

dividends of Learning in Northridge Schools

Visit From Ohio 43rd District State Representative



Ohio 43rd District State Representative **Rodney Creech** visited the Northridge School family on Friday, May 14th. After a productive meeting with Superintendent **Dave Jackson**, Representative Creech visited with 4th grade students and teachers. After speaking to a class of students, Representative Creech also took time to get to know individual students as well.

Thank you Representative Creech for your support of the Northridge Local Schools and community.



Seniors Sign to Continue Athletics/Academics



Northridge High School held an official signing ceremony for two seniors who will continue their athletic and academic careers in college this fall. On April 26th at the Northridge High School softball field, **Diamonique Story** and **Paige Williams** signed their letters of intent with *Miami University Middletown*. Both are standouts on the softball diamond for the Lady Bears.

Diamonique leads the team in batting average and is on the *SWBL All-League* leaderboard in every hitting category: batting average, home runs, and runs batted in. Diamonique will play softball and basketball and is undecided on her major.

Paige has had one of the highest team batting averages since her freshman year with a career batting average of .322. She is currently on the *SWBL All-League* leaderboard for home runs as well. Paige will play softball and is considering majoring in early childhood education.

Good luck Diamonique and Paige as you take your student-athlete careers to the next level!

Public Hearing: Community Input Welcome on CCIP Funds

The Northridge Local Schools receive funds through the Ohio Department of Education via the Consolidated Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP). Monies received through IDEA-R are used to provide special education services for students with identified disabilities. Title I funds are used to provide reading and early literacy interventions to qualified students while Title II funds are used for targeted professional development, which must align with goals outlined in the CCIP.

Public input regarding the use of these funds for the upcoming school year is welcome. Public input can be given at a meeting on July 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education office, 2008 Timber Lane, Dayton, Ohio 45414. Comments may also be sent to Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at the same address.

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Student & Staff Recognition

This month, in the final issue of the Dividends for SY 2020-2021, we highlight students from Northridge High School and Northridge Elementary School (K-2nd grade) who were honored at the May 27th Board of Education meeting for demonstrating the District's Core Values.

Students honored from the high school: **Tyler Fugate** and **Leeyah Samuels**. Students honored from K-2 elementary pictured from left to right: **Harley Minor, Elijah Sebastian, and Xavier Hill**.

The BoE also recognized the following staff for their commitment and dedication to the District and the District's Core Values: 2nd grade teacher's aide **Margaret Beavers** (not pictured); guidance counselor **Trisha Engle**; K-5 secretary **Deanna Hill** (not pictured); elementary P.E. teacher **Travis Jackson**; and 1st grade teacher **Amanda Wilson**.



Polar Bear Blessing Box

The Polar Bear Blessing Box is a community resource that provides food, personal care, and other items to those in need. The Boxes are open to all. Donations can be left within a Box, or on the porch at 3951 Montevideo Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

Please visit us on Facebook for current donation needs, as well as upcoming events. <https://www.facebook.com/Polar-Bear-Blessing-box-100176518736837>

**3951 Montevideo Drive
Dayton, Ohio 45414**

**2216 Harding Avenue
Dayton, Ohio 45414**

Need Help with Food This Summer?

The Polar Bear Cafe (PBC) is pleased to offer nutritional support to children ages 1-18 again this summer. The USDA waived many rules in the *Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)* during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis allowing the PBC to provide meals for pickup. Each child will receive 5 breakfast meals and 5 lunch meals that meet or exceed the SFSP meal pattern requirements. Rather than individual side dishes provided for each meal, more bulk produce is planned for the summer boxes. For example, a pound of fresh strawberries, grapes, broccoli, etc. which families can prepare in a variety of ways at home. Add strawberries to a smoothie, make broccoli casserole, etc.

Registration is required! Visit www.PolarBearCafe.org to register online or stop by the school to complete a paper copy. Each family will be given a number tag issued to your household and must be displayed at pickup. Families with a number tag used during the 2020-2021 school year **MUST** register again; and a summer tag will be issued.

Pickup Details - Tuesdays ONLY, June 10, 2021 - August 19, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

An adult may pick up meals for all children in the household; children are not required to be present. Plan to get foods that require refrigeration, safely stored as soon as possible after pick up. Please note, there is no drive through for meal box pickup on June 3rd. Service resumes on June 10th.



Northridge High School students recognized at the May 27th BoE meeting (left to right): Tyler Fugate and Leeyah Samuels.



Staff recognized at the May 27th BoE meeting (from left to right): Trisha Engle, Amanda Wilson, and Travis Jackson.



Lesson In Sign Language

Second grade teachers **Trish Baxter, Andrea Helrigle** and **Chelsea Smith** welcomed **Nancy Huff** to their classrooms for their lesson on **Helen Keller**. Mrs.



