

# dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



## Northridge Hall of Fame Class of 2019

This month we continue the 2019 *Northridge Hall of Fame* articles by featuring **Elesha Snyder** and **Mandi Snyder Moore**.

After graduation from Stow-Monroe High School in Northeast Ohio, **Elesha** and sister **Mandi** migrated to the Dayton area in the late 90's. Older sister **Elesha** graduated in 1995; **Mandi**, 1998. Their great attraction to the Miami Valley was their oldest sister, **Kelli James**, had recently married and moved to the commu-

nity. Both **Elesha** and **Mandi** had always admired **Kelli** for her independence and maturity.

**Elesha** entered Sinclair and worked for her two-year Associate Degree in Accounting. Discovering a loophole that enabled her to score well on a CPA exam without a 4-year degree, she tested out and was able to forgo two more years of college for her accounting accreditation.

**Mandi's** strengths rested in the area of customer service and organization, and she is recognized by many for her leadership skills, scheduling abilities, and business finance. In various work experiences at WCI and Thompson Financial Services, she has taken on payroll matters, scheduling, customer service, tax return preparation, and client meetings. In her "spare" time, **Mandi** has been a personal nanny and a part-time gymnastics coach.

Actually, both **Elesha** and **Mandi's** claim to fame is their longtime partnership in overseeing the everyday operations of **George's Family Restaurant** in Northridge. They manage a thriving business and work hard to provide great customer service. Over the years **George's** has been voted "Best Burger, Best Diner, and Best Family Diner." They offer very good food, great prices, and quality service.

More importantly, the **Snyder sisters** have taken on an even more serious task. With the passing of their older sister, **Kelli James**, they have used her as an inspiration for breast cancer philanthropy. They have created their own fundraiser in the *5K for Kelli* to aid the *Noble Circle Project*, a support group for women with cancer. Their efforts have raised thousands of dollars for charities in the Dayton area. Also, their success has enabled them to start their own foundation, *Breast Wishes*, which provides a special day or evening out for women living with breast cancer. For their tireless efforts and huge involvement, both sisters have been selected as *Dragon Community All-Stars*. Certainly, they have gone above and beyond to "Keep **Kelli's** Memory Alive" and to help others.

In their own words, "We thank our incredibly brave sister. She has been truly inspiring to us. We owe a great deal of our success to her."

## A Letter From the Superintendent

Dear Northridge Family,

It is hard to imagine that we are now into 2019 and that half of the 2018-2019 school year is over... time continues to fly! We are looking forward with great anticipation and optimism to the second half of our school year as the excitement continues to build for the transition to our new facility. Our new, state of the art Pre-K through 12th grade building is coming to life right before our eyes and I am thrilled to share that we are on schedule to open the 2019-2020 school year inside that facility. Please stay tuned for further information regarding grand opening ceremonies as well as visits to the current facilities prior to their closure. Thank you once again for supporting this amazing project and for giving our students, staff and community the type of facility that is so desperately needed and so richly deserved!



As a reminder, the Northridge Family created and adopted a set of core values at the start of last school year (2017-2018). These core values reflect our agreed-upon beliefs and norms for staff and student behavior. They serve as guardrails by which all of the Northridge Family members operate. We continue to strive daily to embody and exemplify these values in order to maximize student success. The Northridge Core Values include: **H**onest, consistent and appropriate communication; **E**ducation as our calling; **A**lways improving; **D**istrict is family; **S**tudent success; **U**nderstand and meet legitimate needs; **P**ersonal responsibility and behavioral integrity.

We invite you to join with us on our journey! Let's walk, talk and live these core values (it's the Northridge Way) every day as we continue to make a difference for *Every Child, Every Day, Whatever it Takes!* Together we can! Together we will!

God bless and God speed for the journey ahead!

~ Dave Jackson, Superintendent

# Northridge Community NEWS

## November at EDMS/GK

On November 9th, EDMS/GK celebrated our community's veterans with a special breakfast. After the breakfast the veterans received a tour of GK and voted on the doors each PRIDE group decorated to celebrate Veterans Day. Congratulations to **Ev Bennett's** Fitness and Self Regulation group who won the door decorating contest.



