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Dates to Remember

- Monday, May 6 —
Family Science Night
— 6:00 pm at NH-M
- Wednesday, May 8
— Spring Concert
— 6:00 pm in the
NH-M Gym
- Thursday, May 16 —
8th Grade
Graduation @ 7:00
pm in the NH-M
Gym
- Friday, May 30 —
Last Day of School
with Awards
Ceremony at 8:30 am

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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Eight months ago, I arrived at New Holland-Middletown unsure of what to expect and the types of things I would find. And I can honestly say that I have found a wonderful group of students, a great faculty and staff, and a supportive community who are passionate about the success of the school. If someone had told me my first year as a Superintendent was going to be such a great year, I would have said, no way.

Our theme this year was “100 Students, 100 Families, 100 Stories, and 100 Individual Education Plans” as a goal to meet the individual needs of each of our students. We spent the year on a couple of significant goals:

- 1) Working on reading and math skills with the goal of getting all children performing at grade-level skills, and
- 2) Building structures and procedures to build a positive productive culture and climate.

These are big goals that require on-going growth, but as we have built a

continuous improvement environment, I am pleased with the outcome. We still have a lot of work to do. That work is beginning with the development of a 5-Year Strategic Plan. The community will be given an opportunity to provide feedback via survey and a meeting with the Superintendent. That meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 14th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the NH-M Library. I look forward to hearing from the community regarding the future of our school. Be watching for details on taking the survey.

“Keep Calm and Mustang On!”

Have a great summer!

Students comeback ready to work hard!

Respectfully yours,
Marc Campbell, Superintendent

STAY INFORMED

If you are looking for information fast regarding events occurring at NH-M, information on procedures, or forms, or extracurricular activities. There are three simple things to do

- 1) Check the website at: www.nhm88.com. The website is being rebuilt and the new look and format will go live on May 6th. While we may still be cleaning up some links and information, it is our hope that the new website will make it easier to learn about the great things happening at NH-M on a daily basis. Please check it out, and as always, please feel free to let us know of any suggestions to improve.
- 2) Follow us on Facebook at: New Holland-Middletown ESD 88
- 3) Follow me on Twitter: @NHM88_Supt

8TH GRADE—WE WILL MISS YOU!

The 8th grade students have certainly left their mark on our school. Their willingness to participate in our school community has been exciting to watch. The most impressive actions of our 8th graders is watching them help and support the younger students. It is obvious how much they care about the other students and our school. The best way to understand the impact a child has had on a school is to ask their teachers.

Mrs. Thompson's message...

As one of your eighth grade sponsors and your math teacher, I will miss you all. It has been a year of struggles to understand math, learn how to get along with others and work as a group. You are all such different individuals with unique personalities. I have enjoyed you challenging me in more than one way in math.

- Bella- I'll remember you racing me to math class.
- Hunter- I'll remember you challenging me by asking, "Why and can I do it this way?" in math or coming to my room during advisory so you could have peace and quiet.
- David- I'll remember you asking me daily, "What's up Mrs. T?"
- Klarissa- I'll remember that you always tried very hard in class and asked questions.
- Lina- I'll remember your smile and how hard you tried in class.
- Donovan- I'll remember how many times you lost your cell phone and I tried to teach you a lesson about it.
- Gabriel- I'll remember you making popcorn with too much salt! Ha! Ha!
- Malena- I'll remember you for always trying to beat Hunter to the answers.

I really appreciate your hard work, smiles, and humor in my class. You have made this year a lot of fun. I look forward to the future and seeing what high school, college and life has in store for you. Good luck at LCHS!

Mr. Neisler says...

I will remember this 8th grade class as a special group. I appreciate their great work ethic, positive outlook; sense of humor and kindness. It has been a real pleasure for me to be their teacher for the past four years. They will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Williams says...

Captivating is how I would describe this year's 8th grade class. They have a unique ability to mesh together their individual personalities to become a united front while still being quirky and entertaining. They are like a group of monkeys - entertaining with crazy interactions and a strong group bond. I'm going to miss their funny stories and great insight.

YOU WILL BE MISSED!

NH-M 2019 8TH GRADE GRADUATING STUDENTS

Hunter Bent, David Mester, Klarissa Helton, Bella Gasparini, Malena Kirgan, Lina Stephens, Donovan Parrish and Gabriel Merriman



ABC'S BEFORE SUMMER

It's that time of year again. The end of the school year is approaching and what better way to celebrate it than an ABC Countdown. You may ask, "what is an ABC countdown?" An ABC countdown is where we countdown the last 26 days of school. Each day is given a letter and an activity that starts with that letter. For example, A is for Art, so, students will work on making an art project. We want to make the last 26 days amazing and fun for our students and by following the countdown there is something fun everyday. Below is a list of the days and what we are doing.

