

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools



Northridge Welcomes New Treasurer

Northridge Local Schools would like to introduce their new treasurer, **Lori Green**. Lori started her career in public education in 1996 at Lakota Schools in Liberty Township, Ohio. Her first position at Lakota was the Accounts Payable Specialist. Over her 22 years there, she worked in varying roles that included EMIS Specialist, Director of Budgetary, and Director of Fiscal Compliance and Accountability. Mrs. Green also attended college during that time and completed her Bachelor's Degree in Strategic Leadership in 2008 and Master's Degree in Finance in 2013. It had always been her hope to one day become a treasurer of a small district. That came true in 2018 when she was hired to serve Preble Shawnee.

In her spare time, Lori likes to paint and create. Since the start of the pandemic, she has especially enjoyed painting inspirational quotes on rocks and leave them in places for others to find. It makes her feel good to know she may have made someone's day.

Green said after accepting the position, *"I was drawn to Northridge because there is a strong sense of community and pride. In the few short weeks I have been here, it is apparent everyone wants to work together to make sure students get the best education possible. I appreciate the Board of Education for this opportunity. My goal is to work collaboratively with the board, staff, and community to build on the successes that have been established and ensure the availability of resources to achieve district goals."*

2022 Welcome to the Northridge Board of Education

The Board of Education is a five-member governing body elected by the voters of the school district. The Board of Education, representing the community, has the legal responsibility for the education of the children of the district. The Board derives its authority and responsibility from state and federal law.

It is the duty of the Board of Education to establish the policies under which the schools are governed. The Board places the responsibility to implement those policies with the superintendent and the administrative staff.

The five Board of Education members are community residents who are vitally concerned with the education of Northridge youngsters. Their authority as board members is in effect only when the

Board is in session. No individual member has the authority to act in the name of the Board outside a meeting.

The Board of Education members are elected to serve four-year

overlapping terms. They are elected at large on a nonpartisan ballot to represent the entire district.

Regular meetings of the Board of Education are scheduled for January 13 & 27,

February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24, April 14 & 28, May 19, June 23, July 21, August 18, September 8 & 22, October 13 & 27, November 17 and December 15 in the Northridge

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2022 Northridge Board of Education Members from left to right: President James M. Dillon, Angela Glassburn, Margie Glock, Jacinda Fugate, and Vice President Mark Brumley.

Northridge Community NEWS

Read Today
Lead Tomorrow

Northridge Community Egg Hunt

The Northridge Community Egg Hunt is making a return on Saturday, April 9th, at 10:30 a.m. on the practice field next to the stadium. Mark your calendars! No refreshments will be served this year due to COVID-19.

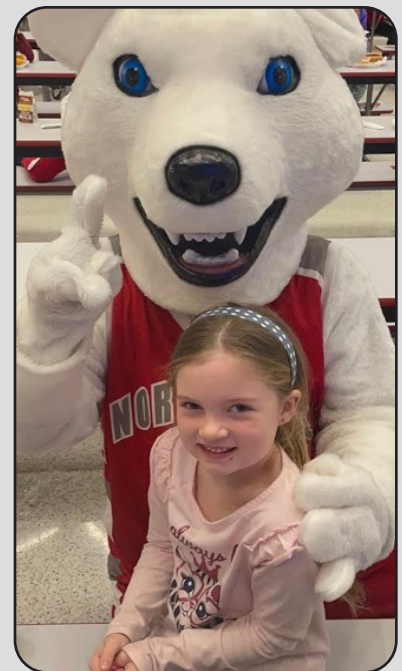
The Easter Bunny will make sure the eggs are spread out far and wide so families can socially distance, and he will be hopping around the field visiting with children and families. A special section will be roped off for those children who are under 4 years of age. There will be 100 prize eggs and 10 basket eggs to be found! Volunteers with the Polar Bear Book Swap will be handing out books to all children present.

A big “thank you” to Chief **Mark Lynch** and the Harrison Township Fire Department, as well as, Captain **Brad Daugherty** and the Harrison Township station of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department for volunteering their time to help the Easter Bunny hide all of the eggs!

Don’t be late as the egg hunt will start exactly at 10:30 a.m., and the eggs are found in the blink of an eye! For more information on how you can help, contact **Tina Fiore** via Facebook Messenger or via email at momfiore3@woh.rr.com.

Bruno the Polar Bear paid a visit to the Northridge Elementary School (NES) Cub Cafe to remind students of the importance of hard work, especially when it comes to reading. He shared via his translator, **Todd Petty**, who speaks “polar bear,” and who went to school with Bruno back in the 1990’s. What did he say? He told students how “*you can never give up when doing something hard. Hard work pays off!*”

It will pay off for the NES readers just like it did for Bruno when he won a state championship in track and field. (Shout out to coach **Bob Smith** and **Sonny Szekely** for instilling that hard work ethic in Bruno.) Bruno would like to challenge all Polar Bears of all ages to pick up a book and “read, baby, read” because “if you read today, you will lead tomorrow.”



Pictured is kindergarten student **Mackenzie Smith**, a hard working reader, with **Bruno the Polar Bear** in the Cub Cafe.

Weather Delays/Closings

Inclement weather during the winter months can result in school cancellations because of unsafe travel conditions. The primary considerations in the decision to delay, dismiss, or cancel school are:

Delay/Closing Options

The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

- **TWO-HOUR DELAY** - ALL schedules are adjusted two hours. (Breakfast will NOT be served.)
- **CLOSED** - ALL buildings are closed.

The decision to close and/or delay school is usually broadcast by area TV, radio stations, and the district one-call system by 6:30 a.m.

