



SOUTH EVERGREEN SCHOOL – OCTOBER 2019

South Evergreen Schoolhouse

2019
The School
Lights Up

8780 LEONARD RD, COOPERSVILLE MI 49404

Thanks for your support!

Some amazing changes happened at the South Evergreen One-Room School in 2019. **We'd like to show you!**

Your generosity as a volunteer, financial donor or contributor of materials, artifacts or stories keeps the progress going. Your support matters!

Thank You!

There is Light (& Heat)!

Early in 2019 the lights came on at South Evergreen School. And, so did the heat!

The school had no heat for many years and its old electrical system was not sufficient or safe.

The Electricians Union, IBEW Local 275, under the leadership of David Kitchen, Training Director at West Michigan Electrical JATC, volunteered the labor to install all new electrical service for the school. They also installed electric baseboard heat, so the school is once again warm and inviting.

At times there were more than 15 electricians at the schoolhouse volunteering their time and expertise.



Electricians Union, IBEW Local 275 Volunteers at the School

Photo of the electricians' union volunteers, completing their work in the cold, early months of 2019. A big thanks to all of them!

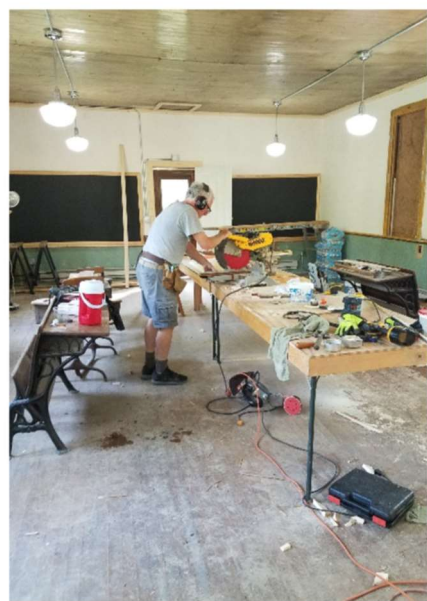


Thank You Award

Jim Key awards Dave Kitchen with a thank-you plaque for his efforts in organizing the electrical work.

5,864 Holes in the Wall (and Ceiling)

We don't really know if there were 5,864 holes filled in the school's walls and ceilings, but it felt that way to carpenter and South Evergreen alumnus, Les Lindberg. Here you see him making final repairs before the school's interior was painted. Jim Key works on a window.



DO YOU SEE THE LIGHTS?

Yes, those are authentic old school lights shown in the above photo.

Committee member, Kathy Walt, discovered these lights in an old warehouse, cleaned them up and donated them to the cause.

Thanks Kathy!

Interior Walls & Ceiling Painted



In the spring, Jim Key and Jim Fitzpatrick installed and trimmed out replacement blackboards at their original location on the south wall.



The painter filled holes and caulked every bead line in the ceiling prior to painting. The ceiling required heavy cleaning to prepare it for painting. A special oil-based paint was used.



The finished work was beautiful!

Summer Picnic Brings Back Memories with Music and Stories

Reminiscent of annual summer picnics enjoyed years ago by South Evergreen students, their families and neighbors, a well-attended celebration in July 2019 included music, food, readings of student stories and a silent auction to raise renovation funds.

Thanks to the Homemade Jam Band for gifting music!



A silent auction raised funds for school renovation.



**FORMER SOUTH
EVERGREEN
TEACHER AND
STUDENT,
NANCY
HAZEKAMP
READS HER
MEMORIES OF
THE SCHOOL**

**IN ALL, SEVEN
STUDENT
STORIES WERE
PRESENTED**

Brush Cleared Between Parking Lot & School



The brush between the schoolhouse yard and parking lot was cleared, allowing more open access and a clear view.



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Write "South Evergreen School" on your check

Thank You!

Help Us Keep It Going!

Upcoming Projects

So much was accomplished in 2019, but there's still much to do. Some of the most important:

- Refinish wood flooring
- Replace entryway and bathroom flooring
- Re-roof original outhouse
- Build replica 2nd outhouse
- Install new well and septic
- New plumbing & fixtures

ALL donations go directly to the restoration of the school



The original flagpole was broken by a summer storm – a new one is under construction.



Jim Key and Jim Fitzpatrick remove the sink so the wall can be repaired and painted. New plumbing is needed for the school, along with a new well that can provide safe drinking water.

Thank you for your generosity

The South Evergreen Schoolhouse Committee of Polkton Township

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The school lights up the night!



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<< View of the windows' construction when removed for repair