



Dustin Harting shows his pen pal, Rachel Duhn, exactly where Norton is on the classroom's Kansas map. Rachel lives in Oregon, and through her grandmother, Darlene McEwen, her class became pen pals with Deena Walling-

ford's third grade class at Eisenhower Elementary. Dustin lives in the house Rachel's mother, Dena (McEwen) Duhn, grew up in.

- Telegram photo by Brandy Leroux

## Class meets pen pal, asks about differences

Deena Wallingford's third grade class at Eisenhower Elementary has been writing pen pal letters to students in Anita Dewey's third grade class at Crooked River School in Prineville, Ore. Darlene McEwen, a para-professional at Eisenhower, has a grand-daughter in Mrs. Dewey's class, and introduced the idea of pen pals to Mrs. Wallingford.



Rachel Duhn

"I knew the students were learning cursive writing this year," said Mrs. McEwen. "I thought this would be a great opportunity for them to use their writing skills and learn about students in another state."

The students drew names to pick their pen pals. Dallas Goselin drew the name Dallas for his pen pal. It wasn't until after he had received his first letter back from his pen pal that Dallas learned the Dallas in Oregon is a girl!

To make the pen pal writing a little more interesting, Mrs. McEwen brought her granddaughter, Rachel Duhn, from Mrs. Dewey's class, to Norton for her spring break.

The students asked Rachel what her classmates were like, and some of the things she had seen on her trip from Oregon to Kansas. For example, Rachel had only seen snow falling straight down, never blowing sideways like it did in Wyoming and Nebraska on the trip to Norton.

Rachel will return to Oregon today, after a 30-hour road trip with her grandparents.

## Projects needed for Service Day

The Norton Junior High School Service Learning Day will be held on Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Several things happen through this activity, including:

- Students learn the importance of volunteer work.
- Staff and students have the opportunity to work together outside of the classroom environment.

• Students experience a feeling of importance from being involved in the community.

• Organizations and agencies benefit from volunteer workers.

The junior high is looking for projects for this year's Service Learning Day. Work that can be done by the students includes: picking up branches, sweeping sidewalks, preparing flower

beds, washing windows, washing vehicles, painting and many other jobs. Many individuals and businesses have benefitted from these services in the past.

Planning for the 2009 Service Learning Day is underway, so if you know of a business or individual that could use help, please contact Melissa McClain, Norton Junior High School counselor, at 877-5851.

## School reminders

### NORTHERN VALLEY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 30 — 3rd and 4th grade Grandparents Day in Alma, 9 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday, March 31 — 7th and 8th grade math assessments and 9th and 10th grade science assessments; Jr. high music recital in Long Island, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1 — GNEC music contest at Logan; FFA Smith Center Invitational livestock contest, 8 a.m.

Thursday, April 2 — FFA chapter banquet in the big gym at Alma, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 3 — NO PRE-SCHOOL, ECD meeting at Glade.

Saturday, April 4 — ACT test in the big gym at Alma, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; FFA Phillipsburg livestock judging contest, 9 a.m.

### NORTON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 30 — State math assessment prep, A.P.; Artist of the Month, A.P.; Anatomy and physiology field trip to Fort Hays State University, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31 — State math assessment prep, A.P.; MCL meeting at Plainville, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1 — Digital multi-media contest at Manhattan, 8 a.m.; FFA livestock contest at Smith Center, 9 a.m.; Prom royalty election, 11:15 a.m.; State math assessment prep, A.P.; Blue Cross/Blue Shield presentation, A.P.; Forensics at Phillipsburg,

3 p.m.; Prom servers practice, 6 p.m.; FCCLA board, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 3 — McCook paint-in, 9 a.m.; State math assessment prep, A.P.

Saturday, April 4 — ACT test date; FFA livestock contest at Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.; Promenade, Stull Gymnasium, 6:30 p.m. Prom, junior high gym, 7 p.m.

### NORTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 30 — MCEL Scholars' bowl at Smith Center, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31 — KAY board, A.P.

Wednesday, April 1 — TEAM, 7:30 a.m.; Digital multi-media contest at Manhattan, 8 a.m.

Friday, April 3 — KAYS, A.P.

### EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY

Wednesday, April 1 — Faculty meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Thursday, April 2 — EC-2 grade level meeting, 3:40 p.m.

Friday, April 3 — IEP day

### ALL NORTON SCHOOLS

Thursday, April 2 — MCL superintendent meeting at Stockton, 9:30 a.m.

