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Every Student
Every Day

March 2017

8th GRADE STATE CHAMPIONS!!



Dates to Remember:

March 1 Early Dismissal @ 2:45 pm
March 14 Parent Conferences
March 16 Parent Conferences
March 17 NO SCHOOL
March 20-24 SPRING BREAK

The **8th Grade Band** will be performing with Danville High School on March 2. The **7th Grade Band** will be have a concert on March 13 in the Cafetorium.



The **Jazz Band** placed 1st place at the Indiana State University Jazz Festival. **Ethan Biggs** and **Leighton Arnett** were named the outstanding Percussionists for the event!

7th GRADE ELA

This has been an exciting time in 7th grade ELA. We have learned about stories from the bottom of the ocean, and all the way to the depths of outer space. We have learned how to defend human rights and about all the people who helped before us. We have explored the history of chocolate and had a delicious tasted lab. This month we will be doing a lot of research and finding out who the true heroes are. We are also going to start preparing for the upcoming PARCC test. Please remind your students that this is coming up and is very important.

7th grade ELA students are working on contest entries this month. The **David C. Weber Memorial Writing Competition** is open to all 7th grade students. Winners will receive a \$50 cash prize, have their name engraved on a plaque, and receive recognition at the end-of-the-year award ceremony. The winner will also advance as the NRMS entry in the annual Elks Club writing contest.

7th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

The seventh grade Social Studies department is currently discussing the establishment of the 13 colonies and the American identity that relates to the colonies. We are making our way up to the American Revolution. After we complete the Revolutionary War, we will be concentrating on the Constitution. Students are expected to finish the year strong. Let's hope this warm weather continues!!

7th GRADE MATH

The students are finishing their unit on Expressions, Equations & Inequalities. One of the most challenging parts in this unit has been applying the integer rules when finding solutions. Check for review materials coming home as we will be completing the unit assessment before Spring Break! 2-D and 3-D geometric shapes will be coming to a classroom near you in the near future! PARCC assessments will take place for 7th graders at the beginning of April. They should see some PARCC practice in their core classes in order to prepare students for the computer-based testing process. Attendance is highly important especially as we are trying to prepare students for success on the 7th grade math standards as well as PARCC. Spring Break may be a good time to replenish consumable supplies such as pencils, erasers, paper, etc. Any

student who donates a box of Kleenex or a pack of pencils will earn a homework pass to use in their math class. Have a fantastic and safe Spring Break week!

8th GRADE MATH

As often as we can, based on objective checks, we break into guided math groups. We have recently started testing our hand at peer-leading/peer-learning during guided math. I take the biggest group, and then I ask the students who proved their knowledge to me on their objective checks to step up and be peer-leaders. They pair themselves up with peer learners from the remaining group, instruct, fill in holes, and answer any questions the partner may have. It is inspiring to watch unlikely partnerships form and truly immerse themselves in the math! And the mathematical conversations they have make this math teacher's heart so happy! They are truly forming a family and realizing we are all a part of one team!

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 SCIENCE

8th grade science is just wrapping up their unit where the students did research and learned why organisms look the way that they do and what causes individuals and organisms to look different. We will be starting a unit that investigates what causes something to move and what are the forces that act upon it.

If a student is unsure of some of the topics that we are covering here is some information for places online that they can look at to help get them some extra information:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

You tube channels:

Crash Course Biology, Crash Course Kids, BrainPop

Also they can google search any of the topics that we are working on and there are multiple resources out there to help them.

8th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

We will be studying the high life of the Roaring 20's and the struggles of the Great Depression that followed. We will then begin our unit on World War II.

LAST YEARBOOK SALE

The last chance to purchase a yearbook will be during Parent Teacher Conferences. Cost is \$40 for a hardback 88 page colored yearbook with your student's picture and name on the cover!!

Don't miss out!!

PE/HEALTH

PE- Students did a very well in during the Basketball Unit. Classes are rotating into the fitness room and selected students will rotate into the library for

a study hall. We will finish out the quarter with a Hockey Unit.

PE will be doing another round of skating for one week, starting in April. Be on the Lookout for permission slips to come home.

Health- 7th grade will be wrapping up learning about 6 body systems. Students will work in small groups and present on a body system of their choice. We will end the quarter learning about nutrition.

Outdoor sports are in full swing again. Please see the link below for parents, coaches and staff to view. It is located on DHS and District webpages as well.

<http://www.ihsa.org/Resources/SportsMedicine/CPRTTraining.aspx>



Keep clipping your Box Tops and turn them in to
Mrs. Delzell at NRMS!

Builders Club Newsletter info:

The North Ridge Builders Club has distributed classroom boxes and individual collection boxes for our annual collection for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The actual collection is March 13th-April 7th. We wanted to get the boxes out early because of our large goal this year. We are attempting to raise \$1000 and are looking forward to watching the head shaving of several of our staff members if we reach our goal!! We have collected over \$250 so far. We hope to reach our goal before Spring break and plan to do the head shavings around March 16th. Thank you to 7th grade teacher, Mr. Weber, for arranging this!! There will be a prize for the classroom (1st hour for 8th and 2nd hour for 7th) that collects the most money. There is a goal poster in the main hallway. Please send your donations with your child or feel free to send them into the office. We will accept change, bills, or checks made out to NRMS Builders Club or The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 8th at 8:15 A. M. Thank you for supporting our community service projects!!

NORTH RIDGE SHOW CHOIRS UPDATE

The North Ridge Choirs presented a successful Black History Month Concert on February 13, 2017 in the Cafetorium. Songs performed by the choir included: My Shot from the Broadway musical "Hamilton". Glory from the movie "Selma", Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing, Down By The Riverside and What A Wonderful World. Soloists included Shelby Lowe and Grace Vogt. Several students gave readings and explanations before each number. Over 120 choir members were joined by North Ridge alum Roy Butler Staple in a rousing finale that included praise dancers.

The North Ridge Show Choirs are off to a great start. The Redcoats attended a workshop in Hinsdale, IL in January. The Hinsdale Got Talent Clinic offered the Redcoats a chance to work with choral and choreography professionals from across the Chicagoland area. Outstanding performer was Cory Talbott. The Manteno Main Event was the first competition for the groups this year. The Redcoats earned 2nd runner up and the Radiant Reds were named 3rd runner up. Noah Acree was the Male Solo Contest winner. Outstanding performers from the groups were Emma Ferren and Thomas Strain.

The next week at the El Paso Gridley Show Choir Showdown, the Radiant Reds were named People's Choice winners and 2nd runner up. The Redcoats brought home Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Stage Crew and GRAND CHAMPIONS! The Redcoats remain the only group to have ever won the El Paso Gridley Contest! Outstanding performers were Ky'Esha Maze and Cory Talbott.

The last contest for the year is March 10 at Watseka. Hope to see you there!



Earn Extra \$\$\$

District No. 118 Food Service Department is currently looking for part time Kitchen Helpers.

Convenient hours while your children are at school

Holidays and weekends off while your children are at home

Part time hours available during the lunch hour

Competitive wages and benefits available

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Please apply in person at 615 N. Jackson Street, Mon- Fri, 7:00-4:00



The AVID 8th graders visited Indiana State University on Feb 22nd where they learned about campus life and what it means to be a college student.