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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,



Nettle Creek Family of Schools

Sometimes we just have to put a reminder on the calendar so that we are sure to get the important things in life done! President Abraham Lincoln did just that when he established the first Thanksgiving holiday in 1863.



Though conventional wisdom reminds us that we should count our blessings every day, we’ll be sure to do so later this month at Thanksgiving. Schools will be closed Wednesday through Friday, November 21st through the 23rd for families to come together to recall all of the things for which we are grateful.

When I sit down to dinner at my brother’s place, and it is my turn to share what I’m thankful for, I will mention my appreciation for being a Tiger with the opportunity to serve so many dedicated staff and community members for the sake of our children who I hold very dear! If you are travelling over the long weekend, everyone at Nettle Creek School Corporation wishes you safe travels. Happy Thanksgiving! School resumes on Monday, November 26th.

Thank You For Taking Care!

Tragic headlines are disturbing reminders to each of us that assuring student safety is a responsibility we all share. I touched base with Ms. Toler, the Operations Department assistant, who takes her responsibility seriously as she works with Mr. Hillman and the bus drivers when she composes bus routes. She has it down to a science, and our bus drivers know every driveway, street sign and turn around spot to assure that students who take the bus are safe. All automobile drivers can help by assuring that they obey traffic laws particularly when school busses and school children are involved. Please watch for students carefully especially in the morning when it is dark. Even at Nettle Creek, there are drivers who pass buses when the stop arms are extended. Routes are intentionally crafted so that very few of our students cross a lane of traffic on our busiest roads. All bus drivers are trained to not only extend their vehicle’s stop arm, but they are also required to open the bus window, extend out their arm and wave children across as well as to verbally call out to the students when it is safe to cross. Even with all of these precautions, auto drivers’ cooperation is essential. We send a tip of the Tiger’s tail to all drivers for stopping when bus arms are extended. You are helping keep our students safe!



The Governor’s Work Ethic Certificate Is A Popular Opportunity For Students!

We’ve received information from Mr. York, our contact at New Castle School Corporation, that 100% of our 6th, 8th and 12th grade students have the opportunity to earn the Governor’s Work Ethic Certificate. NCSC is participating in the program because it aligns with our corporation goal to provide for the education of the whole child. Students who maintain an attendance rate, an academic achievement rate, participate in community service and who maintain self-discipline at or above required standards will receive a certificate that is meaningful to employers and colleges across the state. Best of luck, Tigers, we’re rooting for you!



Both School Cafeterias Are Back GROWING @ THE CREEK!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Huffman, our Food Services manager, and his cafeteria staff team at both buildings for some innovations they are implementing in our cafeterias to assure that more students are receiving nutritious meals at school. Starting in October, HES students began taking advantage of an opportunity provided by an application and a grant Mr. Huffman wrote for the students to receive free breakfasts. Previously, we had seventy students on average who ate breakfast at school. Now, more than 400 students eat breakfast every day. I chuckled when a mother called and wanted to know what was going on with the breakfast program. Her child refused to eat breakfast at home because he wanted to eat with his friends at school. Beyond breakfast, Mr. Huffman completed the paperwork and starting soon, students who stay after school at Boys & Girls Club will be served a free dinner. Along with Mr. Huffman, the behind-the-scenes heroes are the cafeteria staff who are preparing these extra meals and the teachers who have rearranged their routines first thing in the morning so that students get a nutritious start to their day. The cafeteria program receives reimbursement for each meal served, and the cafeteria has found a win/win solution for increasing their revenue. Also, the cafeterias are asking for your help on a new project! Jr./Sr. high school students received a link to an email survey to help the staff build their menus and customer service. They are asking all Jr./Sr. high students to complete the survey even if students do not eat a school lunch, so that they can better meet student needs. Likewise, HES Food Services staff distributed a link to HES parents for whom they have email addresses so that they can build their program for younger students as well. If you are an HES parent who has not received a survey link from Mr. Huffman, please contact him at matthew.huffman@compass-usa.com. Thank you!



We're Growing Leaders One Child At A Time!

Ms. Ullery, Ms. Kaiser and Mr. Hampton have something in common. All three of these Tiger student supporters have started student groups at HES to support student growth and development, and we are grateful! We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Kaiser and Ms. Ullery for starting Strong Tigers at Grades 4, 5 and 6. The purpose for this time at lunch is to get with students to talk about leadership and serving the needs of others. Mr. Hampton, retired school administrator and active community member, is working with Ms. Locke and parent volunteers in their Ladz To Leaders program to help boys acquire useful life skills that will serve them well throughout life. Robert, shown here, and his teammates learned how to tie a tie during a recent meeting after school. Thanks to All!



Athletes Distinguish Themselves In The Classroom Too!

This past week friends and families came together to acknowledge the accomplishments of all of the athletes who participated during the Fall sports season. Individual records, team records and special recognitions were the highlight of the evening. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to all of our Tiger athletes. A special certificate was awarded to student athletes across all of the fall sports who participated in athletics while maintaining exemplary academic performance in the classroom.



The View From Route 38!

It certainly is a beautiful view looking at the athletic fields when you drive along Route 38! Mr. Hillman and his crew work overtime to maintain those fields at a high level for students. We need to send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Coach Catey, Mr. Senese, Mr. Dill, Mr. Davis, Sr. and Mr. Davis, Jr. and Mr. Bicknell who remeasured and redefined the baseball infield. They brought in the heavy equipment necessary to get the job done right.



Thank You Chief!

Third-grade teachers send a tip of the Tiger's tail to HPD Chief Folkner for coming in to school to spend some time reinforcing anti-bullying lessons they have been sharing with their students recently. The children were excited that Chief Folkner was coming in to visit with them to tell them something they know is important.



Congratulations Dr. Herr!

Local Nettle Creek area veterinarian and NCSC graduates' parent, Dr. Herr, received special recognition this past week at the Communities In Schools Annual Dinner. Dr. Herr was recognized for her active support of our students through her regular work with a student group at the Jr./Sr. high. CIS coordinator, Ms. Williamson, nominated Dr. Herr for the award. We send Dr. Herr a tip of the Tiger's tail for her support of our students, and we send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Williamson for spreading the good news about the level of community support we receive at Nettle Creek School Corporation!

