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Good News

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From the Desk of the Superintendent

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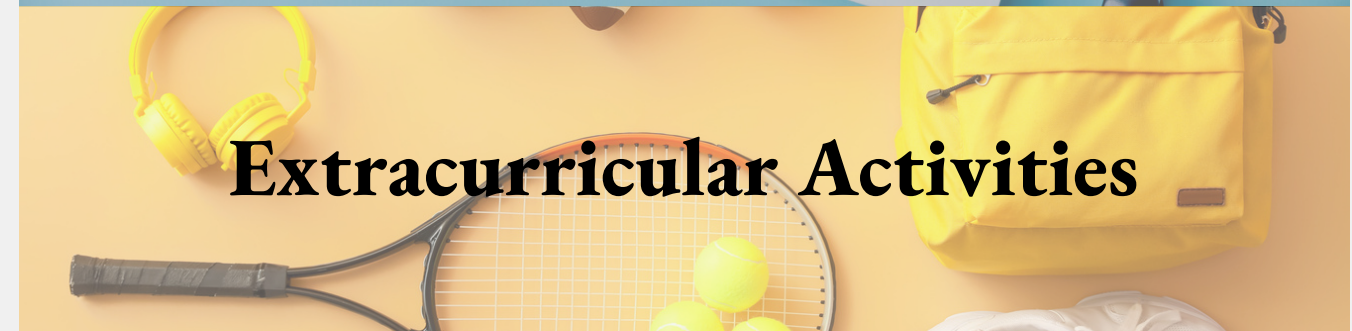


As we enter the month of May, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, and begin the final countdown to summer break. It has been a great year, and over the next few weeks, we will be celebrating the Class of 2023 graduation and remembering their time as North Posey Vikings. One of the new traditions we started last year at North Posey was our Senior Walk to Remember through our elementary schools and North Posey Junior High School. This was an opportunity for our staff to reconnect with their students and celebrate their achievement of graduation. The greatest achievement of a teacher is to see our students make it. North Posey has a long heritage of excellence, and as we pause to recognize our great staff and the Class of 2023, we are reminded once again of how blessed we are! Congratulations to the Class of 2023 and I hope everyone enjoys their summer break! Great things are happening at North Posey!

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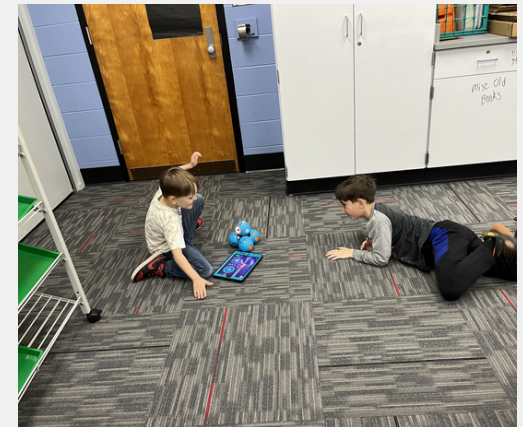
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TOWER CHALLENGE - North Elementary second graders did a great job building tall towers. They learned about balance and strong, sturdy foundations.

GOOD BEHAVIOR REWARD - Mr. Lee's fifth grade class at North Elementary had a "camp out" on Friday, April 21st for good behavior. Everyone had a great time.

ART - 7th grade Visual Arts students have been creating Egyptian Clay Pendants in the HS ceramics studio!



NEW LIFE RESCUE - Laura Bohler with New Life Rescue visited Preschool to talk with students about safety with pets.

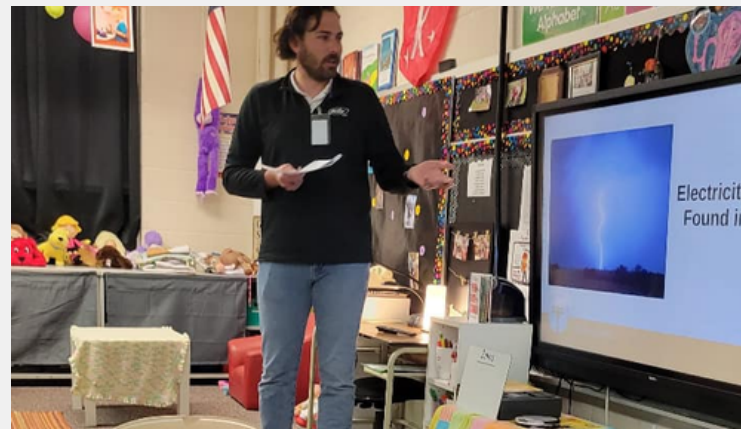
INNOVATE - Innovate students in grades K-6 at North Elementary used Dash robots and iPads to practice coding basics and improve their teamwork and communication skills this spring. Dash's ease of use and fun colors and sounds encourage students to engage in the learning experience with both the robot and their human partner. Students work with a partner using Wonder Workshop's free apps, Blockly and Wonder, to program Dash to move, sing, dance, flash its lights, respond to voices and make sounds. Students will work together to build mazes in the gym later this year to test their Dash driving and coding skills.

