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May 2021



Congratulations to Madilyn Smith for being selected into the **Safety Patrol Hall of Fame !!**



The Mike Burkholder Memorial

has been completed in honor of a great leader!



Rowan Cottrell presented Mr. Brightbill with a canvas print of a picture taken by her drone.



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up and live!**

Log onto @ NW_Schools
Live broadcast of events
[http://www.ustream.tv/
channel/sportslive14](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/sportslive14)



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**Mrs. Lesa
Forbes
Northwestern
Treasurer**



As storm clouds subside, we all need to recall the old adage, “April showers bring May flowers”. Such is true in the new Fair Funding Formula that the state has developed for all Ohio schools. It is designed to economically construct fairness to all districts like that of Northwestern that has struggled with no increase in state aid for nearly a decade.

The state has advised the district we will could see nearly \$1.8 million increase by 2027 – Outstanding! However, being a country girl, a lifelong resident, and alumni of the district I am of the mindset “don’t count your chickens before they’re hatched” this statement works in the way we are anticipating the aid in funding. However, I have never felt more hopeful than I do this time. The drawback is that it is far enough into the future that it does not aid the district right now.

With COVID happening, the funds to assist the district, (as it has for each of us in the Federal Stimulus), have been filtering in to recalibrate the current financial condition of the district. This monies will be instrumental in ‘fortifying our walls’ until help arrives. The district has been figuratively ‘tightening its belt’ so we can muster through the hard times.

We have worked hard to further reduce our costs and manage more efficiently; we are forecasting the future condition to note this reprieve in expenditures. This table shows a comparison of last year as of March (2020) to this March (2021) actual expenses.

General Fund/Emergency/467		March data compare	
		3/4 last year actual FY20 Per 9	3/4 this year actual FY21 Per 9
Revenues			
1.010	General Property Tax (Real Estate)	3,022,857	3,201,114
1.030	Income Tax	1,831,270	1,852,815
1.035	Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid (Foundations)	5,442,465	5,395,662
1.040	Restricted Grants-in-Aid (Stud Wellness)	215,403	390,401
1.050	Property Tax Allocation (Homestead)	219,286	220,171
1.060	All Other Revenues (+Emergency)	2,003,237	2,216,329
1.070	Total Revenues	12,734,518	13,276,492
Expenditures			
3.010	Personnel Services (Wages/Salary)	6,007,907	5,770,576
3.020	Employees' Retirement/Insurance Benefits	3,186,856	2,967,172
3.030	Purchased Services/Prof Dev	1,583,912	1,398,872
3.040	Supplies and Materials	389,741	366,107
3.050	Capital Outlay/Equipment	118,956	3,221
4.300	Other Objects	83,560	14,479
4.500	Total Expenditures	11,370,932	10,520,428

In the next newsletter, I will publish the currently developing 5-year Forecast that is required and presented to the state. Also, a recap of the recent audit. Most data that has been requested from the administration is posted on the district website – with new posting regularly. The flowers are coming, hang on Huskies! Relief is just around the bend and FINALLY the future is beginning to look brighter. GO BLUE!!!

May God bless each of our homes for a safe spring season!

BE IN THE KNOW - REGISTER FOR NORTHWESTERN ALERTS! SIGN UP FOR NORTHWESTERN SCHOOL

ALERTS:

This service will allow you to receive alerts in case of an emergency dismissal, delay or closure.

**THERE ARE SEVERAL CATEGORIES –
SIGN-UP BY BUILDING, PROGRAMS, OR
DISTRICT!**

Go to http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/northwesternschools_oh/wens.cfm to register.

Make sure you get District Alerts AND your child's Building Alerts.

BE IN THE KNOW - FOLLOW US ON NORTHWESTERN TWITTER!

Please register for our Northwestern “Twitter” account! Registration can be completed on our Northwestern website and by registering at the twitter address on the front page of this newsletter! We initiated this account five years ago and have sent tens of thousands of tweets since! We generally send 2-10 tweets per building per week during the school year.

There is a significant amount of research that indicates parents and community members are more likely to read brief one or two liners with a picture than lengthy posts, newsletter articles, etc. Northwestern wants to continue sharing the amazing things happening in our classrooms through every avenue possible!

Follow us on Facebook!

Follow us on Instagram!

Check-out our website – information located there is easily accessible and quickly answers many questions that I hear people ask and read on social media!

Our area newspapers provide coverage for a portion of the many amazing things that our outstanding teachers do each day. However, we need to continue multiple means to be sure as much gets out to the general public as possible. While we do utilize test alerts, The West Salem Messenger, WQKT, Wooster Daily Record, Ashland Times-Gazette, The Post Newspaper, our website, and our own “The Northwestern” newsletter the twitter feed is another means that provides for ongoing and immediate newsbytes. Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our teachers and our students!



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Dear Husky Family,

This upcoming August will begin my 17th year at the helm of our Northwestern Schools. This will also mark my 32nd year as an educator, 27th year as a school administrator, and 20th year as a public school superintendent. I live in this community and my three children graduated from Northwestern. I am proud of all of these ties to our school district and our fine community!

Our students, administrators, teachers, and overall staff has done an incredible job through these past 14 months of COVID. I could not be more proud. I want to also thank our parents, who have valued and supported education through these very difficult circumstances. Given the circumstances we have done the best job possible for our children. We anticipate full return to classrooms in August with continued diligent cleaning and disinfecting to ensure the safety of our students. We likely will not have word on restrictions and state-mandated protocols until late summer, which we will share at that time.

My friends, Northwestern continues to be the school district to follow, the district others desire to emulate and partner with. We have the absolute best faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Education leading our school district and preparing our students. The success of our students is so very evident! Review this newsletter, area newspapers, our website, read our facebook and Twitter feeds to follow the tremendous success of our current students and graduates.

Our foundation and culture are in **AGRICULTURE**. Agriculture was the first hands-on, authentic learning STEM Curriculum. This has not changed. The success and student engagement of our Agri Science Program and FFA competitions, authentic projects, structure,

and other requirements have been emulated by our other programs. Aside from the obvious exceptional talents and dedication of our teachers so many visitors and experts ask “what is your secret” of student engagement, STEM program success, Fine Arts program success, the success of our Foundational program successes, and our overall student positive attitudes and it is so very simple that we have followed this simple model of **Learning by Doing**: 1. **Learning Through Problems**; 2. **Learning Through Projects**; 3. **Learning by Collaborating**; 4. **Learning with Purpose**.

The accomplishments of our students has been fantastic! The articles within this newsletter provide evidence of our schools doing the great work for our students. Whether it be fine arts, Agri Science and STEM programs, core foundational courses, or extracurricular activities we do **“prepare our students today for tomorrow’s opportunities!”**

Several achievements:

- * STEM Preschool – 5-STAR Step-up to Quality Rating! (the highest rating!)
- * We have a 3,000 Sq. Ft. Greenhouse & Clean Energy Lab for hands-on, authentic learning
- * 5 organizations working with our students mental Health, Counseling, Problem-Solving (Catholic Charities, AZAZAO, Counseling Center 360, Family Life Counseling, Goodwill Industries)
- * We have a strong Special Education Programs & Services
- * An approved Ohio Pre-Apprenticeship Program and business partner requesting us to also apply for a Tool & Die Pre-Apprenticeship Program partnership with them
- * Excellent Gifted Programs & Services (look at the enclosed summary of our service as compared to other schools)
- * We have Maple Syrup Sugar Shack which further promotes hands-on, authentic learning
- * Career Programs, Career Plans & MS-HS Career Pathways that are second to none!
- * Graduates are the best prepared – with college courses, experiential, senior seminar capstone, 4-year pathways, authentic learning, scholarships, competing and winning in state and national venues who eclipsed more than 1,000 college credits earned upon graduation last school year
- * We have a beautiful nature Trail with 2-story Observation Deck behind our elementary building for students and our community to use
- * Graduates are ready for life with Industry Credentials, The Ohio Readiness Seal, Honors Diplomas, Internships, Apprenticeships, Capstone Projects, College Credits and experiences which lead to;

• **Employers seeking Northwestern graduates** over all others (we hear this all the time – that Northwestern graduates are more mature and more prepared!)

• **Student College and Career Successes** (we hear repeatedly that our graduates are more advanced with greater leadership development and can handle major responsibilities and projects!)

• **Parents & Family** (we are repeatedly reminded of the positive experiences, leadership, preparation, and strong relationships graduates have received as they move on to their careers!)

We will continue to strive for what is best for our students. Every opportunity we can create – from helping secure college scholarships as we move forward with our mission in preparing our students today for tomorrow’s opportunities, as has been our practice.

We have a contingency of teachers, West Virginia Dept. of Education officials, and other public officials visiting our schools and programs over the past two years to learn how a successful rural STEM school district operates. With open enrollment at an all-time high the past 3-years others surrounding our fabulous school want their children to attend and graduate from Northwestern.

