



dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

Holiday Hallways

On December 6th, the Jobs for Northridge Graduate Students (JAGS) hosted a holiday event in the halls of Northridge Local Schools. Deck the Hallways was open to children through 5th grade. Approximately 500 community members participated in the festivities. The

Harrison Township Fire Department provided Santa's special sleigh in the form of a fire truck. Families were greeted by Santa where children could visit and have photos taken.

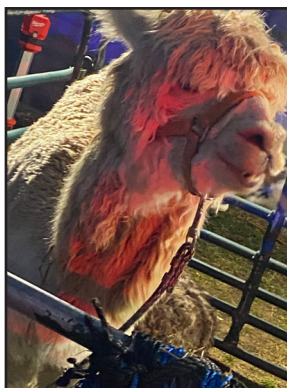
The JAGS students and Northridge staff volunteers organized 19 stations including craft/ornament making, games, activities, and lessons on how

other cultures celebrate the holidays. Families also enjoyed a petting zoo, hot chocolate, and cookies.

The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for children to celebrate the holidays with their families, but also for JAGS students to form partnerships with area organizations and allow high school students to make a difference in the community.

A special thanks to our sponsors, including Bear's Home Improvements, Idle Hour Ranch, First Light Church-Butler Campus, Lily's in the Oregon District, Miami Valley Homecare, American Slovak Club,

Thrive Mortgage, XPO Logistics, Gil Williams Scholarship, Yes for Youth, United Building Solutions, **Jamie Akers, Jake Freels, Taylor Bailey, Walt Petroski**, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, Harrison Township Fire Department, and countless Northridge staff and administrators. JAGS appreciates the support and for contributing to another successful event!



Robotics Team

On Saturday, December 10th, the Northridge Middle School Robotics Team competed for the very first time at the VEX Robotics Competition. The competition was held at Coy Middle School in the Beavercreek City School District.

This year's game was called Spin Up. The robots were to spin the colored rollers on the sides, move the discs, and shoot the discs into high goals to earn points. The competition started with a 15-second autonomous round and then moved to driver-controlled for 1 minute 45 seconds. The team's record was 3-3, and they finished 27th out of 44 teams! Way to go Polar Bears!

Congratulations to Northridge teacher and Robotics Team Advisor **Kimberly Dubbs**, and middle school students **Paul Parrish, Emily Johnson, Isaac Carroll-Martinez, Hope Johnson**, and **Sophia Burchett**!

The team will be back in action on February 11, 2023, at Coy Middle School.



Northridge Community NEWS

In order to receive the district one-call, please update your child's **FINAL FORMS** on our website. www.northridgeschools.org

Music of the Holidays

Students at Northridge Local Schools were busy before the holidays entertaining family, friends, and community.

On December 13th, second and third graders put on an amazing holiday concert in the Cub Cafe. There was standing room only! Congratulations to elementary music teacher **Katie Schmidt** and all teachers and staff who assisted with the show.

Then on December 14th, the 6th grade, 7th grade and HS bands, under the direction of **Braden McCloskey**, put on an amazing holiday concert! They rocked the house as family and friends cheered them on! It was a great way to kickoff the holidays!

Rounding up the holiday concerts, on December 15th, the NHS, NMS (grades 7/8), and 6th grade choirs, under the direction of music teacher **Christina Suppo**, delighted with holiday melodies that helped us all remember that this truly is *"the most wonderful time of the year."* The entertaining performances included surprise visits by the Grinch and Santa Claus himself! Special thanks to volunteer piano accompanist **Tammy Jackson**.

Weather Delays and 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:

- 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.

Delay/Closing Options

The delay/closing options for the Northridge Schools are:

- **TWO-HOUR DELAY** - ALL schedules are adjusted two hours. Champions Preschool A.M. Session will be closed. (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.





Save the Date

- January 10 Piano/Guitar Recital
- 6:00 p.m.
- January 19 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4:00-6:30 p.m.
- January 19 Elementary Family Engagement Activities
- 4:00-6:30 p.m. - Enter Doors 5 & 6

CareSource Donates to Northridge Hygiene Closet



Northridge is proud to announce that one of our partners, **CareSource**, contributed \$3,000 to fund the Hygiene Closet in the clinic at Northridge Local Schools!

