

October 22, 1990

- Approved joining the spring sports cooperative with Walker-Hackensack-Akeley school.

November 26, 1990

- Principal Mrs. Carol Collins and Mrs. Kathy Thompson, second grade teacher, were approved to attend the OBE (Outcome Based Education) National Seminar.

January 28, 1991

- A new policy of in-school suspension, rather than detentions, was adopted by the school board.
- An 8-period day for the 1991-1992 school year was adopted with teachers teaching six periods, one prep period, and one OBE planning period.

February 25, 1991

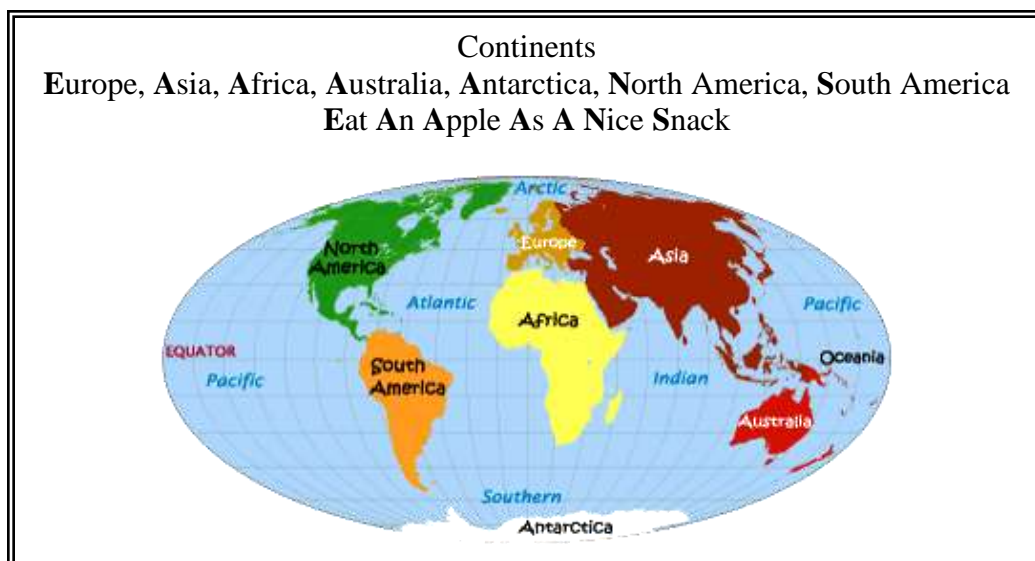
- Students were awarded up to 6 points per day for good behavior, readiness for class, being on time, having all materials, raising hands to speak, etc. At 65-points there was a pop break, 70-points homework free day, 125-points free afternoon, 275 points movie and popcorn, or 350 points for a trip to Minneapolis. Classes selected their goal, used their goal and then started over with points.
- Nevis started exploration of consolidation with Park Rapids School District.

June 22, 1991

- The school board discussed a proposal of Park Rapids and Nevis consolidating with Nevis being the K-5 school and all other students going to Park Rapids.
- Computers were leased by the school board. Three Macintosh LC Classic computers at a cost of \$8,094 each were leased for 5 years at \$6,500 per year.

July 6-7, 1991

- The 2nd All School Reunion in five years was held (the first was in 1986 before the old school was torn down).



July 22, 1991

- The school board approved moving the scoreboard from the east end (installed in 1980) to the west end of the football field and moving the current concession stand located on the south side of the field and building a new concession/broadcast stand on the north side of the field. The concession stand on the athletic fields was built in August with Mr. Merle Avenson, class 1963 and Mr. Bob Lukken working on the structure.
- Approved studying the possibility of contracting with Park Rapids School District for bus services.



Concession Stand being built.
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press

August 26, 1991

- A group of kindergarten parents attended the June 22 school board meeting to request splitting the class into two sections and making the teacher full-time. The school board approved the proposal at the August 26 meeting with the stipulation that the position would return to 3/5 time if the class size reduced.
- School patrol supervisor Bill Maki recommended to the school board that a barricade for the street west of Second Avenue be installed and they disband the school patrol and seek adult volunteers or other personnel as needed to patrol the intersection.

September 16, 1991

- The new elementary computer lab was up and operational.
- A public forum was held on the Park Rapids consolidation idea – people wanted to keep an independent district in Nevis.



New Elementary Computer Lab
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press

September 23, 1991

- Allowed late busses to run 3 nights per week – Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
- Talks were started regarding the possibility of sharing fuel tanks with the county.
- Changed release time to 2p.m. in the afternoon. Release time is when students leave the school grounds to attend religious education at one of the area churches.

October 28, 1991

- Nevis City Council allowed the school to dig a new well for the irrigation of the football fields since in the summer it had cost \$6,000 to irrigate the fields.
- A school business class venture was discussed.

Fall 1991

- Nevis changed from a 7-period day to an 8-period day to allow for 8, 45-minute periods rather than 7, 50-minute periods with the school day lasting from 8:30 a.m.-3:08 p.m.
- Minnesota Twins major league baseball team won the World Series.

