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The Students and Staff of E.B. Holman Would Like to Say...



Photos: We've had to clear some land for our new parking lot, and our middle-schoolers enjoyed learning all about the milling process. We're excited to plant some new trees after the construction! We'd like to thank our community for your continued support!

Stanton Township Public Schools is located on Holman School Road in Atlantic Mine (Liminga) Michigan. There are currently 174 students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

Here at E.B. Holman, we are truly blessed with our small family-like atmosphere. So it is with a combination of gratitude, congratulations, and heavy hearts that we celebrate the accomplishments of Mrs. Susan DeKeyser and Mr. Scott LaBonte, and wish them well as they move forward onto the next stage in their lives and careers. We'd also like to remind them that no matter which way the wind may blow them, they will always be a part of our E.B. Holman family. We thought we'd share some of our favorite memories as a way to say our thanks:

"My favorite part about having Mr. LaBonte was that he was nice and funny. I really liked building toothpick bridges." -Elle, 5th grade

"He always tells jokes. I like when he plays the guitar for us. I like how he comes up with lots of fun things to teach." -Ava, 5th grade

"Having Scott as a friend and neighbor over the last two years has been wonderful. His positivity and sense of humor are infectious. I will certainly miss his jokes and all of the laughs we shared along the way. I wish Scott nothing but the best as he moves on to his next chapter." -Mrs. Larson, 4th grade



Mr. LaBonte

"It has been a pleasure working with Sue for the past three years. I've always had a friend teaching right next to me with a kind heart and an open ear, and I'll certainly miss that



Mrs. DeKeyser

moving forward! Please don't be a stranger, Sue!" -Mr. Kulju, 1st grade
"Mrs. DeKeyser is loving and kind because she always smiles and shines. I hope she finds a friend to hang out with, and if you do find a friend, I hope she is very kind and nice just like you, and anywhere you are I always think of you as my teacher. I love you always and forever." -Tori, 2nd grade

Principal's Corner—Mr. Rautiola

Greetings,

The students and staff at E.B. Holman had an awesome year. As a District, we made many positive strides forward. We are pleased to announce that MJO Contracting, of Hancock, Michigan has been awarded the general contract for our building update and expansion. Construction is slated to begin on June 9th. We recently drilled a new well and logged the red pines where the new parking lot will be located. These trees were planted by E.B. Holman students when the original building was constructed. We plan to have the student's replant trees

once the new construction is complete. Enrollment continues to climb, we currently have 174 students. This is an exciting time for our school and community. Please feel free to stop by, grab a cup of coffee, and become involved.

The District would like to congratulate Sue DeKeyser on her retirement, effective June 30, 2016. Sue has served our district since 1994, currently as a 2nd grade teacher. Stanton Township Public Schools would like to thank Mrs. DeKeyser for her tireless years of service and wish her the best of luck in retirement. Congratulations to Copper

Country Association of School Board Award recipients Dawn Anderson, Lilly Turner and Dee Erbisch for their contributions and leadership in supporting our community and school. Lastly, I would to thank everyone for being so supportive this year. We have a remarkable community and public school. I am confident that by working together, we can continue to provide an exceptional educational experience for these kids. Have a great summer!

Jim

Kindergarten in Action!

Kindergarten and first grade were very excited for Grandparent's Day on May 12. The students have practiced songs and made things for their grandparents. It is hard to believe graduation is right around the corner!

Students can count by 10's to 200, write sentences and their reading is really coming along! I am so proud of their hard work this school year. We have been compiling the kindergartner's favorite recipes and making them in class. We have had crackers with

cream cheese and soy sauce, bananas with chocolate chips and peanut butter, sliced apples with cinnamon and sugar. The kids sure have been proud to share their creations with their friends.

We are anxiously waiting for the end of the school year and the new changes in the building when we return next fall.!

Right: Kindergarten and first grade reading to their grandparents.



Pierce, Mason, and Wade pour our banana bread batter into the pans. Great job, first grade!



As part of their social studies curriculum, the first graders set up an imaginary neighborhood, and set up fair rules and consequences to solve neighborhood problems.

Baking & Writing in First Grade

We've been very busy in first grade! We just had our Grandparents' Day celebration, and we made banana bread. We did an excellent job reading and following the recipe, and it was *delicious*! We've also been doing a lot of writing this spring—we wrote a personal narrative, an informative paragraph, an opinion paragraph, and a poem about butterflies! We can't wait for second grade!

Grandma Donna's Banana Bread:

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 1 1/2 c. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- A few grains of salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Cream the butter & sugar. Mix in egg & mashed bananas. Mix in flour, soda, salt. Mix in vanilla. Pour into 2 small greased loaf pans. Bake 50 min. at 350°F.



The third graders came to help us do research for our informative paragraphs. Thank you Mrs. Stone, and third graders, for all of your help!

Eighth Grade News!

Rock Walkway - Keweenaw Geo-heritage Trail

We are currently working on installing a rock walkway to the outdoor classroom. We have partnered with Bill Rose, PhD and Erika Vye, PhD of MTU's Geology department to join the Keweenaw Geo-heritage

trail. This walkway will highlight the rock cycle and have interpretive signs along the trail. Each sign will have a QR code for people to scan to learn more about the rocks that are part of our trail. We are excited to partner with experts in the field of geology in order to further our learning of the rock cycle!



Above: We widened and cleared our trail to our school's outdoor classroom, and are now ready to place the rocks!

Grade 3 at EB!

