

# NORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### News from the desk of the Principal, Jeanene Sampson:

Second semester is off and running. Please remember to check our website and facebook accounts for updates on daily announcements, calendars, etc.

#### A few key reminders for this newsletter timeframe:

- A. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for February 10th and 11th. Confirmation slips will be sent home the week of February 3-7. The time you scheduled for September conferences will be the time that is automatically scheduled for February conferences. You will have the option to call and reschedule if your options have changed. Open house is also available on February 11th where you can see any and all teachers on your student's schedule. Also remember that if your scheduled conference is on February 10th - ALL EXPLORATORY TEACHERS ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT SCHEDULING AN APPOINTMENT.
- B. The registration process has started for the 2014-2015 school year. At this point students have brought their first round registration sheets home and the verification sheets (what your student will be taking) will be sent home with you at conferences.
- C. Iowa Assessments - Each year our 6th-8th grade students take standardized tests that assess their academic strengths and weaknesses in reading, math and science. Our Iowa Assessments have come a long way in two years by truly assessing each student's level of achievement against the Iowa Core Curriculum. The Iowa Assessment is scheduled to be given March 24th - April 4th. Our building schedule has not yet been determined, but once it has been we will post on the website. Attendance is essential during our testing sessions along with effort. Many situations come up that use Iowa Assessment scores for placement with students: scheduling, high school schedule, intervention supports, enrichment courses, TA, etc. This is why we need every family to support our efforts in expecting each student to "shoot for the stars" during Iowa Assessments.

**Monday, February 10th**

**8:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**(No School)**

A registration form for a Parent / Teacher Conference. The form has a decorative border and contains the following text:

**Parent / Teacher  
Conference**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Room: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuesday, February 11th**

**3:05 pm - 5:45 pm**

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Feb 1	Special Olympics Competition, Dordt College
Wednesday, Feb 5	Midterm Grades Due
Monday, Feb 10	NO SCHOOL for Secondary Schools ONLY
	Middle & High School Conferences, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb 11	Middle & High School Conferences, 3:05 pm - 5:45 pm
Friday, Feb 14	NO SCHOOL - District Wide
Monday, Feb 17	NWIBA Jazz Festival, LeMars High School



## The art department is once again taking part in the “empty bowls” fund raiser for the Food Bank of Siouxland.

Over 200 seventh and eighth grade North Middle students will be donating to this event, by making ceramic bowls for the Empty Bowls Dinner. Empty Bowls is the signature event for the Food Bank of Siouxland! This is a great social evening where people will enjoy gourmet soups and bread baked by local chefs, and pie for dessert. Hand-crafted bowls are made by local and student artists and everyone will be able to keep an empty bowl as a reminder there is hunger in our community and that hunger is the most solvable issue. This is a great way for the North Middle artists to help out the community. North Middle has been a significant donor of bowls to this event over the past three years and this year is no different. Thanks to our students for making a difference in Siouxland!!

**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

**Phone: 712-279-6804**

**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...

The new Caldecott (*Locomotive*, illustrated by Brian Floca) and Newbery (*Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo) winner books were announced January 27th at the American Library Association's Midwinter meeting. See this site to read about more award winning titles: <http://news.yahoo.com/american-library-association-announces-2014-youth-media-award-140000472.html>

We will not be having a book fair during conferences in February (but feel free to stop in--we will be here!) We will have our **BOGO** (Buy One Get One Free) Scholastic Fair in April before spring break to coincide with National Library Week and to get books in students' hands for summer reading. There are so many books to be read being published now!

We received a nice thank you from the Boys Club after we took a box of new books we purchased with funds from the *All for Books* program held during our fall book fair. We also dropped off pop tabs to the Ronald McDonald house in December – thanks for your support! **We need your Box-Tops, Tyson Food labels, Hy-Vee receipts and pop tabs!** Labels for Education labels are sent to an elementary school as we collect them.

We do not print individual overdue or fine slips in order to save paper; we do send the list to the TA teachers and send emails to students. Check to see that your students have paid or worked off their fines!

