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# Art And Nature Club!

Created by A'aleyah Campbell, 8th Grade

ROOM B114 (MRS.KERNS ROOM)

## What Do We Do?

We do tons of fun crafts! Some previous crafts we've done have been: pin making, painting pumpkins, taking polaroids outside, leaf prints, painting flowers, needle felting, snow dough art, and we all went outside and drew signs of spring! Since it is slowly getting warmer, we will hopefully get to go outside more often! We have two amazing hosts: Mrs. Kern and Mr. White! We are a small group, so no need to feel overwhelmed! We welcome all new members with open arms! We are all about letting loose, enjoying nature, and doin' crafts!

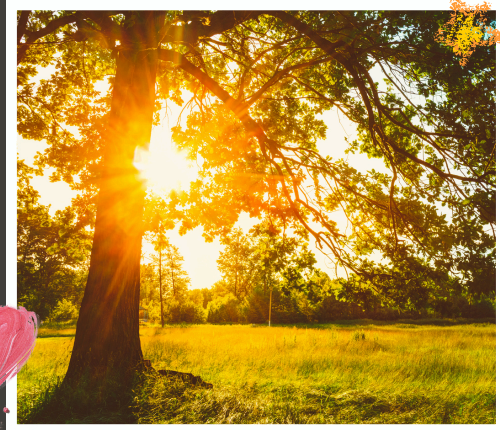
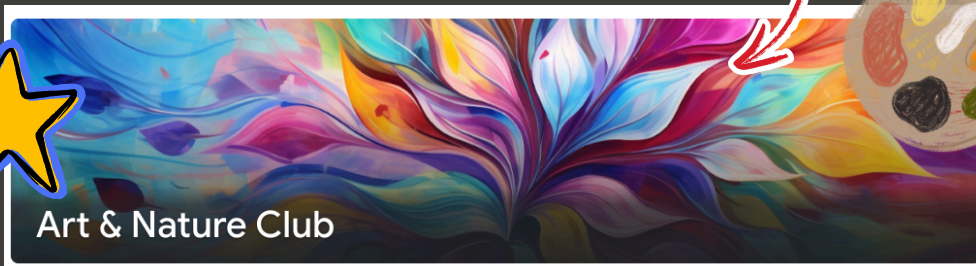
## SCHEDULE:

IN MRS. KERN'S ART ROOM, UP THE HALL FROM THE HIGHSCHOOL POLAR BEAR CAFE IT SHOULD BE THE FIRST DOOR YOU SEE! (B114) MOST OF THE TIME EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY AT 2:30 RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL! WE STAY THERE TILL UNTIL AROUND 3:00!

(IF YOU CHOOSE TO JOIN YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM IN WHICH ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE AND/OR ANYTHING IMPORTANT!)



Art & Nature Club





# FLYGT BASKETBALL TEAM

Edited by  
Ms. Eisele

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## YOUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ABOUT OUR BASKETBALL TEAM

THEY ARE A TEAM ORGANIZATION WHO HELP KIDS GET BETTER AT BASKETBALL AND IMPROVE ON THEIR SKILLS. WE PLAY AGAINST MANY TOUGH TEAMS AND SEE HOW WE HOLD UP AGAINST THEM AND TRY TO IMPROVE OUR TEAM'S SKILLS. THE OWNER OF FLYGT ACADEMY IS CHRIS WRIGHT, AN EX NBA PLAYER WHO PLAYED FOR THE WARRIORS, DALLAS, AND THE BUCKS. MY COACH'S NAME IS COACH LOW AND HE USED TO PLAY IN COLLEGE. HE WAS REALLY GOOD AND STILL POSSESSES SOME OF HIS SKILLS FROM HIS YOUNGER DAYS. PRACTICE IS VERY INTENSE. YOU CAN'T TALK BACK, WALK IN PRACTICE, AND DON'T EVER ARRIVE LATE; HOWEVER, IT'S STILL REALLY FUN AND I LIKE THE TEAM ORGANIZATION. PLUS, I THINK IT'S A GOOD THING TO DO DURING SPRING. WE PRACTICE PLAYS, FUNDAMENTALS, FORMATION, AND HOW TO SHOOT AND PASS.

