

Dear Staff,

One of the pleasures of late autumn is the perception that poison ivy season is over. They say "Perception Is Reality". Well, no it's not. I picked up a great case of poison ivy over the weekend, and I have no clue how. Somewhere between



loading pigs and attending a farm auction (I didn't get anything, but I was in the thick of the bidding for some very cool stuff) I came into contact with my summertime nemesis and have the rash to prove it! The coolest part of the weekend was having a team of Amish draft horses pull the truck out of the mud. Those babies got the job done!



Nettle Creek Family of Schools

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Stainbrook for hosting a dinner for her JAG students and their parents last week at the JAG induction ceremony. I had dinner that night with a family whose parents couldn't say enough about how Ms.

Stainbrook and JAG have given their son new interest in school and who is now quite assuredly going to graduate on time. Originally, they transferred their son to Seton in the hopes of increasing his motivation in school. At his insistence though, they re-enrolled him here and this time, included the JAG program in his schedule. Mom said the difference in her son was like night and day. Her son's attitude is much improved, his interest in his coursework is better, and his school attendance is exemplary. Thank you, Ms. Stainbrook! We educate our student's one-at-a-time, and the 30+ students in JAG are getting their needs met in a new way that suits them well!



Mr. Sloniker receives a tip of the Tiger's tail for supporting his band students all of the way to earning a spot in the IBA Honor Band. This designation allows exemplary Tiger band members to perform alongside other accomplished student musicians in the state to sharpen their skills even more. Mr. Sloniker's music students participate in regional and state-wide ensembles regularly. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to Ms. Hokey and her staff and students for growing Slinky the Snake throughout the halls of their school this year. Slinky starts by the library door of the school and grows to wrap his/her way throughout the halls of the school as children bring in food donations to make Thanksgiving dinner a little brighter for area families in need. Visitors to the school are amazed as Slinky grows to include a complete circle of the school. Staff and students assure that we are taking care of



our own at the holidays and all year long!

Best of luck to everyone involved in the midyear administration of NWEA tests! The student learning information that the tests provide will help classroom teachers and intervention teachers sharpen their instructional delivery so that all of the preparation lesson planning requires is targeted to where the students need the help. State accountability requires teachers to assure student learning. Gone are the days when teaching was a matter of only presenting the information. Now, teachers need to know where students are in their skills development so that teachers can design lessons guided by State Standards and assessment results to help assure that every student grows in proficiency at their own rate! It's a big job, and student results are indicating that our teaching staff is Grrrrreat at what they do! Keep up the good work. This month's NWEA results will help you see where students are here in the fourth inning and plan accordingly!



The HES staff is holding their annual staff Christmas party on Thursday this week at Hartley Hills at 5:00P.M. All elementary school staff is invited. To be honest, I have had this photo of one of their previous Christmas parties on my phone for YEARS waiting for the opportunity to judiciously edit it and include it in a newsletter! It shows the fun HES has when they get together to celebrate the holidays.



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to everyone who answered school phones after our two-hour delay last week. Parents were confused about bus pick up times unsure if it was a two-hour delay or a condensed day. This prompted many phone calls to school offices and the Administration Building. Thank you for your patience as parents called in!

The IDOE and the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addictions are hosting the first Educating the Whole Child Summit on February 27, 2019 in Bloomington. School corporations can send one administrator and one school-based person from each Title 4 district. This topic aligns perfectly with our second corporation goal: Educating the Whole Child, so I am looking forward to representing NCSC as the administrator. We'd like to have one other employee to attend, too, and bring back the information we receive that day. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please let me know.

Yours for another week with children!

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