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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,

With our clocks adjusted to Daylight Saving Time, the first day of Spring behind us, and the first round of ISTEP+ testing completed, classrooms are heading into the last nine weeks of the 2016-2017 school year!



Where has the time gone? Report cards should have arrived home by now, and we hope your child’s progress through this school year is evident. If you have any questions about your child’s progress, please contact his/her teacher. Schools take a more holistic look at children’s education than we used to, and rather than the process being end-capped by August and May



Nettle Creek Family of Schools

each year, we see the path as being a thirteen-year span which recognizes that not all children progress at the same rate. As warm Spring weather returns to Nettle Creek, we look forward to children spending more and more time outdoors learning the lessons Mother Nature provides!

### NCSC Children Learn To Value Our Community!

Several appreciative Nettle Creek community neighbors contacted us to express their thanks to the first-grade students and their teachers who delivered hand-made Valentines to homes and businesses in the community last month. We pass along their gratitude to these Tiger cubs for brightening their day in this very unexpected way!



### Learning Opportunities Continue Past 3 O'clock At HES!

When the school bell rings at the end of the day and students climb aboard buses or hop into the family taxi, one would think that the halls of Hagerstown Elementary School would fall silent. This is far from the case. While most students head for home, many students stay. At dismissal, the staff of the Boys & Girls Club is just arriving and provides students in Grades 1 through 12 with quality after-school childcare for hundreds of our students! Parents who work greatly appreciate that this program is available until 6:00P.M. daily to watch over their children providing recreational and educational activities. The staff does such a great job that you would never know that over 100 students regularly stay safely at school until Mom or Dad stops by to pick them up. A fifteen-dollar annual membership fee is all it takes to have one’s child receive help with



homework or to play with friends after school. A different after-school tutoring program is also in session in the library after the buses leave. School counselor, Ms. Kaiser, and CIS coordinator, Ms. Ullery, stay after school and provide academic tutoring for students to help keep everyone’s learning on track. We send tips of the Tiger’s tail to students and their families who take advantage of these opportunities and to the staff who makes these programs possible!



## HHS Students Recognize Outstanding Teachers!



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Sloniker, Mr. Meek and Mr. Lester for being chosen as this year's ISTAR teachers by Hagerstown High School senior students Kelsey Zetzi, Jacqueline Habzansky and Victoria Pierson. This regional event is an opportunity where top-performing seniors in area high schools recognize the teachers who they feel had the greatest influence in their success. This recognition is significant for both students and teachers!



## HJr./Sr.H Athletes In The News!

HHS student/athlete Brytni Dale earns a tip of the Tiger's tail for being named to the Girls All-Conference Basketball Team. Madison Brown received an Honorable Mention. Jared Andis, Isaiah Neal and Jalen Oliver earn tips of the Tiger's tail as well for earning spots on the Boys Tri-Eastern All-Conference Team. Evan Hoover received an Honorable Mention. Tiger basketball fans were treated to a very exciting season this year. Congratulations and thank you, athletes and coaches. We're looking forward to next year's action!



## You Are What You Eat!



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Snodgrass for bringing exercise physiologist and medical fitness expert Jimmy Girot to speak with parents and athletes on Nutrition for Student Athletes. This event will take place on Thursday, March 23 in the Hagerstown High School Auditorium from 6:30P.M.-7:30P.M. Employed by the National Institute for Fitness and Sport, Girot manages corporate fitness at Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, Indiana. In addition to corporate fitness management, Girot owns and operates a concierge medical fitness suite in Fishers, Indiana. A graduate of Hanover College, Girot studied Health and Movement while

playing four seasons of NCAA Football. The goal of the evening is to educate both athletes and their families on proper diet and nutrition needs in-season and in the off-season. Admission is free to all who would like to attend. There will be a question and answer session immediately following the presentation.

## Be A Part Of The Future!

Hagerstown Jr./Sr. High School is working on our 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan and seeks more parental participation! Your commitment would be to attend two parent meetings on Thursday evenings along with some digital correspondence among group members. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23rd from 6:30P.M. to 7:45P.M. Please contact Mr. Cadle at 765.489.4511 if you can lend a hand. We are thankful for our current group of parents and would love to have you join us in this crucial initiative for improving the quality and environment of our school!

## 2017 Rising Stars Of Indiana!

The Indiana Association of School Principals recently announced their list of Rising Stars Of Indiana, and four junior students at HHS are among those being recognized. We send tips of the Tiger's tail to Mallory Bowman, Madison Brown, Grace Dudas and Elizabeth Jenkins for this accomplishment! Students are chosen based on academic achievement and leadership skills. Go Tigers!



**NCSC will be closed for Spring Break beginning on Monday, March 27th. Schools will resume on Monday April 10th.**

## Community News!

Nettle Creek Players is presenting a series of professional Summer Stock Theater productions which will bring professional actors, designers and technicians from all over the country to Hagerstown this summer. NCP is looking for local housing for them during their stay. Please contact NCP at [info@nettlecreekplayers.com](mailto:info@nettlecreekplayers.com) or Darrin Murrell at 765.212.8127, or you can stop by The Sidewalk Café and talk with NCP Board Member Robin Nugent if you would like to be a host family. Thank you!