

Upcoming Events

Feb. 20-24- Basketball districts.

Feb. 20- President's Day, no school.

Mar. 1- MS/HS Academic Showcase 5-8 pm

Mar. 4 & 5- 5/6th grade basketball tournament.

Mar. 7- HS School Scholar Bowl at South Nodaway, 4:30 pm. PTO meeting, HS Cafeteria, 6 pm

Mar. 8- Sports photos. Winter Athletic Banquet, 6 pm.

Mar. 10- End of 3rd quarter.

Mar. 12- Daylight savings time begins.

Mar. 13- FFA contest at Lathrop.

Mar. 15- Board of Education meeting at 6 pm, ag room.

Mar. 16- FFA contest at Trenton. HS 3rd quarter awards assembly, 11 am. School dismisses at 12:45 pm. Parent teacher conferences 1-7:30 pm. HS Scholar Bowl at Tarkio, 4:30 pm.

Mar. 17- No School. St. Patrick's Day. Baseball vs. North Harrison, 4:30 pm.

Mar. 20- FFA contest at Savannah.

Mar. 21- Baseball at Plattsburg, 4:30 pm.

Mar. 23- HS Track at Worth County.

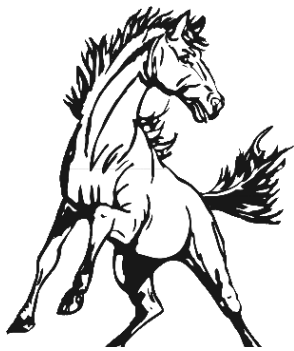
Mar. 27- Baseball at Stewartville/Osborn, 4:30 pm, Osborn HS.

Mar. 28- JH Track at Worth County, 3:30 pm.

Mar. 30- Baseball at South Holt, 4:30 pm.

Mar. 31- HS Track at King City, 3 pm. Talent Show at The Roxy, 6 pm.

Apr. 1- Mustang Round Robin Baseball Tournament.



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"Preparing Productive Citizens that are College and Career Ready."

CSIP is More than Letters

by Mr. Chris Turpin,
Superintendent

The North Nodaway administration, staff, and school board members have worked for many hours to develop a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) draft. We hope to bring it to the patrons in the near future for comments and suggestions. This plan involves creating a mission and vision of what the North Nodaway School District hopes to achieve in the future and identifies a set of goals and strategies to bring about that vision. As the school's instructional leader, it is imperative that we have a plan and that we get it out there for everyone within the district to see in order to pull in the same direction. I want us to have a mission statement that students, patrons, teachers and staff can articulate. Understanding the plan by everyone helps us achieve our goals and outcomes quicker and more efficiently. The CSIP helps us plan and

allocate resources, re-define, maintain, and or eliminate less effective programs and services to ultimately produce higher student performance.

Our district's mission statement is: "Preparing Productive Citizens That Are College and Career Ready." This mission is why we exist as a district. Our hope is that we are able to

help educate and help develop your students to be of high character with a strong work ethic in order to be productive citizens in the communities they choose to live in someday. As a school, we are committed to offer students opportunities for career exploration to find their passion in life. As the Superintendent, I realize and agree that col-

lege or trade school isn't for everyone, thus it is our job to prepare those students to be workforce ready. Finally, we want to prepare students who desire post-secondary education through a trade school, college, or university.

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Raising Expectations*

NCARSE Awards Grants to NN Teachers



The Nodaway County Association of Retired School Employees (NCARSE) awarded \$100 each to Mr. Eaton and Mrs. Davison to use in their classrooms. Pictured are: Mrs. Ashley Marriott, North Nodaway Elementary Principal; Mr. Prent Eaton, Counselor; Mrs. Angela Davison, Kindergarten; and Kay Coleman, NCARSE member.

Kindness Club Comes to the Elementary

By Mrs. Ashley Marriott,
Elementary Principal

Welcome to 2023! We are having a great time getting back in the swing of all things school related. As we return from Christmas break, there is always a sense of rejuvenation amongst the students and staff. Everyone practices all of those beginning of the year procedures to get us off on the right foot. Though it is often cold, snowy, windy, and sometimes dreary this time of year; knowing that we have made it through first semester and that spring is coming is always a nice feeling.

One of my favorite parts of this time of year is all of the opportunity for celebration. Both students and teachers are able to reflect on what they have learned so far, set goals for the rest of the year, and celebrate all that they have achieved so far.

