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NASHVILLE #49 SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTES

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Hopefully the flu bug and all of the nasty illnesses that we have experienced lately are close to coming to an end! As we quickly enter into the final quarter of the 2016-2017 school year, I wanted to pass along some updates and reminders for Nashville #49. If anyone has questions or needs additional information regarding these updates, please feel free to contact me at school.

We are all certainly hoping that warmer and milder weather is on the horizon for March and beyond. I did want to update everyone on the status of the end-of-school schedule for the 2016-2017 school year. At this time, we have only used one emergency day this school year. If no additional emergency days are used, May 17 would be scheduled as a 2:10 PM dismissal and May 18 would be the final day of student attendance with a dismissal time of 11:30 AM. Additionally, the 8th grade graduation ceremony would be scheduled for May 12 at 7:00 PM if no more emergency days are used. We also have the approved 2017-2018 school year calendar posted on our web site at www.nashville49.org. That calendar can be found by clicking the "Admin/Board of Education" link.

The state testing window is also quickly approaching and is scheduled for April 19-28. All students in grades 3-8 are scheduled to take the PARCC exam in the areas of reading and math. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 will also take a science test as required by the state. Please let me know if you have any questions about the required state testing process.

As a reminder, Nashville #49 is again offering two days of pre-school screenings this year. The screening dates are April 6 from 12:00 PM-7:00 PM and April 7 from 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Appointments can be made by contacting Mrs. Jenny Schuette at 618-327-3055.

Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school year is scheduled for Monday, March 20 from 7:30 AM-5:30 PM. All families who have a child eligible for kindergarten next year can come to the school at any time during this time frame. If you have any questions about kindergarten registration, please contact the primary school office at 618-327-4304.

I hope that everyone continues to have a great school year! If you need anything prior to the end of the year, please call us at school. Additionally, remember to visit our web site often at www.nashville49.org.

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2nd Quarter Honor Roll

EIGHTH GRADE



Perfect 5.0

David Arnold
Sami Edwards
Ashlyn Frazier
Hanah Grzegorek
Courtney Hallock
Kiley Heidel
Katelyn Kessler
Gabe Kreid
Ethan Oelze
Grant Pedtke
Brianna Schorfheide
Corbin Shabany

SEVENTH GRADE

Perfect 5.0

Alyssa Cole
Michael Combs
Jordan Donato
Kolten Gajewski
Emily Guest
Nolan Heggemeier
Christopher Johns
Ella Jones
Lucas Knapp
Brooklyne Luessenheide
Emme Paszkiewicz

High Honor 4.5-4.99

Will Barczewski
Bryce Donato
Luke Ehret
Mark Ellis
Jaxon Goforth
Whitley Hunter
Mary Jane Laws
Havalen Pierce
Cody Ralls
Karmen Reynolds
Camden Ritzel
Grace Ruehl

High Honor 4.5-4.99

Annie Ahlers
Hailey Baugh
Axton Brehm
Trent Browne
Lucas Donoho
Connor Gladson
Saxton Hoepker
Chandler Jackson
Daphne Kollbaum
Anne Mead
Ella Reed
Ben Reid
Hayden Robinson
Radyn Schwartzkopf
Ryan Stiegman
Drake Sturgill
Erick Walton

Honor 4.0-4.49

Carli Anderson
Jenny Barnes
Reagen Burke
Cade Hoffman
Owen Holle
Austin Kozuszek
Cole Malawy
Allison Melton
Dawson Metcalf
Natasha Migliore
Sam Reuter

Honor 4.0-4.49

Esdon Bartling
Ian Blazier
Abby Boudah
Aaron Brink
Travis Eigenrauch
Ethan Gambill
Ostin Habeck
Xander Harvey
Evan Knolhoff
Dawson Kurwicky
Wyatt Kwiatkowski
Landen Lane
Allison Maschhoff
Brooke Stroud
Brooke Tyler
Stephen Wilson



IPA STUDENTS

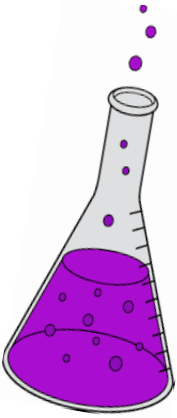
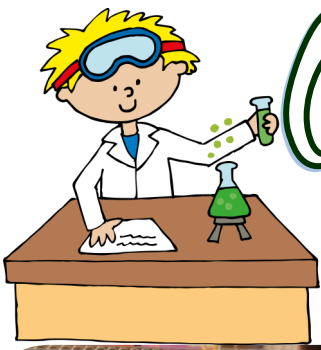


Gabe Kreid & Ashlyn Frazier

IPA Students are selected each year for academic excellence and overall positive attitude in an educational environment.

