

MIDDLE OF THE KNIGHTS

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

Welcoming Baby Moreland!

By: Hannah Kiracofe

Northeastern's newest family member is finally here! After 9 months, Mrs. Moreland's baby girl was born on October 15, 2018 at 7:50 am. The baby's name is Adalyn Rae Moreland. She weighed 7 lbs 6 oz and measured 20 inches in length.

Mrs. Moreland is the 8th grade PE/Health teacher. She is excited about having a new addition to her family. She said, "I love watching the relationship grow between my son, Easton, and Adalyn each day." She also stated, "I miss everyone at school, but am enjoying spending time at home recovering with Adalyn." Mrs. Moreland plans to return from her maternity leave on January 22nd.

Mr. Ward is the substitute for Mrs. Moreland. He stated, "The hardest part about filling in for a teacher is knowing what their [Mrs. Moreland's] intentions are. Mrs. Moreland did a great job setting me up to be her replacement, so that was very helpful. The hardest part was also figuring out the technology side of things." He also said, "My favorite part of the job is getting to teach my own class. Since I'm a newly licensed teacher, this is preparing me for how I want to adjust my future."

Cadence Wright is one of the students in Mrs. Moreland's first period class. She said, "I think Mr. Ward is an interesting teacher who has a different and unique approach to teaching. He makes sure everyone gets their work done and ties comedy and life stories into his lessons."

She also stated, "I'm looking forward to Mrs. Moreland returning because she has an energetic and positive disposition and really motivates the entire class. In the meantime, Mr. Ward is an excellent substitute."

Students are ready to overcome the challenges that come with getting a substitute teacher for so long, while the teachers are prepared to work with a new member on their team. Congratulations on the beautiful baby girl, Mrs. Moreland!



Contentment

By: Tiffany Davidson, Mason Mull, and Tessa West

The value of the month for October was contentment. Contentment is deciding to be happy with what you have. Students learned about contentment in their SRTs every Tuesday. They learned about contentment by doing activities such as watching videos and playing games.

Justice Hollingsworth, an 8th grader said, "I show contentment because I am happy with what I have, and I don't like to complain about what I don't have."

Kaeden Callahan, a 7th grade student, stated, "I show contentment by being thankful with what I have, especially when I see people who may not have as much." Showing contentment is an important way to find appreciation for what you do have rather than being upset about with what you don't have.

When a student shows contentment, it gives them the opportunity to be grateful for what they already have and to not focus on what they want. There always will be someone out there who is less fortunate than you in each situation. Showing contentment is a great way to be happy with who you are.

"Contentment makes poor men rich, discontent makes rich men poor."

-Benjamin Franklin

Spirited Spellers

By: Matthew Oler, Izabella Wisener, and Cadence Wright

The spell bowl team has studied hard the past few weeks to learn all 1,614 words on their list. Their preparation was tested on Tuesday, October 31 when the team competed against other schools in the area. The competition was held at Union County Middle School. Members of the team included Willow Warren, Aliya Mills, Amelia Price, Elise Adams, Ella Coddington, Brylee Cannon, Cadence Wright, Elizabeth Younts, Emily Nash, and Hannah Kiracofe.

Aliya Mills, a 7th grader, is a part of the Northeastern Middle School Spell Bowl Team. While talking about how well the the team had done, she said, “We did very well last night, I am proud of everyone.” She said how relieved she was after the competition, and mentioned, “I was very nervous beforehand because I felt that I was going to be judged if I misspelled a word. After the competition, I was very relieved, but I felt doubt because I could have done better.”

Elizabeth Younts, an 8th grade team member, wrapped up the night as the 8th speller. She spelled an impressive total of 4 words correctly, one of the best scores from the team. Younts admitted that before the competition she “was really nervous because I thought that I would do really bad, but after I felt pretty confident about how I did.” She agreed that the competition turned out great, saying of her performance, “There were some parts that I stumbled on, but overall I did well.” According to Younts, the most difficult part of spell bowl was “the suspense leading up to your turn.”

Miss Frame was the coach of the Northeastern Middle School Spell Bowl Team. She was extremely proud of her team’s accomplishments. She thought the participants showed great determination and stated, “Of course, the team members could have studied more on their own. As their coach, I think we could start practices earlier in the year and expect more accountability on studying outside of the classroom.”

