



Naldrett News

Annual Report

August, 2005

Anchor Bay Schools

NCA Accreditation and School Improvement

So what is NCA accreditation? This article provides the history and background of Naldrett Elementary's involvement in the school improvement process.

In 2001-02 Dean A. Naldrett Elementary School joined the ranks with hundreds of other schools as an accredited school with North Central Association (NCA). The school was notified in Spring 2005 of continued accreditation. Naldrett is one of more than 1500 Michigan schools accredited with NCA.

The school established three goals for the three to five year process of school improvement. Goals are stated in terms of student improvement and were selected after an analysis of the data collected for the Student Profile (survey results from staff, students and parents, MEAP data).

- ◆ All students will improve writing skills.
- ◆ All students will show improvement in comprehension of informational text.
- ◆ All students will show improvement in computer skills.

The staff set aside the 2002-03 school year to plan for the next three years of school improvement. Throughout the year they worked in committees to develop plans for each of the three goal areas. Each committee examined current research to develop plans for improvement in student achievement and measures of assessing student improvement.

Teachers will continue to implement the district Core Curriculum with special focus on the three identified goal areas as the NCA plans are implemented.

During the 2003-04 school year the school hosted the first NCA visit and began to implement the curriculum strategies that were planned. These plans will be evaluated with three forms of data collection at the end of each of the three years. A report was received at the conclusion of the first visit. "The Visiting Team felt that the building was doing a very good job and urged them to continue their good work. They are working with all staff in implementing the plan. They are very clear about what they need to do and how to go about it. We felt a great deal of energy and pride in their school improvement work."

The 2004-05 year is known as an implementation year. The staff and students began the work of trying the strategies in the classroom and continuing the data collection to document our progress. The theme for the year was "Writing—It's Our Thing!" Each grade level was featured for one month on the morning announcements as well as in the showcase. Students were also featured in the Accelerated Reader Hall of Fame bulletin board and at grade level musicals for their accomplishments in Accelerated Reader. The computer skills committee revised the assessment to correspond to the curriculum expectations and each grade level administered the new assessment.

At the conclusion of the school year the Steering Committee members met to begin planning for the 2005-06 year. This year will include a final visitation from NCA to document our results and to review our five year plan. The Steering Committee worked with other NCA teams in Anchor Bay to gain a better understanding of the requirements for the final report.

Inside this issue:

Parent Involvement	2
Facts and Figures	2
Parent Contributions	2
Points of Pride	3
Positive Behavior	4
Mission Statement	4

Special points of interest:

- * Naldrett Elementary was selected to participate in a technology project, Begin With Me at the Macomb ISD. In the coming year two additional classrooms will join in the project
- * 19,074 Naldrett Star coupons were given out during the school year!

Facts and Figures at Naldrett

Naldrett Elementary School is pleased to announce a second year with a grade of **A** on the State of Michigan Report Cards. This report card reflects academic improvement, meeting the requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress and school improvement requirements! Congratulations students, staff and parents!

As part of the reporting requirements for No Child Left Behind, we are sharing a variety of statistics for your review. No Child Left Behind legislation requires schools to ensure that all teachers meet the requirements for **Highly Qualified Teachers**. All Naldrett teachers meet these requirements and no teachers have emergency or provisional credentials. The teaching staff for 2004-05 have a variety of bachelor's degrees and by the end of the school year seventeen had a Masters Degree or better and one more was enrolled and working toward completion of Masters Degrees. In addition, our psychologist, social worker, speech teacher and principal have advanced degrees in a variety of areas. For further information on teacher qualifications please contact Paul Rogers at Central Office (586.725.2861).

MEAP data is presented in the chart below. Naldrett is proud of its students and their academic achievement overall and on their performance on the annual MEAP tests. The Math and ELA (English Language Arts) tests are given to all fourth grade students and fifth graders take the Science and Social Studies tests each winter. Naldrett students met or exceeded the state averages for most of the tests.



	Math			ELA			Science			Social Studies		
	'03	'04	'05	'03	'04	'05	'03	'04	'05	'03	'04	'05
Naldrett	65	75	72	59	70	66	89	97	89	53	33	32
Anchor Bay	64	72	75	64	68	76	84	84	81	32	29	29
State	65	73	72	60	64	69	77	78	79	28	31	26

Parents Contribute Time and Effort

Annual Parent Teacher conferences were held in the fall. Naldrett parents, in keeping with their tradition of a high level of school support, attended conferences to discuss student progress with teachers. 95% of parents of girls and 95% of parents of boys participated in conferences. Throughout the remainder of the year teachers met with parents for formal and informal conferences. Progress notes were issued at the mid point of each marking period along with report cards at the end of each marking period.

Parents continue to contribute in the classroom in a variety of ways. Each parent completed a Volunteer Registration Form prior to working in the classroom. During the year parents worked with small groups to reinforce reading skills, chaperoned field trips, and served as guest readers and guest speakers. Naldrett parents are encouraged to be active members in our

school community. Over 60 volunteers were recognized by the Naldrett staff as part of the May 3rd VIP Night.

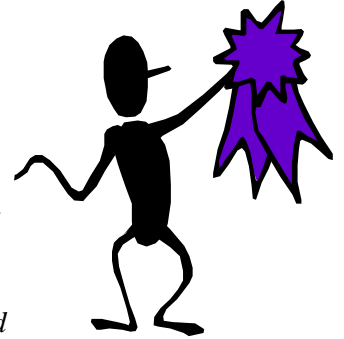
Naldrett Elementary continues to enjoy the benefit of a very active and supportive PTO. Our PTO sponsored the annual Field Day, *Naldrett Stars Care* Carnival, Santa Shoppe, Smart Moves program, Fifth Grade graduation, Safety Patrol, grade level field trips, purchases of library materials, school assemblies, *Time for Kids* or other magazine subscriptions, Accelerated Reader books and tests, software for classrooms, and classroom stipends to support individual teachers in their planning and much, much more!

