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Every Student
Every Day

MAY 2017

The Wizard of Oz



The NRMS Theatre Department will present *The Wizard of Oz - Young Performer's Edition* on May 18 and May 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the NRMS Cafetorium. This hour long version of the show features almost 50 students bringing some of your favorite Oz scenes and songs to life. Tickets are \$5 for students in grades K-12 and \$10 for adults.

Featured roles include

Scarecrow/Hunk–Noah Acree, **Tin Man/Hickory**–Cory Talbott, **Lion/Zeke**–Ky'Esha Maze, **Glinda**–Delanie Robinson **Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch**–Kaylee Crushshon, **Wizard/Professor Marvel**–Dax Lara, **Aunt Em**–Jenna Orr, **Uncle Henry/Emerald City Doorman**–Thomas Strain, **Toto**–Dharmik Owen

Featured ensemble roles are played by Bryson Josh, Kennedy Kruger and Jerry Strain.

Ensemble members include Krystal Songer, Hannahbelle Rhodes, Ellie Bergeron, Chloe Hempel, Mayce Osborn, Nazaria Acuna, Alexis Sadler, Grace Vogt, Victoria Rickgauer, Brooklyn Konieczki, Chris Chappell, Aubriana Biage, Jacob Fox, Kinslee Beaulier, Brianna Webster, Zoe Sherman, Abigail Bealer, Lexie Adams, Amelia Ingold, Sarah Schroeder, Makenzie Wells, Chloe Grites, Zoe Spain, Abby Strain, Makenna Fletcher, Kristen Sanchez, Stieve Lawless, Bradley Pollock, Bryson Josh, Donald Shumard, Jerry Strain, Dykaria Herron, Isabelle Bruett, Kennedy Kruger, Emma Ferren, Callie Mansfield, Gabrielle Armstrong

Dates to Remember:

May 3	Early Dismissal @ 2:45 pm
May 4	Family council 5:30
May 13	GIRL EMPOWERMENT DAY Early Dismissal @ 2:45 pm
May 16	8 th Grade CLASS TRIP
May 17	Early Dismissal @ 2:45 pm
May 18/19	WIZARD OF OZ Production 7:00 pm
May 22	8 th gr. honors 9:15am, gym
May 25	7 th gr. honors 9:15am, gym
May 26	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
May 29	MEMORIAL DAY
June 5-June 30	Summer School

8th Grade Promotion Tuesday, May 23, 2017 David Palmer Arena 6:00 pm

Students are asked to arrive by **5:30 p.m.** The students will be awarded certificates and medals in the following categories:

American Legion Post 210 Awards
SAR/DAR/Citizenship/Leadership
Josephine Bibb Scholarship
North Ridge Citizenship Awards
IESA Scholar Attitude
IPA Principal Award
Mark Denman \$1000 Scholarship

- Boys are asked to dress in a button-down shirt with a collar, dress pants, belt and dress shoes (no t-shirts, jeans, tennis shoes).
- Girls are asked to wear a dress (with straps) or a pant-suit with dress shoes (no t-shirts, jeans, tennis shoes, or flip flops).

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.
- * Thank you!

7th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

May is a big month for social studies. We will be taking both the Revolutionary War and United States Constitution tests. Both will require students to study at home. We always encourage students to study every night instead of cramming for tests at the last minute. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there and enjoy your summer!

7th GRADE MATH

Seventh grade math students are working on wrapping up with area, perimeter, and volume. We will be starting Chapter 7 which is angle relationships. Please encourage your child to keep working until the very last day of school and bring their materials, including textbooks, to class! Please replenish pencils and paper for these last few weeks. Let's finish strong!

7th GRADE SCIENCE

Seventh graders just finished the Weather Unit and are on the final unit. We will be digging deeper into cells and what is inside of us. Students will be working with microscopes: magnifying newsprint to see that the "e" is upside down under the microscope, checking out what pond water has in it (ask them about the Euglenas and aquatic worms!), and cheek cells. We'll be examining the life of cells and how they duplicate themselves. Our last lesson will be on body systems. Our new curriculum this year, IQWST, has been a great boost to our science program. Next year should be even better!

8th GRADE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

To end the year, the 8th grade English Language Arts department will be focusing on the Holocaust as well as Argumentative Writing. The students will be watching documentaries, reading first person accounts from the genocide, as well as creating their own essays based on what they have learned. This lesson directly corresponds with the World War II unit that students recently finished in their Social Studies classes.

