
MIDDLE OF THE KNIGHTS

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

Top 4 Moments of the 2017 School Semester

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A lot has gone on so far this school year. Students and teachers are making new memories everyday and going through new experiences here at Northeastern Middle School. The semester is almost over, so students and teachers decided to share what their favorite moments were so far.

“My favorite moment this semester is when the 7th and 8th grade won the Volleyball tournament,” Maddie Fields said.

Grant Lubbe, a 7th grade student said, “My favorite event this year was incentive day because I liked interacting with the teachers and playing games at the same time.”

Ms. McKinley said, “My favorite event was when I dressed up as Edgar Allan Poe.”

Hannah Kiracofe, a 7th grade student, said her favorite event was, “meeting new people and reading different books.”

4. Veterans' Day

Like previous years, the Northeastern Middle School had a Veterans' Day program. Veterans and families with people in the military were recognized by NMS. Veterans were present during the program. Maddie Cohee gave a speech during the program. Also a 5th grader and a high school student gave a speech. The high school band and choir played and 6th grade choir sang.

3. Career Day

The 8th grade went on a fun education field trip to four colleges. Those four colleges were IU east, Purdue Polytechnic, Earlham, and Ivy Tech. At NMS, 7th and 8th grade students also rotated through three different jobs that they chose. Some of those were veterinarian, cosmetology, nurse/radiologist, physical therapy, teacher, and police officer. Here, professionals told the students what they did and about their schooling. Each student got the time to think about what they want to be when they grow up. They finished this by going into the gymnasium and listening to Mr. Johnson, the Earlham football coach, who gave his personal story about how he became what he is today.

2. Geocaching

This semester, 7th grade students had the opportunity to go geocaching using their Knight Ka\$h. Students went to Glen Miller Park to explore and look for geocaches. There were three groups, all chaperoned by the 7th grade teachers: Mr. Walker, Mr. Arney, and Mrs. Mitchell. All together there were three geocaches in three different places. Zoe Cline, a 7th grader that went on the field trip said the reason she liked going geocaching is because, “It was fun to hang out with my friends and do something I've never done in a new environment.”

1. Medieval Tournament

This year started off with the Medieval Tournament, from activities that ranged from bobbing apples, to human checkers, to horse racing. Students all participated in the tournament while having a good time. They created crafts and played many fun games. This lasted the majority of the day and was a great way to start off the school year.

Northeastern Middle School has had a lot of fun times and memories made this semester. The Knights are wrapping up this year by having a club day. The students will go around to different rooms playing games, decorating treats, dancing, quietball, and more. We hope the students and staff have a good break and have fun celebrating the holidays!

Clubs Before Christmas

By: Treydon York, Grant Luebbe, and Ian Wilson

On Wednesday, December 20th, there will be a whole day dedicated to letting students enjoy themselves and having fun. Mr. Walker, an NMS teacher, said, "Club Day is where each teacher gets to pick an activity to host. While in the station, the students do the activity for 20 to 30 minutes, while they are interacting with the teacher. For example, one class will be playing quietball and others will be decorating cookies, but while your with me you get to play cornhole."

NMS is doing this to reward students for their hard work throughout the first semester. Students will get the opportunity to have fun and interact with other students. NMS student, Maggie Dayton, said, "I'm excited to hang out with my friends, and to just not be in class." She also said, "I can't wait to get to spend time with people that I don't normally spend time with."

The Creativity Begins

By: Kamryn McFarland, Alexis Caldwell, and Tessa West

For Christmas, NMS has decided to have a competition. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade SRT's decorated their homeroom door; the theme this year was reindeer.

The doors had to be completely decorated by December 15, which is the Friday before break. Mr. Pierson and Mrs. Curtis went judging in the morning on Friday, the 15th. Mrs. Sonsini and Ms. Hendrickson came up with the fun idea of decorating the doors. NMS did an amazing job with their door decorating.

For example, Mrs. KT's homeroom created a reindeer with lights on the ears and had ornaments representing each student in the classroom. The door also with a wreath hanging on the reindeer. Another example is Miss Wetzel's homeroom made a phone and had the reindeer take a selfie, while elves in the background photo bombed the reindeer. Chloe Cook came up with the door idea for Miss Wetzel's room and Ella Coddington came up with the idea for Mrs. KT's door. The students voted and everyone agreed about doing these students' ideas.

Ms Hendrickson said, "We have always done decorating, and it is a tradition." When interviewed, Mrs. Sonsini, said, "Door Decorating is a tradition at NMS and the reason that we started the tradition is to spread the holiday cheer."