Huff has a fascinating connection with the American author and educator who was blind and deaf. Mrs. Huff's mother signed with Helen when she was a young girl. Huff's grandfather and uncle also worked with Helen. Teaching sign language led the Huff family to becoming a proud part of the deaf community for over 100 years.

Mrs. Huff taught the second grade classes how to sign some of their favorite words! In the picture above, the students are signing 'I love you.' A big thanks to Mrs. Huff for the invaluable lesson!

Senior Bond-fire

The Northridge Class of 2021 had a great time at their *bond-fire* on April 24! The seniors enjoyed each other's company while roasting marshmallows and hotdogs over the open flame. Even through the rain, the campfire kept the group warm enough to remain outside under the tents. When the rain slowed, they were able to enjoy a few games! Kickball was boys versus girls with board member **Mark Brumley** and high school secretary **Linda Brumley** officiating. The game was pretty competitive as several students and staff slid around the bases and into one another! Snacks were passed around with the classic game of Uno underway. Others engaged in a circle of volleyball passing. Thank you to the senior teachers for purchasing food and spending their Saturday evening with some great students! The senior class may have started a new tradition!



Outdoor Garden

The new Northridge PK-12 Outdoor Garden is officially open for all to enjoy! The Green Thumb Club hosted the ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 28th. However, the outdoor learning and play space is a work in progress. Club members continue the endeavor by creating a mathematics-themed planter. The raised beds feature vegetation of all shapes, sizes and colors including a variety of tomato and pepper plants. In order to withstand any waste, students have built a compost bin for fruit and vegetable scraps, accepting like donations from the community. The Green Thumb Club welcomes all to visit the new Outdoor Garden!



Calendar



The Northridge Graduating Class of 2021 is holding their graduation commencement program on Saturday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Northridge Stadium. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is on a first-come first-serve basis, and families are asked to sit with their own family members. Tickets are available at a link on the Northridge Local Schools website: www.northridgeschools.org.

Use student ID number for pass code to unlock tickets.

June 7th - 18th

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

STEM Camp

Let's Explore Careers in STEM!

Current K-4th grade students.

FREE! Breakfast, lunch and transportation provided.

June 7th - 25th

7:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.

Summer Academy

Current 5th - 12th grade students.

FREE! Breakfast and transportation provided.

June 21st - July 30th

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Summer Spark

Current K - 5th grade students.

FREE! Breakfast, lunch and transportation provided.

July 19th - 23rd

Band Camp

Contact Band Director

Martena Vencill for more info.

937-275-7469

For questions regarding these summer learning opportunities, please contact **Laura Inkrott**, Director of Curriculum and Instruction by email at: linkrott@northridgeschools.org.

Curriculum Corner

Northridge Teachers are always striving to improve their practice as educators. One practical way that all elementary teachers have sought to improve this year is by reading the outstanding book, Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Teaching, by **Anita Archer** and **Charles Hughes**.

There are many practical tips for teachers that have made an immediate impact on students and their learning such as focus on critical content, break down complex skills, require frequent responses, and deliver the lesson at a brisk pace. As you well know, it does no good to learn new ideas if they are not used. However, learning how to use the new ideas for teachers takes time, practice and a lot of support, just like what it takes for students to learn and apply new knowledge. Elementary teachers jumped right in with this new learning and began to immediately apply their learning in the classroom.

Hero Day in the Café

On Friday, May 7th, the Food Service Department was celebrated for being the super heroes they are for National School Lunch Hero Day! The ladies wore their super hero capes (pictured to the right) and posed for pictures with their Climate & Culture team thank-you gifts! On behalf of the Northridge Local Schools community, we thank you for helping keep students fed and healthy!



2021-2022 School Calendar

August 16	First Day for Staff	January 14	Staff Development - No School
August 17-23	Staff Development - No School	January 17	Martin Luther King Day - No School
August 24	First Day for Students	February 18	Staff Development - No School
September 6	Labor Day - No School	February 21	President's Day - No School
October 21	End of 1st Quarter	March 17	End of 3rd Quarter
October 22	Staff Development - No School	March 18	Staff Development - No School
November 2	Staff Development - No School	March 28-Apr 1	Spring Break - No School
November 22-25	Thanksgiving Break - No School	May 3	Staff Development - No School
November 26	Compensation Day for Fall Conferences - No School	May 27	End of 2nd Semester - Last Day of School - Early Release for students
Dec. 20-Dec. 31	Winter Break - No School	May 30	Memorial Day - No School
January 13	End of 1st Semester	May 31	Compensation Day for Spring Conferences



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