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NMS ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION

A Fun Learning Experience!!



Winners of the Lemonade Stand Competition at NMS were: back row, 6th graders Marcus Wolboldt and Jacob Farner, 7th graders Joe Buchholtz and Carter Clarke. Front row is Shawn Favara and Rylee Dawson, Grand Champions.



Biomedical Debate Team: Jordan Allshouse, Leanna Ruegg, Skylar Edington, Treyton Jester
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Participants, Cici Phillips, Ryan Walter, Weston Arthur, and Tyler Ward strategize and watch intently as Lemonade Stand results roll in.
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Where's the leprechaun?

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Live broadcast of events
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Northwestern School Safety & Security Survey Results

There will be no superintendent article in this issue. Instead we are focusing on school safety and security. These articles will be the spring focus.

353 community respondents

217 of respondents have children in the one or more of the schools

136 of these respondents are also employees

We also had several anonymous student responses, as we promoted to high school students. More than 50% of respondents feel very confident or confident that appropriate safety measures have or are being implemented in Northwestern Schools.

More than 78% of respondents feel that employing a full-time resource officer at Northwestern Schools would improve safety in our schools.

82% of respondents would be in favor of the district employing a full-time resource officer. 74% of respondents would support a school levy or other funding mechanism supporting the ongoing employment and training costs of employing a resource officer.

49% of respondents feel very confident or confident that approving a select 2-3 trained individuals maintaining a locked weapon in each building would improve safety. Roughly 76% are very confident, confident, or somewhat confident that this would improve safety. However, the results seem polarized, with strong comments pro and con regarding this. Comments ranged from: "the district should arm any interested employee with a CCW" to "arming only a select few with ongoing emergency response weapon training and mental health background checks" to "opposition

to any weapons in schools beyond law enforcement personnel", and even "I will withdraw my children if this is allowed".

54% of respondents feel very confident or confident in supporting allowing school personnel to carry weapons in the schools. More than 77% felt very supportive, supportive, or somewhat supportive. This indicates strong trust with school employees.

58% are very supportive or supportive of employees carrying a concealed weapon outside of the school day at extracurricular events on campus.

Recent instances of violence in schools and threats made in our own schools has brought a renewed awareness and fear for school safety locally. Northwestern staff, administrators, and Board Members have been discussing safety and security ongoing manner of late. We thought it wise to not only post a list of current safety precautions, new security items we were moving forward on, but also brainstormed ideas to consider. We also invited community to share perceptions and suggestions at a March 19th Community Meeting on School Safety & Security where roughly 60 community members met with administrators and board members and I to discuss this relevant and very appropriate topic.

Any member of our community desiring to share additional thoughts and ideas we welcome your input - do so through e-mail, phone call, or stop by the superintendent's office or principal's office to discuss.

The district is pursuing safe and Drug Free matching grant dollars to help defray at least the initial cost of employing a resource officer, if we do indeed pursue this. If the district goes in this direction we will also:

- search for other potential grant funds to help with the cost
- pursue potential partnerships (possibly with the Wayne County Sheriff's Dept., a local police Department, or other collaboration for times when school is not in session - such as summers, fair, and Christmas holidays)
- include additional responsibilities (such as helping principals monitor social media, assisting with our current drug and alcohol testing, DARE responsibilities, building relationships with students, covering extracurricular events, etc.)

The big three items thus far that are new include:

- The district will be adding to our existing 99 security cameras - mainly at the main entrances and secondary exits of the buildings.
- The district has provided Pepper Gel to administrators, secretaries, custodians, and other key personnel.
- We are studying and discussing the feasibility of employing a resource officer and when this might be possible.

The very best deterrent is many situations is forging and maintaining strong relationships and communications with staff, students, and parents; addressing mental health and behavioral issues, dealing with any bullying behavior immediately, as well as providing additional counseling supports for students and families as provided with existing staff, Catholic Charities, ANAZAO, families, and local clergy. The \$41,000 grant we have received for these counseling agencies to work with our students most in need in all of our school buildings through Wayne County JFS through Title XX funds as approved by the Wayne County Commissioners has been a much needed additional support for our children each of the past 3 years.

The latest list of current safety precautions, new security items, and brainstormed possible ideas to consider are listed on the district website. We also included the current list in this newsletter. This will be updated as we move forward.

The complete survey results (complete with graphs) are available on the Northwestern website for all to view (minus the actual individual comments, which number in the hundreds and are being reviewed by Administration and the Board of Education for consideration).

I would like to thank our staff, parents, community members, students, administration, and our Northwestern Board of Education for the collaborative discussion that has taken place in regards to school safety and security. Together we will help make our students even more safe and secure.

Jeffrey N. Layton
Northwestern Superintendent of Schools

STAY INFORMED

Parents, friends, and members of our Northwestern community:

The Northwestern School District appreciates the concern, love, and show of support for our administration, staff, and children exhibited by parents and community members. The safety of our children is paramount with the pervasive schools violence and threats across the area, state, and nation. Below is a summary of current safety precautions that we have in place here at Northwestern, which are listed on our district website as well as below. In addition, we have had MARCs emergency radios for a few years now, we have 99 campus security cameras, three cameras on each of our buses, and we are discussing and initiating several other new additional precautions as well.

Blessings to each of you and thanks for your prayers, faith, and your support for everyone protecting our children. Know that we have an exceptional faculty, staff, and administrative team here at Northwestern who are dedicated to the learning, development, and safety of children in our care.

A recent excellent parent suggestion was made for parents to talk with their children about remaining aware of situations, bullying, or troubled students and to please remind children to share these concerns and situations with school adults and their parents. I echo this and also remind parents to monitor your children's electronic devices and social media – to be aware of conversations they are having and with whom.

Another excellent recent community member suggestion was made for additional peer supports through a possible training program in order for adults to have a greater awareness of social media concerns. The district is moving forward with this suggestion in partnership with ANAZAO.

Please know that we are and will continue doing everything in our power to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our children.

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Summary of Current Safety Measures

Northwestern's buildings remain secured during the school day. What we have in place has not changed dramatically, but have become more detailed, evolved over time, and responses have become more rehearsed.

We pray that no such cowardly and inhumane violent acts such as what has occurred in Florida toward children occur in our community.

We also pray that we have the strength of relationships and awareness of our own children and our environment to recognize, intercede, and support individual students in crisis so we can stop any potential self-harm as well.

As far as school building and district-wide security, we have layers of security that include:

- Locked doors and windows.
- Numerous security cameras outside our buildings as well as inside our buildings.
- Security cameras at the main entrance linked to a buzzer system whereby the doors are remote unlocked to allow access.
- Name tags and protocol for visitors and child pick-up.
- Alice Training. Awareness and training are vitally important.
- Regular armed intruder drills.
- We have trained response crisis teams in each building with personnel who have had and annually undergo restraint training.

- We have more comprehensive building and district safety plans that are updated annually.

- We have sought Title XX Grant dollars to fund Catholic Charities and ANAZAO clinical, individual, and group counseling in our schools.

- Added exterior lock boxes with master keys for law enforcement access.

- We worked with law enforcement to mark exterior doors and mark classrooms from the outside.

- MARCs Emergency Radios that link directly with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and Local Fire Departments.

- Wayne County Sheriff Deputies regularly patrol around the school campus and stop in at varied times.

- We have also approved specific and trained law enforcement officers to carry concealed and unconcealed weapons on campus and inside buildings. Only board members and administrators are in the know of whom these individuals are. Their identities are kept under wraps for obvious reasons.

- Obviously on duty law enforcement officers can also carry their weapons.

- Since the Florida shooting area law enforcement has stepped-up their school presence.

- We have long-standing religious education programs and support prayer groups.

As always, the very best deterrent in many situations is forging and maintaining strong relationships and communications with staff, students, and parents; addressing mental health and behavioral issues, dealing with any bullying behavior immediately, as well as providing additional counseling supports for students and families as provided with existing staff, Catholic Charities, ANAZAO, families, and local clergy. Northwestern is blessed with a strong culture of faith in a very student-centered, nurturing environment. **I appreciate the awareness and relationships we have of individual students and their needs – through our guidance counselors, extended counseling supports, administrators, staff-members, and community-wide.**

District News

SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES, continued

We have been discussing security further and we are pursuing the additional measures below:

- Purchased pepper spray gel for offices personnel, administration, and other key personnel.
- We are putting together training for additional peer training program provided by ANAZAO for recent graduates (they can become like big brothers and big sisters in this program and stay in tune with student concerns, social media, etc.).
- The Elementary began a High School to Elementary Peer Support program earlier this year.
- Adding additional cameras in a few problem areas. Note that our security cameras feed into the offices and can be viewed on various electronic devices – including cell phone for approved school officials and law enforcement.
- Researching the costs of adding an additional MARCs radio to the district office and 4 mobile MARCs radios. (we have 1 base unit in each school building currently, but adding one in the district office would be a plus as would having several Marcs mobile units). We are working to find grant funding for these.
- Educate/remind staff on the locations of fire extinguishers and other potential defensive items are located throughout their building.
- Researching software to potentially scan social media for key phrases, threats, and self-harm.
- Staff will be undergoing more comprehensive self-defense training (we have had crisis teams in place with some training)
- Expanded access of our security cameras to Sheriff Dept. Deputies on their electronic devices.
- Purchasing additional direct intercom phones to reach the entire building in emergency.
- Add a second inside door lock to classroom doors.
- Glass breakers in every classroom (so teachers can break windows and escape through them if pinned down and if needed).
- Multi-directional signal booster for the MARCs radios. These are a lot of money and we would need to have grant dollars to purchase.
- We are searching for school safety, opioid, or DARE officer funds, if we can qualify for grant money.

