

# North Dakota School for the Deaf/ Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

A tour of campus...

# Welcome to NDSD/RCDHH



The brick "Welcome to NDSD/RCDHH" sign was built at the entrance to the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing portraying the warm feeling expressed by the caring, dedicated staff to the students that attend the school, their family members, and the general public.

NDSD/RCDHH is proud to be a "Smoke & Drug Free Campus"

# Carl F. Smith Building Front Entrance displaying the 125<sup>th</sup> Banner!



In June of 2015, the North Dakota School for the Deaf celebrated 125 years serving the deaf and hard of hearing in the state of North Dakota.

# Carl F. Smith Building



The main floor of the **Carl F. Smith building** (built in 1963) houses the Superintendent's Office, Business Office, Buildings and Grounds Office, Health Services, Food Services, Audiology, Preschool/Kdg and Elementary Classrooms, and Dept. of Commerce Office. The 2nd floor is where the Middle School classrooms, Outreach Services Offices, and a regional office for Protection & Advocacy (P&A) are located. The basement is composed of a Video Conference room, storage areas, and the Bulldog Parlor activity center.

# A. R. Spear School Building (west side)



The 1st, 2nd and basement levels of the **A. R. Spear School building** (built in 1911) housed by the Early Explorers/Headstart Program. In the basement, along with the EEHS Program, Lake Region Special Education has an office/classroom and NDSD/RCDHH maintains the gymnasium and to the far south the swimming pool.

# A. R. Spear School Building (east side overlooking the tennis courts)



Another addition to the NDSB/ RCDHH campus was the building of the tennis court which also include basketball hoops and markings for other fun outside games

The **A.R. Spear building** (built in 1911) is connected to the Carl F. Smith building (to the east) near the Resource Center.

# Swimming Pool

West side



The indoor Swimming Pool (built in 1983) is an Olympic sized pool. The pool is used by students at least three times a week for recreational swimming as well as one day a week as part of their physical education class.

The pool is also used by staff members and their families, mainstreamed staff (and their families) who work with the deaf students, Senior Citizens in the local area, public schools, Search and Rescue for training and instruction, individuals with special needs and therapeutic requests by their doctors as well as other groups upon request.

East side



# Resource Center

(located between the Smith and Spear buildings)



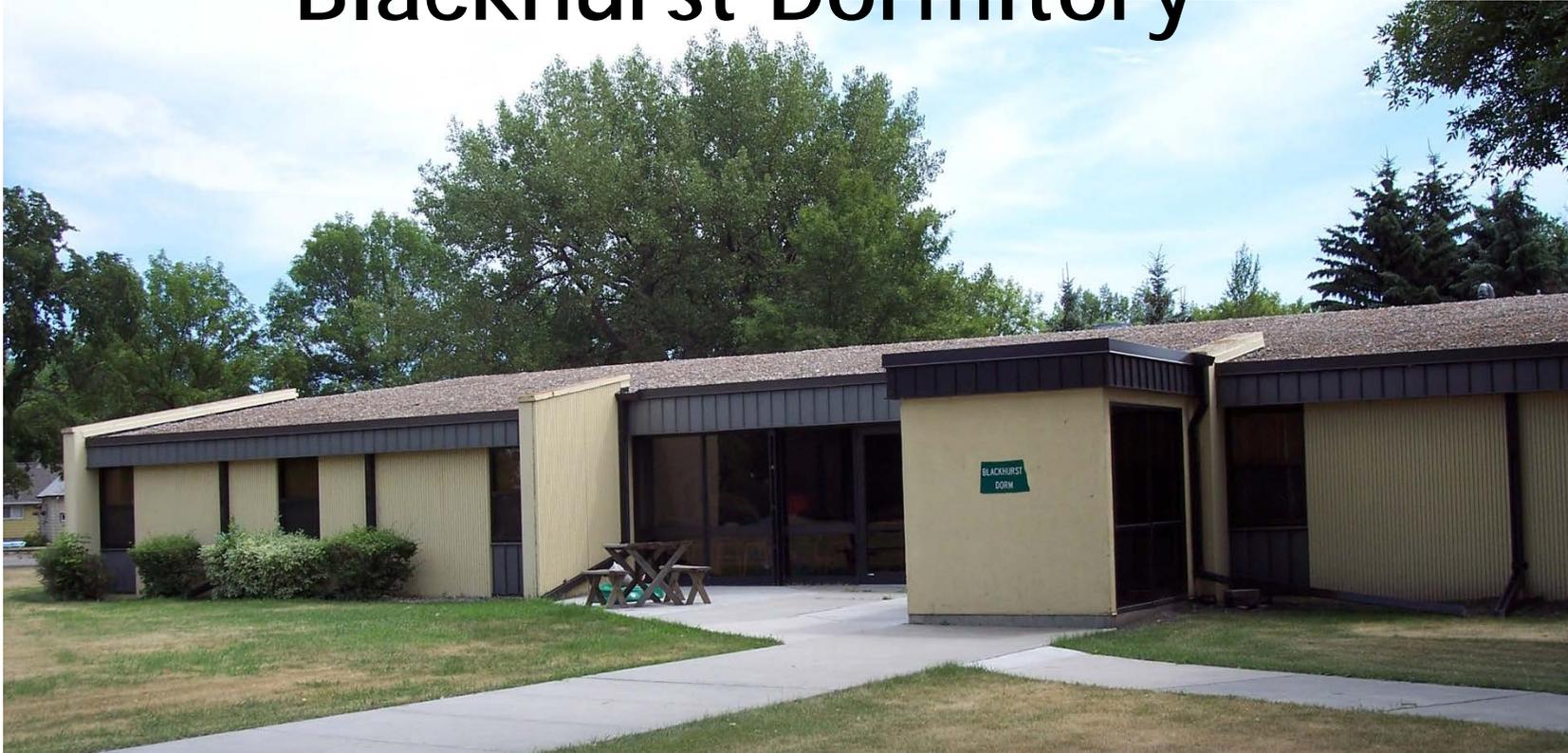
The Resource Center which houses the Library Media Center, Computer Lab, Meeting/Conference Room, Technology Coordinator's Office, a Video Conference Room, Communications Coordinator's Office and a classroom connects the Smith and Spear buildings.

