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Building A Future

Main Entrance



Elementary



Library



Cafeteria



Parking Lot



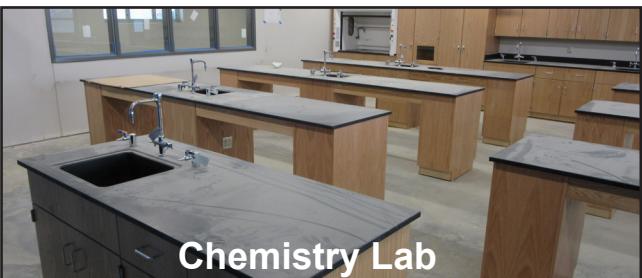
Elementary



Counselor's Office



Chemistry Lab



Main Entrance and Iceberg



Honor Band

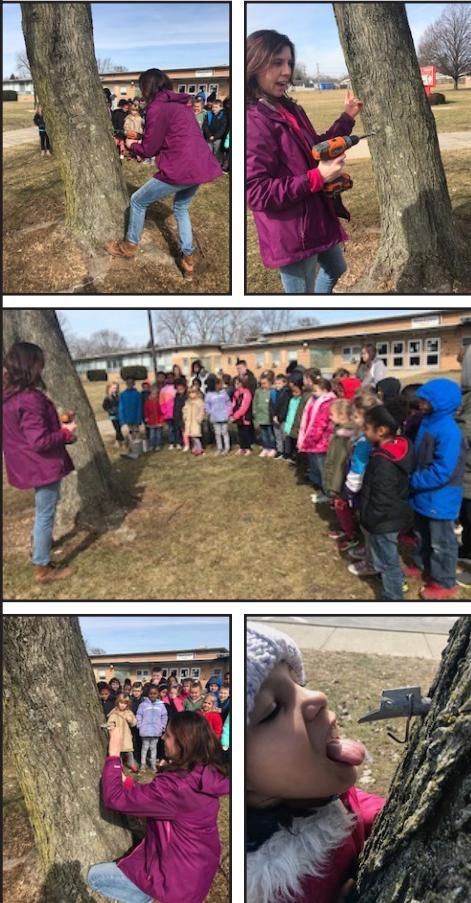
Congratulations to high school students **Travis Royalty** and **Erica Swartz** who were selected to participate in this year's Sinclair Community College Honor Band. Travis and Erica are both juniors at the high school. Award-winning composer, **Steven Bryant**, and Duke University Music Professor and Director of the Duke University Wind Symphony, **Verena Moesenbichler-Bryant**, rehearsed with the honor band during their rehearsals the week of April 22nd. Travis and Erica were selected from more than 200 students that were recommended for the Honor Band.



*Graduation
Saturday, June 1st
2:00 p.m.
Northridge High
School
Football Stadium*

Northridge Community NEWS

A Sappy Learning Experience



Trisha Baxter, Rebecca Dezarn, Steven Mills, and VeraKaye Sowers' classes learned and experienced maple syrup with their five senses. Syrup is made from the sap of the Sugar Maple tree. Sap is a liquid that flows in trees. It is mostly water carrying nutrients from the roots to the buds or leaves of trees. In the early spring this sweet sap starts to flow as the days get warmer. The trees no longer need the sugary sap, so this was the perfect time to tap a tree on the John H. Morrison front lawn! The sap tasted sweet and sure was sticky!

Lindsey Thaler came to JHM to teach the students how to tap a tree! Ms. Thaler creates nature and mindfulness programs for schools and children. She has a passion for connecting people to nature and has organized several programs through *Spectrum New Beginnings* to bring hundreds of kids to unite with their true selves and nature.

Firefighter Phil at TLC

The Harrison Township Fire Department's **Firefighter Phil** visited TLC on March 19th. The students learned "how to stay safe, be smart and become better citizens." **Kevin Monroe**, of Harrison Township, and **Julie Russell**, teacher at TLC, used magic and puppets to teach the students in an engaging and entertaining manner. Each child left with an activity book and other interactive materials to take home to work on throughout the year. Northridge Schools would like to thank the Harrison Township Fire Department for bringing this program to our students year after year.



Student and Staff Recognition

On April 8th, the Northridge Board of Education honored outstanding students throughout the district who have demonstrated one or more of the Northridge Core Values. These district developed attributes represent characteristics that guide our daily interactions, goals, and mission. The Core Values of Northridge Schools focus on: Honest, Consistent, and Appropriate Communication; Education as Our Calling; Always Improving; District is Family; Student Success; Understand and Meet Legitimate Needs; and Personal Responsibility and Behavioral Integrity.

The following students were honored from JHM: **Frank Pound**, **Hailey Sturgill**, and **Samuel Walters, Jr.**

Board vice-president **Mark Brumley** was recognized by Ohio School Boards Association for 10 years of service.



Northridge Community Easter Egg Hunt

On April 13th, the Northridge community enjoyed another successful egg hunt! The hunt was well attended with over 350 little egg hunters showing up and enjoying the treats and gifts. FHMCC volunteers helped **Tina Fiore, Maggie McDaniel, Teresa Phillips, and Margie and Darrell Lairson** stuff 8,000 eggs.

Thank you to the following who attended and assisted in the hunt: Northridge Superintendent **Dave Jackson** and Board of Education members, the Harrison Township Trustees, Fire Department, Fire Chief **Mark Lynch**, Police Officers, Police Captain **Dave Parin**, and the National and Junior Honor Society members and advisor. A special thanks to **Ron Ward** and **Janet Theodore** for setting up the event. Donations were provided by **Brian Smith**, the **Holman** family, and **Scott and Cindy Davidson** to name a few. Great appreciation goes to the Northridge Book Club volunteers who passed out books to all the children. The Easter Bunny and Northridge Polar Bear mascot made it another memorable egg hunt!



