

# New Holland-Middletown ESD 88



## 88 MUSTANG MINUTES



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### Dates to Remember

- September 18, Picture Day
- October 7, PT Conferences
- October 8, PT Conferences
- October 9, No School
- October 12, No School, Columbus Day

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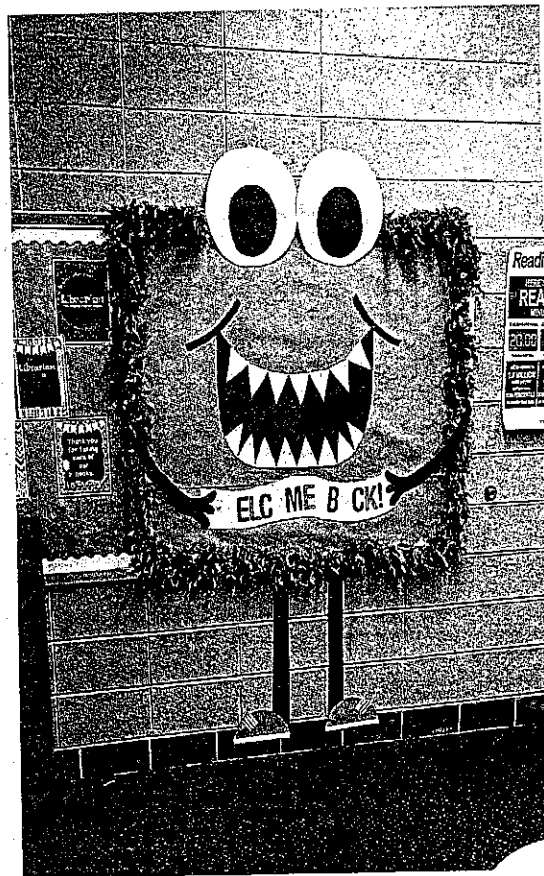
### SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Dear NH-M Community,

The start of this school year has been a success so far. There are many exciting opportunities we will offer our students, even during these unprecedented times. Our Mustang Club, organized by Mrs. Woolard, features ways students can become more involved in the community. The volunteer programs will include making blankets for local nursing homes, raking yards, helping elderly with house/yard work, creation cards of gratitude for Essential Workers and creating Care Kits for Homeless Shelters.

Although the school year looks different this year, the NHM Staff are striving to find ways for our students to volunteer and connect with the community.

Brandi Bruley, 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

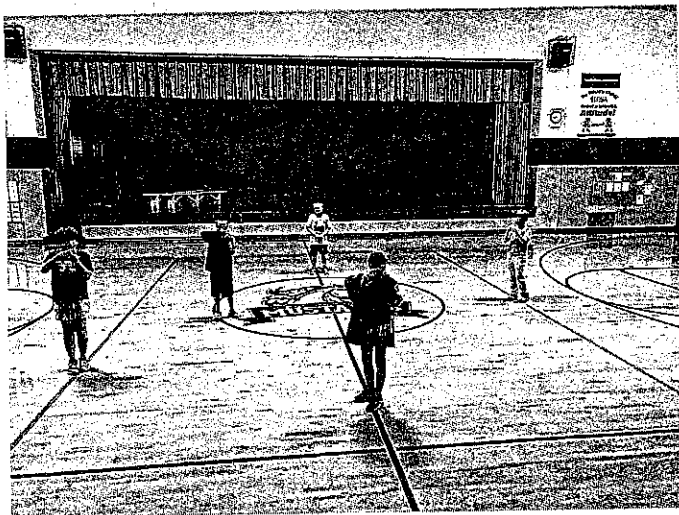
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- 2) Follow us on Facebook at: New Holland-Middletown ESD 88
- 3) Follow Instagram @ [nhmmustangs88](https://www.instagram.com/nhmmustangs88) #homeofthemustangs
- 4) Google Classroom Pages: Each teacher will be maintaining a Google Classroom page which can be accessed through the district site.
- 5) One Call Now System: Throughout the year the district will be sending out approximately 25 parent updates through the robo-call system. Please make sure your phone numbers are up to date.

## NEW HOLLAND-MIDDLETOWN ESD #88 OPENS FOR IN PERSON INSTRUCTION

I know I am not the only one to express how exciting it was to see school begin this fall. With safety and distancing procedures in place, New Holland Middletown District 88 opened its door for In Person Instruction August 17. Teachers have prepared students for remote learning should we need to close for a time. Although it has been a unique start to the school year, everyone is happy to be back!

The next few pages highlight the great things happening at Mustang Nation!