Below are a Several Honors:

- * Southern Regional Education Board National “Outstanding School District Award”!
- * Over 7 million in scholarships over past five graduating classes (doubling prior five years)
- * Consistent “Excellent” Ohio Dept. of Education Academic rating.
- * State Superintendent “School of Honor” (multiple years)

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT NEWS

Stay Informed!

SEVERAL HONORS, Continued

- * National SREB "Gold High School Award" (multiple years)
- * State Superintendent "School of Promise" (multiple years)
- * SREB National Math Rigor and Improvement Award
- * SREB National Depth of Implementation Award

Northwestern has been listed as a "smart school" district in the National Knowledge Works "smart schools" efficiency study.

Several years back Northwestern received the highest marks on the American Progress "Efficiency Study". This national study of public school efficiency measured school district per pupil cost to educate against student productivity.

- High on Basic Return on Investment
- High on Adjusted Return on Investment
- Predicted Efficiency Index

After 5-years of our comprehensive cost reduction and revenue seeking efforts on controlling the deficit spending the district has righted the ship in regard to balancing our budget. We anticipate well over a \$2,000,000 carryover at the conclusion of this school year! The major elements are the changes of employee insurance, surgical staffing realignments and reductions (including an administrative position reduction), continued successful grant writing, collaboration with partner agencies and public entities, and improved financial revenue outlook. Treasurer Lesa Forbes will share much more with our summer newsletter and on our website as we come to the end of this fiscal year the end of June. The district website has much information – financial, prior newsletters, and so much more information. Please pay us a visit and remain knowledgeable. Make no mistake, the Ohio Senate still has an obligation to adequately fund our schools. Our senators have an obligation to our children to pass the "Fair School Funding Formula" and it's proposed 6-year phase-in.

Our community has so much to be grateful for - our families, friends, and wonderful school system with great facilities, which we recently paid off 3.5 years early! We must take care of our buildings that we paid for. In our schools we have extraordinary teachers and support staff, wonderful administrators, and wise board members. But we need heat and we need dry roofs, insulation, and classrooms. We need to properly maintain our buildings or it will cost far more down the road. We also have numerous support organizations which help our mission such as Ruritans, All Sports, PTOs, Music Boosters, Alumni & Friends, FFA Alumni, etc. Without our community of leaders working collaboratively and exhibiting transparency we would not be serving our students to the fantastic degree that we are!

I take great pride in sharing the continued accomplishments of our students, community, and schools. The supports and relationships throughout our community are unique. We can take great pride in our schools and together we can continue to strive for even greater heights. With our dedicated administrators, staff, and our supportive community we will continue striving for and achieving well-beyond expectations – in an efficient manner.

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

I am always willing to listen to ideas, questions, and concerns from students, parents, and anyone in our community. If you have a question or a concern please schedule an appointment and stop by for accurate information and a visit and we can share and discuss! 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.

Our Northwestern Schools Are Paid-off!

Here is some FANTASTIC NEWS!

Is everyone ready for a mortgage burning party?!

Through fiscal responsibility & excellent planning we were able to pay-off our school buildings by this April, 2021 - more than 3 years early!

Taxpayers will see an immediate "bond property tax reduction" this year (2021)!

Important Details:

* Northwestern is in a position to pay-off our buildings by April, 2021

* Our final payment was originally expected to be in Dec., 2024

* We are providing an immediate "bond property tax reduction" that will provide some tax relief to our community! This means we are collecting a reduced .4 millage rather than the bond's 1.2 mil effective millage this year!

* By refinancing our bond at a lower interest rate with the balloon payment terms we put in place in 2011 the district saved our taxpayers over \$266,000 in interest over the last 13 years of the loan!

* By retiring the bond early we will save taxpayers more than \$21,000 in interest!

* Now we all benefit!

Facts:

* We have been conservative in our expenditures

* We have proactively worked to reduce this bond debt

* The district refinanced our bonds at a lower interest in 2011

* We elected a balloon payment schedule when refinancing in 2011. The balloon refinance and amortization with increasingly larger payments, followed by smaller payments the last years of the bond

* Our Emergency Levy has also be reduced - from the original 2.8 mills to an effective 2.5 mills this year (2021)!

For additional information please see the full article later in this newsletter or go to the district website under "Treasurer" at: <https://www.northwestern-wayne.k12.oh.us/Treasurer.aspx>

You can also contact Northwestern Treasurer Lesa Forbes or Wayne County Auditor Jarra Underwood.

STAY INFORMED!!

2020-2021 School Year Grants, Foundation Awards & Special Donations

Our efforts of increasing revenue through other sources while continuing to operate more efficiently and effectively continue. Note some of the school's revenue sources thus far this school year (with more pending and in process):

\$2,200.00 Received the Daniel W. LoPresti '03 Philanthropic Board of the University School for our after school program in the amount of \$2,200.00.

\$75,835.84 Small Rural Schools Grant Award

\$8,000.00 PNC Bank Grant Award for STEM Preschool.

\$16,800.00 Contributions. Received \$16,800.00 in STEM Preschool contributions this fall from two local families!

\$8,968.30 DARE Grant Award

\$1,000.00 in Grant Funding for School Safety & Security & Vulnerability Building Assessments.

\$25,000.00 Grant Award. Received \$16,000 through The Mental Health and Recovery Board and submitted a request for additional funding and have received this for a total of \$25,000.00 total.

\$40,000.00 in COVID funding. Congress Township.
Planned distribution of COVID funding to area schools.

\$20,000.00 in COVID funding. Perry Township, Ashland County.
Planned distribution of COVID funding to area schools.

\$5,000.00 Foundation Award. Weltmer Foundation for STEM preschool

\$2,000.00 Foundation Award. Weltmer Foundation for STEM preschool

\$31,250.00 HSTW Grant for targeted support for K-3 rural at-risk students.

\$6,217.60 Agricultural Science 5th Quarter grant for extended time of Agricultural Science Programs.

@ \$43,441.16 School Bus Purchasing Grant Award. This represent roughly half the cost of a school bus.

Over 208,000 thus far.

Expand your Knowledge! Higher Education for Older Adults!

Ohio State University graduate-level Program 60 allows Ohio residents age 60 and older to take Ohio State University classes tuition-free on a non-credit, non-degree basis. In most cases, all they need to do is signup for Program 60 and get permission from the instructor of each class they want to take. Courses can be taken at the OSU Wooster Campus as well as main campus or any OSU satellite campus.

What Program 60 provides older adults is not only an opportunity for learning, but also an opportunity for building relationships and emotional satisfaction in life," said Holly Dabelko-Schoeny, professor of social work at Ohio State.. If there is anything that unites people who take Program 60 classes, it is a life-long interest in learning. Taking classes on art, medieval history, women in cinema, astronomy, renewable energy, technology, or just about any content is available.

Many participants do not take the exams or write the papers assigned in class. But that doesn't mean that students aren't interested in learning the material in their classes. The social work study found that 86 percent of Program 60 students were motivated to participate in order to develop their knowledge.

What Program 60 participants get from taking classes goes beyond the usual advice for older people to keep their mind active.

"They are able to pursue areas of interest from a huge catalog of classes at Ohio State," says Dabelko-Schoeny. "It is not just exercising your brain with crossword puzzles or Sudoku. It's about growth and development as a person." Many participants share how much they enjoyed interacting not only with their instructors, but especially with the younger students in their classes. This inter-generational interaction is a key part of what makes Program 60 successful. In fact, a study found that Program 60 participants thought the program contributed more to expanding their social network with younger generations than with other older participants in the program. What Program 60 does is provide a unique opportunity for cross-generational relationship building.

And it is not only the older students who benefit. Younger students ask for advice about a variety of experiences from participants, including about finding jobs, interviewing, life lessons, and improving their resume.

"Program 60 counters some of our societal stereotypes about how we stop learning and growing and developing intellectually and socially as we get older," Dabelko-Schoeny says. Contact Ohio State University for more information about enrolling in this unique program!

PROGRAM60 

Update on the Mike Burkholder Memorial and Athletic Wall of Fame

FY Grant Breakdown

Federal Program Entitlement Grants: (just the *consolidated* grant at the very top)

Special State Grants: (these could be school bus, stimulus, etc.)

All Other Grants: (all competitive grants in the CCIP(HSTW, Ag 5th Q, expanding opp,etc., and all other grants

2014 Grants		\$\$\$	Running Total
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:	586,210	
	Special State Grants:	-	
	All other Grants:	53,892	640,102
2015 Grants			
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:	605,436	
	Special State Grants:	-	
	All other Grants:	87,476	1,333,013
2016 Grants			
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:	586,592	
	Special State Grants:	-	
	All other Grants:	504,791	2,424,396
2017 Grants			
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:	622,066	
	Special State Grants:	-	
	All other Grants:	66,740	3,113,203
2018			
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:	585,346	
	Special State Grants:	-	
	All other Grants:	252,156	3,950,705
2019 Grants			
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:	564,388	
	Special State Grants:	-	
	All other Grants:	457,558	4,972,651
2020 Grants			
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:	596,588	
	Special State Grants:	-	
	All other Grants:	337,823	5,907,061
2021 Grants			
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:	584,651	
	Special State Grants:	329,503	
	All other Grants:	231,718	7,052,933
2022 Grants <i>In-Process</i>			
	Federal Program Entitlement Grants:		
	Special State Grants:	Grand Total	
	All other Grants:	FY14-FY21	7,052,933

- **The 2021-2022SY calendar** is on the school website and available in each building and the district office.

