

MIDDLE OF THE KNIGHTS

Northeastern Middle School: Where Every Student Is Inspired to Learn and Empowered to Excel

Technology at Northeastern

By: Jackson Ramsey

In Northeastern Middle School, the technology that students use is very important. At Northeastern, the students use their iPads for ISTEP+. But, they don't only use the iPads for testing; the iPads also have many other uses, and students use apps like Canvas, Apple Classroom, and Kahoot.

Canvas is the most used app in all middle school. It is a learning management system, meaning it's how teachers post and grade most assignments that students complete. It is an app where the students can get and turn in assignments. The students can also take quizzes on Canvas. These assignments are sent to Notability, and there, the students can write or draw on their assignment.

Mrs. Mitchell, a 7th grade teacher, says she loves using Canvas because she can put anything she wants on it and any assignments. She likes to see when everyone turns in their assignments. She also likes how it individualizes learning. It makes absent work much easier, because students can keep up on Canvas while they are out of school.

Michaela Leavell, an 8th grade student, likes Canvas and thinks it's useful. She says, "I like Canvas because it's useful and not as much time consuming as other apps."

Kahoot is a website used for study purposes or just for fun. The students can make Kahoots themselves, or the teacher can make them. Then, the Kahoot can be used by students, and the quiz is projected by the creator of the Kahoot onto the board.

8th grade teacher, Ms. McKinley, loves using Kahoot. Here's how she explained it: "I love using Kahoot in my class! We use it to review language skills and we use it when we read longer texts to remind ourselves about what we previously read. Students seem to enjoy it and I always reward the winners with candy! But maybe they just like the candy."

Jill Berger, a 7th grade student, loves Kahoot. Jill says, "I love playing kahoot because it is a fun way to learn and it has some competition in it, so it's even better."

One of the most recent apps teachers are using is Apple Classroom. On this app, the student's iPad will be mirrored on the teacher's screen so they can track the work and to make sure students are on task. The teacher can also lock the student's iPad on a specific app or completely out of their iPad altogether.

Mrs. Cole, an 8th grade teacher, says, "I like using Apple Classroom. It allows me to monitor students' iPads without me having to be right next to them. It also allows for me to make sure that they are on appropriate apps, or I can force their iPads to be directed to where I need. Access to that tool allows me to make sure that students are being productive."

Anna Drake, a 7th grade student, doesn't like Apple Classroom. She says, for teachers to use it, students have to have their bluetooth on and that "drains the iPad battery."

Technology may be difficult at times, but it's necessary and it is very important. Students and teachers at Northeastern are proud of using technology both in and out of the classroom.



A Pie in the Face for Humility

By: Noah Zuckerman

The word of the month for April is “Humility,” and to embrace the word of the month the middle school teachers have something in plan. Each class has a container with a picture of the teacher on it that any student from any class can put money in. The teacher who gets the most donations gets a pie in the face. All of the money will go to a helpful cause, chosen by the SRT of the teacher who got the pie to the face.

“At first I wanted Mrs. Cole to get pied in the face because she teaches math,” said 8th grade English teacher Ms. McKinley. She decided instead, “I want Mr. Avery to be pied because he sent his entire SRT to put money in my bucket.” She said she hopes her SRT chooses to donate the money to sponsor an upcoming 8th grade student to go to D.C.

8th grade U.S. history teacher Mr. Bevins says he wants “anybody but me” to get the pie in the face. He said he and his SRT have been making an effort to put money in Mrs. Cole’s bucket. He said, “I would like the money to go to a good cause regardless of who wins.” It seems that he doesn’t think he will be the one to receive the pie in the face.

8th grade math teacher Mrs. Cole said she thinks Ms. McKinley will be the winner. She also says she thinks she won’t be the winner of the pie assault. She also hopes the winning SRT, whether it be her’s or not, will donate the money to a D.C. scholarship for an upcoming 8th grade student.

A New Elective For Next Year

By: CiCi Lohr

Mr. Avery is teaching a new elective for next year. It’s a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) class. His new elective is PLTW Design and Modeling.

According to the PLTW website, the purpose of Project Lead the Way is as follows: “Students discover the design process and develop an understanding of the influence of creativity and innovation in their lives.”

The elective is about doing activities through project-based learning. In this elective, students design and build models using the engineering and design process. Students might want to take this elective because it’s a hands-on, project-based, problem solving class that uses computer assisted design (CAD) software. Students who might want to take this class are students who are interested in science and engineering. The kinds of activities that students are expected to do in this class are design projects that they’ll take from concept through a final design.

Check out PLTW Design and Modeling as an elective for next year!

Welcome to Northeastern, Lincoln!

By: Destiny Smith

Northeastern Middle School is proud to welcome their newest knight, Lincoln Asher Bevins. Mr. Bevins, the 8th grade history teacher, did not make it to school on Wednesday, April 12th due to the birth of his second child.

The name picked for his child was Lincoln, which shows a pattern that coincides with his sister Reagan’s name. When asked why he picked the name Lincoln, Mr. Bevins said, “My wife and I decided to go with a theme.” The theme they decided to go with was “Presidential names, so I decided on Reagan for a girl and Lincoln for a boy.”

Life raising a child is hard; life raising two children is even harder. Mr. Bevins says that adjusting to a second child is “tiring, exhausting, sleep depriving, thrilling, exciting.” He says that it’s “all of the emotions that get wrapped up in your brain and never make it out because you’re so sleep deprived.”