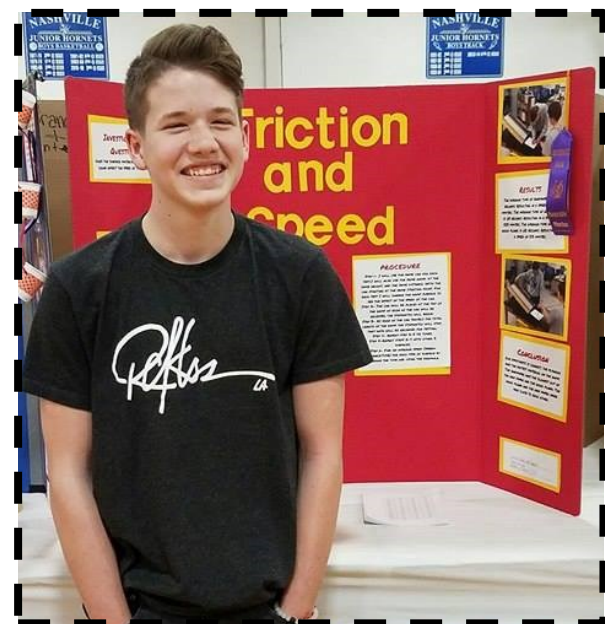
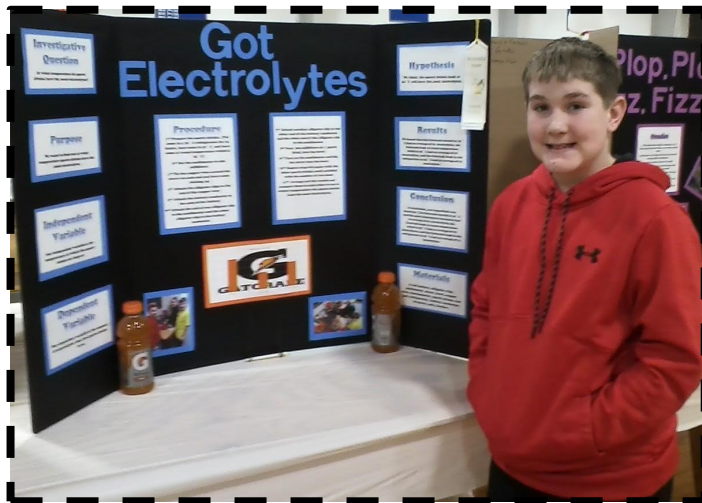
This year the winners of this award, voted on by NMS Staff members, are 8th Graders Ashlyn Frazier and Gabe Kreid.

Collecting Data





Science Fair



What is Science Fair?

5th-8th grade students completed a Science Fair Project during the 3rd quarter. All projects were completed at school. Students used a scientific inquiry process to carry out a controlled experiment of their choice. Students collected data on their projects, interpreted that data, then shared their results by creating a display for the Fair held on February 15th.

