free admission to all Ida Events for the next school year.

Studies have shown that by age 2, children who are read to regularly, display greater language comprehension, larger vocabularies, and higher cognitive skills. Inspire your children to read every day! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week to see what works best for your child:

- Don’t leave home without it. Bring along a book or magazine any time you leave the house.
- Once is not enough. Encourage your child to re-read favorite books and poems. Re-reading helps children read more quickly and accurately.
- Dig deeper into the story. Ask your child questions about the story you’ve just read. Say something like, “Why do you think the character did that?”
- Be patient. When your child is trying to sound out an unfamiliar word, give him or her time to do so. Remind your child to look closely at the first letter or letters of the word.
- I read to you, you read to me. Take turns reading aloud to each other. Children often enjoy this special time with their parents.
- Talk, talk, talk! Talk with your child every day about school and things going on around him/her. Sprinkle some interesting words into the conversation and build on words you’ve talked about in the past.
- Write, write, write! Ask your child to help you write out the grocery list, a thank you note, or to keep a journal of special things that happen. When writing, encourage your child to use the letter and sound patterns he or she is learning at school.

Most importantly, make reading a part of your daily routine! For more information and ideas visit www.readingrockets.org.

The Ida and Dundee High School FFA (Future Farmers of America) group, for the third year, hosted “AG Day” at Ida Elementary. The students, who attend their Agricultural Science classes at Dundee High School with instructor Tom Stahl, organized and ran the event on Friday, April 26th, in the elementary parking lot. The high school students taught elementary children about life on the farm, showing them sheep, calves, ducks, chickens, rabbits, and more. The children worked off energy pedaling miniature tractors, tossing potatoes, and pinecones at wooden pig targets, and learning how to care for animals. The FFA students related well with the children; the youngsters listened attentively to these role-models.

The Ida presenters included Seniors Austin Otto, Grace Herkimer, Jon Kantz, Michael LaVoy, Sam Costello, Faith Hosler, and Freshman Andy Herkimer, Ben Herkimer, Cam Herkimer, and Trusten Adams.
Ida Elementary will conduct its Kindergarten Round Up registration on Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019 and Thursday, May 23rd, 2019 from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten this fall, you are asked to notify the elementary office as soon as possible. You will be asked to provide your child's name, date of birth, address, phone number, and the names of parents/guardians. The State of Michigan recommends that your child be 5 by September 1, 2019. You can reach the Ida Elementary office at (734) 269-3605. A mailing was sent to parents at the end of April notifying them of the exact time they are to attend. Parents will be required to provide:

- Child's original birth certificate
- Immunization record
- Proof of residency - for residents
- A physical by their doctor - a green physical form will need to be completed by the parent & doctor (these forms will be mailed to you or can be picked up at the elementary office)
- Hearing & Vision Screening – Available at Ida Elementary School (during Kindergarten Round Up), Health Department., or by your own physician.

NOTE: The parent or legal guardian of children who are turning 5 between September 2nd and December 1st may enroll their child in kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year, if the parent or legal guardian notifies the school district with written consent.

2ND ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER BANQUET

When: Saturday, May 18th @ 6 p.m.
Where: Prince of Peach Church Hall
1920 Lewis Avenue, Ida, MI
Cost: $20 per person
Guest Speaker: Former Ida Principal & Superintendent, Mr. Marv Dick
idaalumni@yahoo.com
http://www.facebook.com/IdaHighSchoolScholarship/
Schools of Choice

The Monroe County Schools of Choice Program is offered by the Monroe County Intermediate School District in cooperation with its constituent districts. This program allows parents and students the choice to attend any public school in Monroe County, regardless of where they live.

A student must be released by his/her resident district and be accepted by the choice district. The number of transfers allowed is determined by the space available in each participating district and the space available in each building. Only 1.5% of a district’s total student population may be released in a given year. Applications and guidelines for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the Superintendent’s Office. Applications must be returned to the resident district by Friday, June 28th, 2019.