February 24, 1992

- After four months, a consolidation-facility study conducted by members of the Nevis community, concluded that consolidation with Park Rapids did not appear to be advantageous. The report was dated January 20, 1992. Parent, Ms. Linda Olson was the committee chair.
- A pay increase to \$15 per event for the time keepers, ticket sellers, and score keepers was approved at the school board meeting.

March 23, 1992

- The kindergarten class was divided with students meeting all day Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday with all students coming on Friday.
- Teacher sub pay increased from \$50 to \$55 per day.
- The school board approved the purchase of a new bus for \$39,876.
- A cooperative agreement with Walker-Hackensack-Akeley was approved for wrestling starting with the 1992-1993 season.

April 1, 1992

- Teachers switched classes for one day. Science Teacher Mr. Tracy Day was principal, English Teacher Mrs. Lyn Rittgers was superintendent, high school teachers were elementary teachers and elementary teachers were high school teachers.
- The Walker-Hackensack-Akeley School Board voted to drop the Indian logo but keep the Warriors nickname.

April 27, 1992

- Two portable classrooms were approved to be constructed, one was to be used for a weight room and the other an elementary classroom. The bids for the buildings were opened at the May 19 board meeting.

May 5, 1992

- Donkey Basketball was held at the school as a fundraiser.



Pastor Barry Klein playing Donkey Basketball
Photos courtesy of Northwoods Press



School Board Member
John Olson playing
Donkey Basketball

May 19, 1992

- Mr. Jerry Schwinghammer, a graduate student from the University of Minnesota, conducted a demographic study of the district at a cost of \$1000. He presented his findings to the school board at the June meeting.
- Mr. Paul Schroeder, 6th grade teacher, requested an enrichment program for high achievers in 5th and 6th grade to be held one night per week on Wednesday from 3:15-5:15. The program was approved with the advisor given a \$300 stipend.
- Purchased the Hartlyn Hanson (two 100'x100' lots) property west of the school (became the current west parking lot) at a cost of \$7,000.

July 27, 1992

- Part-time definition was discussed for teachers after the first year of an 8-period day from 7-period day.
- Student grade level advancement was discussed and approved. An appropriate assessment of the student's skill level and aptitude would be used with parent consent. The cost of the assessment would be the parent's responsibility, then the advancement would be allowed.
- School lunches at \$1.30 for students and \$2.00 for adults.
- Admission fees to games were set at \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with senior citizens free age 65 and over.

August 17, 1992

- Enrollment topped 400 for the first time.
- Fall activity pass for a family was \$30, winter activity pass \$40, and all-season pass \$60. Clergy were no longer given courtesy passes to the games since the Supreme Court ruled no prayer allowed before games.
- Kindergarten would use the same schedule this year as last year with students attending Monday, Wednesday, and Friday or Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday with an additional aide or parent volunteer to assist on Fridays.
- Late bus for the school year ran Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights.
- Media Center got new computers, so that card catalogues were no longer needed, at a cost of \$16,440 which was approved at the July 27, 1992, school board meeting.

September 1992

- A State-mandated breakfast program started with thirteen students and by October an average of sixty students were eating. Breakfast cost was \$1.00 for students and \$1.30 for adults.

October 1992

- Nevis won two state awards from the Minnesota State Curriculum Committee for exemplary education for the 1991-1992 school year. Program/process improvement was one of the categories where Nevis was selected with 19 other schools. The second was communications.

October 26, 1992

- The bleacher storage room, room 218, was changed into additional classroom space for the fourth grade class.

January 25, 1993

- A petition was received by the school board from the high school students regarding the wearing of hats and caps in the school. The petition was to be addressed by the policy committee in the summer. The final decision was that all head gear was not allowed except for administrative approved occasions.

February 22, 1993

- Junior class representatives requested approval for the purchase of black prom glasses. The request was approved with individuals purchasing the glasses and the glasses being delivered to the prom site only.

April 1993

- Nevis School got a newspaper again. After 15-20 years of no school newspaper it was started up again with volunteer advisor Ms. Sue Gray.

May 1993

- 1992 Supreme Court decision ruled that prayers at graduation were unconstitutional, resulting in the 1993 graduation being the first graduation without prayers.

June 28, 1993

- Credit requirements for graduation was changed from 18 credits for grades 10-12 to 26 credits for grades 9-12.

July 26, 1993

- Approved construction of a 40'x34' steel storage area for custodial needs and making of room 222 into a classroom.



Hartlyn Hanson Home



Janitorial Storage being Built
Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press

- Purchased the Hartlyn Hanson property west of the school for use as an Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) facility at a cost of \$42,500. The house had 3 exits and would allow the program to meet during the day as the current plan of using the kindergarten room in the evenings was restrictive to the program.

Fall 1993

- Nevis School had its first student attend Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO). In this program, the students can attend college and earn college credit, while still enrolled in high school. The local school district pays the cost of the college credits if there is an agreement between the college and the local district. If there is no agreement, the local district receives 12% of their regular student aid and the Department of Education pays for the college credits.