The team ended the night with an overall score of 22 points, or 22 words spelled correctly.

Northeastern placed 3rd in its class and was only a couple points away from 2nd. The spell bowl team members did an incredible job this year and truly made their school proud.



Metal Detectors

By: Alicia Woodall, Mason Blair, and Emily Wysong

Northeastern Wayne Schools is one of the many schools that is receiving metal detectors from the State of Indiana. These metal detectors will be used to increase security and make schools safer. Northeastern’s School Board recently approved a policy that governs the use of these metal detectors.

Matthew Oler, a 7th grade student, said, “I believe that having metal detectors at school would be a good thing because it helps to ease a teacher's suspicions on whether or not a student is carrying a dangerous weapon at school.” The metal detectors will help reduce the fear that some kids or teachers may have about coming to school because of school violence and targetings that have happened throughout the country.

Officer Powell, the school resource officer, stated, “These metal detectors will keep our school safe. As you see all over the country, somehow these dangerous weapons keep getting into our schools, and the metal detectors will help us stop that.” These metal detectors will prevent students from feeling unsafe in school.

Northeastern Wayne Schools is thankful to have these metal detectors provided by the State. Metal detectors will increase school safety and help students feel safer while learning. Students will have to learn how to adapt to the new concept of having metal detectors in school, but soon they will be a normal part of life here at Northeastern.

FFA Forestry Competition

By: Emma Gross, Shaylee Hamm and Ian Wilson

The FFA forestry team had a competition on Thursday, November 8. The students that are on this team were very excited about this event. They have practiced very hard to prepare for the competition and were anxious for the occasion. The team meets after school every Tuesday and Thursday to practice.

Before the competition, 7th grader Ella Coddington stated, “I’m excited about the competition because you get to hang out with your friends, and we get to talk after the competition and see if we thought the same things.” This isn’t just for fun, as it helps students with other skills needed in life. “I think this will help in the future, if you want to go into the agriculture field. This could also help with your leadership skills.” Coddington was looking forward to the competition, and she hoped that they would win.

8th grader Hannah Kiracofe said, “Forestry is where we identify different types of trees and we complete different math problems to calculate the total profit or cost of different things.” This is Kiracofe’s first year as a part of the forestry team. She stated, “The thing I’m most excited for is getting to try something new and to do something different this year.”

FFA is more than just a club of meetings to talk about agriculture. This club develops leadership skills while the members still have a fun time with their friends. FFA is open to middle and high school students.



Blazing Basketball

By: Justice Hollingsworth, Peyton Hildebrand, and Kirsten Musselwhite

Northeastern Middle School basketball tryouts were on October 23 and 24. Tryouts took place in the auxiliary gym, and there were plenty of students who tried out. The 7th grade is coached by Tommy York, and the 8th grade is coached by Frazier Phillips.

The 8th grade basketball players include Keaton Mikesell, Treydon York, Caleb Harmon, Calvin Berhalter, Coltyn Coyle, Noah Ammerman, Karsen Scarrette, Grant Luebbe, Chase Cates, Carson Terrell, and Treyton Burdsall.

Calvin Berhalter, an 8th grader, decided to try out for the team. This is going to be his first year playing basketball for Northeastern. Berhalter said, “Some weaknesses are that we goof around sometimes when we’re not supposed to. Some strengths are that we have some tall players, and fast ones too.” Their first game will be at Seton Catholic on November 14th.

Caleb Harmon, an 8th grader, has played basketball for Northeastern for multiple years. Harmon mentioned that he hasn’t yet noticed any significant weaknesses in the overall team, but he believes that they will have a lot of victories throughout this season.

The 7th grade basketball players include Conner Archie, Jesse Buckler, Skyler Cottongim, Cameron Dayton, Nolan Drake, Eli Hemmelgarn, Wesley Hunt, Ty Killen, Jacob Lumpkin, Gavin Robinson, and Caidrian Schultz.

Ty Killen is a 7th grade basketball player. Killen stated, “I think that we will have a good season because our team is more developed now.” Some players have been on the basketball team longer than others. However, they hope to improve their skills and teamwork even more throughout the upcoming season.

Students and staff wish the 7th and 8th grade players of the basketball team a good luck on their upcoming season. Hopefully it brings much improvement for the whole team! Go Knights!

