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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,

Happy New Year! January is the perfect month to take stock and reflect on the accomplishments of our students over the past year and to look forward eagerly to the successes they will experience in 2018. This past week, I had the pleasure to spend a little time with Mr. Ron Hoover who dropped by the office to share a thought that he said he'd been considering for some time. Mr. Hoover is a Hagerstown High School graduate prior to the consolidation, and coincidentally, I needed to review Board meeting minutes from that time to find information our current corporation representative project requires. Since I wasn't in Hagerstown at that time, I was pleased I had a bit of background information so that I could especially appreciate the points Mr. Hoover made. Let's start 2018 by sending a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Hoover for stopping in and spending his time to let me know what was on his mind. For folks who are new to the area and who might not know, just over fifty years ago citizens of Dalton, Economy, Greens Fork, Hagerstown, Jacksonburg and Millville had the foresight to combine resources to create the Nettle Creek School Corporation. I'm sure if those early visionaries could see the opportunities NCSC offers our families now, they would be very proud. Today, we stand on the shoulders of those insightful people and provide our children a fine PreK-12 education. As you enjoy reading about the accomplishments of our students and staff as they unfold in 2018, please understand that these news items represent only the tip of the iceberg! We are very proud of the success of all of our staff and students. We are 1,098 student Tigers strong, and growing! Stop in sometime. We'd be glad to show you OUR community's schools!



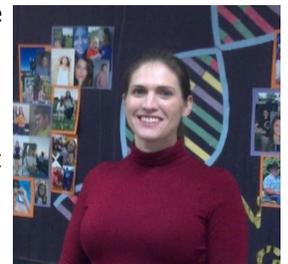
Nettle Creek Family of Schools



### Observations Of A Teacher!

Last week we received the following communication from a science teacher, Ms. Maule, who joined our Jr./Sr. high school staff in August after having taught in the Science Department at Ball State University. She said in part: "I want to take a moment to brag on our kids. I had some students new to me at the start of the semester yesterday, so we were doing an introduction game that included some ice-breaker questions. The students were having a good time with it being slightly more rowdy than my class usually runs. Then it was one of my special needs student's turn. She struggles with conversation. The other students became immediately silent to allow her to have time to think and respond. The change of behavior of the entire class was remarkable. Their behavior speaks volumes, and I'm sure it is owed to excellent parenting and also the tutelage of our faculty and staff! What wonderful kids!"

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Maule and her students for showing Tiger Pride and compassion in the respect they show toward classmates!



## Report Cards Are On The Way!

Parents can help their students learn by maintaining a continuous conversation with them about their progress at school. K-12 students are learning to set learning goals with the help of their teachers. Parents can help by talking about their child's progress and celebrating growth toward their goals. Your child's report card is one good indicator of their progress. If your child's progress has stalled or is insufficient, please contact your child's teacher for ideas. Jr./Sr. high report cards have already arrived home. HES report cards will be sent home on January 12th.



## Thank You HES PTO!

Students in Grades K-6 will have a unique opportunity this month. The Hagerstown Elementary School Parent & Teacher Organization is sponsoring a two-day visit by the mobile classroom from the Center Of Science And Industry in Columbus, Ohio. The hands-on, learning theme coming to HES is called The Incredible Human Machine. COSI's 'Body Mechanic' will help students learn what it takes to keep their body engines in tip-top shape by exploring the digestive, nervous, and circulatory systems, plus learning about nutrients and how exercise keeps a body healthy. The HES PTO is looking for parent and community volunteers to assist COSI personnel at learning stations both days. If you have time to spare, please contact Ms. Ullery at 765.489.4555 to lend a hand. In additional PTO news, Ms. Ullery shares that the last Book Fair provided HES with a bonus that allowed 250 students to select a free book from the Book Fair to add to their at-home libraries. Just in time! January is a perfect time to curl up with a good book.



## Innovation Matters!

At NCSC we believe there is always a better way! We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Retherford, NCSC mechanic, who is serving students by assuring that all busses are safe and ready for duty every day. Since taking on this new responsibility, Mr. Retherford is evaluating processes and procedures and has already instituted a safety checklist that bus drivers use to report bus components that need attention. Mr. Retherford has also designed and installed a new and more efficient way to store motor oil and to refill engines during oil changes. Thank you for taking the initiative, Mr. Retherford!



## Ms. Young Is GROWING @ THE CREEK!

It takes something special to go above and beyond the call of duty in big ways! Ms. Young earns a tip of the Tiger's tail as she and her students celebrate her completion of a Masters Degree program. Ms. Young earned this advanced degree from Western Governor's University in December. Along with bringing new educational practices to their students, teachers at NCSC who earn their Masters Degree receive additional compensation as well. Congratulations, Ms. Young, job well done!



## Mr. Jones, Jalen Oliver, and Mr. Keesling Are Recognized As Exemplary!

Varsity Head Basketball Coach, Mr. Jones, student, Jalen Oliver and AD, Mr. Keesling each received recognition recently for exemplary sportsmanship. This recognition comes from an IHSAA game official: "It was a pleasure to work at Hagerstown this past weekend. Coach Jones and Jalen Oliver displayed control and great understanding of the game of basketball. A great coach, an outstanding player, and a great host in AD Gerry Keesling." -John Yantiss, IHSAA official Thank you Mr. Yantiss. We couldn't agree more!



## Our Community Supports Student Achievement In Many Ways!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to the folks at Willie & Reds for the unique way they recognize high-achieving student employees. This sign is front and center and can't be missed by all patrons who come in for dinner. Congratulations students, and thank you Mr. and Ms. Wickes!

**Remember: Schools are closed on Monday, January 15th - MLK Day - unless it is needed as a Snow Make-Up Day before then.**

