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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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Nettle Creek Family of Schools



Dear Parents and Nettle Creek Community Members,

Phaedrus had it right! "Things are not always as they seem; the first appearance deceives many." Lord knows it's easy to fall into this trap with only part of the facts! Such was the case this morning



when I came in to write this month's Parent & Community Newsletter. When I rounded the corner onto North Sycamore I was surprised by the sight of emergency personnel and their vehicles parked in the elementary school parking lot. My mind raced down the Emergency Procedure Checklist described in the HES School Safety Plan that everyone connected to the school knows by heart. Thankfully, it was Sunday which takes 'Evacuation of Students and Staff' off the top of the list of things to do. Firemen were headed into the gym doors as I parked my car and jogged across the street to find out what was



happening. Chief Cole was just leaving the building, and remaining calm (Rule #1 in the safety plan), I asked him what was up? He explained that Nettle Creek fire crews just completed their annual walk to remember those who died in the 9/11 attacks in New York City, and that they moved the activities planned to follow their walk into the gym because of the weather. I breathed a deep sigh of relief and started to smile as I entered the gym and saw school kids enjoying a bounce house and many people I know visiting with our community's awesome First Responders who went out on a dreary Sunday morning this morning to remember the sacrifice of fellow brave First Responders back in 2001.

### Hagerstown Tiger Students Think Of Others Before Themselves!

This past week students at HES took up a collection to buy recreational reading books from the PTO's upcoming Book Fair for students who might not have the money right now to buy a book for themselves. As a reward, Ms. Hokey bent the "No Hats In The Building" rule which allowed children in Ms. Bradway's class shown here and students throughout the building to wear their favorite headgear on this special day!



## NCSC Wins Significant Support For Our Counseling Program!

Last Spring, school counselors, Ms. Olinger and Ms. Kaiser, joined with a Wayne County committee of educators to submit a grant application to Lilly Endowment Inc. to support Ms. Williamson and the Communities In Schools program at the Jr./Sr. high school.

Our counselors' work on the application brings \$107,800 to Nettle Creek. As a result of their work, students at the high school will be better prepared for success in college, entry-level careers or the military after graduation.

Along with this support for CIS, the Jr./Sr. high will continue to be involved with the Governor's Work Ethic Certificate program. This Indiana incentive initiative helps students develop employability skills that are critical for success in today's workplace.



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## Safety Is Important Here!

Nettle Creek School Corporation revises its list annually of those who need to be contacted before pesticides are applied in and around our facilities. The use of pesticides at school is strictly controlled, and as an extra precautionary measure, applications are made at times of day when school is not in session. If you have a need to be notified before applications will take place, please call Ms. Toler at 765.489.4544.

Thank you!



## Free School Textbooks!

Providing teachers with enough storage space is a continuous goal! One way we can acquire more space for storage is by sorting through some of the books and things that have been on shelves in storerooms and have not been used in years. The elementary school has reading and math textbooks that have been obsolete for quite some time. While they no longer serve a purpose at school, these old textbooks could be useful at your house for extra practice for your children. If you have a use for these gently used textbooks, or if you know of an organization that could use them, please contact either school office.



## Let Them See You Read!

Parents often ask what they can do at home to help their children learn. There are many, many great answers to this question. Parents are their children's first and most important teacher, and when parents continuously share the importance of school and learning, their children win. The next level of support comes when parents read to their children or have their children read to them.

Along with spending quality time together, reading to your child becomes a special time that shows reading is important. When a child learns to read well, the future looks bright. To help parents read to their children, we send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Isaacs, our K-12 librarian, and Mr. Williamson and his students in welding and small engines classes who have refurbished former newspaper kiosks and installed them throughout the community. These Tiger Purple boxes are "Little Libraries" that contain books at various reading levels that families can borrow at any time of the day or night.

Returning the books to the boxes is optional, but it is hoped that a book is put in the box for every book that is borrowed. Keep your eyes peeled for these little libraries, and please use them often!



## Thank You For Keeping Our Children Safe!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to all of the drivers who are being extra careful as the road construction continues downtown. Mr. Spencer, the crossing guard, has moved one block west to help students cross safely. Sycamore Street should be open again in a week or two.