October 2018

Norfolk Middle School Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

We have had an action packed year so far at the Middle School, and our students are starting to settle in. As I reflect on what has happened and what is to come, I am constantly reminded how fortunate all of us are to be a part of the Middle School team. Great things would not happen in the classroom without your support.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up: Keep working hard to make this a success. We know everyone has places to go and people to see; know that we do appreciate you ability to be patient and courteous to the drivers around you. The most important thing to us is the safety of our students. The businesses around the Middle School area would like us to remind you not to use their parking lots. Their parking lots are for patrons utilizing the services they provide, not for drop off/or pick up of Middle School students.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: I look forward to seeing all of you the week of October 15th. If you have questions before conferences, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or check their grades through Infinite Campus' Parent Portal.

Lunch: We offer unlimited fruit and salad bar options for our students at no extra cost. Also, we do allow seconds on the main entrée, but you child will pay extra for it. The Lunchtime Solutions Chef was here last month and prepared a meal right before our students' eyes. There is an extra charge if your child would like the chef's selection.

5th Grade Locks: If you would like your child to have a lock for their locker, please send a note to the main office. We will assign a lock to your child and give them directions on how to use it. They will then need to take it home and practice until they can open it on their own. Once they can show the office staff how to open their lock, they may put the lock on their locker.

Red Ribbon Week: During the week of October 1st, we will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week. Dress up dates are as follows:

October 1st: Lei Off Drugs-Hawaiian Day
October 2nd: Time Travel Tuesday-Dress up as someone from the past or future
October 3rd: My Future is Great Without Drugs-Dress for a Future Career
October 4th: NMS Teacher Tour Guide: Dress up like a teacher or staff member in this school
October 5th: Panther Pathway-Wear your Panther gear

Have a great month!

Chuck Hughes
NMS Principal

Important Dates

Saturday, October 6th
Red Ribbon Run- Sunset Plaza

Friday, October 12th
End of First Quarter

Monday, October 15th
3:20 Dismissal
4-7 p.m.- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 16th
3:20 Dismissal

Wednesday, October 17th
2:00 Dismissal
4-7 p.m.- Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 18th
11:30 Dismissal
1-4 p.m.-Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 19th
NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 22nd
NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 29th
PTO meeting-6p.m.

NOVEMBER 2018

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, November 21st-23rd
Thanksgiving Break

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NOTHING PREVENTS SUCCESS!

Norfolk Middle School

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6th Grade Team 1 would encourage all parents to start a Twitter account with your son or daughter. Once you have joined the Twitterverse, we hope you follow @NMS_6thGr_Team1. By following us, you will be treated to notices about upcoming tests, project due dates, pictures of projects and students, and info about students.

Team 1 teachers would love to see you follow us.

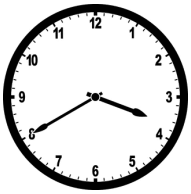
twitter

Mrs. Brummond, Mrs. McCallum, Mr. Skiff and Miss Uttecht

For news and information pertaining to TEAM 2 6TH GRADE, check us out on Twitter.

@Team 2_6th_NMS

The Norfolk Middle School offices close at 4pm. Please have your child picked up by 3:40pm unless the student is meeting with a teacher, working in the AC, or involved in Aftershock. Thank you for your cooperation.



REMINDER!!

Please be sure to make us aware of any changes to phone numbers or addresses. Moving? Please be sure to let NMS know prior to your move. We are here to help your student make a smooth transition to his or her new school.

A Full Classroom is connected. Please follow us on Twitter as we use this social media tool to share snippets of our work, learning, and life at school.

Follow Nancy Full @afullclassroom

Catch a glimpse into our classrooms and your child's learning in a new exciting format.

"Tweet-fully yours,"

Mrs. Full

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Norfolk Middle School's PTO!!!

Our next meeting is Monday, October 29th, at 6:00p.m. Join the fun in helping our school and our students!!!

Join JOI to Make a Difference

Did you know that car crashes are the leading cause of death among teens? What if you could make a difference long before you began to drive? RAOK Jr. Optimists (JOI members) at the Norfolk Middle School are trying to do just that!

You may have noticed youth with clipboards and "smarties", as well as Norfolk PD officers some mornings when you come to school. The youth are JOI members who are conducting safety belt compliance checks and the officers are there to show support and the significance they put on such activities. Our first checks in September found 87% compliance in the FRONT of the building and 91% compliance in the BACK. Does that mean that 6th graders really ARE "smarter than a 5th grader?" Compliance checks are scheduled throughout October…so I guess we will see!

You, too, can be involved by buckling up to set a good example, as well as expecting everyone in the car to be buckled at all times!

It's never to late to join JOI. We meet in the downstairs Activity Center every Wednesday before school. Come check us out. Feel free to contact Mark Claussen at markclaussen@npsne.org with any questions!