Elementary Parents:

The PTA has teamed up with 1st Day School Supplies to make back to school shopping easier. School supplies for next year can be ordered from the link below and delivered right to your home. The prices are competitive! So, this summer as the temperature hits over 100 degrees and lines at the checkout counter are a mile long … you can purchase your child’s school supplies from the comfort of your home! You can make your purchase right now, get started by going to the the link below: https://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com and type in the zip code for the school, 48140. Deadline to order is June 15, 2019. Kits will be delivered to your home.
Employee Recognition for Years of Service

This employee has demonstrated a solid commitment to the success of each student and true dedication to Ida Public Schools throughout her sixteen years of service:

Janet Wehner
ES Secretary

GAKAC

Student Council members shopped at Target back in December for our Give A Kid A Christmas program. Each year the program helps 30+ families. Students in all three buildings have fund raisers to support the program raising on average $7,500 each year.

Henry’s Hiking Boots

On Saturday, March 2, a Chili Benefit Dinner was held for Henry’s Hiking Boots. Henry Carpenter is a 7th grade student at the Middle School. When he was 3 years old, he was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, which is a progressive muscle weakness disorder. At age 9 Henry grew too weak to walk and has relied on a power wheelchair ever since.

While camping in the UP, he was asked to test drive their Action Trak chair which allowed Henry freedom to explore all terrains—mud, dirt, trails, and sand—he could go anywhere and was free!

Henry’s Hiking Boots was established to raise funds for Henry’s very own Action Trak chair. Thanks to the support of the community, Ida staff, and students we were able to raise nearly $10,000 to help Henry’s family purchase his chair.

On April 1, his chair was delivered to his home where his family was able to promptly take it on vacation in Tennessee. While camping with his new chair, Henry made friends who he was able to hang out with while there. This may not seem like much, but for Henry it was HUGE! He was able to hang out and go where they went without worry of getting stuck or having to watch from a distance.

His family and the entire Henry’s Hiking Boots team wants to say thank you to all who have helped in any way big or small. Without the community’s support, this would not have been possible.

Donations are still being accepted at Monroe Bank and Trust if you are interested in contributing under Henry Carpenter’s name.

Bus Drivers Wanted

Are you looking for a job that works with your child’s school schedule? We are looking for bus drivers. Please apply in the superintendent’s office or contact Lisa Book @ (734)269-9003 ext. 4001
Last October the Financial Literacy classes took part in the Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF) PAYBACK Challenge. Each student played Payback, a game from NGPF. The game has students make decisions about college type, loan amounts, and other daily living choices with a goal of balancing their focus on classes, connections, happiness, and debt. To win the game they needed to finish college without burnout or academic failure. The game could be replayed allowing students a chance to evaluate a variety of situations.

Once students were ready they wrote a 250-word essay reflecting on what they learned and how it will affect upcoming decisions about life after high school. From all the essays turned in only one could be selected and submitted for the national scholarship contest.

The essay chosen for submission was written by Ida High School senior Karlie Manor. In December Karlie was awarded a $500 Honorable Mention Scholarship from Next Gen Personal Finance for her essay. In Karlie’s words “All of the realities the game showed me have persuaded me to rethink how I planned to live during college. PAYBACK helped me better understand how I will literally pay it back.” Congratulations Karlie!

Each year the Monroe Intermediate School District asks for nominations for the Whole Apple Award. This year two seniors Dante Guernsey and Evan Baker along with ISD Teachers Anita Roberts, Jenny Ford, and ISD Teacher Aide Jessica Fruit proudly nominated Senior Sam BrettSchneider for Peer Mentor of the Year, along with Mary Hosler, and Connie Ducharme for Non-Certified Ancillary Service Persons of the Year! All three of these nominees have gone above and beyond working with students in the LBSE classroom at Ida High School. It is with great pleasure that we share these wonderful Whole Apple Award Nominees!!

Girls on the Run is a 10 week after school program for 3rd-5th grade girls. It is a national program with curriculum inspiring and teaching girls to build their confidence and build a love for exercising at their own level. This year there are 40 girls participating. The girls and coaches end the season with a 5K in Ypsilanti on May 17th.
Michigan Child Protection Registry

As a strong supporter of this registry, we would like to encourage you to sign your entire family up for the registry and inform your friends and colleagues about how they can protect children and families from unwanted adult advertising. To sign up only takes seconds. Just go to www.ProtectMIChild.com and keep your family safe.

www.protectMIchild.com

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Michigan Child Protection Registry?
   The Michigan Child Protection Registry was created by the Michigan State Legislature in 2004 as a do-not-contact service for Michigan families. The Michigan Child Protection Registry is a free, state administered program that allows Michigan’s families to protect their households from adult-oriented messages.