When our teachers sat down to start the semester we wanted to add another way to celebrate those students that were showing kindness and spreading joy. From this idea, Kindness Club was born.

Every day, teachers are looking for students that are helping each other, using nice words, and making good choices. Those students get their names entered into a big bucket of Kindness. Each morning, we do a drawing and the winning name pulled out of the bucket gets their act of kindness read to the school and they're recognized as our 'Daily Dose of Kindness.' These students also receive five Mustang Bucks. On Fridays, we take everyone that showed kindness throughout the week for an extra 15 minutes of fun.

We have averaged between 25-30 students participating in the Kindness Club and hope to continue to grow it each week. Eventually we would love to have students nominating other students for their good character and acts of service to our school community. We have so many wonderful students and families in the North Nodaway School District and we enjoy recognizing their many accomplishments!



Each of these kids got caught spreading kindness: Ryder Perkins, Jayda Wermelskirchen, Zoey Pearson, Raiden Clutter, Lila Miller, Attyson Stringer, Lincoln Stringer, Charlie Piper, Beau Kibbe, Avary Volner, Sutton Stump, Benjamin Gomez, Cash Roberts, Oakley Marriott, Oliver Miller, Skylar Pearson, Bridgett Steinman, Brentley Marriott, Clell Clements, Cooper Chesnut, Hudson Alexander, Lucus Hansen, Landon Frueh, Oakley Wermelskirchen, Allizay Lafflin, Madden Hansen and Jersey Stevens.

Arbor Day Poster Winners



The fifth grade students participated in a cross-curricular project learning about how trees help us clean and control water in the community. Students then created an Arbor Day Poster to enter in the contest sponsored by the Missouri Community Forestry Council, Missouri Department of Conservation and Forest Releaf of Missouri. Congratulations to our elementary winners pictured left to right: Scarlett Brown, 4th place; Zoey Pearson, 1st place; Ava Steinman, 2nd place; and Reed Martin, 3rd place.

MUSTANG ALERTS

Northwest Cell sponsors Mustang Alerts, which allows important information about North Nodaway School District to be sent as a text message to your mobile phone no matter what provider you have. All you need to be able to do is have the ability to receive text messages.

The information that will be sent out includes: school closings, early dismissals, school event reminders, and emergency information.

To sign up visit www.nwmccl.com or www.nnr6.org and click on the Mustang Alert link.

Elementary Second Quarter Honor Roll Awards

A Honor Roll

Preschool- Jaclyn Frueh, Malia Butler, Embree Brown, Huxley Hansen
Kindergarten- Kloie Titus
First Grade- Lucas Brown, Ryder Perkins
Second Grade- Ryder Everhart
Third Grade- Lucus Hansen
Fifth Grade- Reed Martin, Cade Miller, Zoey Pearson

A/B Honor Roll

Preschool- Bennett Roberts, Karsyn Marriott, Allizay Laflin
Kindergarten- Abby Brittain, Bentlee McClarnon, Emma Dougherty, Hunter Proffit, Jayda Wermelskirshen, Jersey Stevens, Julian Bix, Madden Han-

sen
First Grade- Landon Frueh, Kynlee Titus, Lincoln Stringer, Attyson Stringer
Second Grade- Camden Butler, Radien Clutter, Megan Davison, Quentin Degase, Lucas Gray, Beau Kibbe, Rollie Martin, Aiden Parman, Skylar Pearson, Gunner Stricker, William Wilmes
Third Grade- Paetyn Hunt, Jayneigh Lawson
Fourth Grade- Kyle Davison, Benjamin Gomez, Caspian Halvin, Arianna Owens, Kamden Reynolds, Kayden Snuffer
Fifth Grade- Gannon Stricker, Trenton Roberts, Hudson Alexander, Sophee Clapp, Dustie

Rader

Preschool Awards

Brilliant Behavior- Tason Moyer
Extra Effort- Malia Butler

Kindergarten Awards

Marvelous Manners- Abby Brittain
Brilliant Behavior- Kloie Titus
Extra Effort- Koda Kibbe

First Grade Awards

Rockin' Reader- Lucas Brown
Mighty Mathematician- Ryder Perkins
Awesome Author- Kynlee Titus
Care and Kindness- Ryder Titus, Cairo Riddle

