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Spring 2020

Dear NPS Community,

Where we have been

March 12, 2020. The day that significantly changed how we view and conduct school. On this date, our varsity girl's basketball players were preparing to continue their amazing tournament run in the MHSAA Girls Division 2 Tournament. Coming off a last second regional win over G.R. Christian, our girls were getting ready for the challenge of their lives – a contest against G.R. West Catholic. It then all screeched to a halt. The game was cancelled and at 11:00 p.m. that evening, Governor Whitmer ordered all schools to close due to COVID-19. I am sure at that time we all felt like this was going to be a 2-3 week break from school. That was not to be. On April 2, 2020, Governor Whitmer ordered all schools to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

This sudden closure left educators confused and concerned. The first order of the day was to figure out how to provide food for our students. NPS participated in the Unanticipated School Closure Program. As of the June 3, NPS has served 39,521 lunches and 39,520 breakfasts to kids in our community. In terms of teaching, some educators had dabbled in online instruction but suddenly, distance/remote learning became a reality for all of us. Our teachers then simply did what teachers do – rolled up their sleeves and got to work. Immediately, NPS had to devise a Continuity of Learning Plan to be submitted to the state. This plan outlined what we were going to do for teaching and learning for students while the school buildings were shut down. High school students had chromebooks in their possession already. Plans were made to get middle school students equipped with chromebooks if they needed a device at home. It was decided that learning for K-4 would be done with paper packets. Ultimately, a majority of our students in K-12 were provided with learning packets, as internet connectivity in many areas of Newaygo County is problematic.

When students were no longer physically attending school after the first shutdown announcement in March, we did not know long the shutdown was going to last. Consequently, the first week of June, we allowed students and parents to return to buildings to retrieve belongings, turn in homework, etc. Our school year officially ended on June 4, 2020. We plan to honor our Class of 2020 seniors with commencement on July 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. on the high school football field if executive orders and guidelines allow us to do so.

Where we are going

In planning for the 2020-2021 school year, we know we have to be flexible and ready for different scenarios. If in-person teaching and learning cannot happen, what does that mean? We will be working over the summer to collect information and work collaboratively to put plans in place so that our students can still receive a high quality NPS education. We'll be getting direction from multiple education leadership groups, the Michigan Dept. of Education, the Health Department, the CDC, etc. Everyone longs to get back to normal. Here at NPS, we will be careful and thoughtful when moving forward. Of course, we want to educate our kids in person but our first priority is the health and safety of students and staff. As things develop over the summer, please be sure to check the district webpage and social media accounts for updates. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 231.652.4933.

With Pride and Respect,

Dr. Peggy A. Mathis
Superintendent



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NHS 2020 Top Ten



Newaygo High School Principal, Brad Reyburn, is pleased to announce the top ten for the graduating Class of 2020.



Madison Berwald, Valedictorian, is the daughter of Jeff and Julie Berwald. Throughout high school, she has participated in multiple sports, including volleyball, basketball, and softball. She has also been a member of academic groups including Student Council, College Ambassadors, and National Honor Society. Outside of participating in academic and athletic groups, Madison has also been an active member of her community by volunteering at youth sports camps, True North, and Bellwether Harbor. In the fall, Madison plans on attending Central Michigan University in pursuit of her Master's degree for either social work or psychology.



Jessica Sanchez, Salutatorian, is the daughter of Lynn and Lupe Sanchez. Throughout high school she has been involved in three school sports: volleyball, basketball, and softball. She also participated in College Ambassadors and National Honor Society. Jessica was named Class President all four years. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering at Newaygo's youth sports camps to teach children how to become more skilled. Starting this summer, Jessica plans to attend Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in nursing.



Carson Bush is the son of Steve and Cris Bush. He is a very active member of the school and community. Throughout high school, Carson has taken part in sports such as football, baseball, and basketball, along with being a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Carson works at Ace Hardware and volunteers with youth sports. In the fall, Carson will be attending Central Michigan University.

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Kyla Rounds is the daughter of Eric and Kim Rounds. Throughout her high school career, she has participated in basketball and track, as well as in Marching, Concert, Jazz, and Honor bands. Kyla has also been involved in Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Newaygo Chapter of the National Honor Society, and yearbook. She enjoys volunteering in her church's Awana program, Jr. Church, Vacation Bible School, and nursery. In her spare time, Kyla also enjoys baking, spending time with her family and friends, reading, playing the flute and piano, and participating in her youth group. This fall, Kyla plans on attending Faith Baptist Bible College to major in Elementary Education and minor in Music Education.



