

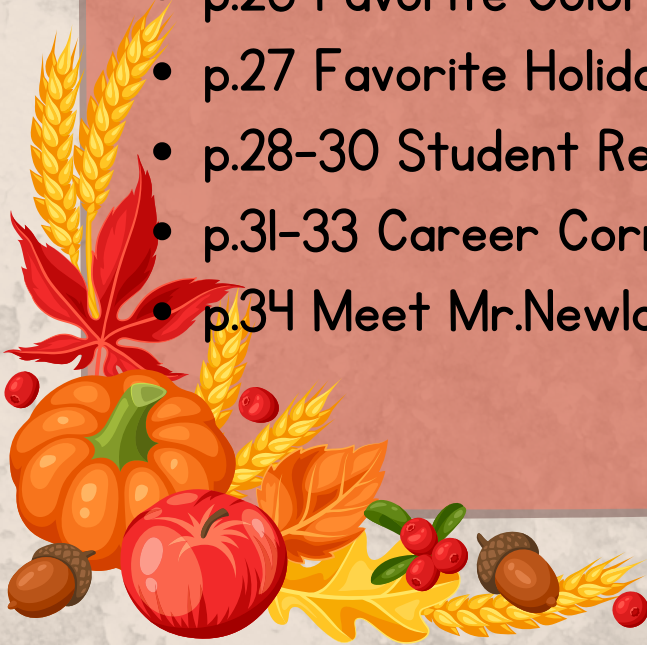
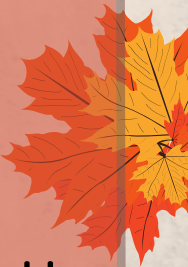


BEAR FACTS Issue #3

November 2023 – Part 1

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We created this section of "Gratitude Pages" to give thanks to all our wonderful middle school teachers that show up for us everyday. We appreciate you!!! This is only part 1. Part 2 will come out soon...

**THANK
you**

**thANK
you**

**Thank
you!**

Note from the Editor:

I've been a classroom teacher now for 10 years. Every year in November, I always talk to the students about the importance of gratitude, and I ask them to write a gratitude note to a staff member of their choice to express their gratitude. We discuss the importance of being honest and specific because the more effort they put into the letter, the more it will mean to the person receiving the feedback. Showing gratitude is a habit that is beneficial for both the giver and the receiver. It makes you a happier person when you take time out of your day to think about the things in life you are grateful for, but when you go a step further and actually express gratitude to a specific person then you are making them happier as well. This year, I asked the teachers to express gratitude for a fellow staff member, so I've included their short and sweet notes in the following gratitude pages. I hope everyone enjoys reading them.

**-Ms. Eisele
6-8 Bear Facts**

Thank you!



Middle school staff, I am very thankful for you guys and what you do. You wake up and do your job, helping students become better academically, physically, and mentally. I love that all of you know each other which makes Northridge a big family. The staff makes sure all students are their priority. They are there to help them make the right decisions. I know that students here are a handful, and work can be stressful. Thank you all for coming to work, bonding with students, doing your job and impacting others.

Love, Sirinity Williams

MRS. CUPP 6TH MATH



I am always so impressed by her energy and outlook. No matter how much stuff she has going on in her life, she remains so strong. She rocks and she loves our students!
-Mrs. Weisman

Besides being a math mavin with the mostest, Rhonda epitomizes what the “teacher/student relationship” is all about. The Northridge school district HAS a fairy godmother and she teaches 6th grade math and wears tye dye and combat boots!
-Mr. Hogue

Resilient
Hardworking
Opportunistic
Nurturing
Dedicated
Analytical

Comforting
Understanding
Positive
Passionate

-Mrs. Tobias

Dear Mrs. Cupp,

You are my favorite teacher. Thank you for teaching me what I need to know for math so far. You are always kind and teach me new ways to learn when I am struggling. I also really appreciate how generous you are with your prize bucket. You always turn a bad day into a good day. You have really helped me grow out of Littleville and become a middle school student.

Gratefully, Emily K

Dear Mrs. Cupp,

I am writing to thank you for...
Making learning so much fun!
Helping me learn more about mathematics.

Inspiring me to pursue my dreams.
You are my favorite teacher since I have always liked mathematics because I always wanted to be an engineer.

-Xavi ESTeban

Dear Ms.Cupp,

I would like to thank you for being the best teacher in the 6th grade and also for being extremely kind and understanding. You make the math feel very easy and so does Ms. Pryer. I am also thankful for you being there and letting me have my head down if I feel sick.

Gratefully, Makhai

Mrs.Cupp, I'm so glad that I have you as my teacher. You are funny and fair, and I like your class a lot. When we do math, you explain it very well. Even though it's math and it should be boring or not fun and also hard, you make it funny and my favorite subject. My sisters have always told me that your class was fun, and I'm glad I have you. Thank You.
-Cambrie 6th Grade

Mr. Hogue - 6th Social Studies



Mr. Hogue is a patient, kind, caring person, and a lot of people love him.
-Morgan Atkins 6th Grade

Mr. Hogue is an excellent educator. He's reflective and insightful in regards to his teaching. He creates a fun and challenging work environment for the students, many of whom say "we learned that in Mr. Hogue's class."
-Miss Tobias

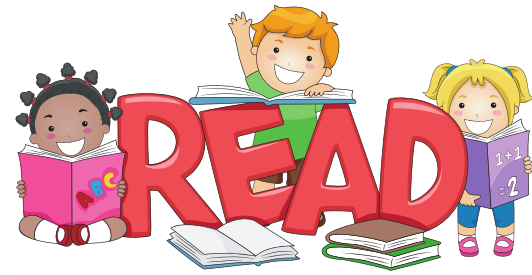
Dear Mr. Hogue,
I appreciate that you always have time to help me if I need help. I also appreciate how you always choose different books that we will be interested in reading. This has really helped me by reading more books. I love those new activities. I am so thankful to have you as a 6th grade teacher and that you know all of my family members. Thank you for everything.
Love, Yocelin

