



# GOOD NEWS

**December 2022**

## Educational

- Principles of Construction Earn High Marks: The entire Principles of Construction Class obtained passing scores on their first module test towards their industry credential for the Core Curriculum through NCCER.



- 4th Graders Learn About Indiana Geography: North Elementary 4th graders have been learning about the regions and geography of Indiana. After completing the chapter the

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Indiana including hills, moraines, and plains. Once the dough hardened they painted the specific regions and labeled the larger cities, rivers, and neighboring states. This hands-on learning activity was a fun way to bring this chapter to a close.



- **Structure and Function of the Human Body:** Kindergarten students were working on their Project Lead The Way (PLTW) to learn about the structure and function of bodily organs and our skeleton. We review x-rays, investigate different bodily organs, and try to build and create a cast for a broken arm.



- **North Posey We the People:** 16 NP seniors have spent the semester taking an advanced government class that takes a deep dive into American government as well as current constitutional issues. The group will compete at the regional competition in the form of Congressional hearings where they will be the "expert" on their topics! The team members are: Gavin Wheeler, Kayla Morlan, Brooklyn Goedde, Jacob Downey, Audrey Goetz, Allison Werkmeister, Paige Schmalenberger, Emma Moore, Kyle Mayes, Livie Maier, Dharma Fribley, Reagan Koester, Faith Curry, Molly Seibert, and



- **STEM Pumpkin Carving:** The second-grade students in Mrs. Pam Wilson's class learned about pumpkins for a week through the following: ( mini and large pumpkins were provided by a local farmer)
  - **READING:** comparing and contrasting by using a Venn Diagram reading fiction stories and identifying the story elements of nonfiction stories to learn about the facts of the pumpkin and reviewing expository text features learning about the life cycle of pumpkins writing fiction and nonfiction stories about pumpkins during Writer's Workshop







- MATH: learning how to use estimation measuring the size of each pumpkin in inches and centimeters working pumpkin math subtraction problems
- SCIENCE: being a scientist and investigating a pumpkin writing and drawing details about their pumpkin in a science journal problem solving critical thinking participating in a pumpkin carving challenge
- After the week of learning about pumpkins, the students were given the STEM challenge to design and carve a pumpkin by themselves. Each student used a black sharpie to create their design on the pumpkin. Next, the students had to take all of the insides of the pumpkin and count the seeds before they began carving. Then the students watched a pumpkin carving video on how to carve a pumpkin safely. They were given a variety of carving tools to complete the challenge independently. The students did a fantastic job meeting the challenge. Finally, judges came into the classroom and picked 5 of the best-designed pumpkins. Those students received certificates that entitled them to breakfast from McDonald's provided by Mrs. Wilson.



- North Elementary Sling Studio Training Begins: Sixth-grade Sling studio students have begun training six groups of fifth-grade, sling studio applicants this month. There was a huge turnout of applicants, and the sixth graders are doing a wonderful job training them all. This week groups one and two sat in and recorded announcements for next week. The other four groups will do the same in the upcoming couple of weeks left of the semester.

## Extracurricular Activities

- North Elementary's and South Terrace's Robotics Teams competed in the First Lego Robotics Competition at University of Southern Indiana.
- All-Region and All-District Band: 3 North Posey students applied and were accepted into the Indiana All-Region and Indiana All-District Bands. The All-Region and All-District bands are honor band opportunities for excelling band students. They are selected out of SW Indiana area schools and get to perform during two separate weekends in November in Vincennes. Maya Mauck (8) and Kayelee Wilson (8) were accepted into the All-Region band for 7-9 graders and Kylie Kaiser (12) was accepted into the All-District band for 9-12 graders.



- Spell Bowl: Our high school spell bowl team earned the highest score at the area competition, making them the Class 3 state champions and qualifying them to compete in the new overall state spell bowl competition, where they will compete against schools from all 4 classes. Half of our team were perfect spellers! This result reflects the sustained efforts of coach Cox and the students, many of whom started studying their words in June, and we are so proud of them.



- The Inaugural North Posey High School Girls and Boys Swim Teams made their debut for the season. Every member of the team that has competed thus far has earned varsity points for North Posey. Both boys and girls won their recent dual meet against Harison High School. The members of the team are: Aubree Beyer, MacKenzie Carrier, Chloe Newman, Mallory Shadley, Sophia Stone, Izzy Walden, Braeden Harp, Isaac Holder, Elijah King, and Noah Walden.

# Community Engagement

- Huge Grandparents/VIP Night Success North Elementary: We had a huge turnout for Grandparent/VIP Night. We served hotdogs, chips, cookies, and water (because over 600 RSVPed and I chickened out on the original plan to have a spaghetti dinner). We played bingo, visited classrooms, and the book fair. It was a huge success!
- We had great Veteran's Day Programs at each of the buildings. Congratulations to 4th grade Panthers Owen and Lilly for their winning essays chosen for the American Legion's Flag

Education Program!



- MSD of North Posey County would like to express tremendous gratitude to the Posey County Community Foundation for the receipt of the Special Projects Grant 2023. This grant will assist in funding upcoming safety projects throughout our schools.