# Playground

This picture shows a view of the playground area. Behind the playground is the Smith building. Improvements on the playground equipment was made possible by donations of the Friends of Deaf Children Foundation.



# Blackhurst Dormitory



The **Blackhurst dormitory** (started construction in 1981; finished in 1982) is located on the east side of the campus as you drive in. The dorm has a warm, comfortable atmosphere with sleeping rooms located on the east and west sides with a family-like center room dividing each side. The activity center includes access to TVs, TV games, VCR/DVD access, kitchen area, and an office including computer access. The dorm is not only used to house students during the school year, but also for NDSD/RCDHH summer camp participants and workshops. The dorm is separated from the Smith Building; however, it is connected (as all buildings on campus are) by an underground tunnel.



# Vocational and Trades Building

The Vocational / Trades building (built in 1928) located on the campus have had numerous uses throughout the years. Currently, the top floor has one room rented out to an organization from the community and is seeking out to rent more of the space pending building improvements.

The main floor still houses the woodworking shop; however, it is no longer being utilized and the 'old' print shop which has been converted into a museum containing hundreds of pictures and equipment from the past 125 years.



# Garage



Located on the north side of the campus, the **Garage building** is where the equipment used to maintain the buildings and grounds is stored.

State vehicles are also housed here and used to transport students home and to activities while at the school. Staff use the vehicles to attend workshops, conferences, trainings, and provide services to the deaf/hard of hearing around the state of ND.

# Laundry Building



The **Laundry building** still has a washer and two dryers. Two separate rooms provide paint and flooring storage.

The Cabin is currently used for social events and school picnics. Along side of the cabin is the peak from the first building ["Old Main"] originally built in 1892.



**Cabin**



**Peak**

# Powerhouse



The **Powerhouse** is a main hub for the campus electrical and heating systems. All incoming electrical is supplied from there as well as emergency generator service. Two low-pressure steam boilers supply all of the campus heating needs.

# Barn

In the early days, NDSD/RCDHH raised vegetables, dairy products, eggs, and meat. The **Barn** (built in 1907; silo built in 1912) located on the campus is another historical building which reminds visitors of the past when the school served as a farming operation. At the height of its' farming operation, the school boasted heard of purebred Holstein dairy cows.

Eventually, this became a low value and the farm equipment and animals were sold. However, the barn remains standing today as a vital link to that part of NDSD/RCDHH's history.



# Japanese Bridge



The Japanese Bridge overlooking the pond located on the school campus...a familiar landmark to area residents - constructed in 1934.

The pond remains a favorite with many individuals (young and old) who love to stop by...visit and feed the various birds that seem to make their home on campus.

Let's now take  
a tour of  
what's inside  
the buildings ...



# Front Entry Hallway leading to the Dining Room



# Front Entry Lobby

(located in the Smith Building - main level)



# Education / Supt / Business Offices

(located in the Smith Building - main level)



Education Office



Superintendent Office



Business Office  
front desk



# Dining Room

(located in the Smith building - north end)



The Food Service department provides three meals a day for the NDSD/RCDHH students along with mid-morning and evening snacks.

