



**Newsletter**  
April 1, 2011

## Photos of the Week:

On Wednesday, the entire school ventured to North House Folk School for a day of lessons and activities. Students had new experiences in baking, crafting, building, conservation, and more. Thanks to everyone who lent a hand!



**Commercial Fishing!** The Bear Cubs enjoyed a presentation and hike from Grand Marais Historical Society Director Carrie McHugh that connected them to the harbor's fishing heritage.



**Pita Bread, Anyone?** Actually, it was pita bread for *everyone* as the Otters and Moose used the wood-fired oven to bake fresh loaves to accompany lunch. The Bear Cubs made cinnamon rolls for snack, too!



**Making a Game of It!** Fawns and Wolves cut, sanded, and stained game pieces from sticks, then fashioned their own 8x8 playing surfaces. The students – some of whom had never used a saw – had lots of help from our generous volunteers!



**The Joy of Learning by Doing!** The activities that filled the day at North House were not only enjoyable, but meaningful. Students read, wrote, created, collaborated, discussed, shared, encouraged, and *succeeded*. Lives expanded in this way will not go back to their previous size.

## What's Happening at GES

### **Otters and Moose to Aquarium on Monday 4/11!**

Don't forget: the very first day back from Spring Break will see the Otters and Moose take a field trip to the Great Lakes Aquarium in Duluth. We will be returning to school at approximately 4:30, and students will need transportation home at that time.

**Science Fair 4/28** GES will hold its annual Science Fair on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Students of all ages are invited to attend this non-competitive evening of exploration. Please see the attached for more.

**Committees Seeking Members** The GES school board is seeking members to participate on a variety of committees. If you'd like to help out, but don't want a big commitment, this might be the perfect fit for you! If you'd like to have a say in the future of the school's policies, facilities, finances, or community outreach, give us a call for more info.

**MCA Testing on the Horizon** As a public school, GES is required to participate in Minnesota's MCA tests for all students in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's primary testing window will be April 18 – 22.

**Building for the Future!** The Otters and Moose built 8 Aldo Leopold benches for use at GES. They also learned that Leopold was one of the first and most effective conservationists. His advocacy for living in a natural system with a responsibility to future generations resonated with the students' prior study of "heritage" and "legacy".



## Thank You for Your Help!

We could not have had the success we did at NHFS without the awesome contributions of our volunteers! Thanks to Ian Andrus, Shem Falter, Amanda Hand, Amy James, Mike Schelmeske, Natalie Sobanja, and Jerry Starr. Thanks also to Hartley Acero, Phyllis Olson, and Chris Callender, as well as Food Committee volunteers Jana Berka, Kathy Peterson, Roxann Berglund, Angie Works, and Kristin Blomberg. We are so grateful for all of the benefits your work provides!

## Important Calendar Reminders (please call the school with any questions):

**NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK – Spring Break** School resumes Monday, 4/11.

**Board Meeting April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Community input is welcome at 3:30 (or via email anytime). Meeting begins at 4:00.

**Science Fair April 28<sup>th</sup>:** Whether or not you have an entrant, join us for this informative and entertaining event.

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