Parents/Guardians- Please review the following important information regarding sending medications to school.

Your written consent is required prior to school personnel providing or administering medication to a child at school.

All medication (prescription and over the counter) products must be sent to the school in the original containers with labels in tact, including child's name, physician's name (prescription medication only) and directions for administering. Medications in bags or any other form of "home packaging" will not be administered, due to safety considerations.

Please contact the health office if you have any questions. Thank you- Cindy Fox RN, Norfolk Public School Nurse

NMS

Coming Soon!!! Norfolk Middle School Apparel!! Get your t-shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, socks, or stocking caps and show your NMS Pride!! Details and order forms coming soon!!

Reminder From the Health Office:

Please make sure to return the attack on asthma care plans / anaphylactic reactions plans that were mailed home. If there is no longer a current diagnosis of asthma, please let the nurse's office know so that we may update our files.

Thanks, Cindy Fox RN

Important Student Log In Information

UserID: 1st 3 letters of firstname + 1st 3 letters of lastname + first 6 digits of studentID.

example **RobSmi123456**

PW: NPS + 5 digit lunch PIN. example: **NPS12345**

This will be their login for InfCamp, the Novell Network, and Wonders Reading .

Reading Classic

….And we're off! Reading Classic has 28 students who have created 6 teams of 4-5 readers. Each time is working avidly to read books from the list. As they read, they are writing questions/answers to quiz each other at a later date. Our first competition will be local in January.

Currently, we are looking for coaches/captains to lead and encourage our teams. I have been overseeing their progress but it is important to have a coach for each team. Parent coaches are the best. Your commitment is to help your team along and also participate in the competitions in January and March. Please let me know if you could help.

Starting in October, we will meet biweekly, as the students know what to do for now. They will continue to record in their binders. Here are the dates for the upcoming Thursday meetings:

October 11, 25

November 1, 15, 29

December 6 and Tuesday Dec. 18 (Holiday party)

I will send home a letter in December to announce the exact dates for competition. The only one that has been set for sure is state competition, March 30.

Thank you for being a part of our Reading Classic team. Let us know if you have any questions!

Mrs. Korth (tamelakorth@npsne.org)

Mrs. Henderson (tinahenderson@npsne.org)

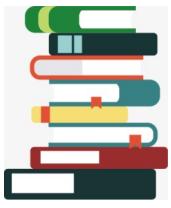
For more information: http://readingclassic.wixsite.com/read

FAMILY LITERACY times 3

In order to reach more families, our annual literacy night looks a little different this year.

During all three days of conferences, there will be a table set up in the commons. You will be able to get more information about the Encore Reading program, Title I and what you can be doing to help at home. Additionally, all Middle School students can pick a free book to take home.

Please stop by October 15th, 17th or 18th. I look forward to meeting you!



Norfolk Middle School's
Encore Reading
invites you to...

FAMILY LITERACY TIMES 3

during Parent Teacher Conferences

OCTOBER 15, 17 & 18

Stop by the family literacy table, in the commons, during conferences.

FREE BOOK

for Middle School students!

5th Grade Orchestra, 6th Grade Orchestra, and 6th Grade Band News Kimberly Erickson, Director KimberlyErickson@npsne.org **Twitter: @NMSBandO** **Website: http://goo.gl/V4Jhef**	remind Text Number: 81010 5th Orchestra@500go 6th Orchestra@600go 6th Band@600bo After School Practices@200c5 Jazz Band @jb100 Honor Band Lessons @200c5

Grading

Students are graded on lesson attendance/preparedness, practice points, class points and assessments. Please remind your Band/Orchestra student to bring their instruments home on the weekends and return them on Monday mornings before school. Taking them home and practicing, will help your student be prepared for their weekly lesson and for class. If your student would like to practice more than just on the weekends, they are free to take their instrument(s) home on most any night of the week. Larger instrument players will have a once a week practice after school. All assignments that are not completed will show as missing in the gradebook. Students can make up assignments by completing the required form and assignment found by clicking the Missing Assignment Form found on my website.

Wayne State College Honor Band Auditions:

Band students have had the opportunity to sign up for the Wayne State Honor Band auditions. This group consists of 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade students from Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota. Students that signed up to audition have received music to begin preparations for their auditions.

The Honor Band will be held at Wayne State College on Saturday, January 26, 2019. If your son/daughter is auditioning, please check your calendars to make sure there are no other conflicts on this day. The audition recordings will be sent in mid-November. We will have Pre-Audition Cuts done by September 29. If students are not prepared at this time, they will not be allowed to audition. After the cuts have been made, students will have a lesson once per week, after school, to prepare and record auditions. The first two weeks of November will be reserved for taping auditions. Weekly lessons will continue until recordings are complete. Some students may finish early, but all recordings must be complete by Tuesday, November 14. The permission form and $5 entry fee are due by October 6. Here is the link to the form.

