Northeast Middle School Newsletter



April 2024



April 2	Election Day - No School
April 3	BOE Meeting 7:00pm
April 5	Lifetouch Spring Pictures
April 8 - 12	Spring Vacation - No School
April 15	PTO Meeting 6:30pm



Principal's Message





We are well into Trimester 3 here at NEMS. April break runs from April 8th through April 12th. We come back to school on April 15th and jump right into SBA testing. Although there are three calendar months left, the last day of school right now is June 18th and that will be here before we expect it. Please make sure your child does their best to finish strong.

It is around this time of year I ask parents to make any team requests for next year. We can never guarantee that we can accommodate all your requests since the class levels affect the schedule as well as the Encore selections. We will, however, do all we can to honor your requests as long as we get them before the scheduling process is complete in June. Once schedules are finalized, we can not make changes because they unbalance the classes. I also want to remind parents that we only have four teams and we have some changes due to the size of the incoming 6th grade class. There will only be one 6th grade team next year, the Green Team. If you do want to make a request, please send an email to your child's guidance counselor before June 1st. Team letters are mailed in early August and it will be too late to make changes.

Enjoy the April break and, hopefully, some nice weather.

Dan Sonstrom Principal



NOTES FROM THE BAND ROOM

March was music in our schools month, and there was much great music to be heard! The second weekend of the month was our Northern Region Middle School Music Festival at Plainville High School. Congratulations to Mia Bougie, Mason Foertsch, and Matthew D'Esopo for making the festival and for being strong leaders in your sections. You each made great personal and musical contributions to the success of the band and I'm very proud of you! Students interested in auditioning for the festival next December are encouraged to take private lessons over the summer to learn the scales and music. Please see me for recommendations.

On March 18th, our 8th grade band and Wind Ensemble students traveled to Bristol Eastern High School to play in the district Music in our Schools Festival. Students from Grade 5 through high school got to perform for and with each other. The following night the same musicians got to perform for family and friends. The concert ended with all 150 band members playing together and the excitement in the room was fire! Bravo to our Musicians who took part. The reviews of your performance were glowing!

Our Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform at the Elementary Honors Band Concert, along with the Chippens Jazz Band and a Wind Quintet from BEHS, as well as the honor band elementary students. The concert will be a BEHS at 6:30 and promises to be a wonderful event.

Keep encouraging your young musicians to practice. Our Spring Concert will be on Thursday, May 23, 2024. We are looking forward to seeing you and performing for you!

Mrs. Vocke

ATTENDANCE MATTERS AT NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

When your child is absent from school, please call the school to report them absent.



For absences 1-9, parents can send in a hand written note or a note through ParentSquare to excuse the absence.

After the 9th absence, a physicians note is required to excuse the absence.

SPRING PICTURE DAY

Spring Picture Day is Friday, April 5th. Order your pictures easily online **before picture day** at mylifetouch.com using the ID code below. Order forms are available in the office for those who would like to pay with cash or a check

on picture day. Only students that purchased packages will have their picture taken.

> mylifetouch.com code: EVTF93JZ7





8th Grade Group Picture

Lifetouch will be taking a 10x30 panoramic group photo of the 8th grade class on Friday, April 5th at 8:30am.

The photos cost \$18 and can be ordered online at mylifetouch.com using the ID code below.

Order forms are also available in the office for those who would like to pay with cash or check.

mylifetouch.com / code: RI473002T0

Attention 6th Grade Parents and Guardians:



Your child is due for a physical exam this year. Please send a copy of the physical to the school nurse by June 1st, 2024. If your child has not yet seen the doctor for a physical, please make an appointment <u>BEFORE</u> the end of this school year. All current 6th grade students MUST have a 6th grade physical on file to start the 2024-25 school year. Thank you!