December 20, 1993

- The school board approved a subscription to the internet for \$240 per year to allow one computer to be used by teachers in the lounge.
- Approved a contract with Nei Bottling of Bemidji for vending machines in the school, all proceeds went to Future Leaders of America (FLA).

January 18, 1994

- Teachers and the school board agreed on one additional day for teacher in-service, bringing the total contract days to 180 from 179.

January 24, 1994

- A bond referendum was voted on for the addition of Tiger Arena, a band room, bathrooms, media center, lobby, 4 elementary classrooms, remodeling of the original library and band room into 2 classrooms each and remodeling of the girls' locker room, and addition of sprinklers to the building at a total cost of \$1.976 million. At the time approximately 90% of the schools in the state did not have sprinkler systems in their schools. To complete this, the school requested the city vacate 3rd Avenue. The school also traded 20 feet to the north of the Romer property for 30 feet to the east of the school. The voting results were as follows:

325 yes 269 no 3 spoiled 597 total ballots

There were approximately 1,500 voters in the district.

April 1994

- Donkey basketball played as a fundraiser for the playground.



Pleading with Donkey during
Donkey Basketball



Donkey Basketball in the Original Gym
Photos courtesy of Northwoods Press

April 25, 1994

- Open enrollment classroom caps were adopted with maximum enrollment of 20 students in each classroom for grades K-3, 23 students in grades 4-6, and 25 students in grades 7-12. All elementary classes for 1994-1995 were to be two-sections except 5th grade.

May 6, 1994

- Ground breaking for the addition of Tiger Arena, band room, library, and elementary classrooms was held.



Groundbreaking Ceremony for Tiger Arena.



New elementary classrooms, currently 5th grade classrooms, rooms 126 and 127.



1987 Library being remodeled into two classrooms, rooms 119 and 193.



1994 Library Addition
Photos courtesy of Northwoods Press

Tiger Arena and Band Room Addition
1994



Tiger Arena walls being put together.
The walls were brought in on semi-trucks and set by cranes.



Tiger Arena ceiling center support
beam being lifted into place.



Band room addition on the north
side of Tiger Arena.



Tiger Arena roof being installed.



Tiger Arena without a roof.



Dirt work being done for Tiger Arena



Tiger Arena

All photos courtesy of Northwoods Press



West end of High School Hall and Tiger Arena



Tim Avenson (class of 1994) painting the Tiger on the Floor



Tiger Arena Floor

May 23, 1994

- The school board approved moving the special education portable building to be attached to the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) building.
- Approved selling 20,000 yards of gravel from the school forest providing there is little damage to the property.



Hartlyn Hanson house (ECFE) with new addition to the left.



1993-1994 Baseball Team – 5th year in WHA coop with team name Lakers

Front: Nate Harris (class of 1997), Jeremy Anderson (class of 1997),
Shawn Dudley (class of 1997), and Josh Fisher (class of 1997)

Back: Justin Isaacson (class of 1995), Andy Martin (class of 1996), Kevin Resch (class of 1994),
Nate Ott (class of 1995), Josh Morris (class of 1995), and Andy Lindow (class of 1994)

June 27, 1994

- The school board approved purchasing 25 new computers at a cost of approximately \$60,000.

July 25, 1994

- Satellite TV was approved at the school board meeting at a cost of \$2895.
- Nearly 50 computers were available in the elementary as 22 new Power Macs were purchased for the high school.
- Milk bids were received at a bid of \$.1359 for whole milk per half pint, \$.1322 for 2%, \$.1322 for chocolate skim.
- Substitute teacher pay was raised from \$55 to \$65 per day.

August 22, 1994

- Walker-Hackensack-Akeley changed their mascot to Wolves from Warriors.
- Tiger Arena was ready for the basketball season starting November 10; volleyball was played in the original gym.
- Lunch computer cards were first used in the fall of 1994.
- Reported on the progress of the new phone system which was all automated so the school secretaries weren't answering anymore, it was a recording.

September 26, 1994

- The school board approved the purchase of playground equipment in coordination with the PTO and the Boy Scouts at a cost of \$2,284.78.
- Accepted the U.S. flag donated by Eleanor Wolff to be placed in the new gym in memory of past Superintendent Herb Wolff.