When I first came to Northridge, I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Hogue as a co-teacher. He's a great educator, but also just an all around awesome person. He loves the students and wants what's best for them. He's a great dad and is always sharing stories about his own kids. He interacts positively with the kids, and he creates fun and engaging activities. His love for reading is contagious, and he picks the coolest stories to read with the students.
-Eisele



I appreciate you Mr. Hogue for always giving us interesting books to read and allowing us to have fun while doing it. Thank you for giving us free time to do work or play with our friends. You also let us play games on the clever touch. I like when we read; you let us each take turns reading to make it fair. The spelling checks are fun and sometimes difficult.
-Adam Strahan 7th Grade

Miss Tobias 6th ELA



I am grateful for Tobias' daily fashions. I am grateful for her advocacy for her students and her communities. I am grateful for her friendship, honesty, and perspective!
-Mrs. Burns



Ms. Tobias
Thank you for being my teacher.
You are by far my favorite teacher. I just love the way you dress everyday. You're always so creative. You're very nice to me. I love books like "Out of My Mind" and how you change your voice when you read for different people in the book.
Thank you,
Preston

Dear Ms. Tobias,

You've always made me feel welcomed and validated in your classroom; you always made me feel good about being myself. I really appreciate that you stood up for equality in terms of bullying. You've always had that "Cool Aunt" energy about you which made it easier to talk to you. I'm glad you work here and teach the way you teach because you make learning interesting and exciting. I enjoy how exciting your clothing choices are because they are all very different yet colorful, which I personally appreciate the diversity of your clothing style. You were always my go-to teacher for new drawings. I always felt happy when you liked them, especially if I wasn't particularly proud of one. You've always been trustworthy, reliable, and supportive when it came to personal things. Hopefully you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed typing it.

Sincerely,
Layla Heindl 8th Grade

MR. VENTERS 6TH



Mr. Venters has a passion for science that other students can see. He engages, challenges, and motivates students. We are fortunate to have Mr. Venters returning to us as a former student to invest in the lives of the future of Northridge.

-Mrs. Irwin

He's cool to hang out with. He gives most of the students nicknames. He makes lots of jokes. He's a good coach because he has experienced the sport he's training you in.

-Middle School Students

I'm grateful for his papaw wisdom; grateful for his truthfulness; grateful for his commitment to coaching and our district.

-Mrs. Burns

Dear Mr. Venters,
Thank you so much for always making me laugh in your class. You pick on us, but it's not in a bad way. You also allow us to pick on you without getting in trouble. This has really helped me feel happy and have fun at school. I also really appreciate how you use humor to teach and help us understand science. You are my favorite teacher.

From Duane Jones

MR. HOFER 7TH

Social Studies



I am very grateful to have Mr. Hofer as a colleague and a friend. Last year when I met him, we hit it off from the start. Hofer is a very encouraging person who has helped me see the positive side of challenges I faced as a teacher many times. He is an expert for the grade 8 standards and has provided additional resources for me to use to strengthen and support my lessons. His concern for me to instruct at my best for the students and for myself to grow as an educator is proof that he cares about everyone around him. Last year was a challenge for him as he came in late in the school year to take on the 7th grade social studies position and returned this year; he didn't give up. Hofer is a family man, an inspiring educator, and a true friend who takes time everyday to check on me.

-Mr. Newland

I am grateful for Hofer's perfectly timed dad jokes. He reminds us to take a second, and enjoy the moment with some laughter.

-Miss Pritchett

Mr. Hofer, we appreciate how approachable you are when we want to talk to you. You make us feel comfortable in class because you are very laid back. Anytime we need help you are always willing to take the time to explain things to us so we understand it better.
-7th Grade Students



MRS. WEISMAN 7TH



Mrs. Weisman does a phenomenal job of getting to know her students. I really love how she takes pictures at the beginning of each year and compares them to end of the year. This shows she is focused on relationships with kids from start to finish. Our students are blessed to have her dedication, persistence of excellence, and drive to always be improving. We love Mrs.

Weisman!

-Mrs. Irwin

**Dear Mrs. Weisman,
Thank you so much for helping me out in class when I needed it, so I didn't fall behind. This has really helped me understand that I need to do well in school. I also really appreciate how you are very nice. I am grateful I had you as a teacher.**

Thanks to you, I want to be successful in school.

**Gratefully,
Ryan Bradley**

In addition to her prowess teaching math, she almost single-handedly demonstrates to our middle schoolers why penmanship can still be "cool." In her golden years, when most people will be flying around in robo-taxis and trying to program their AI assistant to make the perfect Pico de Gallo, she will have a brick-mortar calligraphy studio that sells fancy stationery supplies and offers handwriting workshops to a portion of the populace that is lamenting the "good ol' days" and cursing the short-comings of ChaptGPT. -Mr. Hogue

Dear Mrs. Weisman,

You are a really caring person and just fun to be around. I'm really thankful to have you around because if I'm sad or something you can help. You are the best teacher. Even when you are having a bad day you still try to have fun for the kids. You just get through whatever you are going through and you never complain about anything. You pay attention to how we act when we are not okay and how we are when we are okay. You are always good at math and you are really good at teaching. In my opinion, I really love math, but being in your class made me like it even more because of how you teach it. You make math fun and you are always joyful, kind, loving, and I can always talk to you like a friend. I really appreciate how you believe in me and how smart I am. You know I can make it somewhere if I try. If I was to tell you something you always understand even if it was about relationships or at home problems.

-Anthony Edley

Miss Pritchett 7th



I am grateful for her honesty, positivity, perspective, and friendship. I am grateful for some of the best memories, for her never-ending support, loyalty and ability to push me outside my comfort zone! Thanks for always being there, no matter what! -Mrs. Burns

She keeps it real! She is an outstanding team lead for our 7th grade teachers and students and always keeps us informed. She's also a world class typer!
-Mrs. Weisman



Ms Pritchett you're a cool teacher, and I like your sense of humor. You'll make any assignment fun, and your projects are amazing. I like when you let us listen to your style of music which I think is really calming. You are really kind, and you always figure out what's wrong and help me solve my problems. So that's why you are my favorite teacher.