This end of the year unit will also incorporate all of the standards that they have been learning since 1st quarter, such as citing evidence, basic grammar skills, and identifying the theme/central idea of a story.

CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES (CSI): Ms. Collins

- * Students will continue to discuss and research current news (local, state, and national) events.
- * Students will complete a retail market analysis research project and speech.
- * Students will create a year in review news mural.

NRMS REGISTRATION DATES FOR 2017-2018 (SAVE THE DATES)

- **Tuesday, August 8 (7th grade) 9am – 12pm / 3pm – 6pm
- **Wednesday, August 9 (8th grade) 9am – 12pm / 3pm – 6pm

DHS REGISTRATION DATES FOR 2017-2018 NEW FRESHMAN (9TH GRADE)

- Tuesday, August 8: 1 to 7 pm (all grades)
- Wednesday, August 9: 8 to 11 am AND 1 to 4 pm (all grades)

- *The freshmen swim proficiency test will be offered to incoming freshmen on Wednesday, August 9th from 8 to 11 am. The swim proficiency test is MANDATORY for all first year freshmen students. Students who choose not to take advantage of this "early" opportunity, will take the swim test in their PE class once school begins.
- *First year freshmen will receive their student ID at the 9th grade table. Returning freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors MUST have their student ID's in order to register. Students that do not have their ID's will either have to purchase a new ID (cost is \$5) or return later to register with their ID.

- *Freshmen Physical Forms - All first year freshmen must have a completed physical form to register for the 2017-2018 school year. Students that do not have their physical form will not be allowed to pick up their school schedules.

PARENTS – MAKE YOUR STUDENT’S APPOINTMENT NOW. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. THERE IS NORMALLY A DELAY IN SECURING AN APPOINTMENT FOR SCHOOL PHYSICALS.

*Freshmen: Physical & proof of 2 varicella vaccines

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

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***

* ***Proof of residency***

* ***Lead screening***

* ***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.

SHOW CHOIR

Please mark your calendar for auditions for North Ridge Show Choir on Tuesday, May 23. Singing and dancing auditions will both be held that day. More information will be available from Mrs. Woodrow soon.

On Thursday, April 27, members of the NRMS Show Choirs were honored to perform "God Bless America" during the pregame activities on the infield at Busch Stadium! Fifty two students were accompanied by parent chaperones and enjoyed a visit to the St. Louis Arch and a tailgate in the parking lot prior to the game.

7th GRADE CONCERT

The 7th Grade Concert will be held on May 2, 2017 at 7 PM in the NR Gym. Groups scheduled to perform include 7th grade Choir, 7th Grade Band, 7th Grade Orchestra, Red peppers and Radiant Reds. Admission is free.

7th grade choir should report to the Choir Room at 6:00 PM. Dress code is any combination of red, black or white. Clothes must meet the school dress code.

Radiant Reds should report to the Choir Room at 6:30 to dress.

8th GRADE CONCERT

The 8th Grade Concert will be presented at 7 PM on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in the NR Gym. Groups scheduled to perform include 7th Grade Band, 7th Grade Choir, 7th Grade Orchestra and The Redcoats. The Music Department will also present their 8th grade awards at this concert. Admission is free.

8th Grade Choir members should report to the choir room at 6:00 PM. Dress code for the concert is any combination of red, white or black. Clothing must meet the school dress code.

Redcoats should report at 6:30 to get dressed.

THE RED AWARDS

The Red Awards, the annual end of year celebration for the NRMS Show Choirs and Theatre Company, will be held Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the Beef House Banquet Center in Covington IN. Doors will open at 6:00 PM CST (Illinois time). More details will be distributed to Show Choir and Theatre Company members.

NOAH AND FRIENDS

A benefit concert to offset camp expenses for NRMS 8th grader Noah Acree, will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017, at 7 PM in the North Ridge Cafetorium. Noah has been accepted to the Musical Theatre Production Summer Program at Interlochen Arts Camp in Interlochen, MI.

Others scheduled to perform on Noah and Friends include: Amanda Coutant, Emma Ferren, Laynie Ferriman, Tom Fricke, Carter Hambley, Nancy Henderson, Kennedy Kruger, Carter Mallady, Jimmy Mitchell, Craig Smith, Molly Smith, Jerry Strain, Julia Megan Sullivan, Katie Weston, David Woodrow, and Russell Zillman.

