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NASHVILLE #49 SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES

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Everyone at Nashville #49 would like to congratulate our softball team on their recent state championship victory! The Jr. Hornets won the Nashville Regional and then beat Lebanon, Pinckneyville, and Johnston City in the state tournament to bring home the championship trophy. This is the softball program's third state championship and the 17th overall state championship in the school's history. Congratulations to Athletic Director Jason Finke, Coach Amber Winchester, Coach Tierney Moore, and all of the players on this achievement and for representing Nashville Middle School in a positive manner throughout the season!

Nashville #49 also recently received some extremely positive news from the State of Illinois. Our district's pre-school program was recently awarded the "Gold Circle of Quality" by the Illinois State Board of Education. This is the highest recognition that a school district is eligible to receive and is the result of an extremely robust evaluation system that is implemented in every pre-school program throughout the State of Illinois. We would like to congratulate all of our teachers and paraprofessionals who help make our program exceptional- Haley Evans, Bree Anna Pelczynski, Karen Bunker, Denise Czajkowski, Nancy Schmale, and Gayla Brown.

The State of Illinois also released the results of the 2018 Illinois Science Assessment that was administered in May of 2018. This assessment is administered each year to all fifth and eighth grade students in Illinois. The NMS fifth grade students scored at a 75 % proficiency level while the State of Illinois average was 53 %. The NMS eighth grade students attained a 77 % proficiency level while the State of Illinois average was 58 %. Congratulations to the students who worked hard to achieve these results and to all of the science department teachers here at Nashville #49!

I would also like to recognize and thank all of the retired Nashville #49 teachers who are assisting us with our "Morning Check" program that was started this year. A different retired Nashville #49 teacher is here at school each morning at 7:30 AM waiting to help kids with homework questions, computer issues, or just to talk. We have seen great success with this program so far and we are extremely appreciative of the following retired staff members who are willing to give up their time to help our students: Connie Frerker, Rod Ibendahl, Emily Ibendahl, Sandy Swoboda, Pat Boyce, Mary Kania, Diane Fann, Dave Erlinger, Pat Rolf, Nancy Schmale, and Bonnie Phillips. Thanks to all of you for supporting the students of Nashville #49!

Finally, I wanted to inform everyone that our district will be releasing a new Data Dashboard on our web site on October 31. This dashboard will contain easy-to-access information about our district, including student demographics, achievement results, financial information, school safety information, programs and extra-curricular opportunities, school environment information, state ranking information, and recognitions that the district has earned. Additionally, we will have a page on the dashboard specifically dedicated to our five long-term strategies that are a part of our Strategic Plan. Please visit our new dashboard at www.nashville49.org. There will be a "Data Dashboard" link on the main page beginning on October 31. I hope that you find this information helpful and informative!

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WELCOME TO NASHVILLE



Hello! I am Mrs. Harre and this is my 10th year of teaching. I have taught 7th, 4th, 5th grade, and now I am teaching 3rd grade and LOVING it! I am thrilled to be in the Nashville school district and in this community! My husband, Greg, and our two daughters, Evelyn and Vivienne enjoy spending time with family, swimming, and playing outside.



Hello, I am Mrs. Twardowski, some may know me as Staci Harre. I am the new cross-cat special education teacher at Nashville Grade School. It is great to be back home and to be a Jr. Hornet again! I am so excited to be teaching where I once went to school. This is my 9th year as a Special Education Teacher. I have been at Highland Primary School for the past 8 years teaching 1st and 2nd grade special education. I also worked for KSED for a few years working with students with speech and language disorders. I live in Nashville with my husband, Jeff. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my nephew and niece. It is a privilege to be able to give back to a school district that gave me so much while in school.

2018-2019 Activity Groups

Lego Club



Astronomy Club



Baking Club



Nurse Sam



Hello! My name is Samantha Redenius. I am a former student of Nashville Grade/Middle School and now a mom to a 3rd grader! My husband Shea and I, along with our son Dax, reside in Nashville near our family farm.

I enjoy shopping, gardening and decorating. However, in my spare time I am usually found at the farm, playing catch or discussing all things baseball!

This past year has been an exciting one! I was blessed with 2 new nieces and 1 nephew, making me an aunt of 5! I was also given the privilege of becoming District #49's new nurse!

I have been a Registered Nurse for 8 years, with experience in med/surg, cardiac and labor and delivery. Some may know me as the nurse from Nashville Family Health, the office of Amy Stevens, PA-C and Cheryl Baggett, PA-C.

I am enjoying getting to know the students and the world of school nursing, with the help of Mrs. Braun. As a member of this community and a parent, I am so thankful for our school, teachers and administration. It is an honor to be able to work beside them!