-Derico

Dear Miss Pritchett,

I loved having you as a teacher because you are very generous. You always helped me with my work. I liked when we played silent ball. It was always calm and chill in your room.

From, Sam 8th Grade

I am very grateful to you for buying everybody things for Dojo. I am thankful to you for teaching us and being an amazing teacher. Thank you for being nice. I appreciate you for everything you do and for setting up the camping trip for us. I am really glad you are my teacher.

Sincerely,

Bryan Shelby 7th Grade

Ms. Pritchett's positive up-beat attitude always gets me on track during the day. This is my first year co teaching with her. She welcomed me into her classroom and has shared her space with me. Ms. Pritchett has gone above and beyond for all of the students in her classroom which makes my job easier.

-Mr. Luebke



Miss Hutcheson 7th

Dear Ms.Hutch,

Last year when you subbed for Mrs.Cupp, I thought you were mean. This year, I really got to know you, and you aren't actually mean. You are one of the best teachers I've ever had. Thank you for being a friend to me. I appreciate the support you give me when I need it. You can make me laugh or smile without even trying. I'm really grateful for being able to have a teacher like you. I really appreciate you helping me when I ask. You really make me happy when I'm down. Thank you for making it easy to learn in class. So in conclusion, thank you for being you.

Sincerely, Alyssa Rowland

I am grateful for Hutch's creativity and willingness to try new things in the classroom. I am grateful our students get to 'see' science in action because of her class. I am grateful for our memories together and for all her help at camp!
-Mrs. Burns

Ms.Hutch, you are my favorite teacher. You are funny and nice, and you never give me detention. I also love our labs that we do. I hope that you have a good rest of your day.

From,
James Hughes

Thank you so much for helping me calm down after hearing some bad news. This has really helped me have more trust in you, so I know who to go to when I'm having a hard time. I also really appreciate how you always helped when I didn't always understand the assignment. Thanks to you, I like to do science a lot more.

Gratefully,
Aa'nyah Taylor 7th Grade



I am extremely grateful for the faith and joy that Hutcheson brings to all of those around her. I am grateful for her strength, tenacity, and willingness to choose the path of doing what is right.
-Miss Pritchett



DR. RUTAN 8TH SCIENCE

I'm grateful for Rutan because she is never afraid to speak her mind. She speaks up for others and gives great advice! She never fails to make me laugh and is always there when I need to brainstorm or rant about a tough day.

Miss Hutcheson

Dear Mrs Rutan,

I'm thankful for you because you never make anything complicated; you also have a good sense of humor and I like it. I feel like most people like you because you don't treat us like little kids. You give most of us the same treatment you would give adults. I've also never had a problem with you which is why you're one of my favorite teachers. You've always kept it real and I appreciate it.

Sincerely, Abi

Dr.Rutan

Thank you for being my science teacher! You are sweet, kind, nice, and funny. You help me understand the lab work. You've been trying to do hard work. My favorite thing we did in your class was the pumpkin catapult.

Thank you for being so cool.

Love, Andre



I am grateful that you're my science teacher. I like the way you interact with students, and you make science easy to understand.

I love your support. You make class really fun. If I could have you all day, then

I would be on time everyday.

Love, Malaysia

Dear Dr Rutan,

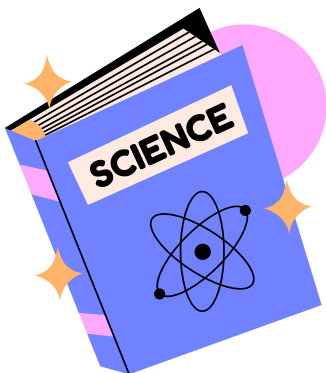
You are the best teacher because you are funny and nice. Jose and I always talk to you because we sit near the front and enjoy interacting with you because of your entertaining personality.

Your work is so easy because you teach it in a way that doesn't make it feel like work. Thank you for your help.

From, Cameron Evans

I am grateful for Rutan's perspective and knowledge. I am grateful for her putting together a relaxing space for our MS team to have a mindful moment. I am grateful for her mindfulness and advocacy for others!

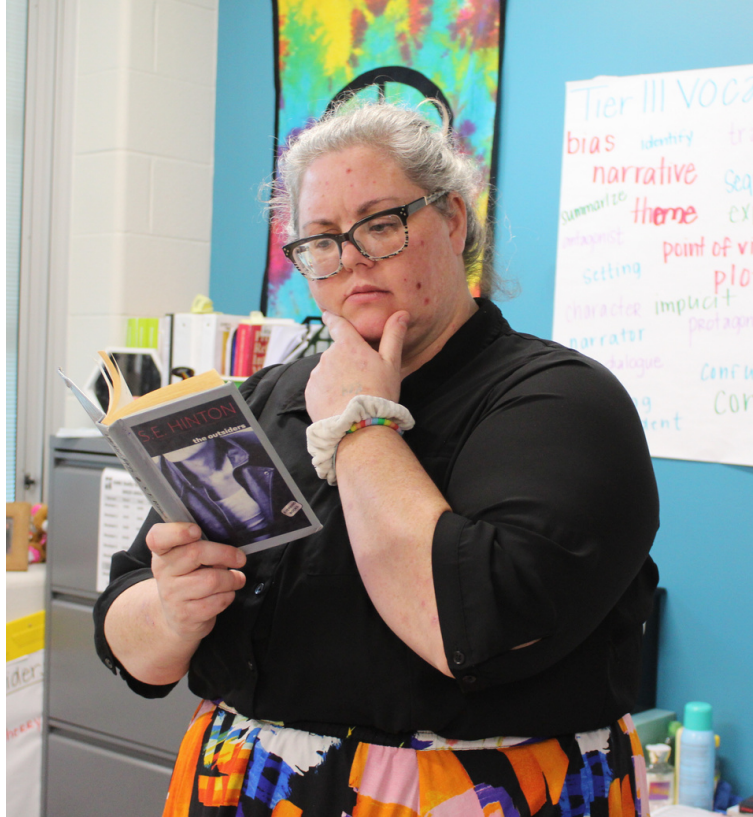
-Mrs. Burns



Mrs. Burns 8th Ela

I can't put into words the amount of gratitude I have for Burns- as an educator, as a friend, and as a mother. She is always putting others before herself; even to a fault. She is one of the most hard working, intelligent, and determined people I know. In general, I am grateful for every aspect of Burns; I wouldn't be the woman I am today without her.