The Mike Burkholder Memorial has been completed in honor of a great leader!

The Mike Burkholder Athletic Wall of Fame, which was incorporated in the memorial, has also been completed!

- A Huge “Thank You” to everyone who contributed money, time, benches, flowers, tree, and so much more towards this project!
- At a cost of more than \$25,000 it is an incredible amount of donations. Thanks to Becky Burkholder for a major donation as well as the All Sports donation to pay-off the project.
- A committee including All Sports Members, Administrators, Board Member has been created to determine criteria, create induction applications of teams and individual athletes, as well as the selection process. More information coming this summer.
- Our inaugural Athletic Wall of Fame inductees will be held this fall, 2021 (likely immediately preceding a football game.
- Please come visit the Memorial immediately left of the football stadium main gate.



NORTHWESTERN RURITANS

Northwestern Local Schools and Northwestern Ruritans congratulate our 3 Business/Organization Partnership Award Winners!

- Wayne County Commissioners
- Congress Township Trustees
- Perry Township Trustees

Wayne County Commissioners: Collaboration and providing annual and ongoing Title XX Funds for student counseling and supports, Approves and provides for our partnership with the Wayne County Sheriff's Dept. and Northwestern for our School Resource Officer, Deputy Adam Challis, as well as the Commissioners' efforts working with us toward a potential MARCs Emergency radio system throughout our campus.

Congress Township: Collaboration and supporting our schools and children with \$40,000 in township COVID funds. We are not aware of any other Township-School partnership in which this has occurred!

Perry Township: Collaboration and supporting our schools and children with \$20,000 in township COVID funds. We are not aware of any other Township-School partnership in which this has occurred!

About 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". *New Members are welcome!*

Current President Kim Wellert

Past President Chuck Beck

Prior President Dwight Wasson

Northwestern Schools-Ruritan Businesses Recognition Award winners over the past 11 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
George's Alignment	American Augers

The Northwestern Ruritan Club is an organization dedicated to the betterment of our community. Our mission is "to make our community a better place in which to live." The Ruritans raise funds in three primary ways – by manning the gates of the Wayne County Fair, manning Congress recycling, and through the annual Sausage & Pancake Breakfast held in conjunction with the Northwestern Washington, D. C. Auction the second Saturday of March. There are also several additional projects held in order to raise funds.



The Ruritans provide ongoing community service projects that include:

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

Encourage your child or children to eat FREE breakfast and FREE Lunch!

Husky Pride & Tradition

NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

3rd Quarter

1ST HONORS (4.010-OVER)

Seniors: Samantha Barnette, Eleanore Bond, Gabriel Buchholz, Elizabeth Howman, Valerie Imhoff, Katherine Linder, Morgan McCoy, Halie O'Loughlin, Caleb Seabolt, Lariah Severs, Robert Soueid, Allison Spencer, Hayden Stoller, Riley Stull, Liam Sykes, Megan Tomechko, Briana Troyan, Tamar Walton, Jacob Westover, Emma Zemancik

Juniors: Shayna Allshouse, Arianna Borton, Rylee Dawson, Deanna Devore, Stefanie Ecker, Laurissa Fulton, Avery Garver, Emily Gilman, Dominic Guidetti, Taylor Haley, Ariel Hughes, Riley James, Sarah Miller, Rachel Smithberger, Cooper Stephens, Clara Zemancik

Sophomores: Marina Aulger, Brailee Beun, Florida Blake, Addie Bodager, Gabriel Chupp, Jesse Evans, Madelyn Fricke, Karissa Groves, Nolan Hartsel, Charlie Herman, Melanie Imhoff, Steven LaGoy, Caitlyn Leighty, Lindsey Luther, Brooke McNeil, Louisa Morris, Ava O'Loughlin, Gavin Phillips, Kylee Purdy, Ava Stoller, Jacob Wakefield, Paige Walter, Danielle Wilkes, Samantha Yates

Freshmen: Emma Adkison, Kirsten Boreman, Drake Crumley, Jacob Farner, Quinn Fast, Alyssa Fisher, Logan Garman, Josiah Gilman, Virginia Hamers, Ellie Hanshaw, Madalyne Hunt, Mikalah Jones, Sophia Linder, Ethan Mausolf, Tristan Miller, Zoey Oldaker, Jennie Riffle, Ella Saal, Hattie Sciortino, Hunter Sciortino, Kierstin Skelly, Cade St. Clair, Kade Tegtmeier, Lillian Wakefield, Luke Walton, Jacob Ward, Benjamin Williamson

2ND HONORS (3.75-4.00)

Seniors: Zane Fast, Mitchell Gray, Mary Nixon, Desiree Smith, Nathan Stoltz

Juniors: Alexandra Burkett-Hostetler, Emma Nicholson, Aubree Reed, Tori Rogers, Ryan Walter, Steven Widdows

Sophomores: Audrey Franks, Madison Gray, Mark Ingraham, Gabriel Noble, Julia Ours, Ariel Smith, Joshua Spencer, Thomas Tomechko, Isabella Vacco, Hanna Wilson

Freshmen: Grant Bond, Kara Burgan, Haley Caldwell, Jacob Huebner, Jonathon Widdows

3RD HONORS (3.000-3.740)

Seniors: Wyatt Arthur, Cassidy Brown, Max Carlson, Braden Colter, James Cooke, Tyler Farner, Chase Fry, Paul Gendron-Olalde, Colton Hixson, Ryan Leasure, Cole McClure, Taylor Nixon, Betty Stevens, Kylie Wellert, Cole Wharton, Brooklyn Woodruff

Juniors: Weston Arthur, Grant Dever, Zoey Dudte, Gavon Edgell, Ethan Gibbs, Gabe Hendricks, Chase Himes, Jameson Holtz, Faith Jackson, Nathaniel Jackson, Kara McKay, Dugan McLaughlin, Jackalynn Mosher, Cierra Phillips, Emily Reed, James Rowe, Skylar Scott, Kaylynn Smith, Brennen Topp

Sophomores: Brett Alberts, Jozielynn Brenner, Carissa Brinker, Joseph Buchholz, Brooklyn Buzzard, Alyssa Cogar, Arianna Firebaugh, Anna Gendron, Collin Good, Kelly Harper, David Hiner, Alexa Hively, Landen Horst, Kayla Hummel, Nathaniel Hunt, Madison Jester, Logan Kolp, Daniel Lynch, Charleigh McMillan, Grace Noble, Hayden Novak, James Pitts, Daylie Rickard, Ethan Siders, Trenton Sigler, Samuel Terwilliger, Shelby Thorpe, Andrew Tope, Lauren Vaughan, Mary Wellert, Charles Westover

Freshmen: Kaleb Badger, Leona Buettner, Reece Chanay, Hayden Cline, Cayden Fiala, Aron Fry, Jacoby Gilbert, Aubrea-Kate Harlan, Gavin Hines, Faith Maiher, Alexzander Maxwell, Caydence Scale, Brooke Stinemetz, Anthony Welch

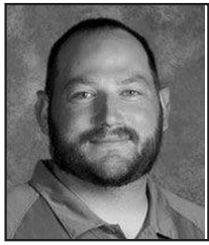
Mrs. Gortner's math classes got outside today to count the trees around the school. We'll use the information to calculate how much oxygen a group of trees can produce in a year and how many humans will benefit from them.



Our character word of the month for May is **DETERMINATION.**

"If we attack our problems with determination we shall succeed.", Franklin D. Roosevelt





**Mr. Randal
Hafner
Northwestern
High School
Principal**

Greetings from Northwestern High School,

The 2020-21 school year is quickly nearing an end, which means the busiest time of the year is upon us. The balancing act of administering state tests, organizing course requests and schedules for next fall, preparing for awards ceremonies, spring concerts, final exams, and graduation are all time consuming and difficult tasks in a normal year. Without the help of our students, staff, parents, and the community, the process would be nearly impossible this year. Thank you to everyone that has helped the school district navigate a very difficult year!

All of 2021-2022 student course scheduling requests have been submitted. We are diligently working on creating next year's master schedule, which is always a long and arduous process. We are very proud of the fact that we have been able to maintain an impressive array of curricular offerings. The most significant factor in our ability to continue to offering such a variety of curricular options is the willingness our high school staff to take on extra duties and responsibilities for the betterment of the learning environment for all students.

