

NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thru Apr 4	Iowa Assessments
Tuesday, Apr 1	Jazz Night, 7:00 pm
Thursday, Apr 3	NMS/NHS/North Elementary Orchestra Concert at North High, 7:00 pm
Friday, Apr 4	8th grade Activity Fair at North High, 8:15 - 11:29 am
Friday, Apr 11	1 hour early out for Spring Break, 1:45 pm
Monday, Apr 14 - Friday, Apr 18	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Monday, Apr 21	Classes resume
Wednesday, Apr 23	North Middle Jazz 1 at North High Jazz Concert, 7:00 pm
Thursday, Apr 24	NMS Band Solo/Ensemble Contest, 3:00 pm
Friday, Apr 25	School Musical - "High School Musical", 7:00 pm
Saturday, Apr 26	School Musical - "High School Musical", 2:00 pm
Wednesday, Apr 30	8th grade field trip - Tolerance Assembly at the Orpheum



April 22

UPCOMING LIBRARY DATES

April is National Poetry Month and School Library Month

April 13 - 19 National Library Week

May 1 Northwest AEA Book Bash Competition

May 5 - 9 Scholastic Book Fair in the library

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Important Immunization Requirement for Middle School

News from
the school nurse
Julie Thiele



The State of Iowa now requires a **TDAP vaccination** for all students entering 7th grade. Tdap is a booster vaccine for older children, adolescents, and adults. It safely protects against 3 dangerous diseases: tetanus, diphtheria, and whooping cough (also called pertussis).

This requirement will help protect your child and others in school and the community from whooping cough. In 2012, whooping cough was widespread in the United States and in Iowa with approximately 417% more persons with pertussis disease compared to the average of the past 5 years. (Iowa Department of Public Health)

All 7th grade students will need to provide proof of receiving the Tdap vaccination before enrolling for school in August 2014. Many students may have already received this immunization. Please be sure to provide the school with an updated immunization record if your student has already received the immunization or if they receive it during this school year. Records may be faxed to North Middle at 277-5941.

Would you like to see some free picture eBooks for children that will read the content to you in many languages? Just click this link and on the right side click narration to choose the language. <http://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

Picture Book Abundance!

For more information:



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Do you have questions about your child's progress in school?
Feel free to contact your child's "team" at the following times,
Tuesday - Friday (due to shortened schedule on Mondays):

- 6th Grade: 2nd period, 9:06-9:51
- 7th Grade: 1st period, 8:17-9:02
- 8th Grade: 3rd period, 9:55-10:40

Counselors are also available for your questions:

- Ms. Mendenhall 6th Grade
- Mrs. Pottebaum 7th Grade
- Ms. Greer 8th Grade

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From the Library...

Just asked a student who had read the book *Divergent* and then saw the movie last weekend which was better, “the book” she said! Of course she is reading the sequel now – way to go readers!

During the 4th nine weeks, students will be getting creative and writing narratives, poetry, and persuasive essays depending on their grade level in both reading and English. Some of our newest poetry books include: *National Geographic Book of Animal Poetry*, *Falling Down the Page*, *Gone Fishing: A Novel in Verse*, *The Arrow Finds Its Mark*, and *Guyku: A Year of Haiku for Boys*. Many students like the verse novel format in our fiction section; the writing is very descriptive.

Eighth graders will be using a database on the www.iowaaeaonline.org web site called SIRS, which contains articles about social issues, and will use proper citation. Some will be creating a digital infographic. According to the Oxford Dictionary, an infographic is a visual image such as a chart or diagram used to represent information or data. We will be discussing copyright and fair use in technology classes; for more information on digital citizenship, visit: <http://www.commonsemmedia.org/educators/curriculum>

On May 1, two groups of 5th and 6th grade students will travel to the AEA in Morningside to compete in a contest called “Book Bash.” They have been reading from a list of both fiction and non-fiction titles and will try to correctly answer questions about the books. There will be other teams from Northwest Iowa competing that day. Good Luck!

Because of testing and spring break this month, we have moved our Scholastic Buy One Get One Free (BOGO) Book Fair to May in the library. The fair will be open from 7:30am-3:30pm on May 5-9. Students will view the fair in their reading classes or use TA time to browse and buy. If you can pick your child up, you might want to let him/her browse for a few minutes after school, also. Our goal is to get books into student’s hands for reading this summer to avoid that summer slide! Since the library does not receive a profit for this fair, we will be collecting coins for donations so that we can take books from the fair for our library! Thanks for your support!

See important resources on our library website, including eBooks provided by our AEA at www.mackin.com/via. Our login info is posted at school and on a bookmark that students can take home, or contact the library staff: sweenes@live.siouxcityschools.com

Save these for North Middle!

- HY-VEE RECEIPTS
- BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
 - PULL TABS
 - TYSON A+

Wellness Tip: Eat Whole Grains

Eating grains, especially whole grains, provides health benefits. People who eat whole grains as part of a healthy diet have a reduced risk of some chronic diseases. Grains provide many nutrients that are vital for the health and maintenance of our bodies.

WORD SCRAMBLE-WHOLE GRAINS

Grab Some Grains!

Unscramble the words and place the correct spelling in the boxes. Copy the letters from the numbered boxes into the boxes at the bottom of the page with the same number to decode the hidden message.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jazz 1 on their outstanding performance at the Morningside Jazz Festival on Friday, March 21st. They finished in 1st place.



Jazz 1 outstanding solo awards were: Quinn Adajar, Alto Sax; Jake Lee, Alto Sax; Zach Hoffman, Tenor Sax; Alvaro Gonzalez, Trumpet; Kari Swanson, Flugelhorn; Aiden Shorey, Trombone; Sam Wilson, Trombone.

The Trombone Section received an Outstanding Section award.

The 6th grade math teams participated in the Northwest AEA Math Bee on Wednesday 3/12. Out of 31 teams and 150 students from around the area, the three teams finished in 10th, 9th, and first place.



The first place team members were Nat Adams, Carson Bogenreif, Kane Laws, Kobe Laws and Austin Craighead. The 9th place team members were Susie Phung, Froso Konidas, Rylie Maliszewski, Tabitha Raulston, and Paiten Stapleton. The 10th place team members were Jackson Wynn, Quintin Greenwell, Garret Nienwendorp, Phong Nguyen, and Victor West. In the individual rounds, Nat and Carson tied for 4th place. Kane, Kobe, Jackson, Garrett and Tabatha finished in the top 26. The state math bee will be held on May 2nd in Fort Dodge.

Congratulations students and coach Linafelter!

The Sioux City Explorers will offer their attendance incentive again this school year. Any student that missed **less than five days of school for the entire school year** receives a ticket that that may be redeemed for one free student ticket and one free adult ticket to the June 2 or June 3 game. In order to get certificates distributed before school ends, April 30 is the cutoff date for attendance.

Explorers



FUN FACTS

Typewriter is the longest word that can be made using letters on the top row of a keyboard.

If you were to spell out numbers on your keyboard, you would not use the letter *a* until you go to type the word *thousand*.