



North Ridge Middle School

January Newsletter 2018

Celebrating A Brand New Year!



January 1, 2018

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Builders Club

Dates To Remember

- **Wednesday January 3**
school resumes from winter break
- **Wednesday January 10**
early dismissal 2:45 p.m.
- **Friday January 12**
Music Department to host Coffee House 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. at NRMS Cafeterium
- **Monday January 15**
No School in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.
- **Thursday January 18**
7th Grade Honors Assembly at 9:15 a.m. in NRMS Gym
- **Friday January 19**
8th Grade Honors Assembly at 9:15 a.m. in NRMS Gym
- **Thursday January 25**
Family Council Bingo from 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday January 31**
Early Dismissal 2:45 p.m.

December was a very busy month for the Builders Club. We participated in Wreaths Across America. Builders Club collected \$2595 and was able to sponsor 173 wreaths for the graves at the Danville National Cemetery. This was three wreaths over our goal. We would like thank everyone who sponsored wreaths, donated money or volunteered at the cemetery for this great event. Next year our goal will be 200 wreaths!

We also collected 100 items to send to a soldier currently serving in the military. He is serving in the state of Washington on a submarine. We hope this makes his Christmas holiday bright!

This week we will deliver 50 toys to Your Family Resource Center (our local women's shelter) for Christmas. Great job Builders Club members!!

Please keep collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education. Our collection contest will be announced in January. Please send your box tops in a baggie or in an envelope. Place your child's name on the baggie/envelope. The box tops should be given to your child's home base teacher. The money collected from the box tops will help us with our school and community projects.

Happy New Year from North Ridge Builders Club!!

YEARBOOK

Don't forget to order your yearbook! The deadline is March 10, 2018. Yearbooks are only \$25.00! You'll want to save your memories from your time here at North Ridge, so order your yearbook today!

Social Studies:

The seventh grade social studies department will be starting the study of the United States Constitution as soon as we get back from Christmas break. We will be taking the test 2-3 weeks afterwards. Please make sure your student is studying every night for this. Have a great New Year!

Math:

In January we will be applying the integer rules we learned in December to evaluate expressions, equations, and inequalities. When we return from winter break, we will also be taking the Star 360 Winter Benchmark. Students have been progress monitoring periodically throughout the fall semester. We are expecting to see lots of growth from every student! Please make sure you are logging in and checking TeacherEase regularly to make sure your child is keeping up with assignments and performing adequately on assessments. Students with their own e-mail address can also access the program. If you have questions about this process, please contact Mr. Tyler Ferber, 7th grade guidance counselor 444-3421. January is also a fantastic time to replenish school supplies for the new semester. Please make sure your child has paper, pencils, dry erase markers, and folders for class. These items are used daily and will help your child be organized and successful. As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher with questions or concerns.

ELA:

At the start of the new year 7th grade students will be starting a new unit and will be working on Narrative writing. Please ask your students if they need new supplies.

*Do something
today that your
future self will
thank you for!*

5 Essential Survey and Family Council Meeting

1. Parents it is time to take the 5 Essential Survey. Please use the link to complete the survey. The survey results will be used to improve our school.
your school. Link: <https://survey.5-Essentials.org/Illinois/>
Choose parent. Type in your e-mail address. Choose Vermilion County and find your school.
2. Family Council will be January 25, 2018 @ 5:30. We will play Family Bingo. Come out and enjoy free popcorn and win some prizes.

*Thank you,
Miss Brooks Principal*

Scholastic Bowl

There will be a meeting for those wanting to be on the Scholastic Bowl team on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 3:45 in Mrs. Hawker's room (Room 908). It should last about 30 minutes and parents are welcome to attend! Pick up an information packet in the office and have forms filled out before the meeting.

Honors Assembly: 7th grade: January 18th @ 9:15 a.m.

Social Studies:

In January, 8th Grade Social Studies classes will be delving into the Gilded Age—a time in American history of great wealth and devastating poverty. We will explore the advances, as well as the corruption and many social issues of the time period. We will be investigating how reformers strove to solve these issues and make America more equitable and free. We will also be brainstorming how to solve related issues that still impact us today.

Math:

8th Grade Math (Pre-Algebra & Algebra)

We are officially in the second semester of 8th grade math and have a lot of important dates coming up! Students need to make sure they are working hard to complete ALL assignments, do extra practice to prepare for assessments, and then take the time to schedule retakes for anything they do poorly on in order to prove mastery! All of the math teachers offer retakes for objective checks and assessments if the student puts forth the effort to make it happen! In addition to learning the curriculum, students will begin preparing for the spring PARCC test and the high school placement test, which covers everything we have learned this year! Please encourage your student to do the following so that he or she has a successful 8th grade year!