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Biomedical Innovations Science - NPHS students from Mrs Macaulay's Biomedical Innovations Science class came to North Elementary to discuss and demonstrate various activities. Thank you to Laela, Kylea, Erin, Lauren, Livie and Kayla for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm with our students!



LEARNING ABOUT ELECTRICITY - Colin from Win Energy came to teach preschool about electricity and the safety of electricity. They had so much fun learning!



FIELD TRIP FUN - Our first grade Panthers enjoyed their field trip on April 13! They went to the Evansville Museum, Mickey's Kingdom to play, and Evansville Central Library! How fun!



LOCAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY - South Terrace had visitors from our local law enforcement talk to our kindergarteners and 1st graders! They even got to see, race, and pet Officer Scotty! Thanks for spending some time with us!

BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE - The first graders in Mrs Schneider and Mrs Oakley's first grade classes have been learning about the Butterfly Life Cycle. They received baby caterpillars and have journaled/documented the changes they've seen. We will keep the butterflies for a week and then we will have a butterfly release!



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FIELD TRIP FUN - Mrs. Farrar's 8th grade honors science class went to Howell Wetlands for their field trip. They learned about snakes, went macro invertebrate fishing, and went on a hike through the wetlands. After that, they enjoyed lunch at Los Bravos. They were very well behaved and polite the entire trip.

HEALTH/PE - Mrs. Voegel's and Mr. Gentil's health/PE classes participated in the PEERS program. High school students taught our 7th graders about social media and multi media influences. Our 8th graders learned about peer pressure and goal setting. It is great to see former students in influential leadership roles!

CONSTRUCTION - Josh Dill, Kamden Farrar, Tristan Gammon and Zack Blaylock installed insulation and OSB in a pole barn off Copperline Rd as part of an off campus field trip to gain experience in a real world application. The same 4 students worked alongside a crew from Legacy building a pole barn. Thank you to Brad Wallace for providing this opportunity for these students!

ART - Mrs. Wilson and all her creators are doing amazing things in the art room. This pic shows the Introductory to Art class using clay to create 3D art.

WAX MUSEUM - Our 4th grade Star students presented their Wax Museum and did an absolutely fantastic job! Thank you to Mrs Newcomer, Ms Quiroz and Mrs Deer for helping the students complete this project!





Education cont.

ANIMAL SCIENCE - Animal Science class featured Cookie and Ash! They are two of triplets born 4 weeks ago. Isla R. shared her experience with the goats since she has helped her grandparents over the years. As babies, goats are known as kids! They eat grass which becomes fermented and helps to keep them warm in the winter. They really prefer Asian Honeysuckle! They seek shade in the summer months. They are also very social and do not like to be alone. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Rieken for bringing them to share with the class!

AG - Mr. Kavanaugh has been busy teaching students in Ag and Intro to Construction how to build. The students are building a storage building, which will be used for storage by Ag!



Extracurricular Activities

ACADEMIC SUCCESS- NPJH academic teams hosted the area competition on April 29. Approximately 42 teams across the state competed in class 3. The English team took home the state championship! The math team finished in 5th place. Social studies finished in 11th, and the interdisciplinary finished in 13th place.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT REGIONAL INNOVATION CHALLENGE - Six Economics students in 3 teams were selected to participate in the JA Regional Competition at UE on April 25th. Students were Tess Bell, Jacob Downey, Dharma Fribley, Reagan Koester, Emma Moore, and Allison Werkmeister. They were chosen as class champions by community volunteers who judged their ability to create a product or service and develop a simple business plan for it. Dharma & Reagan advanced to the final round, but just missed placing in the Top 3 to earn a cash prize. This will be an integral part of our Economics curriculum going forward!



Extracurricular cont.

