



GOOD NEWS

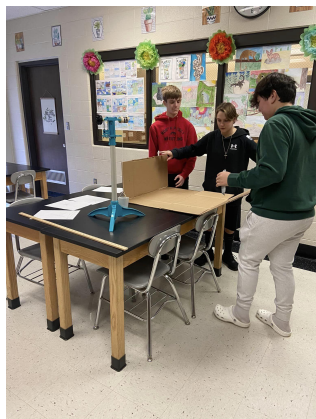
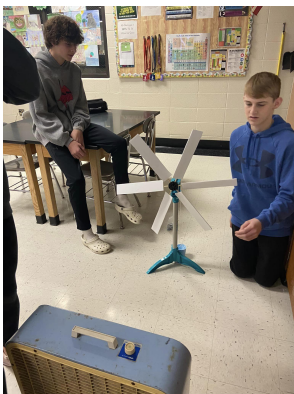
February 2023

Educational

- Building to withstand a Blizzard - K-6 Students at North Elementary build houses that could withstand a paper blizzard last month. They worked together to design their building and test it against a 2-pound paper stack that sat on the building's roof for 15 seconds. Students had to make their houses at least 12" tall and could test additional "snow" (stacks of paper) if they completed the challenge. Photos on Facebook show the fun they had engineering a building that could stand!
- Baking - Virtual Learning for Mrs. Pam Wilson's second graders used hands-on learning that involved using baking skills at home to learn measurement. The students also had to complete an ice-melting science investigation using ice from outside, salt, and food coloring to find out why ice melts.
- Alternative Energy - Students in Mrs. Farrar's energy and environment class are learning about alternative energy. They were tasked with building a windmill that would pull up the most weight. The winning windmill

pulled up 18 washers with a weight of 332 grams. They are now working on their energy expo that will be featured in the STEM fair in March.

- VR Technology - Mrs. Werry's 2nd graders enjoyed viewing the Northern Lights in Mrs. May's Innovate class today using the VR goggles. Video available on North Elementary's FB page.



- Books vs Movies - Mrs. Elpers' 4th and 5th grade Reading Group has just finished their novel, *Bridge to Terabithia*. They kicked off the book-to-movie comparison with popcorn and a treat.
- During the month of February, our fifth and sixth-grade Panthers have

been studying pulley drives, levers, linkages and structures, mechanisms that multiply, force, buildings, and bridges. It has been a great lesson that all kids have enjoyed. They've been working together to collaborate in groups and demonstrate the skills they have been learning! For the next two weeks, their projects will be on display in the foyer for other students to see.

- Meaningful Projects - Students enrolled in the AgPower 2 class have begun work as a part of a partnership with Straub Outdoor Power. The students have already assembled two push-style fertilizer spreaders as part of their class work. They are assembling a pull type fertilizer spreader currently and have plans for additional work in the future.



Extracurricular Activities

- Band Solo & Ensemble - The Jr. and Sr. Bands had 16 different events represented at the ISSMA solo and Ensemble event this past Saturday in Evansville. For their hard work, they received 15 golds and 1 silver representing North Posey well
- NPJH Wrestling Invitational - This year's NPJH Wrestling Invitational was a hit! Last year we started with 4 teams and hosted the event entirely in the JH. Coach Braxton Lee went above and beyond as he set up this event, Coach Lee was able to book 10 teams from 3 different states. We ended up using 4 mats and we hosted the entire event in the HS main gym and aux gym. Our Viking wrestling family also stepped up and helped out in many ways. Parents made dishes for our hospitality room, volunteered in the concession stand for the entire event, and we even had a few parents step up and help with bumps and bruises that occurred during the tournament. Additionally, I would like to personally thank Mr. Welch in the JH Tech department. Mr. Welch has designed and created our trophies for this tournament for the past two years. Each year Mr. Welch creates a 1st place trophy, 2nd place trophy, and 2 MVP trophies, and they look fantastic! This year our North Posey wrestlers were able to keep the hardware at home, as they took home 1st place!



Community Engagement



- Second Graders learning about the Posey County Newspaper - Second graders at South Terrace Elementary had the opportunity to learn about the Posey County newspaper with editor Dave Pierce. He brought in newspapers for all fifty students and taught them about the parts of the paper. Mr. Pierce told the group about the newspaper's history and how it was originally made in our county. The students were presented with an American flag for their great listening skills and respect at the end of the presentation.

- Hand Washing - Kristen Lowery from Posey County Extension Office came to our Preschool class. Mrs. Lowery taught the students how to wash their hands the proper way. We even used a black light to see germs on our hands. Mrs. Lowery read a cute book about germs and how small they are! We love to have our guest readers back in our school.



- Christmas Dance for NP Relay for Life - Student Council sponsored a Christmas dance for all students. Proceeds from the dance, which totaled \$678.00, will be donated to NP Relay for Life.
- Healthy Foods - Mrs. Lowry came to our PS classroom last week to talk to us about healthy foods. They even tried new foods!!
- Art in the School - [Regent Promotions](#) added some amazing art to the hallways of North Elementary

