

Bear

Facts



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what's
new?

Meet Mr.
Drakeford!

by Ricky Profitt
8th Grade

Mr. Drakeford is married with three daughters, and he grew up in Columbus, Ohio. In high school he played basketball, football, and in his senior year he ran track. He obtained a masters degree in education, with the hopes of becoming a physical education instructor. After college he moved to Dayton. Before coming to Northridge he worked for State Farm as a regional manager. He said, "It was fun, fast paced, and involved a lot of travel."

One of the most interesting things about Mr. Drakeford's background is that he was a basketball coach at a military boarding school. He coached kids who had behavioral issues. The students lived on campus all year, so he lived there in staff housing and had to be available at all times. He is passionate about helping students in every possible way.

Before becoming principal Mr. Drakeford was the Director of Athletics here at Northridge. When asked what he likes most he said he likes helping students and the interactions he has with them.

Mr. Drakeford's favorite part of the school is that it's more like a tight-knit community than a school.



NEWS OF THE DAY

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO CHANGE ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL?

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO CHANGE. I WANT TO CHANGE MY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. I KNOW THAT EVERY SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT, BUT I WOULD PREFER MY RECENT SCHOOL THAN THIS SCHOOL. THIS SCHOOL LETS STUDENTS HAVE LOTS OF FREEDOM WHICH ISN'T BAD. WE HAVE BETTER LUNCH, BUT I FEEL LIKE MY EDUCATION IS MORE IMPORTANT.

IN SCHOOL, STUDENTS ARE VERY DISRESPECTFUL TO THE TEACHERS THAT GET UP EVERYDAY FOR THEM (STUDENTS). THEY CONSTANTLY TALK AND DO NOT KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO LEARN. I ALSO NOTICE PHONES BEING CONSTANTLY USED DURING CLASS. THIS IS A BIG DISTRACTION FOR STUDENTS. I LIKE THAT WE CAN HAVE OUR PHONES, BUT STUDENTS NEED TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE AND USE THE PHONES AT APPROPRIATE TIMES. PHONE AND SLEEPING IS A BIG PROBLEM THAT CAUSES STUDENTS' GRADES TO DROP.

TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS NEED TO BE MORE STRICT AND TAKE LEARNING MORE SERIOUSLY FOR THEIR STUDENTS AT NORTHRIDGE. DON'T GET ME WRONG, THIS IS AN AMAZING SCHOOL. WHEN STUDENTS ARE SLEEPING DURING CLASS PERIODS IT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THEIR PARENTS SO THAT THEY CAN FIX SOME THINGS. MAYBE THEY ARE NOT GETTING MUCH SLEEP AT HOME OR NEED TO CHANGE THEIR SLEEPING SCHEDULE. WITH PHONES, THEY SHOULD PUT THEIR PHONE IN A POUCH OR SOMETHING WHILE THEY ARE IN CLASS, AND THE LAST 10 MINUTES IN CLASS THEY COULD RECEIVE THEIR PHONE BACK. I FEEL LIKE CHANGING THESE THINGS WOULD DRASTICALLY IMPACT EVERY STUDENT.



BY SIRINITY WILLIAMS

8TH GRADE

Hispanic heritage month

9-15 to 10-15

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATES THE HISTORIES, CULTURES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHOSE ANCESTORS CAME FROM SPAIN, MEXICO, THE CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

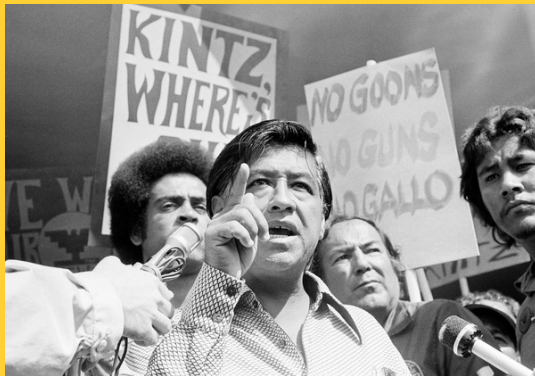
Justice Sonia Sotomayor was appointed to the federal bench in 2009 by President Barack Obama. She is the first Latina on the bench and the fourth woman to serve on highest court in the U.S.