Other items we are discussing that have come through administrator/staff/community/parent suggestions include:

- Employ a Resource Officer who is committed to regular training with our Sheriff's Dept. or other emergency response trainer.
- Pursue additional funding for school safety that might include dollars for a resource officer.
- Adding 3M glass coating to the glass at building entrances.
- Adding alarms to some of the exits that are not the main building exits. Door alarms to all sub-entrances that can be visually seen by the office as well.
- Add a gate to the area behind the high school to be closed/locked during school hours.

These items are unlikely, but are being discussed:

- Arming secretaries with Tasers.
- Authorize a few select administrators with CCW and additional extensive training – Principals, Asst. Principals, and Superintendent – to keep a weapon in a locked box in case of necessity.
- Metal Detectors in main entrances (with the additional cost of someone to monitor them).

- Body scan device at the main entrance of each building (\$12,000 each device and someone would need to monitor them).
- 5 gallon buckets of stones in classrooms to throw at an intruder.
- The district has concerns with arming general teachers or staff, but it needs to be a part of the discussion as well.



Human Trafficking, Runaway Situation, or Potential for Something Worse?

Captain Doug Hunter discussed this first situation in one of his Wayne County community video updates, which I would guess may still be available. It goes without saying that a better education is provided by attending our public schools and the students are safer than doing an online charter school program without the adult teacher and administrative support. This is too close to home and is a good reminder to remain vigilant and observant. It is also a good example to share with our kids. **The story goes...**

- A Northwestern Elementary Teacher saw a former Northwestern student (13 years-old) walking down St. Rt. 301 with an older male 22 years old
- Captain Hunter happened to be at the Middle School at a school safety assembly that morning and the teacher was aware of this so the teacher contacted the middle school secretary to notify Captain Hunter of his concern due to this oddity due to age difference and possibly truancy
- The 13 year-old former Northwestern student had actually withdrawn last fall and was in an online charter school program. She and the older man had evidently been corresponding on Snapchat
- Captain Hunter located them and put them in his cruiser and questioned them
- The male contradicted his story several times, reportedly did not share a driver's license, and would not share basic info about name, birth-date, etc.

Human Trafficking, Runaway Situation, or Potential for Something Worse?

The story continued

- The male lived in Connecticut and had admitted to taking a bus to Wooster to meet this girl

- She was reportedly running away with him – they were walking to Wooster to catch a bus to Connecticut

- Captain Hunter took the male into custody and charges were filed for contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Who knows the intent of this guy – sex trade, kidnapping, promoting drug dependency, prostitution, rape, murder??? Please read the Daily Record article below for the rest of the story.

Captain Hunter and I talked awhile that morning about another prior troubling incident that occurred last fall where two older Michigan teens were observed and caught on Northwestern campus in their vehicle. They had been texting a 14-year-old Northwestern student and met-up with her at the track behind the middle school. I happen to have known the female student and her family since her early childhood.

Our two middle school administrators brought the two Michigan teens to my office and we confronted them, copied a driver license, car license plate, then called the Sheriff's Dept. The story told was that these 16 and 17 year-old boys were headed to a party in Columbus from Michigan and "stopped by" to meet this 13 year-old girl.

Who knows what would have happened in this situation as well were it not for the observations and actions of multiple staff and our strong rapport with the Wayne County Sheriff's Dept.

We feel it is very important for our students, parents, and our community to hear of situations that could easily have ended-up poorly for young students when they are too trusting and what could have been without keen eyes and awareness of Northwestern staff and administrators! Our proximity to two interstates and nearby truck stops and a rest area do not make us rest any easier.

We all need to be vigilant and aware. We need to report as well as confront such situations that can occur anywhere in our community.

Northwestern Schools "Home of the Huskies"

Never say it cannot happen here, because such things can happen anywhere. **Community awareness makes a huge difference!**

*****Thanks to Linda Hall and the Wooster Daily Record for writing and publishing the following article*****

The actions of a quick-thinking teacher likely prevented the abduction of a local 13-year-old Northwestern student. Thanks to that teacher, who notified the Wayne County Sheriff's Office to a suspicious person Thursday, a crime, rooted in social media, was thwarted. I first learned about the seemingly unbelievable story at church, when one of the Northwestern parents spoke of the incident and how the teacher saw something amiss. He said a man was apprehended and arrested. Wanting to inquire further about the possible abduction and what the story was, Capt. Doug Hunter of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office suggested I check out his Daily Update video for March 1. In it, he described the situation, which he called a "signification case."

In the video, Hunter deflects attention away from the involved department personnel. Turns out, it was him. He was already at Northwestern for a rally to promote kindness and unity. When he learned about the suspicious person, he went looking. He found a 22-year-old man walking down the street with a 13-year-old girl. The man and girl had communicated via Snapchat, Hunter said in the video. He allegedly caught a bus from either Connecticut or New York, and he was surprised he could not catch an outgoing bus from West Salem. So, the two were going to walk to Wooster and take a bus from there to somewhere.

Initially, both claimed to be 16 years old, Hunter said. It was discovered she was running away from home. The man was taken into custody for contributing to the delinquency of a minor, as he allegedly was going to provide the money

for the girl's bus ticket. The girl was returned to her parents. "A serious situation was about ready to unfold," Hunter said. He thanked the teacher for being observant and reporting it. (end of DR article)



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!

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Programs! Grade 5-12 -- 1 to 1 chromebook to student ratio

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 60% of Northwestern 8th Gr. Students have completed Algebra I before entering High School?

Total Grants & Local Foundation Dollars this 17-18 school year

\$41,011

JFS Title XX Grant (counseling through Catholic Charities and ANAZAO)

\$ 7,000

Romich Foundation Grant (ES and MS Makerspace Carts and supplies)

\$12,000

Romich Foundation Grant (STEM Preschool, Engineering Day for MS, Solar Sprint National Competition)

\$10,000

Weltmer Foundation (Update Nature Trail, gravel entrance, signage, Bridge)

\$ 8,140

PNC Bank Grant (STEM Preschool)

\$11,690

United Way (after school programs K-8)

\$89,841 TOTAL

This wasn’t close to the @ \$1,000,000 we received last year, but we believe the district will receive at least one of the grants for the Sugar Shack, which should put us over \$100,000 for the year. However, the \$1,000,000 was a rarity due to two very large “Straight A Fund Grant” awards, which are no longer available. Due to politics Northwestern is not on the list as being eligible for the “Community Connectors Grants”, which replaced that grant program. Thus we cannot even apply.

These amounts do not include the several smaller teacher grants written by several dedicated teachers as well, which they had written and received this year.

These amounts also do not include the sizeable federal entitlement funds we receive each year.

DISMAL RESULTS FOR VOUCHERS

The evidence is in, and it's not good news for vouchers. The continued push for school vouchers, which transfer scarce taxpayer dollars out of public education and into private schools, is "a triumph of ideology over evidence," according to a recent story in Long Island's Newsday. The story points to a Brookings Institution report on four rigorous studies: "On average, students that use vouchers to attend private schools do less well on tests than similar students that do not attend private schools." Information such as this is difficult to dig up. Although vouchers and charter school advocates ground their arguments on demands for test-based accountability, the Newsday account reports that 70% of the largest voucher programs either don't require students to take standardized tests or don't make the results publicly available.

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High School Guidance News!

High School Guidance Notes

- Stay tuned to daily announcements about Summer PE at Northwestern High School
- Any student interested in taking classes for college credit next year **MUST** apply to that college by the college's deadline and be accepted by that college in order to qualify. This usually means having a certain Grade Point Average (GPA) as well as a certain ACT score. Some specific courses have additional requirements.
- Seniors: There are still local scholarships to apply for! Check your Naviance account for the most up-to-date list.
- Juniors: NOW is the time to be visiting colleges! Campus visits are an excellent way to help figure out which college might be the best fit for you and to make sure you understand the application process and deadlines for admission and scholarships for that college. Once you apply (usually early fall of senior year), then you will log onto your Naviance account and request transcripts to be sent to each college you've submitted an application to.
- Don't forget! All Seniors (except Career Center & IB students) will be taking some version of Senior Seminar during the 2018-19 school year. For students not physically in the building, there will be an online Senior Seminar course for you to take during 1st semester. These courses focus on hands-on work experiences, job mentoring, and career development.

