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Engage Educate Empower
Every Student
Every Day

January 2017

We would like to welcome our new staff:

Mr. Morefield: PE teacher and

Mr. Carlson: Science teacher

North Ridge Students Will Take the NAEP

North Ridge Middle School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 14th, 2017. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. It is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S. Department of Education. NAEP is different from our state assessment because it provides a common measure of student achievement across the country. The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers, and the public.

This year, 50 8th graders from North Ridge were selected to take the NAEP. If your child is participating in the assessment you will receive a letter notifying you of their participation with more details. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means for you and your child is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>.

Contact Tyler Ferber, 8th Grade Guidance Counselor, at 217-444-3421 or at ferbert@danville118.org if you have any questions.

Dates to Remember:

January 11 EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2: 45 pm
January 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY –
NO SCHOOL
January 25 EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:45 pm

**North Ridge RedPeppers
Jazz Coffee House**
North Ridge Middle School Cafetorium
January 13, 2017 6:30pm - 9:00pm
\$5.00 Admission

Featuring
The RedPeppers
&
Coffee from 

7th Grade ELA Newsletter - Mrs. Hawker/Ms. McDermott

Welcome back! 7th grade ELA has a lot in store for the New Year. We will be having our annual Young Authors writing contest again this year. Look for more information to come. Students will be starting their Units on Information Reading. They will be doing a lot of research and learning how to find the correct sources. They will be learning about many different story's and people throughout history. Some examples are Titanic, Jackie Robinson, Mother Jones, About Cesar, Apollo 13, and The Eulogy for Mahatma Gandhi

Please make sure that as we start this New Year that your students are remembering to follow all of the North Ridge Expectations and that they have all of the supplies they need to be successful in class. They are running low on pencils and other school supplies.

7th grade math - Mrs. Ferguson

Welcome back! It is a new year and your child needs to replenish his or her supplies so they can be prepared for class. They need pencils, spiral notebooks, dry erase markers and their math book every day in class. They will be using the agenda daily to write assignments and keep track of important deadlines. They also use the agenda as a pass out of class. If your child has lost their agenda, the office has replacements for \$5.00.

Students are finishing up working with integers. We will be using integers and rational numbers when solving expressions and equations. MATS classes are working on a ratios and proportions unit and will be going in to geometry next! MATS students will be starting a project in January where they will create a scale model. Be on the lookout!

7th grade Social Studies – Mr. Warren

The Social Studies department will be focusing on U.S. history up until the Revolutionary War in the second half of the year. This will include studying and testing over the U.S. Constitution. We will spend at least two weeks on this subject. Enjoy your holiday season! Be safe and merry!

7th Grade Science and Math – Ms. Taylor

We will begin the New Year continuing to explore the fascinating world of energy. This will include elastic, thermal, chemical, electrical, sound, and light energy! We just finished gravitational energy. Ask your student how a roller coaster or pendulum works. The students will be working on the same science and engineering standards all year. This will allow them to learn a new way of thinking about science content in a "bigger picture" way instead of just the content.

8th Grade ELA – Stephanie Jones

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8th Grade Social Studies – Mr. Campbell-Stanley

In January, we will be learning about the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era in 8th Grade Social Studies. This is an interesting unit for students because we will be connecting issues during this time with current issues. We will be discussing immigration, corruption in politics and business, sweat shops, women's rights, and labor laws. We will look closely at political cartoons and even create our own!

8th Grade Math (Pre-Algebra & Algebra) - Mrs. Owens

We are officially in the second semester of 8th grade math and have a lot of important dates coming up! Students need to make sure they are working hard to complete ALL assignments, do extra practice to prepare for assessments, and then take the time to schedule retakes for anything they score a 1 or 2 on in order to prove mastery! All of the math teachers offers retakes for objective checks and assessments if the student puts forth the effort to make it happen! In addition to learning the curriculum, students will begin preparing for the spring PARCC test and the high school placement test, which covers everything we have learned this year! Please encourage your student to do the following so that he or she has a successful 8th grade year:

1. Complete and turn in ALL assignments
 2. STUDY for all tests and quizzes (study guides are given for all tests)
 3. Establish better study habits
 4. Be in school on a daily basis
 5. Maintain a positive attitude and good behavior that is conducive to learning
 6. Ask for help from the teachers (morning tutoring is available)
 7. Write daily assignments in agenda notebook and organize materials
 8. Show you the Agenda Notebook of assignments and discuss them
 9. Put forth more effort in class
 10. Complete homework BEFORE coming to school
 11. Enroll in Project Success for additional homework help
- Math Department



Mrs. Wright's 8th Grade Pathways Class:

Our Experience with the Second Step Program

During my first semester of teaching here at Northridge, I had the experience of teaching the Second Step Curriculum to a group of 8th grade students. This program is a comprehensive social skills curriculum that is designed to help our students' master the skills they need to get along well with others. In January, our school goal is to reduce the number of fights to zero. I am hoping our students will practice their new skills.