- After English, Spanish is the most spoken language in the United States.
- 20% of the U.S. population identifies as Hispanic
- 25% of the children in the U.S. are Hispanic
- In the U.S. Mexican Americans make up the largest Hispanic population

Vocabulary

1. Hola (Hello)
2. Adios (Goodbye)
3. Gracias (Thank you)
4. Por favor (Please)
5. Si (Yes)
6. No (No)
7. Amor (Love)
8. ¿Cómo te llamas? (What is your name?)
9. ¿Qué hora tienes? (What time is it?)
10. ¿De dónde viene? (Where are you from?)
11. ¿Dónde vives? (Where do you live?)
12. ¿Puede ayudarme? (Can you help me?)
13. ¿Podría ayudarle? (Can I help you?)



Cesar Chavez was an American labor leader and civil rights activist. Farm workers were struggling through horrible working conditions as well as low pay. He helped organize a union for farm workers so they could get more money and an improved working environment.



Colored by Brysten Gibson -
6th Grade



Kindness Corner



by Natalie Winterbotham - 8th Grade



KINDNESS IS...

Kindness means the quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Kindness is showing kindness and not expecting anything in return. Everyday we should ask ourselves if we were kind to someone. If not, then what can we do to change that? Small kind acts can make a big difference; another way you can be kind is think about what you say before you say it, and if it's not kind, don't say it.

QUOTES

- ✓ "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."
- Maya Angelou
- ✓ "How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time."
— Morgan Freeman

TO-DO:

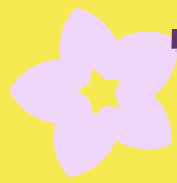
- ✓ smile at someone in the hallway
- ✓ give someone a compliment
- ✓ leave a nice note for a teacher
- ✓ Invite someone to sit with you at lunch
- ✓ create a kindness wall or door
- ✓ kindness chalk art
- ✓ offering to help
- ✓ consoling someone when they are sad

DID YOU KNOW?

Kindness means so much to Mrs Allen that she even published a book called "Curley Sue as Kindnezz Girl" where her superpower is splattering kindness, so remember to be kind.



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO BE KIND LATELY? Tell us about it. Email Ms. Eisele @ jeisele@northridgeschools.org



Teen Opinion Question



SHOULD CELL PHONES BE ALLOWED AT SCHOOL?

STUDENT RESPONSES

No, they shouldn't be allowed because students can be distracted by social media. During assignments and tests students could be on their phone cheating and looking up answers. Students can also distract others by playing music or playing videos on social media platforms. Students can text or facetime during class. Studies have shown that students focus more in class if there is no cellular device.

-Elijah Devaughn 8th Grade

CELL PHONES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL. ONE REASON CELL PHONES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL IS BECAUSE STUDENTS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION IN CLASS. THEY SHOULD NOT BE ON THEIR PHONES IN CLASS. THEY NEED TO STAY FOCUSED. ANOTHER REASON IS BECAUSE KIDS LIKE BULLYING KIDS IN THEIR CLASSROOM AND ALL AROUND THE SCHOOL. THEY USE THEIR CELLPHONES TO BULLY KIDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. BULLYING ON SOCIAL MEDIA CAN HARM PEOPLE.

-MALAYSIA GLENN 8TH GRADE

YES AND NO. EVEN THOUGH I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MY PHONE IN CLASS, IT'S NOT RIGHT TO HAVE IT OUT AT ANY TIME IN CLASS. IT'S A BIG DISTRACTION. I THINK WE SHOULD USE THEM THE LAST FEW MINUTES OF CLASS AND IN FREE TIME. IF WE ARE DOING SOMETHING IN CLASS THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE DOING, THEN WE SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED ON OUR CELLPHONES. EVEN THOUGH I'M ON MY CELL PHONE SOMETIMES IN CLASS, I GET VERY DISTRACTED. SO CELL PHONES SHOULD BE ALLOWED ONLY DURING FREE TIME AND THE LAST FEW MINUTES OF CLASS.