- safety of students and staff.
- street conditions.
- current weather and forecasts.
- status of bus fleet.
- condition of buildings and grounds.
- consultation with police, township road department, and other schools.

Ensure you receive the district one-calls by contacting your child’s school to confirm they have your correct phone number on file. You can also update your information in Final Forms on the website.

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A Visit From the Grinch and Santa



Northridge Elementary students had some special activities the week before the winter holiday break. The PTO sponsored a visit from **The Grinch** himself who brought candy canes to all of the elementary students. Then on Friday, **Santa** paid a visit and had lunch with the PAWSitive students of the week. NES students and staff also participated in a holiday spirit week and enjoyed holiday music and fun at lunch.

The elementary students and staff would like to thank the PTO and **Phil Kosier** for helping make this week a lot of fun!



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Board of Education/Administration Offices, 2008 Timber Lane, at 5:30 p.m. On occasions when special meetings are necessary, the time and location will be announced in advance.

The superintendent, with the advice of the Board president, shall be responsible for preparing the agenda for each meeting. Board members receive copies of agendas and explanatory materials three days prior to the regular meeting to allow time for preparation. Agendas for the public are available from the superintendent's office three days prior to the regular Board meeting.

Anyone who wishes to suggest an item for inclusion on the agenda must submit a written request to the office of the superintendent prior to the day of the meeting, except in cases of suspended or expelled students. If a group wishes to present a particular item to the Board, it is suggested that one person be selected by the group to speak. The request shall indicate the subject of the presentation and the name of the presenter.

All Board of Education meetings are open to the public. The law allows for closed executive sessions for discussion of personnel matters, litigation, negotiations, security and real estate transactions, but any official action must be taken in a public meeting.

All Board of Education regular meetings have a designated portion on the agenda for comments and participation by the public. Anyone desiring to speak is requested to fill out a provided card and submit it to the treasurer. Persons attending the meeting do not participate in discussions on other agenda items unless asked to do so by the Board. Parents' questions about individual students usually should be discussed with the teacher involved first, and if necessary, the principal or administrator closest to the situation. If further discussion is necessary, the matter can be referred to the superintendent. This procedure has been effective for most people because it gets a direct response and allows the Board to consider matters that affect the entire district.

A routine question may be answered at the time it is posed. However, more complex matters may require sufficient time for study and consideration. Specific situations will be referred to the administration for investigation and review. If policy action is required, the matter must be scheduled by the Board on a future agenda.

EVENTS Calendar

February 2nd
Groundhog Day
Will the
groundhog see
his shadow?



- 10 Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Valentine's Day 
- 18 Staff Development
- No School for Students
- 21 President's Day 
- No School
- 24 Board of Education Work Session - 5:30 p.m.

**NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS
FEBRUARY 18 AND
FEBRUARY 21**

February Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball

Game time 7:15 p.m. unless noted.

- 1 Troy Christian
- 4 Milton-Union*
- 5 Oakwood*
- 11 Lehman Catholic*
- 12 Stivers
- 14 Riverside*



Varsity Girls Basketball

- 3 Lehman Catholic* - 6:00 p.m.

Wrestling

- 18 Lehman Catholic - 5:30 p.m.



* Home

Athletic schedules can
be found on our website:
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Curriculum Corner

The Northridge Elementary School Literacy Leadership Team has been working diligently to identify a new K-5 English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum. The team, comprised of grade-level ELA educators and the K-5 literacy coach, is focused on selecting a new curriculum that supports the science of reading and meets the needs of the students.

An initial review of K-5 ELA curriculum was conducted in August of 2021 by the Director of Curriculum and Instruction **Kim Puckett**. A large number of available curriculum was reviewed to narrow down the work for the Literacy Leadership Team's review. Only curriculum materials that were on the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) Approved Textbook Publishers list, in line with a structured literacy approach to teaching reading, and supported past district initiatives such as explicit instruction and the science of reading (LETRS) teacher training were submitted for the Literacy Leadership Team review.

The Literacy Leadership Team utilized The Reading League's Curriculum Evaluation Matrix to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each curriculum. During the district's January professional development day, all K-5 educators spent time reviewing the final three curriculum materials and provided comments regarding the final selection. Additionally, administrators and K-5 educators examined student results on state and district assessments such as the NWEA MAP and Acadience Reading when narrowing down possibilities for the final curriculum choice.

The district has also identified a need for new 6-12 science curriculum resources. The Science department has evaluated a number of possible resources available through ODE's approved publisher's list. The team utilized an evaluation rubric to determine the strengths and weaknesses of each. Each high school science course, as well as, the middle school science series now has an identified resource recommended by the 6-12 Science Department.

Both the Literacy Leadership Team and the 6-12 Science Department's recommendations are now going through the District Initiative and Innovation Review Process, board adopted in May of 2021. In addition to the final review process, Superintendent **Dave Jackson** would like to invite interested community members to a K-5 literacy and 6-12 Science Curriculum Resource open house to review the recommended curriculum materials. The open house will take place in the board office during the week of February 7th - February 9th from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. In order to maintain COVID-19 protocols, please contact the board office at 937-278-5885 to schedule a review of the materials.

A final recommendation will be made at the February 10th BoE meeting. The thorough review process conducted by staff members and interested parents will provide high quality curriculum resources which is developmentally appropriate and engaging.

P-EBT, Pandemic Electronic Balance Transfer

All Northridge students who normally attend classes on campus are eligible. P-EBT is awarded when school meals are not served due to COVID-19 disruptions for 5 or more consecutive school days. This occurred in January, so families can expect this benefit to be added to their current SNAP or P-EBT card by the end of February. For more information, please visit ohiopebt.org or call 1-866-244-0071 option 1.



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