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NMS Robotics participated in the **2020 Kalahari Classic Signature VEX VED Competition**. Students were Chyenne Constance, Virginia Hamers, Hunter Sciortino, Jacob Farmer, Gino Guidetti, Jamison Gilbert and Morgan Murphey



The Northwestern Bad Dog Board & Ski Club



The Northwestern Bad Dog Board & Ski Club enjoyed a night on the slopes at Snow Trails beginning in December. The club has a membership reaching over 60 Northwestern students.

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**Log onto @NW_Schools
Live broadcast of events
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Friends, Family, and Members of our FABULOUS Northwestern Community,

Northwestern continues to be the school district to follow - other schools desire to emulate us while businesses, colleges, and community support organizations desire to partner with us. Area businesses want to hire our graduates because our graduates are more mature, are better prepared, and have experiences and 21st Century skills beyond the norm. The success of our students is observable all around us. Through the accomplishments of our students and feedback the fine education and quality of our students is very evident. The articles within this newsletter provide evidence of our schools doing ongoing great work with our students. Whether it be fine arts, STEM programs, core foundational courses, counseling and family supports, or extracurricular activities we do take very good care of our students as well as develop and prepare our students today for tomorrow's opportunities and they thrive!

More-so, we have used collaboration, grant writing, and striving for efficiencies to pursue our mission within our financial constraints as best as possible. Many of our teachers, staff, and administrators have received awards for our efforts. I, myself, received the Ohio Administrator Award from HOSA last spring through the nomination of our students and Biomedical Teacher per the state HOSA selection committee. Whenever we have conducted our tours the 1,000+ public officials, educators and administrators and wherever students have competed in competitions and presentations and wherever teachers with administrators have shared and presented other schools, teachers and students from other institutions have commented about the collaboration of our Northwestern teachers, students, and administrators.

Strong collaboration has been our hallmark.

There are many stories about families who have moved into our community or built homes in our district or open enrolled into our schools because of the quality of our staff, administrators, and programs. Two which quickly come to mind are an Oklahoma family who researched area schools and came to visit Northwestern last year because they were planning to relocate to the area. They chose Northwestern in which to enroll after much research. There is also the family with two children - both parents are professionals working in area colleges who researched, visited, then open enrolled their children here for a year - until they could find land and build a new home within our school district. The 242+ incoming open enrolled students' families are not wrong. The fact is we ALL do a remarkable job here and the school culture has been remarkably positive and collaborative. While never perfect, we work on our issues and imperfections to continuously improve.

Our community has so much to be grateful for - our families, friends, and wonderful school system! In our schools we have extraordinary teachers and support staff, wonderful administrators, and wise board members. We also have numerous support organizations which help our mission such as Ruritans, All Sports, PTOs, Music Boosters, Alumni & Friends, FFA Alumni, etc. We have numerous Wayne County support organizations such as Catholic Charities, ANAZAO, United Way, Family Life Counseling, Family & Children First, Mental Health & Recovery Board, Jobs & Family Services, Goodwill, etc. along with college, business, and education partnership beyond what other districts partnerships. Without our community of leaders working collaboratively and exhibiting transparency we would not be serving our students to the fantastic degree that we are. This being "**School Board Recognition Month**" **I want to thank our outstanding School Board Members for their leadership and support: 2019 Board of Education Members: Chuck Beck, Laura Woodring, Paula Abrecht, Phil Keener, Kim Wellert**

I will miss the wisdom, experience, communications, and collaboration of Phil and Kim who are no longer serving on our Board.

You have each been of the very best I have worked with in my 30 years as an educator, 25 years as an administrator, and 18 years as a superintendent! I am grateful for our time together, continued friendship, and opportunity of continuing our working together in Ruritans, Wayne County Fair, and other ways in our community.

2020 Board of Education Members: Chuck Beck, Laura Woodring, Paula Abrecht, Brad Stull, John Smith

I look forward to working collaboratively with our two new Board Members Brad and John who bring new talents, ideas, and perspectives to our Board! Welcome aboard! As we move forward I encourage our two new board members and all five board members to collectively use their experiences, knowledge, and resources to continue working with our administrators in continuing to provide the very best education possible for our students as efficiently as possible while supporting our staff and community. I am confident that our Board will continue thinking long-term continuous improvement, systemically, and remain focused on student needs, staff needs, and community needs as we continue our mission of "Preparing our students today for tomorrow's opportunities!"

I take great pride in sharing the continued accomplishments of our students, community, and schools. The supports and relationships throughout our schools and community are unique. We must continue supporting our schools together to continue striving for even greater heights and improving issues we believe need improved. With our dedicated board, administrators, staff, and community we will continue striving for and achieving well-beyond expectations.

Difficult ongoing negotiations can and has bred some anger and polarization. Understand that as a former teacher, former union president years ago in a state-wide union, and a caring leader who makes decisions for the best of our students, staff, and school district I too support our staff. Our past and current board of education members support our staff. Since I became superintended 15 years ago I have seen to it (in collaboration with the board of education and union leadership) that our staff received a salary increase every year.

Superintendent article, continued

We have not gone 8 years without a raise as the cry has been in another area school district. However, with finite dollars, more than \$1,000,000 (1 million dollars) in health insurance increases over the past 3 years, and this being our 4th consecutive year of deficit spending things have come to a head. The board and I warned people 2 years ago that we were deficit spending and that the increasing health insurance costs with less state money were an issue. The district cut a lot of personnel over the past three years – and it still was not enough to eliminate the deficit spending – something has to give. The current negotiations began last spring and we have all met – the two bargaining units as well as district negotiations team – numerous times – all-day meetings, long evening meetings. We all have hundreds of additional hours of time, effort, and stress that none of us wants, yet we keep trying to settle this agreement because we all care. The difficulty simply comes down to money. Our teachers and hourly employees in the two bargaining units are working under the expired negotiated agreement as we continue meeting in an effort to update settle the terms of a new negotiated agreement. The district has continued honoring the terms of the past agreement. Employees, teachers, hourly employees, exempt employees, supervisors, and administrators all follow these same terms/rules, all receive their individual contracts, all receive step increases for years of service per the agreement, and all continue with the same health insurance plan, premiums, and co-pays until a new agreement is reached. In other words “business as usual” while we continue working to resolve the agreement. Within our Northwestern family we will continue to focus on the needs of our students. We will work through the challenging finances we face together. We will continue to pursue grants and other revenue sources and reduce costs to live within our means as we continue moving forward together. I love our kids, love our staff, and love our community.

These are difficult times. There is more misinformation in the world and in this nation than ever before. There has been a polarization of people across our great nation. Here in our own community we must remain collegial and maintain

respect and not allow negative influences from outside to poison reality. This means speaking with integrity, truth, and face-to-face discussions rather than attacks and innuendos through rumor or social media against individuals or those generalized, inflated comments fueled by anger rather than facts. I ask individuals to respect one another and refrain from over-personalizing issues and disagreements that arise, listening to false rumors, speak up for honesty and what is right, and trust only the facts as we move forward collectively as a school district and community. We have so many good, caring people here – we just have to keep working together in continuing to do what is right for our children. I love our kids, our staff, our schools, and our community – as do we all. Stay warm and safe through the remaining winter months as we all look forward to spring and warm weather! As always, I am willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, and anyone in our community. It is only by asking, sharing, and participating that we can continue our important work. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any reason and “thank you” for your ongoing support.”

*Jeffrey N. Layton
Superintendent*

OUR Northwestern Local Schools

Bus Drivers and Van Drivers Needed!

We have a small number of sub bus drivers and van drivers, but several have limited availability – so we can always use more and keep you busy!

Great hourly rate!

Contact Northwestern Transportation Dept. if you have an interest in the district-paid training, a very good salary, and opportunity for future employment as a van or bus driver!

We traditionally have hired from our substitute personnel for full time positions when they occur.

Come substitute for us and get in line for a full time position!

Substitute Teacher Aides, Food Service, and Custodians Needed!

We have need for substitutes in these areas as well. We traditionally have hired from our substitute personnel for full time positions when they occur. Come substitute for us and get in line for a full time position! **Retirees welcome to apply as well for these positions!**

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 students and drivers is the primary issue when considering whether to cancel school.**

If conditions are questionable regarding student and bus safety, both the Northwestern Transportation Mechanic Jonathon Wellert 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 district superintendents - all of who also do assessments of their 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. However, we also have an obligation to also fulfill our mission of providing an excellent education for our students.

Know that our buses do have heaters and they also drop-down chains. We installed the chains for a reason – so we can fulfill transporting our children to and from school safely. Trust our dedicated and experienced bus drivers to do this with the safest equipment.

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. As most people are aware the superintendent has made the extra effort to make the decision between 5:00-5:30 and closer to 5:00am if at all possible depending on the conditions and situation.

Information on school closing is available and most accurate by registering for communications. Parents, students, and community members can register for text alerts and/or e-mail alerts through our website.

The school text and e-mail alerts systems are the most efficient and immediate as far as information,

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Emergency Delay, continued

please register if you have not. Additionally, district phone recordings, website, twitter, instagram, facebook, as well as radio station WQKT are the quickest to post the information. 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). Television stations have between a 15-minute and 30-minute lag time before the information is posted an occasionally do post inaccurate messages or their systems become overwhelmed. Also, following a delay a decision to close is announced by 8:00 a.m. at the very latest. Otherwise, assume that we will remain open.

Annual Notice of Student Wellness Meeting

Northwestern will conduct our annual Wellness Committee Discussions by Friday, April 10th.