-ABIGAIL GASCA 8TH GRADE

Yes, I think cell phones should be allowed in school; however, if students are taking pictures, using social media, getting distracted, and not putting it away when asked, that's when it becomes a problem. Students using their cell phone to take notes or for emergency situations should be allowed to use their phones unless they become a problem. Teachers should also be able to look at what a student is doing on their phone. In conclusion students should be allowed to use their phone unless it is a problem.

-Makhai Forest 6th Grade

THE RAT'S BEGINNINGS

A New Adventure

BY
A'ALEYAH
CAMPBELL
7TH GRADE



A local park known as “The Rat” was first brought to life in July 2023. The backstory for this name was one you may have never guessed. Some outsiders are not very fond of Northridge, and they call us, “Ridge Rats.” The founder, Nurse Shane, decided to turn that negative name into a soon-to-be famous skatepark!

The construction went on for two months, and the official opening date was on Thursday, September 28, 2023. The skatepark is visible and open to the public, so you can visit it whenever you would like.

You may be wondering why he wanted to make this skatepark? Well, as Nurse Shane says, “It makes Northridge a cool place that people will come on purpose.” What a wise quote from the park’s founder!

If you want to visit the park and support Nurse Shane on his amazing journey and passion for skating you can go to Timber Lane behind Northridge’s board office. This location was chosen because it is very close to the school, it has a built-in parking lot, it’s easily accessible, and it’s visible from Dixie!

Are you interested in SKATEBOARDING, SCOOTERS, or BMX BIKING?

If so, join:



RIDGE RIDERS

SKATE CLUB



Come to our information session at 2:45 PM October 3rd in the Half Pipe! After that, we will be riding Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:35-4:00 PM! You must have your own way home after the club.

For more information, fill out the google form at the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScH6t7VZZtM1A9TOQWrx1d3E-8JMR5WFCEjelsteWQEyJS_A/viewform

If you have questions, you can also see Mr. Burkett in room A213.





Self-Care

ACTIVITIES



We asked our Bear Facts students what they do to de-stress and take care of themselves, and here are the results:



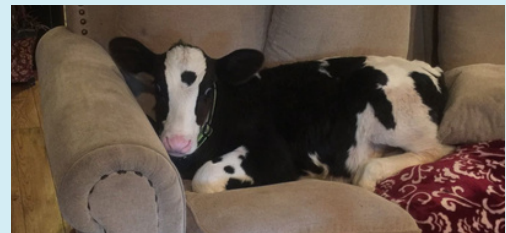
- Listen to Music
- Sleep/Nap
- Good Hygiene
- Exercise/sports/biking
- Hair & Skin Care
- Video Games
- Being Outside/Walking
- Cleaning room/house
- Watching movies/shows/TV
- Talking to friends
- Play w/siblings or family
- Positive Self Talk
- Reading
- Caring for pets
- Cooking/baking
- Puzzles or games
- Hanging out at the mall
- Daydreaming
- Eating healthy & drinking water
- Drawing/painting/crafts
- Praying and/or Meditating
- Writing/Journaling
- Laughing
- Stretching
- Staying organized
- Taking a break from social media & technology

CAREER CORNER



Whitney Schmidt said she would like to be a farmer in the future; she would own cows, chickens, sheep, horses, a sheep dog, a cat that catches mice in the barn, and goats. She would go to FFA college to learn to be a farmer. She is inspired by her love of cows. Whitney would own a barn and a house close to the barn. Whitney would like to own a house cow (a cow that lives inside her house). She believes that she would be very good at it because she knows a lot about taking care of animals. Whitney would raise the animals until adult years then sell them at the fair. She is not looking forward to cleaning the animal stalls but she is looking forward to washing the pigs. Whitney said her dream job will more than likely not change very soon. I hope Whitney makes it into the FFA college.