Upcoming Dates from the Guidance Office:

April 17 & 18: English Language Arts I & II End of Course Exams
April 24 & 25: Biology End of Course Exams
May 1 & 2: American History and Government End of Course Exams
May 4: Deadline to register online at www.act.org for June 9 ACT test
May 8 & 9: Algebra I & Geometry End of Course Exams
May 14: Underclassman Awards Ceremony – 7:30 A.M.
May 22: Senior Awards Ceremony – 7:00 PM
June 3: Graduation
June 9: ACT test
June 15: Deadline to register online at www.act.org for July 14 ACT test
July 14: ACT test (this is the first time ACT is offering a July test!)



The Northwestern High School drama presented The Tin Woman on

March 22-25, 2018. The contemporary play by Sean Grennan examines the difficulties and necessities surrounding organ donation and the loss and reception of life. The main character Joy receives a heart transplant after she has come to grips with her own mortality. Feeling unworthy and intimidated by making something of her newfound chance, Joy's friend Darla convinces her to contact and meet the family of Jack, Joy's heart donor. Hank, Jack's father, closes off all emotional ties to his family while bereaving his son's death, and Alice, Hank's wife, is struggling with her husband's isolation. Hank and Alice's daughter Sammy is also struggling with her brother's untimely death. Through meeting Joy, Jack's family and Joy are able to move forward and appreciate this newly changed life they all live.

Due to the small stature of the cast (7 members) and a large interest in the production, the play was double-casted with an almost all senior cast performing Thursday and Friday and a junior cast performing Saturday and Sunday. The junior cast included Anna Martin as Joy, Ben Pollizi as Jack, Nik King as Hank, Lorena Henderson as Alice, Jessi Moats as Darla, Danni Ballinger as Sammy, and McKenna Perry as the nurse. The senior cast included CiCi DuVall as Joy, Jon Hoff as Jack, Aaron Eicher as Hank, Rae Rempher as Alice, Grace McCullough as Darla, Amaya White as Sammy, and Kylie Wellert as the nurse.

Also included in the production was community member Mike Wigal, a heart recipient of his own. Mike willingly shared his own story dealing with heart disease and a chance at a new life. During intermission, he read a letter he had received from the family of his heart donor. Lifebanc out of Cleveland, OH (the northeast Ohio region's headquarters) was present to disseminate information and register potential donors. Four audience members were registered during the performance, making this an even more successful event!



**Mr. Mike
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Northwestern
High School
Principal**

Hello from Northwestern High School,

This school year has really flown by! We will soon be proctoring this year's end of course tests at the high school. The following courses have state tests that will be a factor in meeting graduation requirements: English 9 & 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History and American Government. The state has shifted to a single end of course test, but it still has two parts. To give the impacted students the best opportunity to perform their best we will be on a late start on test days for the non-testing students. This will allow our testing students to be in a smaller group setting. We have the test dates and times on our High School calendar, which is assessable from the High School webpage. We are doing the best we can to find ways to deal with the impact of assessment delivery, while maintaining a structure that delivers the best education that we can provide to our students.

Our students did an exceptional job with their science fair projects at the local and district level. Many of our students received recognition and honors at the district level and will advance to the State Science Day in May. Congratulations and thank you to our students, families and staff that made this possible. We also have students competing in various STEM related contests with many of them advancing to higher levels of competition.

Schedule requests have been submitted and we will be looking to create next year's master schedule. We are very proud of the fact that we have been able to maintain an impressive array of curricular offerings.

One of the issues that we have had to focus on, to a larger extent than in past years, is the number of students that have opted to go full time off campus college credit plus classes.

Northwestern High School News

While we understand that this is an individual and a family decision, we strongly believe that there are considerations to be taken into account that may influence the decision. We have shifted the majority of our class offerings to a semester-based system, similar to a college or university format. Without leaving Northwestern, qualified students can earn college credits in the following classes: Writing Composition I, Writing Composition II, Speech, Literature Appreciation, American Politics, US History to 1864, Chemistry, Calculus, Statistics and/or several business course offerings. We are working to confirm a couple other classes that are impacted by changes in the CCP rules, including Music History, Music Theory and Education classes. We are continuing to offer the capstone class in both the engineering and biomedicine curriculums – Engineering Design and Development and Biomedical Innovation and will add a capstone course in Clean Energy and Computer Science. If a student has completed the pre-requisite courses, these classes may be chosen as a yearlong alternative to their senior seminar class. Seniors may also choose to participate in an Internship as a means of meeting the senior seminar graduation requirement. We will continue to look for ways to expand our offerings and provide our students with quality and innovative course offerings.

While the high school cannot be a college campus, there are definite advantages to working with teachers who are qualified to teach college classes and trained to work with high school students. While the majority of our students find success with this curriculum, regardless of where they take the classes, it is important to note that the cost of the class is charged to the family if a student does not pass a class. Having a relationship and access to the teachers at the high school reduces the risk of having a student fail a class without a parent knowing that their child is struggling or has a low grade. Taking CCP classes at Northwestern eliminates the cost and safety concerns related to travel, as well as allowing the opportunity to take other curriculum at the high school. From our schools perspective, we have a stake in having as many of our students stay and take their classes at the high school as the majority of these students are also our leaders and their absence affects the school culture.

At present, we are planning to offer at least one summer course: Physical Education. We may also have the opportunity to provide some summer on-line courses to address credit recovery needs. Further information will soon be available in our guidance office.

As we move toward May, we are looking toward many significant events. The largest of these events is the High School Graduation. On June 3rd at 2:00, in the Northwestern High School gym, the class of 2018 will be receiving their diplomas. The Class of 2018 has lived up to the strong traditions of our school and community. I always look forward to the Senior Awards Assembly, as this is a time when we get to celebrate their successes and learn more about the recognitions and scholarships they have accumulated, as well as what their future plans are. Senior Awards will be Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in the theater. Please join us for this celebration, if your schedule allows. Underclassman Awards have been moved to Monday, May 14th at 7:30 a.m. This will be held in the gym. All parents and community members are invited to attend this event!



Important dates to note as we move toward the end of the school year:

5/2 Spring Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
5/10 Spring Choir Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
5/14 Northwestern Ruritan Student Recognition Program
5/14 Underclassman Awards @ 7:30 a.m.
5/22 Senior Awards Assembly @ 7:00 p.m.
5/25, 5/29, 5/30 Underclassmen Final Exams
6/3 Graduation @ 2:00 p.m. – High School Gym

Note on exams:

Senior exams are scheduled by their teacher during the final two days. We will not be on an adjusted schedule.

Underclassmen exams will be as follows:

5/25 - Periods 1, 4, 5
5/29 - Periods 2,6,7
5/30 - Periods 3,8

The exam schedule will be:

Exam Period One : 7:25-8:45
Exam Period Two: 8:55 – 10:15
Exam Period Three: 10:25 – 11:45
Lunch: 11:55

Make Up or Rescheduled Exams: 12:40

The format for exams will be open. Students do not need to come in until their first exam each day and may leave after their final test each day. All classes, excluding study hall, will be having a final exam or culminating activity. If a student has an exam, study hall and then an additional exam they must stay the entire time.

If your child must be here the entire day, we will have supervised areas for study or for recreation. The buses will be running on their normal schedules. For the safety of your children, we ask that arrangements be made to pick up your child when his/her academic day is complete. Please do not have your child walk or ride a bicycle on State Route 301.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the high school at 419 846-3833 or you may contact me at nrws_burkhol@tccsa.net.

We are very proud of our students and of our community. We appreciate your continued support of our school!