BREAKING RECORDS - Congratulations to the 3200m relay team consisting of Blake, AJ, Ethan, and Landon! They broke the school record with a time of 10:03:66 set in 2018.

Congratulations to Avery Little on breaking the school record for girls high jump! Avery cleared a height of 5'2" breaking the previous record of 4'11" set in 1990.

Congratulations to Elle Jo Johnson - Elle Jo ran a 59.99 in the 400m dash breaking the old record of 1:00.12 set in 2011.

ISSMA BAND FESTIVAL - GOLD!!! The North Posey 8th grade and high school Band received a Gold rating at the ISSMA Festival Performance at Castle HS. This is three months of hard musical work, three difficult pieces, and one great performance in front of three judges.

NP SOFTBALL - The Lady Vikings won 1-0 in an instant classic against North tonight. Erin Hoehn threw 26 strike outs with only 2 hits in the 15 innings. That's right, 15 innings! The game winning RBI was hit by Senior Maddy Olander. The JV won also tonight 4-2. We were excited to have Coach Bratton's U10 team announced at the game. Special Thanks, to the tremendous crowd for all your support again tonight. Go Vikings!



Extracurricular cont.

BPA Nationals 2023 - Congratulations to Dharma Fribley, Katelyn Seibert, and Lia Fifer for qualifying and competing! The girls competed, met people from all over the country, learned valuable life skills (like how to run through an airport), and got to have fun in California. We went to Hollywood, Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica Beach and Anaheim. Lia and Dharma also went to Disneyland. Thank you to all of the sponsors and school for making this trip happen!

PROM - Congratulations to North Posey's 2023 Prom King and Queen Maddy Olander and Reece Terhune.

Trailblazing Leadership Week - Reagan Koester and Shannon Schickel had an amazing time in Washington DC at the National Honor Society Trailblazing Leadership Week. They got to meet with the 25 NHS scholarship finalists, their advisors, Assistant Principals and Principals of the Year from each state, toured Washington DC, discussed important issues in our schools, ate amazing food, rode the metro, and attended a Gala.

FFA - The animal science class visited Prime Foods in Boonville. Students learned about how they manufacture their hard boiled eggs. They were able to talk to some employees about their career paths, and see how they make over 1 million eggs per day!

ALL-STAR REGIONAL FINALIST - Congratulations to Dharma Fribley! Dharma was selected as an Indiana Academic All-Star Regional Finalist!

NP ENGINEERING - Congratulations to NP Engineering! 12 of our finest competed in the STEM Challenge presented by the SW Indiana Workforce Board. One of our teams are coming home with two second place wins and was awarded second place overall!

HOSA State Leadership Conference - A huge congratulations to those that attended the Health Professions Club, HOSA, State Leadership conference in Indianapolis this week competing in several events and attending educational symposiums! Many of our North Posey's future health professionals earned top ten recognition for their competitive events. Extemporaneous writing: Charlotte Smith, Aubrey Brandenstein. Health lifestyles: Elle Johnson. Creative problem solving: Team: Jade Mueller, Aubrey Vaughn, Kiera Gengelbach and Team: Allison Werkmeister, Kayla Morlan, Mason Ashby. A huge thank you to our advisors, Natalie Macaulay and Catherine Broshears!

