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Northwestern Elementary Holiday Fun! Candy Cane Day



Mrs. Hartzler's kindergarten class had "dress like a candy cane day." They zip-lined, Bob the Elf and had candy canes in Sprite.

The Northwestern 2017 girls and boys basketball teams are having tremendous seasons!! At print time, the girls are 11-1 and the boys are 10-5. Come out and watch some good basketball this winter and support our HUSKIES!!

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Friends,

The warm spring is on the horizon. Although, it seems, we have really not experienced the bitter cold. Thank goodness!

The accomplishments of our students has been fantastic. The accolades received for our educational excellence and leadership by the educational community continues to be astounding. Our teachers are leading other teachers through participation in our state-wide 5 district blended learning grant cohort, regional problem-based learning Rural education cohort. We have public officials and schools, and educational organizations visiting our schools and collaborating with us. This year will be our third year of collaboration with The College of Wooster in the 1-week summer "Plant Genome Research" camp. This summer will also be our 1st with Ohio State University ATI & OARDC 3-week summer "BioEnergy-Water-Water Treatment" Research camp"! I am in awe of our fantastic teachers who spend their time during the school year as well as their summers not only planning lessons and activities, but also participating in professional development, presenting at conferences, and sacrificing additional time and energy into their programs and to our students!

Whether it be fine arts, STEM programs, core foundational courses, or extracurricular activities we do prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities. **I want to thank "YOU" our community for your support of the pursuit of excellence!**

We continue pursuing authentic, real-world learning and advancement for each of our students. We continue exploring grants to support our endeavors and we are currently also working on the state's new Elementary School STEM application – we anticipate being one of 2 or 3 elementary schools in this initial

Elementary School STEM Designation group to be approved this spring! This would provide us the notoriety of being one of the first and only perhaps 1 or 2 K-12 STEM Districts in Ohio!

We have a broader vision – the course of which was set through our strategic plan and with the leadership of our Board of Education that include:

- Continue refining and expanding authentic learning through Project-based learning and STEM instruction, as well as our Career Pathways and Career Planning
- Continue excellent fine arts programs
- Continue our focus on individualized instruction and differentiating our instruction to improve meeting the needs of every child
- Expanded preschool
- Expanded and improved Science and career pathway lab spaces – most especially at the high school
- Studying flexible hours, days, year scheduling
- Land acquisition as opportunities arise
- Continue investing in technology, which improves the efficiency and effectiveness of instruction

Each of these listed items will require our investment of time and dollars. However, we will pursue grants and contributions to soften our cost and ensure that these are affordable as we move forward with our mission in preparing our students, as has been our practice.

We have been updating and replacing components of our HVAC systems and will continue this project over the next 16 months. Afterwards, we will update our high school fire suppression system. Our community has so much to be grateful for - our families, friends, and wonderful school system. In our schools we have extraordinary teachers and support staff, wonderful administrators, and wise board members. We also have numerous support organizations which help our mission such as Ruritans, All Sports, PTOs, Music Boosters, Alumni & Friends, FFA Alumni, etc.

I take great pride in sharing the continued accomplishments of our students, community, and schools. The supports and relationships throughout our community are unique.

We can take great pride in our schools and together we can continue to strive for even greater heights. With our dedicated administrators, staff, and community we will continue striving for and achieving well-beyond expectations.

We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to focus on the needs of our students. We will continue to prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!

I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, and anyone in our community. It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and "thank you" for your ongoing support.

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Want to reduce the cost of administration in schools?

Eliminate charter schools.

On average, the cost of administration for public schools in Ohio is in the range of 13%. Charter schools, on average, spend in the range of 26%.

The Education Research Alliance issued a Jan. 17, 2017 Policy Brief by Christian Buerger and Douglas N. Harris, Tulane University, which indicates that charter school administration costs in New Orleans have increased 66% relative to a public school comparison group. New Orleans charter expenditures for instruction declined 10% relative to the comparison group.

For at least five decades, policymakers in Ohio have called for reduction in the cost of school district administration. Ironically, little or no concern has been raised regarding the extraordinary cost of administration in the charter industry.

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District News

Title I & Special Education (IDEA) Annual Notifications

The elementary, middle school – all are designated as Title I buildings and participate in the Title I with “school-wide” service status. Northwestern encourages active, ongoing parent involvement with their child’s education, which is a parental right under Title I. Collaboration between student, parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators are strongly correlated with student achievement and success.

A special Title I and IDEA (Special Education) parental planning and involvement meeting is held annually at the March Board of Education regular meeting. These meetings are held the 3rd Monday in March at 7:00PM in the High School library. This is our annual parent involvement & collaborative planning meeting for our Special Education (IDEA) and Title I programs. We discuss current programs and collaboratively plan for utilization of these funds for the upcoming school year. Last March parents, community members, administrators and the Board of Education discussed and planned for this year’s programs. Our Special Education, Title I, as well as Gifted Services were also an important part of our recently completed Strategic Plan Meeting discussions.

Please contact your child’s teacher, building administrator, intervention specialist, Title I coordinator, or special education coordinator with questions, concerns, comments, performance data, suggestions, and/or desire for increased participation in the planning of your child’s education, programs, curriculum, and communications utilizing Title I and IDEA federal funds.

- Parents are encouraged to request information regarding professional qualifications of their student’s classroom teachers – including teacher state qualifications & licensing appropriate to grade level and subject area taught, as well as if the teacher is teaching under a temporary license in which state qualifications or licensing qualifications might be temporarily waived. In addition, parents have a right to request information regarding baccalaureate degree major, graduate school certification, field of discipline, and whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

- Note: 100% of Northwestern District teachers are HQT (Highly Qualified Teachers), and 100% of paraprofessionals are HQ (Highly Qualified). Highly Qualified Paraprofessionals must hold an Associate’s Degree, 2+ years of college, or passed the rigorous state academic assessment.

- Northwestern school district consistently strives to utilize all federal, state, and local dollars wisely with the optimal impact on student achievement. We encourage parental participation and input into possible improvements of the fund utilization – especially with Title I funds.

- Northwestern has zero “targeted assistance” schools for the current school year. In addition, no buildings are in “continuous improvement” status or lower as determined by the state of Ohio.

- All current and former migratory, transient, and homeless students enrolling at Northwestern receive the same Title I and Special education Services as other children in Northwestern Schools as determined by school-wide programs, specialized programs, and IEPs. Northwestern serves all students and does not discriminate services based upon gender, race, or disability.

- Northwestern participates in the Tri-County ESC Preschool Consortium for both handicapped and traditional preschool children. Title I-A and school district funds are used to support these programs.

- Northwestern has LEP (Limited English Proficient) support for LEP students. LEP students and their parents are encouraged to discuss additional needs relative to their language barrier and beyond current LEP and Title I support.

- Northwestern coordinates and integrates federal, state, and local funds that include programs required under NCLB (No Child Left Behind), bullying, violence prevention, nutrition, head start, job training, and vocational & technical education.

- Northwestern consults with nonpublic and private schools regarding available title I services for schools located within the Northwestern School District and those schools outside on the Northwestern School District having Northwestern school district resident students attending

Ohio Parent Information and Resource Center (PIRC)

Northwestern supports the Ohio Parent Information and Resource Center

Ohio PIRC website <http://www.ohiopirc.org/>

PIRC Mission: Knowing that parent involvement in schools is critical to success, the Ohio PIRC provides opportunities for families to learn, share, and lead in their homes, schools, and communities.

Supporting parents and professionals to:

- * learn about "No Child Left Behind" legislation
- * understand Academic Standards
- * understand the importance of family involvement in schools
- * increase parent knowledge of child development and educational practices and to ultimately -
- * increase student success!



Win or Lose -- always come together
and be thankful!

Husky Pride and Tradition

**Northwestern
Schools
“Home of the
Huskies”**

**Greenhouse – Clean
Energy Bio Lab Update**

We have had a delay as a result of tying together several contractors as far as the combining them in a plan for an electrical permit. However, the project continues moving forward and is within the budget. We hope to have the facility open for visitors on the day of the Washington, D.C. auction and Ruritan Sausage and pancake breakfast – although it is likely to not be quite completed by that date.

Below is an estimated timeline for completion:

- By January 31st Electrical Engineer Plans sent to Building Dept. for approval.
- By Feb. 14th Building Dept. approval.
- By March 10th Installation of Geothermal, Solar, Wind Turbine, lights, electrical outlets, and setting the biofuel plant.
- By April 1st Installation of our anticipated aquaponics lab.

Floor poured with partial gravel under bench areas.

Misting System installed, plant benches built and set-up.

- By April 30th “Buy a Brick” walkway installed.



We would love to have the ribbon-cutting of this \$250,000+ facility with dignitaries including the Governor and other government officials by mid-April. We are hoping tentatively for Friday, April 21 or a date soon thereafter.

Watch the website for updated information and for pictures!

Media Focus:

- STEM Education
- Rural School Success
- Governor’s Straight A Fund Grant Success for students
- School collaboration – 5 district Rural Collaborative
- Organizational Collaboration – Battelle, High Schools that Work, ODE (The Ohio Dept. of Education), OSLN (Ohio STEM Learning Network), OSU-ATI, Student Career Pathways, Business Partnerships, Wayne County Economic Development, Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce



Greenhouse Update

Our “BUY A BRICK” donation program will continue through sidewalk construction – anticipated to occur in April, 2017!

We broke ground on the project on October 29th, building shell completion was in December. Geothermal, Wind Turbine, Solar array expected installation following electrical permit approval.

The bulk of the remaining inside components, infrastructure completion anticipated in March, 2017!

Reasons/celebrations to “BUY A BRICK”:

- To give thanks to your family
- Easter – in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ
- Birthdays
- Weddings
- Anniversary
- In memory of a loved one
- In celebration on a special event

Order forms are available on the Northwestern website, in the office of any district building, and through any Agricultural Science student!

While we have attained our goal, we anticipate the need for additional dollars for construction and infrastructure contingency needs as well as for internal components such as the benches, lighting, watering systems, hydroponics section, supplies, etc.

THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO OUR FANTASTIC CONTRIBUTORS – SOME OF WHOM ARE LISTED BELOW!