### Bus Evacuation Drills

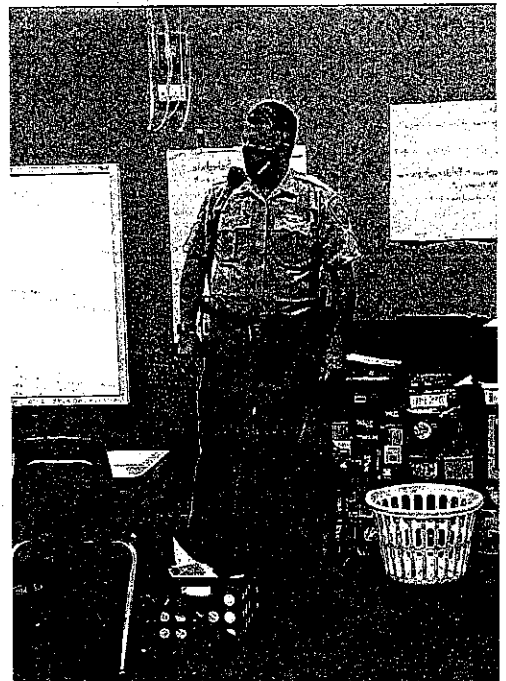
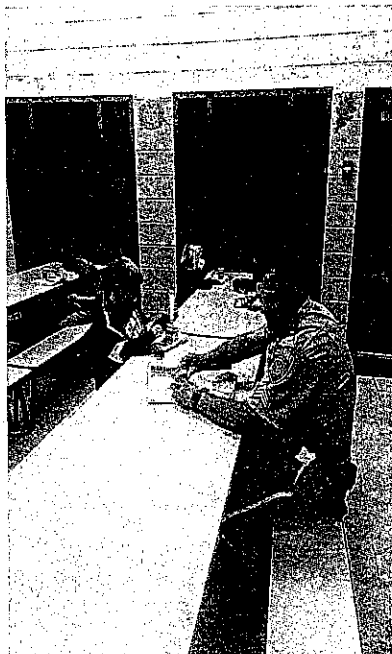
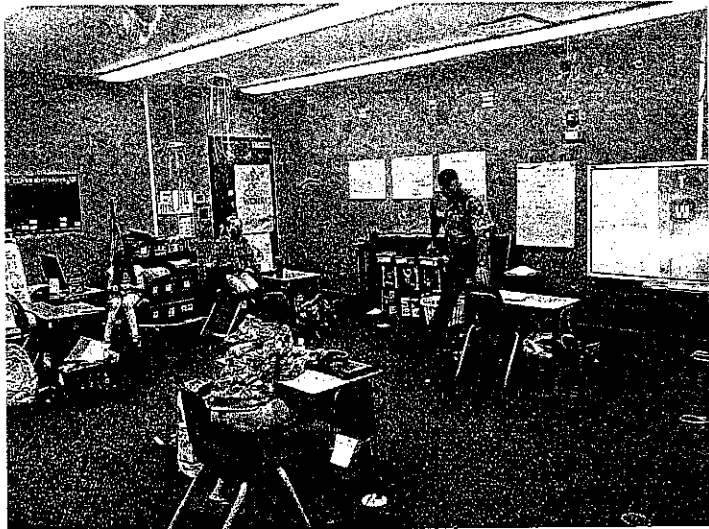
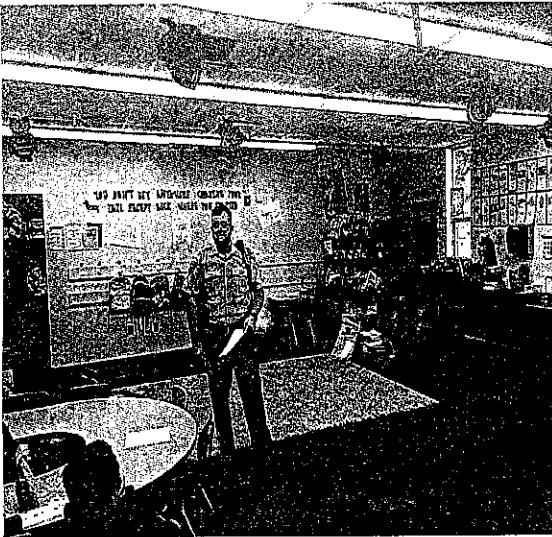


5th Grade Students won the hashtag challenge for the district's Instagram Page.