Popcornopolis Fundraiser

Students have received their information and order forms for the Popcornopolis fundraiser this year. The last day to turn in orders/money is October 8. Delivery will be between October 22-26. All proceeds go towards the purchase of new technology/curriculum for the classroom. We will also make a donation to a charitable cause. Thank you for all of your support with this endeavor.

Middle School Instrumental Winter Concert
December 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM/Student report at 6:15 PM
Johnny Carson Theater

Students will soon be working on some great music for their upcoming concert. This is a **required** event for all 6th Grade Band and 5th and 6th Grade Orchestra students. Orchestra students need to dress in black and white dress clothes. Band students need to wear dress clothes. More information will be sent home in November and December. We will also do a canned food drive to support the Norfolk Rescue Mission.

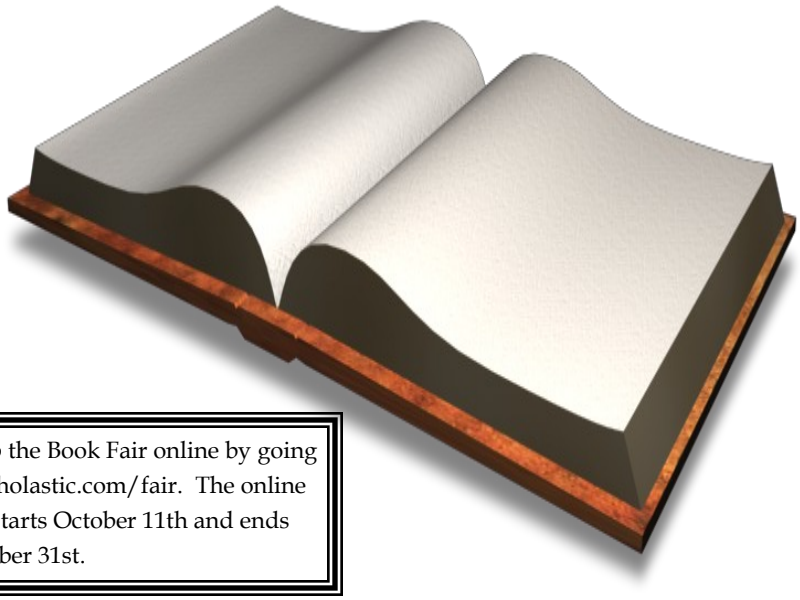
Celebrate Creativity
Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Students invited to Celebrate Creativity at the Joslyn Art Museum will be receiving their itineraries the week before we go. The trip is scheduled for October 30-ALL DAY!

NMS Book Fair

Fall Book Fair Schedule

Friday, October 12th-Preview Day. Teachers will schedule a time to bring their class to view the Book Fair.



Monday, October 15th-Book Fair
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.-Parent/Teacher Conf.

Tuesday, October 16th-Book Fair
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shop the Book Fair online by going to scholastic.com/fair. The online fair starts October 11th and ends October 31st.

Wednesday, October 17th-Book Fair
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.-Parent/Teacher Conf.

Thursday, October 18th-Book Fair
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. –Parent/Teacher Conf.

Please Note:

NO after school hours due to bus students in the area until 3:45 p.m.

After Preview Day, students who come to the Book Fair must have money.

****** Pre-orders for the new Diary of the Wimpy Kid book "The Meltdown" will be taken October 12th to October 25th.*** Refer to the form found in the Scholastic Book Fair fliers. If you are interested in pre-ordering, forms and payment will be turned into Mrs. Henderson or Ms. Frerichs in the library.**

6th grade Digital Citizenship

October-April

Keyboarding-Mrs. Polodna

Why is Digital Citizenship Important? As more and more schools utilize iPads and other tablets, laptops and computers as supplements or replacements for textbooks in the classroom, it is more important than ever to discuss "digital citizenship" in all classes. Digital citizenship is not simply reserved for Information Technology and Computer Applications courses, but every course in which technology is used as an instructional tool. The Digital Citizenship Project. According to authors Gerry Swan and Marty Park in their article, "Students Need a Digital Driver's License Before They Start Their Engines," printed in the D e c e m b e r- J a n u a r y 2012-13 publication Learning and Leading with Technology, access to expanded technology also brings additional responsibilities for Schools (ppg. 26-28, 2012). The authors remind us that recent legislation, specifically the U.S. Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and Protecting Children in the 21st Century acts, emphasize schools' responsibility to educate students about internet safety" (p. 26, 2012). Just as motorists take driver's education before driving, Swan and Park believe "digital age students need a course in how to recognize and react to precarious situations online, such as cyberbullying and copyright infringement." An outgrowth of their concern led to the creation in 2011 of the "Digital Driver's License (DDL) Project" in Kentucky. This project consists of a set of eight self-paced modules, plus a final cumulative 'digital driver's license' case that captures the skill sets of digital citizenship, as outlined in the book Digital Citizenship in Schools by Mike Ribble and Gerald Bailey (Swan and Park, pg 27, 2012).