-Miss Pritchett



Thank you so much for all you do for your students. Your teaching style has really helped me understand language arts more. You always make learning fun which helps a lot. I also really appreciate how funny, kind, and enthusiastic you are. You're usually cheerful/in a good mood and you always try to keep humor and kindness in the classroom. Thank you, Corinne Lord

ENGLISH

Burns is the most dynamic teacher I have worked with. She connects to her students by building positive relationships and acknowledging their interests. Her hard work and determination to create the best possible learning environment are inspiring. Beyond that, she is great mother and wonderful friend.

-Miss Tobias

I'm grateful for Mrs. Burns, you have helped me through a lot the past two years I've had you. You help me feel smart and strong, even when I don't feel so smart or strong. When I need to talk to someone I can always go to you and tell you how I feel without feeling like I'm going to get judged. On bad days I always feel better when I get into your classroom; your classroom is one of my safe places here.

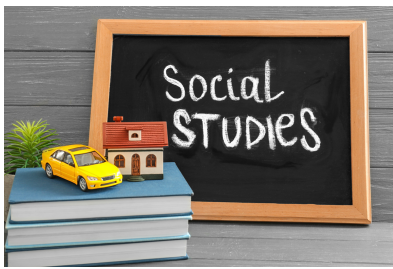
Love, Alyssa (Zero)

Dear Mrs. Burns

I appreciate your kindness and support. You are always super nice to me. When I told you my preferred name. You understood what I told you and instantly started calling me that. You have a really good singing voice. You are always trying to help others. I appreciate that you go above and beyond when teaching. You make it fun to learn. You also make sure everyone understands what you are teaching. You are like a cool older cousin. I always look forward to your class. You are my favorite teacher.

~ Love, Eve

P.s Hope you enjoy the candy.



MR. NEWLAND



I AM GRATEFUL FOR MR. NEWLAND BECAUSE HE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HELPING STUDENTS. HE AND I HAVE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY. I BELIEVE BECAUSE HE WAS RAISED IN NORTHRIDGE HE HAS A UNIQUE AND INSIDE PERSPECTIVE THAT SHOULD BE VALUED. HE IS WILLING TO SHARE TIME WITH STUDENTS AT LUNCH AND AFTER SCHOOL TO ASSIST THEM ACADEMICALLY AND PERSONALLY.

-MR. HOFER

I APPRECIATE YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE A GOOD TEACHER. YOU COME TO OUR GAMES AND SUPPORT US. THAT MEANS A LOT. YOU ARE VERY UNDERSTANDING. I

ENJOY YOUR TEACHING STYLE.

-EVAN AUSTIN

Dear Mr. Newland

I acknowledge how supportive and relatable you are and how much you care for your students. I always look forward to your class at the end of the day. You are very encouraging towards your students. I feel like you actually listen to students and care about what they think and how they feel. I am really inspired by you, and I want to be this kind of teacher. I want to be relatable and encouraging. I just wanted to say thank you for what you do and how you care for students.

From, Natalie Winterbotham

Dear, Mr.Newland,

I just want to say thank you for helping me through a lot and just helping me get to where I'm at now.

You are a very nice person, and you've really been there for me. You are like one of my favorite 8th grade teachers. I appreciate your guidance and willingness to listen when I need you.

From, Willie

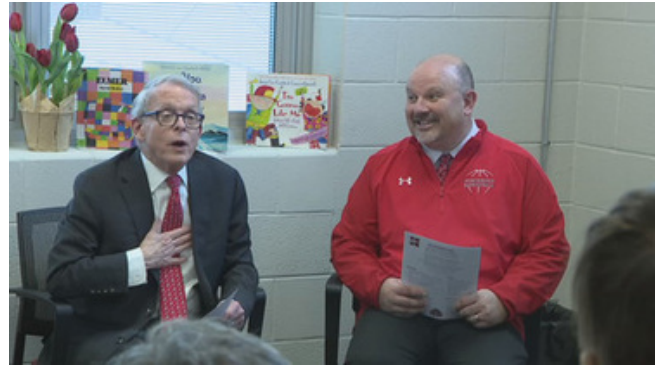
Dear Newland,

Thank you so much for always teaching our class. This school year I have learned a lot of things about history, and I like how you're always ready to teach. I like how you always explain things when we can't understand it. This has helped me understand history better, and it inspires me to learn more about history, so I can better understand it. I really appreciate how you teach our class and make the classroom more fun and interesting. I used to hate social studies before but you made me realize the beauty of history, and thanks to you I want to keep learning more about history.

Gratefully,Rosine

Thank you for teaching us the way you teach us. You always want the best for us and care for our feelings. You show us emotion when you teach, which shows us you care. If I had to make a list of teachers, you are definitely one of my favorite teachers. I love learning in your class because we usually do it in a fun way. Thank you for being the best teacher you can be.

From, Jvion



Dear Mr Dave Jackson,

Thank you for teaching all of us to be great and for inspiring us all. You have inspired me to push through stressful situations. Ever since you were superintendent you've been through stressful and tough situations which taught me to push through situations. You've also been there for the staff, students, and your community. You've comforted everybody during hard times like in 2020 during covid. You've read books to students. You've given your time to help the community during this hard time. Thank you for everything you've done for your school and community.

