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"The North Middle School community develops student leadership, scholarship, and citizenship"

North Middle School Community Newsletter

October, 2016

### Letter from the Principal

We have many things to celebrate after just one month of school. We have reached our daily attendance goal of 95% on every day so far, except two. In addition, we have had outstanding turnouts for extra-curricular activities as many of our clubs and intramurals have begun meeting. Finally, we have received wonderful support from our NMS families and parents as we have worked to create a more family-centered and involved community. Be sure to stay tuned in to the website and newsletter for events and opportunities to engage in the middle school experience with your child.

Damon Burkhart, *Principal*

### NMSCommunication

School information can be found at the following sites:

[NMS Website](#)

[NMS Peachjar](#)

[NMS Twitter](#)

### Dance Program

Lindenwood University has teamed up with the DEA from St. Charles County, and they have selected NMS to participate in their Youth Dance Program. The Youth Dance Program was established to offer a safe alternative to drugs. Dance instruction will be offered after school for nine days this fall, where a dance instructor will work with NMS students on a dance routine. Students can sign up for the dance instruction in their grade-level office.. We will limit the size of the group to the first forty participants who sign up.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Information was recently sent out regarding parent-teacher conferences. Be sure to sign up early, and let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting with you October 25 or October 26.

### Board Games & Book Fair

For our 2nd quarter family event, we would like to introduce our first annual Board Games and Book Fair. Mark your calendar now for the evening of Tuesday, December 6 to join us for fun throughout North Middle School.

### Fundraiser

Thank you for all of your support with our building-wide fall fundraiser. The proceeds will help us continue our grade-level activities and team celebrations for the 16-17 school year.

### STEM Night

The district will be hosting a district-wide STEM night for all middle school students and their families. It will be held on **Monday, November 14th** at South High School, from 5:30-7:00 pm. All of the shops will be open and machines will be running. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to see the Science Technology Engineering Mathematics connection from middle school to high school.

### Classrooms at NMS



### Veterans Day

We will have our annual Veterans Day celebration on Friday, November 11. All United States Veterans and families will be invited to join us for lunch and a celebration assembly. More information will be sent out at a later time.

### Stomp Out Bullying™

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. NMS Student Council will be leading activities and announcements throughout the month related to the 'Stomp Out Bullying' campaign.

### Upcoming Events

- 5 Fire Drill (8:20 am)
- 13 **Early-Release Day (11:50 am)**
- 13 Halloween Party (6 - 8 pm)
- 13 End of 1st Quarter
- 14 **Records Day - No School**
- 17-21 Digital Citizenship Week
- 20 8th Grade Discipline Review
- 21 7th Grade Discipline Review
- 24 6th Grade Discipline Review
- 25-26 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 26-28 **Fall Break - No School**
- 31 Red Ribbon Week

### Important Dates for the Fall

#### **Halloween Party**

October 13 (6-8 pm)

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

October 25-26

#### **KUTO Parent Night**

November 1 (South Middle School - 6:30)

### October Spirit Days

October 7: *Pink Out*

October 13: *Crazy Socks*

October 21: *Twin Day*

October 25: *Hello Fall (Fall Colors)*

### Digital Citizenship Week

FZSD will be launching a campaign for Digital Citizenship awareness and education the week of October 17-21. The campaign will consist of visual reminders, daily announcements, use of social media, and optional activities, which will include the following student/staff challenges:

- \*Bulletin Board Decorating Contest
- \*Poster Contest
- \*Essay Contest
- \*Video Production Contest

The daily themes for the week will be:

*Monday: Understanding your Digital Footprint*

*Tuesday: Practicing good Digital Etiquette*

*Wednesday: Let's Talk about Cyberbullying*

*Thursday: Take a Tech Break*

*Friday: Protect Your Identity/Brand*

We encourage you to support this campaign and discuss these themes at home with your child.