Curriculum Corner

Literacy and reading skills are crucial to be successful. Students in grades K-3 will be participating in *Kids Read Now*, a summer reading program that sends free books to students all summer long. The *Reading on the Lawn* event that will kick off summer reading is scheduled for May 23rd from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at JHM. Author **David FitzSimmons** will be a special guest, and families will participate in fun games and activities that help to promote reading all summer long.

Also, mark your calendars for *Dive into STEM Family Night* at John H. Morrison on May 7th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for students in grades PK-3. There will be hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities, as well as, an interactive presentation about Dayton inventors. Come out and test your creative thinking and problem solving skills!

Events Calendar

- 7 Dive Into STEM Family Night
- 5:00 p.m. at JHM
- 13 TLC/JHM PTO Meeting
- 3:45 p.m. at JHM
- 20 Board of Education Meeting
- 5:00 p.m.
- 23 Reading on the Lawn
- 4:00 p.m. at JHM
- 23 Sports Physicals
- 5:00 p.m. at NHS Gym
- 27 Memorial Day - **No School**

May 30th - Last Day of School Early Dismissal

- NHS - 11:55 a.m.
EDMS/GK - 12:25 p.m.
JHM - 1:00 p.m.
TLC - 1:15 p.m.

May Sports

Varsity Baseball (Game time 5:00 unless noted)

- 1 Southeastern
- 4 Ponitz* - DH - 11:00 a.m.
- 6 Tri-county North
- 9 National Trail* - 1:00 p.m.

Varsity Softball (Game time 5:00 unless noted)

- 1 Southeastern
- 2 Oakwood
- 4 Twin Valley South* - DH - 11:00 a.m.

Boys Varsity Tennis (Match time 4:00 unless noted)

- 2 Monroe - 4:30 p.m.
- 6 West Carrollton* - 4:00 p.m.

Coed Track (Meet time 4:30 unless noted)

- 3 Madison Invitational

* Home

Sports Physicals

Northridge sixth through eleventh grade students who need a sports physical for the upcoming 2019-20 school year should come to the NHS gym on May 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. The cost is \$10.00, **cash only**. Student athletes may pick up physical forms in the athletic office or the main office at NHS.

Polar Bear Cafe

We are so excited about next year! The café team continues to plan and prepare to move from four schools into one new kitchen. Part of the process was to develop department mission and vision statements to guide us into the future.

POLAR BEAR CAFÉ: The friendly place for delicious and nutritious food!

The vision of the Polar Bear Café is to prepare appetizing school meals and promote healthy eating choices to Northridge students and staff, fueling them to learn today and teaching them to make positive food choices for lifelong wellness.

The Menu Planning Team began meeting last fall, including student council members who joined us to develop the MS & HS lunch menu. Café members: **Lisa Bolser, Viki Carrion, and Linda Edwards**, managers; **Debbie Harris and Leann Puckett**, part-time café staff. Student council members, MS: **Nathan Ullmer**, HS: **Jaelyn Freed, Evan McGuire, Elena Rodriguez, Elizabeth Shinlever, and Kaylee Wagers**. Thank you for helping us! We truly appreciated your insight and suggestions!

The Polar Bear Café experience in the new building will offer choices and opportunities to try new foods for all customers! The youngest polar bears in PS-grade 5 will pick up their entrees then fill their plates at the fruit and vegetable bar. Plenty of helpers will be available to assist the young customers. Middle and high school students will visit the new food court. Customers can choose to visit one or all five stations in the food court. Adult staff are encouraged to model by building a balanced meal when they buy lunch. Remember to make half your plate fruits and vegetables every meal! Though many of the old favorites will return, new dishes will be introduced as well. A few of those options include house made pepperoni or buffalo chicken pizza and baked potato bar. Of course, breakfast will be served too! We look forward to serving students and staff in the new digs!



Planning meeting. Left to right: Lisa Bolser, Elena Rodriguez, Nathan Ullmer, Evan McGuire, Linda Edwards.

Preschool Registration

**Pre-School Registration
FREE Public Preschool for
ALL Northridge Residents Age 4**

Provided by:
**Champion's Preschool
Register Now
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Champion's Preschool Office

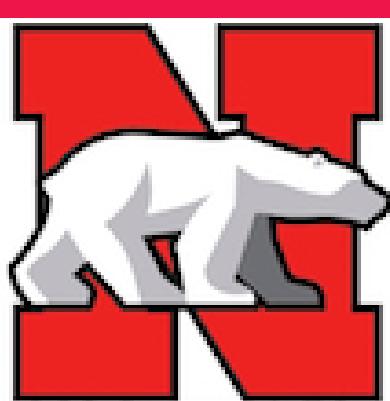
You will need to bring with you:

- * Child's Original Birth Certificate
- * Child's Insurance Card
- * Custody Papers, If Applicable
- * Parent/Guardian Valid ID
- * 2 Proofs of Residency
(Lease and Utility Bill)
- * Proof of Income (Last 3 pay stubs of **EVERYONE** in the home, current OWF/Food Stamps or SSI award letters.)

To be eligible, preschoolers must be 4 years old by August 1, 2019 and NOT eligible for Kindergarten, be potty trained (no pull-ups), and live in Northridge Local School District. Registration will be filled on a **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED** basis. There is limited space in each classroom.

Children **DO NOT** need to be present at registration, but **WILL** need to be present at orientation in the fall. For more information, please call (937) 424-1800.

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