Flag hanging in Tiger Arena in memory of
Superintendent Herb Wolff



1994 Tigerelli's Grand Opening Casey Thomas, ?, ?, Beth Branham (class of 1998), Superintendent Richard Magaard, Executive Vice President Northwoods Bank Mark Greenway, Jim Harris (class of 1998), President Northwoods Bank Mark Hewitt, Chief Financial Officer Northwoods Bank Joel Vorhes, ?, ?, Melissa Mangold (class of 1998), President Northwest Minnesota Foundation John Ostrom, Diane Morey of Northwest Minnesota Foundation, Katie Neunsinger (class of 1996), Investor Dale Burruss, Tigerelli's Supervisor Anise Dahlquist, and Shawn Dudley (class of 1997)

October 17, 1994

- Grand Opening of Tigerelli's. Tigerelli's received a \$10,000 grant from the Northwest Minnesota Initiative Fund, \$40,000 loan from the Headwaters Regional Development Commission, and \$75,000 loan from Northwoods Bank. The venture was also supported by private investors of Mr. Dennis Saak, Mr. Dick Magaard, Mr. and Mrs. Dale and Jackie Burruss, Mrs. Marilyn Luksik, Mr. John Olson, Mrs. Mary Luetgers, and Mr. Jeri Naylor. The menu included pizza, spaghetti and sixteen varieties of ice cream. Mrs. Amy Schroeder was the teacher of the group. The building used was the old Cookie Jar building, currently Iron Horse, which was next to the Heartland Trail. The venture opened in late



Seating in Tigerelli's

September and was three years in the making. The business was open Tuesday through Friday 3-9 p.m. and Saturday 12-9 p.m. The shop class helped repair the building, the art class designed



Katie Neunsinger, class of 1996
Tigerelli's student employee

Tigerelli's photos courtesy of Northwoods Press.

the signs, and thirteen students were employed through work study. Ms. Anise Dahlquist was hired as the supervisor on 3-month contracts for \$1,000 per month. She was to supervise students at all times when the restaurant was open.

The business closed in 1997 due to financial problems. At the January 8, 1998, school board meeting, the School Business Venture was discussed at length. It was decided to support the school backers in this venture by paying the \$20,000 owed to Northwoods Bank. Then, at the January 26, 1998, school board meeting, a letter from the Smith Law Firm was read resulting in the school board rescinding its previous motion to approve the reimbursement. The school board expressed appreciation to those individuals who were contributors for the project.

October 24, 1994

- The school board approved sharing a social worker with Laporte School and Hubbard County.

November 14, 1994

- A dedication for the new school addition was held.

November 30, 1995

- Northwoods Press reported “Nevis is the first ‘wireless’ school in Minnesota.” The school board approved the implementation of the ClassLink at the board meeting on November 27, 1995. The district realized no cost as the equipment and its installation were donated. The system was installed and operational January 8, 1996. An estimated \$50,000 for equipment and an additional \$50,000 for installation for a total cost of \$100,000 was spent on the system by Cellular 2000. The system was the result of several grants from various communication organizations including Cellular 2000/Rural Cellular Corp (RCC), East Otter Tail Telephone Co, Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association and Panasonic Communications. Sixty handset phones were initially used. The system allowed staff to be reached even when they were in the library, halls, cafeteria, bus loading zone, etc.

December 28, 1995

- Northwoods Press reported on the agreement between Hubbard County’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and the Nevis School to build low income homes. All three school districts in the county were contacted, with Nevis responding. The first house was to be built starting in the fall of 1996.

February 27, 1995

- The school board approved the elimination of the use of school vehicles for out of state travel by non-school groups, but to continue past policy of allowing in-state travel until further information is received from the insurance company.

March 27, 1995

- The school board approved temporary use of the Nevis School baseball field to the Shysters Baseball Team.
- The school board approved a cooperative agreement with Park Rapids in girls' gymnastics.
- Social Worker, Mrs. Heidi Wormley, was hired to work all day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in Nevis, and in Laporte for the remainder of the week.

May 16, 1995

- Principal Mrs. Carol Collins reported to the school board on the four-period day schedule to be implemented in the fall.
- Summer school course information was reported to the school board. Classes were held June 6-June 29.

June 26, 1995

- The school board approved offering an aviation course for the 1995-1996 school year if there was enough interest.
- Superintendent Mr. Richard Magaard reported on day treatment services being offered at the school by Stellher Human Services.

Fall 1995

- Nevis changed to a block schedule after being on an eight-period day since the fall of 1991. Before that a seven-period day had been used.
- Northwoods Press showed the Tiger carved by Mr. Paul Albright and the display cabinet designed and built by Mr. Olaf Netteberg, industrial arts teacher and 1987 graduate, in the October 19, 1995 issue of the paper.

August 28, 1995

- The school board approved the purchase of the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) master policy manual at a cost of \$500 plus \$300 per year.

November 27, 1995

- Gayle Ann Wallace Scholarship Fund was explained to the school board. Mrs. Gayle Wallace taught fourth grade in 1994-1995. She was serving as a 2nd grade teacher at Nevis School when she died from cancer in the fall of 1995.



Gayle Wallace
2nd grade teacher 1995

1995-1996 School Year

- Nevis School purchased 6 “Baby, Think It Over” dolls. They were programmed by Mrs. Jan Kellner, family-consumer science teacher, to be a good baby, normal, or colicky. The students had the dolls for 48 hours. The students wore a hospital bracelet attached to the probe. The probe was inserted into the back of the doll when it began to cry. The students had to respond within 30 seconds or the computer recorded neglect. Feeding the baby is not the cure all. The baby is held for “tending time” from four to twenty minutes each time it cries. If the probe was taken out prematurely, the crying began again. Students logged the crying time and wrote down their reaction. The dolls were a required part of the curriculum in the Family Life class. The purpose was to show the amount of care and responsibility that is involved in parenting.