Sophia Frisbie is the daughter of Thomas and Shay Frisbie. She has been a three-sport athlete her entire school career, participating in softball, basketball, and cross country. Sophia has also led her peers in Student Council, National Honor Society, and College Ambassadors. In her time spent away from homework, sports, and other extracurriculars, Sophia enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing, kayaking, and hammocking. She is also an active member of her faith community, serving for her church and the Newaygo County Catholic Youth Ministry. Sophia plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall, where she will study either Environmental or Civil Engineering.



Samantha Toth is the daughter of Rick and Corinne Toth. She has participated in many activities including PBIS, be nice, National Honor Society, College Ambassadors, Quizbowl, Rachel's Challenge, NCCTC Peer to Peer, and the NHS talent show. Outside of school, she volunteers her time with summer youth camps and theater. In the fall, she will be attending Kalamazoo College to study biology and Spanish. She plans to pursue her Doctorate Degree in Pathology.

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Noah Painter is the son of Matthew and Melissa Painter. He is actively involved in his school as well as the community. Noah has participated in soccer and basketball for all four years of high school. Apart from sports, Noah also participated in National Honor Society and tutored other students. In the community, he took time to volunteer at local sporting events. In the fall, Noah will be attending Michigan Technological University to pursue a Master's Degree in Statistics.



Megan Grant is the daughter of William and Theresa Grant. She participated in color guard, band, drama club, Quiz bowl, VEX Robotics, and Breakfast Club during her high school career. She was also in the National Honor Society and received awards for both her poetry and art. She enjoyed volunteering for events at Christ the King-Saint Francis De Sales Parish. Megan is planning on going to Central Michigan University in the fall to study fashion design and teaching English as a second language.



Emma Briggs is the daughter of Chris and Lisa Briggs. Emma has been a part of the Newaygo Band Program for four years and has actively participated in the Jazz, Pep, Concert, and Marching bands. She has also been a member and treasurer of National Honor Society as well as a member of College Ambassadors. She has spent many hours volunteering in the schools' concession stands and has helped run many National Honor Society events. In her free time, Emma likes to spend time with her friends and family. In the fall, Emma will be attending Northern Michigan University to study Biochemistry with plans to later attend Medical School in hopes of becoming a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.



Liza Nausadis is the daughter of Todd and Rachelle Nausadis. Throughout high school, Liza has participated in Varsity Cross Country and Track. She has been a member of Student Council, National Honor Society, and is dual enrolled. In her spare time, Liza has had a job working at The Brook Retirement Home and has spent many hours volunteering at Grace Bible Church. In the fall, she will be pursuing a degree in Interior Design at Grand Rapids Community College.

Edward T. Grodus Banquet Scholarships



Scholarship	Recipients
Val. & Sal. & Top Ten Awards	Madison Berwald, Jessica Sanchez, Carson Bush, Kyla Rounds, Sophia Frisbie, Samantha Toth, Noah Painter, Megan Grant, Emma Briggs, Liza Nausadis
N.E.A. Awards	Madison Berwald, Jessica Sanchez, Carson Bush, Kyla Rounds, Sophia Frisbie, Samantha Toth, Noah Painter, Megan Grant, Emma Briggs, Liza Nausadis
The Ed & Millie Grodus Scholarship	Zendrianna Derwin, Johnny Soto
Gerber Foundation Merit Scholarships	Taylor Ciatto, Savannah Hill, Fayth Melven, Emily Oldham, Cheyenne Wheeler
Dan Gerber Medallion Scholarships	Madison Berwald, Carson Bush, Noah Painter, Samantha Toth
Fremont Area Community Foundation Scholarships	
Kenneth & Pauline Bull Scholarship	Alyssa Karrip
Coville Scholarship	Madison DeJohn
Emma L. Graham Scholarship	Madison Booth
Jeff Cronk Scholarship	Carson Bush
Fremont Area Community Foundation Scholarships	
Berger Family Scholarship	Sophia Frisbie
Charles William Davidson Scholarship	Alera Welch
Maynard & Lavina DeKryger Health Care Scholarship	Jessica Sanchez
T.R. & Bonnie Deur St. Bartholomew Church, Newaygo	Jessica Sanchez, Alera Welch
Dodge Scholarship	Hannah Ritter
Raymond & Dorothy Frankowski Scholarship	Kalista DeJohn
Robert & Elsie Geeting Scholarship	Liza Nausadis
Larry & Adele Hansen Scholarship	Brady Longcore
Trooper Kevin Marshall Memorial Scholarship	Alera Welch
Richard D. Maurer Scholarship	Taylor Davis
Newaygo County C.Tech C. Scholarship	Madison Booth, Xavier DeLing, Nakia Rake, Samantha Toth, Alyssa Watkins
Don & Deborah Powers Scholarship	Madison Booth
Lou & Angie Spletzer Memorial Scholarship	Samantha Toth
Vandervier Family Scholarship	Natalie Luka
LeRoy Zimmerman Scholarship	Emma Briggs
NPS Educational Advancement Scholarships	Emma Briggs, Sophia Frisbie, Quinn Hefferan Nordlund, Celeste Huisman, Alyssa Karrip, Liza Nausadis, Jackson Nelson, Noah Painter, Hannah Ritter, Jessica Sanchez

