



OCTOBER 2017

Dates to Remember

Monday, October 2 – All School Fundraiser Deadline

Monday, October 2 – Fall Concert 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 6 – No school for students – Staff Institute

Monday, October 9 – No school for students – Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 10 – Parent Conferences 3:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Early dismissal for Students 2:45p.m.

Thursday, October 12 – Parent Conferences 3:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Early dismissal for Students 2:45p.m.

Friday, October 13 – No School for students

Wednesday, October 18 – Early Dismissal 2:45pm

Friday, October 27 – Halloween Dance 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Gym/Cafetorium

North Ridge Pledge

I pledge to be the best Ridgerunner I can be, and follow the expectations set for me.

I will be Responsible, Engaged, and Determined in all that I do, and always respect myself, my classmates, and the North Ridge Staff too.

I will take advantage of the educational opportunity that North Ridge can provide, and I will always show my North Ridge pride!

Accessing Your Child's Grades on Teacher Ease

We are excited to announce that we are now set up to allow parent access to Teacher Ease, our new gradebook software. Teacher Ease allows parents to view real-time information regarding their child's grades and increases communication between teachers and parents. Teacher Ease can be accessed by any parent who has an

active email address on file with our school. If your email is on file, you should have already received a welcome email that

provides instructions on how to set-up your account and view your child's grades. Once your account is set up, you can access Teacher Ease through the

website www.teacherease.com or through their iOS app on your iPhone or iPad.

If you are having trouble accessing your account, please call the North Ridge Guidance



Parent Teacher conferences

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 3:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 3:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

No appointment Necessary

Coat Give-Away

Free coats, hats, gloves, and scarves for children and adults

Saturday, October 21
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Vermilion Heights Christian Church,
725 Oakwood Avenue
Danville, IL
446-3595

Person must be present to try on and receive coat.

Volleyball

Any girls interested in trying out must have a current (within one year) physical AND have an open gym form filled out before attending any open gyms or tryouts.

If you are not sure whether or not your daughter has a current physical please see Nurse Montgomery to check.

7th Grade

Social Studies Department

We recently finished up with United States Geography and are getting started with United States History. The first unit will concentrate on The First Americans and early European exploration. Students should be writing essential questions and homework assignments in their agenda books every day. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail us at anytime.

Math Department

Math classes are continuing our unit on ratios and proportional reasoning. We will be moving into percentages next. Star 360 fall benchmark testing has been completed and students who need additional support with math skills have been identified and placed within a Pathways math class. Just as a reminder, students should continue to complete their homework on a daily basis. As the seventh grade math department, we have noticed that homework completion is a problem. This has a direct impact on their math grade. Independent practice is vital to success in math.

We look forward to seeing you and discussing your child's progress!

Language Arts

7th grade has started off to be an exciting year. We began with introducing our new Textbook, Study-Sync. This is a great interactive book for students. They will be given a username and password and will have some online assignments. They will also take notes and be able to highlight important information right in their book.

Students also took the STAR 360 test. This is a standards based assessment is used as a screener for proficiency in reading and math. Encourage students to read at least 30 minutes every night and to keep up with their AR goals.

7th grade started off with an introduction into our literature unit. Ask your student about all of the stories they are reading.

Please remember to encourage your students to always come prepared to class. In all of the Language Arts classes they will need a writing utensil, notes and textbook every day.

Science

Seventh graders have finished the Nature of Science unit. Ask your student what they know about the scientific method, variables, and observations! We are starting our chemistry unit now. Students will be learning about different properties of substances. We have many lab days coming up! Most students have turned in their lab safety agreement, but a few are still missing. Please make sure that your student submits his/hers so that he/she may participate in our science experiments.

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Empower,
Every Student, Every*

8th Grade

Language Arts

The students continue to analyze short stories. They are learning to identify and explain the elements of the plot. They are also learning to make inferences and support them with textual evidence.

Math

All 8th grade math students will continue to receive grades based on objective checks, quizzes, and other assessments; however, students are now also receiving a weekly participation grade which will include completion of in class assignments as well as homework assignments. Completing homework is essential to succeeding in math and without the practice students will struggle.

