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THANK YOU for all the generous donations!!

The Northwestern Agricultural Education Department, FFA, administration, staff and community would like to THANK EVERYONE who have donated money, time, equipment and supplies towards our greenhouse. The greenhouse will be used to expand curriculum and allow the students to have “hands-on” learning as well as “real-life” experiences. Read more about the progress of this project on page 3 and 4 of this issue.



Recognizing and honoring our Northwestern Alumni that are Active Duty Military



This has been a collaboration between the American Legion, The Northwestern Ruritan Club and Northwestern Local Schools. While it is not feasible for us to maintain a display board for all veterans, we do feel that we can maintain an accurate display board for Alumni of the Northwestern Local School District who

are active duty Military. This is a very unique project and we are proud to have this opportunity. Thank you to all who have supported the project and have allowed the idea to move into a reality. Read more on page 10.



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Live broadcast of events
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A note from our superintendent...

As we approach the holidays, let's count our blessings as well as celebrate family, friends, love, and forgiveness.

I want to address a recent article in the newspaper that indicates Northwestern may have close to a \$1,000,000 shortfall this school year. As far as what is budgeted and forecasted this is possible, but would be the "worst case scenario".

We have a carry-over balance that will cover this amount. Also, to clarify, this unusually large negative forecast is occurring in only a single year prior to our levy kicking-in.

Essentially, I would expect that we will be significantly below anticipated expenditures, we will bring in outside revenue, resulting in our spending deficit will very likely be less than the HVAC additional cost this fiscal year. This deficit should rebound following next year's additional operating revenue, then the year two and conclusion of our HVAC updates.

This forecast is the result of the following:

- * A definite "less than anticipated" state funds for our school district.

- * \$600,000 expected for HVAC renovation at the high school as well as recently surfacing over the past two years elementary chiller/air conditioning problems as a result of poor design and installation 14 years ago.

- * A delay in the collection of last November's voted operating revenue. We do not begin receiving this until July, 2017.

Positive financial evidence includes:

- * School Treasurers must budget conservatively to ensure districts have adequate funds available. With the unreliability of our state funding over the past 6 years we have seen flat-lined funding and even cuts in funds while often also being blind-sided with unanticipated shifts in legislation that increase underlying soft costs that do not hit mainstream media.

Administration has operated below projected expenditures consistently over the past 12 years – spending less than projected most years.

- * We received \$958,206.78 plus in grant awards last year, which is continuing trend due to our diligence and persistence at seeking and writing successful grants.

- * We will likely see \$85,000 less than expected staffing costs this school year, which certainly helps.

- * We anticipate additional revenue through a further increase of incoming open enrollment to 241 students, which is an all-time high.

- * Northwestern received more than \$137,000 in weighted funding for our middle school and high school CTE Programs this past school year – Ag Science, Clean Energy, Biomedical, Engineering, Computer Science, Family & Consumer Science programs and expansion of programs in the Middle School as well. This is nearly a \$100,000 annual increase from the \$40,000 we received in career education weighted funds just three years ago. We anticipate this to exceed \$140,000 in weighted funds this school year to support these programs.

- * Finally, thanks to our generous community donations and multiple grants, Northwestern School District has only a \$55,000 investment in our Greenhouse-Clean Energy Lab. Once completed this \$250,000+ facility will actually be cost neutral! This is due to the fact that supplies, equipment, and professional development purchased through this grant will reduce costs we would have spent in these areas. Thus, the district receives a ¼ million dollar facility at zero cost to the district.

Our leadership has guided our district well, as we have increased our programs and career pathways. This includes: Biomedical, Engineering, Renewable Clean Energy, Computer Programming career pathway expansion and strengthening/expanded numerous programs such as Agricultural Science in the middle school and STEM curriculum throughout the middle school and elementary school.

People ask me how Northwestern can educate students so efficiently while having such depth and breadth of programs and curriculum –

simply put, grants, business and foundation contributions, weighted career tech funding, increased open enrollment dollars, and adapting what/how we taught to what/how we are now teaching have done just this – increased quality and quantity in a sustainable manner. We have been very purposeful in our direction and ensuring the sustainability of these programs, which we have shared with numerous other districts locally, regionally, state-wide, and nationally. This is why Northwestern is the rural model for the very best instruction of excellent programs that operate in the most efficient and sustainable manner.

This is my 12th year at the helm of Northwestern. I am so very proud of our community, of our faculty, staff, administration, and outstanding Board of Education! I am proud of the academic and social success of our students. I am proud of the innovative and progressive, project-based and research-based programs instruction we have within our classrooms. I am proud of the fantastic school culture and climate we have throughout each of our buildings and throughout our great community. I am also very proud of the fact that we have stretched our dollars and run a lean operation.

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 supportive community we will continue striving for and achieving well-beyond expectations. As we all know, "our children are our future." If our students are any indication, we have a very bright future.

We are all about excellence and increasing expectations at Northwestern. All of this while maintaining practical and frugal limitations. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to adapt to legislation and 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.

District News

Note from the Superintendent ... continued.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and "thank you" for your ongoing support.

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EMERGENCY DELAY OR CANCELLATION DAYS

With the severely cold weather and winter remaining we would like to remind parents about our delay and cancellation procedures. When our school buses travel over 1,436 miles each day in our 94 square mile school district, picking up students it is imperative that the roads are safe to travel. The safety of children and drivers is the only issue when considering whether to cancel school.

If conditions are questionable regarding student and bus safety, both the Northwestern Transportation Mechanic Armand Massary and Northwestern Superintendent Jeff Layton drive the roads prior to 5:00 a.m. - communicating with each other - in order to make the final decision before 5:30 a.m. At 5:30 many of our dedicated bus drivers have already begun their routes on poor weather days. The Superintendent also listens to weather forecasts and confers with other area school districts - all of who also do assessments of road conditions. A decision is made to delay or cancel school if it is unsafe for students and/or unsafe for bus travel. Since Northwestern stretches so far north-south we may not always make the same decision as other school districts. This is because we are concerned with Northwestern students first and foremost.

When the Wayne County Sheriff issues a Level 2 weather warning, telling motorists to drive only if it is an emergency, school is automatically cancelled. However, sometimes these announcements do not come before announcement of school closing has to occur. In addition, often the road conditions change quickly and dramatically - sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse - between the time of the final decision at 5:30 a.m. and the time MS and HS may begin with a 2-hour delay (9:15 a.m.) or Elem. may begin with a 2-hour delay (11:00 a.m.).

Information on school closing is available and most accurate by registering for communications through OhioAlerts.com (a link is also on our Northwestern website). Parents, students, and community members can register for text alerts and/or e-mail alerts.

Also, calling the district or individual school building phone numbers and listening to the recorded message on our automated phone system is an option. Announcements are also made through local radio stations WQKT and WNCO as well as TV stations WEWS (Channel 5), WKYC (Channel 3), and FOX WJW (Channel 8). The school district phone recordings and radio stations are the quickest to post the information. Television stations have between a 15-minute and 30-minute lag time before the information is posted an occasionally do post inaccurate messages. Also, a decision to close is announced by 8:00 a.m. at the very latest. Otherwise, we will remain open.



GREENHOUSE Photos!!



Greenhouse Update

Our "BUY A BRICK" donation program will continue through sidewalk construction – anticipated to occur in spring, 2017!

We broke ground on the project on October 29th, anticipate building shell completion expected by Nov. 30th. Geothermal, Wind Turbine, Solar array expected installation by Dec. 31st. Remaining inside components, infrastructure completion anticipated by March, 2017!

Reasons/celebrations to "BUY A BRICK":

- Thanksgiving – to give thanks to the family
- Christmas – in celebration of Christ and/or as a unique gift
- 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!

We have surpassed our initial \$155,000 greenhouse fundraising goal!
Thank you to all contributors!