One of the best things about Second Step is that it applies to students lives, right now. The Second Step manual states, "This program weaves skills and concepts throughout the lessons to target risk and protective factors linked to violence and aggression, substance use, and low academic achievement or school dropout." It seems students are really starting to feel the pressures to conform to their peers. From middle school on through high school, teens are affected more by their peers than by their parents. I feel that if students apply what is learned in Second Step, they will be in a much better place to handle situations that could put them at risk.

Specialists – Music/PE/Social Issues/GTT

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). Thank you!

Upcoming Units of Study:

Music Department:

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

Physical Education/ Health Department:

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

* The PE department is excited to announce that District wide Fitness Gram testing starts this month!

* Health topics for January will include: drugs, alcohol, body systems, health and wellness.

Contemporary Social Issues (CSI): Ms. Collins

* Students will complete an internet safety unit. The culminating event will be a guest speaker from the Illinois Attorney General's office.

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

Gateway to Technology (GTT): Mr. Dicken

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

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#### **FCA – Mrs. Jones/Mr. Ferber**

The NRMS Fellowship of Christian Athletes are planning a few events in the spring to help serve others in the community. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the FCA members and

anyone else that wishes to join us will be helping serve food at the St. James food pantry. Another great opportunity to serve will be coming in February as we plan to host a Bingo night at the VA to bring fun to those who are shut in during the winter at the VA.

#### **NRMS Scholastic Bowl- Mrs. Hawker**

The NRMS Scholastic Bowl team will be practicing hard during the month of January to prepare for matches that begin in February. We will be studying and working hard to represent North Ridge Middle School to the best of our abilities!!

#### **NRMS Volleyball – Mrs. Owens**

North Ridge Volleyball kicks off their season with their first game on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Urbana, followed by the first home game in January 11<sup>th</sup>. Come out and support your Lady Runners! It is going to be a GREAT season!

#### **Library News – Mrs. Blodgett**

The January theme in the Library is "READ THE MOVIE" Anyone who reads a book that was later turned into a film, takes an AR test and gets 70% or above, will get a package of microwave pop-corn. I will have a display set up that looks like a pop-corn machine!

#### **Builder's Club – Mrs. Delzell**

December was a busy month for the North Ridge Builders Club. We collected toiletries, snacks, and other small gifts to send to the relative of a staff member that is stationed in the army in Georgia. We also collected toys to take to the local women's shelter in Danville. We also volunteered for the National Wreaths Across America event. It was a cold, icy day, but we still had a student, several staff members and their families who made it to the National Cemetery in Danville to place the wreaths on the graves. We would like to thank all of the parents, District 118 staff members, and community members who purchased wreaths for this great event. We look forward to increasing our goal next year. We would like to see all 11,000 graves honored with a wreath!! We continue to do paper recycling for our school and collect Box Tops for Education. Please send in your General Mills box tops. We put each student's name into a drawing for every 10 box tops that they bring in. The money from the box tops will help to fund our great community service projects. A product list is included in this newsletter. Stay tuned for information about the exciting projects that we are planning for next semester.