Here are some thoughts from the students as we wrap up our year:

"It's awesome doing Book Club because we get to read with our friends. We love Book Club because we get to work in groups. It's awesome doing science because we like researching things. We think science is fun because we get to do experiments. We love science because we love nature." From Jacquelyn, Kiira, Kaeley, Samantha, and Mary

"We like gym because we get to play Capture the Flag. We like recess because we don't have to work! Plus we get to play with our friends. We get to play ball tag. The best thing about school is lunch because when we are hungry we can eat and talk to our friends." From Mylun, Michael, Ethan, Ray, and Arnold

"The best thing about third grade is that we get to have Book Club. We read the book then talk and write about the book we read. The girls also celebrated American girl day and we got to eat with our teacher in our classroom. We got to bring our dolls to school. We play gym on Mondays and Thursdays. Our favorite game is soccer." From Karlyn, Lacey, Sadie, Niila, and Aina

"In science we are doing bird beak investigations. In gym we play Capture the Flag on sunny days. In Math we learned how to do multiplication. We like Language Arts stations because we get to listen to books." From Brit, Cody, Andrew, Ed, and Brandon

"Gym is fun because we get to play Capture the Flag in the woods. We like recess because we play ball tag. We like to ride the bus home because we get to go home." From Brenden, Martin, Tyler, and Lane



Left: Michael, Jacquelyn, and Ray make and record observations in science.

Fourth Grade Poetry POPS! with...

...Personification

Timber

The trees stand tall and proud,
until the mad machine rips them down.
Loud voices full of freight ring
around the forest yelling "TIMBER!"
The machine roars in the victory,
ready to be sent to the mills.
The memory of these beauties
will forever stand in E.B. Holman.
By: Ella, Lily, Vera, and Eve



...Simile

Dogs...

as loyal as knights,
as soothing as water,
as intelligent as humans,
as sweet as tulips,
as cuddly as kids,
as mighty as waterfalls,
Dogs.
*By: Bryce, Aili, Joe, Sebastian,
and Brett*



...Repetition

Beach balls

Bop, bop, boppity bop,
beach balls go.
Bop, bop, boppity bop,
because they are bopped.
*By: Betsy, Tana, Kayla, Kysa, and
Allison*

...Rhyme

Runaway dog

The dog ran home
to eat the phone
that was made of stone
and broke a bone
instead.
By: Ben, Levi, Luey, Eli, and Max

We'd like to take a moment to thank our students, staff, families, local businesses and community for their help with:

- The Stanton 5 Mile Race & Spaghetti Dinner
- Our November bond proposal
- Running our school library
- Our Christmas program
- Classroom parties and events
- Our Pancake Breakfast
- Field trips & forestry events

Again, THANK YOU!

Fifth Grade Fun—Building Bridges

Well, it's been another amazing year out here at E.B. and it seems to be coming to a close rather quickly. We had a year of many new and exciting adventures in our 5th grade class. We learned how to work together and problem-solve to accomplish bigger projects this year. We learned that sometimes we don't get to pick the groups we work in, but we still need to get things done. We are doing one such project right now in our class. We are about halfway through our toothpick bridge projects. We have learned to identify the main types of bridges and understand the strengths and weaknesses of each. We have learned to identify how each type of

bridge is constructed to support weight. We read about and researched several different bridges to understand structural procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical context and how engineering has changed through the years. We also learned how geometry affects bridge design and function.

Overall, it has been a great experience, and I am thrilled that I was a part of this learning adventure. Thank you all for an amazing year!

Fifth grade hard at work on their bridges!



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Second Grade with Mrs. DeKeyser

Another exciting year at EB Holman schools is coming to an end. There are too many wonderful memories to even count! The students would say that our Science Fair Project was one of the most exciting events this year. For our experiment, we made three cakes using different amounts of baking powder in order to see how it might affect the cake's ability to rise. Through this process the students learned about the different parts of the Scientific Method, including observation, drawing pictures of the results, and writing reports. Of course, the best part was taste testing the three different cakes. Yummy!

Most recently we are becoming domestic farmers in the classroom. We are eagerly awaiting for our tiny sprouts to mature into plants and everyone is enjoying getting a little dirty with their hands on learning experience. Things are really blossoming in more ways than one in second grade!

Now I want to tell all of the families in our community that I will be retiring this June. I thank you all most sincerely for your support and friendship over the years. It has made my career very rewarding and I want you all to know that I made the decision to leave with a heavy heart.

I believe that to teach is to touch a life forever. I feel so fortunate that I have had the opportunity to shape the lives of so many chil-

dren. I have cherished watching them learn and grow, each child being ever so individual and unique and always teaching me a little something along the way as well. I have even had the joy of teaching many children in the same family and developing lasting relationships with students and their families, which I believe was possible due to our close knit school community. I will treasure these memories and lessons that I have learned for years to come.

Finally, I want to express that my commitment to teaching has always gone beyond simply making sure that the children learn to flourish in the classroom and excel in academics. I have truly cared for every child, family member, and colleague that has ever been a part of my life and I firmly believe that it isn't just

what you know, but that others know that you care. I hope that I have instilled knowledge, a love of learning, and the importance of caring for each other into every individual that I have been blessed to know.

While I will truly miss being a part of this school system and community as your second grade teacher, I look forward to the next chapter in my life. Thank you again for being a part of my journey and please stay in touch!

Mrs. DeKeyser



Left: The second graders pose for a photo with their science fair project!