

Fall 2010

- New lockers were installed in the junior high hallway.
- School day changed to 8:30-3:16 as high school class periods were changed to 55 minutes rather than 57 minutes in length after contract negotiations.
- First year of playing 9-man football under the lights. The team also was the sixth team in Nevis history to reach the section finals. The section game was played in the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota. School was dismissed early, allowing everyone the opportunity to go to the game.



2010 New Lockers Installed in the Junior High Hallway

Tyler Cash (class of 2008),
Christopher Skolte, Tommy Cash and
Adam Yliniemi, (class of 2009).



2010 Football Team – First team to play under the lights

Front: Dylan Stenberg (class of 2011), Sean Howes (class of 2011), Garrett Edelman (class of 2011), LeRoy Phillips (class of 2011), Stephen Keezer (class of 2011), Anthony Becker (class of 2011), Nick Halfmann (class of 2011), Beau Daniels (class of 2011), Zach Anderson (class of 2011), and Billy Andrus (class of 2011)
Middle: Brett Johnson (class of 2014), Robby Hine (class of 2013), Mickey Buck (class of 2014), Brent Rogers (class of 2012), Daniel Stacey (class of 2014), Josh Hass (class of 2012), Michael Babler (class of 2014), Austin Becker (class of 2015), Kyle Charmoli (class of 2014), and Dalin Keezer (class of 2013)
Back: Kyle Bannor (class of 2013), Collin Huckbody (class of 2013), Matt Gustafson (class of 2012), Coach Sherm Anderson, Head Coach Shawn Klimek, Coach Dan Halfmann, Matt Halik (class of 2012), Joe Finn-Bolling (class of 2012), and Jacob Keranen (class of 2013)

November 22, 2010

- The school board approved changing grading from quarters to semesters. Principal John Strom requested the change at the meeting, changing transcripts to having two sets of grades per year rather than four.

December 20, 2010

- The school board made the final payment on the fitness center.

April 2011

- Target hosted a mock crash for students in grades 9-12, just before prom to remind students about the dangers of drinking and driving.

June 29, 2011

- There was a fire on the cafeteria roof. The roof was being repaired after being hail damaged earlier in the month. The fire caused approximately \$250,000 worth of smoke damage in the building. As a result of the smoke, the small gym was repainted and new sound proofing material was installed on the ceiling. The ceiling in the hallways were replaced and all the walls painted. And, the cafeteria was painted and new sound panels installed.

September 26, 2011

- The school board approved building a concession stand for \$60,000. The labor would be provided by the construction classes.

November 8, 2011

- Question 1 of the excess levy passed. The results were:
Yes 378 No 338
- Question 2 of the excess levy – dedicated to technology for a one-to-one initiative. The results were:
Yes 231 No 482

January 23, 2012

- The school board approved the Nevis Junior and Senior Prom to be held at a location off school grounds. The students will ride a school bus to and from the location. The dinner and a dance will be held at the location. The prom had been held in the Nevis Original Gym for the past ten years and dinner was on the students' own prior to Grand March and the dance. Now the dinner and dance will be done as a group.

May 5, 2012

- Nevis School Prom was held at Blueberry Pines in Menahga. Following Prom, a post prom party was held at the school. This was the first Post-Prom party since 2008.

May 26, 2012

- 96th graduating class from Nevis School, the 100th graduating class will be the Class of 2016. There were no graduating classes in 1918, 1919, or 1921. The sizes of the graduating classes have varied throughout the years. The first graduating class to have over 20 students was in 1934 with 21 students. It wasn't until 1980, almost fifty years later, for the first graduating class to have over 30 students. The first graduating class to have over 40 students was in 1997 with 48 students. And, the largest graduating class from Nevis was in 2005 with 49 graduates. The 2000th graduate from Nevis School was Brent Rogers in 2012.

July 20-22, 2012

- 100th Anniversary celebration of Nevis Public School District.