Northwestern Schools recognize the importance of a healthy child in regard to increased capacity for learning, attendance, and overall health and well-being. Northwestern School District is committed to providing a healthy school environment which cares for the total child academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. In order to support current and lifelong health a wellness committee has been established and meets annually to evaluate various measurements and discussed ideas for continued improvement. Our wellness committee has been instrumental in securing and insuring:

- Healthy meals and snacks
- Expanding our Breakfast program
- Installing defibrillators in each building
- Installing first aid stations at locations throughout the buildings
- Creating and supplying first aid kits for each teachers' desk
- Securing an epinephrine (EpiPen) for each building
- Beginning concussion protocol prior to OHSAA requiring it
- Coordinating influenza vaccine available for all employees so as to inhibit a flu outbreak
- Providing hand sanitation stations

Our Wellness policy #EFG explains our wellness practices. This policy is listed on our website (as are all Northwestern policies) and in this issue of our district newsletter.

Contacts for additional information and services:

Superintendent Jeffrey N. Layton (419-846-3151)

High School Principal Mike Burkholder

Middle School Principal Rachel Beun

Elementary Principal Joey Brightbill

Other participants on our Wellness committee include:

Curriculum Director, Food Service Supervisor, School Nurse, MS Health teacher, HS Health Teacher, Physical Education Teachers (3-ES, MS, HS), an at large community member.

Finally, the district completed a Pre-K-12 district "prevention needs assessment" and "environmental scan" regarding substance abuse, mental health, resiliency, and trauma informed care in January, 2020. This self-assessment will allow the district to pursue grant funds in a partnership with the Mental Health & Recovery Board in best meeting the needs of our students, families, and staff.

Northwestern Ruritans

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

Ruritans are about "servant leadership" and about "community".

Current President Kim Wellert

Past President Chuck Beck

Prior President Dwight Wasson

Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Businesses Recognition Award winners over the past 10 years include:

Lodi Lumber, Koenig's Korner, Scot Industries, LuK, USA, Hagans Construction, Inc., New Pittsburgh Fire & Rescue, Central Farm & Garden, Inc., American Legion Post #499, Commodity Blenders, Fuhrman's IGA, West Salem IGA, Town & Country Co-op, Cutter Oil, Hud Wharton Excavating, Romich Foundation/Prentke Romich, Heffelfinger Meats, Inc., Wellerts A.C. Parts (2015) Owner Kim Wellert, Friendly Wholesale Company of Wooster, Ed Marty Studios, G & S Titanium, Wooster Brush, HealthPoint/Wooster Community Hospital, Schaeffler/LuK, USA, Romich Foundation/Prentke Romich
Rice Farms Milk Cartage, 300 Tire & Auto

About Northwestern Ruritans:

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

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

The Ruritans provide ongoing community service projects that include:

- Northwestern Husky Brigade – Distributing donations to active military from our community
- Northwestern Husky Brigade Annual Golf Outing



NORTHWESTERN AREA PARADE OF FLAGS 2020
Northwestern Ruritan Club

Help create a community of red, white and blue!! Join others in your area to honor our country with a parade of flags on five special holidays through out the year. With your \$30 subscription, the Northwestern Ruritan Club will place a 3' x 5' flag in the front yard of your home or business for five holidays per year. The flags are removed to be stored properly and respectfully between holidays. Proceeds from the Parade of Flags goes to support community projects. Flags will be installed for the following holidays: Memorial Day (May); Flag Day (June); Independence Day (July); Patriots Day (Sept.); and Veterans Day (Nov.)

The flag and staff will remain the property of the Northwestern Ruritans. If your flag has not been installed two days before the holidays, please call 330-464-3204 or 330-988-3127.

2020 Northwestern Area Parade of Flags Applications
 (Please Print)

NAME _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 (For flag placement, please do not list PO Box)
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Email address _____
 Check only one: Residence _____ of Business? _____ Business Name _____
 # of flags x \$30 _____ # of flags x \$25 _____ (if 4 or more are ordered)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NORTHWESTERN RURITAN CLUB
Send application to: Northwestern Ruritans c/o Paula Abrecht, 5300 Lehr Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691

Multiple flags may be ordered for the same residence or business. Four or more flags will be at \$25 per flag. If you have any questions, call Paula Abrecht 330-464-3204, or Jamie Bowman 330-988-3127

Northwestern Ruritans, continued

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

“Superintendent Tidbits”

• I contacted our unnamed 4 trained law enforcement officers who are permitted to carry weapons on school grounds as an added measure of safety and security. They may be at concerts, ball games, visiting classrooms, or walking on campus. They are the X factor for safety. These individuals – whose names only board members, administrators, and law enforcement know – are the only individuals, other than our SRO Deputy Adam Chellis, Wayne County Sheriff’s Dept. officers, permitted to carry weapons on our campus.

• We held a district-wide mock tabletop emergency drill recently which involved emergency management, New Pittsburg Fire Dept., Wayne County Sheriff’s Dept., building administrators, 9-1-1 Dispatchers, students, a teacher, superintendent, and others. Good discussion and awareness of how to handle various situations.



Husky Pride & Tradition

51st ANNUAL NORTHWESTERN RURITAN PANCAKE/SAUSAGE DAY

“NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SPRING HOMECOMING”

Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Northwestern High School,

serving from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

“ALL YOU CAN EAT” DELICIOUS PANCAKES, PURE GORTNER’S MAPLE SYRUP, “WHOLE HOG” SAUSAGE, APPLESAUCE, MILK, & COFFEE

Adults - \$7.00, Students & Senior Citizens (65 & over) - \$6.00,

Children 6 to 10 - \$4.00, Below 6 – no charge

Pure Gortner’s Maple Syrup and “Whole Hog Sausage”

(pre-frozen and fresh) will be for sale.

All proceeds go towards Northwestern Community projects!

The Ruritan Mission is “To Make Our Community a Better Place To Live”!

There will be a craft show/sale sponsored by J & J Wellert Farm in the NW High School gymnasium on that day from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NW High School woodworking projects will be on display in the Cafeteria

NW High School Science, Technology, and Engineering projects will be on display in the High School Library

Northwestern 6th graders will be holding their annual auction in the NW Middle School (next door) on that day also. They are raising funds for their trip to Washington D.C..

Stop at the High School for a meal before or after the auction!

Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Business Recognition Award

Business Award of Merit Nomination Form (our 11th year!)

Name of Business _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Owner/Contact Person _____

Contributions to school and/or community:

Nominated by: _____

(Deadline: March 10th)

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

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

“Superintendent Tidbits”

I was informed last October that Northwestern is receiving the \$46,000 Title XX Grant again this current School year. I continue pursuing other grants as I discover them and as able throughout the year. We have bene fortunate to have received over \$1,000,000 in grants last year and very close to that two years prior. Over the past 3 years Northwestern has been awarded well over \$2.4 million in grant awards. The average of schools our size is less than 1/10 of that amount. Our major funding sources continue to be (in this order): 1. State School Foundation funding 2. Income & Property taxes 3. Incoming student open enrollment 4. Grant funds (sought & written locally) 5. Federal Program CCIP funds 6. Weighted CTE (Career Technical Education) 7. Incoming Peterson Scholarship funds. #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 are diligently sought after and brought in through our efforts and I deal directly in pursuing and monitoring.



**Mrs. Julie
McCumber
Northwestern
Associate
Superintendent**

Northwestern Transportation Department

Our Bus Drivers and Van drivers at Northwestern Local Schools are dedicated individuals that work hard on a daily basis to ensure the safety of your children getting to and from school. Northwestern Transportation Department transports on an average 1000 students. Drivers work continuously on their routes and communicates daily with administrators as needed. They have been working hard with our elementary school which has provided excellent team work with positive behavior incentives for students riding the bus.

The goal of pupil transportation is to provide safe, reliable and dependable service for school children. The Ohio Preservice School Bus Driver Training Program is the method by which Bus drivers are trained to provide such services. Ohio law requires new school bus drivers to attend 15 hours of classroom training, and drivers completing a 6-year recertification are required to attend 9 hours of classroom training.

In Ohio, we place great importance on the work of our On-Board-Instructors (OBI). These dedicated professionals are the key to our success in implementing the best practices and techniques that are part of our Preservice Program. OBI's must ride with their preservice instructor to demonstrate their driving and pre-trip skills. Our goal was to clearly establish that our OBI's are indeed the 'best of the best', and had a solid grasp on the skills they are teaching our bus drivers.

Northwestern Transportation Department is very excited that **Johneen Gordon** will be working with our dedicated bus drivers and Van drivers. Johneen passed with flying colors and has already worked on recertification with

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bus drivers and in the process of working with individuals to obtain their CDL. This allows our district to train prospective drivers in a timely and efficient manner. Johneen started with Northwestern Local Schools in October 2005 transporting students via Van. She received her CDL in March 2006 and had been a Bus Driver with Northwestern Local Schools for the past 13 years. Thank You Johneen for your dedication in providing the BEST for our transportation department.



Curriculum Update

Throughout the school year teachers, staff and administration continue to work collectively on their content area of instruction. From the start of the school to the point that we are now in the school year, content, building and grade level teams collaborate to provide the best instruction to their students. Curriculum Alignments, Item Analysis and area of improvement have been a focus. Administration has been working with their building leadership teams looking at the three- year trend of data and finding correlations back to the classroom on the areas of strength and growth.

Teachers have a number of items that they take into consideration when planning out their curriculum maps for the school year. It is a continuous working document year to year, even month to month. Our teachers are amazing on working through these curriculum maps while continuously finding resourceful tools, appropriate assessments and overall design of lessons day to day that meet their student's needs.

It's a superior task to meet the state standards and maintain the authenticity of your everyday delivery of instruction. As you walk through each of our buildings at Northwestern, an individual will see this happening on a daily basis.

