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of Learning in Northridge Schools

Welcome New Staff Members



Thirty new staff members joined the Northridge Local Schools this year. **Kimberly Puckett** has joined the district as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and **Teresa Allen** has joined the ranks as a K-12 Guidance Counselor.

The high school and middle school welcomed intervention specialists **Abby Balazs**, **Karen Rosholt** and **Amanda Tuttle**; 9-12 social studies teachers **Tonishia Burgan** and **Christopher Pickard**; 6-8 English language arts teacher **Kaitlyn Ferguson**; 6-8 social studies teacher **Amy Graham**; art teacher **Savanah Long**; health teacher **Brittany Trevino**, and 9-12 English language arts teacher **Hannah Zickgraf**.

The elementary school welcomed intervention specialist **Ana Godin**; 3rd grade teachers **Alicia Helton**, **Jennifer Jackson**, and **Ronni Rush**; and 2nd grade teacher **Genea White**.

Also joining the elementary school are instructional assistants **Callie Cross**, **Mary Krebs**, **Seth Pritchett**, and **Paige Ward**; instructional aides **Larry Holt**, **Autumn Puckett**, and **Capri Ramsperger**.

The maintenance/custodial/janitorial department welcomed janitor **Patricia Kelly**, while the transportation department welcomed bus drivers **Dallas Davis**, **Brian Smith** and **Bonita Spates**; and bus aides **Brenda Bondurant** and **Heather Proffitt**.

Welcome to the Northridge family!



It's Back!

54th Annual Northridge Homecoming and Community Parade

Northridge Community Parade

DATE:

Sunday, October 3, 2021

TIME:

2:00 P.M.

THEME:

Happy Days Are Here Again!



PARADE LINE-UP AND ROUTE:

Start at Arthur Avenue and end at the former Northridge High School (current MCEC) parking lot.

Community Car Show

DATE:

Sunday, October 3, 2021

TIME:

10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

WHERE:

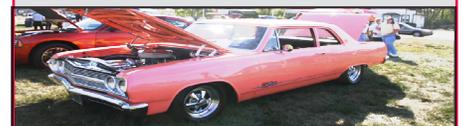
On school grounds.

ORGANIZED BY:

C.J. Szekely



For more information about the parade, please contact Parade Chair **Tina Fiore** at momfiore3@woh.rr.com.



NEWS

Northridge Community



A Bid Farewell



“I’m doing great!” The phrase most often expressed by **Bob Brookhart**, friend and photographer for the *Northridge Hall of Fame*. It’s with sad news that we regret to report the passing of Bob, who was also a Northridge graduate, class of 1958.

Bob donated time and photographic talents to the Northridge Hall of Fame for well over a decade. He was a member of the *Rose Society* who captured images of award winning roses for the members, photographed presidential portraits for the *Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce*, numerous weddings, and other events for individuals across the Miami Valley. In addition to his green thumb for growing a variety of roses, Bob enjoyed traveling around the country. He seldom hesitated leaving home in his Camry, with well over 400,000 miles, to visit family and friends.

We can celebrate Bob’s life by remembering this lesson he lived, to focus on the positive and overlook the negative. A lesson to keep in mind and remember, because now, I’m doing great!

Understanding and Meeting Legitimate Needs

Northridge Local Schools seeks to be guided by our **HEADS UP** core values. Each of these values, including honest, consistent, appropriate communication (**H**), education as our calling (**E**), and always improving (**A**), acts as the lens through which we seek to make all decisions.

As you might imagine, our first time kindergarten students and their teachers need a little help getting lunch served to over 100 five year olds. Maintenance Supervisor **Brian Lairson** and Director of Curriculum and Instruction **Kim Puckett**, joined **LeAnn Puckett** and **Rose Jepson** in



“meeting the legitimate needs” of these young Polar Bears during the first week of school. Thanks Mr. Lairson and Mrs. Puckett for going out of your way and out of your job description to demonstrate “U,” understanding and meeting legitimate needs.



5 Keys to a Safe and Healthy Campus

- Stay home if you are sick!
- Wear a mask
- Maintain social distance 6 feet
- Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds
- Don't touch your face



Learning from The Kid Whisperer

From August 2-4, twenty-four Northridge staff wisely invested some of their summer break to attend Behavior Leadership training with **Scott Ervin**, “*The Kid Whisperer*,” and Northridge teacher **Ashley Owen** in Cincinnati, Ohio. Teachers learned great procedures for helping Northridge students succeed, such as:

- Having a calm signal
- Creating class nicknames for each student
- Creating a class name for the entire class
- Creating team names within each classroom
- Positive Noticing
- ESPN greeting
- Control sharing procedures
- Delayed learning opportunities
- Gentle guidance interventions

These strategies are based on many years of practice in the classroom and help teach students responsibility and self-regulation. This training is part of the Northridge *Whole Child Initiative* and PBIS plan (for supporting positive behavior). It is one more “tool” for staff to have to help all students succeed not only in their school work, but also in their social and emotional lives!

Student Day Times

High School (9-12)

7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
(student entry at 7:30 a.m.)

Middle School (6-8)

7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.
(student entry at 7:30 a.m.)