Nurse's Office



# Health Services

(located in the Smith building - main level)

Exam Room



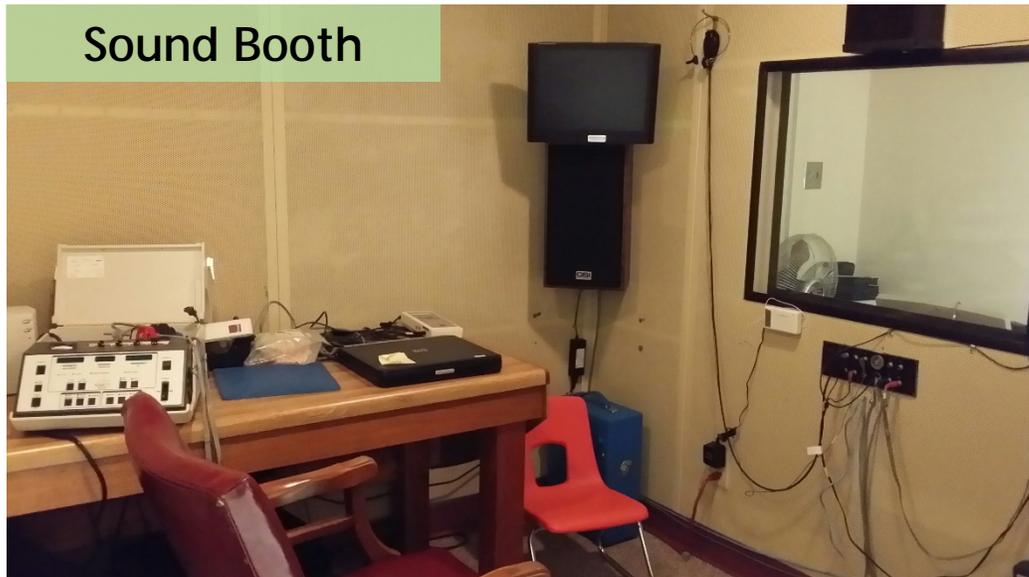
NDSD/RCDHH Health Services staff provide holistic care throughout the school year. Health promotion, disease prevention, wellness education, infection control, and critical thinking are all part of daily activities.

# Audiologist Office / Testing Booth

(located in the Smith building - main level)



Audiologist  
Office



Sound Booth



Testing Equipment

# Preschool-Kindergarten Classroom

(located in the Smith building - main level)



# Elementary Classroom

(located in the Smith building - main level)