Sincerely,

Elijah M DeVaughn

What I am grateful for,

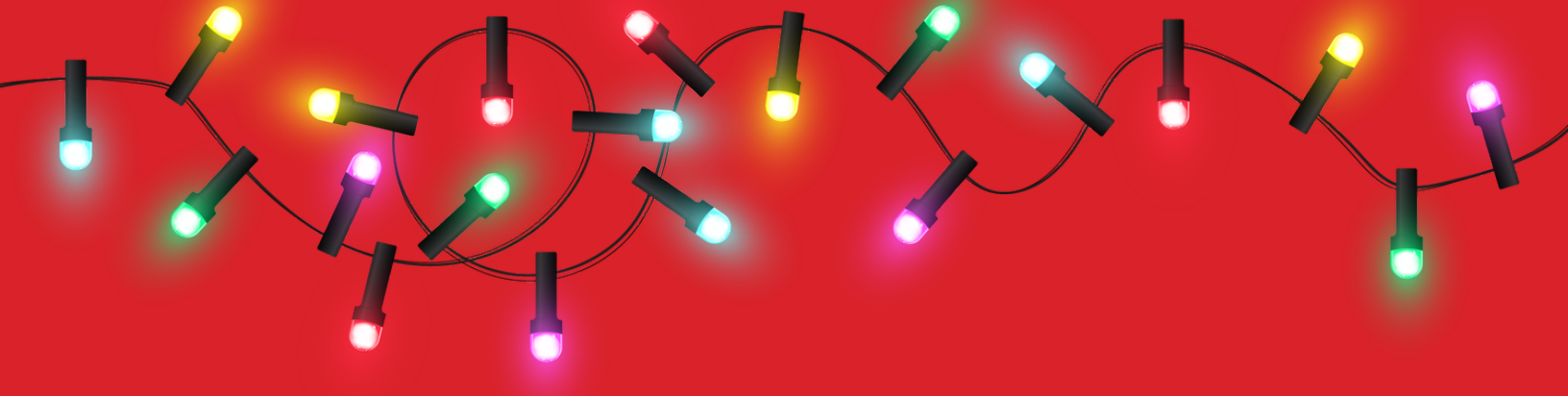
Teachers that truly care about the well being of our students. The patience that our teachers demonstrate while working with our students. The passion to teach, lead, and guide our students to higher education. I am grateful for their willingness to help out when and where we need them. In times of need our teachers answer the call each and every time. I am so grateful to be a part of them.

Ev Bennett

Behavior Interventionist
Northridge Middle School

WE ARE BEARS!



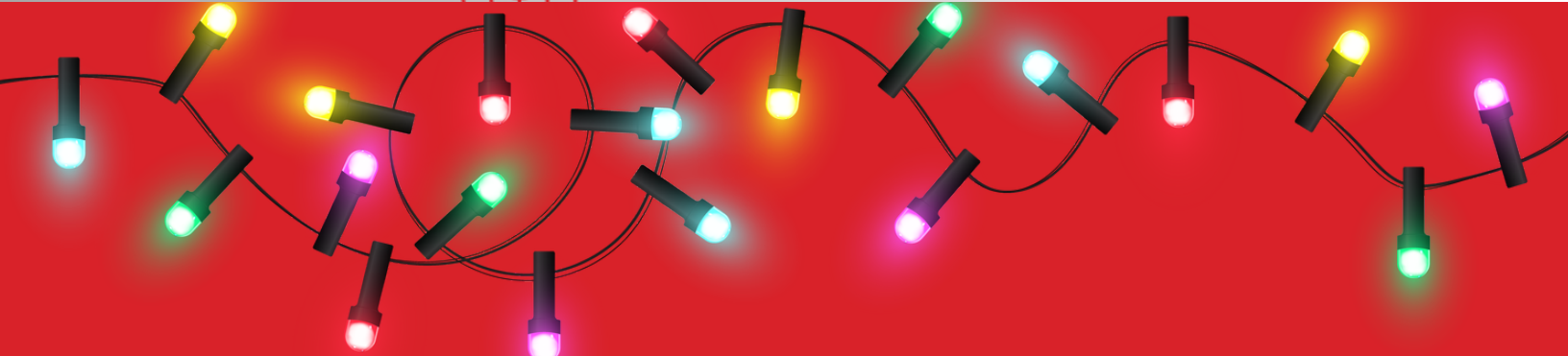


Mark your calendar for this year's
HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Guitar/Piano Class Student Recital
Wednesday, December 13 @ 6:00 PM
Cub Cafe

Middle School and High School Theater Classes
Semester Performance
Thursday, December 14 @ 6:00 PM
Cub Cafe

Holiday Choir Concert
Thursday, December 21 @ 7:00 PM
David Herring Auditorium



SKATE



SKATEPARK REVIEW:

