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of Learning in Northridge Schools

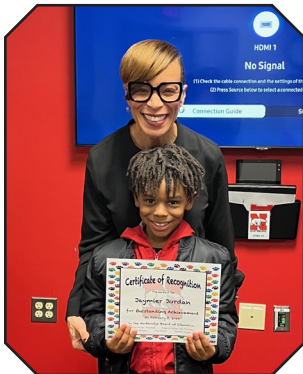
Students Exemplify District Core Values

On February 8th, the Northridge Board of Education honored outstanding students in Northridge Elementary School who have demonstrated one or more of the Northridge Core Values. These district developed attributes represent characteristics that guide daily interactions, goals, and mission. The Core Values of Northridge Schools focus on: Honest, Consistent, and Appropriate Communication; Education as Our Calling; Always Improving; District is Family; Student Success; Understand and Meet Legitimate Needs; and Personal Responsibility and Behavioral Integrity.

Students are nominated each month by teachers or administrators

in their buildings. Northridge Elementary School recognized the following students: second graders, **Jermaine Butler** and **Emelia Shoup**; first graders, **Lily Dohner** and **Jaymier Jordan**; kindergartners, **Bineta Mbengue** and

Marie Mbengue; and preschoolers, **Letti Adams**, **Lola Ball**, and **Erianna Landers** (not pictured).



***Congratulations,
Cubs!
We are very
proud of you!***

BoE Spotlight



Northridge has been home to **Margie Glock** for an impressive 55 years, and her commitment to the community shines through her

role as the current President of the school board. With a journey that began over two decades ago when former board member **Terry Weber** approached her during her daughter's softball practice, Margie has since been a steadfast advocate for Northridge students and their families.

Looking ahead, Margie is eager to see Northridge students evolve into self-sufficient individuals and hopes they graduate with a clear vision of their future occupations. As a mother and grandmother of Northridge alumni, she proudly notes that her family has deep roots in the community. Her husband, a Northridge graduate and Vietnam veteran, set the precedent, with three children and two grandchildren also proudly calling themselves Northridge alumni.

Beyond her school board responsibilities, Margie is a sports enthusiast, cheering for Northridge, the Reds, and the Bengals. Her interests include watching the Hallmark Channel, engaging in word searches, and spending quality time with her family and friends.

Margie is a beacon of dedication and community spirit in Northridge. Her unwavering commitment to the well-being and success of students, combined with her rich personal history, makes her an invaluable asset to the Northridge School Board.

Northridge Community

CHAMPIONS



Pre-School Registration
FREE Public Preschool for
ALL Northridge Residents

Registration Begins

April 25th
Online



You will need to bring with you:

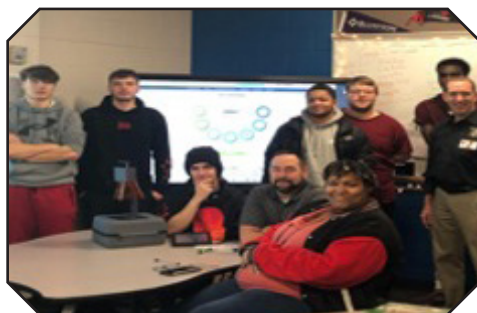
- * Child's Original Birth Certificate
- * Custody Papers, If Applicable
- * 2 Proofs of Residency (Lease and Utility Bill)
- * Child's Insurance Card
- * Parent/Guardian Valid ID
- * Proof of Income (Last 3 pay stubs of **EVERYONE** in the home, current OWF/Food Stamps or SSI award letters.)



To be eligible, preschoolers must be 3 or 4 years old and NOT eligible for Kindergarten, be potty trained (no pull-ups), and live in the Northridge Local School District. Registration can be completed online at www.northridgeschools.org, click on Quick Links and then Final Forms **AFTER APRIL 25TH** for school year 2024-2025. There is limited space in each classroom, and there is a morning session and an afternoon session. Children **do not** need to be present at registration, but **will** need to be present at orientation in the fall. For more information, please call **Dana Dixon** at 937-759-3884 or **Belinda Napier** at 937-275-7469 ext. 4222.

DRMA Visits with Senior Seminar Classes

On December 12, 2023 members of the Dayton Region Manufacturers Association (DRMA) were invited to **Barb Mendoza's** Senior Seminar classes to discuss manufacturing careers with students. Guest speakers were **Jim Bowman** with Noble Tools, **Kim Coomer** with D&E Machine, and **Tom Thompson** with French Oil.



Community Easter Egg Hunt

It's time for the Annual Northridge Community Egg Hunt! You are invited to this FREE Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23rd, at the practice field next to the Northridge Stadium. The festivities begin at 10:30 a.m. so please arrive early to secure a spot. The hunt is for all ages through 6th grade and will only last about 15 minutes. Kindly bring your own bags to gather eggs, and don't forget to say hello to the Easter Bunny! Be sure to look through the eggs for a **prize ticket**, to be turned in at the Prize Table. Don't forget to inspect the candy for children with food allergies. There will be a recycle bin to collect empty eggs before leaving the field.

In preparation for the egg hunt, please join us at the school, door #5, on March 11th at 5:30 p.m. to help stuff the 8000+ eggs. Thank you to *For The Love of Northridge* and *The Kiwanis Club of Northridge* for organizing this great event!