Fall 2012

- Nevis School was named a “Reward School” by the Minnesota Department of Education based on being ranked in the top 15% of all schools in the state of Minnesota for test scores, student score growth, and achievement gap reduction. This was the second year in a row Nevis School received the designation.
- The 6th grade students were issued iPads to use throughout the school year to pilot test the 1-1 initiative.
- Nevis placed 4th in the Minnesota State High School League Challenge Cup. All schools in Class A are ranked according to the activities available to students and the performance in those activities (i.e. volleyball team placing second in state, state champion in cross country, two students qualifying for state track).
- Heidi Wormley was added to the Nevis School staff as a school social worker. This ended the School-Home Interventionist position which was contracted through Stellher Human Services since March 1995.

September 24, 2012

- The school board accepted a \$500,000 matching grant from the State of Minnesota to add on two Early Childhood Classrooms to the east end of the building. The Early Childhood grant was written last spring by Jodi Sandmeyer with the school district receiving notice in June of being selected. The school board decided to incorporate the matching grant amount into the building project and ask the voters to approve a building referendum in November. The project would include the early childhood classrooms, three high school classrooms, bathrooms in both wings, a new band room, and a new boys locker room. The voters also had a second question, if the first question passes, regarding adding a hallway between the high school hall and the Tiger lobby which also included adding onto the shop.
- The school board approved the first reading of the policy to change the mascot name from the Nevis Tigers to the Nevis Tiger Muskies.
- Substitute bus driver pay increased from \$15.60 to \$16.32 per hour.

October 22, 2012

- The school board voted unanimously to maintain the Tiger mascot.

November 6, 2012

- A two-question building referendum was held. The results were:

773 yes	754 no	for the \$2,445,000 classrooms
678 yes	836 no	for the \$580,000 hallway

November 2012

- Both the volleyball team and the football team were in the state tournaments. This marked the third time in history the volleyball team advanced to the tournament. It was the fourth time in history the football team advanced to the state tournament.

November 26, 2012

- Athletes receiving All State Honorable Mention designation will be included in the Hall of Champions in the lobby.

December 17, 2012

- Construction management company of Contegrity Group Incorporated was approved for the addition project.

January 28, 2013

- General obligation school building bond bids for \$2,445,000 were opened with Baird of Milwaukee, Wisconsin being the low bidder with an interest rate of 1.8653%.

February 26, 2013

- Six teachers met with middle school specialist Bruce Gravalin to start setting up the school-within-a-school model for the fall. Sixth grade teachers Calvin Gunn and Thomas Stambaugh along with high school teachers Katie Schieck (math), Katrina Carrier (English), Richard Johnson (social studies), Andrew Dahlby (science) and William Dent (special education) will form the middle school team.

March 4, 2013

- Bids for the two portable classrooms and the custodial garage were opened and awarded.
 - Storage garage bid awarded to Ben Olson for \$2,651.
 - South temporary classroom bid awarded to John Dueval for \$3,015.50.
 - North temporary classroom bid awarded to Bryan Bourcy for \$2,345.67.
- The mathematics teachers moved out of the classrooms March 1. For the final three months of school, they moved from room to room as space was available.
- The biggest concern about the building project was the move of the art classroom to the home economics room – with the result of removing the kitchens in the home ec room.
- Smiley, Glotterm Nyberg/Wendel (SGN) Architects were hired as the architect for the building project.

March 29, 2013

- Thursday, March 13 the temporaries were separated.
- Friday, March 14 the temporaries were to be moved, but the state patrol would not allow the travel due to road conditions.
- Monday, March 18 was the end of a snow storm and school was closed for the day.
- Wednesday, March 20 both temporaries were moved.

March 25, 2013

- March 22, 2013, the bids were due for the Lucas building. The high bidder was Ben Olson for \$1,251.
- Purchased a new 2013 Chevrolet Express Passenger Van for \$26,208.25 from Thielen Motors of Park Rapids.

- Approved the purchase of 250 iPads for students in grades PK-7. The PK classrooms will receive 6 iPads each. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will receive 12 iPads per classroom. Students in 3rd – 7th grade will each receive their own device.

May 2013

- Footings completed and block layed for the addition.
- K-12 education bill from the legislature included money for all-day, every-day kindergarten. Previously, kindergarten students had been weighted .612. The weightings for other students also changed with students in grades 1-3 going from 1.115 to 1.0. Students in grades 4-6 going from 1.06 to 1.0. And, students in grades 7-12 going from 1.3 to 1.2.