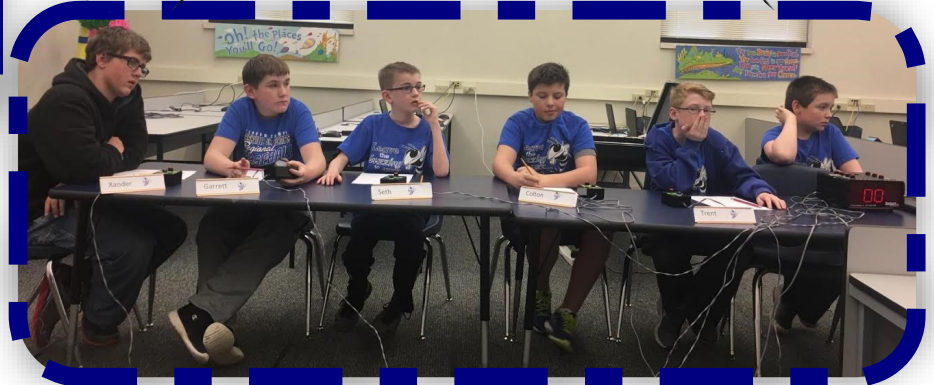




Season Records

Varsity: 18-8

JV: 16-6



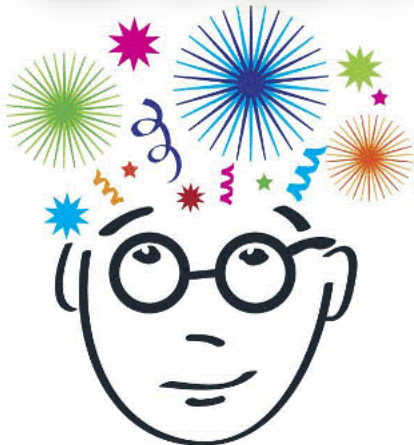
Roster

8th Grade Team

**Corbin Shabany, Jane Laws, David Arnold, Ethan Oelze,
Amy Hicks, Gabe Kreid, Dawson Metcalf**

6th & 7th Grade Team

**Axton Brehm, Trent Browne, Alex Guo, Xander Harvey,
Seth Henderson, Colton Oelze, Garrett Williamson**



SCHOLAR BOWL



TeamQuest



The 7th and 8th graders participated in TeamQuest at Kaskaskia College on Jan. 30th. The theme this year was "Get Smart" and the tasks all stemmed from life at school. Among the things that they had to do was build a set of monkey bars, using only cardboard and tape. The monkey bars had to be at least 10 inches off the table, and points were awarded based on how many "children" were able to hang on the monkey bars. Additionally, each child was weighted, so bigger children were worth more points than smaller ones. The other main project was to design and build a teacher of the future. The team created Mrs. Wall-e, who was able to produce detention slips from inside her wrist and grade papers by eating them. The team placed 8th out of 52 teams and will move on to regionals at Mt. Vernon in late February.



The 5th and 6th graders went to TeamQuest on Thursday, the 26th. Keeping the school theme in mind, they had to build a school bus. It had to have the traditional 4 wheels and it had to carry "students". To get the students in the bus, the top had to be removable. Points were awarded for design and the total number of students it would hold without sagging in the middle. They also had to design and build a bulletin board for a fictitious school. The bulletin board the team created was for M&M Elementary School, which taught things like how to speak M&Mish. The students had a great time, and will look forward to next year.

GIRLS BASKETBALL POST SEASON

Overall Record:

22-6



Regional Champs

Hornet Pride

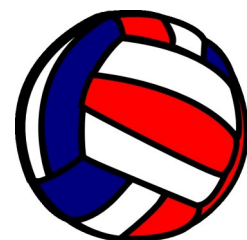


Class M State Tournament

2nd Place



Volleyball



A Team:

Front Row (L-R): Jordan Donato, Daphne Kollbaum, Havalen Pierce

Back Row: Emme Paszkiewicz, Sami Edwards, Ashlyn Frazier, Whitley Hunter, Reagen Burke, Kiley Heidel, Hanah Grzegorek



B Team:

Front Row (L-R): Allison Maschhoff, Hope Liszewski, Daci Finke, Valerie Combs, Emma Eberhart, Korbi Rhine

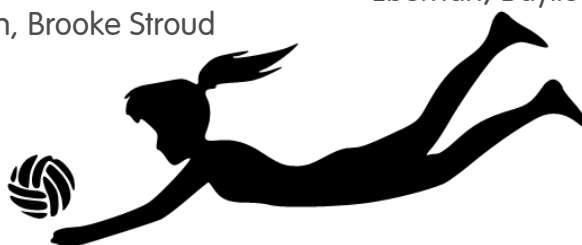
Back Row: Brooklyne Luessenheide, Jordan Donato, Daphne Kollbaum, Emme Paszkiewicz, Baylie Newman, Hailey Baugh, Ryan Stiegman, Brooke Stroud