**Northwestern High School
Honor and Merit Roll
3rd Nine Weeks
2017-18**

1ST HONORS 4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Emily Bouffard, Garrett Dever, Justin Ebert, Emily Finley, Sarah Fraser, Spencer Garrison, Nicolas Grassman, Peyton Hendricks, Jacob Hudson, Hannah Kardohely, Margaret Linder, Nicole Russell, Hunter Stidham, Cody Tegtmeier, Hayden Tiliske, Devin Whisman, Amaya White, Austen Wood
Juniors: Weslea Arthur, Mikayla Beegle, Grace Chupp, Jaimie Critzer, Skylar Dawson, Kaylie Dye, Peyton Edwards, Isaac Franks, Hannah Fricke, Mackenzi Gray, Cortney Hoff, Elizabeth Kanzeg, Nikolas King, Elise Krajcik, James McLaurin, Cassandra Nutter, Benjamin Pollizi, Caleb Purdy, Kailey Schwartz, Kaitlyn Secrist, Brianna Shearer, Jadah Smith, Shane Smith, Allison St. Clair, Claire Vaughan, Olivia Wakefield

Sophomores: Colin Agnes, Jordan Allshouse, Claire Bond, Alexander Borton, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, Skylar Edington, James Evans, Jordyn Ference, Zaine Garver, Taylor Howman, Jordan Mlegari, Hunter Miller, Karlie Mowrer, Makenzie Nowell, Cal Rhamy, Mehli Rogers, Leeanna Ruegg, Katherine Shambaugh, Aidan Spitler, Lindsey Sykes, Brianna Teal, Brock Tegtmeier, Rachel Winkler
Freshmen: Samantha Barnette, Jillian Beun, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Zane Fast, Mitchell Gray, Cierra Hershey, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Halie O'Loughlin, Lariah Severs, Allison Spencer, Hayden Stoller, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Megan Tomechko, Hailie Tomsik, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Dylan Coffman, Taylor Dawson, Maverick Duncan, Derik DuVall, Jr., Aaron Eicher, Brandon Feist, Isabella Gill, David Miley, Michael Nutter, Nicole Winkler

Juniors: Trenton Boatner, Nicholas Burns, Avery Crumley, Isabella Flickinger, Raini Hershey, Jessica Moats, Cael Rowland

Sophomores: Austin Beegle, Elliot Coffman, Avery Garver, Logan Haven, Savannah Hunt, Robert Martin, Sasha McConahay, Haerang Park, Sarah Roder

Freshmen: Max Carlson, Sara Cassady, Brandon Casto, Jason Markley, Mary Nixon, Noah Pack, Robert Soueid, Betty Stevens, Cole Wharton

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Lindsey Asbury, Guilherme Avelino De Souza Drumond, Jessica Bair, Bryce Beery, Ian Castor, Madison Cook, Dylan Frybarger, Jordan Gilbert, Caleb Groves, Skyla Harp, Ariel Harper, Hunter Kanzeg, Chase Lambert, Jared Leasure, Chianne Neider, Rae Rempher, Chloe Sparks, April Strait, Alyssa Toppins

Juniors: Alexis Arnette, Tanner Carlson, London Chaffee, Daniel Dietrich, Gabriela Fabris Cordeiro, Jeffrey Guidetti, Alexis Hall, Malibu Hess, Tate Hixson, Kolton Kliner, Christopher Kovacs, Tori McConnell, Carter Melicant, Joren Rickard, Camilo Rogers, Alexandra Rowe, Bethanie Schaefer, Jalen Severs, Nathan Smithberger, Mason Taylor, Kamy Tope, Hailey Yarbour

Sophomores: Kyle Badger, Lindsay Boak, Kyle Boreman, Jett Conley, Rebecca Hall, Phillip Howman, Nathaniel Hudson, Isabella Ingraham, Treyton Jester, Allison Kandel, Matthew Kobak, Natalie Mareno, Riley Massengill, Justin McElfresh, Lawrence Noble, Tucker Ott, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abigail Ramseyer, Brock Rush, Gabriel Sarno, Lydia Smith, Montana Stidham, Makayla Stormer, Madison Wallace, Haley Webb, Matthew Yates

Freshmen: Rilee Ammon, Wyatt Arthur, Devin Bailey, Cassidy Brown, Braden Colter, James Cooke, Coleston Cutter, Tyler Farner, Gerald Fricke, Chase Fry, Paul Gendron-Olalde, Kyli Gostlin, Ashton Mackey, Cole McClure, Dakota Rainsberger, Jacob Teal, Kylie Wellert, Noah White



Back To School



BEAT THE RUSH
Bring your student
(K-12) for back to
school immunizations

Immunizations

The Wayne County Health Department
will be providing back to school
immunization clinics:

Thursday, May 10 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

and

Saturday, July 28 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Clinics will be held at the Wayne County Schools
Career Center Administration Building
518 W. Prospect St., Smithville, OH 44667



- * No Appointment necessary. Students will be seen on a first come, first serve basis
- * Please bring your child's immunization record
- * Child must be accompanied by parent/guardian or authorized caregiver. Authorized caregiver must have a signed permission from parent/guardian
- * If you have insurance, please bring that information

Your child is eligible for vaccines at little to no cost if you:

- * Have no insurance; or
- * Your insurance does not cover vaccines (Cost payable by check or cash)

Wayne County Health Department ** 203 S. Walnut St. ** Wooster OH 44691** 330-264-9590



Natalie Mareno looks happy to have her forehead cared for by Garrett Carpenter.

High School
Health
Students
Practice First
Aid



Will Ford helps McCoy Imhoff stop bleeding on his arm.





Mr. Joey Brightbill
Northwestern
Middle School
Principal

Message from Mr. Brightbill

NMS is preparing for one of the busiest times of the year as we head into the final quarter. The testing season is upon us, as well as, middle school scheduling for next year and keeping our academic focus.

State Assessments will be given in the morning for the first few hours on the scheduled dates below. We are asking that you please be on time and avoid these dates for appointments and pre-planned absences. If your son or daughter happens to miss a testing date, they will make-up the test on the day they return to school. After the tests are completed, we will run an adjusted schedule to ensure that students will get all of their academic classes for the remainder of the day. We are asking that all electronic devices are shut down and kept out of sight during testing so that devices will not interfere with the testing security and wifi connection. Listed below are the tested subjects and dates per grade level. For more information on the test and help to prepare visit <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>.

Test	Grades	Date
ELA	6-8	April 17-18
Science	8	April 24-25
Math	6-8	May 1-2
Social Studies	No Test This Year	NA

Beginning the week of April 2, middle school students will begin their course selections for grades 7-8. Please be sure to review your student's course selections, read over the descriptions and expectations of each class and who will be teaching the class in our course selection booklet. We want to keep our focus of setting high expectations throughout the building as we prepare our students. 8th grade students have already completed and turned in their scheduling forms for high school classes.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

I want to thank everyone for their continued support and feedback about school safety. As we continue revising and having ongoing conversations with staff, law enforcement and the community; your input is essential to our process in making changes to providing a safe learning environment. We want to continue to have a safe school and keeping that a top priority.

With this being the final quarter of the year, it's imperative to remind students to keep their academic focus. This is a common time that students begin to lose focus as the end of the year gets closer. It's important to note, academic performance impacts students academically and athletically for next year. We want to finish the year on a positive as it takes a team effort to keep student focus at the front. Thank you all for your continued support for Northwestern Middle School. Have a great remainder of the academic school year.

Best Regards
Mr. Joey Brightbill

NMS Upcoming Dates:

April 5- Early Release 2:00pm
Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00pm

April 10-11- HOSA Competition
April 13-14- MS Drama Performance
April 17-18 – ELA State Assessment
April 19- Early Release 2:00pm
April 24-25- 8th Grade State Science Assessment
May 1-2 Math State Assessment
May 2- Spring Band Concert 7:00pm
May 10-Choir Concert 7:00pm
May 22-25- 6th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
May 30- Last Day of School
8th Grade Promotion at 7:45am



The Community Art & Art Club have been promoting positivity around the building.

"Take What You Need" Is a bulletin board with envelopes filled with inspirational quotes. Staff and Students can take quotes as needed throughout the day.

"What Lifts You?" Was a school wide project, where students decorated and wrote on feathers about something positive...such as family, music, books etc.. Each feather is placed on the wings and people can stop by to take their pictures with the mural.



6th grade students are collaborating in groups and working through stations during their social studies class.