Monetary Donations

- \$25,000 Mid America Farm Credit
- \$5000 Commodity Blenders - Bruce and Deanna Keener & Family
- \$5000 Anonymous
- \$3000 Farm Bureau
- \$3000 Dupont Pioneer
- \$2500 Monsanto
- \$1000 Town and Country
- \$ 500 State Farm Insurance (through Dan Wakefield Insurance)



"Home of the Huskies"

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In-Kind Contributions

\$12,000 Randy Tegtmeier & Family Labor and equipment donation for Ground & Foundation work Fundraising Events/Contributions
 August Soup Supper (August)
 Lerche's Donut coupons
 5-Guys Dinner Event (Oct.)
 "Buy a Brick" (ongoing fundraiser)

8x8 Bricks

American Augers
 Baker's Acres
 Scot Industries
 The Harbaugh Family (2)
 Wayne County Retired Teachers Association
 The Fulk Family
 The Wiantt Family
 The Keener Family
 Wellert's AC Parts
 Northwestern Food Service
 The Tegtmeier Family (2)
 The Layton Family
 The Wakefield Family
 Northwestern Ruritans

4x8 Bricks

P Graham Dunn
 The Forbes Family
 The Workman Family
 Koenig's Korner
 The Burkholder Family
 Scott Smith Family
 The Brightbill Family
 The Mole Family
 The Flick/Woodruff Family
 The Forbes/Brewster Family
 The Martin/Knight Family
 The Kardohley Family
 Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association
 The Sykes Family
 The McCumber Family
 Chuck Beck
 The Beun Family
 The Ladrach Family
 The Yambor Family
 The Hochstetler Family
 The Family of Joey Palmer
 The Abrecht/Long/Clark Families
 The Payn Family
 High Schools that Work NE Ohio Region

Human Trafficking & Sexual Abuse

As parents, educators, and a concerned community we must remain vigilant in discussing with our children and maintaining awareness of human trafficking, internet and social media safety concerns, as well as potential sexual abuse. This is an important part of our health curriculum within these classes. However, in addition to this, we also should all be discussing this topic with our young people. I trust that we as aware members of our community discuss and watch the many dangers of social media and uncomfortable situations that may lead to damaging situations - including potential molesters and human traffickers.

As a school district I trust that our teachers, bus drivers, administration - all of our employees - will continue to encourage parents to be aware, to monitor their children's activities on the internet, on the phone, and in person. We also should, as parents, continue asking questions of our children and encourage our students to question anything that their instincts tell them is not quite right and to remove themselves from and mention to trusted adults uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situations.

With the data and situations and evidence so close to home here in Ohio we all should redouble our efforts at educating our students, parents, as well as our communities to be sure we all remain vigilant and aware. We do not need any more victims of sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or human trafficking. Trust your instincts and check it out if you feel something is not quite right.

Northwestern Ruritans

Northwestern Ruritan meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00PM in the Northwestern High School commons. Each meeting begins with a catered meal, followed by a presentation and meeting. Visitors are welcome and new members are encouraged to participate. Ruritans are about "servant leadership" and about "community".

2017 Current President Kim Wellert
2016 Past President Phil Keener
Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Businesses Recognition Award winners over the past 8 years include:

- Lodi Lumber
- Koenig's Korner
- Scot Industries
- LuK, USA
- Hagans Construction, Inc.
- New Pittsburgh Fire & Rescue
- Central Farm & Garden, Inc.
- American Legion Post #499
- Commodity Blenders
- Fuhrman's IGA
- West Salem IGA
- Town & Country Co-op
- Cutter Oil
- Hud Wharton Excavating
- Wellerts A.C. Parts (2015) Owner Kim Wellert
- Friendly Wholesale Company of Wooster
- Ed Marty Studios
- G & S Titanium
- Prentke Romich Co. & Romich Foundation
- Heffelfinger Meats

** Stay Informed **



“COME EXPLORE NORTHWESTERN”

Open Enrollment seats available – tuition-free.

No athletic fees and very low academic school fees.

Applications available on-line or by contacting the office of the superintendent.

Call & schedule a visit or tour of our schools.

“We prepare our students today for tomorrow’s opportunities!”

Engineering! Flight & Space! BioMedical! Renewable-Clean Energy!
Animal Science! Agri-Science Business!
Delivering a “World Class” Education! 21st Century skills! Student Engagement
Rigor – Relevancy – Relationships! Spanish! Technology!
Effective Schools Practices! Future Fridays – Careers! Technology Innovations!
Leadership! Character Education! French! Individualized Instruction!
Robotics! Fine Arts! Engaging Project-Based Learning! Internships!
Entrepreneurship! K-12 STEM Schools! Senior Seminar Capstone Project!
Flexible Credit Options! “Husky Huddle” Student-Staff Mentorship Programs!
High School Associate’s Degree Program! Innovation Station STEM Lab!
Computer Science! Enrichment/Acceleration/Gifted/Post-Secondary Programs!

Our Career Pathways:

Career Pathways (4 to 6 year programs):

- Agri-Business
- Biomedical
- Engineering
- Clean-Renewable Energy
- Computer programming
- Family & Consumer Science
- Business Finance & Entrepreneurship
- Teacher Education (new in 2017!)



Our Northwestern Culture:

Caring, hard-working, dedicated teachers & staff!

Small, individualized classrooms!

Extraordinary community support!

STEM Labs!

Numerous extra-curricular programs, athletics, arts, drama, etc!

Many clubs and activities!

High Expectations: Did you know that over the past 6 years more than 65% of Northwestern 8th Gr. Students have completed Algebra I before entering High School?

“Intelligence plus character -- that is the goal of true education.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

About Northwestern Ruritans:

The Northwestern Ruritan Club is an organization dedicated to the betterment of our community. Our mission is “to make our community a better place in which to live.”

The Ruritans raise funds in three primary ways – by manning the gates of the Wayne County Fair, manning Congress recycling, and through the annual Sausage & Pancake Breakfast held in conjunction with the Northwestern Washington, D. C. Auction the second Saturday of March. There are also several additional projects held in order to raise funds.

The Ruritans provide ongoing community service projects that include:

- Northwestern Husky Brigade – Distributing donations to active military from our community
- Northwestern Husky Brigade Annual Golf Outing
- Community Parade of Flags – new this spring, distribution and setting-up United States Flags
- Providing numerous Northwestern Scholarships each year
- Sponsoring students for various leadership projects and activities
- Community Recycling
- Roadside clean-up
- Donations for families and organizations in need
- Buckeye Boys State & Buckeye Girls State Leadership weekend contributions
- Recognizing area businesses & volunteer organizations for community and school support
- Cemetery clean-up
- Support for our Northwestern Schools
- Support for the Old School House in West Salem
- Support for the West Salem Town & Country Festival
- Numerous ongoing and special activities to support our community

Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Business Recognition Award

Business Award of Merit Nomination Form

Name of Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Owner/Contact Person _____

Contributions to school and/or community: _____ -

Nominated by: _____ (Deadline: March 31)

Note: Nomination information may be typed or printed on other paper and attached to this form.

Nominator: Please send to the office of any school building to be forward to Mr. Layton.

Northwestern District

Northwestern FFA Officers Attend Officer Training

On October 29th, officers from the Northwestern FFA Chapter attended District officer training held at Northwestern High School. Other FFA chapters that attended were Norwayne, Triway, RG Drague, Buckeye and United. The officers from Northwestern FFA that attended were Katie Stull, Cody Tegtmeier, Reiley Murphy, Ally Ruegg, Sydney Harmon, Emily Cromer, David Miley, Jessie Bair, Emily Finley, Austen Wood, Maria Chellis, and Cody Morrow. The officers started with a session hosted by Marlene Eick. The activities following were icebreakers led by the Northwestern FFA officers and split off into groups with other officers of the same position for training in their specific position. They learned about the duties and expectations of their position and learned what is required to receive a Gold Rating on their record books for the year. Members who attended this event also received pizza, chips, cookies, and punch. This officer training event was beneficial for the officers who attended because of the opportunity to share ideas with officers from other chapters and the lessons on the duties of each position. Heather Tegtmeier also taught a group session on servant leadership and what it means to be a servant leader. Members enjoyed the morning meeting new people and learning how to be a better officer.

The Northwestern FFA officer team pose for a picture after completing a session on servant leadership.



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“David E. Knight, Past School Principal Remembered”

David Eugene Knight died December 4, 2016, at the age of 91. He served the Northwestern School District as the high school principal from 1964 to 1969, and later as the West Salem Elementary School principal from 1975 to 1984.

He began his teaching career at Bellville High school teaching math and coaching football in 1949. He later moved to Orrville where he taught math, coached and served as a principal at the junior high and elementary buildings before assuming the Northwestern High School principal position.

Mr. Knight’s connection to the Northwestern School community and education started long before he started working for the district. Knight’s grandfather, Lyman S. Knight, was a principal at the Congress School many years before the Northwestern School District was consolidated. His father, Lyman C. Knight, taught at Killbuck Number Five School in Congress Township. The school was closed in 1917 and students were transported to Congress School, the old demolished Northwestern Junior High building in Congress. David Knight’s mother and 4 brothers and sisters were also teachers.

Mr. Knight served in World War II in the Pacific theater. After the war he graduated from the College of Wooster where he played football. He received his masters in education from Kent State University. He was active in his community and served as Congress Township trustee, Town and Country Fire Board, and Congress Cemetery Board. He was an active member of the Congress Community Church and quick to share his faith in Jesus Christ.

His thirty-five years in public education left a lasting positive impact on the students, parents, teachers, and staff he encountered. A few of his lasting achievements included the start of an outdoor education programming that proved to be a model for other school districts across the state. He also worked closely with the Center of Science & Industry (C.O.S.I.) to establish a mobile outreach program for schools to make programming more accessible for children. He was proud to serve the Northwestern community and was inducted into the Northwestern Schools’ Hall of Honor in 2008.