C Team:

Front Row (L-R): Daci Finke, Valerie Combs, Angel Meyer

Back Row: Hope Liszewski, Faith Frerker, Emma Eberhart, Baylie Newman, Jill Kuhl, Korbi Rhine



Baking Club





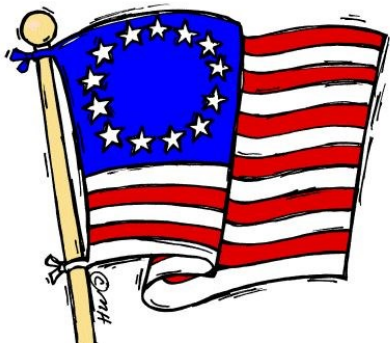
LEGO CLUB

The title 'LEGO CLUB' is displayed in large, colorful letters made of LEGO bricks. To the right, the letters 'N', 'E', and 'S' are also constructed from bricks. A LEGO minifigure of a construction worker wearing a red hard hat and an orange safety vest stands in the foreground. The background is a solid red color.

Social Studies - Mrs. Morris

5TH GRADE COLONY PILLOWS

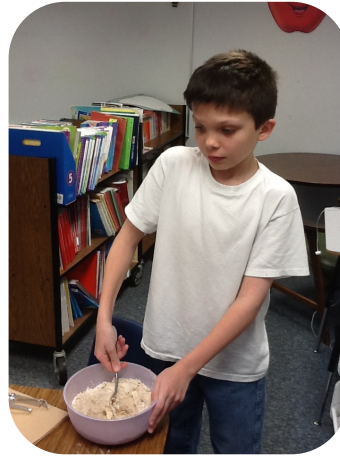
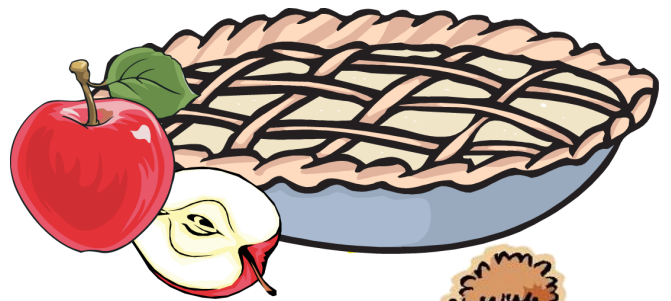
Fifth grade made colony pillows. Each student researched one of the colonies and found information about when and who founded the colony. They also researched about the climate and economy of the colony. After completing their research, they drew the shape of the colony and drew pictures to represent the information they found. They also wrote a paragraph on the back of the colony they drew using the information. The shapes were stuffed and made into pillows. You can find them hanging in the 5th grade classrooms.