Baby Think It Over
Andy Martin (class of 1996) caring
for his computer doll for 48 hours

January 16, 1996

- Certified staff contracts were settled with a start time of 8:15 and end of 3:45. This language would revert back to the previous language of “teachers must be in their classrooms 15 minutes before school starts and 27 minutes after the school day ends” at the end of the contract.

March 25, 1996

- The school board approved the boys’ and girls’ hockey cooperative with Park Rapids.
- The school board also approved extending the class day by 5 minutes for the next year’s school calendar for the purpose of building in two snow days. If the snow days were not used, the additional time would be used to extend the school academic day.
- The sports cooperative with Walker for baseball, softball, golf and track effective the 1996-1997 school year was dissolved by action of the school board. Wrestling would continue to be offered through a cooperative agreement with Walker.

April 22, 1996

- The school board approved the purchase of land from Mr. Dale Burruss at a cost of \$8,500 for the purpose of building a bus barn.

1996

- Superintendent Richard Magaard explained the Early Childhood building expansion. “When Nevis School started to grow back around the late 1980’s, early 1990’s, we also determined that it would be good to have a separate building for the Early Childhood program which was growing and becoming a popular concept. I was just put into the superintendency and was forced to build the detached classroom and weight room. A year or two later, Hartlyn Hanson offered to sell us a vacant lot he owned on the corner just on the west side of the school. I talked the school board into grabbing it while they could and then get the street closed a couple of years later. Hartlyn Hanson decided to sell us his home which was adjacent to the vacant lot recently purchased, and which became the original portion of the Early Childhood complex. Once we got that portion, we then had a referendum that passed and we could now use the outside classroom as a west-side addition to the original Early Childhood building, since the new ‘94 addition to the original ‘87 building gave us additional classroom space and a second gym. The vacant lot area was leveled and became a parking lot. The Hartlyn Hanson home and the classroom addition soon became too small for the Early Childhood program, and we also wanted to experience a two-section kindergarten, too. So, another addition was built on the east side of the original Early Childhood building, I would say around 1999 or so.”



Early Childhood Building. The west end (left end) was originally a portable school classroom. The middle section was the Hartlyn Hanson home. The east end (right end) was an addition built around 1996.

Early Childhood playground equipment.



May 1996

- Final graduation ceremony in the small gym, all future ceremonies were held in the Tiger Arena.

June 24, 1996

- The school board set an early kindergarten entrance policy on the basis of the recommendation of a psychologist.
- Additional discussion was held regarding gas and diesel fuel tanks being purchased and shared with other government agencies.

July 11, 1996

- Bids were opened for the construction of the bus garage. The school bus garage was built for a total cost of \$94,748 by Folz Building. The previous building was located across the street from Northwoods Lumber.

August 5, 1996

- Information was received at the school board meeting regarding an application for a levy to provide computers for each ninth grade student.

August 26, 1996

- The school board approved increasing the social worker contract to full time at Nevis School.
- The school board also approved a three-section 1st and 2nd grade class split with one class becoming multi-age and two traditional.

October 28, 1996

- The school board approved Nevis School being the host District for the baseball cooperative with Walker-Hackensack-Akeley for the next two years.

December 16, 1996

- The school board approved discontinuing the student bonus meal plan whereby three free meals were earned for each \$20 paid.



1996 Katie Neunsinger, class valedictorian, gave her speech in the final ceremony held in the original gym. Photo courtesy of Northwoods Press



Cow skeleton for anatomy class in Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer's classroom assembled by Mr. Gary Wolff's taxidermy class.

January 27, 1997

- Approval was given by the school board to use one of the built in snow days as replacement for the day that the Governor closed all schools in the state of Minnesota.

February 24, 1997

- Information about community education director licensure was reviewed by the school board. Superintendent Richard Magaard went to St. Paul regarding the issue. The legislature passed a bill not requiring school districts with enrollments under 1000 students to hire licensed community education directors as the superintendent can serve as the reporting personnel for those districts.

March 24, 1997

- The school lunch ala carte program began.

May 27, 1997

- An open house for the new bus garage was held on Tuesday, May 27 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- Following the bus garage open house, an open house was held for the HRA/Industrial Technology housing project from 2:00-4:00 p.m.



School Bus Garage

Spring 1997

- Due to the severe flooding in the Red River Valley, there were several students that enrolled in Nevis School in the spring. A special thank you letter from one of the parents was read at the June 23, 1997 school board meeting.

June 23, 1997

- A letter was received from Valleyfair commending the marching band, under the direction of Mr. Gary Stennes, for their performance.
- Letters were received from Governor Arne Carlson and United States Senator Paul Wellstone congratulating the LifeSmarts team of Kristi Babine (class of 1999), Nathan Harris (class of 1997), Barb Isaacson (class of 1997), Brady Johnson (class of 1999), Derek Johnson (class of 1997), and advisor Mrs. Amy Schroeder on their National competition.
- Superintendent Mr. Richard Magaard presented the school board with information regarding the Reading Recovery Program for helping 1st grade students with their reading.