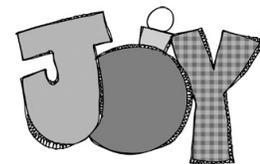
He instilled a sense of service to others. This is evident as all four of his children became teachers and many family members continue his legacy to help children. Daughters, Ruth Ann Martin, the assistant principal at Northwestern Elementary, and Mid White, teacher at Northwestern Middle School, are long time educators. Sons, along their wives, Dave and Sue Knight, and Steve and Pat Knight, have all retired as educators. David’s wife, Ruth Knight retired as a treasurer of Northwestern Schools. Seven of his grandchildren and their spouses are also currently teachers.

Even after David Knight’s retirement from education, he continued to teach and serve others. It might have been teaching someone how to water ski on the pond, giving children a ride on his train, hosting a school field at his farm, or writing an encouraging letter to a past student. David Knight believed in helping others and always brighten one’s day.



Left to right - sitting: Kaylee Reed, Carley Kandel, Kenzi Gray
2nd row: Katie Stull, Liz Siders
Back row: Matt Boreman, Brandon Reed, Alan-Michael Ulrich

Thank you to the Northwestern High School students and staff who helped the “STAR” leadership team complete another successful Share A Christmas project. The “STAR” group has been doing this project for 18 years now. It is a blessing and joy to see the students and staff come together and share their holiday gift giving spirit with children in our school district.



HOME OF THE HUSKIES



**Mr. Mike
Burkholder
Northwestern
High School
Principal**

Hello from Northwestern High School,

As time rolls on, we can be assured that winter will give way to spring – bringing with it the Spring Assessment season. This used to mean just the Ohio Graduation Test. We are now in the process of phasing this test out. Our current seniors, who have one or more sections that they still need to pass, will continue with the OGT process. Our freshmen and sophomores and juniors will be taking End of Course tests if they are enrolled in any of the following classes: English 9, English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, American History, American Government or Biology. The end of course tests will be in April. We are looking at our options and we will release a test schedule once we have finalized the plans.

For members of the class of 2018, the combined result of their Performance Based and their End of Course tests will be given a rating, which is attached to a point value. As things stand now, the highest point value is a 5. Students will take these assessments in seven different classes and need to accumulate at least 18 points across these tests, as a graduation requirement. There will be retest opportunities, where necessary.

As with any new assessment program, there will be growing pains. As anticipated, schools across the state and country have experienced lower scores and are working to address and become more efficient with the new assessment. These tests will play a significant role in the Ohio Department of Education’s grading system and “grade cards” issued to school districts. We will meet the requirements, but keep our focus on educating our children to the very best of our ability rather than focus on the assessment. The schools grade card will include a shift to the utilization of letter grades rather than the current terminology of continuous improvement, effective

or excellent. There is a general belief that fewer schools will receive the highest distinction, which in this case would be an overall grade of A. Hopefully the additional information assessed will help to communicate how schools are doing with their current population of students and help formulate effective strategies to do better in areas that receive a lower score. All schools and their demographics are different, making it difficult to use the information for comparative purposes.

We are very proud of the body of work completed by our students in senior seminar. Thank you to all community members who took the time to serve as mentors or to sit on the panel during presentations. It is a huge endeavor, but is very worthwhile. We continue to focus on preparing our students for college and/or career readiness, with one of the culminating experiences being senior seminar, capstone PLTW courses or internships.

It is the time of year that we begin planning for the coming year and will be starting the scheduling process for returning students. We have scheduled a meeting to help with this process on Tuesday March 7th at 6:00 p.m. The 2017 – 2018 course selection books is available on-line. As expected, our curriculum is always evolving. We have some new course offerings in our Visual Art, Agricultural Science, Advanced English 11, Advanced World History, Advanced American History, Advanced Biological Science and Family Consumer Science curriculum, a third course in the clean energy pathway will be added and we will be releasing the second class in the computer science pathway. Please contact us with any questions you may have, relative to your child’s academic selections.

The Greenhouse project continues to move forward. This facility will open up new opportunities in the Ag Science, as well as other Biological Science classes. The inclusion of clean energy components, including geothermal energy with both a vertical and horizontal loop, a wind turbine, a solar panel array and a bio-digester will serve as excellent educational experiences. They will also be a place for community members to see the varied technologies in place and get a sense for the energy derived from them. It is anticipated that these technologies will continue to have a more



prominent role in energy acquisition in homes and businesses throughout our community and beyond.

We have had many exciting things going on at the high school. The music and visual arts programs have continued to perform well. Many community members have had the pleasure of listening to their concert performances and seeing their displayed work. We have participated in, and served as the host school, for the One Act Play Festival. Our winter sports teams have worked hard and have given their best efforts. Hopefully this newsletter finds many teams and/or individuals still competing in their respective tournaments.

A reminder to all community members; Thanks to the generosity of the Northwestern All-Sports Association and Northwestern High School Physical Education classes now has a well-equipped fitness room. The fitness room is equipped with 2 treadmills, 2 ellipticals, upright bikes & recumbent bikes. The fitness room is located on the Northwest Corner of the High School in Room 400. The room is available to members of the Northwestern Community from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on days that the high school is in session. Northwestern Middle School students may use the equipment if accompanied by an adult. For safety reasons, we cannot allow children 11 or younger to use the equipment. Access to the fitness room may vary with the season, and the school calendar.

Community members have access to the track during daylight hours. Please restrict your use to the outside four lanes to reduce the wear on the inner lanes, which have more use during athletic events. The free weight facility in the community building is also available to community members, with restrictions.

During the school day it can be accessed by signing in and getting a key from the board office. If we have a physical education class using the facility, they have priority.

Hello from Mr. Burkholder, continued..

These classes are typically scheduled from 7:20 to 9:32. After school hours the weight room is generally utilized by athletic teams, making the facility unavailable. If the board office is closed and the athletic teams have finished their practices, access to the weight room may be achieved through a coach or Northwestern staff member who has a key, but they must be on the premises with you as a supervisor. These tightened restrictions are a result of trying to be good members of the community while balancing issues related to safety and liability.

We have so many people that invest so much for our students and children. Thank you for your continued support as we continue the work of “Preparing our Students Today for Tomorrow’s Opportunities”.

News about French Classes

The Northwestern French classes have been very busy last fall with special activities outside of their usual classes. All classes helped Madame Gillespie celebrate National French Week which took place November 4 to 11. There were beautiful posters put up in the Commons area made by all three levels French I,II,and III, which the student body voted on with prizes for the winners. The French II and III classes wrote a “French Trivia Quiz” for everyone in the school to take, also awarding prizes for the best scores. The cafeteria always tries to put a little French flair onto the food line by adding a few “French-like” items during the week, for instance Pancakes (for Crepes), vinigrette dressing for salad, ham and cheese grilled sandwich (Croque Monsieur). This year’s big hit was the Chocolate Mousse Competition during all the lunch periods, run by the French students (see photo to the right).

The French III class took a day to attend “French Immersion Day” at Wright State University, where they were required to use their French language skills all day long, not speaking any English during fun games and activities, and lunch. The theme for all activities was “La Belgique”, (Belgium), an important French-speaking country, past and present. The students especially appreciated mingling with hundreds of other high school

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students from all around the state of Ohio. “They speak French, too!” (see photo)



The French II class took on a special project of raising money for the poor people of Haiti whose country was devastated by Hurricane Matthew, killing many Haitians and leaving many homeless, also without good drinking water and vulnerable to diseases like cholera. So the French two students organized a 5K with an Entrance Fee/Donation required to participate. It was a cold early December Saturday morning when the 5K took place, but all managed to get some good exercise.

Mr. Ferrell won the top prize, not surprisingly! (See photo) The French II students are excited that their money (\$220.00 and counting) will be going to a small town called Paulette in Haiti, and that they may get the chance to correspond with some students who live there. Since there is no running water or electricity in the town, their letters will be on old fashioned paper, not by way of email or any social media. Story to be continued....



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BELONGS TO THE
PEOPLE WHO PREPARE
FOR IT TODAY.**

**Northwestern High School
Honor and Merit Roll
2nd Nine Weeks
2016-17**



1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER)

Seniors: David Agnes, Shelby Aulger, Jacob Besancon, Kyle Burgan, Tyler Devore, Erin Gordon, Sydney Harmon, Elizabeth Hartman, Sierra Kamps, Eugenia Kobak, Briana Lindeman, Shelby McKay, Tyler Morr, Reiley Murphy, Riley Rechnitzer, Katie Stull, Brock Thut, Charles Walker

Juniors: Emily Bouffard, Steven Cozzuli, Taylor Dawson, Garrett Dever, Sierra DuVall, Justin Ebert, Emily Finley, Tatum Franczek, Christie Franks, Sarah Fraser, Spencer Garrison, Quinten Garver, Nicolas Grassman, Ariel Harper, Jonathan Hoff, Kennedy Hoffer, Hannah Kardohely, Chase Lambert, Lucas McLellan, Jessica Preston, Nicole Russell, Devin Smith, Parker Smith, Hunter Stidham, Cody Tegtmeier, Hayden Tiliske, Mia Tope, Amaya White, Mason Wilhelmly, Nicole Winkler, Austen Wood, Kelseigh Wright

Sophomores: Mikayla Beegle, Carrie Boak, Tyler Carlson, Maria Chellis, Grace Chupp, Jaimie Critzer, Skylar Dawson, Kaylie Dye, Isaac Franks, Hannah Fricke, Mackenzi Gray, Alexis Hall, Courtney Hoff, Elizabeth Kanzeg, Nikolas King, Katherine Koontz, Annabelle Martin, Cassandra Nutter, Benjamin Pollizi, Kaylee Reed, Alexandra Rowe, Cael Rowland, Kailey Schwartz, Kaitlyn Secrist, Brianna Shearer, Jadah Smith, Allison St. Clair, Olivia Wakefield

Freshmen: Colin Agnes, Jordan Allshouse, Austin Beegle, Claire Bond, Alexander Borton, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, Elliot Coffman, Jordyn Ference, Zaine Garver, Taylor Howman, Jordan Mellegari, Karlie Mowrer, Makenzie Nowell, Cal Rhamy, Mehli Rogers, Leeanna Ruegg, Katherine Shambaugh, Lindsey Sykes, Brock Tegtmeier, Rachel Winkler

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Benjamin Bloom, Matthew Boreman, Knoble Carpenter, Lene Goodman, Jesse McCullough, Allison Ruegg