We continue to focus on creating opportunities for our students to remain on our campus and have access to a significant number of CCP classes. Without leaving Northwestern, qualified students can earn college credits in the following classes: College Writing I, College Writing II, Speech, Literature Appreciation, American Politics, US History to 1864, Chemistry, Intro to Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Calculus, Elementary Statistics, College Algebra, Trigonometry, Music History, Teaching as a Profession, multiple Ag Science courses, and several business course offerings. We understand that taking CCP course work is an individual and a family decision, we strongly believe that there are considerations

Northwestern High School

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

Northwestern High School is continuing to offer capstone classes in agricultural business, biomedicine, clean energy, computer science, and construction technologies curriculums. If a student has completed the pre-requisite courses, these classes may be chosen as a yearlong alternative to their senior seminar class. Seniors may also choose to participate in an Internship as a means of meeting the senior seminar graduation requirement. Students can also be exempted from Senior Seminar if they successfully complete the following CCP classes: College Writing I, College Writing II and Speech Communications. We will continue to look for ways to expand our offerings and provide our students with quality and innovative course offerings.

We will be offering online Financial Management as a summer school course again this year. There is a course fee associated with Financial Management. The fee for the course will be added to the 2021-22 school fees at the beginning of next school year. The deadline to sign up for this course is May 14. Please contact Student Services to be added to the course.

Northwestern High School will also be offering credit recovery summer school course work. Students who failed a graduation requirement Math and/or ELA course(s) this school year, will be offered the option to make up these credits over the summer. We will be utilizing APEX, our online credit recovery program, while providing in-person curricular support two days a week throughout the summer. Since the combination of 4th quarter grades and final exams count as 34% of the overall grade in a course, many students still have the opportunity to pass classes they have previously been underperforming in. This also makes it difficult for the school to accurately identify which students will need summer school credit recover. Therefore, additional details about summer school will be sent to parents closer to the end of the school year.

Speaking of final exams, Senior will take their exams on Tuesday, May 18 and Thursday, May 20. We will remain on the normal bell schedule on these dates. Wednesday, May 19 is a remote learning day and is a make-up/reschedule date for seniors to take their final exams if they are unable to do so on Tuesday and/or Thursday.

Final exams for the underclassmen will be Monday, May 24 – Wednesday, May 26. The high school will operate on an adjusted bell schedule. Students will take their odd period (1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 7th periods) tests on Monday, May 24 and their even period (2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th periods) tests on Tuesday, May 25. Wednesday, May 26 is a designated make-up/reschedule date for any students unable to complete their exams on Monday or Tuesday.

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

NHS NEWS!!

Important dates of upcoming events:

Underclassmen Awards will be held Monday, May 10 @7:30am in HS Gym

Ruritan Senior Recognition Assembly will be held Monday, May 10 @7pm

Spring Choir Concert is scheduled for Thursday, May 13 @7pm in HS Gym

Spring Band Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18 @6pm at the Stadium

* If weather does not cooperate, then the band concert will be held in the HS Gym

The last day of school for Seniors is Thursday, May 20

Senior Awards Night will be held Tuesday, May 25th @7pm in the HS Gym

Graduation practices for all seniors will be held Thursday, May 27 and Friday, May 28 in the HS Gym @9am

Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, May 30th @2pm

* We plan on holding the graduation ceremony outside at the stadium.

* If weather does not cooperate, then graduation will be held in the HS gym with a limit on the number of spectators.

In a year where unpredictable circumstances have changed the way we go about daily life, our Northwestern learning community has found a way to continually progress the educational needs of our students. A special thank you goes out to our wonderful staff for making this possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at nrws_hafner@tccsa.net.

HELLO DOLLY!!

The Northwestern drama club has just completed their performances of Hello, Dolly! The performers took us back to Nineteenth Century New York city where aristocratic matchmaker Dolly Levi-Gallagher (Emma Zemancik) looked to not only continue her cupid ways by helping local spinsters find their soulmates, but she looked to marry her client Horace Vandergelder (Nathan Stoltz) in the process. The audience followed the folly of two feed store workers Cornelius Hackyl (Nate Jackson) and Barnaby Tucker (Steven LaGoy) as they leave Vandergelder's feed store to see the big lights of New York City. The two men find love in a hat shop owned by Ms. Irene Molloy (Skyler Hines) and her associate Minnie Fay (Addie DeSanto). As the four go out for an evening on the town, they stumble across Mr. Vandergelder and his love match Ernestina Money (Ariel Smith) in a fancy downtown restaurant. As they attempt to avoid detection by their boss, chaos ensues, and everyone is arrested. Dolly is able to exonerate all parties with her wit and charm, all but Horace Vandergelder, who has fallen for Dolly and found the love of his life in his matchmaker. The cast included Camryn Boak, Addie DeSanto, Anna Gendron, Emily Gilman, Gavin Hines, Skyler Hines, Faith Jackson, Nate Jackson, Donna Kurpik, Steven LaGoy, Mary Nixon, Grace Noble, Hayden Novak, Julia Ours, Katherine Orosz, Aubree Reed, Ariel Smith, Desiree Smith, Nathan Stoltz, Kylie Wellert, Danielle Wilkes, and Emma Zemancik.

With the large production, the crew had their work cut out for them with eight actors on microphones and numerous set changes throughout the musical. The sound was run by Brooke McNeil and lights were run by Steven Widdows, with assistance from Jennie Riffle. The stage crew was run by Josiah Gilman with assistance from Trig Dupre, Ryan Kuhn, Caleb Seabolt, Cole McClure, Autumn Duncan, and Zoey Oldaker. Kendra Hummel was the stage director with assistance from Maggie McCullough. The play was directed by Wes Martin and Anna Martin. Sound was run by Michael Haburay. Set construction was performed by Lee Kimmich. Set art and design was performed by Alaina Rempher. Music coordination was conducted by Amy Forbes, and Tera Martin developed all choreography. Thanks to all of those who supported our arts through attendance and donation. We are truly blessed.



Northwestern: Leading Innovation in Education...

Want Innovation

Northwestern has been one of a few select "Future Ready School Districts" since 2017!

In Dec., 2020 Northwestern had its 1,000 visitor touring our STEM, Career, and Academic Programs. We have been conducting tours since 2015 for school leaders throughout Ohio and even from other states. These tours have included school teachers, administrators, board members, as well as public officials, community leaders, legislators, college leaders, community organizations, and business leaders! Our community members are welcome as well. Please contact Director of Curriculum & Personnel Julie McCumber if you are interested in joining our fall, 2021 tour!

Leadership and school culture create the foundation of schools that are future ready. As such, district leadership provides a vital pillar for transformation.

Future Ready District Leaders:

- invest in collaborative leadership
- create a dynamic culture of innovation
- lead the development and support of a vision for teaching and learning that is both individualized, personal and authentic
- work diligently to model desired outcomes
- work diligently to remove unnecessary roadblocks while modeling a culture grounded in relationships and trust
- empower school-level leaders and every employee to collaborate in creating and implementing their school's vision for teaching and learning while providing the opportunities, time, and needed resources for them to grow professionally

More than 180 incoming open enrolling students each year are not wrong – Northwestern has the reputation for being one of the very best schools in Ohio!

Just one more way Huskies are leading the pack in quality education!



Superintendent Tidbit:

Finances:

The district has realigned positions for greater efficiency and as part of our ongoing cost-reduction plans. We have reduced a number of paraprofessional, custodial, and teaching positions in some areas where numbers did not support the need, while adding some new teaching positions in focused high needs areas supporting student. We have also decided to reduce an administrative position and reorganize our administrative personnel. Each of the past 5 years we have put together an annual comprehensive plan for cost Reduction Measures and efficiency. Many items are non-personnel, but most have unfortunately been personal – because we are in the people/relationship business and more than 80% of our costs are personnel. Due to financial constraints we were forced to reduce several positions and we incorporated numerous cost reduction items which are anticipated to reduce the projected budget this year by more than half a million dollars. Through these ongoing efforts over the past 5 years we have finally reached the critical mass whereby we overcame our ongoing reduced state school foundation funding (in which we still received less last year as well as this year than we received 10 years ago), huge annual health insurance increases, and inflationary cost increases to have spent less this school year than last school year! Note that the state foundation funding accounts for @ 50% of our annual operating budget – so when we receive less than we did a decade ago for half of our operating budget - in the face of huge insurance increases and other inflationary increases over that time - it inevitably creates financial hardship.

The major expenditure reductions through our belt-tightening, higher than projected revenue, negotiated insurance changes last year, and grant revenue have helped to "right the ship" in a major way financially!

However, do not confuse this with "saving" hundreds of thousands of dollars, because our costs continue to increase in spite of these measures. With employee salaries and health insurance, special education, growing costs of technology, as well as HVAC costs and flat-lined state funding our expenditures continue to grow. We will continue working on ways of continuing to live within our means as we move forward.



