

Dear Staff,

May is going to be a great month at NCSC! Students are going to be going through all sorts of Rights of Passage as they prepare to move from one grade to another, and adults will be looking at student outputs to judge the success of their own efforts on behalf of students and adding another year of experience to their vita. True success at school is best measured by recognizing the daily victories, however!

Sometimes it is earning an 'A' on the test (or 'B' or 'C' depending...). Sometimes it's breaking through in a situation that seemed impenetrable. Or sometimes it's



observing progress toward a goal. We send tips of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Catey and the baseball team, to Mr. Gray and the track teams and the other spring sports whose results are measured by wins/losses, school records and personal bests. IRead 3 scores are in, though not final. Children are smack dab in the middle of iLearn and NWEA will cap the year in May. We all share

responsibility to varying degrees for student learning success even if we don't teach reading or math or don't teach at all. Schools hold social activities like Prom and Field Day to acknowledge that our students, like it or not, are moving on to their next level. No one is a Kindergartener forever, and no one remains a senior ad infinitum. Finish this year strong! Maximize the learning/assessment environment that May has become, but take a minute to think about all of those daily victories! Give each other, and your students, a pat on the back for a race well run, and smile for at least a moment as we all recognize that we will never pass this way in quite the same way, again!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Overfield and Ms. Olinger for organizing a memorable Prom 2019 for junior and senior students. It's amazing what they got done with imagination and a lot of sweat equity that transformed the high school cafeteria and auxiliary gym into a wonderland for the Classes of '19 & '20. I understand that an old tradition returned that allowed families to attend the initial activity which was incredibly well-attended by moms, dads and grandparents plus more. Students were dressed to the nines and had an opportunity to walk as couples (and triples) among family members in the auxiliary gym who were snapping photos to record this special moment in time. Afterward, parents departed, and students entered the area next door where their dance was held.



Nettle Creek Family of Schools



Thanks to Mr. Tyner and Ms. Schaeffer, who looked mighty spiffy, too, and to all of the Jr./Sr. high school staff who attended and helped all along the way to make the evening a memorable success! And thanks, Ms. Swimm, for sharing a photo of two of the event's attendees!

We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Ms. Overfield and Ms. Marker for their students' success at the 13th Annual All Wayne County High School Art Exhibition and the School Is Cool art contest. Many Nettle Creek students' artwork is now on display at the Richmond Art Museum. Tiger parents and friends of the student artists gathered this afternoon at a reception to recognize all of the students whose artwork is on display.



Students, teachers, administrators and Board members at both buildings walked into school in unison on Wednesday in support of 'Red for Ed' and increased funding for public education. Public education is charged with being the biggest influence in preparing students for tomorrow while school funding is being divided to a larger and larger extent among special interest schools in the name of school improvement. Thanks to Ms. Locke and Ms. Isaacs and NCCTA for bringing us together for this unifying cause. Thanks to everyone who supports public education.



We send a tip of the Tiger's tail to Mr. Meek and Mr. Gray for being chosen as I-STAR teachers by senior students Anna Shafer, Holden Robinson and Madison Zetzl. The title Indiana Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition gives a good clue to the purpose of the recognition. I-STAR students are chosen based on academics and activities. Students then select the teacher who they feel has played a major role in their success. Congratulations, Gentlemen!



Both buildings have yearbooks available for sale! Please contact Ms. Isaacs for a copy of the elementary school yearbook. Ms. Overfield is your contact for the Jr./Sr. high school yearbook.



Where would we be without our Tiger Cubs?! We are pleased to share a photo of Celia Kay who is Ms. Limburg's first grandchild and future Tiger Cub. Congratulations to the family. It will be fun to watch Celia grow up.

Let's close this week's letter sharing the loss we all feel for the death of Ms. Tabor. Everyone knows her for her never-ending smile over many, many years in the Jr./Sr. high school cafeteria. She is greatly missed!



Yours for another successful week with children!

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