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Every Student  
Every Day

April 2017

The **North Ridge Builders Club** recently collected more than \$1,700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!! With the help of students, teachers and parents, we surpassed our goal of \$1,000. We'd like to thank Mr. Weber for organizing this event. We had fourteen current and former staff members step up during student lunches in the cafetorium the day before spring break. Twelve staff members shaved their heads, one shaved his beard, and one cut her hair for a wig donation. Thank you to the staff at Great Clips for volunteering their time for this cause. Mr. Weber's and Mrs. Owen's classes won a donut party for collecting the most money. Thanks to everyone who supported this project! Our next project is our annual Read-n-Rock-A-Thon to support Shaken Baby Syndrome and Reagan's Rescue.

### THANK YOU NRMS STAFF AND STUDENTS!!



#### Dates to Remember:

April 14	NO SCHOOL / GOOD FRIDAY
April 16	EASTER
April 19	EARLY DISMISSAL @ <b>12:00 pm NOON</b>
April 28	Evening of Singing and Dancing DHS @ 7 pm

#### A NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS!

The **Jazz Band** will be hosting a Coffee House performance on April 21, 2017, from 6pm to 9pm in the NRMS Cafetorium, The theme is "A Night in New Orleans." The night will feature Danville High School Jazz Ensemble, Bismarck High School Jazz Ambassadors, Doc Ashton and the Root Canals, and the North Ridge Middle School Red Peppers. It will be a night of good eats and great music. Cost will be \$5.00.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Congratulations to our Young Author's winners! Sadies Hooker is the winner for 7th grade, and Dominic Kelly for 8th grade. Both students have been invited to the Young Author's Conference to be held in Bloomington, IL. They will get the opportunity to meet other student winners from around the state. They will also get to meet authors and learn more about writing! What an honor for Sadies and Dominic! Great job!

## **REMINDERS FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS:**

- \* Please stress the importance of dressing every day for PE, because it is essential for success in class.
- \* Please replenish your student's supplies (most importantly pens, pencils, and paper).
- \* Please remind your students to do their best and strive for excellence in elective classes as well as core classes.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**

We have started learning about the weather! Your student now knows that scientists called meteorologists can predict the weather based on patterns. Ask your student to tell you what the six conditions of weather are! We will continue to learn more about weather in the coming weeks. Soon, your student will be able to tell you what interacting conditions can create storms. You can help your student stay on top of their meteorological knowledge by having them check weather reports daily.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math**

2-D and 3-D geometric shapes are in a classroom near you! During the geometry unit, students will be calculating the area of various polygons, the volume of prisms, and the surface area of prisms and pyramids. PARCC assessments are taking place during the first week of April. Attendance is highly important especially as we are trying to prepare students for success on the 7th grade math standards as well as PARCC. Students will be rewarded for perfect attendance and good effort at the end of the test. Please remind your students to get a good night's sleep and to eat a nutritious breakfast. Any student who donates a box of Kleenex or a pack of pencils during the month of April will earn a homework pass to use in their math class.

## **8th Grade Language Arts**

Throughout the month of April, 8th grade Language Arts will be focusing mainly on nonfiction texts. Students will be reading a variety of persuasive and argumentative texts. They will determine the author's point of view, analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting viewpoints, and evaluate whether or not the author's reasoning is sound. Also, Language Arts will be teaming up with Social Studies in the study of WWII. Language Arts will be focusing on the Holocaust in preparation to read the play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

## **Music Department: Mr. Crawford, Mr. Klett, and Mrs. Woodrow**

- \* The 7th and 8th grade percussion class is starting a new program called Percussion Bootcamp. The students have to complete different lessons in order to be promoted to a higher rank.
- \* The Jazz Band will be competing at its last competition on April 8 at Illinois State University. The group is coming off a 1st place in Middle School Jazz Bands at Indiana State University.
- \* The curricular band will be getting ready for the end of the year concerts. They will be performing all pop music. The concerts will be May 2 and May 9. We hope that you come and enjoy the music.
- \* The Show Choirs finished their competition season with strong finishes at Watseka! Radiant Reds were named 2nd Runner Up and their Outstanding Performer was Ciera Beith.
- \* Redcoats earned Best Vocals, Best Choreography and GRAND CHAMPIONS! Their Outstanding Performer was Dharmik Owen. \* Don't miss your chance to see these award winning Show Choirs at the Danville Public School Foundation's Evening of Singing and Dancing on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 PM in the Dick Van Dyke Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available at the door. \* The 7th and 8th grade choirs just completed a unit "Get America Singing Again", learning standard songs that make up our rich musical heritage. Songs included folk songs, spirituals, patriotic and Broadway music spanning the past one hundred years.
- \* The choirs are now preparing music for the school concerts, scheduled on May 2 (7th grade) and May 9 (8th grade).

- \* The North Ridge Theatre Company held auditions for the spring musical, Wizard of Oz! Please watch the announcements for more information. Show dates are Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May

## *We're off to see the Wizard.....*



### **Physical Education/ Health Department: Mr. Baker, Mr. Morefield, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Porter, and Mr. Robinson**

- \* PE will be skating the last week in April. Be on the lookout for permission slips.
  - \* During the month of April we will be learning about what it means to live a healthy lifestyle and how to make good decisions.
- Contemporary Social Issues (CSI): Ms. Collins
- \* Students will complete research projects on a contemporary social issue topic of their choice.
  - \* Students will discuss and research current events and news (local, state, and national)
  - \* Students will use technology and ThinkCerca to practice analytical thinking skills and argumentative article writing responses.

### **TRACK NEWS**

Runners, to your marks, set, and the boom of the starter's pistol are familiar sounds of April. As the weather warms up so do the runners at the track, as the 2017 track season is officially underway. This season looks to be another strong one for the boys and girls track teams. Both teams have had large turnouts this year and are looking to make a strong race towards the state meet this year. Although it is early, both teams look to be fast. An early meet at Rantoul, where we faced rivals such as Urbana, Champaign Franklin, and Rantoul, seemed to back up this assessment. The Ridgerunners represented our school very well winning a majority of the races held that day. The coaching staff is very encouraged by this outcome, and are pushing the kids towards improvement. The kids are responding by working hard on and off the track. Things are looking very encouraging as the Ridgerunners are getting set to host their home meets at DHS in the next few weeks. The teams will continue to push themselves as we look towards a strong finish to the month of April.

### **Gateway to Technology (GTT): Mr. Dicken**

- \* 8th grade GTT will start looking into programming as it relates to Drone usage
- \* 7th grade GTT will work with Autodesk to make 3D models and working drawings

### **Art: Ms. Hannan**

- \* Art students will complete a variety of art units of study.
- \* YouTube tutorials will also be utilized to create works of art.