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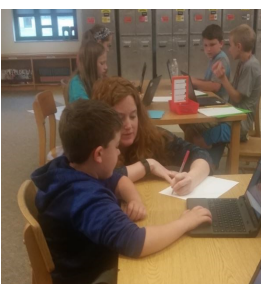
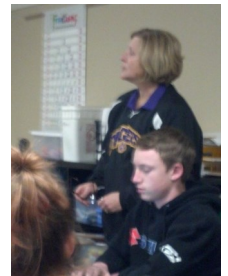
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Nettle Creek Family of Schools

Dear Parents and Nettle Creek Community Members,

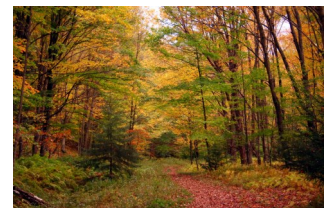
Welcome to October at Nettle Creek School Corporation! October is one of the most productive months in terms of learning during the school year. Gone are the orientation days where students are learning the expectations of new teachers at the beginning of the new school year. Seasoned teachers know that putting the curriculum on the back burner when the new year opens and to use the time in the beginning to focus on setting expectations and teaching procedures are investing instructional time in an area that will increase learning productivity and pay dividends throughout the rest of the school year. The weather has been great which means elementary school children get noon recess outdoors and the opportunity to run off a little steam allowing "brains on" during lessons in the afternoon. Though polishing students' behavior is a year-long task for teachers, most of the students are up to speed and most of the school day is spent



on intensive instruction. At this time of the year K-12 teachers are using current MAPS scores to help them plan lessons directed right where students can hit them out of the park. I chuckled when Board Member Marcie Houghton shared with us that she was stopped in her tracks in the upstairs hall during a visit at the Jr./Sr. high when she heard students in conversation in class, and that she was a little perplexed because she didn't recognize a word they were saying. She moved closer to the classroom door to check it out, and it wasn't until she spotted Ms. Nolan, our Spanish teacher, that she realized that the students were talking with each other practicing their conversational Spanish. Such is life in our schools in October. I hope you have a minute to stop by and see for yourself. You are welcome! There is educational magic happening for our children around every corner!

Check Your Calendars!

We're guessing no one needs a reminder, but if you do, the first grading period ends on October 5th. While teachers will be tallying scores and preparing report cards, schools will be closed the week of October 8th for Fall Break. We hope the weather cooperates so families and staff can catch their breaths outdoors in preparation for when school doors reopen on October 15th.



There's More Than One Way To Solve A Rubik's Cube!

Dr. Doering solves a Rubik's Cube:



And seventh-grade student Morgan Williamson knows the right way! We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Williamson for her unique ability to solve the puzzle more quickly than any of the rest of us. We had the opportunity to watch Morgan complete the task with lightening speed! What is even more amazing than her dexterity is that she can explain how she does it by explaining that the process includes knowing the correct algorithms. Morgan's mom shared that beyond the familiar 3X3 cube, Morgan practices a lot and solves cubes that are more complicated with more rows and columns. Nice job, Morgan!

Morgan Williamson solves a Rubik's Cube.

The Tennis Courts Are Finished!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Hillman for arranging for the resurfacing of the tennis courts behind the Jr./Sr. high school. Always looking for ways to grow our facilities from good to great for students, the tennis courts are now in top shape for students and community members alike. If you haven't seen the courts lately, you'll find that the color of the area inside of the baselines and the sidelines for each court is now purple! Another change that has been added to encourage community members to use the courts is the addition of pickle ball lines. Adding pickle ball lines also gives P.E. teachers another option for gym classes. If you are not familiar with pickle ball and are looking for a low-impact activity that people of all ages can enjoy, a quick tutorial is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTvPYdKZq00>. We'd love to have you use the new facility!



Both Cafeterias Are Great Places To Get A Midday Hot Meal!

Tiger cafeteria employees work hard to prepare delicious, hot meals for K-12 students every day. NCSC is able to offer students and staff more lunch choices including items like Ms. Werking's homemade lasagna. While pizza is still a crowd pleaser, lunch menus include at least two entre selections at both schools and a choice of fresh fruits and vegetables. Families are welcome to eat with their children at lunch. Community members are welcome to eat at school, too. No reservations are needed. If you can join us, please be sure to sign in at the school office on the day of your visit.



Senator Raatz Pays NCSC A Visit!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Senator Raatz for coming to Nettle Creek School Corporation and addressing regional high school students who were at the Jr./Sr. high school for their annual Model Legislature activity hosted by Mr. Meek and the Social Studies Department. Among other leadership responsibilities in the Indiana Senate, Senator Raatz serves as Vice Chair of the Interim Study Committee on Education. While he was here, Senator Raatz toured the elementary school to talk with Ms. Hokey, Ms. Morgan and HES teachers.

We Might Just Have What You Need!

As time marches on, we find that we have some materials that no longer serve our educational purposes but might be something you can use at home. Last month we offered obsolete textbooks. This month we are offering technology components. We have monitors, keyboards and towers that have seen better days and have not been in use for three years or more. While we have scavenged parts from some of the items to maintain some of our current equipment, if you see something pictured here that you or someone you know need, please contact Mr. Munchel, our Director of IT Services, at the Jr./Sr. high school. 765.489.4511 Thank you!