## REMINDERS

- PRACTICE AT THE DOME ON WEDNESDAY 7:30 TO 9:00
- PRACTICE SUNDAYS AT THE CHURCH 3:30 TO 5:00



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GAME DAY

APRIL 9, 2025

### TOURNAMENT DAY

APRIL 14, 2025

### GAME DAY

APRIL 24, 2025

# HOOPS

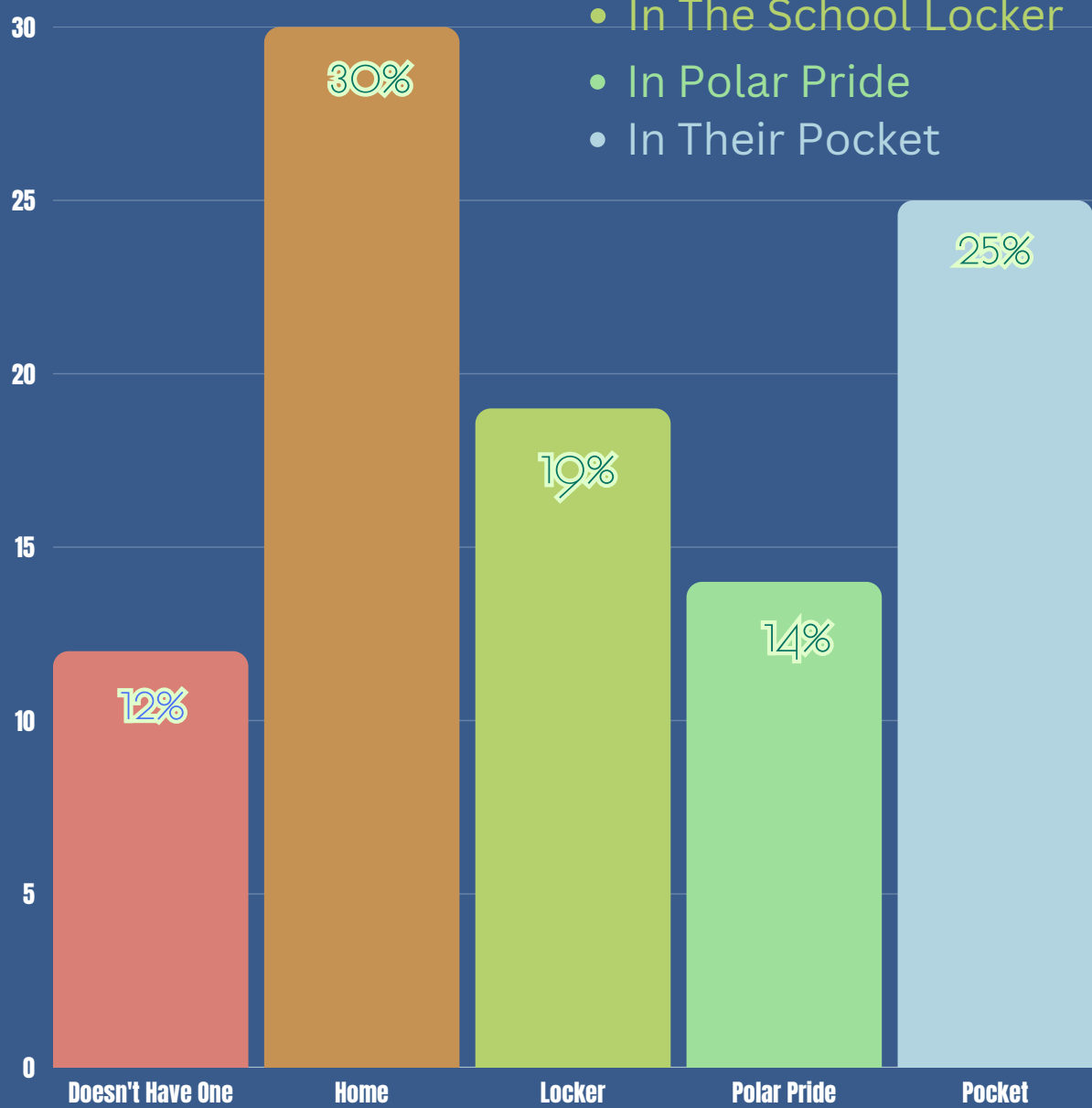


# We asked almost 100 students: Where Do You Have Your Phone During School Hours?

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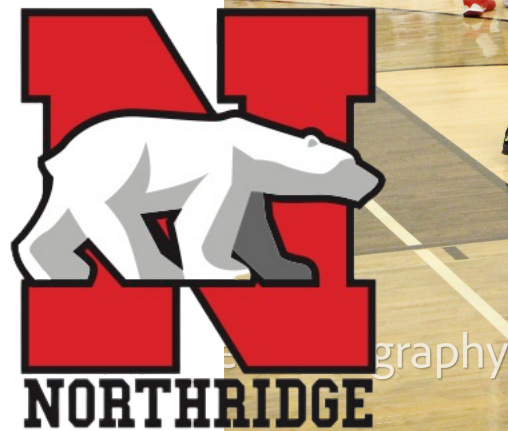