Red Ribbon Week October 22nd-26th



Monday: Jr. Hornets Say No to Drugs! - Spirit Day

Tuesday: If you're asked, just say NO! - Wear Red Day

Wednesday: Give Drugs the Boot! - Western Day

Thursday: I can, you can, be Drug Free! - Bring Canned Goods

Friday: Say BOO to Drugs! - Halloween Festivities

Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free!

Kindergarten



Mrs. Howard



The first week of Kindergarten getting to know each other!



On the first day of Kindergarten, Mrs. Howard's class made Chester after reading "The Kissing Hand."



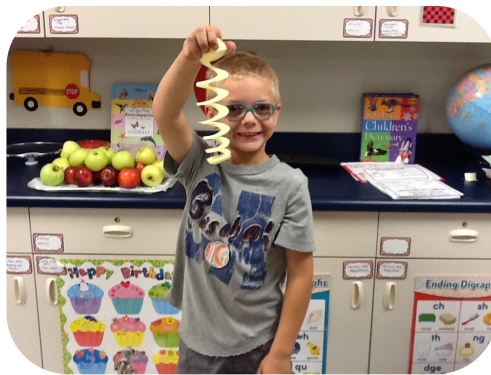
During the first week of school Mrs. Howard's kindergarten class read the story "The Gingerbread Man." After reading the story they made a gingerbread man cookie to eat for snack, but when they went to get it from the oven he was gone! The gingerbread man ran all over school visiting many staff members until he finally found his way back to their room on Friday! The students enjoyed meeting everyone in the school. They were happy finally eat their gingerbread man cookie and his friends that he brought with him!



1st Grade Mrs. Suedmeyer



Mrs. Suedmeyer's 1st Grade class celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday. In honor of Johnny Appleseed, the class made applesauce. The students peeled the apples and added the ingredients while it cooked in the classroom. Our room smelled so good all day! We were able to eat the applesauce at the end of the day. We gave the applesauce a thumbs up. We loved it!



The 1st Grade classes went to Eckert's Pumpkin Patch in Millstadt to pick pumpkins and learn more about the pumpkin and apple life cycle.

1st Grade



Mrs. Paszkiewicz



Mrs. Paszkiewicz's 1st grade class celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday by making our very own applesauce. We each got to peel and core an apple with a cool tool. The apples came out as spirals and the peels were super long strings! When we had all of the apples in the Crock Pot, we added sugar, lemon juice, and apple cider. We cooked it all day long and when it was done, Mrs.

Paszkiewicz smashed it with a potato masher. We got to eat it while it was still warm! Some of us even tried some cinnamon on it. Yummy!



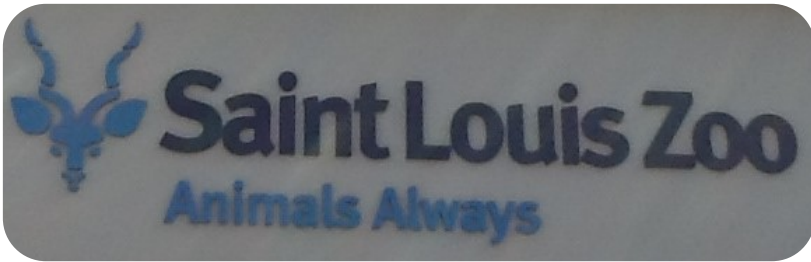
First Grade took a field trip to Eckert's in Millstadt on October 4th. We got to learn more about pumpkins and their life cycle. We also got to see an amazing pumpkin cannon, pig races, and play on lots of fun things on the farm. We even got to pick a few apples.

2nd Grade *Mrs. Meade*



Second graders used the skills of a "Super Sleuth" to complete a Map Breakout!





2nd Grade

The 2nd Grade students enjoyed a beautiful, day-long visit at the St. Louis Zoo on Thursday, September 27th. Prior to the trip, the 2nd graders learned about the Animal Kingdom. Each student had the opportunity to choose a mammal, bird, reptile, insect, or fish they wanted to learn more about. They researched information and looked for fun facts about their chosen animal. The field trip was the culminating activity to conclude the unit of study.

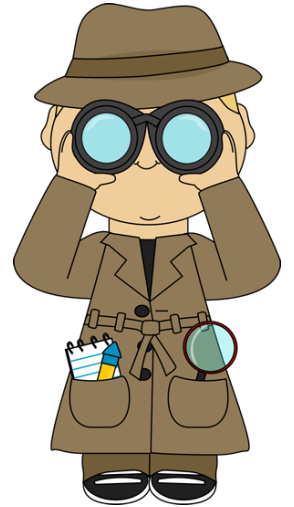
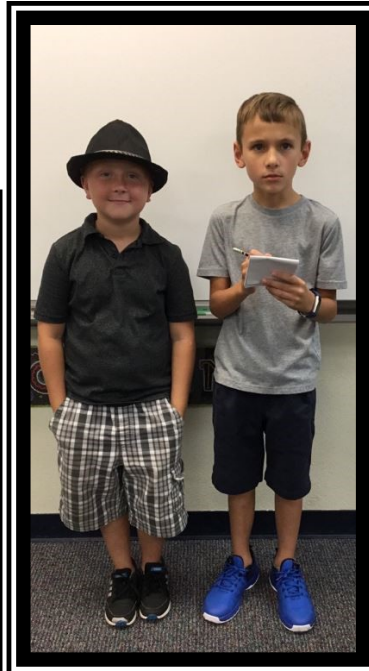