A special window cling was distributed to each family in the fall compliments of the PTO. Birthday celebrations were held each month and each child received a birthday pencil from the PTO. Thanks to the Naldrett PTO for its continued support!!!!

Points of Pride

Naldrett students and staff make contributions to the community at large as well as to the local school community. Here are a few highlights of the school year:

- Student articles were featured in *The Naldrett News* focusing on how to be Kind, Responsible and Respectful at home.
- Students participated in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart programs and raised over \$1300.
- A grant for \$1380 was received from the Selfridge Spouse Club to purchase a specialized projector and more volumes of the *Sea to Shining Sea* book collection.
- Eleven students in grades 4 and 5 joined the second annual Anchor Bay Honors Choir and performed with the group in March. These choir members and fifth grade band members attended a special concert at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts later in the spring.
- Eighteen students and six staff members were featured presenters at the April Board of Education meeting summarizing the success of the Naldrett PBS program.
- Fifteen fifth grade students won the prestigious President's Education Award from President Bush for academic accomplishments in grades 4 and 5. These were awarded at the annual Fifth Grade Graduation.
- The Family Book Club allowed parents and students to practice reading books at students' individual levels. Title 1 funds were used to purchase additional books.
- Student Council sponsored a mitten and hat drive to assist the needy in our community. Over 100 items were donated to The New Baltimore Goodfellows.
- The Justin Mellow KidPrint Child ID program was piloted at Naldrett with students receiving free ID cards for students and parents.
- Take a Dive in 2005 was the theme for the March is Reading Month celebration. Students exceeded the goal of 2005 books to be read in March and were treated to a popcorn and movie day in June.
- A Family Swim Night was part of the Take a Dive in 2005 celebration and a good time was had by all!
- Fifty Naldrett students were selected to display their art work at the Chesterfield Police Station. Students and art teacher, Mr. Latosz, were honored at the station by Chief Steven Robbins.
- Third grade student Drew Bohn was selected to have his original story *The Three Little Flies and the Big Bad Frog* published in the Michigan Reading Association's *Kaleidoscope 2005*. He was honored at the Macomb Reading Council celebration in May.
- Student Council members sponsored a Random Acts of Kindness food drive in February and over 25 boxes of food were donated to St. Mary's Food Pantry.
- Before school programs were offered to students in grades 2-3-4-5 for reading, math and writing support as well as for enrichment including intramurals and fitness.
- A Homework Club was offered to students in Grades 4 and 5 to provide a quiet work place and support for homework assignments.
- Five musicals were performed throughout the year. Fifth grade band members performed at musicals as well as Grade 5 Band A Rama.
- Naldrett staff worked with technology trainer Barbara LaBeau to develop technology and computer skills at the staff level and increase technology integration in the classroom.
- Detroit Pistons assistant coach Steve Moreland and J.W. Ruff visited Naldrett Elementary for a school presentation on making good choices and what it takes to be champions. They conducted an after school basketball clinic for more than 60 students. Families enjoyed a Piston's game the following week!
- Mrs. Rocheleau's fifth grade class recorded our school song, *Naldrett Stars* which has been added to the building web site. The student photo and recording are found at <http://www.anchorbay.misd.net/naldrett/>



Anchor Bay Schools

Naldrett Elementary School
47800 Sugarbush Road
Chesterfield, MI 48047
www.anchorbay.misd.net/naldrett

586.949.1212
586.598.7666 (fax)

Kathy Markel, Principal



We're on the web!
www.anchorbay.misd.net

Mission Statement

Naldrett staff, in partnership with parents and community, will provide a positive, nurturing learning environment in which students can achieve their full potential.

Positive Behavior Support program is a BIG success!

This year we worked to implement and refine a program of Positive Behavior Support (PBS) with our students. The primary goal was to help students be aware of their behavior. We began by establishing three behavior expectations: **Be Kind! Be Responsible! Be Respectful!**

We started the year as a staff by setting our expectation for each of the common areas of the school: cafeteria, hallways and playground. We worked to teach students appropriate behaviors through lessons, role modeling, discussion and by catching them being good! Our PBS team has published our expectations on hallway, cafeteria and classroom posters. Each day adults award Naldrett Star coupons to students who are demonstrating these behaviors. We tried to reward students a coupon along with specific compliments about their behavior. Each class has a jar to collect the week's Naldrett Star Coupons and a weekly raffle was held on Friday. Names were announced on Monday's *Good Morning Naldrett* program. We hope to reward all of the good behavior and to also work with negative behaviors.

A new Behavior Violation Form was developed to help communicate areas of concern to parents when persistent behaviors continue. It is our intention to make sure parents are kept informed of behavior violations so we can work together! It is also our intention to catch lots of the great behaviors of our Naldrett Stars who are Kind,

Responsible and Respectful! While Behavior Violations are NOT part of a student's permanent record, the team used a computer program that allowed for tracking of the behaviors, location, time and consequences. This information was analyzed each marking period to determine patterns of behavior for the school that need improvement.

Naldrett's PBS team worked with MISD consultant Lucy Smith to begin implementation of a bullying program. Miss Kolojeskie and Mr. Patyi made two classroom presentations in each grade 2-5 classroom to share information on bullying and how students could report and how to reach out to a friend who is being bullied. Lunch supervisors joined the presentations and work with students who report.

Class coupons were added to the daily reward program and the students earned an extra assembly by exceeding the goal of 300 class coupons!

The Naldrett PBS team was invited to speak at a training session for new PBS Teams at Macomb Intermediate School District. The team has made plans for 2005-06 year and is looking forward to some new incentives and activities.