NPS Educational Advancement Superintendent Scholarship	Madison Booth
Bev Shue Alumni Scholarship	Celeste Huisman, Olivia Tanis
Bonnie Thomas Memorial Scholarship	Kendra McFarlin, Wyatt Wright
Don Terrill Memorial Scholarship	Kyla Rounds
G. Abbott Scholarship	Carlos Magana Rodriguez
Helen Sanders Memorial Scholarship	Quinn Hefferan Nordlund
Independent Bank Athletic Scholarship	Sophia Frisbie, David Gonzalez
Janet Olson Educational Scholarship	Quinn Hefferan Nordlund, Olivia Tanis
Jerry Valteau Memorial Scholarship	Megan Grant
Judith Kelley Bukovac Scholarship	Megan Grant
Kowalski Scholarship	Sophia Frisbie
Mary Jane Pendergast Memorial Scholarship	Jessica Sanchez, Melissa Zazzo
Matson Scholarship	Celeste Huisman
National Honor Society Scholarship	Emma Briggs, Quinn Hefferan Nordlund
Newaygo Band Boosters Scholarship	Quinn Hefferan Nordlund, Kyla Rounds
Newaygo Congregational United Church of Christ	Samantha Toth
Newaygo County Law Enforcement Scholarship	Amaya VanDyke, Alera Welch
Newaygo PBIS Scholarship	Sophia Frisbie, Quinn Hefferan Nordlund
Olive Robey Memorial Scholarship	Celeste Huisman
Paul Mercer Memorial Scholarship	Hannah Ritter
Ray & Jean Bentley Scholarship	Kendra McFarlin
Student Council Leadership Scholarship	Nakia Rake, Alera Welch

Once A Lion, Always a Lion

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*Retiring at the end of
the 2019-2020 school year.*



Theresa Westcott

Special Education Teacher

Started at NPS in 2003



Sue Abbott

Special Education Aide

Started at NPS in 1998



Ashley Belanger

Shelly Berwald

Kari Boverhof

Mark Boverhof, Jr.

Jodi Cantu

Amber Cooper

Lynda Fenske

Sandra Haan

Carla Powell

Sally Reed

Rhonda Reinhart

Mary Jo Shue

Kim Suchy

Mary Anne Charette, Director

*Thank you
Food Service Staff
for helping our
students remain happy
and healthy!*

Snowcoming Court 2020



Pictured Left:
Freshmen
Erick Guevara and
Lynnea Briones



Pictured Right:
Sophomores
Cameron
Lauryssens and
Josselyn Newfer



Pictured Left: Juniors
Oliver Geroux and
Haleigh Schmitt



Picture Right: Seniors
Jonni Soto and Aly Karrip



Congratulations to our
2020
Penny Princess
Haleigh Schmitt
and
Penny Prince
Oliver Geroux.