Second Grade Awards

Excellent Effort- Whytlee Ebrecht, Bridgett Steinman
Awesome Attitude- Javery Partridge
Amazing Author Award- Emmerson Drummond

Third Grade Awards

Super Speller- Clayton Titus
Rocking Reader- Jayneigh Lawson
Outstanding Character- Clell Clements

Fourth Grade Awards

Super Speller- Arianna Owens
AR All Star- Caspian Halvin
Multiplication Master- Brentley Marriott

Reflex Rockstar- Kamden Reynolds

Fifth Grade Awards

Rocking Reader- Tristen Wray
Mighty Mathematician- Zoey Pearson
Super Speller- Gannon Stricker
Writing Wizard- Kayden Clements
Outstanding Character- Ethan Wilmes

Principal Awards

Zoey Pearson, Aleesia Rader, Landon Turner, Ryder Perkins

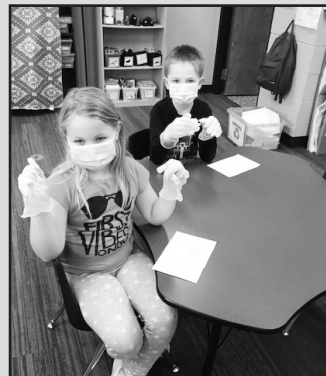
Golden Wastebasket Award

Fourth Grade

First graders perform contraction surgery to learn how to put together two smaller words with an apostrophe!



Taylor Forney and Bryslee Allen



Attyson Stringer and Ryder Perkins



Landon Frueh, Lincoln Stringer and Lucas Brown



Right: Kynlee Titus and Oakley Wemelskirshen

Left: Attyson Stringer and Ryder Perkins



From the Principal's Desk

by Mr. Roger Johnson,
MS/HS Principal

I am excited for this opportunity to let everyone know about some of the great things our staff and students are doing at North Nodaway. Our middle school students are currently working on improving targeted skills in Math and ELA during 25 minutes of their 8th hour study skills class four days a week. On Fridays, these students are able to participate in Enrichment Clubs and activities of their choice. Some of these clubs include: Robotics Club, STEM Club, MS Newsletter, Virtual Reality/ Gaming Club, Strategy Games, Golf, Service (Leo) Club, and Ag related activities. We plan to rotate these opportunities for students periodically throughout the school year. Everyone has really enjoyed these activities and opportunities to learn as we strive as a school district to help our students become productive citizens who are college and career ready.

Targeting specific skills is part of our plan to continue to improve our performance academically. In reviewing our MS/HS MAP/EOC results from last year, we noticed that we had improved in 8 of the 11

tested areas. We hope to continue this trend with targeted interventions and enrichment opportunities. It is a wonderful testament to the great work our staff and students have been doing over the past year!

High School students continue to grow in knowledge and experience which help with college and career readiness. We have several involved in Vo-Tech, Cadet Teaching, Work Experience, Dual Credit courses, and STEM based classes. Additionally, several are preparing for academic competitions in History Day, FBLA, FFA contests, Music and Band contests, and Scholar Bowl competitions.

Please consider attending our upcoming Academic Showcase on March 1st, from 5:00-8:00. Our goal is to have over 300 people attend. We plan on several live performances, demonstrations, exhibits, science fair, and presentations of senior portfolios. A complete list will be available closer to the night of the event. We hope to see you there as we celebrate the awesomeness of our students!!!

MS Scholar Bowl

by Emily Bix, MS Scholar Bowl Sponsor

Middle School Scholar Bowl had a great time this season and improved every match! This year we had a first for me as a sponsor- every team member answered at least one question throughout the season. We celebrated small victories and had a blast. Our team was comprised of: Lily Blane, Mya Hansen, Kila Miller, Halie Young, Weston Alexander, Taccoa Miller, Pyper Smith, and Trynzlee Ebrecht.



Pictured MS Scholar Bowl members are Lily Blane, Weston Alexander, Halie Young and Kila Miller.