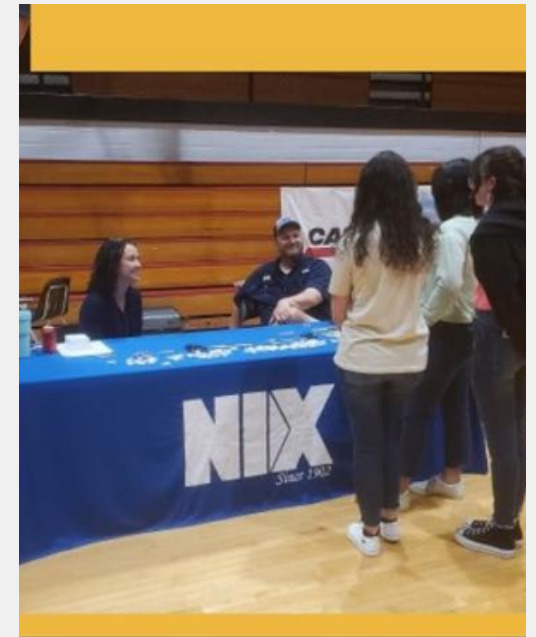
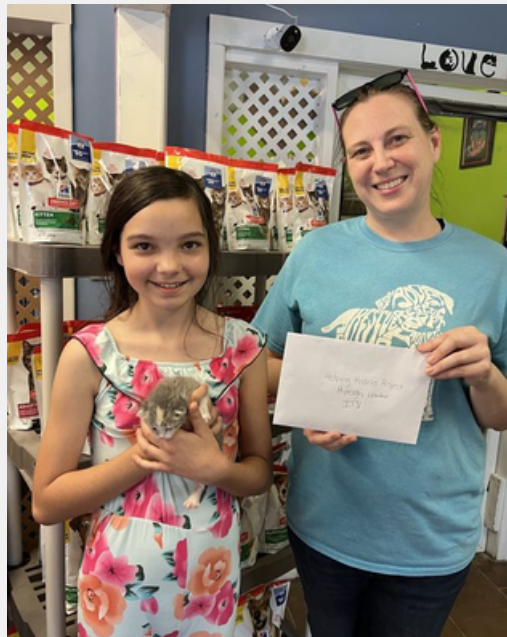
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HELPING HEART'S PROJECT - North Elementary Star students have been busy completing their Helping Hearts project in Mrs. Brook's third grade class. Hyleigh raised \$180 for It Takes a Village. Waylon raised \$300 for Habitat for Humanity.

VOLUNTEERING - Special thanks to North Posey Junior High School student volunteers at the father/daughter dance at South Terrace last night! They jumped right in and were happy to help with whatever we needed. I know many of them are spending their afternoon at the Highland Challenger League games today and still gave up their Friday evening to make the night special for lots of happy little girls!

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY - We have such compassionate students! National Junior Honor Society members spent their afternoon at the Highland Challenger League. This makes us super proud, and leaves our hearts feeling happy.

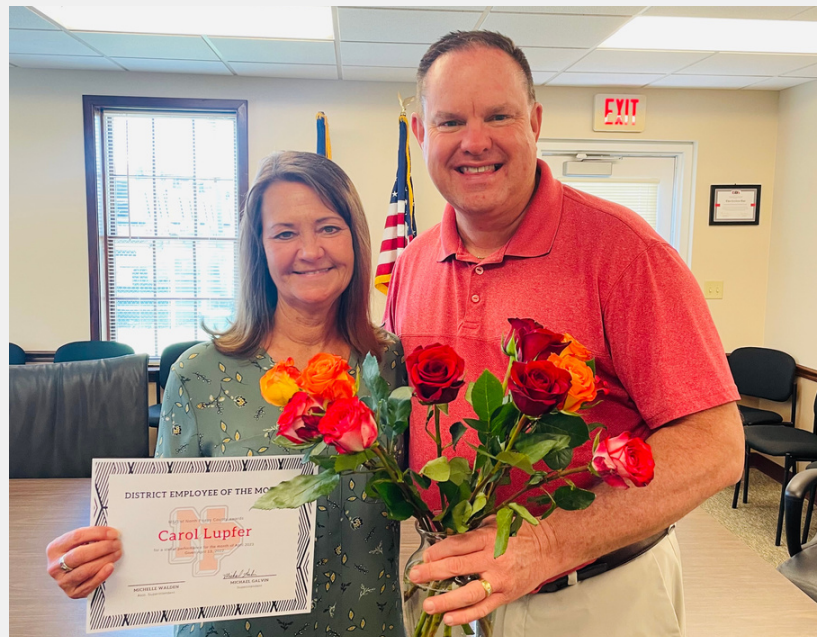
JOB FAIR - A job fair was held on April 20th at North Posey High School. Companies in attendance included: Nix, Hoehn Plastics, Ameriqua, Sabic, Trainmaster, H & R Agri-power, ARC of Southwestern Indiana, Express Pros, and Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 136.



Monthly Spotlights

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH - The employee of the month for April was awarded to Corporation Treasurer, Carol Lupfer. Carol has been with the district since 1996 and will be retiring June 30th. She is a great asset to North Posey and will be greatly missed!

POSEY COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR - Congratulations to Mr. Winegar for being selected as the 2023 Posey County Teacher of the Year! Mr. Winegar was presented the award at a ceremony held on Tuesday, April 25 at the CountryMark Innovation Center in Mt. Vernon.



Upcoming Events:

- Last Day of School - May 25
- Graduation - May 26



*"Come join the excitement and enjoy the opportunities.
Great things are happening at North Posey!"*