- Doesn't Have One
- It's At Home
- In The School Locker
- In Polar Pride
- In Their Pocket



# THE POWER OF BASKETBALL AT NORTHRIDGE

Created by London Yound-blood, 8th Grade  
Edited by Ms. Eisele



## THE POLAR BEARS SEASON

14-0 undefeated conference season

21-5 whole record



The Northridge Polar Bears had an outstanding season by going 14-0, winning the Three Rivers Conference (TRC), and going out to win the district. I asked Coach Lisath about what moment stood out to him the most this season and he stated, "Winning the conference by going undefeated and winning the last game at Lehman Catholic, which was the second-best team in the conference, in overtime. Then winning a Sectional and District Title for the first time since 2019."





Autumn Cheyenne Photography

## MORE ABOUT THE POLAR BEARS SEASON



The Polar Bears fought hard going through tough practices throughout the summer and in season. Coach Lisath made sure he held his players accountable stating, “We have a code of conduct that the kids are held accountable to; there are penalties for violations, ranging from extra sprints in practice, reduced playing time, suspensions, and dismissal from the team.” His practices weren’t easy for the Polar Bears. Lisath said practices were pretty intense and very challenging, but they did make way for fun.



Mia's Photos

Get to know Coach Lisath

## COACH

Coach Lisath played basketball in high school at Portsmouth High School in Portsmouth, Ohio. The position he played in high school was a guard and a forward. Coach Lisath's all time favorite basketball player is Michael Jordan. Coach Lisath stated that Michael Jordan is his favorite player because of "his competitive spirit, work ethic, passion for the game, and ability to motivate others." Also Coach Lisath was twice named an All-Ohio Basketball Player at Portsmouth High School, where he led the Trojans to a State Championship in 1978. Coach Lisath was named the State Tournament MVP, a member of the PHS Hall of Fame.



Coach Lisath stated that his way of coaching is "fast pace, pressure defense, using multiple offensive sets, demanding that kids play as hard as they can for as long as they can." Lastly, Coach Lisath stated that he was inspired to be a basketball coach because "I was an assistant coach at Portsmouth High School in 1988 when we also won a state championship, and I saw an opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of the kids I coach. The game also allowed me to use the game of basketball as a platform for ministry."





# JV BOYS

## BASKETBALL

Created by Corbin Bonner, 8th Grade  
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- From Coach Kodi Hardigree



## WAS IT SUCCESSFUL?

1.I asked Coach Kodi Hardigree about how he felt about the boys' junior varsity basketball season. First, I asked him if he thought the season was a success. He said, " I think the season was a great success. Even after a 0-3 start, we went on to win 18 games in a row and to end with a record of 18-3 and 13-1 record in the conference to be conference champs for the reserve teams."

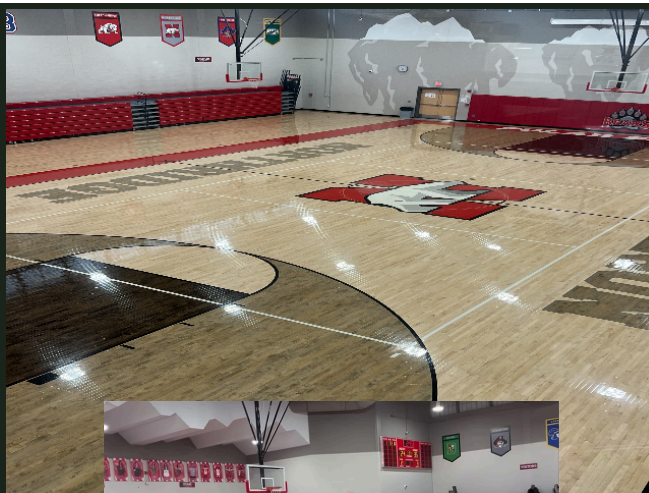
2.I also asked him what motivated the team to play the way they did? He said, "After the 0-3 start, we had a meeting with each other and decided then that we were going to play for the man next to us and the name on the front of the jersey (Northridge), which meant that winning for those reasons were better than any self accolades or accomplishments."