Juniors: Chase Adkins, Jared Alberts, Holli Asbury, Blair Colter, Jordan Gilbert, Caleb Groves, Nicholas Hinton, Jacob Hudson, Bryce Rush, Katherine Tenney, Devin Whisman

Sophomores: Weslea Arthur, James Blake, Emily Cromer, Trevor Ferriman, Jacey Fulton, Raini Hershey, Jessica Moats, McKenna Perry, Caleb Purdy, Claire Vaughan, Mallory Witucki

Freshmen: James Evans, Logan Haven, Savannah Hunt, Matthew Kobak, Hunter Miller, Aidan Spittler Brianna Teal

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: William Arthur, Brittany Brown, Riley Carlson, Luke Chaffee, Colton Corbett, Keaton Edwards, Dawson Flinn, Lindsey Gortner, Kourtney Kliner, Derek Koch, Cory Leighty, Summer Nairn, Brandon Reed, Rozella Shanklin, Mackenzie Smith, Joshua Tope, AlanMichael Ulrich, Kyle Wharton

Juniors: Lindsey Asbury, Jessica Bair, Michael Campbell, Tylar Coen, Madison Cook, Daniel Critzer, Maverick Duncan, Derick DuVall, Jr., Aaron Eicher, Maria Fortune, Dylan Frybarger, Isabella Gill, Skyla Harp, Peyton Hendricks, Heidi Imhoff, Taylor Jackson, Hunter Kanzeg, David Miley, Chianne Neider, Shawn Newman, Michael Nutter, Christopher Orosz, Rae Rempfer, Robert Stinemetz, Alyssa Toppins

Sophomores: Alexis Arnette, Danielle Ballinger, Trenton Boatner, Nicholas Burns, Tanner Carlson, Gwynneth Casto, London Chaffee, Lindsey Ciolek, Morgyn Cosgriff, Avery Crumley, Daniel Dietrich, Peyton Edwards, Tristan Estep, Isabella Flickinger, Jeffrey Guidetti, Nicholas Howman, Hannah Hudson, Alora Hughes, Kolton Kliner, Elise Krajcik, Erica Leiby, Nicholas Mahr, Tori McConnell, Jaydan McMillan, Cody Morrow, Christopher Narveleit, Sydney Pollizi, Alec Praisler, Joren Rickard,

3rd Honors continued

Pedro Rosales, Bethanie Schaefer, Jalen Severs, Elizabeth Siders, Shane Smith, Silas Smith, Nathan Smithberger, Sophie Soueid, April Strait, Kamy Tope, Hailey Yarbour

Freshmen: Jett Conley, Skylar Edington, Avery Garver, Rebecca Hall, Brooke Hinton, Phillip Howman, Nathaniel Hudson, Isabella Ingraham, Treyton Jester, Allison Kandel, Aaron Kline, Chase Leighty, Natalie Mareno, Robert Martin, Riley Massengill, Sasha McConahay, Grace McCullough, Justin McElfresh, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abigail Ramseyer, Sarah Roder, Brock Rush, Gabriel Sarno, Ceili Smith, Lydia Smith, Montana Stidham, Kenneth Strait, Haley Webb, Matthew Yates

**Another successful trip on the
Columbus International Fair
last Saturday.**



Columbus International Fair



Below ... 8th grader Ryan Leasure spent the day observing foreign language teachers Harker and Wyles to see what it would be like to be a language teacher.



Northwestern District

Spaghetti Supper & Pops Concert – Over 50 years of Collaboration

Longstanding traditions and continued community support are an integral part of the success of Northwestern Schools. The Music Boosters Spaghetti Supper and Northwestern Band Pops Concert is a great example, this event has been on the Northwestern calendar for over 50 years. The community is once again cordially invited to attend the event this spring, which is scheduled to be held at Northwestern High School cafeteria, on Saturday March 4, 2017. Dinner will be served from 5:00pm to 7:30pm and can be eaten in the cafeteria. Take-home dinners will also be available.

The Music Booster Association has been an enthusiastic supporter of Northwestern's music programs since its inception. According to the club's earliest recorded minutes, the Music Boosters became an official club at Northwestern in 1965, and operated under the name, Northwestern Band Boosters. As a fundraiser for the newly formed club, the Boosters voted in 1966, to host its inaugural Spaghetti Supper which was held in conjunction with the school's spring band concert. The first efforts were successful, but to increase its appeal the following year, the club decided to incorporate a raffle into the event; the top raffle prize was freshly processed beef. The raffle was a hit and freshly processed beef has remained the top prize for over 50 years.

The Band Boosters changed its name to the Music Boosters Association in 1979, to reflect its expanded mission which is: "To encourage, support and promote musical arts in all forms, and at all levels, throughout the entire Northwestern School District". This expanded mission has kept the Booster Association busy in their fundraising efforts. The Booster's efforts have enriched the music programs at Northwestern through the purchase of musical instruments, band uniforms and jackets, choir robes, and by providing financial support to the musical drama program.

The Spaghetti Supper and raffle remains the leading fundraiser for the Music Boosters. Looking for ways to improve the event, several years ago the Boosters expanded the raffle prizes to include a half-hog as second prize, and now the raffle includes numerous subsequent prizes. We are pleased that the most recent enhancement to the supper includes homemade meatballs and sauce.

The success of the last 50+ years has been a collaborative effort between the volunteers of the Music Boosters Association and the music programs at Northwestern. The Music Booster Association, band, choir, and musical drama programs recognize that the longstanding success of this event has been possible because of the generous support it has received from our community. We look forward to seeing you on March 4th.





Mr. Joey Brightbill
Northwestern
Middle School
Principal

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we are heading into the second semester. NMS had a lot of success in the first semester and we are very proud of our staff and students. NMS was nationally recognized by Project Lead the Way (PLTW) for our STEM programs, as well as, High Schools That Work (HSTW) for being a top performing middle school for our curriculum and readiness to prepare our students for success. Northwestern Middle School will be conducting a Site Review Process (SRP), a requirement of High Schools That Work/Making Middle Grades Work site in the first few years of adopting HSTW and then every three years thereafter.

As part of the SRP, NMS will be hosting a one-day On-Site Review on Friday, January 27, 2017. An SRP Team will participate in classroom observations and interviews of administrators, teachers, students and parents. The SRP will focus on the following HSTW/MMGW Key Practices:

- High Expectations
- Literacy Across All Contents

We will begin our academic scheduling for 2016-2017 in February. Students will learn about courses from our staff and have the opportunity to view our course selection book before choosing their classes. We are proud of our career and academic pathway courses we offer here at Northwestern Middle School. We are excited about new potential courses that may be offered as a part of the middle school curriculum next year.

Testing is right around the corner. State testing will begin at the end of March and finish early May. You can view and help prepare your son or daughter for the tests at <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>. As the dates get closer, more testing information will be communicated with students and parents.

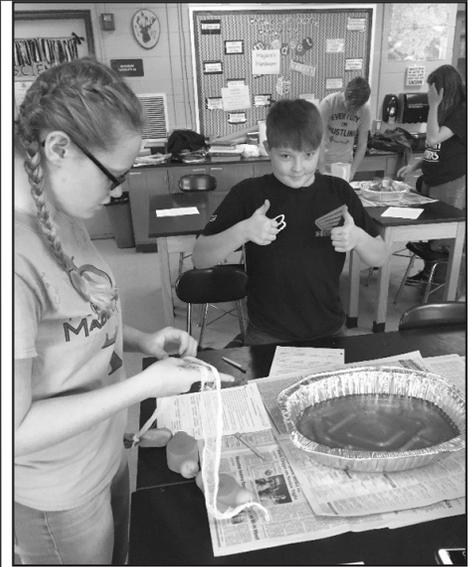
MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

NMS values community input, support and communication with our staff and administrators about education. We want to continue to challenge and set high expectations for our students in order to keep preparing them for the future. NMS prides itself on a "team" approach to provide the best opportunity for our students to be successful.

Best Wishes
Mr. Joey Brightbill
NMS Principal

NMS Upcoming Dates:

- January 27- Site Review Process
- January 31- Wayne County Spelling Bee
7:00pm
- February 7- HSTW Banner Presentation
1:45pm
- Spring Sports Meeting 6:00pm
- February 17 & 20- No School



7th Grade NMS Science Students working on their "oil cleanup" project.



Mrs. Crabtree directs the choir during their holiday concert.



6th grade ELA students using "Play-Doh" to recreate their favorite scene in the class novel they are reading.



"Life Skills" class prepares a Thanksgiving Feast for the staff.

Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.

Middle School News

Academic Honor Roll 2nd Nine Weeks 2016-17

All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Jillian Beun, Gabriel Buchholz, Sara Cassady, Cierra Hershey, Valerie Imhoff, Morgan McCoy, Halie O'Loughlin, Lariah Severs,, Allison Spencer, Riley Stull, Megan Tomechko, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Kylie Wellert, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

7TH GRADE: Shayna Allhouse, Arianna Borton Deanna Devore, Taylor Haley, Sarah Miller, Macie Sexten, Clara Zemancik

6TH GRADE: Brett Alberts, Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addie Bodager, Aubrey Browning, Gabriel Chupp, Madison Gray, Karissa Groves, Charlie Herman, Cole Hoffer, Melanie Imhoff, Caitlyn Leighty, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Julia Ours, Gavin Phillips, Morgan Sexten, Ava Stoller, Andrew Tope, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Hanna Wilson

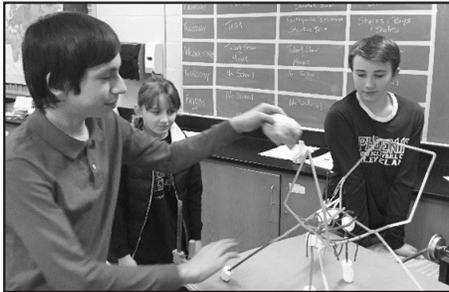
All "A" and "B" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Wyatt Arthur, Samantha Barnette, Eleanore Bond, Macey Carlson, Max Carlson, Brandon Casto, James Cooke, Colston Cutter, Zane Fast, Brooke Frybarger, Mitchell Gray, Elizabeth Howman, Katherine Linder, Ashton Mackey, Tanner Meininger, Mary Nixon, Noah Pack, Dakota Rainsberger, Will Schaad, Breanna Slanczka, Desiree Smith, Robert Soueid, Hayden Stoller, Nathan Stoltz, Liam Sykes, Hailie Tomsik

