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ETTLE CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

“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,

What luck! With all of the gray days we’ve had over the past few weeks, what were the chances that the sun would be shining brightly enough for the Groundhog to see his shadow, go back to bed and leave us with six more weeks of winter weather? To tell you the truth though, I have yet to shovel my driveway this winter. If the next six weeks are anything like the last six weeks, we will have it made. Students at Hagerstown Elementary School have been lucky this winter getting outdoors for lunch recess now and again as weather permits. Afternoons in K-6 classrooms are just a little bit more productive when we can manage some midday, outdoor exercise!



Welcome Aboard!

We welcome the two newest members of the Nettle Creek Board of School Trustees. Mr. Dan Davis and Mr. Eric Richardson took their oath of office at the Board’s January meeting and will be serving the Nettle Creek Community and our children for the next four years. We are glad they joined us. Each gentleman has a vested interest in the success of our schools because of family connections and residence in our community. While this is Mr. Richardson’s first time on the Board, Mr. Davis returns to the Board seat he held previously. Mr. Richardson lives in Harrison Township, and Mr. Davis lives in Jefferson Township. Since being sworn in, both men have spent several hours in orientation training to become familiar with our school corporation and have already joined the Board in providing profitable leadership for the school corporation. Mr. Davis can be contacted at ddavis@nettlecreek.k12.in.us. Mr. Richardson’s email is erichardson@nettlecreek.k12.in.us. NCSC parents and community members will find both gentlemen very approachable and highly dedicated to the welfare of all of our students.



STEAM Student Of The Month!

We send a tip of the Tiger’s tail to Damian Walcott for being named Purdue Polytechnic’s STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art + Design, Mathematics) Student of the Month. Periodically, a student from an area school is recognized for excellence in achievement. Mr. Walcott was nominated by Ms. Overfield and Mr. Dawson based on the quality of his work in class. Mr. Walcott’s photographs have been included in this newsletter and appear on our website. We look forward to seeing more of his work!



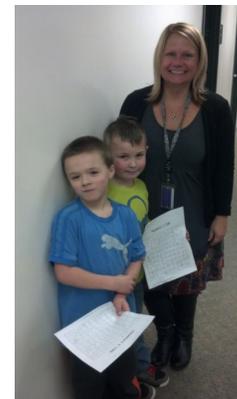
NCSC Tiger Cubs Are The Greatest!

One doesn't have to look very far to find students distinguishing themselves at Nettle Creek School Corporation! Honor Rolls at both buildings for first semester are posted, and students prove time and again that their character is exemplary as well! I'd like to introduce you to Ella Logston. Ella is a student in Ms. Muller's fourth-grade class. Not very long ago, Ella was walking in the hall and spotted a roll of what appeared to be dollar bills. Sure enough, that is exactly what she saw. She picked it up, and her first thought was to give it to an adult, so that it could be returned to its rightful owner. While it's true, our main objective is for children to learn reading and math, it's also true that NCSC takes very seriously its mission to teach good character; lessons that are begun at home by Nettle Creek families. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Miss Logston for making the right choice. We are so proud of you!



Students Give Ms. Morgan 100 Reasons To Celebrate!

Ms. Morgan, assistant principal at HES, never misses an opportunity to celebrate with students when they reach a learning benchmark. A trip to her office is nothing to dread, unless there is a good reason to, because the staff at HES knows the power of praise. Kindergartners Jesse Bowling and Bentley Bruns both had the opportunity to show Ms. Morgan what they know when they wrote numbers to one hundred all by themselves. This is a big deal in every Kindergarten classroom! We send two tips of the Tiger's tail! One to the boys for their math accomplishment, and the other to Ms. Morgan for making Hagerstown Elementary School a fun place to learn!



Mr. Irvin Has Plans!

Everyone knows Mr. Irvin! After all, he was raised in Hagerstown and graduated in 1973 from Hagerstown High School! And after thirty-six+ years serving students as our Director of Transportation, Mr. Irvin has decided to retire at the end of June. All through the years, he has performed his duties at a high level always putting the safety of his students and his drivers first. Mr. Irvin's responsibilities include maintaining the NCSC fleet, arranging for the purchase of new buses including the newest Tiger minibuses, running routes when a driver is absent or a student needs a special pick up, coordinating the work of the other drivers and assuring that our school buses meet and exceed safety standards. Mr. Irvin was the first Director of Transportation in the area to choose to purchase busses with seatbelts and investigated the use of propane as an alternative fuel.



Mr. Irvin said, "My job is super fun, and I've got to know a lot of wonderful families." Parents appreciate that Mr. Irvin stays on the job until the very last student is delivered each afternoon. Mr. Irvin, you will be missed by everyone at NCSC! We send you a special tip of the Tiger's tail and wish you and Ms. Irvin the very best in your retirement!

We Educate Students One At A Time!

It's commonly held that NCSC is just the right size to assure that all of our students receive the individual attention they need to assure their success. Earlier, we shared that a preschool student was coming our way who needs special instruction in American Sign Language. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Schlotterbeck, our deaf and hard of hearing teacher, who arranged for Ms. Limle, an ASL trainer, to provide a series of evening signing classes for Ms. Solis, Ms. Griesdorn (speech teacher), Ms. Gilley (speech assistant), Ms. Ritter (special needs teacher), herself and the child's family. Where initially the group wondered if the child would communicate only by signing, now having been enrolled in Ms. Solis's preschool with support from staff, our student is beginning to speak and is learning to sign to communicate as well! A true story of NCSC success!



NCSC will celebrate Presidents Day on Monday, February 20th. Schools will be closed unless if it is used as a Snow Make-Up Day before then.