Northwestern Local Schools are working with a Math Coach through the Summit ESC and Tri-county ESC and an English Language Arts Coach through HSTW. These individuals are considered experts in their content area. During the district's delayed starts and other days that are spaced throughout the school year, our teachers have an opportunity to work with these individuals one to one or as a department. During these sessions there is discussion that involves, how are we interpreting the data, what changes to instruction to I need, and are using the same vocabulary across all content areas? Also, what is the process that we are using to breaking down questions within a lesson that that meets higher levels of cognitive demand? The coaches talk through strategies, tools and delivery of instruction with the teachers. These coaches visit many districts throughout Ohio and what I hear from them most often is that Northwestern is such a great place to work. They compliment our students and staff on a regular basis. The teachers are determined to work with them and truly implement the strategies and tools that are discussed with them. What a testimony to our staff that truly want the BEST for our students.

An area that the district is working on in each building is everyday Vocabulary across content areas. While working with our ELA Coach, we have learned different strategies in teaching the critical vocabulary to our students. Words have Tiers (1,2,3) and when teaching vocabulary there are four essential components. Researchers suggest that students are taught approximately 300 words per year through direct instruction. Teaching academic language increases the ability for students to learn about 50,000 words by high school graduation. This is based on the brain research done by Marilee Sprenger that has written a number books pertaining to teaching vocabulary.

The Math Coaches have taught in the classroom with teachers. They have conferenced

Home of the Huskies

Curriculum Update, continued

one to one with teachers working on depths of mathematical questioning and tools used in the classroom.

They have also brought to Northwestern another way of looking at the delivery of math on a daily basis. As Coach Mike states;” we have narrowed everything down to individual learning targets that need taught and assessed in silos. We move from topic to topic without connectedness or time for mathematical play. We fly through a scope and a sequence that undoubtedly leaves young people scrambling to recall information during an outside audit.” Mike was speaking on Schools across the United States and their math journeys. These two coaches have been a great fit with our Math Department this school year and look forward to working with them in the future.

Updated Information! Rural STEM Collaborative Environmental STEM Expo & Solar Car Competition

Thursday, February 13, 2020, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Northwestern High School, 7473 North Elyria Road,
Northwestern Middle School, 7569 North Elyria Road
Northwestern Elementary, 7334 North Elyria Road, West Salem, OH 44287



Who should attend? Teachers, students, parents and community business/leaders from Black River, Mapleton, New London, Northwestern and Wellington school districts and invited middle school solar car teams.

What will be happening? The Rural STEM Collaborative and HSTW Ohio Network received an Ohio Environmental Education Grant from the Ohio EPA to host this five district Environmental STEM Expo & Solar Car Competition. Northwestern Local Schools, a state designated STEM school district, will showcase their K-12 career pipeline of STEM courses during STEM Tours at the high, middle and elementary schools. Teacher advisors and student teams, grades 5 – 8, from the five rural school districts will be competing during the solar cars competition.

Agenda

- 7:00 a.m. Meet at Northwestern HS office to begin the HS STEM Tour
- 8:30 a.m. HS Tour Ends, Travel to the Northwestern Middle School
- 8:40 a.m. Meet at Northwestern MS office to begin the MS STEM Tour
- 9:00 a.m. Solar Car Competition Sign-In
Invited Solar Car Teams Sign-in and Set Up team work areas at the MS
Student teams are expected to bring their cars ready to race. Design reports are not an expectation, and will not be reviewed or scored. (Please bring all materials that you would need for repairs). Track opens at 10:00 for solar car team practice.
- 9:30 a.m. Reception: OEEF Environmental STEM Expo in NMS Library
- 10:00 a.m. Official Welcome by OEEF Representative & PLTW Showcase
Ryan Bourgart, Environmental Public Information Officer
Office of Environmental Education
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. Solar Car Five District Competition Bracket Racing

Agenda, continued

- 12:00 p.m. Championship Round with Trophy Presentation for Winners
- 1:00 p.m. Meet at Northwestern Elementary to begin Elem STEM Tour
Solar car teachers and student teams depart for home schools
- 2:00 p.m. Elementary STEM Tour Ends
Event #1 Northwestern Local Schools STEM Tours: High, Middle, and Elementary Schools

Who should attend and how to register? Teachers, students, parents and community business/leaders from Black River, Mapleton, New London, Northwestern and Wellington school districts are invited/requested to attend the Northwestern High School, Middle School and Elementary STEM Tours. Please register at least four representatives per district.

To register (Deadline Feb 6, 2020)

- ‡ For adults registering, send an email to Cindy Rolfe, hstwne@gmail.com with the district contact person’s information, and names, titles, emails and cell phone numbers.
- ‡ For the students registering, please provide the adult contact person that will be responsible for the students while at Northwestern and students’ names, grades and indicate if you are coming just for the tours or to also participate in Event #2: OEEF PLTW: Energy and the Environment Showcase.

What will be happening?

Northwestern High School STEM Tour

- 7:00-7:10 a.m. Sign-in at Northwestern High School/Main Office
- 7:10-7:25 a.m. Official Welcome in NHS getWired café
- 7:25-7:45 a.m. NHS Engineering Design & Development with Ryan Shearer
- 7:45-8:00 a.m. NHS Biomedical Innovations/Biomedical Sciences with Kelly Woodruff
- 8:00-8:15 a.m. NHS Computer Science Essentials with Tim Black
- 8:15-8:30 a.m. Greenhouse/Clean Energy Lab With Heather Tegtmeier/Levi Myers

Rural STEM Collaborative

Environmental STEM Expo & Solar Car Competition, continued

Northwestern Middle School STEM Tour, OEEF Environmental STEM Expo & Solar Car

- ☐ 8:40-9:00 a.m. Middle School Design and Model Class with Jana Carozza
- ☐ 9:00-9:30 a.m. Learn about the Middle School STEM Courses & Solar Car Competition in the Library
- ☐ 9:30-1:00 p.m. Join us for the OEEF Expo, PLTW: Energy & the Environment Showcase & Solar Car Competition

Northwestern Elementary School STEM Tour

- ☐ 1:00-2:00 p.m. NES STEM Preschool With Kara Fish
MakerSpace Lab With Brenda Kardohley
STEM Lab With Tess Harbaugh
Tour of the Sugar Shack (Weather Permitting) with Rich Kline



Event #2 OEEF Environmental STEM Expo Official Welcome & PLTW Showcase at NMS

Who should attend? School Administrators, PLTW: Energy and the Environment teachers and students from Black River, Mapleton, New London, Northwestern and Wellington school districts.

What will be happening?

- ☐ 9:30-10:00 a.m. Reception: OEEF Environmental STEM Expo in NMS Library
- ☐ 10:00-10:15 a.m. Official Welcome by Ryan Bourgart, Environmental Public Information Officer
Office of Environmental Education, Ohio EPA
- ☐ 10:15 a.m. PLTW: Energy and the Environment Teachers & Students will share projects and experiences
- ☐ 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Lunch in the library sponsored by HSTW NE Ohio Region (salad & baked potato bar)

Event #3 Solar Car Competition at NMS Gymnasium

Who should attend and how to register? Solar Car teacher advisors and student teams from Black River, Mapleton, New London, Northwestern and Wellington school districts. To register, send an email to Karen Raber, nrws_raber@tccsa with names of teacher advisors and students teams by grade level who will be attending.

What will be happening?

- ☐ 9:00-10:00 a.m. Solar Teams Sign-in and Set-up
- ☐ 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Track ready for practice
- ☐ 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Lunch in the gymnasium for teacher advisors and student teams (pizza)
- ☐ 11:30-12:00 noon Solar Car Five District Competition Bracket Racing
- ☐ 12:00- 1:00 p.m. Championship Round with Trophy Presentation for Winners
Solar car teachers and student teams depart for home schools at 1:00 p.m.

“Superintendent Tidbits”

- Innovative Workforce Industry Credentials Grant Application involves \$34 million in state work-force credentialing funds that are expected to provide up to \$1,250 for each qualifying 12-credential outcome earned by students. This is a planning/scaling-up grant with the commitment for students to earn the 12 or more hours of industry credentials in the 2020-2021SY. The budget amount should be based upon the total # of students we anticipate earning the credentials X the \$1,250. I would think this total - as well as any pushing for additional equipment, supplies, software costs we would anticipate needing scaling-up for this goal should be provided for in this grant. I began this grant application in Dec., but will have lots more to do over the next two months!

Northwestern is perfectly aligned to pursue this! Mental health & Recovery Board will be receiving state prevention grant funds that are to be used in collaboration with schools. \$18 million in K-12 Prevention dollars through our MRDD Partners (trauma-informed care, mental health, resiliency, etc.). Matt Beres and I participated in a webinar prior to Christmas Vacation regarding these funds and we began the self-assessment earlier this month. These funds are focused on mental health, trauma informed care, behavioral needs, resiliency, social emotional learning, professional development, peer-to-peer, etc. for all students. This process has already begun with a half-day meeting in January in which Principals, Curriculum, Special Education, and Pupil Services people with me and we went through this self-assessment together.

Districts are working on our K-12 self-assessment to: 1. identify needs 2. inform 3. determine how much is needed and develop a services delivery model (funds could come directly to the schools in combination with direct funds through providers) 4. Follow with a plan of action for providing best practices prevention services.

- Northwestern has been selected for participation in the Education Department’s System of Tiered E-Plans and Supports (ED STEPS) pilot project. Over 130 districts applied for consideration to be part of this pilot. A diverse group of 40 districts were selected to partner with the Department to learn how to begin three-year planning and design, develop and roll out the ED STEPS systems components. This is an exciting initiative that should provide us greater flexibility with federal CCIP grant funds!

- STEM Preschool expansion. The district is considering approval to expand our preschool program from 2 classes to 3 classes. The program has been sustained through grants, donations, foundation contributions, and parent fees and whether 2 or 3 classes are anticipated to run at a cost neutral for the 2020-2021 whether 2 or 3 classes.