# JV BOYS

## BASKETBALL

- From Coach Kodi Hardigree



3.Lastly, I asked him who was the team's leader, and what players do you think improved the most? He said, "Team Leaders had to be AJ Jackson, Lorenzo Huggins, and Andrew Horner. It was my first year with this squad, so I wouldn't go with who improved the most. Instead, I would say who was the most impactful on the team which was everyone because everyone played an important role in the success we had this year. Some names that stand out are Lorenzo Huggins Jr., Anton Sampson, James Owens, AJ Jackson, Andrew Horner, D'Marriante Crane, and Jase Rice."

# Memorial Day Weekend At Young's Dairy

Created by Chelsie Cline, 8th Grade

Edited by Ms. Eisele



## Where is it?

6880 Springfield-  
Xenia Rd,  
Yellow Springs,  
OH 45387

## When is it?

Thursday, May 22nd  
Friday, May 23rd  
from 3pm-10pm

Saturday, May 24th  
Sunday, May 25th  
Monday, May 26th  
from 12pm-11pm

## How are they celebrating?

- Rides
- Animals
- Food
- Ice Cream

Do you want to have fun riding rides and doing various other activities? Come out to Young's Jersey Dairy during Memorial Day weekend. You get to enjoy all of the different foods as well as getting to ride all of the different rides. Lastly, you get to see all the different animals such as goats and COWS.



## What is it?

This is an event that Young's Dairy has been doing since 1958. This event is called Memorial day weekend at Young's Dairy. You can ride a whole bunch of rides, pet and feed the animals, and try all of their amazing ice cream and food!



## Our Competition:

- Miami East
- Riverside
- Covington
- Bethel
- Troy Christian
- Milton-Union
- Lehman Catholic
- Dixie
- Belmont



# NORTHBRIDGE VOLLEYBALL

Created by Makiah Alexander-McElrath, Grade 8

Edited by Ms. Eisele



## Games Won:

During the middle school volleyball season, we won three games towards the end of the season.

## What were practices like?

We had practice Monday - Thursday each week. We learned positions for the game, how to serve, and teamwork.





# BAND

## CONCERT AND MY DUET

Created by Damione Reese, 6th Grade

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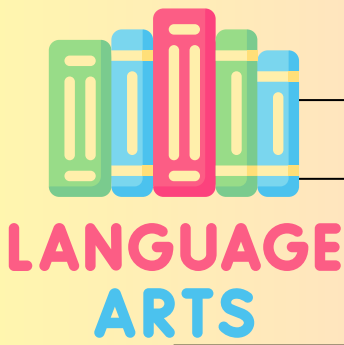
On May 15, 2025 there will be a concert in the old auditorium. There will be many songs played along with duets and solos. I have a duet with Joel Andreas Guzman, and we will perform "Camptown Races" by Stephen Foster. He is playing flute while I will be playing the trombone.

### OTHER DETAILS.

We had a concert in the past, and it went very well. I have been playing trombone all year. and I will be adding drums for fun while still playing the trombone. Dr. Strothers is a wonderful band teacher. She helps us with notes, shows us how to hold our instruments, and plays songs when we can't figure out the rhythms. I've had a very nice experience in band class, and am I happy that I'll be participating again next year.



*Come see us on*  
**MAY 15**



# ENGLISH

Created by Elias Flores, 8th Grade  
Edited by Ms. Eisele



## with Mrs. Burns

March 3, 2025

Mrs. Burns is the 8th grade ELA teacher. The reason I like Mrs. Burns is because she always makes the class fun and makes it feel fast. She is a good teacher because she always explains the work clearly, and it makes it easy for me to understand. She doesn't make the work super hard. I had to write an essay for Black History Month, and I wrote about LeBron James.



In class, the past few days we have been looking through a passage and getting information. Once the information is pulled, we write it into our notebooks to study for our state tests. We also did a packet where we answered questions as practice for the state test.



# CAREERS WITH MR.BURKETT

“The Telephone Game”



We played to show how miscommunication can happen. Before we started the game we had to pick roles. The roles were the head receiver, the other receivers, and the anchor.

