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“Our mission is to provide an exemplary educational experience that maximizes each student’s highest potential.”

“ P E O P L E A R E I M P O R T A N T H E R E ! ”



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Dear Parents and Nettle Creek Community Members,

May was an extra busy month at Nettle Creek School Corporation! Teachers put finishing touches on their instructional plans to provide all of their students information they'll need for future success, while students had all ears open with eyes on the teachers and finished up projects in preparation for the end of the school year on Wednesday. Environmental Services employees are planning and preparing for the projects they will accomplish over summer break in both buildings along with cutting a whole lot of grass. Administrators are building staffing plans for 2016-2017 and planning summer professional development for their staffs and for themselves so that we all continue to GROW @ THE CREEK.



Nettle Creek Family of Schools

I'm guessing among many other things, parents are weighing summer childcare options and hoping to include at least a little family vacation time into the months of June or July, and community members are adjusting schedules and routines to accommodate students and their families who are out of school for two months. Best of luck to all as we work together to wrap up another very successful year at Nettle Creek School Corporation and prepare for an even better future!

2016-2017 Registration Dates & Times!

With more grades moving to 1:1 technology, more courses taking advantage of online learning materials, and grade levels K-12 using MAP testing in August, we are holding a separate registration period for each school building so that all of the technology will be ready to go on the first day of the coming school year. Early feedback from parents indicates that they like not having to pay book fees at the same time when they have children at the elementary school and at the Jr./Sr. high school. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be as follows:

Grades 7-12 at Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School - Monday, June 6th and Tuesday, June 7th from Noon to 8:00P.M.

Grades K-6 at Hagerstown Elementary School - Wednesday, July 27th from 8:00A.M. to 3:00P.M. and Thursday, July 28th from Noon to 800P.M.

Where's Wayne?!

Though this title sounds as though a student is missing, this is not the case! Instead, students at the Jr./Sr. high school have entered two images of a buffalo head in Indiana's "BISON-TENNIAL" contest to help Indiana celebrate its 200th birthday. Each Indiana county will decorate a fiberglass bison model. In Wayne County, there is a contest to determine what "Wayne" will look like. To vote for the NCSC entries, please go to www.gofundme.com/whereswayne and vote for Entry #7 and/or Entry #8! Thank You!



FCCLA Students On The Go!



Madison Gregory and Howard Hobson are working hard to attend the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America 2016 National Leadership Conference in San Diego this summer to network with fellow members and to attend FCCLA program workshops and leadership sessions. If funds allow, Madison will be taking her award-winning display to present at the conference. If you would like to lend a hand, please call 765.256.0588 or contact Ms. Hobson at the Jr./Sr. high. Thank you! We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to these students for their hard work and perseverance!



We Say Goodbye To Mr. Diercks!

While most of us are cleaning off desks and lining up what we'll need to reopen classrooms in August, English teacher and Department Chair, Mr. Diercks is finishing up his fortieth year in the classroom and preparing to do other things during the coming school year. I received the following email from Mr. Diercks this past week:



Since Spring Break I have been cleaning out my classroom and office. As you can imagine, forty years of stuff adds up to a lot of...well, stuff. I asked Jerry Hillman to give me a big, plastic garbage can a couple of months ago. He did that, and since that time I have filled it with HEAVY "stuff" at least four times. I am so appreciative of whoever is responsible for emptying it. Every morning after I've rolled it to my classroom door (it's so heavy I can't even drag it to the door), it's been sitting in the same spot empty waiting to be filled again. If you can find the time to pass along my thanks to that person, I would appreciate it.

Even as he leaves Nettle Creek School Corporation, Mr. Diercks is celebrating the contributions of others. Mr. Diercks, thank you from all of us for maintaining your high standards and for serving students so well! And you should know that it is student Joe Holloway who has been helping you wrap things up! We send a heart-felt tip of the Tiger's

tail to you and Ms. Diercks for being such important members of the Nettle Creek School Corporation family all through the years!

Liam Mathews Shares With The Hagerstown Optimists!

Scout and Hagerstown Elementary School student Liam Mathews joined Hagerstown Optimists at their Thursday night meeting recently to share what he knows about recycling plastic. Liam spoke for several minutes sharing his passion for reusing resources to make the world a better place. As a result of Liam's enthusiasm for recycling, the Optimists have installed recycling barrels at the Optimist soccer fields. We send Liam a tip of the Tiger's tail for sharing what he's learned at home and at school to make our town a better place to live!



School Is Cool!

Congratulations to all K-12 students who earned Perfect Attendance for the 2015-2016 school year! We send you a tip of the Tiger's tail for this outstanding accomplishment. Last week, our Senior students attended a School Is Cool event sponsored by Wetzel Auto where they represented Hagerstown High School and participated in a drawing. While Tigers brought home tech equipment and generous gift cards sponsored by many local businesses, it wasn't a Tiger who drove home a new car which was the grand prize. The quest for perfect attendance begins again for everyone with the start of the new school year!



HES Reading Achievement Is GROWING @ THE CREEK!

We send tips of the Tiger's tail to all third-grade students who earned a Perfect Score on this Spring's IREAD-3 assessment. Last year there was one perfect score. This year there are thirteen! Do you know who is the happiest about this achievement? The fourth-grade teachers!

Thank You For A Great Year!

As the artist in Ms. Limburg's class has illustrated, it's time for Tigers to take a Summer Break! From everyone at Nettle Creek School Corporation, we wish you and your family a wonderful and safe summer vacation! We look forward to seeing you when school resumes on August 3rd!