July 28, 1997

- Superintendent Mr. Richard Magaard reviewed information regarding Minnesota Graduation Standards. A long term substitute was hired for Mrs. Jan Kellner, family-consumer science teacher, to allow her time to work with staff to implement the Minnesota Graduation Standards.
- The kindergarten policy was amended for the 1998-1999 school year to include no student with a birthday later than November 1 can be considered for enrollment.

August 25, 1997

- Principal Mrs. Carol Collins reported on ITV courses offered. Five Nevis students joined students from Kelliher, Laporte, and Northome in interactive college credit classes offered through Bemidji State University.
- Principal Mrs. Carol Collins reported to the board about the foreign exchange students in attendance.
- Substitute teacher pay was increased from \$65 to \$70 per day.



Class of 1998 ITV participants: Kate McAllister, Missy Mondry, Mandy Weaver, Nate Alberg, and Matt DeCrans

September 22, 1997

- Hubbard County Land Officer personnel, Mr. Bob Hoffman, provided information regarding encroachment of the building owned by Mr. John DeVore which is located on school forest property. The amount of land involved in the land exchange was 4.0 acres.

October 27, 1997

- Increased clock and scorekeeper salaries from \$15 to \$20 per regular game and \$30 for tournament games.
- First mention of a technology coordinator, Mr. Larry Smith was offered compensation totaling \$3,838.50 to help with technology.



1997 saw the first computers in Mrs. Sandmeyer's classroom. Brittany Rowland (class of 2002), Megan McLaen (class of 2002), Mike McDermott, and Erika Stanfel (class of 2002)

November 24, 1997

- The multiage classroom of 2nd and 3rd graders was divided for the remainder of the year into two traditional classrooms. This made Nevis Elementary a full two-section school for the first time.

December 15, 1997

- Approved the use of the school as training for a drug detection dog.

January 8, 1998

- Hired Mr. Arnold (Bud) Kading as half-time technology coordinator.

January 26, 1998

- The school board held a discussion about selling the old bus barn which was currently being used for storage and for parking small vehicles.

February 23, 1998

- For the 1998-1999 school year, teachers' contracts consisted of 174 student contact days and 6 teacher inservice days for a total of 180 staff stays.
- Principal Mrs. Carol Collins reported on the PTA organizational meeting.

February 23, 1998

- Approval was granted for a new science classroom addition. The bids for the room were opened May 27, 1998. The bid by Kraus Anderson was approved at a cost of \$208,700 for the science room and concession stand. Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer was teaching science at the time. She made a proposal to build a classroom between the existing science classroom and the Tiger Lobby, it was a dirt pile. Mrs. Sandmeyer worked with the architects to design the room. The new science lab would be connected to the current science room and a new concession stand would be constructed for easy accessibility during games in Tiger Arena. The room was completed and ready shortly after the start of the 1998-1999 school year.



Science classroom was built in the dirt pile between the 1987 and 1994 addition.

March 23, 1998

- Correspondence was received from the Lake Associations regarding sponsorship of two 5th grade students for a one-week stay at Deep Portage Aquatics Camp.
- Approval was granted to replace and sell the folding wall in English teacher, Mrs. Lyn Rittgers', room 189 with a permanent wall. The room was built with a folding wall to allow three rooms to be opened up into one auditorium style room.



New Science Room Addition

Above Left: West exterior of room

Above: Room under construction

Left: Original science room with all materials stacked during construction of new room



Above: Lab stations in new science lab



Left: Finished science lab

April 27, 1998

- The school board approved changing the employment agreement with Mrs. Patty Knight for the next school year and discontinuing Spanish services through the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley agreement. Nevis would now host its own Spanish teacher. The agreement had been in place since 1984-1985 when Nevis students first traveled to Akeley for Spanish class. This continued for two years before Mrs. Knight traveled to Nevis to hold classes.

May 1998

- Final graduation ceremony with valedictorian and salutatorian. The following years Nevis had honor students in three categories:
 - Exemplary Honors for students with a GPA of 3.8 and better
 - Honors with Distinction for students with a GPA of 3.667 and better
 - Honors for students with a GPA of 3.333 and better



Honor Medallions

June 30, 1998

- Mrs. Kathy Thompson was selected as one of nineteen teachers being named Teacher of Excellence in the Minnesota Teacher of the Year program.

July 27, 1998

- Twenty IBM compatible computers were purchased at a cost of \$30,000.
- Information was shared regarding a request from Park Rapids School District to form a cooperative program in girls' hockey. Approval to join the cooperative with Park Rapids and Menahga was given at the August school board meeting.

August 24, 1998

- Possibility of adding another school-home interventionist through Stellher Human Services was discussed at the school board meeting.