- April 24: Art Day
- April 25: Bubbles Day: Bring bubbles to enjoy at recess.
- April 26: Chalk Day: Use Chalk during recess.
- April 29: Donut Day: We will have donuts for snack.
- April 30: Exercise Day: We will exercise today
- May 1: Favorite Color Day: Come to school dressed in your favorite color
- May 2: Game Day: Classroom Games
- May 3: Hat Day: wear a hat to school
- May 6: Ice pop day: We will enjoy ice pops for snack.
- May 7: Jump Rope Day: Jump Ropes at Recess
- May 8: Kindness Day: We will Practice being Kind today.
- May 9: Lollipop Day: Enjoy a lollipop while learning today.
- May 10: Mismatch Day: wear mismatched clothes to school.
- May 13: Necklace Day: We will wear necklaces today.
- May 14: Outside Day: We will enjoy reading outside today.
- May 15: Paper Airplane Day: Bring your best paper airplane to fly.
- May 16: Quiet Day: We will have quiet time in the classroom.
- May 17: Rainbow Day: Wear Rainbow colors to school.
- May 20: Sunglasses Day: Wear your Sunglasses to school.
- May 21: T-shirt Day: Wear your favorite shirt to school.
- May 22: USA Day: Wear red, white and blue.
- May 23: Video Day: we will enjoy a movie today.
- May 24: Wallaby Friday: Spend the day at the Zoo.
- May 28: Xtra Recess Day: we will enjoy an extra recess today.
- May 29: Yellow Day: Wear your yellow and shine like the sun.
- May 30: Zoom off to summer with Field Day.



MUSTANG CLUB YEAR IN REVIEW

Mustang Club is for students in grades 6th through 8th that maintain a 3.3 GPA and model positive student behavior. In this club they are expected to complete service-learning projects and fundraise for a special end of the year trip.

This year we started with organizing trunks for our school's Trunk or Treat so that all of our students could attend the event during school hours. They helped donate candy, as well as pass out candy to the young children. Mustang Club also sponsors the Veteran's Day Breakfast at the school for all local veterans. The students bring in a variety of food items, decorations, and dress nice for the event. Members held doors for our honored guests, refilled drinks, and cleaned up. It's truly the most rewarding event that is done all year. Another way that our club gives back, is through working with young elementary students. Our Mustang Club members joined the younger grades from time to time, with buddy reading and teaching them how to tie shoes!

At the end of the year, Mustang Club is rewarded with a special trip. In order for this trip to happen, we fundraise throughout the year. Mustang Club members are in charge of NH-M concessions for all six games that we host. They also put on a great dance for 5th-8th grade students. We had fun selling Valentine's Day Candy Grams, which also allowed for every student to enjoy a sucker that day. Our most popular fundraiser is the Avanti's Gondola sale. Members sold sandwich tickets, helped sort the sandwiches, and helped with sandwich pick up at the school. Through service-learning opportunities, expectations of good behavior, and maintaining a GPA of 3.3 or above, our Mustang Club members are well-rounded students.



UP COMING EVENTS

One of our primary goals with the newsletter publication is to notify the public of upcoming events at the school. Below is a summary of the scheduled events through the remainder of the school year. We hope to see you at the events.

- May 3: School Spelling Bee
- May 6: Family Science Night at 6:00 pm
- May 8: Spring Concert at 6:00 pm in the gym
- May 13: Athletic Awards Ceremony at Carroll Catholic School at 6:30 pm
- May 13: 8th Grade Field Trip to Edwardsville, Illinois
- May 14: Challenger Learning Center Field Trip for 4th & 7th Grade
- May 14: Community Strategic Planning Meeting at 6:00 pm in the library
- May 15: Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 pm
- May 16: 8th Grade Graduation at 7:00 pm (Doors open to the community at 6:30 pm)
- May 24: Miller Park Zoo Trip
- May 28: Mustang Club Field Trip
- May 30: Last Day of School— Dismissal will be at 1:30 pm
- May 30: 4th Quarter Awards Ceremony
- May 30: All School Field Day
- May 31: No School—Teacher Institute

Mrs. Laubenstein's 2nd Grade Class



Ms. Stephen's 1st Grade Class



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