1. Complete and turn in ALL assignments
2. STUDY for all tests and quizzes (study guides are given for all tests)
3. Establish better study habits
4. Be in school on a daily basis
5. Maintain a positive attitude and good behavior that is conducive to learning
6. Ask for help from the teachers (morning tutoring is available)
7. Write daily assignments in agenda notebook and organize materials
8. Show you the Agenda Notebook of assignments and discuss them
9. Put forth more effort in class
10. Complete homework BEFORE coming to school
11. Enroll in Project Success or our after school tutoring for additional homework help

Science:

Welcome Back! Second semester 8th grade Science starts with Mitosis and Meiosis. The students will be comparing and contrasting these cell division processes. We will be completing an activity over them the first full week back to class.

Along with the cell processes, we will continue to look at phenotypes, genotypes and DNA. Students will create Punnett squares to demonstrate their knowledge of genotypes. They will also complete a model of genetic information using bar graphs and histograms to compare traits.

Towards the end of the month, we will look at Charles Darwin's finches as well as completing several activities dealing with peppered moths.

Their book test over the Life Science unit will be in the middle of February.

VISION:

To Engage, Educate, Empower, Every Student, Every Day!

MISSION:

North Ridge Middle School will:

- Engage students by encouraging life-long learning
- Educate them for success in college and careers, and
- Empower them with acceptance and support to be true to who they are.

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*Challenges are gifts that
force us to search for a*



*new
center of
gravity.
Don't fight*

*them. Just find a
new way to stand.*

Family Council Meeting Dates:

January 25, 2018: Family Council Meeting Bingo,
Popcorn, Games and giveaways!

February 8, 2018: Family Council Meeting

March 1, 2018: Family Council Meeting 7th grade

April 12, 2018: Family Council Meeting 8th grade

DI 18 and VERMILION COUNTY HOME VISITING

Did you know that there are free home visiting services throughout Vermilion County?

The H.O.M.E. Hands On Meaningful Experiences Program provides home visiting services that offer family-focused services to expectant parents and families with children up to age 3 who reside in District 118. Brandye Kizer and Debbie Plush, Parent Educators offer information about what a child should be doing at each developmental stage, help families to locate needed resources, fun family events, education, support, and free books!

In addition to personal home visits and group connections, our Family Store helps supply baby items and household products for H.O.M.E. participants. In November we attended the FESTIVAL of TREES, made Swedish Meatballs and had enough to send home to freeze, and in December we will have RUDOLPH come visit and hand out gifts to our Birth-3 families!! If you are interested in home visiting services, or even learning more about them, please

call Niah at (217) 483-BABY (2229).

RESOURCE:

What: State of Illinois Early Intervention

Provides free evaluations and in-home therapy (if found eligible and sliding scale fee for services) for families who have a child ages birth-3 and are concerned with their child's language, social, physical or cognitive development. No Doctor referral needed.

Where: CFC #16

Champaign, IL 61820

Contact info to refer:

Toll Free: 800-877-1152

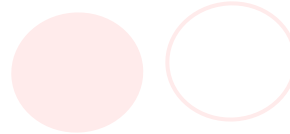


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Office: 444-3400
Report Absences/Dismissals:
444-3404
Homework Requests:
444-3404
7th Grade Guidance:
444-3412
7th Guidance Fax:
444-3485
8th Grade Guidance:
444-3419
8th Guidance Fax:
444-3488

School Closing 444-1725
Bullying Hotline 444-3493
Website:
northridge.danville118.org

Attendance

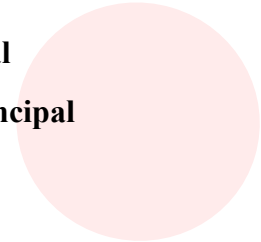
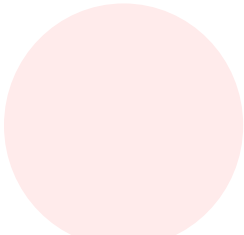


Happy New Year! Welcome back in 2018! Please remember to schedule appointments and activities before or after school whenever possible. If it is necessary for your child to be absent, please call the attendance office at (217) 444-3404. Please continue to stress the importance of school to your child and make showing up daily the expectation. Please help your child maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a full night's sleep. Know the school's attendance policy, you can find it on page 44 of the Ownership In Education handbook. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school's attendance office.

*North Ridge Middle School is
a collaborative school community
focused
on ensuring success for all learners.*



Eliza Brooks, Principal
Robin Fluno, Assistant Principal



Thank you for reading the January newsletter.

If you return this portion of the newsletter to school with your student you will be entered into a drawing for a gift card in the amount of \$25.00.

Please return this slip to the main office

Name: _____

Students Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

The winner will be notified the second week of February.



North Ridge RedPeppers Jazz Coffee House

North Ridge Middle School Cafetorium
Friday January 12, 2018 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
\$10.00 Admission – unlimited coffee and pastries

Featuring
The RedPeppers
&
Coffee from

Café
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