Pre-Algebra students will finish up their first unit within the next couple of weeks - including laws of exponents, scientific notation, square and cube roots and ordering rational and irrational numbers. Now is a great time to encourage students to use proper study skills and prepare for their unit test. Our next unit will focus on solving equations in one variable.

Algebra students are currently extending their skills for solving equations to solve functions and formula equations for a specific variable. All algebra students need to continue practicing basic two-step equation solving as these skills are necessary for success throughout algebra and higher math curriculum. The students are working at rigorous pace and need to make sure they are getting help as soon as they begin to struggle. Taking a high school level course is not an easy task unless students are organized, punctual, giving 100% and asking for help when necessary. In order for Algebra students to move on to Geometry their freshman year, students must pass ALL of their Unit tests with 80% or higher scores.

Science

8th Grade Science began the year with a review of basic Science principles. Students completed 3 labs; the paper tower, pendulum and paper towel labs.

Earth Science is our focus of study now. Volcanoes, earthquakes and plate tectonics are a few of the things that we will be looking at in our first unit. How did the Earth look in the past, what makes plates move, and what do we know about plate tectonics? These are some of the driving questions that will be answered in Earth Science.

Students will be completing labs as well as working on projects dealing with all the ways the Earth continues to change. Each child will be working with other students to complete the projects. Every child's role is vital to the completion of the best project possible. The scientific principles dealing with Earth's changes will be incorporated in their work daily. The knowledge of the materials will be based on weekly objective checks, quizzes, lab reports and test. Please encourage your child to do their personal best.



Band

The North Ridge Symphonic Band will be combining with the Band of Vikings at Danville High School on Friday, October 20, 2017 at the home football game. The band will perform before the game and during the game in the stands. Come see these great kids.

Jazz Band started in September and we will be looking to have performances setup throughout the year.

Show Choir

Theatre Company

The NR Theatre Company proudly announces the cast of *The Secret Garden: Spring Version*. This musical telling of the classic children's novel will be presented at NR in the cafetorium on Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10 at 7:00 PM. Congratulations to the cast listed below:

THE SECRET GARDEN CAST

Mary Lennox – Ellis Mansfield
 Colin Craven – Jake Fox
 Dickon – Cory Talbott
 Archibald Craven – Jerry Strain
 Dr. Neville Craven – Thomas Strain
 Lily Craven – Delanie Robinson
 Martha – Laynie Ferriman
 Ben Weatherstaff – Dax Lara
 Rose Lennox – Kaitlyn Curtis
 Albert Lennox – Stephen Garrison
 Mrs. Medlock – Allison Thompson
 Mrs. Winthrop – Polly Norton

Servants, Passengers, Officers, Readers –

Olivia Cronkhite
 Naomie Young
 Terryan White
 Dharmik Owen
 Landyn Ford
 Ian Borcz
 Donald Shumard



Music Booster Fundraiser Pickup

Students who sold items in the Music Booster Fundraiser (cookie dough, magazines, brownie bites) should plan to pick those up on Wednesday, October 11 from 4-6 PM in the cafetorium.

All School Halloween Dance

The Music Booster sponsored Halloween Dance will be held on Friday, October 27 from 7-9 PM. Costumes are encouraged, but **no masks** will be allowed. Admission is \$5. Many activities will be available at additional cost. Past activities include: Haunted Locker Room, Hair and Face Painting, Fortune Teller, Glow Boutique, Secret Admirer Boo Grams, Concessions and much more. Only NR students may attend the NR Halloween Dance.



Veteran's Concert

The Choral Department will present the annual Veteran's Concert on Monday, November 6 at 7 PM in the NR Cafetorium. Groups scheduled to perform include the 7th Grade Choir, the 2nd hour 8th Grade Choir, The Redcoats and The Radiant Reds. Students from the 7th Grade Choir will narrate the concert and share writings about our Veteran's. Admission is free.