May 21, 2013

- The District qualified for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) up to \$500,000 with \$200,000 for technology and \$300,000 for building upgrades. There is a 5% fee and no interest to use the bonds

June 24, 2013

- The school board agreed to purchase the former Northwoods Electric commercial building. The property included a 24x32' insulated and heated building for \$28,000. The school's primary use of the building would be for storage of equipment and supplies
- An expansion of the bus garage was approved. The project expanded the building to the west 56 feet by 6 feet for a total cost of \$9,629.
- The school board approved resurfacing the original gym and adding a four-row retractable bleacher system for a total cost of \$65,081.25 from Anderson Ladd, Inc.
- Computer network upgrade was approved for \$18,751.21 from Tech Check.

July 22, 2013

- Approved QZAB money in the amount of \$500,000 to be used for possibly: tablets for the high school, phone system, sound system, surveillance cameras, network upgrades, original gym floor and bleachers, Tiger Arena sound system, door locks, connecting high school hallway, fencing of the athletic fields, resurface playground, resurface tennis court, cafeteria tables.
- Approved lease agreement with the city for the construction and maintenance of a communication antenna on the top of the city's water tower
- Storm on July 21 caused extensive damage to four elementary classrooms and an additional six having some water reach the carpeted areas. This was due to the construction on the east end of the building.

November 2013

- Baseball backstop and the fences along first and third baseline were all replaced through the help of a \$15,000 Twins Grant.

- Nevis Robotics team started a junior robotics activity so that elementary students in grades 5-8 could learn about robotics. Senior student Brett Johnson led the activity through Nevis Community Education.

November 18, 2013

- McTeacher night at Park Rapids McDonalds. The teachers volunteered to work from 4:30-8:00 with a portion of the proceeds being donated back to the school.

November 19, 2013

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of the new additions. The evening started with a spaghetti dinner from 6:00-7:00 and ended with the ribbon cutting. The additions to the building included, a new original gym floor, slide out bleachers in the original gym, a new handicapped accessible boys locker room, new office for Activities Director Bryan Wormley, three new high school classrooms and a set of bathrooms, a new band and choir room, and two new early childhood classrooms and a new set of bathrooms. The new high school classrooms were all air conditioned, along with the new early childhood and the fourth and fifth grade classrooms. The total cost of the project was \$3,208,332.35 as report at the March 24, 2014 school board meeting.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Educational Assistant Tracey Ganley, Early Childhood Coordinator Abigale Henry, Pre-School Teacher Jennifer McNamee, School Board Member Gary Stennes, Community Member Arnold Leshovsky, School Board Member Justin Isaacson, School Board Member Andy Lindow, child, School Board Member Marvin Vredenburg, and School Board Member Jeanette Dudley Cutting the ribbon, School Board Chairperson Edward Becker

November 25, 2013

- Nevis hosted their first Mathematics League contest. Five teams attended the meet with Bemidji scoring 56, Thief River scoring 36, Nevis 30, Detroit Lakes 20, Park Rapids 14, and Green-Bush Middle River 11.

January 6, 2014

- Governor Mark Dayton closed school in the state of Minnesota. Previous closures were done by Governor Arne Carlson on January 18, 1994, February 2, 1996, and February 16, 1997. Nevis School made up the missed day of school. The temperature was -30F with a wind chill of -60F. The following day Nevis School was two hours late.

May 27, 2014

- School Board approved a new contract with the classified staff. In the contract classified staff were given a fully paid for single insurance plan, prorated for part-time employees. This matched the teachers contract approved for the 2011-2012 school year. The difference was the classified kept their cash in lieu while the teachers gave that up, also.
- Discussed the purchase of two 1,000-gallon used propane tanks at \$1,600 each. This would allow the school district to purchase its own tanks and then order enough propane on the open market for the year, with the hope of reducing the heating costs.
- School Board approved the Teacher Evaluation Agreement. The evaluations were a new legislative requirement where 35% of the evaluation must include longitudinal student testing data. The teachers had previously approved the agreement with a 37-2 vote.

