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Every Student
Every Day

February 2017

We would like to say a fond farewell to Mr. Vogel, who is going to DHS, and Mrs. Heffernan, who is going to South View, and Mr. Pendleton who will be vacationing in sunny Florida! We will miss you all! Also, a big welcome to Mr. Thorlton, seventh grade Dean, from South View and welcome back to Mrs. Nichols, who will be teaching Math and Language !

From the desk of Mr. Carlson:

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Hello my name is Mr. Carlson and I am a new 8th grade science teacher at North Ridge in room 604. I am excited to be here and to impact the lives of the students at North Ridge. Eighth grade students will be studying cell division, heredity, Darwinism, population change, physics, and chemistry this semester. The middle school purchased a new science curriculum for this school year which has many practical labs and inquiry based activities for the students to engage in. I plan on having engaging and thought provoking lesson plans for the students. My goal for each student is to give them the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed next year in high school. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 444-3411 or carlsond@danville118.org.

NRMS – HOME OF THE RIDGERUNNERS!

Dates to Remember:

- February 5 NRMS DAY at Shoe Carnival 30%
(Coupon on the back page)
- February 8 Early Dismissal @ 12:00 pm **NOON**
- February 9 NEW TECH MTG @ 5 pm NRMS
- February 9 FAMILY COUNCIL BINGO NIGHT
5:30-7 pm
- February 13 Black History Month Concert
@ 7pm
- February 20 President's Day / NO SCHOOL
- February 27 Parent Mtg. @ 6pm – NR library
For 8th Graders entering DHS**



**Congratulations to the 7th
Grade Boys Basketball for a great season!
Good Luck to the 8th Grade Boys Basketball as
they enter the Regional Tournament with an
undefeated season!!**

FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE /Mrs. Greenlee:

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten?

There are some important requirements that you should be aware of before school starts. Until completed, your student will not be able to attend school. Our goal is that every child have all of the requirements completed at registration.

Proof of the following is required:

- * Physical exam (must include diabetes screening)***
- * Up to date immunizations***
- * Lead screening***
- * Proof of residency***
- * Court house issued birth certificate***

Copies of health examination forms are available in the school office or from your health care provider. Don't forget to plan ahead! Proof of an eye exam is due October 15th and dental exam by May 15th. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's school.

JAZZ BAND / Mr. Klett

The Jazz Band will be performing at three competitions during February. We will be performing at:

**Illinois Wesleyan University
Eastern Illinois University
Indiana State University**

We are looking at having a great Competition season!!

ALL SCHOOL FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

The 8th grade staff would like to invite all students, parents and families to the Family Council Bingo Night on February 9th, from 5:30 – 7 pm. Please join us for a night of fun with family – play bingo, have a popcorn snack, and possibly win some prizes!

NEW TECH PARENT MEETING

There will be a parent meeting for any parents interested in learning more about the *Danville New Tech Program* on Monday February 6th at 6:00 pm in the library at North Ridge Middle School. Jacob Bretz, Principal of Danville New Tech, will be present to talk about the program and answer any questions."



North Ridge and Mr. Warren would like to recognize **Patrick Dooley** for his outstanding citizenship for the month of December. Great job Patrick!!

7th GRADE SCIENCE

We are working very hard learning about different types of energy. We started the month learning about kinetic, gravitational, and elastic energy; what each one is, how they are formed, and how they convert from one to another. At the end of the month we will be learning thermal energy and energy transfer. We are looking forward to all of the fun and excitement physical science has to offer.

7th GRADE MATH:

We are currently working on expressions, equations and inequalities. We will continue to work on this unit throughout February. We just finished up benchmark testing for our Star 360 math test and these scores are used to place your child in the appropriate Pathways group. They will begin a new group this month.

Please remember to replenish your child's school supplies if they are running low. Also remember you can check your child's agenda books frequently to see what they are working on in class. If they have lost their agenda, they can purchase a new one for \$5.00. Math teachers will be giving a homework pass for any student who brings a box of Kleenex this month.

8th GRADE SCIENCE

The study of genetics is still on going for our students. We have and will continue to revisit Punnett squares and Pedigrees as we move through the study of Cell Division. Data representations such as pie graphs, will be part of our study of trait variations.

Comparing and contrasting meiosis and mitosis will be part of science this month. The students will learn the different vocabulary and stages of each.

The month of February also brings students creating histograms over different subjects in genetics. The Galapagos Islands and the unique creature that live there will be the focus of their summative project to conclude the topic of why animals look the way they do. Please continue to encourage your child to do their very best in all classes.