Middle School News

Academic Honor Roll 3rd Nine Weeks 2017-18

All "A" Honor Roll

8TH GRADE: Arianna Borton, Deanna Devore, Sarah Miller, Clara Zemancik

7TH GRADE: Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addie Bodager, Arianna Firebaugh, Madelyn Fricke, Karissa Groves, Nolan Hartsel, Melanie Imhoff, Caitlyn Leighty, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Danielle Wilkes, Samantha Yates

6TH GRADE: Emma Adkison, Kirsten Boreman, Quinn Fast, Alyssah Fisher, Ellie Hanshaw, Madalyn Hunt, Sophia Linder, Tristan Miller, Zoey Oldaker, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal, Hattie Sciortino, Hunter Sciortino, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, Jacob Ward, Keturah Weaver, Joshua Webel

All "A" and "B" Merit Roll

8TH GRADE: Shayna Allshouse, Jacqueline Barrington, Addison DeSant, Grant Dever, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Dominic Guidetti, Taylor Haley, Mariah Hill, Ariel Hughes, Nathaniel Jackson, Riley James, Kathleen Kindall, Emily Reed, Alexis Sandy, Rachel Smithberger, Brennen Topp, Ryan Walter

7TH GRADE: Brett Alberts, Jozielynn Brenner, Carissa Brinker, Joseph Buchholz, Gabriel Chupp, Jesse Evans, Harper Flores, A'Kia Hardin, Charlie Herman, Cole Hoffer, Daniel Lynch, Charleigh McMillan, Ava O'Loughlin, Jayme Rickey, Morgan Sexten, Ava Stoller, Samuel Terwilliger, Mariah Thompson, Shelby Thorpe, Isabella Vacco, Lauren Vaughan, Charles Westover, Hanna Wilson

6TH GRADE: Kaleb Badger, Ariann Banuet, Brandon Barnette, Paul Boak, Grant Bond, Leona Buetner, Kara Burgan, Haley Caldwell, Hayden Cline, Drake Crumley, Rylie Dugan, Jacob Farner, John Feldman, Owen Ferriman, Cayden Fiala, Logan Garman, Virginia Hamers, Gavin Hines, Jacob Huebner, Mikalah Jones, Jocelyn Lucas, Benjamin MacFarland, Caleb Mackey, Faith Maiher

6TH GRADE, continued

Ethan Mausolf, Alexzander Maxwell, Julia Norby, Gabriella Ream, Caydence Scale, Kierstin Skelly, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, Jonathon Widows, Connor Winland, Ivy Wintrow, McKenna Witucki



Congratulations to our NMS Tri County Spelling Bee contestants! Brooke placed in the top 8 and made it to the Akron Regional Spelling Bee.



Northwestern 2018 Hero Run Autism Awareness 5K Event

**Sponsored by the A-Team of
Northwestern Local Schools**

Saturday, April 28

Race begins at 9:00 a.m.

Cost \$20.00

Location - Northwestern HS Track and local roads

Make checks out to Northwestern Local Schools

Mail to: Northwestern Elementary School, ATTN Megan Hottel, 7334 N. Elyria Rd., West Salem, OH 44287

Or deliver to the schools: Contacts - Mat Schaefer at HS, Abbie Altenburger at MS, Megan Hottel at ES.

You can sign up the day of the race, but a shirt will not be available (\$5 discount)



**DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE
SUPERHERO OR THE HERO IN
YOUR LIFE!**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT
LOCAL TEACHERS WITH SENSORY
NEED ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT
FOR NORTHWESTERN LOCAL
SCHOOLS.**

(Additional donations greatly accepted)

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Northwestern's High School HOSA Members Qualify for State Competition

Due to outstanding performance at the Mideast Regional Competition, numerous Northwestern HOSA members will be exhibiting their knowledge and outstanding performance at the state level. All HOSA events circulate around careers or anything to do with the medical field. At contests, there are a variety of team and individual activities, which stretch the minds of students to prepare them for their future.

There were a variety of teams that competed at the regional competition. These typically involve the team working together to prepare some form of presentation which exerts their knowledge and skills needed for the event. This year, the Biomedical Debate Teams took both the top two places at the regional contest. The first place team consisted of Grace McCullough, Rachel Winkler, and Noah Pack; the second place team was Jordan Allshouse, Treyton Jester, Leanna Ruegg, and Skylar Edington. Both teams debated on Teen Use of Social Media. Joshua Cline, Karlie Mowrer, Jared Alberts, Chris Orosz, and Brianna Shearer formed the Public Service Announcement, where they had to create a video and speech on Pre-Diabetes. Brianna Troyan and Brooke Frybarger worked together to create a HOSA Career Display on Pediatric Surgeon, and they took 3rd place. Janna Ours and Hailie Tomsik worked together in the Health Education event to prepare and create a lesson plan on Mental Illness and placed 3rd overall. Lastly, Bella Gill and Mykenzie Snyder formed a Medical Innovation display that earned 1st place!

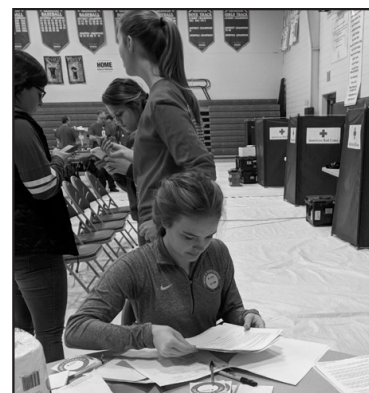
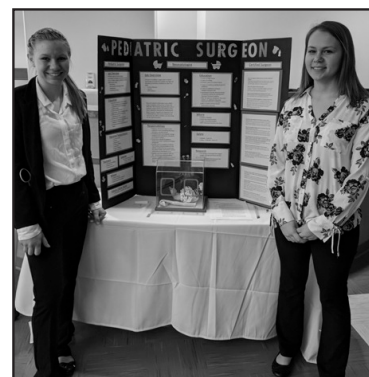
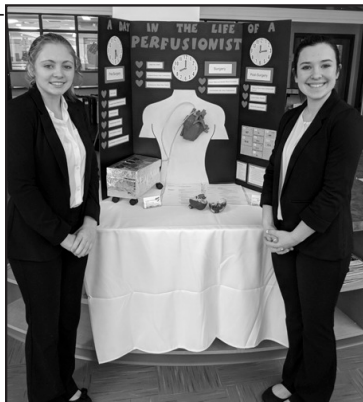
In individual events, members typically completed by taking a knowledge test and having a form of skills assessment. Katie Shambaugh placed first on the Pharmacology Knowledge Test, and Emily Bouffard also placed 1st on the Epidemiology Knowledge Test. Ben Pollizi showed off his mad math skills in the Medical Math contest and earned 2nd overall. Riley Stull took photographs and created a HOSA Health Career Photography Display, which earned her 2nd place. Two members competed in the Biomedical Laboratory Sciences contest; Logan Have placed 2nd,

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS!!

February may have been cold and snowy outside but inside **Mrs. Dailey's computer lab it was lemonade stand weather! In conjunction with Entrepreneurship Week**, a competition was held pitting teams of 2 head-to-head to see who could earn the most money from a virtual lemonade stand. Winners from each tournament round advanced to the next bracket and then finally to the championship round. Students had to use critical thinking skills, cooperation, higher-order thinking, and strategy in order to advance. The winning team from sixth grade was The Junior Hotdogs whose team consisted of Jacob Farner and Marcus Wolboldt. Carter Clarke & Joe Buchholz's team called Lemon Shaker Makers led the seventh grade. The eighth grade team called Mix it Up Gold was the Grand Champion! Rylee Dawson and Shawn Favara were the founding members of Mix it Up Gold. In the four rounds they played, which consisted of 40 "days", Shawn and Rylee made almost \$1500.00! Fifty-four NMS students participated in the tournament. This experience was especially informative to seventh graders who are currently working on scheduling for next year since an entrepreneurship class, taught by Mrs. Dailey, is offered to eighth graders. In this class, students learn marketing strategies and trends, optimal employee characteristics, and business terms and strategies to become successful business owners. Students then put these skills to use when they run their virtual businesses and ultimately create a microcosm business within the school.

HOSA, continued

and Samantha Barnette placed 3rd. Emily Finley placed 1st overall in the Job Seeking Skills event, where members chose a career in the health field, filled out an application, and were interviewed on the position.



HOSA held a blood drive with the American Red Cross on March 23 in the high school gym. 50 Pints of blood was donated by staff and students.

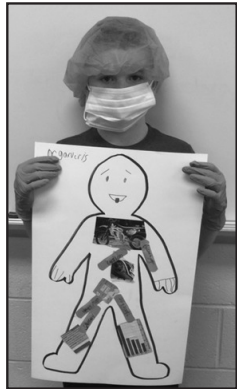
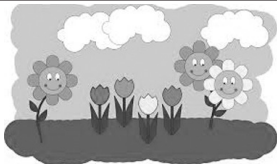
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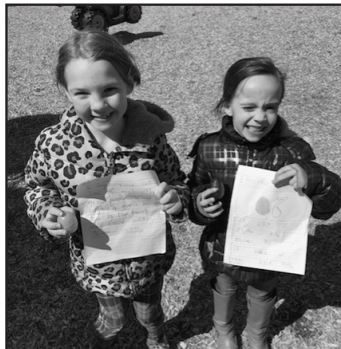
**Mrs. Julie
McCumber
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

3rd Grade News!

With the sound of a heartbeat playing in the background, 3rd grade students in Mrs. McClure's class performed text feature "surgery." They had to "save" their patient by locating examples of text features from magazines and other nonfiction material. Students were donned in surgical masks, caps, and gloves, thanks to parents and their places of work. It was a successful surgery for each doctor!