September 4, 2014

- Dorset House and Companeros burned during an electrical storm. The fire started before 4:00a.m.

January 26, 2015

- Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson were in attendance at the board meeting to discuss the long range planning process. The group met with staff members, staff, and administration to develop a 10 year building plan and school plan.

May 13, 2015

- Gavin Becker and Samantha Wormley were the first students from Nevis School to earn their AA degrees without ever leaving the school building. The two students took classes through Online College in the High School (OCHS) and College In the Schools (CIS). The degrees were earned from Alexandria Technical and



Samantha Wormley and
Gavin Becker

Community College.

July 27, 2015

- School board approved the purchase of nine folding cafeteria tables at a cost of \$11,601.54.

2015-2016 School Year

- Spanish II was offered online this year due to the school board hiring a German teacher for the school year. This was the first time German was taught in the school since 1973.

September 28, 2015

- Speech-Language pathologist position was approved to increase from 80% to full time due to increased needs.

October 26, 2015

- Art club was approved as an extracurricular activity
- Angela Ahrendt was approved as a third grade teacher. With the addition of another third grade classroom, the elementary computer lab was removed from the building and moved into the east classroom of the community education building.

November 23, 2015

- Bus drivers settled their contract with hourly route pay of \$18.35 per hour for the 2015-2016 school year.

December 21, 2015

- School board approved the renovation of the Girl's Locker room at an approximate cost of \$350,000. FJJ (Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson, Inc.) will provide the project construction services at a cost of \$61,200. The project is expected to be completed the summer 2016.

May 5, 2016

- School board accepted the bid from Gopher State, Inc. as the general contractor for the girls' locker room renovation project in the amount of \$281,750 and Johnson Controls as subcontractor for the electronic temperature controls in the amount of \$14,750. The total amount of the project is \$374,200 which includes a \$10,000 contingency fund and other fees and expenses including project management fees for FJJ Consultants.
- School board approved Mr. Parks' 2015-2016 growth plan and the 2016-2017 growth goals.

May 23, 2016

- School board approved a waiver of up to \$28,000 of FY17 Staff development funds to allocate towards a .5 FTE elementary dean of students

June 27, 2016

- School board approved the issuing of general obligation capital facilities bonds to finance various projects. The bond was for \$260,000. The total cost of the girls' locker room was \$374,200 with \$133,000 coming from the sale of the bonds.
- School board approved a contract with Vaaler Insurance for the 2016-2017 school year for \$66,700. This was an increase of \$7,000 from the previous year due to hail damage, roof repair due to water damage, and pending litigation.

Graduating Class of **2016** – 100th Graduating Class of Nevis and 75th Annual. The annual was started in 1938 with the name of NeHi Backtrails. No annual was produced in 1943, 1944, 1945, or 1946 due to the war. The name of the annual was changed to Nevisonian in 1948.

July 25, 2016

- School board approved a three-year lease with Blue Bird Capital Services for a 77-passenger bus in the amount of \$93,275.49.
- School board approved a contract with Herzog Roofing for roof repair in the amount of \$74,910.
- School board approved the contract with FLR Sanders, Inc. for replacing, lettering, and painting the water damaged Tiger Arena Floor in the amount of \$136,670.

August 22, 2016

- School board approved hiring a additional.5 education teacher and .5 reading/math interventionist.
- Some home volleyball games have been rescheduled due to the floor not being finished.
- New office space was created for Technology Coordinator, Bud Kading

September 26, 2016

- The District will be working with Darcy Gagnon on a pilot program for students with dyslexia. An individual has been trained in screening students. A tutor will be on-site to work with students four times a week. And, the acquisition of Phase I-IV of the Susan Barton System is in progress.

December 19, 2016

- Nevis Special Olympics team was chosen to receive the 2016 Minnesota Touchstone Energy Community Award and \$500 through Itasca-Mantrap Cooperative.