Tour Registration:
Email Cindy Rolfe at hstwne@gmail.com
Deadline: Feb. 6, 2020

Solar Team Registration:
Team advisors are requested to e-mail Karen Raber nrws_raber@tccsa.net with the number of students and advisors that will be attending.
Deadline: Feb. 6, 2020

Questions:
HSTW Ohio Network
Phone: 740.869.2650



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



Hello from Northwestern High School,

As time rolls on, we can be assured that winter will give way to spring – bringing with it the Spring Assessment season. Our students in grades 10-12 will be taking End of Course tests if they are enrolled in any of the following classes: English 9, English 10, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History and Government. The end of course tests will be from April 14 through May 6 with adjusted bell schedules on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during that stretch of time. Students will take these assessments and need to accumulate at least 18 points across these tests, as a graduation requirement. There will be retest opportunities, where necessary. Students in grade 9 will have no assessment in English 9 and possibly no assessment in Geometry.

We are very proud of the body of work completed by our students in senior seminar, internships and capstone classes. Thank you to all community members who took the time to serve as mentors or to sit on the panel during presentations. It is a huge endeavor, but is very worthwhile

We have many students who are participating in the College Credit Plus program. We will continue to have offerings in English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Business, Music and Agricultural Science. Please contact me or our Student Services Office to learn more about these opportunities. While we have a small population of students who take all of their CCP classes on a college campus, we have created a scenario where our students can have the best of both worlds and not have to sacrifice time and money traveling to the campuses or sacrifice the social experience of the final years in high school. We will be holding a meeting to discuss CCP classes offered at Northwestern in the near future. We will announce the date and time once that has been established.

It is the time of year that we begin planning for the coming year and will be starting the scheduling process for returning students. We have scheduled a meeting to help with this process on Tuesday March 3 at 6:00 p.m. The 2019 – 2020 course selection books will be available on-line. Please contact us with any questions you may have, relative to your child’s academic selections.

We have had many exciting things going on at the High School. . The music and visual arts programs have continued to perform well. Many community members have had the pleasure of listening to their concert performances and seeing their displayed work. We have participated in the One Act Play Festival. Our winter sports teams have worked hard and have given their best efforts. In the STEM world, Ag. Science continues to be successful in their varied competitions, our robotics team has been in multiple competitions, HOSA will have their regional event on January 25th and we will have our local Science Fair on Thursday, February 13.

A reminder to all community members; Thanks to the generosity of the Northwestern All-Sports Association and Northwestern High School Physical Education classes now has a well-equipped fitness room. The fitness room is equipped with 2 treadmills, 2 ellipticals, upright bikes & recumbent bikes. The fitness room is located on the Northwest Corner of the High School in Room 400. The room is available to members of the Northwestern Community from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on days that the high school is in session. Northwestern Middle School students may use the equipment if accompanied by an adult. For safety reasons, we cannot allow children 11 or younger to use the equipment. Access to the fitness room may vary with the season, and the school calendar. Community members have access to the track during daylight hours. Please restrict your use to the outside four lanes to reduce the wear on the inner lanes, which have more use during athletic events. The free weight facility in the community building is also available to community members, with restrictions. During the school day it can be accessed by signing in and getting a key from the board office. If we have a physical education class using the facility, they have priority. These classes are typically scheduled from 7:20 to 9:32. After school hours the weight room is generally utilized by athletic teams, making the facility unavailable. If the board office is closed and the athletic teams have finished their practices, access to the weight room may be achieved through a coach or Northwestern staff member who has a key, but they must be on the premises with you as a supervisor. These tightened restrictions are a result of trying to be good members of the community while balancing issues related to safety and liability.

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

“Superintendent Tidbit”
In late Nov. – early Dec. met with teachers by Dept. and Grade Level throughout the district to discuss thoughts, needs, concerns, etc. We have already have made some decisions based upon the feedback. Improvements and addressing needs are coming out of these talks. Know that individual discussions happen all the time when walking around buildings to visit or drop ins to my office with requests and sharing by staff.

HUSKY PRIDE & TRADITION

NORTHWESTERN ALL SPORTS

Northwestern All-Sports recent actions have included: payment for athletic training services to Dave Frisbee (athletic trainer that oversees high school and middle school athletic contests), the purchase of new volleyball standards and official's stand for volleyball team, the purchase of new warm up pants for the high school girls' basketball team, payment for re-conditioning of middle school football helmets, and the purchase of new football down markers for use at all football games held in the Husky stadium.

Thank you to all those individuals who have volunteered to work at wrestling matches and the boys and girls basketball games. "All-Sports concession stands for basketball are very busy, and we would like to thank all the volunteers that signed up through SignUpGenius. To find opportunities to volunteer, visit the Northwestern All Sports Facebook page for the link," said Bill Arthur, president of All-Sports.

Meetings are held the first Monday of the month in the high school library at 7:30 p.m.. All Northwestern community members are invited.

DEPUTY ADAM CHELLIS NORTHWESTERN RESOURCE OFFICER

Greetings,

D.A.R.E. is wrapping up in 5th grade and the students have really enjoyed the class. I have been instructing them on how to handle different life skills and how to present themselves when speaking in front of a group. Keepin' it REAL has started in 7th grade health class which also teaches life skills. These classes are part of a grant. The Elementary Safety Patrol was awarded 100.00 grant from AAA. Only 10 schools in Ohio received the grant. The 4th and 5th grade students do an excellent job in their duties and are learning leadership skills. After spring break we will be starting to instruct 3rd graders to take over for the 5th graders moving on to the Middle School.

Still some of the biggest problems we have is social media and vaping. Please make sure you know what your child is posting on social media. Looking forward to spring while so far winter has not been so bad. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



Congratulations to Lindsey Sykes for hand carving the winning ornament for the 2019 Wood Tech Christmas Ornament Design Challenge. !!

"Shop with a Hero" December 2019

Thanks to the efforts by our SRO Deputy Adam Chellis' and efforts through FOP, Northwestern made a difference and created children's many smiles!

Also, it was amazing the number of CSB, first responders, law enforcement, and church volunteers and effort that was put into this!
*** The list of STAR students and NW staff who helped with this can be seen on the last page of this newsletter ***.





Honor Roll

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 2nd Quarter

1ST HONORS (4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Colin Agnes, Jordan Allshouse, Austin Beegle, Claire Bond, Alexander Borton, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, Elliot Coffman, James Evans, Jordyn Ference, Zaine Garver, Taylor Howman, Sasha McConahay, Jordan Melegari, Hunter Miller, Karlie Mowrer, Abigail Ramseyer, Cal Rhamy, Sarah Roder, Leeanna Ruegg, Brock Rush, Katherine Shambaugh, Lydia Smith, Lindsey Sykes, Brock Tegtmeier, Rachel Winkler

Juniors: Samantha Barnette, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Tyler Farmer, Zane Fast, Cierra Hershey, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Mary Nixon, Halie O'Loughlin, Dakota Rainsberger, Lariah Severs, Desiree Smith, Robert Soueid, Allison Spencer, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Megan Tomechko, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Jacob Westover, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik

Sophomores: Shayna Allshouse, Arianna Borton, Deanna Devore, Stefanie Ecker, Avery Garver, Emily Gilman, Dominic Guidetti, Taylor Haley, Gabe Hendricks, Ariel Hughes, Sarah Miller, Jake Newcombe, Clara Zemancik

Freshmen: Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addie Bodager, Gabriel Chupp, Jesse Evans, Madelyn Fricke, Karissa Groves, Nolan Hartsel, Cole Hoffer, Steven LaGoy, Caitlyn Leighty, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Julia Ours, Gavin Phillips, Ava Stoller, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Danielle Wilkes, Hanna Wilson, Samantha Yates

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Lindsay Boak, Logan Haven, Savannah Hunt, Robert Martin, Makenzie Nowell, Montana Stidham, Matthew Yates

Juniors: Wyatt Arthur, James Cooke, Brooke Frybarger, Tanner Meininger, Hayden Stoller, Nathan Stoltz, Kylie Wellert

Sophomores: Jacqueline Barrington, Laurissa Fulton, Kathleen Kindall, Margaret McCullough, Kara McKay

Freshmen: Brett Alberts, Braiden Barthalow, Carissa Brinker, Audrey Franks, Madison Gray, Charlie Herman, Kayla Hummel, Melanie Imhoff, Lindsey Luther, Ava O'Loughlin, Kylee Purdy, Ariel Smith, Andrew Tope, Charles Westover

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Jett Conley, Skylar Edington, Phillip Howman, Nathaniel Hudson, Isabella Ingraham, Allison Kandel, Matthew Kobak, Natalie Mareno, Grace McCullough, Justin McElfresh, Kaitlyn Praisler, Hailey Reed, Mehli Rogers, Gabriel Sarno, Aidan Spittler, Kenneth Strait, Madelyn Wohlford-Cherry

Juniors: Maxwell Albright, Cassidy Brown, Max Carlson, Colston Cutter, Braydon Duvall, Mitchell Gray, Colin Hoff, Kendra Marty, Caleb Seabolt, Breanna Slanczka, Betty Stevens, Cole Wharton

Sophomores: Weston Arthur, Jadeyn Berry, Alexandra Burkett-Hostetler, Rylee Dawson, Grant Dever, Zoey Dudte, Gavon Edgell, Lennard Einnolf, Emma Ewing, Hayley Franks, Loudon Geiger, Mariah Hill, Skyler Hines, Samantha Hites, Jameson Holtz, Peyton Hostetler, Kendra Hummel, Faith Jackson, Nathaniel Jackson, Riley James, Jade Marcum, Dugan McLaughlin, Abigail Miller, Jackalynn Mosher, Gunnar Mullet, Isaac Ott, Aubree Reed, Grant Rhamy, Shayna Roder, Tori Rogers, James Rowe, Allison Rowland, Alexis Sandy, Kaylyn Smith, Rachel Smithberger, Dominic Wallace, Ryan Walter, Steven Widdows

Freshmen: Della Amstutz, Jasmine Bradford, Aubrey Browning, Joseph Buchholz, Brooklyn Buzzard, Alyssa Cogar, Phoenix Cuthrell, Arianna Firebaugh, Summer Franks, Collin Good, A'Kia Hardin, Kelly Harper, Andrew Hatfield, David Hiner, Landen Horst, Anthony Huber, Nathaniel Hunt, Mark Ingraham, Madison Jester, Paul Kobak, Logan Kolp, Charleigh McMillan, Kendrick Meuer, Paige Pellshaw, Ethan Reed, Daylie Rickard, Ethan Siders, Trenton Sigler, Joshua Spencer, Mariah Thompson, Shelby Thorpe, Thomas Tomechko, Isabella Vacco, Lauren Vaughan

STAY INFORMED

On November 13th Mrs. Becker's Accounting and CCP Business students traveled to Cleveland State University to participate in Accounting Career Day sponsored by the Ohio CPA Society. While at CSU, students went on a campus tour, listened to accounting professionals speak on the "360 Degrees of Accounting", enjoyed a free lunch and interacted with a panel of current CSU students to gain incite on their accounting paths.



