



GOOD NEWS

September 2022

Educational

- Tasty Tuesday - Our Pre-K and Inclusive Preschool used their 5 senses to try out corn on the cob. We reached out to Mayse Farm Market and they so graciously donated ears of corn for our students to clean and taste. We shucked the corn on the cob and cleaned it, then cooked it. When it was ready we tasted it and enjoyed painting with the extra ears of corn. We are super thankful for Mayse and their donation.



- Sounds to Spelling - North Elementary primary teachers have noticed a decline in students' ability to sound out words. This decline impacts their ability to read and write. Last year (2021-2022) some teachers began using a program/curriculum called Sounds to Spelling. The program is basically a structured phonics program that most teachers used in conjunction with Heggerty. This year after our students took the fall iReady Reading benchmark tests we were amazed at some of the results! Students had made huge gains and were even 'maxing out' in the area of phonemic awareness and phonics! Our 3rd-grade teachers also commented about how much better writing seems to be. Kids are not asking how to spell words near

as much and instead are trying to sound them out phonetically. We are proud of our teachers for stepping out of the box to try and implement this program. We are proud of Mrs. MacMunn for allowing her teachers the opportunity to try something new that wasn't part of the school-purchased reading curriculum. But most importantly we are so proud of our students for listening, trying, learning, and then applying their knowledge!

Extracurricular Activities

- Viking Charge - North Posey JH's annual Cross Country Invitational (Viking Charge) was another major success this year! We hosted a record number of teams (18), and we also had close to a record number of participants (379). Almost everyone steps up for this event each year. Waylon Schenk made sure that there were no HS or youth sporting events happening at the same time as the event. Around

20 staff members volunteered their time to come out and help with the event, as well as 10 North Posey JH football players. Additionally, we had volunteers coming from all over the school corporation, including principals, teachers, and coaches that were a huge part of the event running as smoothly as it did.

Organizer, Chris Barker,

was also able to secure an anonymous donation that paid for a professional timer (Timing MD). All in all this event has grown every single year, and with the help of everyone in the school corporation and community, we will continue to improve each year.



- First Lego Robotics Team Launches at South Terrace - South Terrace's first robotics team is composed of 8 sixth-grade students. Students are currently working on building different robots using Legos to complete different tasks involving

transporting energy.





- Elementary Volleyball - North Elementary Volleyball season is underway. So far our 5th grade is undefeated and our 6th-grade team is 1-1. We are pretty excited to see these girls grow over the year. Viking Volleyball has a bright future!



- North Posey Volleyball Feeder Night - North Posey Volleyball hosted a feeder night for the elementary school volleyball teams. The players were announced before the varsity game vs. Harrison on August 25th.



Community Engagement

- Star Readers - Mrs. Kolley is trying something new this year with her Preschool students. A guest "star reader" comes in and reads a story to the students. The guest reader must read a story on our theme of the week. So far we have had two guest readers come and see us!



- Making a Difference with Alternative Programming - North Posey High School and Junior High has launched two new programs this year to intentionally reach students that are struggling to meet academic or behavioral expectations in the traditional school setting. The in-school suspension room is monitored, full-time, by Ms. Arrieta and the Norsemen Academy is led by Mr. Stone. The Norsemen Academy is currently serving two students $\frac{1}{2}$ day, two students full-day, and 12 students are taking one course for credit recovery through the program. The ISS room is providing students an opportunity to continue to come to school during a day of discipline and not get behind on school work. Recently, Officer Carter SRO came and talked to the students in ISS about the importance of good choices and what the bigger picture of bad choices can be. Ms. Arrieta also discussed healthy choices and gave the

students a choice to write letters of apology, which they chose to do. The impact of the whole experience touched a parent so much that she messaged to thank Ms. Arrieta for the caring approach of ISS and that we are making a difference!

- Posey County Farm Fair - 5th grade South Terrace and North Elementary students attended the Posey County Farm Fair on August 23rd. Students learned about different farm equipment, farm safety, animals, crops, and 4-H activities.