7TH GRADE: Jacqueline Barrington, Grant Dever, Zoey Dudte, Stefanie Ecker, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Dominic Guidetti, Mariah Hill Cassandra Hiner, Karijean Holbrook, Nathaniel Jackson, Kathleen Kindall, Paige Melicant, Abigail Miller, Jackalynn Mosher, Emma Nicholson, Emily Reed, Tori Rogers, Rachel Smithberger, Steven Starcher, Thomas Stawicki, Rebecca Tenney, Brennen Topp, Dominic Wallace, Ryan Walter, Tyler Ward, Steven Widdows

6TH GRADE: Della Amstutz, Braiden Barthalow Aubrey Bowersock, Carissa Brinker, Joseph Buchholz, Brooklyn Buzzard, Carter Clarke,

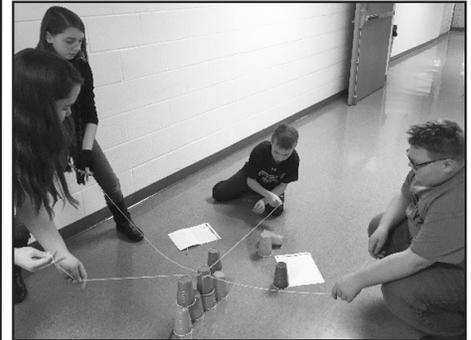
Jesse Evans, Arianna Firebaugh, Emma Fisher, Harper Flores, Madelyn Fricke, Collin Good, Hunter Hall, A'Kia Hardin, Landen Horst, Anthony Huber, Nathaniel Hunt, Madison Jester, Paul Kobak, Anthony Linscott, Lindsey Luther, Brent Mann, Jacquelyn McLaurin, Charleigh McMillan, Cody Neubeck, Ava O'Loughlin, Gabriel Pelfrey, Paige Pellshaw, Kylee Purdy, Craig Reed, Ethan Reed, Daylie Rickard, Ethan Siders, Trenton Sigler, Ariel Smith, Joshua Spencer, Samuel Terwilliger, Shelby Thorpe, Thomas Tomechko, Isabella Vacco, Lauren Vaughan, Mary Wellert, Charles Westover, Danielle Wilkes, Samantha Yates



8th grade NMS science students are working on their building structures that can withstand an earthquake.



Northwestern staff members are going through an ALICE (safety) training at NMS.



"Teamwork" Students work together to move the cups to build a structure.

Middle School Tech Team

This year's Northwestern Middle School Tech Team members are front row from left: Nathan Stoltz, Brooke McNeil, Craig Wellert, Josh Long, Gabriel Chupp, Joshua Spencer, Cooper Stephens, Hannah Dickson, and Jesse Evans. Middle row: Kiley Murphy and Dominic Wallace Top row: Steven Widdows and Brennen Topp. Absent from photo: Ethan Miller and Mary Wellert. Mrs. Shelly Dailey is the adviser of the group.

The role of the Tech Team is to help out in any way we are needed. Each student has a work day during their extra help period and the eighth grade members teach the seventh and sixth graders during this time. The eighth graders are a dedicated and helpful group. Some of the things we do for the school are as follows: set up microphones and monitor the sound for assemblies and the talent show, video tape assemblies, work the sound and light board for eighth grade promotion, assist teachers with technology problems, assist staff with computer set-up for standardized tests, assist students with software problems, and put the day's announcements on the school-wide TV system to be shown to students in the cafeteria.

Along with our daily activities we have been fortunate to help out this year by setting-up and digital videoing our school's Veteran's Day assembly, editing the video of the assembly and making DVDs of the footage to be given to James Stephenson Post 499 of the American

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS
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Legion and this year's guest speaker, Captain Pat Purdy, ret.

We have also created a web page and a video play on Plotagon detailing what we do. The web page address is: <http://nmstechteam.weebly.com/>

We are grateful for the support of Northwestern Middle School staff and administration.



Middle School
ROCKS



Elementary School Santa Shop is a place where children can shop for Christmas gifts for their family. The item prices range from \$1.00-\$8.00. There are gifts for everyone at affordable prices. The Santa Shop is organized and run by the Elementary PTO.



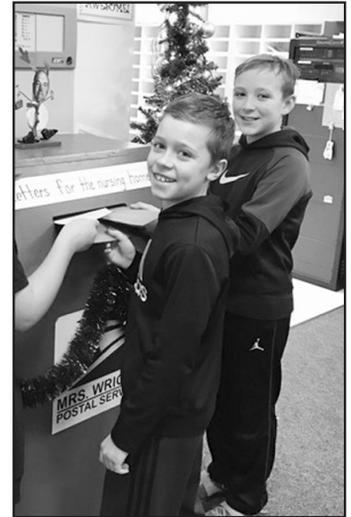
National French Week



Voila



French III Immersion Day at Wright State University



NW Elementary students mailing letters to the nursing home at Christmas time

NW ELEMENTARY



Mrs. Julie McCumber
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal

Welcome back to what I hope was a wonderful holiday season for everyone. It seems like each year goes by faster and faster as we approach the second half of the school year. What a busy first semester we had at Northwestern Elementary. It never ceases to amaze me of how much time and energy our staff and parents give to our students at school. It makes me so proud to be a "HUSKY". Thank you to our PTO for the awesome t-shirts that each student and staff member received before they went home for break. Also, for providing such great assemblies for our students, in particular the Columbus Children's Theatre that offers a live performance. Santa shop was another successful event thanks to our wonderful volunteers. We continue to be humbled by your generosity during our fundraisers for the school and other agencies such as The Salvation Army and The Food Pantry.

Northwestern Elementary School enrollment stands at 595 students. It has been great getting to know the families that are new to the district over this past semester. We will be welcoming the 2017-18 kindergartners in mid-April at kindergarten screening.

We are continuing to increase our new technology within our daily curriculum. The students seem to be really enjoying the new additions. We have completely rearranged our computer lab to make it more "student friendly", more conducive to learning and the delivery of lessons.

The second half of the school year looks to be a busy one as well. Students are working on their Science Fair Projects, Project Lead the Way Modules, and getting ready for our first Academic Challenge meet of the school year.

Twenty-four of our elementary girls in grades first through fifth will be participating in the 18th Annual Kids Career Day at the University of Akron. Miss Boreman has organized this interactive experience for girls that are excited about science, math, engineering, and technology. They will be involved with experiments and demonstrations throughout the day.

Here is a take home thought for the month: Reading and writing is a two-way street. Reading can make your child a better writer and writing can make them a better reader. We as educators, work daily to help students realize the link between the two subjects. Your efforts and support at home can reinforce the work that your child does at school.

Read, then write. Before your child begins a creative-writing assignment, they might get inspired by reading a few pages of a favorite book. They should ask themselves what makes the book good. Perhaps the author uses interesting adjectives or makes characters say funny things. Then, they can try those techniques in their own story.

Write, then read. When your child is assigned a chapter in their science or history book, suggest that she jot down what they know about the topic and questions they may have. This will make it easier to learn new information. Idea: Have them rewrite each chapter heading as a question. For instance, "The three states of matter" could become, "What are the three states of matter?"

Read, write together. Start a "buddy journal" with your youngster. She'll enjoy "talking" with you while she practices reading and writing. Each day, take turns writing a sentence or two in a notebook. You can exchange notes on books you're reading or on any other topic. For example, you might write, "If I could go anywhere in the world, I would go to France to see the Louvre." She may respond, "I'd go to Australia to see the kangaroos."

Veterans Day at the ES

Mrs. Hottel invited Dan Brinker an Army Vietnam Veteran to speak to her 5th grade class on Veteran's Day. He shared his experiences and let the students tour one of his 15 military trucks. He allowed many other classes to visit with him and tour his truck. He is pictured with a 5th grade class. Mrs. Tiano's kindergarten class also had their picture taken with his truck. The students really appreciated Mr. Brinker's taking the time to come to their school and speak with them.



Northwestern Elementary

Miss Miller's 2nd Grade

Class practicing subtracting multiples of 10 by playing mental subtraction bingo.

Honor Roll

2nd Nine Weeks
2016-2017

3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Corbin Chanay, Kaylee Cherry, Makenna Connelly, Nick Coots, Asher Erf, Jackson Evans, Chet McNeil, Millie Sexten, Hayden Sigler, Josey Thomas

4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Bladen Friend, Gino Guidette, Dani McClure, McKensie McCoy, Gabe Nicholson, Jule Stoller, Alys Troyan

5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Emma Adkison, Grant Bond, Quinn Fast, Cayden Fiala, Ellie Hanshaw, Maddy Hunt, Sofi Linder, Tristan Miller, Ella Saal, Hunter Sciortino, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, John Widdows

3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

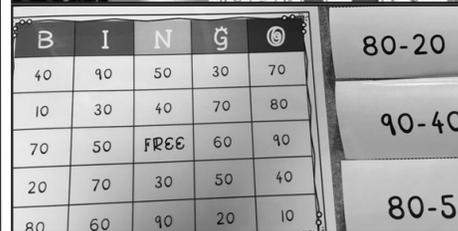
Sophia Ahrendt, Camryn Boak, Addie Cassidy, Emma Connelly, Linsey Coots, Aidan Crank, Gryphon Cuthrell, Jason Diehl, Logan Fiala, Mason Gray, Caden Grier, Coralyn Hall, Sami Herman, Kace Hixson, Kate Johnson, Neveah Kirk, Gabriella Klinec, Ethan Lilly, Anna Lizarraga, Savannah McConahay, Kolton McKinley, Zander Pauley-Farber, Mia Rosales, Collin Rouse, Kelsee Smith, Wesley Stoltz, Alaric Trimble, Austin Webb, Sarah Wellert, Kiera Whisman, Holly Widows, Cyrus Witmer, Audri Yeagley

4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Keira Beard, Jack Belding, Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Carter Boreman, Kristanna Bradford, Sara Corn, Gabriela Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Morgan Ervin, Braiden Franks, Mallory Gilbert, Jamison Gilbert, Ashton Good, Elaine Groves, Will Hamey, Danyel Hyatt, Taya Kaufman, Kelli Kearney, Noah Lee, Lilly May, Sydney McConahay, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Avery Mullet, Katherine Orosz, Emilie Ott, Logan Shriver, Benjamin Spencer, Brayden Springer, Allie Stoltz, Bella Stutz, Heidi Topp, Joshua Webel, Jailynn Woodruff, Taylor Wurst

5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Olivia Amstutz, Kaleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Kirsten Boreman, Kara Burgan, Haley Caldwell, Reece Chanay, Hayden Cline, Kaylyn Dickson, Rylie Dugan, Jacob Farner, Owen Ferriman, Alyssah Fisher, Virginia Hamers, Taylor Howton, Jacob Huebner, Mikalah Jones, Ben MacFarland, Caleb Mackey, Ethan Mausolf, Alex Maxwell, Julia Norby, Zoey Oldaker, Gabby Ream, Jennie Riffle, Troy Rock, Caydence Scale, Hattie Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Cade St. Clair, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, Ben Williamson, Connor Winland, Marcus Wolboldt



** MARK YOUR CALENDARS **

Grandparents Days at the Elementary will be May 17, 18, 19.
Details will be sent home and posted on the elementary website.