CHEER SUPERHERO

YOUTH CHEER CLINIC

GRADES K-6
ADVANCE REGISTRATION \$30
 Through January 24, 2020.
 Payment due to NES by January 27, 2020

WHEN
Friday February 7, 2020
Northwestern vs. Rittman
Varsity Game

AT THE DOOR \$35
 After January 24, 2020 registration will be at the door on January 29. Payment due at registration.

WHAT
Cheer Skills:
Chant, Cheer, Dance, Motions, Jumps, & Tumbling. Performance at Varsity Basketball Half-time

PRACTICES 6:00-7:00 PM
 Wed. January 29, 2020
 Mon. Feb. 3, 2020
 Wed. Feb. 5, 2020
 In the high school commons

WHERE
Northwestern High School
 7473 North Elyria Rd. West Salem, Ohio 44287

WHAT TO BRING:
 Athletic shoes, athletic clothing, water.

"Superintendent Tidbits"

- Safety impact-resistant window glass coating installed in buildings. Will need to check to be sure all entry doors have coating installed as well as all areas. This is just one more layer of protection for our students and staff!
- We are looking into Halo Smart Vape sensors. \$8,000-\$10,000. We are seeking grant funds or contributions to pay for these.

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOLS "HOME OF THE HUSKIES"

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC LETTERS

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors received their academic letters at a program on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. In order to receive their academic letters, students had to have a **cumulative grade point average of at least 3.75**. This year, twenty-three sophomores, four juniors, and one senior were eligible to receive their first year academic letter. These students also received a lamp of knowledge pin. Twenty-five juniors and twenty-six seniors received gold bars for continuing the outstanding average. The students who received academic letters include:

Letter/Lamp

Sophomores: Shayna Allshouse, Deanna Devore, Arianna Borton, Sarah Miller, Clara Zemancik, Avery Garver, Dominic Guidetti, Jacqueline Barrington, Ariel Hughes, Stefanie Ecker, Emily Gilman, Nathaniel Jackson, Steven Widdows, Ryan Walter, Skyler Hines, James Rowe, Gabe Hendricks, Riley James, Alexis Sandy, Kathleen Kindall, Gunnar Mullet, Grant Rhamy

Juniors: Kylie Wellert, Brandon Casto, Betty Stevens, Mary Nixon

Seniors: Natalie Mareno

Gold Bar

Juniors: Morgan McCoy, Jacob Westover, Jillian Beun, Cierra Hershey, Haley Wilson, Gabriel Buchholz, Valerie Imhoff, Lariah Severs, Katherine Linder, Allison Spencer, Halie O'Loughlin, Liam Sykes, Emma Zemancik, Eleanore Bond, Briana Troyan, Samantha Barnette, Riley Stull, Elizabeth Howman, Mitchell Gray, Zane Fast, Brooklyn Woodruff, Tamar Walton, Megan Tomechko, Hailie Tomsik, Hayden Stoller

Seniors: Jordan Allshouse, Taylor Howman, Karlie Mowrer, Joshua Cline, Claire Bond, Rachel Winkler, Katherine Shambaugh, Brock Tegtmeier, Zaine Garver, Jordan Melegari, Colin Agnes, Travis Cochran, Lindsey Sykes, Alexander Borton, James Evans, Leeanna Ruegg, Cal Rhamy, Jordyn Ference, Hunter Miller, Mehli Rogers, Elliot Coffman, Makenzie Nowell, Aidan Spitler, Logan Haven, Brianna Teal, Austin Beegle

The following students are members of the Northwestern High School National Honor Society:

Seniors: Colin Agnes, Jordan Allshouse, Claire Bond, Alexander Borton, Joshua Cline, Travis Cochran, James Evans, Zaine Garver, Logan Haven, Taylor Howman, Jordan Melegari, Hunter Miller, Karlie Mowrer, Cal Rhamy, Mehli Rogers, Leeanna Ruegg, Katherine Shambaugh, Aidan Spitler, Lindsey Sykes, Rachel Winkler

Juniors: Samantha Barnette, Jillian Beun, Eleanore Bond, Zane Fast, 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, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Jacob Westover, Haley Wilson, Brooklyn Woodruff, Emma Zemancik



"Superintendent Tidbit"

I went with our Computer Science Students and Mr. Black to the Statehouse in Dec. We participated in a Computer Science event, set-up a display, and talked with legislators, Project Lead the Way colleagues, Battelle for Kids colleagues, and others. Students and I were able to talk with Senator Kristina Roegner and Representative Scott Wiggam – I was able to talk with my friend Scott Wiggam at length.





**Mrs. Rachel
Beun
Northwestern
Middle School
Principal**



Northwestern Middle School had a very busy November and December 2019. During these months we have several opportunities for students to interact with our community, which truly brings a smile to my face. We are so thankful to live in a community that values education, filled with people who are willing to engage and interact with our students throughout their learning journeys.

Our seventh grade students learned a valuable lesson in personal finances by participating in the Real Money-Real World program. It is always entertaining to watch as the students learn to budget their appointed salary, which becomes a valuable lesson in prioritizing. Suddenly, they realize how it is more important to have food than cell phones or expensive cars. For this program, we had several community members and volunteers who helped engage the students in these conversations. Thank you to Mrs. Cutter and the community members and parents who helped make this day a success.

Our sixth grade students also participated in visiting local nursing homes in December. Students are always excited to interact with the elderly patients by providing them some entertainment and conversation. We are thankful that we have such amazing students who understand the importance of giving back to their community, showing respect to others, and who value these types of opportunities. A special thanks to the sixth grade team for planning and organizing this trip, which allows our students to see compassion through public service.

Our eighth grade students completed their job shadow projects, sharing their research and learning experiences with their teachers, peers, and other professionals. During our Career Fair in December, students were asked to present on their career of choice and to share the experience they had working or observing in that career field. For the second part of the morning, students engaged in job interviews with various professionals. We were so impressed with our eighth grade class and received many compliments from our volunteers. Of course, our eighth grade teachers and community volunteers are an integral part of the day and we thank all of them for their help to make the day a success for our students.

We also had several other exciting events for students which allowed them to showcase their talents and skills. From concerts by our amazing choir and band students to art club meetings and fun, we are so proud of our students and their accomplishments. Students in our Robotics club were able to compete, as well as our winter sports teams. On the last day of December, we also had a wonderful time watching students perform in our school Talent Show. It always impresses me how brave our students are to stand in front of a crowd and perform! Again, all of these opportunities are made possible by our amazing staff and community!

On the administrative side, I had the opportunity to discuss school safety with the district administrative team, our SRO Deputy Adam Chellis, and several individuals from the community in December. Although it is never fun to work through difficult scenarios that we hope will never happen at Northwestern, it does allow for great discussion and purposeful brainstorming on ways to provide our students with the safest possible school as possible. I am amazed by the collaboration among several different stakeholders- from the fire department to the 911 dispatch personnel, who are all committed to keeping our students safe.

With the semester change, we have made it to the half-way mark of the 2019-2020 school-year.

Please take time to reflect on the way the year has gone with your child. Continue to monitor your student's academic success, as well as his/her behaviors and digital footprint (including social media). We will continue to provide students with great learning experiences and opportunities, as well as, our staff. As the school-year continues, our district has some great professional development planned for staff, which involves both academic components, as well as information regarding bullying prevention and human trafficking.

In the next couple of months, students will begin hearing specific information regarding their schedule options for next school-year. Please take time to discuss with students their interests and help them to choose classes that are right for them. Middle School, as I often say, is the perfect time to try everything. Our eighth grade students will also be scheduling their High School classes, which is always so exciting for them. As we move through the scheduling process with all of our students, please feel free to contact the Middle and High Schools with any questions you may have.

In April, we will also begin state testing. We have tried to put some things in place this year to help students practice the rules of state testing and allow them additional practice. We are hoping that these testing days will help to ease their anxiety and worries in the future, which will help to promote a more relaxed and successful testing experience for each of them. Following spring break, students will begin the state tests. Please be sure to mark your calendars when the official dates are sent out.

As I mentioned, we truly appreciate the hard work of our staff and their willingness to make NMS such an amazing place to work and learn. We also want to thank the community and all of our volunteers- from Future Fridays to our Career Fair, for their time and commitment to our students. We are excited to see what the second semester brings and look forward to watching our students and staff continue to succeed. Go Huskies!

7th Grade Science

On December 18th, NMS had their annual Science Fair. 85 students in grades 6th - 8th presented 53 projects. Congratulations to the following students for earning a Superior rating and a chance to compete at the 60th Annual Mohican District Science Day on Saturday, March 28th at Ashland University. Haley Caldwell, Quinn Fast, Virginia Hamers, Ellie Hanshaw, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal, Braydan Springer, Jailynn Woodruff, Camryn Boak, Claire Buchholz, Addie Cassidy, Kaylee Cherry, Addy Connelly, Emma Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Christian Deffendall, Jacob Ebert, Asher Erf, Lyle Endsley, Coralyn Hall, Cadance Horsky, Kate Johnson, Gabi Klinec, Savannah McConahay, Kolton McKinley, Chet McNeil, Carson Seabolt, Hayden Sigler, Audrina Smith, Josey Thomas, and Garrett Way.