Student Services Announcement

The David J. Devore Memorial 4H/FFA Scholarship is now active and available for those interested. Please check Naviance for details, or stop in and see student services.

We will be offering online Financial Management again this year. This course is available in Google Classroom. The fee for the course will be added to your 2021/22 school fees at the beginning of next school year. If you indicated on your course selection form that you were taking this course during the summer, and you decide you do NOT want to take it, please contact Student Services to have the course added to your schedule for next year. **THE DEADLINE TO JOIN THE CLASS IS MAY 14!**





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



I am so excited to be able to celebrate the end of this school-year, together- the way it is intended. This pandemic has taught me a lot, especially to appreciate the time we have with our students. I didn't realize how much I would miss saying good-bye to students at the end of the year until it was cut short last year with the pandemic and the quarantine. I am so glad that we are ending this year with our students and able to celebrate their accomplishments.

I am so proud of our students and staff for their help and cooperation in making this school-year a successful one, despite the challenges we faced. From wearing masks to learning new routines, I am very thankful for the resiliency they have shown through this time. I am hopeful that we have learned from this experience and can reflect on the positives, as well as the challenges we have overcome.

Our activities and athletics will be wrapping up this May. Our track athletes have enjoyed the weather this spring and being able to compete with other schools. It is wonderful seeing our students enjoy learning and performing in their events. Our Drama Club will be presenting their production of Tune Kaboom and the Cave of Doom. From acting to set design to behind-the-scenes organization, it is amazing to see how our students work together. Our 8th grade students will be completing their Job Shadow project with presentations and student job interviews on May 21 with community member volunteers present to provide feedback. In addition, we will be able to celebrate our 8th grade students at their promotion in May, as they make the transition to High School.

As the year comes to an end, parents are encouraged to continue to monitor their student's academic performance. Students can tend to start shutting down a bit early as the year comes to a close. We want to continue to encourage them to get their work complete so that they can end on a successful note- academically and behaviorally.

This summer we are offering summer school to any students who failed to pass at least three of the four core subjects. We feel very fortunate to offer our students this opportunity; similar programs offered elsewhere tend to be a high expense to students and families. Given the challenges of operating school in the pandemic, we have higher numbers of students who have struggled with academic performance. We are hopeful that offering this program will help students finish this year so that they can start the fall ready for the next grade-level. If you feel that your child should be considered for this program, please contact the NMS office.

As summer approaches, I want to remind parents to continue to monitor your students' mental health needs, as well as, their safety. With the pandemic, students seem to be spending much more time with technology and communicating through social media. Although there are certainly positive aspects of this, there can also be dangers and concerns. Please pay close attention to who your child communicates with and how they spend their time. We want to keep our students healthy, happy, and safe this summer!

In conclusion, I want to express my gratitude to our community, our parents, our students, and our staff for a wonderful school-year. At this time last year there was so much uncertainty of how this school-year would be approached. Hours were spent over the summer months in preparation for the unknown...and, here we are now, finishing another successful school-year with our outstanding students. This could not be possible without the support of our parents and community and the hard-work, time, compassion, and patience of our exceptional staff. Thank you for a great 2020-2021 school-year! Huskies- Stronger Together...Now and Always!

7th graders building floatation devices for the Peep Raft Challenge



7th graders playing 9 square in gym class





Our success is our kids!
Northwestern is one of very few
schools who has been pursuing the
Ohio Means Jobs-Readiness Seal
for our graduating Seniors!

Our Graduates: 21st C. Skills, College Ready,
 Career Ready!

Husky Proud!

**Learn more about the OhioMeansJobs-
 Readiness Seal**

The OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal is gaining ground as more students recognize the lifetime benefits of developing essential professional skills early. Students can earn recognition by showing they are prepared to contribute to the workplace and their communities.

Northwestern is thriving as an educational leader – offering multiple graduations seals, industry career credentials, outstanding advanced STEM and Career programs as well as CCP college credit opportunities on our campus! Did you know that our 2020 graduating class collectively earned well over 1,000 college credits when graduating high school?!

At Northwestern we strive each and every day to epitomize our strategic plan by “preparing our students today for tomorrow’s opportunities!”

*** Our focus is on: RIGOR-RELEVANCE-RELATIONSHIPS!**

- Innovative!
- Efficient Operations!
- Excellent Programs!
- Student – Centered!
- 21st Century Skills!

- College and Career Ready!
- Fostering Leadership!
- Commanding successes in regional, state, and national Student Competitions!

*** Future Ready School District**

*** OSLN (Ohio STEM Learning Network) STEM Schools Designations**

- Northwestern High School since 2014
- Northwestern Middle School since 2014
- Northwestern Elementary School since 2017

**HAPPY TEACHER AND STAFF
 APPRECIATION WEEK!!**



**THANK
 YOU**

The Wayne County Safe Communities

was at NHS and conducted a safety challenge to help raise awareness about seat belt safety. Students went through a timed obstacle course in groups of 4. They wore drunk goggles, answered questions and completed a driving challenge.



Northwestern Middle School Honor Roll 2021

3rd Nine weeks

6th Grade

Emma Altman, Reed Hamey, Brooke Hershey, Cara McKay, Brookelyn Nolletti, Alexia Ridenbaugh, Clara Saal, Taryn Stoller

7th Grade

Alivia Aicone, Kaylee Cherry, Addyson Connelly, Emmalee Connelly, Makenna Connelly, Lorelai Garman, Samantha Herman, Kate Johnson, Savannah McConahay, Evan McKay, Josey Thomas, Payton White, Holly Widdows

8th Grade

Sara Corn, Kayla Cutter, Mallory Gilbert, Elaine Groves, Kelli Kearney, Sydney McConahay, McKensie McCoy, Gabriel Nicholson, Jule Stoller, Alexandra Stoltz, Alys Troyan

Merit Roll

3rd Nine weeks

6th Grade

Victoria Aicone, Shayla Dudte, Ryleigh Farner, Emma Fricke, Jacob Howman, Daniel Lee, Aiden Mausolf, Jace Rickard, Franklin Slonaker, Autumn Stamp, Nichole Troyan, Alivia Welch, Audrey Wilcox, Luke Wilkinson, Alexandra Yoder

7th Grade

Sophia Ahrendt, Camryn Boak, Claire Buchholz, Carter Burgan, James Cassady, Corbin Chanay, Christian Deffendall, Jason Diehl, Jacob Ebert, Asher Erf, Jackson Evans, Cheyenne Friend, Zackery Gerrick, Wyatt Goon, Mason Gray, Timothy Hatfield, Kace Hixson, Austin Johnson, Nevaeh Kirk, Taylor Leidigh, Kolten McKinley, Chet McNeil, Ashton Moser, Arayah Nussbaum, Gabriella Riedel, Olivia Scarbrough, Carson Seabolt, Hayden Sigler, Audrina Smith, Kelsey Smith, Wesley Stoltz, Audriana Yeagley

8th Grade

Isaac Beun, Harmony Blake, Karizma Brinker, Jamison Gilbert, Ashton Good, Gino Guidetti Will Hamey, Ella Hartsel, Danyel Hyatt, Jaidyn Kelly, Colton Mark, Lacey Mark, Mason Meininger, Avery Mullet, Mason Myers, Kalyn Nelson, Katherine Orosz, Tyler Perry, Alexa Riffel, Logan Shriver, Braydan Springer, Rylee Stafford, Emily Thompson, Heidi Topp, Kelsey Walkuski, Joshua Webel, Madalyn Yasch

Junior solar sprint car building and racing their cars



NORTHWESTERN ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

In a recent meeting of the Association it was decided to not hold the annual Northwestern Alumni and Community Banquet in 2021. Also, not to hold the public induction ceremony that was postponed in 2020, for those individuals inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame and Community Hall of Honor. For the following reasons; (1) since the vaccination process may not be complete until much later in 2021 than first thought, (2) our preparations for the event must be started soon after the first of the new year, (3) the time lines were/are not compatible at present. Therefore, putting the event in jeopardy of having any kind of attendance. Also with the United Kingdom and South Africa variants coming on board and the authorities not too sure what the affect of the present vaccines will have on them. Thus, making the time frame even worse. So we hope that June 18th of 2022 will look more doable as 2021 comes to an end.

The Association is still actively seeking your nominations for the Alumni Hall of Fame and the Community Hall of Honor. Forms for that process are available and may be requested by sending a letter of request to; The Northwestern Alumni & Friends Association, at 7571 N. Elyria Rd., West Salem, OH 44287. A set of forms will be sent by return mail. The forms have basic information included on them as to qualifications for the halls. A #10 self addressed stamped envelope enclosed with your request, would be helpful.