September 28, 1998

- The following change was made to the 1998-1999 school bus driver contract: "Bus drivers are to visually inspect their buses for students immediately after unloading students at the school in the morning and again at the last drop-off in the evening. This includes drop off from special trips."
- The PTA coordinated fundraisers for the new playground equipment.
- An after-school study program was started for students in grades K-12, the first teachers were Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer in the high school and Mrs. Kathy Thompson and Mrs. Lori FitzGerald in the elementary.



Homecoming 1998

Matt Munson (class of 2000),
Kole Eischens (class of 2001),
Dustin Eischens (class of 2000),
Steve Glinnon (class of 2001),
Tiger Jesse Roles (class of 1999),
and Levi Durgin (class of 2001)

September 1998

- Teacher contracts were approved with an increase in teacher duty time by 10 minutes each day. Teachers were to arrive in their classroom 20 minutes before students started the school day and leave 32 minutes after classes end for the day. Teachers were also provided a \$25,000 life insurance policy.

October 26, 1998

- The school board accepted an offer of \$23,000 for the old bus barn.

October 1998

- Target sponsored “Ghost Out”. The day was very somber. Three students were ghosts of death. They dressed in black and every twenty minutes someone “died”, representing the effect that alcohol has on people. Statistics were put up on posters in the hallway and read on the intercom. At the end of the day there was a funeral service in Tiger Arena for those that died.

November 23, 1998

- The Special Olympics program was recognized by the school board with the agreement to support it with up to \$200 to cover expenses. The athletes formed a team with Walker-Hackensack-Akeley.
- Brad Rittgers, class of 2001, was recognized for his efforts during Net Day activities. He was instrumental in winning a wireless keyboard for the school.
- The school board dissolved the spring sports cooperative with Walker-Hackensack-Akeley.
- A new oven was approved for purchase in the kitchen at a cost of \$6,000.



Anatomy and Physiology students Rachel Monroe (class of 1999) and Alison Smith (class of 1999) in the new science lab.

December 21, 1998

- A resolution was approved by the school board to complete the land exchange adjacent to the school forest with Mr. John Dvorak.
- Mr. Bud Kading, technology coordinator, had his hours increased from 4 hours per day to 6 hours per day.

January 25, 1999

- A pay scale was approved for the writing of learning packages by staff members to meet the requirements of the Profile of Learning. Mrs. Jan Kellner was the school district’s coordinator.
- Substitute teacher pay was increased to \$75.00 per day.

March 22, 1999

- Target was recognized as an extra-curricular school activity. The school board allocated \$500 this year and \$1,000 next year for the activities of the organization.

April 26, 1999

- A “Do Not Resuscitate-Do Not Intubate” policy was approved. At the August 23, 1999 school board meeting, the school board reiterated that the school district’s position was to not honor a DNR/DNI request from a parent.
- Enrollment was reported as 278 students in grades K-6 and 266 students in grades 7-12 for a total enrollment of 544 students.

May 24, 1999

- The cost and feasibility of a security system for the parking lot and remote entrances and exits was discussed at the school board meeting.

June 28, 1999

- Three additional days were added to the school calendar as required by the state legislature.

July 26, 1999

- Addition to the Early Childhood building was approved.
- Approval was given to construct a new small vehicle/storage barn on the west side of the west school parking lot.
- Per action of the school board, signs would be posted on the buildings and athletic fields as follows: “Tobacco use in school buildings is prohibited. Tobacco use on the school campus is strongly discouraged.”



Class of 2002 Breakfast Fundraiser.
Laura Gooch and
Advisor Mrs. Leslie Sagen. Other
advisors were Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer
and Mr. Bryan Wormley.



Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer receiving Letter
of Commendation from COLA for her
dedication to aquatic management on
the Crow Wing River system.

August 5, 1999

- The Nevis school building was approved by the school board to be used by the Red Cross in the case of a declared emergency.
- A letter of commendation from the Hubbard County COLA to Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer, aquatic management teacher, was read and acknowledged by the school board.

August 23, 1999

- The school board approved a program by the Veterans Service Office to recognize World War II veterans who have not finished high school with an official diploma from the district. This was an honorary gesture for veterans residing in the district. The board approved the recognition of veterans with an official diploma at the graduation ceremonies in May 2000.

Fall 1999

- Departmentalizing was tried in the elementary for students in grades 3-6. Students in grades K-2 were in self-contained classrooms. The program lasted one year. Teacher assignments were as follows: 3rd and 4th math Mr. Paul Schroeder, 3rd and 4th reading Mrs. Linda McMorrow, 5th and 6th math Mrs. Chris Wade, 5th and 6th reading Mrs. Susan Masterjohn, health/writing/spelling Mr. Rick James, science Mr. Rodney Leeseberg, history Mr. Scott Kramer, remedial/enrichments Mr. Jack Schroeder, physical education Mrs. Sue Fisher, music Mrs. Noelle Weis and Mrs. Stephanie Daily, art Mr. Gary Wolff, and keyboarding Mrs. Amy Schroeder. Principal Carol Collins and Superintendent Richard Magaard discussed the change at the June 28, 1999 school board meeting.
- August 18, 1999 Park Rapids Enterprise reported, "Nevis School is the first wireless school in the State".
- An elementary school/home interventionist was added to the staff. The position was approved at the February 22, 1999 school board meeting.
- Nevis was awarded permanent funding for first grade preparedness due to great success the previous year. The program was designed to help 4-year-olds be prepared for kindergarten.
- The school district was at a computer-to-student ratio of 5-1 with the goal being 1-1.