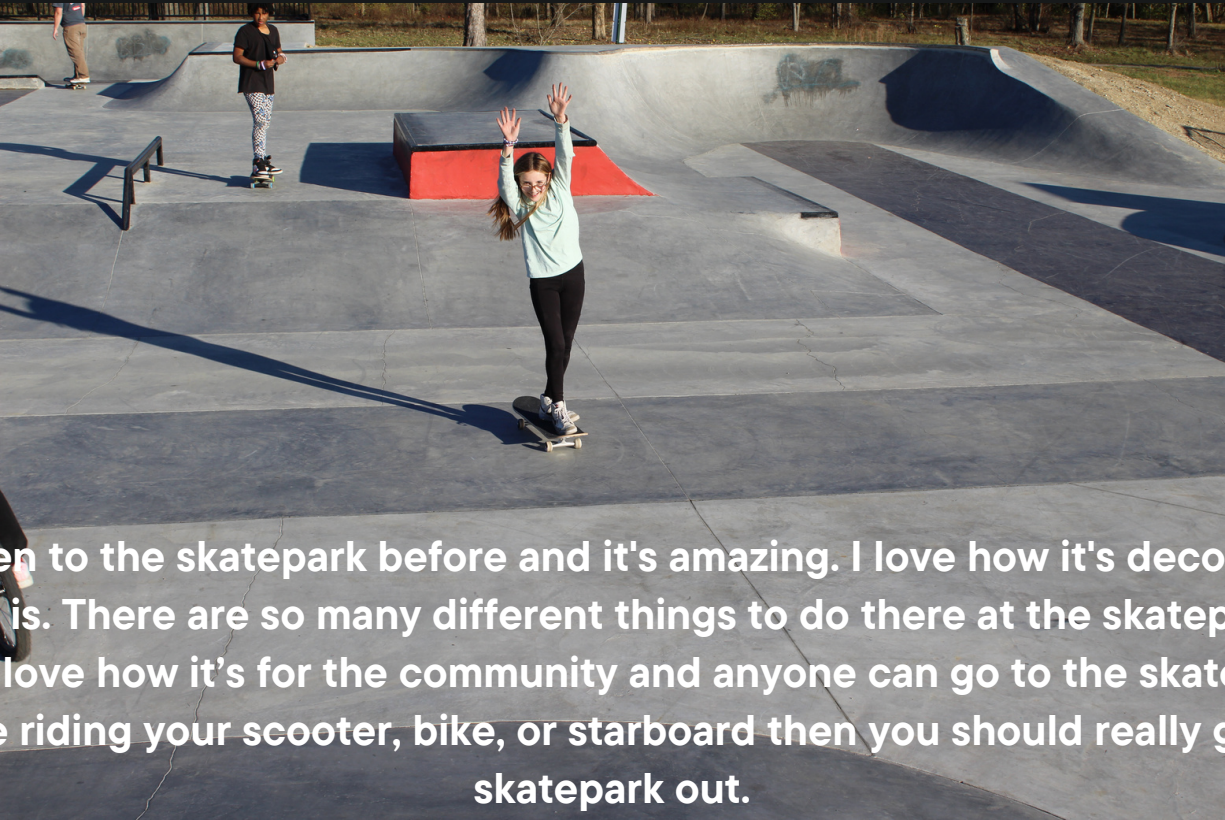
I HAVE BEEN GOING TO THE SKATEPARK. IT'S REALLY FUN, AND THE KIDS THAT GO THERE ARE OVERALL SUPER NICE AND FUN TO ENGAGE WITH.

MR. BURKETT IS AN AMAZING CLUB LEADER; HE PROVIDES US WITH SKATEBOARDS WHEN WE NEED THEM OR DON'T HAVE ONE OF OUR OWN.

OVERALL, I WOULD GIVE IT A 10/10. I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO GOING THERE TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AND WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE TO SEE THE NEW BRILLIANT THINGS THEY'LL COME UP WITH!

-A'ALEYAH CAMPBELL
7TH GRADE





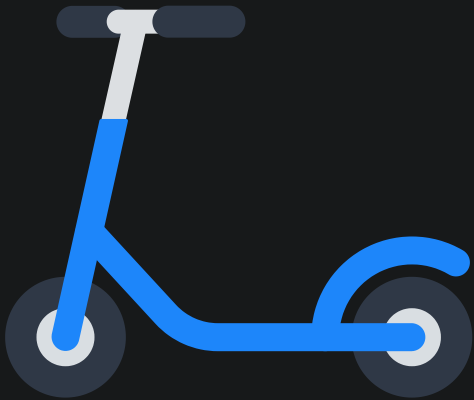
I have been to the skatepark before and it's amazing. I love how it's decorated and how fun it is. There are so many different things to do there at the skatepark (A.K.A the rat). I love how it's for the community and anyone can go to the skatepark. So, if you like riding your scooter, bike, or starboard then you should really go try the skatepark out.

-Emily Kern 6th Grade





NO FEAR

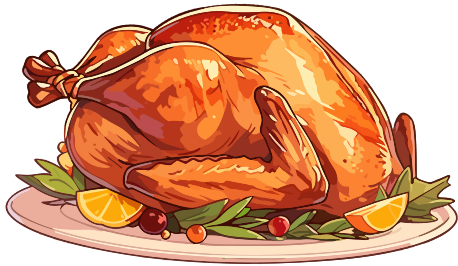




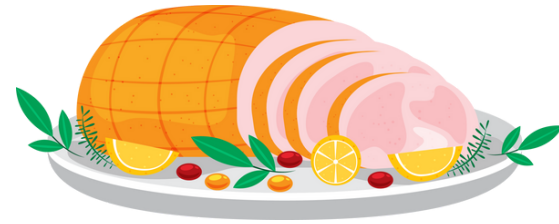
SKATE



STUDENTS WERE ASKED:
WHAT FOOD ARE YOU LOOKING
FORWARD TO EATING ON
THANKSGIVING?



TOP ANSWERS:



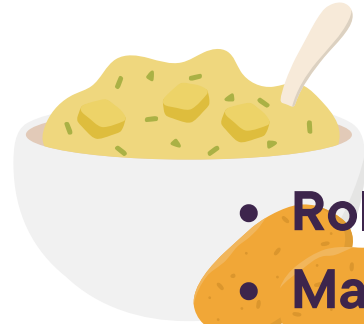
Ham

Turkey

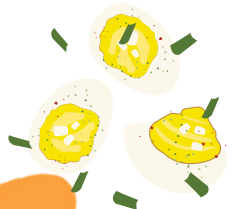
Mac n' Cheese



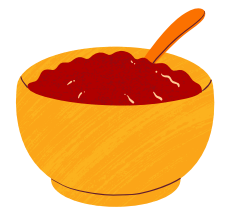
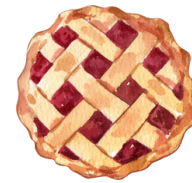
OTHER ANSWERS:



- **Rolls**
- **Mashed Potatoes**
- **Cranberry Sauce**
- **Cheese Ball**
- **Pumpkin Pie**
- **Stuffing**
- **Green Bean Casserole**
- **Deviled Eggs**
- **Baked Beans**