Applications for the Northwestern Alumni & Friends Scholarship funds are also being accepted. Any person who is a Northwestern H.S. graduate and has completed at least a full year of higher education may apply. How do I apply? Go online to "The Wayne County Community Foundation" and look under 'Scholarships' in the adult section. Then look for the 'Northwestern Alumni Scholarship', Fill out the application. The Foundation will forward the application to the committee for review and final determination.

The Association will keep you informed via the school newsletter, the Daily Record and the Ashland Times newspapers, as to future decisions. Hopefully we can get together in 2022, but until then please stay safe and have a good year.

NW ELEMENTARY



**Mr. Joey
Brightbill
Northwestern
Elementary
Principal**

Message from Mr. Brightbill

Welcome NES parents and families! We are in one of busiest times as we head towards the end of the academic school year.

May is filled with a lot of activities to celebrate, work hard and end the school year on a positive note. We have been working hard to finalize staff positions, classroom teachers and schedules for next year as well as prepare for summer programs for our students.

Our staff and students are working very hard taking state assessments in grades 3-5. I am very pleased and encouraged with the effort of our students and we are looking forward to see the results.

Lastly, I want to thank Northwestern Local Schools, the board of education, the administration, staff and community for allowing me to serve our students the past 8 years. Next school year, I will not be returning as the elementary principal and I will be taking a new position in another district. I have truly enjoyed my experience at Northwestern. I will forever be grateful for my time here and the relationships that will continue on. This is a special place and I want to thank you for supporting and allowing me to be a part of the "Northwestern Family." I wish you all the best and I am looking forward to seeing our students continue their success in the future.

Best Wishes!

**Mr. Joey Brightbill
NES Principal**

(Please see the state assessment schedule below).

<u>Test</u>	<u>Online Day (Part 1 & 2)</u>	<u>Day Part 1</u>	<u>Day Part 2</u>
ELA (Grades 3-5)	April 21th	April 22	April 23
Science (Grade 5)	April 28	April 29	April 30
Math (Grades 3-5)	May 5	May 6	May 7

Elementary Summer School Opportunities

Northwestern Elementary will be offering two free summer school options for students this year. The first program is a remedial program for students in grades 3-5 who need a review of the core academic content standards specific to Language Arts and Math. Other subject core courses such as Science and Social Studies will be touch upon as well. Candidates for this program were selected based on grades and teacher referrals. In addition, this summer school program will be offering a Goal-Setting group facilitated by Catholic Charities. These groups will focus on teaching students how to set academic and behavioral goals which will be foundational to success in the upcoming school year. Goal-Setting groups are optional; however, we feel it will benefit students by helping them to plan for success for the following year, using the skills that they learned and practice. Families should have received a letter with more details about this program, if you have any further questions please contact the elementary office. We will also be offering a summer Reading Program for students in grades K-2. This program will offer 18 two hour sessions that will focus on building students reading skills. Teachers will be working with small groups of students allowing more individual attention for struggling readers. These small group sessions will allow students to strengthen their skills making them successful for the following school year. Teachers will be targeting struggling readers for this program and will be contacting families toward the end of the school year with more details. We are excited to be offering two summer programs to help students prepare for success in the following school year.

Making Summer Reading Fun!

Research has consistently shown that continuing to read throughout the summer can prevent reading loss and helps develop confident readers. Keeping children engaged in reading over the summer break can be challenging for parents, whether it is Pinterest ideas or through your local library, keeping the kids reading this summer can be a fun summer activity. Start the summer off with a reading goal and have your child track the books they read and then have a celebration in August when they have reached their goal. If you have a family vacation planned go to the library prior to the trip and find books related to your destination. The kids will love pointing out all they learned while making family vacation memories. Exploring the great outdoors is one of the best parts of summer, so make this an opportunity to read books about your child's favorite plant or animal. Kids love sharing what they learn with adults, during your next camping trip have everyone share a book they just read while around the camp fire. This is a great way to encourage reading and practicing reading skills while having fun. Reading throughout the summer will not only help to prevent the "summer slide" but it will also encourage lifelong reading habits and build confidence. Our students have worked hard throughout the school year and we are looking forward to hearing about all of the wonderful books they read over the summer.



ELEMENTARY HIGHLIGHTS!

STEM PRESCHOOL



A paper chain STEM activity being taught in 2nd grade.



3rd graders getting sworn in for Safety Patrol for next school year.



Picture of NES taken by Rowan Cottrell's drone



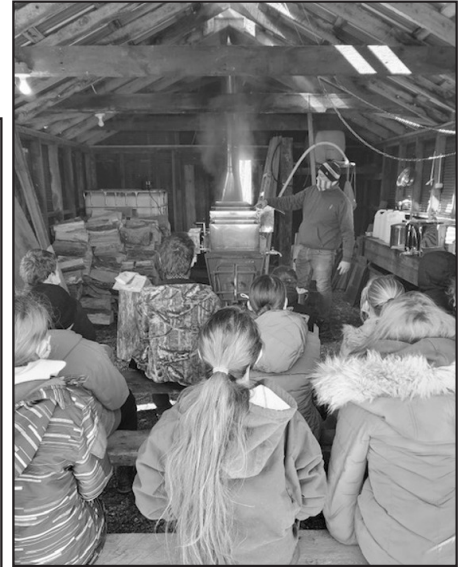
Northwestern Elementary

STEM Pre School information

Northwestern's STEM PK is a 5-Star Step Up to Quality rated program. If you are interested in enrolling your student(s) for the 21-22 academic school year, please contact the elementary school. Spots may be available or request to be put on a waiting list. Cost is \$200 per month for 10-month commitment (Aug.1-

STEAM Summer Camp
July 28-29, and August 4-5
Grades 3-5 (21-22 school year)
Info on right side, Printable Forms
Register now! Space is limited!

Our 5th grade students learning how to make maple syrup at the Northwestern Sugar Shack.



STEM FACTS

Northwestern is a K-12 STEM School District in Ohio—as Designated by Ohio Stem Learning Network (OSLN)!



Everything you **IMAGINE**,
you can do...






A Wise Investment & Value
For Your Child's Future!

NORTHWESTERN STEM PRESCHOOL

Simply **THE BEST START** for your child!



-  Earning Ohio Dept. of Education **5-Star Rating**, the highest rating possible!
-  Meeting the needs of young learners through creative thinking and problem solving as well as using their critical thinking skills in all curricular areas
-  Classroom environment stimulates self-motivated learning along with fostering responsibility, self-discipline, and confidence

5th Grade Outdoor Ed
@ the elementary
May 13 & 14!

K-5 Field Days
Students will go outside during
their specials class
and enjoy Field Day fun!

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




Ohio's Tiered Quality Rating & Improvement System

"Northwestern's STEM preschool is a phenomenal program like no other! After attending for 2 years, my child is more than prepared for Kindergarten. The STEM topics that were explored allowed my son to design and build various projects that he not only enjoyed, but also satisfied his curious mind. This program has created a love for learning that I know will last a lifetime. I couldn't be more impressed!"

"The STEM preschool provided an amazing opportunity for my daughter for the past two years. Not only has my daughter flourished academically, but socially and emotionally as well. Any child that is enrolled in the stem preschool will have the tools needed to be successful in kindergarten."

HUSKY HAPPENINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Howman for placing 2nd in the state Dairy Production Entrepreneurship Supervised Agricultural Experience program!!



Students in the 8th grade photography class got very creative with their outdoor, natural light portraits.



Coach Alberts overseeing his classes on a beautiful spring afternoon!



Mr. Andrews and 2 students practicing outside in the warm sunshine!



Middle School 200-21 Yearbooks are on sale for \$17. EXACT change or check to NMS. We will currently have 24 left for purchase. We also have 2019- 2020 yearbooks for purchase if you missed getting one last year!

TRECA is again offering online Summer School as a way to catch up on credits, get ahead, or make room in schedules for next year. Registration is open from April 7-June 4. Students are responsible for payment of courses which is \$95 per .5 credit. TRECA will send your final grades directly to Student Services when the course is completed, and transcripts will be updated at that time.

Join the Northwestern FFA for a night of food and fun to raise money and support for the Cassady family.

Corn-hole for the Cassadys

Presented by Northwestern-Wayne FFA Chapter

Jake Cassady, a member of the community, was recently diagnosed with a cancerous brain tumor.

Please join us for a night of food and fun to raise money and support for the Cassady Family during this time.

DATE: May 19, 2021
TIME: 5:30pm-8:30pm
LOCATION: Northwestern High School

FOOD AND ACTIVITIES

FOOD: Ice Cream, Lerch's Donuts, Fair lemonade, Gyros, Eat at Joes, Popcorn, Cotton Candy.

ACTIVITIES: Corn Hole Tournament Starts at 6:15 pm, Yard Yahtzee, Sack Races, Bale Toss, Egg Toss, Yard Hockey, 9 Square, Water Balloon Toss, Ring Toss, Watermelon Bowling.

