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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



Odds are that you are one of the people who is sitting on the edge of your seat wondering when the 2019-2020 school year calendar will be released. Well, “The Eagle has landed.” The calendar is Board approved and posted on our website. It took a little longer to develop the calendar for next year because NCSC earned some scheduling flexibility from the State by being named an A School Corporation, and it took us a little longer to maximize the benefit for students, their families and our community. The calendar assures our students will continue to receive more than the state-required number of instructional minutes over the year; however, Nettle Creek is exempt from having to offer those minutes across 180 school days. As a result of the Calendar Group’s work, school will be in session for 178 days. Teachers will still work 181 days. The biggest change from this year’s calendar is that if the weather cooperates, students will be dismissed from school for the summer of 2020 before the Memorial Day weekend. The calendar benefits students educationally, and we hope it benefits your family and supports community organizations that provide summer activities for students as well. Thank you for your patience!

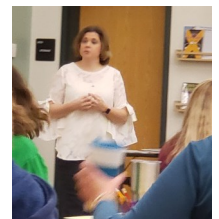
A Safety Update!

About a month ago, the NCSC School Board held a community work session when they heard parents and community members express their ideas about various ways to increase school safety. Since that time, the board prioritized the installation of classroom doors on the second floor of the Jr./Sr. high school and retrofitting the entrance at the elementary school. Parent and architect, Mr. Logston has been working with Director of Operations, Mr. Hillman to complete the design work and apply for state approval since that time. We appreciate the efforts and expertise of both gentlemen and look forward to continued progress with both projects. In the mean time, smaller projects discussed at the work session have already been completed.



Teaching The Whole Child Continues To Evolve!

The responsibility of being a teacher has changed in significant ways over the years. During the last Condensed Day, Jr./Sr. high school guidance counselor Ms. Olinger finished providing training to the corporation’s teachers and administrators on student suicide. Educators learned to support students in new ways. It is a goal here for all children to have at least one adult who they feel they can talk to when they feel the need. We appreciate Ms. Olinger sharing this information. Even when the conversations aren’t easy, children are first at NCSC.



A Hot Meal At Lunch Can Work Wonders!

March is National Nutrition Month! We send a reminder to parents that both school cafeterias offer students a choice of nutritious hot meals as a part of their midday break at lunchtime. The results of student and parent surveys are being used to craft menus that offer entrees and side dishes that our children like. Cafeteria staffs provide home-made options daily. Each month's menu is available on schools' websites with photos and detailed nutritional information for each dish. "There is an app for that!", too. Menus are available at: <https://nettlecreekschools.nutrislice.com/> Please contact Ms. Carey, Food Services District Manager at Nettle Creek, at siobhan.carey@compass-usa.com or by phone at 317-246-8291. She will be happy to hear from you!

Now you can also:

- ▶ See more information about menu items, including a photo and description
- ▶ Filter common food allergens like nuts, wheat and dairy
- ▶ Translate your menus into a number of different languages
- ▶ Access nutrition information like carb counts and calories with just a few clicks!
- ▶ Print a PDF version of the menus directly from the website, if you prefer



Tiger Success Beyond Graduation!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Hagerstown High School graduate Kendell Combs for her success in the Agriculture Department at Purdue University. Ms. Combs is the daughter of Ms. Marker, the art teacher at Hagerstown Elementary School. Kendell is pursuing a dual major in Agribusiness Management and Agricultural Communications. Kendell was raised in Modoc and was a leader in our FFA program while she was a student here. At Purdue she is involved in the Ann Tweedale Cooperative, the Purdue Cooperative Council, Ag Envoys, and Rising Professionals. She also serves as an Office of Academic Programs Student Assistant and is an Agricultural Economics Student Success Writer.



These Tigers Qualified For Nationals!!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to students Maddie Banta and Adam Nadler who qualified for the FCCLA Nationals competition through their work at the New Castle Career Center. Nationals will be held this summer in Anaheim, California. Ms. Banta qualified by earning a Gold Medal in Leadership, and Mr. Nadler also qualified earning a Gold Medal in Teach and Train. We wish both students continued success!



Thank You Mr. Hampton!

Most of you probably recognize the gentleman in the photo as Mr. Everett Hampton. Mr. Hampton is a retired educator from the area who is very active in our community. This year, part of his time has been spent with intermediate-grades students at HES offering a program called Ladz To Leaders. Mr. Hampton meets regularly with his students sharing leadership tips that his students will find helpful as they grow up. Mr. Hampton and his Ladz (only some of whom are pictured here) were the featured speakers at a recent Hagerstown Optimists dinner meeting. We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Hampton and his students for their dedication and good work all through this school year!



Words To Live By!

A tip of the Tiger's tail goes out to the teacher at HES who put up a bulletin board display that not only features words designed to develop character and takes some thought to interpret, but the right half of the display shows information that the children are learning about the Boston Tea Party.

Spring Break!

We probably do not need to remind anyone that Spring Break begins on Thursday, March 28th and continues through the entire following week. We hope the weather is great with lots of opportunities for students to get outdoors!