A special thank you to our judges for giving their time to the school and students, Pastor Paul Bartholomew, Chuck Beck, John Buchholz, Harry Fishleigh, Ben Harbaugh, and Scott Melegari!

Congratulations to all participants on a job well done! We are so proud of your hard work!



"Superintendent Tidbit"

I have scheduled a team from Northwestern for a 3-day Team Professional Development to occur over the spring and summer. I believe it may give us some structural ideas and suggestions to further improve relationships & collaboration, provide additional knowledge to ensure we have a positive culture, while also likely confirming that we already have a strong professional, collaborative learning culture in place

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Northwestern Middle School Honor Roll

2nd Nine weeks

6th Grade

James Cassidy, Corbin Chanay, Kaylee Cherry, Addyson Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Christian Deffendall, Jacob Ebert, Lyle Endsley, Jackson Evans, Lorelai Garman, Savannah McConahay, Kolten McKinley, Mason Rogers, Hayden Sigler, Wesley Stoltz, Josey Thomas, Claire Walker, Cyrus Witmer

7th Grade

Karizma Brinker, Sara Corn, Gabriela Cubur, Kayla Cutter, Morgan Ervin, Mallory Gilbert, Ella Hartsel, Ayden Hendricks, McKensie McCoy, Morgan Murphy, Katherine Orosz, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Alysa Troyan

8th Grade

Emma Adkison, Brandon Barnette, Kara Burgan, Jacob Farner, Quinn Fast, Alyssah Fisher, Josiah Gilman, Ellie Hanshaw, Madalyne Hunt, Mikalah Jones, Tristan Miller, Ella Saal, Hattie Sciortino, Hunter Sciortino, Lillian Wakefield, Keturah Weaver

Merit Roll

2nd Nine weeks

6th Grade

Sophia Ahrendt, Alivia Aicone, Camryn Boak, Claire Buchholz, Adelynn Cassidy, Linsey Coots, Nickolas Coots, Jason Diehl, Asher Erf, Cheyenne Friend, Carsyn Frybarger, Coralyn Hall, Timothy Hatfield, Samantha Herman, Kace Hixson, Chad Houck, Austin Johnson, Kate Johnson, Nevaeh Kirk, Gabriella Klinec, Brayden Knapp, David McLe, Ashton Moser, Elisabeth Rosales-Martinez, Kyndall Sims, Audrina Smith, Kelsea Smith, Alaric Trimble, Kiera Whisman, Payton White, Holly Widdows, Audriana Yeagley, Mackenzie Zahradnicek

7th Grade

Keira Beard, Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Kristanna Bradford, Brooklyn Brinker, Kyleighana Collins, Bladen Friend, Jamison Gilbert, Ashton Good, Blake Good, Kaylie Gregory, Elaine Groves, Gino Guidetti, Will Hamey, Danyel Hyatt, Chloe Kasubienski, Taya Kaufman, Kelli Kearney, Jaidyn Kelly, Noah Lee, Lacey Mark, Sydney McConahay, Mason Meininger, Josiah Moats, Avery Mullet, Mason Myers, Kalyn Nelson, Alexa Riffel, Cheyenne Sadler, Logan Shriver, Miranda Smith, Braydan Springer, Chloe Starcher, Jailynn Woodruff, Taylor Wurst

8th Grade

Kaleb Badger, Kirsten Boreman, Leona Buettner, Haley Caldwell, Reece Chanay, Hayden Cline, Logan Garman, Owen Hoffman, Haley Hummel, Sophia Linder, Ethan Mausolf, Julia Norby, Zoey Oldaker, Jennie Riffle, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeier, Luke Walton, Jacob Ward, Anthony Welch, Carissa Whisman, Connor Winland



NMS Science

Students in Mrs. Raber's Science class presenting their Natural Resource Projects. These students created a model of the growing trees, cut and transported to a Lowe's Store to be sold to a builder which builds a home. They also presented a skit about material resources.



Claire Buchholz, Savannah McConahay, and Holly Widdows.

Northwestern Bad Dog Boarders & Ski Club



Tired Smiles after an evening at Snow Trails Girls' Group: Left to Right: Livy Scarbrough, Holly Widdows, Claire Walker, Kate Johnson, and Addy Connelly

2-hour delay dates:

February 6, 2020

March 5, 2020

April 2, 2020

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOLS "HOME OF THE HUSKIES"



6th grader, Cyrus Witmer, learning to ski



6th grader, Evan Crank, learning to snowboard

"Superintendent Tidbits"

- We will be participating in the New CCIP Federal entitlement grants – Title IIA, Title III, Title IV, IDEA, IDEA Preschool, Title I, etc. next year, which I complete and monitor here at Northwestern. There would be greater flexibility, but a new process, and no additional monies unfortunately. I heard in a meeting last week that Ohio will be moving all schools to this method over the next 4 years.

- New sub-subcategory significant disproportionality regulations coming. State and Feds will be further Micro-analyzing attendance, discipline for each and every disability category. "Big Brother" is here and requires more data, more accountability, and more time - every year.

- Networking opportunities with collaborative organizations. I have just recently been asked by Mental Health & Recovery Board Director Esther Hawkins to Serve on the **NE Ohio Children's Trust Fund Commission Board**, which is a great honor and a means to further positively impact Northwestern children, families, and those across NE Ohio. We are discussing responsibilities and time commitment to this voluntary post before I commit. It is important for our Northwestern children, families and our community in addition to the greater community that I remain actively involved in several children, community service, and educational organizations – especially those in which are partners and have mutual interests. Some of these in which I am currently serving or have served in the past include: **High Schools that Work The Ohio Network Board Member 14 years (12 years as Board President)**, **Tri-County Computer Services Associates Board of Directors (our technology & computer network organization)**, **Wayne County Catholic Charities Advisory Board**, **A Whole Community Wayne**, **Holmes and Ashland County Food Pantry Advisory Board**, **Wayne County Families & Children First Council**, **Wayne County Economic Development WIN Committee**, **Wayne County School Business Advisory Committee**, **Liberty Preparatory Academy Board of Education**, **Wayne College Advisory Committee**, **Bioscience Consortium of Northeast Ohio Advisory Board**, **Advisory Council WVIZ/PBS & Ideastream**, **BioOhio Education-Business State-wide Committee**, **SERRC NE Ohio Special Education Regional Resource Center Advisory Board**. Also active in **Northwestern Ruritan** – President and other officer positions - and several other Northwestern school support organizations. Also we have strong collaboration and relationships with our Wayne County Commissioners, as well as Wayne County JFS, and Wayne County Sheriff's Dept. and other offices and local governments.

NW ELEMENTARY



**Mr. Joey
Brightbill
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

The BEAUTIFUL
thing about
LEARNING
is that
no one
can take it
away from you.



Message from Mr. Brightbill:

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we are already into the second semester. NES had a lot of success in the first semester and we are very proud of our staff and students for the progress we are seeing.

We want to congratulate and recognize the hard work and effort by our third grade students. Our 3rd grade students have taken the fall AIR Assessment and received their results. If you have a student in 3rd grade, this is a great time to sit down and speak with them about their results. Third grade students must score at least a 683 scaled score or a 46 sub score to meet the promotion score to move on to fourth grade. Students who have not met the promotion score will have several more chances to achieve a passing score before the end of the school year. For more information on this assessment, visit the Ohio Department of Education website and look up Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

State testing is right around the corner for grades 3-5. State testing will begin in April and finish early May. You can view and help prepare your son or daughter for the tests at <http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/students-and-families/>. As the dates get closer, more testing information will be communicated with students and parents.

As a reminder, our students are utilizing a program in and out of the classroom called Moby Max. Moby Max allows for individualized lessons, differentiation and fill in the learning gaps for our students. Students can access Moby Max at home and school 365 days a year. This program has been utilized throughout the building for all subjects for our students to achieve success and raise their achievement scores. For more information about the program visit www.mobymax.com.

We are excited about a new initiative to promote reading called "Tucked in Tuesday." Each Tuesday by 7 PM, a video will post of a different Northwestern staff member reading a bed time story. We hope you enjoy!

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

*Mr. Joey Brightbill
NES Principal*

"Superintendent Tidbit"

We will hold Building Breakfast Club discussions with staff, where superintendent and staff meet and discuss ways we can improve and issues we need to address in addition to concerns, and the great things happening around here!

NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT RECYCLING NEWS

HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Elementary Student Council! We would like to thank our entire Husky community (and beyond) for their support of the recycling we are doing here at school. Since last spring, we have been collecting caps for benches and other items. We continue to collect PLASTIC caps of all kinds. The one type of cap we are asking you to separate out when you collect is any COKE CAP (These types of caps are worth \$.05 when donated to a school or a non-profit organization). Thus far, this year, we have raised over \$850, primarily five cents at a time. Here are some IMPORTANT tips for you to remember if you are collecting caps or other recyclables for us. -

PLEASE RINSE any recycled can, bottle or cap items until clean

- The recycling center remains open throughout the week behind to the school for plastics, glass, aluminum/tin cans, cardboard and paper products (please save Coke codes from 24, 15, and 12 pack boxes... see below). **PLEASE DO NOT THROW YOUR TRASH IN THE RECYCLING BINS!!** If you need help with putting things in the bin, there will be a 5th grade student with a parent present every Saturday morning from 9-noon to assist you.

- COKE CAPS are worth 5 cents each
- Coke 24, 15 and 12 pack boxes have COKE CODES (in a square) on the inside of the box worth \$.30 , \$.23 and \$.15 respectively.