Want your students to read eBooks online for free?! Just go to [www.mackinvia.com](http://www.mackinvia.com) and login with our NMS AEA login. (This cannot be published online, our students can take a bookmark home with this info, or contact Ms. Sweeney by phone or email [sweenes@live.siouxcityschools.com](mailto:sweenes@live.siouxcityschools.com).)

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders explored Mackin during reading classes in January.

We have researchers still doing their compound or object project in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, persuasive (pro/con) topics for English, ancient Roman projects in 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, and civil rights and now Holocaust in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading.

## Save these for North Middle!

### HY-VEE RECEIPTS

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

### PULL TABS

### TYSON A+

Please save your **Hy-Vee receipts** for the North Middle Library. For this school year, they must be dated **August 15, 2013 – May 1, 2014**. Do NOT send fuel, gas, stamp, money order, Western Union, lottery, Quest, MidAmerican, bottle refunds, or gift card receipts. For every \$100 worth of receipts we collect, we receive one dollar from Hy-Vee. Don't wait until May, because if they reach the limit of giving, no more receipts will be taken next spring. We have collection boxes in the library for **Hy-Vee, BoxTops for Education** (for Mrs. Pedersen's classes) and **pull tabs** for the Ronald McDonald house.



We are now saving **Tyson A+ Support Your School** labels in the library! These may be found on many Tyson products – just cut the label out and drop them off in the library!

Tyson products help give kids and families the protein they need for the busy back-to-school season. And Tyson Project A+™ product labels can turn every purchase into cash for your school. Every label = 24¢!

Hey, exciting news! From March 3-16 HyVee will have "Operation Helpful Smiles." At every check out lane will be a jar for coins.

75% of the money raised will go to the Sioux City Knights & Sioux City Schools Special Olympics.

The Bandits also chose SCCSD Special Olympics & Sioux City Knights as their charity of choice for their game March 2<sup>nd</sup>, so go to the game and support these charities!

# STUDENT FUNDRAISER

The North Middle School fundraiser made a profit of \$9,100.00 this fall! Thank you to all the students, parents, staff and community that supported the fundraiser. 10% of their profit earned has been distributed to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams and to the Special Ed department.

The fundraiser profit has been spent on many building projects to support students and staff. Some of the items in recent years are:

1. Kindle Fires for after school reading club
2. New furniture for the reading area in the library
3. Big screen TV for the library
4. TV's in the commons to show announcements
5. Electronic books to be loaded on kindles, Ipods and Ipad
6. Flower pots and flowers for front entrance
7. Family seating area for the front office area
8. Pictures for the waiting area and in the counseling office
9. Team payoff parties for students monthly, quarterly and end of the year
10. Bean bags for teacher classrooms for reading areas
11. Supplies for teachers that volunteer to run clubs after school
12. Marker boards
13. Patriot Camp
14. ITBS snacks
15. 8<sup>th</sup> grade Celebration



Students were awarded daily during the 2 week fundraiser with All Star Ducks for items sold. Various prizes were also given out during the fundraiser. BINGO games were played on December 6th, during lunches, as a prize for selling at least 8 items. 98 students were eligible to play. We had 2 winners each in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades and a grand prize winner of a Kindle! The 8th grade teams awarded a \$50 gift certificate to a student chosen randomly from all who sold 5 or more items.

## FUN FACTS

The geographic center of the continental United States is near Lebanon, Kansas.

Florida and North Dakota are two states least likely to experience an earthquake.

At 7,000 feet above sea level, Santa Fe (New Mexico) is the highest capital city in the United States.

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## Wellness Tip: Kid-Friendly Veggies & Fruits

### DELICIOUS DIPPERS

Kids love to dip their foods. Whip up a quick dip for veggies with yogurt and seasonings such as



herbs or garlic. Serve with raw vegetables like broccoli, carrots, or cauliflower. Fruit chunks go great with a yogurt and cinnamon or vanilla dip.

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