

dividends

of Learning in Northridge Schools

Northridge High School Teacher Brings Virtual Reality to Mathematics



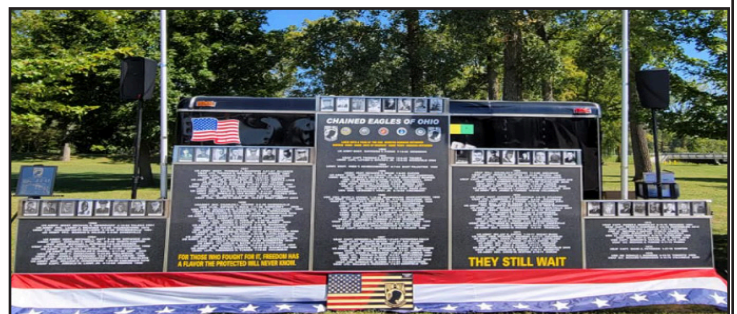
Northridge High School Math Team Leader, **Dave Belna**, is piloting Prisms' Virtual Reality (VR) experiential learning modules in his high school applied math classes. The learning modules develop enduring conceptual and procedural fluency in five core algebra competencies to create long-lasting skills. Students participating will solve compelling real-world problems through seeing, moving, touching, and perceiving in a virtual world. The pilot will allow Northridge High School students the opportunity to engage in five immersive learning modules focused on Linear Functions, Quadratics, Exponentials, Systems of Linear Equations, and Statistics. The Applied Math students will use a VR headset with integrated touch controllers to navigate the virtual world to collect and analyze simulated real-world situations. Prisms' VR modules build inspiring, efficient, and data-driven learning experiences to close the opportunity gap in STEM for all students. Dave is excited to lead the district in the pilot and provide NHS students with this innovative learning opportunity.

Vietnam Vets Chained Eagles Exhibit

Volunteers from the Vietnam Vets Chained Eagles are coming to Northridge. To honor those who have served and those who still serve, a group of volunteers dedicated to honoring our military veterans during the Vietnam War, will be sharing historical stories and images on Veteran's Day, Thursday, November 11th. They are bringing and setting up "The Wall" which lists the names of all of the POWs and MIAs from Ohio. Also in the exhibit is a replica of a "Tiger Cage" which was made from bamboo from the jungles of Vietnam. This type of cage was used during this military conflict to transport prisoners and keep them from escaping. Up to four soldiers were kept in each cage. As additional torture and humiliation, the North Vietnamese Army submerged the cages into the river at night or hung them in trees during the day. This tactic caused further injury and illness, both physically and mentally, to prisoners of war.

A veteran from the Vietnam War will be at Northridge Local Schools to share stories, information, and take questions. Each grade level will have an opportunity to view the exhibit and listen to the speakers on a staggered schedule. Teachers are encouraged to plan lessons and learning opportunities that will lead to this culminating activity.

For additional information, please contact **Julie Raiff Crabtree**, high school Intervention Specialist, at 937-275-7469 or email at jraiff@northridge-schools.org. An invitation is extended to all Veterans to join the Northridge Family on this day as we honor our country and the Patriotic Americans who, through their efforts, have given us the freedoms that we all enjoy.



NEWS

Northridge Community

54th Annual Homecoming Parade

Another successful Northridge Homecoming Parade took place on Sunday, October 3rd. Many amazing cars were displayed during the traditional car show, held in the Board of Education parking complex, adding to the excitement of this 54th annual event. This year's organizers, **Tina Fiore** and **C.J. Szekeley**, would like to thank everyone for coming out and participating! Congratulations to the Polar Bear football team who celebrated a victory Friday night over Bethel, as well as to **Ethan Williams** and **Kylie Williams** for being crowned Homecoming King and Queen. A big thank you to Harrison Township for their support in making the event possible and for providing the photos taken by **Ken Jarosik**.



Next year's parade is set for Sunday, October 16, 2022. Many classes celebrating big reunions are planning on putting an 'old school float' in the parade. We are very excited to see the return of this tradition and hope it inspires additional class float creations next year!