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)

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)

Northwestern Schools "Home of the Huskies"

GREENHOUSE

8x8 Bricks

American Augers
Baker's Acres
Scot Industries
The Harbaugh Family (2)
Wayne County Retired Teachers Association
The Fulk Family
The Wiandt 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



"Home of the Huskies"



Bus Drivers Needed!

Salary for sub bus driving begins at \$16.15 per hour with some overtime possibilities for voluntary field trips. In many instances these could qualify for 1.5 overtime at \$24.22 per hour.

Northwestern Bus Driver salaries begin at \$16.15 per hour and receive annual increases with a current maximum salary at \$21.98. Regular Bus Routes are 6 hours per day when school is in session (6-9AM & 2-5PM) and carry Full Family Insurance Benefits.

Anyone needing or interested in becoming Bus Driver certified to drive students please contact Jeff Layton at 419-846-3151 so we can get the training started!

- Northwestern School District pays all costs for this endorsement with the driver's commitment to sub for Northwestern.
- 9-month positions & holidays off (with opportunity for driving field trips or to work during the summers for additional salary)
- Two of our most valuable and prevalent subs will be unavailable after Dec. This means that there will be opportunities to drive regularly.
- We anticipate 2 or more bus driver retirements at the conclusion of this school year. We will need full time people to replace them.
- First priority for these positions will be for this school year's proven Northwestern substitute bus drivers.

Custodians Needed!

Salary for Custodians currently begins at \$11.06 per hour up to \$16.86 per hour regular salary. Also, some overtime possibilities for sub driving a bus will be available. Annual raises provided.

Anyone needing or interested in becoming a Custodian please contact Jeff Layton at 419-846-3151 so we can get the training started!

We anticipate 2 custodian retirements at the conclusion of this school year. Priority consideration will go to those custodian applicants who sub for Northwestern this year and the applicants willingness to complete bus driver endorsement and drive as a sub bus driver when needed.

- * 40 hours per week for full-time custodians
- * 9-month positions and holidays off (with opportunity to work during the summers for additional salary)
- * Other internal coaching and advising opportunities available
- * Full family Insurance Benefits

Individuals willing to become bus subs and custodian subs this 16-17SY will likely work regularly.

Northwestern is a GREAT place to work!

Please visit and peruse our website to get a feel for our culture and for additional information about our outstanding school district!

Northwestern FFA helps at Twilight Tour

On July 12th, the Northwestern FFA chapter helped park cars and clean-up at the Twilight Tour held at Stoller Farms in Sterling. Emily Flinn, David Miley, Katie Stull, Austen Wood, Jessie Bair, Reiley Murphy, Ally Ruegg, Brittany Slanczka, Emily Finley, Spencer Garrison and members from the Triway and Norwayne FFA chapters helped at this event. Kierstyn Wood, 2015 Wayne County Dairy Princess, and Marie Clements, 2016 Wayne County Dairy Princess, also helped on the tour by greeting people and giving out information about the dairy industry. The Northwestern FFA Chapter has helped with the Twilight Tour for seven years. The chapter is appreciative of Wayne-Ashland Dairy Service for the opportunity to help.

The Stoller's have been operating the farm for three generations, and this year's Twilight tour consisted of tours of the dairy and a dinner. The tour highlighted buildings and effective management of the farm. The main goal of the family is to keep the farm simple and remain organic.

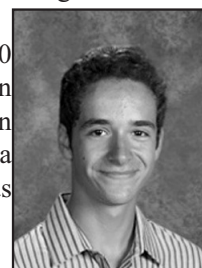
READ ALL ABOUT IT

Northwestern's own Steven Cozzuli is a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra and will have the opportunity to perform with the professional members of the Cleveland Orchestra on Friday, November 18 at 8pm in the beautiful Severance Hall in Cleveland. Tickets for this performance are \$15 in case any one is interested. For each adult ticket purchased, you can get one free youth ticket for anyone under 18.

Did you know....

* Founded in 1918, the Cleveland Orchestra is acknowledged among the world's very best orchestras?

* According to a 2010 article from the Plain Dealer, the median salary for an Orchestra musician was \$140,200?



CONGRATULATIONS STEVEN!!



**** Stay Informed ****



Mission of Love

Northwestern 8th Grade Volleyball team spent some time with Madison, the little 6 year old girl battling a rare form of brain cancer. One picture is of Madison with the team below and the other is of the team with the gifts they made/collected for Madison.

Madison was given a Husky shirt with her name on it to wear and was an honorary captain for the game! The team wore silver & gold ribbons in support of the type of cancer Madison has. The girls all wrote her a letter, made her a blanket, signed a framed team picture, signed a volleyball and gave her several other gifts. The team/parents gave her mom \$125 in gas cards.

This was such a memorable night for both the team and Madison.



Teacher of the Year ... continued from right

As she teaches four of the program's courses at the high school, her teaching clearly engages her students in learning."

Early this school year, the state superintendent will announce the Ohio Teacher of the Year, who is selected from the pool of State Board district winners by a state panel of education and community stakeholders. The Ohio Teacher of the Year will represent our state in the national Teacher of the Year competition sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers in 2017.

State Board District 5 Teacher of the Year Announced

Kelly Woodruff of West Salem is 2017 Teacher of the Year for State Board of Education District 5, according to an announcement made by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria. Woodruff is a biomedical science teacher at Northwestern High School in the Northwestern Local School district, where she began her 10-year education career in 2006.

"Teachers are Ohio's most important educational asset and are key to helping our students reach their full potential," DeMaria said. "The Ohio Teacher of the Year program calls attention to the good work our educators do every day and highlights schools that are creating the conditions teachers need to be successful."

The Ohio Department of Education invited all Ohio school superintendents to nominate applicants for the award program during this past school year. State Board of Education member Roslyn Painter-Goffi worked with local superintendents to encourage nominations for the first step of the competition, in which each State Board district chooses a Teacher of the Year. A committee of educators, parents and business leaders selected Woodruff for the award.

"Kelly's excellence in teaching shows through in everything she does with her students," Painter-Goffi said. "She is extraordinarily dedicated to her profession." Northwestern Local Schools Superintendent Jeffrey Layton said, "Kelly is a master teacher in the Project Lead the Way program and trains other educators across the country to implement the initiative's biomedical sciences curriculum."



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Northwestern's District Librarian, Maria Hines**, for being the 2016-17 INFOhio Users Council Representative from the TCCSA Information Technology Center. Maria will work with INFOhio and other users around the state to provide equitable access to quality print and digital resources to all students in Ohio. As a member of the INFOhio Users Council, Maria will strengthen Ohio's school library community by:

- * Working with librarians and teachers within her region to determine the grade levels and subject areas with the greatest need for digital content and digital learning support

- * Communicating those needs to the ITC and INFOhio

- * Relaying news of INFOhio resources and instructional support to users

- * Participating in two face to face meetings and one virtual meeting

- * Reaching out to local state legislature to advocate for INFOhio and the equitable access to digital content it provides.

Maria has volunteered to be a statewide leader in digital learning resources and techniques. INFOhio are grateful to her for her dedication to the students of Ohio!!



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Northwestern FFA

"Help Our Greenhouse Grow"

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**PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
FOR
EXAMPLES OF
ENGRAVING FONTS**

“Home of the Huskies”

Know! Family Support for Prevention

Research Institute has identified 40 Development Assets for adolescents; a specific set of skills, experiences, relationships and behaviors that help young people flourish and mature into successful and contributing adults. Studies of more than five million children of all cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds consistently show that the more developmental assets they possess, the less likely they are to engage in four specific patterns of high-risk behavior; problem alcohol use, violence, illicit drug use and sexual activity. According to the Research Institute, as the number of assets increase for youth, the greater their chances of succeeding in school and being happy, healthy and responsible youth who experience at least 31 of the 40 assets are considered to be thriving. Unfortunately however, the average youth in sixth through twelfth grade typically experiences less than half of the 40 Developmental Assets, which places them at higher risk for making poor behavioral choices.