2. What addresses are eligible for registration?
   You can register e-mail addresses, mobile phone numbers (SMS), instant messenger IDs, and fax numbers.

3. What types of adult-oriented messages are my addresses protected from?
   Family’s who sign up their addresses are protected from messages that advertise pornography, tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, and gambling. The newest effort for these types of companies is to text their ads to any cell phone numbers they can find.

4. Does the registry only protect children?
   No. The Michigan Child Protection Registry can include:
   - Family addresses (both adults and children)
   - Addresses in a household where a child is present
   - School domains (students and educators)

5. How much does it cost to sign up my addresses?
   This is a free program offered to residents by the State of Michigan.

6. How do I sign up my addresses?
   Registering your addresses is quick and easy. Go to www.protectmichild.com, click “Protect Your Household Addresses”, and follow the steps to register your household addresses.

7. How can I send my friends information on how to register?
   To send your friends, family, co-workers, and neighbor’s information on how to register, simply send them a “refer a friend” e-mail after you register, and an automatic message on the Registry will be sent to their inbox.

8. How often do I need to renew the registration of my addresses?
   Registrations last for three years with the option to renew at any time. You will receive a notification e-mail reminding you that the three year time period has expired.

9. Are my addresses safe?
   Senders of messages are NEVER given registered addresses. Marketers and companies are required to submit their solicitation lists to the state, where all registered addresses are then removed and returned to the sender.

10. What if I receive an adult message after I sign up my addresses?
    If you are contacted with a message to a registered address, you should submit the report to the Division of Consumer Protection. The process is easy and allows you to help the state investigate those companies who are not complying with Michigan’s Child Protection Registry Laws.

11. Which state office administers the Michigan Child Protection Registry?
    The Michigan Child Protection Registry is administered by the Michigan Secretary of State and enforced by the State Attorney General’s Office.
    Marketers pay a fee of .007 cents for each address they get from the state registry. Funds generated by the program are set aside to fund the Secretary of State’s Office in the maintenance, promotion, and upkeep of the program.
Safety City Program
-Now Accepting Applications-

Parents of children who will be entering kindergarten or first grade are invited to take advantage of an exciting summer program which provides youngsters with the opportunity to practice safety in many situations, including:

- Bike Safety
- Fire/Electrical Safety
- First Aid/CPR
- Swimming/Boating Safety
- Dialing 911
- Safety with Animals
- Farm Safety
- School Bus Safety
- Train Safety

Now in our 22nd year, the ten (10) day program will offer one morning session, lasting two hours per day (9:00-11:00 a.m. daily, except for “Graduation” day). Safety City is taught by Ida Elementary Teacher, Mrs. Alissabeth Fox. The Teacher Assistant will be Mrs. Carolyn Clark. The program features daily guest speakers who will talk to children on a variety of safety topics. Children in the class will experience learning in fun ways, including daily opportunities (weather permitting) to ride the Kettler Grand Prix Kettcars in the “Safety City.” Children will also receive many free gifts during the course.

The dates of this summer’s Safety City program will be from Monday, June 17th through Friday, June 28th, 2019. Parents are reminded that registration is on a “first come, first serve” basis, and the program is limited to 30 students. It is our hope to offer these vital skills to as many youngsters as possible. The fee for the course is $30 ($50 for two children), but No students will be denied for financial reasons. If interested, please complete the following Registration form, and mail it to Ida Elementary School, ATTN: Mr. Bert Wagner, Ida Elementary Principal. For more information, call Bert Wagner at Ida Elementary School, at (734) 269-3605.