- DASANI water 24 packs have a block square on the bottom of the plastic wrap that is worth \$.30

Recently, the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Recycling District allowed us to borrow recycling receptacles for both the middle school and high school gymnasiums. If you attend athletic events and enjoy a Coke beverage, please use these to dispose of your bottle. You may leave the lids on and we will sort through them when we remove the Coke caps. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT TRASH INTO THE BOTTLE!!**

Again, **thank you very much** for your help in taking care of our community by properly recycling at our school. It is everyone's responsibility to take care of our community and remember... **PLEASE RECYCLE... IT DOES PAY!!**

ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-21 school year kindergarten class will be held March 19th & March 20th at the Mohican Church of the Brethren. The church is located at 7759 North Elyria Road, West Salem.

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before August 1st, 2020, please call the school to schedule an appointment for the screening on or after Feb. 3rd.

Appointment times will be available starting Feb. 3rd

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

Registration Day

Please bring your child, birth certificate, immunization records, social security card, any custody papers that may apply, driver's license (w current address), and proof of residency (it can be a utility bill or phone bill, with



February 3	Soccer Sign up 5:30 pm
February 22	Band Solo & Ensemble at Dalton 9 am
February 27	3rd grade Music Program 7pm
March 6	Outback Ray Assembly 9:10
March 7	Elem. Band Concert 5 pm
March 24	Spring Pictures
March 26	1st Grade Music Program
April 23	2nd Grade Music Program
May 1	Kindergarten Zoo Trip

NES Honor Roll

Second Nine Weeks 2019-20

3rd Grade

Leah Altman Tessa Buzzard, Rebecca Canfield, Quinn Conley, Rowan Cottrell, Landon Ellerbrock, Lily Farnsworth, Grace Hawkins, Madeline Morris, Jenny Perez Sica, Keegan Schaefer, Marissa Smith, Emerson Ulrich, Isabella Virgili, Nora Wakefield, Stephanie Widdows

4th Grade

Jared Allshouse, Nathaniel Baker, Jordan Cline, Justin Ebert, Grady Ellerbrock, Caleb Gilman, Elcey Imhoff, Afton Karazsia, Case Keener, Grant Koch, Keagan Kostohryz, Alexa Perry, Madilyn Smith, Brayden Swank

5th Grade

Emma Altman, Garrett Diehl, Reed Hamey, Aiden Mausolf, Sophia Morris, Jace Rickard, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Mason Salem, Taryn Stoller, Nikki Troyan, Kezia Weaver, Alivia Welch, Audrey Wilcox, Luke Wilkinson, Grace Wilson

NES Merit Roll

3rd Grade

Laurie Bauman, Jacelyn Cherry, Emalynn Delong, Aubrey Dobbins, Austin Dudte, Olivia Ellis, Waliyah Fasihi, Quinn Firebaugh, Aubreigh Flack, Ashlynn Haven, Journey Haven, Brant Hershey, Avere Karazsia, Karsten Kline, Carlie Landis, Cash Lindeman, Mercedes Lorenz, Miya Loy, Alyvia Massie, Mason Mobley, Jacob Morris, Elliana Murphy, Dominic Nolletti, Lyric Ogden, Madison Pritt, Hayden Rapp, Owen Rattini, Kaylee Roberson, Miles Robinson, James Rose, Andrew Sadler, Ava Santos, Hannah Shriver, Blake Sigler, Ray Sloan, Anabella Smith, Skylar Stark, Lynnley Stutz, Miles Terwilliger, Brayden Turnage, Vinny Vizzo, Mallory Walker, Marlie Workman, Leonora Zemancik

4th Grade

Emily Beeghley, Deacon Boreman, Lillian Boreman, Courtney Cline, McKenzie Cutter, Hayden Erf, Briella Fiala, Gracie Gibbs, Cara Graham, Leonardo Guidetti, Colt Hall, Taryn Hall-Cravens, Jesse Hanshaw, Keaton Harris, Kendra Houghton-Smith, Rylan Indorf, Michael Ivan, Wyatt James, Isabella Justus, Tristin Malcomb, Finn Massengill, Madison Miller, Colton Morris, Addison Moser, Emma Olson, Natalie Posta, Bronson Rogers, Katie Scarbrough, Hailee Smith, Kael Vallowe, Gracey Wigal

5th Grade

Victoria Aicone, Ahmad Al-Jamal, Nathan Burgess, Laci Butler, Chiron Cuthrell, Riley Damon, Landon Dominguez, Elaina Donnelly, Shayla Dudte, Ryleigh Farnier, Madi Frazier, Emma Fricke, Hayden Garver, Riley Grier, Jacob Howman, Olivia Humphrey, Lucas Jenkins, Austin Kovacs, Zareyah Martin, Tristan McQuerry, Lucas Mooney, Jackson Morris, Lulu Mosher, Owen Murphy, Brooke Nolletti, Mallory Novak, Bryce Nussbaum, Charlotte Radcliff, Eliana Rosales-Martinez, Clara Saal, Gabe Sampsell, Daniel Shakan, Tim Spencer, Autumn Stamp, Makenna Stansfield, Abby Webel, Allie Wellert, Elijah Wilson, Noah Wilson, Carter Wulff, Alex Yoder

"Superintendent Tidbit"

Northwestern has been selected for participation in the Education Department's System of Tiered E-Plans and Supports (ED STEPS) pilot project. Over 130 districts applied for consideration to be part of this pilot. A diverse group of 40 districts were selected to partner with the Department to learn how to begin three-year planning and design, develop and roll out the ED STEPS systems components. This is an exciting initiative that should provide us greater flexibility with federal CCIP grant funds!



Grinch Day Dec. 2019



Elf Day Dec. 2019

NES Happenings!!



Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast at the Elementary



Green screen

Northwestern STEM Preschool
 An Inquiry-Based/STEM Approach to Early Learning



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The TAG students completed a project based on the book "Balloons over Broadway" by: Melissa Sweet. They completed a STEM challenge to design & float their own Macy's Parade balloon designs. A green screen was used to get the New York Street background.

NORTHWESTERN FFA

Operation Christmas Child

At the beginning of November, the Northwestern FFA Chapter began a community service project with Samaritan's Purse. This group is a nationwide, non-denominational Christian, non-profit organization that provides spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. As this project took place, the chapter welcomed donations from its members.

The chapter's goal was to acquire 100 boxes made up of the various items approved by Samaritan's Purse. By the collection date, November 20th, the chapter was able to collect and box a total of 90 boxes to donate to this charity.



L to R Back Row: Jordan Melegari, Jameson Holtz, Ari Borton, Austin Beegle, Jadeyn Berry, Lizzy Howman

L to R Front Row: Val Imhoff, Alex Borton, Abby Ramseyer, Dugan McLaughlin, Riley Stull, Avery Garver

Northwestern FFA Competes in Parliamentary Procedure and Job Interview

On Thursday, November 14th, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the Sub-District Parliamentary Procedure contest and District Job Interview contest held at Smithville High School. Northwestern had a novice and varsity team compete in the parliamentary procedure contest. The novice team was made up of Nihad Al-Jamal (Secretary), Grant Bond (Treasurer), Kirsten Boreman (Sentinel), Hayden Cline (Member), Owen Hoffman (SA),

Zoey Oldaker (Reporter), Kade Tegtmeier, (Chair) and Hanna Wilson (Vice President), with members being Alyssah Fisher and Preston Wilcox. The team placed 2nd in the Sub-District and will advance to Districts on November 19, 2019 at Northwestern High School.

The varsity team consisted of Austin Beegle, Valerie Imhoff (Secretary), Dugan McLaughlin, Leanna Ruegg, Riley Stull, and Brock Tegtmeier (Chair), with Desi Smith as an alternate. The team placed 1st overall and will compete in the District contest on November 19th.

Both contests are designed to test FFA members' abilities in properly running a business meeting. Teams are scored on different abilities of parliamentary procedure, debates on main motions, the secretary's minutes, and the chairpersons' ability to run the meeting, a written test, and the overall look of professionalism throughout the team.

The chapter also had four members compete in the District Job Interview contest. Senior-Leanna Ruegg, Junior- Haley Wilson, Sophomore-Jadeyn Berry, and Freshman- Ava Stoller competed. This career development event is designed to give FFA members the opportunity to learn about the interviewing process, as well as simulating a mock interview for a job in the agricultural industry. Members are required to fill out a job application, complete a cover letter, participate in an interview, and complete a follow up letter. Ava placed 1st, Jadeyn placed 4th, Haley placed 3rd, and Leanna placed 2nd in each of their divisions. Ava will move onto the state contest on December 7th. Great job and congratulations to all the participating FFA members.

"Superintendent Tidbit"

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L to R- Job Interview: Ava Stoller, Jadeyn Berry, Leanna Ruegg, Haley Wilson



Novice Parli Back Row: Alyssah Fisher, Preston Wilcox, Nihad Al-Jamal, Hayden Cline
Front Row: Zoey Oldaker, Keirsten Boreman, Kade Tegtmeier, Hanna Wilson, Grant Bond



FFA NEWS!

Northwestern FFA Holds Fall Meeting

On Saturday, October 22nd, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter gathered at The New Pittsburg Park for the annual Fall meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President, Leeanna Ruegg at 6 pm. Then, the officers performed opening ceremonies and minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Valarie Imhoff. There was also a Treasurer's Report, given by Jameson Holtz, and a Reporter's Report given by Jordan Melegari. Jameson Holtz moved to accept all officer report. Committee reports were given by six committees. Austin Beegle reported on the Ag in the Classroom committee. While the committee did not join at the fall meeting, there was a meeting and event two weeks beforehand. The committee taught students about trees and plant life on a nature walk. Brock Tegtmeier reported on the Community Outreach Committee, where they talked about different ways to get the community involved in the chapter. Carissa Brinker reported on the Chapter Development Committee. The committee looked at FFA Week ideas, such as spirit days and game to include in the assembly in February. Abby Ramseyer reported on the Fundraising Committee, in which members talked about new fundraising ideas, like various types of raffles. Troy Tope reported on the Community Service Committee. The committee decided to look into volunteering at an animal shelter once a month and volunteering at a soup kitchen as well. Jadeyn Berry reported on the Middle School Engagement Committee. In this committee, members looked into a recruitment day, and introducing the Middle School chapter's officers. Hanna Wilson reported on the High School Engagement Committee, where they discussed a potential movie night, kick-ball tournament, a trip to snow trails, and other community opportunities.