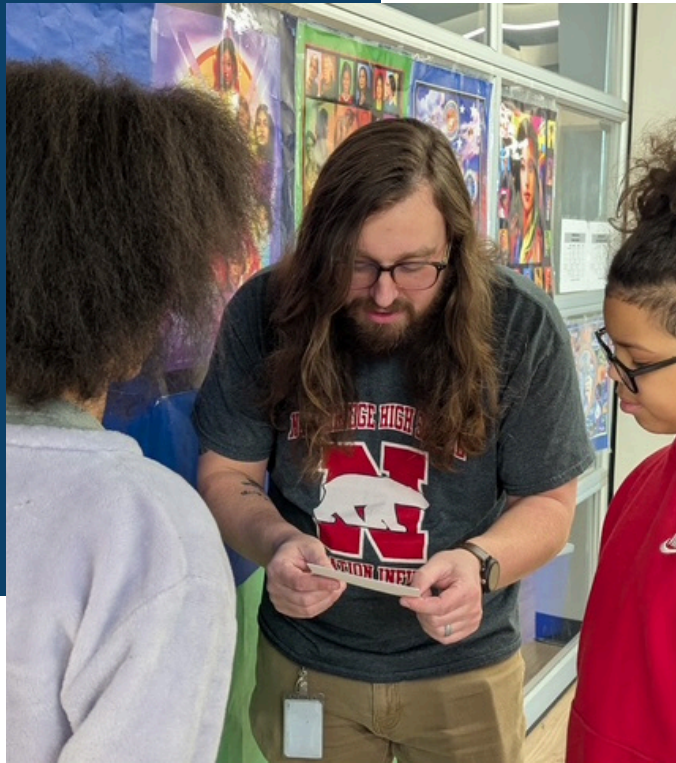


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During March of 2025, in my Careers class, Mr.Burkett took the class out in the hall to play a telephone game during our communication unit.





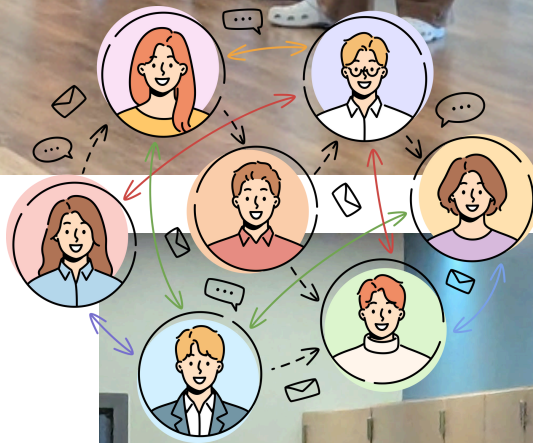


The head receiver would go around the corner with Mr. Burkett and receive a sentence, and then they would have to tell the first person and then it goes down the line. Once it reaches the end, aka the anchor, they would then have to yell out the sentence they received.

The reason Mr. Burkett did this was to illustrate how miscommunication can develop and travel from person to person.







After talking to Mr. Burkett he said, “The activity did a great job demonstrating good communication skills. I wish I would’ve drawn more attention to it during the activity, but I was also demonstrating how quickly information can get distorted as it gets passed from person to person. I wanted you all to realize that what somebody told you might not have been what was originally said.”