September 13, 1999

- At a special school board meeting, the school board approved a Russian Exchange Program – Water Quality/Cultural Exchange. Six Russian students and two adults would arrive at Nevis School and stay with host families on September 23, 1999. Then, Nevis students led by Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer, aquatic management teacher, would travel to Russia in April 2000. The board approved allocating \$2,500 to the exchange.

October 25, 1999

- Mr. Rusty Uscola, science teacher, requested permission for his Forest Management students to write a bid to loggers to harvest the wind damaged trees in the school forest, with the monies earned to be used to regenerate the school forest. The request was approved and approximately \$15,000 worth of trees were harvested.
- Lunch prices were decreased by \$.15 for students.
- Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer, math and science teacher, was approved to serve her internship as Principal starting November 18, 1999 through Christmas Break during Principal Carol Collin's leave of absence.

November 22, 1999

- Matching funds up to \$20,000 for the new playground were approved by the school board.
- Approval notification was received for the First Grade Preparedness Program which started this fall in the new addition to the Early Childhood Building.

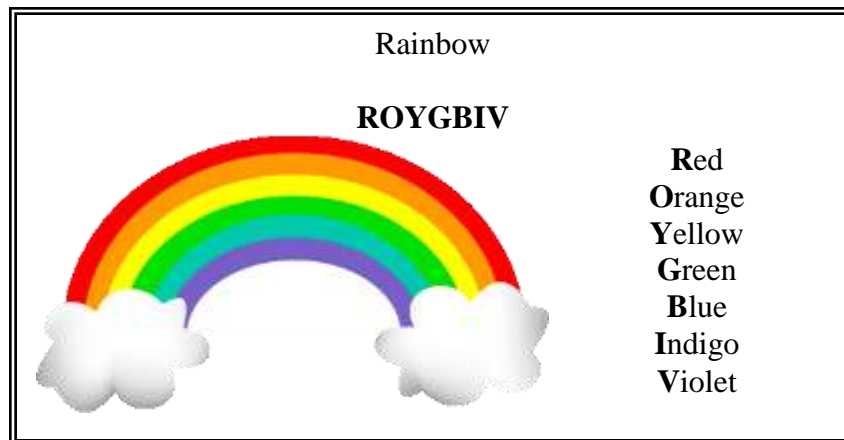


- Mr. Craig Stanwick, PE teacher, was commended for the Distinguished Service Award he received from the Great Northern Conference in appreciation for dedication and service to young athletes from 1964-1999.

- Superintendent Richard Magaard was authorized to explore the option of hiring an elementary certified principal or administrative assistant to help in the elementary.
- Contract was signed with 5-Star Vending for the maintenance of pop and candy machines in the building.

December 20, 1999

- Football support-position compensation was approved as follows: Clock \$20, Chain Crew \$10, Stats Taker \$20, and Announcer \$20 per game.



February 28, 2000

- Five students from Mrs. Jodi Sandmeyer's aquatic management class presented to the school board their displays and studies on the Crow Wing River. The data was entered at the Regional Science Fair held at Bemidji State University and advanced to the State Science Fair. This was the first group of students from Nevis School to advance to the State Science Fair.
- School-based child care for grades K-6 was approved for implementation through a grant in the amount of \$16,637 awarded to the District.
- The school board approved \$9,266 for an improved sound system for Tiger Arena. A quote from ESC Systems was approved at the April 24, 2000 school board meeting.

March 27, 2000

- The cooperative fueling facility committee met and decided that the project was not feasible at the time.
- A post-prom party was approved to be held at Lori Lea Lanes in Park Rapids from 1:00-5:30 a.m. Only students attending prom with a signed parent permission form would be allowed to attend. Breakfast was to be served by the Nevis PTA at school approximately at 6:00 a.m. The school board agreed to supply the class with a bus and driver.

April 24, 2000

- Mrs. Sharon Hadrava, Administrative Assistant, reported on having a kindergarten graduation this year. This was the first year Nevis held a graduation ceremony for the kindergarten students.
- Resurfacing options were looked at for the original gym floor.
- Summer school was discussed with Mrs. Christine Wade approved as the instructor.

May 22, 2000

- All 10th grade students were tested with 93% of the class passing the State writing test, an increase of 11% over last year, the first year the test was given.
- The three-way gymnastics cooperative with Park Rapids-Nevis-Menahga was approved.
- The timber sale bid in the amount of \$17,137.50 from the Potlach Corporation was accepted by the school board. The money would be put into a special account for the school forest.
- The school board approved adopting the Minnesota School District General Records Retention Schedule as proposed by the Minnesota Historical Society State Archives Department.