When asked, 7th grade student Chloe Cook, said, "I saw online that there was an elf taking a selfie, and so I thought of the idea to have a reindeer with an elf photo bombing." Ella Coddington, a 6th grade student, said, "I knew that I had lights in my house, so I decided to put the lights up on the antlers... actually the whole class came up with the idea to put compliments around the door for the word of the month, generosity."

Congratulations to Ms. McKinley's SRT for winning the door decorating competition. They received Muddy Monkey along with the 2nd and 3rd place winners, Ms. Hicks SRT and Mrs. Dill's SRT. Good job to all the SRT's for their hard work and effort.



2017-2018 Girls Basketball Season

By: Maddie Cohee, McKaelyn Cummins and Maggie Dayton

The NMS girl's basketball season is just around the corner. Tryouts were December 11th-14th. The girls worked very hard during tryouts and are excited for the upcoming season. Not only are the 8th graders welcoming the new 7th graders, they are also welcoming new coach, Mrs. Detweiler.

The 7th grade team includes: Baylee Wissler, Madison Austerman, Chloe Cook, Marissa Cates, Kamryn McFarland, Taylor Farris, Zoe Cline, and their Coach Eric Noland.

The 8th grade team includes: Maggie Dayton, Jakaia Lotz, Jill Berger, Brooklyn Anderson, Anna Drake, Paige Zettel, Coach Detweiler and the three managers: Maddie Cohee, Jesse Callahan and Kyleigh Gardner.

Taylor Farris, a 7th grade player on the team, had great things to say about the season. When asked how she thought the season would go, her response was, "I think the season will go good because we have a great group of girls." In the end, it's all about teamwork and being a family.

Jakaia Lotz, an 8th grade player, said, "The new season this year will go good because our new coach this year expects more out of us... she expects us to hustle down the court and work as a team." Coach Detweiler pushes the girls because she sees the potential they have for the season.

Their season begins in the new year on January 8th. The NMS Lady Knights will be hosting Test Intermediate Middle School. The start time is 6pm. Good luck this season ladies!

New Year Calls For Resolutions

By Hannah Kiracofe

Each year, students and staff come up with resolutions that they plan to follow out over the year. Some people plan to get better grades, while others try to be a better person. They try to make themselves better and different with their new year resolution.

Connor Archie, 6th grade student, said, “For New Year’s, I go to my aunt’s house and play games and watch the ball drop.” He also said, “My favorite part would have to be that I get to see all my family and get to spend time with them.”

7th grade student Treydon York said, “My favorite part of New Year’s is getting together with family and watching the ball drop.” He also said, “My New Year’s resolution is to spend less time on my phone.”

Ms. McKinley, 8th grade teacher, said, “My favorite part of New Year’s is the feeling of a clean start, and it gives me time to reflect on my past year and look forward to my future.” She also said, “My New Year’s Resolution is to spend more time with active rest. I want to craft, write, and read more, and binge watch Netflix less. Right now, I spend a lot of time with passive rest, but I want to do more of my hobbies and rekindle my love for writing.”

NMS students and staff will try to keep their new year resolution. Everyone should try and find a resolution that they can try to complete. These people who are trying to do a resolutions, we wish you luck on keeping it. Student Publications wishes everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

Second Nine Weeks Incentives

By Liz Stubblefield and Angel Dargie

It’s the end of the second nine weeks and students are celebrating with incentive days. It costs 100 Knights Ka\$h, which students can earn by being prepared for class and participating. The 6th and 8th grade students watched a movie and ate popcorn, while 7th graders played bingo with their peers and ate pizza.

Students in 8th grade that bought the incentive day had a choice of what movie they wanted to watch. One was *Remember The Titans*. This movie is about an all white school and an all black school being forced to be integrated into one football team. The new team is then put to the test in the playoffs. Another movie choice was *Back to The Future*. This movie is about a teenager named Marty McFly who traveled back in time. He has to make the younger version of his parents fall in love or else he will be erased from existence. In present day, he has to save a scientific inventor named Doc Brown. He created the first time machine which sent McFly into the past. The 8th graders also enjoyed popcorn along with their movie. Like the 8th grade, students in 6th grade also watched a movie and enjoyed popcorn.

The 7th grade students were able to spend their Knights Ka\$h by playing bingo and they also had a pizza party. Whoever wins bingo got a prize like, candies, trinkets, and other fantastic items. They played many different games of bingo, so a variety of students walked out of the door with a prize.