What's a parent to do to increase their child's assets? One thing you can do is focus on your support from home. Among the list of key building blocks is Family Support, meaning, a child's family life provides high levels of love and support.

Here are just a few ideas on how you can take action to strengthen your family support:

Give them your undivided attention: This is how children measure love. The times that matter most to our children is when we are willing to stop what we're doing to go throw the ball with them, jump on the trampoline or listen attentively to their trumpet solo.

Give them words of affirmation: A child's self-identity and self-worth depend highly on the words we speak to them. It is our job to correct our children, but even in discipline our words should come from a place of love, encouragement and positive reinforcement.

Give them space: Just like most of us adults, teens need some alone time each day to relax and unwind.

Hug your child: This goes for the really big kids too. They may act like they don't want one, but they do.

Spend time each week with your children individually: It doesn't have to be anything extensive; take a walk with one of your children or ask one of them to run to the store with you; even picking your child up from their extra-curricular activity can provide an opportunity to have one-on-one time.

Start family traditions and rituals: Young people love to be spontaneous, but they also have a deep need for predictability. Choose a holiday to annually volunteer at a soup kitchen, designate a certain night of the week for family game night, or maybe start a new tradition in the way you celebrate family birthdays.

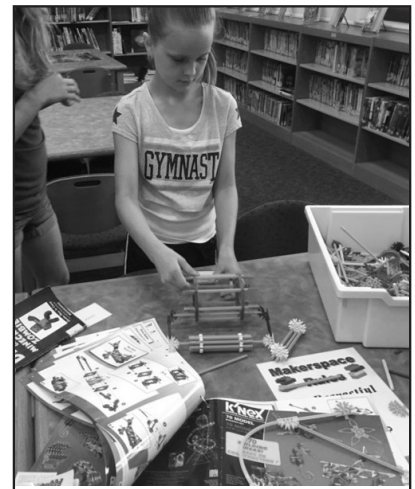
Preserve those precious memories: A family photo album is great, but it is also special to create a small memory book, memory box or photo album for each child to hold onto and be able to reminisce.

There are so many ways to increase family love and support for your child. The important piece is that you consistently make an effort to be active in your child's life and show them your love and affection.

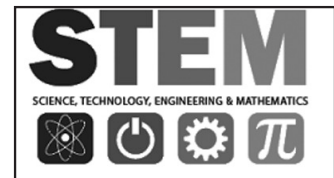
To check out the full list of 40 Developmental Assets and see how your child rates, go to: <http://www.search-institute.org/content/40-developmental-assetsadolescents-ages-12-18#>.

Sources: Search Institute: 40 Developmental Assets for Adolescents. Willis, Dave, For Every Mom: These 5 Things Your Kids Will Remember About You Are Total Parenting Game-Changers.

Northwestern Elementary Learning Activities



Elementary Library "Maker Space" projects that support STEM.



Mr. Scott Smith
Northwestern
Curriculum
Director



The Northwestern Local School District is collaborating with four area districts (Black River, Hillsdale, Loudonville-Perryville, and Mapleton), Battelle Education, High Schools That Work and The PAST Foundation on a Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) project. Fifteen teachers participating in the project will each create two LDC modules during the 2016-2017 school year. Participating teachers have been working on their first LDC module since the end of September and will implement their LDC module with their students in November and early December. Teachers will then design, develop and implement their second module during the 2nd semester.

The objectives of the LDC project are:

1. Increase the number of students engaged in learning that builds STEM skills and PBL practices students will need for success in college and career
2. Improve instructional practices to support student gains in higher order thinking skills—problem solving, independent thinking, analysis, collaboration and creativity—and develop improved reasoning, research and technical writing skills, and
3. Create a Clean Energy Lab to provide a shared learning space for applied learning aligned to problem based design and experimentation.



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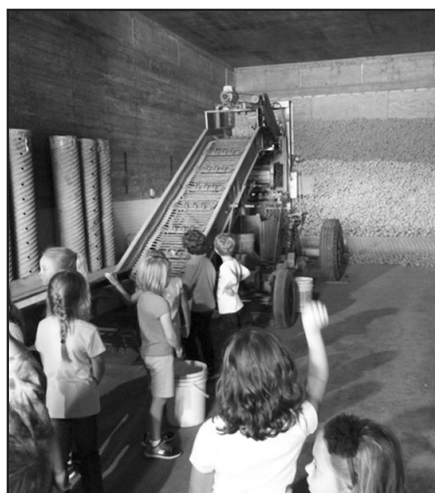


Julie Hagans, 7th Grade Science and Medical Detectives teacher, works collaboratively with a Battelle Education LDC coach to complete a Literacy Design Collaborative module.

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Amanda Michalak, Physical Science and Clean Energy teacher, and Kelly Woodruff, Biology and Biomedical Science teacher, work on their first LDC module during LDC professional development held at Northwestern High School.



First Grade field trip to Ramseyer Farms this fall.



First graders learning about the potato harvest at Ramseyer Farms.





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

Hello from Northwestern High School,

It's amazing how fast the school year has been going by. We have had a great start to this school year. Our students are working hard in the classroom and in the many extracurricular activities that are offered at Northwestern High School.

We continue to look to provide opportunities for our students. Students have many opportunities to connect to things of interest for them or to try something new. FFA has historically been a strong program at our school and this trend continues. We are excited to be moving forward with the Greenhouse construction. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this idea a reality. We will continue with the Buy-a-Brick campaign throughout the winter. The Ag shop also has a new piece of equipment. In addition to the traditional instruction in welding, we now have a virtual welder. This machine will allow for a lot of variety in the welding technology instruction that is difficult, or impossible, to do in our traditional setting. The robotics club, which now has an instructional class scheduled in the school day class, will be competing again this winter/spring. If you have a child or grandchild at our high school, please encourage them to look into things of this nature as a way to expand their views and experiences. We always get out of things what we put into them. At Northwestern High School we have so many exceptional students doing great things. They never cease to amaze me with both the quality and the volume of their activities.

We will be starting the second semester session of ACT test Prep at the high school. Please contact the Guidance office if you are interested.

The study sessions are built into the day on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday during the husky period. The cost is \$100, which covers the cost of the materials.

Upcoming events at the high school include the following:

The drama program, under Elizabeth Crabtree's direction, is working to get a fall production ready. This year's fall production is Annie! I am very proud of the continued growth of our drama program. They have shown the talent and tenacity to bring Musicals back to our school. The dates for this production are November 18-20. Following this they will shift their focus to this winter's one act play, which we will be hosting this year.

We will have a Veteran's Day program at 10:19 a.m. on November 11th, in the high school theater. This is open to all veterans and community members. We chose this time for the assembly as we also extend an open invitations to all Veterans and guests to stay for a complimentary lunch.

There is a public performance for our NHS Talent Show on November 22nd @ 7:00 p.m. in the high school theater. This program will be incorporated into the school day on Wednesday, November 23th, as well.

On November 29th we will be inducting new members into the National Honor Society and we will be issuing Academic Letters to our top scholars. This program is at 7:00 in the theater and is open to the community. We hope to see you there!

The Choir will be performing for the community on December 13th and the Band will have their concert on December 19th. Both of these programs begin at 7:00 p.m., in the high school theater, with the Middle School performing first. You are welcome to come early for the entire concert or come a little later for an opportunity to transition into the theater when some of the parents and students from the Middle School exit. As usual, we anticipate a full theater for these events.

As a capstone event, our seniors are either in senior seminar, Biological Innovations, Engineering Design & Development or in a yearlong Internship. Our seniors are busy with these classes, in addition to the rest of their curriculum. Seniors who complete their senior seminar during the first semester will have the choice of taking an



English elective, a study hall or having a late start (8:05 a.m.).