-Maliyah Horrell 6th Grade



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What do you want to be when you grow up? Tell us all about it in a short paragraph. Tell us the name of the career you want to pursue and explain why you are so passionate about it. Email Ms. Eisele at jeisele@northridgeschools.org.

Dear Bear Facts,



A close friend of mine has forgotten about me. We have done many things together like traveled out of state, had sleepovers, played games together, and so much more. We started being friends in 2020, and we got very close very quickly. We talked and hung out more and more, to the point where I was at their house every weekend. This past summer we hung out a few times, but over time it was clear they were becoming distant. Now, I walk by without saying anything like I don't know them. How do I approach them about why they've been so distant?

From, The Forgotten Friend

Do you have a response for The Forgotten Friend? If so, email your response to Ms. Eisele. In the subject line put "Forgotten Friend Response."

jeisele@northridgeschools.org.

Northridge Athletic Events
Week Of:
10/2/2023-10/8/2023

Monday October 2, 2023

HOME Middle School Volleyball VS Lehman Catholic @ 5:30PM

- - Tennis VS Centerville @ 8:00AM

AWAY Tuesday October 3, 2023

AWAYJV/Varsity Volleyball VS Bethel @ 5:30PM

- - Middle School Football VS Troy Christian @ 5:30PM

AWAY Wednesday October 4, 2023

AWAY- Cross Country @ Kyle Park 5:00PM

Thursday October 5, 2023

AWAY- JV/ Varsity Volleyball VS Troy Christian @ 5:30PM

Friday October 6, 2023

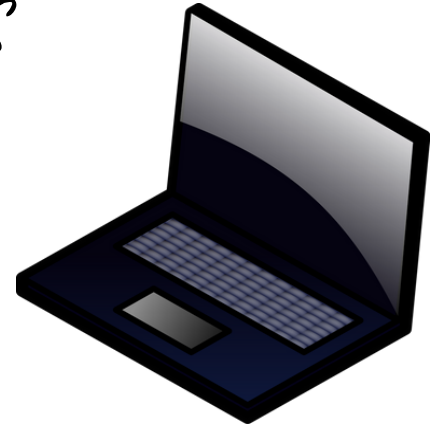
Home- Varsity Football VS Troy Christian @ 7:00PM

Saturday October 7, 2023

Away- JV Football to Troy Christian @ 10:00AM

CHROMEBOOK TIPS & TRICKS

*For security purposes and updates, it is very important that you sign out every day when you are finished.



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+ C = Copy



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+ A = Select all text



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Northridge Pep Band

BREAKING NEWS

The Northridge Pep Band played at the homecoming game and parade.

The band will also be able to play at the last high school game of the season with the middle school choir. The amount of people playing will be unknown, but there will be one saxophone.

by Ricky Profitt - 8th Grade



SPECIAL EDITION

How can you contribute? We are looking for the following:

Middle School Slang

What are some popular words and phrases that you and your friends use? Send me the slang terms you use with an explanation on what it means and how to use it.

jeisele@northridgeschools.org

Dear Bear Facts

Do you need advice about a decision you need to make or about how you can handle a certain situation?

Fill out the following form and your question could be answered by one of our Bear Facts students.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/IFAIpQLSemyhLL53uGJEBIZAx7EuJlvinCIg_SEnpyMdAchvQNe-xaZQ/viewform

Poetry or Artwork

If you have any original poetry or artwork we'd love to see it! Email Ms. Eisele at jeisele@northridgeschools.org.

In the subject line put "poetry." For artwork, you can bring it to me in A208.



Important Dates

Tuesday, October 3
Picture Day

Friday, October 13
No School for Students

Tuesday, October 17
Quarter 1 Ends

October 17-20
7th Gr Camp

Clubs

Tue., Oct.3 - Robotics Club 2:30-4:00

Wed., Oct.4 - Green Thumb Club 2:30-4:15

Wed., Oct.4 - Ridge Riders Club 2:30-4:00





By Isabella Leslie

ARTWORK