**Did you make any New  
Year's resolutions?**

**Did you stick with them?**



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- Annie's®
- Batman™ Chocolate Strawberry
- Basic 4™
- Cascadian Farm™
- Cascadian Farm™ Protein Granola
- Cascadian Farm™ Farm Stand Harvest Granola
- Cheerios™
- Chex™
- Cinnamon Toast Crunch™
- Cocoa Puffs™
- Cookie Crisp™
- Fiber One™
- French Toast Crunch™
- Gluten Free Chex™ Oatmeal
- Golden Grahams™
- Honey Nut Clusters™
- Kix™
- Lucky Charms™
- Nature Valley™ Oat Cereals
- Nature Valley™ Protein Crunchy Granola
- Oatmeal Crisp™
- Raisin Nut Bran
- Reese's Puffs®
- Star Wars cereal (© & ™ 2015 Lucasfilm Ltd.)
- Superman™ Caramel Crunch
- Total™
- Trix™ • Wheaties™

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- Ziploc® brand Big Bags XL (4 ct.)
- Ziploc® brand Freezer Bags
- Ziploc® brand Smart Snap Containers
- Ziploc® brand Storage Bags
- Ziploc® brand Twist 'n Loc® Containers
- Ziploc® brand VersaGlass® Containers
- Ziploc® brand Vacuum Freezer System • Ziploc® brand

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- Annie's® Frozen Snacks
- Green Giant™ Vegetables
- Totino's™ Party Pizza® & Pizza Rolls® Snacks

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- Finish® Dishwashing Detergent
- Lysol® Bathroom Cleaners
- Lysol® Disinfectant Spray & Wipes

## MeAls & sides coMidas y

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- Annie's® Mac & Cheese
- Annie's® Microwaveable Mac & Cheese Cups
- Annie's® Soups
- Betty Crocker™ Specialty Potatoes & Potato Buds
- Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad
- Green Giant™ Canned Vegetables
- Green Giant™ Veggie Blend-Ins
- Hamburger Helper™ select flavors
- Old El Paso™ Bold Stand n' Stuff Shells
- Old El Paso™ Dinner Kits
- Old El Paso™ Rice & Beans
- Old El Paso™ Shells & Seasonings
- Old El Paso™ Soft Tortilla Taco Boats
- Old El Paso™ Stand n' Stuff Shells

## proDuce FRutas y veRdurAs

### products productos de papE

- Kleenex® Facial Tissues
- Scott® Bath Tissue
- Scott® Paper Towels
- Scott® Naturals™ Flushable Cleansing Cloths

## reFrigerAted & daiRy

- Green Giant™ Fresh Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs

### reFrigerAdos y láctEos

- Annie's® Yogurt tubes
- Go-Gurt® Multipacks
- Kozy Shack® Pudding
- Land O'Lakes® Cheese Products
- Land O'Lakes® Fresh Buttery Taste® Spread

- Land O'Lakes® Stick Butter or Spreadable Butter Products
- Yoplait® Original and Yoplait® Light Fridge Packs

## scHool & office supplies

### artículos para escuEla y oficina

- Boise POLARIS® Premium Paper
- Boise® FIREWORX® Premium Colored Paper

## snacks & JulcEs BoCAdillos

- Annie's® Cookies
- Annie's® Crackers
- Annie's® Fruit Snacks
- Annie's® Granola Bars
- Annie's® Snack Mix
- Betty Crocker™ Fruit Flavored Snacks
- Bugles™
- Cascadian Farm™ Granola Bars
- Cereal Treat Bars
- Chex Mix™
- Fiber One™ Bars, Brownies, Cookies, and Streusel • Food Should Taste Good™ Snacks
- Gardetto's™ Snacks
- LARABAR™ (multipacks)
- Larabar™ RENOLA Grain Free Granola
- Mott's® Applesauce products
- Mott's® Juice
- Mott's® Medleys Fruit Flavored Snacks
- Nature Valley™ Bars
- Nature Valley™ Granola Bites
- Nature Valley™ Protein Soft Baked Granola Bites
- Ocean Spray® Fruit Flavored Snacks

## tablewarE MantEleríA

- Hefty® Deluxe™ Plates and Platters
- Hefty® Easy Grip® Cups
- Hefty® Everyday™ Cups
- Hefty® Everyday™ Soak Proof Plates and Bowls
- Hefty® Printed Cups
- Hefty® Style Plates • Kleenex® Dinner Napkins (50 ct.)

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- Hefty® Blackout Tall Kitchen Drawstring Bags
- Hefty® Cinch Sak Large Trash Bags and Lawn & Leaf Bags
- Hefty® Easy Flaps® Tall Kitchen Bags and



Zip 'n Steam™ Bags

(Sticks and tubs)

Large Trash Bags

- Land O'Lakes® Margarine (Sticks and Tubs)
- Land O'Lakes® Sauté Express® Sauté Starter

- Hefty® OdorBlock® Tall Kitchen Drawstring Bags