Leaders in the Classroom

The Student Volunteer Corp (SVC) has returned to Northridge Elementary. This program was originally started at Grafton Kennedy Elementary during the 2018-2019 school year by teacher **Ann Ewing**, SVC Advisor, and **Tony Hiser**. These students are leaders in the classroom who are given other responsibilities during the day to empower them and help them grow their leadership skills. Currently the 5th grade SVC consists of **Trevor Hawkey**, **Cordelia Gambrel**, **Ta'Lynn Mitchell**, **Jason Fox**, **Minhtriet Tran**, **Rylee Goodwin**, **A'aleyah Campbell**, and **Bryan Shelby**. SVC will be chosen before the end of October and the program will continue to expand this year.



Save the Date!

Who: Preschool - 5th Graders
What: Shoes 4 the Shoeless
When: Wednesday, May 11, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Where: Northridge Elementary School

Annual Christmas Basket

Kiwanis Club of Northridge, is pleased to be able to once again head up the long standing tradition of taking care of Polar Bears in need of a helping hand at Christmas! The Annual Christmas Basket applications are now being accepted online. To receive a link to the Google application form or to help support this project with a donation, please email club President Elect **Tina Fiore** at momfiore3@woh.rr.com. Applicants **MUST BE** Northridge students. Seventy-five (75) families will be chosen with the help of district representatives. Each chosen family will receive notification of their selection and basket/gift pick-up time the week of December 6th. All baskets with gifts will be distributed during the week of December 13th.

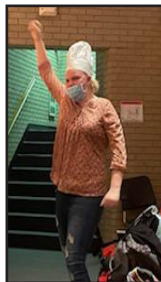


Clue

ON STAGE HIGH SCHOOL EDITION

Northridge Drama Club is presenting "Clue: On Stage" based very closely to the 1980's movie starring **Tim Curry**.

Shows will be on Friday, November 5th and Saturday, November 6th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 7th at 3:00 p.m. All shows are in the Dave Herring Auditorium at the former high school. Ticket costs are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors.



Come out to support Northridge students and watch the mystery unfold.

Come out to support Northridge students and watch the mystery unfold.

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15th through October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month. Each of the Champion's Preschool classes learned about the Hispanic culture through books, art, music, and food. Students learned about those that make up the diverse cultures of Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean, Central and South America. We celebrate the over 62 million people that represent the U.S. Hispanic population.

As the students learned about Supreme Court Justice **Sonia Sotomayor** and Olympic gymnast **Laurie Hernandez**, they had the opportunity to make sombrero's, an iconic symbol of Mexican culture.

Pictured to the right in the back row (L-R): **Lynnox Stringer, Jayme Spates, Tucker Perl, and Norah Utley**. Front row (L-R): **Emoni Gardner and Thomas Horn, Jr.**

Get Involved

The Bear Boosters is a volunteer organization that supports and supplements Northridge athletics. They arrange for sports banquets, senior gifts (senior nights) and try to supplement sports with things beyond those provided by the athletic program. The boosters even sponsor a scholarship for a male and female athlete every year.

Most of the funding currently comes from proceeds from concession profits. However, in the past, there have been food stands, golf scrambles, raffles and even fish fries. Currently, there are very few members, and functions are very limited for this reason. **Andy Ehrhart**, Booster President, states, "There is a lot we could do with the organization; however, with basically four members, it's hard to plan larger events."

Fresh ideas and more members to plan larger events is what the Boosters are wanting to see. As with most school organizations, it's all about the kids. "The more fundraising we can do, the more we can provide to the sports programs," Ehrhart said.

If you are interested in participating in the Bear Boosters, contact **Lisa Ehrhart** at 937-238-5259 and look for a meeting coming up in December, time and date to be determined.