We are committed to making the senior year meaningful and a cornerstone in the preparation for the future. Our students will have these multiple demands on them, whether it is in college or on the job. The senior year is no longer a place to relax, but a place to finish strong, preparing for what lies ahead.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at nrws_burkhol@tccsa.net. If you would like to be added to an email distribution list, please contact me as well.

Northwestern Active Duty Military Board

In an effort to recognize and show honor to our Northwestern Alumni that are Active Duty Military we have secured a display board (see front page). This has been a collaboration between the American Legion, The Northwestern Ruritan Club and Northwestern Local Schools.

We will need a 4' x 6" picture of the individual, in uniform. We will create a label that notes the individual's name and the military branch. This display board is inclusive of all branches of the Military.

If you have a son or daughter in the Military and can get a picture to us, along with the associated information, we will get it on the board. You can also forward this to them and they can deal directly with us. Please feel free to forward this to someone that fits the criteria for this recognition.



HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE NEWS

NAVIANCE

The guidance department is rolling out a new program called Naviance. This program is to help our students with their college and career search and will soon be implemented in grades 6-12 to have intentional, age-appropriate, ongoing college and career readiness activities for students. The Naviance programs has interest and strength inventories; career cluster inventories; and college, career, and scholarship searches available to students.

PLEASE NOTE: One of the main things for current junior and seniors to be aware of is that a student's Naviance account must be directly linked to their "Common Application" account for any student who has already set up a Common App account to apply to colleges. With just a few simple steps, students will match their Common App account to their Naviance account in order to request transcripts, teacher letters of recommendations, and other important documents needed to complete their college applications.

All seniors who are in the building daily will have their Naviance accounts created by the end of October. After all of the seniors have been registered for Naviance and have matched their Common App account with Naviance we will work our way down so that every student in the building is registered.

UPCOMING ACT DATES

Students can register online at www.act-student.org for an upcoming test date. It's important for juniors to take the test so they have test scores ready to submit to colleges starting fall of their senior year. We have a lot of sophomores also starting to take the ACT test for "College Credit Plus" purposes if they are hoping to take classes here at the high school or on a local college campus for college credit starting their junior year.

For the first time, all juniors will take the ACT here at Northwestern in March 2017 as part of the new graduation pathways created by ODE.

More information will be coming about that test as it is available to us.

For any student, here are upcoming national ACT test dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Deadline</u>
December 10	November 4
February 11	January 13
April 8	March 3
June 10	May 5



CAREER CONNECTIONS

Career Connections works in our district to ensure our students understand that what they are learning in the classroom is relevant to future Career Paths. This service, provided by Tri-County Educational Service Center, includes a monthly career path newsletter. These newsletters focus on a different career path each month and include success stories from local educators, career exploration activities, spotlights on local businesses, job outlook information, higher education options and more. Be sure to sign up to receive these newsletters by going here:

Wayne County Newsletter:
<http://eepurl.com/cd4tYf>

Are you interested in having meaningful conversations about work ethic and career development with your student? Sign up for Career Connections text messages to receive tips and weekly conversation starters! You can sign up one of two ways:

- Go to rmd.at/escctips
- Text the message @escctips to the phone number 81010

✧ ✧ Stay Informed ✧ ✧

Northwestern High School Yearbook Updates

***Follow the NHS Yearbook on Twitter** for the latest updates, reminders, and photos! @NHSHuskiesYrbk

***Class of 2017!** Your senior photos and baby photos are due by Tuesday, December 20th. Please email .jpg files to nrws_khudson@tccsa.net. You may also "Share" via Google Drive to nrws_khudson@northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us. Hard copy photos are also accepted for scanning.

***Limited quantities of 2015-2016 yearbooks** are still available for \$50. See Mrs. Hudson to purchase yours today! Don't let the memories slip through your hands!

***New yearbook orders** are now being taken at jostens.com for the 2016-2017 yearbooks which are currently in production. Secure your 2016-17 yearbook at the presale cost before time runs out!

NHS National Honor Society News

***The annual Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00p.m. in the high school theater.**

***Do you have a need for volunteers or a group to help with something?** The NHS National Honor Society is always looking to help out the community. Please contact Kristen Hudson (nrws_khudson@tccsa.net) or Maria Hines (nrws_hines@tccsa.net) or call the high school (419) 846-3833 with service project requests!



Northwestern High School Honor and Merit Roll

1st Nine Weeks
2016-17



1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER)

Seniors: David Agnes, William Arthur, Jacob Besancon, Kyle Burgan, Tyler Devore, Erin Gordon, Lindsey Gortner, Sydney Harmon, Elizabeth Hartman, Sierra Kamps, Briana Lindeman, Jesse McCullough, Shelby McKay, Tyler Morr, Reiley Murphy, Riley Rechnitzer, Katie Stull, Charles Walker

Juniors: Emily Bouffard, Blair Colter, Steven Cozzuli, Garrett Dever, Sierra DuVall, Justin Ebert, Emily Finley, Tatum Franczek, Christie Franks, Sarah Fraser, Spencer Garrison, Quinten Garver, Nicolas Grassman, Caleb Groves, Peyton Hendricks, Nicholas Hinton, Jonathan Hoff, Kennedy Hoffer, Hannah Kardohely, Chase Lambert, Sera Martin, Lucas McLellan, Nicole Russell, Parker Smith, Hunter Stidham, Cody Tegtmeier, Amaya White, Mason Wilhelmy, Austen Wood, Kelseigh Wright

Sophomores: Mikayla Beegle, Carrie Boak, Trenton Boatner, Tyler Carlson, Grace Chupp, Jaimie Critzer, Kaylie Dye, Trevor Ferriman, Isaac Franks, Hannah Fricke, Mackenzi Gray, Alexis Hall, Cortney Hoff, Nikolas King, Katherine Koontz, Annabelle Martin, Cody Morrow, Cassandra Nutter, Benjamin Pollizi, Kaylee Reed, Cael Rowland, Kailey Schwartz, Kaitlyn Secrist, Brianna Shearer, Jadah Smith, Allison St. Clair, Olivia Wakefield

Freshmen: Colin Agnes, Jordan Allshouse, Claire Bond, Alexander Borton, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, James Evans, Jordyn Ference, Zaine Garver, Taylor Howman, Jordan Melegari, Hunter Miller, Karlie Mowrer, Mehli Rogers, Leeanna Ruegg, Katherine Shambaugh, Lindsey Sykes, Brock Tegtmeier, Rachel Winkler

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Shelby Aulger, Benjamin Bloom, Keaton Edwards, Eugenia Kobak, Brandon Reed, Allison Ruegg, Mackenzie Smith, Brock Thut, AlanMichael Ulrich

Juniors: Chase Adkins, Aaron Eicher, Maria Fortune, Jordan Gilbert, Ariel Harper, Jacob Hudson, Shawn Newman, Jessica Preston, Devin Smith, Katherine Tenney, Hayden Tiliske, Nicole Winkler

Sophomores: Weslea Arthur, Nicholas Burns, Tanner Carlson, Maria Chellis, Morgyn Cosgriff, Emily Cromer, Skylar Dawson, Jacey Fulton, Raini Hershey, Alora Hughes, Elizabeth Kanzeg, Elise Krajcik, Sydney Pollizi, Alexandra Rowe, Mallory Witucki

Freshmen: Austin Beegle, Elliot Coffman, Logan Haven, Grace McCullough, Brianna Teal

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Tristan Ammon, Matthew Boreman, Brittany Brown, Macie Buzzard, Riley Carlson, Knoble Carpenter, Luke Chaffee, Marie Clements, Derek Darnall, Dawson Flinn, Lene Goodman, Dakota Jester, Kourtney Kliner, Derek Koch, Cory Leighty, William Smith, Joshua Tope, Kyle Wharton

