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Every Student, Every Day!

Parents, Families, Friends, and Educators Working Together on Behalf of Our Children!



Painting with Peter Huntoon!

Local artist, Peter Huntoon, recently spent a morning with our second grade students in Mrs. Nicole Graves' art class. Huntoon demonstrated his painting techniques and inspired each second grader to create a painting of a bird on canvas using acrylics. We thank Mrs. Graves for organizing this day for students, Peter Huntoon for joining us, and the Northwest PTC for their support in making this happen. Below are paintings from two of our second grade artists: Sophia C. and Kipten.



Star Students Learn About Courage and Cooperation



Courage: Star students show courage and bravery when they try something new.

Cooperation: Star students work together for a common goal or greater good.

These character traits, emphasized throughout the month of March, culminated in a Hero Assembly at the end of the month where students heard from our own school psychologist and hero, Allison Cosey. Ms. Cosey spoke about her personal experiences as a firefighter and how the traits of courage and cooperation are necessary to fight fires and for so much throughout life.

Hungry Hippos at Northwest School!



Did you hear about the ravenously hungry hippos at Northwest School? The entire school convened in the gym to cheer as the "hippos" ran into the center of the gym floor to gather up as many balls as they possibly could. Students and teachers pushed each other on scooters, and, using a laundry basket, aka the hippo's mouth, gathered up as many balls as they could. What a fun event for all of us! This is one more wonderful event brought to us by our own PE teacher, Bryan Cupoli. Lucky us!



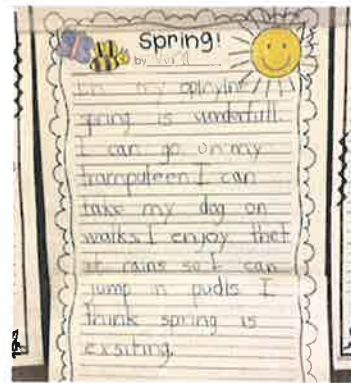
Parent / Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all of our parents and caregivers for joining us at Parent / Teacher conferences in mid-March. Approximately 80% of you joined us for this spring conference! This teamwork between school and home supports your children in their education and in life. We are grateful and proud of our families.

Come Join the Parent / Teacher Collaborative

Our Parent/Teacher Collaborative (PTC) holds its next meeting on Wednesday, May 8th, from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the NW art and music room. Please join us! When parents and educators work together, our children benefit. All are welcome, and snacks will be available!

Happy Spring! Writing in First Grade



Our walls are adorned with student writing. You walk by, stop to read, and can not help but smile. Just like flowers, our students' writing is blooming! Here is one lovely essay written about spring by first grader, Nora:

In my opinion, spring is wonderful. I can go on my trampoline. I can take my dog on walks. I enjoy that it rains so I can jump in puddles. I think spring is exciting.

MATH NIGHT at Northwest School

It was an engaging evening for all of our young mathematicians at Northwest School! Students and family members moved from classroom to classroom to problem solve and participate in various math tasks. The evening ended with pizza and cookies in the cafeteria and a special guest appearance by Captain Credit Union! We thank our students and families for joining us for this fun-filled evening, those teachers who were able to join us and lead events in classrooms, Mrs. Sue Cody for coordinating this event, and all of our friends at Heritage Family Credit Union, especially Mark Grossarth, Kara Wood, and Chrissy Ross.



If your child is not feeling well and unable to attend school, please call 773-1946, option # 1, to inform us.

Calling the above number will keep the attendance office informed. If you call the teacher directly, the attendance office does not always know this.

Calling All Kindergarteners for 2019-2020!

If your child is ready to begin kindergarten in the fall, please call Northwest School now to join us for kindergarten screening in early May. We look forward to meeting all of our incoming students, especially those about to begin their elementary school journey! You can reach us at 802-786-1776.

Second Grade Writers

Our second graders' writing skills are growing by leaps and bounds. Our teachers use the "Painted Essay" as one strategy when teaching writing structure. Enjoy the essay written by one student below as an example of the writing Mrs. Clark's second graders did after choosing to read about and research various influential people in the world.

Dates to Remember:

April 15th - 19th
No School / April Vacation Break

April 24th
National Walk @ Lunch Day

April 26th
Hero Assembly @ 10:30

May 6, 7, 13, 14
Kindergarten Screenings

May 8th
PTC 6:30 - 7:30 pm
All invited!

May 13th
Sports Day @ RHS

May 23rd
Reading to Therapy Dogs

May 27th
Memorial Day / No School

May 31st
Spring Planting Event at RRMC
Grades 1 & 2

June 13th
Early Dismissal

June 14th
Last Day for Students
Early Dismissal

Martin Luther King by second Grader, John:

Martin Luther King Jr. changed the law for equal rights. He won a Nobel Peace Prize. He became a preacher. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Martin was born with the name "Michael." He had a happy childhood. He married Coretta Scott. Martin made America a better place for all. He stopped segregation. Martin Luther King became a leader in SCLC. He made it so everyone could go together. He made it so anyone could sit on the bus anywhere.

Martin made the law fair. He made it so everyone could have friends when their skin was different. I liked learning about Martin Luther King, Jr.



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