- **Pie**
- **Fried Chicken**
- **Cookies**
- **Yams**
- **Corn**
- **Cranberry Jam**
- **Baked Salmon**
- **Sweet Potato Casserole**
- **Greens**

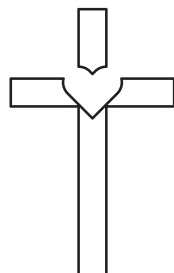


The students in Bear Facts were asked what they were most grateful for and here are some of the most popular answers.



grateful

- FAMILY
- FRIENDS
- MOM
- PETS
- TECHNOLOGY
- DAD
- LIFE
- BOYFRIEND or GIRLFRIEND
- SIBLINGS
- GRANDMA/GRANDPA
- HOUSE
- FOOD
- SCHOOL
- SLEEP
- TALENTS or SKILLS
- CULTURE
- LOVE
- GOD
- FREEDOM



**FAVORITE COLORS IN ORDER
FROM MOST POPULAR TO
LEAST POPULAR**



STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO RANK THEIR FAVORITE HOLIDAYS



1

Christmas



A green-bordered card with a string of colorful Christmas lights (red, orange, green) at the top. In the center, a purple circle contains the number '1'. Below it, the word 'Christmas' is written in a gold cursive font. At the bottom is a green Christmas tree with a yellow star on top, decorated with red and white ornaments and green holly leaves.



2

HALLOWEEN



A green-bordered card with a white spiderweb at the top. In the center, a green circle contains the number '2'. Below it, the word 'HALLOWEEN' is written in a bold, yellow-to-orange gradient font. At the bottom are three orange jack-o'-lanterns with carved faces.



3

Happy Thanksgiving



A red-bordered card with a decorative border at the top consisting of a row of autumn-themed icons: pumpkins, acorns, and leaves in various colors. In the center, a yellow circle contains the number '3'. To the right, the words 'Happy Thanksgiving' are written in a decorative, orange-to-brown gradient font, surrounded by autumn leaves and a pumpkin.

**STUDENTS WERE ASKED TO RESPOND TO SIRINITY'S
OPINION PIECE FROM THE LAST NEWSLETTER
ABOUT STUDENT DISRESPECT AND THE OVERALL
LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT SCHOOL. HERE ARE
SOME OF THEIR OPINIONS...**

**What do you think of your
learning environment?**



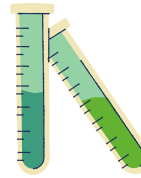
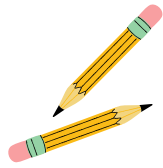
I don't enjoy the environment. Kids use profanity, vape in the bathrooms, kiss in class/bathrooms, gossip, fight and are just rude in general. These are things that we really need to fix. Such as, if a kid decides to use profanity, they shouldn't be warned. The teachers should contact the parents immediately, put them in the reset room or maybe even talk to Ms. Allen. Vaping in the bathrooms is a HUGE issue in this school. I personally had someone tell me they had vapes. I think parents should be contacted and the vape should be either given to police or confiscated. I had a couple (very, very weird considering we are 11-13 in the 7th grade) kiss straight in front of my face about 3 times, which I found inappropriate and gross. Gossiping is a huge problem in our school. Kids lie or talk bad about someone and it leads to rumors, people being offended, and usually leads to fights.
-7th Grade Student

I think the environment is good, but I would restrict phone usage because kids have their phones in class, and they spend more time on their phone than listening to the teacher. It's a distraction. I do like that I learn better at this school than my other school. -7th Grade Student

I like that the teachers aren't mean and are respectful unless you're disrespectful to them. I like that everyone isn't treating us like kids anymore.
-8th Grade Student



STUDENT RESPONSES CONTINUED...



In my opinion this school is amazing. It's built very nicely. The lunches aren't terrible. We get taught and treated nicely. The teachers and staff are kind. But the students are not the best. All people are raised differently, don't get me wrong but some of these kids are just ruining their future. Most are never really listening or paying attention. They are disrespectful to other students and staff members. They like having their phones out often but that's not too big of a problem. I like this school.

-6th Grade Student

My opinion on the learning environment is kids should have their phone in class, but they should put it somewhere until their work is done. If they are on their phone when their work isn't done, they most likely won't finish because they are being distracted by their phone.

-8th Grade Student

I love my learning environment. Some kids may be rude, but they can also be kind. I wouldn't want to change anybody else for them to learn. I could just focus on myself and mind my own business.

-6th Grade Student

The learning environment is just fine. It would be better if they put their phones down, listened to the instructions, got their work done and stopped trying to skip by asking to go to the restroom.

-8th Grade Student

My opinion about my school is that I like the teachers and my work is easy. I love Spanish class. It's my favorite class. Also, I like the school hours. School is not that long, and I get to see my friends.

