

NORTHBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

OCTOBER, 2011

Thoughts from Dr. Goodman

This year we are joining the Intermediate school with our introduction and inclusion of the Olweus No Bully Zone systems. Our middle school staff has worked diligently over the last year to create systems, procedures, and instruction that are appropriate for our middle school students within the Olweus system. A large thank you goes out to Kori Cripe from the Intermediate school for all of her leadership and direction during this time. We are a large school of over 1,000 middle school students. It is our job to insure that all students feel safe and secure in our school. Thanks to a bullying survey that our students completed for us in the past, we now know where our troublesome areas are and how our students are feeling about themselves within our building. We as a staff have chosen to address all behaviors that can be considered bullying type behaviors as we see them and not wait until they may manifest themselves when it is too late. Our system is set up to work with students to educate them about the behaviors and interactions they choose and how it can make others feel. This includes two class meetings a month in which students have a chance to share and discuss their own feelings and experiences related to bullying in our school with their RaFT teacher. Our focus is to teach students how to become better citizens and friends, as well as empowering our students to stand up and speak out against those that they see bullying. Teachers have a system in place that allows them to address inappropriate behaviors that could be considered bullying immediately and a clear way for them to communicate these conversations with our building administration. Over time, we will know the impact of our efforts as well as the benefits to our school. Please talk with your student at home about bullying at school and our program to address it. As issues arise, please make sure you communicate your concerns directly with us so that together we can make our school a safer, more enjoyable place for our students.

2011 Parent/Teacher Conference

Conference times: **Wednesday, Nov. 2** – 4:30 – 8:30
Thursday, Nov. 3 – 4:30 – 8:30

Our P/T conference format allows parents to conference with as many or as few teachers as the parent desires. Parents will retrieve their child's report card from a guidance counselor seated directly inside our north entryway before entering into the conferences. The core teachers will be seated by instructional teams in the school cafeteria, Expressive Arts teachers will be located in the north lobby prepared to talk with parents about our children. You may need to wait a few minutes to see each teacher.

All teachers will be on a limited time schedule because of the number of parents they will be meeting. If you feel there is not sufficient time to discuss a concern with the teacher, we encourage you to set up an appointment to meet that teacher at a later date.

We appreciate your continued interest in and support of our educational program. By working together in this manner we can better meet the individual needs of your child. We look forward to seeing you either Wednesday, November 2, or Thursday, November 3.

Friday, November 4 – No School

From the student handbook: Cafeteria Policy

Parents/Guardians are permitted to bring in food and beverages for their child only. Adults should not bring in food for other students (including cake). This includes birthdays and other special occasions.

BE sure to check our website: **www.mcsin-k12.org**

Join the Raider PTO 2011-2012

Dalene Stuteville – President
Amy Stutzman – Treasurer

Paula Kercher - Vice President
Book Fair - Stephanie Dance

Find us on the Web:

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Website - RaiderPTO.com

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PTO Meetings first Monday of the Month at 6pm in the library:

Nov. 7 th	Mar. 5 th
Dec. 5 th	April 9 th
Feb. 6 th	May 8 th (Tuesday)

Budget available on the website soon.

V.I.P. AWARD CRITERIA

"Recognizing Good Citizenship"

1. The VIP program at Northridge Middle School recognizes good citizenship qualities. This award will be given once per quarter to thirty students. Ten students will be selected from each grade level.
2. Each grade level team will nominate 10 students from their team each quarter. Staff will then vote on the thirty nominations per grade level. Please remember you can vote for any student you have contact with (example: sports, academic teams, etc.) in each grade level. A VIP selection criterion looks at all aspects of the student, not just what is seen in the classroom.
3. A student can receive this award only one time per year.
4. There are many honorable students at Northridge Middle School; we would like to recognize as many deserving students as possible with this award. *This does not mean a student who has earned this recognition previously cannot earn it again.* Our goal, and Middle School philosophy, is to recognize as many (qualifying) students as possible for this honor.
5. Each quarter, VIPs will be honored with a Dairy Queen luncheon with a speaker from the community. They will receive a magnet, bumper sticker, certificate, and will be recognized at grade level assemblies. Their pictures will be posted in a display case.
6. The following criteria will be considered when selecting Northridge Middle VIPs:
 - The student helps and cares for others.
 - The student takes care of school responsibilities (grades, detentions, overdue books, etc.) in a positive way.
 - The student displays leadership. This can take on many different forms.
 - The student is actively involved in school.
 - The student represents and supports Northridge Middle in a positive manner.
 - The student has good attendance.
 - The student has a pleasant personality.
 - The student respects other students' rights and properties.
 - The student respects authority.
7. Chelsea Gorsuch, Guidance Counselor and Miriam Bontrager, Bldg. Asst. will coordinate the program for the year.

1st Quarter VIP Luncheon

The VIP program at Northridge Middle School recognizes good citizenship qualities. Ten students are selected from each grade level. Each quarter, VIPs will be honored with a Middlebury Dairy Queen luncheon with a speaker from the community. They also receive a bumper sticker and a picture magnet provided by American Legion Post #210 in Middlebury.