February 27, 2017

- School board was informed the District was selected to participate in the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies) Cohort 13, which will encompass training for the next two years

May 22, 2017

- School board approved a waiver up to \$28,000 of fiscal year 2018 and 2019 staff development funds to continue funding the elementary dean of students position. This is an allocation of funds from the 2% staff development set aside with majority vote of the staff and the school board approval. The estimated total allocated funds for staff development is \$81,856.

July 24, 2017

- Leslie Sagen was appointed Special Education Coordinator
- Cross Country coach Tom Stambaugh was approved for the fall. Cross Country was discontinued in the fall of 2013. The fall of 2017 cross country was reinstated at Nevis due to increased interest in the sport.

October 23, 2017

- School board approved a master service agreement with ALICA Training Institute for E-learning support, maintenance and users as part of the District's crisis management plan at a cost of \$1,500 for the 2017-2018 school year.
- School board approved a bid from VERCON to replace the high school doors at a cost of \$28,725.

November 27, 2017

- E-days were approved by the legislature in the spring. The school board heard a presentation on the idea which would allow 5 days of school to be made up electronically in the event of inclement weather. The school board approved e-days at the December 18, 2017 meeting.

May 29, 2018

- School board approved a contract with VERCON to replace the Elementary and Tiger Arena doors at a cost of \$35,315.
- School board approved a contract with A Finishing Touch Painters to paint the high school hall and lockers at a cost of \$11,275.
- School board approved a lease with Kinetic Leasing for 3 years for elementary iPads at a total cost of \$99,458.70.
- School board approved a lease with SCB Public Finance for two, 2018 77-passenger buses at a cost of \$161,733.74.

August 27, 2018

- School board set the school goal of decreasing the number of students absent 17 or more days.
- Kindercamp was held August 20-22 for the fall class of kindergarten students. It is a way to introduce the students to kindergarten, show them around the building, and meet the staff before school starts.

September 24, 2018

- School board heard about a new security system. All doors will now be locked after 8:30am with admittance gained through the elementary and high school front doors via a bell system. The office staff will monitor the video screens for those requesting entrance to the building.

November 26, 2018

- Time for graduation was changed from 7:00pm to 10:30am at the school board meeting.
- Reported that Nevis Academic Decathlon hosted a scrimmage

December 17, 2018

- Several parents and students were in attendance at the school board meeting over concern about the change in time of graduation without any advance notice. Concerns included plans had already been made by some students, the calendar and time was set last February so it is too late to change now. The board was asked to return the time to 7:00 and make the change for the class of 2020.

January 28, 2019

- School board approved changing the start time of graduation back to 7:00pm for this year.

February 25, 2019

- American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) is a newly formed group to support American Indian children at the school. The school is eligible for receiving Title VI funds from the federal government and Indian Ed funds from the state due to having more than 20 American Indian students in the district.

February 2019

- School was cancelled for three days in a row. Nevis used three e-days. Nevis was one of the few schools in the state that did not need to make up the days due to being ready for e-learning. A total of four days were used in the month of February which went on record as being the snowiest February ever.
- To try and help prepare the fields for spring sports, the fields were snow blown.

**May 28, 2019**

- Parking lot abatement project was discussed. The total cost of resurfacing the parking lot is expected to be \$372,000 with \$282,000 of Long Term Facility Maintenance funds and \$90,000 from a property tax abatement process.

June 24, 2019

- Board approved granting the abatement for the school parking lot not to exceed \$95,000.
- Board approved sale of general obligation facilities maintenance and tax abatement bonds, not to exceed \$285,000 to be used for window replacement and other targeted capital improvements on the district's 10-year long-term facilities maintenance plan.



West parking lot was paved during the summer of 2019. Drainage ponds were installed to allow water to flow in the event of a flood.

July 22, 2019

- Board heard the windows have all been installed with the casements to be completed soon.

**August 26, 2019**

- Board approved the contract with Safety First Playground Surfacing to begin Phase 2 of the playground resurfacing project which involved removing the remaining pea rock, installing drainage tile, installing fabric liner, resurfacing with 12" of compliant material at a cost of \$22,318.

September 23, 2019

- Eddie Kramer presented his proposal to the school board to replace the Delmar Bail field sign as part of his Eagle Scout Project.