EVENTS

Calendar

- 4 NHS Fall Athletic Awards Banquet - 6:00 p.m.
- Elementary Cafetorium
- 5-7 Clue: On Stage Drama Production (See article for times)
- 11 Vietnam Veterans Chained Eagles Exhibit
- 15 PK-5 PTO Meeting - 3:20 p.m.
- Elementary Music Rm G125
- 15 Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break
November
22 - 26

No
School



November Sports

Varsity Boys Basketball

- 9 Tri-County North - Scrimmage - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 Mississinawa Valley*-Scrimmage - 10:00 a.m.
- 24 Graham - Scrimmage - 9:00 a.m.

Varsity Girls Basketball

(Game time 7:15 unless noted.)

- 6 Stivers* - Scrimmage - 3:00 p.m.
- 11 Newton - Scrimmage - 6:00 p.m.
- 15 Whitehall-Yearling - Scrimmage - 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Tri-County North*
- 20 Twin Valley South
- 23 Dixie*
- 27 Miami East* - 1:15 p.m.
- 30 Oakwood*

* Home

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:

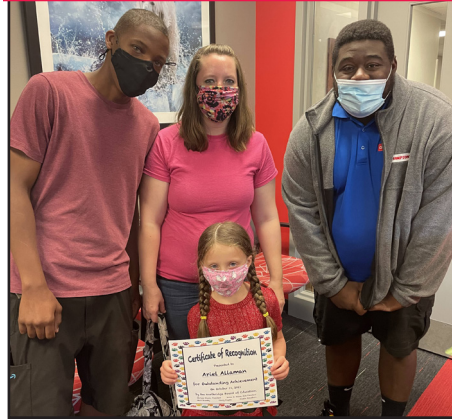
- safety of students and staff.
- street conditions.
- current weather and forecasts.
- status of bus fleet.
- condition of buildings and grounds.
- consultation with police, township road department, and other schools.

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. **In order to be sure you receive the district one-call, please contact your child's school to make sure they have your correct phone number on file.**

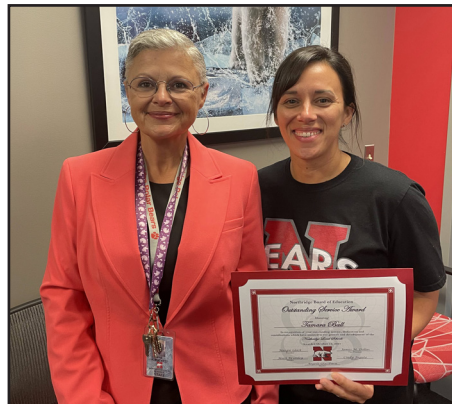
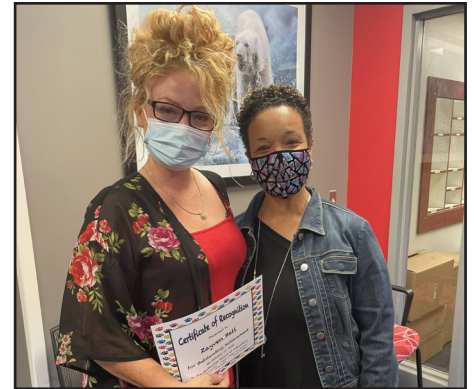
Student & Staff Recognition



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

The Northridge Local School Board wants to honor students in the district who have demonstrated one or more of the Northridge Core Values. These district developed attributes represent characteristics that guide our daily interactions, goals, and mission. The Core Values of Northridge Schools focus on: **Honest, Consistent, and Appropriate**



Elementary School Students in grades PreK-2 who received recognition at the October 11th BoE meeting were **Zayven Hall, Ja'ceon Nichols, Nancy Nguyen, and Ariel Allaman.**

The Board also recognized staff member **Tamara Ball**, Secretary to the Director of Operations, for understanding and meeting legitimate needs.

dividends
of Learning in Northridge Schools



Northridge Board of Education
2008 Timber Lane
Dayton, Ohio 45414

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Dayton, Ohio
Permit #575

ECRWSS
POSTAL CUSTOMER

Published monthly, September through June
by Northridge Board of Education
Margie Glock - President
David A. Jackson - Superintendent