Juniors: Jared Alberts, Holli Asbury, Lindsey Asbury, Michael Campbell, Tylar Coen, Madison Cook, Daniel Critzer, Taylor Dawson, Maverick Duncan, Derick DuVall, Jr., Abigail Ford, Dylan Frybarger, Isabella Gill, Skyla Harp, Taylor Jackson, Hunter Kanzeg, David Miley, Chianne Neider, Christopher Orosz, Rae Rempher, Bryce Rush, Robert Stinemetz, Mia Tope, Alyssa Toppins, Devin Whisman

Sophomores: Alexis Arnette, Danielle Ballinger, James Blake, Aubrey Bodager, Avery Crumley, Daniel Dietrich, Peyton Edwards, Tristan Estep, Isabella Flickinger, Jeffrey Guidetti, Tate Hixson, Nicholas Howman, Hannah Hudson, Kolton Kliner, Erica Leiby, McKayla Linscott, Nicholas Mahr, Jaydan McMillan, Jessica Moats, Christopher Narveleit, McKenna Perry, Alec Praisler, Caleb Purdy, Richard Rasschaert, Joren Rickard, M. Westley Schaad, Bethanie Schaefer, Jalen Severs, Elizabeth Siders, Shane Smith, Nathan Smithberger, Sophie Soueid, April Strait, Mason Taylor, Claire Vaughan, Hailey Yarbour

3rd Honors continued

Freshmen: Jett Conley, Skylar Edington, Rebecca Hall, Brooke Hinton, Phillip Howman, Savannah Hunt, Isabella Ingraham, Treyton Jester, Allison Kandel, Matthew Kobak, Chase Leighty, Natalie Mareno, Robert Martin, Riley Massengill, Justin McElfresh, Makenzie Nowell, Tucker Ott, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abigail Ramseyer, Cal Rhamy, Bethany Rickey, Sarah Roder, Brock Rush, Gabriel Sarno, Ceili Smith, Lydia Smith, Aidan Spittler, Montana Stidham, Haley Webb, Matthew Yates

Northwestern FFA Prepares for 2016 Fair

On September 7, 2016 chapter members went to the Wayne County Fairgrounds to set up for the chapter's booth in the FFA Building. Jessie Bair, Maria Chellis, Jordan Melegari, Kyle Badger, Reiley Murphy, Taylor Dawson, Aaron Kline, Ally Ruegg, Katie Stull, Emily Cromer, Leeanna Ruegg, and Emily Finley all attended. The theme of the booth this year was "Plant Your Feet In FFA And Watch Yourself Grow." The chapter would like to promote the many good experiences that FFA members can have through the FFA Organization. The booth featured shop projects made by the members, as well as the different activities the chapter has done throughout the summer. The FFA members also put together a small display to thank community businesses and members for donations toward the greenhouse fund. Donations up to that point had come from Farm Credit Mid-America, Dupont Pioneer, Commodity Blenders, Farm Bureau, Town & Country Coop, Monsanto, and many community members.





Mr. Joey Brightbill
Northwestern
Middle School
Principal

Message from Mr. Brightbill

The first grading period is already behind us as we head into the second quarter. Our students have been busy not only in the classrooms but with a variety of educational trips as well. We have toured places such as OARDC/ATI, Akron Zoo for Zoology, Akron University STEM programs, Inspiration Hills for Leadership Day and a few others to prepare our students for the best opportunities in an authentic learning environment.

Several NMS staff members have been furthering their education by participating in the Talented and Gifted Cohort, Blended Learning Grant, Science LDC Grant, Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and continuing to implement Problem Based Learning (PBL) in the classrooms. During our professional development days on September 13, 14 and October 13, our staff shared and presented to each other over the course of three days. Some of the topics presented on included Differentiation, Assessment Design, Google Classroom, Blended Learning and PBL. We believe that we have the experts within our own district and it was awesome to see staff present to each other in a professional learning environment.

The Building Leadership Team (BLT) along with Teacher Based Teams (TBT) have been looking at our report card and assessment data to determine the best approach to make changes to our instructional and assessment strategies. As a building, we are focusing on "Assessment Design" and how to incorporate higher level questions as well as ensure rigor at all levels. We will be implementing Webb's Depth of Knowledge (DOK) as well as Bloom's Taxonomy when designing our own assessments. We are focusing on increasing the amount of writing across all contents, while using a common grading rubric to provide specific

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

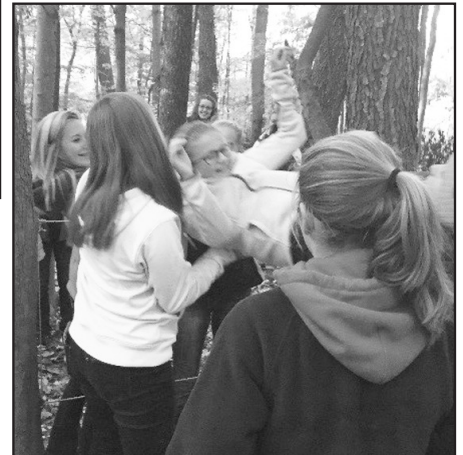
feedback along the process. We have to continue to raise expectations to ensure higher level of student achievement for all ability levels.

We not only want to set high expectations academically but recognize positive behavioral actions as well to promote a great building culture. A new initiative that we implemented for our Students of the Month, is "Breakfast with the Principals." Our students are awesome and we enjoy getting to spend time with in and outside of the classroom. "Breakfast with the Principals" is a way to show our appreciation to our students for positive behavior displayed in school. Each month, there is a new character word, our staff then votes on a boy and girl from each grade level that represents the word to be recognized. The character word for October is "Respect" followed by "Responsibility" for November.

There are many challenges ahead and we want to keep a growth mindset as we endure those challenges throughout the year. I can assure you that we are "all in" to create an environment that will impact student learning. When we get challenged, it can be hard at first, mistakes will be made, but that is where the learning will take place as we educate our students. Thank you for all that you do and support Northwestern Middle School.



Our 8th grade Zoology class dissecting Frogs.



Students working together during Leadership Day at Inspiration Hills.



8th grade students doing DNA testing in Medical Detectives.



Middle School News

Academic Honor Roll 1st Nine Weeks 2016-17

All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Samantha Barnette, Jillian Beun, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Sara Cassady, Zane Fast, Cierra Hershey, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy Halie O'Loughlin, Noah Pack, Will Schaad, Allison Spencer, Hayden Stoller, Riley Stull, Megan Tomechko, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

7TH GRADE: Arianna Borton, Deanna Devore, Macie Sexten

6TH GRADE: Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Gabriel Chupp, Jesse Evans, Madelyn Fricke, Caitlyn Leighty, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Ava O'Loughlin, Julia Ours, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Kaleb Sadie, Morgan Sexten, Trenton Sigler, Ava Stoller, Thomas Tomechko, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Danielle Wilkes, Hanna Wilson, Samantha Yates

All "A" and "B" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Cassidy Brown, Macey Carlson, Max Carlson, James Cooke, Blaze Day, Gerald Fricke, Wayne Gerrick, Emily Hoff, Ashton Mackey, Tanner Meininger, Mary Nixon, Dakota Rainsberger, Lariah Severs, Desiree Smith, Robert Soueid, Liam Sykes, Kylie Wellert, Cole Wharton
7TH GRADE: Shayna Allshouse, Emma Boreman, Grant Dever, Stefanie Ecker, Emma Ewing, Laurissa Fulton, Dominic Guidetti, Taylor Haley, Cassandra Hiner, Karijean Holbrook, Peyton Hostetler, Faith Jackson, Nathaniel Jackson, Kathleen Kindall, Abigail Miller, Sarah Miller, Emma Nicholson, Raelyn Raff, Tori Rogers, Thomas Stawicki, Rebecca Tenney, Dominic Wallace, Clara Zemancik

6TH GRADE: Brett Alberts, Alexander Albright Della Amstutz, Marina Aulger, Addie Bodager, Aubrey Bowersock, Carissa Brinker, Aubrey Browning, Joseph Buchholz, Brooklyn Buzzard, Phoenix Cuthrell, Owen Feters, Arianna Firebaugh, Emma Fisher, Harper Flores

Anna Gendron, Collin Good, Madison Gray, Karissa Groves, Hunter Hall, A'Kia Hardin, Kelly Harper, Charlie Herman, Cole Hoffer, Anthony Huber, Nathaniel Hunt, Melanie Imhoff, Anthony Linscott, Aiden MacFarland, Katie Maffett, Brent Mann, Charleigh McMillan, Gabriel Pelfrey, Sophia Pentito, James Pitts, Ethan Reed, Daylie Rickard, Jayme Rickey, Austin Seaton, Ethan Siders, Ariel Smith, Joshua Spencer, Garrett Strait Samuel Terwilliger, Shelby Thorpe, Andrew Tope, Isabella Vacco, Mary Wellert, Charles Westover



Students of the Month "Breakfast with the Principals". Mr. Layton joined us as well!