Admission is \$5. Tickets will be available at the door.

CHORAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to the Choral Department students who participated in IESA State Solo and Ensemble Contest in St. Joseph on April 1. Each soloist received the highest rating of Division I. Those include:

Noah Acree - Waving Through A Window
Emma Ferren - Someone You'd Be Proud Of
Jake Fox - Colors of the Wind
Kennedy Kruger - How Far I'll Go
Jerry Strain - If I Can't Love Her

Kinslee Beaulier - Someone Like You
Laynie Ferriman - Castle on A Cloud
Marlee Harper - Over The Rainbow
Zoe Sherman - What It Means to Be A Friend
Grace Vogt - The Winner Takes It All

At the end of the day, each of the two judges selected their "Best of Day" from the over 50 vocal soloists. Selected were North Ridge's Kennedy Kruger and Jerry Strain.

8TH GRADE PROMOTION TRIP

The 8th grade students will be taking an 8th Grade Promotion Trip to Six Flags St. Louis on Tuesday, May 16th. The 8th grade trip has been a long time tradition in District #118 and the students and staff always have a wonderful time. Students who are attending have met the criteria in both behavior and grades to attend this well-deserved trip. We look forward to spending a fun filled day with your children as we celebrate their promotion to DHS.

NORTH RIDGE SCHOLASTIC BOWL

The NRMS Scholastic Bowl team has had a very successful season. We have had a lot of fun traveling the area to compete. The season culminated in winning the Regional Championship! We will travel to the Sectional Tournament on May 1 and if we are successful there we will go on to the State Tournament on May 5. Our talented team members are: Keely Applegate, Xitlally Bonilla, Destiny Broom, Caleb Campbell, Ezra Carter, Micah Cherry, Matthias Easley-Williams, Annabelle Mockbee, Warren Sleevar, and Tahleanah Thornton.

NORTH RIDGE BUILDER'S CLUB

North Ridge Builders Club would like to thank everyone for their support of our projects this school year. We had a small membership this year, but we were able to complete many awesome projects. In the fall we helped at Kiwanis Pancake Day and made cards for veterans on Veteran's Day. In the winter we rang bells for the Salvation Army, collected Christmas toys for the women's shelter, and collected Christmas gifts to send to a soldier. We collected money to purchase over one hundred and twenty wreaths for our local National Cemetery and participated in laying the wreaths on the graves during Wreaths Across America Day. We made Valentines for our local veterans in February, and participated in the Sandy Hook Promise violence prevention program Start With Hello Week. In March we had a very successful collection for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Our final total collected was over \$1800.00, which was \$800.00 over our goal. Twelve staff members participated in head/beard shaving for the cause, and one staff member cut off her pony tail to donate for cancer patients. Our final projects for the year are a read-n-rock-a-thon to benefit Reagan's Rescue and Shaken Baby Syndrome awareness and providing treats for the staff during Teacher Appreciation Week. Builders Club also collected all of our school's paper for recycling every other week. We need everyone to continue collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education!! A product list is included in this newsletter. The money from the box tops helps support our projects and our school. We hope to have contests next year to promote this program. Please encourage your children to join Builders Club next year. We meet every other Wednesday at 8:15 A.M. Contact Mrs. Delzell or Mrs. Leemon if you have questions about Builders Club or any other Kiwanis sponsored club. Have a great summer!!

CONGRATULATIONS DONALD SHUMARD!!

Danville Elks Lodge #332 is proud to announce that our very on 7th grade student, Donald Shumard, is a finalist going to the district level with his Americanism essay! There will be a special dinner at the Elks Club on May 10th honoring all finalists. Congratulations on your success Donald!

CONGRATULATIONS WHITNEY CARPENTER!!

Builders Club member Whitney Carpenter was nominated by one of her teachers to attend the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. Whitney is described as "a student with the scholastic merit, maturity, and strength of character needed to represent North Ridge." The conference is July 30th-August 4th. Whitney is trying to

raise money to help her with the conference tuition and travel expenses. Whitney is very deserving of this opportunity! Here is the link to her trip fundraising page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/whitneys-trip-to-dc-for-the-jnylc>

NRMS GIRLS TRACK

We recently had a meet in Springfield, IL at Southeast High School on Saturday April 22, where they competed against nine teams. *Kymia Williams (7th grade) was first overall in the 100 meters 13.65 in the finals but had PR in the prelims with a time of 13.59. *Kyra Clark (8th grade) had also made it to finals with a PR of 13.93.