Elementary (K-5)

8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
(student entry at 8:25 a.m.)

Champions Preschool

8:40 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.
(student entry at 8:25 a.m.)

Student Records

In accordance with law and with policies enacted by the Northridge Board of Education, the following is provided to make you aware of: the content of your child's school records, gaining access to those records, and the procedure for amending the record if necessary.

Directory information includes name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially organized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, the most recent school attended, certificates and awards received, and other similar information. Non-directory information includes grades, proficiency test scores, family background information, disciplinary actions and reports of serious or recurring behavior patterns, reports by staff specialists, and interest inventories.

Directory information may be released without obtaining written consent unless you notify your child's principal. Release of non-directory information will always be with your prior knowledge unless by court subpoena.

Search For Children With Disabilities

The Northridge Local School District, along with other school districts across the state of Ohio, continue participating in an effort to identify, locate and evaluate all children from birth through 21 years of age who may have disabilities. Disability, in this instance, means such conditions as cognitive disability, hearing impairment, speech or language impairment, visual impairment, emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairment, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairment, specific learning disability, deaf-blindness, and multiple disabilities. Public schools have responded vigorously to federal and state mandates requiring the provision of a free appropriate public education regardless of a child's disability. Many children with disabilities are not visible because they do not function in the mainstream of the community. Also, some identified children with disabilities are preschoolers.

The Northridge Local School District is interested in meeting the needs of children with disabilities. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability or have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at 937-278-5885.

The district's written policies and procedures for the identification of children with disabilities are available upon request.

ADA Accessibility

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance or arrangements to participate in a program or activity should contact Superintendent **Dave Jackson** at 937-278-5885.

EVENTS Calendar

- 11 Board of Education Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- 22 Staff Development - **No School for Students**
- 25 Board of Education Work Session - 5:30 p.m.



October Sports

Cross Country

- 6 Tippecanoe Inv. - TBA
- 9 Legacy Christian Academy - TBA
- 16 OPEN - TRC Championship - TBA
- 23 OPEN - District Meet at Cedarville - TBA

Varsity Football

(Game Time 7:00 p.m.)

- 1 Bethel* - Homecoming
- 7 Troy Christian* - Thursday Night Lights
- 15 Milton-Union
- 23 Lehman Catholic



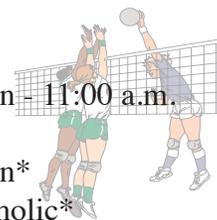
Girls Tennis

- 5 Sectional at Centerville - 9:00 a.m.

Lady Bears Volleyball

(Game time 6:30 p.m. unless noted.)

- 4 Newton*
- 5 Bethel
- 9 Milton-Union - 11:00 a.m.
- 11 Franklin
- 12 Milton-Union*
- 14 Lehman Catholic*



Fall sports programs will continue to follow OHSAA guidelines. Schedules are subject to change.

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Curriculum Corner

Developing Staff to Increase Student Achievement



In late August, the six professional development days provided teachers and staff from across the district valuable time to prepare and plan for the 2021- 2022 school year. They also participated in a wide variety of professional development to meet the students' academic, behavioral, and emotional needs in several ways.

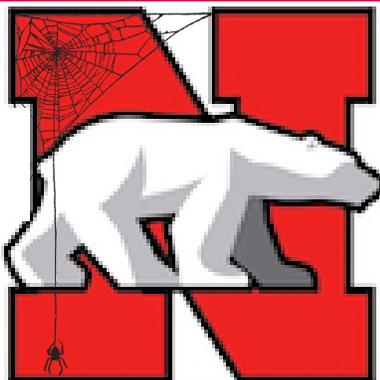
English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies teaching staff in grades 6-12 were provided best practices professional development for implementing their NEW curriculum. The new curriculum, selected by a panel of Northridge teachers and administrators, will provide teachers and students the necessary resources to improve teaching and learning and ultimately increase academic achievement for all students.

Improving instructional strategies continues to be a focus for all teaching staff. Following last year's K – 5 book study of Explicit Instruction, the entire K – 12 teaching staff participated in the launch of the virtual Explicit Instruction learning series presented by educator and author **Anita Archer**. Explicit Instruction is an evidence-based strategy that is proven to increase student achievement. Ms. Archer introduced the sixteen elements of the teaching strategy. Teachers will further study the sixteen elements throughout the seven additional training sessions scheduled between September and January.

Additionally, all Northridge staff participated in various professional development sessions focused on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), an evidence-based framework to improve and integrate all of the data, systems, and practices affecting student achievement. Effective PBIS implementation creates schools where all students succeed. Staff had the opportunity to receive training through the Montgomery County Educational Service Center in Handle with Care and Social-Emotional Learning sessions. The Northridge PBIS team also provided staff with an implementation plan, including detailed strategies and lesson plans, for implementing the district's PBIS program. When you visit the Northridge campus, you will see the posters Responsibility, Respect, Effort, reminding students and staff of how to demonstrate respect and achieve a positive environment where all students can succeed.

The professional development opportunities provided will build skills and increase knowledge for all district staff to continue meeting our students' academic, social-emotional and behavioral needs.

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