Cross Categorical - Mrs. Ratermann

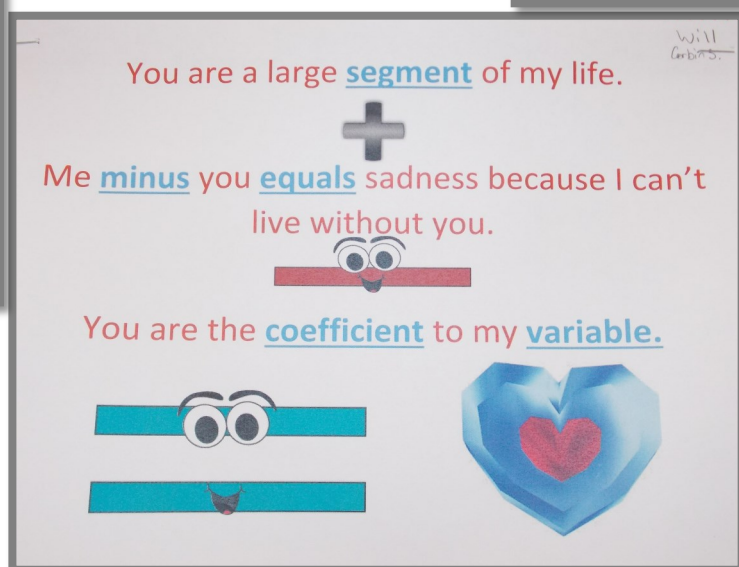
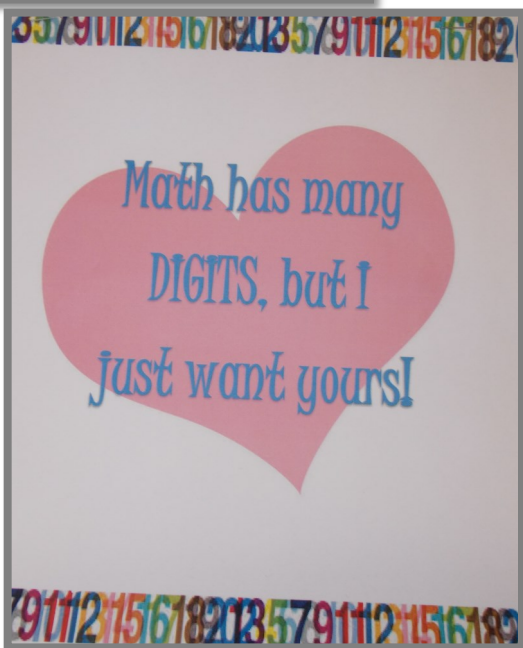
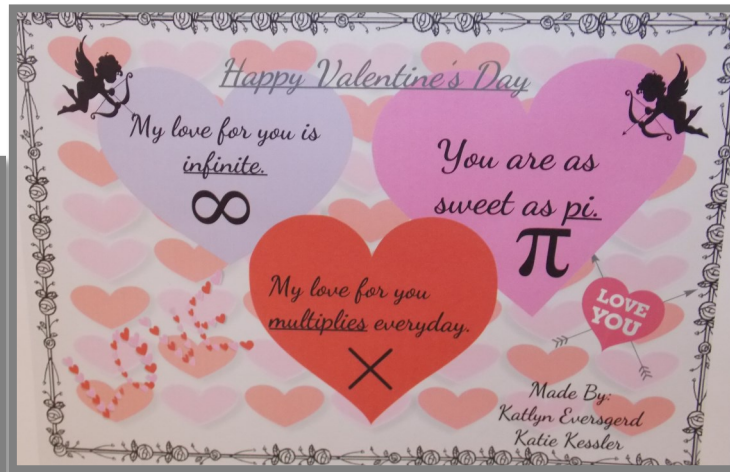
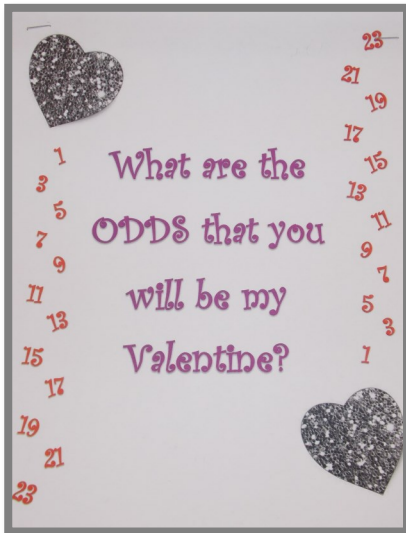
Apple Pie Making

After finishing the book **Mike's Mystery**, about some kids who helped start a pie business, Mrs. Ratermann's class celebrated by making apple pies!



Math - Mrs. Kasten

6TH GRADE VALENTINE'S DAY MATH PUNS



English - Mrs. Fann

8th Grade Greek Myths about Invented Constellations



The Legend of Kora

Once there was a god named Poseidon. He was the ruler of the oceans. He married a young mortal woman and had a mermaid daughter named Kora. Kora grew to be beautiful, and was promised to the king of the gods, Zeus, to be his wife. Unfortunately for Kora, she fell in love with the god of the sun, Apollo. Not long after Kora had fallen in love, she became pregnant with Apollo's child. Zeus was angered with the news, so he sent a small scorpion to kill Kora's baby. The scorpion's venom was so strong, it not only killed the baby, but Kora too. Apollo placed his Kora, and his sweet unborn baby in the sky so he could look at them every night.