Cost:
 Corn Hole-\$10 for a team of 2
 Prizes for top 2 teams
 Each game is 1 ticket per game
 \$5 for an arm length of tickets

Northwestern Softball
Senior Bri Troyan



***TRI COUNTY PRE-
SCHOOL*
5 STAR PROGRAM
ENROLLING FOR 2021-22 SCHOOL
YEAR**

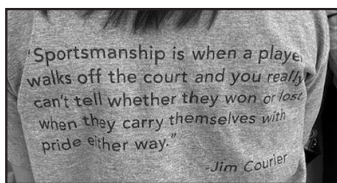
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DISTRICT**

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*NORTHWESTERN * NORWAYNE *
RITTMAN *
*ORRVILLE * SOUTHEAST *
TRIWAY * WOOSTER***

*** ages 3-5 * possible transportation*
* need not be toilet trained *sliding
scale fee**

**PLEASE CONTACT US @
330.262.2262**

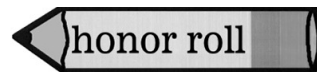
**FOR MORE INFORMATION
WHERE WAYNE LITTLES HAVE
LEARNED FOR 30 YEARS!**



**CONGRATULATIONS to our
3rd grade Parks and Rec Boys and
Girls Basketball Teams for receiving
the Sportsmanship Award.**

Northwestern Elementary

**3rd Nine Weeks
2020-21**



3rd GRADE HONOR ROLL

Kelsey Badger, Carmen Guidetti, Adley Harbaugh, Emily Jackson, Sophia Johnson, Natalie Koch, Dylan McQuate, Maleah Miller, Emily Posta, Kaden Roberts, Katie Saal, Peter Spencer, Ruger White Cash Workman

4th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Leah Altman, Tessa Buzzard, Landon Ellerbrock, Lily Farnsworth, Grace Hawkins, Averee Karazsia, Karsten Kline, Madeline Morris, Jenny Perez-Sica, Keegan Schaefer, Isabella Virgili, Nora Wakefield Stephanie Widdows

5th GRADE HONOR ROLL

Jared Allshouse, Nathaniel Baker, Lillian Boreman, Grady Ellerbrock, Wyatt James, Afton Karazsia, Case Keener, Grant Koch, Keagan Kostohryz, Madilyn Smith, Brayden Swank

3rd GRADE MERIT ROLL

Mercy Beard, Journey Carter Allison Chaney, Zella Cradlebaugh, Quentin Duffield, Keegan Duong, Kamryn Evans, Brennan Flinn, Westin Frazier, Ryleigh Fuson, Lyla Geitgey, Charles Gortner, Kade Hamey, Luke Hamey, Maddox Harper, Blake Harris, Michael Johnson, Harper Keener, Kyle Kimmich, Rylynn Marks, Callen Metrick, Annalise Metzger, Donnie Michalak, Arianna Miller, Jett Miller, Emma Morris, Amelia Nagel, Jaylynn Nixon, Brittney Nolletti, Krista Orr, Jonathon Plascak, Lily Reser, Pierce Reynolds, Daniel Russell, Ethan Shakan, Emily Smith, Madison Snow, Kolten Stewart, William Sword, Zach Vizzo, Keston Weaver, Emily West, Madelyn Weygandt, Chase Wharton, Tayah Wilson, Brendan Woosnam, Miracle Wurm-West, J.D. Yarwood, Ethan Yoder, Ike Zytowiecki

4th GRADE MERIT ROLL

McKenna Boyd, Rebecca Canfield, Jacelyn Cherry, Quinn Conley, Rowan Cottrell, Emalynn Delong, Austin Dudte, Olivia Ellis, Quinn Firebaugh, Aubreigh Flack, Ashlynn Haven, Journey Haven, Kole Kinsley,, Cash Lindeman, Mercedes Lorenz, Miya Loy, Mason Mobley, Elliana Murphy, Lyric Ogden, Keaton Pentheny, Kaylee Roberson, Ava Santos, Hannah Shriver, Marissa Smith, Anabella Smith, Skylar Stark, Lynnley Stutz, Miles Terwilliger, Emerson Ulrich, Vinny Vizzo, Leonora Zemancik

5th GRADE MERIT ROLL

Emily Beeghley, Deacon Boreman, Taylor Carpenter, Courtney Cline, McKenzie Cutter, Justin Ebert, Hayden Erf, Briella Fiala, Triston Flinn, Caleb Gilman, Cara Graham, Bruce Grier, Leo Guidetti, Colt Hall, Keaton Harris, Kendra Houghton-Smith, Elcey Imhoff, Michael Ivan, Madison Miller, Colton Morris, Addison Moser, Alexa Perry, Natalie Posta, Bronson Rogers, Katie Scarbrough, Gracey Wigal



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The Northwestern FFA Holds Ice Cream Social Events to Raise Money for the Cassady Family

On January 20th & 22nd at both of the boys basketball games, the Northwestern FFA held an ice cream social event to help raise money for the Cassady family. The Cassady's are local community members and supporters of our FFA program and Northwestern Local Schools. A member of the Cassady family is currently struggling with an illness. Members that helped hand out ice cream with delicious toppings to choose from were: Val Imhoff, Mel Imhoff, Jadeyn Berry, Zoey Dudte, Craig Wellert, Hanna Wilson, Desi Smith, as well as our fabulous advisor Mr. Myers and student teacher Ms. Fincham. The FFA was able to raise a sizable sum of money to help the Cassady Family pay for some of the hospital expenses and bills. The FFA is also planning another event for May 19th with more details to come. Keep your eye out for more information pertaining to our upcoming event! Check out our social media!



Northwestern FFA Agriculture Sales Team Competes in the State Contest

The Northwestern FFA Agriculture Sales team competed in the State competition on March, 13 2021. The career development event was held virtually this year through zoom. The members that competed were Ava Stoller, Desi Smith, Jadeyn Berry, and Dugan McLaughlin. The members had to conduct a formal sales call selling this year's product of livestock gates used in cattle production. Members also compete in a team activity where they work together to develop the pre-call plan where they identify potential questions the customer may have. The team placed 2nd in the state. Jadeyn Berry placed 10th, Dugan McLaughlin placed 12th, Desi Smith placed 16th and Ava Stoller placed 24th. Congratulations to the team!



Northwestern FFA Hosts Annual Greenhand and Chapter Awards Ceremony

On February 17th, 2021, the Northwestern FFA Chapter held their annual Greenhand/Chapter Ceremony. The purpose of this ceremony is to award 1st and 2nd year members for all their hard work in the program. There were many members of our chapter that received their Greenhand Degree. This is a degree given to first-year students who have demonstrated that they have a thorough understanding of the history and purpose of FFA and they have an SAE plan. Members also are required to recite the FFA creed. The members who received this degree were, Darren Basista, Issac Beun, Jozielynn Brenner, Brooklyn Brinker, Jonathan Burgess, Owen Cassidy, Kayla Cutter, Mateo Dague, Morgan Ervin, Owen Ferriman, Bladen Friend, Nathaniel Fulton, Logan Garman, Jamison Gilbert, Mallory Gilbert, Caeden Graham, Aaron Hales, Will Hamey, Elle Hanshaw, Kelly Harper, Keegan Johns, Brianna Lance, Anthony Linscott, Austin Mooney, Avery Mullet, Mason Myers, Joshua Pinkley, Carson Polak, Denny Ray, Alexa Riffel, Ella Saal, Caydence Scale, Ethan Schwartz, Andrew Sims, Miranda Smith, Chloe Starcher, Thomas Stawicki, Brook Stinemetz, Easton Thomas, Emily Thompson, Mariah Thompson, Alysa Troyan, Anthony Welch, Mary Wellert, Gavin Witucki, Taylor Wurst, and Madalyn Yasch. All of these members achieved all the requirements and were awarded their Greenhand Degrees.

The chapter also had several members who earned their Chapter FFA degree. These members are 2nd year students in the Agricultural program at Northwestern High School. There were sixteen recipients of this degree this year. The chapter degrees are awarded to 2nd year FFA members that have demonstrated the skills of a

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Greenhand, plus additional standards set by the Chapter, State and National organization, including a six minute speech, leading a class discussion and investing 50 hours or earning \$150 in an approved SAE. This year the Chapter Degree recipients are Kaleb Badger, Kirsten Boreman, Aubrey Browning, Haley Caldwell, Hayden Cline, Audrey Franks, Jacoby Gilbert, Andrew Hatfield, Melanie Imhoff, Gabby Ream, Ava Stoller, Kade Tegtmeier, Troy Tope, Lauren Vaughan, Preston Wilcox, and Hanna Wilson.