Mrs. Hartzler's kindergarten class and Mr. Kline's 1st grade class working together to find hidden Easter eggs!



During Enrichment, Mrs. Ferrell's second grade class worked on creating their own story and matching illustrations on the Chromebooks. They are so proud of all their hard work!



Northwestern Elementary

Honor Roll

3rd Nine Weeks
2017-18

3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Emma Altman, Laci Butler, Garrett Diehl, Ryleigh Farmer, Emma Fricke, Reed Hamey, Aiden Mausolf, Owen Murphy, Jace Rickard, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller, Kezia Weaver, Abby Webel, Luke Wilkinson

4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Kaylee Cherry, Millie Sexten

5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jack Belding, Isaac Beun, Sara Corn, Kayla Cutter, Mallory Gilbert, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Danyel Hyatt, McKensie McCoy, Morgan Murphy, Chloe Starcher, Jule Stoller, Allie Stoltz, Taylor Wurst

3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

Cameron Beck, Jacob Cerclefskie, Riley Damon, Shayla Dudte, Madison Frazier, Hayden Garver, Riley Graham, Briana Graham, Riley Grier, Kenzie Hastings, Chloe Heater, Jake Howman, Lucas Jenkins, Zareyah Martin, Carter Maxwell, Tristan McQuerry, Lucas Mooney, Sophia Morris, Lulu Mosher, Brooke Nolletti, Mallory Novak, Bryce Nussbaum, Charlotte Radcliff, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Abner Rodriguez, Eliana Rosales, Mason Salem, Daniel Shakan, Tim Spencer, Autumn Stamp, Makenna Stansfield, Cheyenne Strait, Jamelle Sumpter, Teona Sumpter, Nichole Troyan, Alivia Welch, Allie Wellert, Veda Wickens, Elijah Wilson, Grace Wilson, Carter Wulff, Alexandra Yoder

4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Camryn Boak, Claire Buchholz, James Cassady, Corbin Chanay, Addy Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Christian Deffendall, Jason Diehl, Asher Erf, Jackson Evans, Logan Fiala, Pippy Garman, Mason Gray, Caden Grier, Coralyn Hall, Kace Hixson, Jenna Hjerpe, Brayden Knapp, Kolten McKinley, Chet McNeil, Mason Rogers, Collin Rouse, Hayden Sigler, Audrina Smith, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas, Austin Webb, Sarah Wellert, Holly Widdows, Cy Witmer, Audri Yeagley, Mackenzie Zahradnick

5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

ard, Harmony Blake, Kristanna Bradford, Karizma Brinker, Kyleigh Collins, Gabby Cubur, Natalie Dobbins, Skylar Fox, Braiden Franks, Jamison Gilbert, Ashton Good, Blake Good, Elaine Groves, Ayden Hendricks, Taya Kaufman, Kelli Kearney, Jesse Kimble, Noah Lee, Cole Loy, Colton Mark, Lilly May, Dani McClure, Sydney McConahay, Mason Meininger, Colton Miller, Josiah Moats, Paige Muetzel, Avery Mullet, Mason Myers, Gabe Nicholson, Katherine Orosz, Emilie Ott, Cheyenne Sadler, Logan Shriver, Beth Siedlack, Ben Spencer, Braydan Springer, Rylee Stafford, Bella Stutz, Alysa Troyan, Josh Webel

Northwestern HS Yearbook INFORMATION!! PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2018 Now is the time to submit a message, a memory, a photo, or all of these things to be included in your senior's yearbook! Parental Displays of Affection (PDAs) will be published in the senior section of the 2017-18 yearbook. All ads will be in color. You may purchase a senior ad from now until May 25th. Please see below for ad sizes and ad prices. Please make all checks for senior ads payable to Northwestern High School and write "Yearbook Senior Ad" in the check memo. Please email messages and photos (jpg. or .png format please) to nrws_khudson@tccsa.net. (You will receive a confirmation email; please check back with Mrs. Hudson if you have not received your confirmation within a few days of sending your photos/messages for the PDA.)

Senior Ads/PDA Prices -1/8 page ad with one photo and a message (40 words max.)=\$25.00

-1/4 page ad with up to two photos and a message (90 words max.)=\$50.00

-1/2 page ad with up to three photos and message (120 words max.)=\$75.00

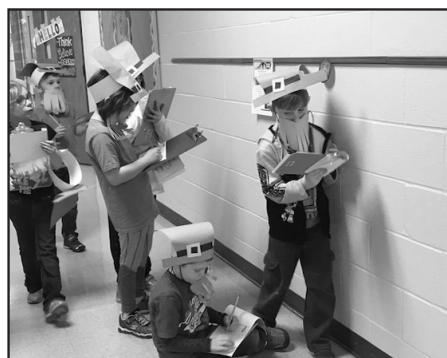
5th Grade Enrichment collaborated with STEM PreK to build an inclined plane of different heights. Once the plane was built the 5th graders measured the plane and programmed the PLTW robot motors to a specific wheel revolution or degree to reach the top of the rise of the plane.



Elementary Highlights



Mrs. Tiano's kindergarteners disguised themselves as leprechauns to follow the rainbow trail and try to catch the leprechaun!



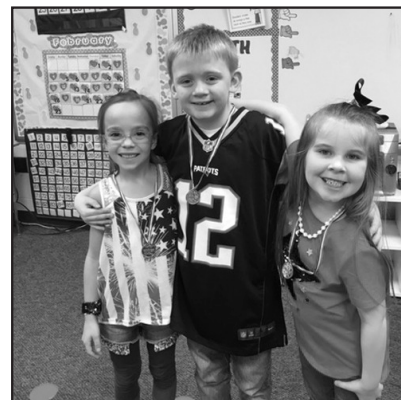
Spring

Wondrously February withdraws to warm March with a golden glow from Spring's shining sun sent down to lead the way for April's soothing showers soon to bring fragrant flowers and dance on May's blossoming bounty.

Getting ready for the Kindergarten Olympics.... here are some opening ceremony day pics!!!



Closing ceremony pics from our Kindergarten Olympics. All children worked very hard and achieved some kindergarten standards! Mrs. Hartzler's class.



NEB Feature News

Mrs. Tiano's kindergartners completing some stem projects during their Dr. Seuss celebration... The goal was to try and build a Taller throne for Yertle the Turtle and create a bigger hat for cat in the hat without any of their materials falling! The kindergartners had great strategies and work together as a team to build their projects.



STEM Preschool launched their first simple machine! They created a lever, like a seesaw, and rocketed their pom poms up into the air!



Mrs. Ferrell's, Cat in The Hat Readers Cafe. Second Graders read to a kindergarten class while they enjoyed a snack



MORE ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS!

Classes celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday earlier in March. The kindergarten students were invited to come to the 2nd grade classrooms. Miss Miller's class had the pleasure of hosting Mrs. Hartzler's class in our room. The kindergarteners were offered a menu and chose their favorite book. The 2nd graders then read to them as the kindergarteners enjoyed a snack.



Maple syrup season is here for our 5th graders.



DONT MISS OUT

LITERACY NIGHT!!

The STEM Preschool and Tri-County Preschool are hosting a literacy night on April 23rd. It is for young readers attending preschool and their families to join us for a fun night of games, reading, and activities that support early read-

Northwestern High School Winter Sports Awards 2018

Boys Basketball

1st YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Max Carlson, Tyler Carlson, JJ Cline, Travis, Cochran, Trevor Ferriman, Kaden Mellott, Cal Rhamy, Devin Smith, Coby Stough

2nd YEAR LETTERWINNER

Tanner Carlson

3rd YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Jared Alberts, Parker Smith, Mason Wilhelmy

JV Certificates

Max Albright, Braden Colter, Zane Fast, Ben Nichols, Dakota Rainsberger, Will Schaad



NHS Winter Sports Awards, continued

Boys Basketball

Special Awards

Most Points/Most Assists - Parker Smith
Most Rebounds - Jared Alberts, JJ Cline
Coaches Award - Mason Wilhelmy
Sixth Man Award - Max Carlson, Cal Rhamy
Best Defensive Player - Trevor Ferriman, Tanner Carlson

Dave Jones Award - Devin Smith

Best FG% - Kaden Mellott

WCAL Awards

First Team - Parker Smith

Second Team - Kaden Mellott

Honorable Mention - Jared Alberts, JJ Cline, Trevor Ferriman, Tanner Carlson

District 4 Awards

1st Team - Parker Smith

Honorable Mention - Kaden Mellott

Girls Basketball

1st YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Lindsay Boak, Lizzy Howman, Allie Kandel, Sasha McConahay, Bethanie Schaefer, Ceili Smith, Allie Spencer, Riley Stull

2nd YEAR LETTERWINNER

Karlie Mowrer

3rd YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Aubrey Bodager, Ally St. Clair, Kaylee Reed, Kelseigh Wright