Upcoming Immunization Clinic for Students

by Mrs. Linda Russell,
School Nurse

On March 16th the Health Department will be coming to the school to provide upcoming Seniors the chance to get their required per state law MCV (Meningitis) shot prior to school starting in August. All 11th grade parents have been sent an email from

the school nurse to sign up students, if your student is in need of this immunization. This clinic will also be open to any current 6th, and 7th graders who are in need of a Tdap or MCV shot. Both of these are required per State law prior to their 8th grade school year. The school nurse will be in contact with parents of those

students who are in need of this. Only those students with parental permission will be able to get the vaccines that day. The Health Department will accept most insurance companies, or you can pay \$20 and not process it through insurance. If uninsured, please ask the school nurse for assistance.

YEARBOOKS \$45

Stop by the MS/HS Office to buy your 2023 Yearbook!

Middle School Students' Snowflake Shuffle



The Girl with the Hot Shots

Interview by Pyper Smith
Article by Taccoa Moyer

Jacquelyn Cline is one of our seniors here at North Nodaway and has recently found herself leading the area in scores with an average of 16 points a game. Jacquelyn Cline might be a senior in high school but she is one of the best players I know. She might have her bad days but she always brings her team up. Jacquelyn's heart might be full but there is always a spot in her heart for



North Nodaway sports. Jacquelyn was asked how she felt about her 87% average score. She said, "It feels good that what we are doing in practice pays off." Jacquelyn plays point guard for the North Nodaway Lady Mustangs basketball team. The team is like another family to her.

MS/HS Second Quarter Honor Roll Awards

Middle School Honor Roll Awards

6th Grade

Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Eliza Clements, Conner Pearson, Zoey Phillips, Marek Stevens, Thomas Stringer
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Luke Clements, Jenayah Howard, Jackson Keho, Hayden Marriott

7th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Laney Turner
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Weston Alexander, Taccoa Moyer, Savannah Rucker, Pyper Smith
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Trynzlee Ebrecht, Draven Rader, Lena Richards, Ava Stump

8th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Lily Blane, Mya Hansen, Ridge Harger, Tequilla Miller, Halie Young
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Wyatt Emery, Nevaeh Rowland, Abriana Staughn
Bronze Award (GPA 3.23-4.9)- Keith Riedel

Perfect Attendance

Luke Clements, Jenayah Howard, Savannah Rucker, Matthew Sturgis

Student of the Quarter

Laney Turner

Leadership

Tequilla Miller

Citizenship

Weston Alexander

Achievement

Luke Clements

High School Honor Roll Awards

9th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Addalea Barcus, Lacy Riley, Casey Wray, Jackie Wray
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Sadee Clapp, Blaine Clements, Emily Keho, Landon Parman, Gannon Volner, Trevin Wyllie
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Kaeden Nave

10th Grade

Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Owen Martin, Katelyn Parman, Olivia Renfro, Amy Richards, Lakota Rucker
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Ethan Tyler, Alanis

Wray

11th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Aydan Blackford, Saryn Brown, Lauren Herndon, Andrea Jenkins, Angeline Parker, Morgan Pope
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Preston Hansen, Lucardia Hendricks, Sydney Whipple
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Ethan Fry, Tayden Halvin, Madison Leach, Brice Trimble

12th Grade

Principal's (Gold) Award (GPA 3.9-4.0)- Kelsey Barcus, Darron Bix, Jacquelyn Cline, Jeremiah Dobbins, Ellaina Renfro, Riley Volner, Andrew Wray
Silver Award (GPA 3.5-3.89)- Sarah Chesnut, Da-

mian Dailey, Kade Emery, Braya McGinness, Andrew Phillips, Danielle Riedel, Ryver Wolf, Sarah Wray
Bronze Award (GPA 3.2-3.49)- Samantha Morrow

Perfect Attendance

Lacy Riley, Danielle Riedel

Student of the Quarter

Damian Dailey

Leadership

Lauren Herndon, Owen Martin

Citizenship

Ryver Wolf

Achievement

Danielle Riedel, Brice Trimble, Lakota Rucker, Wyatt Emery

Raising Expectations at North Nodaway

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In order to do that, we need to keep raising our expectations to achieve a challenging and rigorous curriculum that will prepare them for those settings. To achieve our mission, our staff had to develop common values in order to reach our desired outcome. Our values are centered on developing C.O.R.E. The "C" stands for Character. We believe that character is developed through leadership, service, setting academic and personal goals, and building a positive culture that promotes a growth mindset with high expectations to be your best. The "O" in CORE stands for Opportunity.