Northwestern Middle School Upcoming Events

Date	Event/Activity/Program	Time
11/3	Parent Teacher Conferences	4:30-8:00 pm
	30 minute Early Release	2:00 p
11/4	Fall Dance	2:30-4:00pm
11/8	Community Day	School hours
11/11	Veteran's Day Assembly	
	Speaker Pat Purdy	8:40-9:20pm
11/17	30 Minute Early Release	2:00 pm
	8th grade Job Shadow & Field Trip	
11/21	Board of Education Meeting	
	Middle School Student Achievement	7:00pm
11/23	Real Money Real World	School hours
11/24-11/28	Thanksgiving Break	
11/29-11/30	Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Conference	

Ohio Stem Learning Network (OSLN)

Northwestern Middle School

Photo Tour Interview

By Sam Bodary-OSLN



"Troy - 7th grade

"We built this because we're going to be playing soccer in the gymnasium up there with our robots."



NORTHWESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL

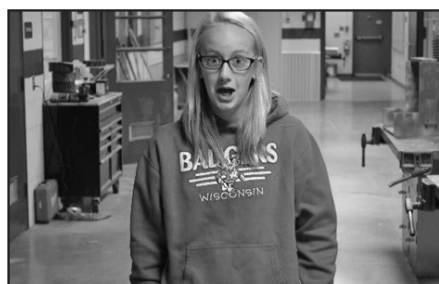
Ohio Stem Learning Network (OSLN) Northwestern Middle School Photo Tour Interview By Sam Bodary-OSLN



Ethan - 7th grade

"[Robotics] an easy class, but also a hard class. It's hard because of the programming – like how to get it working how you want it. It's easy because you can make it how you want it, and it should still work."

"I want to go to college to be a technician or study engineering."



Abbi - 7th grade

"Building different things... I have robotics, and then next year I'll take another robotics class."



Brooke - 6th grade

"We're reading through [To Kill a Mockingbird] and as we see words that we haven't heard before, we'll write them down and look them up so that we know how to use them in context. Before we look up the definitions of the words, we make guesses on what we think they mean based on the context. That's very important because it's very good for expanding your vocabulary to not just learn words, but to see how they're used in sentences."

"I'm looking forward to the electives I picked – intro to STEM and a historical architecture class."

"I want to be a software engineer as an adult, and I just like doing STEM and robotics and stuff like that."



Brailee - 6th grade

"I'm looking forward to getting to know the teachers and getting challenged this year."

Science Spectacular

On Wednesday, October 26th approximately 20 students from 6th and 7th grade attended the OARDC Science Spectacular event with Mrs. Raber and Miss Bolen (Ashland University Student Teacher). The students learned about Bio-Security, Moving Earth, Stamp Out Disease (Viruses / Bacteria), and Investigating Microscopic Cell structures.



Students creating various soil structures and understanding how rain water can impact the growth of crops. Students said they "enjoyed the activities and learned a lot". They look forward to attending next year.

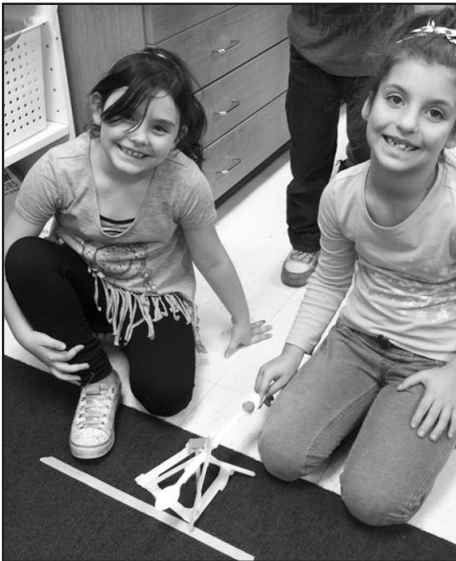
NW ELEMENTARY

Harvest Parties at the Elementary School

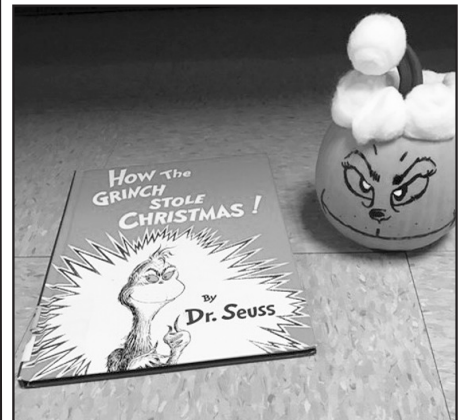


**Mrs. Julie
McCumber
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

Second graders using teamwork
to build their pumpkin catapult. They then were
able to launch their pumpkins.



**Kindergarten Family Project - Pick a
book and a pumpkin. Design your
pumpkin to be a character in the
book.**



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FIFTH Grade Activity

Honor Roll



3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Corbin Chanay, Kaylee Cherry, Jason Diehl, Jackson Evans, Millie Sexten

4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

None

5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Emma Adkison, Quinn Fast, Ellie Hanshaw, Maddy Hunt, Sofi Linder, Ben Macfarland, Tristan Miller, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal, Hunter Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton

3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

Sophia Ahrendt, Camryn Boak, James Cassady, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Nick Coots, Aidan Crank, Selah Creasap, Asher Erf, Logan Fiala, Cheyenne Friend, Caden Grier, Coralyn Hall, Sami Herman, Kace Hixson, Jenna Hjerpe, Austin Johnson, Neveah Kirk, Gabriella Klinect, Kolton McKinley, Zander Pauley-Farber, Collin Rouse, Olivia Scarbrough, Hayden Sigler, Kelsee Smith, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas, Alaric Trimble, Austin Webb, Kiera Whisman, Holly Widdows, Cyrus Witmer, Audri Yeagley

4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Jack Belding, Harmony Blake, Carter Boreman, Sara Corn, Gabriela Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Braiden Franks, Bladen Friend, Mallory Gilbert, Jamison Gilbert, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Danyel Hyatt, Chloe Kasubienski, Taya Kaufman, Kelli Kearney, Noah Lee, Aryana Luther, Lilly May, Dani McClure, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Austin Mooney, Paige Muetzel, Avery Mullet, Mason Myers, Gabe Nicholson, Lucas Olson, Katherine Orosz, Emilie Ott, Alexa Riffel, Emma Salem, Logan Shriver, Benjamin Spencer, Jule Stoller, Allie Stoltz, Bella Stutz, Alysia Troyan, Joshua Webel

5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Kaleb Badger, Brandon Barnette, Grant Bond, Kirsten Boreman, Leonna Buettner, Kara Burgan, Haley Caldwell, Reece Chanay, Hayden Cline, Drake Crumley, Kaylyn Dickson, Jacob Farner, Cayden Fiala, Alyssah Fisher, Samantha Fraser, Virginia Hamers, Gavin Hines, Jacob Huebner, Makenna Huffman, Jocelyn Lucas, Ethan Mausolf, Alex Maxwell, Julia Norby, Zoey Oldaker, Gabby Ream, Troy Rock, Cade St. Clair, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, John Widdows, Connor Winland, Marcus Wolboldt



Kindergartners using their classrooms new technology.