Elementary Highlights



Mrs. Tiano's class using candy canes to write 3 letter words in shaving cream on candy cane day. The best candy cane dress ever. Candy cane day was a hit.



Dress like an elf day!



Mrs. Martin and Mrs. ShROUT (Karen - Bus 25) participate in candy cane day.



NES Highlights!

Computer Science Week

The "hour of code"



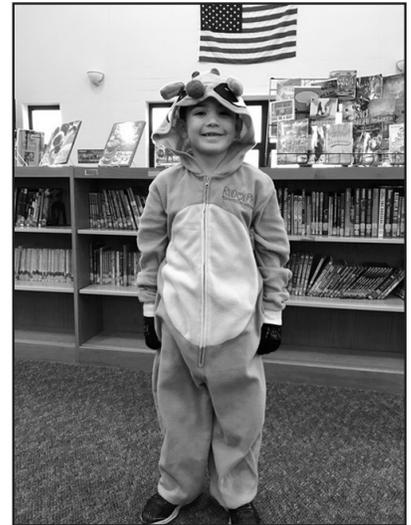
MORE Holiday fun at the elementary school - Reindeer day!!



Our bus driver **Mr. Dan** reads to the kids every morning while the kids are waiting to be released to go into the school. Today, he is surrounded by reindeer.



Making gingerbread houses in kindergarten with family and friends.



Grinch Day

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!



Kindergarten Christmas program and Columbus Children's theater below



Dress like a rockstar - Jingle Bell Rock!!
Tim and Miss Miller dress in their rockstar attire! They both rock!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-18 school year kindergarten classes will be held April 20th & April 21st at the Mohican Church of the Brethren. The church is located at 7759 North Elyria Road, West Salem. If you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 1st, 2017, please call the school to schedule an appointment for the screening.

Registration Day

Please bring your child, birth certificate, immunization records, any custody papers that may apply, driver's license, and proof of residency (it can be a utility bill or junk mail with your name and address on it). You will also need to know your child's social security number for some of the paperwork.

Appointment times will be available starting February 21st

Please call 419-846-3519, ext. 3101 to schedule your child's screening time.





Elementary 80's Day!!

Students dressed in 80's attire.

They had Pac-Man cookies and learned about a popular 80's toy - the Rubik's cube.



The capacity to learn is a *gift*; the ability to learn is a *skill*; the willingness to learn is a *choice*.



CONGRATULATIONS to Senior Ashley Dunn for earning this Terry Holton Youth Award!!

Terry Holton Youth Award

Ashley Dunn

The Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association presents Ashley Dunn with the 2016 Terry Holton Youth Award in recognition of her hard work, dedication and passion for harness racing.



Photo submitted by Becky Sugg

This is the 16th Terry Holton Youth Award to be presented. This award is awarded to youth between the ages of thirteen and nineteen who have actively participated in harness racing during the year nominated as a driver, trainer, owner, groom, breeder, official, race office/publicity assistant, track maintenance crew or any other capacity that has provided outstanding service to harness racing.

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

The Association is looking for nominations for the 'Northwestern Community Hall of Honor, and the 'Northwestern Alumni Hall of Fame.' Forms can be found on the school web site. Go to the 'Links' then look for the Alumni link in the menu. There is a place to 'click' on under each hall to download a nomination form. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at 330-988-0080. Please fill out and add sheets as needed and mail to address indicated. For the nomination to be considered in the next induction ceremony it must be received by end of October 2017. Please be sure to fill out forms as completely as you can. If we have questions about any information supplied we will contact you. We do not investigate each nomination, we trust you to supply accurate data.

Forms for the 2017 Northwestern Alumni & Community Banquet will appear in the next two issues of the newsletter. They will also be available in each of the school offices and board office as well as on line. Reservations must be received by May 31, 2017 along with payment.

The next meeting of the Association is February 14, 2017 in the High School Library at 7:00 P.M. This meeting is open to the public. We are always looking for persons interested in the Association and becoming a part in assisting with the program.



Northwestern Quarter Auction

When: Sunday, February 26

* Doors open at 1pm and auction starts @ 2pm*

(Come early to shop!)

Where: Northwestern High School Commons-7473 North Elyria Road
West Salem, Ohio 44287

What: Vendors and items available include LulaRoe, Thirty-One, Rodan & Fields, Norwex, Scentsy, Premiere Jewelry, Perfectly Posh, Tastefully Simple, Origami Owl,

Young Living Essentials, Paparazzi and many more!

~Be sure to bring rolls of quarters for bidding~

How It Works:

1. Each bidder will be given a paddle, paired with matching ball (\$3 per paddle)
2. If bidder chooses to bid on item, he/she will put in the number of quarters the item has been assigned
3. If the number drawn matches your paddle you have won! However, if your ball is chosen and you did not bid, yell no bid and the next number will be drawn

The bid ranges assigned are as follows:

Up to \$19.99 = 1 Quarter bid

\$20 - \$39.99 = 2 Quarter bid

\$40 - \$69.99 = 3 Quarter bid

\$70+ = 4 Quarter bid

(based upon actual retail value)

Also available for purchase:

50/50 raffle tickets

· Light snacks and drinks

Items will be updated on Northwestern Local Schools
Facebook page & website

>>Benefits Northwestern Post Prom<<



NORTHWESTERN CLASS OF 1967

The Class of 2017 would like to extend an invitation to all 1967 graduates.

In celebration of the class's 50th year anniversary of their graduation, all members of the Class of 1967 are formally invited to attend this year's commencement ceremonies on Sunday, May 28th. The celebrations begin at 2:00 pm in the Northwestern High School Gymnasium.

We hope to see many of you there, and congratulate you on this milestone!



Northwestern FFA

Our own Vocational Agriculture teacher, Mr. Dan Fulk of West Salem, OH was recently selected to receive the Honorary American FFA Degree.

This award is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through outstanding personal commitment.

The National FFA Organization works to enhance the lives of youth through agricultural education. Without the efforts of highly dedicated individuals, thousands of young people would not be able to achieve success that, in turn, contributes directly to the overall well-being of the nation.

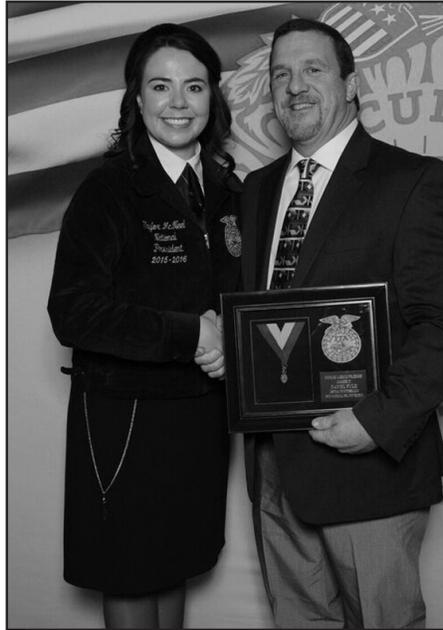
The Honorary American FFA Degree is an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturists.

Members of the National FFA Organization's board of directors approved the nomination.

Mr. Fulk received the award at the 2016 National FFA Convention & Expo Oct. 19-22 in Indianapolis, Ind.

All recipients received a certificate and medal and their names will be permanently recorded. The National FFA Organization provides leadership, personal growth and career success training through agricultural education to 629,367 student members who belong to one of 7,757 local FFA chapters throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

**CONGRATULATIONS
MR. FULK!!
WELL DESERVED!!**



*FFA articles written and submitted
by Ally Ruegg
Reporter
Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter
Northwestern High School*

Northwestern FFA Members Competes in State Food Science & Technology Contest

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Northwestern FFA Participates in Trap Shoot

The Northwestern FFA participated in a trap shoot hosted by the New Pittsburg Sportsmans Club on Saturday, December 10. Members Ron and Mary Lou Hart, Myron Stough, and Jay Ott helped teach the students and FFA advisors about range safety and shooting techniques. At the trap shoot there were 11 members of the FFA present, Cody Morrow, Tate Hixson, Austen Wood, Cody Tegtmeier, Colton Corbett, Kyle Badger, Treyton Jester, Coby Stough, Tucker Ott, Aaron Kline, David Miley and Beth Schaefer. Both advisors Heather Tegtmeier and Dan Fulk were present as well.

At the trap shoot, the members and advisors shot clay pigeons, played games and had small competitions to see who was the sharp shooter. Members got to shoot real competition guns for the first time and had a fun time mingling in a friendly pastime. Also, the members got the feel for shooting regulation distances for clay shooting.

Northwestern FFA Holds Christmas Meeting and Gift Exchange

On Monday, December 12th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter gathered in the library at Northwestern High School for their Christmas meeting and annual White Elephant Gift Exchange.

The meeting was called to order by the Katie Stull at 7 pm. The officers then performed opening ceremonies and minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Emily Cromer. Officer reports were also given by David Miley and Ally Ruegg.