*Latorra Baker (8th grade) also had a personal best and she came in third overall in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:07! Anayzel *Ortiz (8th grade) also had a personal best in the 400 meter run with the time of 1:25.

*Hallee Thomas (8th grade) not only came in first overall in the Hurdles with a time of 16.69 (PR) but also in Pole Vault with a vault of 8-06 (PR). She also three stepped the entire race.

*Seventh grader (Lynae Ward), who stole the show in the hurdles as well, with the time 18.06 and came in first overall. Aniya Parker (7th grade) and Taylor Fowler also had a personal best on Saturday with times of 21.65 (AP) and 20.24 (TF). Good job ladies!!!

* Inara Perryman (7th grade) who participates in shot put had a personal best with the throw of 24-09.00.

* Trinity Pursley (7th grade) made it to finals in the long jump and came in 6th overall out of 40 girls that day that competed and ended with the jump of 12-04.75.

*The 4X400 Relay team for 7th grade (Lynae Ward, Nautika Conaway, Trinity Pursley, and Ty'Brea Jones) came in second overall with the time of 5:03.

The team keeps improving and growing not only on the track but off of it as well. I am extremely proud of what they have accomplished thus far. Coach Day

THE NORTH RIDGE BOYS ARE ON TRACK FOR STATE!!

With the State track finals less than a month away, the boys track team is making a strong push to qualify for state. The 7th grade team is led by Martez Rhodes, who has put up some blistering times this year. His 11.63 second finish in the 100 meter dash is one of the fastest 7th grade times in the state. Also the 25.12 second finish that he posted in the 200 meter dash is also under the state qualifying mark. Martez also anchors the 8th grade 4x100 relay team that has put up a 47.68 which is only half a second away from the school record. Marcus Perry and Ricky Dandridge are also putting up times and distances that are right on the edge of the state qualifying standards. Ricky just jumped an amazing 16'11.5" at the Springfield Invitational last weekend, placing second overall at the meet. This jump passed the state qualifying mark by four and a half inches. While Marcus has put forth solid finishes in the 100 and 200 meter races, he posted a 12.31 in the 100 and a 26.81 in the 200. Both times are just a few tenths of a second from the state standards. Marcus and Ricky are also part of both the 7th grade 4x100 relay as well as the 4x400 relay. Joining Ricky and Marcus in the 4X100 is Jeremiah Goldston, Jamari Marshall, and Moise York. Their time of a 53.20 is 0.9 seconds away from the state mark!

On the 8th grade side of things, the season is also going well. The team just posted a 3rd place finish at the 12 team Springfield Invitational. This was our best ever team finish at this meet. The talk of the 8th grade team is the 4x100 relay. As stated earlier, their 47.68 finish is one of the best in the state. The members of that relay include Isaiah Moton, David Moss Jr., Josh Pasigna, and Martez Rhodes. With a time of 11.93 in the 100 meters, and a 24.87 in the 200 meters, Isaiah has a strong chance to qualify for the state finals in both events. Josh Pasigna, our only returning state qualifier from last year, has also posted some fast times in the 100 and 200 meter races. Blake Graves and Gage White have been holding down the distance side of things. Their consistent scoring of points in the 1600 and 800 meter races, have been major contributions to the team's success. The surprises of the season have been Eric Turner and Vincent Williams, who coming off a 3rd and 2nd place finish respectively at Springfield, have made the 400 meter race their own. Both boys are improving every race and it won't be long before they, too, are knocking on the door of State. They also lead the 4x400 relay team with David Moss Jr. and Tomas Reed, which posted a 4:19 second finish at Springfield.

Both the 7th and 8th grade teams have been training really hard and both teams have their sights set on qualifying for the state finals in as many events as they can. Both teams will continue to train hard and do everything they can to turn that dream of State into a reality.

North Ridge Middle School will host Summer School:



Date: June 5, 2017 thru June 30 2017

Monday-Friday

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Transportation will be provided to assigned site. Students will be provided breakfast and lunch.