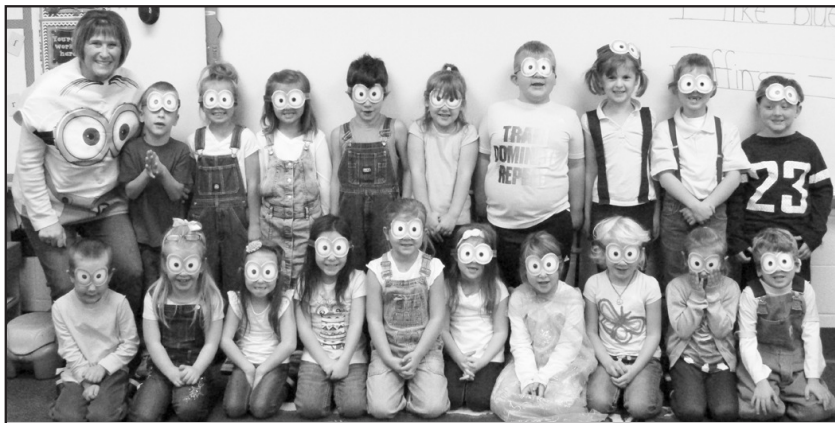
Historical Characters - 5th Grade w/ their Teacher Leif Erikson (Mr. Kline). They had a lunch of stew, muffins, and cider.



Elementary Highlights



Northwestern
Outdoor
Education



NES Highlights!

GO TRIBE!!



Mrs. Besancon and 5th grade students showing their support on our Cleveland Indians Day!



Mrs. Greene with students in the library, Go Tribe!



Mrs. Hartzler's Class Celebrating Spirit Day!



4th grade TAG working on a PLTW input and output of the human brain. Pictured to the left and above are students working on sketching and labeling the brain before using clay to model it.



Mr. Kline dresses the part in order to have some good discussions about the political debates.

2nd Grade Constitution Day

On Friday, September 16th the second graders celebrated Constitution Day! We celebrated by switching classrooms and digging deep in to the Constitution. Some of our activities included: making an American flag, reading a book on the constitution, playing a game to learn about our rights and responsibilities, and creating a constitution booklet.

Northwestern Leo D. Welty Memorial Scholarship

The Northwestern Local Education Association is sponsoring the Leo D. Welty Memorial Scholarship. This is an annual scholarship in memory of Leo D. Welty, a former teacher, principal, and the first superintendent of the Northwestern Local School District. Additional funds were made in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Keener, former school board member and teacher, and also in memory of lifetime resident, Mr. Charles Myers. Donations have also been received from community residents.

To be eligible for this scholarship, one must be a Northwestern High School graduate who is currently enrolled in a four-year college/university with at least a junior status, but not including graduate students. This scholarship will only be given once per Northwestern graduate.

Applications are available in the guidance office of Northwestern High School or may be downloaded from the district website. All applications must be returned by December 1st.



An investment in knowledge,
pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

Northwestern Alumni & Friends

WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE DO?

NORTHWESTERN: We are all the one room schools that went into making the West Salem, Congress and Chester School Districts. Which in 1951 became 'The Northwestern Local School District of Wayne County. Located in the North West corner of Wayne County.

ALUMNI: These are all those who received their education in any one of those one room schools. Or in the West Salem, Congress & Chester School Districts prior to the consolidation. Likewise, all those who have completed their education in the present Northwestern Schools system as it is today.

FRIENDS: These are those who attended any of the Schools mentioned above, but did not get to complete their education for whatever reason. Like having to leave during war time, or going to work to help support the family. Some may have attended for a time, then had to move away. There are those who have moved into our school district from another district and their children have attended the schools. Or they just live in the school district and support the school system in whatever way. They are school staff, past, and present that have been involved with the school district. They are those who live in another school district, but send their children to Northwestern Schools for their education.

ASSOCIATION: The dictionary defines this as; a group of people joined together for some purpose, a connection of ideas in thought. Our mission (our purpose in thought) is to enhance the legacy of the Northwestern School District. We provide a venue for alumnus and school district residents to re-establish and maintain contacts and foster a sense of community.

WHAT DO WE DO? We plan, organize and sponsor a banquet each year, on the next-to-last Saturday in June. This banquet is open to all who live in the district. It is for all those who consider themselves fitting into any of the above mentioned sections of the "Who Are We." We put together the banquet along with the induction ceremony for the "Northwestern Alumni Hall of Fame" and the "Northwestern Community Hall of Honor" in even numbered years. Those who are inducted have to be nominated for this honor, and must have some connection to the district. We recognize, at our banquets, not only those being inducted, but those class members present who represent a graduating class of 50 or more years. We sponsor the "Northwestern Alumni Scholarship Fund" which is for those who are currently enrolled and will be in their 2nd year or higher. We are working to preserve the present with the past for the future, of and for the district. We collect memorabilia of the school district for preservation and viewing at the banquets.

The scholarship fund is managed by 'The Wayne County Community Foundation.' Students wanting to apply for a scholarship need to apply through this organization.

The Association is looking for new committee members to join our planning group. If you would like to help us, all meetings are open to the public, join us on Feb. 14th 2017 in the high school library at 7:00 PM.

The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association now has a facebook web page you may join, meet the Alumni there.

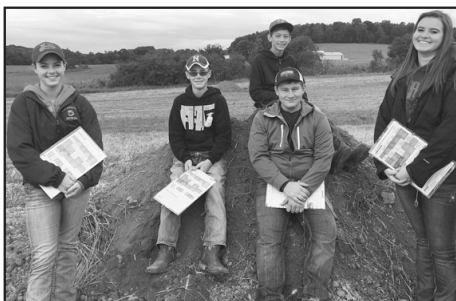


Northwestern FFA

Northwestern FFA Participates in County Soils Contest

On September 21st, the Northwestern FFA traveled to Triway for the county soil judging contest. Reiley Murphy, Joey Shaw, David Agnes, Cody Morrow, Luke Chaffee, Bethanie Schaefer, Lindsay Ciolek, Briana Faltisco, Emily Cromer, Beth Kanzeg, Jacey Fulton, McKayla Linscott, Lexi Switzer, Carter Melicant, Cole Marley, Tate Hixson, Andrew LeMaster, Austen Wood, Michael Nutter, Katie Stull and Jazon LeMaster participated in the Urban Soils Career Development Event. Urban soil judging requires contest members to calculate the slope of the soil, determine soil texture, and ultimately determine how fit the soil is to build a building on, support a septic tank, implement a road or driveway, and support landscaping. The team placed 1st overall, with Kanzeg, Morrow, Wood, Murphy, and Nutter placing in the top five individual scores for the chapter.

The Rural Career Development Event participants were Kyle Piscione, Chase White, David Miley, Jessie Bair, Jordan Melegari, Rae Rempher, Austin Beegle, Kyle Badger, Marie Clements, Christie Franks, Sierra Kamps, Cody Tegtmeier, Brock Tegtmeier, Robert Stinemetz, and McKayla Linscott. Rural soil judging tests members' abilities to calculate slope, depth of topsoil, drainage capabilities, and texture of the soil for rural utilization. They determine the overall land capabilities as well as indicate the recommended best management practices for the plot of land. The Northwestern Chapter had a good showing, taking 1st as a team. Individually, Kyle Piscione earned 1st, David Miley earned 2nd, McKayla Linscott was 4th and Brock Tegtmeier was 5th for the chapter.