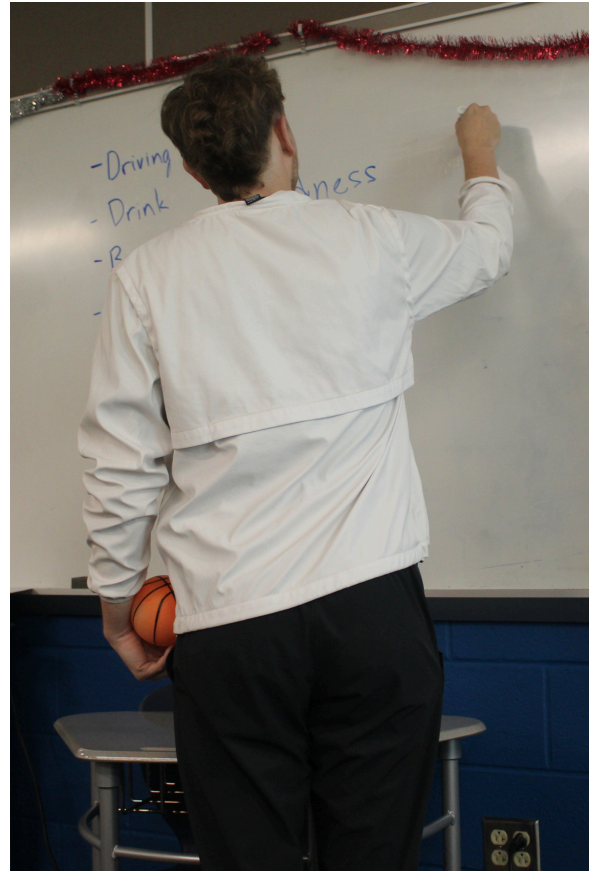
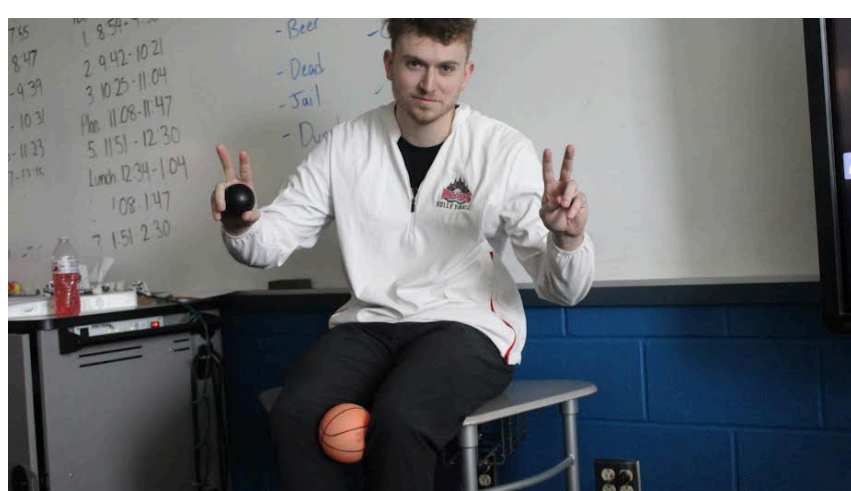




# *HEALTH WITH MR.G*

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I have health this semester with Mr. Gingerich. We call him Mr. G. I like his class more than my other classes, and I like learning about different stress disorders because I want to be a therapist one day.



We are currently learning about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It's a condition that may develop after exposure to a traumatic event, such as a car accident or a violent attack. There are many ways to get PTSD such as men in the army watching someone die or a girl being sexually assaulted. PTSD causes anxiety for anyone who has it. There are some ways to help for it. For example, group therapy is something that people go to who have experienced trauma. They talk to each other about how to help with anxiety.

# DRAMA *meet* CLUB

Created by  
Natalie Garcia,  
7th Grade



**DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A DRAMA CLUB HERE AT NORTHRIDGE? RECENTLY YOU MAY HAVE HEARD SOME TALK ABOUT OUR RECENT MUSICAL “ALICE IN WONDERLAND” WHICH PREMIERED OVER THE WEEKEND. IF YOU ATTENDED, I HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE SHOW BECAUSE OUR DIRECTORS, MRS. SUPPO, MRS. MORRISON AND DYLAN PETROSKI HAVE ALL WORKED TOGETHER PUTTING THEIR BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS INTO THESE SHOWS. THIS SHOW WAS MUCH DIFFERENT. PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE CHANGING AND UNFORTUNATELY PEOPLE ARE MOVING ON FROM DRAMA; OUR SENIORS WHO WE’VE LOVED AND CHERISHED FOR SO MANY YEARS ARE GRADUATING. ONE OF OUR VERY TALENTED AND BELOVED DIRECTORS AND CREW MANAGER, DYLAN, IS HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE. ALTHOUGH NEW THINGS ARE ARISING, DRAMA HAS BEEN A HOME TO ALL OF US. IF THIS HAS CAUGHT YOUR ATTENTION, MAYBE IT COULD BECOME A HOME FOR YOU AS WELL IF YOU AUDITION FOR OUR SHOW IN THE FALL.**

# MEET OUR SENIORS



**Nik Canada**  
**Cast**



**Amos Buckner**  
**Cast**



**Simon Dysart**  
**Cast**



**Alanna Foster**  
**Cast**





**Kenzie Runyan**  
**Cast**



**Serea Levally**  
**Cast**



**Taylor Howson**  
**Stage Manager**



**Karissa Lockwood**  
**Tech**

# THANK YOU FOR READING

**We hope  
you're  
enjoying  
Bear Facts!**

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