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BEAR FACTS NEWSLETTER

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NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS CELL PHONE POLICY

DATE 08/23/24



A Note From Fellow Polar Bear, Tevin Bittner, 7th Grade

Good evening Polar Bears!

This year all middle school students at Northridge local schools are required to put their phones in a locked box everyday for the whole school year. Keep in mind polar bears, if caught with your phone during the school day, you will receive appropriate consequences. Have a great 24 -25 school year!

WHY DID THEY MADE THIS NEW CELL PHONE POLICY?

- ☐ THEY ARE A DISTRACTION
- ☐ KIDS CYBERBULLY EACH OTHER
- ☐ HOUSE BILL 250 (SEE BELOW)
- ☐ KIDS ARE ADDICTED TO THEM

THINK ABOUT WHY THIS HAPPENED.



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Please allow for 24 hours for a response.

WHAT: MIKE DEWINE
SIGNED HOUSE BILL 250
REQUIRING SCHOOLS TO
CREATE STRICT PHONE
POLICIES

WHERE: KARRER
MIDDLE SCHOOL IN
DUBLIN, OHIO

WHEN: MAY 2024

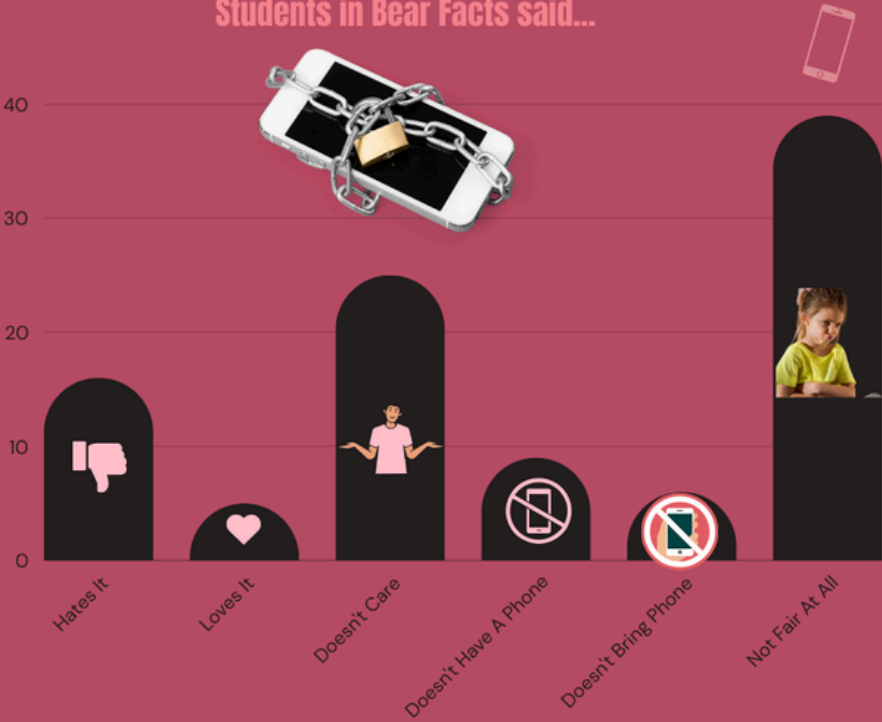
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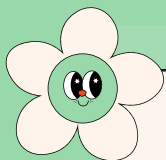
STUDENTS IN BEAR FACTS SAID...



BY MALIYAH HORRELL, 7TH GRADE

How Do You Like The New Cell Phone Policy at Northridge?
Students in Bear Facts said...





ALL ABOUT MS. SCOTT

by Aa'nyah Taylor - 8th Grade



NAME: MS SCOTT

INTERVENTION AID

Ms. Scott graduated from Trotwood Madison High School about seven years ago. She lives with her one-year-old son. Ms. Scott has two older siblings. Before she came to Northridge, Ms. Scott was a group leader at Adventure Central, a community based summer day camp and after school program.



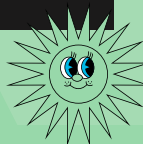
MS. SCOTT'S HOBBIES

~PAINTING
~ CROCHETING
~ SHOPPING

She enjoys working at Northridge because she gets to see the kids growth in learning and skills. She also likes to see that she is helping the kids improve their reading.

A typical work day for her starts with pulling groups right after Polar Pride. She does this twice a period for six periods. Seventh is her planning period, so she takes that time to decompress and go over what happened that day and in those groups.

FAVORITE ANIMAL: GIRAFFE



Meet Mrs. Day - 8th Science

by Whitney Schmidt & Maliyah Horrell, 6th grade



She was born in Ohio,
but she grew up in
many different places.
Some of these places
being:

- ♥ Vandalia
- ♥ Oregon
- ♥ Colorado
- ♥ Indiana
- ♥ Arizona

Mrs. Day was interested in becoming a teacher because she wanted to help young people see the beauty and potential in the world and show them they can make an impact in it.

Mrs. Day has been working at Northridge for a total of four years. Before coming to Northridge, Mrs. Day worked at Meadowdale for two years. Then she came to Northridge for four years. Then, left to work at Covington for the past 2 years, and then came back to Northridge this year.

- Attended Community College in Arizona
- Graduated & received her teaching license from Wright State
- She loves the connections at Northridge

Mrs. Day is passionate about being a teacher at Northridge because she enjoys giving kids a chance to have a better future. The most challenging part about being a teacher, according to Mrs. Day, is trying to bond with students who do not want to be here at Northridge.

MRS. DAY'S FAVORITE THINGS

- Hiking
- Horror
- Karate black belt
- Reading
- Hanging out with her kids
- Disney



She has three kids of her own. The oldest is 26, the middle child is 19, and the youngest is 16. She has known her husband for 17 years and has been married to him for 14 years.

Mrs. Day's Pets:

- Long haired German shepherd
- A mini aussie
- A kitten
- A cat

Random weird fact:

Mrs. Day can wiggle her ears



What is your favorite holiday?

The Bear Facts classes said...

Halloween 35%
Thanksgiving 10%
Christmas 55%



by Alexis Whited, 8th Grade



CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM AT NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

by Elijah Caldwell, 8th grade

In Ohio right now 26% of kids are chronically absent from school. At Northridge there are approximately 48% of kids that are chronically absent from school. The likely reason is due to the pandemic. It may have made students and parents become more comfortable with being home and having their kids at home. Despite the absence rate, there has been an increase in third grade reading scores and graduation rates; Superintendent Dave Jackson says that we should see even more gains if we can improve our attendance rates. Lastly, teachers are talking about giving incentives to come to school on Wednesdays because that is the day that most students are not showing up for school.

Ideas to
encourage better
attendance

1. Free choice Wednesday
2. Starting school later.
3. Polar Pride competitions
4. Less work on Wednesday
5. Fun class activities
6. Rewards & other incentives



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