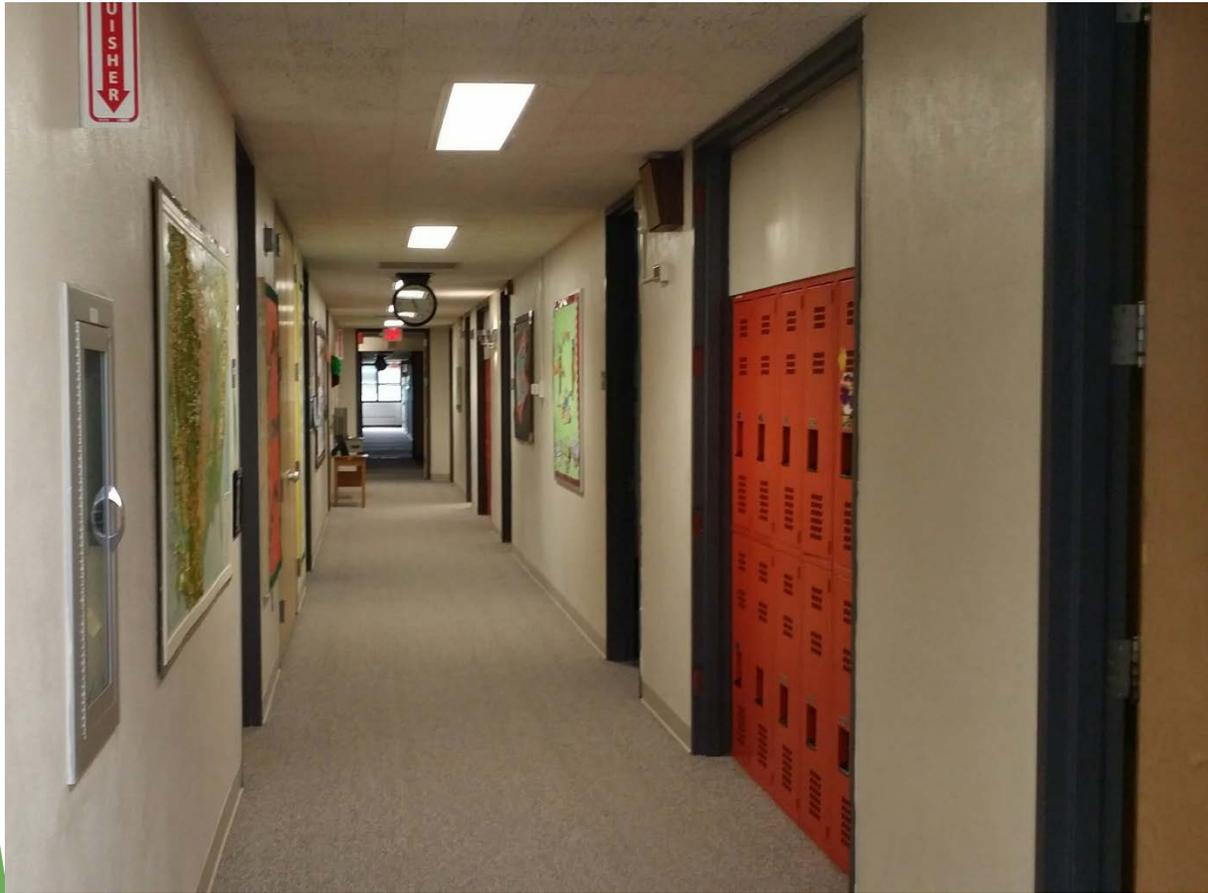


# Middle School Classroom

(located in the Smith building - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)



# Smith Building - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hallway



View from the West end looking East



Middle School hallway looking West

# Resource Center

(entering Heritage Hall from the Smith building)



Display cases located in the Resource Center Heritage Hall contains athletic trophies and some 'old' memorabilia from the past.

# Computer Lab

(located in Heritage Hall in  
the Resource Center)



The computer lab allows access to the internet, email, desktop and other educational programs. Equipment found in the lab include: computers, printers, iPads, smartboard and scanner.

# Conference Room

(located in Heritage Hall in the Resource Center)



The **Conference Room** is a central location for meetings, workshops, and trainings. The room is equipped with wireless access, computer, smartboard, cable tv, VCR/DVD player, videophone, landline phone with conference call ability, and a white board. **Interesting Note:** The green chairs were made in 1962 under the instruction of William Hartl and students Edwin Skari and Leslie Owens.

# Resource Center

(entering Heritage Hall from the Spear building)



# Athletic Hall of Fame



A display of athletic accomplishments, located in Heritage Hall in the Resource Center.

# NDSD 'Famous' Graduate

(located in Heritage Hall in the Resource Center)



A display honoring Phyllis Frelich, a 1962 graduate of NDSD, who won the *Tony Award* for her performance on Broadway in the play *Children of a Lesser God* (first deaf person to ever win the award).

She was inducted into the *North Dakota Rough Rider Hall of Fame* (North Dakota's way of honoring those Dakotans who have achieved fame and success). Her portrait and short bio are displayed in the *Hall of Fame* at the State Capitol in Bismarck, ND.

Phyllis passed away in 2014.

# Library / Media Center



(located in Heritage Hall in the Resource Center)



The Library/Media Center has a wide variety of books, magazines, videos and activities, and most recently a smartboard that is used by school students/staff and is a source of information for the community and the state of North Dakota.

# Video Conferencing

NDSD1  
(Resource Ctr)



NDSD2  
(Smith bldg basement)

Interactive Videoconference Network (IVN) has been added as another means of providing access to educational opportunities with other schools as well as educational sites around the world. It is used as an educational tool to provide class offerings, including American Sign Language courses, meetings, professional development, training opportunities, and virtual field trips for students.

Video conferencing also allows contact with parents, agencies and other professionals that can assist in providing additional services to the students.

NDSD has two rooms one in Heritage Hall in the Resource Ctr (NDSD1) and one in the basement of the Smith building (NDSD2).



