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## Endurance Adventure challenges 14 FMS boys

(Submitted by Fruitport Community Schools)

This spring, 14 Fruitport Middle School boys had the adventure of a lifetime! They participated in the Endurance Adventure Program for eight weeks. The boys' goal was to work cooperatively to solve problems, while at the same time building endurance, skills, and knowledge. Mountain biking, running, canoeing, and orienteering were all part of the competition.

As part of their training, the boys biked to Rycenga Park and then used compasses to find the flags that coaches had placed strategically at the park (orienteering). The coaches, assisted by a lifeguard, put canoes in the FMS pool to teach participants proper paddling technique. Over the course of the training, the boys traveled to Camp Owassippi to practice mountain biking and canoeing. Other popular activities were the four-way tug of war, Toxic Waste and Acid River.

At times, many members of the team experienced high frustration levels. They turned to their coaches for mentoring and problem-solving advice. Parent coaches Kevin McWilliams, Jim Samlow, and FMS guidance counselor C.J. Worst, worked hard to get the team mentally and physically prepared to participate in the final adventure race at Camp Owassippi.

The 2.5-hour race was held on the morning of June 5. Sixty competitors from four area schools were paired up in three-person teams. Each team had 15 minutes to talk strategy, and then took to the woods. The teams orienteered, mountain biked, canoed, ran, and completed a zip line to reach 14 different checkpoints throughout the course.

The teams placed in the competition based on achieving the highest number of checkpoints in the shortest amount of time. Representing Fruitport Middle School were Drake Benson, Andrew Bunnell, Dylan Hillary, Isaac May, Gabe McKeown, Mark Olsen, Matt Paquin, Austin Schouman, Donovan Steudle, Nevin Shedd, Devon Swartz, Don Wentzloff, Jacob Wright, and Mike Rudder. Many teachers, parents, and the Fruitport Eagles sponsored the boys financially. A special thanks to Mika McWilliams for all of her tireless work in making Endurance Adventure a success for the second year in a row.



## Building materials needed

By Dale Grimm

Do you have any extra building materials cluttering up your garage? The Fruitport High School woodworking program might be able to use them!

We are looking for the following items to be donated: Indoor and outdoor paint, varnish, stain, fasteners (nails, screws, etc.), wood, plexiglass, mirrors, hardware (hinges, handles, knobs, pulls, etc.). All are needed items that will be put to good use if they are in good shape. Please keep in mind that we are only looking for items useful to our program and projects, not items that are too beaten up or worn out!

Please bring them to the high school main office or contact Mr. Grimm at (231) 865-3101, extension 2141 or email dgrimm@fruitportschools.net.

## Shettler School news

On June 10, 81 fifth graders celebrated their accomplishments of their years at Shettler School. The gym was full to capacity as parents and grandparents watched. Each student was given a certificate of achievement as his or her name was called. At the end, a video displaying the students as babies to fifth grade was shown. The video was set to music and put together by one of the parents, Mr. Werschem. Parents were able to buy the video for keepsakes for \$5 each.

At the fifth grade celebration, Mr. Heerema presented the Principal's Award. This award is given on an annual basis to a fifth grader who has displayed the qualities of an exceptional person. That is through their behavior, attitude, academics and all-around positive outlook on others. At Shettler, this is encapsulated by our motto: "Respect, Responsibility and Safety." The recipient of this year's award was Kaitlin Veihl.

New this fall for Shettler School will be a Walk-a-Thon as a fundraiser instead of the traditional sale of things from brochures. We hope to involve more of the greater community as the students and families raise money for the work of our Parent Teacher Committee (PTC).

Meet, greet, and find your seat is set for Tuesday, August 31 at all three elementary buildings. Parents and students will be able to come to find their classroom, meet their teacher, and be ready for the start of school. Come between 4:30 and 6 p.m.

On June 9, the talent of Shettler School was on display.

## Fruitport Adult Education program success stories

By Marilyn Reichardt

Fruitport Adult Education is proud to share the significant student accomplishments of our 2009-2010 academic year. Our students range in age from 18 to 65, and were individually placed in materials geared for their academic abilities. We will be enrolling students in August and will begin classes on September 7, 2010. Classes are offered in the mornings and evenings and are free. If you have not graduated and wish to earn your high school diploma or GED, or improve your literary skills, please call (231) 865-4130.

### Points of Pride 2009/2010

- Each student was pre- and post-tested on the TABE test to determine math and reading levels.
- Literacy skills improved by an average of 1.4 in math and 0.8 in reading as measured by the TABE test.
- Curriculum was tailored to meet the student's needs. Each student was placed in the appropriate class based on their math and reading scores.
- An adult learning plan (ALP) was used to assist in goal setting.
- Accommodations were made for learning styles.
- Students are encouraged to access "Career Cruising," a job related profile.
- Individual college counseling was available at Muskegon Community College and Baker College.
- A Michigan Works representative spoke to classes and was a contact person for jobs and job related activities.
- Baker College scholarships were awarded to two students.
- Students in life skills, government, and economics completed a resume for employability.
- Career Technology classes at Muskegon Area Career Tech Center were offered to students.
- Two students attended the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center.
- High school completion students are computer literate when they leave the program.
- GED students were given the opportunity to take computer classes (as well as other classes) before and after they earn their GED. They were also to complete a resumé before they exited the program.
- 14 students were awarded diplomas.
- 40 students earned their GED
- 82 percent passing rate on the GED tests.
- Curriculum field trip to Fruitport Middle School to hear John Corcoran speak.
- Students attended Taste of MCC.
- Cultural diversity celebrations (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Cinco de Mayo).
- EdOptions was an on-line credit recovery program used as an option for earning credits.
- Adult Education program was featured twice in local newspapers.
- Older students mentor younger students.
- College 101 prep class was offered to students transitioning to MCC or Baker College.
- Compass testing was offered to students as a remedial/practice for the actual placement testing at MCC and Baker College.
- Reading tutors from R.E.A.D. were used to assist students most in need of academic help.

About 30 acts from first through fifth graders performed their act in front of the whole school in our talent show. There was singing, dancing, pogo sticks, cheering, and gymnastics. Students were very creative in making up their own routines. It takes a lot of courage to go out and perform in front of your peers. We were very proud of each one of them.

The end of the year brings many classes on field trips. These are always fun, but are also enriching events that become learning experiences. One-room schoolhouse, Chicago, the Critter Barn, White Caps game, Girl Scout Wildlife Reserve and Camp Pendalouan are some of the places we went to.

May 20 was a culminating event for the students of Shettler. It was Publishing Day! Each student picked one of their writings from the year and published it for their parents and others to read. Over 200 parents and students came back to school to read all the writings of our students. There were also ice cream treats for all those who attended.

On May 27, Shettler hosted Title One night. Parents of Title One students were invited to a pizza supper and three speakers gave practical ways parents can help their child to read better. Thank you, Angie Pepping, Jessica Sabon and Mindy Freeland for your expertise.

A huge thank you goes out to the many volunteers at Shettler School. There are so many who give of their time to help students, are involved with their school, and make a difference for students. Our school would not be what it is today without your help.