Please contact **Tina Fiore** by email at momfiore3@woh.rr.com or by phone at 937-794-2149 for details.



Just a Pair of Shoes / My Cleats, My Cause

In a heartwarming collaboration between *Just a Pair of Shoes*, a nonprofit founded by **Matt Cline**, and the NFL's *My Cleats, My Cause* program, 200 kids from Northridge had the opportunity to design a pair of cleats for NFL India-



The *Just a Pair of Shoes* team including **Matt Cline**, **Nathan Green**, **Dillon Wetsig**, **Vincent Hammond**, **Isaiah Greene**, **D'Shawn McKinney** and **Mark Landers** joined winners **Lucas Gibson**, **Gaige Skeens** and **Randall Otto** (not pictured)

napolis Colts player and Northridge High School class of 2013 alumni, **Drew Olgetree**. Despite some unexpected delays, the winners have been announced, and their designs are set to come to life in a unique and exciting way.

Each of these budding artists poured

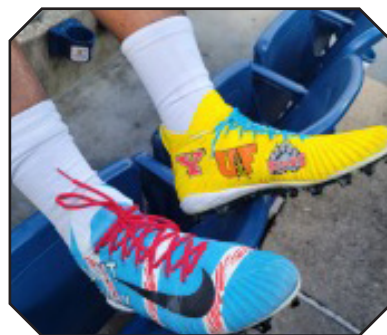
their creativity into crafting meaningful designs that showcased their individual inspirations. The young talents behind the winning designs are: fourth grader **Lucas Gibson** who drew inspiration from his love for the USA, expressing that *"the USA is the best that there is."* His design features a captivating pattern on the bottom of the shoe, coupled with a playful pattern on the top; **Gaige Skeens**, who is also a fourth grader, aspires to inspire kindness through his design. In a world that can sometimes seem chaotic, Gaige's cleats aim to spread a simple yet powerful message of kindness; and high schooler **Randall Otto** pulled inspiration from **Olgetree's** teams and colleges, creating a design that reflects the player's journey and achievements in the world of football.

To add an extra layer of surprise and delight, *Just a Pair of Shoes* has arranged a special prize for the winners. In an exclusive luncheon held January 30th, it was announced that each winner will receive a brand new pair of Air Force 1s that will feature the exact designs that the young artists submitted for **Olgetree's** cleats. Once the customized shoes are ready, they will be presented to the students in a celebration luncheon, turning their original artwork into a tangible and wearable masterpiece.

As the NFL's *My Cleats, My Cause* program continues to create meaningful connections between players, causes, and communities, *Just a Pair of Shoes* adds a unique touch by transforming young artists' visions into reality, one pair of cleats at a time. This innovative program aimed to empower students while making a positive impact on the community through their mission *"to make sure every child in our program has a new pair of shoes that will foster confidence and a sense of belonging."*

"We are thrilled to see the incredible talent and generosity of our students through the 'My Cleats, My Cause' program," said **Dr. Andrea Townsend**, Director of Human Resources, Special Education and Communication at Northridge Local Schools. *"This initiative provided a unique platform for our students to express themselves artistically while contributing to a meaningful cause."*

Just a Pair of Shoes Nonprofit is dedicated to making a positive impact on communities by providing footwear to those in need. The collaboration with Northridge exemplifies the organization's commitment to building confidence and belonging among the students. The *My Cleats, My Cause* program at Northridge is a testament to the positive influence that collaboration between schools and nonprofit organizations can have on the community. The school district looks forward to future initiatives that inspire students to use their talents for the greater good.



Drew Olgetree proudly wore the cleats featuring the young artists' designs on Sunday, December 10, 2023.

Calendar

10 Daylight Saving Time
Begins at 2:00 a.m.

Spring forward one hour!



14 Board of Education Meeting
- 6:00 p.m.

15 Staff Development
- No School for Students

17 St. Patrick's Day



19 Staff Development
- No School for Students



March Sports

Varsity Boys Baseball

Game time 5:00 p.m. unless noted.

26 Miami East*
28 Riverside



Varsity Girls Softball

Game time 5:00 p.m. unless noted.

21 Dayton Christian*
26 Miami East*
28 Riverside

* Home

Coming Soon - Kindergarten Registration

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Read here for more
information on registration
for the **2024-25 school year!**

Will your child be 5 years of age by August 1, 2024? If so, it's time to register him/her for kindergarten! **Join us for a Kindergarten Registration Event on Thursday, April 25th at 4:00 p.m.** More specifics will be released as the date draws nearer. In the meantime, gather the following items you will need to bring with you to kindergarten registration:

- Child's original birth certificate
- Child's immunization records
- Custody papers, if applicable
- Photo identification of parent/legal guardian
- Two proofs of residency in the Northridge Local School District. Acceptable items are: rental/lease/mortgage statement, home owner's or renter's insurance declaration page, auto insurance, current property tax bill, utility bill, paycheck or pay stub with address, current bank statement, or voter registration documentation with address. Additionally the bills need to be dated within the past 30 days of the registration date. If you are living with a friend or relative and are not on the lease, an affidavit must be completed, notarized, and accompanied with two proofs of residency from whom you are residing.
- Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of adults you plan to place on the emergency contact forms and your child's physicians to place on the medical forms.

NHS Graduation
Friday, May 31, 2024
8:00 p.m.
Northridge Football Stadium



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