Northridge Local Schools (NLS), through its HEADS UP Core Value structure, is fully committed to “*Understanding and Meeting the Legitimate Needs of students*”. As one of the smallest urban districts in the state of Ohio, meeting students’ needs often proves difficult on a daily basis as there are many. Finding solutions to meet the needs of families in the district requires

resourcefulness and collaboration. Through a wide variety of partnerships, the District has made great strides in bridging the gap in many areas, including mental health, vision services, coats, shoes, etc. There are still many areas of daily need: one of those areas is hygiene products. In an effort to meet the needs of our students, Northridge’s Health Services Department developed a Hygiene Closet in the clinic where students can access the items they need. However, the closet stock is based on donations and, therefore, can be inconsistent. The recent contribution from CareSource will help keep our hygiene supplies stocked more consistently this year.

“CareSource has continually put their money where their mouth is in supporting families in the Northridge community. Their collaboration with us on a wide variety of community engagement projects over the last 5 years has been truly invaluable, and we are grateful,” said **Shane Allison**, Northridge School Nurse. The funding from CareSource will help replenish the Hygiene Closet and expand what we are able to provide our students.

Community partnerships are the key to serving the needs of the whole child in public schools. CareSource recently supported NLS Reindeer Games with \$2,000 worth of gift cards as prizes for a community Christmas fundraiser as well. Great community support helps make Northridge a great place to serve and learn.

EVENTS Calendar



- 12 Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 26 Board of Education Meeting Work Session - 5:30 p.m.

Finish Strong! Class of 2023

January Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball

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

- 6 Milton-Union*
- 7 Arcanum
- 10 Lehman Catholic*
- 13 Miami East*
- 17 Butler*
- 20 Riverside
- 24 Covington
- 27 Bethel*
- 31 Troy Christian*

Varsity Girls Basketball

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

- 7 Miami East* - 1:15 p.m.
- 10 Brookville*
- 12 Riverside
- 14 Covington - 1:15 p.m.
- 19 Bethel*
- 21 Troy Christian* - 1:15 p.m.
- 23 Dixie
- 26 Milton-Union

Wrestling

- 7 Bellbrook - 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Brookville Inv. - 9:00 a.m.
- 27 Lima Central - 5:00 p.m.
- 28 Lima Central - 10:00 a.m.

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Ambassadors Ponder: Perfect/Healthy Relationships

What is a perfect relationship? What words describe a good friend? These were the questions posed to our Northridge Student Ambassadors by **Maya Dorsey**, the director of K-12 Initiatives for Learn to Earn in Dayton, Ohio.

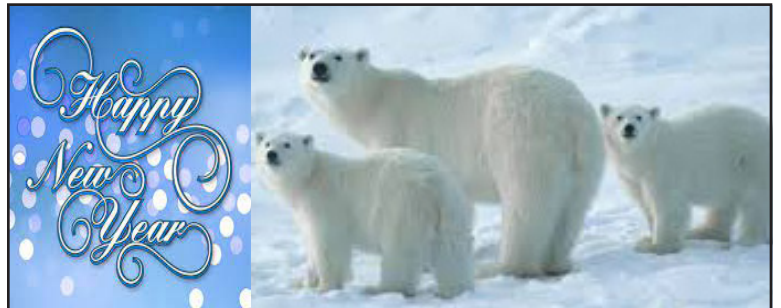
Ambassadors quickly responded on sticky notes with a descriptive word or two, placing them on the board during a five-minute time period. A brief discussion was conducted about the words used while probing questions were interjected to keep student ambassadors engaged.

This same process was completed when asked what words describe an unhealthy relationship/friend. Once this task was completed, both sheets were discussed. A friendship audit was completed and discussed as a group which sparked further conversations. In closing the presentation, Mrs. Dorsey shared these seeds of wisdom: There are three categories of friends: best friends, friends, and associates. Throughout your life, people's categories can change, simply a part of life. Be true to yourself, and be careful how you use social media.

Pictured below from left to right: **Leeyah Samuels, Mark Maloon, Carter Holt, Jenna Giles, Jessica "Jay" Brown, Alana Kelly, Sokhna Awa Mbengue, and Cadiance Fuduloff-Moore.**



**Students and Staff
Return From
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Back to School
Tuesday, January 3, 2023**



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