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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,

If your students are Tiger Cubs at Hagerstown Elementary School, they will be coming home from school one day this month excited to share that they got to meet Hagerstown firemen and see their fire truck! Just like Halloween and the first report card of the school year are big events in October, we celebrate Fire Safety Week October 9 - 15 with an annual visit by the men from Hagerstown Fire Department. We gratefully acknowledge our firefighters and volunteer firefighters across the area who respond at a moment's notice 24/7 when the

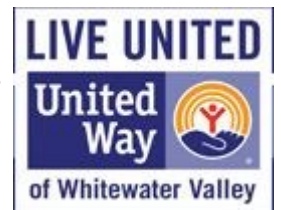


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unthinkable occurs. Thank you, firefighters, for helping us celebrate Fire Safety Week and for what you do to keep us all safe throughout the year!

NCSC Supports United Way!

Nettle Creek School Corporation will hold its annual United Way campaign for employees from October 10th - 21st. Our community's students benefit directly from our support through United Way of Whitewater Valley. United Way's focus areas for this year are: Education, Youth and Families, Health, and Community Vitality. Specifically, United Way contributions can be ear marked toward such organizations as Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County, Communities In Schools and several other organizations of your choice that support children. Donations made in our area stay in our area. Thanks for your support!



Bus Drivers Have Heart!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to two bus drivers who went above and beyond the call of duty recently in their service to students! I was following a bus on Baker Road to the Jr./Sr. high school one morning when I noticed a group of students who were walking to school with quite some distance yet to go and with very little time to get there before the morning bell would ring. The bus in front of me stopped and picked up the walkers and delivered them to the front door with a minute or two to spare! This bus driver was Ms. Hardin. Thank you, Ms. Hardin, for your kindness! Mr. Reed was the second bus driver to go above and beyond recently. Mr. Reed called a parent when he saw her car was not parked in the usual spot when he arrived to drop students off at the end of the school day. Mr. Reed called the parent to make sure someone was home. Mr. Reed told the parent, "The kids on the bus are like family, and I try to treat them how I would want



mine treated.” Thank you, Mr. Reed, for assuring our students are safe. And thanks to the mom, too, who shared her good news!

Mr. Keesling Brings A Bit Of Guatemala To Students!

Shortly after returning from a mission trip to Guatemala, School Board Member and husband of sixth-grade teacher Ms. Keesling, Mr. Keesling shared highlights of his travel experience with sixth-grade students in the LGI Room. Students learned about an educational system and customs that are very different than ours. We send a tip of the Tiger’s tail to Mr. Keesling for presenting a slide show and sharing artifacts that he brought back from his trip. One of the observations that he shared with students was that regardless of the quality of water to drink or the lack of facilities and equipment at school, the children there were very happy. Nettle Creek students were a great audience and perhaps left the assembly with a new appreciation for some of the things we take for granted at Hagerstown Elementary School.



Homecoming 2016 Was Special For Students And Staff!

September ended with a bang for staff and students! We send a tip of the Tiger’s tail to Mr. Snodgrass, his staff and the football players for bringing home a win against Centerville on Friday night. Earlier that evening the HES staff and their families enjoyed a pitch-in in preparation for the big game, and after the game students enjoyed a school dance that was held outdoors in the HES courtyard. Ms. Bowman, the best organizer ever, arranged for the entertainment including the band and a whole lot of fun with neon ‘paint’. We send a tip of the Tiger’s tail and a sincere thank you to all of the neighbors who live within earshot of HES. Your support of our students through your patience with the loud music and the brilliant laser lights that could be seen and heard for practically miles in every direction until quite late at night is most appreciated!



Congratulations Ms. Chew!

The Hagerstown Optimist Club recognized Primary Project Child Teacher Ms. Chew as the Optimist Educator Of The Year at their meeting last month. Ms. Chew was selected because of her dedication to her students and her active support of our community. Club President Mr. Lumpkin presented Ms. Chew with a plaque to commemorate the event. Nice job, Ms. Chew!



Mr. Childs Spreads The Good News!

Jr./Sr. high school principal Mr. Childs served on a discussion panel appearing at the Fall Conference of the Indiana School Board Association/Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents last week. He shared information about the Early College program offered to students at Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School. A part of this program includes the opportunity for students to enroll in dual credit classes where students who successfully complete the class earn college credits as well as credits toward high school graduation. HJr./Sr.H is one of only three high schools in Indiana that offers the Early College program.



We Mark The End Of The First Nine Weeks!

It hardly seems possible that the first grading period has come and gone! Every day, K-12 students at Nettle Creek School Corporation are immersed in learning-rich classes and are making good progress toward their learning goals. Students are working hard on projects, assignments and activities to assure their success. Hagerstown Elementary School is holding **Parent & Teacher Conferences** during the week of October 17th. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have not received confirmation of your appointment to come in and learn about your child’s progress. Teachers will have initial NWEA scores for you to review, and they are looking forward to hear your observations about your child’s growth.