The criteria considered for selecting these students are; they help and care for others, take care of school responsibilities (grades, detentions, over due books etc.) in a positive way, display leadership, actively involved in school, has good attendance, pleasant personality, respects authority and other students' rights and property,

The featured speaker for the first quarter was Adam Sharp of Goshen. The luncheon was held October 11, 2011 in the Family and Consumer Science room. The students selected for the first quarter were:

6th grade: Mackenzie Adams, Aubree Boutwell, Cullen Cover, Caleb Cripe, Nick Garcia, Jenna Miller, Andrew Ostrander, Riara Reschly, and Rose Thomas.

* name omitted due to "denial to publish" request"

7th grade: Laura Black, Kelly Blough, Anna Craig, Mason Cross, Sam Grewe, Carlos Munoz, Whitney Overholt, Phillip Serikow, Jonah Short and Abigail Zook.

8th grade: Christian Bach, Emily Barkow, Morgan Blyly, Samantha Camacho-Ramirez, Kurtis Hochstetler, Ellie Lengacher, Kelly Miller, Jacob Nine, Bailey O'Dell and Zach Serikow.

Congratulations to these students!

6th Grade September Students of the Month

Sabers

Steven Folden

Hannah Stutzman

Raptors

Emma Beebe

Josh Hoover

T-Rex

Haylie Miller

Trevor Sallee

DESSERT RECIPES NEEDED!

NORTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL COOK BOOK EDITION 1 ...

It's underway! Mrs. Bailey's class will be hard at work creating a cookbook that will be for sale by Christmas for students and staff. Be a part of this project by submitting your favorite dessert recipes. We will accept the first two unique recipes if we get repeats, so please send in some of those best kept secrets that are unique and delicious. Recipe cards are available in the front office for students to fill out and submit to Mrs. Bailey's classroom or mailbox.

This project is a learning opportunity for our students to work on reading skills, alphabetizing, cooking/measuring skills, job skills and more!! We appreciate your support and will do our best to make a great product!

Northridge Booster Club

The Northridge Booster Club is currently holding a membership drive. Anyone interested in joining the Booster Club can sign up anytime in the athletics office at NHS or at some home sporting events. Membership to join the club is \$25.00 and that includes two entries into any Northridge sporting event and a window decal to show your support. The Booster Club pays to repair and replace equipment for all Northridge High School sports teams as well as paying a large portion of the transportation fee for all high school athletes. The community can also support the Booster Club during a Mancinos give back night on October 25th and through numerous fundraisers throughout the year. The next general meeting will be on November 7th at 7:00 at NHS.



NORTHRIDGE BOOSTER CLUB MANCINO'S GIVE BACK NIGHT OCT 25, 2011

Please come and support the Northridge Booster Club Mancino's in Middlebury is hosting a GIVE BACK DAYS for the Northridge Booster Club on Tuesday October 25th Mancino's will donate 25% of your food purchase back to the Booster Club. Dine in or Carry out only. You may also purchase gift certificates. Coupon must be present at the time of purchase.

Mancino's Italian Restaurant
422 S Main St,
Middlebury
(574) 825-2565

N.M.S. Library News

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the NMS Library from 8-4:30pm Oct. 31-Nov. 14th and will also be open during the Parent/Teacher Conferences. In addition to these days, we will hold an online book fair (site listed below) beginning Oct. 25-Nov. 14th.

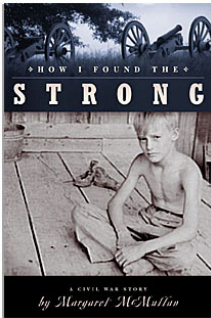


Scholastic Book Fairs

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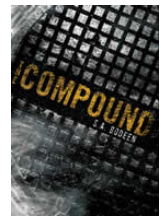
Meet Margaret McMullan



Author, Margaret McMullan, winner of six award-winning novels for young adults (including *How I Found the Strong*, *Sources of Light*, *Cashay*, and *When I Crossed No-Bob*) will be visiting our school October 24th from 3-3:40pm in the NMS Auditorium. She is a creative writing professor at the University of Evansville in southern Indiana. Parents and members of our community are invited to attend.

Book Club-Compound

Our next book club on Oct. 25th will feature the Young Hoosier Book *Compound* by S. A. Bodeen. This is a very suspenseful book that grabs your interest at the very beginning as a family is fighting to survive a nuclear bomb underground in their well-stocked complex built to sustain their family for sixteen years. After six years, the family discovers the father has been keeping something from them, and the underground compound has turned into a prison.



Read a Million Word Club

Each month we will be recognizing students who have read one million words with a special locker magnet and their picture on our wall of honor. Following are the current members: Carly Stults, Amy Mullet, Sidney Duong, Jacob Poole, Kayla Hochstetler, Abigail Bache, Mark Cox, Ayla Gray, Vanessa Raber, Micah Yoder, Isabella Staltari, Danielle Cook, Mary Seddon, and Jamie Mast.

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Our school's goal this year is one billion words, so keep on reading N.M.S. !!!