Esmeralda
Alvarez-Ceja



Yuliana
Alvarez-Diaz



Yulissa
Alvarez-Diaz



Eiki
Ashtaka Vieira



Emily
Ball



Maria
Barajas Alvarez



Shylah
Bastion



Phillip
Bates



Nolan
Beisiegel



Braden
Benjamin



Nathan
Biegalle



Madison
Booth



Emma
Briggs



Kirya
Brown



Jacob
Bruwer



Remington
Bryant



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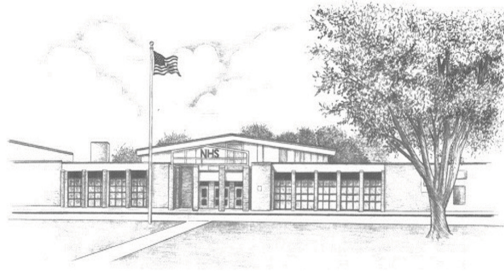


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Derks



Katelyn
Deur

Newaygo High School Class of 2020



Dr. Peggy Mathis
Superintendent



Mr. Brad Reymun
Principal



Mr. Craig Thompson
Assistant Principal



Mrs. Jennifer Grugett
Class Advisor



Jessica Sanchez
President



Madison Berwald
Vice President



Sophia Frisbie
Secretary



Zendrianna Derwin
Treasurer



Liza Nausadis
Class Representative



Deisy
Chiarani



Taylor
Ciatto



Taylor
Davis



Zachary
Day



Madison
DeJohn



Xavier
DeLing



Jaydon
Ferguson



Brandon
Fisher



Steven
Foster



Felicia
Fritzdorf Schultze



David
Gonzalez Tirado



Megan
Grant



Angel
Guevara Alvarez



Alex
Guthrie



Alexander
Hall



Keelin
Hall



Quinn
Hefferan Nordlund



Logan
Heideman



Dylan
Heminger



Cierra
Hewatson



Savannah
Hill



Kyle
Hills



Benjamin
Husted



Celeste
Huisman



Jaryd
Hulvey



Grace
Hunt



Jacob
Jibson



Alyssa
Karpip



Shauna
King



Jacob
Klekotka



Tara
Koomen



Trevir
Kral



Janelle
LaVette



Brady
Longore



Natalie
Luka



Carlos
Magana Rodriguez



Kaylyn
McDaniel



Kendra
McFarlin



Fayth
Melven



Justin
Menken



Emma
Nasby



Jackson
Nelson



Landon
Nelson



Jose
Ochoa



Emily
Oldham



Randi Jo
Osborn



Titus
Overway



Noah
Painter



Aaron
Patterson



Wyatt
Phillips



Allie
Powell



Giovana
Prado Mansur



Kameron
Pribble



Nakia
Rake



Conrad
Reyburn



Michelle
Richardson



Lillian
Ringer



Francisco
Rios Alvarez



Hannah
Ritter



Alessandro
Roda



Hannah
Roesly



Kyla
Rounds



Jenna
Salazar-Brailey



Orrin
Scully



Dylan
Seidletz



Troy
Shields



Carissa
Shively



Brandon
Sloan



Jonathan
Soto



Thitaree
Sripongthongpoon



Kaylee
Stupel



Shelby
Strong



Lisa
Talley



Olivia
Tanis



Stephanie
Tazelaar



Julia
Tessari Lago



Tanasin
Thunyakaset



Samantha
Toth



Allison
Truskowski



Amaya
VanDyke



Lauryn
VanEtten



Starley
VanRooyen



Maysen
Wakerley



Preston
Waters



Alyssa
Watkins



Alera
Welch



Cheyenne
Wheeler



Molly
Williams



Angel
Wirts



Wyatt
Wright



Melissa
Zazzo

Class of 2020 Show Lion Pride



THE CLASS
OF 2020



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NHS Citizens and Students of the Month



January Citizens of the Month
Noah Humphrey and Ashton Stephens



January Students of the Month
Erik Alvarez, Madison Longcore,
and Emma Briggs

NHS PBIS Reward Winners Epitomize Respect, Responsibility and Safety during March, April and May

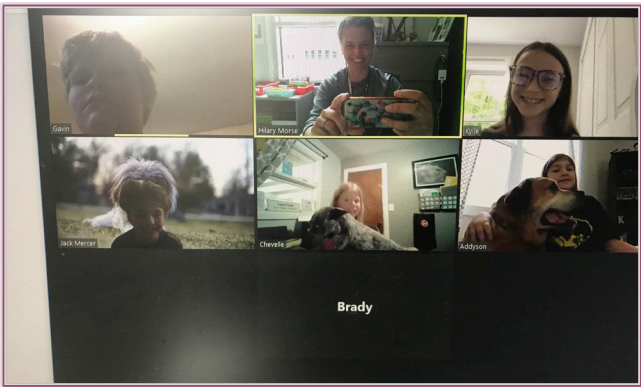
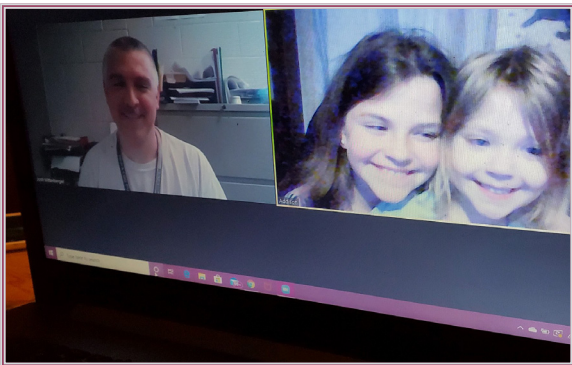