Members also reported on other chapter events. Austin Beegle reported on the Washington Leadership Conference, where selected members improved their leadership abilities in the nation's capital. Jordan Melegari reported on the fair booth that was decorated by members and put on display during the fair. Riley Stull reported on the help the members gave during the Twilight Tour. Dugan McLaughlin reported on recycling during the fair. Alex Borton reported on grape picking at his family's vineyard. Val Imhoff reported on apparel orders and when they were due. Arianna Borton reported on the leadership retreat that took place over the summer. Cole Wharton reported on the Soil Judging CDE and the team's successes. Avery Garver reported on the Wayne County Fair and a couple results of members. Jadeyn Berry reported on Middle School Chapter information and updates. Rylee Dawson reported on the Ashland County Fair. Kaitlyn Praisler reported on the Medina County Fair. Kade Tegtmeier reported on the Middle School Officer Team and what they are looking forward to. Jacoby Gilbert reported on the farm tour that the member's helped park cars at, and Hayden Cline reported on the truck and tractor pull event that members also helped with.

Members discussed and voted on upcoming events for the chapter and its members. Arianna Borton moved that our chapter participates in bell ringing this December. Dugan McLaughlin moved that our chapter participates in the Agriculture Sales CDE during the 2019 season. Jordan Melegari moved that our chapter participates in the Public Speaking CDE during the 2019 season. Abby Ramseyer moved that our chapter participate in National Convention and that the chapter pays \$85 for every member attending. Riley Stull moved that our chapter participates in the fruit sales fundraiser. Val Imhoff moved that our chapter participates in the Food Science CDE in the 2019 season. Alex Borton moved that each member in our chapter pay \$20 dues for the 2019 school year. Austin Beegle moved that our chapter participates in the Parliamentary Procedure CDE in the 2019 season. Craig Wellert moved that our chapter participates in the Agriculture and Power Diagnostics CDE in the 2019 season.

Jadeyn Berry moved that our chapter participates in the Job Interview CDE in the 2019 season. The meeting was then adjourned and officers performed closing ceremonies. After the meeting, members enjoyed refreshments brought in by each class. Freshman brought a main dish, sophomores brought a dessert, juniors brought a side dish, and seniors brought drinks. Then members competed in various games and activities, while enjoying each other's company.

Northwestern FFA Competes in State Soil Judging Contest

On Saturday October 12th, 2019 members from Northwestern FFA Chapter competed in the state soil judging contest held by YMCA Camp Schiffer and Staff, taking place in North Lewisburg, Ohio. Both the Urban and the Rural teams competed.

Valarie Imhoff, Kendra Marty, Dugan McLaughlin and Cole Wharton were members of the Rural team. This team placed 16th with individuals placing well in the competition. The Urban team consisted of Austin Beegle, Alex Borton, Jameson Holtz, and Leeanna Ruegg. The team placed 19nd overall out of 48 teams, with members placing in the top half of the competition. The two teams worked very hard this fall preparing for the competition by studying test questions, practicing, and evaluating over 20 soil pits since the beginning of the season. This experience and hard work has taught these participants a great deal about soil uses as well as different conservation practices.



L to R- Valarie Imhoff, Austin Beegle, Leeanna Ruegg, Dugan McLaughlin, Kendra Marty, Alex Borton, Craig Wellert, Jameson Holtz, Cole Wharton

Northwestern FFA Parliamentary Procedure Teams Compete at State

On Saturday, December 14th and 21st, members of the Northwestern FFA Chapter traveled to The Ohio State University for the state parliamentary procedure contest. The novice team qualified to compete at the state contest by placing 1st at the district level.

The novice team was made up of Nihad Al-Jamal (Secretary), Grant Bond (Treasurer), Kirsten Boreman (Sentinel), Hayden Cline (Member), Owen Hoffman (SA), Zoey Oldaker (Reporter), Kade Tegtmeier, (Chair) and Hanna Wilson (Vice President), with members being Alyssah Fisher and Preston Wilcox. The novice team placed 3rd in their room at the State Contest. The varsity team consisted of Austin Beegle, Valerie Imhoff (Secretary), Dugan McLaughlin, Leanna Ruegg, Riley Stull, and Brock Tegtmeier (Chair), with Desi Smith as an alternate. The varsity team placed 2nd in their room at the State Contest.

Teams were scored on running a business meeting using correct abilities of parliamentary procedure, effectiveness of debate, overall professionalism, the secretary's minutes, correct responses to a set of oral questions, and a written test taken beforehand. The Northwestern FFA Chapter would like to congratulate these members for their success throughout this contest as a result of their hard work and dedication.



Varsity Parliamentary Procedure Team



Novice Parliamentary Procedure Team



Congratulations to Allie Kandel who is the 2nd player in Northwestern Soccer program history to be named **FIRST TEAM ALL OHIO!!**

NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Northwestern Alumni Association & Friends have met to begin the process of selecting this year's honorees for the Hall of Fame and Hall of Honor. A committee of local representatives for a business, community involvement in parents' groups, current and retired employees, the school board, the Association, and the school district were given packets to read, analyze, and select the individuals they felt were worthy of induction this coming June 20th. As changes have needed to occur, the top three nominees receiving the most votes will have been notified of this honor by the time you read this article.

The NWAFA also is pleased to announce that we were able to make a donation for the flag in the gymnasium that is displayed prior to an event then retracted.

As always, the NWAFA is looking to recruit new members on the Planning Committee. The next meeting is February 13th. Location has yet to be determined; you can email Dwight Wasson at judydwright@embarqmail.com for more details of the meeting.

*Submitted by,
Anne Chance HOH/HOF Committee*



“Superintendent Tidbits”

Northwestern has been so blessed to have written and been awarded two different Federal Expanding Opportunities Grants stretching over a three-year period that began last year and concludes this 2020-2021 school year. One was \$425,000 and the other \$275,000 – for a combined \$700,000. We are one of only 17 School Districts in Ohio to receive these funds from the first grant of the 32 which applied, by far the smallest school district, and one of less than 10 schools who received both grants. A round three grant is anticipated to come out this spring, for which we will certainly apply as well. These grants are entirely funding Northwestern and are not a multi-district collaboration, so all funds remain local for our students, although they are restricted in how the funds can be spent – on CTE, STEM, CCP, distance learning, technology, and other select 7-12 programs.

• United Way After School Grant of \$10,000 was submitted. I completed this and submitted over Christmas Vacation.

**Northwestern Local Schools
Calendar 2020-21**

2020

Tuesday, August 18	Convocation Day
Wednesday, August 19	First Day for Students
Monday, September 7	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 14	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 15	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Thursday, October 1	2 hour delay
Thursday, October 15	End of First Nine Weeks (40 Pupil Days)
Friday, October 16	Waiver Day (counts as student contact day)

Thursday, October 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Mon./Wedn., Oct. 26 & 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Thursday, Nov. 5	2 hour delay
Thursday, November 26 thru	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Monday, Nov. 30	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Vacation
Friday, Dec. 18	End of Second Nine Weeks (42 days)

Monday, Dec. 21 thru Jan. 1	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
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2021

Monday, January 4,	School Reconvenes
Thursday, January 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences: H.S. and M.S.
Tues./Thurs. Jan.12 & 14	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Monday, January 18	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Thursday, Feb. 4	2 hour delay
Friday, February 12	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Monday, February 15	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Thursday, March 4	2 hour delay
Friday, March 12	End of Third Nine Weeks (47 Pupil Days)

Thursday, March 18	Parent/Teacher Conferences; H.S. and M.S.
Friday, March 19	Waiver Day - No School (counts as student contact day)
Monday, March 29 to April 2	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Wednesday, May 26	Student's Last Day (47 Pupil Days)

Thursday, May 27	Teacher's Last Day
Sunday, May 30	Graduation

** Student contact days 178 (PD Waiver 3 student contact)
P-T Conference & Open House days 2
Professional Development day 3; Work days include: convocation day(1 day between Aug. 1 & 14)
work day at end of school year

MAKE UP DAYS

June 1,2,3,4, 7in order

DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting

Board President Charles Beck
3rd Monday each month 7:00 p.m.
HS Library

All Sports Association

President Bill Arthur
1st Monday each month 7:30 p.m.
HS Commons

Music Boosters

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

Ruritans

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

Football Club

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

Soccer Club

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

Elementary PTO

President Alison Fiala
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA



**Brag Tag
Recipients
Dec. 2019**



Northwestern was well represented at the December 2019 “Shop with a Hero” event! STARS Students: Karlie Mowrer, JJ Cline, Allie Kandel, Jordan Allshous, Lindsay Boak, Lariah Severs, Sam Barnette, Lindsaey Luther, Cole Hoffer, Della Amstutz, Julia Beard, Cierra Hershey, Matt yates, Justin O’Brien
Current/Formal Northwestern Staff: SRO Deputy Adam Chellis, Dawn Wyles & family
Karen Raber, Janet Alberts, Mark Alberts, Julie Ulrich, Becky Sugg, Chris Sykes, Steve McCumber, Julie McCumber, Jeff Layton



**Reindeer
Day -
Mrs.
Steiner’s
2nd grade
class**

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