

Scott Stralka
Principal 6-12
School District of Bayfield
Report to the Board
June, 2012

The K-12 May term thematic unit was administered during the week of May 21-25, with water as the theme. Staff did an excellent job of organizing and developing activities for this thematic unit. Students indicated that they had a great time exploring different local areas as they learned how they related to the theme of water.

May 29: We celebrated our high school scholarship and awards night. Please see attached press release.

June 2: The Class of 2012 celebrated their commencement on Saturday, June 2, 2012. I am very proud of our Graduates. The Graduation ceremony was a success. I thank all of our parents, families, neighbors and friends that attended and supported our graduates throughout their school years.

June 7: This day marks our 8th grade graduation ceremony at Bayfield School. Our eighth graders are excited as they move forward into high school.\

June 13: Safe & Supportive Schools (S3) Team will hold a Data Retreat for the School District of Bayfield on June 13, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 pm in the Administrative Conference Room. Jim Lee from CESA 12 will assist.

June 18-20: I will be attending a Safe and Supportive Schools conference in Madison to review our S3 plan and future initiatives.



Press Release

For Immediate Release

See attached photo.

May 31, 2012

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Bayfield Academic Awards Announced

Bayfield, WI – The School District of Bayfield High School Principal, Scott Stralka, hosted the 2012 Academic Awards Ceremony held in the school cafeteria the evening of Tuesday, May 29. Approximately 80 friends and family members were on hand to applaud each individual award or scholarship, which totaled an amazing \$384,700.00 for the evening!

The following awards and scholarships were given out and are listed by each donor represented: WSTF-Norvado, awarded \$1,500 scholarships to Carrie Nelson and Trevor LaRoche-Theune; A member of the UW-Madison Alumni club awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Sophie Howk, Jennifer Kovachevich and Natalie LaPointe; Bayfield Electric Co. awarded a \$750 scholarship to Marita Their; the Ed Erickson Foundation, represented by Beth Kasinski, awarded \$750 scholarships to Jennifer Kovachevich, Natalie LaPointe, Carrie Nelson and Marita Their; Terry Bauer from the Bayfield Lion's Club presented a \$250 award to Sophia Howk; Sandy Paavola presented Ali Gephart with a \$1,000 scholarship from the Marvin Paavola Scholarship fund; Chippewa Valley Bank was represented by Billie Jo Johnson and presented \$250 scholarships to Brady Flores, Melissa Gardener, Ali Gephart, Charlie Gordon, Sophia Howk, Jennifer Kovachevich, Natalie LaPointe, Seth Roca, Leannah Smith and Savannah Swanson; the Northland Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Trevor LaRoche-Theune; the Chequamegon Bay Arts Council represented by Tom Mitchell awarded a \$500 scholarship to

Isaiah Claremboux; Theresa Weber and Billie Jo Johnson represented the Russell Community Club awarding \$750 awards to Caleb Burst and Marita Their; the AODA Coalition/Safe and Supportive Schools Program represented by Jennifer Boulley, awarded “Ink Your Voice” Essay Winners Leannah Smith and Emma Dalzell with a \$500 award each; the UW-Madison Powers-Knapp Scholarship fund awarded Natalie LaPointe with a full tuition scholarship to UW-Madison worth \$60,000; Northland College and the Cervanka Scholarship fund awarded Leannah Smith with a full-tuition scholarship to Northland totaling \$80,000; an Academic Excellence Award of \$9,000 went to Leannah Smith for her achievement as Valedictorian; Gogebic Community College in Ironwood, Michigan and the Construction Technology and Trades Department awarded Alexander Dietrich with a \$1,000 scholarship; Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan awarded Isaiah Claremboux a Certificate of Merit for National Academics and Recognition in the amount of \$3,000 per year for four years; St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin awarded Emma Dalzell a Trustee Distinguished Scholarship in the amount of \$54,000 over four years; the College of St. Scholastica awarded Joni Gordon with a Benedictine Scholarship in the range of \$35,000 to \$60,000 over four years; the National Academic Scholarship awarded Savannah Swanson \$13,000 per year for four years; the Involvement Scholarship awarded Savannah Swanson \$1,500 per year for four years; the Eco Visionary Scholarship, the Diversity Scholarship, and the Sigurd Olson Environmental Scholarship awarded \$1,000 each to Savannah Swanson.

Local scholarships, which are scholarships chosen by the selection committee, included the Mary Rice Foundation awarding \$3,500 each year for four years to Sophia Howk; Bremer Bank awarded \$500 scholarships to Caleb Burst and Marita Their; the Masonic Lodge awarded \$1,000 to Carrie Nelson; the Bucky Deragon Scholarship of \$750 was presented to Charlie Gordon by Randy Bresette; the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce was represented by Dana Noteboom and awarded \$1,000 scholarships to Ali Gephart and Jennifer Kovachevich; the Ashland Rotary presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Savannah Swanson; the American Red Cross awarded a \$750 scholarship to Amanda Gary. The following underclass students were awarded PEOPLE Program Certificates from UW-Madison: Madison Bear, Wade Hanson, Kelly Holmes, Eva Pratt, Ruby Peltonen, and Michael Wachsmuth. The scholarship selection committee was comprised of Bayfield teachers and administration.

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