Committee reports were given by 10 committees. Cody Tegtmeier reported on the Ag in the Classroom committee. They have visited Northwestern Elementary School one time since



the October meeting, and will visit the elementary school each month for the rest of the year.

Spencer Garrison reported on the Skills committee. Cody Morrow reported on the Safety committee. David Miley reported on the Earnings and Savings committee, which has held one meeting since October where they discussed the success of the fruit sale and the beginning of the sausage sales. Brock Tegtmeier reported on the Cooperation committee. The committee held a meeting in November and discussed the POA as well as the upcoming leadership night the chapter is hosting. Rae Rempfer reported on the Community Service committee. They held a meeting in November and discussed the upcoming Salvation Army bell ringing and Christmas tree pickup. Cody Morrow reported on the Public Relations committee. The committee met and talked about the upcoming scrap-booking. Travis Cochran reported on the SAE committee. Cody Tegtmeier reported on the Leadership committee. They have held one meeting since October and discussed upcoming Spring Career Development Events. David Miley reported on the Recreation committee.

Next members gave reports on different activities the Chapter has been involved in. Sydney Harmon reported on fruit sales. This year, the Northwestern FFA did not meet the goal for the fruit sale of selling 1,000 boxes of fruit. Emily Finley reported on the county and district Advanced Parliamentary Procedure contest. The Advanced team placed 1st at the county and district contests and will advance to the state contest held on December 17th. Brock Tegtmeier reported on the county and district Novice Parliamentary Procedure contest. The Novice team placed 1st at the county and district contests, and advanced to state held on December 17th.

Reiley Murphy reported on State and National FFA scholarships for seniors, in which the applications are due in January. Jessie Bair reported on the State Degree and Proficiency Award Applications, which are due in January. Maria Chellis reported on the Job Interview CDE, in which she placed 10th in her division and where Katie Stull placed 5th in her division at the state contest. Emily Cromer reported on the Soil and Water Conservation District Banquet where members helped serve. Cody Tegtmeier reported on bell ringing. The chapter will be ringing bells at the Wooster Walmart on December 22nd. Cody Morrow reported on the annual carry-in to be held on December 20th. Taylor Dawson reported on the Food Science CDE team. David Miley reported on dues. Jessie Bair reported on AET. Cody Tegtmeier reported on the requirements for showing a market steer at the next Wayne County Fair. Cody Morrow reported on the trapshoot that members recently participated in. Taylor Dawson reported on National Convention.

Cody Morrow moved to participate in the annual sausage sales again this year. David Miley moved to hold a bowling night in the spring. Taylor Dawson moved to participate in the spring CDE invitations. Reiley Murphy moved to participate in the Agri-Science fair. Cody Tegtmeier moved to host a Christmas tree pick-up. Sydney Harmon moved to participate in FFA Week held in February. Emily Finley moved to participate in Strawberry Sales.³





NORTHWESTERN FFA



FFA Christmas meeting, continued

Emily Cromer moved to participate in the Public Speaking CDE. Cody Tegtmeier moved to participate in the Ag Sales CDE. Jessie Bair moved to participate in the 360 and 212 conferences. All of these motions were voted on and passed by the chapter members. The meeting was then adjourned and officers performed closing ceremonies.

After the meeting, members enjoyed refreshments in the Ag shop and participated in the annual Christmas White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Northwestern FFA Competes at the District Parliamentary Procedure Contest

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016 members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the District 3 parliamentary procedure contest held at Northwestern High School. Parliamentary Procedure is an assessment of students' abilities to participate effectively in a business meeting or other group decision making situation. The team conducts a mock meeting and a written test based on Robert's Rules of Order and are evaluated by FFA Advisors from other districts.

The varsity team consisted of, Katie Stull (Chair), Austen Wood, Cody Tegtmeier, Emily Finley, Cody Morrow, and David Miley. The novice team consisted of, Austin Beegle (Chair), Brock Tegtmeier (Chair), Zach Smith, Alex Borton, Jordan Melegari, Hailey Reed, Jayla Berry and Kyle Badger.

The varsity team placed 1st in the District 3 contest with the novice team placing 1st as well, and both teams will advance to the state contest that will be held on December 17th at The Ohio State University in Columbus.

Northwestern FFA Participates in District Food Science Contest

On November 9th, the Northwestern FFA traveled to Norwayne to participate in the District Food Science Career Development Event. The Food Science CDE is where participants identify aromas and flavors in food, complete a triangle test which is a sample of three of the same food products with two of the products being the same and one of them being different and identifying the different one, sanitation violations, and customer inquiries dealing in the food industry. Members competing were Lene Goodman, Aaron Kline, Emily Cromer, Emily Finley, and Taylor Dawson. The team was 2nd in the contest with Lene Goodman placing 3rd, Emily Finley placing 4th and Emily Cromer placing 9th. The team qualified for the state contest on December 3rd, which will be held at the OSU Food Science Department. The chapter would like to congratulate the team on their win and wish them good luck at the state contest.

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Northwestern FFA Attends National FFA Convention

On October 19th- 22nd, members from the Northwestern FFA Chapter traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the National FFA Convention. Philip Eberly, Kaci Way, Alex Borton, Brock Tegtmeier, Lene Goodman, Mackenzie Nowell, Rae Rempfer, Taylor Dawson, Katie Stull, Mckayla Linscott, Emily Finley, Jessie Bair, Kaitlin Praisler, Austin Beegle, Mary Ricky, Kyle Piscione, David Miley, and Chase White attended.

On Wednesday, members traveled over to Indiana. Before arriving to the convention hall, they stopped at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana and took a tour around the track. Members who were brave enough kissed the bricks at the speedway as well. They also had the opportunity to visit Hunter's Honey Farm. Members were given an educational tour of the buildings and were able to learn about how honey is produced. The members also got to bottle a souvenir honey jar to take home. In the afternoon, members were also given the opportunity to attend the career exposition.

NW FFA News!!

FFA National Convention, continued

On Thursday, members attended the first, second and third sessions. The opening session began with the Opening Ceremonies performed by the National Officers, as well as the National FFA Band and Chorus Grand Entry. The National FFA Advisor, Steve Brown, also issued the National Advisor's Challenge for FFA members. In the third session, the Sponsor's Board and Individual Giving Council were recognized.

On Friday, members visited Fair Oaks Farm and took a bus tour of the farm. During the tour, they got to see the birthing barns for pigs and cattle, saw the farrow to finish swine operation, and viewed the 72 head carousel milking system. Fair Oaks Farm is a 25,000 acre farm that currently has 32,000 dairy cattle. Members also attended the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh general sessions. In the fourth session, the National FFA Board of Directors was recognized, as well as the State FFA Association membership awards. The Central Region Vice President, Abrah Meyer, gave her retiring address as well. The fourth session consisted of keynote speaker Jason Brown. Also during the fourth session, Distinguished Service Awards and the Honorary American FFA Degrees were presented. Advisor Dan Fulk received this award.

In the fifth session, the National Agriscience fair participants were honored and the National FFA Officer Nominations were announced.

In the sixth general session, all of the National Proficiency Awards were presented. The seventh session consisted of awards for the National Public Speaking and Job Interview CDEs. Colin Ryan also provided a keynote message about overcoming adversity in life.

On Saturday, the members attended the eighth General Session. In the eighth session, four Northwestern FFA Members received their American FFA Degrees. Adam Miley, Victoria Devore, and Sarah Maximovich all received this degree. The members also traveled home from a fun and educational time in Indianapolis.



Members pose for a picture with Victoria Devore, Adam Miley, and Sarah Maximovich after they received their American Degrees.

Northwestern FFA Hosts Greenhand Conference

On Saturday, October 29th the Greenhands from surrounding schools gathered together at Northwestern High School to grow together and learn more about what the FFA has to offer them. The theme this year was "The Key to Success." A Greenhand is a 1st year member in FFA, and the conference was designed for 1st year members to learn about different aspects of the FFA with new members from other local schools.



Members from Norwayne, Triway, United, and Northwestern attended the conference this year. The Northwestern FFA Officers worked to create this program so it is closer to the Wayne County area and local members are given a better opportunity to attend. They set up the lessons for the day and organized the conference.

The conference started with an opening session run by The Ohio FFA State Officers, Evan Smith, Mary Buehler, Kameron Rhinehart, and Trisha Seckel. After this, the Greenhands split into groups for small group sessions. There were five lessons for the day. The first lesson was about purpose. Participants discovered their purpose in FFA and identified needs they could personally meet in the community. In the next session, students discussed dedication.

The Greenhands learned about being dedicated to the FFA all while learning about official dress, Career Development Events, and Supervised Agricultural Experiences. The third lesson was about diversity. Members talked about the importance of diversity and learned about how diversity can be used. The fourth session was about advocacy. Greenhands learned about advocacy and how to effectively advocate for a need. The last session of the conference was about potential. Participants learned what potential means and discussed how to achieve their potentials.

To close out the conference, participants were served pizza, chips, punch, and cookies and given time to reflect on what they had learned.

Northwestern FFA Picks Up Christmas Trees

On January 9th several members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in a Christmas Tree pick-up for the community. Members Kyle Piscione, Austen Wood, Brock Tegtmeier and Cody Tegtmeier all helped out with this project. Members went to areas around the Northwestern School District to pick up the trees. The trees were then donated to the West Salem Beagle Club for "recycling." The trees will be used for wildlife habitats. This is the 30th annual event the Chapter participates in and is looking forward to participate in years to come.



February 7 High School and Middle School Mandatory Spring Sports Meetings 6:00 p.m.
February 11 Father/Daughter Dance 6:00-8:00 p.m.
February 12 Honor Band at McGaw Chapel 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
February 17 - 20 No School
February 21 FFA Week
February 23 Winter Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.
March 4 Spaghetti Supper

48TH ANNUAL NORTHWESTERN RURITAN PANCAKE/SAUSAGE DAY

"NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SPRING HOMECOMING"

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017 SERVING FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

"ALL YOU CAN EAT" PANCAKES, PURE MAPLE SYRUP, "WHOLE HOG" SAUSAGE, APPLESAUCE, MILK, & COFFEE

AT NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL (ON STATE RT 301 ONE MILE NORTH OF LATTASBURG OR SIX MILES SOUTH OF WEST SALEM)

ADULTS \$7.00, STUDENTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS (65 & over) \$6.00, CHILDREN 6 TO 10 \$4.00

PURE MAPLE SYRUP MADE BY THE GORTNERS AND "WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE" (PRE-FROZEN AND FRESH) WILL BE FOR SALE)

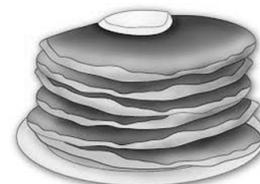
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY PROJECTS. THE RURITAN MISSION IS "TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE"!