JV CERTIFICATES

Jillian Beun, Lindsay Ciolek, Skylar Edington, Brooke Frybarger, Natalie Mareno, Janna Ours, Bri Troyan

Special Awards

MVP - Kelseigh Wright

Sharon Kline Award - Ally St. Clair

Coaches Award - Kaylee Reed

WCAL AWARDS

First Team - Kelseigh Wright, Ally St. Clair

Honorable Mention - Kaylee Reed

DISTRICT 4 AWARDS

Kelseigh Wright, Ally St. Clair

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association is excited as the initial activities for the induction ceremony of six worthy members of the community and alumni is in full force. After careful and thoughtful consideration, the Selection Committee has chosen three recipients of the prestigious Hall of Fame distinction and three recipients for the equally important Hall of Honor recognition. **Hall of Fame** recipients are Northwestern Alumni who have brought honor to the district and community by their achievements, pursuit of excellence, and commitment to lifelong learning and service in areas such as the arts, athletics, business, education, science, technology, government service, military service, community service, religious or humanitarian contributions or service. Nominees can be recognized posthumously. **The Hall of Fame induction class of 2018 are Earl D. Beegle, M.D., FFAFP, Robert A. Payn, Ph.D., and Dr. James R. Myers.**

The Hall of Honor criteria for nomination is to recognize the contributions of those who have advanced the purpose of education and/or the welfare of the community in the Northwestern District. Inductees could be anyone who gives outstanding service to the Northwestern School District. Nominees do not have to be or been employed by the school or be alumni of Northwestern. Inductees have included initiated a free meal program in West Salem and educators. Potential nominees could be a doctor, veterinarian, businessman/woman, a religious leader, or a fireman/EMT. **The Hall of Honor induction class of 2018 are Ms. Melanie Watson, Pastor Paul Bartholomew, and Richard Frame, Ph.D. Congratulations to all inductees!**

The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association Banquet will be held this year on June 23, 2018. Reservations must be mailed to Ms. Helen Raudebaugh by May 31st (Please see the reservation form for information regarding cost and mailing.) The entertainment for this year's banquet is an alumnus, Dylan Stoltz (Class of 2017).

NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION Fifteenth Annual NW Reunion & Community Banquet Seventh Biennial Alumni Hall of Fame/Community Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony

Saturday June 23, 2018 at Northwestern High School

Induction ceremony is free & open to the public in the School Auditorium at 3:30. p.m.

Social time: 5:00 P.M. Catered Dinner 6:00 P.M. Program: 7:00 P.M.

Dinner reservations required, non-refundable, Children 5 & under-Free

Children 6 thru 11 - \$9.50, Children 12 thru Adult \$19.00

RESERVATION DEADLINE May 31, 2018; Reservations not confirmed without payment.

The 50 year class of 1968, and 60 Year class of 1958 will be recognized.

For a downloadable on-line printable reservation form visit:

www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us

Click on Alumni link then on reservation

For further information contact any of the following;

Richard & Jo-An Young: 330-264-6847; e-mail, oldtoad2@juno.com

Helen Raudebaugh: 330-264-0253; e-mail, raudebaugh1@outlook.com

Dwight & Judy Wasson: 330-465-5943; email, dwightwasson@yahoo.com

Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association Dinner Reservation Form
RESERVATION DEADLINE MAY 31, 2017; non-refundable, not confirmed without payment.

Enclose a check made payable to: Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association

Children under 5 __, 6 thru 11 __, 12 thru Adult __.

TOTAL # attending _____

Mail To; Helen Raudebaugh, 1579 Avalon, Wooster, OH 44691

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION & NAMES as you want them to appear on NAME TAGS

NAME _____ NW grad __ Yes __ No NW Class of _____

NAME _____ NW grad __ Yes __ No NW Class of _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Included in my check is a donation of \$ _____ to assist with 2018 HOF/HOH Ceremonies

Included in my check is a donation of \$ _____ to assist with general expenses of Association

Included in my check is a donation of \$ _____ to assist with NA&F Scholarship fund

The Association is tax exempt. Donations of \$25.00 or more will receive a receipt.

NW Alumni & Friends Assoc., continued ...

Mr. Stoltz is multi-talented and promises to be a wonderful night of entertainment that will end with him leading us to sing the Alma Mater. The emcee for the evening is Mr. Tom Douce, another alumni.

This event not only brings alumni back to reminisce of their school days, recognizes the 50th and 60th anniversary classes of graduates, but also is the only fundraiser for the Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association Scholarship Fund. The past few the Alumni Association has been able to award scholarships to deserving sophomore and higher NW college students. This year scholarships will be awarded through the generous donations of alumni and community members held by the Wayne County Community Foundation.

A reminder that this year's classes recognition will go to the class of 1958 (50th) and the class of 1968. We are hoping that each class will have lots of alumni meeting up at the banquet and show their Husky pride colors!

The next meeting of the Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association will be May 3, 2018, in the high school library at 7p. Any questions or anyone wanting to become a part of this organization that keeps school memories alive, please contact Dwight Wasson at dwi15ght@gmail.com.

NORTHWESTERN FFA FRIENDS AND FAMILY

If you are a family member of a Northwestern FFA student or a Northwestern school district employee, **Come out April 24 from 2:30-6:00 for our Pre-Family And Friend sale to buy some flowers!** The Northwestern FFA is selling hanging baskets, individual flowers and herbs, and hanging bags! If you want to bring in your own flower pot we will fill it with any assortment of flowers you choose from our greenhouse.

Hope to see you there!
THANK YOU!!



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Northwestern Students Excel at District Science Fair

Northwestern students competed and excelled in the District Science Fair on March 24 at Ashland University. Eight high school students, two middle school students, and six elementary students qualified for the State Science Fair which will be held May 12 in Columbus, Ohio. The state qualifiers for the high school were Garrett Dever, Hunter Stidham, Katherine Koontz, Chris Orosz, Emily Bouffard, Amaya White, Hannah Kardohely, and Emily Finley. The state qualifiers for the middle school were Brailee Beun and Sophie Linder. The state qualifiers for the elementary were Jailynn Woodruff, Mallory Gilbert, Bella Stutz, Morgan Ervin, Mason Meininger, and Cole Loy. Of the state qualifiers, many received perfect or near perfect scores. Northwestern also had students receive special recognition for their projects. Emily Bouffard received the Charles River Laboratories Award for her project. Chris Orosz, Hunter Stidham, Garrett Dever, and Katherine Koontz qualified for the Buckeye Science and Engineering Fair that will be held April 7 in Columbus, Ohio. Northwestern High School also received the school award for the most students qualifying for State Science Fair. Northwestern had a very strong showing at this year's District Science Fair.



High School Science Fair Participants

Back row: Jared Alberts, Chris Orosz, Katherine Koontz, Adam Tanner, MacKenzie Snyder, Hannah Kardohely, Hunter Stidham

Front row: Amaya White, Emily Bouffard, Allison Kandel, Garrett Dever

Not Pictured: Sarah Fraser, Nicole Russell



Garret Dever, Hunter Stidham, Sarah Fraser, Nicole Russell, Adam Tanner all presented their Engineering Projects at the District Science Fair held at Ashland University on March 24, 2018.

Northwestern FFA



Northwestern FFA Competes in the District Public Speaking Contest

On Wednesday, February 7th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the Sub-District Public Speaking contest held at Norway High School. Mykenzie Snyder, Leeanna Ruegg, Brock Tegtmeier, and Hailey Wilson competed.

Hailey Wilson, daughter of Janel and Brett Wilson, represented the freshman class and recited the FFA Creed. She also answered questions about parts of the creed and the creed's history. She placed 4th in this division and will advance to the district contest on February 15th.

Leeanna Ruegg, daughter of Christina Ruegg and the late Chris Ruegg, participated in the beginning prepared contest. She prepared a 5-7 minute speech to present at the contest, as well as answered questions about her topic. Her topic was called "Conservation of Water." She placed 2nd and will advance to the state contest on March 3rd. Leanna competed at the state contest and earned 10th place overall in her division!

Mykenzie Snyder, daughter of Doug and Stacie Markley, competed in the advanced prepared contest. She also prepared a 6-8 minute speech for the contest and answered questions on her topic, which was "Using China to Solve America's Debt." She placed 3rd at the contest.

Brock Tegtmeier, son of Randy and Heather Tegtmeier, competed in the extemporaneous speaking contest. This contest tests member's ability to come up with a quality speech in a 30 minute time period. Members randomly draw an agricultural topic at the contest, and then they have 30 minutes to prepare a 4-6 minute speech. Brock's topic was "Where Does Food Come From?" He also placed 3rd.

