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Northridge Elementary Honored with Governor's Science of Reading Recognition

Northridge Local Schools is proud to announce that Northridge Elementary has been recognized as a Governor's Science of Reading Recognition Program School. This prestigious designation, awarded by Governor **Mike DeWine** and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, acknowledges the school's commitment to high-quality literacy instruction aligned with the Science of Reading.

The Science of Reading is a research-based approach to literacy that ensures students develop strong reading skills, setting them up for success in school and beyond. Northridge Elementary's dedication to implementing best practices in literacy instruction has led to this well-deserved recognition.

"Reading is the key to life, and our educators and students have worked tirelessly to implement evidencebased reading practices," said Building Administrator **Anthony Hiser**. "This recognition affirms the hard work of our teachers, staff, students, and families in making literacy a priority."

As part of this honor, Northridge Elementary will receive a celebratory banner to showcase this achievement. The school community is encouraged to continue sharing their passion for literacy.

Superintendent **David Jackson** praised the dedication of the Northridge team: "*This recognition is a testament to the commitment of our educators in ensuring that every student becomes a proficient reader. We are incredibly proud of our school community for embracing the Science of Reading and making a lasting impact on students' futures.*" Congratulations to Northridge Elementary for this outstanding achievement!



Open Enrollment for School Year 2025-26

For the eighteenth consecutive year, the Northridge Local School District will open its doors, tuition free, to students residing in other Ohio school districts.

To be a part of the Northridge Family stop by to pick up an Interdistrict Open Enrollment Application Packet. If your child is currently attending through Interdistrict Open Enrollment, you must complete another application for the 2025-2026 school year and return it by Friday, May 30th, with 2 current proofs of residency.

Both returning and new applications can be picked up at the School Building, 2011 Timber Lane, starting Monday, April 7th through Friday, May 30th. NO LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICA-TIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Applications are considered on a first come first serve basis. Space is limited, so apply early!



Northridge Free Public Preschool Registration and Event - Thursday, April 24th 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Northridge Local School District offers free preschool for all district residents. Children must be 3 or 4 years old, potty trained, and not eligible for kindergarten.

Registration:

- Opens April 24, 2025, online at <u>www.northridgeschools.org</u> (QuickLinks —>> Final Forms).
- Limited spots available; morning and afternoon sessions offered.
- Children are not required at registration but must attend fall orientation.

For additional information: **Sherri Wright** 937-275-7469 ext. 4222.

You will need to bring with you:

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

Enroll online at www.northridgeschools.org AFTER APRIL 24th

DRMA & Noble Tool Visit the Polar Bear Career Center

On March 13th, Northridge welcomed representatives from the Dayton Region Manufacturers Association (DRMA) and Noble Tool to the Polar Bear Career Center. Their visit gave students valuable insight into careers in advanced manufacturing and precision machining.

Junior **Jayden Ware** appreciated the experience, stating, "*This* was a really good opportunity for students to learn about the many opportunities manufacturing offers



opportunities manufacturing offers. Noble Tool provided great examples of how various jobs work together to make the products we use today."

DRMA leads the Dayton Region Manufacturing Workforce Partnership (DRMWP), which connects manufacturers with educators and promotes industry-recognized credentials. Senior **Audrea Cammon** high-lighted the program's impact, saying, "*The presentation helped me understand that manufacturing isn't just for men—women actually excel in the career.*"

We thank DRMA and Noble Tool for inspiring our students and helping them explore pathways in this growing field.

Northridge Elementary Honored as 2025 Menu of Hope Program of the Year



Pictured from left to right: Shannon Amos, Senior VP of Programs, Children's Hunger Alliance; Judi Hunter, Northridge Food Service Supervisor and Kaitlyn Taulbee, Manager

Northridge Elementary School has been recognized as the **2025** *Menu* of *Hope Program of the Year*, highlighting the school's dedication to combating childhood hunger. This prestigious honor was presented during the 30th Annual Menu of Hope Luncheon on March 6th, at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom in Columbus. The event, hosted by Children's Hunger Alliance (CHA), celebrated its 55th year of supporting food security and nutrition education for children across Ohio.

Since 2021, Northridge Elementary has partnered with CHA to provide Weekend Meal Bags, ensuring students have access to nutritious meals over the weekends. The program expanded in 2024 to include fresh produce bags through CHA's pilot initiative, further supporting families in need.