On November 12th, 6th grade Student Volunteer Corps (SVC) students traveled to the Ohio Student Achievement Fair with teachers **Ann Ewing** and **Tammy Duckro** to present the role of the SVC and positive activities at EDMS/GK. Congratulations to **Mackenzie Danielewicz, Dylan Garcia, Lucie Harner, Taylor Howson, Dalayla Lazarus, Logan Mohn, Marissa Moss, Lance Rice-Hartzell, Delainey Ruble, Destiny Turner, Olivia Velez, Emma Williams, and Natalee Willis** for being such great representatives of Northridge!



## Shane's Brains - A Note From the School Nurse

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And by wonderful, I mean terrible. It gets dark at 6:00 p.m., the grass makes a crunching sound when you walk on it, and everyone has been trapped in the house with some sort of runny nose or cough for months! The winter brings with it an uptick in illness most notably because we are all stuck in small spaces with each other for long periods of time, whether it be school or home. It's germ paradise! Research says that the simplest of measures often keep us from spreading germs when we are packed together like sardines - **cover all coughs and sneezes with an arm and not a hand, wash hands constantly, drink lots of fluids, and did I mention, wash hands constantly.** Never fear - the sun will return before you know it!



## Immunization Update

If your child is going into the 7th or 12th grade next year (2019-2020), start planning to get their immunizations updated NOW! All 2019 incoming 7th graders will need 2 shots for school - Tdap and Meningococcal (MCV4/Menactra) - and incoming 2019 12th graders will need 1 shot for school - Meningococcal (MCV4/Menactra). Don't wait for school to start next year and create undue stress when every parent in Ohio realizes they have forgotten to get them in August. For more information, please contact your school nurse.

## Terrific Kids



The Kiwanis of Northridge recognized three 6th grade students from EDMS/GK for being *Terrific Kids*. Recipients of this award were **Mackenzie Danielewicz, Dalayla Lazarus, and Olivia Velez**. These young ladies shared a dinner with the members of the Kiwanis and their families and were recognized as well by staff members, **Steve Anticoli, Ann Ewing, and Walt Petroski**, for their contributions to EDMS/GK and the community. They were awarded certificates and bumper stickers recognizing their actions as *Terrific Kids*! They also took an extra certificate back to EDMS/GK to be put on display. Congratulations to these young ladies on this special recognition.

# HAPPY New YEAR 2019




Seniors went ice skating at Riverscape Metro Park on Saturday, December 8th accompanied by teachers **Dave Belna**, **Danielle Dalhart** and **Barb Mendoza**. Everyone had a great time!



EDMS/GK decorated a canned good donation barrel in the office. All non-perishable foods donated from the district were sorted for families who received food baskets during the holiday.

## Friendly Place for Delicious and Nutritious Food

Timberlane Learning Center and John H. Morrison Elementary were recognized as Breakfast All-Stars for meeting noteworthy school breakfast Average Daily Participation (ADP) rates, as established by the 2018 Ohio School Breakfast Challenge. TLC received the Platinum level for achieving a school breakfast total ADP of 80 percent or higher and JHM received the Gold level for achieving a school breakfast total ADP\* of 70 percent to 79 percent. Mrs. Ann Ewing and Esther Dennis Middle School SVC students accepted the award on behalf of our district at the Ohio School Board Association Capital Conference in November.



### Did you know?

The Northridge Local School District has a Student Wellness Policy that calls for a Student Wellness Committee that is focused on improving the health

of students. It is comprised of teachers, parents, administrators, community partners, school food service and the district nurse. The committee develops and implements a Student Wellness Plan that focuses on the student wellness programs already in place, collaborating across departments and grade levels for purposeful wellness initiatives. Additionally, complimentary goals are set to enhance the path guiding students toward healthy lifestyles now and on into adulthood. After several years of inactivity the committee reconvened during the 2017-18 school year. The new plan was adopted by the committee in April 2018. To view the new plan and policy, visit the Wellness Policy page at [www.PolarBearCafe.org](http://www.PolarBearCafe.org). If you are interested in providing feedback to this committee, please contact **Judi Hunter** at [jhunter@northridgeschools.org](mailto:jhunter@northridgeschools.org).