The Northwestern FFA would like to congratulate these members for their hard work and dedication and would like to wish them good luck at the state contest on February 15th.

Northwestern FFA Competes in District and State Ag Sales

On Monday, February 20th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the District 3 Ag Sales contest held at Northwestern High School. Kyle Piscione, Mykenzie Snyder, Emily Finley, and Cody Tegtmeier competed. Cody Morrow and Jessie Bair also participated as alternates. The ag sales contest teaches FFA members about the aspects of selling a product, as well as marketing techniques. Participants are scored on their ability to overcome objections during a sales presentation, a prospecting practicum, and a written test pertaining to marketing. The team placed 1st overall in the district, with Cody Tegtmeier placing 1st, Mykenzie Snyder 2nd, Emily Finley 3rd, and Kyle Piscione 4th individually. The advanced to the state contest held on March 3.

On Saturday, March 3rd, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the state Ag Sales contest held at Marysville High School. Kyle Piscione, Mykenzie Snyder, Cody Tegtmeier, and Emily Finley competed. Through this CDE, students have the opportunity to demonstrate skills in sales by participating in a wide range of activities oriented around the total sales process. Students complete an oral sales presentation, a written test on marketing, and a prospecting practicum. Each year, the practicum is rotated between Customer Relations, Prospecting, and Telephone Ordering. The team placed 4th overall out of 20 teams. Individually, Mykenzie Snyder placed 10th, Kyle Piscione placed 19th, Cody Tegtmeier placed 20th, and Emily Finley placed 33rd. The chapter would like to congratulate these members for their hard work and dedication for this CDE.

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LEARNING TO DO,
DOING TO LEARN,
EARNING TO LIVE,
LIVING TO SERVE.

Northwestern FFA Members Participate in Bowling Night

On Tuesday February 6th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter met at Triway Lanes in Wooster for a night of bowling and pizza. Josh Lenz, Jessica Lenz, Malibu Hess, Claire Vaughan, Jordan Melegari, Kyle Badger, Jessie Bair, Joey Ballinger, David Miley, Kyle Piscione, Alex Borton, Brock Tegtmeier, Michael Nutter, Aaron Kline, Leanna Ruegg, Kade Tegtmeier, Mykenzie Snyder, Austen Wood, ZiZi Nowell, and Abby Ramseyer all attended. This event serves as a reward for members who have participated in the chapter's fundraising throughout the year, although it is open to all members. Any member who sold 10 or more units of fruit, sausage, or strawberries received free bowling. Everyone in attendance received free all-you-eat pizza. This annual spring event also serves as a time for younger members to get to know older members better. The chapter would like to extend a thank you to Triway Lanes for the opportunity to bowl, as well as East of Chicago Pizza for providing the pizza for this event.



*FFA articles written and submitted
by Emily Finley*

Reporter

*Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter
Northwestern High School*



Northwestern FFA Goes Tubing at Snow Trails with Local Chapters

On Monday, January 29th, 2018, the Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter traveled to Snow Trails to go tubing with other FFA chapters from around the area. Members who attended the event from Northwestern were Kyle Badger, Jessie Bair, Joey Ballinger, Alex Borton, Skylar Dawson, Taylor Dawson, Emily Finley, Savannah Hunt, Jazon Lemaster, David Miley, Danny Noble, ZiZi Nowell, Brock Tegtmeier, Kyle Piscione, Kaitlyn Praisler, Abby Ramseyer, Leanna Ruegg, Cody Tegtmeier, Kade Tegtmeier, and Austen Wood. Along with the chapter, Triway, Norwayne, Loudonville, West Holmes, Hiland, and Smithville also attended. Members went tubing together, met new people, and enjoyed pizza!



Northwestern FFA Holds Successful Lunch with the Easter Bunny

On Sunday, March 25th, the Northwestern FFA hosted a lunch with the Easter Bunny to support Dan and Emily Whiting and their baby Charlotte. Throughout the afternoon, crafts were set up for children, pictures with the Easter Bunny were taken, and an Easter Egg Hunt was held. Items were donated from local members and businesses from the community to be raffled off at the event. The Northwestern FFA would like to thank all donors and community members for attending the event and making it such a success!

Northwestern FFA Spring Flower Sales

After a successful season of selling poinsettias, the Northwestern FFA is now preparing to sell spring flowers. The sales will include the following: planted bags for \$15; 12 inch hanging baskets for \$15; 10 inch hanging baskets for \$10; terracotta planted pot for \$20; small herb pot for \$5; Single flower pot for \$3; 1 parsley pod for \$1 or 6 pods for \$5; flat of flowers for \$10.



The Northwestern Greenhouse will be opening for sales on April 26th. Hours of operation will be Thursday and Friday from 2:30 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to noon.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINTER CHEERLEADERS & WRESTLERS FOR THE FOLLOWING AWARDS!!

CHEERLEADERS

1ST YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Rilee Ammon, Brooklyn Woodruff

2ND YEAR LETTERWINNER

Raini Hershey

JV CERTIFICATES

Becca Hall, Hailey Jacquet, Katherine Linder,

Noah Pack, Hailey Smith, Makayla Stormer

COMPETITION 1ST YEAR VARSITY

Katherine Linder

SPECIAL AWARDS

Coach's Award - Mia Tope

Most Spirited - Sera Martin

Leadership - Raini Hershey and CiCi DuVall

Most Dedicated - Hailey Jaquet

WRESTLERS

1ST YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Hunter Amlotte, Wyatt Arthur, Brady DuVall, Adam Fieg, Malibu Hess, Hal Huber, Jason Markley, Tucker Ott, Lucas Triplett, Cameron Troyer

2ND YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Dylan Martin, Colt Slanczka

3RD YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Tyler Ewing, Bobby Flores, Cael Rowland

4TH YEAR LETTERWINNERS

Derick DuVall, Brandon Feist

SPECIAL AWARDS

MVW - Cael Rowland

Most Pins - Cael Rowland

John J Runkle Award - Derick DuVall

Most Improved - Dylan Martin

John Huber Award - Hunter Amlotte

Most Takedowns - Brandon Feist

STATISTICIANS

Avery Garver, CC Hershey

Northwestern Local Schools Calendar 2017-18

2017

Monday, August 21	Convocation Day
Tuesday, August 22	First Day for Students
Monday, September 4	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 11	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 12	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Wedn., September 13	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day - W
Friday, October 13	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day - W
Friday, October 20	End of First Nine Weeks (41 Pupil Days)

Thursday, November 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Tues./Thurs., Oct.31&Nov. 2	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday, November 23 and	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Friday, November 24	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Monday, November 27	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Thursday, December 21	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
Wednesday, January 3, 2018	School Reconvenes
Friday, January 12, 2018	End of Second Nine Weeks (49 Pupil Days)

2018

Monday, January 15	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Thursday, January 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Mon./Wedn., Jan.29 & 31	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Friday, February 16	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Monday, February 19	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Friday, March 23	End of Third Nine Weeks (48 Pupil Days)

Monday, March 26 -30	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Thursday, April 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Monday, May 28	NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 30	Student's Last Day (42 Pupil Days)

Thursday, May 31	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 1-21)	
TOTAL	184

MAKE UP DAYS

First	March 26	Sixth	June 1	If make up days are necessary, teacher work day will follow the last make up day.
Second	March 27	Seventh	June 4	
Third	March 28	Eighth	June 5	
Fourth	March 29	Ninth	June 6	
Fifth	May 31	Tenth	June 71	

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting

Board President Laura Woodring
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 Dwight Wasson
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

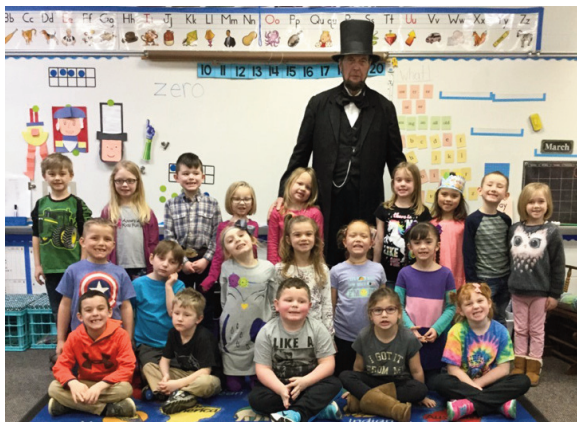
President Steve Wellert
1st Tuesday each month 6:00 p.m.
Elementary Cafeteria

Elementary PTO

President Kim Witucki
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA



**Mrs. McClure's
3rd grade class
performed "text
feature surgery"!!**



**Mrs. Lees' kindergarten class had a visit from
Abraham Lincoln (Mr. Payn as Abe Lincoln)**



**Getting ready for the Kindergarten
Olympics!!**



***** **THE Northwestern** *****

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