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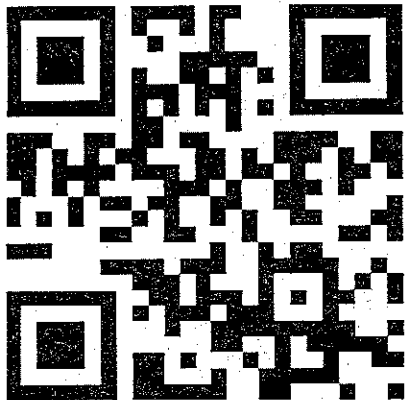
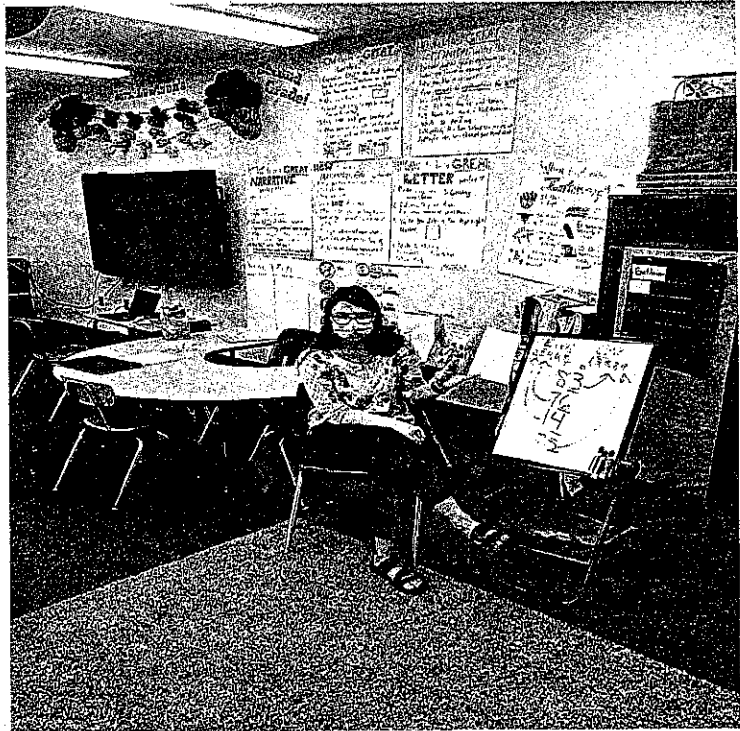
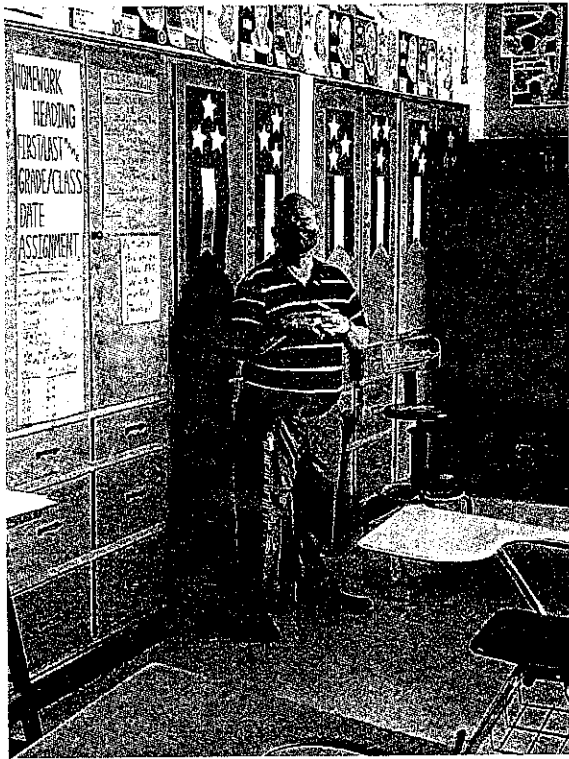
## OFFICER PHARIS GAVE SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

Officer Pharis recently visited New Holland Middletown District 88 to speak with each K-8 classroom regarding safety protocols. Following the student presentations, Officer Pharis met with NHM staff members to discuss various school drills.



# TEACHING AND LEARNING DURING A PANDEMIC

Staff and students at NHM have embraced the new norms which include wearing face masks and practicing social distancing. Although we can all agree the start of the school year has been anything but predictable, we have settled into our new routines quite nicely. As grades and attendance are among the accountability methods returning to school this year, teachers are working on Priority Standards from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). These standards support teachers to engage in meaningful learning as we focus on the most foundational knowledge and skills for all students. Additionally, teachers have been trained on Remote Learning Practices to support all learners. We are taking the lessons we learned from March and determining ways to better reach our students to teach not only the core academics, but deriving ways to meet students' social emotional needs. Teachers are able to video chat with students using Flipgrid and Google Classroom. Each teacher has office hours every day so parents and students may contact their teacher to gain a better understanding of lessons and homework. The most important of these office hours is for students and teachers to be able to have meaningful contact with one another even if it is in a remote atmosphere.



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