-Kiley Heidel, Havalen Pierce, Sami Edwards,
Brianna Schorfheide

The Story of Antius

Before there were oceans, the world was mostly lakes and ponds, so people didn't have much water. A son of Poseidon name Antius wanted a favor from his father. He asked Poseidon to make great bodies of water so that people could have more water to drink. Poseidon said he would as long as Antius would share with everyone. As time went on, Antius got greedy and decided he didn't want to share. He made a huge whip from the water, and every time someone came to get water, he would run them off with the whip. One day, Demeter wanted some water for her crops. When Antius saw her, he tried to whip her. He raised the whip but before he could bring it down, Demeter froze his movement and banished him to the sky forever. He was placed across the sky from Aquarius, the water sign. He is still frozen with his whip raised, always wanting water, but never getting it. Even though Antius was greedy, Poseidon was sad because Antius was his favorite son. His tears filled up the oceans with salt so that humans could not drink it.

-David Arnold, Grant Pedtke, Will Barezewski

Fayeth, the Armless Dancer

Once there was a demi-god named Fayeth who had been born with no arms. However, Fayeth grew wings by the age of 12, but she still thought she would be a normal girl. Her passion was dancing and music and performed at all the public festivals. She enjoyed performing so much, she signed up to sing and dance for an opera for the god Apollo. A song was chosen by Apollo and he was very impressed by Fayeth. She disagreed with the song choice and begged Apollo to change it, but he refused. When the night of the opera came, Fayeth decided to perform to a song of her choice. Zeus was enraged. He pointed his finger at her and screamed, "You will be banished to the stars." Fayeth was sentenced to the night sky forever.

-Jake Rowell, Seth Markham, Seth Van Hise

Yolk, the Goose Farmer

Yolk, a goose farmer, sold Zeus golden eggs. Hades was jealous and begged Yolk to sell the eggs to him. Yolk said, "No, these are for Zeus. Don't ask again." Hades replied, "Fine, but you will regret that!" Hades ran to find Mother Nature to ask a favor. He wanted her to send a scorpion to poison the eggs. Mother Nature granted his wish. When Yolk took the eggs to Zeus the next morning, he asked if he could cook them for the respected god. Zeus agreed. The eggs had a strange small and a nasty taste. Zeus knew immediately that the eggs were poisoned. He thought Yolk was trying to harm him, so he banished the farmer for his misdeeds.

-Janisha Bailey, Sam Reuter, Cole Malawy,
October Hagopian

FRIDAY PHYSICAL EDUCATION RUN

4th, 6th & 8th Grade Physical Education – Coach Finke

The 4th, 6th and 8th grade Physical Education classes have been running every two Fridays out of three, since the beginning of school. Students run for a period of 9 minutes and try to accumulate as many laps as possible during that time. Students receive a token for every 5 miles they complete individually. The students have been doing a great job each week. Below is the total number of laps and miles each of these classes have accomplished for the year.

4th – 14,805 Laps / 779.2 Miles

6th – 14,838 Laps / 780.9 Miles

8th – 15,131 Laps / 796.4 Miles

Great Job Students!

Top Friday Runners

Boys:

Evan Eberhart-433

Seldon Kozuszek-427

Trey Reinburg-420

Rylan Hammer-410

Kade Sturgill-401

Aidan Heiman-398

Andrew Windler-396

Carson Cook-393

Girls:

Daci Finke-403

Whitley Hunter-386

Ashlyn Frazier-373

Sailor Gutzler-372

Korbi Rhine-365

Angel Meyer-353

Janisha Bailey-358

Hope Liszewski-339

FRIDAY PHYSICAL EDUCATION RUN

K-3rd, 5th, & 7th Grade Physical Education – Mrs. Cruser

Third Quarter News

Kindergarten through third grade students worked on increasing their ambidexterity through cup stacking. Kindergarten focused on using both side of their body to accomplish the basic three stack. The older students where given the opportunity to try more advance stacks. We then revisited throwing & aiming using new technology! Giant bugs and catfish took over the gym walls, while the students attempted to strike them down with dodgeballs. We are finishing the quarter learning a variety of line dances. The cupid shuffle, cha cha slide, chicken dance and electric slide where taught to the different age groups. Jump roping will be one of the main skills focused on in the fourth quarter.