Builder's Club

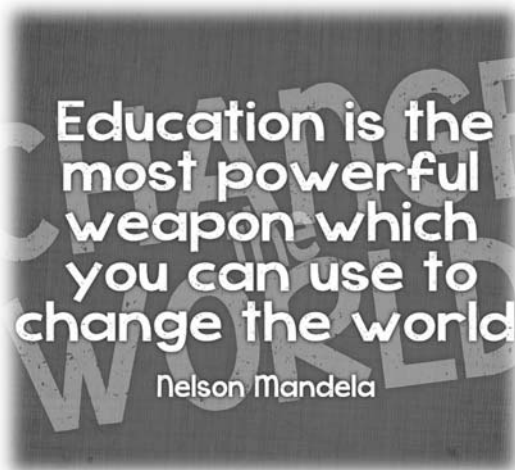
The North Ridge Builders Club is off to a great start! We had about thirty students attend our first meeting last week. We started our school recycling program and spent time talking about our upcoming activities.

In October, along with paper recycling and collecting General Mills Box Tops, we will be taking a group of our members to help at Kiwanis Pancake Day at the Palmer Arena. We will try to take as many members as possible. We will send home permission slips at our next meeting. Students must meet the school's academic eligibility requirements to be able to attend. We also hold our members to the highest behavior standards. Any student with an office referral or a suspension will not be allowed to go on any of our trips out in the community.

The last day that we can accept additional members into the Builders Club will be at our next meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017. All membership packets need to be turned in by that date. We have to get our final membership roster turned into the office. We will also vote for club officers at this meeting.

Our club will also participate in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF later this month. Please help our members fill up their collection boxes. The collection boxes will go home on our October 18th meeting. UNICEF and its partners have combated maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) across the globe through education, outreach, and mass immunization drives. Since 1999, UNICEF and its partners have immunized nearly 100 million women with two or more doses of the vaccine and eliminated the disease in 43 countries. Countries that have validated the elimination of MNT include Sierra Leone, Gabon, Laos and Madagascar. MNT still remains a deadly threat in 16 countries.

We would like to thank parents for their continued contact Mrs. Delzell orcerns or questions about



the North Ridge Staff and par-support of our projects! Please Mrs. Leemon if you have con-Builders Club.

Career Lab at DACC

Beginning on Tuesday, October 24 through Thursday, November 2, 8th grade students will spend a day at Danville Area Community College immersed in a variety of activities that will enlighten them about the many exciting career possibilities awaiting them after high school graduation.

This awesome opportunity is sponsored by Danville Area Community College, Vermilion Advantage, and VVEDS.

Please watch for a permission form to come home with your 8th grader in early October regarding this exciting event!

NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Office: 444-3400
 Report Absences/Dismissals: 444-3404
 Homework Requests: 444-3404
 7th Grade Guidance: 444-3419
 7th Guidance Fax: 444-3485
 8th Grade Guidance: 444-3412
 8th Guidance Fax: 444-3488

444-1725 School Closing

444-3493 Bullying Hotline



*North Ridge Middle School is
 a collaborative school community
 focused
 on ensuring success for all learners.*

Eliza Brooks, Principal
Robin Fluno, Assistant Principal

2 ABSENCES PER MONTH = LESS LIKELY TO GRADUATE

It doesn't seem like much, but two absences a month is equal to 10% of the school year!

Please try to schedule appointments before or after school whenever possible. Please remember to contact the school at (217)444-3404 to report all absences.

VISION:

To Engage, Educate, Empower, Every Student,
 Every Day!

MISSION: North Ridge Middle School will:

- Engage students by encouraging life-long learning
- Educate them for success in college and careers, and
- Empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.

AVID

We have been selling candy bars for our fundraiser. The fundraiser will end on September 29. All money needs to be turned in by then. Also, orders for t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, and crewneck sweatshirts are due by September 29.

7th Grade

We recently had Chiropractor Dr. Scott Ritchie speak to our 7th Grade AVID students about his education and his career. Dr. Ritchie showed the students what an adjustment looked like by adjusting Ms. Ferguson's neck, taped a student's knee with Kinesio Tape, and demonstrated acupuncture on Mr. Montgomery and Mrs. Brown. We will be taking our first college visit to DACC on Thursday, October 5.

8th Grade

Our first college visit will be to Purdue University on Tuesday, October 17. Students have been working on tutorials, taking Cornell Notes, and keeping their binders organized.

P.E.

In October Mr. Morefield's class will be participating in the unit of ultimate Frisbee where they will be learning a variety of throwing techniques and the unit of softball where students will focus on hand-eye coordination.

Mr. Robinson's class is finishing flickerball and will begin soccer as my next unit. Students will also be continuing their fitnessgram testing.