## School menus

### Monday, March 30

**NORTHERN VALLEY — Breakfast** — Oatmeal with toppings, toast, strawberries, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, chocolate cake and milk.

**NORTON JR./SR. HIGH — Breakfast** — Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Hard taco shell, lettuce and chopped tomato, salsa and sour cream, blonde brownies, or chef salad, and milk.

**EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY — Breakfast** — Golden waffles, warm maple syrup, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — **Lunch** — Chicken fry, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, fruit cocktail and milk.

### Tuesday, March 31

**NORTHERN VALLEY — Breakfast** — Waffles with syrup, hash browns, ham slice, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Sierra chicken, tossed salad with dressing, buttered broccoli, diced pears and milk.

**NORTON JR./SR. HIGH — Breakfast** — Breakfast casserole, tater wedge, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Peanut butter with honey sandwich, cottage cheese, garden salad, pork and beans, or chef salad,

and milk.

**EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY — Breakfast** — Breakfast burrito, fruit cocktail, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — **Lunch** — Pigs in a blanket, french fries, dill spear, baby carrots, rosy applesauce and milk.

### Wednesday, April 1

**NORTHERN VALLEY — Breakfast** — French toast, syrup, sausage patty, diced pears, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Cheeseburger on a bun, french fries, baked beans, rosy applesauce and milk.

**NORTON JR./SR. HIGH — Breakfast** — French toast sticks with syrup, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Slivered ham sandwich, lettuce and tomato, corn, apple crisp, or chef salad, and milk.

**EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY — Breakfast** — Applesauce muffins, peaches, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, grape juice and milk — **Lunch** — BBQ beef sandwich on a homemade bun, potato salad, pepper strips, banana pudding and milk.

### Thursday, April 2

**NORTHERN VALLEY — Breakfast** — Ham-n-cheese biscuit, hash browns, diced pears, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Cheese chowder, hot roll, relishes, peach half and milk.

**NORTON JR./SR. HIGH — Breakfast** — Apple and cinnamon muffin square, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Sloppy joe on a bun, green beans, carrots, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

**EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY — Breakfast** — Canadian bacon and cheese biscuit, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, apple juice and milk — **Lunch** — Potato boats, baked beans, fruit cocktail, whole wheat roll and milk.

### Friday, April 3

**NORTHERN VALLEY — Breakfast** — Cinnamon butter-flake biscuit, scrambled eggs, applesauce, or cereal, and milk — **Lunch** — Fish sandwich, tri-tators, California blend vegetables, tapioca pudding and milk.

**NORTON JR./SR. HIGH — Breakfast** — Breakfast bar, fruit or juice, or cereal and toast with margarine and jelly, and milk — **Lunch** — Macaroni and cheese, green beans, bread with margarine, carrots, fruit, or chef salad, and milk.

**EISENHOWER ELEMENTARY — Breakfast** — Warm pumpkin bread, rosy applesauce, or cereal and toast with peanut butter, orange juice and milk — **Lunch** — Peanut butter and honey sandwich, cottage cheese, warm peas, celery stick, mandarin oranges and milk.

## The Norton Telegram... News you need!

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## Let's Play Ball!

### Softball and Baseball Registration ENTRY FORMS DUE SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009, 5:00 P.M.

#### GIRLS SOFTBALL

Division I . . . . . First, Second, Third Grade  
Division II . . . . . Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Grade

#### BOYS BASEBALL

Division I . . . . . First, Second Grade  
Division II . . . . . Third, Fourth Grade  
Division III . . . . . Fifth, Sixth, Seventh Grade (7th Graders not playing K-18)

#### OTHER TEAMS

T-Ball Coed League . . . . . Ages 4, 5 and Kindergarten  
K-18 (Boys) . . . . . Ages 13, 14, 15 (As of Aug. 1-Call Your Coach)  
ASA (Girls) . . . . . Ages 14 and Under (As of Jan. 1-Call Donnie Burge)

### COACHES MEETINGS: FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009 —

6:00 p.m. - T-Ball • 7:15 p.m. - Boys Division I

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2009 —

1:00 p.m. - Boys Division II • 2:15 p.m. - Boys Division III

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009 —

1:00 p.m. - Girls Division I • 2:15 p.m. Girls Division II

## Youth Track & Field Fun Day - May 9

Entry Forms Due April 4, 2009, 5:00 p.m.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

**Norton Recreation Commission (785) 877-3087**