Fifth and seventh grade students learned about motor fitness. After team activities, we discussed which motor fitness skills was improved: agility, balance, coordination, power, reaction time and speed. We are ending the quarter learning the basic volleyball skills. In the fourth quarter, students' fitness will be measure using FitnessGram testing. The results will be sent home.

BAND & CHOIR

The NMS Music Department has been very busy preparing for their upcoming concerts and contests! Our Spring Concert is Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00pm. Come out and support our students while hearing some great music! 🎵🎵 We will also be performing at: Solo & Ensemble Contest, March 11; Organizational Contest, March 18; and The Fine Arts Festival (at NCHS), March 16.

For more information about any of the upcoming performances, please contact Mrs. Pytinski! Good Luck to our NMS Music Department!



Kindergarten and Pre-K Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held at the Primary School Office on Monday, March 20, 2017 between the hours of 7:30 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. Students do not need to attend.

Any child entering Kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2017. Parents are required to submit a copy of the child's certified birth certificate and verification of in-district residency. Illinois State School Code requires a copy of the certified birth certificate upon registration; therefore we will not accept the hospital certificate.

Parents who know their child will be attending Nashville Primary School next fall will need to fill out a registration packet, to get the packet ahead of time please stop by the Primary School Office or call 327-4304 ext. 100 and one can be mailed to you.

A free screening clinic for children from birth to five years of age is being offered at the Nashville Primary School on Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 1-7pm and on Friday April 1, 2016 from 8:00am till noon. The clinic included checks of infant-toddler language development, motor coordination, and social skills. Preschool-aged children are also screened for pre academic skills, vision, and hearing. The screenings take approximately 30 minutes, and parents are provided with immediate feedback about their children's performance, as well as information about services for which their children may qualify. Early intervention, speech/language therapy, Prekindergarten, and Early Childhood special education programs are all available free of charge to eligible children. Participation in the spring screening clinics is an excellent means to enroll children in school district preschool classes for next fall when there may be waiting lists for this program. If your child is currently enrolled in Nashville Consolidated School District #49 preschool classes they will be screened during their class time, not at this screening.

Scheduled appointments are required; please call the Primary School office to make an appointment: 327-4304 ext. 100.

3rd Q Jr. Hornet Award Winners

In the 3rd Quarter, 38 NMS students are being recognized as recipients of the Junior Hornet Award!

In order for a student to be recognized, faculty members nominate Middle School students. Nominations are based on eight different characteristics exemplifying good school citizenship traits. Included in those traits are the student's willingness to work towards their ability level, their attitude, respect for others, their cooperation, and their willingness to seek improvement, among others. Once the nominations are approved by the entire faculty, the student receives the award. Students may earn the award only once each school year. Students earning the "Junior Hornet Award" have their pictures displayed at the Middle School as well as having the group's picture published in The Nashville News. Certificates of recognition are awarded and the students are treated to lunch.

5th Grade



Front Row (L-R): Alexis Pedley, Katie Rink, Emma Alli, Vita Bartolotta, Jolie Cearnal

Back Row: JT Malawy, Kole Peterson, Andrew Gollaher, Tanner Brooks

6th Grade



Front Row: Jackson Brink, Aiden Heiman, Rylan Hammer

Back Row: Kortney Wacker, Mary Carter, Faith Frerker, Hailey Frantz

7th Grade



Front Row : Brandee Anselment, Allison Maschoff, Daphne Kollbaum, Ethan Gambill, Chris Johns

Back Row: Brooklynne Luessenheide, Dawson Kurwicky, Hayden Robinson, Jacob Piasecki, Xander Harvey

8th Grade



Front Row: Karmen Reynolds, Jenny Barnes, Brianna Schorfheide, Sami Edwards, Amy Hicks, Grant Pedtke

Back Row: Cole Malawy, Dominic Bugger, Jaxon Goforth, Ethan Oelze, Cade Hoffman, Luke Ehret

CONGRATULATIONS!