Winners: Kylie Ross, Andrea Saucier, Mckenzie Threatt, Jacob Borden, Catherine Buchner, Saige Berwald, Oliver Geroux, and Maison Page. Pictured: Deegan Hall, Riley Goff, Aiden Start, Yudith Herrera, Destiny Rios, Kairi Silva and Emily Tindall



Fourth Grade Teachers Zoom With Students

The teachers and many of the students in 4th grade made the best of COVID 19 by zooming every week. The students enjoyed seeing their classmates just as much as teachers enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of their kiddos. The weekly zooms included kids sharing jokes and stories with each other, and show and tell about their pets and brothers and sisters. It was fun to watch the kids talk with their friends. You could really tell how much they all missed each other! Mr. Wittenberger's daughter did a science project while zooming with his class. Max made Oobleck with Mrs. Behnke's class as her students watched with awe. Mrs. Franks' students invited Mr. Deshano to their last zoom and the students shared special good-bye signs they made for him. Mrs. Youman's students did a Mad Lib during one of their zoom meetings. Mrs. Morse's students shared their favorite memories. The last zoom was very sad for teachers, as we knew that would be our last time to see our 4th grade students before they venture to 5th grade! All the 4th grade teachers will miss their students! You will do a great job in 5th grade!



NMS National Junior Honor Society Award Winner



Recognizing the need to help middle-level students jump start their quest toward higher education, the National Junior Honor Society offers the annual NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award. NJHS members across the nation have the opportunity to apply for this award to earn a \$500 college scholarship. The application consists of members documenting their achievements within the five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society: Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Character, and Service, along with an essay based on Citizenship. The award recognizes 500 exceptional NJHS students with \$500 to be placed in a college savings account program managed by Oppenheimer Funds (OFI Private Investments) as part of the New Mexico Education Trust Board's 529 college savings plan: The Education Plan.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MIA JANKE, 8th Grade NJHS Member at Newaygo Middle School, for being awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award! Lion Pride!

NJHS Collects 100 Prescription Eye Glasses



The Newaygo Middle School National Junior Honor Society collected over 100 prescription eyeglasses for the Lions Club. All eyewear will be donated to the Lions Club International Headquarters and delivered to Mexico and Haiti to help approximately 2,000 patients in need of prescription eyeglasses. These eyeglasses will help children read, help adults succeed in their job, and help senior citizens maintain their independence. Thank you to all who have donated glasses! These glasses will change another person's life! To learn more on how you can donate prescription glasses visit Lions Club International at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/health/sight/eyeglass-recycling.php>

Project Citizen Students Make Cards for Local Nursing Homes



The Project Citizen 5th grade students made 200 or more St. Patrick's Day Cards for the residents of The Brooks and Newaygo Medical Facilities. The cards were sent with the hope that they would brighten the day of each of the residents. On behalf of the Project Citizen students, we hope that the residents and health caregivers are staying happy and healthy.

NJHS and Project Citizen

Prior to distant learning taking place, the Newaygo Middle School National Jr. Honor Society 7th grade members and representatives from the Project Citizen 5th grade group volunteered at True North Community Services. While at True North, Mrs. Harkness, Mrs. Heimler, and approximately 40 NMS students packed over 300 bags with food with apples, granola bars, rice, cheese and crackers, beef sticks, peanut butter, soup, oatmeal and much more. These bags of food are provided to students across Newaygo County to have available at home. Thank you True North Community Services and Mike Voyt for allowing our student groups to volunteer and give back to the community.