3CW Selfies



4th Grade - Math

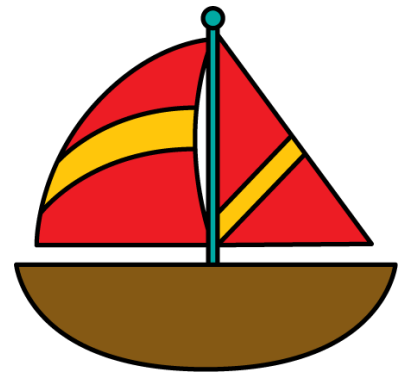
Miss Sabo



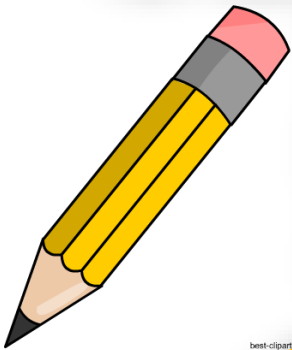
Recently, the 4th grade math classes held a detective dress up day to help us get in the groove of solving multi-step word problems. The problems had many “clues” that we used to help us figure out our answers. The students really enjoyed dressing up and solving the cases!

4th Grade - Science

Mrs. Mitchell



Fourth grade students were comparing two different boats. One was made of aluminum foil and one was made of clay. They were trying to determine which one floated the best.



Physical Education

Mrs. Crusen

Kindergarten & First Grade

What a great start to the school year! During this quarter the students have been practicing the following concepts and skills: keeping safe in general and personal space, catching, underhand/overhand throwing, aiming, the eight loco motor skills, and how to perform a relay race. The students have impressed me on how well they follow directions and how hard they work during our activities. I am looking forward to seeing everything we accomplish this school year!

Second – Seventh Grade

Our Mileage Club Program has been introduced for the school year. I have been impressed on how motivated the students are on accomplishing their individual goals on our running days. They will receive individual running reports to share their accomplishments with their families for the first quarter. To get weekly group information, please go to my page on the school's website. The skills we focused on for the first quarter have been: throwing/aiming, catching, kicking and soccer skills. We will continue working on skills, while concentrating on reaching individual based goals for the second quarter.

Physical Education

Coach Finke

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 – 5,299 Laps / 278.9 Miles

6th – 4,834 Laps / 254.4 Miles

8th – 5,357 Laps / 281.9 Miles

Great Job Students!

Top Friday Runners

4th Grade

Aidan V.-151
Carson S.-141
Carter S.-138
Evie R.-138
Roark P.-130
Carter C.-129
Karlie S.-125
Dane M.-124
Peyton G.-122
Gannon T.-122

6th Grade

Evan E.-169
Parker S.-155
Sailor G.-143
Brance L.-140
Quentin P.-139
Hayden K.-135
Mia V.-128
Emma W.-127
Jaylee A.-121
Samuel K.-118
Sawyer P.-118

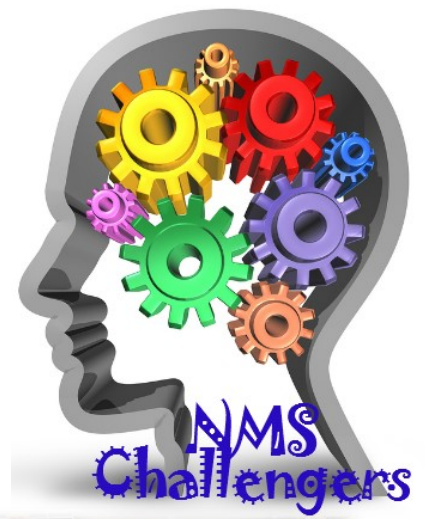
8th Grade

Rylan H.-154
Blayn B.-150
Colton O.-147
Daci F.-144
Andrew W.-142
Trey R.-139
Seldon K.-133
Quintin L.-130
Hope L.-128
Gracie H.-127

**KEEP
CALM
AND
JUST RUN**

First and second graders built a spaghetti tower that had to hold a marshmallow on the top.

Third and fourth graders built "chairs" out of a limited amount of newspaper, cardboard and tape strips. We tested them by stacking text books on top of them a group at a time. The heaviest load held was 20 text books and one binder. The least amount was one text book.



Creativity is
contagious,
pass it on

Albert Einstein