HIGH SCHOOL WOODWORKING PROJECTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE COMMONS AREA.

HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PROJECTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

NORTHWESTERN 6th GRADERS WILL BE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL AUCTION NEXT DOOR IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ON THAT DAY ALSO.

THEY ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR THEIR TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C. THIS SPRING. STOP IN AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR A MEAL BEFORE OR AFTER THE AUCTION.



Northwestern Winter Sports Highlights



2017 NORTHWESTERN AREA PARADE OF FLAGS

Help create a community of red, white and blue! Join others in your area to honor our country with a parade of flags on five special holidays throughout the year.

With your \$30 subscription, the Northwestern Ruritan Club will place a 3'x5' flag in the front yard of your home or business for five holidays per year. The flags are removed to be stored properly and respectfully between holidays.

Proceeds from the Parade of Flags goes to support community projects.

Flags will be installed for the following holidays: Memorial Day (May); Flag Day (June); Independence Day (July); Patriots Day (September); and Veterans Day (November).

The flag and staff will remain the property of the Northwestern Ruritans. *If your flag has not been installed two days before the holiday, please call 330-347-4380.*

Keep upper portion for your records and mail in the lower section with your payment.

2017 NORTHWESTERN AREA PARADE OF FLAGS APPLICATION

Your Name _____ Phone _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

Check only one: Residence _____ Business _____ ; Business Name _____
flags x \$30 = _____ # flags x \$25 = _____ (if more than 4 flags ordered)

Make checks payable to Northwestern Ruritan Club

Send application to:

**Northwestern Ruritans c/o John Ertl,
725 Rathburn Rd., Wooster OH 44691**

Multiple flags may be ordered for the same residence or business. Four or more flags will be \$25 per flag. If you have any questions, call John Ertl at 330-347-4380.

Northwestern Baseball 2017

Boys Varsity

Saturday	03/25/17	West Holmes High School	Home 11:00 AM
Saturday	03/25/17	West Holmes High School	Home 1:00 PM
Tuesday	03/28/17	Waynedale High School	Home 5:00PM
Wednesday	03/29/17	Waynedale High School	Away 5:00PM
Saturday	04/01/17	Black River High School	Home 11:00 AM
Saturday	04/01/17	Black River High School	Home 1:00 PM
Tuesday	04/04/17	Dalton High School	Home 5:00PM
Wednesday	04/05/17	Dalton High School	Away 5:00 PM
Friday	04/07/17	Triway High School	Away 5:00 PM
Saturday	04/08/17	Strasburg High School	Home 11:00 AM
Saturday	04/08/17	Strasburg High School	Home 1:00 PM
Tuesday	04/11/17	Chippewa HS	Home 5:00PM
Wednesday	04/12/17	Chippewa HS	Away 5:00 PM
Tuesday	04/18/17	Smithville High School	Home 5:00PM
Wednesday	04/19/17	Smithville High School	Away 5:00 PM
Tuesday	04/25/17	Rittman High School	Away 5:00PM
Wednesday	04/26/17	Rittman High School	Home 5:00 PM
Tuesday	05/02/17	Hillsdale High School	Away 5:00PM
Wednesday	05/03/17	Hillsdale High School	Home 5:00 PM
Thursday	05/04/17	Tuslaw High School	Away 5:00 PM
Tuesday	05/09/17	Norwayne High School	Home 5:00PM
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Northwestern JV Baseball

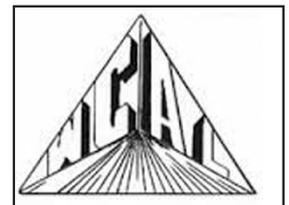
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SCHEDULES 2107

Northwestern Varsity Track 2017

Tues.	03/28/17	Tri Meet w/Hiland & Lucas	Home 4:30
Tues.	04/04/17	Tri @ Hillsdale w/Dalton	Away 4:30 PM
Thurs.	04/06/17	Frosh/Soph Meet	Home 4:30 PM
Sat.	04/08/17	McCay Relays	Away 9:30 AM
Tues.	04/11/17	Tri Meet @Hillsdale/Dalton	4:30
Sat.	04/15/17	Health Point Husky Invite	Home 1:00
Tues.	04/18/17	Tri w/Chippewa/Waynedale	Home 4:30
Sat.	04/22/17	Triway Invite	Away 9:30 AM
Tues.	04/25/17	Rittman High School (Tri Meet @Rittman w/Smithville)	Away 4:30
Fri.	04/28/17	Red Rider Relays	Away 5:00 PM
Tues.	05/02/17	Norwayne High School	Home 4:30PM
Fri.	05/05/17	Galion Kiwanis Track Invite	Away 4:00
Tues.	05/09/17	Frosh/Soph Meet @ Smithville	4:15
Sat.	05/13/17	WCAL @ Norwayne	Away TBA



Northwestern Softball 2017

Girls Varsity

Tuesday	03/21/17	Orrville High School	Away 4:45 PM
Wednesday	03/22/17	West Holmes High School	Away 4:45 PM
Saturday	03/25/17	Loudonville High School	Home 11:00 AM
Saturday	03/25/17	Loudonville High School	Home 1:00 PM
Tuesday	03/28/17	Waynedale High School	Home 5:00PM
Wednesday	03/29/17	Waynedale High School	Away 5:00PM
Tuesday	04/04/17	Dalton High School	Home 5:00PM
Wednesday	04/05/17	Dalton High School	Away 5:00 PM
Thursday	04/06/17	Clear Fork High School	Home 5:00 PM
Tuesday	04/11/17	Chippewa HS	Home 5:00PM
Wednesday	04/12/17	Chippewa HS	Away 5:00 PM
Thursday	04/13/17	Clear Fork High School	Away 5:00 PM
Tuesday	04/18/17	Smithville High School	Home 5:00PM
Wednesday	04/19/17	Smithville High School	Away 5:00 PM
Thursday	04/20/17	(WENDY'S SPRING CLASSIC)	Away TBA
Friday	04/21/17	(WENDY'S SPRING CLASSIC)	Away TBA
Saturday	04/22/17	(WENDY'S SPRING CLASSIC)	Away TBA
Tuesday	04/25/17	Rittman High School	Away 5:00PM
Wednesday	04/26/17	Rittman High School	Home 5:00 PM
Friday	04/28/17	Keystone Prebis Memorial Classic	Away TBA
Saturday	04/29/17	Keystone Prebis Memorial Classic	Away TBA
Tuesday	05/02/17	Hillsdale High School	Away 5:00PM
Wednesday	05/03/17	Hillsdale High School	Home 5:00 PM
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The Wayne County Public Library

(including West Salem) now has mobile hotspots that can be checked by anyone 18 and over with a library card in good standing. This might be of interest to students who may have a computer, but no internet access. Below is information from the website.

Hotspots Available for Check out!

Need Internet access while you're on the go? Check out a hotspot!

Hotspots can be used anywhere to create a wireless network. You can connect any Wi-Fi enabled mobile device, laptop, printer, digital camera or gaming device.

Hotspots are easy to use: turn one on and connect your device to the Wi-Fi network using the password displayed on the hotspot's screen. A strong cellular signal is needed; if you're in a location where you're unable to get cellphone service, the hotspot device will not work either.

Hotspots, which can be checked out just like other library materials, have a seven day (7) lending period and cannot be renewed.

The Wayne County Public Library Hotspot Lending Program is made possible by generous community donations.

For more information, please visit – <https://www.wcpl.info/library-hotspots>



**Northwestern Local Schools
Calendar 2016-17**

2016

Monday, August 22	Convocation Day
Tuesday, August 23	First Day for Students
Monday, September 5	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 12	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 13	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Wednesday, September 14	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day: W
Thursday, October 13	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day: W
Friday, October 28	End of First Nine Weeks (46 Pupil Days)

Thursday, November 3	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Tues./Thurs., Nov. 8 & 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Monday, November 28	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Thursday, December 22	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Wednesday, January 4, 2017	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
Friday, January 13, 2017	School Reconvenes End of Second Nine Weeks (44 Pupil Days)

2017

Monday, January 16	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Thursday, January 19	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Mon./Wedn., Jan.30 & Feb. 1	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Friday, February 17	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Monday, February 20	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Friday, March 17	End of Third Nine Weeks (43 Pupil Days)

Thursday, March 23	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Monday, April 10 through 14	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Sunday, May 28	Graduation
Monday, May 29	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 31	Student's Last Day (47 Pupil Days)

Thursday, June 1 Teacher's Last Day

Days in Session with pupils present including 2 parent/teacher conference comp & waiver days 180

Professional Development	1
Convocation Day & Teacher work days	3
(One of the work days needs to be between August 1-19)	
TOTAL	184

MAKE UP DAYS

First	February 20	Sixth	June 2	If make up days are necessary, teacher work day will follow the last make up day.
Second	April 10	Seventh	June 5	
Third	April 11	Eighth	June 6	
Fourth	April 12	Ninth	June 7	
Fifth	June 1	Tenth	June 8	

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting

Board President Phil Keener
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Library

District Facilities Committee

Chair Kim Wellert
Meets 4 times a year
Watch newspaper for dates and times
District Conference Room

All Sports Association

President Julie Ulrich
1st Monday each month 7:30 p.m.
HS Commons

Music Boosters

President Audrey Pollizi
3rd Tuesday each month 7:00 p.m.
(Do not meet June, July, December)
HS Band room

Ruritans

President Kim Wellert
2nd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Commons

Football Club

President Craig Wellert
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
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Soccer Club

President Hans Ley
1st Tuesday each month 6:00 p.m.
Elementary Cafeteria

Elementary PTO

President Kim Witucki
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA



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