-8th Grade Student



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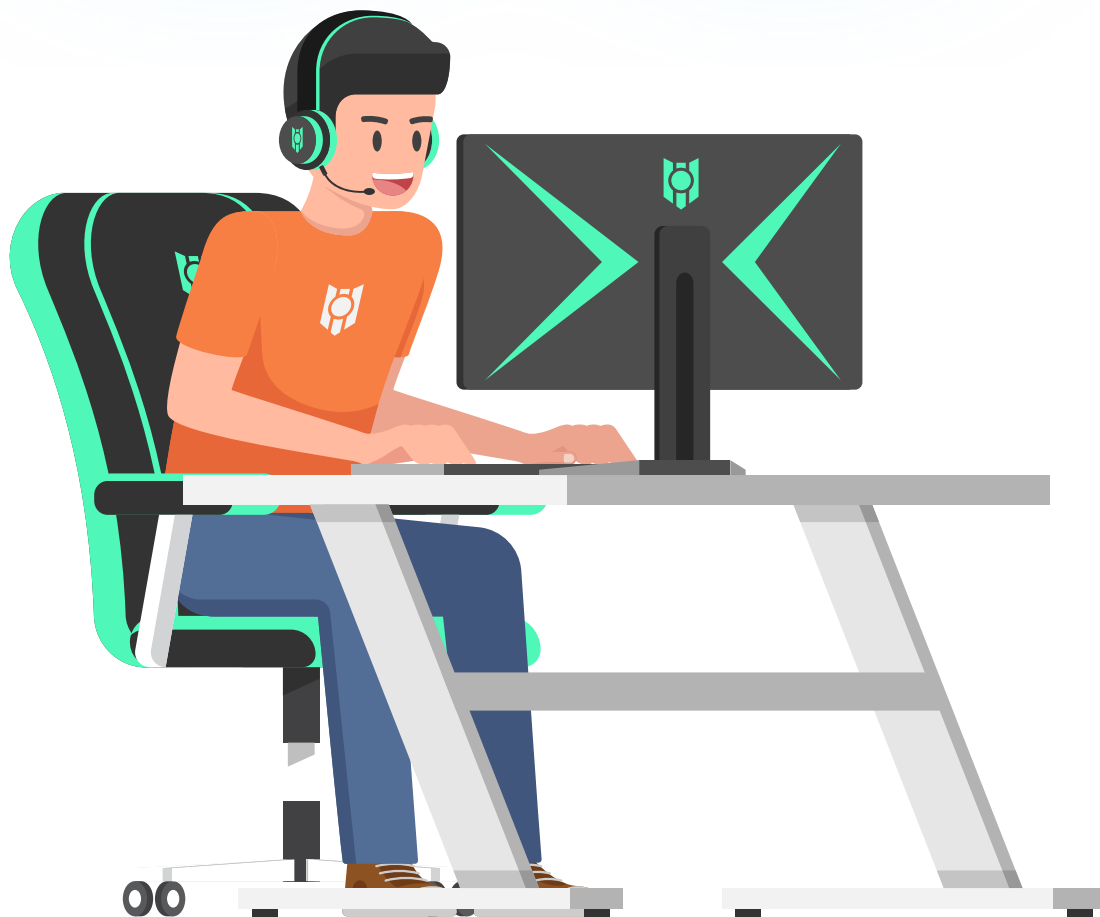
My learning environment needs some work. It's hard to focus, finish work, not feel stressed, or feel comfy. It's hard to focus with the kids talking and teachers over-explaining and hard to finish it in the amount of time we have left, especially if the teacher gives us multiple assignments for one day. It's hard to feel comfy and not stressed because the other students are loud, and some teachers just let it happen, and I can't focus on anything, and I get overwhelmed. It's hard to feel comfy. Physically, the chairs aren't as comfy as other chairs, and the desks are good but not amazing. Mentally, if I'm overwhelmed, I don't like the teacher, or can't listen to music, then I don't feel comfy. Music calms me down and helps make the time move faster. With this Information, I would maybe change the chairs to comfier options, give students who show struggles to calm down an ability to listen to music in one earbud, give students an ability to take a walk outside of the classroom when they get overwhelmed, and make kids quieter for tests or hard assignments. This would help me a lot. I like my environment when the room is cozy, I can trust the teacher, when the students aren't loud and when I'm allowed to listen to music in an earbud quietly. -8th Grade Student

This school is awesome but I agree with Sirinity about the phones. I feel like my friends do not talk to me and get distracted on their phone. I would change the phone policy because that is the most important one of all. My friends are always ignoring me once they are on their phone. A few things that I like about this school is that the lunch is really good. Another reason why I like this school is because the teachers get up everyday in an amazing mood for their students. The final reason is the teachers are usually on task and trying to help us achieve our goals. Hopefully, they do something about the phone policy and quickly. I want to talk to my friends more often without them getting distracted. -6th Grade Student

CAREER CORNER

I want to be a game designer to make games. I would have to get a bachelor of fine arts and that would take 4 years. I would have to learn how to do character designs. The games wouldn't come out in 3 or 4 months; they would maybe take a year. This is what I want to do when I become an adult.

Riley Owens 8th Grade



CAREER CORNER

I would like to be a neonatologist because I like to take care of babies. A neonatologist is a pediatrician that takes care of babies who are sick after birth or need intensive care. Neonatologists take care of the mother and the baby. To become a neonatologist, you need four years of medical school, three years of residency, and three years of fellowship.

-Brooklyn Thomas 8th Grade



CAREER CORNER

A science teacher provides instruction and guidance to help students explore and understand important concepts in science, including problem-solving and how to gather evidence to support their ideas or decisions. While a bachelor's degree is all that you need to become a teacher, many teachers see great benefits from earning a master's degree. I think I would be a great science teacher because I love science. All the experiments and the fun stuff is a great way to teach, and kids would be more focused on science experiments than they would be on paperwork.

-Natalie Winterbotham 8th Grade



Meet the Teacher

Mr. Newland

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Revised & Edited by Ms. Eisele



Fun Facts

- He grew up in Northridge and went to Northridge High School
- Graduated from Purdue University
- Right after college he was a Marketing Coordinator
- He lived near Chicago for 8 years
- He moved back to Dayton in 2016 to be closer to family
- VP of sales and marketing job
- 2020 changed careers and became a teacher
- He's been teaching for 4 years
- Married for almost 6 years
- Has a 13-year-old daughter
- Loves to go bowling, fishing, & kayaking
- He plays the guitar and shares that passion Thursdays after school with some high school students

Mr. Newland is one of the favorites among the middle school students. Being a Northridge graduate, he understands some of the students' struggles because he wasn't always the best student. He knows they want someone to be in their corner, but also believes they need tough love at times.

The job can be tiresome and there's lots of work, but it's very rewarding for him. He loves seeing his students learn and being there for them when they need to talk. Many students come to him to vent because he is trustworthy and open-minded. He wants to be the best mentor he can be to all of his students.

Mr. Newland has been through many things but made his life better with his decision making. His advice to students is to "never say never." He never expected to be a teacher, but he's very glad he chose this path. He also wants students to always try to make the best choices they can. We appreciate his work and his passion he has for kids and their futures.

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