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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,

We try not to miss any opportunity to celebrate student success. Folks at Nettle Creek, both at school and at home, recognize the power that exists in approaching life in positive ways. Our objective at school is to "maximize each student's highest potential." We all thrive, students included, when life's daily challenges are broken down into manageable steps and addressed one by one. We see this occur in every classroom every day. Teachers know what students need to know, and they know how far students can stretch toward goals while building on success. Co-curricular sponsors and athletic coaches use the same approach. Boys and girls in spring sports are enjoying unbeaten seasons, and we have students who are advancing to national-level competitions all from Nettle Creek. Do we ignore our needs? Nope! But we make the choice every day to address our challenges by working together in positive ways to get the job done for the sake of our students! Thank you for everything you do to assure our students' success!



Now You See Them; Now You Don't!

Everyone at Hagerstown Elementary School gets in on the fun when teachers extend their lessons out into the halls. Learning knew no bounds when Ms. Muller included a fun activity recently on nature's trick of using camouflage for protection. You can walk through the halls at HES without being aware that handmade butterflies that purposely blend into the scene can be found throughout the building. Classes at every grade level were challenged to count as many butterflies as they could spot. It was no easy task though because the paper butterflies are camouflaged just as some butterflies and other animals are in nature. Are all PreK-6 students likely to remember now that nature uses camouflage as protection? You bet! We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Muller for her innovation and making learning fun for her students and for the rest of us, too!



School Libraries At NCSC Are Growing @ The Creek!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Isaacs for the progress she is making automating our school libraries. Her goal is to convert our libraries' inventory and circulation processes into a digital format. This conversion will streamline materials checkout at both buildings and connect students to digital library resources around the state. Ms. Isaacs is assembling a cadre of volunteers for training to help with this task. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Ms. Isaacs at 765.489.4555. Thank you! In other library news, Ms. Isaacs is pursuing a chance to win \$100,000 for the Jr./Sr. high library. You can help by voting daily through May 12th for her project at <http://act.usatoday.com/submit-an-idea/#/gallery/59933149/>

HHS Graduate Sends Her Thanks For Dual Credit Classes!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Hayley Hollenberg (Class of '15), a Psychology Major and Sociology & Communication Minor at IU Bloomington, who entered college after graduating from HHS with enough dual credits on her college transcript that her university advisor shared with her recently that she can graduate from IU a year and a half early! Ms. Hollenberg says, "The opportunity for me to get some of the general education requirements out of the way in high school has granted me this opportunity to graduate after one semester of my junior year. I am amazed at how this is all due to the courses I took back in the day." Halley shares that rather than graduating early, she will use her remaining time in Bloomington to complete a second minor in Public Advocacy as well as to undertake an internship to enhance her resume to assure future employment in her chosen field of administration in Higher Education.



New Castle Career Center Partnerships Pay Off!

Senior Sam Tollett recognized a good thing when he saw it. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Sam for his work in an apprentice program with Hoosier Feeder Company. Mr. Tollett is an HHS student who also participates in the New Castle Career Center Machine Trades program and is finishing requirements for a Technical Honors Diploma. Sam shares that, "The (specialty training at Hoosier Feeder) gave me the opportunity to learn and get a jumpstart on my career. I also received excellent work experience before heading into the labor force." Sam's goal is to work at Hoosier Feeder after graduation.



Kindergarten Enrollment Continues!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to the NCSC staff who provided Nettle Creek families an early opportunity to enroll the Class of 2030! Parents came in a steady stream throughout the day to complete enrollment forms and for Tiger Cubs to work with teachers to help staff gauge incoming students' readiness to learn at school. Kindergarten enrollment will continue up until the first day of class in August, though calling school to enroll earlier is advised. A Kindergarten Q & A meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20 at 6:00P.M. in the LGI Room at the elementary school for all incoming Kindergarten families.



From One Student To Another!

As the children head back into the second half of ISTEP+ testing next week, we send a tip of the Tiger's tail to the students who sent Care Packages to students who were testing in Round One and to Ms. Campbell's Writing students who sent thank you notes in return. One note reads:

Dear Project Child,

Thank you so much for the candies and inspirational, encouraging notes. I personally love the fact you guys were kind enough to do that. Now, that is genuine Tiger Champ thoughtfulness! With all of the encouragement, we did our absolute best. And of course you aced it, too! Here is a poem honoring your kindness!

"A little spark of
Kindness
Can put a
Colossal burst
Of sunshine
Into someone's day." -Unknown

Sincerely,
Lily Roddy

A Few Dates To Remember!

4/22 Daddy Daughter Dance 6P.M. sponsored by HHS Class of '19 Call Ms. Thompson at 489.4511 for info.

4/23 Winter Band Banquet 6-8 P.M.

4/26 HJr./Sr.H Convocation 8-10A.M. drugs, drinking and driving

4/29 Prom 8-11P.M. Hartley Hills

5/1-5/5 HES PTO BOGO Book Fair

5/2 HES K-2 Music Program 6:30P.M. & 5/4 3-5 Music Program 6:30P.M.

Community Info!

The Lions Club with is sponsoring a Donkey Basketball Game with community support in the HES gym on Monday, May 8th at 7:00P.M. Tickets are \$6 in advance at the Christmas Store and The Logo Shoppe and \$8 at the door. Children under Age 6 are admitted free. All profits will go to the Hoodlebrink Family.