The Dividends can be found on the Northridge website. [www.northridgeschools.org](http://www.northridgeschools.org). Go to the Downloads page.

# EVENTS

## Calendar

- 7 Board of Education Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- 14 TLC/JHM PTO Meeting - 3:45 p.m. at JHM
- 14 EDMS/GK PTO Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 18 Staff Development - **No School for Students**
- 21 Martin Luther King Day - **No School**

## January Sports

### Varsity Boys Basketball

(Game time is 7:15 unless noted)

- 4 Carlisle\*
- 5 Madison\*
- 11 Milton Union\*
- 12 Benjamin Logan - 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Stebbins - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Waynesville
- 25 Dixie
- 26 Meadowdale\* - 7:30 p.m.



### Varsity Girls Basketball

(Game time is 7:15 unless noted)

- 5 Middletown Christian\* - 12:00 p.m.
- 10 Waynesville\*
- 12 Dixie - 1:15 p.m.
- 16 Ponitz\*
- 19 Carlisle - 1:15 p.m.
- 21 Meadowdale
- 24 Milton Union\*
- 26 Madison\* - 1:15 p.m.



### Varsity Wrestling

- 5 Bellbrook - 9:00 a.m.
- 25 Lima Central Catholic - 3:00 p.m.
- 26 Lima Central Catholic - 10:00 a.m. \* Home

Find more athletic schedules at [www.gopolarbears.com](http://www.gopolarbears.com).

## Weather Delays/Closings

Inclement weather during the winter months can result in school cancellations because of unsafe travel conditions. The primary consideration in the decision to delay, dismiss, or cancel school are:

- safety of students and staff
- street conditions
- current weather and forecasts
- status of bus fleet
- condition of buildings and grounds
- consultation with police, township road department, and other schools.

The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

- **one-hour delay** - ALL schedules are adjusted one hour,
- **two-hour delay** - ALL schedules are adjusted two hours EXCEPT: *A.M. preschool is cancelled, and kindergarten is on a two-hour delay.*
- **closed** - ALL buildings are closed.

The decision to close and/or delay school is usually broadcast by area TV, radio stations, and the district one-call system by 6:30 a.m. **In order to be sure you receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.**

## Curriculum Corner

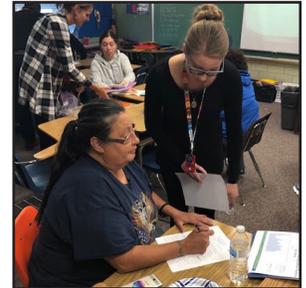
Parents and teachers in grades K-6 worked together at the first Academic Parent-Teacher Teams meetings in October. Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT) is a collaborative format allowing classroom teachers and parents to look at student data together and learn engaging activities to help children learn academic skills at home. Some families learned math fact games using Uno and a deck of cards. Other families learned fun ways to practice sight words and writing components, such as capitalization and punctuation. Teachers and families worked together to write individualized student goals that will be revisited throughout the year to monitor student progress and growth. APTT helps continue the important bridge of communication and collaboration between teachers and parents. A big thank you goes out to the parents and teachers for being open to a new way of collaborating together. Also, thank you to Northridge National Honor Society members for helping with childcare.

Mark your calendars for the next APTT meetings for your child(ren):

**Esther Dennis Middle School  
at Grafton Kennedy  
January 28, 2019  
5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**John H. Morrison Elementary  
January 29, 2019  
5:30-7:00 p.m.**

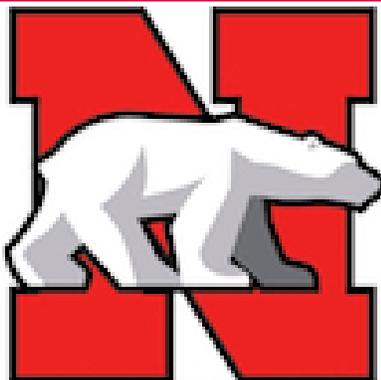
**Timberlane Learning Center  
January 29, 2019  
5:30-7:00 p.m.**



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