Judi Hunter, Northridge's Food Service Supervisor, has played a vital role in the program's success, offering valuable feedback on which foods best meet students' needs. She emphasized the impact of the meal bags, stating, "Without them, many of these kids would miss at least one or more meals over the weekend. For the hundreds of kids who take home the bags, the weekend meals are a huge support for them and their families, whose food budgets are stretched so thin in today's marketplace."

This year's Menu of Hope Luncheon featured NFL quarterback **Joe Burrow** as the special guest. He shared insights into his football career and his ongoing commitment to addressing food insecurity in Ohio.

Northridge Elementary's recognition as the 2025 Program of the Year reflects the district's deep commitment to student well-being and community support. We are honored to receive this recognition and grateful to Children's Hunger Alliance for their continued partnership in ensuring no child goes hungry.

To learn more about CHA and the Menu of Hope program, visit <u>child-</u> <u>renshungeralliance.org</u>.



- 7 INTERdistrict Open Enrollment Begins
- 10 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Preschool & Kindergarten Registration Event - 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 24 Board of Education Work Session
 - 6:00 p.m.

April Sports						
Varsity Baseball (Game time 5:00 unless noted.)						
1	Miami East	16	Dixie*			
2	Ponitz*		Lehman Catholic*			
3	Riverside*		Tri-County N.			
5	Twin Valley S.		Miami East*			
0	10:00 a.m./12:00 p.m.	24	Riverside			
8	Covington*	26	Bradford			
9 10	Troy Christian* Bethel	20	11:00 a.m./1:00 p.m.			
15	Milton-Union*	29	Covington			
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10	11:00 a.m./1:00 p.m. Bethel	$\frac{22}{23}$	Miami East* Washington			
	Belmont*	23	Court House			
	Fairlawn - 5:30 p.m.	24				
	Milton-Union*	29	Middletown			
	Washington		Christian			
	Court House*					
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Boys Varsity Tennis (Match time 4:00 unless noted.)						
4	Cedar Cliff	21				
	Monroe		Valley View*			
	Beavercreek*	$\overline{25}$	Trotwood			
	Stivers*	28	Northeastern			
	Springfield		5:30 p.m.			
17	Lehman Catholic*	29	Piqua - 4:30 p.m.			

Coed Track (Meet time 4:30 unless noted.)

7 Bethel Quad	25	Franklin Inv.
11 Dixie Inv.	30	Miami East Quad
15 Dixie Quad		
8 Vandalia-Butler Inv.	I	
* Home		



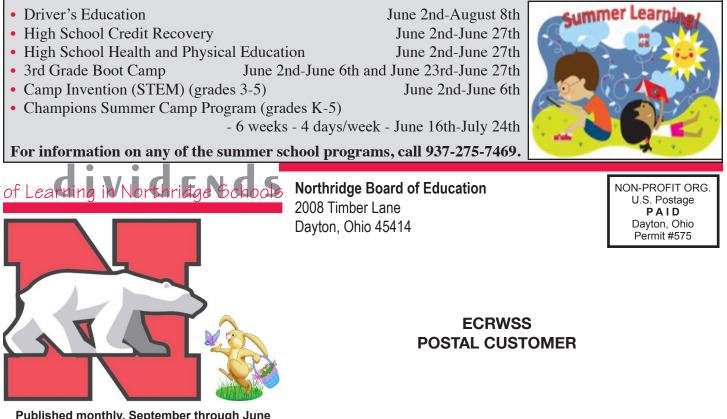
Children who will be five years old on or before August 1, 2025 are eligible to attend kindergarten during the 2025-2026 school year. You will need to upload the following documentation to Final Forms for your student registration:

- Child's birth certificate
 Child's immunization records
 Parent/legal guardian photo ID
- Custody papers, if applicable Two (2) proofs of residency in the Northridge Local District

Acceptable documents include: rental/lease/mortgage statement, home owner's or renter's insurance declaration page, auto insurance, current property tax bill, utility bill, paycheck or pay stub with address, current bank statement, or voter registration documentation with address.

Additionally the bills need to be dated within the past 30 days of the registration date. If you are living with a friend or relative and not on the lease, an affidavit must be completed, notarized, and accompanied with two proofs of residency from whom you are residing. The residency affidavit may be picked up at the school.

For any questions or concerns, please call Registrar **Dawn Kelly** at (937) 275-7469 ext. 2125 or Elementary Secretary **Luci Keller** at ext. 2139.



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