**Thanks for the Safety City Donations**

Donations which support our program are currently coming in. We would like to recognize these businesses, without whose support we would be unable to sponsor Safety City. The following businesses have already sent contributions:

- Capaul Funeral Home, Inc.
- Leski-Wittman Insurance Agency, LLC
- Ida Veterinary Clinic
- Gino’s Pizza and Substation
- Carter Carpets & Vinyl DBA
- Ida Farmer’s Co-Op
- Knabusch Insurance Agency
- American Legion Post 514 Women’s Auxiliary

SAFETY CITY REGISTRATION FORM
SUMMER 2019

Child’s Name ________________________________________________________________
Parent Phone Number __________________________ Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number __________________________
Address ___________________________________________ City __________ Zip __________
Age _______ Birthdate __________________________

I give my permission for (child’s full name) __________________________ to ride the school bus, participate in swimming activity, and other activities associated with the Safety City Program.

My child has the following food allergies or health conditions: ________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: __________________________ Signature (required) __________________________

Make checks for class fee payable to: Ida Public Schools “Safety City” $30 ($50 for two children)

***CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED***
Crayola ColorCycle

Crayola and schools across North America are banding together to help kids understand the importance of their role in protecting the environment. That’s why we launched Crayola ColorCycle. Through this initiative, students in K-12 schools across the continental United States and parts of Canada can collect and repurpose used Crayola markers.

ColorCycle is also a great opportunity for teachers and their students to explore eco-friendly practices. Specially developed standards-based lesson plans are available to enrich instruction and promote lively class discussions.

Our elementary is participating in this program. A collection box is located in Mrs. Banker’s office.

**4 Easy Steps to an Eco-Cool School!**

**1. Engage & Educate**
Inform your school administrators or PTO about participating in the ColorCycle program.

**2. Collect & Count**
Set up a collection station in your school for used markers.

**3. Pack & Print**
Pack markers in a cardboard box. Secure each box with packing tape. Print out a FedEx shipping label.

**4. Ship & Smile**
FedEx Ground will pick up the markers — Crayola pays all shipping charges! Finally, smile - you just saved the planet!

**6TH GRADE SCIENCE**

MCCC did a presentation on the effects of tobacco and drugs on the heart and lungs to the 6th grade science classes. They also provided the classes with hearts and lungs to dissect. This photo is MCCC respiratory student Brittany Moss Rankin with 6th grade students Evan Boyer, Nikki Phillips, and Davin Slater. They are getting to try CPR on mannequins.

**FOOD SERVICE - ATTENTION PARENTS**

We understand the busy lives we have these days and the need to keep informed on your child’s lunch account balance and activity. When you need to find out your child’s lunch account balance or purchases, please use the following methods. My School Bucks is available for you to view your child’s deposits and purchases. You may also make deposits online. The link to My School Bucks is located on the school website, idaschools.org. You may also call Connie Guthrie at (734)269-9003 ext. 4003 between the hours of 8:00 am & 2:30 pm. Please leave a message on her voice mail if she is not available. You may also send an email to Connie at guthrie@idaschools.org. In the event your child does not have sufficient funds in their account we allow them to charge a breakfast/lunch on that day. But please understand that we need your cooperation in making sure there is a sufficient amount in their account to cover purchases.

Thank you, Ida Public Schools Food Service Program
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Students in Mrs. Harmon’s class learn about the parts of the heart by playing Heart Twister.

Ida Elementary and Ida PTA are working together to sponsor a Read-in-Restaurants program. Book baskets have been donated to Carl’s Hide-A-Way, Ida Tavern, and Old 23 Grill.

Books have been purchased by the PTA and baskets are restocked as needed by Ida Elementary staff. Children and families can be entertained by fun stories or learn about Real Dragons while enjoying their meal.

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Board of Education Meetings

At their annual organizational meeting, the members of the Ida Board of Education established meeting dates, times, and places for Fiscal year 2019. Twelve of the regularly scheduled meetings will be conducted on the second Monday of the month. All board meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will be held in the high school library, unless the Board of Education determines a more appropriate site is available. Remaining meetings:

- May 13, 2019  Regular Business Meeting
- June 10, 2019  Regular Business Meeting
- June 24, 2019  Regular Business Meeting/
  Uniform Budget Meeting/
  End of Fiscal Year
- July 8, 2019  Annual Organizational Meeting/
  Regular Business Meeting

IDA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Ida Public Schools is to bring students, staff, and community together to maintain our rich traditions. We will provide students with a safe learning environment, an exceptional curriculum, skills to meet the challenges of the future, and the means to become life-long learners.

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