As a staff, we are committed to providing students with opportunities to be continuous learners and involve them in real world experiences inside and outside of the classroom. Responsibility is the "R" of our values. We believe that developing this value is essential to becoming a productive citizen. This is demonstrated by timely completion of work and tasks assigned to students. It is reflected in whether students are dependable classmates and attend school on a regular basis. The final value is our "E", effective communication. We hope that students are able to communicate effectively verbally and with their written

expression. These two skills are so needed by students in order to effectively advocate needs and wants as a productive citizen. As a school we are more committed to model this effective communication by providing more information in various ways of what is happening at school. In order to be effective, we have to work together in partnership to increase student's achievement and meet these core values that we all share.

I will be sharing specific objective and strategies with you in future newsletters but I want to give you a chance to understand these five big areas of focus for our district. The five focus

areas of our CSIP are as follows.

- I. Improve student achievement through enhancing our district curriculum and instruction.
- II. Provide opportunities for our students to be college and career ready.
- III. Engage the district's community with supportive school culture and climate.
- IV. Develop and improve academic and facility resources.
- V. Be fiscally responsible utilizing accountable governance practices as a district.

As a direct we can meet our mission and vision if we continue to lay out a foundation and direction for all of us to work towards. I feel like we are definitely headed in the right direction to help us meet our goals as a district. North Nodaway School District is doing great things as a district with students but it's because of the great work being done by our parents, students, teachers, staff, and administration all pulling together. Should you have any questions or comments please feel free to call me or stop by the office. I feel truly blessed to be a part of a great school with two great communities.

RENOVATIONS UNDER WAY AT NORTH NODAWAY!



ELEMENTARY NEW ADDITION



NEW BUS BARN

Thank you for supporting our school!

“Preparing Productive Citizens that are College and Career Ready”



Cadet Teachers (FTA) members include front: Ellaina Renfro, Riley Volner, Kelsey Barcus, Jeremiah Dobbins; back: Jacquelyn Cline, Braya McGinness and Danielle Riedel. Not pictured: Mrs. Heather Townsend, sponsor.



FFA members include front: Danielle Riedel, Morgan Pope, Lauren Herndon, Kelsey Barcus, Saryn Brown, Aydan Blackford, Katelyn Parman, Amy Richards, Jacquelyn Cline, Sponsor Troy Nally, middle: Olivia Renfro, Neveah Smith, Gabby Harper, Casey Wray, Sarah Chesnut, Lacy Riley, Emily Keho, Addalea Barcus, Ellaina Renfro; back: Jackie Wray, Blaine Clements, Stetsyn Brown, Keegan Hansen, Trevin Wyllie, Draven Rowland, Preston Hansen, Ethan Fry, Brice Trimble and Sadee Clapp.



FBLA members include front: Kelsey Barcus, Jacquelyn Cline, Morgan Pope, Sponsor Ms. Emily Limback; middle: Danielle Riedel, Lauren Herndon, Saryn Brown, Riley Volner; back: Lacy Riley, Draven Rowland and Sadee Clapp.



Members of the Northwest Technical School program include front: Andrea Jenkins, Lucardia Hendricks, Tayden Halvin, Damian Dailey; back: Ethan Fry, Sarah Wray, Andrew Phillips, Bryson Putnam and Andrew Wray.

NN Mustang Courtwarming Festivities



Courtswarming Royalty includes Ryver Wolf, Braya McGinness, King Damian Dailey, Queen Jacquelyn Cline, Jeremiah Dobbins and Ellaina Renfro.



MS/HS students Zoey Phillips, Eliza Clements, Jacquelyn Cline, Owen Coleman and Tommy Stringer pose in their best soccer moms and dads bbq outfits.



Lacy Riley and Addalea Barcus dress up for Courtwarming.



Lauren Herndon pulls the junior class' float during the pep assembly.



First grader Landon Frueh sports his dad bbq look during Courtwarming.



Second graders Oakley Marriott, Whytlee Ebrecht and Skylar Pearson participate in dress up day for Courtwarming.



Mrs. Sami Jackson shows off her soccer mom look during Courtwarming.



Preschool students participated in color wars during Courtwarming. Pictured are Tyson Allen, Jaclyn Frueh, Allizay Laflin, Karsyn Marriott, Corbin Titus, Malia Butler, Enzlea Lett, Wilder Hansen, Bennett Roberts, Shayleigh Morris and Austun Law.