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## ETTLE CREEK SCHOOL CORPORATION

"Our mission is to provide an exemplary educational experience that maximizes each student's highest potential."

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Dear Parents and Nettle Creek Community Members,

It's easy to get caught up in Tiger Fever when you know Nettle Creek students, our families and our community. One way to get the fever is by attending any one of our academic, co-curricular or athletic events. When students compete at high levels and more often than not come away winners, the enthusiasm of the students and the roar of the Tiger crowd is contagious. A great example of this sort of event occurred this past Saturday when the Lapel Bulldogs boys basketball team was in town. Things weren't looking too good for a win for us at halftime, but the Tigers put in a superlative second half and brought home the win against a very talented opponent!



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Jones and his players for showing incredible heart and sticking to their belief that they were going to get this job done! The following thoughts were shared by a retired HHS building administrator who reports they came from one of the game's refs and which sum up the evening well: "... shot me a message stating he thought the game Saturday night was one of the best he has ever had to work. Fans cheered, coaches coached, and players played; he indicated he had a great time." This was an evening that was a noteworthy example of when students and others in attendance showed our schools' and our community's Tiger pride. We proudly add a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Stainbrook, Ms. Murphy and Ms. Bryant and our cheerleaders for motivating the crowd all through the game and especially for the halftime show when Tiger cubs and young Tiger cheerleaders shared with the crowd the results of their work at a cheer clinic earlier in the week. The gym was packed! The whole evening was a genuine Nettle Creek celebration!

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### Tiger Singers Entertain!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Sanders and her students for their wonderful performance on Saturday at the IMEA Circle The State With Song concert. Twelve elementary and Jr. high Tiger choir members joined hundreds of other singers from the region in a day-long choral workshop held in New Castle. These students have been practicing with Ms. Sanders in preparation for the day, and they received further instruction on Saturday from a choral professor from Ball State whose task it was to bring all of the voices together into a very polished performance for hundreds of family members and guests who were in attendance. Great job!



## Four Hagerstown High School Tigers Earn Certification!

Jake Chandler, Larry Shoemaker, Cassidy Federico and Christian James deserve a tip of the Tiger's tail for earning their National Certification in Tactical Emergency Casualty Care through their work at the New Castle Career Center. This certification teaches EMS practitioners and other prehospital providers how to respond and care for patients in a civilian tactical environment to decrease preventable deaths. Along with their HHS schoolwork and their co-curricular activities, these students attend the Career Center program and give back to our community as volunteers at our fire department as well. Thank you!



## The Reality Store Experience Returns To HES!

Every year, parents and community members join together to provide Hagerstown Elementary School sixth-grade students an opportunity to get a glimpse of the decision-making that awaits them as adults. Ms. Ullery, our Communities In Schools coordinator at HES, sponsored this year's event and invited community volunteers to work with students as the children made "life decisions" regarding food, clothing, housing, transportation, insurance, etc. all which whittled away from the income created by careers that students chose at random. Children had the opportunity to donate to charity, acquire a pet and select travel and entertainment as funds allowed.

Students who initially chose sports cars for transportation had to reluctantly trade them in for minivans when they became parents and children began to arrive. At least one of those students ended up trading in the minivan and chose to take the bus when finances ran short before he had visited all of the stations set up in the school LGI Room. Thank you, Ms. Ullery, and we send a tip of the Tiger's tail to all of the volunteers for generously spending their time supporting our students in this fun and eye-opening way!

Our Purple & Gold Volunteers are: **Joe & Mindy Smith, Jackie Woolard, Cindy Oler, Jaime Rector, Andy Floyd, Becky Cool, Laura Swain, Christina Neuman, Sondra Glunt, Karen & Phil Ferriell, Nancy Williamson, Shannon Turner, Camela Schmitz, Sara Tipton, Brittany Lawson, Jana Murray, Nancy Doerstler, Barry Ritter, Alan Shedd, Cindy Neal, Kent Hollenberg, Mike Lieberman, Jorgena Watson, Donna Winters, and Connie Rhodus.**

## Spring Assessments Return!

Just as sure as robins will return to the Nettle Creek Valley, the time is approaching for students in Grades 3-8 and 10 to show us what they know on ISTEP+! While student assessment in Indiana is changing, ISTEP+ continues to be a required part of a school's curriculum. Nettle Creek School Corporation uses standardized test results to guide instruction by identifying which students are proficient and which students need more support toward mastering the Indiana Academic Standards. You can help your child to be prepared for spring tests by maintaining a regular family schedule and by being sure that children are in school on test days. This link will give you more information about the upcoming state testing windows, and schools will share their particular testing schedules with parents. <https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/assessment/2017-18-test-windowsupdated-100417.pdf>

## Thank You PCCU!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Kim Welch, Education & Outreach Director, at Perfect Circle Credit Union for notifying us that PCCU has established a special fieldtrip fund to help with the cost of transportation for fourth-grade fieldtrips. Fourth graders study Indiana History in social studies class, and teachers recognize that actually visiting places such as the Wayne County History Museum, Levi Coffin House and Conner Prairie are excellent additions to the learning students do in classrooms and online. PCCU arranging to cover the cost of transportation to these educational sites is a very creative way to remove a barrier for students as fourth-grade teachers plan to extend learning beyond their classrooms' four walls. Thank you!