8th Grade Social Studies

In February, 8th Grade Social Studies will be investigating the causes of World War I and the conflict itself. We will also be doing a simulation, in which we will attempt to stop World War I from happening by forming alliances and signing treaties. We will then be looking at the ups and downs of the Roaring 20's and the Great Depression.

ALGEBRA & PRE-ALGEBRA / Mrs. Carpenter

Parents and students of Mrs. Carpenter's pre-algebra and algebra classes can sign up for notifications through *Remind!* Parents that have already signed up are thankful for the increased communication, and students that have signed up are enjoying the reminder of the homework assignment for the evening. PLEASE ONLY SIGN UP IF YOUR STUDENT IS IN ONE OF MRS. CARPENTER'S CLASSES, and PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE APPROPRIATE CLASS (pre-algebra or algebra):

Pre-algebra: Text @6d324h to 81010

Algebra: Text @9k4h927 to 81010

8th GRADE MATH

The students are now in their second semester as 8th graders and the course work is going to continue to build and prepare them for high school. Please encourage your student to stay on track and continue getting work completed on time.

SPECIALIST UPDATES

Reminders for parents, guardians, and 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.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

The Library will have a power point playing on the Eno board highlighting some of the African American

icons. There will be lots of fiction and non-fiction books for students to read.



UPCOMING UNITS OF STUDY

Music Department:

Mr. Crawford, Mr. Klett, and Mrs. Woodrow

* Black History month choral concert: 2/13/17 at 7 P.M. North Ridge Middle School Cafetorium

* Show choir tour season begins this month.

* The 8th grade concert band will perform with the Danville High School band on March 2, 2017 as a step up concert. The purpose of the concert is to let NRMS students see what Danville High School is like and to get to know the Danville High School band director and students.

* The Jazz Band will start competition season on February 4th. They will be competing at Illinois Wesleyan, Eastern Illinois University, Indiana State University, Illinois State University, and Herscher High School.

Physical Education/ Health Department:

Mr. Baker, Mr. Morefield, Mr. Houghton, Mrs. Porter, and Mr. Robinson

* Health classes will complete the following units of study: Health and wellness 7th grade and Drugs and Tobacco 8th grade.

* PE students did an amazing job during the state required FitnessGram Testing!!! FitnessGram tracks student fitness levels starting in elementary school all the way through high school. All students performed to the best of their ability on each test. The assessments include the Pacer test (cardiovascular strength and endurance), Push Up and Sit Up tests (muscular strength and endurance) and Sit and Reach (flexibility). Be on the lookout for FitnessGram Student report!

* P.E. units of study for February are Basketball and Hockey!!!!

* More Health News: students have been working hard on learning about making good decisions and how to live a healthy lifestyle. During the month of February students will learn about coping skills and how to handle stressful situations. Students will end the month of February learning about the 8 body systems and finishing the quarter learning about Nutrition.

Contemporary Social Issues (CSI): Ms. Collins

* Students just completed a Presidential Inauguration unit.

* Students will complete a Black History Month Dream Project

* Students will continue internet safety lessons.

* Students will continue discuss/ research current events and news (local, state, and national)

Gateway To Technology (GTT): Mr. Dicken

* 7th grade students will complete a design models unit.

* 8th grade students will complete an automated mechanisms unit.



Art:

Ms. Hannan

* Students will complete Tessellation projects: math meets arts!

* Art students will complete designs for an official United States postage stamp contest.

a dozen NRMS staff members have agreed to shave their heads in solidarity with cancer survivors. There will be more information to come later about classroom contests and other activities. The actual Pennies for Patients collection will be March 13-17th. We would like to give a big shout out to Mr. Weber for organizing the head shaving!! We appreciate the support that the North Ridge staff gives to our projects!!

The North Ridge Builders Club continues to be very busy. We continue to take care of the paper recycling for our school and are still collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education. **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS!!**

In the month of February we are making valentines for our local veterans at the VA Illiana Health Care System.

We are also sponsoring a school wide program called **Start With Hello**, an initiative from Sandy Hook Promise. In every school and in every community there are young people who suffer silently because they feel left out, alone or invisible. By participating in **Start With Hello Week** during the week of February 6-10, we will join hundreds of schools and youth organizations from across the United States to empower young people to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness. By building a culture of inclusion and connectedness, schools and communities can better support their young people and reduce their risk of bullying, violence, and depression.



BUILDER'S CLUB/ Mrs. Delzell/ Ms. Leemon

The North Ridge Middle School Builders Club has kicked off its annual Pennies for Patients fund raiser to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. If the club reaches its \$1,000 goal by March 17 roughly

SHOE CARNIVAL SHOPPING Party!

SAVE AN ADDITIONAL

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Students, Employees, and Family

Sunday, February 5, 2017

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