Exciting as it may be to welcome a new family member, Mr. Bevins says he is happy to be back at school. He says he was absolutely ready to come back after missing five school days. “It might seem strange... but you guys are a lot less stressful.”





Writing for Reid

By: Jamie Andrews

NJHS is writing cards and will deliver them to the patients at Reid Health on May 4th as a service project. NJHS stands for National Junior Honor Society, which is a group of students that have high standards in scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character. The members were all carefully chosen.

The members had to be trained because they needed to learn how to communicate with the patients without saying something that could hurt or insult them, and how to talk with patients, while also being good listeners. While the members were getting trained, they also learned how

to dress properly, respect the patients, and how to introduce themselves. Becky Jewison, the person who trained the members, works at Reid and said that her co-workers were really excited that students were coming to volunteer. The workers aren't the only ones that are excited; the students that are going are also looking forward to volunteering.

NJHS member, Ali Scott, said she is extremely excited for the trip to Reid. She said she is most looking forward to "seeing the smiles on the patients' faces when we deliver the cards and when they read them." Ali also said she was looking forward to "just seeing them be happy, even though they are sick."

Emma Wright said she is really looking forward to visiting the hospital. Emma said she is wanting to make their day and take their minds off of being sick by just having some company.

Jasmine Roosa also said she was excited to visit Reid. Jasmine said she was most looking forward to "giving cards to the sick people and making their day."

As you can tell by some of the student's responses, the students are very excited to visit and volunteer at Reid Hospital.

Reid Health for the Summer!

By: Michaela Leavell

Reid Health wants students to come help them around the hospital! Miss Frame has forms in her office if anybody would like to look into it. As a volunteer there, students will get to learn about what goes on in the hospital and how they can help out this summer. This exposes the volunteers to a healthcare setting and challenges them to do their best.

When students sign up, each volunteer works one shift, two hours per week. Each volunteer gets to serve in different areas of the hospital. They can work until they are 18 or high school graduation. This could help students with college and career decisions. The only thing is, students have to be 14 or older to apply.

Destiny Smith, an 8th grade student interested in the volunteer program, says, "I chose to do this because I enjoy helping people." She plans to work hard this summer with helping Reid in a multitude of categories.

Andie Crank, a 7th grade student, says, "I'm interested in learning more about the equipment there."

When students sign up for Reid Health's volunteer program, they will go through an interview -- just like a real job. It is exactly like an interview and if they accept the student then they get to help out at the hospital for the summer.

Sign up for the Reid Health Volunteer program! It will be fun and an engaging program.

Flying Isn't Just For The Birds Anymore

By: Andie Crank

The Northeastern Knights 8th grade cheer team is moving up. As the year is ending, some of the former 8th grade students on the cheer team are packing their bags full of spirit and hope, and hopping on the next train to start off their high school year.

Kristin Lumpkin, the high school cheerleading coach, said, "I started coaching because I wanted to see the program get better, and I have been cheering since 5th grade and on."

Faith Stegall, a high schooler, said that going on to a new year, Kristin Lumpkin could help her on her leadership because she is an amazing teacher and she is always positive.

Taume Callahan, one of the many high school cheerleaders, said, "My inspiration would definitely be my mom because she has helped me get through things and she has lead me to be better at the things I love doing."

During the cheer tryouts only three 8th graders made the team: Olivia Walters, Savannah Mitchell, and Hannah Coyle.

Hannah Coyle said that the hardest thing for her going onto the high school team would be "getting to know all of the other high school girls because it is very hard to fit in when you are the youngest person on the team."

Olivia Walters said what she is most looking forward to next year is, "Everything! I'm very excited that I made the team. I have always looked up to the older girls and ever since [I was young] I have always wanted to be them; now I can be."

Savannah Mitchell said that she is most worried about "being one of the youngest girls on the high school team, and everybody being bossy." These girls are going to make excellent additions to the high school squad.

Time to Get Green

By: Jill Berger

Spring is just getting started and Northeastern's agriculture department is using it to their advantage. During the 2016 summer break, Northeastern built a new greenhouse and it's a stunning sight. In the beginning of the year, it was still under construction but now it is filled with life.

Mr. Roll, who is the agriculture teacher, is having a flower sale on May 3rd from 5-8pm. The greenhouse is selling flowers, bedding, hanging baskets, vegetables, and tomato plants, which is everything a person would need to have a good garden. Mr. Roll loves agriculture because "I love the diversity in agriculture and that we get food and clothing and shelter from it." Mr. Roll teaches agriculture "to help kids find what they enjoy and understand that it is more than just farming in agriculture." Mr. Roll is also the head of the FFA, which stands for Future Farmers of America.



In FFA members learn about what it would be like to be in the agriculture field. In FFA, students can do forestry, livestock judging, soil judging, and leadership competition. In forestry, they learn about trees that they might see on a daily bases. I know from experience that this is a hard class. However, it is worth it because if you have a high enough score in your chosen category, you could go to state, which takes place at Purdue.

Jackson Ramsey, a 7th grade student, who does both livestock judging and soil judging, says he does both of these clubs because "It is important to get to know a lot about animals and soils because when I grow up I want to live on a farm and have cows and I think this will educate me for it."

This year for growing crops was a good one, however, it's almost summer break. When we come back, it'll be time to restart.