. The eight modules of digital citizenship include:

- Educate yourself/Connect with Others
- Protect yourself/Protect Others
- Respect Yourself/Respect Others
- Digital Access, Health and Wellness
- Digital Commerce
- Digital Communications, Etiquette and Security
- Digital Law, Rights and Responsibilities
- Digital Media Fluency

Assessments--How students get their 'digital license': In order to obtain a 'digital driver's license,' the project utilizes two types of assessments: "Practice-Its" - students are introduced to a concept within the module and must respond and justify their answer. For example, students may be asked to identify whether or not a scenario is copyright infringement; their response must confirm or justify their answer or offer some type of corrective advice "Prove-Its" - students receive an overall score, but do not know which questions are incorrect. Students can retake a 'prove-it' any time and are notified if they have passed. An 80% or higher score is required for each of the five modules.

All 6th students have joined my Digital Driver's License classroom which gives them the syllabus for the year. They are able to access this from any computer with internet, so if they miss class or want to work ahead, they have the website, which section is due and the due date. All DDL grades will be posted in Infinite Campus

5th Grade Digital Citizenship for 2018-19

This will be part of our class time during keyboarding. The grades will also be in keyboarding, but under Digital Citizenship.

Ignition-Digital Citizenship

The *Ignition-Digital Literacy & Responsibility* course consists of seven learning modules, each with pre– and post-assessments, as well as a capstone interactive game, called My Digital Life. Each learning module lasts approximately 30-45 minutes, for a cumulative course time of 4 to 5 hours.

The outline below shows the concepts covered in each part of the course:

Module 1-Choosing a computer

* Choose software and hardware based on specific needs
* Advantages/disadvantages of open-source software and cloud computing

Module 2-Wireless Communications

* Different types of phone features, applications, and capabilities
* Cellular network transmission, coverage, and service
* Dangers of using phones while driving
* How shared media can go viral

Module 3-The Viral World

* Consequences of computer viruses & how to protect against them
* How to recognize, protect, and resolve identity theft
* How to set up secure online profiles
* Digital addiction & technology overuse

Module 4-Internet Resources and Credibility

* Primary vs. secondary research
* How to verify source credibility
* Identifying & avoiding plagiarism; how to site sources
* Using school technology responsibly

Module 5-Creating Multmedia Products

* How/when to use certain multimedia programs
* How to create and share media
* How to avoid piracy, copyright infringement & intellectual property violation

Module 6-Digital Relationships and Respect

* Understand the signs and consequences of cyberbullying
* Strategies for helping & preventing cyberbullying

Module 7-The Future of Technology and You

* How technology is used in different careers
* Explore career and academic paths

My Digital Life

* Apply digital literacy knowledge and skills in real-life gaming scenario. The goal is to organize and promote a concert.

Red Ribbon Run

1-Mile Kid's Run/Walk

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Place: Sunset Plaza Mall-Inside the Food Court

Distance: 1 mile Run/Walk for K-7 Grade (must be 13 and under)

Start Time: **8:30** Packet Pickup **9:30** 1-Mile Run/Walk Begins

Entry Fee: The 1-mile Run/Walk is sponsored by the local businesses so there is no charge to the child.

All youth runners **MUST** complete the **Online Registration** in order to receive a shirt on race day.

Please-One runner per online registration.

Entry Deadline is September 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Absolutely No Race Day Entries for 1-Mile Run.

Awards 1-Mile Each youth runner completing the 1-mile Run/Walk receives a Red Ribbon T-shirt.

First three boys and girls in each age group receive medals.

First Boy and Girl Overall receive trophies.

Separate Boy and Girl Divisions– 6 and under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13.

Must have Parent or Guardian Signature to participate.

Students of the Month

September 2018

At Norfolk Middle School we have created a character education program with a monthly emphasis on various character traits. This month's character trait is respect. These are the students that best exhibited the character trait of respect this month:

5th Grade Team 1A: Reyna Jacobo
5th Grade Team 1B: Felicity Acuna
5th Grade Team 2A: Macy Borgmann
5th Grade Team 2B: Madelyn Matteo
5th Grade Team 3A: Cannon Jaeke
5th Grade Team 3B: Stephanie Becerra Saravia
5th Grade Team 4: Bodonn Sweeney
6th Grade Team 1: Kaylin Thies
Zachary Roberts
6th Grade Team 2: Blake Buchanan
Abby Vasquez
6th Grade Team 3: Mariah Amaro
Brenden Scholl
Specials: Draven Zoubek
Adison Wright
Maya Calderon
Isaac Koester

Please be sure to congratulate these students for making our school a wonderful place!!!