# Swimming Pool

(located north of the Gymnasium and the Spear building)

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# Gymnasium



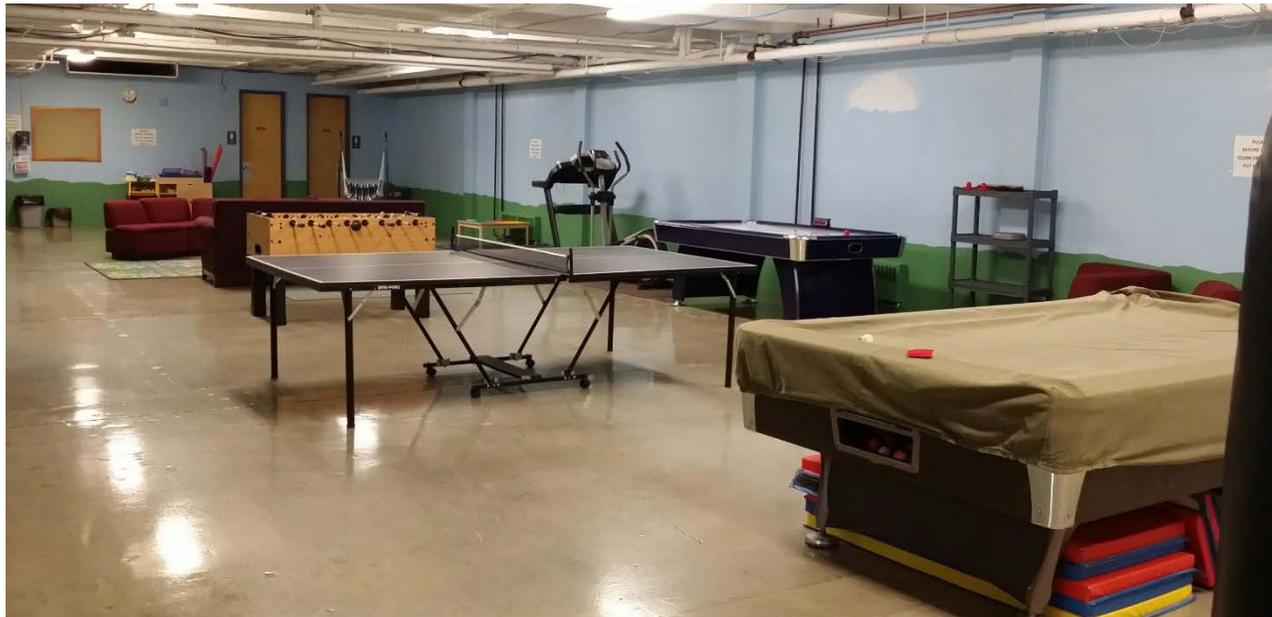
Brenner Gym (built in 1953) is mostly for recreational purposes. Since NDSD/RCDHH no longer has a high school, deaf high school students join sport teams at the Devils Lake High School. The gym is also available to community groups (dance teams, basketball teams, boy/girls scouts, etc.).

# Bulldog Parlor

(located in the Smith building - basement)



Bulldog Parlor is a place where the students gather to relax and/or participate in a other activities such as pool, table tennis, air hockey, exercise to name a few.



# Blackhurst Dorm

(located on the east side of campus)



Located in the Blackhurst dormitory is a central entertainment section including a reading area, TV and game area, kitchen, and large center play area.

On each side of this section are sleeping rooms, bathrooms, the Director of Student Life office, and a private room for students/staff to work on computer and use the videophone.



# Student Sleeping Room

(located in the Blackhurst dormitory)



Located in the Blackhurst dormitory on each side (one for boys, one for girls) of the center entertainment area are a number of sleeping rooms similar to the one above.

# Technology

NDSD/RCDHH provides an excellent opportunity for students to experience different aspects related to areas of technology. Each classroom has a Smartboard, computer(s), iPads, digital camera, AV equipment, and Internet access available. Technology is incorporated and used as a valuable tool not only in the classroom but for trainings, presentations, and workshops provided to the staff and the general public.

Technology available includes the following:

- Camcorders
- LCD projectors
- iPads/iPods
- TVs
- Digital Cameras
- Scanners
- Video Conferencing
- VCR-DVD Players
- Smartboards
- Document Cameras



Video Relay Services (Sorenson VP) located around campus

A little history  
... Buildings  
that have been  
torn down....

# Old Main (built in 1892)

The very first building "Old Main" was built in 1892 and sadly demolished in 1975. Although the building itself no longer stands, the memories and history linger on.



# Boys Dormitory (built in 1923; razed in 1988)



Note: The Girls Dormitory was housed in the Smith building.

# Infirmiry

Located between the garage and powerhouse, the **Infirmiry** (built in 1909; razed in 2010) housed the school hospital. The current location for Health Services is in the Smith building - main level.



# Apartment House

The **Apartment House** behind the pond was used as an apartment for student Independent Living and rented out before it was torn down.



Hope you enjoyed the tour of our wonderful campus. Stop by anytime for a visit and tour ... we would love to show you around!!

To schedule a tour, call 701-665-4400 or email [ndsd.school@K12.nd.us](mailto:ndsd.school@K12.nd.us)

We look forward to hearing from you!!