Northwestern FFA is lucky to have so many passionate and dedicated members. Congratulations to these members for their hard work and dedication, may you continue this effort in your future endeavors. Another thank you to State Sentinel Victoria Snyder and Greg Dague for sharing their wisdom and experiences with our members. Mr. Dague is a 1997 graduate of Northwestern and former FFA member. While a student at Northwestern, Mr. Dague served as Chapter Secretary and Chapter President. After graduation, he served as the 1997-1998 District 3 President and 1998-1999 State FFA President while earning his State and American FFA Degrees. Greg's SAE was Dairy Entrepreneurship and Dairy Placement, winning the State Dairy Proficiency award in 1998 and he was a Star State Farmer finalist in 1997 and 1998.

Greg then served 13 years in the United States Marine Corps deploying on 6 combat tours as a Tactical Air Controller in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as a Marine Security Guard at the US Embassies in Vietnam, Peru, and Iraq. Greg is currently the Program Team Lead for a Department of Defense contract supporting the Marine Corps and Navy's tactical aviation computer systems training. With this position, Greg spends 3 weeks every month in Washington DC for Government coordination. Greg and his wife Ada have two children, Noelia and Mateo. We are very thankful for everyone who came.

Northwestern FFA Public Speaking Competes at the State Contest

This year, the Northwestern FFA Public Speaking team competed virtually through zoom. There were two members who competed in the contest under two different categories. Kirsten Boreman competed in the Beginning Prepared Speaking and Kade Tegtmeier in the Extemporaneous Speaking contests. In the Beginning Prepared speaking contest, contestants must write and deliver a six to eight minute speech about a topic in agriculture and present it in front of a board of judges where they are judged on their presentation skills. In the Extemporaneous Speaking contest, contestants must showcase their agricultural knowledge and ability to think on their feet by giving a speech and answering questions with limited prep time. The two students placed first in the district contest on February 10th, and qualified to represent Northwestern FFA at the state level on March 6th.

On March 6th, Kirsten and Kade competed in the state competition. Kirsten's prepared speech, titled 'Changes in the Dairy Industry' was 5th in the state for her division of Beginning Prepared. For the Extemporaneous contest Kade drew the topic of 'Biosecurity in Agriculture' and placed 6th in his division. Northwestern is proud of our younger members for stepping into uncomfortable situations and participating in this competition. Congratulations to you both!

Northwestern FFA's Fundraiser

The Northwestern FFA Chapter just finished up their annual strawberry sale fundraiser. The delicious flavorful Florida fresh strawberries were delivered March 3rd and dispersed by the members. Members sold a grand total of 555 flats of strawberries this year. We are very thankful for our supporters of the chapter who bought strawberries this year. Be sure to check with a local Northwestern FFA members this time next year to purchase. Don't forget to keep eye out for our upcoming annual greenhouse flower fundraiser this May! We will be posting updates on our social media as well as our website!



FFA Public Speaking Team
Kade Tegtmeier and Kirsten Boreman



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FFA NEWS

Celebrating FFA Week with Northwestern FFA

National FFA week is busy for every FFA chapter around the country. It is meant to be a week of celebrating the great and national organization that is the FFA. Northwestern FFA took time to celebrate the hard working members in several ways. To kick off the week, the school had spirit days, Tuesday Camo day, Thursday Pajama day, and Friday Blue and Gold or Farmer day. Each day has a different meaning that relates to our chapter. Tuesday's camo day related to the community service project Camo, the Camo organization reached out to Northwestern FFA looking for help with their recent project that is meant to help the people in need from Honduras. Camo's goal is to send 'Buckets of Care' with towels, reusable dishware, frying pans, metal spatulas, sheets, and combs. All items could be gently used but the combs were brand new. The FFA also hosted a coloring contest in order to involve the elementary school in the FFA Week celebrations. The chapter also hosted their annual teacher breakfast, where the chapter officers serve breakfast to the teachers to show appreciation for their hard work. After the teacher breakfast, for the first time ever students were also invited to breakfast this year with dodgeball, corn hole, badminton, and basketball with the officers afterwards. To finish off the week, the chapter also celebrated with a school-wide assembly with the high school and middle school students with many events. Students from every grade participated in milk chugging, tractor races, tug of war, plunger races, frozen t-shirts, and donuts on a string.

**HAPPY
NATIONAL FFA
WEEK!**



Dugan McLaughlin, Ava Stoller,
Jadeyn Berry, Desi Smith
Agriculture Sales Team

Northwestern FFA has a Successful Sausage Sale this Year

The Northwestern FFA Chapter has had another successful year selling sausage. On Saturday, January 30th, members gathered at Hefelfinger Meats Inc. to make the sausage. Along with several community members such as Dan Fulk, Erica Baier, Brian Bowers, Ken Burrer, Lynn Bridenstine, and Brad Stull, alumni such as Becca Harbaugh, Rachelle Coffman, Debbie Eberly, Phil Eberly, Tyler Bowers, Kaitlyn Praisler, teachers such as Mr. Myers and Ms. Fincham and members such as Jadeyn Berry, Melanie Imhoff, and Desi Smith helped with making sausage. The chapter would like to extend their gratitude to Rick Hefelfinger and HMI for supporting the chapter with this fundraiser. This year the chapter sold a little more than 3,230 pounds of sausage. Northwestern FFA would like to thank the community for their support during this fundraiser, as well as those who came and helped with making the sausage.



Northwestern Local Schools Calendar 2021-22

2021	
Tuesday, August 17-19	Teacher Work Days
Friday, August 20	Professional Development
Monday, August 23	Staff Convocation Day
Tuesday, August 24	First day for Students
Monday, September 6	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Monday, September 13	NO SCHOOL - Fair Day
Tuesday, September 14	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day
Wednesday, September 29	Parent Teacher Conferences MS and HS

Tues.,& Thurs., Oct. 5 & 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Friday, Oct. 22	End of First Nine Weeks (41 days)

Thurs.,&Fri., Nov. 25, 26	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Monday, Nov. 29	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Day
Tuesday, Nov. 30	Parent Teacher Conferences MS and HS
Tuesday, Dec. 21	End of Second Nine Weeks (40 days)
Wedn., Dec. 22 thru Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Vacation
2021	
Wednesday, January 5	School Reconvenes
Thursday, January 6	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS. and MS
Thursday, January 13	Parent/Teacher Conferences: Elementary
Monday, January 17	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day
Thursday, February 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences: HS and MS
Friday, February 18	NO SCHOOL - Compensatory Time
Monday, February 21	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Friday, March 11	End of Third Nine Weeks (46 Pupil Days)

Monday, April 11 thru 15	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Friday, May 27	Student's Last Day (50 Pupil Days)

Sunday, May 29	Graduation
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 31	Staff Work Day
177 Student Contact days (2 are PD days in Aug., Sept., and 2 are P-T Conf. Make up days in Nov., Feb.)	
7 Work days (Aug. prior to school , Aug. 18,19,20, Convo day,graduation, & May 31) 184 total days	
Blizzard bags only if go beyond the 5 snow days.	
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DON'T MISS OUT !!

Board of Education Meeting

Board President Charles Beck
3rd Monday each month 6:30 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

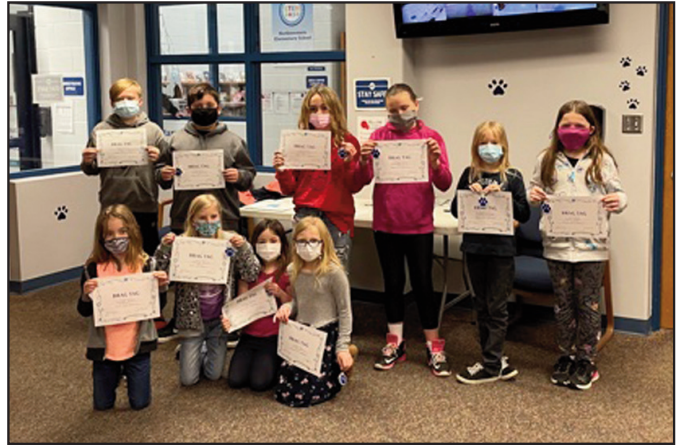
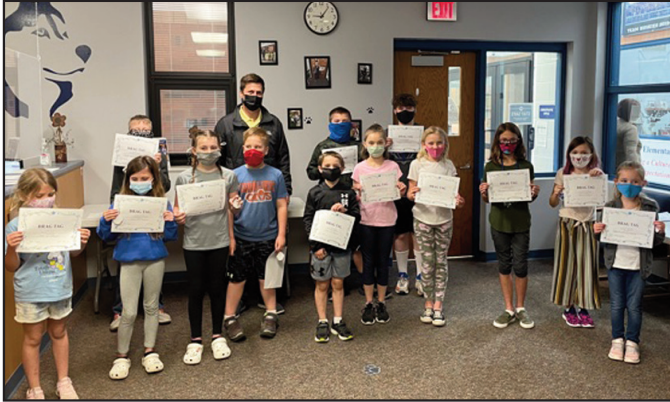
Soccer Club

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

Elementary PTO

President Alison Fiala
Meetings 3:45 ES Library - TBA

Northwestern Elementary BRAG TAG Recipients



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