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Report to the Board
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May term thematic unit is planned for the week of May 21-25, and water has been decided as a theme. Staff have been doing an excellent job of organizing and developing activities for this thematic unit.

March 10, 2012 : Congratulations to Ms. Gephart and the students who participated in Solo and Ensemble held in Solon Springs. We had twelve vocal events participate. 4 received a starred-first and will move onto the state level, 6 received a first, and 2 received a second. Students going on to state with a solo performance are: Joni Gordon, Isaiah Claremboux and Alexis Griggs.

The triple trio also received a starred first. Members include: Shania Leask, Kaytie Hintz-Knopf, Amanda Gary, Ali Gephart, Sophie Howk, Leannah Smith, Joni Gordon, Emma Dalzell, Jeni Kovachevich.

Middle school participants were: Alexis Griggs, Yrsala Peterson, Eve Smith, Kayla Bolinger, Alyssa Hauser, Shyenne Gordon.

March 3, 2012: Mr. Erickson: Ali Gephart and Sophie Howk participated in the Lakeland College Science & Engineering Fair on March 3 and the Badger State Science & Engineering Fair on March 24. Ali placed 3rd at Lakeland and 3rd in physics in the Badger State fair. Sophie placed 4th at Lakeland. Both Ali and Sophie have qualified for the National Junior Science & Humanities Symposium in Bethesda, Maryland which takes place May 1 - 5. They have been working on their presentations, and they have presented their work to Northland College professors and researchers from the National Park Service and U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

High school alternative education students have been working on a service project in the city ravine. They have been placing treated caps on each post along the trail to prevent further weathering of the posts.

March 6, 2012 Mr. O'Neil's Advanced Science class participated in the Rube Goldberg competition at UW-Stout. They are working on their final projects at this time. His Aquaculture class has been visiting the Northern aquaculture demonstration facility to get ideas for their in class research project on fish growth as a result of temperature.

On March 29, 2012 Mr. Filipczak, Rick Erickson and 26 Middle School students made the trip to Eau Claire for the National History Day Regionals. 15 students advanced to the May 5th state competition in Madison. This is the most Bayfield has ever sent (beating our previous record of 3).

March 30: Our Middle School students participated in a penny war for charity and raised close to 200 dollars. The eighth grade class raised the most money. A lucky student had the opportunity to throw a pie in the principal's face for this good cause.

On April 11th, 2012 Ms. DeBungie had an enjoyable experience taking seven Bayfield High School students to the annual UW-Superior Native American College Student for a Day program. This is the second year we have participated in this event. The students were able to engage in college activities including sitting in on a First Nations Law class. I was impressed with the contribution the Bayfield High School students made to the class, especially their points about Indian Child Welfare and Gaming Rights. Miigwech (thank you) to Ivy Vainio, Gary Johnson, and others from UW-Superior who made this day possible.

May 2012: Sue Marincel, our school nurse will be working in collaboration with Tony Bondioli, RN and Lori Cannon, RN. They both work in the community health division of the Red Cliff Health Center. They will be available at school to talk one-on-one with our Middle and High School students on any topic the student wishes to discuss from 8-12 on May 11th, May 18th and June 1st. They will provide health education only. Possible topics covered will include:

- Fitness
- Bullying
- Reproductive health
- Healthy relationships
- Nutrition
- Stress management