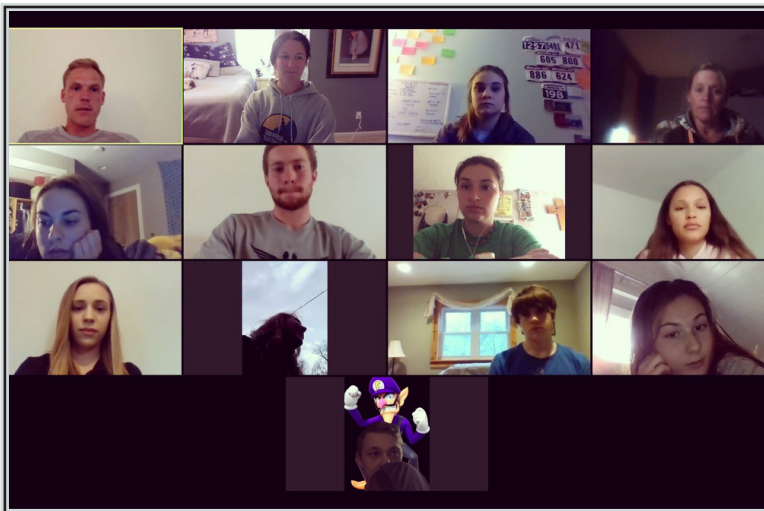


2nd Graders Celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day

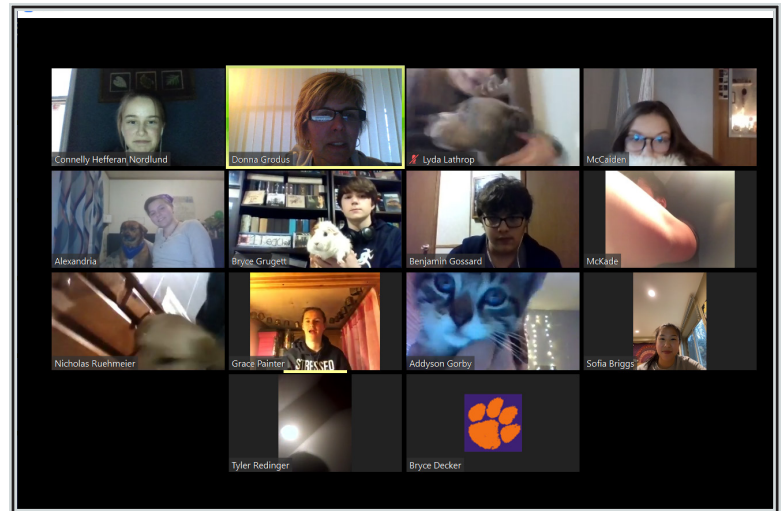
Second grade classes have been writing informational text or creating their own “I have a dream...” posters for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. They have also been utilizing Thinking Maps to help organize their writing into categories. Each category becomes a paragraph with detail sentences. We continued this practice when we wrote about arctic animals.



NHS Zoom Meetings

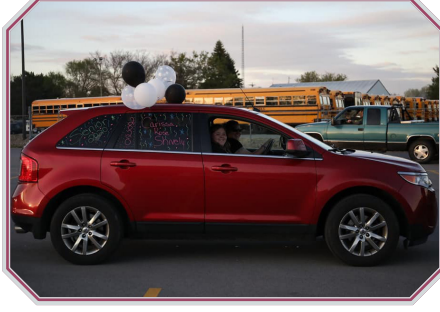
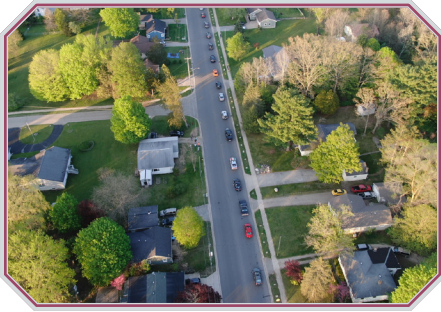