Northwestern FFA Members Participate in Recycling During the Fair

During the week of the Wayne County Fair, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter participated in the recycling program. Members went around late each night at and collected recycling items around the fairgrounds in coordination with Jeff Harmon and the Senior Fair Board, the Joint Solid Waste District and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Leisy. Jayla Berry, Alex Borton, Luke Chaffee, Marie Clements, Travis Cochran, Colton Corbett, Emily Cromer, Riley Dawson, Skylar Dawson, Taylor Dawson, Jacey Fulton, Avery Garver, Zaine Garver, Tate Hixson, Nate Koch, McKayla Linscott, Dylan Martin, Dugan McLaughlin, Jordan Melegari, Cody Morrow,

Mackenzie Nowell, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abby Ramsier, Mary Rickey, Coby Stough, Brock Tegtmeier, Cody Tegtmeier, Chase White, and Austen Members collected recycling items such as cardboard boxes, plastics, food waste and cans. This year members were able to remove 23,940 pounds of recyclables from the waste stream of the fair without any cost to the Fair Board. The Northwestern FFA Chapter is glad to have the opportunity to participate in this program. Wood helped throughout the week.

Northwestern FFA Student of the Month

The Northwestern FFA Student of the Month for October is Austen Wood. He is currently serving as the Treasurer. Austen is very active in the chapter and participates in multiple CDEs, including Parliamentary Procedure, Soil Judging, and Wildlife. He has also attended National and State Conventions. "I never expected to be chosen as student of the month. I just do what is asked of me and try to help others," Austen said of his award. One of his nominators wrote, "He is always helping people and encouraging them to do better". As part of his award, Austen will receive a free ice cream from the school cafeteria and a parking spot reserved specifically for the FFA Student of the Month. Congratulations, Austen!



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



Northwestern FFA Participates in Grape Picking

On September 23rd, members from the Northwestern FFA Chapter picked grapes at Jim Borton's vineyard. MaKenzie Nowell, Emily Cromer, Maria Chellis, Jordan Melegari, Kaitlin Praisler, Kyle Badger, Cody Tegtmeier, Brock Tegtmeier, Austin Beegle, Cody Morrow, Kyle Piscione, Jessie Bair, David Miley, MyKayla Linscott, Lene Goodman, Alex Borton, Austen Wood, and Makenzie Snyder picked grapes. Members picked grapes off the vine and put them into bins to be shipped off for processing. The chapter picked over eight thousand pounds of grapes. The Borton's prepared supper for the members after the work was done. The Northwestern FFA Chapter would like to thank the Jim Borton family for the supper and for the opportunity to come and pick grapes this year.

Northwestern FFA Has Large Participation in Fair

This year, the Northwestern FFA had many participating members exhibit shop projects and/or animal projects at the Wayne County Fair. There were nearly 50 shop projects this year displayed at Northwestern's booth in the FFA building. These projects included medium and large wood projects, welding, and electrical projects. Jessie Bair, Taylor Dawson, Tatum Franczek, Christie Franks, Emily Finley, Jared Leasure, and Reiley Murphy had a hitch pin metal project on display that was made in the Ag Science 2 class. Other projects on display were small end tables made by the Ag Science 1 classes. Jacob Besancon, Maria Chellis, Lindsay Ciolek, Emily Cromer, Skylar Dawson, Spencer Deming, Peyton Edwards, Tristan Estep, Brianna Faltisco, Jacey Fulton, Spencer Garrison, Derek Hudson, Beth Kanzeg, Dan Kline, Elise Krajcik, Jared Leasure,

David Leiter, McKayla Linscott, Cody Morrow, Mary Rickey, Wes Schaad, Bethanie Schaefer, Joey Shaw, April Strait, Lexie Switzer, Hayden Tiliske, and Jack Triplett all had their projects displayed. Shaw was awarded Outstanding Project and was presented with a plaque.

Jacob Besancon, Spencer Deming, Ashley Dunn, Jared Leasure, Jazon LeMaster, Reiley Murphy, and Kyle Wharton exhibited electrical projects they made in Ag Shop. The students learned about electricity and how to wire circuits including light bulbs and switches.

Welding projects also made in shop were exhibited Jacob Besancon, Ashley Dunn, Christie Franks, Jazon LeMaster, and Kyle Wharton. LeMaster was awarded Outstanding Project and was presented with a plaque.

Besides the shop projects, Northwestern FFA had a large number of members participate in animal exhibits. Many FFA members showed market hogs at the fair. Zaine Garver, Cody Morrow, Brittany Slanczka, Colt Slanczka, Brock Tegtmeier, and Cody Tegtmeier showed a market hog. Showmanship winners were Zaine Garver in 7th place, Cody Morrow in 9th, Brittany Slanczka in 4th place, Colt Slanczka in 7th, Brock Tegtmeier in 9th and Cody Tegtmeier in 2nd place. Cody Tegtmeier had a successful year showing a market steer. He placed 3rd in the Wayne County Born and Raised show and placed 4th in the market show. Tegtmeier also placed 4th in his steer showmanship class. Brock Tegtmeier exhibited a feeder calf with which he placed 6th.

Cody Tegtmeier also exhibited a beef breeding project. He placed 4th in his showmanship class and 5th with his Early Jr. Yearling Hereford Heifer. Taylor Dawson, Brittany Slanczka, and Colt Slanczka showed a market lamb at the fair this year, and Brittany Slanczka showed breeding sheep. Taylor Dawson placed 7th in her class and also earned the Rate of Gain Award, while Brittany and Colt Slanczka placed 7th with their market lambs. Brittany Slanczka placed 7th with both her Slickshorn Yearling Ewe and Slickshorn Ewe Lamb. In showmanship, Taylor Dawson placed 6th, Brittany Slanczka placed 7th and Colt Slanczka placed 7th. Members Andrew LeMaster, Jazon LeMaster, and Ben Vaughan also exhibited goats this year. Ben Vaughan placed 6th, Jazon Lemaster placed 8th, and Andrew LeMaster

The Northwestern FFA also had members participate in the Ashland County Fair. Taylor Dawson and Skylar Dawson showed at Ashland. Taylor Dawson and Skylar Dawson exhibited a Market Steer, Market Hog, Baby Beef, and a Feeder calf. Taylor was 3rd in showmanship for market hog, market steer, and baby beef. She was also first in showmanship for her feeder calf. Skylar Dawson placed 5th in showmanship for his market steer, 4th for his feeder calf, and first for his baby beef and market hog.

The Northwestern FFA Chapter is proud of all of the members that exhibited at the Wayne and Ashland County Fairs this year. The Chapter looking forward to next year's participation.



Northwestern FFA members Jazon LeMaster and Joey Shaw pose with their projects that were awarded as outstanding at the Wayne County Fair.



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	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Friday, November 25	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Monday, November 28	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Thursday, December 22	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
Wednesday, January 4, 2017	School Reconvenes
Friday, January 13, 2017	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
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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 Kim Wellert
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 Phil Keener
2nd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Commons

Football Club

President Craig Wellert
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Commons

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



A great idea for a Husky Christmas present!

We are very pleased with the quality of our new spirit item. You have noticed the intense gaze of the husky on the scorer's table in the gymnasium or on the banner on the east side of the home football stands. We now have this image available on 3' x 5' flag! The cost is \$20. Flags are available in the high school office, with a limited number available in the other buildings. They will also be available at various events, including most athletic events at the high school. Checks should be written to Northwestern High School. As always, thank you for your continued support of Northwestern Schools. We hope you like this flag as much as we do!



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If you have information that you would like in this newsletter, please contact Diane Hannah by calling the high school at 419-846-3833 ext. 1137 or through email: nrws_editor@tccsa.net



Blessings in a Backpack is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to fight weekend food insecurity for children. Through the support of local churches and the Northwestern community, we are able to provide 16 kids with hunger free weekends!

Contact us to answer questions or get more information!

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Information also found on Northwestern's website!

2016-17 school year newsletter article and photo submission deadlines:

Jan. 18, March 22, May 10,
July 19

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