

## Norseman Buddies Program

The 2017 Mesabi Range Football team has revived the “Norseman Buddies” program. The service learning program was created several years ago, but had not been implemented for the last several years. “The Norseman Buddies program provides an opportunity for our students to get out into our community and build relationships with young people, teachers, and staff at area schools,” says Tom Inforzato, Mesabi Range College Head Football Coach and Retention Specialist. “This experience has been invaluable for both parties in promoting diversity, enhancing interpersonal and learning skills, and promoting collaboration among the schools”.

The team has been attending different classrooms at Parkview Elementary school to work with Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. The football players read stories, help with assorted projects, and mentor the young students. Ben Bakk, second grade student in Mrs. Spry’s class, says, “The Mesabi Range football players are really, really cool”!



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