Mrs. Mick-Mercer's Yearbook Class



Mrs. Grodus' English 1 Honors Class

Class of 2020 and Elementary Parades



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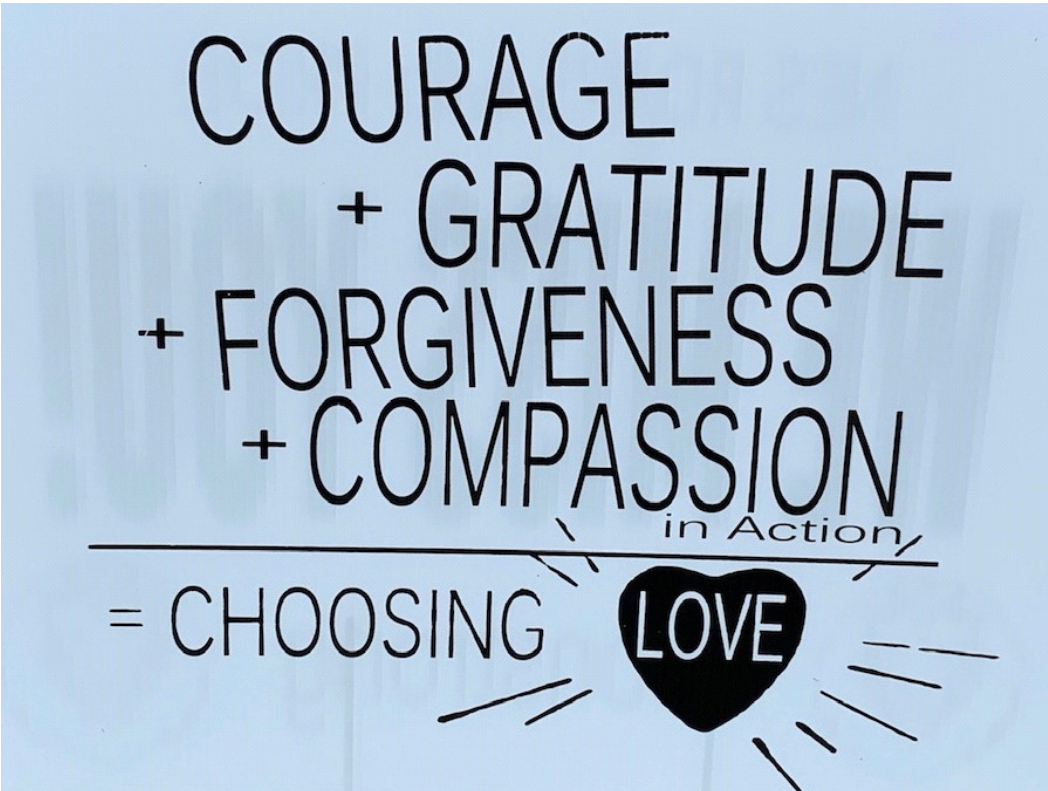


NMS Cross Country

The Newaygo Middle School
Cross Country Team
wants **YOU!**



If you're in 6th-8th grade and interested
in running Cross Country next year please
contact Coach Boyd at boyd@newaygo.net!
We would love to have you be part of our team!



TOTAL TREK QUEST TTO SUMMER 2020

Join us for the first ever TTO summer program! TTO Summer 2020 kicks off virtually, with in person meet-ups in July and August if possible. TTO Summer is open to all incoming 3rd - outgoing 5th grade boys and male-identifying individuals, along with their family members!

The program begins the week of June 15 and ends with a virtual 5k the weekend of August 15.

TTO SUMMER REGISTRATION:
raceplanner.com/register/index/TTOsummer

REGISTRATION FEES:
\$25 per child - Scholarships are available by contacting Brandon at bmelnik@arborcircle.org or 616-450-4651



TTO SUMMER PROGRAM INCLUDES:

Virtual game night kickoff event

Nine weeks of 5k training and experiential learning activities that focus on building coping and resilience skills, making healthy choices, and strengthening mental health

Live/recorded runs and activities

Weekly support forums

A culminating virtual 5k at the end of the season

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Choosing Love in Newaygo

This year we introduced a social/emotional learning curriculum to the Elementary students called Choose Love. It teaches many different lessons and essential skills using the formula of Courage + Gratitude + Forgiveness + Compassion in Action = Choosing Love. Unfortunately, due to school being cancelled, we were not able to finish the curriculum. While each element of the formula is important, you could argue that Compassion in Action is crucial for a healthy and vibrant society. The three days designated for NES students to pick up their belongings were hot and numerous NES staff stood out in the heat all day long! On Wednesday afternoon, **Mr. Patterson, one of our NES neighbors**, pulled up in his truck, not to pick up any belongings, but to simply and very powerfully demonstrate Compassion in Action. He said that he noticed all the staff working so hard out in the hot sun that he decided to deliver ice cream sandwiches to all the staff who were working! Like we teach our kids, Mr. Patterson understood how another person was feeling and then took action to make them feel better. He exemplified not only Compassion in Action but also what we can look forward to when we have a society that Chooses Love!



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